#### Div II soccer league from tomorrow

Sports Reporter

The long-awaited Second Division football league, under the aegis of the Dhaka Metropolis Football Association (DMFA), will finally begin from tomorrow at the Dhaka Sta dium with Prantik Krira Chakra playing Rayerbazar AC at 4:30 pm and the Muslim Institute taking on Shantinagar Club in the two matches scheduled for the opening day.

The league, originally scheduled on August 14 start, was deferred till August 21. But the dawn-to-dusk hartal called by the opposition parties on Thursday last and other problems regarding the venue compelled DMFA to shift the date yet again.

Sixteen teams -- split into two groups - will take part in the meet.

Prantik Krira Chakra, Muslim Institute, Chalantika Krira Chakra, Lalbag Sporting Club, City Club, Azad Sporting Club, Shantinagar Club and Rayerbazar Club have been placed in Group A.

East End Club, Dhaka WASA football team, Jurain Janata Club, Bangladesh Boys Club, Malibag Abhijatrik, East Benga SC and new-comers Mahakhali XI and BG Press S&RC have been clustered in Group B.

•The top four teams from each group will play in the super league with the champions and runners-up moving into the prestigious First Division league next season.

However, the league programme will remain sus pended on August 26 because of the inaugural ceremony of the eight-team finals of the Ma-o-Moni Gold Cup national under-14 competition.

The league programme will resume from August 27 at the Dhaka Stadium with East End Club facing BG Press at 3:00 pm and Dhaka WASA clashing with Mahakhali XI in the Group B fixtures.

The Ma-o-Moni meet is likely to be conducted at the Dhaka Hockey Stadium, thereby leaving room for the Second Division football league.

Two matches will be played daily at 3:00 pm and 4:30 pm respectively. Each match will be of 75

minute duration including a five-minute breather. The fixtures will be shifted

bodily in case a match is postponed or called off due to 'unavoidable circumstances'.

However, the fixture chalked out by the tournament committee and circulated yes terday is not complete.

#### Rasul to leave for Germany on Aug 26

National volleyball coach Golam Rasul Khan Mehdt will leave for Germany on August 26 to participate in an international training course for volleyball coaches, reports

The five-month training course will be held in the German College of Physical Culture at the University of Letpzing from August 31, 1992 to January 30, 1993.

Federal Republic of Germany extended the training facilities in different sports disciplines, including swimming, football, volleyball and boxing.

Golam Rasul Mehdi, who took diploma in volleyball coaching from Patiala in India in 1982-83 session, trained the national volleyball team for last several years. Under his coaching, Titas Club emerged Metropolis First Division league champions last year.

### Qualifying competition for '94 World Cup

# Bangladesh in Group Six

Sports Reporter

The United Arab Emirates will clearly start as the favourites given the exposure they received in the last World Cup in Italy doing a world of good for their confidence. Although their performance at the highest level of competition was not encouraging yet the tough UAE players will enjoy an edge over the other bidders among whom Japan are likely to stake the

strongest claim. Of late Japan have asserted their position in Asia as a fast developing footballing nation. Former England international and one of the top names of the game Gary Lineker recently signed for Japanese club Grampus 8. Although Lineker's decision to seek a career in the Japanese league for a huge remuneration has apparently got nothing to do with the standard of the Japanese national football team the generic booster it gave to football in that country can hardly be overlooked. And, of course, one should not forget the laudatory words the best player of 1986 World Cup had for the standard of Japanese football.

Once rated to be at par with Bangladesh in soccer strength, Thailand took the sports lovers by storm a couple of months back when they defeated twotime Asian representatives in the World Cup -1986 in Mexico and 1990 in Italy - South Korea in the qualifying meet for the Asian Cup. Needless to say that Bangladesh will find them extremely difficult to handle in neutral grounds.

With the chances of making it to the final round of the

greatest soccer competition theoretically ruled out the silver lining in the cloud regarding Bangladesh's participation in the qualifying round is their prospects against unfancted Shri Lanka, Bangladesh can leave for Tokyo next year harbouring pleasant hopes of carving out wins against Shri Lanka but who knows what awaits them in the far away land in the distant future.

Following is the fixture of the two rounds of the Group F qualifying meet.

