

Sport

# Maldives hold over-age Pakistanis



**RAJSHAHI, May 5:** Pakistan and Maldives played out a one-all draw on the third day of the fifth Asian youth under-16 Group Three football championship at the local stadium today.

In the dulcet of the three encounters played so far since the start of the tournament, both teams tried to compensate for their obvious lack of skills with spurge and marred the expectations of a 5000-strong crowd that thronged at the stadium in search of unblighted pleasure.

Maldives, who were soundly thrashed by hosts Bangladesh on the opening day of the tournament Sunday, won the sympathies of the spectators as the more coordinated and younger of the two sides and they improved upon this by

taking a lead which was later nullified by their opponents in green.

The match was mostly confined to midfield in the first half and the Pakistanis failed to awe their tenacious opponents with their much vaunted physical supremacy.

The wavering attention of the disappointed crowd was drawn to the happenings on the field in the 32nd minute of the first half when the Pakistani skipper and defender dangerously fouled a Maldives forward that led to a few minutes of uncalled for stoppage and the retirement of the injured player from the match.

Laiq Shah of Pakistan amused the crowd earlier when his beautifully taken free-kick from 22 yards went out of the play after hitting the post with Maldives goalie

Hossain Habib knowing a very little about it.

Maldives, however, surged ahead in the sixth minute of the post-lemon session when Pak skipper Naem Khalid failed to strike a throw-in and Maldives striker Mohammed Arif slammed the ball home with a left-footer from inside the box (1-0).

Four minutes later Pakistan survived a scare when the boys from the Indian ocean islands failed to cash in on an opportunity from a flag-kick.

Pakistan retaliated five minutes later when Laif Shah, one of the few Pakistanis to leave any impression on the spectators, dodged past three players but failed to finish off the work as his ill-directed shot sailed over the bar.

After another abortive attempt to restore parity Pakistan drew level in the

19th minute when Faruq Aziz scored from a coordinated move. Adil gave the ball to a free Faruq whose powerpacked shot hit the crosspiece to enter the net, much to the dismay of the Maldives players in red and black (1-1).

Pakistan missed a fine chance of netting the winning goal at the fag end of the match when Khalid Khan's right-footer beat Hossain Habib all ends up, but a desperate last second bid by Maldives defender ensured a point for the least fancied team of the tournament.

Three Pakistani players — Zia Subtain (captain), Athar Mahmud Khan and Shahid Imran — were not allowed to play against the Maldives for being over-age and the AFC nominated match commissioner Farid Abdul Rahman Zainal of the UAE sent them for medical tests which they failed.

Maldives coach Akram Kamaluddin was critical of the tournament committee for allowing over-age players to take part in the tournament for Pakistan.

He felt the Pak team should be scratched from the meet for tampering with the ages of the players.

Hafiz Shoaib Butt, the Pakistani manager, attributed the poor performance of his side to the depression caused by the injunction imposed by the committee on some of his players on age ground.

Taka 24,000 was realised as gate money for the match.

# Rani, Zia in marathon match



**National women's champion Rani Hamid and former champion Ziaur Rahman traded 61 moves without finding a solution to their ninth round contest of the 18th national chess championship at the NSC chess room yesterday. The game, which has already lasted a marathon six hours, resumes this morning.**

As of the eighth round International Woman Master Rani Hamid, the only lady in the 16-team, 15-round robin league competition, had led the field with six and a half points. Ziaur Rahman had a point less at the end of Monday's eighth round.

Three other players — all of whom have laid their hands on the coveted national title — had

inched up to six and a half points at the end of their ninth round matches yesterday. These include defending champion Reefat bin-Sattar, his Biman teammate Syed Tahmidur Rahman whom Reefat defeated last year, and Jamilur Rahman of Bangladesh Ansars. All three posted wins in their respective matches on the day.

