

Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation confirmed their relegation to Division Two last night with a goa

lless draw against Victoria Sporting Club in the second match of the First Division football league at the Dhaka Stadtum.

On a day that saw the last two teams of the points table fighting for life, Bangladesh Police, one of the newcomers. went home happier for the one point they got from a one-all draw with Adamjee in the first match of the day.

There is always this yawn ing gap between aspiration and ability, a fact that must have escaped the BJMC officials who, knowing full well the limitation of the youngsters whom they roped in from Bangladesh Krira Shikkhya Protishtan (BKSP) for a pittance put through the unnecessary grind of the top soccer league of the

The players, either for obvious lack of talent or serious shortage of exposure and cxperience, could not make any impression in this year's league and as result the once powerful and, in fact, champi ons BJMC could collect just two points from 14 matches going into their clash against Victoria Sporting Club yester-

There was no change in yesterday's pattern as the desperate consequences awaiting them could not stretch their limit to the extent of overpowering the might of a more experienced Victoria who did nothing to raise the standard of a listless encounter.

Victoria, much better off than their opponents, now have 14 points from 15 matches while BJMC crawl to three from two after a long while from 15 matches and are all set to go down the stairs. VICTORIA: Aslam, Sagar,

Farhad, Pradip, Anwar, Suitt, Towfikul, Yusuf, Shankar, Mamunul (Mamun Babu), Zakir (Maung Chila)

BJMC: Mosaddeq, Yunus, Niaz, Shankar, Shovon, Milon, Alamgir, Nayan (Barik), Papel, Aminur (Nipu), Mastan.

### ANOTHER DRAW

A similar result evoked different mood in one of the teams in the first match of the day which saw Police walking home with a point, considerably extenuating the fears of facing the relegation axe.

After a goalless first half, Adamjee shot into the lead in the seventh minute of the post-lemon session when Akhtar, the speedy winger, beat Police custodian Emran with a stinging shot from inside the box.

Police stepped up pressure on their opponents after the

## Schools TT

Sports Reporter

A table tennis competition for the school students will be held from May 21 to 23 at the ground floor (gymnasium) of the National Sports Council (NSC) in Dhaka, says a Bangladesh Table Tennis Federation (BTTF) press release.

Organised by the BTTF, Green Delta Insurance Company will sponsor the meet.

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league encounter between Adamjee and Police at the Dhaka Stadium. -Star photo

set back and were rewarded with the equaliser four minutes before the final whistle when striker Khokan scored from close to ensure an invaluable point for his side.

Adamjee's collection rose to 13 after 15 matches while

Police now have nine points from 15 games.

TODAY'S MATCHES Agrani Bank vs Wanderers

Muktijoddha vs Eskaton (8

# It's tough for Taylor



LONDON, Apr 22: England were foreed to name a huge 50-man provisional squad on Tuesday for next week's inte-

rnationals against the Commonwealth of Independent States because of a clash with key domestic matches. reports Reuter. Manager Graham Taylor

compiled a list of 24 players certain to make the trip to Russia for the senior and B internationals and included a further 21 on a provisional list. An additional five players

are on standby. The provisional list is made up of players from Leeds United, Manchester United, Sheffield Wednesday, Arsenal and Liverpool and who are involved in the title race and the

FA Cup final. "It has been one hell of a situation," said Taylor, who spent hours discussing the

problem with club managers "If the title situation is resolved at the weekend, hopefully some players will be able to join the squad on Sunday. But even then we could be confronted with one group of players who are elated and an-

other so deflated they may not want to join us." Next Sunday, when England are due to assemble, Liverpool face Manchester United and leeds play Sheffield United in matches vital to the outcome of the title race.

"I have got to be prepared

for none of the 21 on the provisional list to join up," said Taylor, whose A team play the CIS in Moscow on April 29.



GRAHAM TAYLOR

This is a scheduled inter-Football Association have first call on players, but can you imagine what would have hap-

Taylor has brought back former internationals Gary Stevens of Glasgow Rangers, Trevor Steven of Marseille, and Everton's Peter Beardsley

Matthew Le Tissier.

Manchester City, West Ham's of Oldham and Southampton's

The new prohibition covers anyone employed by or on the board of the various Atlanta Olympics entities, as well as all elected city, county and state officials and the top manage-

Holder said he also had argued against disclosing the salaries. But he said Payne and others convinced him that ACOG's credibility was on the

Community was against disclosing salaries, he said. "That's the custom that they have and they'd like for us to conform as much as possible. We depend heavily on the support of the total community in Atlanta and we believe we must be sensitive to that as well as to our other relationships in the Olympic Community. It's a balancing act we have to do."

