# Maradona mucks up the show



BILBAO, Spain. Oet 5: Diego Maradona returned to competitive play for the first time in 18 mon-

ths Sunday, assisting on Sevilla's lone goal in a 2-1 loss to Athletic de Bilbao, but left the field midway through the second half limping and appearing tired, report agen-

The 31-year-old striker. swarmed by photographers and greeted by cheers when he took the field, helped Sevilla take the lead in the 43rd minute when his free kick escaped from the hands of Athletic de Bilbao's goalkeeper and was slammed home by Sevilla's Marcos Martin de la Fuenta.

After a foul by Athletic Bilbao's Andoni Lakabeg, which left the Argentine on the turn for two minutes, Sevilla's most famous player made his exit. Athletic de Bilbao seemed to take control of the match just moments after Maradona left the field.

Athletic Bilbao tied the match on a goal midway through the final half by Francisco Javier Luque - just after Maradona's exit — and then won the game in injury time on a goal from Jose Angel Ci-



DIEGO MARADONA Sevilla bought Maradona Sept 22 from Napoli of the

Italian league for a dlrs 7.5

million transfer fee after he refused to return to Napoli for the final year of his contract.

Maradona, who was suspended in April for testing positive for cocaine, assisted on two goals and played all 90 minutes in a 3-1 exhibition victory last Monday over the Bayern Munich in Seville.

Maradona tested positive following Napoli's Italian league match against Barl on March 17, 1991, and was suspended three weeks later. His last official match before re-turning Sunday was March 24, 1991, when Napoli played Internazionale of Milan.

Maradona's return to top level football after a 15-month ban for cocaine use caused the match to be sold out hours after the announcement here on Saturday.

Maradona was far from the player that carried Argentina to a World Cup final victory in 1986. He seldom joined in Sevilla's attacking movements. content to play his part in the

defence.

points Edberg earned here in 1991 drop out. By contrast, Courier and Sampras had few points to lose from the week. Neither of the new top two are playing this week but Edberg is unlikely to make up any ground on them as the Swede is defending the 304 points he won by taking the Tokyo Indoor title a week after the Synde event.

Edberg loses

No 1 spot

Edberg arrived in Australia on

Monday to receive the news

that he had lost his No. 1 ten-

nis ranking to American Jim

Courier without either player

low Pete Sampras of the

United States, who has

achieved his highest ranking

Australia for the dirs 1.1 mil-

lion Sydney Indoor champi-

onships, where he is defend-

The Swedish player is in

This is the fifth time that

the No. 1 spot has changed

hands this year in rankings

that are calculated weekly

based on results over the pre-

Indoor falls a week later than

last year on the ATP tour cal-

ender so the 240 computer

This week's Australian

Edberg also has slipped be-

hitting a ball, reports AP.

ever at No. 2.

ing champion.

vious year.

SYDNEY, Oct 5: Stefan

Edberg had reclaimed the No. 1 spot from Courier when he beat Sampras to win the US Open title last month.

The Swede was philosophical about the ranking drop. "That's the way it goes," he said. "There's nothing I can do

about it." "I still have a chance to get back to No. 1 by the end of the year and that's important to me. I don't know if I can do it. but I'd like to - no one remembers who was No. 1 on

October something."

First-round results at the Sydney Indoor on Monday included Italian Gianluca Pozzi's 6-2, 6-2 victory over Niclas Kroon of Sweden, a 6-3, 6-2 win by Australian Richard Fromberg over Canadian Chris Pridham and David Pate's marathon 7-6 (7-5), 3-6, 7-6 (7-5) victory over fellow American Bryan Shelton.

Edberg is idle Tuesday, but Richard Krajicek of the Netherlands, Goran Ivanisevic of Croatia and American John McEnroe all will play their first singles matches of the tournament.

#### B'ball super league from Oct 8 Sports Reporter

The super league phase of

the Partex First Division basketball league will begin from October 8 at the wooden-floor gymnasium.

Reigning champions Agels Club, runners-up Dhaka Winners, Azad Boys, Panthers, Dhumketu and Gregs are the six teams who will vie for the honours of the 1992 league championship.

This was officially disclosed by the Bangladesh Amateur Basketball Federation at a press conference held at the conference room of the National Sports Council yesterday with its president Professor Rashiduddin Ahmed in the

Among others who were present at the function were BABF general secretary Dastagir Nawaz and the marketing manager of the sponsors Partex Group of Industries.

The BABF President lauded the role of the sponsors and called for more involvement of private concerns in the country to replenish the famished sporting bodies of the country.

