13th national youth hockey begins tomorrow

The 13th national youth hockey championship begins tomorrow at the Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protisthan (BKSP) at Savar, reports UNB.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadeque Hossain will inaugurate the nine-day competition organised jointly by Bangladesh Hockey Federation and BKSP.

On the opening day Chittagong DSA will take on BKSP at 3 pm while Dhaka DSA meet Pirojpur DSA on the following day.

A total of 15 teams, including defending champions Faridpur DSA and runners-up Dhaka DSA, will participate in the tournament to be played on knock-out basis.

The participating teams are: Faridpur, Dhaka, Jessore, Rajshahi, Sylhet, Patuakhali, Chittagong, Pirojpur, Munshiganj. Gazipur. Jamalpur and Mymensingh DSAs. Dhaka Education Board, BKSP and Rajshahi Primary Sports Training Institution.

Ansars complete the quorum

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Ansars booked the last place of the 18th Sher-e-Bangla national football championship final round when they emerged Services Zone champions, beating former champions Bangladesh Army by a solitary goal in the final at Munshiganj yesterday.

Alfaz scored the matchwinner in the 40th minute of the tight encounter.

Two Ansars booters -Arman and Sufian — and three armymen - Jahangir, Shah Alam and Masud Rana — were cautioned with the yellow card by the man in black, R Alam.

In the round of last four, Ansars registered a similar margin victory over Bangladesh Navy while Army got a a walkover against Customs and Excise as the latter failed to turn up.

Earlier, eight teams qualifled for the 12-team final round as their respective zonal champions. The teams are Narayangani, Netrakona, Feni, Sylhet, Bagerhat, Kushtia,

Bogra and Lalmonirhat. Three teams — defending champions Dhaka University, Khulna, the hosts of the final round matches and Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology - are directly placed in the final phase, expected to begin sometime this

BJMC sports

Sports Reporter

The two-day 16th annual sports competition of the Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation (BJMC) will begin on February 2 at the Karim Jute Mills ground, a BJMC press release said yesterday.

Jute Secretary Mohammad Abu Hena will inaugurate the meet while the Jute Minister ASM Hannan Shah will distribute prizes among the winners at the end of the meet.

Partex b'ball

Sports Reporter

The Gregs Club and Azad Boys Club earned victories in their respective matches of the Partex First Division basketball league at the Outer Stadium wooden floor gymnaslum yesterday.

The Gregs outplayed Kurmitola Apollo 104-44. . The winners led the first

half 54-27. Anup top scored with 30 points and Wahid 18 for The

Tuhin and Enam caged 1 and 11 respectively for the

losers.

In the other match Azad trounced Backstroke club 76-

They led the first half 32-

Shahidul and Zillur, with 20 points each made their mark for the winners.

