Inter-college women's h'ball begins today,

Sports Reporter The Delta Life Insurance first inter-college and hall women's handball competition, organised by the Bangladesh Handball

Complex. On the opening day. Viquarunnisa Noon School and College take on Holy Cross

Federation, begins today at the

Dhanmondi Women's Sports

College at 3-00 pm. **Education Minister Barrister** Jamiruddin Sircar will inaugurate the meet as chief guest while Safat Ahmed Chaudhury, Managing Director of the sponsors. Delta Life Insurance Company, will be present as a special guest.

Eleven metropolis colleges and university halls, split into two groups, will compete in the 14-day long meet.

Viquarunnisa Noon School and College, Ispahani Girls' School and College, Rokeya Hall (Dhaka University), Anwara Begum Muslim Girls' School and College, Eden Girls' College and Holy Cross College are placed in Group A, while Group B features Rifles Public School and College. Shamsun Nahar Hall (Dhaka University), Fazlul Haq Girls' College, Kuwait Moitree Hall (Dhaka University) and Sher-e-Bangla Girls' College.

Top two teams from each group will play in the semifinals on October 19.

The final match will be played on October 20 at 3.30

Lt Col (retd) M A Hamid, the president of the BHF, in a conference held yesterday at the conference room of the National Sports Council, revealed that out of the total budget of Tk 1,04,920, the sponsors will provide Tk 70,000.

The federation will supply jersey, trainer and ball to all the participating teams.

Federation vice-president Kazi Mahtabuddin Ahmed, general secretary Asaduzzaman Kohinoor, chairman of the tournament committee Begum Hamida Ali, secretary Mousum Ali and on behalf of the sponsors, Safat Ahmed Chaudhury also spoke at the press confer-

Ek Jhank Paira, Rokon in Shah Sports Cup final

Sports Reporter Rokonpur Youth Club and

Ek Jhank Paira will play in the final of the Shah Sports Cup juvenile soccer tournament.

In one of the violence-ridden semifinals yesterday at the RAJUK adjacent ground Rokonpur Youth Club came back from behind to beat Dhaka Football Coaching Centre three goals to

Mamun gave losers the lead but two goals from Shaju and one from Masum helped Rokonpur chalk up a comfortable victory in the end.

The match was interrupted for some time as supporters and players of the two teams got engaged in alarming affray. In the other semifinal, Ek

Jhank Paira blanked Antaranga two goals to nil with Anwar net ting twice. This match also conjured up

ugly scenes of lawlessness as juvenile footballers in an appalling demonstration of temper and daring attacked the man in black in league with supporters armed with deadly weapons like chapati. Luckily no one got se riously injured during the rum-

Cox's Bazar soccer

From Our Correspondent COX'S BAZAR, Oct 6: Fri-

ends Union Club outplayed Olympic Sporting Club 3-0 in the Cox's Bazar football league '93 at the local stadium here today.

Abul scored twice for the winners in the 22nd and 30th minutes of the game while Kashem completed the tally in the ninth minute of the second

Tarun Muslim Club play Rashid Ahmed Club tomorrow

Earthquake adds to IHF jinx

NEW DELHI. Oct 6: India's Jinxed Indira Gandhi Gold Cup to play off against the Oceania men's hockey tournament has champions for a place in the been postponed for a fourth United States next year after time following last week's devasbeing humiliated 5-0 at home tating earthquake, reports by Colombia in their final South Reuter.

American group qualifier. The Press Trust of India (PTI) quoted Indian Hockey Federa-"All he has to prove his fitness," Basile said. "If he is fit he tion (IHF) treasurer NP Khatare can make a valuable contribuon Tuesday as saying the tourtion to the team." He did not nament, due to be held in say he would be automatically Bombay from October 17 to 20. included in the squad. would be put off until next Maradona captained Argen-January.

New dates have not yet been fixed.

Some 22,000 people are believed to have been killed in last Thursday's quake, which devastated scores of villages in an area of roughly 350 kms east of Bombay.

The original line-up of eight teams for the tournament has already been whittled down to four - India, Russia, Belgium and Egypt - because of three earlier postponements.



