

**NIRMAN TILES**  
Broken Marble Tiles  
In More Shades  
Than The Rainbow  
Tel: 605957, 861985

**Inside Today**

**Sport**

Pete Sampras wins Wimbledon title  
Spain reach qtr-finals; World Cup previews  
Pages 5, 6, 7

**Article**

**Privatization Policy: Ensuring Transparency and Consistency**

Column: Along My Way  
by S B Chaudhuri  
Page 4

**International**

Tamil parties fail to unite on the eve of election



Diana snatches limelight from Charles  
Page 9

**Business**

Washington labels Beijing as unfair trader  
Page 8

**Supplement**

Today's issue contains a two-page supplement on the National Day of the United States of America  
Pages 10 & 11

**Metropolitan**

Dhaka Day by Day



Ads on Moving Behemoths  
Page 3

**NEWS BRIEFS**

**Khaleda, Hasina greet Clinton**

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia has felicitated US President William J Clinton on the occasion of his country's 217th Independence Day. Leader of the Opposition and Awami League president Sheikh Hasina, in another message, has also greeted Clinton, reports BSS.

**AL launches agitation programme**

## Bill on EC a step towards accepting demand: Hasina

By Staff Correspondent

Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina said yesterday that the government had moved "one step forward towards accepting the Opposition demand" for holding general elections under a caretaker administration by moving a bill to strengthen the Election Commission.

"Take another step forward and move a bill in Jatiya Sangsad on the caretaker issue," she urged the Prime Minister.

"We [the Opposition in Parliament] will then return to the House and pass the bill. It will be good for you and the nation," Hasina said just before leading a procession in the capital yesterday afternoon.

The procession was brought out from the Bangabandhu Avenue on the first day of the AL's planned agitation for

elections under a caretaker administration. The AL chief said the government-sponsored bill on the Election Commission (EC) proved that no free and fair polls were held and could be held under the BNP government.

Justifying the demand for elections under non-party government, Hasina said, "Such an arrangement would help stop any party from winning elections through violence, rigging and use of black money... and clinging to power by manipulating the elections."

"People are the source of all power and we want to give the people their rights," she said.

The AL chief called for removing the 'autocratic' BNP government and installing a 'people's government' through fair polls. Democracy and the people's franchise were no

longer safe in the hands of the BNP.

Reacting to the Prime Minister's comments on the Opposition's formula for a caretaker government, Hasina said it was simply a guideline as to how the ruling party would move a constitutional amendment bill on the caretaker issue.

