Qatar drub Indonesia

SINGAPORE, Apr 24: Qatar trounced Indonesia 4-1 in an ill tempered soccer World Cup qualifying match Saturday, reports AP.

Five Indonesians were shown yellow cards and one sent off the field. One Qatari was shown a red card in the opening game of the second leg of Group C play.

indonesia took the lead through a penalty kick at the 28th minute by Sudirman, who was celebrating his 22nd birthday. They penalty was awarded when Zamel Al-Kowari tripped Singgih Pitono just inside the penalty box.

Qatar drew level seven minutes later when Khali! Al-Malki adroitly back-heeled a Fahad Al-Kowari cross into the Indonesian goal.

Until then, the match was full of niggling fouls which led to Indonesia's Toyo Haryono being sent off in the 48th minute. The contest then degenerated as the Quataris indulged in gamesmanship in response to Indonesia's clumsy

A typical example was the yellow card shown Sudirman for his challenge on Al-Malki. The referce was surrounded by most of the players, but tempers soon cooled.

Al-Malki's reply was to head in a Yousef Khalar free kick to give Qatar a 2-1 lead in the 61st minute.

The demoralized Indonesians had no chance to stop Qatar's third goal in the 75th minute when Fahad Al-Kowari curled a beautiful shot from outside the penalty box.

Al-Kowari then turned provider for his namesake Zamel who rose to head it powerfully in on keeper Eddy larto.

Van Basten set for a recall

MILAN, Apr 24: European footballer-of-the-year Marco van Basten is set for a recall to the AC Milan team on Sunday, four months after ankle surgery, reports Reuter.

The Dutch striker took part in a training game without any problems on Friday and Italian media reports said he would probably be among the substitutes when league lead ers Milan play away to relegation-haunted Udinese on Sunday.

Fellow feeling

BUENOS AIRES. Apr 24: The length of Claudio Caniggia's 13-month suspension for testing positive for using cocaine has surprised football coaches in his native Argentinian, reports AFP.

As Roma striker Caniggia, who flew out Friday to Miami to be with his wife Mariana and two children, is appealing against the punishment which rules him out of the Copa America and Argentina's qualifying stages for the 1994 World Cup.

His absence from those competitions has caused great unrest and many Argentinians expect a lot from his appeal to the Italian Football Federation disciplinary commission.

Caniggia tested positive at a match on March 21 against Napoli, and he was temporarily suspended following the result of a second test on April 6.

last placed team from pool B Caniggia pleaded guilty to in a relegation game to stay in smoking a cigarette containhockey's elite championship. ing cocaine two days before match he thought he would and two assists to pace the not have to play, at a meeting Swiss. Others scoring for the of the commission on Swiss were Christian Weber, Thursday evening in Milan. Gil Montandon, Alfred Luhti The 13-month suspension and Thomas Vrabec, who had was then imposed. an empty-net goal with six

Alfio Basile Argentina's coach has said he was not "surprised" he was suspended, but he thought it would be more "lentent.

"We will feel the absence of Caniggia not only as a player, but also as a person," he added, pointing out he would "give all his support of one friend to another."