Shafat Ahmed Chaudhury, Managing Director of sponsors Delta Life Insurance, is seen addressing a press conference in connection with the Delta Insurance first inter-college women's handball meet scheduled for a start from today. - Star photo

Sheffield United bite dust



Second Division Blackpool hung on grimly to knock Sheffield United out of the English League Cup second round

on Tuesday in the only giantkilling act of the night, reports Blackpool led 3-0 from the first leg at Bloomfield Road, but

goals from Bobby Davison and Mitch Ward had them clinging on nervously at the end before they went through 3-2 on ag-It was always going to be a

tough task for the premiership team to overturn such a hefty deficit and when the match remained goalless by the interval, their objective looked even more of an impossibility.

Davison broke the deadlock after 56 minutes and substitute Ward headed home a Dane Whitehouse cross in the 83rd minute to lift United's hopes. However, they were left to

rue some bad luck, brilliant goalkeeping from Lee Martin and poor finishing, especially by Davison, who shot wide of an open goal from five yards in the 71st minute.

Coventry rode their luck at Third Division Wycombe, extratime goals from Steve Morgan and Phil Babb sealing their passage into Round Three.

Wycombe stated a superb comeback to turn their 3-0 first-leg deficit into a 4-3 overall lead with goals from Keith Ryan, Keith Scott, Terry Evans and Jason Cousins, who netted in extra-time.

But the Wycombe players finally drained of energy and Coventry's two late goals in the 111th and 117th minutes earned them a 5-4 aggregate

Blackburn and Swindown also had narrow escapes, both edging through by one goal thanks to their home first-leg

successes. Blackburn drew 0-0 at Bournemouth on Tuesday night but Swindown went down 2-1

NANTES, France.

Oct 6: A French

prosecutor opened

inquiries into a

second allegation

of attempted ma-

ich fixing by beleaguered

European champions Marseille

on Tuesday as a new chapter

It's a big day

for Maradona

Diego Maradona makes his sec-

ond comeback here on Thurs-

day in an attempt to get back

into Argentina's World Cup

The world's best-known foot-

baller, who insists he has lost

10 kilos since being sacked by

Spanish club Sevilla in June.

plays for his new Argentine side

Newell's Old Boys in a friendly

a special guest as Maradona

tries to convince him he should

be in the team to play Australia

in Sydney on October 31, the

Argentina have been forced

tina to the 1986 World Cup and

the 1990 World Cup final they

months by football's governing

body FIFA for cocaine use while

playing for Napolt in Italy. After

saying he would never play

again he made a comeback a

year ago with Sevilla who

agreed a 7.5 million dollar

transfer with Napoli. It was still

unclear whether they actually

He was suspended for 15

lost to West Germany.

paid the whole sum,

day after his 33rd birthday.

National coach Alfio Basile is

against Ecuador club Emelec.

team, reports AFP.

ROSARIO, Argentina, Oct 6

at Wolverhampton after leading 1-0 with nine minutes left through Nicky Summerbee's 59th minute effort.

Then Wolves exposed some of the flaws that have sent the Wiltshire Club to the foot of the premiership with an 81st minute header from Derek Mountfield and a close-range effort from Mark Burke two minutes from time.

Arsenal suffered an even more embarrassing draw on Tuesday night, when they were held 1-1 at home by Second Division Huddersfield, but they had done the hard work in the first leg with a 5-0 romp.

Huddersfield were presented with a goal a minute before the break when Steve Bould tried to chip a back-pass to goalkeeper David Seaman and Ian Dunn nipped in smartly to drive the ball between the England international's legs.

There was never much danger of Huddersfield scoring again, but Arsenal had to wait until the 63rd minute for their equaliser when Eddie McGoldrick's brilliant run was followed by a cross, which Alan Smith nudged home. Liverpool, Wimbledon and

Newcastle showed how to deal with the minnows by going on goal sprees. Liverpool crushed Second

Division Fulham 5-0, with England youth international Robbe Fowler scoring all five to give the Merseysiders an 8-1 aggregate mauling. Wimbledon demolished Third

Division Hereford 4-1 in front of

just 2,151 spectators to finish 5-1 overall winners, thanks to goals from Neal Ardley. Vinnie Jones, Dean Holdsworth and Robbie Earle. But Newcastle produced the most impressive premiership

display of the night, storming home 7-1 at First Division Notts County to secure an 11-2 aggregate slaughter.