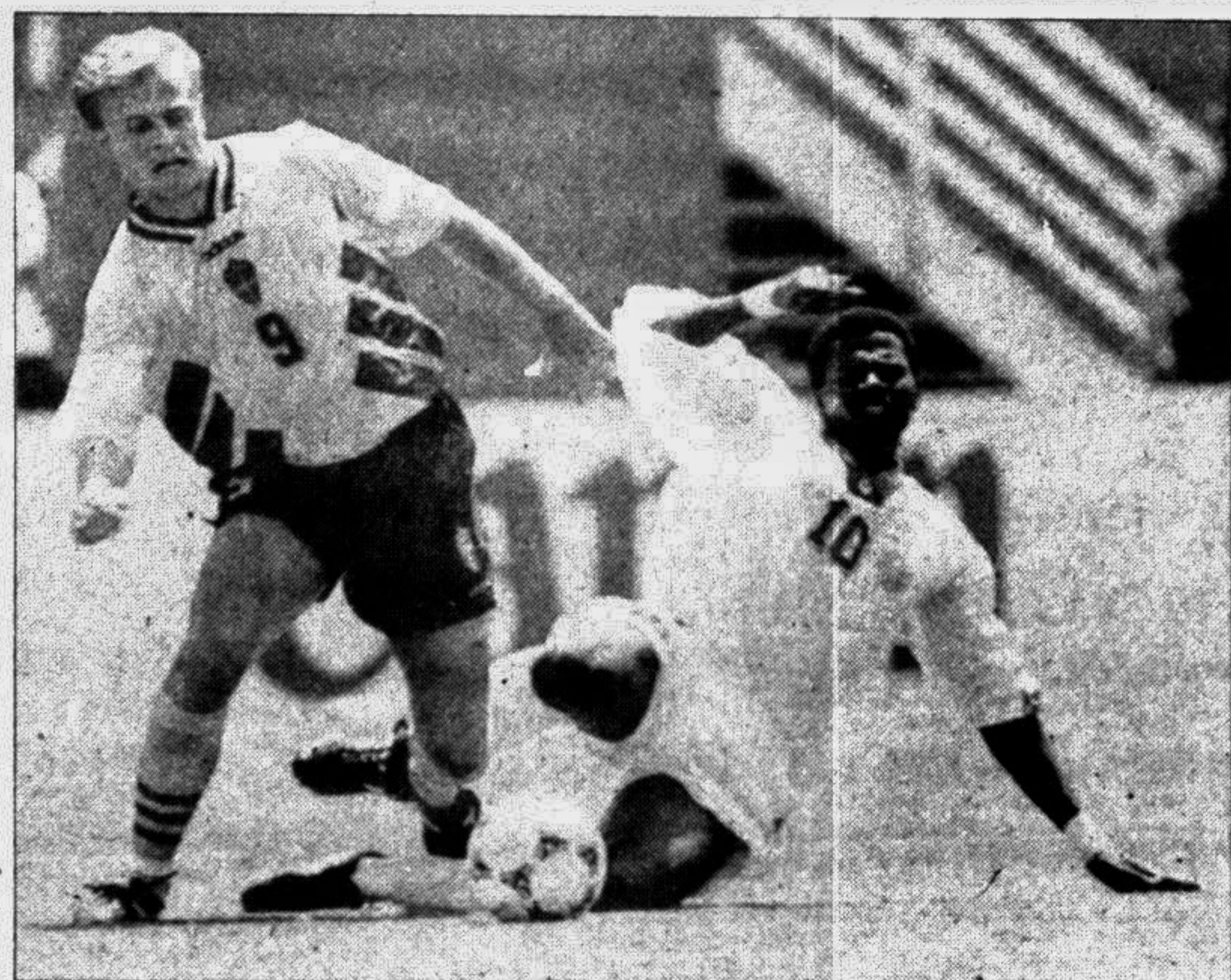
"How do you term it an anti-constitutional move?" she asked and requested the Prime Minister to read the outline first before commenting on it. "You (the PM) are being misguided by your sycophants," she said.

Hasina said, her party's fresh agitation was aimed at ensuring free elections, protecting the people's franchise, restoring political and social stability and achieving progress and prosperity.

See Page 12 Col 8



The Awami League brought out a procession in the city yesterday on the first day of its agitation programme for a caretaker government. — Star photo



Swedish midfielder Jonas Thern (L) attempts to get through a block by Saudi forward Saeed Owairan during action in their World Cup second round match in Dallas yesterday. Sweden won 3-1 after leading 1-0 at half time. — AFP photo

## Swedes outplay Saudis 3-1

DALLAS, July 3: Kennet Andersson scored twice and set up another for Martin Dahlin Sunday as Sweden powered into the World Cup quarterfinal for the first time since 1958 with a 3-1 victory over pesky Saudi Arabia, reports AP.

Dahlin's fourth goal of the competition, a header from Andersson's pinpoint cross, came in the 6th minute.

Andersson fired in a 20-meter drive in the 51st and, after substitute Fahd al-Ghshiyani had halved the lead in the 85th, Andersson struck again two minutes from the end to ensure a Swedish triumph in the Cotton Bowl.

The Swedes now go to San Francisco to play the winners of the Argentina-Romania match in the quarter-finals.

The Saudis, making their World Cup debut, were the first country from Asia to go past the first round since North Korea in 1966.

Sweden were hosts to the 1958 World Cup tournament but in the final lost 5-2 to Brazil for whom the legendary Pele scored twice.

The scoreline was hard on the Saudis, who created enough pressure near the end to have at least tied the score. But the Swedes looked disciplined in the early stages and deserved go to 2-0 ahead before

the ball just inside the post from six meters.

In the 22nd minute, the Swedes almost went further ahead when Andersson dribbled past two defenders on the right but shot straight at goalkeeper Muhammad al-Daeyea from 8 meters.

A minute later, Saeed Falatah set up a chance for the Saudis with some determined and skilful play on the right side of the Swedes' penalty area.

He pulled the ball back to Fahad al-Bishi, whose first-time shot flashed through a crowded area but just wide of the post.

In the 36th, Saeed al-Owairan who scored a spectacular solo goal against the Belgians to clinch a second round for the Saudis, let fly with a 30-meter shot that Swedish goalie Thomas Ravelli saved at the foot of his left-hand post.

Tommas Brolin carved out another chance for Sweden after five minutes of the second half, dribbling round two

See Page 12 Col 1



uring in the last quarter of the game in 38 degrees Celsius (101 Fahrenheit) heat.

