

Cantona condemns Chelsea's challenge

M United duly march into history

LONDON, May 15: Two penalties by Frenchman Eric Cantona led Manchester United to a 4-0 win over Chelsea in the FA Cup final on Saturday and a rare league and Cup double, reports Reuters.

Cantona's two penalties midway through the second half and further strikes by Welshman Mark Hughes and Scottish substitute Brian McClair made United only the fourth English club this century to win both the league and Cup.

It was the biggest winning margin in the Cup final proper — not including replays — since 1905 when Bury beat Derby county 6-0. The only comparable winning margin came in 1983 when United beat Brighton 4-0 in a replay.

Cantona's strikes in the 60th and 66th minute killed off Chelsea's resistance after the Londoners had threatened to steal United's glory in the first half.

Never before had one player scored two penalties in the final. It crowned a remarkable season for Cantona, who was named player-of-the-year by his fellow players last month despite a five-match suspension in March and April following two successive sendings-off in the league.

United became only the sixth club in English history to win the FA Cup and league in the same season, following Preston (1889), Aston Villa (1897), Tottenham Hotspur

A day of easy wins

Sports Reporter

But had a subdued role everywhere as Pallabi Club, Jinjira and Khelaghar won their respective matches of the Lotus Kamal Second Division qualifying cricket tourney at different city venues yesterday.

Titas's half century laid the foundation of Pallabi's convincing 73-run victory over Agramami Sangsad on the western strip of the Dhanmendi Cricket Stadium.

He made 51 as Pallabi batting first mustered 213 for seven wickets from the allotted 35 overs.

Sanju, Saki and Zahid were the other significant contributors to the Pallabi total with 26, 25 and 25 not out respectively.

Bulbul and Hassan of Agramami bagged two wickets apiece.

Sohel and Saki captured three wickets apiece as Agramami were all out for 140 in 29.3 overs with Hassan and Maruf making 37 and 23 respectively.

Jinjira Cricket Club beat Kumar Tully by a flattering margin of 96 runs in another encounter held at the adjacent eastern strip of the DCS.

Jinjira, who batted first, owed their collection of 205 for eight mainly to three batsmen. Chanchal topscored 43 followed by Manik and Shaheen who added 39 and 21.

Kumar Tully were all out for 109 in 25 overs.

Khelaghar cantered past Lords Club by six wickets at the Jagannath Hall ground.

Lords batted first and were all out for 133 in 34.5 overs and Khelaghar posted 135 for four in only 19.4 overs to race to a big win.

(1961), Arsenal (1971) and Liverpool (1986).

They were largely outplayed in the first half but there was no doubting their superiority in the second when they scored all their four goals.

Although Chelsea were outclassed by the end, they left Wembley with the consolation of a place in next season's European Cup Winners' Cup as United are in the Champions' Cup by virtue of winning the Premier league title.

United's breakthrough came after an hour and fol-

lowed five minutes of almost incessant pressure on the Chelsea goal.

After yet another United raid Craig Burley failed to clear properly and the ball was fed to Ryan Giggs on the left wing. He teased his way forward before crossing to Denies Irwin who was swiftly upended by Eddie Newton. Referee David Allery immediately waved for a penalty and Cantona sent Russian Dmitri Kharine the wrong way to put United ahead.

Six minutes later United were awarded the second penalty and again Cantona made no mistake. Frank Sinclair, who until then had an almost a faultless game, was adjudged to have shoulder-charged Andrei Kanchelskis.

Again the referee was in no doubt and again Cantona put the ball to the left of Kharine to score.

United's third goal in nine minutes came when Newton failed to intercept a pass to Hughes who ran on before striking the ball into the corner of the net.

Cantona then had a glorious chance to become the first man since Blackpool's Stanley Mortensen in 1953 to score a hatrick in the final but his solo run from the halfway line ended when he put his shot

into the side netting.

Chelsea's player-manager Glenn Hoddle brought himself on for Burley immediately after United's second goal but he was powerless to bring his side back into a match played mostly in driving rain.

They went close to scoring when Gavin Peacock's close-range header tested goalkeeper Peter Schmeichel and again when John Spencer shot wide. But the final word fell to United substitute McClair.

United's tireless Paul Ince carried the ball deep into

pions almost from the opening whistle.

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Manchester United goalscorers Mark Hughes (L) and Eric Cantona (R) pose with the FA Cup after the final at Wembley on Saturday. United defeated Chelsea 4-0. — AFP photo

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Fed Cup football from early June

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The Federation Cup football tournament under the auspices of Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) is expected to begin from the first week of June.

With two local giants Mohammedan SC and Abahani KC completing their entry formalities on the last day, yesterday all the 20 Senior Division football teams along with five divisional teams are expected to take part in the meet last held in 1991.