#### Wright let off once more

LONDON, Oct 5: England and Arsenal striker lan Wright is set to escape disciplinary action for his second brush with the police inside a month, reports AFP.

The fiery forward, who was not charged by the Football Association or the police following complaints by Wimbledon fans on September 5. looks like being let off once more after Chelsea fans complained he made rude gestures to them at Highbury on Saturday.

A lack of evidence is likely to bring the same nonproven verdict to the complaints made to holloway police as happened last month.

Wright's agent, Jerome Anderson said: "Having studied the video several times if appears to me that this is once again, a malicious attack on

"At no time does the video which focuses on lan celebrating his goal, show his hands involved in any gestures of any

But he said: "Nothing was witnessed or reported to me by any members of my force at the match."

A Scotlandyard media of fice spokesman added: "Police are looking into this matter including a video recording of the match, but we can only take it further if there is suffi cient evidence."



Boris Becker of Germany returns to Petr Korda of Czechoslovakia in the final of the Swiss indoor tennis tournament in Basle, Switzerland on Sunday. Becker defeated Korda 3-6, 6-3, 6--AFP photo 2, 6-4.

#### Becker's first in seven months

BASLE. Switzerland, Oct 58 Boris Becker won his first tournament in seven months when he beat Czechoslovakia's Petr Korda in four sets in the final of the Basie tournament here on Sunday, reports AFP. It was the 34th victory in

the German's career and represented an excellent start under the guidance of new coach Gunther Bresnik although he didn't find it easy.

Korda's variation of pace clearly unsettled Becker early on and the Czech had no diffi culty taking the first set. The loss, however, merely

galvanised the former world number one and from then on he dominated with impresstyely powerful tennis.

"Seven months without winning, without beating a single top ten player, that was becoming a bit long." Becker

Korda partly attributed his defeat to the beginning of a cold that had been bothering him since the beginning of the

## Leeds ask for another favour



Oct 5 : Leeds dule their Cham pions Cup rematch against Stu-ttgart at home rather than on neutral ground,

reports AP. Leeds said a neutral venue on the European continent would favour the German team

and their fans. Leeds said they would await a reply from European soccer's governing body before deciding whether to appeal against UEFA's decision not to expel Stuttgart for fielding too many foreigners.

UEFA gave the English team a 3-0 victory over Stuttgart in last Wednesday's first-round. second-leg contest at Leeds. Leeds originally won the game 4-1, but Stuttgart was later punished for playing four non-Germans at the same time one more than UEFA rules al-

LEEDS, England, because of an advantage in away goals. But the UEFA ruling meant the teams were tied, necessitating a third

> Basel, Berne and Rotterdam have been mentioned as possible sites for the replay. No date has been set. The eventual winner of the series will go on to meet Glasgow Rangers in the second round.

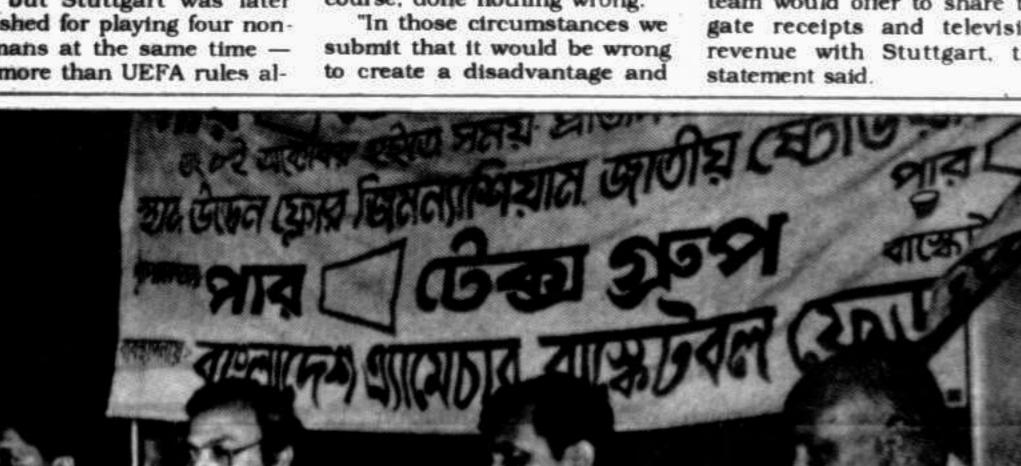
After a meeting of Leeds officials, team boss Howard Wilkinson read a prepared statement, saying:

"Stuttgart were found by your committee to have breached the UEFA regulations. Leeds United have, of course, done nothing wrong.

