COLOMBO, May 11: Sri Lan-

kan cricketers were cool to

Indian- made bats offered at

rock bottom prices by the

Cricket Board here as part of a

drive to promote the game,

press reports said, reports

Out of the 12 District Cri-

cket Associations, only four

showed some degree of inter-

est in using the subsidised bats

imported from India, The Daily

cost about a seventh of the

price of a top of the range bat

from the West but local players

were concerned about the

Moody can't

believe it

LONDON, May 11: Austra-

lian Test batsman Tom Moody

was left shaking his head in

disbelief after Warwickshire

held his country Worces-

tershire to an unlikely tie in

the English Sunday cricket

tal of 171 for nine, the home

side entered the final two

overs needing only five runs

with eight wickets in hand

and a rempant Moody at the

bowled a maiden to David

Leatherdale and, needing one

run to win off the final ball

from spinner Neil Smith,

Moody was run out by a

Gladstone Small direct hit for

But seamer Tim Munton

Chasing a Warwickshire to-

league, reports Reuter.

quality of the Indian product.

Dealers said the Indian bats

News said.



Top-seeded Stefan Edberg overcame the loss of the first set and

two rain interruptions to win the German Open tennis tournament Monday with a 5-7. 6-4. 6-1 victory over Michael Stich, reports AP.

Edberg, ranked second in the world, took complete control after returning to the court following a rain delay of 45 minutes at 1-1 in the third set. Rain had already held up play for 90 minutes at the end of the first set.

He broke the third-seeded German for a 3-1 lead and then gained another break in the sixth game.

The dlrs 1.27 million tournament had been plagued by rain delays the entire week and officials were forced to reschedule the final for Monday. The championship match was reduced to the best-of-three sets.

Stich, who ousted Boris Becker in the semifinal, had the best performances of his career to reach Monday's final against Swedish top seed Stefan Edberg.

Earlier, the world number two had put a stop to Spaniard Carlos Costa's recent giantkilling, winning the rain delayed quarter final 7-5, 7-6. "You can't play any better

been trying to become the first German to win the tournament since Wilhelm Bungert in An earlier Reuter report

said: Boris Becker suffered

starts Monday with its strong-

est field in recent memory,

who had been seeded No 3, in-

formed them he had pulled his

right hamstring during the

tions, the tournament still

counts 12 of the top 15 players

in the world, led by No 1 Jim

to play Monday, but when he

takes the court at the Foro

Italico he will find himself

facing a tough first-round op-

ponent, Thomas Muster of

cialist who won the Italian

Open two years ago and the

recent tournament in Monte

to win the rain-marred US clay

court tennis championships

for his second title of the year,

the world and seeded fourth

here, eliminated fellow-Ame-

rican Jeff Tarnago 6-4, 6-4 in

the semifinals earlier on

Sunday and then came back to

walk through Switzerland's

Claudio Mezzadri 6-3, 6-3 to

all my matches were shorter,"

I guess I was fortunate that

win the tournament.

Washington, ranked 31st in

reports Reuter.

11: Maltvai Wash-

ington breezed

through two mat

ches on Sunday

Muster is a clay court spe-

Courier was not scheduled

Courier of the United States.

Barring any further defec-

tournament in Hamburg.

Organizers said Becker,

reports AP.

Austria.

Carlo.

Despite a last-

minute pullout by

Boris Becker, the

men's edition of

the Italian Open

one of his most demoralising defeats on home soil when he was trounced 6-1, 6-1 by Michael Stich in the semifinals on Sunday.



STEFAN EDBERG

Stich, who beat fellow German Becker at Wimbledon last year to win his first Grand Slam title, played some superb serve-and-volley tennis on the slow clay court to triumph in just 71 minutes.