Schools kabaddi

Sports Reporter

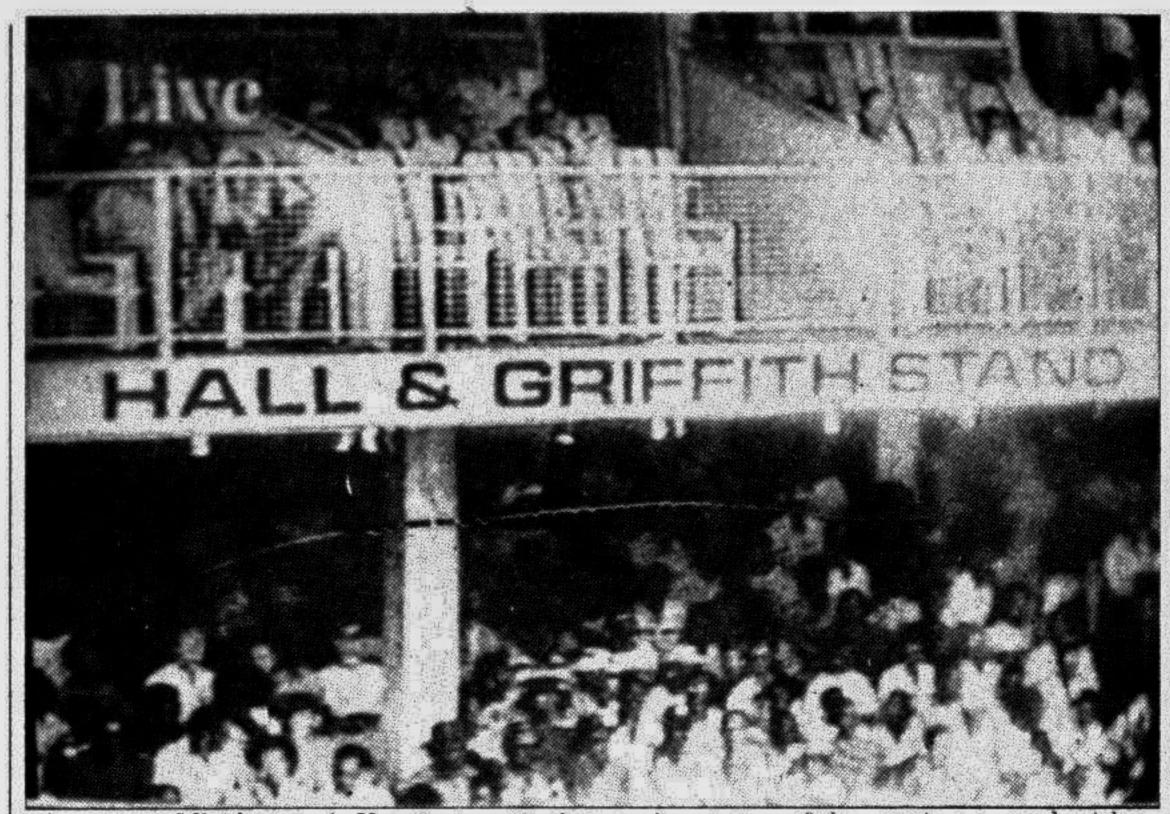
Staff Welfare High School registered a narrow six-point victory over Bangladesh Rifles High School in the fourth schools kabaddi tournament at the Outer Stadium yesterday.

Staff Welfare High, managing only one iona in the match, ended Rifles High's winning streak with a 19-13

edge. In the other match, Ram Krishna Mission High School found themselves always at the receiving end against

Dholairpar High. of the The students Dholairpar School never really let up the pressure and raced to an unassatlable 22-3 lead at the end of the first half. The match ended, much to the relief of the RK Mission schoolboys, with the score 57-9 with

four lonas for the winners. Segun Bagicha High School will meet Maniknagar Junior High while Dhaka Residential Model School will play against Ansars and VDP School today.



A section of Bridgetown's Kensington Oval ground - scene of the ongoing second cricket Test between West Indies and Pakistan-highlighting the stand named after the two legendary West Indian fast bowlers Wesly Hall and Charlie Griffith who came from Barbados. - Star TV photo

Sierra Leone's best chance ever



Sierra Leone will take a giant leap towards reaching the African Nations' Cup finals

for the first time if they defeat Guinea Bissau this weekend when the qualifying rounds continue, reports AFP.

The Leone stars, surprise Group 3 pace-setters after a five-match unbeaten run during which they have not coneeded a goal, host a team without a win in six games.

This match ends a sevenmonth exile for Sierra Leone, who were forced to stage two home fixtures in neighbouring Guinea because the National Stadium in Freetown was being refurbished.

Sierra Leone shares on the soccer market soared after drawing in Algeria this month despite having a player sent off, and a win would put them clear off third placed Senegal.

Algeria, who have the same number of points as Sierra Leone but an inferior goal difference, entertain Togo, a team who can not win or find the net

Togo have drawn four of their five matches and scored just one, and are the only team in the group who have failed to defeat preliminary qualifiers Guinca Bissau.

DORTMUND.

