- AFP photo

clinch series

26: China clinched victory in

their six-match badminton se-

ries with England here on

Monday night when they beat

the host nation 3-2 in the fifth

The Chinese had the match

sewn up by the fourth rubber,

with Tang Jieyun winning the

women's singles between Liang

Qin's and Peng Yuns mixed

doubles success, and lang's and

Hu Zhilan's victory in the men's

The final international takes

Mixed Doubles: Chris and

Women's Singles: Sue Louis-

Men's Singles: Colin Hough-

Men's Doubles: Neil Cottrill

Women's Doubles: Gill

and John Quinn lost to Liang

Qing and Hu Zhilan 15-12, 7-

ton bt Zhu Jianwen 15-1, 9-15,

Gill Gowers lost to Liang Qing

Alne lost to Tang Jieyun 11-12.

and Peng You 8-15, 6-15.

place at Southampton on

doubles.

Tuesday night.

Results:

international, reports AFP.

GATESHEAD, England, Oct

Tired Tapie wants to resign



PARIS, Oct 26: Seeking to salvage his political future, leftist tycoon Bernard Tapie

says he will quit as head of Olympique Marseille and sell off the scandal-plagued soccer club, a newspaper reported Tuesday, reports AP. "I will leave," as president of

the club by the end of the soccer season in June "at the latest," the Member of Parliament told the sports daily Equipe. He said it could be "in two days, in three weeks, in six months.

"I belong to a political party, a structure, and I will tour France where the interest of all cities is not the interest of Marseille," said Tapie, who belongs to the Radical Party.

Europarliament elections are planned next spring, and the presidential ballotting comes in spring 1995.

Olympique Marseille have been embroiled in a payoff scandal. The now-resigned general manager, Jean-Pierre Bernes, is charged with bribing members of the Valenciennes team to lose a game before Marseille won the European Champions Cup in May.

PARIS, Oct 26:

There was a time

when top women

tennis stars stret-

ched their car-

eers over deca-

Billie Jean King, who was

ranked in the top-ten for 17

years, was just six months

short of her 40th birthday

when she won her last profes-

sional title in Birmingham in

won the 1977 Wimbledon

Championships, played in the

event for 24 consecutive years

before ending her playing ca-

reer as a 40-year-old in 1985.

18 Grand Slam singles titles,

was still ranked world num-

ber-four when she retired at

the age of 35 at the 1985

the teenage sensation find

themselves on the scrap-heap

before they are 20 and the

trend has prompted the

Women's Tennis Council

(WTC) to call for an interna-

tional panel to reassess the

minimum age players should

be allowed to play in major

The latest player showing

sings of premature burn-out is

17-year-old Jennifer Capriati -

tipped to dominate world

tennis when she officially

started her professional career

player to be seeded in a Grand

Slam tournament when she

was made 12th seed for the

1990 Wimbledon Champi

onships, has been showing in-

creasing signs of strin an

Capriati, the youngest-ever

as a 13-year-old at Boca Raton.

Today, however, many of

United States Open.

tournaments.

Britain's Virginia Wade, who

And Chris Evert, winner of

1983, reports AFP.

Tapie, who was urban affairs minister until the Socialists were unseated in March elections, has been repeatedly questioned but not charged in the scandal that dominated headlines all summer.

The brash, self-made millionaire and populist politician has repeatedly lashed back, calling the investigation an attempt to bury him politically.

The charges against Bernes, a former Marseille player and three Valenciennes players prompted soccer officials to strip Marseille of their French championship title and bar them from international competitions. Bernes and the ex-players were banished from the

Resulting losses in revenue have forced the team to sell two players and seek emergency loans. An audit of the team is to be released by the French soccer league on Thursday.

Tapie said in the interview that the team has an operating deficit of 100 million francs (dlrs 17 million) this season. and that 65 million francs (dlrs 11 million) of it remains unfinanced.

