

Nat'l soccer final tomorrow

Sports Reporter
The seventeenth national football championship for Sher-e-Bangla Cup comes to an end tomorrow with former champions Dhaka University taking on Khulna DSA in the final to regain their lost title at 2-30 pm at the Mymensingh Stadium.

Football minus spectators

YAOUNDE, Cameroon, Nov 15: They've already battled at the polls. Now President Paul Biya and opposition leader John Fru Ndi are facing off through their hometown soccer teams, reports AP.

Sunday's match between PWD Bamenda and Colombe Sangmelima is Cameroon's first to be played under martial law.

The politically-charged game will be played without spectators or journalists in a stadium in Bamenda surrounded by armed soldiers. Only the players and the three officials will be allowed in the stadium. Radio broadcasts of the game are prohibited.

The government imposed a state of emergency in Northwest province, the opposition's stronghold, on Oct 27 after post-election violence left at least three people dead and 10 homes burned.

Fru Ndi claimed he had defeated Biya in the Oct 11 presidential elections and accused the government of rigging the vote in Biya's favour. International observers said the elections were fraught with problems and irregularities.

Cameroon soccer fans in the Northwest province, where the game is being played, see the tight security as another attempt to humiliate Biya's opponents.

"Biya has always done this to give protection (to people from his region)," Fru Ndi said in a telephone interview from his home in Bamenda, where he has been under house arrest for nearly three weeks. "They've never protected a Bamenda team when I was president of PWD. We never had any protection."

Fru Ndi, who head's the Social Democratic Front, was president of the PWD Bamenda team for 10 years before stepping down to take charge of his political party.

Sunday's game is the last of the regular season and the second of a home and away series between the two teams. PWD Bamenda team officials refused an offer the play the game in Douala or Yaounde, the capital.

If PWD Bamenda loses the match it could be relegated to the second division next year. Team officials had wanted the home field advantage with hundreds of cheering fans to give them a better chance to win and stay in the first division next year.

McColgan wins Tokyo Marathon

TOKYO, Nov 15: Britain's Liz McColgan ran alone after the first seven kilometres (4 miles) and easily won the Tokyo International Women's Marathon Sunday — her second victory in two marathons, reports AP.

The 26-year-old McColgan, the 10,000-metre world champion in 1991, covered the 42.195 kilometres (26 miles, 385 yards) in 2 hours, 27 minutes, 38 seconds.

McColgan also won the only other marathon she ran, the New York City Marathon in 1991.

After seven kilometres, she broke away from a leading group that included Olympic champion Valentina Egorova of Russia, veteran Katrin Dorre of Germany and American Janis Klecker.

McColgan crossed the finish line about 700 metres (770 yards) ahead of Dorre, who finished second in 2:30:05.

Dorre broke away from Egorova and Ramilia Burangulova of Russia with two kilometres (1.2 miles) left. Burangulova finished third in 2:30:34, and Egorova fourth in 2:31:27.

Eriko Arai was the best among Japanese runners, finishing fifth in 2:31:41.

Japan's Mari Tanigawa, the defending champion in this race, finished sixth in 2:33:57.

Klecker placed seventh in the field of 89 runners, who competed on Tokyo streets in windless weather with temperatures of -18 degrees Celsius (4 Fahrenheit).

Papin, Cantona shape French win

PARIS, Nov 15: France had to survive an attack of second half jitters to hang on for a 2-1 victory over Finland in a European Group Six World Cup qualifier on Saturday, reports Reuters.

The French, playing their best football for a long time, seemed to be cruising to a comfortable victory when Jean-Pierre Papin and Eric Cantona gave them a 2-0 lead after little more than half an hour.

But the game turned on its head when the Finns, seemingly toothless till then, pulled a goal back through Petri Jarvinen nine minutes into the second period.

Encouraged at scoring their first goal in the qualifiers, the Finns moved forwards with more purpose, causing moments of sheer panic in a French defence which had been totally untroubled throughout the first half.

In the end the 30,000 crowd who braved a wet evening at the Parc Des Princes were delighted to hear the final whistle, which left

them with two more precious points towards qualification for the 1994 finals.

France joined Bulgaria on four points from three games in a six-nation group led by Sweden with six points out of six. Finland have no points from three matches.