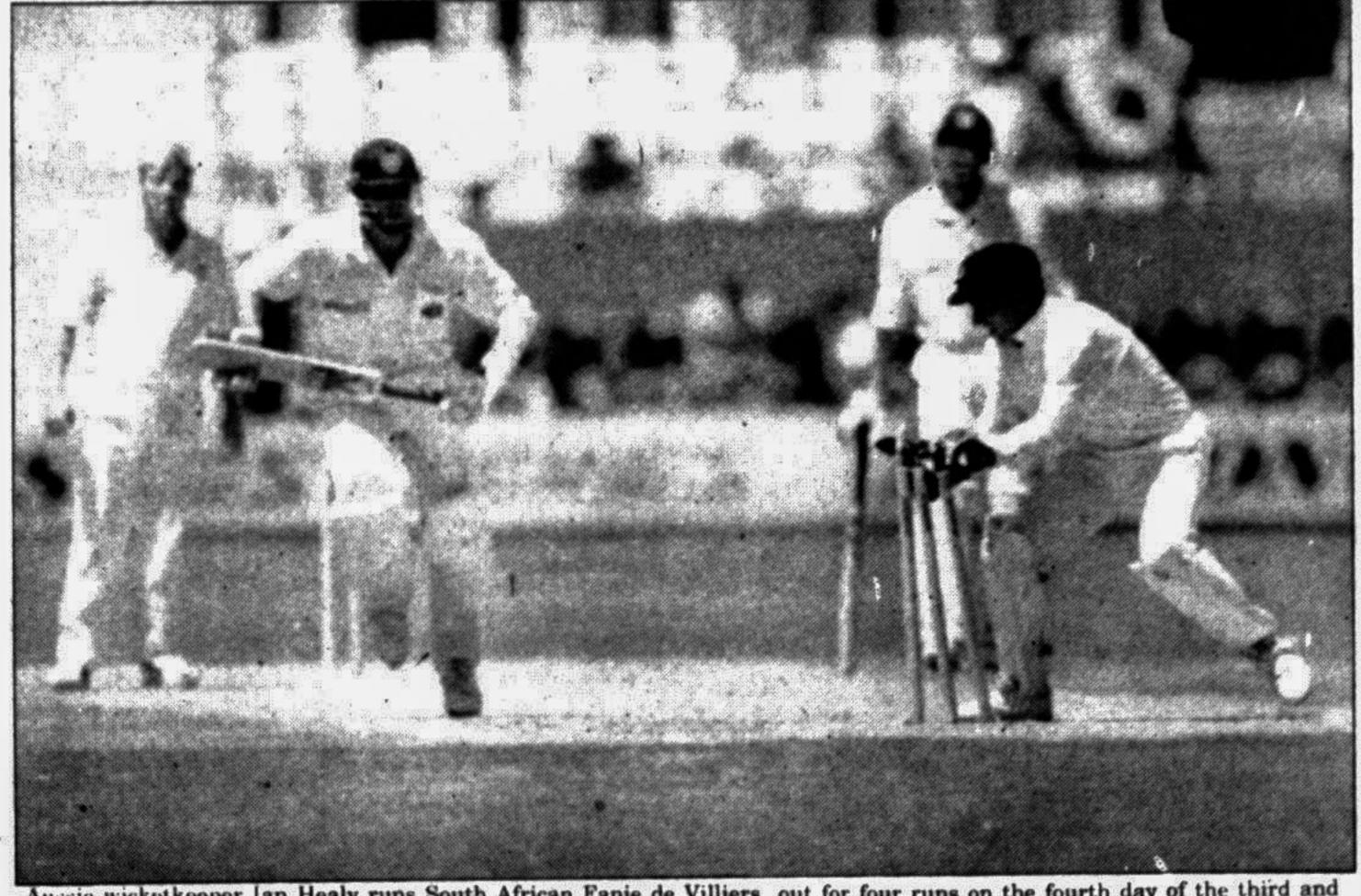
Saik with 16 and Susanto's 7. helped reduce the margin for Backstroke.

Benfica bungle it LISBON, Jan 31: League leaders Benfica crashed out of the Portuguese Cup with a 2-1 defeat by Belenenses in the sixth round on Sunday while Porto's new coach Bobby Robson guided his team into the quarter-finals, reports

Reuter. Holders Benfica went ahead in the eighth minute with a header by Joao Pinto, but Belenenses then took advan-

tage of two defence mistakes. Argentine striker Mauro Airez scored in the 11th minute in a goalmouth scramble after Benfica's defence failed to clear a corner, and unmarked striker Luis Gustavo hit the winner in the 33rd

minute. Former England manager Bobby Robson made a successful debut as trainer of Porto when his new team beat Salgueiros 2-1 away.



Aussie wicketkeeper Ian Healy runs South African Fanie de Villiers out for four runs on the fourth day of the third and - AFP photo final Test between Australia and South Africa in Adelaide yesterday.

They do it South Africans in the soup

ADELAIDE, Jan

31: The spectre of Australian cricket's youthful blond magician hangs over South Africa as they attempt to salvage a draw which would give them an historic first Test series

win in Australia, reports AFP. Shane Warne, the 24 yearold leg-spinner with the golden right arm, has already revealed his wizardry again at the start of the tourists' quest for victory in the third Test

here. Warne snapped-up two wickets for two runs from seven almost unplayable overs as South Africa slumped to 3-18 at the end of the fourth day at Adelaide Oval.

The not out batsmen are Peter Kirsten (1) and Fanie de Villiers, yet to score. He was sent in as a night watchman.

South Africa had been set a victory target of 321 from a minimum of 111 overs when Australian captain Allan Border closed his team's second innings 95 minutes before stumps.

Australia made 124 for six declared. Earlier. South Africa reached 273 in their first innings, just avoiding the possibility of following on, but still conceding a lead of 196 to the home country.

Warne's three wickets so far in this game boost his tally of victims from 23 Tests to an amazing 99.

He seems almost certain to become a centurian on Tuesday just two days after winning the international cricketer-of-

the-vear award Sunday. Australian coach Bob Sim-

pson again heaped lavish praise on Warne after play to-"He is the most exciting

thing that has happened in world cricket in 30 years." said Simpson, himself a useful leg-spin bowler during the days when he captained his country.

