# 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

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

imping a place in the next

ford 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

ternational exposure and that

would be a great advantage for

the visitors.

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

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

ages to occupy the crease for

Ali Shah (340, av. 15.45),

Andy Waller (348, av. 26.76)

Grant Flower (338, av. 37.55).

Mark Dekker (189, av. 27.00)

and Alistair Cambell (84, av.

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

recent outings should improve

the situation to some extent

Faruque has matured into a

they lack is big-match temper-

The Bangladesh squad, un-

during the sojourn abroad.

The strength of Zimbabwe is

in for a great treat.

their batting.

sent off in the first-leg. Monaco's Belgian midfielder

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-

At most, five former title 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.

In the driving seat after a 2-2 draw in Bulgaria, they fear the fans will stay at home to watch 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.

Lothar Matthaeus 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.

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-

Noureddine Morceli, who won his second consecutive world 1,500 title as well as breaking the world mile record. finished second in the men's poll ahead of Britains world 100 metres champion Linford Christie. Gunnell headed China's

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

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, media representatives, organisers and sponsors.

#### 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.

The 32-year-old Lineker. 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.

Lineker would return to England later this week before leaving for Chicago next Monday to consult a bone specialist Kyodo quoted a Grampus Eight spokesman as saying.

Lineker first hurt the toe in 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. Kyodo quoted the spok-

esman as saying that Lineker was expected to return to Japan later this month but that the injury would probably take about three months to heal.

## 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. .

China were grouped with 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.

The top two sides from each 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 AFP.

The 1992 Wimbledon champion, 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 own mark

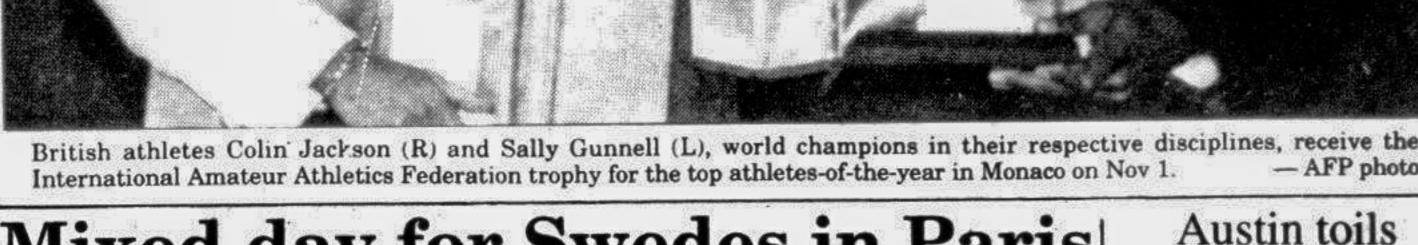
KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 2: China's Jiang Chuihua rode to a world junior record Tuesday in the Asian Cycling Championships, winning the junior women's 500-metre time trial in 37.417 seconds, reports AP.

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.

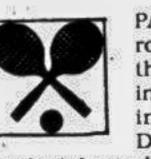
South Korea's Oh Se-ok was second in 38.559 and Liao Lihua of Taiwan third in 39:818.

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 1:10.641.

In the senior men's 1-kilometer time trial, Kazakhstan's Alexander Napohenko made an impressive dash to brush aside 11 other riders.



Mixed day for Swedes in Paris he was beaten in just 64 minoverhit the lines and sprayed



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

Leconte wins the fans, duel

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-

best tennis.

the underdog."

saying 'au revoir.

in the third set today."

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

providing I play the way I did

early on against Thierry, then it

will be over quickly and I'll be

"If I play the way I played

"Playing a fellow-Frenchman

tense when I went out there.

he just played better and bet-

#### 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.

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 last three games of the match. "I'm extremely happy to have

"I was not playing that well and my serve was awful." Each player was broken 10 times during the match.

gutted it out," said Austin.

Austin was playing in only 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 (Switzerland) 1,456 16. Alexander Volkov 1,404 Russia) 17. Karel Novacek (Czech Republic) 1,395

1,374

1.281

Wally Masur

19. Ivan Lendi (US)

Gustafsson (Sweden)

(Australia)

20. Magnus

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

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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

Enzo Scifo warned against overrounds in the European Cup."

"After Saturday's showing we

don't need to be afraid of Norwich," skipper and libero

It is time for a real test

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 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

The unorthodox batting of

Jahangir Alam Dulu (who came

in handy in a few matches in

India and Shri Lanka) could

BKSP if he is put in as Athar's partner. The middle order o Bangladesh batting is fairly the highest number of runs impressive. Faruque Ahmed. Akram' Khan, Shahnawaz Shaheed, Enamul Huq, Aminul some time Dhaka crowd will be Islam and Minhajul Abedin are capable of putting a good total.

bolster the total or make run 10.50) are all fairly competent batsmen and aggression has chasing casier. Our bowling would largely always been the haulmark of depend on the experienced Golam Nowsher Prince, the up-In the bowling line-up coming Saiful Islam and en-Andrew Flower will, of course thusiastic Jahangir Alam Dulu be missing the experienced in the pace department where Eddo Brandes as also a few Athar Ali could very well add to well-known names. David the strength. Enamul Huq Moni Brain, left-arm fast-medium (10 (who was amongst the wickets wkts at 36.80). Ali Shah, rightin almost every match on the arm medium pace (16 wkts at recent tour) shall bear the main 44.56), Grant Flower, slow leftbrunt of the spin department. arm (8 wkts at 31.50) and The prospective off-spinner Stephen Peall, right-arm off-Salahuddin Ahmed shall have spinner (yet to take a wicket) to prove his worth. Aminul will be manning the bowling de-Islam Bulbul's gentle spin may partment. The new faces in the not be that useful if the batscurrent team. Heath Streak, men are intent on hitting, a job Guy Whittal, John Rennie, are the Zimbabweans do very well.

> Al-Shahriar Rokon's leg-spin could be useful for variety. 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. It would be natural to expect lot of moisture underneath. 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

Zimbabwe, who are on their way to take part in the CAB diamond jubilee tournament in India, may prove to be a good sparring partner for Bangladesh, who are in for a real test of their current standing. Zimbabwe had earlier always proved to be too much for Bangladesh. The present touring team, bereft of the services of a few experienced players, has a new look about it. The result of the two matches would prove one thing for certain: Do we really have the potentials for a place in the next World Cup and have we done enough hard work to deserve it?