

### Zhao overpowers Wiranata to win Konica Cup

SINGAPORE, Sept 27: China's Zhao Jianhua defeated Indonesia's Ardy Wiranata 15-3, 15-1 Sunday for the men's singles championship of the Konica Cup badminton tournament, reports AP.

China also won the women's singles and men's doubles.

In an all-Chinese women's singles final, Ye Zhaoying beat Han Jingna 8-11, 11-2, 11-3.

Chen Kang and Chen Hongyong downed Thailand's Pramote Thirawitana and Sakarapee Thongsari 15-8, 15-6 for the men's doubles title.

English pair Gillian Clark and Gillian Gowers defeated China's Chen Ying and Sheng Wengling 16-18, 15-4, 15-8 in the women's doubles final.

For the mixed doubles title, Sweden's Per Gunnar Jonsson and Maria Bengtsson defeated South Koreans Lee Sang-bok and Gil Young-ah 15-3, 15-10.

More than 100 players from 14 countries competed in the US \$15 90,000 tournament.

### Div III soccer Sports Reporter

Matuail Juba Sangha shared points with Badda Jagaroni Sangha in a one-all draw in the only match of the Pragati Insurance Third Division super league at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday.

Matuail led 1-0 at the breather. Abdul Karim Mintu put Matuail ahead in the 11th minute while Rashid restored parity for Badda in the 17th minute of the second half.

Hazrat Ali, Mintu and Swapan of Matuail Juba Sangha and Mofazzal Haider of Badda Jagaroni Sangha were booked by referee Sheikh Badruddin for rough play.

Two matches will be held today. Gandaria Famous Sporting Club will play Kadamtala Sangsad at 2:30 pm and Maghbazar Kishalay Sangha will take on Bashabo Tarun Sangha at 4 pm.



World number one and this year's US Open winner Sweden's Stefan Edberg (R) fixes his racket while compatriot Anders Jarryd looks on after losing a point to the American pair of John McEnroe and Pete Sampras in the Davis Cup semifinal doubles match at Target Centre in Minnesota. The Swedish pair, who had won the doubles final against McEnroe and Pat Fleming to give the Sweden the 1984 Davis Cup crown, could not repeat the feat, losing in five sets on Saturday.

### US book Davis Cup final tickets

## McEnroe, Sampras whip off all doubts

MINNEAPOLIS, Sept 27: John McEnroe and Pete Sampras answered any questions about pairing them as a doubles team for the first time in such a big match when they put the United States into the Davis Cup final with a five-set win over Sweden's Stefan Edberg and Anders Jarryd on Saturday, reports AP.

The vastly more experienced Swedish duo, former Australian and US Open doubles champions, faced a must-win match after singles victories by Americans Jim Courier and Andre Agassi on Friday night.

But Sampras' power from the service line combined with McEnroe's blistering volleys made up for their lack of experience as a team as they pulled out a 6-1, 6-7, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3 win.

The victory put the United States into the Davis Cup final for the third consecutive year and 58th time overall, where they will go for their 30th title against Switzerland.

Switzerland earned their first trip to the Davis Cup final by taking an unbeatable 3-0 lead over Brazil in Geneva earlier on Saturday.

The US Tennis Association announced that the December 4-6 finals will be held at the Tarrant County Convention Centre in Fort Worth, Texas.

"In the fourth and fifth sets, in the exchanges you have to win, John basically won them all," US captain Tom Gorman said. "For John to end the match serving was fitting."

Fitting indeed, because McEnroe is Mr US Davis Cup. When Edberg, the world's top-ranked player, couldn't return McEnroe's hard serve to his forehand, McEnroe earned his 58th Davis Cup victory — 20 more than any other American.

"You could tell John really wanted to win, Edberg said. McEnroe almost didn't get the chance.

Because he and Sampras had practised poorly all week, Gorman said late Friday that a change was being contemplated. But the Americans decided before Saturday's match to stay with McEnroe, one of the best doubles players ever, and Sampras, the No. 3 player in the world.

"We had considerable discussion about it. Probably the uniqueness of this team is the frankness, the honesty and the openness that they have," Gorman said.

