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Nigerian striker Emmanuel Amunike dodges past Zambian defender Harrison Chongo during the African Nations' Cup final between Nigeria and Zambia in Tunis on Sunday. Nigeria won 2-1 to clinch the title. — AFP photo

### Revenants Zambia muck a miracle in Nations' Cup Nigeria, African champions

TUNIS, Apr 11: Nigeria confirmed their superiority in African football with a 2-1 win over Zambia in the Nations' Cup final on Sunday, reports Reuter. Emmanuel Amunike, who had been left out of his team's four previous matches in the tournament, scored both goals as Nigeria came back from a goal down to win a thrilling match. Zambia did magnificently to reach the final, having rebuilt their team after 18 members of the squad were killed in a plane crash off the coast of Gabon in April last year. They started the two-week tournament as rank outsiders but took a shock lead after just two minutes of the final when defender Elijah Litana headed home from a corner. The surprise goal stung the Nigerians, playing with nine European-based professionals. In action and Amunike had his team level within two

minutes with a close-range strike, also from a corner. The ball was won in the air by defender Uche Okechukwu and Amunike was first to pounce on the loose ball. The World Cup finalists, spearheaded by the tournament's top scorer Rachidi Yekini, created the better chances in the first half but did not take the lead until two minutes after the interval when Amunike turned inside his marker and struck a fierce shot from five metres. Zambia were within inches of an equaliser when captain Kalusha Bwalya's long-range shot bounced back off the crossbar midway through the second half. But despite territorial advantage near the end they could not break down the Nigerian defence. Massive support from the Tunisian crowd willed Zambia forward in the closing stages, while every touch of the ball for Nigeria was met with jeers. The win was only the sec-

ond for Nigeria in the biennial tournament, coming 14 years after their first success in 1980. The Nigerians had lost three of the five previous finals. Zambia, supported by a charter plane of fans who arrived just before kick-off, have now lost both their final appearances. Their previous defeat was in 1974 by Zaire. Meanwhile, Ivory Coast beat fellow West Africans Mali 3-1 to take third place on Sunday. The Ivorians, who won the tournament two years ago, dominated throughout the match after taking a second minute lead through Adama Cioffe Kone, making his first appearance in the competition. Amadou Pathe Diallo equalised with a close-range header immediately after half-time but goals from Ahmed Ouantara and Donald Olivier Sie saw the Ivorians through to a comfortable win.

### Hughes M United's hero

LONDON, Apr 11: Striker Mark Hughes volleyed an equaliser one minute from the end of extra time to rescue double chasing Manchester United from defeat in their English FA Cup semifinal against Oldham Athletic at Wembley on Sunday, reports Reuter. The Welshman's 119th minute goal gave Premier league leaders United a last gasp 1-1 draw after Neil Pointon's strike 13 minutes earlier looked to have put underdogs Oldham into their first FA Cup final. The two sides from northwest England meet in a replay at Manchester City's Maine Road ground on Wednesday with the winners going through to the Wembley final on May 14 against Chelsea. Chelsea beat First Division Luton Town 2-0 in the first semifinal at Wembley on Saturday. Manchester United were on minute away from a second Wembley disaster following

their upset 3-1 defeat by Aston Villa in the League Cup final two weeks ago that dashed their hopes of a unique domestic treble. Oldham appeared to have overcome their Manchester United jinx when defender Pointon rammed home a loose ball after big Danish goalkeeper Peter Schmeichel, who missed the League Cup final through suspension, fumbled an inswinging corner from Rich Holden. But Hughes got on the end of a neat backward flick over the Oldham defence by Scot Brian McClair to volley his 20th goal of the season. Pointon's goal broke the deadlock of 106 minutes of uninspiring, goalless football

that contrasted with the league games between the sides this season that both went United's way in 5-2 victories, the second just six days ago. As they did in the defeat at Old Trafford on Monday, Oldham packed midfield and challenged United to break them down rather than giving them space to counter-attack. The regulation 90 minutes passed with hardly a memorable moment as United sorely missed the imagination of suspended foreign trio Eric Cantona of France, Ukrainian-born Andrei Kanchelski and Irishman Roy Keane. Welsh wizard Ryan Giggs made a series of exiting, linking runs but ended up crashing into a wall of defenders.