inconvenience to Leeds United The Germans, who won the by ordering a third match to asked UEFA on first leg game 3-0, would have take place anywhere other Monday to sche- advanced to the second round than at our stadium. The breach of regulations took place at Elland Road and in our view the deciding match should take place there as

> "If the third game was to take place on the mainland of Europe then we submit that such a decision would give a clear advantage to Stuttgart," the statement said. "The match would be less inconvenient for Stuttgart and its supporters who could travel by road, whereas Leeds United and its supporters would have grave difficulties and inconve-

If UEFA agrees to schedule the match at Leeds, the home team would offer to share the gate receipts and television revenue with Stuttgart, the statement said



Bangladesh Amateur Basketball Federation officials talking to the newsmen at a press conference at the NSC conference room yesterday.

# Fischer, Spassky begin Game 15

day, it quickly transposed into

a Catalan opening which Fis-

cher has never played in an of-

French citizen, decisively won

Wednesday against Fischer,

narrowing the American's lead

to 5-3. But in the two subse-

quent games. Thursday and

Saturday, the two former

world chess champions drew.

Draws do not count in the

point total and games cannot

be adjourned under previously

the Montenegrin island resort

of Sveti Stefan, is being played

in defiance of UN sanctions

against Yugoslavia, now com-

prising only Serbia and Mon-

tenegro, for provoking the civil

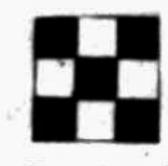
Fischer, 49, and Spassky .

The match, which began on

agreed game rules.

Spassky, a Russian-born

ficial game.



BELGRADE, Oct 5: Bobby Fischer. playing white. sought to widen 5-3 lead Sunday as he and

Boris Spassky resumed their dirs 5 million chess rematch after two successive draws. reports AP. In a surprise move. Fischer

did not play pawn e4 as he has done every other time that he has played White. Instead, he played pawn c4.

the English opening , harkening back to the sixth game of his celebrated, World Championship match with Spassky 20 year ago, which the American won. That win gave Fischer the lead in the match which he never relinquished.

The game 20 years ago transposed into a Queen's gambit declined, but on Sun-

Nabunone, 24, finished the

Finishing second in the

South Korea's Yoo Young

Gadara clocked 2:53.12 to

"I am happy to take the title

race at Bandung, east of here,

Asian Amateur Athletic Associ-

ation event was Japan's Ryoicht

Hoon finished third at 2:23.27.

take her first title. followed by

Lo Man Yi of Hong Kong at

2:55.58 and Yoshiko Hirohama

of the championship here as

this is the official one in Asia."

Godara said. 'Taking (my) first

title here is prestigious."

in 2 hr 20 min 23 sec.

Enaidani with 2:21.27.

of Japan at 2:57.11.

as in Europe.

### Cesar sidelined

war in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Asian marathon TURIN, Italy, Oct 5: JAKARTA, Oct 5: Eduardus Brazilian defender Julio Cesar Nabunone of host Indonesia will need four months to re led the men while Sunita cover from a broken shinbone, Anand Godara of India took the doctors of his Italian team. women's title at the third Juventus of Turin, said Asian marathon championship on Sunday, the Antara news Monday, reports AP. agency reported, reports AFP.

The 29-year-old player formerly of Guarani, broke his right leg following a tackle with Swede Jonas Thern during the Napoli-Juventus league match in Naples Sunday, that the Turin team won 3-2.

"It's a big loss for the team. He is a key player for the defence", said Juventus coach Giovanni Trapattoni.

Julio Cesar will be sidelined for almost half of the 34round, nine-month Italian First Division campaign. Club officials said Juventus

did not plan to seek any substitute for the Brazilian defender when the market of players reopens briefly next

Juventus still have three Godara had previously comnon-Italians to start in the peted in marathons in next league rounds --Germans Bangkok, Manila, Singapore Juergen Kohler and Andreas and Penang, Malaysia, as well Moeiler and English midfielder David Platt.

played 11 games in Sveti Stefan and resumed in Belgrade last week after a 10-day

Fischer, who deseated Spassky for the world title in 1972, insists he is playing for the championship. But the match is not sanctioned by the International Chess Federation, which stripped Fischer of his title in 1975 for refusing to defend it.

The prize money for the rematch has been put up by Yugoslav businessman Jezdimir Vasiljevic, who hopes to promote the Sveti Stefan resort and Yugoslavia.

The first player to win 10 games will get dirs 3.35 million, and the loser will get dirs 1.65 million

On Saturday, the players drew after 33 moves and 3.1/2 hours of play. Fischer had offered Spassky a draw early in the game. But Spassky declined because according to the rules of the match, the next game must be played immediately if a game finishes in less than one hour.

