

round of the national championship will be played today at the chess room of the National

vying for the title. Reigning champion Reefat bin-Sattar, Fide Master and former champion Ziaur Rahman and International Woman Master Rani Hamid area all lined up for the final showdown after having collected 11 points from 14 matches each. Yet, only one of them will wear the crown.

Coaching Centre with three

players from the same team

Yesterday was a rest day with the two adjourned matches of Monday involving Rani and Shiplu, and Zia and Nahid, being played to conclu-

Zia started yesterday morning from where he had left off Monday wrapping up the match soon against Nahid Miyazid of Chittagong, to stand at par with his friend and team mate on eleven points from

Management in DU cricket semis Sports Reporter

Department of Management moved into the semifinals of the Dhaka University inter-department cricket competition beating Department of Physics by 43 runs at the Jagannath Hall ground yesterday.

Batting first, Management made 195 for four wickets in their stipulated 30 overs.

Shahed Shams, who hit a fine century in their previous match last week, topscored with 71 while Ronny and Tutul made 35 and 23 respectively for Management.

Shafiq and Sajjad took a wicket apiece for 33 and 43 runs respectively.

Michael Chang is

a student of clay

court tennis, and

it paid off, re-

ports AP.

Locked in a struggle with a

"It wasn't me blowing him

qualifier in the first round of

the Italian Open, Change was

away and it wasn't him blowing

me away," Chang explained. "I

played patient tennis. Clay is a

very patient game, and the

ponent, Gabriel Markus, began

to rush his shots, he fell right

into the American's trap and

Chang prevailed 6-3, 2-6, 6-3

action today in the \$1.4 mil

lion tournament.

Paolo Cane.

Centre.

chief guest.

Association.

The top seeds went into

Top-seeded Jim Courier of

the United States, the world's

No 1-ranked men's player, was

up against a tough clay court

specialist, Thomas Muster of

Austria, on center court at the

Foro Italico. Following him was

another American, No 2 seed

Pete Sampras, facing Italy's

said he is slowly preparing

himself for the French Open,

Handball prizes

awarded

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tion ceremony for the 1991-92

Cute handball league was held

yesterday at the conference

room of the National Coaching

and principal adviser of the

Bangladesh Handball Federa-

tion Major (retd) M A Mannan

gave away the prizes as the

adjudged the most disciplined

team alongside champions

Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) and

runners-up Surjodoy Boys Club.

the tournament by the

Bangladesh Handball Referees'

Akram Hossain of Ansars

Dhaka Wanderers Club were

State Minister for Textiles

The belated prize-distribu-

After a third-round elimina-

So when his Argentine op-

not about to be rushed.

mind has to know that."

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the 16-player fray, is the fourteen matches. Rant Hamtd pulled off a rereigning national women's champion. Should she go on to markable win in the other adjourned game after a marathon clinch the title today- or tomorrow, if an adjournment is cerebral contest that featured needed- Rani will add another 116 moves-the longest game feather to her already bright of the tournament so far. Rant's opponent Shiplu of BTMC threw away a match that was

apparently heading for a draw

when he played a pawn instead

of a bishop in the 103rd move.

giving Rani a lucky win thereby

putting her in an ideal position

to have a go at the national ti-

tle with 11 points from 14

matches. Rani, the only lady in

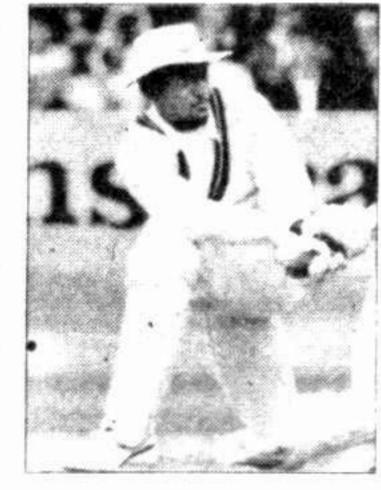
In case all there manage to finish on equal points after the final round, the tie-bread will come into play, in which case Ziaur Rahman will regain the mantel of national champion by virtue of having beaten both Reefat and Rani in his league encounters.

Hooper's hurricane ton



LONDON, May 12: West Indian allrounder Carl Hooper hit the fastest century of the English cric-

ket season so far on Monday but failed to help his side Kent to victory over Durham at



Canterbury, reports Reuter.

Hooper's first championship century took only 82 balls, beating the previous best achieved by Ian Botham, as he reached an unbeaten 115 before Kent declared at 253 for three.

the clay court Grand Slam

naments this year, all on hard

Change has won three tour-

tournament he won in 1989.