### Rare feat for Eric Cantona

LONDON, Apr 11: Eric Cantona has become the first overseas soccer player to be voted the English player-of-the-year by his fellow professionals, reports Reuter. Manchester United's flamboyant Frenchman won the award on Sunday ahead of Newcastle United's Peter Beardsley, with Alan Shearer of Blackburn in third place. Gordon Taylor, chief executive of the Professional Footballers' Association, commented: "It reflects the cosmopolitan nature of the English game these days and is a fitting tribute to the great skill and ability that Cantona has shown." "He has been a talisman for Leeds in their championship year and then again for Manchester United and the award demonstrates the great appreciation of his talents from his fellow professionals, which must be the ultimate accolade." Newcastle United's Andy Cole was named young-player-of-the-year ahead of Norwich City's Chris Sutton and Manchester United's Ryan Giggs, the winner for the last two seasons.



Manchester United's French international striker, Eric Cantona poses with the trophy after being named player-of-the-year by the Professional Footballers' Association (PFA) in London on Sunday. It is the first time a foreign player has been named a recipient of the award. — AFP photo

### Nirman cricket

Sports Reporter Mymensingh Zilla School will play Narayanjanj High School in the final of the 12th Nirman Schools cricket championship tomorrow at the Dhaka Stadium. They earned their passages to the finale of annual competition with bland victories over their opponents in their respective semifinal ties at different city venues yesterday. Mymensingh Zilla School sent local Dhanmondi Government packing at the Mirpur Pallabi ground by 56 runs. Sent in to make the first use of the wicket, Mymensingh batted through their quota of 40 overs to raise 164 for seven wickets. Shahzada, Robin and Shova were the main run-getters for the outstation school team with scores of 29, 28 and 27 respectively. Afroz bagged three wickets while his peers Shova and Anwar two each as Dhanmondi were all out for 108 runs in their turn in 35.1 overs. Sanjay with 29 followed by Arzu who made 26 offered some resistance for the losers. An equally facile victory saw Narayanjanj High School cavort to the final against the faraway Dinajpur Zilla School at the Dhaka Stadium. Asked to make the first use of the wickets, the boys from the limotrophe Northern district struggled all along to be all out for 112 in 38.5 overs. Hasu and Apurba contributed 20 each to the impoverished innings. Munna bagged three Dinajpur wickets for 12 runs. Sajal was the other tormentor with two scalps for 24. A buoyed Munna shone with the bat to when Narayanjanj went out to collect the 113 runs for a win. He hit 54 and Pappu 22 as the eventual winners stroled to a six-wicket win garnering 113 for four in 27.5 overs.

### Sanchez's grit pays off

AMELIA ISLAND, Florida, Apr 11: With her mind on her ailing father in Barcelona, top seed Arantxa Sanchez Vicario successfully defended her title at the Bausch and Lomb tennis championships with a 6-1, 6-4 victory over Gabriela Sabatini on Sunday, reports Reuter. Sanchez, whose father suffered a heart attack earlier in the week, picked up her first title of the year and extended the fourth-seeded Argentine's title drought to 33 tournaments. "This was a very hard situation because I wanted to be with my father, but he was in Spain," Sanchez said after the one hour, 27 minute final. "He asked me to stay and to win. I'm sure he will be very proud." Office league cricket match rescheduled Sports Reporter The office league cricket match between Bangladesh Biman and BCS Audits and Accounts has been shifted to April 15 from originally scheduled April 13. The match will now be played at the Mirpur Pallabi ground instead of Dhaka Stadium, following a readjustment by the league committee.