"He has the ability to spin

the ball harder and more accurately than anyone I have seen," he said. South Africa opener Gary

Kirsten will attest to that. The left- hander was bowled by a fizzing spinner outside offstump which he had deemed safe to leave alone.

The loss of Kirsten for seven, made from 54 ball. shortly before stumps, was the

SEATTLE, Jan 31:

Alexi Lalas scored

on a header in

the 85th minute

to give the Uni-

ted States a 1-1

tie with Russia in

an exhibition soccer game

The American were nearly

out of chances when Claudio

Reyna faked a shot off a free

kick from 30 yards and passed

to Mike Lapper, who booted

the ball across the goal to full-

back Lalas, the fullback. Lalas

leaped above a defender and

headed the ball between the

left goalpost and Russian goal-

for the World Cup this sum-

mer, was played on artificial

turf at the Kingdome, the

fourth indoor match for the US

exhibition games during 1994.

The exhibition was the first of

scoreless tie in the 52nd

minute. Oleg Salenko kicked a

long pass from midfield that

the streaking Radchenko

chipped over onrushing goalie

most of the game, outshooting

USA controlled play for

Tony Meola from 25 yards.

the year for the Russians.

The Americans are 1-1-1 in

Dmitri Radchenko broke a

The exhibition, a warm-up

keeper Zaour Khapov.

national team.

Saturday night, reports AP.

last straw for South Africa.

Warne despatched Kirsten just two overs after he had removed skipper Hansie Cronje. trapped in front for three.

They had earlier seen Kirsten's opening partner, Andrew Hudson, slash at a wide delivery from paceman Craig McDermott, which speared into the safe hands of gully fieldsman Steve Waugh.

achievement of the day was saving the possibility of having to follow-on. Prospects of accomplishing even this relatively humble

South Africa's major

milestone did not look bright early in the day when, with just eight runs added, Richard Snell was ousted by McDermott for 10. De Villiers strode to the

crease to join Peter Kirsten

with the tourists still needing 27 runs to make sure Australia batted again. The ninth-wicket pair ground out the runs in 76 gripping minutes. De Villiers

while Kirsten scrounged most of the runs. Kirsten fell to Warne for a gallant 79, his highest Test score, immediately after they had ensured Australia had to

holding the fort stubbornly

return to the crease. Australian skipper Allan Border may conceivably have been pleased that the decision of whether or not to enforce the follow-on was taken out of

his hands. It certainly means that the tourists will be at the crease

when the pitch is at its most difficult Tuesday. Australia did not find it easy

to gather runs in their second innings, and most of their wickets fell while they chased desperately to position themselves for the earliest possible declaration.

Border waited until 4.25 pm before applying the clo-

sure. The combination of the wearing wicket and tight South African bowling restricted the scoring opportunities of Australia's main contributors, Mark Taylor and David Boon, who each scored

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the fourth day of the third and final cricket Test between Australia and South Africa at the Adelaide Oval today: AUSTRALIA: First innings

469 for seven declared (S

the Russians 18-4. The Russi-

ans were more aggressive on

defence and were called for 22

fouls to eight for the United

States. Three Russian players

were issued yellow cards for

employed an offside trap for

most of the game, catching the

Russians offsides nine times.

The US was caught offside

break free for shots, they were

to stop one-on-one opportuni-

ties by Igor Korneev and

Alexander Boroduk in the first

to pad their lead in the 69th

minute on another breakaway.

but Omari Tetradze's shot from

15 yards sailed over the cross-

more aggressive offensively

and had four good scoring op-

portunities before halftime.

two each by midfielder Chris

Henderson and forward Joe-

Jones set Henderson up for a

wide-open chance from 12

yards out, but Henderson's

shot was four yards wide.

In the 21st minute Cobi

The Americans started

When the Russians did

Meola came off the goal line

The Russians had a chance

Defensively, the Americans

hard tackles.

very dangerous.

Max Moore.

once.