Four semifinalists of 1991 — champions Brothers Union, runners-up Mohammedan SC, Abahani KC and Fakirpool YMC will get byes to final round of the meet offering cash awards of Taka one lakh for the winners.

BFF, the supreme body of country's football has already sent a letter to Dhaka Metropolitan Football Association (DMFA) to shift the dates of Senior Division football league earlier scheduled to begin from June 3.

The BFF, it was learnt, has plans to get the first phase started.

Divided into four groups, sixteen Senior Division teams along with five divisional outfits will play the first phase to be played in knock-out basis.

Besides, the gate receipts, the runners-up will receive a cash award of Taka 75,000 while the two losing semifinalists will get Tk 50,000 each.

Gooch in England squad

LONDON, May 15: England's 13-man squad named today for the two one-day internationals against New Zealand, at Edgbaston on Thursday and Lord's on Saturday, reports Reuters.

Mike Atherton (Captain), Phillip DeFreitas, Angus Fraser, Graham Gooch, Darren Gough, Graeme Hick, Chris Lewis, Dermot Reeve, Steve Rhodes, Robin Smith, Alec Stewart, Graham Thorpe, Shaun Udal.

Nat'l hockey as Ragib Ali Gold Cup from June 16

Sports Reporter

The 16th national hockey championship named as Ragib Ali Gold Cup hockey championship '94 will begin from June 16.

Twenty-one teams divided into four groups will take part in the meet which will be played on knock-out basis. The four semifinalists of last year — champions Dhaka DSA, runners-up Bangladesh Army, Faridpur and Dhaka University — will lead their respective groups.

On the opening day Bangladesh Air Force will take on Narayaganj at the Hockey Stadium at 3:30 pm.

Ragib Ali, a member of the newly formed executive committee has paid Taka 5,00,000 as the sponsor of this meet.

Open Summer badminton finals today

Sports Reporter

Sarwar of Bangladesh Biman advanced to the men's singles final of the Open Summer badminton tournament eliminating Rana of Mohammedan SC 15-10, 15-12 in the first semifinal at the NSC wooden floor gymnasium yesterday.

Finals of three remaining events — men's singles, women's singles and men's doubles — will be held today, the closing day of the week-long meet.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadique Hossain will be the chief guest in the concluding ceremony.

Dr Damal's wife dead

Sports Reporter

Fakrunnahar Islam (Lucy), wife of late Prof Dr Mazharul Islam (Damal), died of cardiac arrest at the BIRDEM intensive care unit on Friday, says a press release.

She was 54.

Dr Damal was a former chairman of the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board and actively promoted the game in the country. The Damal Summer cricket tournament is named after him.

The namaz-e-janaza of the deceased will be held tomorrow at the Dhanmendi Eidgah Mosque after Zohr prayers.

Agarwal dies

NEW DELHI, May 15: Former world amateur snooker champion Om Agarwal died in Bombay today after a long battle against cancer, reports Reuters.

Hosts' trial of strength

JAKARTA, May 15: Indonesian men lost only one of 11 games in routing China 5-0 Saturday, winning the Group A title at the Thomas Cup badminton championship, reports AP.

In the women's Uber Cup, Ge Fei and Gu Jun rallied after being clobbered 2-15 in the first game to edge out Gil Young Ah and Shim Eun Jung 15-6, 15-13 in the final two games of the final doubles match to give defending champions China a 3-2 victory over South Korea and their Group A title.

All four countries already had assured themselves of advancing to the semifinals of their respective tournaments.

In another encounter of the day, Sweden routed Scandinavian rival Finland 5-0 in the Thomas Cup and Japan clobbered Russia by the same score in the Uber Cup. All four had previously been eliminated from advancing.

Sweden finished with a 1-2

record while Finland were winless in three matches in the Thomas Cup. Japan finished 1-2 while Russia women were winless in the Uber Cup.

Playing at the Jakarta's Senayan Sports Palace, the badminton giants — Indonesia and China — performed in a most attractive battle that lasted 4 hours and 25 minutes.

Joko Suprianto started Indonesia's victory off by rallying from a first-game 11-15 loss to win 18-16, 15-5.

After fighting off deuce of five in the second game, Suprianto raced to an 8-1 lead in the final game. Dong closed to within 8-5, but then collapsed as Suprianto — aided by the partisan crowd — won the final seven points.

Heryanto Arbi outclassed Xie Yangchun 15-5, 15-5, in a tough fight of one hour, before the reigning All England double champions Bambang Suprianto and Gunawan, defeated Chen Kang and Chen Hongyong, 17-14, 15-12.

The victory brought their record to 6-1 against the

Chinese duo, who won the 1993's All England championship.

Indonesia will play the runners-up from Group B, who will be decided Sunday. Malaysia lead Group with a 2-0 record while South Korea and Denmark are both 1-1. Malaysia, who have clinched a semifinal berth, play Denmark on Sunday while Thailand face South Korea.

