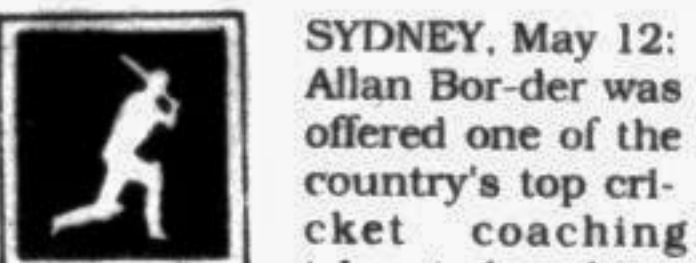




Scene from the fifth round of the qualifying meet for the 20th national championship at the NSC chess room yesterday. — Star photo

## ACB's salve for Border



SYDNEY, May 12: Allan Border was offered one of the country's top cricket coaching jobs today less than 24 hours after announcing his retirement from international cricket with a bitter attack on the game's hierarchy, report agencies.

Australian Cricket Board (ACB) chairman Alan Crompton said an earlier job offer still stood despite Border's broadside on Wednesday.

Border, 38, Australian captain for the last 10 years and the international game's most prolific run scorer, accused the ACB of failing to treat him with respect over their handling of his retirement announcement.

"I thought I deserved better," Border told Channel Seven in Brisbane on Tuesday. "It's very disappointing."

"As far as the job goes, may be it might be questioned but if it is... had luck," Border added, referring to the long-standing offer to work in a coaching and advisory position for the ACB on his retirement.

But Crompton said he did not believe Border had affected his standing with the ACB and hoped he would accept the job.

"My experience of life is that apparent crises of today are the forgotten issues to tomorrow," Crompton said.

"I can see no reason why anything that's happened will alter anything at all in the future, and particularly the excellent communication with Allan we've always had in the past."

Border, meanwhile, told a press conference in Brisbane that he planned to continue playing Sheffield Shield cricket for the Queensland state team next season — but not as captain.

"I've had enough of being captain. It's a tough job," he said. Queensland never have won the Sheffield Shield despite trying for the past 62 years.

Crompton refused to respond to Border's criticism of the ACB and Border played down the conflict at his press conference.

"It's just been a breakdown in communications. I've accepted the Cricket Board's explanation," he said.

Crompton said Border had made a huge impact since succeeding Kim Hughes as skipper in 1984.

"Allan border is, of course, a great Australian who has made a magnificent contribution to Australian cricket," he said.

"His decision to retire certainly made yesterday a very, very sad day for Australian cricket — I'm sure all Australians will agree with that."

In parliament, both Prime Minister Paul Keating and opposition leader John Hewson paid tribute to Border's leadership qualities.

Border, meanwhile, said one of the major disappointments of his 10-year captaincy was his failure to defeat the West Indies in a Test series, while the highlight was Australia's Ashes win against England in 1989.

"That win, and the ticker-tape parade back home, are among my greatest memories," he said.

Crompton said the board would meet to discuss the ramifications of Border's resignation in the near future and the matter of his coaching and advisory position would be one of the topics covered.

The Australian touring team to Sri Lanka and Pakistan will not now be announced until next week and the Australians will have to find a replacement captain.

Vice-captain Mark Taylor, veteran batsman David Boon, Steve Waugh and Ian Healy are among those in contention.

## BFF only sorry

Sports Reporter

The voluntary venture of the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) to drive away the looming clouds on this year's Dhaka Metropolitan Football Association (DMFA) Cup apparently fizzled into nothingness yesterday.

Abahani Krira Chakra, who had earlier decided to boycott the curtain-raiser for this year's domestic football season on grounds of inconsistency on the part of the organisers DMFA did not alter their stance till last night. One of the top clubs Abahani pulled out of the tournament after playing one match when the organisers not before a melodramatic conflict with Mohammedans, the other heavyweights of local football, changed the scheduled and all hell broke loose.

Reigning champions Mohammedans had earlier been agitating for a deferment of the meet alluding to inadequate prep time.

The eventual change in the dates prompted Abahani to offer their turn of resistance and the deadlock was well and truly underway leading to an abrupt suspension of the meet.

The cherished breakthrough looked quite remote till yesterday as the two meetings — one of the DMFA and the other more informal BFF sponsored one at the house of BFF president and Communications Minister Oli Ahmed ended with the latter only expressing his concern in a press release.

The DMFA will hold another round of meeting today and sources say this parity could prove decisive towards unravelling the mystified and threatened future of the third DMFA Cup.

