Delta Life h'ball final today

Sports Reporter

Viguarunnisa Noon School and College and Rifles Public School and College moved into the final of the first Delta Life inter-college and hall women's handball competition, with wins in their respective semifinal matches held at the Wooden Floor Gymnasium yesterday.

In the first match of the day. Viguarunnisa Noon School and College registered a huge victory of 23-13 over their senior opponents from Shamsun Nahar Hall of Dhaka University.

The collegians led the first half 10-5. Rashida chucked the ball in six times to emerge the top scorer. The other notable goal-getters were Munmun with five followed by Ayesha and Farzana who had four each to their credit.

Kaniz and Nafisa chipped in with two apiece for the victors.

Putul and Tania were on target five times each and Rosy added three to the tally to reduce the margin for Shamsun Nahar.

In day's second semifinal Rifles Public School and College beat Rokeya Hall 12-9.

Rashida of Rifles and Farzana of Rokeya Hall were the top scorers of the match with five goals each. Final match of the tourna-

ment will be held today at the Wooden Floor Gymnasium between Viguarunnisa Noon School and College and Rifles Public School and College. The third place decider be-

tween Rokeya Hall and Shamsun Nahar Hall of Dhaka University is scheduled for at 2 pm start.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadeq Hossain will witness the final match as the chief guest while managing director of sponsors, Delta Life Insurance Company, Safat Ahmed Choudhury will be present as the special guest.

Maketing, DU soccer champs

Marketing Department emerged champions in the Dhaka University inter-department football competition beating Islamic History and Culture by 6-5 goals in tie-breaker in the final match at the university ground yesterday, reports UNB. The match was locked 1-1

Pro-VC of Dhaka University Prof Wakil Ahmed witnessed the final match and later distributed the trophies among the

during the regulation time.

Tourism swimming

Sports Reporter

A swimming competition, in connection with the Tourism Month '93 will commence from Pagla Ghat VIP Jetty at 10 am today

State Minister for Planning Dr Moin Khan will give away the prizes as chief guest while Deputy Minister for Health, Md-Strajul Hoque the special guest.

Ebb-tide of euphoria

TOKYO, Oct 19: The hopes of Japanese soccer fans, floating for months on a wave of euphoria, crashed to earth early today as satellite television pictures showed the national team crashing to disastrous World Cup defeat, reports Reuter

Japan's shock 1-2 defeat by Iran in Quar virtually ended their dream of playing in next year's US finals. Needing to finish in the top two in the six-way Asian zone final qualifiers, it has so far taken just one point from two games.

' Japan failure: Japan emphatically beaten 1-2 by Iran, screamed the headline in Nikkan Sports.

Shock, horror - tight squeeze for World Cup, the tabloid daily added, "The dream of playing in the World Cup is now distant."

Hossain as official The bad news made the front The national squad includes pages of most of the nation's big 16 players and eight officials newspaper. Even the very seriincluding four umpires and ous economic daily Nihon Keizai Shimbun carried a lengthy rejudges who will conduct matches and also attend a umpires' seminar

Painful defeat, headlined Asahi Shimbun. Japan face uphill struggle to World Cup following Iran defeat."

On Asahi's sports page, the headline was "Defeat by Iran has dashed the dream. Japan must not lose remaining matches." Yomiuri announced: "Japan suffer setback to World Cup at hands of Iran ... one slip of concentration to the charging of Japan."

Karpov wins 14th game

JAKARTA, Oct. 19: Anatoly Karpov of Russia beat Jan Timman of the Netherlands in the 14th game of the official World Chess Championship on Monday after 53 moves and 5-1/2 hours' play. Karpov leads the match, 8.5 points to 5.5.

reports Reuter. The next game will be played on Wednesday with Timman having the advantage of the white pieces and the first move. The winner of the 24-game match will be the first player to score 12.5 points.



