Nicholas in semis

Richard Nicolas of Australia moved into the semi-finals of the Gold Leaf ITF Thailand-Bangladesh Satellite circuit masters' leg beating Glenn Wilson of New Zealand at the National Tennis Complex yesterday, reports BSS.

The Australian took nearly 100 minutes for his 6-4, 6-4 triumph.

In the semi-final, Nicholas will play against Narathorn Srichapan of Thailand, who heat Mark Tjia of the United States 6-3, 6-1.

Second seed Barry Cowan of Great Britain marched to the semi-final trouncing Cedric Melot of Belgium 6-3, 6-1

Cowan will face compatriot Tom Spinks in the semifinal. Spinks needed only 90 minutes to overwhelm Ricardo Rubio of Spain 6-1, 7-5.

Both the singles semi finals will be held today at 1 pm. in doubles, Yonatan Rom and Glenn Wilson moved into the final when they beat the

Rubio-Tjia pair 6-3, 6-3 in the

first semi-final. In the other semi-final, the D'Andrea-Furusho pair had a 6-3. 6-2 win over Booras and Larsen pair.

The doubles final will be held on tomorrow.

Div I chess

Sports Reporter

Brothers Union maintained their two-point lead at the top of the table as the First Division chess league resumed yesterday at the National Sports Council chess room after a day's break.

In the sixth round, Brothers, spearheaded by Grandmaster Niaz Murshed, Pakistani International Master Mahmood Ahmed Khan Lodhi, recorded a 3-1 victory over Konica Sangskritik Sangha.

Niaz, Lodhi and Hasibul Hassan won their respective matches but Indian IM Shekhar Chandra Sahu had no such luck against Konika's Badrul

Bangladesh Biman registered a similar margin win over Farashganj Sporting Club to stay two points adrift from the current leaders.

IM Ziaur Rahman, FIDE Master Tahmid and Reza all won but Tanima was beaten by Shahin.

Bangladesh Ansars beat Noor-e-Alam Khan Daba Sangsad 4-0 to up their collection to 16 points.

in the other matches of the round, Dhaka University Chess Club beat Gentus Club 3-1. BTMC beat Protibha Daba Goshti 2.5-1.5, Chalantika KC beat Patuakhali District Chess Club 3-1 and Mahakhali Pradip Sangha beat Pony Electronics 3-1 while Golden Chess Club drew with Parijat Chess club

"Thrilla in Manila II"

MANILA, Nov 25: A Filipino boxing promoter hopes to arrange a rematch between world heavyweight champion Evander Holyfield and former champions Riddick Bowe at the former US naval base at Subic Bay, the state news agency said Wednesday, reports AFP.

The official Philippine News Agency (PNA) quoted US-based promoter Hermie Rivera as saying that the managers of both boxers had been contacted and were receptive to the proposal but that no date had been set.

Rivera told the news agency that a Malaysian firm, Genting International, which operates casino, a hotel and a resort in Subic, would sponsor the fight to be title "Thrilla in Manila II."

Genting was reportedly willing to provide 20 million dollars in prize money for what would be the second world heavyweight championship in the Philippines. On October 1 1975 at the original "Thrilla in Manila" slugfest Muhammad Ali beat Joe Frazier to regain the world title.

PNA also quoted Philippine

President Fidel Ramos, who arrived home Wednesday from a two-week visit to the United States, as saying in San Francisco that "we need this (fight) to attract the high rollers of Las Vegas and Atlantic City."
Rivera said that if the Holyfield-Bowe rematch did not take place, he would worked to arrange a fight between Holyfield, holder of the World Boxing Association and International Boxing Federation belts, and either jailed former heavyweight king Mike Tyson or rival World Boxing Council

titleholder Lennox Lewis, PNA The Philippines has embarked on an ambitious plan to turn Subic, once Washington's largest overseas military base, into a free port, industrial park

and tourist center. The last of the US troops left Subic, 80 kilometers (50 miles) northwest of Manila, in November last year, ending nearly a century of US military presence in its former colony.

Morceli honoured

WASHINGTON, Nov 25: Morocco's 1,500m world champion Noureddine Morceli has been elected 'athlete-of-the-year' by American magazine Track and Field News, reports AFP.

