man tag again.

manager Terry Yorath said. We

The game was marred by the

will be stuck with that nearly-

death of an elderly male specta-

tor who was hit in the neck by a

firework fired at the final whis-

There were no serious inci-

Security was extremely tight

dents reported in Belfast, where

Ireland qualified with a 1-1 tie

at Windsor Park following the

recent deaths of 27 people in

sectarian violence in the

province. Police were on alert

for trouble with a team from ex-

clustvely Catholic Ireland visit

ing a predominantly Protestant

Englishman, Jackie Charlton.

Another English coach, Roy

Hodgson, guided Switzerland to

a World Cup berth with a 4-0

mark, winning 1-0 after playing

79 minutes with only 10 players

following the ejection of its

Danes wound up level on points

and goal differential. Charlton's

Irish team advanced because

they had scored more goals, 19,

match between two teams who

had already qualified from

Group Three, and Scotland won

2-0 at Malta in a meeting of two

Greece edged Russia in a

Spain knocked out Den-

Although the Irish and

Ireland are coached by an

with Northern Ireland.

part of the city.

win over Estonia.

to Denmark's 15.

goalkeeper.

Anis' ripping bowling destroys Gulshan

Mohammedans, GMCC win easy

Sports Reporter



Devastating medium pace bowling by Anisur Rahman helped Greater Mymensing

Cricket Club (GMCC) beat Gulshan Youth Club by six wickets in one of the two Navana Premier Division cricket league matches at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

The left-arm paceman, once a member of the Bangladesh national youth team, took five wickets for 22 runs from eight overs of accurate and at times hostile bowling.

After skipper Raman Lamba, the Indian Test-discard, won the toss and asked his counterpart Rafigul Alam to make the first use of the wicket. Anis reduced them to 21 for four in the ninth over.

The young seamer began by clean bowling Sajid Hassan, Gulshan's opener, for a nought, then trapped Rafiq leg before for a nought and crowned the superb spell by having Indian Test-batsman Arun Lal taken behind the stumpsoff a thin edge for two only.

Only Arun's compatriot Ashok Malhotra, a classy bat in his own right, defied Anis' aggression scoring an unbeaten 38 off 78 balls. Ehsan was the other batsman to make it to the double figures as wickets fell. first in the face of Anis' pace than to Plaban's spin, like nine

Anis returned to capture two more wickets to have match figures of five for 22, only second

such feat this season after a six-wicket haul by Gulshan's

Plaban bagged three wickets for 22 runs as Gulshan were bowled out for 101 in 38 overs.

GMCC ensured Gulshan's third defeat collecting the necessary runs in 28.1 overs for the loss of four wickets.



ANIS ... 5 for 22 Abu Hamid Partha was the topscorer with 26 followed by Mahabubur Rahman Selim who scored an unbeaten 25 including a powerful sixer.

Among the Gulshan bowlers Asif took two for 19 while Rafig claimed two for 27.

With vesterday's win GMCC have extended their all win record to five matches.

BIG WIN FOR MSC In the day's other match,

relatively inconsequential because of the inequality of strength, title-aspirants Mohammedan Sporting Club

recorded a huge 101 run win against Udity Club at the Dhaka Stadium

Sent in to bat first Mohammedans collected 219 for nine wickets with skipper Aminul Islam Bulbul scoring 64 off 77 balls to signal a welcome return to form.

Shri Lankan allrounder Ashaoka de Silva gave Bulbul excellent support with a positive knock of 43 made from 44 balls and the two added 96 runs for the sixth-wicket.

Durjoy Shahed and Pilot were the other notable scorers

with 29,20 and 17 not out Khokon. Nahid and skipper Munir took two wicket each for

Mohammedans' off-spinner Salahuddin captured four wickets for 22 runs to restrict Udity to 118 for nine from the stipulated quota of 45 overs.