"It's ultimately my choice, but I certainly am consulting with the players because I don't want somebody out there who doesn't want to be out there. It just came down to John. I said, John, the ball's on your racket. Do you want it? He said, 'I want it. And everybody said, 'you guys go for it.'"

Even though they were horrendous in practice? "I don't like to leave my best tennis on the practice court," McEnroe said. "And I can safely say I didn't."

On Sunday, Jim Courier is supposed to play Edberg, but Magnus Larsson might take Edberg's place. Andre Agassi will finish the tournament against Nicklas Kulti. The matches will be best-of-3 after

both captains agreed to the shorter format. After Saturday's final point, he and Sampras hugged at the net, a bonding of the 33-year-old star of tennis past and the 21-year-old hope of tennis future.

It was redemption for both. Along with Peter Fleming, McEnroe lost doubles to Edberg and Jarryd in the 1984 final, giving Sweden the cup. Sampras dropped his two singles matches in last year's championship-round loss in France; just two weeks ago, he lost to Edberg in the US Open final.

At first, the decision to keep McEnroe and Sampras together looked brilliant, as the pair broke Edberg and Jarryd three times in a first set that took only 26 minutes.

"We started off playing unbelievable tennis," Sampras said. "But when we lost the tiebreak in the second set, we got a little down on ourselves and had a bad game at 5-4 in the third."

Sampras lost both his serves in the tiebreaker. The third set was on serve at 4-5 until Sampras double-faulted on break point, giving Sweden the lead.

"It felt like the US Open all over again," Sampras said. "I had 11 double-faults against Edberg. That was what was going on in my mind."

But during the 15-minute break between the third and fourth sets, McEnroe got into Sampras' mind. The pep talk and psych-up session worked, as the duo dominated the final two sets.

"He's one of the more intense players I've ever played with. That feeds off to me," Sampras said. "If John saw my head going down a little bit, he'd tell me to get a little more pumped up. That's good for a player like me because I'm pretty casual."

US captain Tom Gorman said the traditional break after the third set helped halt the Swedes' momentum. He added that his doubles team felt they could come back and win the next two sets.

"The mood of John and Peter was not down, it was not negative," Gorman said. "When the Americans went up a break in the third game of the fourth set the charged-up McEnroe let out a war cry and the crowd responded."

McEnroe and Sampras never trailed again. They continued to lift their level of play as they raced out to a 3-0 fifth-set lead and never let up their intensity.

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### Usha's twilight!

ALAPUZHA, Sept 27: Sprint queen PT Usha has expressed her readiness to accept a job, if offered, in the Kerala government which would provide her with reasonable means for livelihood and afford facilities for training, reports PTI.

Usha told newsmen here last evening that despite her joining the Railways in 1982, she had not yet been confirmed in service and not even one increment given to her though she was eligible for 23.

When she applied for leave for training she was just given 90 days' leave, she said, adding that she had brought everything to the notice of the Railway Minister, Jaffer Sharief.

She said her goal was to train for the 400 metres, but her main problem now was that of weight. Her weight has gone up from 63 kilos to 73 kilos. But due to training, her weight has come down by just two kilos.

Usha said if she was fit, she will participate in the 1993 November Asian track and field meet at Manila.

### Mansell wins Portuguese GP

ESTORIL, Portugal, Sept 27: Nigel Mansell led from start to finish capture the Portuguese Grand Prix on Sunday and eclipse the record of Ayrton Senna with his ninth Formula One victory in a single season, reports AP.

It was the 30th victory of Mansell career, third behind Alain Prost with 44 and Senna with 33.

Gerhard Berger of Austria took second 37.533 seconds behind in a McLaren-Honda.

Senna had set the record of eight wins in a single season in 1988 in winning his first of three world championships. Mansell, driving his Williams-Renault clinched this year's championship, his first after three runner-up finishes, three races ago.

Earlier Sunday, Williams-Renault announced that three-time world champion Alain Prost of France will return to racing next year to drive for the team.

### Tsebe wins Berlin Marathon

BERLIN, Sept 27: David Tsebe of South Africa, racing for the first time in Europe, won the Berlin Marathon on Sunday in a course-record time of 2 hours, 8 minutes and 7 seconds, reports AP.

