Endless

imbroglio

CALCUTTA, Nov 24: The

telecasting imbroglio of the

five-nation Hero Cup cricket

tournament resurfaced on the

eve of the semi final between

India And South Africa as Do-

ordarshan decided to move to

the Calcutta High Court today

alleging that they had not been

provided prime camera posi-

tions at the Eden Gardens, the

venue of the match, reports

In a late night development

yesterday. Doordarshan

handed out a letter to the

Cricket Association of Bengal

(CAB) saying that the camera

positions provided to them

were not acceptable as they

had not been given prime po-

sitions as directed by the Cal-

hearing before the Division

Bench of Justice Bhagwati

Prasad Banerjee and Justice

Sushanta Chatterjee at 1030

Doordarshan was provided

with all facilities they had been

utilising at the Eden Gardens

since the 1987 Reliance World

have never expressed any dis-

satisfaction and have already

installed all their cameras and

positioned their outdoor

broadcasting vans at the sta-

dium. Then how this dispute

came up suddenly we do not

Third umpire at

Eden Gardens

CALCUTTA, Nov 24: India is

know, the spokesman added.

The Doordarshan officials

A CAB spokesman said that

The matter would come for

cutta High Court earlier

hours today.

Cup.

### Nat'l squad he ld to a draw in Malaysia

The visiting Bangladesh national football team drew 2-2 with Malaysian state chan ipions Chempaka Laxmi Text tles in their third exhibition ma tch in Malaysia yesterday, according to a message received in Dhaka last night

The match was locked 1 in the first half.

Mamuri Joarder scored both the goals, one in each half, for the Bangladesh team which is visiting Malaysia as a part of it s preparation for the sixth SAF Games.

The Malaysian team scorec first in the 26th minute of the match while Mamun Joarden restored parity for Bangladesh in the 40th minute.

Bangladesh went down again in the 13th minute of the second half but Mamun Joarder rescued his team once again with the equaliser 11 minutes later.

Bangladesh team beat Negeri Sembilan state team and Malacca state team, both by three goals to nil in their earlier matches.

Bangladesh will play their fourth and last match on Friday against Malaysian under-23 Olympic team.

### **SAF Games** torch-bearers named

The Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA) yesterday announced the names of six former national sports personalities who will carry the torch of the sixth SAF Games beginning in Dhaka on December 20. reports UNB.

They are: Zakaria Pintoo. Nabi Chowdhury (footballer), Mosharraí Hossain (swimmer). Sufia Khatoon, Shamima Sattar Mimo and Nastma Hamid (athletes)

The torch will be brought from the Jatiya Sangsad South Plaza to the Dhaka National Stadium, the venue of the Games opening ceremony.

Meanwhile, 16 journalists from Pakistan are likely to cover the Games

The mediamen are : Agha Akbar (Daily Nation, Lahore). 1. mtiaz Ahmad Sipra (News Inte rnational, Lahore). Sultan As if Ali (Nawa-i-Waqt, Lahore), Za hid Masood and Muhammad Yo unus Khan (Daily Pakistan, La hore), Mueenuddin Hameed (Dauly Jang, Lahore), Farhana Ayetz (Pakistan Observer. Raw/alpindi). Sarfraz Ali (The Musslim, Rawalpindi), Malik Ash ad Aziz (Daily Mashario Pest lawar). Amjad Aziz Malik (Sun day Sports, Peshawar). Wahe ed Khan (News International, Karachi), Zafar Ahmad [Mont hly Allrounder, Karachi]. S M Naqi (Daily Mashriq. Karacl ii), and Alauddin Ghauri (Khail-ki-Duniya, Karachi).

Moszzam Ali Hashmi (APP. Karachi) and S A Bokhari (Daily Nation, Lahorel have also been included as members of the 168 strong Pakistan contingent.

### ICC executive arrives Sunday

International Cricket Council (ICC) chief executive D L Richard will arrive in Dhaka Sunday from Calcutta on a oneday visit to Bangladesh, reports

During his stay in Dhaka. the ICC official will meet BCCB President and Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman and other officials, said a Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) press release yesterday.

### Crowe sets his comeback date

WELLINGTON, Nov 24: Injured New Zealand cricket captain Martin Crowe said Wednesday he will make his comeback in Wellington's fourday game with Otago on January 18, reports AFP.