Women face too much burn-out

She was not played since

her humiliating first-round de-

feat at this year's United

States Open and has with-

drawn from next month's Vir-

ginia Slims Championships in

absences has been given as

tennis elbow, but many think

she has stopped playing simply

because her interest in the

win a Grand Slam tournament

and who has earned fewer ti-

tles on the tour (five) than

many were predicting back in

1989, has clearly been having

problems motivating herself in

the bread-and-butter tourna

come in one-of events.

tion Cup team.

Stefano.

other things.

ments. Her best efforts have

part of the Olympics brought

her the gold medal in

Barcelona, and her pleasure in

team events surfaced when she

was a member of the success-

ful 1991 United States Federa-

came last year when Pavel

Slozil, who had guided the

dedicated Steffi Graf to glory

was hired as Capritati's coach

to replace Jennifer's father,

Cup player parted company

with Capriati after just a few

weeks claiming that she was

not interested in training

properly and had her mind "on

means the only victim of early

Jaeger. Andrea Temesvari,

Kathy Rinaldi and Carling Bas-

The American is by no

Tracy Austin, Andrea

The former Czech Davis

But the first signs of decline

Her obvious delight at being

Capriati, who has failed to

The official reason for her

months.

New York.

game has gone.

Tapie said he has been seeking a buyer for the past year but that his departure does not hinge on selling off his controlling interest in the team.

'He said he has held talks with the Tati department store chain, Mars candies and Reebok sportswear, as well as unidentified jewelry and watchmaking companies.

"If I must leave now and leave my money behind for the better of the team," he said, "I would do it."

But he added: "I will not leave under pressure, threats and blackmail or media antics." Tapie insisted he would not leave the team in financial

"I always made it a point of . honour that after me, there not be the deluge," he said.

Tapie faces other troubles. Bernard Tapie Finance, the holding company that made his fortune by buying and selling some 40 companies, currently owns only four firms. Three are in trouble.

Tapie's reelection last March to his deputy's seat may be annulled if he broke campaign spending limits.

who joined the circuit as 13-or

14-year-olds only to fail to

of players and representatives

of the International Tennis

Federation (ITF), have become

so disturbed by the phe-

nomenon they want an inter-

national panel of experts to

make a study and decide

whether a higher age limit

be 16 to play in a major pro-

fessional event but this age

limit was lowered to 14 in

and former chairman of the

WTC admits: "There is a gen-

eral feeling that players are al-

lowed to join the tour at too

young an age for them and for

we restricted the number of

tournaments youngsters could

play between their 13th and

14th birthdays. But now we

feel the rule needs to be rein-

vestigated by experts - espe-

cially those in the medical and

thousands of miles and it is not

just a case of turning up and

playing tennis. They face

enormous attention from the

world's press, there is the role

which parents have to play, the

schoolwork which has to be

done. And all these things take

place against a commercial

background often involving

the lucrative exhibition tour-

naments, sponsorship en-

gagements, non-stop photo-

graphic calls, and numerous

official functions they have to

He could also have added

"These kids are travelling

psychological field.

millions of dollars

"We thought that providing

George Hendon, a member

Until 1975 players had to

The WTC, with its made up

sustain early success.

should be imposed.

the game itself.

1986.

Swedes face Aussies in Hopman Cup

PERTH, Oct 26: Sweden's Mikael Pernfors and Catarina Linqvist will take on the Australian duo of Wally Masur and Nicole Provis in the first round of the Hopman Cup mixed teams tennis tournament, organisers said Tuesday, reports

The Ukraine's Andrei Medvedev and Natalia Medvedeva are scheduled against Austria's Alex Antonitsch and Judith Weisner: Marcos Ondruska and Amanda Coetzer of South Africa play Germany's Anke Huber and Bernd Karbacher, and Switzerland's Jakob Hlasek and Manuela Maleeva-Fragniere will play Jan Siemerink and Miriam Oremans of the Netherlands in other first-round matches in the Dec 31-Jan. 7 tournament.

