AILIA,

Unlucky Iraq yield to DPRK



DOHA, Oct 15: A second half collaose after being reduced to 10 men saw Iraq

hand victory to North Korea in the opening match of Asia's final World Cup qualifying tournament here today, reports AFP.

A dour but persistent North Korean team cannot have believed their luck at their 3-2 win. But it was an important psychological blow in the twoweek tournament with six teams fighting for two places in next year's World Cup finals.

Thirty seconds into the secand half Alaa Jebur scored a Filliant second goal and Iraq emed to be cruising to an easy victory in their campaign to embarrass America by reaching the finals.

But within a minute Iraqi full back Benyamin Saad had been sent off. Many teammates thought Saad was unlucky. Neither of the yellow cards that led to his marching orders were for serious fouls.

Iraq capitulated, but North Korea's winning goal will be the subject of more controversy. Ryu Song-Gun pulled the

Sweden, Oct 15:

Goalkeeper Erik

Thorstvedt could-

n't be more deli-

ghted that both

STOCKHOLM,

Sweden and his native Norway

have qualified for the 1994

plete an unprecedented hat-

trick by Scandinavian teams

next month. The European

champions need only a draw at

Spain to qualify for soccer's

showpiece next year in the

Thorstvedt will anxiously await

the outcome of the Dec. 19

into the same (first-round)

group in the United States. That

would be just terrible," said

Thorstvedt, who played one

season for IFK Goteborg in

Sweden before his transfer to

Norway advanced to the finals

for the first since in 55 years

by beating Poland 3-0

Wednesday. It was the first-ever

victory in an eastern European

country, by Norway, who are

unbeaten in their qualifying

used to celebrating winter

sports heroes from skiing and

speed skating, partied in the

streets after the win, some

helped put us on the map

People understand that this lit-

tle country way up north can do

Friday named in the Australian

soccer squad to face two-time

champions Argentina in two

World Cup qualifying matches,

cluded alongside French-based

forwards Frank Farina and

Robbie Slater, Dutch-based

Jason van Blerk and Milan

Biagojevic and Dominic Longo.

Graham Arnold and Aurelio

Vidmar, all of whom play for

recently left Turkish club Altay

Izmir and is presently una-

ttached, also was included in

Bosnich, who has said he is

willing to come out of retire-

ment and play in the two

matches against Diego Mara-

dona-led Argentina, was not

named in the squad. Robert

Zabica and Mark Schwarzer re-

Striker David Mitchell, who

Aston Villa goalkeeper Mark

German-based Zelic was in-

report agencies.

Belgian clubs.

the squad.

SYDNEY, Oct 15:

Eight European-

based players he-

aded by Borussia

Dortmund swee-

per Ned Zelic were

"The national team has

waving American flags.

Norwegians, who are more

After 10 straight failures

English club Tottenham.

If Denmark make it.

"I hope we are not drawn

United States.

draw in Las Vegas.

And Denmark could com-

World Cup finals, reports AP.

first goal back in the 67th minute, finishing off a cross from Kim Gwang-Min headed

down by Cho In-Chol. Just after Choe-young-Son blasted a ball wide from close in. Kim Gyon-Gil equalised with a similar close range shot from

Gremio gun Penarol down

PORTO ALEGRE, Brazil, Oct 15: Charles and Gilson scored Thursday to lead Brazil's Gremio to a 2-0 victory over Penarol of Uruguay for the Supercup soccer tournament, reports AP.

Gremio advanced to the quarter-finals and will face Sao Paulo next.

·The game at the Olimpico Stadium was so rough that Colombian referee J. J. Torres expelled eight players from the field, four from each team. The end of the game was

marked by a brawl between Uruguayan players and state The Supercopa matches the

16 teams that over the past 34 years have won the Liberators of America Cup Tournament.

eas," said Foreign Minister

Johan Jorgen Holst, referring to

Norway's recent role in helping

broker a peace settlement be-

Liberation Army.

a post-game dinner.

tween Israel and the Palestine

Sweden also won Wed-

nesday, coming from behind to

edge Finland 3-2. But the

Swedish team, led by striker

Martin Dahlin's two goals.

didn't learn of its finals berth

until well past midnight during

had stunned France 3-2 in one

of the biggest upsets in

European soccer history gave

Sweden their place in the finals

and triggered an extended

party. The loss means France

now need at least a point in the

finale against Bulgaria to qual-

unbelievable! It's wonderful!

This came so suddenly," said

Dahlin after being told that

dipped intola fountain at the

ily someone had an extra pair of

pants, a shirt and a pair of

deration later rented limousines

and drove the players to one of

Stockholm's most popular

mpagne until the early hours.