Waugh 164, B McMillan three for 89). SOUTH AFRICA: First in-

(overnight 235 for seven) G Kirsten c May b McDermott A Hudson lbw b S Waugh H Cronje c Healy b Reiffel P Kirsten c M Waugh b Warne

J Rhodes b S Waugh D Cullinan b S Waugh B McMillan Ibw b S Waugh D Richardson lbw McDermott

R Snell ¢ Healy b McDermott 10 F De Villiers run out A Donald not out Extras: (b-3, lb-10, w-1, nb-9)

Fall of wickets: 1-100; 2-103: 3-173: 4-179: 5-195: 6-203; 7-222; 8-243; 9-270. OM Bowling: 27 9 49 McDermott Reiffel 15 9 57 44.2 15 85 Warne M Waugh

18 7 26 S Waugh AUSTRALIA: Second in nings M Taylor b Snell M Slater Ibw b Donald D Boon c Hudson b McMillan38 M Waugh c Richardson b Donald

A Border run out S Waugh c Richardson b Snell I I Healy not out P Reiffel not out Extras: (lb-7, nb-1) Total: (for six wickets, de-

clared) Fall of wickets: 1-23; 2-79;

Did not bat: S Warne. C McDermott, T May. Bowling: 11 2 26 Donald McMillan 33 20 Cronje

38 SOUTH AFRICA: Second in-A Hudson c S Waugh b McDermott G Kirsten b Warne H Cronje lbw b Warne P Kirsten not out F De Villiers not out Extras: (lb-1, w-2, nb-2) Total: (for three wickets)

Fall of wickets: 1-12; 2-17; 3-18 To bat: J Rhodes, D Cullinan, B McMillan, D Richardson, R Snell, F De Villiers, A Donald.

Bowling: **McDermott** Reiffel Warne 7 5

Lalas spares US blushes Henderson also blasted an open shot from 20 yards, but Khapov fisted the ball over the crossbar.

> Moore's free kick from thirty yards in the 28th minute sailed two feet left of the goal. Khapov had six saves to Meola's one.

The USA are 1-2-2 against Russian teams since the breakup of the former Soviet Union, including two games with the Commonwealth of Independent States team.

The USA play Denmark and the winner of a Romania-Hong Kong match in a four-team exhibition tournament in Hong Kong in the second week of February.

AC now wants Gullit back

MILAN, Italy, Jan 31: AC Milan want back Ruud Gullit. the Dutch star they got rid of last season, reports AFP.

Gullit, with England captain David Platt, has played a key role in Sampdoria's resurgence in the Italian League this year. The Genoa side trail champions Milan who are keeping a close eye on their former player.

for Kirsten

JOHANNESBURG, Jan 31: South African independent radio station 702 today held a collection among listeners to pay cricketer Peter Kirsten's fine for showing dissent at three controversial leg before wicket decisions by Australian umpire Darrell Hair, reports

702 presenter Chris Gibbons asked listeners to pledge the 1,500 rand (440 dollars) Kirsten was fined and "about 100 bucks (slang for rand) or so for a white stick for the umpire."

The target was reached within minutes of the appeal. Hair controversially gave three South African batsmen out in the third Test against Australia in Adelaide.

Television replays showed that the leg before wicket decisions against Andrew Hudson, Brian McMillan and Dave Richardson were doubt-

Kirsten was fined 25 per cent of his match fee for showing dissent, but 702's Gibbons said the 38-year-old veteran batsman was "just expressing what all South Africa was thinking."

The South Africa Press Association also had a dig at the umpire, saying "Australian cricket could do with a hair

Tufnell's tantrum

BASSETERRE, St Kitts, Jan 31: England's volatile left-arm spinner Phil Tufnell came dangerously close to losing his temper on an otherwise featureless day's play against St Kitts and Nevis on Sunday, re-

ports Reuter. Tufnell, in his first appearance of the Caribbean tour, took three for 58 as the home side ground their way to 256 for eight on the second day of the three-day match in reply to England's 308 for six de-

clared. After coming on as first change, Tufnell had three appeals rejected in his first six overs to his obvious disgust.

Then opener Merlin Liburd was stranded down the pitch as Robin Smith threw the ball from mid-on to the bowler's end where Tufnell whipped off the bails to end a first wicket stand of 74.

But Tufnell than unnecessarily knocked on stump from the ground in a worrying reminder of his tantrum during England's tour of India last year which earned him a 750 dollars fine.

"As far as I'm concerned Phil is an enthusiast and he gets a bit excited sometimes, said manager Mike Smith.

"That's fine by me. He didn't go over the top. If I felt someone had, I would get involved."

Despite Tufnell's petulance he was easily England's best performer on a placid pitch which gave little help to the bowlers.

