## Different ways for one goal



LONDON, Nov 2: Barcelona and AC Milan may react in contrasting fashion to sobering weekend league

defeats when they go into heir European Cup second-round second-leg matc-hes on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

Both look set to reach the lucrative champions' league round-robin series, but while Milan can hardly be said to be in danger at home with a 6-0 first-leg lead over FC Copenhagen, the Spanish giants must tread more warily.

The Danes could be in for another pounding if Milan decide to fully vent their frustrations after their two-year unbeaten run away from home ended in a 3-2 loss at Sampdoria after they had changed ends 2-0 up.

Barcelona, who suffered a shock second-round exit last season, will probably adopt an altogether more cautious approach in their visit to Austria, Vienna and sit firmly on their 3-0 first-leg lead. They can only benefit on the

European front from being rocked by their defeat at Atletico Madrid on Saturday, a It is time for a real test

matches against the home

team. Their visit is definitely

most welcome in the context to

Bangladesh's preparation for

the forthcoming ICC Trophy

since they will provide the much

nesded big-match exposure to

our cricket team. Dhaka

Stadium, after a long lull, will

sangladesh's aspiration for

timing a place in the next

World Cup competition has

been boosted up when in the

last ICC meeting it was decided

that three top teams from

among the associate members

shall join the big nine. BCCB

has undertaken preparatory

programmes during the last few

months for materialising the

aspiration into reality. The first

real test for the preparatory

programme is coming up in

these two matches. Cricket

levers would keenly await the

sionate enthusiasm can further

be bolstered by the performance

of the local boys is the big ques-

year Zimbabwe's dream of

playing a Test match came true

when they took the field against

the visiting Indian side and it

was definitely creditable that

they could hold on to a draw.

So far they have played four

Tests; two each against India

and New Zealand; they lost two

(one each against each) and

drew the rest and are yet to

to the top class arena had been

through the instant variety of

the game. They qualified from

among the associate members

in the last three World Cup

competitions. In 1983 they had

their first moment of glory when

they defeated Kim Hughe's

Australians by 13 runs. In 1987

World Cup the stage was set for

another upset against New

Zealand: but victory eluded

them by a wafer-thin margin. In

the last World Cup they regis-

tered a convincing victory over

Graham Gooch's England, the

losing finalists. Ever since

gaining Test status they hosted

Pakistan, New Zealand and

toured India. To date they have

played 29 one-day internation-

als, won two (mentioned above)

and lost 27. Their records may

not appear very impressive, but

their cricket has always been

identified by its rugby-style

predilection - its out-cricket.

Compared to the home team

they have had much more in-

But Zimbabwe's emergence

achieve their maiden victory.

On the 18th October last

tion in everyone's mind.

outcome. Whether their pas-

again throbbing with life.

Zimbabwe, the yo-

ungest member of

the Test cricket

fraternity, are in

Bangladesh to

play two one-day

timely warning of their sometimes fickle form. They were three goals up at half-time with a hattrick from Brazilian ace Romario, only to concede four after the interval in a 4-3 de-

In the first round, the Spanish champions fell 8-1 away to Dinamo Kiev, repairing the damage with a 4-1 home

Among the other four former European Cup winners vying for berths in the last eight, 1968 champions Manchester United have a daunting task away to Galatasaray.

The Turks hold the upper hand after notching up three priceless away goals in a 3-3 draw in the first-leg at Old

Steaua Bucharest, who won the trophy in 1986, are 4-1 down to Monaco, who replaced banned holders Marseille as French representatives.

Monaco showed their away mettle by coming from behind to draw 3-3 at Lens in the league on Friday with a lastminute goal by German striker Juergen Klinsmann.

They travel to Romania with a full squad apart from suspended stopper Lilian Thuram,

By A M Chowdhury

Flower, who has been given the

job with an eye one the future.

has already made his mark in

the international scene. He is

an accomplished opening bats-

man and has a safe pair of

hands behind the stumps. In 17

one-dayers his accumulation

stands at 526 (av. 35.06) has

the distinction of being the only

other batsman, besides David

Houghton, to have scored a cen-

tury. Their most experienced

member is David Houghton,

who has stepped down from the

captaincy, has to his credit

their highest one-day score (141

against New Zealand) as well as

the highest number of runs

(835, av. 29.82) and if he man-

ages to occupy the crease for

some time Dhaka crowd will be

Andy Waller (348, av. 26.76).