Effee carves Abahani win

Sports Reporter

Off-spinner Saidul Anam Effee captured four wickets for 20 runs as holders Abahani Krira Chakra waltzed to their seventh successive victory, beating a depleted

Navana Premier Division cricket league match at the Dhaka Stadium vesterday. Together with left-arm spinner Richard Illingworth, his English peer, Effee removed five batsmen for a joint cost of 40 runs as Brothers chasing 216

Brothers Union by 87 runs in a

out for 128 in 42.4 overs. The right-arm spinner with a peregrine complexion got into he act in the 23rd over of the Brothers innings by removing the tall Zahid Razzak Masum, whom he had caught and bowled for 32, which included a

powerful sixer. From a fairly cosy position Brothers then slid to oblivion with their later order batsmen succumbing to the double spin attack which abetted by batsmen's meekness looked more and more deadly with the passage of time.

Only Azhar Hossain Shantu, the former national player who was promoted back to his familiar position of an opener in the absence of an injured skipper Nurul Abedin Nobel, saw through the guiles. But his passive application robbed his side of valuable time. His 55 which featured two hits to the fence came from 129 balls.

Earlier in the morning. Abahani Krira Chakra piled up 215 for four wickets from the stipulated quota after skipper Lipu won the toss and decided to make the first use of the

into his New Zealand team

against Trans-Tasman rivals

Australia when the pivotal

second cricket Test gets under-

sumed the leadership from the

injured Martin Crowe, said here

today how he admired the way

the Australians scrapped in ev-

ery match they played and he

wanted his men to follow suit to

upset Allan Border's side in the

and it's something I would like

our guys to have." Rutherford

bit more niggly and not so

learnt over the years from

easily led by our opposition.

"I admire their aggression

"I'm sure we will be a little

That's something we've

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CALCUTTA, Nov

25: South Africa's

captain Kepler

Wessels has one

burning ambition

to fulfil before he

w esseis

retires from cricket - a Test

series triumph in Australia,

team limited overs competition.

expects to play for two more

years during which his priority

is to beat Australia, his adopted

tour of Australia gives opener

Wessels the chance to lift his

be the pinnacle of my career....

to beat Australia in Australia in

a three-Test series," said

Wessels, who played for that

country during South Africa's

sporting isolation because of its

for Australia on his Test debut

Star-crossed

Universiade

World University Games, strug-

gling to pay off nearly dirs 3

million in debt from the event

last summer in Buffalo, is being

audited for misspending federal

Administration gave organizers

dlrs 4 million to pay for busing

athletes and other transporta-

tion expenses. Organizers mis-

used dirs 210,000 of the money

to cover general expenses, said

Lawrence Meckler, attorney for

the Niagara Frontier Trans-

and subway service and air-

ports in western New York, ad-

ministered the grant money.

The agency is auditing the games to determine how the

tionally misspend the money,

but the NFTA is withholding

dlrs 410,000 remaining from

the grant until organizers pay

off their transportation debts.

11-day Olympic-style event held

last July ran up a dirs 2.9 mil-

, money to about 400 businesses.

lion deficit. The games owe'

Games organizers said the

Organizers did not inten-

The NFTA, which runs bus

portation Authority.

money was spent.

. Meckler said.

The Federal Transportation

grant money, reports AP.

BUFFALO, NY, Nov 25: The

Wessels, who hit a century

South Africa's forthcoming

"If I can do well there, it will

country in the 1980s.

career to a peak.

apartheid policy.

Wessels, in India for a five-

reports Reuter.

last two Tests.

Rutherford, who has as-

way here Friday, reports AFP.

HOBART, Aus-

tralia, Nov 25: Re-

placement captain

Ken Rutherford is

looking to instil

more aggression

wicket.

Gazi Ashraf Hossain Lipu led the way with his first fifty of the season hammering 67 off 102 balls. The make-shift opener who lost partner Harunur Rashid Liton for only four with score on 14 hit three fours and two mighty sixes.

With Illingworth, sent in as number three instead of Farugue Ahmed, Lipu toted 111 runs in 23.2 overs.