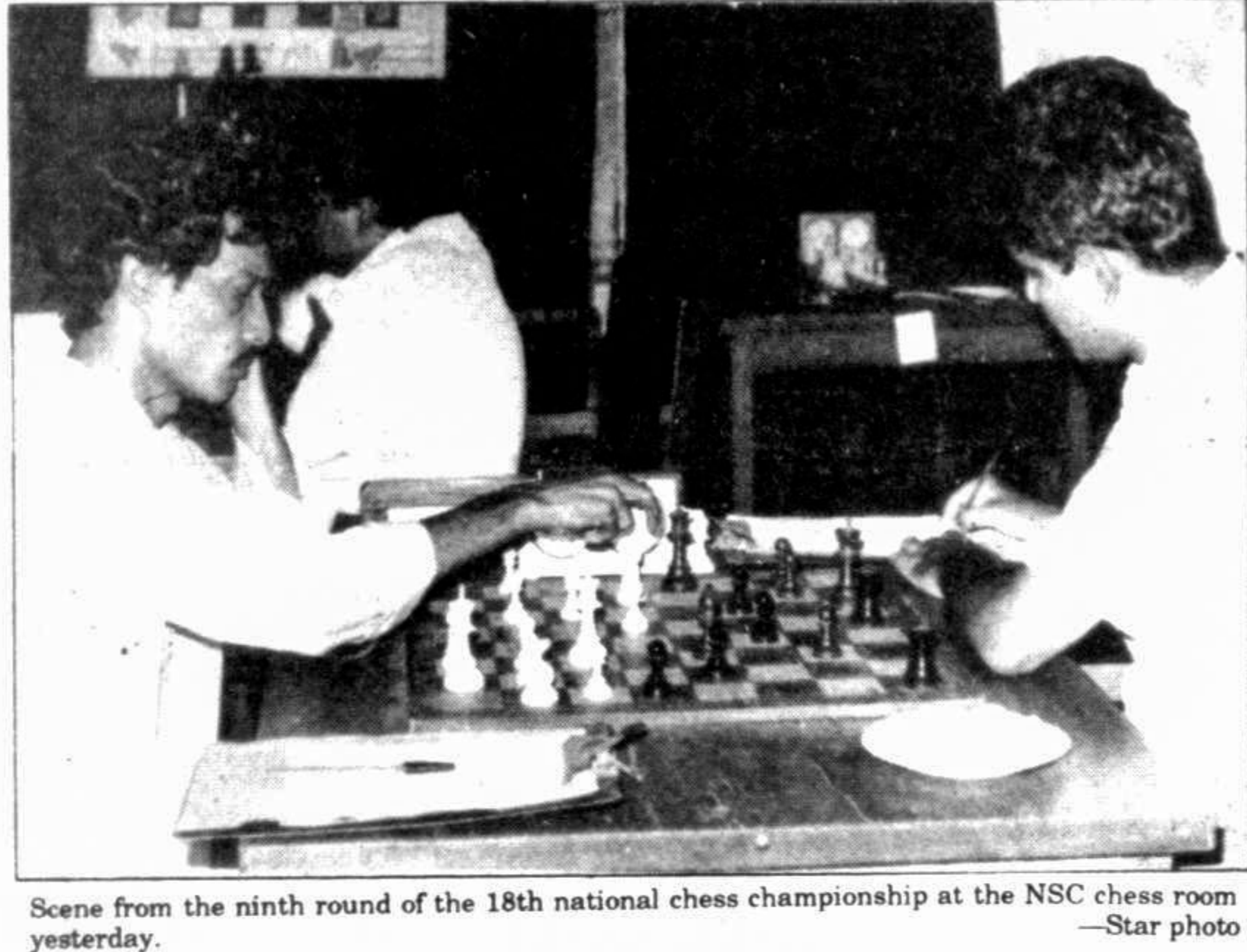
Reefat, who had lost his second round clash with his former schoolmate Ziaur Rahman, checkmated his Dhaka Metropolis opponent Amir Hossain in 43 moves to earn a full point. Playing with black pieces, Reefat adopted a Queen's gambit accepted opening and despite a temporary improvement in Amir's game, the reigning champion succeeded in manoeuvring his pieces effectively to clinch the issue.

Syed Tahmidur Rahman, playing with the white pieces, needed 51 moves to down Syed Iqbal Rakib of Metro in a match of the Queen's pawn opening variation.

Jamilur Rahman, who upstaged Ziaur Rahman earlier in the meet, yesterday got the better of Jamalpur's Abdul Khaleq. Playing black, Jamil adopted a Karocan defence and the loss of a rook in the 30th move cost Khaleq the match.

In other matches, Anisur Rahman of Dhaka Metro drew with Niyamul Huq Niru of Ansars, and Syed Ruhul Kabir Shiplu of BTMC drew with M R Hafiz of Dhaka Metro. Nahid Mizaid, the youngster from Chittagong playing in his first nationals, scored an impressive victory over Kalimullah Khan Kalam of Metro.

The tenth round matches are scheduled for today.



Scene from the ninth round of the 18th national chess championship at the NSC chess room yesterday. —Star photo

**TEAMS**

**MALDIVES:** Hossain Habib, Ibrahim Luthfee, Moosa Fathy, Ismail Sharif, Mohammad Syed (Ahmed Rashid), Ahmed Marzooq, Ahmed Ali Didi, Shameer, Mohammad, Mohammad Arif, Hossain Ziad and Zohair Ismail.