Grant Flower (338, av. 37.55).

Mark Dekker (189, av. 27.00)

and Alistair Cambell (84, av.

10.50) are all fairly competent

batsmen and aggression has

always been the haulmark of

Andrew Flower will, of course

be missing the experienced

Eddo Brandes as also a few

well-known names. David

Brain, left-arm fast-medium (10

wkts at 36.80). Ali Shah, right-

arm medium pace (16 wkts at

44.56), Grant Flower, slow left-

arm (8 wkts at 31.50) and

Stephen Peall, right-arm off-

spinner (yet to take a wicket)

will be manning the bowling de-

partment. The new faces in the

current team. Heath Streak

Guy Whittal, John Rennie, are

of unknown quality and it is

likely Zimbabwe will have a few

surprises for us among them. I

am sure John Hampshire, their

experienced coach, must have

picked up the new faces on

obviously in their batting and if

their batsmen get going

Bangladesh bowlers may have

to toil to contain their total

within their reach. However, if

our batsmen concentrate and

apply themselves, the bowling

may not be that difficult to

handle. Of course, the un-

known outfit should not over-

awe them. The recent outings in

India and Shri Lanka must

have given them the chance of

facing up to a wide variety of

bowling. In Hope they have

learnt a few hard lessons well

der the captaincy of Faruque

Ahmed, has a mixture of expe-

rienced and fresh faces, not

lacking in talent. What possibly

ament. It is expected that the

they lack is big-match temper-

The Bangladesh squad, un-

during the sojourn abroad.

The strength of Zimbabwe is

In the bowling line-up

Ali Shah (340, av. 15.45),

in for a great treat.

their batting.

sent off in the first-leg.

confidence. "We must not think the match is just a formality," he said. "We have to go there determined to play a great match. You can get amazing turn-

holders can go through. In the tie pitting two of them against each other, 1987 winners Porto hold a slender one-goal lead over 1970 champions Feyenoord Rotterdam.

German champions Werder Bremen have slashed prices by up to 50 per cent to try to fill their Weser Stadium for the second leg against Levski Sofia.

draw in Bulgaria, they fear the live television coverage and cost Werder their chance to become Germany's first side to play in the champions' league.

Levski have already caused one upset by eliminating Glasgow Rangers in the first round on the away goals rule.

#### Jackson, Gunnell athletes-of-year

LONDON, Nov 2: British hurdlers Colin Jackson and Sally Gunnell were named on Monday as international athletes-of-the-year by the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF), reports Reuter.

Jackson broke the world 110 metres hurdles record at the Stuttgart World Championships in August while Gunnell slashed the world 400 metres hurdles mark at the same meet-

won his second consecutive breaking the world mile record. finished second in the men's Christie.

world 3,000 metres and 10,000 metres record holder Wang Junxia, who won the World Cup marathon in San Sebastian, American Gail Devers, who

media representatives, organisers and sponsors.

### Lineker sidelined

soccer season to undergo in-Tuesday, reports Reuter.

whose two-year contract with Nagoya Grampus Eight is reported to be worth 4.5 million dollar, had only just returned to playing after a three-month absence through injury.

spokesman as saying.

late May, just a few weeks into the inaugural season of the J League, Japan's new professional competition. He injured it again in June in another league game.

esman as saying that Lineker was expected to return to Japan later this month but that the injury would probably take

### Leconte wins the fans, duel

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 2: China will defend their Asian women's soccer title when the championships, held every two years, kick-off in Malaysia on December 3, Asian Football Confederation officials said on Tuesday, reports Reuter. .