A scene from yesterday's Delta Life women's handball championship semifinal encounter between Vigarunnisa Noon School and Shamsun Nahar Hall at the wooden floor gymnasium. -Star photo

Iran upset Japan's apple-cart

their ugly encounter last year in



DOHA, Oct 19: Japan's reputation as an emerging Asian soccer power suffered a setback Monday after

a 2-1 loss to Iran in a hardfought game in the final World Cup Asian qualifying round, reports AP.

With two minutes to go . Japan recovered from 2-0 deficit to make it 2-1 and came close to equalizing.

In the day's first match, Saudi Arabia, hurt by the injury of a key-striker and the suspension of another, still managed to beat North Korea 2-1.

There is no excuse, Iran played better soccer and made use of their chances, we could not," said Japanese coach Marius Goft.

"Japan are not out of the tournament, but to be in we must win all the remaining three matches. Goft, a Dutchman, told a post-lunch news conference.

Iranian coach Parveen Ali

attributed his victory to team work and research. We have been studying the Japanese and we knew how to check them," Ali told reporters. Iran, after a 3-0 loss to

South Korea, now have two points in two games. Japan have one point in two games. The Saudis now have three points from two matches, hav-

ing drawn with Japan 0-0 in the first game. The North Koreans failed to demonstrate the skill and physical endurance they showed in beating Iraq 3-2 in their first match.

The Iran-Japan match brought back some memories of

off as they left for a first-leg

match of a crucial World Cup

qualifier against Australia on

captain Diego Maradona, set of

Hockey team

likely to leave

on Nov 3

national hockey team is likely to

leave Dhaka for Japan on

November 3 to participate in the

4th Asia Cup men's hockey

championship to be held in the

Japanese city of Hiroshima

Shabbir Yousuf, treasurer of

the Bangladesh Hockey

Federation (BHF), has been

named the team manager while

BHF member Delwar Hossain

assistant manager, Ehtesham

Sultan coach and M Monwar

Sheikh Nurul Islam and

Khalilullah Tuhu will accom-

pany the team as judge and in-

ternational umpire while two

other umpires Mir Monwar Ali

and Maksudur Rahman will at-

tend the umpires' seminar at

skipper of the defending league

champions Abahani KC, was

named captain while

Mohammed Sadek of league

runners-up Mohammedans SC

placed in Group B with India,

South Korea, Kazakhstan and

the hosts Japan while Pakistan,

Malaysia, China and Thailand

Japan in the inaugural match

on November 5, Kazakhstan on

November 7, India on November

8 and South Korea on

Asia, divided in two groups, will

be competing in the meet

following the withdrawal of

Oman and Uzbekistan at the

Nine leading teams from

Bangladesh will take on

Bangladesh have been

Earliër, Mahboob Haroon,

Hiroshima on invitation.

was made his deputy.

placed in Group A.

November 10.

last moment.

November 5-14, reports UNB.

Eleven players, including

October 31, reports Reuter

BUENOS AIRES

Oct 19: Hundreds

of fans on Monday

gave Argentine

soccer players a

rapturous send-

Doha that ended with the suspension of four Iranians from international competition for one to three years for beating up the referee. The referee disagreed with the Iranians' claim that the Japanese were offside when they netted the winning goal in the last five minutes.

Ten minutes into Monday's game, Japan's Brazilian-born player Ruy Ramos, 36, was removed from the field on a stretcher after being tackled by the Iranians. Ramos returned after five minutes of medical treatment.

Iran's Reza Hamid Estili, downed by the Japanese in another encounter, had to be re-

captain Mehdi Abtani was taken out on a stretcher and replaced by Hamid Derakhshan Three yellow cards were

In the 55th minute, Iranian

The first Iranian goal came in the 44th minute on an excellent header by Reza Zadesh

Japan had a chance to equalize in the 78th minute but a header by substitute Masashi Nakayama hit the post. Iran's Ali Daai sealed

Hassan from a corner kick

Japan's fate when he dribbled past two defenders and the goalkeeper to put Iran up 2-0 in the 80th minute. With two minutes to go,

Nakayama scored. The Japanese came close to scoring in the dying minutes, but the Iranian defenders managed to fight off repeated attacks.

