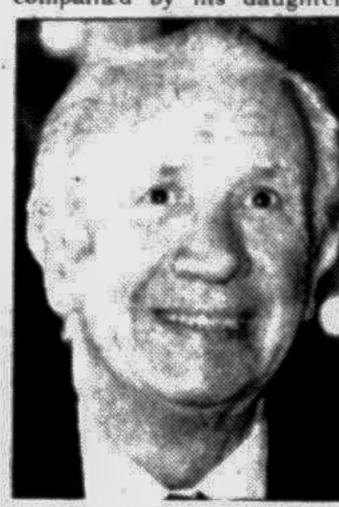
## IOC chief due in city May 18

Sports Reporter

International Olympic Committee (IOC) president Juan Antonio Samaranch will be in Dhaka next month on a goodwill visit. The Olympic supremo will arrive on May 18 on his way from Bhutan.

Mr Samaranch will be accompanied by his daughter



J A SAMARANCH

Maria Teresa Samaranch de Gras, Director of IOC's public relations Andrew Napier, IOC advisor Fekrou Kidane and Annie Inchauspe, Mr Samaranch's secretary.

The IOC president will leave Dhaka in his private plane for Singapore on May 19 afternoon.

#### Major, Samaranch to have talks on Manchester bid

LONDON, Mar 31: British Prime Minister John Major is to have talks with International Olympic Committee President Juan Antonio Samaranch next Monday about Manchester's bid to stage the 2000 Games, reports AFP.

Major will meet Samaranch at the IOC's headquarters in Lausanne before having lunch with him.

### Teams leave for Bangkok Sixes

Sports Reporter

Three teams from Bangladesh left the city yesterday for Bangkok to participate in the six-a-side cricket tournato be held in the Thai capital from today, April 1 to 4 under the aegis of the Royal Bangkok Sports Club, according to sources. The teams are the Com-

monwealth Cricket Club (CCC). Bangladesh Biman and Dhaka

National skipper Minhazul Abedin Nannu is the CCC captain. The other players are Athula Samarasakara, Ashoka de Silva and T L Fernando o Shri Lanka and Tanjeeb Ahsan Saad, Nadir Shah and Zahid Razzaque Masum of Bangladesh. Fariduddin Khan Rumi is leading CCC as man-

National all-rounder Enamul Huq Mont leads the Bangladesh Biman squad as captain. The Biman players are Shahnewaz Shaheed Shanu, Ahmed Fayyaz Shaheen, Zakaria and Rupam. Ali Ahsan Babu accompanied the team as manager. Although the name of the

Dhaka Club players were not known, veteran players of the country like Roquibul Hassan Syed Ashraful Huq, Jahangir Shah Badshah, Mainul Haq Tanvir Haider and Mujib Khan Rumi are likely to play for this

About thirty-six teams from all over the world will participate in the tournament with the top two teams from each group playing in the final

Apart from Bangladesh teams from world champions Pakistan, World Cup runnersup England, New Zealand, Australia, Indian, Shri Lanka, South Africa, Hong Kong and hosts Thailand will take part in the four-day tournament.

Sachin Tendulker, Vinod Kambli, Arun Lal, Ashoke Malhotra, Kirti Azad and Roger Binny are likely to represent India in the meet.

Shri Lankan's captain Arjuna Ranatunga former skipper Aravinda de Silva, Sanath Jayasuriya and Asanka Gurusinghe are some of the Lankans likely to play in the abridged cricket competition.

lan Botham of England and Clive Rice of South Africa are also expected to play in the

Royal Bangkok Sports Club, the organisers, will bear al expenses of the teams which

#### will qualify for the final round. Handball coaches' camp in June

Sports Reporter

A higher coaching camp for the local handball coaches is likely to be held in the city next June under the joint aegis of the IOC and Bangladesh Olympic Association, says a press release.

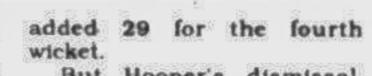
Experienced coaches and players have been asked to submit their candidatures to the Bangladesh Handball Federation by April 15.