Germany, Apr 24:

An undermanned

German . team

beat Finland 3-1

- Friday to take the

lead in pool B in the World

Hockey Championships,

gave them six points with one

game remaining against the

the semifinals in last year's

championships to eventual

champion Sweden, beat

Austria 5-1 in a pool A game in

Swiss, who had failed to score

a goal in their previous three

games. Austria remained win-

less and must now play the

Andreas Ton had one goal

Michael Guntner scored the

Both Germany and Finland

The Germans, playing be-

only goal for Austria that made

had already qualified for the

playoffs starting in Munich on

fore a boisterous, flag-waving

scllout crowd at the

Westfalenhalle, showed more

it 3-1 in the second period.

It was the first win for the

United States on Sunday.

The Germans' third win

Switzerland, who lost in

reports AP.

Munich.

seconds left.

Tue sday

PARIS, Apr 24: Cock-a-hoop after reaching the longer before overtaking the final qualifying rounds of the World Cup for the first time, Zimbabwe visit South Africa knowing that a victory would put them in the group 5 driving scat.

> Zimbabwe, also seeking a place among the finalists for the first time, complete their programme with home matches against Mauritius and

> Zambia, whose decade-long regional dominance is under threat, make the long journey across the Indian Ocean to Mauritius, a side them struggled to overcome at home. Another nation poised to

make their initial appearance at the finals are Burundi, who descated Congo a held Guinea in Group 6, which has been cut to three teams by Chad's disqualification. Burundi visit Congo, who

reached the 1992 Nations' Cup quarter-final but have lost their way since, suffering six consecutive competitive defeats and failing to score. Cameroon, who rediscovered their scoring touch last

can replace Gabon as leaders of Group 1 if they triumph at But Group 2 favourites

Nigeria may have to wait a lit-

Germany etch easy victory

heart despite dressing only

born Rick Amann, Uli Hiemer

and Stefan Ustorf - did not

play because of a one-game

suspension for taking part in a

post-game brawl Wednesday

against France. A fourth

player, Andreas Niedersberger,

returned to his home to attend

have been better, but we can

certainly improve our game

when the four missing players

are back on the team," said

German captain Gerd

thing and thus prove that we

can take every game seriously."

three goals of the game, with

Michael Rumrich opening the

scoring at 11:45 in the first

Manchester City

beat Urawa FC

David Kerr and Adrian Mike

each scored one goal as

Britain's Manchester City beat

Japan's Mitsubishi Urawa FC 2

0 in an exhibition match

from Rick Holden and headed

in three minutes into the sec-

Mike received a volley pass

Kerr headed in after receiv

ing a volicy pass from Holden

seven minutes later the first

Sunday, reports AP.

ond half.

URAWA, Japan, Apr 24:

"We wanted to give every-

Germany scored the first

"Our fighting spirit couldn't

his father's funeral Friday.

Three players — Canadian-

16 skaters.

Truntschka.

weekend with an impressive

World Cup win over Guinea,

two weeks ago in Addis Ababa.

Ethiopia, who brought the

Super Eagles down to earth

Ethiopia have home advantage over Uganda, which could prove crucial, while Nigeria can not afford any slips when they entertain Sudan, who are seeking their first success.

Zaire will be virtually assured of qualifying from Group 4 if they avoid defeat in Mozambique while the game between Kenya and Lesotho is of academic interest only.

Morocco, surprisingly propping up Group 8 with only one point, and Egypt will be seeking revenge when they host Mali and Malawi in a section which carries two tickets to the fnals.

Mali have proved a bogey team for Morocco, eliminating them from the 1990 Nations' Cup and beating them more convincingly than the 2-1 scoreline suggests in Bamako.

Egypt lost in Malawi, but clawed their way back into contention by holding Morocco and beating Mali, and could take over the leadership if they conquer Malawi.

The final two rounds of the mini-leagues, which will produce 10 of the 12 finalists, are scheduled for July. Holders Ivory Coast and hosts Tunisia qualify automatically.