### Dilkusha barely make it

Sports Reporter Dilkusha Sporting Club moved into the Independence Day kabaddi final when they beat Bangladesh Bank by the skin of their teeth in a breath-taking second semifinal at the Outer Stadium court yesterday. Dilkusha came from behind to register a 23-22 point win. The final between Dilkusha and Azad will be held on Friday at 5 pm.

### For a new-look All-England Club

WIMBLEDON, Apr 11: The All-England Club launched a fund-raising plan Monday to help pay for a new No. 1 court stadium and other facility improvements at the Wimbledon tennis championships, reports AP. The club said it is issuing a new series of debentures in a bid to raise 53.7 million pounds (dhs 53.55 million) for the No. 1 court, a link road between Somerset and Church Roads, two new grass courts and a new facilities building for players and media. The 2,100 debentures, for the period 1996-2000, will cost 19,250 pounds (dhs 28,875) each and will be offered first to existing holders. Privileges include one Centre Court ticket per debenture for the five-year period and the use of a special lounge.

### Juventus keep AC waiting

ROME, Apr 11: Juventus ensured league leaders AC Milan will have to wait at least another week to claim their third successive championship after earning a 0-0 draw at Napoli on Sunday, reports Reuter. The Turin side lie second in the First Division six points behind Milan but, with each having three games to play, could still match Milan's points total and force a play-off. In an open-ended encounter at Naples striker Daniel Fonseca twice came close to settling the championship race a week early. First, Juventus goalkeeper Angelo Peruzzi brilliantly tipped Fonseca's fiercely-struck free-kick on to the bar. Then, the Uruguayan's 85th-minute header struck the woodwork with Peruzzi well beaten. Milan, who played out a lifeless 0-0 draw at Torino on Saturday, now require a single point at home to relegation threatened Udinese next Sunday to make sure of the championship. Third-placed Sampdoria saw their faint title hopes disappear after dropping a point in a 1-1 draw with local rivals Genoa, who had manager Francesco Scoglio banished from the bench for dissent. Dutchman Marciano Vink, an intermittent starter in his first season in Italy, opened the scoring with a brilliant individual goal in the 13th minute. The former Ajax player dribbled past three Sampdoria defenders before delicately chipping the ball over Gianluca Pagliuca. Sampdoria drew level two minutes later when Serb midfielder Vladimir Jugovic fastened on to a loose ball in the

home side out. In the 83rd minute Buso's close-range volley forced Peruzzi to pull off a brilliant reflex save. From the resulting corner Fonseca's header bounced on to the post before Juventus scrambled the ball clear. Since Scoglio took over as manager of Genoa last December he has steered his team clear of the relegation zone with a combination of shrewd tactics and firm management. But Scoglio's growing reputation took a knock in Genoa's derby match with Sampdoria when he was sent off for repeatedly abusing the referee. Unlike their manager, Genoa kept cool to earn a 1-1 draw and make virtually sure of First Division survival. Vink shocked Sampdoria with his 13th-minute goal, stunning both in its quality and for the fact that the Dutchman was starting only his 11th game of the season. Two minutes later Genoa goalkeeper Stefano Tacconi was badly at fault as Sampdoria equalised. The former Juventus goalkeeper parried a shot from Roberto Mancini straight to the feet of Jugovic who slotted the ball into an empty net from the edge of the area. Lazio badly wanted a victory over Atalanta on Sunday to dedicate to the unfortunate Gascoigne, who broke his right leg in a training incident last week. In the event, Signori, a close friend of the English star, sent his own 'get well' message with a superb hat-trick. All Signori's goals came from free-kicks, the last a superbly struck left-foot shot from 20 metres which curved round the defensive wall into the roof of the net.