In the Saudi victory against North Korea, Saudi fans, wear-

just for Sydney, where they are

due to meet up with the other

squad members based in

national side in an effort to se-

cure a berth in the July playoffs

in the United States, was the

one of Maradona's calibre in the

side," Argentine Football

Association president Julio

Grondona told reporters at the

can turn a game. He looks in

great shape, just as keen as

when he helped Argentina win

the World Youth Cup in Japan

Fans clamoured for Mara-

dona's return ever since

Argentina's chances of qualify

ing directly for the playoffs were

dashed last month when

Colombia humiliated Argentina

Argentine soccer recently with

two impressive displays for First

Division club Newell's Old Boys.

After that national coach Alfio

Basile reinstated Maradona.

who he had controversially left

stunning form that inspired

Argentina to clinch the 1986

World Cup and won him the ac-

colade of being the world's best

player. Maradona has shed 12

kilos (25 pounds) in only a few

weeks and now brims with con-

turn 33 just before the Sydney

match, on Sunday pledged on

local television that he will lead

Div II hockey

registered their second consec-

utive victory in the Green Delta

Second Division hockey league

beating Dilkusha Sporting Club

by an easy 3-0 goals at the

Hockey Stadium yesterday, re-

hattrick scoring the three field

goals in 29th, 42nd and 45th

in the day's other match.

Ahean Habib scored both the

Agrant Bank recorded their first

victory beating Mukta Bihanga

by 2-1 goals at the same venue.

goals for the winners while

Bachchu Gazi netted the only

goals for the losers.

Russel Rana Taki made a

I promise to come back with

Cantonian Sporting Club

Argentina to success.

The soccer star, who will

fidence.

ports UNB

In an effort to reproduce his

out of the group qualifiers.

Maradona returned to

in 1979," the official added.

"He's the kind of player who

"It's a bonus to have some-

main focus of attention.

Maradona, recalled to the

Europe and Japan.

the goals came in the second in the scoreless first half, the Saudis missed half a dozen scoring chances. North Korea's Cho Inchol

ing traditional Arab headgear.

danced, hugged, kissed and in-

voked Allah to celebrate their

team's unexpected victory. All of

was cautioned in the 20th minute for dangerous play. His teammate Yun Jongsu received

a yellow card in the 32nd minute when he was booked for dangerous play. The first Saudi goal came in the 55th minute from Fahad Mehalel, who substituted for Khalid Altermawi. He netted the

Almuwallid But the Koreans equalized in the 57th minute when Ryu Songgun scored a brilliant goal from outside the penalty area.

ball from a corner by Khalid

In the 73rd minute Almuwallid scored the winning goal on a header. The North Korea-Saudi

Arabia match was played at the 40,000-seat Khalifa Stadium, where temperatures soared to 34 degrees Celsius (93 degrees Fahrenheit) when the flood lights were turned on. Majid Abdullah, Saudi

Arabia's 34-year-old captain who has played 166 times for the team, had a badly sprained leg which prevented him from taking part in Monday's game. Sami al-Jaber, another top

Saudi player, was booked for violent play in an encounter with Japan on Saturday. Six teams are competing for

Asia's two slots in the 1994 World Cup final in the United Buenos Dias for Argentines

victory from Australia, I will

do it for the people who have

given me so much, and for my

mother," he said, in recognition

Meanwhile, Argentines and

iously wait the outcome of the

Australian match, the second

leg of which will be played in

Buenos Aires on November 17.

and the prize of a place in the

World Cup finals might restore

Argentina's sporting pride and

bury the ghost of the Colombia

suffer under the weight of such

national expectation, Grondona

said: "Although our soccer his-

tory is far richer we are under

the same pressure as Australia

to win these games."

Asked if the team would

Only a convincing victory

of the local mother's day.