# Pakistanis draw level 2-2



hit his first international halfcentury to set up a 38-run victory over West Indies that levelled their five-match oneday series 2-2 on Tuesday,

reports Reuter.



But Hooper's dismissal, bowled by Aamir Sohail's leftarm spin for 16, marked the start of a further decline to 87 for six in the 29th over. A fighting 27, from Jimmy Adams held up Pakistan but once he was eighth out, caught in the deep, West Indies' out-

Mujtaba c and b Hooper Akram b Walsh Rashid Latif not out Wagar Younis run out Ata-ur-Rehman run out Aamir Nazir run out Extras (lb-3 W-5 nb-5)

Total (nine wickets- 50 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-9; 2-52; 3-54: 4-111: 5-159: 6-161: 7 166; 8-169; 9-180



SLOW SINKING: Carl Hooper, akimbo, waits for Pakistan batsman Inzamamul Huq to settle down. The partial disappearance of Hooper's frame was on of the visual highlights for the TV viewers. The convex shape of St Vincent's Ernestville ground was the cause of this oft-repeated visual fun.

Basit's innings of 60 off 88 balls was easily the highest and most decisive of the low-scoring fourth limited overs game in which West Indies crumbled on a pitch of often unpredictable bounce.

The 22-year-old Basit, who made his Pakistan debut at the start of the series, lifted the touring side to 186 for nine in their 50 overs after they were put in to bat.

West Indies, who won the first two one-day matches, slumped to 19 for three and were bowled out for 148 in 44.3 overs.

Pakistan captain Wasim Akram captured four for 18 but fellow paceman Ata-ur-Rehman struck two significant blows by moving the ball beautifully to dispatch skipper Richie Richardson and Phil Simmons.

Waqar Younis also snapped up two wickets, including opener Brian Lara, the West Indian match-winner in the first two games.

After West Indies lost their first three wickets cheaply, Simmons (20) and Carl Hooper

hinted at a revival as they

prepared for preseason

training with Hampshire,

36th birthday on Thursday co-

incides with the start of his

country's buildup to the cam-

paign, intends to force his way

back into the England side by

tour of India and Shri Lanka

sparked a storm of protest

across Britain, culminating in a

narrow defeat for MCC mem-

bers on a vote of no confidence

losing all four Tests on their

travels, the demand for

Gower's reinstatement against

Australia this summer is now

maker said: "I could hardly

have failed to be aware of pub-

lic reaction and it has been

start the season well with

Hampshire score the runs and

make a case for my Test

Rangers race on

Rangers relentlessly moved

closer to their fifth successive

Scottish Premier League

championship with a 2-0 win

over Aberdeen on Tuesday, re-

Ranger's home victory ef-

fectively put paid to the title

ambitions of their only serious

Aberdeen are now nine points

just eight points from their fi-

nal eight matches to wrap up

The league leaders need

Aberdeen, who played post-

tively knowing that only a win

could revive their hopes, failed

to show composure when they

Rangers, by contrast, pro-

duced a clinical finish from lan

Ferguson midway through the

second half while the prolific

Ally McCoist sealed success by

heading home from close

range in the final minute.

challengers - second-placed

behind the Glasgow side.

the championship.

had scoring chances.

GLASGOW, Mar 31: Glasgow

England's record Test run-

"But now it's down to me to

stronger than ever.

very comforting.

ports Reuter.

With Graham Gooch's team

against England's selectors.

Gower's omission from the

The left-hander, whose

reports AFP.

weight of runs.

LONDON, Mar 31:

England reject

David Gower set

his sights on a

run riot on

Wednesday as he

David Gower's plans

side victory hopes were extinguished.

Pakistan's batsmen had also struggled, with the exception of Basit, who gave the innings direction in a fifth-wicket stand of 48 off 56 balls with Asif Mujtaba.

They came together after Javed Miandad, who missed the third one-day match through injury, was yorked by Curtly Ambrose for 19, making Pakistan 111 for four in the 35th over. Mujtaba was seventh out for

23 during a phase in which five wickets tumbled for 21. The fifth and deciding

match is scheduled to be held in Georgetown, Guyana April 3.

#### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in the fourth one-day cricket international between West Indies and Pakistan on Tuesday: PAKISTAN

Sohail c Richardson b Simmons Raja Ibw b Bishop Inzamam c Murray b Hooper Miandad b Ambrose 19 Basit Ali b Walsh

England's failure on the Asian

standards and he's just had bad

tour, so it's understandable he

should have ended it feeling

down," said the ex-England

ple over the last three or four

years and I think he should

continue as captain. I would

have no problem with that, so

long as he picks me."

"But he's set a good exam-

"Graham sets himself high

sub-continent.

skipper.

Bowling Bishop Walsh Ambrose 34 Hooper 10 Simmons WEST INDIES Lara c Latif b Wagar

Haynes Ibw b Akram Simmons c Latif b Rehman Richardson c Ltif b Rehman Hooper b Schail Adams c Miandad b Akram 27 Logie c Akram b Mujtaba Murray b Wagar 14 Bishop not out Amrose b Akram Walsh lbw b Akram Extras (b-3 1 b-3 nb - 10 w-9) 25

Total (44.3 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-14; 2-14; 3-19; 4-48; 5-75; 6-87; 7-108;

8-125; 9-134		-		123
Bowling	0	M	R	W
Akram	7.3	2	18	4
Wagar	8	2	27	2
Rehman	10	0	38	2
Nazir	6	1	17.	Ç
Sohail	6	1	23	1
Mujtaba	7	0	19	1
Result: P	akista	n wo	n by	38

Man-of-the-match: Basit Ali

#### Jansher pulls out of French Open

"I have to work on the assumption that if I do the busi-CARDIFF, Mar 31: World' ness, I have a chance of playing squash champion Jansher against Australia this summer. Khan has pulled out of next Gower is convinced Gooch week's French Open in Tours will be re-appointed captain after his mother suffered a for the Ashes battle despite heart attack, reports Reuter.

> His defence of the British Open later in April could be in

The 23-year-old, who suffered a shock defeat in the Portuguese Open 10 days ago, is back at the family home in Pakistan.

For the French event world number two Chris Dittmar takes over as top seed with fellow Australian Rodney Martin sceded second.



Aamir Schail, the in-form Pakistani opener, clips Ian Bishop off his legs in the fourth one-dayer between the West Indies and Pakistan at Kingstown, St Vincent Tuesday. The world champions beat West Indies by 38 runs to level the series 2-2. -Star TV photo

## Karachi Airport Gymkhana play in Sylhet today

Sports Reporter

The visiting Karachi Airport Gymkhana team from Pakistan play their second of five exhibition one day cricket matches against the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) President's Eleven at the Sylhet Stadium today.

The tourists started their campaign in Bangladesh with a bang on Sunday beating Mohammedan Sporting Club by seven wickets at the Dhaka Stadtum.

Mohammedans batted first to collect 205 for nine wickets and the tourists ambied to a seven-wicket victory posting 209 for three in 38.4 overs.

Faruq Ahmed, a national player who plays for Abahani Krira Chakra, will lead the Board President's Eleven to-

The other members of the Board team are Nurul Abedin Nobel, Harun Ur-Rashid Liton, Athar Ali Khan, Sanwar Hossain, Habibul Bashar Suman, Azhar Hossain, Debashish Barua, Asif Omar Belim, Golam Nawsher Prince, Jahangir Alam Talukdar Dulu, Joydev Basak, Javed Omar Beltm Golla and Natmur Rahman Durjoy. The match, a 45 overs-a-

side contest, starts at 9:30 am.

#### Marshall at his deadly best

CAPE TOWN, Mar 31: Former West Indies fast bowler Malcolm Marshall grabbed three wickets for five runs as he fired Natal to victory in South Africa's Benson and Hedges limited overs competition on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

Man-of-the-match Marshall ended with four for 15 as Western Province were dismissed for 135 in 42.5 overs, giving Natal a 38-run win after they scored 173 for five in their 45 overs.

Western Province were rocked early on Marshall's triple strike in which he dismissed Barry Touzel and Herschell Gibbs for ducks and Gary Kirsten for five.