Crowe is recuperating after surgery on Friday which re-

moved tissue from his knee. "There was also a lot of inflammation that was obviously causing me problems when was running between the

wickets. "The stuff they removed is like little chopped nuts," he said. "It appears I did some

damaged during my training in preparation for the tour." Crowe had to quit New Zealand's tour of Australia at the conclusion of the first drawn Test in Perth last week. His captaincy has gone to Ken

Rutherford. Crowe said the need to trating because it was a coun-

come home from the tour of Australia was especially frustry he enjoyed touring. ..

"I was really looking forward to playing the World Series Cup against South Africa."

He cannot even see it on television as the channel carrying it does not have a signal to the Arrowtown district he is staying in.

## Mohammedans march on

Sports Reporter

Singh, who was bowled for a duck and later. Athar meant business as usual to take off ve recorded their pressure from the suspect seventh win on a Mohammedan batting line-up.

Title-aspirants

Mohammedan

Sporting Club ha-

trot without being

forced to shuffle off their

two unbeaten teams left in the

fray beat Greater Mymensingh

Cricket Club (GMCC) by four

wickets in a dull day's cricket of

the Navana Premier Division

cricket league at the Dhaka

KAISAR RASHID ... 79

second successive defeat follow-

ing the two-wicket loss to

Biman only the other day after

sun uninterrupted winning

spree, since the beginning of

the league, set a very anticli-

mactic pattern in the morning.

him. GMCC's Indian skipper

Raman Lamba decided to try

and recapture his batting form

against the experienced Mo-

hammedan new-ball attack

Navvsher Prince had Lamba, the

highest scorer of the league so

far smartly caught by Sri

Lankan Athula Samarashekara

for six and the fate of a

promising match was sealed

as a regular member of the na-

Belim Golla for a duck.

tional team may have already

The left-arm paceman, who

Eight players ad-

vanced to the qu-

arterfinals of the

Gold Leaf ITF Th-

afland-Banglade-

sh Satellite Circ-

uit Masters' leg but top seed

Frank Ofori was not one of

In possibly the tightest of

yesterday's engagements at the

National Tennis Complex, the

Ghanaian, who won the first

two legs in Thailand, fell to a

spirited Richard Nicholas of

match yesterday after receiving

a first-round bye, started the

match in style, breaking

Nicholas very early in the first

discourage the man from Down

Under as Nicholas came up

with better blend of tennis in

the second round and made a

UN mini Olympics

begins tomorrow

mini-Olympics, organised by

the Federation of UN State

Associations (FUNSA) Bangla-

desh, begins in Dhaka tomo-

rrow, a UNIC press release said,

The Olympics will start with

a five-km walkathon/marathon

from Manik Mia Avenue to

Dhanmondi Women's Sports

ter Najmul Huda will inaugu-

the UN family and their depen-

dents will take part in different

sports events at the Dhanmondi

Women's Sports Complex. UN

resident coordinator will later

distribute medals among the

winners at the closer ceremony

Div II soccer

Sports Reporter

with Badda Jagoroni Sangsad

0-0 in yesterday's only match in

the Sonali Bank Second

School-Madrassah

sports from Jan 11

Sports Reporter

and madrassah sports compe-

tition will begin from January

11, 1994, according to a Na-

tional School and Madrassah

Sports Association press re-

The 23rd national school

Division football league.

Prantik Krira Chakra drew

to be held on the same day.

rate the two-day programme.

Information Minister Barris-

On Saturday the members of

Complex at 7.30 am.

reports BSS.

A two-day United Nations

But that was not enough to

set to go one up in no time.

Ofori, who played his first

Australia 6-2, 4-6, 3-6.

An almost pot-bellied Golam

after winning the toss.

then and there.

For reasons best known to

GMCC, who suffered their

So it seemed when one of the

mediocre coil.

Stadium vesterday.

GMCC's Sanwar, who batted impressively last year, did well to compile an 80-ball 40 as a number six batsman and was largely responsible for the eventual score of 143 for eight from the stipulated 45 overs.

Mahbubur Rahman Selim was the only other GMCC batsman to offer any resistance to the rather relaxed Mohammedan bowlers with a tardy 24.

Mohammedan pace trio of Prince. Morshed and Athar evenly shared six wickets between themselves.

Mohammedans lost opener Athar and one down Selim Shahed cheaply both going to left-arm seamer Anisur Rahman within the first 13 overs of their innings.

But they railied round in unspectacular fashion with Sajjad Marisur Shipon and Samarashekara putting on 79 runs in 15.5 overs.