Australia hinge on outsiders

But Thomson left the door

open for Bosnich to return if the

English Premier League player

reversed his decision, to retire

retirement in July after a row

with the Australian Soccer

Federation (ASF) over his re-

fusal to play against Canada in

and the ASF) come to agree-

ment before the Argentina tie.

Mark will be on the first plane

to Sydney, said Thomson in a

from the previous round against

The squad is unchanged

Coach Eddie Thomson said

Argentina and Australia will

Bosnich could be added to the

play on Oct 31 at the 42,000

capacity Sydney Football

Stadium and on Nov 17 in

Buenos Aires to determine who

advance to the 1994 World Cup

Strasbourg, will miss the first

Farina, who plays for

finals in the United States.

if the two parties (Bosnich

Bosnich, 21, announced his

from international football.

tained their places.

an earlier round.

Canada in August.

squad at a latter date.

statement

shoes," Svensson said.

Coach Tommy Svensson was

"I was a bit put off, but luck-

The Swedish Soccer Fe-

France had lost.

"I think I'm dreaming! It's

News from Paris that Israel

the right hand side.

The controversial winner came from Choe-Won-Man who headed home a cross by substitute Gong-Mun-Chol. Television replays showed though that, at least, two North Korean players seemed off-side.

Before the sending off, Iraq's domination had been complete. North Korea showed none of the style that saw their predecessors go further than any Asian nation at the World Cup finals when they reached the quarterfinals in 1961 in England.

They almost conceded a goal within 20 seconds of the start when Choe Yong-Son shot just past his own goal to stop Saad Numan getting at the ball.

Alaa Jebur scored his first goal after seven minutes, brilliantly picking the ball out of the air, controlling it and then firing home from 20 yards. The ball deflected of North Korea captain Tak Yong-Bin, but it was doubtful whether North Korean goalkeeper Kim Yong-Ho could have stopped it.

Japan, Saudi Arabia, South Korea and Iran are also in the round-robin tournament.

Superduper Scandinavians noteworthy things in several ar- Dahlin, who leads Group Six in scoring with seven goals in nine games. "But remember, in every World Cup qualifier there are upsets, we could just as well

> been in deep trouble." Two Scandinavian teams haven't made the same World Cup finals since 1938 when Sweden lost the bronze medal game and Norway fell in the round of 16.

Sweden will be making their ninth trip to the finals. Only Brazil, Germany, Italy, Argentina and Mexico have played in more. Sweden lost the championship game to Brazil as hosts of the 1958 tournament for their finest World Cup performance, but didn't make it to the second round in 1990 after losing all three games by identical 2-1 scores.

"The most important thing is not that we have qualified, but that really do well in the United States," said Dahlin.

In Norway, the country's largest newspaper devoted its entire front page to the victory. with a picture of Jan Aage Fjortoft in a Vicking helmet and "USA" in huge letters. Verdens Gang, an Oslo tabloid, devoted 11 full pages to the event....

Prime Minister Gro Harlem Brundtland sent a congratulatory telegram to the team, saying 'we knew you would make

this small last step. Major tabloids in Sweden also devoted entire front pages

nightspots. The players, some to the Swedish triumph. draped in American flags One headline was "Atar our celebrated with French chahero' in reference to Israeli "I still think it is incredible Rehuven Atar's décisive 3-2 goal what happened in France," said against the French favourites.

leg match through suspension

after being given two yellow

cards in earlier qualifying

matches. He will be available for

the match in Buenos Aires on

Nov 17. The winners will qualify

for next year's World Cup finals

The Australian squad is:

Goalkeepers: Robert Zabica

Defenders: Ned Zelic (Boru-

ssia Dortmund), Dominic Longo

(Cercle Bruges), Milan Blgojevic

(SC Hearenveen), Jason Van

Blerk (Go Ahead Eagles), Tony

Vidmar (Adelaide City), Milan

Ivanovic (Adelaide City), Meh-

met Durakovic (South Melbou-

rnel. Alex Tobin (Adelaide City).

Stan Lazaridis (West Adelaide):

(South Melbourne). Graham

Arnold (RC Liege), Jason Polak

(South Melbourne). Robbie

Strasbourg), Aurelio Vidmar (KV

Waregem), Carl Veart (Adelaide

City): David Mitchell (unatta-

ched). Steve Corica (Marconi-

Forwards: Frank Parina (RC

Midfielders: Paul Wade

(Adelaide Cityl, Mark Schwarzer

in the United States.