Veterans give India a good start

BOMBAY, Oct 19: India beat South Africa by eight wickets in the opening match of the veterans' one-day cricket series at the Brabourne Stadium here today, reports PTI.

Brief scores: South Africa 150 for 7 in 35 overs (Henri Fotheringham 60, Sandeep Patil 4 for 42).

India 154 for 2 in 31 overs (Syed Kirmani 67 not out, Roger Binny 44).

Pakistan pull out

of veterans' one-day series

BOMBAY, Oct 19: Pakistan have pulled out at the last moment from a three-nation veterans one-day cricket series which began here Tuesday, the Press Trust of India reported. reports AFP.

The news agency said Pakistani players dropped out of the series at the last moment after Islamabad refused clearance for the tour.

The veterans' series is now being played between India and South Africa in the city's Brabourne Stadium.

Relations between India and Pakistan have touched a new low over the siege by thousands of soldiers of the Hazratba shrine in Kashmir where 50odd Muslim militants have been hold up since Friday.

A bitter war of words between the two Asian rivals on the Kashmir crisis has also cast doubts on Pakistan's participation in next month's one-day series to be played by hosts India, South Africa, Shri Lanka, West Indies and Zimbabwe.

DeFreitas Derbyshire's boon

LONDON, Oct 19: Derbyshire greeted the signing of Phillip DeFreitas on Monday as a major step towards turning the English county into a leading cricket force, reports Reuter.

The 27-year-old ex-England pace bowler opted to move from Lancashire to Derby despite the interest of Nottinghamshire and Worcestershire.

His arrival reinforces an already strong Derbyshire pace battery and skipper Kim Barnett said: "He is in the prime of his career and I am sure the best years are ahead of him."

DeFreitas began his career with Leicestershire before moving to Lancashire. He spent five seasons at Old Trafford before he requested a move back to the midlands for family reasons.

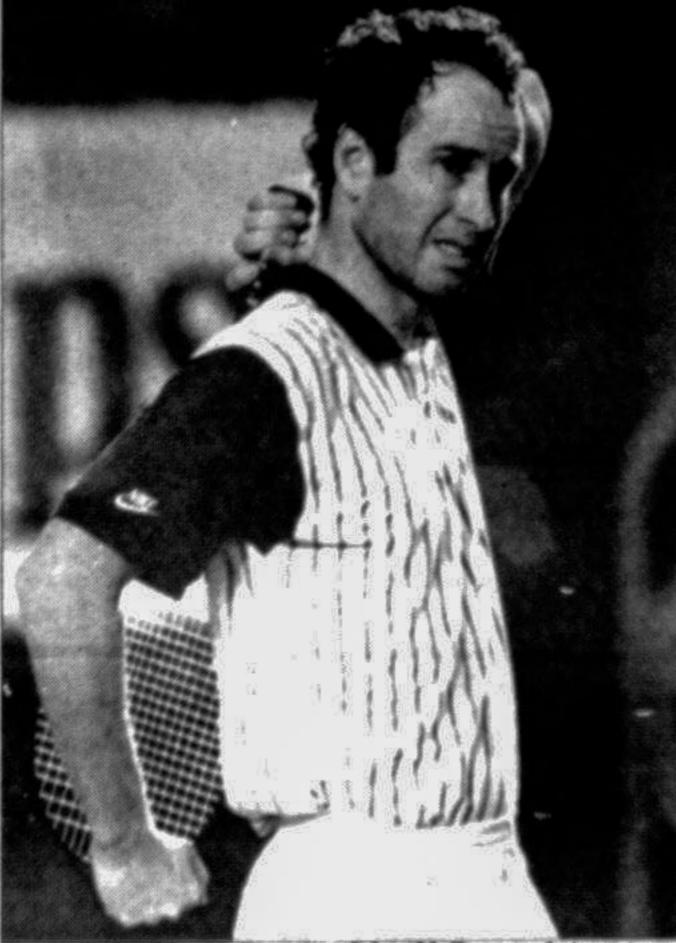
Arch rivals meet in Kalinga Cup final

CUTTACK, Oct 19: Calcutta giants Mohuri Bagan éarned s title clash with arch rivals East Bengal in the All India Kalinga Cup football tournament when they defeated city mates Jugashanti Sporting Club, by a brace of goals in the second semi-final at the Barabati Stadium here today, reports

Abdul Khaleque and Vijayan scored for the winners.