JEAN-PIERRE PAPIN

The French could hardly have made a better start, Papin heading them into the lead from a Xavier Gravelaine corner in the 17th minute. It

was his 24th goal for his country.

Cantona made it two 14 minutes later when left back Bixente Lizarazu, making his international debut, crossed low into the goalmouth. Finnish keeper Karl Laukkanen could only palm in out to the French striker who chested the ball into the goal.

Laukkanen was forced to make good saves from Lizarazu, Alain Roche and Gravelaine as the French continued to press.

But the second period was a completely different affair with the French unable to retain their grip on the match.

Jarvinen's goal came out of the blue when he prodded home a Marko Myrny cross from close range in his side's first real chance of the match.

From then on the visitors looked more dangerous as the French ran out of ideas and frequently into trouble, particularly with back passes which put keeper Bruno Martini under unnecessary pressure.

France's next World Cup qualifier is at Israel in February. Finland's next game is next April against Bulgaria.

Ivanisevic is again Edberg's bane

ROME, Nov 15: Goran Ivanisevic used his overpowering serve to defeat Stefan Edberg 7-6, 6-4

In Saturday night's final of the "Big Four" tennis exhibition at Rome's Palacur, reports AP.

The Croatian, who had defeated American Pete Sampras in Friday night's qualifying match, won the first-set tiebreak 7-5 after trailing Edberg 0-2.

Ivanisevic earned a single but decisive break in the fifth game of the second set as Edberg two easy volleys and fell to 2-4.

Ivanisevic, showing winning form on the eve of the ATP Tour World Championship in Frankfurt, served 14 aces, but did not rely only on his powerful serve. He also displayed good volleys and consistent baseline play.

"I played very well, I am in good condition. I'm looking forward to Frankfurt. I have a

chance to win there," said Ivanisevic, who is ranked fourth in the world.

Edberg, the world's No. 3 player, said Ivanisevic's serve was the difference in the



STEFAN EDBERG

match. "He served incredibly well and it was difficult to return his serve. I feel pretty good for the ATP finals in Frankfurt. The eight best players in the world are competing there

and all of them have a chance to win," the Swede said.

Boris Becker, who lost to Edberg in three sets in the opener of the two-day Roman exhibition, was an uncertain start in Frankfurt. He developed a sudden fever early Saturday and was flown to Munich for urgent medical examinations.

Organizations of the "Big Four" said Becker, No. 5 in the world rankings, was apparently suffering from an intestinal infection.

Following Becker's last-minute withdrawal, the unheralded Italian Claudio Pistolesi was called in to play Sampras for third place.

Sampras, second to fellow American Jim Courier in the world rankings, breezed past Pistolesi 6-2, 6-1.

There was no money prize at stake in the final but the so-called big four reportedly got a bonus of \$100,000 each for playing the exhibition here.

American nightmare at EC tennis

ANTWERP, Belgium, Nov 15: On a day of upsets, Australian Mark Woodforde and Dutchman Richard Krajceck on Saturday reached the final of the \$1.1 million European Community Championship, beating favoured American Jim Courier and Michael Chang, reports AP.

Krajceck was playing his second three-set match within 24 hours, but his booming serve lost none of its bite as he rallied to edge the top-seeded Courier, the world's No. 1 player, 4-6, 6-4, 7-5.

Doubles ace Woodforde, ranked 61st in the world, relied on cunning and finesse to continue his string of upsets here, beating the second-seeded Chang 7-6 (7-5), 6-3.

In a seesaw battle, Krajceck, ranked 13th in the world, averted a late comeback bid by Courier with his lightning-fast serves and put the match away with two more aces in the final game.

In a quarterfinal that spilled well over into Saturday, he saved a matchpoint before downing third-seeded Petr Korda of Czechoslovakia 3-6, 6-1, 7-6 (9-7).

But at 21, Krajceck had the resilience to spare for a second upset. Courier looked on his way to victory after wrapping up the first set, but started to commit unforced errors in the second set.

In a tight third set, Krajceck played some of his

finest power shots to force a break of serve and go up 4-2. But he lost the break again and Courier even led at 5-4.

From then on, Krajceck put the power back on and slumping Courier had no answer. Woodforde upset Chang's rhythm throughout the match by mixing the pace of his shots and making timely rushes to the net, where his volleys proved lethal.