Andy Cole underlined his England claims with a hattrick, which takes his tally for the

opened in the long running

bribery scandal, reports Reuter.

said an official investigation had

started into an allegation by

Jean-Jacques Eydelie that he

had been offered a bribe by

Marseille to throw a league

match when playing for Nantes

at the centre of this May's

bribery scandal, has admitted

Valenciennes players to rig a vi-

development in the affair in 24

hours after investigating Judge

Bernard Beffy, who is in charge

of the Valenciennes case

opened a separate investigation

against Marseille boss Bernard

offering a bribe to three

It was the second surprise

Eydelie, the Marseille player

in March last year.

tal league match.

Tapie on Monday.

Judicial sources in Nantes

season to 14, while Wales forward Malcolm Allen grabbed a double including a penalty.

Peter Beardsley netted his first goal since his summer return to Newcastle from Everton and Robert Lee completed the

West Ham and Ipswich also cruised through, the Hammers, disposing of third winning by a similar margin at First Division Cambridge for a 4-1 overall win

Chesterfield striker Kevin Davies became the voungest player to appear in the competition at 16 years 193 days, but West Ham took the honours with goals from Martin Allen and Jerome Boore.

lan Marshall was Ipswich's meanwhile, scoring one goal and making the other for Chirs Kiwomya at Cambridge.

In the Scottish Premier Division, Hibernian returned to the top on goals scored with a 3-2 home victory over Raith. Hibs had twice gone ahead

through Darren Jackson and Michael O'neil, but each time Raith drew level, via Jasondair and Jason Rowbotham. However, the visitors had no answer to Kevin McAllister's 70th minute goal Heart of Midlothian helped

their Edinburgh neighbours regain first place by snatching a dreary goalless draw at previous leaders Aberdeen.

The night's two other Premier Division games also finished all square. Kilmarnock being held 1-1 by Dundee United and bottom club Dundee having to settle for a 2-2 home draw against Partick.

A superb 35-yard lob from Billy McKinlay salvaged a point for Dundee United after United forward Scott Crabbe had missed a penalty and 17-yearold Mark Roberts had headed Kilmarnock in front Meanwhile, at Dundee, Alex

Taylor crabbed a point for Partick, who had been in front through George Shaw after four minutes, only for Dundee to hit back via Billy Dodds and Steve A new chapter in OM scandal

That investigation followed

statement by Eydelie to Beffy on

Friday that Tapie had offered

him a bribe last month to deny

his earlier confession in the

The Nantes judicial sources

said the inquiries into the 1992

case arose from statements

made by Eydelie to Beffy in

public at the time, but Eydelie,

who was transferred from Nan-

tes to Marseille in the summer

of 1992, said he had refused the

bribe and that no money

The sources said Cadenai

had asked Marscille police to

interrogate both Bernes and

Eydelie about the 1992 affair.

The allegation was made

Valenciennes case.

changed hands.

Lankan squad for Sharjah Trophy named COLOMBO, Oct 6: Shri

Lanka on Wednesday announced a 15-member squad for this month's Sharjah Champion Trophy which also includes Pakistan and the West Indies. report AP.

India have turned down an invitation to play in the tournament citing a pro-Pakistani bias in the conduct of the matches.

The matches will be played from Oct 28 to Nov 5.

The same squad will represent Shri Lanka in the West Bengal Diamond Jubilee Tournament from Nov 7 to 27 in India, the cricket board said in a statement.

SQUAD

Arjuna Ranatunga (Captain), Aravinda, de Silva, Roshan Mahanama, Chandika Hathurusinghe, Asanka Gurusingha, Hashan Tillekeratne, Sanath Jayasuriya, Ruwan Kalpage, Pramodya Wickremasinghe, Pubudu Dassanayake, Champaka Ramanayaka, Romesh Kuluwiuthana, Dulip Liyanage, Muttiah Muralidharan and Duleep Samaraweera.

BCCI awaits NIZO NZC signal

CALCUTTA, Oct 6: Jagmohun Dalmiya, the secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), said today that the New Zealand Cricket (NZC) is yet to make any direct communication to the BCCI for reviving the Indian tour of New Zealand in March next year, reports PTI. Reacting to a news item for

Auckland which said that the New Zealand Cricket is willing to redraft the itinerary, Dalmiya said, "They are yet to communicate to us directly."