#### FIRST ROUND (IN JAPAN)

Japan vs Thailand Shri Lanka vs UAE 11/4/93 Japan vs Bangladesh Thailand vs Shri Lanka

13/4/93 UAE vs Thailand Shri Lanka vs Bangladesh

15/4/93 Japan vs Shri Lanka UAE vs Bangladesh 18/4/93 Japan vs UAE Thailand vs Bangla

#### SECOND ROUND (IN UAE)

Japan vs Thailand Shri Lanka vs UAE Japan vs Bangladesh UAE vs Thailand

Shri Lanka vs Thai-UAE vs Bangladesh

Japan vs Shri Lanka Thailand vs Bangla-7/5/93 Shri Lanka vs

Bangladesh UAE vs Japan

# BHF breaches its own rules



Lanka on May 7.

The advent of democracy seems to have triggered off lawlessness throughout the country, a hypo-

Bangladesh have

been placed in

with the United

Arab Emirates

(UAE), one of

Group F along

the two Asian representatives

in the 1990 World Cup, Japan,

Thailand, and Shri Lanka to try

their luck for a berth in the

next World Cup in the USA as

one of the two Asian qualifiers.

too pessimistic to say that

Bangladesh's chance to sneak

in to the finals of World Cup

1994 is begotten by despair

upon impossibility yet past

records murmur that hope will

be no doubt the hope for the

The first round of the dou-

ble-leg qualifying competition

will begin in Tokyo, Japan on

April 8 next year. Placed in the

last of the six groups of the

qualifiers, Bangladesh will play

their first match against hosts

Bangladesh will take on

The UAE will be the third

the first round will be

The second round of the

Japan will again be

Bangladesh's opposition on

April 30. Bangladesh will meet

hosts UAE on May 3. Two days

later Bangladesh will take on

Thailand while their last

match will be against Shri

Group F matches will begin

minnows Shri Lanka on April

opponents for Bangladesh on

April 15 while the last match

played between Bangladesh

and Thatland on April 18.

April 28 in the UAE.

wrong thing.

Japan on April 11.

Although one should not be

thesis that assumed the proportion of a fact yesterday following an arbitrary, highhanded decision by the Bangladesh Hockey Federation officials regarding the fate of the first semi-final match of the twelfth national youth under-18 hockey championships.

The first semi-final between Dhaka DSA and Jessore DSA fell through as the wrangle over the legitimacy of two Dhaka players on age grounds led to the cancellation of the

Newly-promoted

crushed Leeds

United 4-1, in-

flicting the first

defeat of the season on the

champions, while Coventry

beat Wimbledon to move clear

at the top of the English

Premier League on Saturday.

Oldham joined in the goal

spree, threashing Nottingham

Forest 5-3, but Manchester

United picked up their first

point of the season with a

struggling 1-1 draw at home to

new boys Blacksburn contin-

victory at home over

Manchester City thanks to a

69th minute goal from Mike

cent record, held 1-1 at home

by Everton, leaving Coventry -

who struggled to avoid relega-

tion last season — as the only

side with three wins from

ued their fine start with a 1-0

Kenny Dalglish's millionaire

reports Reuter.

lpswich.

Middlesbrough

Sports Reporter day's fixture.

Ehtesham and Nastr of Dhaka were declared ineligible by the doctor on field in the earlier match of the defending champions — the players being deemed over aged

However, the players were given the green signal by the tournament committee offi cials. The move was a gross vi olation of the bye law 6 (B) which says that the participating players must be certified by the doctor as regards the age limit which is a maximum of 18 years for this tourna-

With the law stating that the doctor's verdict is final; the officials' decision to overplayers to take part was a flagrant violation of the statutes.

Yesterday's crisis deepened when Jessore justifiably protested against the participation of the two players with one of them - Ehtesham reportedly being 23 years of

A meeting of the league committee upheld the earlier BHF decision of allowing the two players to take part in the competition. According to the latest development, the put-off match will now be held today at 2 pm at the Hockey Sta-

The second semifinal, between Raishahi and Faridpur, will be held as per the schedule at 4 pm today at the same

#### Discussion meeting on 'Olympics and Bangladesh'

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The Bangladesh Sports Writers' Association (BSWA) will arrange a discussion meeting on the topic 'Olympics and Bangladesh' at the National Sports Council conference room on August 27 at 4 pm, says a BSWA press release.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain Khoka will be present at the meeting as chief guest.