## Quartet atop

Sports Reporter

Quite in line with the pattern of new leaders atop the points table everyday, International Master (IM) Ziaur Rahman along with three other players claimed the top spot of the qualifying round for the 20th National Chess Championship after the fifth round at the National Sport Council chess room yesterday.

Ziaur Rahman of Bangladesh Biman along with team mate International Masters Master Rani Hamid, Khandaker Kayes Hassan of Ansars and Ali Amjad Mintu of Dhaka Metropolitan collected four and a half points each to replace S Saifuddin Labu who was leading the table on the previous day with four points.

Labu of BTMC who lost to Anwar Hossain of Dhaka DSA in this round now holds the second spot along with Sayed Tahmidur Rahman, Kalimullah Khan, Abdullah Al Rakib, Shabana Parvin, Nahid Mizid, Abdullah, Hossain Arif, Maruf Ahmed and Golam Yahia.

Div II qualifying cricket results

Sports Reporter

Bashabo Tarun Sangha, Rakim Sangha, and Habu Smriti Sangas recorded wins in their respective matches of the Lotus Kamal Second Division qualifying tournament at different city venues yesterday.

At the Jagannath Hall ground, Bashabo powered by a scintillating batting display from Sadfar registered a massive 180-run win over Dreamland Sporting Club.

Scores: Bashabo 210 for eight in 35 overs. Sadfar 50 not out. Dreamland 30 all out in 13.5 overs.

Spinner Anwar's haul of five wickets paved the way for Rakim Sangha's 40-run win over Sachetan Goshthi.

Scores: Rakim 155 all out in 32.4 overs. Komol 40, Sajal 4/32, Swapan 3/28.

Sachetan all out for 112 in 32.4 overs. Pradeep 35 and Swapan 21. Anwar 5/16.

Habu Smrity Sangas cantered past Rainbow cricketers by six wickets in another match, played on the adjacent western strip of the DCS.

Rainbow all out for 83 in 26.3 overs. Mamun 4/9 Habu Sangas 85 for four in 17.4 overs. Shanto 37 n.o.

## Traunt booters

Sports Reporter

Five players of the camp for the upcoming Asian Youth football championship who were freed temporarily to take part in a tournament for their club are yet to get back to the fold. The deadline for their return expired on May 8.

The coaching and selection committee of Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) has decided in a meeting yesterday to serve an ultimatum to five Abahani Players — Imadul, Monsur, Mintu, Shamim and Dhanu to join the camp by May 14.

## Lentini, Vialli left in the cold

# An Italy like AC Milan

ROME, May 12: Italy on Thursday named a 22-man World Cup squad dominated by players from champions AC Milan and notable for the absence of strikers Gianluca Vialli and Gianluigi Lentini, reports Reuter.

Coach Arrigo Sacchi's choice included seven players from European Cup finalists Milan and he brought back midfielder Nicola Bertini, the only player from UEFA Cup champions Internazionale, after a two-year absence.

Juventus striker Vialli, 29, and Milan winger Lentini, 25, a combined 36 million dollars worth of talent, have both been dogged by injury over the past season.

Vialli, who has scored 20 goals for Italy, missed most of this season with a broken foot but returned with four goals in the last three games. He has not played for Italy since December 1992 and is known not to get on with Sacchi.

Lentini has not regained form since a terrifying car crash last August in which he suffered serious head injuries.

Sacchi's choice reflects his commitment to Milan, Italy's most exciting club, which he coached until taking over the national squad.

Two other players in his line-up, midfielder Albergo Evani of Sampdoria and Defender Roberto Mussi of Torino, were also both at Milan when Sacchi managed the

team. European-footballer-of-the-year Roberto Baggio of Juventus and Milan and Italy captain Franco Baresi, capped 74 times, were both obvious choices for the squad.

Berti, 27, made the last of

and defender Alessandro Costacurta, who are both suspended from the final.

## SQUAD

Goalkeepers — Gianluca Pagliuca (Sampdoria), Luca Marchegiani (Lazio), Luca Bucci (Parma).

Defenders — Luigi Apolloni, Antonio Benarrivo, Lorenzo Minotti (Parma), Alessandro Costacurta, Franco Baresi, Paolo Maldini, Mauro Tassotti (Milan), Roberto Mussi (Torino).

Midfielders — Dino Baggio, Antonio Conte (Juventus), Roberto Donadoni, Demotrio Albertini (Milan), Albergo Evani (Sampdoria), Nicola Bertini (Internazionale).