Shipon, the young opener who at last seemed to have grown the habit of getting runs. albeit, slowly, topscored with 40 off 98 balls before becoming the second victim of Sharfuddowla Saikat. The young left-arm spinner

had earlier lured Samaras kekara out of the crease to have the tall batsman stumped for 26. Looking awfully short of motivation and application, the former Sri Lankan Test cricketer played 51 balls and hit just one four during his sojourn at the wicket.

Skipper Aminul Islam Bulbul \* departed for 20 to cause a few bufterflies flutter in the stomach of the fans but wicketkeeper Khaled Masud Pilot with an unbeaten 14 made light work of an inadequate challenge as Mohammedans were home and dry in 44.2 overs with the score-showing 148 for six.

Anis finished with two for 21 followed by Saikat who gave away five runs more for his two wickets from the full quota of nine overs.

### KALABAGAN'S FIRST

Former India international achieved the distinction of being one of the most capped players Sanjeev Sharma's all round exof Bangladesh, then removed a cellence went in vain as rather consistent Javed Omar Kalabagan, riding high on some powerful batting by Pakistani Morshed, the other left ar-Kaisar Rashid, recorded their mer in Mohammedans chimed first win in this year's Navana in by accounting for two more league at the Mirpur Pallabi batsmen including Indian R P ground yesterday.

Top seed flakes out on Day 2

Sports Reporter

timely break to level the match.

margin, the Australian grew in

confidence and had Ofori virtu-

ally swept off the court in the

deciding set. The athletic Aussie

had answer to almost every-

thing Ofori came up with and

deservingly booked his place in

the last eight by winning the set

Zealander Glen Wilson in the

quarterfinal today. Wilson was

stretched to tie-break in the

first set before coming out a 7-

Belgraver of the Netherlands.

5. 6-3 winner against Martin

starting block, second seed

Barry Cowan had everything

going his way in his match

RICHARD NICHOLAS

against German Garry Hen-

derson. The Briton, who clin-

ched the singles crown in the

third leg in Rajshahi earlier this

month, waltzed to a 6-1, 6-3

triumph. Cowan faces Belgian

Cedric Melot in the quarterfinal.

sational victory over third-leg-

semifinalist Mathias Boelsen of

Germany on Tuesday, overcame

Cowan's compatriot James Fox

Thai Davis Cupper and na-

tional number two Narathorn

Srichapan had to fight for every

point against South African

6-4, 6-4 in an entertaining en-

counter.

Melot, who pulled off a sen-

While Ofori stumbled at the

Nicholas will take on New

quite comfortably.

. After having levelled the

Kalabagan beat Tarun by 30 runs to efface Sharma's solo resistance underlined in a superb innings of unbeaten 54 off as many balls that contained three fours and two sixers.

Chasing 186 for a win Tarun were all out for 155 in 40.3 overs with opener Moni, who made a gritty 30 showing any signs of rising to the occasion. The rest just fell apart as

Kalabagan's Dipu, Bobby and Montu took two wickets apiece to drive the nail in Tarun's cof-



SANJEEV SHARMA... 54 n o Pakistani Kaisar Rashid, who spent some time in the wilderness trying to find his place in Kalabagan middle order, promoted himself to his regular slot of an opener and made 79 polished runs off 120 balls sending the ball ten times to the

No other Bagan batsman with the lone exception of veteran Hadi who made 27 hung around sufficiently to further add to the total, which showed 185 for nine after 45 overs.

Little Sajal, who has already caught every one's eyes with his ability to generate pace from a small frame like that of his own claimed three wickets for 40 from nine overs.

Tarun's left-arm spinner Nafees also took three wickets at a cost of 31 runs but from eight overs. It was routine ration for Sanjeev Sharma who bowled his full quota of nine overs to capture two for 31.

## TODAY'S MATCHES

Abahani vs Brothers (Dhaka Stadium

Victoria vs Dhanmondi (Mirpur Pallabi)

Yonatan Rom before etching out

a 6-3, 6-7(7-5), 6-1 triumph.

Srichapan meets American

Mark Tjia in the round of eight.

Tjia made his 6-0, 6-3 win over

Polish Adam Skrzypczak look

pits Briton Tom Spinks against

Spaniard Richardo Rubelio.

