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Paris Saint Germain's striker Valdo (L) shrugs off a challenge from a Lens defender during their French Cup quarterfinal match on Saturday. Lens won 2-1. — AFP photo

M United owe it to Cantona

LONDON, Apr 24: Eric Cantona made a typically flamboyant return from suspension with two goals to lead Manchester United to a 2-0 victory over Manchester City on Saturday and re-ignite their flagging championship charge, reports Reuter.

The victory lifted United three points clear of second-placed Blackburn Rovers, who play Queen's Park Rangers on Sunday, and put the English Premier League champions firmly back on course for a second successive title.

Cantona, banned for three league and two Cup games after two dismissals, produced his two lethal blows just before half-time thanks to incisive passes from Mark Hughes.

He broke the deadlock in the 40th minute and then broke City's spirit with a superb second goal that he sent under the goalkeeper's body three minutes into first-half injury time.

But the Frenchman, voted player-of-the-year by his fellow professionals, marred a glorious return with a booking five minutes from time for pulling down an opponent.

United also had Paul Ince and Roy Keane booked, while City's Steve McMahon and David Rocastle were shown

yellow cards.

Although United reached the FA Cup final without him, Cantona was sorely missed in the league as they lost twice and collected just three points out of nine in the three games he sat out.

Cantona, who also scored twice when Manchester United came back from 2-0 down to beat City 3-2 in November, was the difference between the sides again in the 120th Manchester derby.

His intuitive reading of the game led to both goals, which took his tally for the season to 22.

The first came when Hughes, in his own half, put Andre Kanchelskis clear and the Ukrainian outpaced his marker and threaded a cross between goalkeeper Andy Dibble and a defender for Cantona to flick home on the goal-line.

His second followed quickly after when he ran onto Hughes's defence-splitting pass and cheekily pushed the ball under Dibble's body as the keeper rushed out.

Tottenham Hotspur eased their relegation fears with their first home win in six months, 3-0 over fellow-strugglers Southampton.

Goals in the fifth, 67th and 89th minutes from Steve

Sedgley, Vinny Samways and England winger Darren Anderton earned Tottenham only their third win in 16 Premier league games and lifted them four points clear of the relegation zone.

But Everton, another of England's big five clubs, remained firmly entrenched in the relegation dogfight a point behind Tottenham when they were held at home by Coventry City.

Sheffield United snatched only their second away win of the season 1-0 at Norwich, to move into third-from-bottom spot above Oldham, who lost 3-2 at third-placed Newcastle.

Swindon Town, bottom for all of their first Premier league season, became the first side to be relegated when they lost 4-2 at home to Wimbledon.

Ipswich remain in grave danger of relegation after a crushing 5-0 defeat at Sheffield Wednesday, their sixth in eight games. They are four points above the relegation zone but face title contenders Manchester United and Blackburn in their final two games.

Ian Wright scored both goals, one from the penalty spot and the other in the final minute, as Arsenal won 2-1 at League Cup winners Aston Villa to remain a point behind Newcastle.

Title within Bayern's grasp

BONN, Apr 24: Bundesliga leaders Bayern Munich inched closer to a record 13th German soccer championship with a deserved 2-1 win over Bavarian rivals Nuremberg on Saturday, reports Reuter.

But it took a bizarre piece of refereeing and an 82nd minute penalty save from goalkeeper Raimond Aumann to give Bayern both points — and perhaps save the championship.

The win restored Bayern's two-point gap at the top after Kaiserslautern moved level on 39 points on Friday night with a 2-0 away win at Wattenscheid. Both sides have two matches left.

International defender Thomas Helmer scored twice after 24 and 60 minutes, but Helmer admitted he owed his first to the referee, who allowed a goal which in everybody else's eyes clearly failed to cross the line.

"We were the better side for 80 minutes. The ball really didn't go over the line, but it would be wrong just to put the win down to that goal," who has already been told his services are not required after this season, was probably in agreement.

After Swiss striker Alain Sutter put relegation-threatened Nuremberg back in the game 10 minutes from time, Helmer got the fitters two minutes later and fouled Christian Wueck in the penalty box.

But Aumann saved the day and the points by stopping Manfred Schwab's kick.

However, Bayern were good

value for their win, earning a string of scoring chances in the first half, including a 3-metre shot from midfielder Markus Schupp which hit the bar.

Behind Munich and Kaiserslautern, both Karlsruhe and Borussia Dortmund on 37 points looked almost certain to clinch UEFA Cup qualification next season.

But longtime leaders Eintracht Frankfurt, who sacked veteran goalkeeper Uli Stein and trainer Klaus Toppmoeher earlier this month as their championship hopes faded, looked as though they might have squandered UEFA Cup qualification too.

Nat'l wrestling ends today

Five grapplers — Zahurul Haq, Asgar Ali, Anisur Rahman, Zahid Shikdar and Mizanur Rahman — finished third respectively to win the bronze medal in the 17th national wrestling championships at National Sports Coaching Centre yesterday, reports UNB.

