

World champs spoil Swedish dream



STOCKHOLM, June 23: World champions Germany shattered Sweden's mid-summer night's dream when they beat the hosts 3-2 on Sunday to reach the European Championship final, reports Reuter.

A goal apiece in the last two minutes kept the semifinal in the balance until the end although Germany always looked in command and thoroughly deserved victory.

the CIS — and goalkeeper Thomas Ravelli was nowhere near.

Italian referee Tullio Lanese was over-eager with his whistle, particularly in the first half when he booked four German players and Sweden's Roger Ljung.

Stefan Effenberg (fourth minute), Riedle (25th), Buchwald (36th) and Reuter (43rd) were all shown the yellow card — fortunately in each case for the first time in the tournament so none will be

forfeited for the final.

Ljung, one of three changes in the Swedish starting line-up from the one which beat England 2-1, was booked in the 15th minute and striker Martin Dahlin followed in the 67th.

German captain Andreas Brehme hammered a shot against the bar from a 39th minute free kick but his team had no more goals to show for their overwhelming superiority at the end of the first half.

Riedle appeared to have sealed it for Germany in the 59th minute when he applied the finishing touch to some great work by Matthias Sammer down on the left flank.

Haessler seized the opportunity when Swedish captain Jonas Thern lost possession and fed Sammer who wrong-footed the defence and set up the chance which Riedle gleefully converted.

Six minutes later Sweden pulled a goal back when Klas Ingesson clattered to the ground in the box as German sweeper Thomas Helmer lunged to rob him of the ball.

Tommas Brolin made no mistake with the resultant penalty and hoisted his tally for the tournament to three goals.

The Germans kept plugging away and were rewarded with their third goal in the 89th minute when Helmer made an excellent break on the right and supplied a great through-ball for Riedle to notch his third of the championship.

It looked all over for the Swedes but Kennet Andersson gave them a flicker of hope



certainty in our game which it took 45 minutes to cure. We needed Schwarz's strength and calm in our midfield today," Sweden manager Tompy Svensson said.

Jan Eriksson, their goal-scoring defender who needed stitches after the England match, was again hurt and needed treatment to staunch blood pouring down his face.

"We had big problems in the first half. This is partly a newly-composed team and they had difficulty in finding

sports right to bar athletes from competition.

"In the light of the interference from the civil courts in this case, the IAAF asks the United States Olympic Committee and TAC to engage as soon as possible the proper authorities in the US Government to enact legislation that will prevent civil courts from acting in the matters of amateur sports activities," the IAAF said.

If such legislation is not achieved, the Olympic Games in Atlanta in 1996 and other major amateur sports events in the United States will risk grave damage to their programmes and to the athletes' participation.

The Athletics Congress, track's US governing body, had

to let Reynolds run. But the IAAF's "contamination rule" would ban anyone who ran against the suspended athlete.

The IAAF polled its 25-member council, which agreed Tuesday to lift rule 53.1 (d) — the contamination rule — to allow TAC to go ahead with the four-time postponed trial later Tuesday.

The IAAF said the rule was being waived only for the New Orleans trials, noting that 36 other qualifiers for the 400-metre had "publicly declared their support for the IAAF's position and demonstrated their complete willingness to follow IAAF rules." Only Reynolds and his younger brother Jeff voted to run regardless of the IAAF ruling.

The IAAF said it waived the rule to "protect the best interests of its athletes and their possibility to qualify for the Games."

But the Council made plain Reynolds has no chance of competing in Barcelona.

"Regardless of the athlete Reynolds' eventual placing in the US Olympic trials, he will, in no way, be eligible to compete in the Olympic Games in Barcelona in as much as this event takes place before his suspension period expires," an IAAF statement said.

Reynolds' suspensions expires the week after the Games end on Aug 9. The IAAF, unhappy with Reynolds' use of the courts, said it will examine his "behavior in this case" at its next full Council meeting in Barcelona July 30.

Brad Hunt, Reynolds agent, says the runner has been told his suspension will be extended four years if he runs in New Orleans.

Reynolds, 28, from Akron, Ohio, set the world mark of 43.29 seconds at Zurich in 1988 — breaking Lee Evans' 20-year-old mark.

But a random test Aug 12, 1990 at a meet in Monte Carlo tested positive for nandrolone — a banned steroid.

He has always maintained his innocence, and appealed to TAC and to the IAAF for reinstatement. The appeals ultimately failed, and Reynolds went to the courts last week.