Playing tust 30 kilometers from his home town of Elmshorn, Stich gave one of than that," Stich said as he left the court ahead of a dejected

Becker pulls out of Italian Open

Other top seeds include No

2 Fete Sampras of the United

The three-times Wimbledon champion beat Stich at the World Championships in Frankfurt last November their only other clash since

Wimbledon. But Becker rarely threatened Stich on Sunday as he suffered his worst defeat for more than three years. Becker last won only two games in a match when he played American Jay Berger in Indian

Wells, California, in 1989. Becker's loss will not help his preparations on clay for the French Open beginning later

this month. Stich, using his big serve and crisp volleying at the net to the full, broke Becker had hardly had time to warm up in the cool conditions. His countryman had broken again in the sixth game before serving successfully for the set after 40 minutes.

Becker was broken again in the first game of the second set. In the second game he fell to his knees with his hands together in mock prayer in front of the net after a Stich shot had hit the net cord and bounced out of his reach.

The gesture summed up Becker's only way of saving the day with Stich in such good form. But there was no help forthcoming from the heavens and Stich ran away with the second set.

States. No 4 Michael Stich of

Germany, No 5 Michael Chang

of the United States, No 6 Guy

Forget of France and No 7

game of power tennis favoured

by many of the top men, or-

ganizers have hardened the

notoriously slow red clay

completed their edition of the

Italian Open, said the courts

were without question faster

clay," said Monica Seles, the

top-ranked women's player

who lost to Gabriela Sabatini in

ered a major tuneup for the

French Open, a Grand Slam

Stefan Edberg and Andre

Aggasi, in addition to Becker,

were missing from the entry

list among the top 15, organiz

Washington used one ser

vice break in the first set and

two in the second to sew up

Washington, who beat Mi-

chel Chang and Jimmy Con-

nors on his way to winning his

first tournament, won 32,400

dollar and Mezzadri earned

you play on a surface the more

comfortable you feel," he said

ward to playing the French

(Open). I haven't had much

success there but. . . I'm look

ing forward to giving it a good

of the clay. "I'm looking for-

"I guess the more matches

the championship.

19.090 dollar

shot this year.

event also played on clay.

The Italian Open is consid-

As of Sunday night, only

than in past years.

Sunday's final.

ers said.

The women, who have just

"They are hard, but still

To keep in tune with the

Goran Ivanisevic of Croatia

In the closing stages Becker resorted to humour to comfort his hopelessness. With the match out of his grasp he gave his racket to a linejudge and replaced her on her seat while she served two balls to Stich.

England's Graeme Hick had earlier contributed 60 during a stand of 125 in 30 overs with Moody, playing against his former teammates, to ensure a second successive tie in the

Essex moved to the top of the league table after a thrilling four-wicket win over Northamptonshire Chelmsford.

In a match reduced to 3: overs a side by rain, wicket keeper Mike Garnham hit the winning runs with just fou balls to spare as Essex success fully reached a target of 181.

West Indies fast bowler is Bishop took three wickets t help Derbyshire to a 50-ru win over Gloucestershire, w lost seven wickets for 17 rear at one stage, while there we also victories for Sussex atr Surrey.

The country championsh matches between Middles and Lancashire and Yorkshi and Hampshire ended in tan rain-affected draws.

Mount Everest scaled

KATHMANDU, May 11: Three members of an Indo-

Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) expedition have succeeded in conquering the world's tallest highest peak Mount Evercst, officials here said, reports AFP. The expedition conquered

the 8,848-metre (29,028-foot) high summit via the south route on May 10, the Tourism Ministry said. The summitters returned to

their final camp after spending 15 minutes on Everest's summit hoisting the Indian na tional flag and the ITBP flag. the Tourism Ministry announcement said.

The three members of the expedition worshipped at the summit by sparinking holy water front from the Ganges they had carried with them, official announcement said

Glamorgan on Sunday. Sunday in the tourists' opening

An earlier Reuter report said: Opener Aamir Sohail cracked his second century in eight days as Pakistan's batsman returned to form in their tour match agairst

Sabatini beat Seles 7-5, 6-4.