Holder said ACOG's executive salary package was derived by a task force that examined similar top jobs in private

"We're running a dirs 1.5 billion enterprise here, doing it with world class people most cases, and working toward certain unemployment at things add up," he said.

## Nat'l youth cricket final

today

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DSA clash in the final of the

Straj memorial J2th national

cricket championship this

morning at the Dhaka Stadium.

dent of the Bangladesh

Cricket Control Board (BCCB)

A S M Mustafizur Rahman will

attend the occasion as the

chief guest and give away tro-

citing one-wicket victory over

Mymensingh in the first semi-

final held last Monday while

Jessore beat Rangpur by eight

wickets in the other semifinal

champions Bangladesh Krira

Shikkhya Protisthan and run-

ners-up Dhaka DSA lost to

Rangpur and Mymensingh re-

spectively in their opening

eight teams took part in the

final round that got underway

on April 18 at two city venues.

into six zones, participated in

the qualifying round held from

April 12 to 16 at six different

Curtain raised

but show

delayed

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the show was deferred as one

of the teams failed to take the

field on the opening day of the

final round of the tenth

Nirman schools cricket tour

Stadium, Dhaka zone champi-

ons Dhanmondt Government

Boys School got a walk-over

against Rajbari High School,

thereby advancing to the

quarter-finals where they will

play Jhalakathi Udbodhan High

School on Friday, April 24 at

the Dhanmondi Cricket

Twenty schools comprising

19 teams from outside Dhaka

and three from the capital are

taking part in this nine-day

long competition. Originally,

the number should have been

23 but one of the teams from

the Dhaka zone was scratched

for fielding non-students in its

TODAY'S MATCHES

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School (DCS-East)

School (Mirpur Pallabi).

Netrakona School vs Tha-

Khulna School vs Faridpur

Barisal School vs Jessore

Mexican booters

trounce Canada

Mexico's bid for a place in the

Olympic football tournament in

Barcelona finally moved into

gear here on Tuesday, when

they trounced Canada 4-1 in a

Concacal qualifier, reports AFP.

ahead after 16 minutes and

Arteaga made it 2-0 before a

dreadful blunder by their goal

keeper Herrera allowed Ne-

edham to pull one back for the

Canadians, a minute before

ing on for Morales in the 66th

But super-sub Rottlan, com-

Two teams qualify from the

half-time.

duras one.

Morales put the Mexicans

MEXICO CITY, Apr 22:

Stadium.

Yesterday, at the Dhaka

The curtain was raised but

Organised by the BCCB,

About forty teams, split

The 11th youth cricket

Tuesday.

matches.

Rajshahi registered an ex-

Foreign Minister and presi-

Rajshahi DSA and Jessore

FIFA, world soccer's governing body, on Tuesday dropped its thre-

at to punish Arplayers who joined striker Diego banned Maradona in a charity game last week, reports AP.

FIFA ruled last Wednesday's benefit in Buenos Aires was an unofficial game, and thus did not breach Maradona's worldwide suspension for cocaine, FIFA spokesman Guido Tognoni said. The ban elapses June 30.

Under FIFA rules, anybody who plays in an official game for example, a World Cup game or qualifying match - with someone under suspension faces sanctions themselves.

"No FIFA rules were violated," Tognoni said. "We consider the case closed."

He said FIFA president Joao Havelange of Brazil and general secretary Joseph Blatter decided Tuesday not to pursue an investigation into possible sanctions, announced a day after the game.

We would only be punishing those who do not deserve it, and Maradona is already suspended anyway," Tognoni said at FIFA headquarters in

Argentina's soccer federa tion was informed of the rul ing, he said.

Rules apart, FIFA evidently wanted to avoid a highly publi cised confrontation with a player still revered by many Maradona was named the most valuable player for leading Argentina to the 1986 World Cup title and then took them to the final in 1990, when it



FIFA relents against Maradona

lost to Germany.

Maradona, 31, was sus pended after testing positive for cocaine at an Italian league match on March 17, 1991 FIFA extended and enforced the Italian ban worldwide.

soccer players threatened to strike if FIFA punished teammates for playing the exhibition match with Maradona. The match raised money for

the wife and 3-year-old son of

Sanchez infuriated

Juan Punes, a player who dies of a heart attack last December

dium in the Argentine capital.