Manuel Matias of Portugal was second in 2:08.38, while Simon Karori of Kenya, the bronze medalist at the 1991 world cross country championships, finished third in 2:11.50.

Uta Pipping of Germany clocked 2:30.22 to win the women's race, ahead of two Polish athletes, Ranata Kokowska and Anna Rybicka.

"I didn't know how strong the field was but from the halfway mark I was sure I could win," Tsebe said.

### JU calls up 17 footballers

A seventeen member Jahangirnagar University football team has been announced for the forthcoming inter-university football championship scheduled to start from October 1 at the Mir Musharraf Hossain Hall ground of Jahangirnagar University.

The squad is: Selim (Captain), Tushar (vice captain), Shamim, Swapan, Hiru, Ratan, Babu, Zahid, Rumon, Rafiq, Liton, Hakim, Zubayer, Kutub, Lipon, Alamgir and Rehan.

Professor Enamul Huq Khan and Tajful Huq have been named as the manager and the coach of the side.

## Sanderson's golden good-bye



HAVANA, Sept 27: Tessa Sanderson, the grand old lady of British athletics, ended her international career in triumph at the World Cup on Saturday, reports Reuter.

The 36-year-old champion of the 1984 Olympics threw 61.86 metres on her first attempt and no competitor came within three metres of the effort.

Professing to be extremely tired, Sanderson repeatedly refused to say she was retiring from international throwing before finally indicating that she probably was.

"But I can't rule temptation out," she said when asked if she would be at the athletics World Championships in Stuttgart, next year. "But at the moment I'm so tired I think that's it."

"I'm not sure I have 100 per cent motivation to train for four more years," said the three-times Commonwealth Games champion. "I don't plan to be in the Olympic Games at

40. To remain at the top you have to be physically and mentally strong."

"This was a very tough competition for me and after my last throw I was thinking, that's it, let's get out of here and go home."

A torrential rain storm on



TESSA SANDERSON

Friday had postponed her event for an evening and that "Did my brain in," said the Jamaican-born thrower. "So today I decided to try to go for it in the first round and hope to get it."

She did, easily besting the field with her opening throw.

"I'm very happy," said Sanderson, who two days ago was selected the captain of the European women's team. "Unfortunately the Great

Britain girls didn't qualify. So, I would like to see the European girls win. I've never been a team captain before."

The championship was the fifth international javelin title for Sanderson, who was fourth in the Barcelona Games, her fifth Olympics.

"The Olympics were my main event this year," she said. "After the Olympic I wanted to do the World Cup. I did the first and I'm not sure if this is the last, but if it is I really wanted to attend."

Sanderson said she hoped to land a sports television job upon returning to Britain. "I've got some screen tests," she said. "And if a TV job comes up I'll see you in Stuttgart. But right now I want to go home and rest."

Knowing when to take a break and how to enjoy competition played a major role in her long and successful career, she said. "Plus I have been a very tough competitor when it comes to major championships."

"But I am getting older and I think that's why it is getting tougher for me."

## Barkutwo, Bada set Africa on top



HAVANA, Sept 27: Kenyan steeplechaser Philip Barkutwo and Nigerian 400 metres runner Sunday Bada lifted Africa to the top of the men's standings on the second day of the three-day athletics World Cup on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Barkutwo, one of the elite Kenyans who have dominated the steeplechase for the past few years, barely broke a sweat on a warm, humid evening, winning by more than five seconds from Europe's William van Dijk.

Bada took the maximum eight points from the 400 metres, winning in 44.99 seconds ahead of Britain's Mark Richardson. Britain had led the standings after Friday's opening day.

The CIS, competing for the first time as a United Team, remain top of the women's standings.

The below-strength US men's side showed the strength in depth of their country's sprinting with a narrow win over the Americas in the men's 4x100 relay.

Veteran Calvin Smith, a former world record holder over 100 metres and twice world champion at 200, ran the third leg for the US team who were anchored by Jeff Williams.

"It's very good," Smith said. "We have been working on our hand-offs so we wanted to do our best. We all ran solid legs."

The main event of a low-key day—the men's 1,500 metres—was won by Qatar's Olympic bronze medalist Mohamed Suleiman.