Eighty-two of Hooper's runs came in boundaries but Durham's batsman were unable to match his scoring rate. Set 259 in a minimum of 50 overs. they finished on 145 for three.

Warwickshire leapt to the top of the fledgling county table with a nine-wicket win over Derbyshire at Edbaston.

Held up by Derbyshire's Tailenders, notably Dominic Cork who struck a career-best 72 not out, they accelerated to their victory target of 187 with more than nine overs to spare, opener Andy Moles finished

Essex were unable to force victory over Leicestershire at Chelmsford despite their big first innings lead of 201.

England seamer Derek Pringle was forced off the field with a back strain as Leicestershire ground their way to a draw, ending on 312 for seven.

Sussex and Somerset also had to be content with a draw at Hove where Somerset, 82 behind on first innings, finished on 253 for five.

Surrey, set 244 to win at Northampton, looked momentarily in danger at 51 for four but finished safe enough at 142 to five.

European clay court scene,

choosing tournaments instead

in Japan and Hong Kong, los-

against Markus was a good one

for him because of his late

get used to this surface." he

at home in Rome for another

reason. At 5-foot-8, he is not

known as a power fitter, and

even the notoriously slow Foro

Italico courts have been

speeded up to help the power

in tennis, and this is a disad-

vantage for me," he explained.

Open won't have a further

tims were sixth-seeded Guy

Forget falls at first hurdle

Forget of France and No.

Goran Ivanisevic of Croatia.

chance to test out the courts.

Several seeds in the Italian

Among the first day's vic

"Everything is getting faster

He said Monday's match

"It's going to take longer to

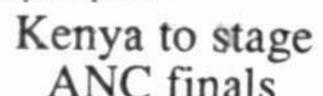
Chang does not feel entirely

ing in both to Courier.

Clay for Chang means patience

time in July. We shall have furagreed."

English FA Cup on Saturday, beat Auxerre in the second round of this season's UAFA Cup competition.



The announcement was made on Monday by Philip Mullei, a Ministry of Culture and Social Services official.

Robson, whose coaching

contract with Dutch Club PSV Eindhoven expired at the end of the season, is expected to take up his duties at Sporting in July. Club officials declined to say how much he would be

Robson, 59 replaces Brazilian Marinho Peres who was sacked in February.

league title for the second successive time this season. Sporting last won the

Portuguese title 10 years ago under British coach Malcolm

play to raise money for disaster victims

LONDON, May 12: English First Division Liverpool said on Monday they were keen to play a friendly match against Fren-

raise money for those affected by the soccer stadium disaster Reuter.

following the collapse of a temporary stand before the French Cup semifinal between Bastia and Marseille, and Liverpool chief executive Peter Robinson said the English club could relate to the tragedy.

Ninety-five fans were killed at Liverpool's FA Cup semifinal against Nottingham Forest at Hillsborough, Sheffield, in 1989, while 39 people died before the European Cup final against Juventus in Brussels in

When we heard of the disaster in Bastia we contacted the French FA to offer help. Robinson said.

government, putting pressure from its sports fans over cash worries, has given the goahead for the country to host the 1996 African Nations Cup soccer finals - the first to be held in East Africa, reports

LISBON, May 12: Former England soccer manager Bobby Robson on Monday signed a two-year contract to coach Portuguese side Sporting Lisbon, reports Reuter.

He led PSV to the Dutch

extremely helpful to us.

Liverpool, who won the

ANC finals

NAIROBI. May 12: Kenya's

Robson to coach Sporting Lisbon

Allison. Liverpool keen to

ch Club Auxerre in July to help

in Corsica last week, reports Thirteen people were killed

"We felt a strong fellow feeling after our own disasters at Heysel and Hillsborough, when many foreign clubs were

There have been a number of suggestions, but the most promising seems to be a match against Auxerre in Nice, somether talks and see what can be

Kenya to stage

very upset, I know justice has not been served. They've not procedures, said Reynolds matters, just clearing my heard the last of Butch should be allowed to run doname," he said. Lebow to run in NY marathon



12 : Fred Lebow will run a marathon less than three years after cancer last year. being diagnosed "I've run 68 other marawith brain cancer and being told he had six months to live,

reports AP. Lebow, who will be 60 June said Monday he will run the Nov. 1 New York City Marathon, the race he has directed

since its inception in 1970. "People tell me it's a great event," Lebow said with a lough. "I want to see for my-

Lebow ran the first New York City Marathon when the course went strictly through Central Park. A field of 126 started, and of the 55 finishers, Lebow was 45th in four hours, 12 minutes

In 1976, the innovative Lebow moved the race into the city's five boroughs, and it has developed into the world's largest marathon. Last year, it attracted some 26,000 starters, with nearly as many runners rejected because of an entry limit.