Woodforde had already upset five-time tournament winner Ivan Lendl on Thursday.

"It's been a hell of week," Woodforde said. "Beating players like Ivan and Michael helps me focus better."

His victory also put him in the singles top 50 for the first time since 1988.

It was one of the biggest wins of his career, and put the 27-year-old Australian in line for his fourth career title ever. The winner will receive \$144,000 and the runner-up \$84,800.

Chang, ranked sixth in the

world, "was constantly under pressure to hold service because he still lacks a dominating serve."

After his semifinal singles victory, Woodforde joined fellow Australian Todd Woodbridge to play Anders Jarryd and John Fitzgerald in the semifinals of the doubles event.

The Australian Woodies are rated the best doubles team in the world, but they fell to the Swedish-Australian team, 6-4, 6-1.

Indonesians reap rich harvest

BANGKOK, Nov 15: Indonesians won the men's and women's singles and men's doubles titles Sunday in the \$90,000 NEC Princess Cup badminton championship, reports AP.

Olympic gold medalist Susi Susanti defeated Bang So-hyun of South Korea 11-7, 11-4 for the women's singles championship.

In the men's singles, top seed and Olympic gold medalist Alan Budi Kusuma lost to fellow Indonesian Joko Suprianto 15-10, 10-15, 15-10.

Ricky Subagdyo and Rexy Mainaky defeated Zheng Yumin and Huang Zhanzhong of China 15-9, 12-15, 15-11 for the men's doubles title.

Later matches Sunday also featured Indonesians in the mixed doubles and women's doubles.

Fusai collects \$25,000

MOUNT GAMBIER, Australia, Nov 15: Alexandra Fusai of France beat Sandra Caicic of the United States 6-4, 6-2 Sunday and won the Blue Lake Classic women's tennis tournament, reports AP.

Fusai won the \$25,000 Ford Futures circuit event without dropping a set.



Christian Hermann (L) tries to snatch the ball from Frankfurt's Uwe Rahn (C) and Anthony Yeboah (R) in the Bundesliga encounter between Bochum and Frankfurt in Frankfurt on November 14. Frankfurt won 4-1. — AFP photo

To 'Papa Smurf' Bowe is just a baby

LAS VEGAS, Nov 15: Riddick Bowe is a baby. A big baby, true, but still "just a baby" to his venerable trainer — 81-year-old Eddie Futch, who sparred with Joe Louis and taught the art of boxing to 18 world champions, reports AP.

"He's at least three years away from full development physically," Futch observed with the discerning eye of one who has watched most of this century's fighters and could find flaws in all of them. "And in that time I hope to have improved his techniques and tactics."

Bowe, 6-foot-5 (1.96 meters), 235 pounds (106 kilograms), and schooled enough to beat Evander Holyfield for the heavyweight title Friday night, will be 28 years old in three years. He may grow, bulking back up to the 285-pound (119-kilogram) mark he recently hit with a flabby thud. (Comedian Dick Gregory let out the truth, admitting his diet slimmed down Bowe more than they had revealed.) But whether Bowe will be smarter and still champion will depend largely on further lessons for the wrinkled old man he calls "Papa Smurf."

Wily and wise, Futch believes Bowe has within the grasp of his meaty hands a chance to be the best of all his heavyweight champions. And that includes Joe Frazier, Ken Norton, Larry Holmes and Michael Spinks. Of them all, Bowe is the only one Futch trained from the first pro fight.

Bowe made his first journey up the aisle from the ring as champion after the 12-round unanimous decision, everyone calling his name and reaching out to touch him. And after his limo slowly crossed this neon city, he went through another rite of passage: The Grand March Through the Casino.

"Champ, champ, champ," raised glasses, popping flash-bulbs, grinding, clinking slot machines, rumbling craps pits, whirling roulette wheels in the dizzying gambling hall of the Mirage Hotel. Bowe charged through the middle of it all, surrounded by money, owner of the richest individual prize in sports. In Las Vegas, bright red is called "the money colour," and Bowe was ablaze in it.