Paceman Shaun Pollock, son of ex-South African fast bowler Peter Pollock, sealed Province's fate with the crucial wickets of Adrian Kuiper and England batsman Allan Lamb

Former South African captain Clive Rice played a telling part for Natal by slamming 23 off 16 balls, while current international Jonty Rhodes hit six boundaries in his 47 not

The teams meet again on Friday in the second leg of their semifinal.

## Cantona fined

LONDON, Mar 31: Manchester United striker Eric Cantona was fined 1,000 pounds sterling (1,490 US dollars) on Tuesday when he was found guilty by the Football Association of spitting at supporters after a Premier League 0-0 draw at Leeds last month, reports Reuter.

A disciplinary commission also warned the Frenchman about his future conduct after the incident which happened when Cantona was heading to wards the dressing rooms.

Cantona did not appear in person at FA headquarters and the case was dealt with through correspondence.

"Having given consideration to the matter, the commission is satisfied that he is guilty of misconduct," said an FA spokeswoman.

Cantona moved from Leeds to Manchester United in December just a few months after helping to secure the championship.

During last month's match he was subjected to ridicule and abuse from some Leeds

The spokeswoman said "The commission did take into consideration that he was subject to provocation prior to the incident."

#### Swimming camp from today

Sports Reporter

The three month-long preliminary swimming camp for the sixth SAF Games, to be held in the city next December, begins today at two city venues.

practise at the Dhaka Stadium pool while 21 swimmers from the Services will have their camp at the Bangladesh Navy swimming complex in Banani. Five national coaches -

Fourteen swimmers will

Mahbubur Rahman, Maksudur Rahman, Golam Sarwar, M G Mustafa and Abdul Hai - will conduct the programme. The second phase coaching

programme with the final 18 selected swimmers will begin from July 1 under a Chinese coach.

# Roma ruin AC hopes again



Roma goalkeeper Giovanni Cervone saved a last-minute penalty from Frenchman Jean Pierre Papin to knock Milan

out of the Italian Cup on Tuesday, report agencies. Milan won the semifinal second leg 1-0 at home, but

went out 2-1 on aggregate after Roma became the first team in 11 months to beat the Italian champions in the first Roma, who played the last 12 minutes with 10 men after

off, fought bravely to hold on in the face of wave after wave of Milan attacks and Cervone made several fine saves. He reserved the best until last when he dived full-length to his right to deny Papin, who had been awarded the penalty after being fouled by Roma de-

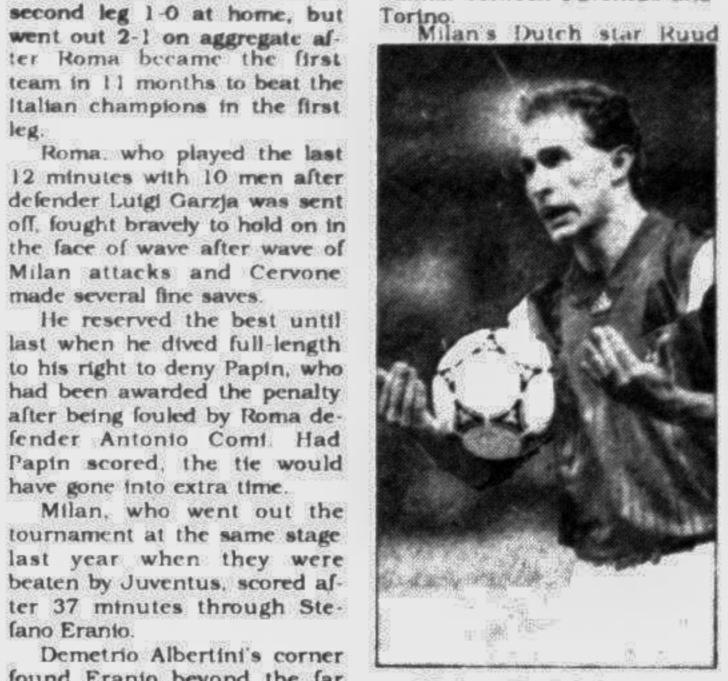
have gone into extra time. Milan, who went out the tournament at the same stage last year when they were beaten by Juventus, scored after 37 minutes through Stefano Eranio.