KARL-HEINZ RIEDLE



ANDREAS BREHME



MATTHIAS SAMMER



TOMMAS BROLIN

Thomas Haessler struck with an 11th-minute free-kick and Karlheinz Riedle scored twice in the second half to pilot the Germans to next Friday's final in Gothenburg against Denmark.

Haessler, who scored with a last-minute free-kick to squeeze a 1-1 draw against the CIS in Germany's Group Two opener, worked his magic once more after Riedle had been brought down by Jan Eriksson in front of the penalty area.

The pint-sized midfielder pounded his shot just inside the left post — swapping the corner he had picked against

when he bobbed up to meet a long, high ball from Ingesson, out-jumping keeper Bodo Illgner to head home and make it 3-2.

But more than two minutes into injury time the final whistle went to ensure that Germany, who beat the Swedes 3-1 here the last time they met in October 1990, would not suffer a repeat of their semifinal defeat by the Swedish hosts in the 1958 World Cup.

German team chief Berti Vogts said: "I'm very happy to have reached the final. The team was very strong."

"It was very important to believe in ourselves after the defeat by the reigning European champions (Netherlands). We proved we have a lot of substance and I congratulate my team for the way they defended and attacked."

Sweden were handicapped by the loss of influential midfielder Stefan Schwarz and defender Patrik Andersson, suspended for the match after receiving their second booking in the England game.

The absence of Schwarz and Andersson caused an un-

each other.

"But we shone in the second half and we can be proud that we put the world champions under pressure," Svensson said.

"I'm very proud of the performances of all our players in the second half. They all gave 100 per cent."

"But the world champions were the better team. They had the power and security and it was a fair result."

TEAMS

SWEDEN: Thomas Ravelli, Roland Nilsson, Jan Eriksson, Joachim Bjorklund, Roger Ljung, Joakim Nilsson (Anders Limpa 60), Klas Ingesson, Jonas Thern, Kennet Andersson, Tommas Brolin, Martin Dahlin (Johnny Ekstrom 73).

GERMANY: Bodo Illgner, Stefan Reuter, Thomas Helmer, Juergen Kohler, Guido Buchwald, Andreas Brehme, Matthias Sammer, Stefan Effenberg, Thomas Haessler, Karlheinz Riedle, Juergen Klinsmann (Thomas Doll 90).

Referee: Tullio Lanese (Italy).

Slaney's dream refuses to die

NEW ORLEANS, June 23: Mary Slaney hasn't given up on her Olympic Dream, not even after it dimmed a bit more Monday night, reports AP.

Slaney finished sixth in the women's 3,000, crossing the finish line in a slow 9 minutes, 2.6 seconds — more than a half a lap behind the leaders.

Patti Sue Plumer was first in 8:40.98 — the fastest time in the United States this season and second in the world for 1992. Shelly Steely was second in 8:41.28, Annette Peters third in 8:42.31.

"I guess I just didn't feel very good," Slaney said. "When I don't feel good, it's hard to push myself because I normally do feel good."

Except may be when it comes to the Olympics.

Slaney suffered severe leg pain and missed qualifying for the Montreal Olympics in 1976. In 1977, she discovered the pain was caused by compartment syndrome, a condition when the tissues surrounding the muscles fail to expand with the muscle's growth. Surgery corrected the problem and she set a world mile record of 4:21.7 in 1980.