The top four seeded teams will see action in the second round, with the US pairing of John McEnroe and Jennifer Capriati playing the South Africa-Germany winner in the men's singles, women's singles and mixed doubles format.

In other matches, Cedric Pioline and Nathalie Tauziat of France take on the Australia-Sweden victor; Emilio Sanchez and Conchita Martinez of Spain play the Ukraine-Austria winner, and the Czech Republic's Petr Korda and Jana Novotna will play the Switzerland-Netherlands winners. .

ATP's top 20

MONTE CARLO, Oct 26 Leading men's singles rankings released by the ATP Tour on Monday:

1. Pete Sampras (US) 3,918 points

2. Jim Courier(US) 3,759 3. Boris Becker (Germany) 2,648

4. Michael Stich(Germany) 5. Sergi Bruguera (Spain)

2,578 6. Stefan Edberg (Sweden) 2,514 7. Michael Chang (US) 2,222

(Ukraine) 2,145 9. Thomás Muster (Austria) 2.033

Andrei Medvedev

10. Goran Ivanisevic (Croatia) 2,020 11. Cedric Pioline (France)

12. Richard Krajicek (Netherlands) 1,880

13. Petr Korda (Czech Republic) 1,775 14. Todd Martin (US) 1,631

15. Karel Novacek (Czech Republic) 1.405 16. Alexander Volkov (Rus-

sia) 1,404 17. Wally Masur (Australia) 1.401

18. Ivan Lendl (US) 1,374 19. Magnus Gustaffson (Sweden) 1,302 20. Wayne Ferreira (South

Africa) 1,278

WTA's top 20

ST PETERSBURG (Florida) Oct 26: Leading rankings in women's tennis as issued by the Women's Tennis Association (WTA) on Monday:

1. Steffi Graf (Germany) 2. Arantxa Sanchez Vicario

3 Martina Navratilova (US) 4. Monica Seles (Yugoslavia) 5. Conchita Martinez (Spain) 6. Mary Joe Fernandez (US)

7. Gabriela Sabatini (Argen-Jana Novotna (Czech

Republic 9 Jennifer Capriati (US) 10. Anke Huber (Germany) 11. Manuela Maleeva-

Fragniere (Switzerland) 12 Helena Sukova (Czech Republic

13 Kimiko Date (Japan)

14 Mary Pierce (France) 15 Magdalena Maleeva (Bulgaria) 16. Amanda Coetzer (South

17 Natalia Zvereva (Beladus) 18. Nathalie Tauziat (France)

19 Zina Garrison Jackson 20 Judith Wiesner (Austria)

Flaggy forecast OSLO, Oct 26: The United

States. Russia and Japan will win most medals at the 1994 Winter Olympics if the flag ordering list is anything to go by, reports Reuter.

A total of 850 flags are to be distributed among the 80 nations participating in the Games in February, organisers

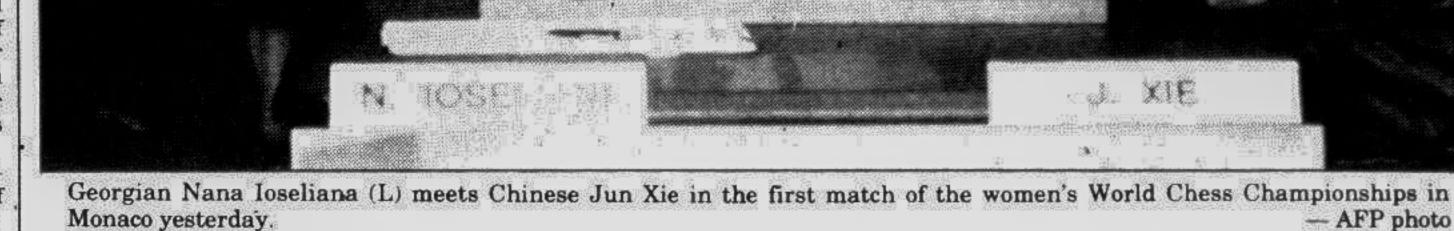
Green Delta

Barnak Samaj fired a 2-0 victory over Uttara Hockey Club in the Green Delta Second Division hockey league at the Hockey Stadium yesterday.

the first goal in the 29th Noor Mohammad got the

of the game. The second match of the day between Cantonian Sporting Club and Tejgaon Agragami

corners and one penalty stroke but failed to avail any of those a opportunities.