The BCCI had earlier turned down the offer to tour New Zealand on the ground that the tour involves only four one-day internationals and no Test Dalmiya said, "It would not

be justified to send the team just for four one-dayers. It would be over-taxing them."

Peter McDermott, the chairman of the New Zealand Cricket, had said that the Indian demand for including a Test match is being looked into but, "we have to be careful not to over-burden our players." "A final decision on the tour

is expected in seven to ten days," McDermott had said. Dalmiva said. "If a direct communication with an alter-

native plan comes then we will definitely discuss it." Karpov-Timman

tie to resume in Jakarta JAKARTA, Oct 6: Former ti tlist Anatoly Karpov of Russia.

leading 7-5 in games, will resume his World Championship battle against Jan Timman of the Netherlands in Jakarta this month, the World chess federation said Wednesday, reports The remaining 12 games will

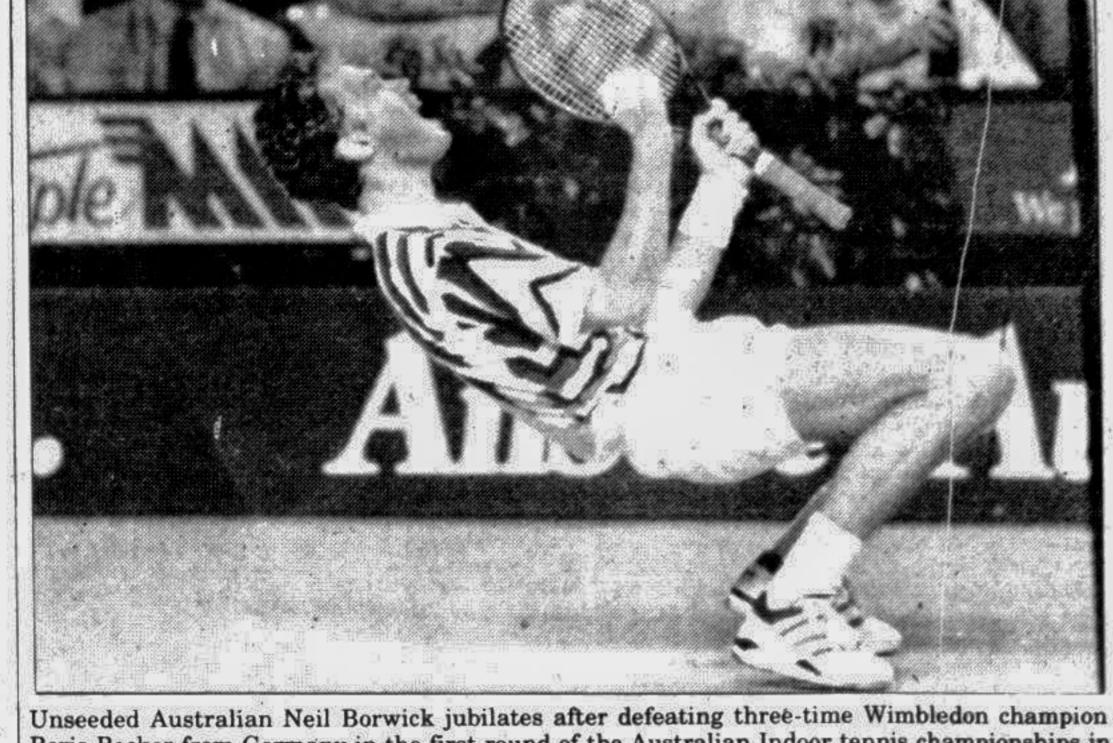
be played at Jakarta's Hilton International Hotel starting Oct 17. said Florencio Campomanes, president of the federation, known as FIDE. The first 12 were played in the Netherlands. The winner is to receive

440,000) from the total purse of 1 million francs (dlrs 705,000). Campomanes said the series was expected to run until Nov

625,000 Swiss francs (dlrs

Karpov and Timman are playing for the world title after FIDE stripped world champion Garri Kasparov of his title. It refused to recognize a championship series between Kasparov and English challenger Nigel Short because both refused to play in Manchester. England, under the umbrella of FIDE.

Karpov and Timman are expected to arrive in Jakarta on Oct 11, said Campomanes.