Like Malaysia in the Thomas Cup, Indonesia lead Group B with a 2-0 record and have assured themselves of a semifinal berth. However, the other spot from the group will be decided Sunday between Sweden and Denmark, both 1-1.

Indonesia face Denmark while Sweden oppose Thailand.

The top two teams in each of two groups in men's and women's play advance to the semifinals next Tuesday and Wednesday.

The final of the Uber Cup is scheduled May 20, with the Thomas Cup final coming May 21.

Sampras, Becker fight it out

ROME, May 15: Triple Wimbledon champion Boris Becker, seeking a first ever title, on clay, will meet world number one Pete Sampras in today's Italian Open final after both enjoyed straight set semifinal wins on Saturday, reports Reuters.

Serving and volleying confidently on the red dirt, eighth seed Becker upset Croatian Goran Ivanisevic, seeded four, with a 6-2, 7-6 win.

Sampras, aiming to play his way into form on his least favourite surface ahead of the French Open, demolished unseeded Czech Slava Dosedel 6-1, 6-1 in just over an hour.

Dosedel, ranked 51 in the world, had beaten double Italian Open champion Jim Courier on Friday night in what was arguably the best match of the week.

But the 2-1/2 hour struggle appeared to have taken a lot out of him and Sampras took

his winning streak to 26 matches with the minimum of effort on a hot, windy afternoon.

Neither of the finalists are, especially at home on clay with only one of Sampras' 26 titles coming on the surface but Becker conceded the American was a handful anywhere.

"He's the man to beat. It doesn't matter if it's indoors, on clay or hard court," said Becker, who has reached just three clay finals and lost them all.

"I expect the worst tomorrow but hope for the best. The fact that it's five sets gives me time to play my way into the match and hopefully I'll get support from the crowd."

"Sampras is no superman. There is definitely a way to beat him."

Sampras, who has a 4-3 career record against Becker but has never met him on clay, expects a tough fight.

"I'm looking forward to it. He's never won a clay court title and he'll be ready for me."

The courts at the Foro Italico are playing fast this week and the light balls here further aid the serve-and-volleyers, conditions which Becker also expects to find at Roland Garros when the French Open begins on May 23.

"The clay here and in Paris is faster than normal and fits the game of a serve-and-volley player," Becker said.

Sampras, winner of the last three Grand Slam titles, said he was not surprised to find Becker in the final here given the speed of the courts.

"The clay is very quick, which is what he likes and so do I," the 22-year-old American said.

Becker said he had played 'smart tennis,' to take the sting out of Ivanisevic's big-serving game.

But the Croatian felt he only had himself to blame.

"Becker served big but he didn't have to do anything else. I gave him every single point."

Mattar moves into final

CORAL SPRINGS, Fla. May 15: Despite playing on a slow surface, Luiz Mattars serving prowess proved too much in a 6-4, 6-4 victory over eighth-seeded Mark Woodforde, putting the Brazilian in the final of the 240,000 America's Red Clay tennis championships, reports AP.

Jamie Morgan avenged his countryman's loss by outlasting unseeded Fernando Meligeni 6-3, 5-7, 7-6 (9-7) in a 3-hour, 5-minute match.

Morgan, the seventh seed, is seeking his first title. Mattar, the sixth seed, is bidding to become the first Brazilian to win an ATP title in the United States.

Matter, who grew up in Sao Paulo, has won six titles, all in Brazil and all on hard courts.

Most of the tournaments in Brazil are played on hard courts, perhaps 90 per cent, said Mattar, whose only meeting with Morgan was a three-set loss last year that was decided by a tiebreaker. Its helped me with my speed and aggressiveness.

Matter landed 72 per cent of his first serves and had 10 aces, giving him 36 in four matches. Woodforde, known for an excellent return of serve, was unable to break Mattars serve, going 0-for-4 on break-point opportunities.

I couldn't get into returning the way I wanted to, Woodforde said. I had my chances, in his last two service games, but he came up with great

passes.

Mattar was able to ride early breaks in each set to victory. Woodforde threatened at 4-3, 15-40 but Mattar nailed two consecutive service winners for deuce. An overhead and a backhand which clipped the top of the net made it 5-3.

At 5-4, Woodforde had two chances to knot the match, but

made an error on the first and was passed on the second. Mattar then served out the match.

It was a big point, said Mattar, who is in the first clay court final of his nine-year career. When I hit that good shot I knew the game was over.

Morgan sailed to a 5-0 lead in the first set before Meligeni started finding the range on his backhand passing shots. Eventually, Morgan served out the first set, but Meligenis confidence grew as the match wore on.

The two exchanged breaks in the second set before Meligeni, a lanky left-hander, watched Morgans backhand fly out to even the match at one set apiece.