Bagan, who were ousted in the quarter-final stage of the recently held Governor's Gold Cup at Gangtok, were caught off guard by their fleet-footed opponents in the initial stage.

Jugashanti's captain Masud All was at his best in his attack and also fed accurate passed upfront.



Former world number one John McEnroe of America scratches his back during a doubles encounter in the Hong Kong Open yesterday. McEnroe who made his first appearance this year teamped up with Frenchman Leconte to beat compatriot Martin and Aussie Paul Kilderry 6-3, 1-6, --- AFP photo

Legends leave Kiwis dazed

the bat in reaching 68 from 122

balls in 152 minutes before be-

ing ninth man out. He struck

"That was great for him,"

"He was pretty nervous when

New Zealand's blushes were

he went out, but he batted right

tough. He will shape in the next

also spared to some degree by

tailender Willie Watson, who

hammered a whirlwind uncon-

quered 57 in 44 minutes with

Zealand was spinner Dipak Patel's success in taking 3-37 in

to victory with almost unhin-

order Test batsman Damien

Martyn, whose unconquered 80

from 98 balls in 134 minutes.

with seven boundaries, won

him the man-of-the-match

batsman Justin Langer was

forced to retire hurt on nine af-

ter being struck a vicious blow

on the right arm, just below the

elbow, by a delivery from fast-

X-Rays, which revealed no

has played in five Tests, said

later: "The ball came through

lower than I had expected, and

fit to play against New Zealand

in the four-day match in Perth

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the blow certainly hurt."

He was taken to hospital for

The little left-hander, who

"But I am confident I will be

medium bowler Chris Cairns.

Chairman's XI opening

The way was led by middle-

the Chairman's XI innings.

Another plus for New

nine fours and a six.

dered ease.

award.

game with more confidence."

nine fours.

Crowe said.



PERTH, Oct 19: New Zealand captain Martin Crowe was "relaxed" about his team's six wicket defeat in the opening match of their Australian tour at Lilac Hill

Park on Tuesday, reports AFP. "I am pretty relaxed," Crowe said following the shock beating by an Australian Cricket Board Chairman's XI.

The bounce was a bit slow - not the sort of bounce we have seen at the WACA ground nets, where we have been practising," he said.

"Some of us were through our shots before the ball came on to us."

New Zealand's hopes of starting the tough tour well were shattered when, batting first, they had their top order wrecked by three of the game's former fast bowling greats. Australia's Dennis Lillee and Jeff Thomson and their own countryman Sir Richard Hadlee holder of the world Test wicket: Taking record of 431 scalps.

The trio, all long retired, made brief comebacks to inject interest into the carnival occasion.

But they performed with a great deal more vim and vigour than might have been expected of ex-champions now all well past 40. With Thomson and Lillee both striking twice and Hadlee chiming in with one victim, the tourists skidded to an embarrassing 5-44 in the 19th over, and were lucky to reach an allout total of 189 from 48.4

The Chairman's XI romped to victory in 43.2 overs, making 4-192. Crowe said the three giants

of yesteryear had "bowled pretty well." They all put the ball in the right place. It was great to see,"

Scoreboard in the one-day

later in the week."

cricket match between an The Kiwi leader was pleased that young opener Blair Pocock, at least, impressed with

Australian Cricket Board Chairman's XI and New Zealand on Tuesday: **NEW ZEALAND:**