Although, Silva. Durjoy and Bulbul got one wicket apiece. national player Golam Nowsher Prince, who took the field for Mohammedans first time this year, did not get any wicket from his seven overs that cost him 13 runs.

For Udity opener Tipu topscore with 26, followed by his partner Rupam who made 19. Subir and Chapal scored 16

Mohammedans have so far won all five matches while Udity are in search of their first win.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Biman vs Brothers (Dhaka Stadium)

Victoria vs Wari (DCS)

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Zimbabwe relive sensation



Nov 18: Zimbabwe's last man John Rennie scambled a leg bye off the final de-

league match here Thursday. reports AFP. Needing two off Manoj Prabhakar's last ball to surpass

India's 248 for five, Rennie ran for his life after padding the ball and easily completed the But his partner Heath

Streak ran himself out when he attempted an ambitious second and winning run even as wicket-keeper Vijay Yadav swooped on the ball from silly mid-off.

The tie gave a point each to both teams, but may still not be enough for winless Zimbabwe to sneak into the semifinals of the five-nation tournament being organised to celebrate the diamond jubilee of the Cricket Association of Bengal.

Zimbabwe, who have two points from three matches they also gained a point through a rain-abandoned match against South Africa face the unenviable task of defeating the mighty West Indies in their final match Sunday to qualify.

West Indies head the league with four points from three matches, followed by South Africa and India (three from three) and Shri Lanka (two from three)

It was, however, a match the babes of international cricket will remember for a long time.

Chasing a stiff target of five runs an over, Zimbabwe put up a valiant fight with skipper Andy Flower leading the way with a superb 56 and useful contributions coming from the

others. The match, watched by some 30,000 home fans at the Nehru Stadium, swung from one extreme to another as ragged India fielding allowed Zimbabwe to bounce back.

Resolute batting by Andrew Waller (32), Ali Shah (37) and Guy Whittal (33) put Zimbabwe in a winning position at 207 for five in the 44th over.

Seamer Javagal Srinath reback into the match.

wilted in the mounting tencloser to victory.

overs. Zimbabwe prospered through Stephen Peall, who hit 17 off 15 balls, and the last wicket pair of Streak and Rennie.

slaughtered for 26 runs in three overs which left them needing 10 off Prabhakar's final over.

first three balls, Rennie pulled fence and took two off the fifth to leave Zimbabwe just two runs in arrears from the final

The result was a great disappointment for the Indians. who appeared to have shrugged off Tuesday's defeat against the West Indies with an impressive batting display.

In the next match, unbeaten South Africa take on Shri Lanka in the eastern city

SCOREBOARD

here Thursday:

Prabhakar st A Flower

sion, the Zimbabwe tail wagged merrily to take their team

a full toss to the mid-wicket

But as the Indian fielding

Needing 36 off the last four

Indian bowlers were

Kambli made 55.

Scoreboard of the Hero Cup

After two singles off the

Prabhakar, who opens both the batting and bowling, topscored for India with a polished 91. Skipper Mohammad Azharuddin contributed an unbeaten 54 while Vinod

Prabhakar, who also took two wickets in Zimbabwe's innings, was voted man-of-thematch.

of Guwahati on Friday.

one-day international between India and Zimbabwe played INDIA:

Raman c Houghton b Brain Kambli c Rennie b Peall Yadav c G. Flower b Peall Azharuddin not out Tendulkar c and b Streak

Amre not out

Fall of wickets: 1-6; 2-128; 3-128; 4-197; 5-239

Did not b	oat: K D	ev.	A Ku	m-
ble, J Srinat	h, RK	Char	ihan	
Bowling	0	M	R	W
Brain	10	0	37	1
Streak	10	2	44	1
Rennie	9	0	36	0
Ali Shah	5	0	31	0
Peall	10	0	54	3
C Flower	G	0	24	0