The first goal was high quality.

Andersson sent over a precise right-footed cross from the left wing, Dahlin, scorer of three goals in two previous World Cup games, watched it curl over the heads of the Saudi defence before guiding

### New role for Maradona?

DALLAS, July 3: Diego Maradona has been given permission by FIFA to work as an Argentine television commentator for the rest of the World Cup, soccer's world governing body said on Sunday, reports Reuter.

A FIFA statement said Maradona, thrown out of the tournament for using performance enhancing drugs, would be accredited as a commentator at the request of the Television Channel Arca in Buenos Aires.

Maradona, 33, was withdrawn from the Argentine team by his country's football association and banned indefinitely from playing soccer by FIFA for using ephedrine and related banned drugs. He announced his retirement as a player on Saturday.

The FIFA statement did not indicate whether or not Maradona, who was last reported to be in seclusion with his family in New Hampshire, intended to work for Arca.

### Khaleda seeks vote for BNP nominee in Bogra

NANDIGRAM (Bogra), July 3: Prime Minister and BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia said here today that her government had turned Bangladesh into a prosperous country through massive welfare-oriented programmes in the last three years, reports BSS.

She was addressing two big meetings — one at the Nandigram Mansur Hossain Degree College field and other at the Karirhat High School field, four miles from here, to seek votes for her party nominee in the July 7 parliamentary by-election in Bogra-4.

The BNP Chairperson, who completed first day of her two-day campaign today urged the voters to cast their votes in favour of the 'sheaf of paddy', the election symbol of the BNP, to elect her party nominee Dr Ziaul Huq Mollah.

Dr Ziaul Hoque 31, a physician by profession is the eldest son of late Azizul Huq Mollah. A BNP MP, on whose death the seat fell vacant.

The BNP Chairperson said that a section of opposition parties who had no issue for waging struggle were now boycotting Parliament. They are actually scared of seeing the vast development programmes undertaken by the BNP government, she said.

Begum Zia said these parties were out to disrupt the development process by raising anti-democratic issues.

Besides addressing the public meetings, the BNP Chairperson also talked with people at different places of Nandigram thana including Namore, Boil and Khandar Hat.

The villagers carrying posters, banners and sheaf of

See Page 12 Col 3

## ADB cancels \$62.7m loan for industrial sector

Star Report

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has cancelled a \$62.7 million US dollar interest-free loan under the second industrial programme credit because of the government's failure to bring about the necessary reforms in the country's fledgling industrial sector, according to official sources.

The loan, repayable in 40 years with only a one per cent annual service charge, was the second tranche of a 90.5 million Special Drawing Rights (SDR) or about 125 million dollar credit, approved by the Manila-based bank in December 1991. The first instalment of the loan was released earlier.

In cancelling the loan, the

ADB spoke of the slow progress of the programme, the slow pace of the privatisation process and the absence of any initiative to restructure the existing public sector corporations.

Initiated in July 1990, the objective of the 3-year second industrial programme was to stimulate growth and efficiency in the industrial sector by minimizing the government's role in the ownership and management of manufacturing activities and by reviving private sector interest in the manufacturing sector.

The programme sought the introduction of a liberal industrial policy and reforms of the public sector manufacturing enterprises (PMEs), including autonomy and privatisation, to reduce the growing burden on

the economy and the national budget.

It also sought financial accountability through the introduction of performance contracts, new budgeting systems, uniform standards of reporting, withdrawal of government guarantees on PME borrowing and introduction of greater transparency regarding inter-PME transfers.

Under the programme, a deadline was set for privatising 20 non-jute PMEs by December 1992 and another 20 by December 1993.

The programme also sought the transformation of five sector corporations into holding companies and conversion of industrial units into public limited companies along with manpower rationalisation of

See Page 12 Col 8

## Bill for public limited companies passed

By Staff Correspondent

The Jatiya Sangsad (JS) yesterday passed the Bangladesh Industrial Enterprises (Amendment) Bill 1994 paving the way for turning public sector industrial units into public limited companies.

Industries Minister M Zahiruddin Khan, piloting the bill, said the amendments would make the industrial enterprises under sector corporations economically viable.

The minister also argued that the enterprises placed by the Industrial Enterprises (nationalisation) Order 1992, under the sector corporations could not be made economically viable due to mismanagement.

Khan said, moreover, in pursuance of the government's industrial policy and open market economy, transforming industrial units under the corporation into public limited companies would ensure participation of private share capi-

tal as well as enhance management efficiency.