The deep crease in his forehead and the puffy eyes behind sunglasses might have given him a sinister look if not

for his giddy smile and the bobbing way he and his throng of bodyguards, friends and family floated over the carpet. But Futch knows that Bowe can't let it all overwhelm him, that he has serious work to do



RIDDICK BOWE

if he wants to stay champion and keep making that march through the big money. It doesn't matter if he fights George Foreman before Lennox Lewis, or vice versa. The trainer's goal is to teach Bowe all the little tricks of the trade, and turn him into a hybrid of Holmes and Sonny Liston.

Rights now, Futch said, Bowe (32-0) is more like Liston with his hard jab. If Bowe can pick up an equal amount of Larry Holmes' accuracy, balance and overall box-

ing ability, Futch should be happy with the monster he will have created.

"Bowe has more tools than Larry," Futch said. "Larry very seldom punched to the body. He didn't feature a hook too much. It was accurate when he threw it. But some things I would get from Larry, and some things I would get from Liston."

Bowe showed a few tricks to Holyfield — gasping body shots, eyelid splitting jabs, jolting uppercuts — and revealed a fighter who can take a punch and not quit.

It was a fine brawl, if not quite a great one, Holyfield gaining in defeat the respect he never enjoyed in victory, Bowe winning it instantly.

Thirty pounds (13.5 kilograms) heavier and thicker in every limb, Bowe staggered Holyfield with a right uppercut in the 10th round, then assaulted him for a full minute with lefts and rights to the head and body. Holyfield crashed into a corner post, rolled off the ropes and looked knocked-out on his feet, draping his arms on Bowe, staying up by sheer willpower.

Then, suddenly, Holyfield got off a punch, just enough to get away, and the round virtually reversed. With one minute left, Holyfield attacked, stunning Bowe with rapid lefts and rights he rest of the round. If Bowe was going to quit, it

would be right then, getting beaten up after hurting Holyfield.

Instead, Bowe came out poised and used his weight and inside punching to spin Holyfield sideways along the ropes about 30 seconds into the 11th round. As Holyfield turned back toward him, Bowe drove a right to the forehead that crumpled Holyfield in a tangle of ropes. He got up right away, dazed, wobbling, fought back gamely but to no effect and with nothing left to worry Bowe in the final round.

If the fight lacked a dramatic ending, two weary men pawing at each other in the closing minutes, Bowe showed the raw talent of a young champion and gave his trainer things to work on.

Futch wanted Bowe to stay outside and throw his good left jab, not let Holyfield get inside to shorten Bowe's range and take away his reach advantage.

"And he has to learn to use his strength and his power better," Futch said. "He let the smaller man push him back into the ropes and into the corners too often, when a sidestep would have nullified those things. And Holyfield was luring him into shots so he only got a part of the target. When he learns to catch that target full flush with that power, ah, but this will come with experience. He really is such a baby."

Holyfield should retire, feels trainer

LAS VEGAS, Nov 15: Former undisputed heavyweight champion Evander Holyfield has all the money

he needs and a glittering reputation and should retire, his long-time assistant trainer, Lou Duva said on Saturday, reports Reuters.

"I want to work out a deal with him to train kids," Duva said. "I want to give him some amateurs that he can prepare for the '96 Olympics," which will be held in Holyfield's hometown of Atlanta.

Holyfield lost his title in a 12-round slugfest to Riddick Bowe on Friday but enhanced his reputation as one of the most courageous fighters in recent years with his performance.

Duva has worked with Holyfield since he turned professional after taking a bronze medal in the 1984 Olympics on a controversial decision.

"He shouldn't fight. He has all the money in the world," said Duva, adding that he was afraid Holyfield's competitive drive could bring him back.

"That's the thing that scares me. He wants to beat you so much," Duva said. "We can be playing cards and I'll beat him and he always nags you. C'mon, one more game, C'mon same thing in bowling. He has to win."

Immediately after the fight on Friday, Holyfield said he was considering retirement.

Duva was asked for his reaction to the 10th round on Friday when Holyfield was being pummeled around the ring with close to two dozen punches from Bowe, who outweighed the former champion by at least 30 pounds (13.6 kg).

"It's tough to talk about," the craggy faced 70-year old Duva said. "I was catching every punch. I was wondering what the (expletive) is keep-

ing this guy up. He was taking all these punches. And then all of a sudden he came back firing. I just couldn't believe what he was doing out there."