Otas Kamal Chowdhury and Bashir Ahmed, the president and the secretary general of the Bangladesh Olympic Association respectively are also expected.

#### Bayern Munich on winning streak

BONN, Aug 23: Bayern Munich beat Kaisersalutern 1-0 on Saturday and upheld the only 100 per cent record in the German soccer First Division after just two matches, reports Reuter.

Bruno Labbadia netted the 20th minute goal which took Bayern clear at he top as the fortunes of the great Munich club looked brighter after their disastrous last season when they went through three trainers and finished a dismal 10th in the Bundesliga.

"We saw a very good First Division match in the first half, controlled by my team", Bayern trainer Erich Ribbeck said after the home win. "In the second half we never regained that certainty and came under heavy pressure."

Fritz Walter, top Bundesliga markesman last season, scored twice to lead defending champions VFB Stuttgart to a 3-0 home win over Nure

Stuttgart, held to a 1-1 draw by Hamburg in their opening match, slotted into second place behind Bayern.

Walter struck his first goal in the seventh minute and added the second 11 minute later against a weak Nure mberg side. Swiss international Adrian Knup made it 3-0 10 minutes from the end.

"Our game just muddled along after the first half." Stuttgart trainer Christoph Daum said.

Eric Wynaida, newly signed U S international scored in the 38th and 75th minuets to give Saarbruecken a 2-0 home win over Karlsruhe and hoist the little club into third place.

#### Colombian, Uruguay qualify for final round

MEDELLIN, Colombia, Aug 23: Chile beat Peru 2-0 and Colombia and Uruguay played to a scoreless draw in the final Group A matches of the South American under 20 soccer championship on Saturday, reports Reuter.

qualified for the final round, which will be played next week. Brazil has already qualifled from Group B and the final qualifier will be decided today. The top three teams in the

Colombia and Uruguay both

tournament, which lasts until August 30, will qualify for the world under -20 soccer championship to be held in Australia in March, 1993. Final Group A standings

tabulate under played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, goals against, points): 3 2 1 0 4 1 5 Colombia

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### Sanchez set to give Seles a hard time

MONTREAL, Aug 23: Top seed Monica Seles and second seed Arantxa Sanchez Vicario fulfilled expectations on Saturday as they posted straight set victories to advance to a final round meeting at the 550,000 dollar Canadian Open women's tennis championships, reports Reuter.

World number one Seles reached her 26th final in her last 27 tournaments over the last two years with a 6-3, 6-4 win over eighth-seeded American Lori McNeil.

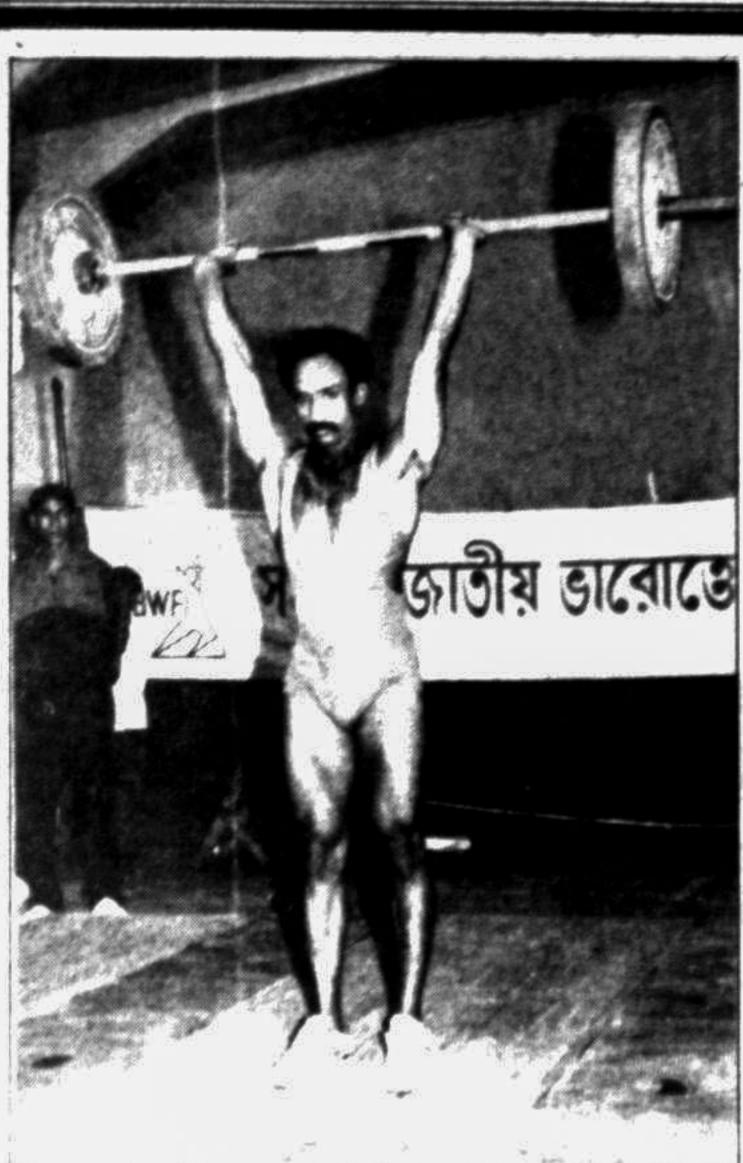
Fifth-ranked Sanchez completed her march to the final without the loss of a set by bouncing seventh seed Helena Sukova of Czechoslovakia 6-2, Today, the Spaniard will