### Pele wants to be FIFA president

TUNIS, Apr 11: Brazilian Pele hinted he may strive to become president of FIFA here on Sunday, reports AFP. "Since I have been a kid, I have never closed the door on anything. Who knows what could happen in future years," said Pele, one of the world's best ever footballers. "But Mr Havelange is the only candidate for the next four-year term," emphasised Pele at a press conference.

### East Bengal face BSF in Capstan Cup final

CALCUTTA, Apr 11: East Bengal have their tasks cut out when they cross swords with a determined BSF in the final of the Capstan All Airlines Gold-Cup football tournament at the Salt Lake Stadium here tomorrow, reports PTI. East Bengal had scraped past arch rival Mohun Bagan by a solitary goal in the extra time in a thrilling semifinal while BSF came from behind to demolish Peerless 2-1 in the extra time to cruise into the final for the first time. Although the glamour club appears to be much stronger on paper, they can hardly afford to take their rivals lightly as the BSF men have displayed their indomitable spirit time and again. BSF would, however, badly miss the services of their main striker, Gaurango Pal, who will have to sit out the final because of a red card booking in the last league match for abusing the linesman. Gaurango's burst of anger has cost his team dearly but the other strikers Abhay Mahato and Nirmaljit Singh are quite capable of delivering the goods.

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Quiz 2. Entries close on 23-04-94. Read the instructions carefully. Then tick (X) the answer which you think is correct. 1. Who was the youngest player to play in a World Cup? Pele [ ] Whiteside [ ] Vava [ ] 2. How many red cards were shown in the '90 World Cup? 12 [ ] 16 [ ] 20 [ ] 3. Against whom did Pele score his first World Cup goal? Wales [ ] France [ ] Sweden [ ] 4. How many qtr-finals went to the tie-break in '86? All [ ] 2 [ ] 3 [ ] 5. When did E. Germany play in the World Cup finals? 1962 [ ] 1970 [ ] 1974 [ ] 6. Which country will host the 1998 World Cup? Norway [ ] China [ ] France [ ] 7. Which goalkeeper has played in 5 World Cups? Hoff [ ] Carbajal [ ] Felix [ ] 8. How many goals did P. Rossi score in the '82 World Cup? 4 [ ] 6 [ ] 8 [ ] 9. How many World Cup goals did Gerd Muller score? 10 [ ] 12 [ ] 14 [ ] 10. What was Muller's jersey number? 9 [ ] 11 [ ] 13 [ ] COMPETITION RULES 4. Each entry form should be clearly filled-in complete with a ball-point pen. Participant's name, address, father's name must be clearly written. Each entry form must bear the correct date and signature of the participant. 5. Participants must ensure the following. All entries must reach the office of The Daily Star on or before the closing date marked on the entry form. Envelopes of entries must be clearly marked "STAR QUIZ". Entries may be hand delivered or sent by post to The Daily Star, House No: 11, Road No: 3, Dhanmondi Residential Area, Dhaka-1205. 6. Entries will be opened by The Daily Star authorities. Entries with all correct answers will be placed in a sealed box for the lucky draw. To be held on the notified/appointed date in public in the presence of invited guests and quiz participants, if any. 7. The Daily Star authorities in their absolute discretion, reserve the right to amend, modify or substitute any of the above rules and/or change or reschedule any and all dates of The Daily Star World Cup Quiz 94 in any circumstances. 8. All participants agree to abide by all rules, instructions and guide-lines as may be issued, from time to time, by The Daily Star authorities. Participants entry in the quiz competition shall be construed as their respective agreement to all such rules, instructions and guidelines. 9. Any decision of The Daily Star authorities in the conduct of the Quiz Competition including the answers selected as correct shall be deemed final and binding on all participants and shall not be called in question and/or challenged, in any manner whatsoever. NAME: ADDRESS: FATHER'S NAME: TELEPHONE: SIGNATURE: DATE: Write with a ball-point pen in clear, CAPITAL LETTERS. Cut along the dotted lines and mail it to us FAST!