Zahurul Haq and Anisur Rahman of Ansars and Asgar Ali of Police got walkover in the 48, 52 and 57 kgs class on the second day of the three day meet as their rivals failed to turn up in time.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadeque Hossain will be the chief guest on the concluding day and distribute prizes among the winners.

Arantxa coasts

BARCELONA, Apr 24: Arantxa Sanchez Vicario won her second title of the year with a crushing 6-0, 6-2 victory over the young Croat Iva Majoli in the final of the Spanish Open on Sunday, reports Reuter.

The Barcelona-born world number two brushed aside 16-year-old Majoli, one of the most promising young tennis players and the tournament's sixth seed, in just 46 minutes.

Sanchez Vicario barely let Majoli play, conceding two games in the second set more through her own relaxation than her rival's ability.



THEIR SMILE SAYS IT ALL: Latiful Mannan (R) poses with his sister Nahreen Maherukh after becoming the third and consolation prize winners respectively of the Daily Star lucky draw for quiz number one. The picture was taken at the Jatiya Press Club auditorium yesterday. — Star photo

Obermann in town

Sports Reporter

German coach, Holgar Obermann, who took Nepal to their first SAF football gold in the Sixth SAF Games, held in Dhaka on last December is now in the city to groom the under-19 booters of Bangladesh who will take part in the Asian Youth football championship.

Obermann will conduct a 12-day coaching programme to the 36 selected booters before a finally selected 20 players will graduate for the championship which is scheduled to begin in Saudi Arabia on June 4.

Bangladesh who have been placed in Group 1 along with hosts Saudi Arabia, Syria and Hong Kong in the first round will appear against strong contender Saudi Arabia on the opening day. Only the group champions will qualify for the final round.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) have selected 36 players for the residential camp from the preliminaries featuring 77 players in the trial. The selected booters are:

Goalkeeper: Dhanu (Abahani), Pannu (Victoria), Manu (Muktijoddha), Noushad (Sylhet) and Tota (Bangladesh Boys).

Defender: Munna, Manik (East End), Joy (PWD), Kajal (BD Boys), Sohel (Dhanmondi), Tusher (Arababagh), Biplob Marma (Mohammedan), Bishu (Agrani Bank), Imon (Muktijoddha), Imadul, Mansor (Abahani), Ruhul Amin (Brothers), Swapan (Muslim Institute) and Santosh (Farashganj).

Linkman: Arman, Mizan (Muktijoddha), Zahid, Paritosh Dewan (Mohammedan), Hallim (PWD), Alfaz (Arababagh), Shimu (Victoria) and Bhutto (Brothers).

Forward: Ripon (Brothers), Mintu Sr (Bangladesh Boys), Mintu Jr. (Abahani), Salauddin (PWD), Ripon (Bima), Jamal (Jessore), Shoaib (Wari) and Shmilu.

The players have been asked to report to team manager Kazi Youssa Mishu on Tuesday by 8 pm at the BFF office. The training camp will begin on Wednesday at the Mirpur National Stadium.

BSWA to take part in AIPS congress

Sports Reporter

A two-member delegation from Bangladesh Sports Writers' Association (BSWA) will attend the 57th world congress of International Sports Press Association (AIPS) which is scheduled to be held in Manchester from April 27 to 30.

A BSWA press release said, Ekramuzzaman, one of the senior vice-presidents and Rezaur Rahman Sohagh, the organising secretary of the association will leave the capital on April 25 to attend the four-day congress.

It may be mentioned that Bangladesh who got the AIPS membership last year will be among the 121 countries participating in the said congress.

Meanwhile, BSWA has expressed its concern over the arrest of Motiur Rahman, Editor of the Bengali Daily Banglabazar Patrika. It called upon the concerned authorities to stop all kinds of harassment on Motiur Rahman.

World Cup tickets go on sale

NEW YORK, Apr 24: Single tickets for World Cup games will go on sale for a four-day "private" sale in the United States beginning Sunday, World Cup officials confirmed Saturday, reports AP.

Although open to the public, only a limited number of people were informed of the sale through a letter from World Cup USA organisers, senior press officer Jeff Idelson confirmed Saturday.

"It was intended to give people who were shut out in the first private sale, other members of the (US) soccer family and people who have been calling the public information line about ticket availability," Idelson said.

World Cup has announced a Thursday, April 28, news conference to detail plans to sell remaining tickets, made available by sponsors and FIFA-affiliated federations that had not exercised their right to purchase all the tickets available to them.

Tickets for about 37 of the 48 first-round, second-round and quarterfinal matches reportedly are available by calling a toll-free number in the United States. A maximum of 10 tickets per person per game will be allowed.