ZIMBABWE: A Flower st Yadav b

Chauhan G Flower b Prabhakar Campbell b Srinath Houghton lbw b Kapil Waller c Azharuddin b Tendulkar Whittal run out Ali Shah c Chauhan b Srinath Peall c Yadav b Srinath Brain c Azharuddin b Prabhakar Streak run out

Rennie not out Extras: (lb-10, w-11) Total: (All out, 50 overs) 248 Fall of wickets: 1-10: 2-23;

3-67; 4-131;	5-143	; 6-:	207:	7-		
208; 8-212; 9-237.						
Bwoling:	0	M	R	w		
Prabhakar	10	0	41	2		
Srinath	10	0	44	3		
Kapil	6	0	31	1		
Kumble	8	0	42	0		
Tendulkar	8	0	48	1		
Chauhan	8	0	32	1		

Results: Match ended in a

Man-of-the-match: Manoj Prahbakar **STANDINGS**

League standings Thursday's match			(played		
won, lost, tie,	, poin	ts):		10000	
West Indies	3	2	1	_	4
South Africa	2	1	-	1	3
India	3	1	1	1	3
Shri Lanka	3	1	2	-	2
Zimbabwe	3	-	1	2	2

Rutherford sure of success



18: Stand-in skipper Ken Rutherford is confident the New Zealand cricket team has enough character to overcome

of injured captain Martin Crowe, reports AP. Rutherford, the 27-year-old Otago captain who has led New Zealand only once before in a Test, said Thursday that he believes the Kiwi side has the re-

the potentially disastrous loss

work put together so far on the He said the loss of Crowe with a knee injury came at a time when things were falling into place after a rusty start to

sources to build on the good

the tour. "We have to say things are not as bad as they seem," Rutherford said. "We are quite capable, even without Martin

performing." Rutherford had been the mainstay of the New Zealand batting during the last year. He has raised 698 runs (an average of 53.69) in eight Tests, inclusive of 298 runs at an average of 59.60 in the home series

against Australia. A stylish right-hander, he said he had ambitions to captain New Zealand full-time in the future.

"Being a vice-captain for two years has made life relaxing for me at the top. I don't feel overawed at all about the enormity of the task - if it is enormous at all," he said.

watching men like Allan Border. Mike Gatting and Graham Gooch in the middle.' Rutherford said he would be instilling in his players the need to concentrate for all five days of next week's second Test in

"I've learned quite a bit from

"We are not firing on all cylinders at the moment," he said. "Test cricket is five days of hard work. I think we performed well three days out of five in Perth.'

Meanwhile, injuries to captain Martin Crowe and mediumpacer Willie Watson have left two spots on the New Zealand cricket test team up for grabs. Coach Geoff Howarth said

Thursday that performances in the four-day match against south Australia would decide who fills the vacancies. "The gap left by Martin throws a batting spot wide open and there are a couple of bowl-

ing spots at stake," Howarth

"The players outside the Test team must realize they have to perform against South Australia to get the selectors' attention." The match against south

the second Test scheduled for Hobart next week. Replacements Chris Harris and Richard de Groen both will play against South Australia, the current Sheffield Shield leader. De Groen will take the

new ball with Simon Doull.

Australia begins on Friday with

former and I was actually a little surprised he wasn't in the original party," Howarth said. "He will be a little thin on practice but he is very competitive and will slot straight into a

"Richard is a useful per-

game." New Zealand strike bowler Danny Morrison will be rested, along with Andrew Jones and allrounder Chris Cairns. Of the South Australians,

only Tim May has realistic hopes of playing in the second Test and the offspinner said he wanted some work in the match without bowling flat out. "I'll have a bit of a bowl, but I

don't want to work myself into

the ground here," he said. "I've had a fair bit of work in the first three games so a few of the other guys may get to do a bit more for a tour game."

IR win in DU cricket

Sports Reporter

International Relations, aided by two fine knocks from Suman Biswas and Atiquzzaman, registered a huge 104 run victory over minnows Applied Physics in the Dhaka University inter-department cricket at the Jagannath Hall ground yesterday.