They included Argentina's na-

Some of the best players from Argentina and neighboring countries played in the benefit at Velez Sarsfield sta-

tional team captain Oscar Ruggeri, Jose Batista of Uruguay and Paraguay's Jose Chilavert More than half of Argentina's national team took part. Maradona captained the

squad for most the 1980s, including the 1986 World Cup tittle win. FIFA had warned the Argentine federation against

letting Maradona play. It confirmed the day before the match that Maradona said he wouldn't, according to Tognoni, but then he partieipated anyway.

The federation reportedly offered Funes family dirs 50,000 if the exhibition were called off. In the event, about 25,000

fans turned out for the match and Maradona's agent Marco Franchi said that after expenses, Funes' family would get about dirs 225,000

FIFA spokesman Tognoni said no action is planned over Maradona's disparaging comments about Havelange.

"If the black hand (of Havelange) won't let me play a friendly game, I don't even want to think about returning to official competition. Maradona said, adding 'nobody in Argentina will cry for Joao Havelange when he dies."

"Maradona's ball control has

always been better then his mouth control," Tognoni said. "He can babble what he wants."

#### Real Madrid ban, fine Hugo Sanchez eventually signed for an additurn to fitness after a long



MADRID, Apr 22 Real Madrid have fined and suspended Mexican

striker Hugo Sanchez without pay until his contract expires at the end of the Spanish league season after he clashed publicly with coach Leo Beenhakker, reports Reuter.

The row effectively ended the Mexican's impressive seven-year career at the Spanish league leaders.

The club's acting president Lorenzo Sanz added, after the club had issued a brief statement on Tuesday, that he now saw no sense in staging a benefit match for Sanchez.

"Hugo Sanchez has been a great player and therefore this situation is very sad," Sanz

Sanchez, 33, was suspended until June 30 when his contract expires and fined one million pesetas (dollar 9,600). Sanz said the sanction was

the heaviest the club could impose on the player for what was considered a very serious failing and added: "Under the circumstances it would be illogical to offer him a benefit match."

barred from training sessions and his use of any of the clubs facilities would depend on the board. The Mexican, as a member of the Spanish foot ballers association, can appeal against the decision. Sanchez had intended to

leave the club last season but

tional year. His contract con layoff due to injury. tained a clause allowing for a Beenhakker by repeatedly

benefit match on leaving.

7-0. Beenhakker in turn accused Sanchez of refusing to travel with the team to Turin for last which the Mexican was not se



An emergency meeting was telling the media he was not

called on Tuesday to discuss prepared to sit on the bench. statements by Sanchez, five The Mexican's teammates times the top goalscorer in the Spanish league, criticising Beenhakker for leaving him out of Sunday's home game with Espanol, which Real won

week's UEFA Cup semifinal, for lected. Sanchez denied this. His relations with

Beenhakker steadily worsened after the Dutchman left him out of the team despite his re-

said little after the decision, although fellow striker Emilio Butragueno and midfielder Michel Gonzalez said it was a matter for the club. "I know what went on be-

tween Beenhakker and Hugo Sanchez. I have my version but it is best not to make any more judgements," said Butraguen. "One doesn't wish a sanction of this sort on anyone but club discipline has to be respected," he said.

Sanchez's attitude was known to annoy some team-

"What Hugo said lacked respect for his fellow players," team captain Miguel Porlan (Chendo) said on Monday.

## Platini prepares for Euro finals

PARIS, Apr 22: Michel Platini called up a squad of 20 tried and tested players on Wednesday to prepare the French challenge for the European Championship finals in June, reports Reuter.

The national soccer coach's list includes all the players who helped the side qualify for the finals in Sweden.

Marseille's Pascal Olmeta has been put on standby as reserve goalkeeper in case of injury to France's regular keepers Bruno Martini and Gilles Rousset.

Goalkeepers: Bruno Martini, Gilles Rousset.

Reserve goalkeeper: Pascal Olmeta. Defenders: Manuel Amoros,

Jocelyn Angloma, Laurent Blanc. Bastle Boli, Bernard Casoni, Emmanuel Petit, Franck Stive-

Midfielders: Didier Deschamps, Jean-Philippe Durand, Luis Fernandez, Remy Garde, Christian Perez, Franck Sauz-

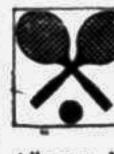
Forwards: Eric Cantona, Christophe Cocard, Jean-Pierre Papin, Amara Simba, Pascal Vahirua.