Illingworth scored 39 before being bowled by Brothers' Shri



EFFEE . . . 4 for 20 Fairbrother, the other English Test player in Abahani, improved upon his debut performance with a run-a-ball 47

embellished with a sixer. Former national captain Minhazul Abedin Nannu entered the wicket at a time cherished by few batsmen in the world and perished for 17 off 18

Saiful used the long handle (DCS)

"It's a collective feeling that-

we're out here together and we

Australian coach Bob Sim-

pson said on Wednesday, that

Border's men lacked their usual

sparkle in the first Test at

Perth, be it with words or ac-

surprised at how tamely the

Australian approach from them

much niggle in the first Test

from the Australians as we are

ners in Shane Warne and Tim

May, with rookie Glenn McGra-

th, the unlucky fast bowler, to

make way for the inclusion of

by the fourth day but the New

Zealanders are set to opt for a

in the 1982-83 Ashes Series,

against England in Brisbane.

said he was looking forward to

way they play cricket," said

Wessels, who moved back to

South Africa to become their

captain for the 1992 World Cup.

pect to encounter any resent-

ment in Australia for changing

World Cup, everything went re-

ally well, the people were very

supportive. So there is no prob-

Bloemfontein, said there was no

divided loyalties for him after

having spent six years back in

who has played county cricket

for Sussex, said he was looking

forward to the tour of Australia

and possibly the tour of

"I'm obviously coming to-

Asked when he would like to

wards the end of my career. If

I'm making runs, I'll play for

another two years or so,"

end his career, Wessels said:

"Ideally, I suppose I would like

England wait

eagerly for SA

Africa's first tour of England for

29 years heads the bill or the

1994 English cricket season,

the Test summer with New

Zealand, are due here on June

19 and have their first serious

match against Kent at

Besides playing nine matches against the countries;

South Africa will meet England

in three Tests and two one-day

internationals. By the time they

arrive, New Zealand will be

nearing the end of a similar

The season starts on April

13 and will be well underway

when England's players return

from their tour to the West

men will be back in time to play

in the first programme of

county championship matches

However, Mike Atherton's

Canterbury stx days later.

LONDON, Nov 25: South

The Springboks, who share

England next year.

Wessels said

reports AFP.

Indies.

on April 28.

The South African captain,

South Africa from Australia.

countries.

lem," he said.

Wessels said he did not ex-

"When I went back for the

Wessels, who was born in

"I like Australia, I like the

playing against his old side.

The Belerive wicket may turn

"I would expect a more

"I didn't think there was as

Australia will play two spin-

match had progressed.

in this game.

used to."

Ruthereford too said he was

should fight for each other."

Rutherford's candid crave

Australia.

for a quick 12 and Abahani's capital for a convincing win

was well and truly garnered. Brothers' left-arm spinner Dalugoda was the most successful bowler bagging two for

Al Shahriar Rokon and Shri Lankan pacer Fernando took one wicket apiece.

Mohammad Ali, sent the bails of Victoria's last man Kamu flying with the penultimate delivery of the match to celebrate the first victory of Dhanmondi Club in this year's Navana league at Mirpur Pallabi cricket ground yesterday.

It was a fitting finale for a personally satisfying day's cricket for this blighted young cricketer who had scored a whirlwind, unbeaten 51 off 44 balls. He hit half a dozen boundaries and a sixer.

His explosive innings coupled with Azam's solid 60 gave Dhanmondt a winning capital of 191 for nine in 45 overs.

Victoria, in their turn, fell short of the victory target of 192 by eight runs with veteran Rogibul ploughing in the sands with another unbeaten knock of 41 off 51 balls.

Indian Gautam Some chipped in with 26 but Victoria. who had the taste of their first win in their previous match. were all out for 182 in 44.5

Dhanmandi's left-arm spinner Billu took three for 35 to put spanner in Victoria's works.

TODAY'S MATCHES Mohammedans vs Gulshan

Youth (Dhaka Stadium) Udity Club vs Kalabagan KC

four-pronged pace attack, sup-

perbly in tandem in England

earlier this year and Rutherford

said aggression at the crease

was the best way to combat the

vious Test in December 1989.

when Australia beat Shri

Lanka, a local win would return

the Trans-Tasman Trophy to

TEAMS

Greatbatch, Blair Pocock.

Andrew Jones, Ken Rutherfor-

d(captain), Chris Harris, Dipak

Patel, Chris Cairns, Tony Blain,

Groen, Danny Morrison, Simon

Doull. Australia (from): Mark

Taylor, Michael Slater, David

Boon, Mark Waugh, Allan

Border (captain), Steve Waugh,

lan Healy, Paul Reiffel, Shane

Warne, Tim May, Craig McDe-

to do that after England tour.