But despite Holyfield's tremendous heart in taking one of the most ferocious beatings in many years of heavyweight title fights, Bowe should show some heart and stamina of his own and won the unanimous points decision.

Duva said he violated one of his own rules, that none of his fighters can ever rest his arm on a ring rope between the 10th and 11th rounds.

"I always slap the arm down," Duva said. "No fighter does that. But when Evander came back after that round (the 10th) he was dead. He put his arms on the ropes and I left them there."

"His heart was bigger than his body," Duva said. "I always knew that you'd have to kill this guy to take him out of the ring."

Seles should cap another fine year at NY

NEW YORK, Nov 15: World number one Monica Seles will be out to add an exclamation point to another sensational year when she defends her title at the season-ending 3 million Virginia Slims championships beginning on Monday, reports Reuters.

While Jim Courier and Stefan Edberg traded the men's top ranking in a year-long tug of war with other players in sight of challenging them, Seles further solidified her grip on the women's tour with each two-flated swing of her racket.

She heads into the Madison Square Garden grand finale with an amazing list of achievements to her credit. The 18-year-old Yugoslav

reached 13 finals in 14 tournaments this year, picked up nine titles and compiled a 66-5 record along the way. For the second successive year she scooped three Grand Slam titles, the Australian, French and US Opens.

While Seles is favoured to take the season-ending title for the third consecutive year, her coronation will be no mere formality. The Yugoslav will have to battle through a field that includes all five players who beat her this year — Steffi Graf, Martina Navratilova, Gabriela Sabatini, Arantxa Sanchez Vicario and Jennifer Capriati.

Navratilova, Graf and Sabatini are all former winners of the year-end-crown on the Garden's carpet surface.

Twice champion Graf, whose victory on the final

Saturday at Wimbledon dented Seles a Grand Slam sweep, would like nothing better than to launch her 1993 campaign to retake the top ranking by ending the year with a big win over Seles.

Olympic gold medalist Capriati and Navratilova were both denied a chance to avenge tough 1991 US Open losses to Seles this year after suffering stunning early-round upsets at Flushing Meadow.

The 16-year-old Capriati kept alive her perfect record of qualifying for the prestigious championships every year since turning pro at 14, and Navratilova, the tour elder at 36, will be aiming to win for the sixth time.

With only the year's top 16 performers on hand, the championships have no room for the kind of pesky, low-

ranked spoilers that picked them off at Flushing Meadow.

No opponent at this event can be taken lightly.

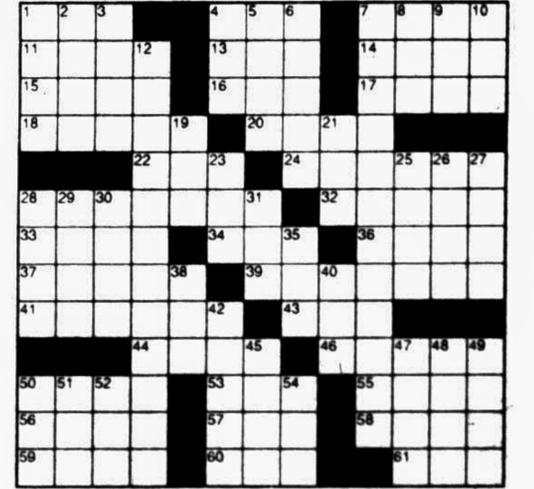
"I feel eager. I feel fresh and ready to go," Capriati said this week.

The field includes Australian Open runner-up and Olympic doubles champion Mary Joe Fernandez, Spaniard Conchita Martinez, Manuela Maleeva-Fragniere and her younger sister Katerina Maleeva of Bulgaria, Nathalie Tauziat of France, Jana Novotna of Czechoslovakia and Americans Lori McNeil and Zina Garrison.

The tournament features the only best-of-five-set final in women's tennis, making stamina and conditioning an important factor in deciding who will collect the \$250,000 winner's check on the last day of the women's season.

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Saturday's Cryptogram: WHEN WE TRIED TO DIG OUR OWN SWIMMING POOL, PEOPLE THOUGHT WE WERE ALL WET.

Today's Cryptogram clue: P equals C.

The Cryptogram 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.