Greatbatch c Zoehrer b Thomson Pocock c Marsh b Martyn Jones c Zoehrer b Thomson Crowe c Jones b Lillee Young lbw b Hadlee Cairns c Jones b Lillee Patel c and b Jones Blain c and b Zoehrer Su'a c Martyn b Zoehrer Watson not out Haslam c Marsh b Moody Extras: (b-8, lb-3, w-2, nb-1) 14 Total: (all out-47.4 overs)

Fall of wickets: 1-9, 2-19, 3-

Bowling:	0	M	R	W
Lillee	10	4	25	2
Thomson	4	0	13	2
Hadlee	9	3	18	1
Jones	10	3	55	1
Zoehrer	9	1	40	2
Marsh	2	0	16	0
Martyn	2	0	8	1
Moody	1.4	0	3	1

ACB CHAIRMAN'S XI:

Zoehrer not out Extras: (lb-3, w-1) 43.2 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-33, 2-66. Bowling: 27 0 0 37 39 19 Watson 42 0

18 0 Jones 0 7 0 Crowe Result: ACB Chairman's XI

Pakistan win apology from British slanderers

A libel action. launched by the Pakistan cricket team and its governing body in the wake of ball-tampering

allegations during last year's Old Trafford Test was settled on friendly terms in the high court here on Tuesday, reports AFP. The Sunday Telegraph apol-

ogised to the Board of Control for Cricket in Pakistan, joint team mangers Intikhab Alam and Khalid Mahmood, and team captain Javed Miandad for an article labelling them the "pariahs of cricket."

for the Pakistanis, told Justice Tudor Evans that the article in the newspaper's comment section on July 12 last year was headed: The pariahs of cricket Pakistani cricket has now clearly fallen into the habit of cheating."

The matter had now been resolved amicably, he said.

The Pakistanis, while accepting the newspaper was entitled to express views with which they disagreed, said they were most concerned about the way and the terms in which the article was framed it had caused deep distress to them personally and to millions of Pakistani cricket lovers in Pakistan and Britain.

The newspaper now acknowledged that the Pakistani board, whose members were well-respected individuals of the highest reputation, was not cor-

internationally accepted laws, and that Miandad, as captain, sought to ensure that he and his team played by those laws. Gordon Bishop, counsel for the newspaper, said it regretted

a matter of legitimate public It apologised for the distress and embarrassment caused by the article and welcomed the opportunity to apologise also to all Pakistani cricket followers.

The Sunday Telegraph had agreed to make "a suitable donation" to the Abdul Sattar Edhi Foundation, Karachi, a charity chosen by the Pakistanis, and to pay their legal costs.

Afterwards, solicitor Ash Karim said the case was important for the whole of the Pakistani nation.

This article could have damaged the close relationship between our two countries. Its terms provoked enormous upset in Pakistan and among the

Pakistani community in the UK "Cricket is a national sport of

Pakistan and the serious and grave libelous allegations levelled against the board, the touring management and the team left them with no alternative but to seek redress through the courts.

"We take the view that sport is best decided in sporting contests but there will be exceptional situations where criticisms of the participants justifles strong action and response by the victims of the criticisms. This was such a case.

"The board's position is completely vindicated and it looks forward to renewing its cricketing contest with England and also to welcoming the English team to the 1996 World Cup which is to be hosted by Pakistan, India and Shri

Pakistan's 1992 summer tour of England was dogged by allegations of ball-doctoring.

It was claimed Pakistani lific distances.

But the Pakistan authorities tions and their Test team beat England 2-1 by winning the deciding match at The Oval.