I'm 37 now. Possibly, if I can

play this season and the next

ched at 16 while still at school

when he was picked to play

first-class cricket for the South

African province of Orange Free

anything left to prove. I'm pretty

happy with how it (his career)

retirement would depend on

how he discharged his respon-

team is going, my captaincy, my

South Africa to trophy success

in the Cricket Association of

Bengal diamond jubilee five-

team tournament was upset by

a two-run victory over the

South Africans in a gripping

climax to Wednesday's semifinal

challenge for Wessels awaits in

Australia where his team start

their three-Test tour in eight

at Calcutta's Eden Gardens.

The home country snatched

However, the significance

has gone," Wessels said.

batting," he said.

India.

"I don't really feel I've got

Ultimately, he considers his

"I just have to see how the

Wessels' attempt to lead

Wessels' career was laun-

rmott, Glenn McGrath.

season, who knows."

Murphy Su'a, Richard de

New Zealand (from): Mark

Hobart has hosted one pre-

offspin-legspin pairing.

Australia.

May and Warne bowled su-

ported by spinner Dipak Patel.

Tight schedule for Aussies

HOBART, Nov 25: The Australian Cricket Board (ACB) said here today it had accepted invitations for Allan Border's team to visit Sharjah in the United Arab Emirates and Shri Lanka next year, reports AFP.

ACB chief executive Graham Halbish said the Australians were likely to visit Sharjah and Shri Lanka for one-day competitions, adding to their commitments to tour South Africa and Pakistan. Australia are due in South

Africa in early February for three Tests and eight one-day internationals before heading to Pakistan in late September for up to three Tests and five onedavers.

Halbish said the ACB was almost certain to send the Australians on to Sharjah direct from South Africa to join a sixnation tournament in mid-April. Border's men would then

have three months off before playing in a triangular competition with South Africa and Shri Lanka on the way to Pakistan. "The ACB has had offers for

these two visits and we are considering them very strongly," Halbish said. "Initially, we were very reluc-

tant about Sharjah because of the money we were offered but they have come back to us with a much larger guarantee. "Regarding Shri Lanka, we

do have a duty to tour countries who visit us and it was felt that it would be fitted in on the way to Pakistan, if the itineraries are suitable.

After the tour of Pakistan, Australia are set to host England for a full Ashes Series and then tour the Caribbean to play the West Indies.

Halbish said the ACB was fully aware of player down-out but also realised the game was now fully professional at international level.

Botham joins the club

LONDON, Nov25: England legend lan Botham has added his voice to the criticism of the Test and County Cricket Board over the Pakistan ball-tampering controversy, reports AFP.

The ex-Somerset, Worcestershire and Durham superstar. who retired at the end of last season, followed sacked umpires Don Oslear in slamming English cricket's governing body by branding them as "gutless" over the issue.

He is furious over the TCCB's refusal to back former England teammate Allan Lamb in his High Court libel case against ex-Pakistan paceman Sarfraz Nawaz, who eventually withdrew his claim for damages against the Northamptonshire skipper.

"If we're playing against somebody who is cheating, let's tell the world," said Botham, who was about to give evidence when Nawaz backed down. "It's gutless trying to sweep the balltampering under the carpet."

The 38-year-old, once the world's greatest all-rounder. has pledged never to coach England hopefuls until someone "with a spine" takes over the English game.

Sports Reporter

out by opener Shahir fired Railway to a winning start in the Milnars First Division league when they beat Lalmatia by two wickets at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

narrow win with 150-ball innings including six hits to the fence. Rezaul with 15 was then other batsman to reach the double figures apart from 31 extras as Railway, chasing 152 for victory, posted 154 for eight in 44.4 overs. Shantu with figures of four

stage looked like halting railwaymen's winning efforts. cornerstone of Lalmatia's chal-

Windies waltz into final wickets in nine overs for the CALCUTTA. Nov. The West Indian batsmen 25: Hot favourites allayed fears by critics that batting second in foggy condi-West Indies set

up Saturday's Hero Cup title clash against hosts India with a crushing sevenperienced on Wednesday. wicket victory over Shri Lanka

here today, reports AFP. The renowned West Indian bowling attack gave 8,000 coasted home easily. spectators at the floodlight Eden Gardens a taste of their awesome firepower by stopping the Shri Lankans at 188

for six in the allotted 50 overs. Chasing less than four runs an over, the West Indians cruised to an easy victory in the 42nd over with Brian Lara scoring 82 and Keith Arthurton 72 not out after sharing a 163-run stand for the third wicket

The former world champions, who held a 14-1 record in 15 one-day internationals against Shri Lanka before this match, confirmed their superiority with a superb all-round display.