The third set was a matter of attrition as both players appeared fatigued. In the first four games there were 14 deuces, until finally Morgan broke to go up 4-3. He served for the match at 5-4 but committed two unforced errors, the latter a flubbed shoulder-length volley.

The tiebreaker swung in Morgans favour after he staved off a match point by a perfect serve and backhand volley winner for 7-7. A well-placed serve set up match point No. 2 for Morgan, which he won when Meligenis forehand drifted wide.

He had his chances to win in straight sets and again in the third, said Meligeni, 23, who was playing in his first semifinal. But I hung in there.



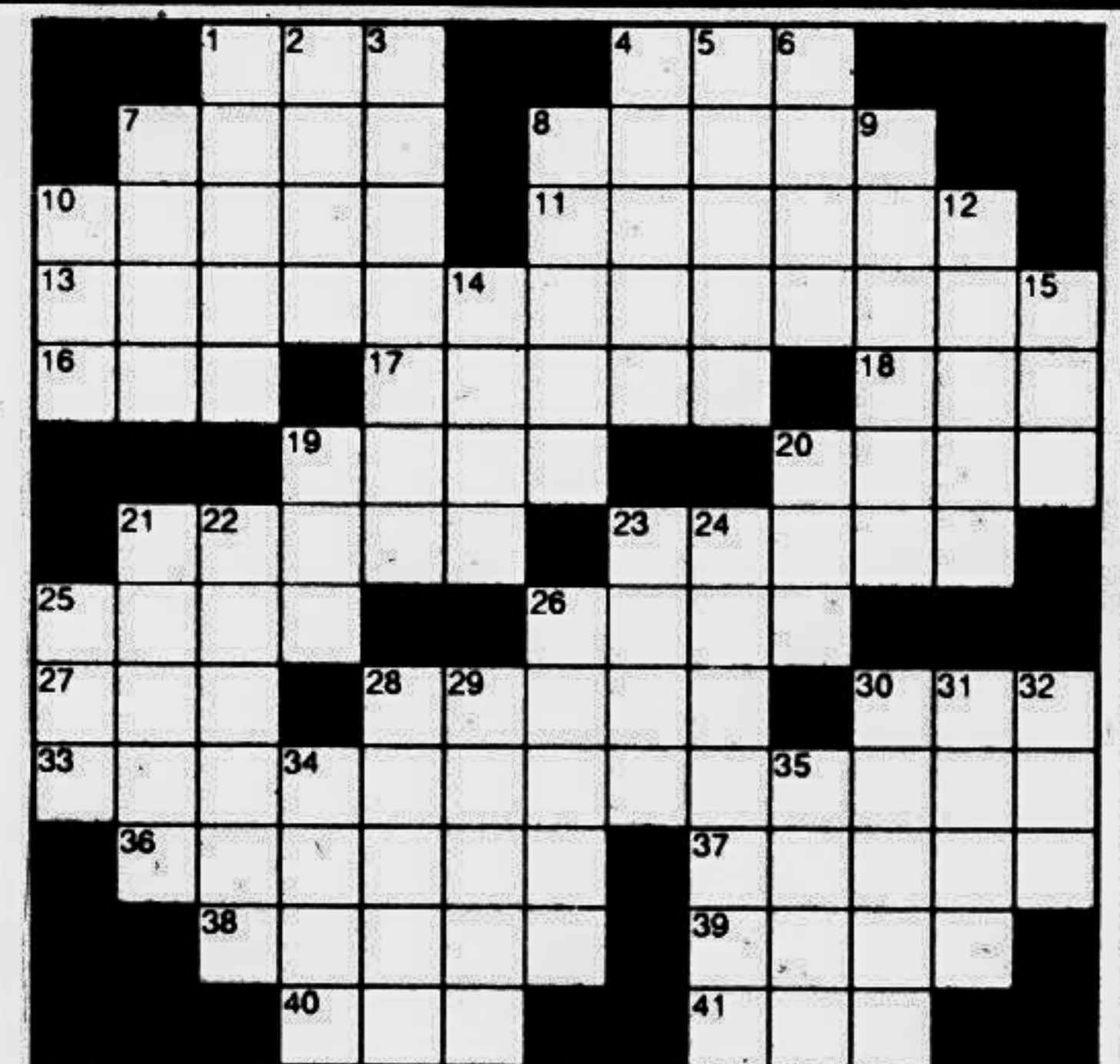
Bilgit Singh (L) from India is closely followed by Australia's Brendan Garard during their fifth hockey Test match played in Perth yesterday. The match ended in a one-all draw. — AFP photo

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Solution time: 22 mins.

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CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: INMATE PETITIONED THE WARDEN SINCE HE WANTED TO USE HIS CELLULAR PHONE.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: F equals L

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.