attempt to avenge last week's semifinal loss to Seles in Los Angeles. "Last week I made 43 un-

forced errors," said Sanchez, who has failed in 10 attempts to beat Seles. "I was tired from the Olympics not physically. but mentally. I was not fresh. I feel much better now."

Seles never looked in trouble despite an admitted mental let-down in the second set. "I definitely went away a little bit," Seles said of a 5-2 lead that shrank to 5-4 before she

served out the match. The whole week I haven't Sampras, US Open winner been playing well," Seles said



BTMC lifter Sheikh Nazimuddin makes a successful lift on his way to setting up two nat'l records on the opening day of the 17th national championships at the NSC gymasium - Star photo

#### Div III soccer Sports Reporter

Matuail Juba Sangha beat Aminbazar Krira Sangstha by two goals to nil in one of the three matches of the 1992 Pragati Insurance Third

Division football league at the Outer Stadium yesterday. Shafiqui Alam Tito put Matuail ahead in the very fifth minute of play while Mizanur Rahman completed the tally

for the winners in the 16th minute of the second session. Bazlur Rahman and Gopal Chandra Das of Matuati and Mujibur Rahman of Aminbazar

were shown the yellow cards. East End Boys Club shared points with Maghbazar Kishalaya Sangha in a goalless

draw at the same venue. Aslam and Zahidur Rahman Jewel of East End were booked for rough play.

The result of the other match of the day between Little Friends' Club and Dilkusha Sporting Club at the Mahakhali T & T ground was not available.

#### TODAY'S MATCHES

Rahmatganj SC Vs Lalmatia Club (3 pm : Outer Stadium) Dhaka SC vs Maghbazar KC (4:30 pm : Outer Stadium)

Purbachal vs Gandaria Famous (4 pm : T & T Ground)

#### OK Sports soccer Sports Reporter

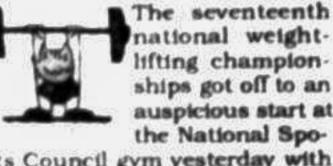
Liton Smriti Sangsad made their way into the final beating Jagroto Sangsad 5-4 in the tiebreakers in the first semifinal of the OK Sports Cup soccer tournament played at the Tongi Poura ground yesterday.

# 5 nat'l records on the opening day

Sports Reporter

finals. And true to form, Nizam

in the first of the day's three



rts Council gym yesterday with five new national marks being rewritten on the opening day of the three-day meet. Kajal Dutta of Bangladesh

Ansars, competing in the 52 kg class, lifted 85 kgs in the snatch - 2.5 kgs more than the existing mark of 82.5 kg set by Sheikh Nizamuddin of BTMC. Kajal also shattered his own national mark for the jerk by lifting 103 kgs, 500 grams more than the previous record. The total gave Kajal Dutta yet another nutional mark, his aggregate of 188 kgs being 1.5 kgs more than Sheikh Nizamuddin's record total in the 14th nationals held in 1988.