Suleiman streaked to the front with 500 metres to run

and never looked like being headed as he sped home in three minutes 38.37 seconds.

"I'm at the end of a very long season," said Suleiman, sentiments which would have been echoed by every athlete here.

"I was surprised on the last 200 metres when I looked around and didn't see anybody."

Europe's woman's captain Tessa Sanderson of Britain, the 1984 Olympic champion, bowed out of top-level competition with a win in the women's javelin and Ethiopia's Olympic champion Derartu Tulu won a painfully slow women's 10,000 with consummate ease.

The rain which threatened to disrupt Friday's programme held off on Saturday with just a brief shower following the final event of the evening.

## Cricket finds a new venue in NY



NEW YORK, Sept 27: It wasn't Lord's with its magnificent pavilion. It wasn't Queen's Oval. And it certainly wasn't the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

For cricket lovers in New York though, Downing Stadium had to do, reports AP.

Considering a light steady rain, love of the sport probably wasn't enough.

"It's not good enough, but it's better than nothing," said 26-year-old Paul Singh, who paid \$100 a ticket along with two friends to see his native World Cup champion Pakistan national team take on a team of world all-stars in an one-day exhibition match on Saturday.

Featuring World Cup champions such as Imran Khan, Wasim Akram, Waqar Younis and Javed Miandad, world class internationals such as India's Kapil Dev and Sachin Tendulkar and West Indians Richie Richardson and Desmond Haynes, a crowd of about 1,000 gathered in and around 56-year-old Downing Stadium despite miserable weather and a much-less-than-ideal pitch.

"You don't get to see it (cricket in the United States), so whatever chance you get, you take it," Singh said.

With 130 clubs fielding teams in seven different leagues in the neighboring states of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut, cricket has its following in the New York metropolitan area.

Previous one-day matches featuring the national teams of England, West Indies, India, Pakistan and Australia have

nearly filled the 19,000-capacity Downing Stadium, situated on Randall's Island in the middle of the East River near the northern end of Manhattan.

But the concrete horse-shoe-shaped stadium was built in 1936, and looks it. It was home to the New York Cosmos soccer club in the middle 1970s when Pele first came to the United States but is rarely used now.

Organizers of Saturday's match, the "World Cricket League" led by Pakistan-born Canadian businessman Max Shaikat, were hoping for a crowd of about 15,000.

The match was originally scheduled for 45 overs. "Now it will be good just to see it start," said match spokesman Peter Carrigan.

Besides playing in the dilapidated stadium, field conditions were abysmal. Rain, which began the night before had soaked the field and the wicket was of the imported artificial turf variety.

"We're basically here to promote the game," said Dev, the international team's captain. "It's not 100 per cent commitment, but everybody has to show his class. It's not Lord's, or Bombay or Delhi or Melbourne or the West Indies. It's not a perfect wicket."

Regardless, fans, nearly all expatriates from cricket-playing nations, brought their cricket bats to be autographed by the international heroes.

"People love it," said Carrigan, an Australian. "They love seeing their heroes from childhood, or the new heroes they've heard about. Cricket is such a part of their culture."

"And when you're from such a foreign culture, when the circus comes to town, you go out to see it."

The match is, as Carrigan put it, a "one-off" event, a one-time exhibition and not part of any tour. The teams were scheduled for another one-day event in Toronto, the third year international teams have played in the Canadian city, but for another promoter.

Australia played Pakistan three years ago in New York and the West Indies took on England two years ago at Downing Stadium—previous attempts to bring cricket to the United States.

But lack of proper facilities makes it difficult. Organizers also considered a facility at Columbia University in uptown Manhattan.

"The place is hostile to cricket," Carrigan said. "The one thing you really need for a good match is a good wicket. You can't play a good cricket match without a good wicket."

Tendulkar, the 19-year-old who became a star in February's World Cup in Australia and then was signed by English county team Yorkshire as that club's first foreigner, hopes the organizers invite him back.

"It's a good idea to arrange

games in this part of the world," said Tendulkar, who flew from Bombay to Toronto and then arrived in New York Friday night.

Tendulkar has seen much of the world in the past year, but his late arrival prevented him from seeing hardly any of New York.