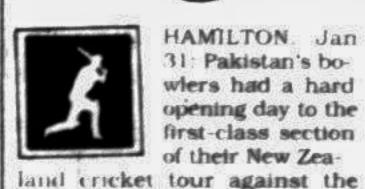
Harwood Williams was the top scorer for the home side with an obdurate 53.

Milla makes his mark

YAOUNDE, Jan 31: Cameroon's ageing striker Roger Milla, looking to play in his third World Cup at the age of 42, scored on his second comeback from retirement on Sunday, reports Reuter.

Milla, a veteran of the 1982 World Cup who came out of retirement to help Cameroon reach the quarter-finals of the 1990 tournament in Italy. scored for Tonnerre in 2-2 draw with Canon of Yaonde in a First Division match in front of 65,000 people.

Tough time for Pak bowlers



fours for a classy 49.

Pocock for the second wicket. and only young batsman Llorne Howell missed out.

combination, caught by wicketkeeper Shakeel Ahmed off medium pacer Ashfaq Ahmed.

Greatbatch and fellow left fifth wicket. Greatbatch went on the of-

fensive from the start, and just 34 balls with his third six.

position for the opening intersecond new ball cost 44, with national next week, added 90 ing in for heavy punishment. Hart holed out to deep mid-

Pocock finally fell five short of his fourth first-class hundred, having made a patient

Graham Burnet made 59. adding 121 in 177 minutes with

He was leg before wicket to fast-medium bowler Ata-ur-Rehman for one. The first three wickets had fallen to the same

hander Matthew Hart added a rapid 87 from 82 balls for the

brought up his half century off At stumps his 65 had come from only 48 balls, with seven fours and three sixes.

The first six overs with the

fast-medium Aamir Nazir com-

wicket just before stumps, but Greatbatch had made good use

of his pre-Test look at the Pakistani bowling attack, albeit lacking fast bowling spearhead Wasim Akram and Wagar Younis

Scorecard at stumps on the first day of Pakistan's three-day cricket match against the New Zealand XI here today.

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Milan march mightily on



for the first wicket.

the Italian League crown with a 1-0 victory at lowly

Atalanta on Sunday, protecting a four-point lead as closest challengers Juventus and Sampdoria both had comfortable wins, reports Reuter. Daniele Massaro's second

goal in successive matches proved sufficient for the champions, bidding for their third straight league title, to overcome stubborn resistance from Atalanta.

Juventus, kept up their challenge with a 2-0 win over Foggia in Turin.

Forward Fabrizio Ravanelli linked with Roberto Baggio to give his side the lead in 69th minute, while Baggio, presented with the European footballer-of-the-year award before the game, struck in the 77th minute for his 12th goal of the season.

penalties against relegation doomed Lecce but still finished 3-0 winners as veteran defender Pietro Vierchowod and strikers Roberto Mancini both found the net and Lecce captain Giampaolo Ceramicola scored an own-goal.

Sampdoria missed two

Milan top the table with 32 points from 21 games, while Juventus and Sampdoria share second place on 28 points.

Midfielder Gianfranco Zola netted twice to spearhead fourth place Parma's impressive four-goal win at strugglers Genoa. Swede Tomas Brolin and Colombia's Faustino Asprilla from the penalty spot scored the other goals.

Davide Fontolan headed a last minute equaliser for fifthplaced Internazionale in a dramatic 3-3 draw at home to

Cagliari. Milan, beaten only once this

against Atalanta keen to cele-AC Milan maintai- brate club president Silvio ned their grip on Berlusconi's recent entry into

> The ill-tempered match in which five players were booked vielded few scoring chances as Milan's defence, now beaten only eight times in 21 matches, restricted Atalanta to

a few long-range efforts. Massaro settled the contest in the 55th minute, combining neatly with Dane Brian Laudrup in the Atalanta penalty area before firing a low, diagonal shot beyond goalkeeper Davide Pinato.

Juventus gave former star Roberto Bettega the perfect start in his new job as the chibs deputy general manager.