Veteran Dieter Hegen made

it 2-0 at 4:45 in the second for

his fourth goal in the tourna-

ment. Hegen, who was the No

2 scorer in last year's champi-

onships in the former

Czechoslovakia when Germany

was eliminated in the quarter-

finals, now has six points in

six-point game in Canada's

11-0 rout of Switzerland

Thursday in Munich, leads the

scoring race with four goals

power play to give Germany a

3-0 lead at 16:06 in the sec-

goalie Joseph Heiss' shutout

bid with a power-play goal at

but Germany scored the

goals," said Finnish defense-

pointed, but I can guarantee

that we'll be back in the play

offs. Germany has a strong

team and excellent goalies,

but the final round will be dif-

round-robin group make the

playoffs. In pool B, the Czech

Republic and Finland both

have five points while the

United States has four. France

A with six points while Russia

have five, Sweden four and

Unbeaten Canada lead pool

and Norway are both winless.

The top four teams in each

man Timo Jutila. "I'm disap-

13:16 in the third period.

Ernst Kopf scored on the

Vesa Viitakoski spotled

"We had plenty of chances,

Eric Lindros, who had a

the tournament.

and four assists.

ond period.

ferent."

Italy three.

Aussie pair wins Langkawi event

KUALA LUMPUR, Apr 24: Second seeded Joshua Eagle and Andrew Florent emerged champions in the double event of the Langkawi Malaysia-International Tennis Federation satellite tennis circuit championship at the Langkawi tennis complex here Saturday, reports AP.

The Australian pair disposed off Matthew MacMahon and Kirk Haygarth, Australia and South Africa, 6-1, 6-1 in 42 minutes to win the event.

The final for single event will be held Sunday between the first seeded Axel Finnberg of Germany and the second seeded Clement N'goran of Ivory Coast.

Meanwhile, four Asian players will be among 24 players eligible for the master satellite tennis circuit championship in Kuala Lumpur starting this Tucsday till May 2.

The circuit's assistant ad ministrator, Zulkislee Sahak, said the Asians were Zeeshan Ali of India, Lee Jin Soo of South Korea, Joseph Lizardo of the Philippines and Donny Suscepto of Indonesia.

He said all the 24 players were selected based on their performance in three circuits in Trengganu, Kuala Lumpur and Langkawi.

Contenders included Trengganu circuit champion, Axel Finnberg of Germany, Kuala Lumpur champion Joshua Eagle of Australia, Clement N'goran of Ivory Coast and Dick Norman of Belgium.

Swedes find way to deal with glue row

STOCKHOLM, Apr 24: Organisers of next month's table tennis World Championships said on Friday they had found a solution to the glue row, reports Reuter.

Faced with an impossible task of checking hundreds of bats everyday for illegal use of aromatic or chlorinated solvents, officials have decided to relay on random testing in the early rounds.

The Swedish organisers said it would be impossible to check whether every bat used in thousands of games during the May 11-23 tournament in Gothenburg accorded with an International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) ban on the use of solvents.

Instead, they will random test about 50 bats everyday in four machines which can tell whether a forbidden substance has been used. From the quarter finals onwards, every bat will be tested.

First woman on Mount Everest

KATHMANDU, Apr 24: Pasang Lhamu Sherpa became the first Nepalese woman to climb Mount Everest when she reached the summit with five guides, the Tourism Ministry said Saturday, reports AP.

Pasang, 32, and her support group reached the 8,848-metre (29,028-feet) peak Thursday after a 14-hour climb from the camp, the ministry said in a statement.

Pasang and two guides slept in the open without tent and oxygen at an altitude of 8,698 metres (28,700 feet) after they ran out of supplies, the ministry said quoting a radio message received from base camp.



Thomas Muster of Austria makes a backhand return to Spaniard Alex Corretta during their match in the Monte Carlo Open on Friday. Muster won the match 6-2, 6-2 to move into the semifinal where he bowed down to another Spaniard, Sergi Bruguera, 6-4, 1-6, 7-6.

- AFP photo

an event in New Jersey.

Hopefully, next year we will be able to prevent these con-

dates are set nine months in

advance, which would seem to

be enough time for players to

carlier for next year and

increase the amenities so that

players will choose this event

"We will try to get them

clear their schedules.

Lee said Federation Cup

Making a US squad not so easy



NEW YORK, Apr 24: Pufting toge ther a high-pro-'ile tennis team to represent the

United States in international competition is no easy task these days, reports

First, the top men's players like Pete Sampras, Jim Courier, Andre Agassi and Michael Chang passed up the



Davis Cup and their replace ments were eliminated by Australia in the first round last month. Now the marquee women are unavailable for this summer's Federation Cup.