In Belgrade, the match is being played in the 4,000person capacity Blue Hall of the Sava Centre which has been specially adapted with a sound-proof glass barrier. A similar one was installed at Sveti Stefan after Fischer complained of noise.

#### Jones wins Toronto marathon

TORONTO, Canada, Oct 5: Steve Jones won the Toronto marathon in a record time of 2 hrs 10 mins 6 secs on Sunday. reports AFP.

The 37-year-old Welshman stormed home more than three minutes ahead of second-placed Don Janicki (2:13.16) and Canada's Pewter Fonseca (2:14.21)

Canada's Carole Rouillard won the women's event producing a personal 2:31.33.

Dutch duo designs Fiorentina's fall ond place tie with Torino Dutchman Marco

Dantele Masaro each scored a pair as AC Mian charged to the top of the Italian league with a sevengoal blitz at Florentina on Sunday, reports AFP.

Van Basten and

with local star

Ruud Gullit along

When the champions went goal crazy, the best of the league followed, bringing the Serie A tally for the day to 48 goals.

Gullit, playing only his first match for the champions because of the surplus of foreign players at Milan, scored four minutes from the interval and four minutes before the final whistle.

Van Basten, a regular, was on target in the 76th and 89th minutes, while Massaro. opened and closed the firsthalf spree with goals in the 25th and 45th minutes to bring his tally to six for the Gianluigi Lentini, part of the

multi-million-dollar talent infusion in the pre-season. sandwiched in his lone goal in the 33rd minute. The seven strikes were

matched by three from Florentina, normally enough for two points in a league known for a paucity of goals, Francesco Batona, German star Stefan Effenberg and Fabrizio dt Mauro saved face for the home side. Torino who started the day tied with Milan were held to a

2-2 draw by Sampdoria, after Enrico Annoni gave the visitors a leg-up with an own goal in the 13th minute. Andrea Stlenzi and Uru guayan Carlos Aguilera replies

for Torino, but Pietro Vierehowod equalised for the Genoese Club a minute before the final whistle.

Juventus moved to a sec-

after beating Napoli 3-2 under

The Neopolitans were heading for a blowout after Roberto Bagio, Andreas Moller and Gianluca Vialli, whose mammoth transfer fee from Sampdoria drew the wrath of the Vatican, had scored with nine minutes remaining.

But Uruguay's Daniel Fonseca increased his season tally to five with a goal in the 86th minute, while Gianfranco Zola was on target a minute later in a frantic closing flurry for

England player David Platt, signed in a multi-million dollar deal from Bart in the summer. was again left on the Juventus bench The goal bonanza continued

in Udinese, who blasted five past Pescara with Abel Balbo of Argentina helping himself to a hattrick in the 5-2 victory.



RUUD GULLIT

Paul Gasgoingen missed out on the dividends as Lazio beat Parma by a similar scoreline at Rome's Olympic Stadium. but played for 67 minutes and showed plenty of flatr and commitment.

"Gazza," who managed only half of his Italian league debut against Genoa last week, was involved in the first spot kick. slotted home by Guisepe Signori on his way to a hattrick. Gascoigne was sent tumbling down by Parma goalkeeper Clauddio Taffarel, who had a dismal afternoon.

England manager Graham Taylor watched the tie and said he was happy with Gas-

coigne's progress. He said: " For the first 30 minutes we saw glimpses of the old Gazza and if he plays 90 minutes in the Cup on Wednesday, the chances are

that he could get on for part of the game against Norway. "Certainly, the old passing skills were still intact, the little flicks were all there. I was particularly pleased with him getting the penalty, as he could easily have pulled out of

that situation.'

Diego Fuser, signed from AC Milan, scored Lazio's two other goals while Parma's Marco Osio kept things respectable with a pair for the visitors before the



MARCO VAN BASTEN

Goals from Ancone's Sean Sogliano and Massimo Agostini in the final 10 minutes deprived Genoa of a victory at home following Czechosłovak Tomas Shukravy's hattrick Valeriano Signorino opening goal.

Hungarian Lajos Detari Hammered home Ancne's secand goal in the 36th minute after Genoa aided and abetted

the winless visitors with an own goal by Marco Pecoraro in In other matches, Vittorio

Pusceddu gave Cagliari a 1-0 win over Roma while Uruguayan Ruben Sosa's 74th minute penalty for Inter Milan was enough to defeat Atalania.