Demetrio Albertini's corner found Eranio beyond the far post and his shot from an acute angle some how sneaked past Cervone and a wall of defenders into the net

As the tension mounted five players were booked before Roma right-back Garzia was sent off for a tackle on Gianluigi Lentini.

Referee Arcangelo Pezzella was surrounded by angry Roma players and it was the only the intervention of Roma captain Giuseppe Giannini which prevented a nasty incident devel-

Roma meet the winners of Wednesday's Turin derby semifinal between Juventus and



JEAN-PIERRE PAPIN

Gullit, French striker Jean Pierre Papin and young Italian midfielder Demetrio Albertini had three clear scoring chances in the second half, but were stopped by goalie Giovanni Cervone. The Roman team mounted

an almost unbeatable defensive wall to protect the first leg advantage but did not fail to attack as well.

Argentine forward Claudto Caniggia and German Thomas Haessler led some dangerous counter attacks but failed to

turn them into goals. The home team, supported by a crowd of 50,000, lacked imagination as they tried to break through the centre of the Roman defence and most of their attacks were easily controlled

Tuesday night's elimination from the Italian Cup will prevent AC Milan from going after a Grand Slam triumph in the current season.

The Milan team, owned and financed by media tycoon Silvio Berlusconi, remains in the running for their second consecutive league title and their fifth Champions Cup.

suffered their first defeat in 11 months when they lost to Roma in the first leg Cup game. They also were beaten by Parma 1 1/2 weeks ago following a record unbeaten streak of 58 league games.

for the Milan team in the short term if they do not improve their play.

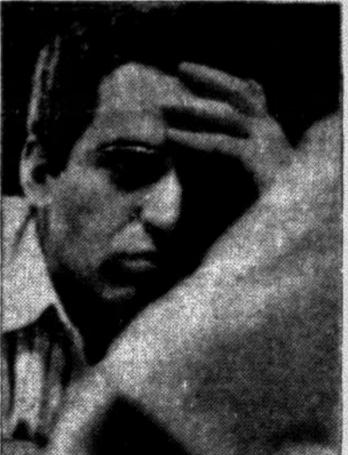
Milan take on Napoli at San Stro Saturday in a league match and play IFK Goteborg in Sweden in a decisive match of the Champions Cup semifinal round Wednesday.

# Rebels accept Times bid

Russian chess world champion Garry Kasparov and his British challenger Nigel

Short have accepted an offer from the Times newspaper group to hold a "rebel" world title showdown in London, the group said today, report agen-

The chess grandmasters, who have been banned by the International Chess Federation (FIDE), accepted the offer Tuesday to play under the auspices of the rival Professional Chess Association (PCA).



GARRI KASPAROV

In a joint statement to the Times late Tuesday the pair

"We write to confirm, subject to finalisation of detailed contractual arrangements, our acceptance of the promoter's bid to host The Times World Chess Championship... to take place under the auspices of the Professional Chess Association in or around September 1."

The prize money has been set at 1.7 million pounds (2.5 million dollars). FIDE last week announced

that Short and Kasparov had lost the right to dispute the 1993 World Chess Championship, after three weeks of stalled negotiations between the players and the federation.

The leading players rebeled against FIDE in February, creating the PCA and announcing that they planned to take over control of the World Championships which FIDE

#### Los Angeles ready for World Cup

FRANKFURT, Mar 31: Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley said Tuesday that his city is safe for visitors despite last year's racially charged riots and would be the perfect site for next year's World Cup soccer games, reports AP. Bradley, in Europe to drum

up Los Angeles tourism, was seeking to dispel fears that the city may be unsafe for visitors attending World Cup championship games in the Los Angeles area. Bradley told reporters in

Frankfurt that new Police Chief Willie Williams has radically changed the structure of the police department and has had officers undergo special train-Former Police Chief Daryl

Gatesand the department were criticized for being unprepared for, and responding slowly to, the riots that exploded last April 29 after a jury found four white policemen not guilty in the beating of black motorist Rodney King.

ceived four offers to hold the championship, worth between 1.5 million and 3 million dol-

Meanwhile FIDE has asked Russian former world champion Anatoly Karpov and Dutchman Jan Timman whom Short beat to win the right to challenge Kasparov to dispute the FIDE version of the world title.