"I've never run the five-borough marathon," said Lebow who made his announcement at Memorial Sloan-Kettering

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Cancer Centre, where he underwent radiation treatments for his brain cancer and underwent surgery for thyroid

thons all over the world. would like to run the New York City Marathon. I haven't run a marathon in four years, not since the 1988 Los Angeles Marathon." Lebow, who enjoys running

marathons more than he does directing them, was forced to curtail his running in March 1990, when he was diagnosed with brain cancer. He was given six months or less to

But the spirited Lebow didn't let it dismay him.

"I'm determined and confident I'm going to beat this thing," he said. Indeed, he has beaten it -

along with the thyroid cancer he suffered last year. "I'm in remission now," he said. "I have to go for treat

ments only every six months." Meanwhile, as president of the New York Road Runners Club, a position he has held since 1972, Lebow continues to orchestrate numerous events, many of which he in-

troduced, including the May

May 30 Advil Mini Marathon. Lebow also devotes much

raise money for Sloan-Kettering's cancer research progra-

Lebow is running not only to benefit the hospital's cancer programme and for his own satisfaction, but for other cancer patients.

years ago will be an inspiration to other," he said. "I will

people have tried to discour age me.

"I will not worry about my time. If I have to walk the last 10 miles, I will walk. But I will finish."

Army soccer Sports Reporter

Hosts Comilla out played Log team 3-0 in the robin league match of the Army football championship at the Comilla Cantonment yesterday, says an ISPR press release.

Ereng struggles to regain his form

CHAPEL HILL, North Carolina, May 12: Olympic 800 metres champion Paul Ereng of Kenya is struggling to regain his competitive form after being ill for more than a month but remains hopeful about defending his title in Barcelona, reports Reuter.

The 1988 gold medallist finished next to last in a secondary race of the 400 metres at a meeting at the University of North Carolina over the weekend and demonstrated little of the speed that powered him to victory in Seoul. His time was a sluggish 47.71 seconds

A cold that became a virus and then bronchitis drained much of his energy and prevented him from training for a large part of March and April, Ereng said

"But I am going to make the (Kenyan Olympic trials) final, and I am going to make the team," he told Reuters. "And after what I did this weekend I think I have a fighting chance."

80 metres in last August's World Championships, Ereng had raced in frequently indoors this winter after training hard during the fall in hopes of defending his Olympic title.

"Let's hope that the background from the fall will be enough to get him to the Olympics," said Fred Binggeli, the athletics coach at the University of Virginia where Ereng is a student. "He looked so much better Saturday than he did a week ago in practice."

1: Former world marathon champion Robert de Castella on Monday accused oganizers of the Olympics of commercializing the Games and ignoring athletes needs.

rra Business Council that the Games were becoming unmanageable and that it may be time for competitors to voice their concern.

De Castella, who will be competing in his fourth Olympic Games in Barcelona later this year, said the Olympics were "being manipulated by the corporate dollar."

The original ideal was that the Olympic games should be a festival and a celebration," he said, "Nowadays, though, they" re manipulated and virtually, controlled by the marathon was scheduled with primetime television and the closing ceremony in mind rather than

the athletes' well-being. "I found myself in the worst physical condition I'd ever been after a marathon, left alone to find my coach and my clothing, then shunted off so that officials could prepare for

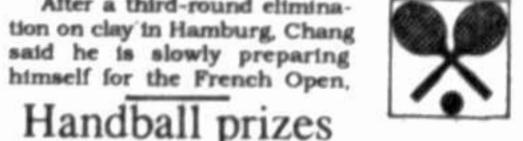
the ceremony. "It was a very distillusioning

experiences. But De Castella, general manager of the Australian Institute of Sport, said business could play a positive role in

Exhibition soccer Sports Reporter

Mansur Sporting Club drew

one Jim Courier more consistent and deserved counter. and former top-The 32-year-old Czechohis surprise victory over a ranked player lvslovak Lendi, seeded only player ranked in the top 10.



an Lend) cruised into the second round of the

He was late making the

Italian Open men's tournament today, reports Reuter. But 14th seeded Dutchman Richard Krajicek became the third seed to fall in the first

round when German Carl-Uwe Steeb beat him in three sets. Courier overcome a hesitant start against the dangerous Austrian Thomas Muster to

win 7-6 (7-1), 6-4. Muster, who won the title here in 1990, broke Courier in the third game as the American struggled to find his rhythm on a hot, breezy day. Courier broke back in the

eighth game and played the tie-break superbly to take the The world number one was declared the best player of broke Muster early in the third game of the second set with a

superb backhand half-volley

and then served out to take an number entertaining two-hour en-

> number nine here, disposed of Spaniard Jordi Arrese 6-1, 6-4 with the minimum of fuss.