Malaysia and North and South Korea in Pool A after the draw in Kuala Lumpur on Tuesday Japan, runners-up in 1991 have Hong Kong, the Philippines and Taiwan to contend with in Pool B.

pool move through to the semifinals on December 10 with the finals scheduled for December 12 in Kuching, capital of the East Malaysian state of Sarawak, on Borneo Island. China have been unbeaten

champions in Asian women's soccer since 1986, a supremacy in stark contrast to the men's team, which this year failed to even qualify for the Asian final round of the 1994 World Cup qualifiers.

#### Agassi resumes training

PARIS, Nov 2: Andre Agassi unable to compete at this week's Paris Open and doomed to finish the 1993 season ranked outside the top 20, has been given the green light to resume light training, reports

The 1992 Wimbledon cham pion, currently ranked 23rd. has been a top-bracket player since 1987. He has been out of action with a wrist injury for the last month

## Jiang betters

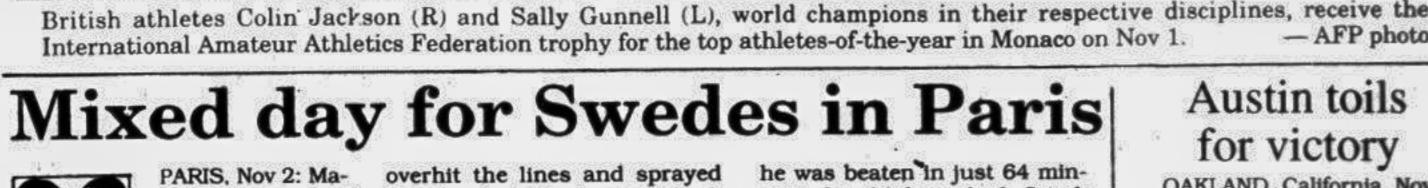
**KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 2:** China's Jiang Chuihua rode to a world junior record Tuesday in the Asian Cycling Championships, winning the junior women's 500-metre time trial in 37.417 seconds, reports AP.

The 18-year-old high school student from Dalian broke her own mark of 37.773, set in the World Junior Championships in Perth. Australia last month.

South Korea's Oh Se-ok was second in 38.559 and Liao Li-

hua of Taiwan third in 39:818. Also in the junior portion of the championships, South Korea's Hong Suk-han won the men's 1-kilometer time trial in 1 minute, 8.572 seconds. He was followed by China's Wang Chengpeng in 1:09.737 and Chang Min-yang of Taiwan in

In the senior men's 1-kilometer time trial, Kazakhstan's Alexander Napohenko made an





rc Goellner, one of the players carrying German hopes in next months Davis Cup final against Australia, continued his

nightmare run of results here on Monday when he was beaten in the first-round at the twomillion dollar Paris Open. reports AFP. The 23-year-old, who has

now failed to win a single match in his last four tournaments was jeered off the centre-court at the grass-walled Bercy Stadium after going down 6-7 (1-7), 4-6 to experienced Swedish campaigner Jonas Svensson. Goellner, the happy-go-lucky

player who exploded on the international scene in the spring with his victory at Nice In April, looked a worried and unhappy

here on Monday night when,

not for the first time, he won a

match he looked certain to lose

2.165,000 dollar Paris Open.

stared defeat in the face when

he trailed 0-3 in the second-set

of his match against compatriot

trouble and saved another des-

perate situation in the ninth

game in which he trailed 0-30

by firing down two magnificent

He never looked back and

Leconte, who has slid to

went on to win 6-7 (7/9), 7-5,

84th in the rankings and who

was given a wild-card for the

event, should have sewn things

up in the first set when he held

But he played himself out of

reports AFP.

Thierry Champion.

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The 30-year-old left-hander

PARIS. Nov 2: He-

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ght the home fans

roaring to their

feet inside the

Bercy Stadiu m

the simplest of returns wide or into the net, to be whistled and booed by the notoriously noisy Paris crowd. Svensson, 27 and a semifi-

nalist here in 1990 and 1991, teased Goellner with a mixture of drop-shots and baseline steadiness, and the German was never able to establish any pace or rhythm. The only part of Goellner's

'game that looked relatively impressive was his serve. He fired down a dozen aces