The only time Shri Lanka found themselves in with a chance was when seamer Pramodya Wiekramasinghe removed Desmond Haynes and Phil Simmons by the third over before the batsmen had

Haynes, the experienced west Indian vice-captain who is struggling to regain top form, was trapped leg before second ball with a superb inswinger.

With the second ball of his next over. Wickremasinghe had Simmons edging to the slips where Roshan Mahanama dived to his left to pluck the ball inches from the ground.

Left-handers Lara and Arthurton dug in to frustrate the Shri Lankans and avoid a repeat of Wednesday's semi-finals where South Africa fell two short of surpassing India's meagre 195.

The 24-year-old Lara, who scored a monumental 153 in Sharjah earlier this month to beat Pakistan in the Champions Trophy, battled till the 38th over before being bowled by Muttiah Murlidharan when just 23 remained for victory.

tions under the Eden Gardens floodlights was a hazardous task, as the South Africans ex-

Skipper Richie Richardson. in fact, decided to field first after winning the toss and wore a broad smile when his team

The Shri Lankans were lifted from a pathetic 77 for five in the 31st over by a record 109-run stand for the sixth wicket between Aravinda de Silva and Ruwan Kalpage.



De Silva celebrated his 125th one-day international with a brilliant 68 off 78 balls. his 25th half century. Kalpage made a career-best 41 not out.

De Silva, who hit four boundaries and a six, took 15 runs in the final over bowled by Curtley Ambrose before being run out off the penultimate

Shri Lanka flattered to de-

ceive after openers Roshan

Mahanama and Sanath Jayasuriya hammered 10 runs in Ambrose's first over and rattled up 23 by the fifth. From 65 for one in the

22nd over. Shri Lanka lost four

addition of only 12 runs. De Silva and Kalpage joined hands at that stage to boost Shri Lanka's score, but it still proved inadequate in the end.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the day-night Hero Cup semifinal between West Indies and Shri Lanka Thursday:

SRI LANKA: Mahanama Ibw Cummins Jayasuriya c Simmons Benjamin Tillekaratne lbw Cummins De Silva run out Ranatunga c Lara b Hooper Kaluwirthana b Hooper Kalpage not out Ratnayake not out Extras: (lb 11, w 3) Total: (for six wickets. 50 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-33, 2-65.

3-68, 4-73, 5-77, 6-186 Did not bat: Ramanayake. Wickeramasinghe, Murlidharan

Bowling: 0 Ambrose 59 Walsh 10 33 38 Cummine 10 29 Benjamin 2 10 3 18 Hooper WEST INDIES: Lara b Murlidharan

Haynes Ibw b Wickramasinghe Simmons c Mahanama Wickramasinghe Arthurton not out Richardson not out Extras: lb2, w12, nb7 21 Total: (for three wickets, 41.5 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-1, 2-3, 3-

Did not bat: Hooper, Adams, Cummins, Ambrose, Benjamin,

Bowling:	0	M	R	w
Wickramasinghe 6		0	27	2
Ramanayake	3	0	18	0
Ratnayake	4	0	11	0
Kalpage	9.5	0	47	0
Murlidharan	10	0	37.	1
Jayasuriya '	2	0	14	0
De Silva	3	0	16	0
Ranatunga	4	0	18	0
Result: We	st Inc	dies	won	by
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seven wickets Man-of-the-metch:

Brian 1

Another twist in Sydney saga ported acrimony and controdate for the chief executive's



SYDNEY, Nov 25: Two of the driving forces behind Sydney's successful bid for the 2000 Olym-

pics said Wednesday they are not interested in becoming chief executive officer of the organising committee, reports

Bob Elphinston, general manager of the Sydney Olympic bid, said he was not interested in the chief executive's position, despite being endorsed by his bid boss, Rod McGeoch. Earlier in the day, and two

months after Sydney won the right to host the 2000 Games McGeoch publicly withdrew his candidacy to become the Games chief executive.

Citing a drain on his time with his family, McGeoch's decision followed weeks of reversy over Games committee appointments and his own walkout from a diner organised by the Australian Olympic committee last Thursday to honour Sydney's Victory. In letters to news organisa-

himself from what he called 'speculation" by journalists that he wanted greater acknowledgement of his role in the Games bid victory over major rivals Beijing and Manchester in Monte Carlo in September.