19: Monica Seles will not make her comeback at a tournament in Germany next week

and has made no decision as to when she will resume playing competitively, the tennis star's agent said on Monday, reports

Seles' agent, Stephanie Tolleson, senior vice-president of tennis at Cleveland-based

AAFI's new initiative

order to provide more competitions to outstanding athletes. the Amateur Athletic Federation of India (AAFI) has decided to introduce three domestic circuit competitions from this year, re-

which have already been identifled for 1994 Asian Games and there is a chance to win a medal in these events. These competitions will be

Delhi respectively. According to an AAFI press release, the domestic circuit competition no 111 will be an open event meet and will com-

prise all events. This will also be the selection trials for the Asian track and fleid championships being held at Manila from 30th November to 4th December, 1993 and also South Asian Federation Games slated for 20th to 27th

December this year at Dhaka. All the three domestic circuit meets will be prize money competitions and participation in these meets is compulsory for the selected athletes.

play since she was stabbed in the back during a match in Hamburg on April 30 by a deranged fan who said he idolised her chief rival, Steffi Seles, the top-ranked player

light workouts with her father. who also serves as her coach.

in the world at the time of the

attack, only recently resumed

ing the ball to her.

Tolleson said "there is no basis in truth' to reports that Seles or any representative of Seles asked that a wild card be held for her because she is nowhere near ready to play

The tennis star's agent also said that although Seles hopes to be able to defend her title at the Australian Open in January, reports that she will play an exhibition event in Dublin in December and enter next year's first Grand Slam tournament were premature.

To date Monica is scheduled to play nothing," Tolleson said emphatically.

As a formality Seles may still have to officially withdraw from a number of tournaments which she had entered prior to the April attack, Tolleson said.

Agassi to play in Rio Challenge ADELAIDE, Oct 19: Former

Wimbledon champion Andre Agassi will join Jim Courier and Stefan Edberg in the six-man Rio Challenge Exhibition Jan 12-15, which offers a winnertake-all prize of dirs 100,000, reports AP

Dutchman Richard Kraticek. French Open champion Sergi Bruguera of Spain and an Australian player to be named will also play in the round-robin event, which is a warmup for the Australian Open.

The exhibition will be played on synthetic Rebound Ace courts at the memorial Drive Arena, organizers said Tuesday. Tournament director Graeme

Hannan said Agassi would be a major attraction although he has slipped to No. 24 in the world is without doubt the single best drawcard in men's tennis," Hannan said, "His

popularity isn't." Agassi is planning to play in his first Australian Open next

ranking may be down, but his

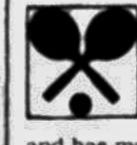
Jan 17-30 in Melbourne. Also in Adelaide, organizers said one of the world's oldest men's tennis events has been saved from possible extinction by a 70 percent increase in prize money and a new three-

The Australian Men's Hardcourt championship Jan. 3-9 has increased its prize money from dirs 187,000 to dirs 313,00Q, said tournament Green said the event had

year sponsorship deal.

been under threat of losing its place on the IBM/ATP Tour calendar because of competition from rival events in Qatar and Hawaii, proposed tournaments in Europe and sponsorship troubles.

Seles not decided yet CLEVELAND, Oct



NEW DELHI, Oct 19: In

ports PTI. The events are mainly those

held on Oct 31 and Nov 15, 16 at Bangalore, Bombay and

IMG, characterised as "total nonsense" reports that Seles was considering entering a tournament in Essen, Germany next week. Seles has been unable to

Tolleson told Reuters that Seles is hitting at most every other day for no longer than one hour with her father just toss-

Organisers of next week's tournament in Essen said earlier on Monday that promoter ion Tiriac had been asked to reserve a wild card for Seles until just before the tournament

31, 4-37, 5-46, 6-64, 7-73, 8-91, 9-182. But this was not enough to stop the home side from racing

Veletta c Watson b Patel Langer retired hurt Jones c Blain b Patel Martyn not out Moody st Blain b Patel Marsh c Crowe b Jones

Total: (for four wickets -3-122, 4-177 Haslam

won by six wickets.

School of scandal closed



Jonathan Crystal, counsel

Intikhab Alam and Khalid Mahmood administered cricket in accordance with the game's

that any readers of the article mistook its purpose, which was to express forceful views about

Lanka."

players tampered with the seam of the ball to enable their fast bowlers Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis to swing it pro-

categorically denied the allega-