#### Gullit won't play for Netherlands anymore

ROME, Oct 5: Dutchman Ruud Gullit was quoted on Monday as saying he would no longer play international soccer for the Netherlands for personal reasons, reports Reuter.

The 30-year old Gullit, who

declined to play in last month's 2-1 World Cup qualifying defeat against Norway, told reporters of his decision on Sunday after a triumphant return for AC Milan, scoring two goals and making a third in his first league appearance of the

But the 1987 European Footballer-of-the-year declined to discuss his motives for quitting the international scene.

The tall, deadlocked Guilit failed to impress at this year's European Championships in Sweden but is not known to be at odds with Dutch team manager Dick Advocaat.

Italian newspapers have speculated his decision may be linked to the greater pressure for first team places at Milan this season.

Gullit was dropped for the first three league games of the season while his compatriots Frank Rijkaard and Marco van

Basten retained their places. The Netherlands' next World Cup qualifier is against Poland in Rotterdam on Wednesday.

# Euro soccer giants keep their records clean



Bayern Munich and La Coruna narrowly clung onto their unbeaten records in

the German and Spanish leagues respectively this weekend as AC Milantexploded with a seven-goal flurry at Fiorentina 7-3 to go clear at the top of the Serie A, reports

The Bavarians, defending a seven-match streak including six wins, went a goal down in the 89th minute when Thomas Helmer gave Borussia Moenchengladbach an apparent winner at the Olympic

Stadium. But Bayern, who came from behind after Jorg Criens gave the visitors a lead in the 26th minute when Olaf Thom scored early in the second half, refused to crumble and

Martin Max salvaged the record with the equaliser ininjury time.

La Coruna, the unfashion-

able leaders of the Spanish

league, capitalised on defen-

sive blunders by erstwhile giants Real Madrid to maintain their 100 per cent record. Trailing 2-1 at half time, La Coruna equalised half way through the second after a mix-up in the Real defence al

lowed the home side's Brazil-

ian star Jose Bebeto to pounce. Then with only minutes to play. Real defender Richardo Rocha headed the ball into his own net to give La Coruna a fifth successive win that never seemed likely after Feranando Rutz Hierro and Yvan Zamorano had put the visitors two up inside half an hour.

Milan fell behind at Fiorentina when Francesco Baiano scored in the 13th

minute, but then the most expensive team in European football moved into gear.

Danielle Massaro opened

and closed the first-half spree with goals in the 25th and 45th minutes to bring his tally to six for the season, while Marco van Basten also reached six with a pair in the 76th and 98th minutes. Compatriot Ruud Gullit, ig-

nored by coach Fabto Capello until Sunday because of the surplus of strikers at Milan. proved his point with goals four minutes from the interval and four minutes before the final whistle. Gianluigi Lentini, part of the

multi-million-dollar talent infusion in the pre-season, sandwiched in his lone goal in the 33rd minute. The seven strikes were

matched by three from Fiorentina, normally enough

for two points in a league known for a paucity of goals. German star Stefan Effenberg and Fabrizio di Mauro saved face for the home side with strikes in the 47th and 88th minutes.

Milan's goal madness was matched elsewhere in Italy, as a total of 48 goals were scored in the Serie A.

Torino missed keeping pace with the champions when Pietro Vierchowod equalised for Sampdoria in the 89th minute. Andrea Silenzi and Uruguayan Carlos Aguilera

replied for Torino after teammate Enrico Annoni gave Sampdoria a leg-up with an own goal in the 13th minute. The 2-2 draw allowed Ju-

ventus moved to a second place tie along with Inter Mi-The Turinese, again without England star David Platt, blew

open the Napoli defence with goals from Roberto Baggio. German Andreas Moller and Gianluca Vialli, whose mammoth transfer fee from Sampdorta drew the wrath of the Vatican this summer.

But Uruguay's Daniel Fonseca increased his season tally to five with a goal in the 86th minute, while Gianfranco Zola was on target a minute later in a frantic closing flurry for Napoli.

Elsewhere, Paul Gascoigne shone but failed to score as Lazio blasted five past Parma at the Olympic Stadium.

But England manager Graham Taylor was happy with 'Oazza' progress and predicted that he was closer to getting his game in the country's World Cup tie against Norway next week.

Italy's rising star Guiseppe Signori scored a hat-trick for Lazio while Diego Fuser, signed from AC Milan, was on target with a further two. Parma's Marco Osto kept things respectable with a pair for the visitors before the interval.



Moensh, Germany on Sunday. Lane finally turned a run of high finishes into a victory when a closing round of 68, four under par, earned him the 100,000 pound first prize. -AFP photo