A Reuter report says: the Times purse will be the biggest prize in the history of

Short and Kasparov will stage the match in a bid to take control of the championship from the World Chess Federation (FIDE), which more than a month ago awarded the match to Manchester with a prize of 1.2 million pounds (1.79 million dollar).

The two players faxed their acceptance to The Times from the office of a lawyer authorised to act on their behalf. Three other centres had made bids to stage the match.

Short, 27, the first Briton this century to challenge for the world title, and Azeri-born Kasparov, 29, said FIDE had not consulted them about the decision to hold the game in the northern English city of Manchester, Short's home

But FIDE said both players were notified about the bidding for the final and it had not received any communication from either of them indicating dissatisfaction with the process.

Kasparov, stripped of his title last week for refusing to defend it in Manchester in August, said from Helsinki: "We are going to have a great championship. The Times will be a credibility card for us in this venture. There is no doubt that this cooperation will change the future history of

SNUB PLANNED But six of Britain's top chess

parov by playing on Thursday in an official FIDE tournament. The British Chess Federation said the tournament in

Dublin on April 1-12 would undermine the credibility of the unofficial rival group formed in February by Short and Kasparov "(The six players') participation represents a major snub

fessional Chess Association." the British group said in a Peter Stothard, Editor of The Times, said of his news-

to the newly founded "Pro-



NIGEL SHORT

determined that Britain should host the historic bid by Nigel Short to become world cham-

The match will be run by the co-sponsor of the event, Dutch communications firm Teleworld. Brian Cleaver, who runs the

London restaurant Simpson's

in the Strand, famous for chess matches and where the sealed bids were opened 10 days ago, welcomed the news.

"I have been told that both Garry and Nigel are interested in staging another tournament in Manchester this year. They are thinking of a charity event because they did not want to

not like to lose this champion."

termediaries in the conflict

between him and the interna-

tional federation," Bebchuk

accepted in February a dlrs

1.79 million bid from

Manchester, England, to stage

a 24-game world champt-

onship between Kasparov and

the federation had not con-

sulted with them as required.

They broke with the world

federation, formed their rival

organisation, and called for

bids to stage their champi-

The Times of London said

Tuesday it won the right to

hold the contest over three

the match, to be known as The

others offers. Organisers said

But Kasparov and Short said

Short in August.

onship match.

"We are ready to act as in-

The World Chess Federation

#### disappoint the city," he added. Russians offer to mediate



officials have offered to mediate a dispute between world chess authorities and breakaway grand masters Garry Kasparov and Nigel Short, reports AP. Kasparov, the world chess

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champion, and Short, his British challenger, have refused to play for the world title under the auspices of the World Chess Federation (FIDE). Instead, they formed the

separate Professional Chess Association and accepted an offer from The Times of London to stage a dlrs 2.53 million match which it is billing as a world cham pionship. The Russian Chess Fede-

ration said in a statement published in Wednesday's Rossiiskaya Gazeta newspaper that it was prepared "to do its best to settle the conflict for the sake of chess." Russian federation spokes-

man Yevgeny Bebchuk said he would hold talks with Kasparov when the chess champion returns to Moscow in the next few days. We'll talk seriously with

him," Bebchuk was quoted as saying. "Objectively, Kasparov is the strongest among all other contenders. We would

Times World Chess Champton ship, will be held in September in London's Savoy Theatre. Kasparov is the highestranking player in history, and has been ranked No 1 by FIDE for five years. Short is ranked 11th in the world.

Russian officials would be able to resolve the standoff, Bebchuk told Rossiiskaya Gazeta: Td rather not be a pessimist. still hope for a reasonable

settlement of the conflict."

# Asked whether he thought

Milan, who seems to have lost the determination and self-confidence they showed in the first part of the season,

More upsets may be in sight

#### LONDON, Mar 31: master said they planned a has organised since 1948. The PCA in London re-"major snub" to Short and Kas-