- good practice for the calm Swede who now faces ninthseeded Goran Ivanisevic of Croatia, for a place in the thirdround. South African players had an

unhappy day and both Wayne Ferreira and Marcos Ondruska failed to clear their first hurdles. Ferreira parted company

with the worlds richest non-Hopelessly off target, he Grand Slam tournament when

eleventh game and the second

at 7-6 in the tie-break - but

has slumped to a lowly 237th in

the rankings and whose last

match in Paris ended in a his-

toric 0-6, 0-6, 0-6 second-round

humiliation at the French Open

to eventual champion Sergi

Bruguera of Spain, looked

serene as he surged clear in the

upset Pete Sampras and Wally

Masur to reach the quarter-fi-

nals before being forced to

withdraw because of a heel in-

Leconte, who was given a

standing ovation as he came off

court, now plays tenth-seeded

compatriot Cedric Pioline for a

defeat. "That's Henri," he said

easy. But to play him here in

Bercy where the crowds really

get behind him, it is impossible.

Champion shrugged off the

"To play him anywhere isn't

place in the third-round.

jury, suddenly burst into life.

But Leconte, who last year

Champion, a qualifier who

failed to convert either.

second set.

with a sigh.

utes by 20th-ranked Swede Magnus Gustafsson. It was the third year running

that Ferreira was beaten in his opening match inside the futuristic stadium to the south-east of the capital. Gustafsson, winner at

Stuttgart this year and returning to the form that made him a top-ten player two years ago. scored a 7-6 (7-1), 6-1 victory for the dubious pleasure of facing world number-two Jim Courier in the next round.

One Swedish player who failed to go through was Henrik Holm who was comprehensively beaten 3-6, 3-6 by Russian Andrei Cherkasov

Amos Mansodorf, the 1988 winner, came back after dropping the opening set to beat promising Ondruska 4-6, 6-4.

playing anywhere else I would

"Everything was fine when

was leading 3-0 in the second

set. But once he got back level

Leconte admitted: "It was

very tough match physically but

especially mentally. I was very

who has already three qualify-

ing matches behind him and

who is such an awkward oppo-

nent, it isn't easy to play your

To make matters worse

Looking forward to his clash

played really badly at the start."

today with Pioline, Leconte said:

"I've got nothing to lose against

him, that's for sure, and I like

this kind of match where I start

"It could be a good match

early on against Thierry, then it

will be over quickly and I'll be

providing I play the way I did

"If I play the way I played

best tennis.

the underdog."

in the third set today."

saying 'au revoir.

"Playing a fellow-Frenchman

tense when I went out there.

he just played better and bet-

#### times during the match. Austin was playing in only

Austin toils

for victory

Tracy Austin struggled to a 6-4,

3-6, 7-5 victory over Tatiana Ig-

natieva of Belarus on Monday

in the first round of the

375,000 US dollars Bank of the

West Classic tennis tourna-

Despite serving 17 double

faults and struggling with her

control, the 30-year-old Austin.

who won the 1979 and 1981 US

Opens as a teenager, won the

"I'm extremely happy to have

"I was not playing that well

Each player was broken 10

last three games of the match.

gutted it out," said Austin.

and my serve was awful."

ment, reports Reuter.

OAKLAND, California, Nov 2:

her fifth tournament of the year and her first since the Canadian Open in August.

#### ATP's top 20 PARIS, Nov 2: Leading men's

singles rankings issued by the ATP Tour on Monday: 1. Pete Sampras

3,790 points 2. Jim Courier (US) 3, Michael Stich (Germany) 4. Boris Becker (Germany) 2,608 5. Sergi Bruguera (Spain) 2,590 6. Stefan Edberg (Sweden) 2,435 7. Michael Chang (US) 8. Andrei Medvedev 2,145 (Ukraine) 9. Thomas Muster 2,033 (Austria) 10. Cedric Pioline (France) 1,929 11. Goran Ivanisevic 1,917 (Croatia) 12.Richard Krajicek (Netherlands) 1,880 13. Petr Korda (Czech 1.751 Republic) 14. Todd Martin (US) 1.669 15. Marc Rosset 1,456 (Switzerland) 16. Alexander Volkov 1,404 Russia) 17. Karel Novacek

(Czech Republic)

19. Ivan Lendi (US)

Gustafsson (Sweden)

18. Wally Masur

(Australia)

20. Magnus

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#### "I think if we had been two set points - the first in the CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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CRYPTOQUIP

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QJIVUX Cryptoquip: I CHOSE CROOKED CAN-DIDATES EVEN THOUGH I VOTED A STRAIGHT TICKET.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: H 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.