(Marcont-Fairfield):

Slater (RC Lens):

Fairfield)

FIFA moves for simultaneous Euro WC qualifiers

ZURICH, Switzerland, Oct 15: World soccer's governing body FIFA said on Thursday alldecisive European World Cup qualifying matches within each group would have to take place

7, reports Reuter. A FIFA statement said eight matches were affected in Groups One, Two, Three and

at the same time on November

The matches are as follows: Group One: Italy v Portugal, Switzerland v Estonia; Group Two: Poland v Netherlands, San Marino v England: Group Three: Northern Ireland v Ireland. Spain v Denmark: Group Four: Belgium v Czechoslovakia, Wales v Romania.

The four countries in each group have until October 20 to reach agreement on a simultaneous kick-off.

For the San Marino game with England the decision also involves a date change as the match was originally scheduled for November 1, to avoid a clash with the Italy v Portugal fix-

Groups Five and Six are not affected by FIFA's move.

Russia and Greece have already qualified from Group Five and the only teams which could join Sweden as qualifiers from Group Six are France and Bulgaria, who meet each other in Paris also on November 17.

Norway and holders Germany are the only other European nations which are so far guaranteed a berth in next year's World Cup finals in the United States.

World Swimming Championship dates unchanged

ROME. Oct 15: The World Swimming Championships will be held as scheduled from September 1 to 11 next year, an official from the Italian organising committee said on Thursday, reports Reuter.

The dates are as previously announced, nothing has been changed," said Cosimo Impronta, director general of the committee, referring to media reports that the Rome event might start a week earlier to meet the demands of American television.

The prospect of a change had upset countries such as Australia, Canada, New Zealand and Britain as it would have led to a clash with the Commonwealth Games which end on August 28.

Impronta said the dates had long been fixed and were not even on the formal agenda during talks between local organisers, the International Swimming Federation (FINA) and News America, who own the television rights, in Rome this week.

Facile wins for Venezuela, Argentina

NEUQUEN, Argentina, Oct 15: Venezuela and Argentina scored one-sided wins of the first day of the South American qualifying tournament for the men's World Volleyball Championships here Thursday, reports APP.

Venezuela defeated Peru 15-4, 15-4, 15-11 while Argentina beat Bolivia 15-4, 15-7, 15-1,

Magic mana JERUSALEM, Oct 15: Magic

Johnson led a team of American basketball veterans to victory against members of Israel's raucous Parliament or Thursday in a benefit game for AIDS research, reports Reuter.

Johnson, a spokesman for AIDS prevention since learning he had contracted the HIV virus, chuckled when asked if the peace accord between Israel and the PLO had encouraged him to visit. "If I'm a peace person, okay cool, I'll be one," he

The out of-shape Israeli team included Health Minister Chaim Ramon and members of Knesset (parliament) from the right an left. Gonen Segev of the right wing Tsomet Party praised Magic for his energetic play, but quipped: "Johnson wouldn't last a week in the Knesset."

Good news for

COLORADO SPRINGS Colorado, Oct 15: USA Boxing will start registering female amateur boxers to fight in sanctioned bouts nationwide, officials said there Thursday, reports AFP.

USA Boxing president Jerry Dusenberry said the plan would provide "Safe, regulated, competitive opportunities for young women in this country who asbire to box."

SINGAPORE. Oct 15: Western nations blocked Ch-ina as site of the 2000 Olympic Games to cut an emerging down to size, says former Prime Minister Lee



Russian Grandmaster Anatoly Karpov (L) shakes hands with fellow chess Grandmaster Jan Timman of the Netherlands in a joint press conference in Jakarta yesterday. Karpov arrived there on Oct 14. They will start playing the second half of their - AFP photo competition for the world title, organised by the FIDE, from Oct 17 to Nov 7.

FIDE — too strong for mayericks the chess world.

JAKARTA, Oct 15: The international chess federation FIDE is not threatened by the breakaway of former

world champion Garri Kasparov and challenger Nigel Short, its president said Friday, reports AFP.

"The FIDE structure is so strong We will survive this certainly in good grace and we will overcome it". FIDE president Florencio Campomanes said here. Campomanes spoke at a

press conference two days before Russia's Grandmaster Anatoly Karpov is set to resume games against Dutchman Jan Timman in the second round of the FIDE Chess World Championship here.

He said that FIDE was backed by 151 chess federations throughout the world and

was the only chess organisation which has legitimacy over the world champion title. Timman told the same press

conference that although he regretted that Kasparov and Short decided to go on their own ... There is little choice for FIDE but to hold the current replacement match between him and Karpov.

Karpov agreed with Timman and added that it was a free world, where both Kasparov and Timman can do what they want. He said however, that he and Timman play in an official sys-

Kasparov and Short puled out of FIDE and set up their own tournament, currently being played between them in London. Karpov and Timman will open their 13th game here on Sunday.