**PAKISTAN:** Faruq Aziz, Khalid Khan, Kashif Naseer, Asgar Khan, Naem Khalid, Mohammad Ayub (Anjum), Laeeq Shah, Adil Sharfaraz Butt (G M Mostafa), Obadah Tariq, Ejaz Ahmed Khan and Abu Bakr.

## Dallas selected for IBC site

**DALLAS, May 5:** World Cup USA 1994 announced on Monday that Dallas will be the site of the International Broadcast Centre (IBC) for the Quadrennial Soccer Championship, reports Reuter.

The IBC, situated at the 277-acre Fair Park, is the coordinating facility from which all outgoing television signals from World Cup '94, will be produced, said Scott Parks Lelitelser, managing director and chief operating officer of World Cup USA.

The centre is expected to draw some 3,500 broadcasters and technicians to the Texas city, one of nine venues selected to host 1994 World Cup games, for three to four months during the summer of 1994.

The European Broadcasting Union will act as not broadcaster for the 1994 World Cup and assume responsibility for the television coverage of all events.

Other metropolitan areas hosting games in the 52 game tournament include Boston, Chicago, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York, Orlando, San Francisco and Washington DC.

## Golfers for Lankan meets

**Sports Reporter**

Shawkatuzaman and Farruque Ahmed from the Kurmitola Golf Club will take part in the 101st Sri Lanka Open amateur championships and the international team match competition to be held in the hill resort of Nuwara Eliya.

The meets are being organised to coincide with the 125th anniversary celebrations of the tea industry in Sri Lanka.

**SHAWKAT-UZ-ZAMAN (L), FARRUQUE AHMED**

A press release of the Kurmitola Golf Club yesterday, although mentioning the cooler climate of the venue — at a height of 520 metres above sea level — and the contribution of the Scottish Highlanders in designing the course (who else, naturally!) did not, unfortunately, mention when the meets would be held or when the two players would leave for Sri Lanka.

However, it did mention that Bangladesh Tobacco Company is sponsoring the trip, for the team match event, under the banner of State Express 555.

# Under-19 booters leave today

**Sports Reporter**

A twenty-five member Bangladesh team leaves this morning to take part in the Group 3 qualifying tournament of the 28th Asian Youth under-19 football championship beginning from May 10 in Cannanore, Kerala, India.

The squad includes twenty players and five officials.

Following is the list of players and officials:

**Players:**

**Goalkeepers:** Zahedur Rahman Milon, Syed Hossain Bijoy and Sheikh Shukur Md Totam.

**Defence:** Saiduzzaman Shamim, Md Alamgir Hossain, Peter Koraya, Md Shaheen, Md Ali Mansur, Md Masud Rana and Zahidur Rahman Kakan.

**Midfield:** Mahbub Hossain Roxy, Zakir Hossain Shaheen, Masudur Rahman Rana, Sadequul Islam Uttam and Riuzzuddin Biswas.

**Forward:** Imtiaz Ahmed Nakib, Zakir Hossain, Jahangir Hossain, Shadul Ahmed and Asaduzzaman Lablu.

**Officials:** Abbas Uddin Khan (Manager), Nazrul Islam (Asst. Manager), Abdus Sadek (Coach), Md Mohsin (Asst Coach) and Md Mala.

The other countries in the group are Pakistan, the Maldives, Nepal and hosts India.

Bangladesh will take on Pakistan in their first match on May 12 while they play India on May 16.

The Bangladesh contingent is expected to return on May 22.

The Daily Star met the team coach Abdus Sadek at the Bangladesh Football Federation office yesterday.

"We have some skilled booters in our side, but as far as the team is concerned, we are not yet a combined outfit," Sadek confessed.

The coach blamed the short preparatory time for the lack of combination borne out by their performances in a series of practice matches.

However, Sadek mentioned Zakir, Nakib, Masud Rana, Masudur Rahman Rana, Alamgir, Shaheen, Jahangir, Bijoy and Roxy as competent players.

The weakest link in the team, according to coach Sadek, is the stopper-back position.

"We do not have good players there and this can prove costly in the end," he said.

But despite this weakness, Sadek was optimistic about the performance of his boys in the meet.

"Yes, we will have to play India, Pakistan and Nepal. But inshallah, we will finish the qualifying round as champions," he asserted.

## BSJA awards for 1991 announced

**Sports Reporter**

The Bangladesh Sports Journalists' Association (BSJA), the representative body of sportscriters in the country, yesterday announced their annual awards for sporting excellence and contribution to the cause of sports for the year 1991.