Spinks eliminated Daiji Morii, 7-

5; 7-5 in a hard-fought pre-

qualifier while Rubelio came

back from one set down before

elbowing out fellow-Spaniard

Gonazalo Corrales 3-6, 6-2, 6-0.

Mark Bouras and Jean Guilou

beat Anderson and Larsen 6-2

4-6, 6-3 to set up a semifinal

clash with D'Andrea and

Furusho who also had a three-

set affair against Japanese pair

of Ishi and Morii in a 6-4, 3-6,

Div III soccer

Sports Reporter

Matuail Jubo Sangha earned

full points in their respective

Pragoti Insurance Third Divi-

sion football league matches at

different venues in Dhaka

past Basabo Tarun Sangha 2-1

up in the 17th minute and

Ripon doubled the margin in

54th minute for the vanqui-

outplayed East End Boys Club

by two goals to nil at the Outer

scored once each for the win-

match at the same venue,

Maghbazar Kisholaya finished

their match against Little Fri-

Kisholaya ahead in the 19th

minute while the equalizer came

from Tutul in the 23rd minute.

Army hockey

more matches of the Bangla-

desh Army hockey champi-

onships were held at the

Jessore Cantonment yesterday.

hosts, Jessore area beat the

Rangpur Area by 2-0 goals

while the Comilla Area de-

feated the Dhaka Infantry by 2-

l goals in the other match.

In the first match, the

reports BSS.

JESSORE, Nov 24: Two

Haroon put Maghbazar

ends Club in a one-all draw.

at the Mohakhali T&T ground.

Kadamtala Sangsad edged

Salim put the winners one

Alam slotted one back in the

Matuail Jubo Sangha

Tobarak and Nuruzzaman

Meanwhile, in the other

Kadamtala Sangsad and

Double semifinals will be

7-6 (7-3) victory.

played today.

yesterday.

shed.

Stadium.

the 45th minute.

Meanwhile, in the doubles,

The other quarterfinal match

like a regulation stuff.

to use the third umpire system for the first time when the finals of the five-nations limited overs tournament take place at Eden Gardens, reports Reuter. The semifinals on Wednes-

day and Thursday and the final on Saturday of the Cricket Association of Bengal diamond jubilee tournament will see three umpires in use.

The third umpire will be positioned next to the television control room and will have the benefit of replays of run-outs, stumpings and incidents that may require disciplinary action. A green light will signify

that a batsman is out and a red light will mean that he may continue batting. The third umpire for In-

dia's semifinal against South Africa on Wednesday will be Indian SK Bansal. South Africa's Karl Lieben-

burg, who has experience in the use of television replays to adjudicate close decisions, will be the third umpire for Thursday's semifinal between West Indies and Shri Lanka. Zimbabwe failed to reach

the semifinals.

Hi-tech umpiring made its Test debut 13 months ago in South Africa's home series against India.

### Bracing for bugs

CALCUTTA, Nov 24: To make sure that bugs don't become a bigger menace than bowlers during Calcutta's first night cricket game; the city has exploded smoke bombs all over the stadium, reports AP.

· The bug spray campaign began Tuesday night, when the lights were switched on at Eden Gardens as India and South Africa practiced and hordes of mosquitos, gnats, moths and grasshoppers attacked them.

"The lighting up of cricket at Eden Gardens has brought, apart from the usual vast crowd, huge flocks of insects... a few billion," said Kishore Bhimani, an Indian cricket commentator.

"The bright lights have their dark side too," said The Statesman, a Calcutta-based national newspaper.

South Africa and India play the first semifinal match of the five-nation Hero Cup limited overs tournament on Wednesday night.

The second semifinal between the West Indies and Shri Lanka is on Thursday, and the final on Saturday also will be played at the 100,000-seat Eden Gardens, India's largest

stadium. South African team officials refused to comment on the insect menace, but players were seen flapping their hands while practicing under the lights on Tuesday.

Calcutta, India's largest city and home to 12 million people, often has been described as a "black hole" for its vast slums, open drains, stagnating ponds and heaps of uncollected garbage. The dirt becomes a breeding ground for insects, including malaria-carrying mosquitos, which often strike at night.

On Wednesday, scores of workers used smoke-spewing machines and smoke bombs to spray insect repellant around the stadium. It was at Eden Gardens that

South Africa ended a 22-year isolation from international cricket caused by its apartheid policies when it played a oneday international game against India in November 1992. South Africa lost that match.