Kasparov had been on top of FIDE's list of the world's 100

best players, which now has Karpov in its first slot. Karpov and Timman have al-

ready played 12 games in the Netherlands, with Karpov leading 7-5. A total of 12 rounds will be played here through November 7. Shortly after his arrival here

Monday, Timman expressed optimism of catching up with an even beating his Russian opponent, while the latter declined to give his forecast of the game when he arrived Thursday.

The organising committee said that the chess tournament here will have a first prize of one million Swiss francs (US dollars 1700,000).

Earlier a Reuter report adds: Chess masters Jan Timman and Anatoly Karpov said today their championship duel due to reopen next week is only second-best to a rival series in London, adding to confusion in

playing on normally once a re-

sult is determined, saying such

games could not be called seri-

ous, and he would have no mo-

Kasparov, 30, leads after six

wins, one loss and :10 draws,

and needs 12-12 points total to

take the winner's 58 cut of the

1.7 million pound (2.5 million

dollar) purse provided by The

tage of the white pieces and first

move when the match resumes

the world chess body FIDE re-

sumes in Indonesia's capital

Jakarta on Saturday after a

three-week delay due to finan-

cial problems. Russian Anatoly

Karpov led 7-5 over Dutchman

Jan Timman when the 24-game

A rival match, sanctioned by

Short will have the advan-

Times of London newspapers.

tivation to play at his best

But the president of the world chess organisation FIDE denied reports about the state of the chess body and instead

attacked the renegade chess champions, Garri Kasparov and Nigel Short likening them to "I doubt whether FIDE will break up just because two players left. I don't like to use the analogy but (they are) like two

culprits in the night running away from a house that's not their own," the emotional FIDE head, Florencio Campomanes told a new conference. Finalists Briton Short and Russian Kasparov, earlier dis-

qualified from FIDE, are holding a breakaway tournament in London. In the 24-game series, Short on Thursday continued his revival against the Grandmaster with a solid draw. Kasparov leads by 11 points

When asked what they thought of the rival tournament Dutchman Timman and Russian Karpov diplomatically avoided taking sides, but conceded that as runners up to Short and Kasparov their match was only a second-best.

"It's very much a pity that Short and Kasparov decided to go on their own and, of course, there's no doubt that this championship is not between the two players who should have played it," Timman said at

the news conference. Karpov said he agreed. Both players appeared tired, but said they were confident of

victory. Karpov complained of jetlag while his Dutch rival said hasty preparations for the tournament prevented him from arriving earlier for the match. which begins on Sunday. Longtime FIDE president Campomanes said he had for several months been scrambling to find a suitable venue for the match after plans fell through for the Sultanate of Oman to host the

Short sustains his revival Kasparov says he is against

Short was quick to add that LONDON, Oct 15: **Briton Nigel Short** continued his revival in the World Chess Championship on Thursday

with a solid draw in Game 17 of his title challenge, neutralising Garri Kasparov's advantage of the first move, reports Reuter. Short, 28, shrugged off early

pressure from the Azeri-born champion, even managing to gain the upper hand after a clear sequence of moves which Kasparov said he had seen, but mistakenly ruled out as not possible. The players disagreed about

their position before Kasparov's error. Short considering it equal while Kasparov, now leading the 24-game series by 11 points to six, said he stood better.

At a news conference in London's Savoy Theatre, Kasparov was asked why he had committed so many oversights in the match. "I'm not playing well, that's

good answer - it's the only answer," he replied.

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chess was an imperfect struggle which he ironically called a "pretty lousy affair." "I'd like to remind people

that if you look closely enough a normal game of chess is riddled with errors, even at the World Championship level," he said. He said he felt "a little rush of excitement" when he wrested

the advantage from Kasparov. but realised it was not enough to win. Short refused initially to comment on discussions on changing the format of the match - Kasparov earlier men-

- to provide greater entertainment if the result of the match is decided before Game 24. Short later told Reuters he was firmly against any exhibition games and fully intended to exercise his right to play all 24

tioned speeding the games up

games as serious encounters. "It says we will play all 24 games in the contract, and don't see why this should change without the agreement

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

contest was suspended. Kasparov and Short were disqualified by FIDE early this vear after a dispute over title match conditions, and the players formed the breakaway of all parties," he said. "I'm en-

on Saturday.

second leg of the contest. Campomanes denied reports FIDE was in financial straits and had run short of sponsors Professional Chess Association. to finish the tournament.

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THE HUMOROUS SKIT ABOUT A FAMOUS STRIPPER IS A TAKEOFF. Today's Cryptoquip clue: K equals P

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.



at the Giza pyramids in Cairo on Oct 13. Italian Edy Orioli won the motorcycle category on a Cagiva.

female boxers

Of China-bashing

Kuan Yew, reports AP.