Rematch of two Ks unlikely? Chinese paddlers

JAKARTA, Oct 26: As Russia's Anat oly Karpov moved within a point of the World Chess Championship,

members of his camp dismissed any chance of a unification match with the unofficial world champion, compatriot Garri Kasparov, reports Reuter.

Karpov drew with Jan Timman of the Netherlands in the 18th game of the World Chess Championship on Monday.

Kasparov, 30, who captured the world title from Karpov in 1985 but was stripped of it in April, recently completed an unofficial title defence in London and still claims to be the legitimate world champion.

Sponsors are thought to be interested in staging a match to decide the true champion. But Karpov, 42, who strongly believes in his moral and legal right to the world title, dismissed the speculation, saying recently: "I am not too inter-

Sources close to Karpov were more forthright. "Three is no chance of a

match between the two in the foreseeable future," said one of

BEIJING, Oct 26:

Ma Junren, trai-

ner of China's top

middle and long

distance women

runners who have

pulverised world records this

year, said today he did not

expect the team to shatter any

records at the Marathon World

Cup in Saint Sebastian, Spain,

achieve very good results," Ma

told reporters Monday in

Five Chinese women run-

ners, who all belong to a team

from northeast China's Liaoning

province dubbed "Ma's army,"

will take part for the first time

in the Marathon World Cup, the

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"I don't think they will

on Sunday, reports AFP.

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Karpov's Russia aides, Oleg Ladichenko. "Relations between the two players are not just bad —there are no relations between the two players."

Karpov and Kasparov have already played five word championship matches, totalling 144 games, in the past decade and their rivalry has not been limited to the chess board.

Both players were former members of the Soviet Communist Party, but Kasparov has thrown his support behind Boris Yeltsin while Karpov, a former unelected member of the Congress of Peoples' Deputies, remains an advocate of more gradual economic re-

form in Russia. Kasparov has said the old Soviet government favoured Karpov, an ethnic Russian, in his matches against Kasparov. born in Azerbaijan of Armenian and Jewish parents.

The controversial unfinished world title match between the two in Moscow in 1984, which was stopped by the World Chess Federation immediately after Kasparov won two games, remains another bone of contention between Kasparov and

Kasparov has been scathing about the validity and quality of

Last month in Beijing at the

Seventh National Games, 20

year-old Wang broke four world

records in six days in the

10,000 metre, 3,000-metre and

women to run 10,000 metres in

army" came away with three

championship titles in the three

distances, as well as the first

three places in the 3,000 me-

and the National Games were

held close together and the

our sights very high for the

Marathon World Cup. But it is

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athletes are tired." Ma said.

"The World Championships

"That's why we have not set

under 30 minutes.

She also became the first

In Stuttgart in August, "Ma's

Zhang Linyi and Ma Liyan.

play of Karpov's current match against Timman in Jakarta, saying nobody took the match seriously.

He has also talked about the likelihood of England's Nigel Short being his next challenger, implicitly dismissing any prospect of a unification match. A number of commentators

suspect the two Grandmasters might be trying to talk down the likelihood of a match in order to increase the prospective prize money

US Grandmaster Ron Henley, another Karpov aide, is not so certain the players have totally ruled out a unification contest "I know there have been feel-

ers put out about such a match," he said. "At the moment they are not interested but if the money was on the table, I don't know -10 million dollars would probably be enough." Karpov must first success-

fully complete his match with Timman before considering a match against Kasparov, but this seems to be a formality after Monday's draw.

Karpov leads 11.5-6.5, needing 12.5 points to win the 24game series. The next game will be played on Thursday.

dont want to miss the event."