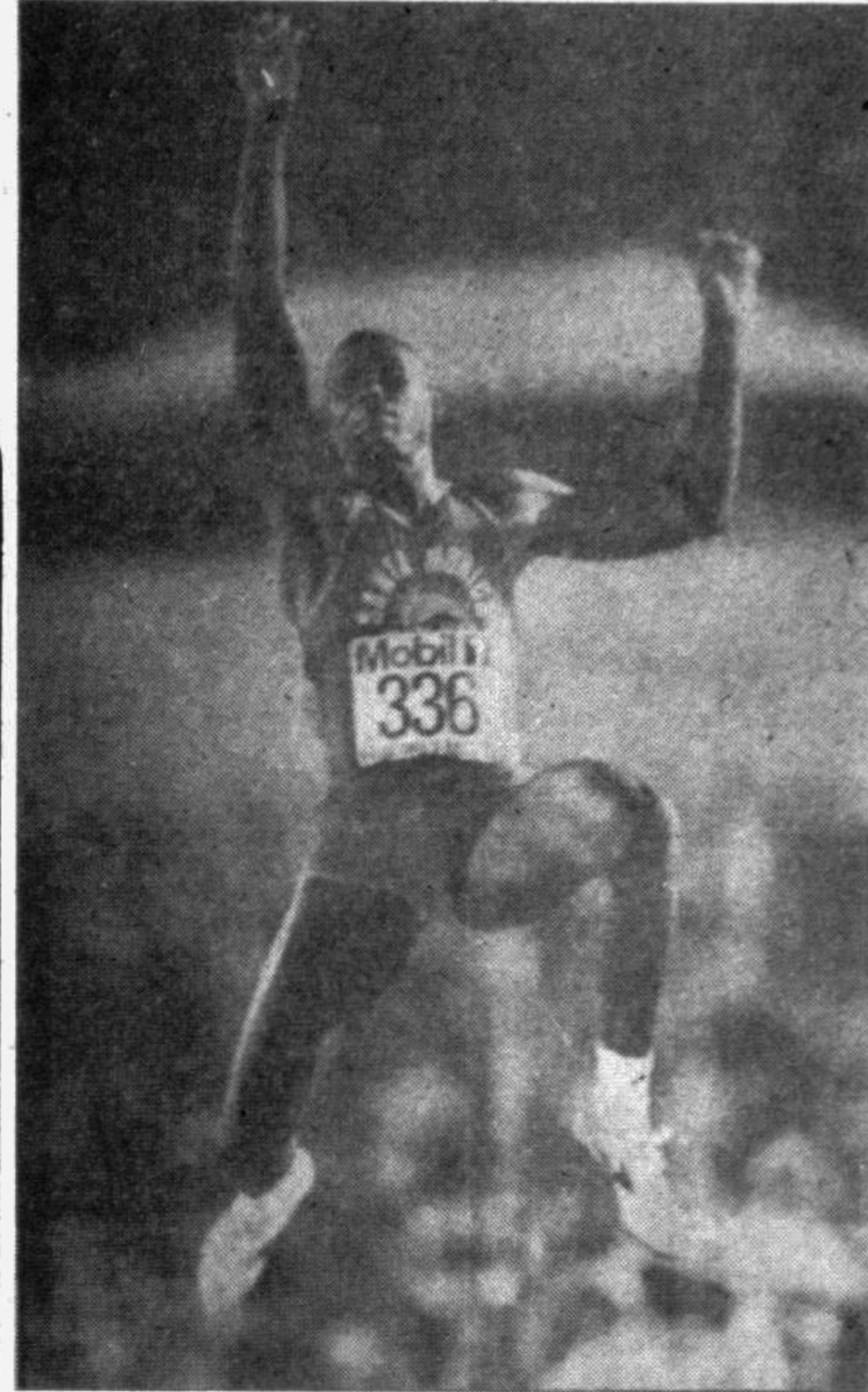
Slaney didn't go to the 1980 Olympics in Moscow because of the US boycott. In 1984 she looked like a sure bet for an Olympic medal, but a collision with Zola Budd in the 3,000-metre run destroyed that dream. Then after qualifying for the 1988 Olympics, Slaney contracted a virus and didn't recover in time for the Games.

Her hopes in the 3,000 Monday were done in by a lack of conditioning, she said. Slaney had foot surgery March 4 — her 14th operation — to repair a partially torn tendon in her left foot. The injury had kept her from training for two months before surgery and she needed a month to recuperate from the operation, she said.

"I was pushing it to try to get ready for the trials," she said.

Slaney took an early lead in the 3,000 and opened it to six metres before the other runners began to close in on her in the third lap. By the fourth lap she had faded to sixth.

"If I'd gone out slower I'd probably have run a better race," she said. "But that's not me. My strategy was to stay ahead of the pack and out of trouble," she said.



Carl Lewis makes a leap during the long jump of the US track and field trials in New Orleans on Monday. Lewis qualified but did not make the automatic distance of 8.3 metres. — AFP photo

Dogged Danes derail the Dutch



GOTHENBURG, Sweden, June 23: Denmark stunned the Dutch titleholders on Monday, sending them tumbling out of the European Championship in a dramatic semifinal settled by a penalty shoot-out, reports Reuter.

The Danes won 5-4 on spot kicks after a superb match had finished level at 2-2 following extra time.

The relatively unknown Henrik Larsen was as unlikely a hero for Denmark as superstar Marco Van Basten was an improbable villain for the Dutch.

Big midfielder Larsen scored both Denmark's goals in the first half and blasted home his team's first penalty in the shoot-out to see them, on their way.

But Van Basten, twice European footballer-of-the-year but without a single goal in the tournament, could only manage a feeble effort with the second kick for the Dutch. Danish keeper Peter Schmeichel dived to his left to save.