Boris Becker from Germany in the first round of the Australian Indoor tennis championships in Sydney yesterday. Borwick won the match 4-6, 7-6 (8-6), 6-3. - AFP photo

Borwick leaves Becker in cold



SYDNEY, Oct 6: Australian wild card Neil Borwick upset ailing twotime champion Boris Becker of

Germany 4-6, 7-6 (8-6), 6-3 Wednesday night in the first round of the dlrs 875,000 Australian Indoor tennis championships, report agencies.

Borwick, ranked 113th in the world, saved a match point in the second set tiebreaker and then broke No. 2 seed Becker's serve three times in the final Becker, the 1986 and 1990

champion, said he felt the effects of a virus that struck him two days earlier. Tall left-hander Borwick, a

26-year-old journeyman from Brisbane who beat an injured Ivan Lendl at the US Open last month, continued a fine run after making the semifinals in Kuala Lumpur last week. Becker served 10 double faults, one of them to concede

the second set, as Borwick maintained his composure and often defused the German' serve with some accurate returns. Borwick also served 12 aces to Becker's nine. Borwick clinched the victory

with an acrobatic forehand down the line and was given a rousing cheer by the crowd after a 2-hour, 31-minute struggle.

Earlier, American Jim Courier hammered his way into the last eight and then decried any fetishness of regaining the world No. 1 slot from Pete Samprao.

Courier had a few anxious moments in the first set when he let slip a 4-0 lead before taking out Australian Davis Cup player Richard Fromberg 6-4, 6-3 in 86 minutes.

The high-Octane slugger. who lost the top spot to Sampras during last month's US Open in New York, claimed he did not dwell on what he needs to do to reclaim the lead.

"If you think about something like that it can be too consuming for me, so I just worry about what I'm doing and let everything else take care of itself," 23-year-old Courier told at his post-match conference.

"The best thing for me is just to worry about what's at hand and not to worry about anything like that because that doesn't help me play better to worry about something that's out of my control ... 1 just

Courier said when he first came on the tour he used to fret about his ranking and computer points. "But now I've learned that

worry about what I can control."

have to forget about that and just try to play the best I can. We see things a little bit differently after time on the tour." Courier didn't enamour him-

self to local journalists when he was heard to complain to the ATP representative as he was leaving the interview room that the 15-minute news conference was "too long." Courier described his second-round victory over From-

berg as a "straight up" match. yet it appeared the first set was slipping away from him when Fromberg strung together four games to pull level Fromberg's game improved immeasurably, he was trading cracking forehands with the

American, but the world No. 2

steadied, held his fifth service

game before breaking in the

10th with a hot forehand re-

turn that Fromberg could only just get his racquet to. Courier broke Fromberg's serve for a fourth time in the fourth game of the second set, gaining control of a rally to volley home from the net to lead

Fromberg served up three straight aces in the eighth game, but the match was out of reach with Courier winning it on the second of his three match points.

Courier now takes on the winner of the Jaime Yzaga or Wally Masur tie in the quarterfinals.

Earlier, Peruvian Yzaga, ranked 54, ousted Californian scraper Brad Gilbert in straight sets, while Masur, a semifinalist at this year's US Open and eight seed here, conceded just two games in overcoming Dutchman Jacco Eltingh in 56

Only last week in Kuala Lumpur, Eltingh, 61 in the world, dumped Courier out of the Malaysian Open in a second-ground encounter.

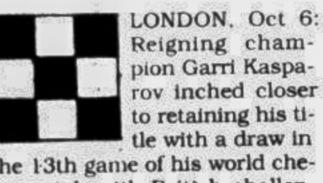
Swede Mikael Pernfors ad vanced to the quarter-finals with 6-3, 4-6, 6-3 win over local Jamie Morgan, Monday night's conqueror of fifth seeded Dutchman Richard Krajicek.

Pernfors, working his way back up the rankings after a career-threatening Achilles' tendon injury several years ago. will play the winner of the match between defending champion Goran Invanisevic and American qualifier Steve Bryan.