International Relations bat ted first and amassed 175 for the loss of three wickets in the stipulated 30 overs.

Sumon Biswas made 71 while Atiquzzaman made 73. Syeed took two wickets by giving away 42 runs.

Applied Physics could only make 71 runs for the loss of eight wickets in their turn. Paresh topscored with 21

Shafkat Rana spared only

nine runs to claim two wickets

while Afzal took two for 10

Div II hockey

runs.

Sports Reporter

Udity Hockey Club and Teigaon Agragami Club registered similar margin wins over their respective opponents in the Green Delta Second Division hockey super league at the Hockey Stadium yesterday.

In the first encounter of the day. Tejgaon Agragami beat-Agrani Bank by three goals to Walid, Belal and Ratan

caged once each in the 40th.

56th and 59th minutes respectively. All were field goals. In the other match, a hattrick by Moza led Udity Club to a comfortable 3-0 triumph over

East End Green Club. Moza scored three field goals in the 15th, 27th and 29th

minutes of the match.

Div II soccer results

Sports Reporter

Shantinagar Club defeated Prantik Krira Chakra 2-0 in the Sonali Bank Second Division football league while the other match between Rayer Bazar AC and Badda Jagoroni ended in a goalless draw at the Outer

Stadium yesterday. Emdadul and Rezaul netted

once each for Shantinagar Club. One more for Jansher

DOHA, Nov 18: World champion Jansher Khan of Pakistan proved too good for Australian Rodney Martin as he retained his Qatar International squash title with a masterful

15-7, 15-8, 15-9 victory on Wednesday, reports Reuter. Cheered on by hundreds of countrymen living in Qatar. Jansher won convincingly in 44 minutes, never allowing the world number three from Bris-

bane into the match. Sampras outguns

Ivanisevic FRANKFURT, Nov 18: World number one Pete Sampras won his battle of the big servers against Goran Ivanisevic in the ATP World Championships here

on Wednesday night, reports Sampras swept through 6-3, 4-6, 6-2 in the Arthur Ashe Group tie, and had no doubts

about where his strength lay. Graf still too

good for Zvereva NEW YORK, Nov 18: An efficient Steffi Graf continued her domination of Natalia Zvereva and advanced into the second round of the Virginia Slims

Championships with a 6-2, 6-4 victory, reports AP. The first round of the season-ending dlrs 3.5 million tournament was completed when fourth-seeded Conchita Martinez played Manuela Maleeva-Fragniere and No 8 Anke Huber took on Magdalena

Maleeva Graf's Wednesday night thrashing of Zvereva wasn't as through as the first time they met, in the 1988 French Open final when the German won 6-0. 6-0. But While Zvereva has added a more attacking game. taking to the net at every opportunity, she still doesn't have a weapon to cause Graf problems.

stokes gave Zvereva nothing but trouble. Numerous times, especially early in the match, Zvereva was in perfect position to cut off Graf's passing shot. only to bury her volley into the Graf broke Zvereva's serve in the third game after the two had

battled through two deuces.

then broke her again in the sev-

enth game. When she closed

out the first set on her own

serve, the match was 30 min-

Graf's quickness around the

court and the power of her

utes old. The second set took four minutes longer, with Graf posting her only service break in the third game, the last point coming when Zvereva doublefaulted.

Argentina make it to the finals but

Neighbours locked out of 24-club



LONDON, Nov 18: Relief for Italy humiliation for Britain and shock

for France. The results of Wednesday's final-round of qualifying for the 1994 World Cup were as notable for the teams that made it as for those that didn't.

After nearly two years and 497 qualifying matches, the United States, now knows which 24 nations will be arriving next June for soccer's biggest show, reports AP.

Eight of the nine remaining berths were filled by European teams: powerhouses Italy and the Netherlands, along with Spain, Ireland, Switzerland Belgium, Romania and Bul-

Argentina claimed the 10th and final spot by beating Australia 1-0 in Buenos Aires.