The United States Tennis Association chose Pam Shriver Lori McNeil, Lindsay Daven port and Ann Grossman for July 19-26 event at Frankfurt. Germany. McNeil owns the highest ranking of the four at No 19. Shriver is No 28, Davenport No 41 and Grossman No 47.

Conspicuous by their absence were more familiar na-mes like Martina Navratilova. Mary Joe Fernandez and Jenniser Capriati, all ranked among the top seven players in the world.

What's going on here? "We were a little disappointed that we couldn't get a team with higher rankings, said Dr Gary Lee, co-chairman of the USTA's Federation Cup-Committee. "Every one of those other players has prior

The United States have won 14 Federation Cup titles, more than any other nation, but have not won the title since 1990. Both Shriver and McNeil played on the Federation Cup team last year that lost in the semifinals to Germany. Shriver will be playing

commitments.

Federation Cup for the eighth time and McNeil for the fifth. Davenport, 16, is a product of the USTA's Player Deve-

lopment Programme and started the year ranked No 159. Grossman, 22, was a member of the 1988 USTA National Team and reached the fourth round of the 1989 and 1990 French Opens. Marty Riessen, captain of

the team for eight years, said, "We've got a mix of some more mature players and some young, up-and-coming players. Pam and Lori are very patriotic and arc always willing to play Federation Cup. Still, Lee said, tennis fans

have to look at the roster and wonder about it. "Martina is playing Team Tennis," he said, "Mary Joe

and Jennifer are committed to

JENNIFER CAPRIATI

instead of others," he said. "We have to make it more attractive. Right now, player compensation is just a stipend for expenses.

By contrast, Navratilova is equipped with a big-bucks guaranteed contract with the Atlanta Thunder and led the WIT players in prize winnings each/of the last two years with over dlrs 43,000. Cariati and Fernandez have hefty guaranteed appearance fees from the Pathmark Classic in Mahwah,

That isn't a gambling case In a ruling stemming from



CAMDEN, NJ. Apr 24: A jury must decide if an Atlantic City casino allowed former Philadelphia

Eagles owner Leonard H Tose to gamble while drunk, causing him to lose dirs 1.2 million at the blackjack table, reports AP.

An eight-member jury was to resume deliberations Thursday morning in the civil lawsuit. The panel deliberated for about an hour Wednesday

without reaching a verdict. Tose wants to recoup the money he lost at the Sands Hotel Casino on three dates in August and September 1985. His lawsuit charges he was "visibly and obviously intoxicated while gambling.

the first trial in the case, US District Judge Joseph E Irenas ruled that casinos which allow patrons to gamble while obviously intoxicated are strictly liable for losses incurred. "The message to be sent is:

we won't tolerate this kind of bchavior," Tose's attorney, A Charles Peruto Sr, said in closing arguments Wednesday in the two-week case. The law must be served, not this man." Sands officials have denied

the allegations, although they admit giving Tose the highroller treatment. He had an extensive credit line and a private betting table where a security guard kept curiosity seckers at bay while Tose gambled for hours.

"Anyone is permitted to gamble as long as they want to," Sands attorney Frederick Kraus said. "There's nothing unlawful about that."

Tose, 78, of Villanova, Pa, lost dlrs 14.6 million in Atlantic City casinos between 1981 and 1986, records show. Gambling debts forced Tose to sell the Eagles in 1985.

An admitted compulsive gambler and alcohol abuser. Tose gambled alone, usually playing seven hands simultaneously and wagering dirs 35,000 a game. He always had his favourite drink - Perrier and Scotch - served in a glass monogrammed with his ini-

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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CRYPTOQUIP

NLWMO NWM WZNW HNJNE BFBNIWFA WYHHME LYVIE IFBZW WVOIME Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THE GEOMETRY TEACHER IS SAYING, "I WANT TO WIDEN MY SO-CIAL CIRCLE."

Today's Cryptoquip clue: B equals G

The Cryptoquip 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.



and Bangladesh Rifles High at the Outer Stadium yesterday. Welfare High went home - Star photo winners.