Australian Mark Woodforde saved two match points on the way to eliminating last week's Malaysian Open finalist Jonas Svensson 3-6, 6-3, 7-6 (7/5) in 155 minutes Woodforde, a member of

Australia's Davis Cup team and ranked 27 in the world, now plays third seeded Ukrainian Andrei Medvedev in the second round:

Kasparov three points away



to retaining his title with a draw in the 13th game of his world chess match with British challenger Nigel Short on Tuesday, but was clearly furious with his own . play, reports Reuter.

Kasparov leads the 24-game series 9-4 after five wins and eight draws but has made no impression on his opponent over the last four games. The Azeri-born champion

needs only a 12-12 tie to keep the crown, and 12-1/2 points to take the 5-8ths winner's share of the 1.7 million pound (2.5 million dollar) purse sponsored by the Times newspaper of London. Short, 28, surprised Kas-

parov as early as the second move when he adopted the Slav Variation of the queen's gambit for the first time in his career. Kasparov, playing white, used a great deal of time on the opening phase of the game

eventually reaching a simplified position that posed the challenger few problems. After 36 moves, an end game

with one knight and four pawns for each payer was reached and immediately agreed drawn. A member of the Short camp described Kasparov as "livid"

after the game, as the champion felt he had spoilt a golden opportunity to increase his lead. Short told reporters, later, he had never been worried by the prospect of defeat. But Kasparov was testy and quickly disappeared after the post-

match news conference, clearly

disappointed with the day's re-

Kasparov conceded earlier this week that Short was playing better, although even experts believe the Briton is too late to mount a comeback.

"He (Short) is definitely progressing and I am more impressed by his play than before the match. Short must be one of the favourites to ... challenge me in 1995," Kasparov told the The 14th game, with Short

white pieces and first move, is scheduled for Thursday. The official world chess body FIDE is expected to announce

having the advantage of the

the venue for the resumption of its World Championship match between Russian Anatoly Karpov and Dutchman Jan Timman on Wednesday. The FIDE match was suspended after 12 games with

Karpov leading 7-5 after the

withdrawal of second half sponsors in Oman. The organisers of the first half of the match, held in the Netherlands, failed to raise any money towards the advertised prize fund of 1.8 million pounds

(2.7 million dollars). FIDE has pledged to guarantee the minimum prise fund of one million Swiss francs (706,700 dollars) in accordance with FIDE regulations.

Kasparov and Short were disqualified by FIDE after a dispute over title match conditions and the players formed the breakaway professional Chess Association.

robbed Jordan of his desire to

Shapiro said the show learned

of Jordan's plans from

"authoritative sources close to

news conference at 1500 GMT

Wednesday to make what they

called a "major announcement."

Jordan threw out the cere-

monial first pitch at Tuesday

night's play-off opener between

the Chicago White Sox and the

Toronto Blue Jays at Comixkey

Park in Chicago. He left after

the seventh inning, got behind

The Bulls have scheduled a

Dateline NBC producer Neil

play, the Post said.

the NBA."

Michael Jordan bids adieu

family and friends, and most of

all I'm at peace with myself over

NEW YORK, OCT 6: Michael Jordan, one of the world's most famous athletes and basketball's greatest player, will announce his retirement Wednesday, according to NBC and published reports, says AP. "Dateline NBC," the Denver

Post and the Chicago Sun-Times reported the news almost simultaneously Tuesday night. Jordan, NBA scoring champion the last seven years, leader

of the three-time champions Chicago Bulls and two-time Olympic gold-medal winner, is expected to cite his father's slaying this summer as the reason for his retirement at age "It's time for me to move on

to something else," the Sun-Times quoted Jordan as saying. "I know a lot of people are going to be shocked by this decision and probably won't understand. But I've talked it over with my



MICHAEL JORDAN

the decision."

the wheel of a black Mercedes-

Benz and drove off. Jerry Reinsdorf, owner of the White Sox and Bulls, said from the ballpark: "I have nothing to

say tonight. We'll have something to say tomorrow." The NBA refused comment,

deflecting queries to the Bulls. His father's death apparently



EARLY BLOODING: Don't be duped in a snug thought of watching youngsters giving vent to exuberance. Actually these blighted buds are demonstrating an alarming societal evil - violence stemming from any type of competition - during a semifinal tie of Shah Sports juvenile soccer meet at the Outer Stadium ground adjacent to the RAJUK. Poor referee appears to-be at the - Star photo by Inamul Huq receiving end.