Teams that missed out included England, France and European champions Denmark. Italy, who have a large ethnic following in the United States. qualified for the ninth straight time with a 1-0 victory over Portugal in Milan. The "Azzurri"

played tentatively for the first

half, but Dino Baggio scored the winner with seven minutes left. The most dramatic finish came in Paris, where France were eliminated by Bulgaria on a goal by Emil Kostadinov with 10 seconds remaining. French players were in tears after the

game. France, who needed only a tie, were also a minute away

from qualifying on Oct 13 but gave up two goals in the final

minutes and lost 3-2 to Israel. There are no words to describe it," said Jean Verbeke. vice president of the French

soccer federation, "it's catastrophe. We all are in shock." It marked another blow for

French soccer, still reeling from

24 qualifiers PARIS, Nov 18: Qualifiers for the 1994 World Cup in he United States at the end of the matches yesterday, reports

Germany (holders), United States (hosts), Mexico (CONCACAF Zone), Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia (AMSUD) Cameroon, Morocco, Nigeria (Africa), Saudi Arabia, South Korea (Asia), Greece, Norway, Russia, Sweden, Italy, Switzerland, Holland, Spain, Republic of Ireland, Bulgaria, Belgium, Romania (Europe), and Argentina.

AFP.

the bribery scandal involving European Cup champions Olympique Marseille. It also was an embarrassment for a country which will host the 1994 World

No one was more embarrassed than the Brits. For the first time since World War II. none of the four British teams - England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland - managed to qualify.

England failed to qualify for the first time since the 1978 tournament, falling short when

Diego Maradona, captain of the Argentine team, breaks through the defence of Australia's

Marad Alex Tobin (L) and Jason van Blerk during the World Cup qualifying match in Buenos

Bulgaria, China roll on

the snatch, while veteran Ana-

toli Khrapatyi of Kazakhstan

took the silver in the snatch

and bronze in the jerk and

overall. Khrapatyi was the 1988

Olympic champion for the So-

who splits his time between

Sofia and Germany — where he

lifts for the Tus Luchow club -

lifted 185 kg (407 3/4 lbs) in

the snatch and 222.5 kg (490

1/2 lbs) for a total of 407.5 kg

"I know it would be a very

tough competition and, hon-

estly, I did not expect to win,"

said Tchakarov, who won his

"It is an exciting feeling con-

Tchakarov said he modelled

his lifting on that for former

Bulgarian world champion

Blagoi Blagoev, who now is res-

ident in Australia but withdrew

from the world championships

last week because he was not

glad I did not have to lift against

Video to rumble tampering

to achieve swing. He also ac-

cused the 1992 Pakistanis of

for Pakistan between 1968 and

Cowdrey, son of England bat-

ting maestro Colin Cowdrey and

a former captain of Kent, talked

the jury through television clips

of the 1992 series which was

dogged by English allegations of

Pakistani ball-tampering. He

highlighted several incidents

during the Test series which

showed Wasim Akram, Waqar

Younis and Aaqib Javed at vari-

commentator Richie Benaud, a

former Australian captain, to

and he has just gouged the

ball," Cowdrey said to explain

Benaud's outburst. "It's very

lawyer Jonathan Crystal, Cow-

drey agreed he would have ex-

pected umpires to have noticed

exclaim "Whoa steady on."

One clip caused television

"Aaqib has got his thumb

Questioned by Sarfraz's

Sarfraz played Test cricket

The court was darkened as

"Blagoi was my hero, so I am

satisfied with his fitness level.

sidering I have been competing

since I was 10 years old."

first world title in five attempts.

Tchakarov, a 27-year-old

Aires on Nov 17. Argentina won 1-0 to qualify for the finals.