# India squeeze into final



CALCUTTA, Nov 24: Sachin Tendulkar kept his nerves amidst mayhem to bowl a dramatic final

over and give India a two-run victory over South Africa in the Hero Cup semifinal here today. reports AFP. Asked to bowl the final over with South Africa's ninth-wicket

pair needing six runs to beat India's 195, he conceded just three runs in a thrilling final to a high-voltage day-night thriller. More than 85,000 joyous

home fans at the floodlit Eden

eight-wicket stand of 44 in 30 balls by McMillan and Dave Richardson after being 145 for seven in the 44th over.

Andrew Hudson survived three chances to top-score with 62 but found little support at the other end before McMillan came on the scene to rescue his

India had South Africa down to 65 for three before Hudson and Jonty Rhodes took the score to 106. Then a middle order collapse saw South Africa lose four wickets for 39 runs to totter at 145 for seven.

South Africa set up an easy



AZHAR .. man-of-the-match

Gardens lit bonfires and burst crackers to celebrate India's entry into the final of the five-nation tournament.

India now have to wait for the outcome of the match between the West Indies and Shri Lanka to know their opponent for Saturday's title clash.

Fannie de Villiers was run out off the first ball of the final over and last man Allan Donald defended three deliveries before taking a single off the fifth. That left all-rounder Brain

McMillan, who made 48, to strike a four off the final ball to win or take three to tie the match and go through due to lesser wickets lost. Tendulkar, who had not

bowled in the match till then, sent down a straight delivery which the batsman nicked to the wicketkeeper along the ground to run a single.

It was a disappointing end for the South Africans, who fought back through a spirited

"display in the field, running out four Indian batsmen and striking vital blows. Azharuddin played a lone hand for his team, scoring a

victory chase with a brilliani

brilliant 90 off 118 balls with seven boundaries and a six. It was the 30-year-old's 25th half century in 162 one-day internationals and the sixth in his

last eight games. Azharuddin's joy at winning

the toss and taking first strike before the evening fog set in was short-lived as India's batting faltered against the steady South Africans.

Seamer Fannie de Villiers took three for 19 from 10 welldirected overs. Richard Snell had three for 33.

Praveen Amre contributed 48 in a 95-run stand with his skipper for the fifth-wicket after India were reduced to 53 for four in 15 overs.

'Azharuddin saw Amre and Kapil Dev run out, before he of three balls with direct throws from square leg.

himself fell in the 49th over.

India were 18 for three by

caught at the wicket off Snell.

the sixth over as Darryl Cullinan ran out Vinod Kambli and Manoj Prabhakar in the space The third umpire system, in-

troduced in India for the first time, came in for early use as Steve Bucknor sought the help of television replays to confirm both close decisions.

Kambli backed up too far from the non-strikers end and failed to regain his crease as Cullinan swooped on the ball and threw down the stumps.

Indian umpire S K Bansai watching television replays in the pavilion, found the batsman just short of his crease and switched on the green light to sent Kambli packing.

Three balls later, Prabhakar attempted a sharp single and Cullinan once again got Bansal's approval to the great delight of the other South African fielders

### SCOREBOARD

· Scoreboard of the India v South Africa semifinal in the Cricket Association of Bengal's diamond jubilee tournament

today: INDLA: Prabhakar run out Jadeja lbw b De Villiers Kambli run out Azharudin c Richardson b Snell Tendulkar c Richardson b Snell Amre run out Kapil Dev run out Yadav c Rhodes b De Villiers Kumble c McMillan b Snell Srinath b De Villiers Ankola not out Extras: (lb-5, w-5, nb-3) Total: (50 overs) 195 Fall of wickets: 1 12; 2-18;

3-18; 4-53; 5-149; 6-173; 7-184; 8-189; 9-192 Bowting: Donald 44 De Villiers 33 Snell 41 McMillan 25 0 Cronje

28

0

**SOUTH AFRICA** Wessels Ibw b Srinath

Symcox

Hudson b Kumble Cronje run out Cullinan lbw b Kapil Rhodes c Azharuddin b Jadeja McMillan not out Symcox c Amre b Jadeja Snell st Yadav b Kumble Richardson run out De Villiers run out Donald not out Extras: (lb-9, w-4, nb-3) Total: (For nine wickets, 50

Fall of wickets: 1-10; 2-45; 3-65; 4-106; 5-130; 6-141; 7-145; 8-189; 9-191

Bowling Prabhakar 30 Srinath 0 39 0 21 Ankola Kumble 0 29

Jadeja 0 31 Tendulkar Result: India won by two

Man-of-the-match: Mohammad Azharuddin

## Sloppy Brazil too good for US



Nov 24: Olympic men's champions Brazil shrugged off a slow start to beat bronze me-

dalists, the United States, in four sets at the 1.5 million dollars World Grand Champions Cup volleyball here Wednesday, reports AFP.