Forwards — Roberto Baggio (Juventus), Giuseppe Signori, Pier Luigi Castagnoli (Lazio), Daniele Massaro (Milan), Gianfranco Zola (Parma).

## 34 WC games sold out

NEW YORK, May 12: Four more World Cup games have sold out on individual game tickets, raising the total to 34 in the 52-game tournament, reports AP.

The latest individual ticket sellouts, announced Wednesday by the organisers, were Switzerland-Colombia at Stanford, Calif., on June 26; Morocco-Netherlands at Orlando, Fla., on June 29; Belgium-Saudi Arabia at Washington on June 29.

## Maradona refused visa

TOKYO, May 12: Japan has barred Argentine superstar Diego Maradona from playing in a three-nation soccer tournament here later this month because of a drug conviction, a Justice Ministry official said today, reports Reuter.

Maradona, who recently served a playing ban because of cocaine abuse, had been included in a 23-man Argentina squad for World Cup warm-up matches against Japan and France.

Organisers of the Kirin Cup competition had urged the government, which traditionally takes a hard line against foreigners convicted of abusing drugs, to waive the rules on this occasion and grant Maradona a visa.

Their appeals fell on deaf ears.

"The Justice Ministry has decided to say 'No' to the issue of granting a visa for Maradona in accordance with immigration laws," the Japanese official said.

He added, however, that the government would make an exception for Claudio Caniggia, another member of the Argentine squad who also was recently banned for cocaine abuse.

## SA beat Zambia

JOHANNESBURG, May 12: South Africa scored twice in as many minutes immediately after the break to beat Zambia 2-1 in a friendly football international here Tuesday, reports AFP.

South Africa 2: (Brendan Augustine 46, Doctor Khumalo 47). Zambia 1 (Linos Makwaza 64).

## Inter Milan win UEFA Cup



MILAN, May 12: A lone goal by Dutchman Wim Jonk sealed Internazionale Milan's second UEFA Cup success in four seasons with a 1-0 win over Salzburg in the second leg of the final on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

Inter's 2-0 aggregate victory, following a 1-0 win in the first leg in Austria, helped them forget a disastrous domestic season in which they came close to relegation.

Both teams could have scored on numerous occasions in an action-packed encounter as the dogged Austrians battled to break through Inter's defence and the Italians led countless charges into their opponents' half.

But it was not until the 62nd minute that a sharp shot from Jonk sent Inter clear, and their fans in an 80,000 crowd packed inside the cavernous San Siro Stadium into delirium.

Salzburg, only the third Austrian team to reach a European club final, struggled in the first half as Inter swarmed through their defence without ever managing to capitalise on their numerous chances.

Dutchman Dennis Bergkamp squandered the best opportunities, twice finding himself clear in the area only to meet his match in the shape of Salzburg goalkeeper Otto Konrad, who managed to block both blows.

Uruguayan striker Ruben Sosa also created a fine chance for himself from a dreadful defensive error, forcing space in the area, but then slipping the ball past the left hand post.

The Austrians suddenly found their form in the second half, tearing holes through a sleepy Inter defence only to be constantly denied by an inspired performance from goalkeeper Walter Zenga.

Salzburg's Brazilian striker Marquino led a counter-attack in the 51st minute, but his powerful shot from outside the area was just palmed clear by the diving Zenga.

Seconds later the unlucky Marquino delivered another thudding long-distance strike, only to see the ball brush Zenga's fingers and rebound off a post, onto the other end out of the goalmouth.

Stung into life, Inter finally

discovered their scoring touch, a pass from Sosa finding Jonk unmarked and allowing the Dutchman to score from a tight position on the left post.

The only bad news for Inter came with an injury to forward David Fontolan, who had to be taken from the field on a stretcher after a bruising tackle in the 67th minute. Italy's World Cup squad is named on Thursday with Fontolan on the shortlist of hopefuls.