He said the runners had just

completed altitude training, but

had otherwise not undergone

any particular training for the

the press conference because of

fatigue and not wanting to dis-

rupt their concentration, ac-

cials from the Liaoning team

tried to convince reporters that

the teams recent results were

due to raw talent and hard

strict, scientific training," Ma

said, adding that his team runs

42 kilometers (27 miles), the

equivalent of a marathon, daily.

much time studying

ning techniques.

He added that he had spent

run-

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cording to their trainer.

work, not drugs.

The athletes did not attend

Ma and other athletic offi-

marathon.

Gowers and Julie Bradbury bt Zhang King and Tang Yongshu 6-15, 15-7, 15-4. Ma plays down 'army's' chances

15-9.

15, 15-18,

McGuigan's comeback thoughts

LONDON. Oct 26: Former world featherweight boxing champion Barry McGuigan, who retired in 1989, is considering a

comeback, reports Reuter. The 32-year-old northern Irishman, who has been offered a lucrative three-fight deal said: "You have to say (it is tempting. I will consider everything and make my decision. am not a fool. I know what I am

doing." McGuigan, who held the World Boxing Association title for a year between 1985 and 1986, is in financial difficulties after losing a libel case brought by his former manager Barney Eastwood. McGuigan faces a reported bill of 650,000 pounds heavyweight (960,000 US dol-

boredom with the sport for sett were all young super-stars Cawley's latest success



Evonne Goolagong Cawley, winner of 92 professional tennis tourna ments, including

two Wimbledon titles and four Australian Open crowns is finding comparable success on the book circuit, reports AP. Less than two weeks after

the official launch of her autobiography. "Home! The Evonne Goolagong Story," the book has shot to the top of the best-seller list in Australia. It chronicles Goolagong Cawley's life story and her re-

turn Down Under in December 1991 to seek out her aboriginal roots. The book is expected to go on sale in the United States Britain and other countries early in 1994, a spokesman for her publishing company, Simon and Schuster, said Tuesday,

"This is tougher than any tennis tour I've ever made Goolagong Cawley said Monday

The book's first publishing run was set at 60,000, and 40,000 have already been sold. It went to No. 1 within nine days of the launch and has remained there, a strong start in a country with a population of

only 17 million. "We've never seen such impressive figures for a book so early after its launch," said Colin Lawford, owner of the Written Dimension bookstore and organizer of the book's launch in Noosa, a seaside resort north of Brisbane where

Goolagong Cawley now lives. Before moving back to Australia, Goolagong Cawley had spent the previous 17 years in the United States with her husband, Roger Cawley, first in Hilton Head, South Carolina, then in Naples. Florida. Their daughter, Kelly, 16, and son, Morgan, 12, were both born in the United States.

Goolagong Cawley, 42, made

the decision to move back following the heart attack death of her mother, Linda, in 1991.

"We came back to Australia for the funeral and it hit me that I didn't know any of my relatives." Goolagong Cawley said. "They all seemed like strangers to me."

"We always knew that we'd come back at some point, but this sort of rushed it along for us I had a great family, a great life, but something - that Aboriginal part of me - was missing

The decision to write the book with old friend and fournalist Phil Jarratt was made shortly after her return. What followed was a series of visits to her birthplace around Barallan. a dusty country town in the wheatbelt of New South Wales state - and tours of the Australian countryside finding out about the culture of her Wiradjuri tribe.



Action from yesterday's Green Delta Second Division league match between Uttara Hockey Club and Barnak Samaj at the Hockey Stadium, Barnak won the match 2-0. - Star photo

Div II hockey Sports Reporter

Shahidur Rahman scored

second one in the 55th minute

Club ended in a goalless draw. Agragami got three penalty

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CRYPTOQUIP IJUVYPQLN'P UTTW ELPOJNL OQL GTAMLAOYTA SYEQO

MTVJSLP. Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHAT MAY THE ROWDY TAILOR DO WITH WILD OATS? HE SEWS THEM.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: E 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.