The Brazilian spikers, who also won the world league this year to retain their number one world ranking, steadied themselves after losing the first set to run out eventual winners 3-1(4-15, 15-13, 15-13, 15-8) for their second consecutive win in the tournament.

Setter Mauricio Lima showed an exquisite touch. eliciting 22 unstoppable winners for eight points from Gilson Bernardo, who also scored four blocking points and one service winner. "We couldn't play well at

the beginning, making several passing errors an it took us some time to get used to the Americans' slow serve," said Brazilian coach Jose Guimaraes. "We missed Alexandre

Samuel, the nuclear receiver of our team, but we could get into our rhythm in the second and third sets." Meanwhile, US coach Fred

Sturm said: "Brazil is a very strong and difficult team to defeat. We could have played better at certain points in the match, but overall I felt that my players did many things well and I was please to see that happen." Cuba, the losers to Brazil

Tuesday, posted their first win when they quashed the challenge from Asian champions South Korea 3-1 (15-10, 13-15, 15-8, 15-8).

Despite 32 inspiring attacks by the team's best scorer Park Hee-Sang, South Korea were never able to capitalise as the

Cuban men used their height advantage to dominate at the net with Ihosvan Hernanez and

"Although the Cuban team lacks its organisation, their offence was powerful and splendid. We could have a better match if we could have played more consistently." said Korean coach You Suk-

Osvaldo Hernandez.

Both the United States and South Korea stood with two

Earlier on Tuesday, Barcelona Olympics gold medalists Brazil came from behind to beat Cuba three sets to one. WWF boss pleads

not guilty UNIONDALE, NY, Nov 24: World wrestling Federation boss Vincent McMahon Jr

pleaded innocent Tuesday to federal charges accusing him of peddling muscle-building steroids to entertainment wrestlers, reports AP. McMahon, who promoted Hulk Hogan and many other wrestlers, was ordered re-

leased on dirs 250,000 unsecured bonds at his arraignment before US District Court judge Jacob Mishler. "I'd like to say that sometimes life isn't fair," McMahon

said outside the courthouse, "I believe this is one of those instances."
McMahon, accompanied by

attorney Laura Brevetti, said he would have more to say at his trial, scheduled for May 2. McMahon, 47, of Green-

wich, Conn, is charged in a three-count federal indictment with conspiracy and distribution of anabolic steroids to wrestlers in the WWF from 1985-1991, according to assistant US attorney Sean O'Shea. Some of the drug deals allegedly took place at the Nassau Veterans Coliseum in Uniondale where McMahon booked wrestling matches.

The Brazilian spikers lost the first set 8-15 at the Osaka Castle Hall in Western Japan but came back strongly to take the remaining sets 15-10, 15-8, 15-6.

Attackers Marcelo Teles Negao and Giovane F Gavio contributed to the dramatic Brazilian triumph over the Cuban squad, who finished fourth in the Barcelona Olympics last year.

"We had only a week to practice together and my boys played different positions they usually do," Brazilian coach Jose Guimaraes said afterwards, adding that Cuba had become stronger since the

Barcelona Olympics. In other opening round action Tuesday, European Champions Italy downed their Asian counterparts South Korea in straight sets 15-5, 15-9, 15-9.

"We played well, especially

on blocking to stop South Korea's attack," Italian coach Julio Velasco said Japanese spikers, sixth in

the Barcelona Olympic Games, upset bronze medalists the-United States 15-12, 13-15, 15-10, 15-11. The Grand Champions Cup tournament is being held with

the participation of regional championships winners in each continent, excluding Africa, and the host country Ja-The women's tournament ended here Sunday, with

Barcelona Olympics gold medal winners Cuba scoring a sweeping victory for the prize of 400,000 dollars. A winner of the men's contest will earn the same amount

of prize money. Men's opening round results Tuesday: Brazil bt Cuba 8-15, 15-10,

15-8, 15-6 Italy bt South Korea 15-5. 15-9, 15-9

Japan bt USA 15-12, 13-15, 15-10, 15-11