## Philips Milan cagers miss

MILAN, Italy, Apr 22:

#### Seeds tumble in Monte Carlo spent two or three days in prove in time to play a leading bed," he said. "I gave it everyrole at the French Open in Paris starting in just over a number four Pete

"It's a tough surface but I



Sampras of the United States and former champion

Alberto Mancini of Argentina crashed out of the Monte Carlo Open on Tuesday, a day which saw the seeds go tumbling,

Sampras, seeded second, lost in straight sets to German Carl-Uwe Steeb and seventh seed Mancini was sent packing 7-5, 7-6, by French Davis Cup player Arnaud Boetsch in a tight centre court tussle.

The top eight seeds re-

ceived a first round bye in the

1.27-million -dollar tournament but all three who played their second round matches on Tuesday flopped. Sixth seed Peter Korda of Czechoslovakia lost his first

match 6-3, 6-3 to Sweden's Magnus Larsson. Sampras, the 1990 US Open champion, found himself 5-0 down in just 19 minutes to

Steeb, who is ranked 40th. He tried to Pull himself back into the match but Steeb held firm, taking the first set 6-3 and breaking at 4-4 in the second before serving out the match.

"I couldn't get anything going today," Sampras said. "He played well and got off to a good start. I just made too many errors." To cap a bad day for the

seeds, number 12 Richard Krajicek of the Netherlands lost a first round duel of big servers to March Rosset of Switzerland, going down 6-2,

Sampras said he was not dismayed at his early clay court form and felt he would immonth's time.

think I can win on it," he said. "You have to be patient and be prepared to play 20 or 30 balls and work your way to the net." "Today Steeb served well

and didn't miss much. He's a good solid player."



PETE SAMPRAS

The German said he felt very confident at the start of the match. "I hit about four balls right on the line in the first few games," he added. "You need a bit of luck and

it came by way, I was expecting a tough match because he reached the semifinals in Nice last week and it was tough. had to play well to beat him."

Boetsch said he felt physically drained following his victory over Mancini after two hours 21 minutes in the heat of the Riviera sunshine.

"I was sick last week and

thing today and I really have no idea if I could have handled a third set. I felt really ex-

hausted on some points." Mancini fought hard, saving five match points in the second set, four at 5-3 and another one at 5-4. The Argentine, who beat

Serman Boris Becker in the

1989 final, eventually forced

the tiebreak in which he came back from 3-0 down to level at But Boetsch reeled off the next four points to clinch the match and a place in the third round against either Emilio

Sanchez of Spain or Stefano Pescosolido of Italy. Andrei Chesnokov, the 1990 champion but unseeded this year, had an easy enough passage into the second round, beating Javier Frana of

Argentina 6-4, 6-2 though he trailed 4-1 in the first set. His fellow citizen of the Commonwealth Independent States, 13th seed Alexander Volkov, had an altogether trickier match against a newcomer to the big tourna-

ment scene. Girts Dzelde, a 28-year-old Latvian who has totled for years on the satellite circuit and who is ranked 325th in the world, held three match points in the second set before going down 5-7, 7-5, 6-2.

Injuries shortened two other matches. Guillermo Perez-Roldan retired with a knee problem during the first set of his match with Spaniard Carlos Costa and Frenchman Frederic Fontang pulled out with a backstrain when he trailed his compatriot Fabrice Santoro 7-6, 5-2

Italian semis

Powerful Philips Milan, which finished third in the European Championship for clubs last week, was faced with another bitter disappointment Tuesday night as it missed qualification for the semifinals of the Italian basketball league play-offs, reports AP. The Milan team, a favourite

to win the Italian title, were stunned by II Messaggero Roma 94-89 in their decisive third game of the quarterfinals and was eliminated. American Rick Mahorn. Yugoslav center Dino Radia and

Italian forward Roberto Premier were they key players for the Roman team in the sold-out Assago Forum. Premier and Radja scored 15 points each while Maborn

added 16 points. Americans Darryl Dankins

and Johnny Rogers pumped in 19 points each for Philips. In the best-of-three semifinals scheduled on Apr 25-28-

Benetton Treviso, which eliminated Stefanel Trieste in another quarterfinal. Scavolini Pesaro will play Knorr Bologna. Pesaro trounced defending

30. Messaggero takes on

Italian champion Phonola Caserta 86-67 in their third quarterfinal game Tuesday night. American Darren Daye led Scavolini with 24 points.