Once all the other penalties were converted, it was left to defender Kim Christofte to take the glory by decisively striking home the fifth and winning kick.

The goalsparked joyous celebrations among thousands of Danish fans in the Ullevi Stadium, rejoicing at their country's first ever appearance in a major final.

The Dutch, surprisingly outplayed for long periods of the match, had twice levelled through Dennis Bergkamp and Frank Rijkaard.

Rijkaard's goal, which he scrambled home from a corner, came only four minutes

from the end of normal time when Denmark had already seemed virtually home and dry.

The only black spot of the night for Denmark was a serious injury to defender Henrik Andersen who was carried off in the second half.

Earlier he had been booked for the second time in the tournament and would have been suspended for Friday's final against world champions Germany in Gothenburg.

Bergkamp equalised in the 24th minute with a shot from the edge of the box after Rijkaard headed on a cross from Rob Witschge.

But Larsen put the brilliant Danes ahead once more nine minutes after. Striker Flemming Povsen sent the ball over from the left, Laudrup headed on and Ronald Koeman could only clear to the edge of the area where Larsen lashed home number two.

said: "When they equalised I saw many of my players were running out of gas."

"I didn't think we had enough left to score another goal but I believed in my defence and I knew we had a good keeper to rely on in the penalties."

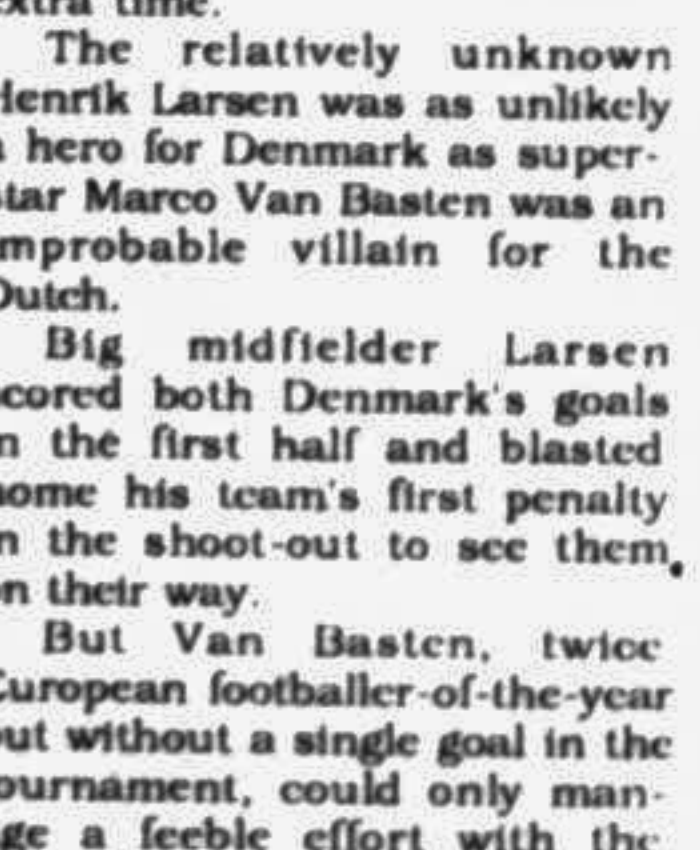
"I never thought of reaching the final before this tournament started. My brain wasn't big enough to think that far ahead."

Dutch trainer Rinus Michels, who retired after a long and distinguished career after the match, said his team had started badly.

"The Dutch team didn't play well in the first half," he said. "They thought they could beat the Danes just by playing football."

"But Denmark showed that football is also about fighting. To dominate the game you have to win the battles and we were losing most of them in the first half."

"I thought we could win in extra time because one or two of the Danish players were on their knees. But I have to congratulate the Danes for their heroic fighting."



MARCO VAN BASTEN



FRANK RIJKAARD



HENRIK LARSEN

With Povsen spearheading the Danish attack, a Dutch defence which had only conceded one goal in three earlier games, looked totally vulnerable to the swift inter-passing movements of the dazzling Danes.

Van Basten was almost completely blotted out of the match by reserve defender Torben Piechnik, playing only because Kent Nielsen failed a late fitness test.

Danish trainer Richard Moeller Nielsen said Andersen was in hospital with a bad knee injury which would probably need an operation immediately.

"For the spectators it must have been a terrific night," he

sentenced without delay.

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— De Klerk should assume personal responsibility for the security forces pending agreement with other parties on joint control of the police and army.