CARDIFF, May 11

Mushtaq Ahmed

took four wickets

for 26 runs as

Pakistan's bow

lers ripped thro-

ugh a weak Glamorgan batting

lineup Monday for a 206-run

victory after both teams

forfeited an innings following

It was Pakistan's first three-

day victory of a four-month

English tour. Pakistan lost to

English county Worcestershire

in these debut first-class game

for 285, following opener

Aamir Sohail's 124 and Shoaib

Mohammad's 58 Sunday,

Pakistan quickly lifted the

Glamorgan acting captain

Matthew Maynard forfeited his

first innings and Pakistan

skipper Javed Miandad for-

fetted his second to set up a

run chase for the home team.

But needing 255 for victory

from a minimum of 78 overs,

Glamorgan slumped to be nine

for 148 all out. Glamorgan cap-

tain Alan Butcher was unable to

bat following a knee injury

Glamorgan were also with-

Wasim Akram, who hit suc-

cessive sixes in his 21 not out,

was Pakistan's other successful

out injured former West Indian

captain Viv Richards and fel-

low-opener Hugh Morris.

bowler with four for 46.

score to 354 for five declared.

Resuming Monday at four

rain delays, reports AP.

last week.

Sohail, who hit 104 last

milieu

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DOWN

breeze

bouquets

40 "Where

The volatile 25-year-old left

Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina kisses the trophy after winning her final match against

Yugoslavia's Monica Seles at the Italian Open tennis tournament in Rome on May 10.

Pakistan beat Glamorgan

Duchess of Norfolk's XI, hit

124 off 174 balls to steer

Pakistan to 285 for four by the

hander, fined for complaining



MUSHTAQ .. 4 for 26

to an umpire during the recent World Cup, has yet to play a Test but looked in fine form in an innings which included one six and 14 fours.

After losing their opening first-class fixture against Worchestershire and Saturday's first day washout, Pakistan were also grateful to Rameez Raja and Shoath Mohammad.

Raja helped Sohail put on 100 for the first wicket before he was out for 41 and Shoaib contributed 58 in a second wicket stand of 110.

Tour skipper Javed Miandad, playing against his former country, contributed 35 on a day when Pakistan scored their runs at a rate of four per over in front of watching England manager Micky Stewart.

Despite losing two wickets in the final half-hour, the tourists looked ominously full of confidence just 10 days be-

friendly against Lavinian fore their opening one-day international at Lord's on May

- AFP photo

PAKISTAN: First Inning: A Sohail c Metson b Frost 124, R Raja c Butcher b Watkin 41, Shoaib Mohammad b Dale 58, J Miandad c and b Dale 35 S Malik not out 41

Inzamamul Haq lbw Watkin 16, W Akram not out 21 Extras 18(1 bye, 12 legbyes, 5 noballs)

Total: 5 for 354 declared 100; 210; 272; 273; 298

Did not bat, Moin Khan, Tanvir Mehdi, Aaqib Javed, Saltm Jaafar

Bowling: O N Frost 75 S Watkin 24 2 80 S Barwick R Croft A Dale 14 Glamorgan forfeit first in-

nings.

Pakistan forfeit second in-Glamorgan second inning:

S James b Wasim Akram 27 A Dale c Moin Khan b Jaafar 9, R Croft c Moin Khan b Akram 7, M Maynard c Miandad b Mushtaq 28

A Cottey c Sohail b Mushtag 12, D Hemp b Akram 23 C Metson c Sohail b Mushtag 20

S Watkin b Wasim Akram 6

S Barwick c Tanvir Mehdi b Mushtaq 0, M Frost not out 0 A Butcher absent injured 0 Extras 16 (7 byes, 1 legbye, wide, 7 noballs)

.Fall: 19: 36:62: 91: 95: 141; 143;145; 148 Bowling 0

Total: 148

W Akram T Mehdi 31 S Jaafar Mushtag 26 A Sohati

Aziz re-elected AASF secy

General Secretary of the Bangladesh Swimming Federation Dr K M Sultanul Aziz was yesterday unanimously elected Secretary General of Asian Amateur Swimming Federation (AASF) for the fifth consecutive time, reports

The election was made in the congress of AASF held on April 25 in the Japanese city Hiroshima, venue of the 12th Asian Games in 1994. Twenty Asian nations participated in the congress.