Lendl has been troubled by the noisy Foro Italico crowds in past years and is playing this tournament for the first time since winning the title in An earlier Reuter report

said : Seeds Goran Ivanisevic and Guy Forget both failed to negotiate the first round of the tournament on Monday. lvanisevic, seeded seventh, succumbed in straight sets to Argentine Christian Minussi who is ranked more than 50

places below him in the world.

Spaniard Javier Sanchez

then sprang the second surprise of the day when he ousted French Davis Cup player Forget, the sixth seed, 7-5, 4-6, 6-4 in an absorbing match. Both men played attacking

tennis but Sanchez, ranked only 33 in the world, was the Fifth seeded American

Michael Chang came safely through with a 6-3, 2-6, 6-3 win over Argentine qualifier Gabriel Markus. German third seed Boris Becker withdrew at the last

minute with a thigh strain but world number one Jim Courier has come to Rome. The American is set to play Austrian Thomas Muster in an intriguing first round tie today.

tribute to Sanchez, whose brother Emilio won the title here last year. "He served very well and was steadier than me. That is what made the difference,"

The Frenchman was the

latest player to find the courts

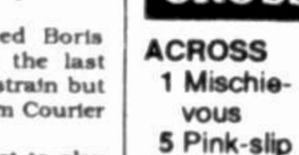
at the Foro Italico very fast for

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promised a quicker surface.

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The defeated Forget paid



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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 words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

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Today's Cryptoquip clue: V equals N

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The fourth-place finisher at mestically pending a final decision by the IAAF arbitration Castella slams Reynolds was talking to his Olympic organizers had already cost him some 300,000 pounds sterling CANBERRA, Australia, May (537,000 dollar) in legal fees De Castella told the Canbe-

Dejected Harry 'Butch' Reynolds, a US 400m and 4x400m world record holder, leaves the IAAF Bureau at 3 Hans Crescent in London on May 11, after an IAAF arbitration panel hearing confirmed he was guilty of drug taking in Monaco in 1990 when he was suspended for two years. He now misses the Barcelona Olympics. -AFP photo Reynolds vow to fight ban

name after a two-year ban for

LONDON, May 12: World 400 metres record holder Butch Reynolds is to continue the fight to clear his

doping was upheld on Monday, reports Reuter. The American said: "If I have to fight to my dying day to prove my innocence, I will do." He was speaking after the

International Amateur Athletic Federation's (IAAF) arbitration panel ruled at the end of a two-day meeting that the ban imposed from August, 1990. should stand, ruling Reynolds out of the Barcelona Olympics. Reynolds said: "Though I'm

"If they think I'm going to quit now they've got another thing coming - and I have faith I will still be competing in the Barcelona Olympics." Reynolds, 27, the 1988 Olympic silver medallist,

tested positive for the banned anabolic steroid Nandrolone at an athletics meeting in Monaco on August 12, 1990. His hopes of clearing his name and running in the

Olympics were raised in April

when the American governing

athletics body, The Athletics

Congress (TAC), gave Reynolds permission to run within the United States. TAC, citing what it called irregularities in the testing

panel. But his hopes were finally dashed when the arbitration panel's president Lauri Tarasti

told a news conference it had decided the suspension should We can not find any doubt about the reliability of the findings," Tarasti said

legal advisers on Monday about the possibility of taking his case to the courts. He said fighting the case

and lost endorsements and earnings. "But it's not the money that

after overcoming cancer 24 New York Games and the

> time to fund-raising. He will be running the New York City Marathon to help

"I think a man who had only three to six months to live two

not jeopardize my life by run-Nobody has encouraged me," he said. "In fact, some

sports, particularly by giving jobs to athletes.

> 1-1 with Ali Bhahar Jagaroni Khelaghar in an exhibition football match at the Shampur All Bhahar ground on Sunday last, says a press release.

State Minister for Textiles Maj (retd) M A Mannan (sitting, 4th from right) seen with the 1991-92 Cute First Division handball league champions Bangladesh Rifles team and other players who received their prizes at the NSC conference room yesterday. -Star photo