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"If our Olympic Committee does not withdraw the team, then it must be expelled," Tutu said, adding that he would seek an urgent meeting with De Klerk to discuss the violence.

Div II b'ball league begins

Sports Reporter

The 1992 Second Division basketball league began yesterday with Kurmitola Young Star registering an exciting 33-29 win over Mitford Friends Club in the inaugural match.

The winners led the first half 14-13.

Atiqul and Shoab topped scored with 10 points each for the winners while Khairul and Nahid scored 10- and 9 points respectively for the losers.

Ten teams are taking part in this year's league. They are, Kurmitola Young Star, Mitford Friends Club, Rising Force SC, MOCDC Club, Thunders Club, St. Joseph's Jazz Club, Fleet Club, Flame Boys Club, Kurmitola Apollo Club and Bakshi Bazar Club the top two teams will be promoted to the First Division league next year.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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15 Broadway musical
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18 Marten's cousin
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21 Particular time
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36 Fine chinaware
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40 Slack
41 Skid Row

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Kapil's soccer mission

MUMBAI, June 23: Star cricketer Kapil Dev yesterday formally joined East Bengal Club and hoped that his decision to play soccer would popularise the game in the country, reports PTI.

"I am not a great player, but I had a deep desire to play football since my childhood, I will be glad if I can help to popularise the game," Kapil Dev told pressmen shortly after registering with the club.

He said another reason why he had taken to football was his keenness to understand games other than cricket in view of his plans to set up a sports academy in Haryana and Calcutta.

The former India captain flew in from Delhi yesterday morning to sign up for the club in accordance with the IFA rules, but will have to wait for a week before he gets a chance to exhibit his football skills.

The standard of Indian soccer, Kapil felt, was gradually deteriorating and it was necessary to spot young talents and set up football institutions for the promotion of the game.

Asked in which position he will play, the ace all-rounder said "I can play anywhere, but it is up to the coach to decide. In my school days, I used to be the goalkeeper and my opponents could hardly score."

Kapil Dev said he was not interested in the financial terms of the contract and had not even asked a single penny from the club. "Whatever amount they give me will be donated to sports institutions for the promotion of football," he added.

He also claimed that he was greatly interested in international football and rated Diego Maradona of Argentina as his favourite.

The 33-year-old all-rounder will join the team on Friday for a practice session and make his football debut on June 28 in an exhibition match at the Salt Lake Stadium.



Wednesday

00:00	Wimbledon Early Rounds — LIVE
03:00	Tennis Legends
03:30	European Soccer
04:30	Best of 1992 Winter Olympics
06:30	Wimbledon Highlights
07:30	Grand Prix Sailing
08:00	Wimbledon Highlights
09:00	Tennis: ATP Magazine
10:00	Prime Bodies
10:30	Wimbledon Early Rounds
16:30	Lure of the Wild
17:00	Wimbledon Highlights
18:00	Prime Bodies
18:30	Talking Baseball
19:00	Best of 1992 World Cup Cricket
21:00	Wimbledon Early Rounds — LIVE

(Please deduct 2 hours from above timings for Bangladesh Standard Time)

Tutu calls for S Africa's expulsion

CAPE TOWN, June 23: Archbishop Desmond Tutu said on Monday South Africa should be expelled from the Olympics if President F W de Klerk failed to take at least one of three steps to end violence before the Games begin in July, reports Reuter.

"When we return to the Olympics... we cannot do it with the country in a state of national mourning for our dead

and while we are caught up in a deepening political crisis," Tutu said in a sermon in Cape Town.

Tutu, winner of the 1984 Nobel Peace Prize, said political leaders had to end bickering and insults over the causes of violence that has killed about 120 people in a week.

At least 39 blacks died in a massacre in the Boipatong shanty settlement near Johannesburg last week.

"Those who choose to insulate themselves from the suffering and grief caused by this horrific slaughter must realise they cannot have both a Boipatong and Barcelona," Tutu said.

He set three conditions for South Africa's participation in the Olympics for the first time in 32 years:

— the perpetrators of the Boipatong massacre should be found, tried, convicted and

sentenced without delay.

— there should be multi-party agreement among groups negotiating for democracy on the deployment of an international monitoring force in areas hit by violence.

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New events in Hiroshima Games

HIROSHIMA, June 23: The Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) said yesterday it has officially decided to include kabaddi, scapik takraw and taekwondo in the 1994 Hiroshima Asian Games, reports Kyodo.

CRYPTOQUIP

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Today's Cryptoquip clue: J equals W

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.