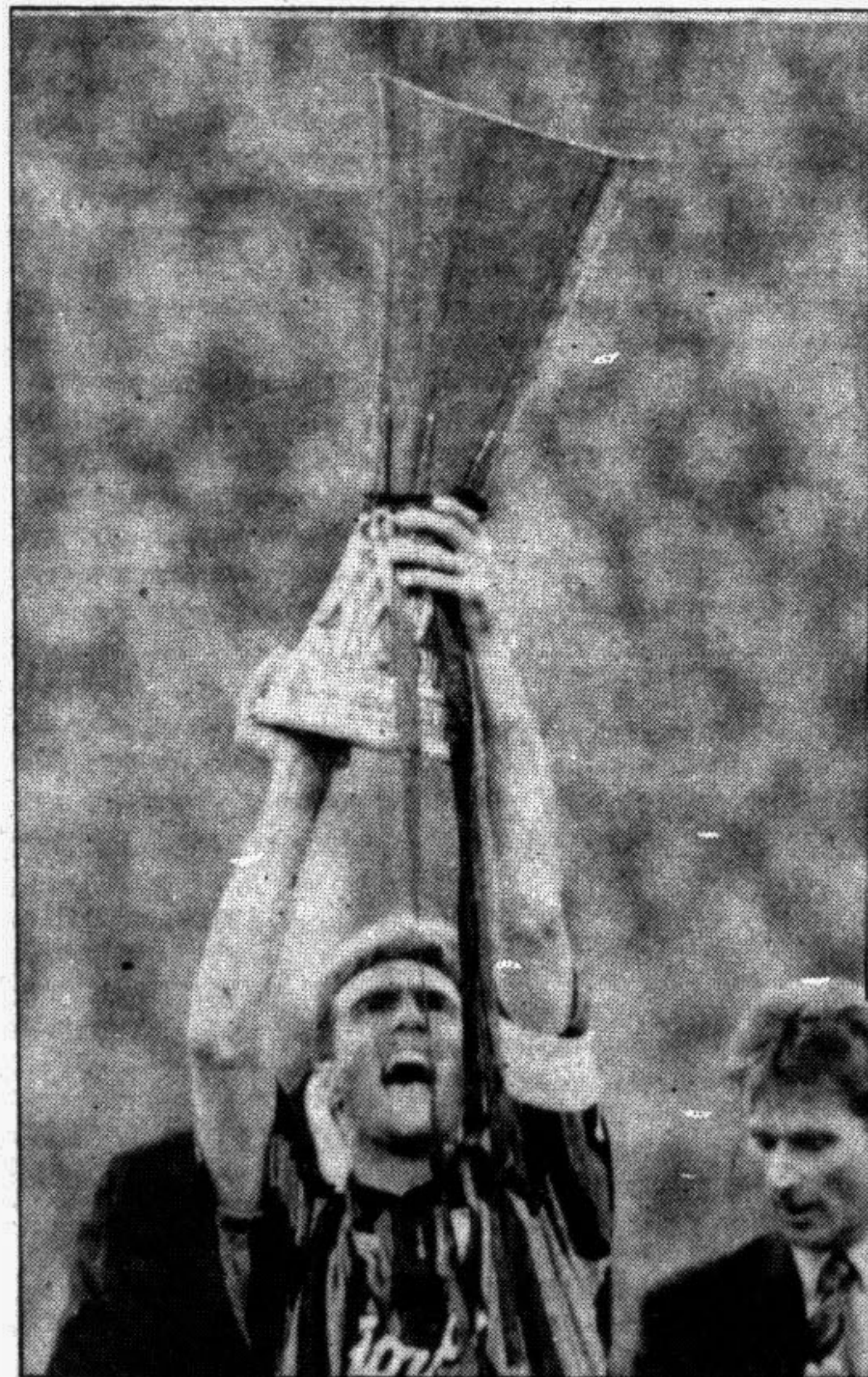
The victory was an enormous relief for Inter, booking the rich Italian club a place in European competition next

season after they finished just one point clear of the relegation zone in the Italian First Division — their worst showing ever.

"I prayed a lot and God was listening," Inter's delighted president Ernesto Pellegrini said after the game.

Pellegrini also thanked veteran former Italy international Zenga. "He was the best player on the field."

Inter coach Giampero Marini was Magnanimous in victory. "Salzburg were the strongest side we've faced in the UEFA cup," he said. "But I believe we deserved to win."



Inter Milan captain Giuseppe Bergomi raises the UEFA Cup after his team defeated Austria's Salzburg in the final at Milan's San Siro Stadium on Wednesday. Inter won 1-0. — AFP photo

# The Daily Star

## WorldCupUSA94 Quiz Competition

1. Who scored Holland's goal in the 1974 final?

2. When did Brazil first win the World Cup?

3. Which Asian country played in the 1966 World Cup?

4. Which African country played in the 1970 World Cup?

5. How many goals did the Hungarian team score in the 1954 World Cup?

6. Which Brazilian scored in every round of the 1970 World Cup?

7. How many players did France use in the 1978 World Cup?

8. How many goals did England score in the 1986 World Cup?

9. Who was Brazil's Cup-winning captain in 1962?

10. Which famous player was called the 'Little Bird'?

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