Groundsmen are rolling the two pitches for the Gold Leaf one-day international series between Zimbabwe and Bangladesh. The first match will be played at the Dhaka Stadium today followed by the second and the last one tomorrow at the same venue.

- Star photo

Monaco's Belgian midfielder Enzo Scifo warned against over-

rounds in the European Cup." At most, five former title

Lothar Matthaeus said.

In the driving seat after a 2-2 fans will stay at home to watch

"After Saturday's showing we don't need to be afraid of Norwich," skipper and libero

ity and potential to become a

good leader. He has the experi-

ence of leading club and uni-

versity sides. Athar Ali, who had

a very successful tour in India

and Shri Lanka (45, 59, 81, 31

and 21 respectively are some of

his notable scores) is possibly

going to open the innings, a role

he is reported to have played

successfully during the recent

tour. He is technically equipped

to do the job well. All eyes will

be on Sajjad Ahmad Shipon, the

young talented product of

BKSP if he is put in as Athar's

Bangladesh batting is fairly

impressive. Faruque Ahmed.

Akram' Khan, Shahnawaz

Shaheed, Enamul Huq, Aminul

Islam and Minhajul Abedin are

capable of putting a good total.

The unorthodox batting of

Jahangir Alam Dulu (who came

in handy in a few matches in

India and Shri Lanka) could

bolster the total or make run

chasing casier. Our bowling would largely

depend on the experienced

Golam Nowsher Prince, the up-

coming Saiful Islam and en-

thusiastic Jahangir Alam Dulu

in the pace department where

Athar Ali could very well add to

the strength. Enamul Huq Moni

(who was amongst the wickets

in almost every match on the

recent tour) shall bear the main

brunt of the spin department.

The prospective off-spinner

Salahuddin Ahmed shall have

to prove his worth. Aminul

Islam Bulbul's gentle spin may

not be that useful if the bats-

men are intent on hitting, a job

the Zimbabweans do very well.

Al-Shahriar Rokon's leg-spin

is rather unpredictable. We had

lot of rain this summer; it did

not cease until about a fort-

night, which allowed very little

time for the preparation of the

wicket. It would be natural to

expect lot of moisture under-

neath. So a hard and fast track.

where stroke-making is easy.

cannot be expected. Batsmen

shall have to watch till the last

moment before going for a

way to take part in the CAB di-

amond jubilee tournament in

India, may prove to be a good

sparring partner for

Bangladesh, who are in for a

real test of their current stand-

ing. Zimbabwe had earlier al-

ways proved to be too much for

ing team, bereft of the services

of a few experienced players,

has a new look about it. The re-

sult of the two matches would

prove one thing for certain: Do

we really have the potentials for

Bangladesh. The present tour-

Zimbabwe, who are on their

stroke.

The behaviour of the wicket

could be useful for variety.

The middle order o

partner.

Noureddine Morceli, who world 1,500 title as well as poll ahead of Britains world 100 metres champion Linford Gunnell headed China's

Spain, on Sunday. won both the 100 metres and 100 metres hurdles titles in Stuttgart, finished third. The standings follow a poll of 1,500 people including IAAF members,

### TOKYO, Nov 2: Former Eng-

land striker Gary Lineker will miss the rest of the Japanese tensive treatment in the United States for a broken right toe. Kyodo news agency reported on The 32-year-old Lineker.

Lineker would return to

England later this week before leaving for Chicago next Monday to consult a bone specialist Kyodo quoted a Grampus Eight Lineker first hurt the toe in

Kyodo quoted the spok-

about three months to heal.

Asian eves soccer in Malaysia Dec 3

China were grouped with

The top two sides from each

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impressive dash to brush aside 11 other riders.