"I do not seek any further acknowledgement of any contribution that I might have made towards Sydney's success," McGeoch's letter said.

mittee for the Olympic Games. McGeoch later said Elphinston, would be a good candijob, saying Elphinston's work in the bid office proved he was "someone who had the necessary capabilities" needed by the Games chief. While admitting he was "flattered" by the comments,

Elphinston said he did not propose to be a candidate for the position. "I believe that the skills I have are better suited in another role within the organization, hopefully in a similar position to the one I occupied

within the bid office," he said McGeoch said he walked out of the inner because of the

number of people in that room that deserve far more recognition then they got, and it just seemed to me to be inappropriate the way the dinner was being run."

LONDON, Nov 25: It was Southampton's first



Newcastle crushed Sheffield United 4-0 on Wed-

nue their relentless march up the English Premier League table, reports Reuter.

England striker Peter Beardsley and one each from Andy Cole an Scott Sellars brought Newcastle their fourth successive victory and their second big win in four days following the 3-0 win over Liverpool.

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nesday to conti-

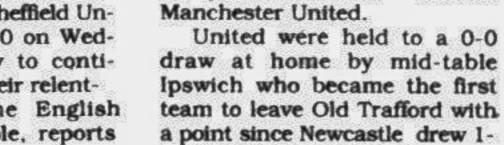
Two goals from former

Cole, on the substitutes bench when England played San Marino in a World Cup qualifier last week but who has yet to play for his country at senior level, took his tally for the season to 22 with his 70th

Newcastle moved up from

13 points behind leaders Manchester United.

1 there three months ago.



Three of the bottom six teams all scored rare victories with bottom-placed Swindon finally winning their first league match of the season — with 10 men - at the 16th attempt. Swindon had Dutch defender

Luc Nijholt sent off for dissent after only 18 minutes but held on to beat Queen's Park Rangers 1-0, thanks to a 36th minute goal from their new striker Keith Scott. He also scored on his debut against Ipswich on Saturday. Southampton, who started

the day in 20th place, went to Aston Villa, third in the table. and upset the form book by winning 2-0 with two goals from Matt le Tissier.

Winners take all

BUCHAREST, Nov 25: Members of the Romanian football squad, who clinched their World Cup finals place with victory over Wales last week, have been rewarded with a 75,000 dollars bonus, a Mercedes and the keys to Bucharest, reports

Captain Gheorge Hagi is also to be made an honorary citizen of Constantza, his native city in south eastern Romania. Steau Bucharest midfielder

llie Dumitrescu, the current star of the national side, is on the verge of signing a lucrative contract with a leading Italian club.

Gheorghe Glisic, an agent who has acted for eastern European players including AC Milan's Zvonimir Boban, said Thursday a deal was near completion but would not - Star photo | identify the interested club.

only their third win of the sea-Both London derbies ended in stalemate. Tottenham's 1-1 draw at home to Wimbledon left them without a win in six

Sheffield Wednesday beat fel-

low strugglers Oldham 3-0 for

Nick Barmby gave Spurs an early lead which they held until late in the game when Dean Holdsworth equalised. Spurs captain Gary Mabbutt

was carried off on a stretcher and taken to hospital after a sickening clash of heads with Wimbledon's John Fashanu.

West Ham drew 0-0 with

Arsenal who had England goalkeeper David Seaman sent off six minutes from time for hauling down West Ham striker Tony Morley.

It was Arsenal's fifth goalless drew in their last seven league games.

Maradona's club yet to win

BUENOS AIRES, Nov 25: Diego Maradona was still waiting to celebrate his first league win with new club Newell's Old Boys after his side were held to a 0-0 draw at home to Gimnasiay Esgrima in an Argentine league match yesterday, reports Reuter.

Another frustrating night for the Argentine star was completed when he hobbled off with a bruised leg 20 minutes from the end.

Newell's, playing their first game under new trainer Jorge Castelli, dominated the first half and missed two clear chances against defensive opposition.

But they fell away badly in the second half and rarely looked like scoring, with Maradona subdued for much of the game. The result kept them last but one in the championship.



the semifinals of the Masters leg of the Gold Leaf ITF Thailand-Bangladesh Satellite Circuit tennis tournament at the National Tennis Complex in the city.

Shahir shines

A brilliant knock of 71 not

Shahir guided his side to the

for 25 backed by left arm spinner Atiq's three for 20 at one

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TODAY'S MATCH Sadharan Bima vs Eskaton

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