

Sport

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 their European Cup second-round second-leg matches on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

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

sent off in the first-leg. Monaco's Belgian midfielder Enzo Scifo warred against over-confidence. "We must not think the match is just a formality," he said.

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.



British athletes Colin Jackson (R) and Sally Gunnell (L), world champions in their respective disciplines, receive the International Amateur Athletics Federation trophy for the top athletes-of-the-year in Monaco on Nov 1. — AFP photo

It is time for a real test

Zimbabwe, the youngest member of the Test cricket fraternity, are in Bangladesh to play two one-day matches against the home team. Their visit is definitely most welcome in the context to Bangladesh's preparation for the forthcoming ICC Trophy

Flower, who has been given the job with an eye on the future, has already made his mark in the international scene. He is an accomplished opening batsman and has a safe pair of hands behind the stumps.

ity and potential to become a good leader. He has the experience of leading club and university sides. Athar Ali, who had a very successful tour in India and Sri 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.

Lineker sidelined

TOKYO, Nov 2: Former England striker Gary Lineker will miss the rest of the Japanese soccer season to undergo intensive treatment in the United States for a broken right toe, Kyodo news agency reported on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

Mixed day for Swedes in Paris

PARIS, Nov 2: Marc 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 two-million dollar Paris Open.

overhit the lines and sprayed the simplest of returns wide or into the net, to be whistled and booed by the notoriously noisy Paris crowd.

he was beaten in just 64 minutes 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.

Austin toils for victory

OAKLAND, California, Nov 2: Tracy Austin struggled to a 6-4, 3-6, 7-5 victory over Tatiana Ignatieva of Belarus on Monday in the first round of the 375,000 US dollars Bank of the West Classic tennis tournament, reports Reuter.

On the 18th October last 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.

The strength of Zimbabwe is obviously in their batting and if their batsmen get going Bangladesh bowlers may have to toil to contain their total within their reach.

The behaviour of the wicket is rather unpredictable. We had lot of rain this summer; it did not cease until about a fortnight, which allowed very little time for the preparation of the wicket.

Asian eves soccer in Malaysia Dec 3

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.

Leconte wins the fans, duel

PARIS, Nov 2: Henri Leconte brought the home fans roaring to their feet inside the Bercy Stadium when here on Monday night when not for the first time, he won a match he looked certain to lose in the first-round of the 2,165,000 dollar Paris Open.

eleventh game and the second at 7-6 in the tie-break — but failed to convert either. Champion, a qualifier who has slumped to a lowly 237th in the rankings and whose last match in Paris ended in a historic 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 second set.

playing anywhere else I would have won. "Everything was fine when I was leading 3-0 in the second set. But once he got back level he just played better and better."

ATP's top 20

Table listing ATP's top 20 singles rankings. Includes names like Pete Sampras, Jim Courier, and their respective points.



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

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 AFP.

Jiang betters own mark

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 2: China's Jiang Chuhua 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.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes a solution time of 27 minutes and a partial solution grid.

Cryptoquip puzzle section. Includes a grid of letters and a clue: 'Today's Cryptoquip clue: H equals P'. Also includes a list of words: ISSUVX, HVJYDXIQ, DSHX, IS, QJIVUX, VJ, IVYD.