A three-pointer by Gus Binelli gave Bologna a last-second 73-72 victory against Clear Cantu. Canadian Bill Wennington scored 18 points on the winning side.

### Atlanta Committee decides to make itself more open persuaded that "we should ATLANTA, Apr 22 dlrs 500,000, Holder said. have an exclusionary policy



Organizers of the 1996 Summer Olympics decided in a closed meeting to be

and to reverse policies allowing ACOG to give contracts to public officials and hire their relatives. The spirit of today's announcement is in keeping with what we've tried to do all along, and that is to be as open

and have full disclosure of ev-

erything we can," said ACOG

Members of the Atlanta

Committee for the Olympic

Games Inc. voted Tuesday to

disclose top executive salaries

more open, reports AP.

co-chairman Robert Holder. But he said that openness would not extend to allowing the public to listen to the debate when the ACOG board makes important decisions, such as Tuesday's policy changes.

"We are a private corporation and we do have a number of very sensitive issues that have to do with security and marketing, particularly. It is simply not possible to do the things we've got to do, particularly in the financial area, and do that with full disclosure," he said at a news conference. Holder announced that Billy

ACDB president and chief executive officer. Payne's starting salary was

Payne, the Atlanta lawyer who

spearheaded the city's

successful Olympics bid, will

make dirs 5,30,000 in 1992 as

"Having watched him work as the CEO for the last 16 months, it is in my opinion a very, very fair bargain."

Holder said A.D. Frazier, se-

nior executive vice president

and the chief operating officer,

is making dlrs 3,75,000 this year. Charlie Battle, executive vice president for external relations, makes dlrs 2,50,000 and Ginger Watkins, executive vice president and the chief of staff, makes dlrs 1,40,000. The ACOG board decided "after a spirited debate" to limit its salary disclosure to

that of Payne and the three ex-

ecutive vice presidents. Holder

told reporters later. Holder

declined to say whether any

other ACOG employees make

as much as those lour. The board also voted to implement new policies governing contracts with and the hiring of relatives of ACOG board members or public officials. Previous policies allowed such contracts or hiring if other steps were taken to ensure fairness, Holder said.

"Somehow the public read-

ing of this seemed to be that we were crafting a policy to ensure that important people were going to get the business and get all the jobs. That was not at all what the policy said, but that seemed to be the general interpretation of it. That was threatening our credibility," he said.

Holder said he supported an inclusive policy, but was

national date where the pened if I had exercised that

- all of whom might have considered their England careers to be over. There are five uncapped players in the squad, Tony Coton and Keith Curle of

Julian Dicks, Richard Jobson

minute, added two more to put the result beyond doubt. Concacaf group, which is currently headed by the United States with six points from

that then had the ability to make exceptions at certain levels of public employees."

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ment of local and state gov-

The International Olympics

working seven days a week, in the end of 1996. All those

three straight wins. Mexico now have three points, Canada two and Hon-Mexico 4 (Morales 16 Arteaga 20, Rottlan 76, 89),

Canada 1 (Needham 44). TEAMS reports Reuter. MEXICO: Herrera, Sanchez, Romero, Hernandez, Delgado, Macias, Rangel, Morales (Rot tlan 66), Castaneda, Arteaga, Mascareno.

#### Macey, Mosher, Needham Corazzin, Scott, Isacco. Markus claims

CANADA: Cucarelli, Holness,

Fletcher, Fenwick, Watson,

first ATP victory NICE, France, Apr 22 Unheralded Gabriel Markus of Argentina claimed his first ATP tour victory on Sunday by beating Spain's Javier Sanchez in straight sets in the final of the Nice tennis tournament, reports Reuter.

and 19 minutes. The 22-year-old from Buenos Aires, who upset top seed Pete Sampras of the United States on Saturday to reach his first final in four years on the circuit, never seemed under any pressure

until the last game when he

"This is the greatest day in

trailed 15-40.

Markus, ranked 78th in the

world, beat seventh seed

Sanchez 6-4, 6-4 in one hour

my life. To play in my first final and win it is like a dream," said Markus, who is coached by Guenther Bosch, who led Boris Becker to his first Wimbledon victory in 1985.

He said Sanchez was also