"I'd like to come back, just to have a look around."

### Lankan pace duo go for schooling

NEW DELHI, Sept 27: Shri Lankan Test pacemen Pramoda Wickremasinghe and Duleep Liyanage have signed up for a crash course in an Indian cricket school where they will be tutored by Australian great Dennis Lillee, reports AFP.

Lillee said in Madras Friday the month they will spend at the MRF Pace Academy in the southern Indian city should be of immense help to the duo, who performed impressively against Australia in a recent series, the Press Trust of India reported Saturday.

### PSV Eindhoven keep a clean record

AMSTERDAM, Sept 27: A hat-trick by Brazilian striker Romario fired PSV Eindhoven to a 5-1 Dutch soccer league victory over Maastricht on Saturday, maintaining their 100 per cent record after five matches, reports Reuter.

Beleaguered Maastricht equalised in the 11th minute, two minutes after Romario's first, but were unable to keep up with the pace of First Division leaders Eindhoven.

Dutch midfielder Gerald Vanenburg and striker Juul Ellerman contributed to the rout by scoring in the 70th and 77th minutes for PSV, who have hit 19 goals, with only two conceded, in their first five games.

Ajax Amsterdam overturned an early 1-0 deficit and surged to a 4-2 home victory against Roda JC Kerkrade.

Roda seized the lead through Peter Hofstede after 11 minutes but Frank de Boer equalised in the 34th minute and Ajax swept their opponents aside with further goals from Stefan Pettersson, Dennis Bergkamp and Michel Kreek. Rene Troost reduced the deficit five minutes before the end.

Despite their win, Ajax remain fifth in the table, three points behind the leaders.

Martin van Geel scored twice from the penalty spot, in the 23rd and 80th minutes, as Willem Tilburg beat go ahead Eagles Deventer 2-1.

Volendam thrashed Den Bosch 5-0 after a burst of action in the last five minutes with goals from Michel Retzger, win and van Loon and Fabian de Freitas.

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## Paes completes Britain's rout

NEW DELHI, Sept 27: Leander Paes swept aside Mark Petchey 6-2, 6-4 here Sunday to keep his slate clean as India completed a 4-1 humiliation of Britain in their Davis Cup World Group qualifier and avenged two past defeats, reports AFP.

The 19-year-old former Wimbledon junior champion won in 97 minutes after Chris Wilkinson had pulled one back for Britain with a consolation 6-3, 6-1 victory over Rookie Gaurav Natekar making his cup debut.

The reverse singles were reduced to academic interest after veteran touch artist Ramesh Krishnan and Paes carved out a doubles triumph Saturday to put India in the elite 16-nation World Group with an unbeatable 3-0 lead.

But the talented Paes, who on Friday stunned British number one Jeremy Bates in the opening singles, showed no lack of motivation as he eased past Petchey, 22, who had stretched Krishnan before

bowing in five sets. Petchey's defeat completed a miserable performance by the British squad, who came here with high hopes despite India's home advantage on the Delhi Lawn Tennis Association's fast and bouncy grass courts.

The India's surprisingly easy victory secured revenge for the two Davis Cup defeats Britain inflicted on them in the 1950s and returned them to the World Group after four

years of relegation to the zonals. To add to the British misery, they go back having acquired the reputation here of being sore losers.

Bates' remarks slamming the crowd, which he called the worst he ever saw, and his refusal to give Paes any credit for defeating him Friday rankled the hosts, also angered by the British no-show at mandatory press conferences.

Non-playing captain Tony Pickard tried to make amends saying he had been worse crowds, but refused comment on his number one player complaint that home fans disturbed his concentration by rooting for Paes.

India's non-playing captain Naresh Kumar said such complaints did not wash because the crowd only rooted for his team between points.

"In Brazil, we had a professional band playing in the stands when the matches were on."

"We are far short of Brazilian standards, but found short by Victorian standards," Kumar said Saturday.



Cuban President Fidel Castro shares a moment with Jorge Rafael Fernandez, president of the World Cup athletics organising committee, at the opening ceremony of the Havana World Cup on September 26. The ceremony, originally scheduled for September 25, was delayed by rain.