. The UEFA Cup holders dominated the first half as the gifted Baggio and midfielder Antonio Conte narrowly failed to score. . In the second half Baggio

drew the Foggia defence with a

fine run before putting over a perfect cross for Ravanelli to open the scoring. Goal-scorer turned goalprovider eight minutes later as Ravanelli's lob beat goalkeeper Francesco Mancini and re-

the path of Baggio, who sealed victory with a simple tap-in. If Sampdoria fail to catch Milan in the championship

bounded off the crossbar into

they may rue a series of costly penalty misses. Against Lecce, both Mancini and Attilio Lambardo missed the target with their spotkicks to take the number of penalties squandered by Sampdoria this season to five

out of 10. Luckily for La Samp, the mistakes made little difference

to the final result. Vierchowod put his side in the lead in the 53rd minute penalising the Lecce defence

cola deflected a cross form Mancini into his own net and five minutes later, Mancini's seventh goal of the season made amends for his earlier

for their seventh defeat of the season when Luis Oliveria Pusceddu gave Cagliari a shock 2-0 lead at the San Siro Stadium.

comeback with two welltaken goals either side of halftime. England's Paul Gascoigne

pher during the week, inover Cremonese. opened the scoring in the 15th minute, seizing on a loose ball in the Cremonese penalty

Turci had parried a header from Pierluigi Cassaraghi. Cremonese drew level in the 25th minute with a powerful shot from Gianni Cristiani only for Cassaraghi to put Lazio

between two defenders and

delicately chipping over Turci In the 67th minute Guiuseppe Signori, last season's top 9 scorer in the league, scored the first of two goals, cutting in from the right before un-

stoppable shot into the roof of the net. flected a shot past his own

season, began their match for failing to clear a corner goalkeeper.



MOSCOW, Jan 31: The head of Russia's Soccer Federation says he is

confident that several of the players who are refusing to play for national team coach Pavel Sadyrin will return to the squad in time for this year's World Cup finals, reports

Vyachslav Koloskov told the weekend edition of Sport Express newspaper he was sure a number of the team. many of whom play for leading European clubs, would change their minds.

The 14 rebels, who complain they are not being paid enough for playing for the Russian side and say Sadyrin should be sacked for incompetence, have boycotted the team's current trip to the United States and Mexico.

But Koloskov said Benfica

striker Sergei Yuran and Dynamo Dresden keeper Stanislav Cherchesov were bound to relent.

"Saying this, I am relying on

my intuition and my knowledge of these people," he told the newspaper. Chelsea goalkeeper Dmitry Kharin and Manchester United winger Andrei Kanchelskis were also sure to play,

Koloskov said. He added that

he had a feeling Karlsruhe

striker Sergei Koloskov, one of

the rebels' ringleaders, would return to the fold. "Soccer is all that matters to him in life. I've known him

for 13 years. He went to school with my son," Koloskov said. The powerful contingent from champions Spartak Moscow, who make up most of the

defence, has also vowed not to

turn out for the national side

but Koloskov said he was

convinced they too would

change their minds. The federation has refused to bow to players' pressure for Sadyrin's replacement by former Soviet national coach Ariatoly Byshovets, dismissed after the poor performance of

the Commonwealth side in the

1992 European Championship.

consider removing Sadyrin

Koloskov said he would

only if no players turned up when the squad was due to gather in may or if he felt the final team would shame the Only 18 players out of more than 40 invited arrived in

Moscow to train before the

squad left to play friendlies

against the United States and The decline in standard was obvious when the makeshift

team scrambled a 1-1 draw with the United States on Saturday.



Manchester United's Eric Cantona (in black) tackles Jeremy Goss of Norwich City during an -AFP photo English FA Cup fourth round tie on Jan 30. United won 2-0.

31: Pakistan's bowlers had a hard opening day to the first-class section

of their New Zea-

second-string New Zealand XI

toss, the New Zealand XI, which

is the country's second 11, had

reached 318 for five, with Test

batsman and team captain

Mark Greatbatch having hit an

exhilarating unbeaten 65 and

wicketkeeper Lee Geron yet to

The pitch was good for bat-

ting, if on the slow side, and all

but one of the New Zealand XI

took advantage of the condi-

former Test cap Blair Hartland,

the latter hoping to regain his

Openers Blair Pocock and

At stumps, after winning the

here today, reports AFP.

95 while Hartland hit nine

SCOREBOARD

NEW ZEALAND XI: 1st in-

in the 85th minute Cerami-

penalty miss. inter looked to be heading

But Uruguay's Ruben Sosa inspired his side to a fine

questioned by police after punching a press photograspirded Lazio to a 4-2 victory Captain Roberto Cravero

area , after goalkeeper Luigi

back in front in the 35th After the break, Gascoigne hit the crossbar after dribbling

Seven minutes later Gascoigne held off defenders before releasing Signori for his second goal. Cremonese won a last minute consolation when Lazio defender Cristiano Bergodi de-

Koloskov hopes for the best