Sheikh Nizamuddin, who has since moved up to the 56kg class must have got his motivation to put his name back in the record books after watching Kajal Dutta erasing it

who is now a coach, lifted 120 kgs with his jerk, a good ten kilograms more than the previous mark of 110 kgs set by Faruq Sarkar Kajal in 1988. Nizam managed only 90 kgs in the snatch to give him a total of 210 kgs, which is 7.5 kgs more than the existing mark However, Faruq Sarkar still holds the national record for the snatch in this weight category with a lift of 92.5 kgs. Md. Abu Hannan of Ansars

took the silver with a total of 195 kgs (87.5 + 107.5) while Md. Faruq Hossain of Dhaka City Corporation took the bronze with a total of 165.5 The day's last event saw

Habibur Rahman of Bangladesh Army claiming the gold medal in the 60-kg category with a total of 208 kgs. He lifted 93 kg in the snatch and 115 kg in the terk.

The silver went to teammate Bablur Rahman who totalled 201 kgs while Harunur

Rashid of Ansars picked up the bronze with a lift of 200.5 kgs. Md. Muniruzzaman Mushtag of Kushtia DSA settled for the silver with a lift totalling 170 kgs while his teammate Manulal Sarkar gave Kushtia its

second medal by taking the bronze with a total of 155.5 Sixty-three lifters representing 11 teams are competing in ten weight division in the three-day meet organised

by the Bangladesh Weightlifting Federation. The teams are Bangladesh Army, Bangladesh Ansars, BTMC, Dhaka City Corporation, Dinajpur DSA, Kushtia DSA, Pabna, Mcherpur, Mymensingh, Rajshahi University and Bangladesh Police.

Three finals — in the 67.5 kg. 75 kg and 82.5 kg - are scheduled for today.

The meet was formally inaugurated vesterday morning by Gias Kamal Chowdhury, chief of the Bangladesh Olympic Association.

Because salaries in the

German soccer league are a

fraction of those paid in Italy,

most of Germany's top soccer

players have spent the prime

of their careers in Italy. Almost

the entire German national

## Matthaeus to rejoin Bayern Munich



FRANKFURT, Aug 23: Lothar Matthacus, captain of Germany's World Cup champion-

team, will return to the FC Bayern Munich of the German Bundesliga, the club's vicepresident Franz Beckenbauer said on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Beckenbauer told the German television station Sat-1 that an agreement had been reached that would bring Matthaeus, 31, back to the club he left in 1988 for the lucrative Italian League.

"We are actually in agreement, even for the transfer fee. Beckenbauer was quoted as saying in the interview. But Beckenbauer said a

written agreement had not yet been signed. "But we will take care of that next week," he added.

He provided no financial

Matthaeus was named the world-footballer-of-1990 after leading Germany to the World Cup championship in 1990. He has played for Inter Milan in Italy since 1988, where his contract is said to be worth 3.3 million dollar per year.

Rumours that Matthaeus, who has been out of action since tearing a ligament in his right knee in April, would return to Bayern Munich have been swirling throughout the German and Italian soccer leagues for weeks.

Because of the knee injury, Matthaeus did not play in the European Championship in June, where Germany was upset in the final by Denmark.

Matthaeus, who took much of the blame for Inter Milan's failure to qualify for European



LOTHAR MATTHAEUS

Championships last year, said as carly as May 1991 that he would be leaving Milan. He said at the time he expected to move to Real Madrid.

\*Sooner or later they will see that I cannot be stopped from leaving," Matthaeus said then. "And what would Inter do with a player who is not happy?"

On top of the 3.3 million dollar salary, Real was reported ready to pay Inter Milan an 8.8 million dollar trans-

team plays in the Italian Matthaeus' return to Munich would not only be a tremendous boost for the Bavarians but for the German League as well. Berti Vogts, coach of the German national team, and

many other leading soccer figures in Germany have long lamented the exodus of top stars to Italy. Vogts has said he has tried, with little success, to persuade younger German stars to stay.

\*But when they pay net annual salaries upto three million marks (1.7 million dollar), I'm wasting my breath," Vogts

Bayern Munich, which went through three trainers last season to finish in tenth place, has been under pressure to return to its winnings ways. After winning five championships between 1985 and 1990, it stumbled the last

Manager Uli Hoeness has responded by spending 22 million marks (15 million dollar) to buy the club out of trou-

They have won the first two games of the season, beating 1991 champion Kaiserslautern 1-0 on Saturday.

28 minutes in a rematch of last

could have gone the other

way," acknowledged Sampras.