Footballer Ruman bin-Wali Shabbir of Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting, cricketer Jahangir Alam of Mohammedans, veteran hockey player Jamil Parvez Lulu of Dhaka Mariner Youngs Club, chess player Reefat bin-Sattar of Biman, swimmer Mukhlesur Rahman of Bangladesh Navy, athlete Golam Ambia of Army, table tennis players Zobera Rahman Linu and Musaddequl Haq Rochi of Biman, shooters Atecur Rahman and Kazi Shahana Parveen of Chittagong and Narayanganj Rifle Club respectively, handballer Md Akram Hossain of Ansars, soccer coach Kaikobad of Mohammedans and sports organizer Zafar Imam, currently the secretary of the Rajshahi District Sports Association, and Rashed Asghar Chowdhury of Chittagong are the lucky recipients of the honours.

Besides, eight others received special awards for their contribution to games and sports in the country. They are Enayetur Rahman Khan (football), Athar Ali Khan (cricket), Faruq (wrestling), Nelly Jasmine (athletics), Jyotsna Akhtar (athletics), Salma Begum (cycling), cricket league sponsors Navana Limited and BTC (Sponsors).

The presentation ceremony of the awards will be made sometime this year, a BSJA press release said yesterday.

The award winners have been requested to send their bio-data along with two passport size photographs to the BSJA office by May 31.

# Army spikers first into semis

**Sports Reporter**

The semifinals, pitting the Group A champions against the Group B runner-up and vice versa, are billed for tomorrow.

Army beat Power Development Board (PDB) in their first match yesterday morning 15-3, 15-5 and 15-3 and then got the better of Bangladesh Rifles by three sets to two in their last group fixture in their afternoon.

However, in the Riflemen the soldiers seemed to have met their match at last and it speaks volumes for the skill, stamina and determination of the soldiers, attired in their maroon shirts, that they managed to keep their cool under pressure and reasserted their authority when it mattered.

In the other cluster, Bangladesh Navy who lost the last nationals final to the soldiers, look set to finish top of the pile though they have a preliminary game in hand, against Bangladesh Air Force today.

Defending champions Bangladesh Army marched inexorably on in their campaign to retain the national men's volleyball title, now being held at the Outer Stadium volleyball court in their last Group A league matches yesterday — one in the morning and one in the afternoon — the formidable Army spikers maintained their invincibility with fairly straight-forward wins, taking them to the top of the five-team cluster.

Riflemen finding their prestige at stake, refused to give up without a fight. Pulling up their socks and playing for every thing they were worth, the BDR spikers injected fresh life into the match by squaring the score 2-2 in the next two sets 16-14 and 15-13, thus pushing the issue to a climactic fifth set.

But the experienced soldiers, living up to their tag of champions, drew deep into their last reserves and thanks to the Riflemen running out of steam easily, almost too easily, clinched the issue 15-7 for a well-deserved triumph.

Rifles play their last group game today against Comilla but look fairly assured of taking their place in the semifinals as Group A runner-up. Air Force are set to fill the last semifinal berth, notwithstanding the outcome of today's match against Navy. Thus, once again, the Services teams are poised to shut the rest of the participants out of the last four stage.

Yesterday, Navy had only one match to play and that they won comfortably, outclassing Faridpur DSA 15-3, 15-3 and 15-1.



Action from yesterday's 15th national championship league match between Faridpur and Pabna at the Volleyball Stadium. —Star photo

## England to host '96 Euro Championships

**LISBON, May 5:** England will host the 1996 European soccer championship finals, Europe's top soccer official announced Tuesday, reports AP.

The decision is a victory England in its bid to convince the world that the country has ended the fan violence that long plagued the English game.

Announcing the 1996 venue Lennart Johansson, president of the European Association Football Union, said the decision had been unanimous.

The English proposal beat out bids from Portugal, Austria, Greece and the Netherlands.

The 1996 final is scheduled for London's Wembley Stadium. Earlier rounds will be played in Birmingham and Manchester and a fourth venue still to be chosen.

The European Championship finals are held every four years between the continent's best national teams. This year's tournament will be in Sweden, with the Netherlands defending the championship title.

England last hosted a major international soccer tournament in 1966, when the home side won the World Cup in an emotional Wembley final against West Germany.

Recent English bids to host top championships have been rejected largely due to the fear some reputation of the country's soccer fans.

In 1985 Liverpool supporters rioted at the Heysel stadium in Brussels, Belgium, before the final of the European club championship against Italy's Juventus.

### এক্সপোর্ট ক্রেডিট গ্যারান্টি

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দেশের অর্থনৈতিক সমৃদ্ধির জন্য রপ্তানী বৃদ্ধির বিকল্প নেই। রপ্তানী উন্নয়নে আমরা তিন ধরনের সহায়তা দিয়ে থাকি।

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