Idelson said he was unaware of how many tickets were available. The American "soc-

cer family" — people officially affiliated with US Soccer Federation by being a registered player, coach, referee or administrator or who had attended US national team games in the previous few years — were given first chance at tickets over a year ago.

Through a special mailing, about 1.7 million people received the applications in February 1993 for about 450,000 tickets set aside for the pre-sale. Even though tickets in the sale had to be purchased in a set — one for each first-and second-round

game at a particular venue, the response was overwhelming.

Because many of the sales were made by phone with credit cards — and a legal contract that goes with credit-card purchases — World Cup USA had to take about 150,000 tickets out of the US public sale allotment to meet demand. It still did not completely meet the demand and that caused an outcry from many USSF members and the public.

The single-game private sale will end Wednesday and the public sale will begin "sometime after Thursday."

CONCACAF for raise in quota

NEW YORK, Apr 24: Jack Austin Warner pressed for a third World Cup berth for the 34 nations in Confederation of North and Central American and Caribbean Football (CONCACAF) at the groups annual meeting here Saturday, reports AFP.

Warner, from Trinidad and Tobago, was reelected president of the regional football governing group for three years, he was quick to make his plea for an extra place in the expanded format FIFA president Joao Havelange seeks for the 1998 world Cup in France.

ANSWERS TO The Daily Star WORLD CUP '94 QUIZ 2

- Who was the youngest player to play in a World Cup? Whiteside
- How many red cards were shown in the '90 World Cup? 16
- Against whom did Pele score his first World Cup goal? Wales
- How many qtr-finals went to the tie-break in '86? 3
- When did E Germany play in the World Cup finals? 1974
- Which country will host the 1998 World Cup? France
- Which goalkeeper has played in 5 World Cups? Carbajal
- How many goals did P Rossi score in the '82 World Cup? 6
- How many World Cup goals did Gerd Muller score? 14
- What was Gerd Muller's jersey number? 13

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- The Daily Star World Cup Quiz '94 is a series of (6) Quiz Competitions on World Cup Football. Sets of questions will be published for (10) consecutive days in the Sports Page of The Daily Star for the first (5) Quiz Competitions. For the last and final Bumper Quiz Competition, a set of questions will be published for one month in the Sports Page of The Daily Star according to the schedule (Fixture of the Rounds) as fixed by The Daily Star authorities.
- For the first (5) Quiz Competitions there will be 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th consolation prizes. The prizes will be Colour TV, Black & White TV, Super Turbo 2-in-1 Stereo Recorder and light bulbs respectively.
- Any taxes or levies, as per rule, for all the above prizes will have to be borne by the winners.
- Names and addresses of all prizewinners will be published in The Daily Star. Winners will be responsible for collecting their prizes from The Daily Star office after satisfactory authentication of their identity.
- For the Bumper Quiz Competition, there will be the BUMPER PRIZE consisting of a ticket to the World Cup Final match, along with an amount for incidental expenses. The Daily Star does NOT take any responsibility for any visa or other travel documents that may be required. The BUMPER PRIZE Winner will have to make his/her own arrangements in this regard. In case of the Bumper Prize winner's inability to travel to the USA he/she may choose to receive a sum of Tk.100,000/- in cash in lieu of the air fare and living expenses.

RULES

- Residents of Bangladesh, subject to these rules, will be eligible to participate in The Daily Star World Cup Quiz '94. All personnel and family members of The Daily Star, Transcom Electronics Ltd. and Unirend (advertising agency) and all its affiliate companies shall be deemed disqualified to participate in The Daily Star World Cup Quiz '94.
- Participants are to cut the original form along the indicated dotted lines. All entries must be submitted on the original form printed in The Daily Star. Photocopies or reproductions in any form will not be accepted.
- Participants are to put a tick (✓) mark in the box which they think is the correct answer to the question. A person may send as many entries in his/her own name and address.
- 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.
- 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, Dhanmandi Residential Area, Dhaka:1205.
- 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.
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- 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.

Quiz 3. Entries close on 3-5-94

Read the instructions carefully. Then tick (✓) the answer which you think is correct.

- Which country was the 1930 World Cup runners-up? Chile USA Argentina
- What was the name of the 1982 World Cup mascot? Pique Ola Naranjito
- Where will the '94 World Cup opening ceremony be held? Chicago New York Detroit
- Which Argentine coach was nicknamed 'Big Nose'? Bilardo Menotti Basile
- Which Asian country played in the 1978 World Cup? Iran Israel Kuwait
- Who was the West German manager in 1966? Derwall Schoen Meisl
- Who was the referee in the 1974 World Cup Final? Taylor Reader Warken
- When was the World Cup first televised? 1954 1958 1962
- How many European teams will play in World Cup USA '94? 11 12 13
- Which country is making its debut in the WC finals this year? Sweden Spain Greece

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Write with a ball-point pen in clear, CAPITAL LETTERS. Cut along the dotted lines and mail it to us FAST!