18: Ivan Tchak

arov of Bulgaria

upset Olympic

champion Khaki

Kakiachvili Thurs-

day to win two gold medals in

the 91-kilogram division at the

Tchakarov, who finished

fourth at the Barcelona

Olympics, collected gold medals

for the snatch and total, setting

world records in both cate-

gories. He also took the silver in

He became the fifth Bulgar-

ian to win an overall title at the

China, meanwhile, contin-

ued its domination of women's

events at the championships

when Hua Ju won the snatch

and overall titles in the 76-

kilogram division and Li Chang

Ping won the clean-and-jerk

for Chinese women, who have

won every division they have

Kakiachvili, a Georgian, fin-

LONDON, Nov 18:

Former England

Cowdrey on Wed-

High Court Jury

nesday showed a

cricketer Chris

ished second overall in men's

91-kilogram competition, won

54 televised incidents of alleged

ball tampering by Pakistani

players in last year's Test series

against England, reports

bowler, Alan Hodgson, also ap-

peared in support of former

England captain Allan Lamb.

who is defending a libel action

brought by former Pakistan

like Lamb played for Northants.

had gouged a ball to help Hodg-

son take wickets in the final

1991. He said, "This is what we

and more than 120 one-day in-

ternationals for England.

claimed in a newspaper article

last year that Sarfraz showed

him how to tamper with the ball

overs of a charity match in

do Hodge," Hodgson told the

Lamb, who played 79 Tests

Hodgson said Sarfraz, who

cricket star Sarfraz Nawaz.

A former Northamptonshire

It was the fifth overall title

gold medal with Hua second.

world weightlifting champi-

onships. reports AP.

the jerk.

championships.

competed in.

Reuter.

court.

MELBOURNE. Nov the jerk and took the bronze in

viet Union.

(898 1/4 lbs).

him," he said.

cheating.

ous times.

blatant.

Marino in Bologna, Italy, was coupled with the Netherlands

3-1 victory at Poland. In order for England to qualify, they had to beat San Marino

by seven goals and the Netherlands had to lose. The English were stunned and their chances dented when San Marino's Davide Gualtieri scored after just 10

tional play and only the second ever scored by San Marino. "I believe I let the boys down tonight," said England captain Stuart Pearce, who set up San Marino's goal with a sloppy

seconds. It was one of the

fastest goals ever in interna-

back pass England bounced back with seven goals - four by lan Wright - but it probably wasn't enough to save manager Gra-

ham Taylor's job. "It's very painful for a lot of people but no one can feel the pain more than myself." Taylor said. "I'm not making any public comment about whether I want to stay or go until I've discussed a lot of things with officials of the Football Association (England's governing body)."

Wales had a chance to qualify for the first time since 1958 but lost 2-1 in Cardiff to Roma nia. Florin Raducioiu scored the winner with seven minutes left to send Romania to their second straight World Cup.

It was the fourth time in the last five qualifying tournaments that Wales fell one game short.

Kakiachvili lifted the same

total as Tchakarov in the jerk.

but won the gold by virtue of

garia swept all three gold

medals in the women's 70-kilo-

gram class on Wednesday

while Ivan Ivanov, Nikolai Pe-

shalov and Yoto Yotov also have

won overall titles in Melbourne.

the first event in which world

records can be officially recog-

nized in new weight classes in-

introduced as the sport contin-

ues its crack-down on drug

abuse in an attempt to have

"clean" world records in each of

Hua Ju lifted 105 kg (231

Maria Takacs of Hungary

1/2 lbs) in the snatch and 125

kg (275 1/2 lbs) in the jerk for a

took the bronze medal in the

snatch and overall, while the

bronze in the jerk went to

and nine women's divisions

continues at the Royal Exhibi-

if the ball had been tampered

Hodgson, who played for

Northants between 1968 and

1979, said Sarfraz had told him

to scratch one side of the ball,

and not shine one side, if he

Northant player. Wayne

Larkins, said Sarfraz also told

ing a ball over a drink 12 years

ago. But he said he never saw

Sarfraz do this during a match.