Sultanul Aziz, a founder member and Secretary General of the AASF since 1978, was awarded gold medal for his contribution to reorganise the Asian body along with other five founder members of the organisation.

The First Asian Swimming Championship and the first congress of the AASF was held in Dhaka in 1980. Hironoshim Furuhashi,

President of Japanese Olympic Association and also the Chairman of Hiroshima Asian Games Organising Committee, was made the president of He replaces Prof Mei Zhen

Yao to China.

Marketing in DU cricket semis Sports Reporter

Department of Marketing

moved into the semifinals of the Dhaka University interdepartment cricket competition. They outplayed Political

Science by 113 runs in the Group C final held at the Jagannath Hall ground yester Marketing made the first

use of the pitch and piled up a massive 230 for the loss of four wickets in their stipulated 30 Arif topscored with 54

while Mamun and Aftab made 49 and 36 respectively. Arif Ahmed Chowdhury

who had bagged three wickets in his team's previous match against Department of English last week, was once again the pick of the Political Science bowlers taking two for 48. Skipper Mahim got one for 53. In reply, Political Science

could muster only 117 for eight wickets before their overs ran out.

Mahim and Arif Ahmed made 16 each while Nomi scored 14.

Mamun and Aftab took two wickets apiece for 23 and 25 respectively.

India beat

Belgium 3-2 BRUSSELS, May 11: Belgi-

um restricted India to another narrow 3-2 win in the third and final of their internationals here on Sunday, reports AFP. The touring side took a

three goal lead before letting Belgium back into the game with two late strikes.

India, who won the first two games 4-0 and 3-2 took control of the match in the first half and scored in the 23rd minute through Jagbir Singh who smashed home a cross from the right for his third goal in two games.

In the 43rd minute Jude Felik ran through the Belgian defence for the second goal and two minutes later Shakeel Ahmed got the third.

The Belgium team, who till then had been uncertain, then 0 fought back.

Form favours Chinese shuttlers semtfinals, has at best an outmorrow but we have a slight edge over Malaysia, though the



May 11: China will hold the edge over hosts Malaysia in the first semifinal of

the Thomas Cup badminton championship here tomorrow while Indonesia will start favourites over South Korea on Wednesday, reports AFP. The Chinese, four-time

winners since 1982 with a break in 1984 when they lost to Indonesia, take to the court without dropping a single set in three preliminary matches against Indonesia, Sweden and Thailand.

"It will be a tough game to-

China to host u-16 qualifying soccer match

BEIJING, May 11: China will host the Group Five qualifying tournament of the fifth Asian youth (under-16) soccer championship, it was announced here today, reports Xinhua.

South Korea, DPR Korea, Japan and hosts China will take part in the qualifying tournament slated for May 25-28 in Beijing

The hosts Eleven which won the Coca Cola Cup youth champions in Bangkok in February, will play DPR Korea on May 25, Japan on May 27 and South Korea on May 28.