"This was a match that

Becker controlled the first

"I had maybe too much re-

spect for him," Sampras said of

set with an effective serve even

though Sampras managed to

year's final here.

take it to a tiebreak.

### Sampras takes on Courier to retain title



INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana, Aug 23: Defending champion Pete Sampras clawed his way to a three-set

victory over Boris Becker and Jim Courier struggled past a pesky Todd Martin on Saturday as the top seeds set up a final round showdown at the US Hardcourt Tennis Championships, reports Reuter.

Second seed Sampras railied for a dramatic 6-7, 6-2, 7-6 win over third seed Becker as he continued to play himself into top form ahead of the US Open, which begins in nine

in 1990, will be going for

back-to-back titles today after his victory at the ATP Championships in Ohio last

World number one Courier needed over two and a half hours and two tiebreaks to down the 125th-ranked Martin and reach his first final since winning the French

"We practice a lot together and he's always tough. It's just a few points here and there, said Courier, who took the tiebreaks 7-5 and 7-4 to keep Martin from his first final.

"Today it went my way." Courier said. "Tiebreakers are really a roll of the dice."

Sampras and Brecker battled fiercely for two hours and

the first set. "Boris is so powerful off the ground I was trying to go for too much." The American thoroughly

dominated the second set to level the match. But in the third, high quality tennis was on display on both sides of the

A thrilling moment of yesterday's Third Division football league match between East End Club and Maghbazar Kishalaya Sangha at the Outer Stadium. The match ended in a — Star photo goalless draw.

rule the doctor and allow the Middlesbrough put four past Leeds LONDON, Aug 23: three games after they won 2-

l at Wimbledon. Leeds, who snatched the title from Manchester United in the final stages of last season, were rocked by two goals in the eighth and ninth minutes from Paul Wilkinson, courtesy

goal 10 minutes later.

after just 13 minutes through

Coventry, revitalised by new

They made it 2-0 when Robert Rosario fired through 20 seconds after half time.

strike from Ruel Fox.

of crosses from Tommy Wright

who also scored in the 47th. John Hendrie put Middlesbrough 4-0 up in the 59th minute before French international Striker Eric Cantona scored a consolation

manager Bobby Guld, who guided Wimledon to FA Cup glory in 1988, took the lead

Mickey Gynn. goalkeeper Hans Segers's legs Norwich lost their 100 per Norwich, who formed an unlikely front running duo with Coventry, remained second on goal difference after coming back from conceding a 55th

minute goal to Everton's Peter

Beardsly with a 69th minute

Manchester United faced a

Queen's Park Rangers moved into place with a 3-2 victory over Sheffield United earned seven minutes from time by Dennis Bailey's winner. Sheffield strikes led the

Wednesday's David Hirst hitting two for the second time in two games. Wednesday, third in the

league last season, drew 3-3 with Chelsea after throwing away a 2-0 halftime lead and needing an 81st minute strike

in a 15-minute burst.

Crystal Palace. Tottenham's new captain Neil Ruddock and Palace's

Sunday Olham stunned Nottingham Forest with three goals in the final 14 minutes of the first half from Neil Adams, Graeme Sharp and Nick Henry and stroke to a 5-0 lead with two

with three goals in the last 24 minutes, two from substitute Gary Bannister and a penalty by England defender Stuart Aberdeen went top of the

Scottish Premier League on

goal difference with a 2-1

home victory over Dundee as

Celtic battled to a 1-1 draw at

Glasgow rivals Rangers.

scored Aberdeen's equaliser and Finland's Mixu Pattelainen hit the winner.

third successive defeat when they went behind To Chris Kiwomya's 56th minute goal but full back Denis Irwin scored two minutes later.

Premier League's goal-scoring chart with United's Brian Deane grabbing his fourth of the season against Rangers and

from Danny Wilson to claim a Vinny Jones, Graham Stuart and Edward Newton had put Chelsea ahead after the break

Gordon Durie scored Tottenham's first goal of the season while goalkeeper Eric Thorsitvedit saved his second penalty in four days, but Spurs needed a last-minute goal from Steve Sedgley to earn a point in a 2-2 draw with

Andy Thorn were sent off after 68 minutes for fighting. Arsenal, with no points and joint bottom of the league with Wimbledon, visit Liverpool on

more from gunner Halle and Paul Bernard by the 59th. Forest finally responded

Striker Duncan Shearer