Traditional theory states a

Normally batsmen can tell

cricket ball will swing when one

side is shinier than the other,

whether a bowler plans to bowl

in or outswingers by his grip

and action. But Pakistani

bowlers are capable of bowling

an inswinger with an outswing-

against England, led to widesp-

read accusations of ball

tampering which they denied.

Pakistan won the five-Test se-

Their success, particularly

ing action.

ries 2-1.

thus offering less resistance.

him about the effect of scratch-

Another former England and

wanted the ball to swing.

with during the Test series.

tion Building through Sunday.

Lifting in 10 men's divisions

Valkana Tosheva of Bulgaria.

total of 230 kg (507 lbs).

troduced earlier this year.

the new divisions.

These championships are

The new classes have been

Milena Trendafilova of Bul-

his lighter bodyweight.

who had already been knocked "It has all dealt Welsh foot-England struggled to shake ball a cruel blow again." Wales off the effects of that goal but

> Bergkamp fired the Dutch ahead after only 10 minutes in Poznan, while Marek Leasniak leveled the score two minutes later. It was all over for Poland - and England - when Berghkamp and Ronald de Boer hit more second half goals.

went on to score seven.

peated saves against the RCS attack in the second half as his team made it to the finals for the fourth time in a row. For the Czechs and Slovaks. the defeat was probably the last match they play together before

" Goalie Filip de Wilde was

Belgium's hero, making re-

Greek's winner against Russia came in the 68th minute when Nikos Mahlas headed in a free kick taken by Nikos Tsiantakis.

Some 60,000 fans watched

splitting into two national

the game in Athens Olympic Stadium as the Greeks finished top of the group standings. In Malta, Billy McKinlay scored on his debut for Scotland in the 16th minute and

Colin Hendry tallied the second goal in 29 minutes into the second half. Fifteem minutes before kickoff, the Scots name Craig Brown as team manager in suecession to Andy Roxburgh, who

quit two months ago. In an exhibition game in Cologne, World Cup holders Germany gained a 2-1 victory over visiting Brazil, another qualifier, with all three goals coming in a three-minute spell

shortly before half time. Strikes by Guido Buchwald and Andreas Moller in the 38th and 41st minute sandwiched a

goal for Brazil by Evair. The top six

NEW YORK, Nov 18: Italy, Belgium, Brazil and Argentina will join the hosts United States and defending champions Germany as seeds at next month's World Cup draw, reports AP.

The announcement was

made Wednesday by Alan

Rothenberg, chairman of the

World Cup USA organizing

committee during a telephone conference call from Milan, Rothenberg spoke before Wednesday night's game between Argentina and Australia won 1-0 by Argentina. Had Ar-

gentina lost, Spain would have been the final top seed. The teams will not be officially placed in groups until the week of the Dec 19 draw at Las

But US organisers already have said the United States will play in Group A, with one game at the Pontiac Silverdome and two at the Rose Bowl; Germany will play in Group C with two games at Chicago's Soldier Field and one at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas; and Italy will play in Group E, with two games at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, NJ, and one at

Washington's RFK Stadium Teams other than the seeds will be drawn at random.

"I don't think there is any particular pocket of Belgian support," Rothenberg said. "But with teams like Mexico. Colombia, Greece, and South Korea also, they have large indigenous populations.' The three teams that trou-

bled US organizers - England,

Iraq and Iran - all failed to

qualify. England's fan cause

trouble and Iraq and Iran would have caused political difficul-"I guess the expression is "I'd

rather be lucky than good," and the field that is ... completed shows we were lucky," Rothenberg said.

livery to force India to tie a moved both Shah and Whittal Extras: (b-4, lb-8, nb-3, heart-stopping Hero Cup in the 45th over and Prabhakar accounted for David Brain in Total: (For five wickets, 50 the 46th as India came roaring