Top two finishers of the group advance to the Asian youth soccer championship finals scheduled for September 5-16 in Saudi Arabia.

comfortable on the court. Mezzadri had not played or practised on the stadium court all week because of the rain

BORIS BECKER

Washington winner at Charlotte

Sunday and then played a

complete match later in the

play his semifinal Sunday.

played four matches in two

Mezzadri, who also had to

"I don't think it was because

was tired that I lost the

But Washington seemed

match," said Mezzadri, who

reached the finals by beating

Brazil's Lutz Mattar 6-3, 3-6 7-

fresher and certainly was more

rth Carolina, May pleted a rain-delayed set on

CHARLOTTE, No- said Washington, who com- that interrupted play several

advantage," Chinese team leader Wang Wen Jiao said. Wang said that his players led by world champion Zhao Jianhua, 27, will also he handicapped by the humid conditions at Kuala Lumpur's stadium Negara. The high humidity will affect our players,"

Malaysians have home ground

With its unbeaten run in the preliminaries. China is the most balanced team in the current championship although its 5-0 win over Indonesia on Sunday came an understrength from Indonesian side.

In the tie, described as a sham by a local newspaper, both Indonesia and China rested key players after having already qualified for the semis. China rested Zhao while

Indonesia was without top ranked Ardy Wiranata, fielding instead its doubles players in the three singles. Wang said his first doubles'

pair of Li Yongbo and Tian Bingyi would be China's weakest link because of a recent injury to Tien. They will play Malaysia's top doubles pair, the famed Sidek brothers, Razif and Jalani. Malaysia, with its strongest

team since it last won the Trophy in 1967, staged a roaring comeback Sunday with a 5-0 win over Denmark after its near elimination in a humiliating 2-3 defeat by South Korea last week. South Korea, whose only

target was to qualify for the

side chance against Indonesia who, however, have not been really tested in the preliminar

The Chinese women are expected to breeze past Sweden in the first Uber Cup semifinal Monday while South Korea will take on Indonesia with little to separate the two sides on Wednesday. An AP message adds:

Captain Tian Bingyi is ill, but defending champions China are confident of defeating Malaysta even without him in the semifinals Tuesday, a Chinese official said

Tian, China's doubles ace, was running a temperature of 37.1 degrees Celsius (98.8 Fahrenheit) and did not play in China's 5-0 defeat of Indonesia in the last group match Sunday, team manager Wang Wenjiao said.

"We will check his condition tomorrow morning," Wang said Monday. Even without Tian, China could defeat Indonesia, but it

would be a tough fight, Wang said Monday. But Malaysian team manager Punchacharan Gunalan predicted victory for the Malaystans.

"We have faith in all our players and we have nothing to lose. The fact that China and especially Indonesia, had obviously taken great pains to avoid Malaysia in the semifinals speaks something for the team," Gunalan said.

UBER CUP In the Uber Cup, the Thomas Cup's equivalent for women, defending champtons China expect to defeat Sweden in Tuesday's semifinals, Wang

Sweden team manager Jan Olov Jacobson said, "We are the underdogs and this is a tall order, or should I say an impossible task to beat China at the moment... All the Chinese players are strong and the best we can do is to give our girls the experience. China have been the

Thomas Cup champions since 1986 and the Uber Cup champions since 1984. South Korea and Indonesia also will meet in the Uber Cup

semtfinals. Linesman injured

LISBON, May 11: A linesman was injured by an object thrown from the terraces as Penafiel fans objected to a Benfica penalty in their Portuguese First Division match on Sunday, reports Reuter.

The 2-2 draw, which left 1991 champions Benfica secure in second place behind Porto, was interrupted for several minutes. The linesman carried on after treatment. Benfica goalkeeper Adelino

Neno was sent off two minutes

from time for a second book-

able offence.

Benfica, 1-0 down at the break, equalised with a penalty by Brazilian defender William Andrede in the 68th minute and went ahead within a minute through Brazilian forward Isales Soares.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer **ACROSS** diles center head

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Solution time: 26 mins.

38 "From Russia ---Love" 39 Shot, for short 40 Forest creature 42 Woody's lady 43 Spoonbender Geller 44 Developmental

stage

26 27 28 50

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Today's Cryptoquip clue: N equals \$

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short 45 Embarwords and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error. rassed