According to the amendment bill, a new provision will be incorporated in the original order of 1992 as Article 17A providing the scope for creating new status of a public sector industrial unit as a public limited company.

Article 17A reads as follows "17A. notwithstanding any thing contained in this order or in any other law for the time being in force, where a corporation holds a majority of the shares or proprietary or other interests in an industrial enterprise, whether incorporated under the Companies Act, 1913 (VII of 1913) or not, such corporation —

(a) shall ensure that the board of directors of every such industrial enterprise manage the affairs and business of the enterprise and that the board acts as the effective

See Page 12 Col 7



A Palestinian boy runs waving to PLO chairman Yasser Arafat blowing kisses while touring Gaza city yesterday. — AFP photo

**TONIGHT'S WORLD CUP MATCHES ON TV**

Game 5: Holland vs Ireland at 22:05 (BST)  
Game 6: Brazil vs USA at 01:30 (BST)

### Body of Jahanara Imam arrives today

By Staff Correspondent  
The mortal remains of Jahanara Imam will be brought back to Dhaka from the United States this afternoon by a British Airways flight. Leaders of different political parties and socio-cultural organisations will receive the body at the Zia International Airport at around 4 pm.

**Editorial on page 4**

Her only surviving son, Said Hossain Jami, Nirmul Committee members Syed Hasan Imam and Shahriar Kabir will accompany the body. Convenor of the Ekattor Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Jatiya Samannay Committee Jahanara Imam passed away at a US hospital on June 26. She was suffering from oral cancer. The steering body members of the Samannay Committee See Page 12 Col 7

### DSE likely to see hectic months ahead

By Inam Ahmed  
The Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) is expected to see hectic months ahead once again as a number of new issues will come to the market soon.

Foreign investors, after a brief recess, are showing growing interests in investing in these primary issues besides their usual interest in secondary issues.

This week alone is likely to see at least over five million dollars of foreign investments in the share market, according to market sources. The DSE share price index which dipped to as low as 625 points last month, has now regain considerably and stood at

See Page 12 Col 6

### Foreign Ministry denies report

The Foreign Ministry yesterday said it was confident that no foreign diplomat would provide illegal shelter to controversial feminist writer Taslima Nasreen who is wanted by police, reports UNB. A spokesman of the ministry said it is aware of a report published in national dailies alleging that one western ambassador was giving illegal shelter to Taslima Nasreen.

"The dean of the diplomatic corps has been contacted to ascertain the fact," the spokesman said. "We are confident that no foreign diplomat based in Dhaka would compromise the high respect and protection accorded to a diplomat by the Vienna Convention and the host country."

The report published yesterday quoting a source said a western diplomat was harbouring Taslima and stressed that the diplomat should be declared persona non-grata for violating the diplomatic norms enunciated in the Vienna Convention.

Taslima Nasreen is wanted by police in connection with a blasphemy case. She has been absconding since filing of the case on June 4.

Pro religion parties and religious leaders had enforced a countrywide strike on June 30 demanding punishment to Taslima, accusing her of what they said, blaspheming Islam and the holy Quran.

### Attack on minister's car: 48 arrested in Sylhet

From Our Correspondent  
SYLHET, July 3: Sylhet Kotowal police have arrested 48 persons for allegedly damaging the official car of Jute Minister Hannan Shah in Sylhet last Friday.

Those arrested include some teachers and students of Jamea Madania Islamia of Kazirbazar, Sylhet. They were arrested from the madrasah hostel at midnight last night.

The Jute Minister on Friday was passing by a rally held in protest against the killing of a schoolboy in police firing in Kishoreganj during hartal hours Thursday. The minister's car was attacked by some agitated people. They pelted bricks at the car causing damage to window panes. Police opened five rounds of tear gas shells to disperse the mob. Police later filed a case under Anti-Terrorism Law.

**BLUE CROSS**  
SCORE BOARD

**SUNDAY'S RESULT**  
Second Round: Game 2  
Spain 3; Switzerland 0  
Spain in quarter-finals.  
Scorers: Spain— Fernando Hierro 15; Luis Enrique Martinez 74; Aitor Beguiristain (S) 87

**MATCH STATISTICS**

|               | Spain | Switzerland |
|---------------|-------|-------------|
| Goals         | 3     | 0           |
| Shots on goal | 12    | 19          |
| Fouls         | 18    | 18          |
| Corners       | 3     | 12          |
| Offsides      | 7     | 1           |
| Yellow cards  | 4     | 4           |

**Game 3:**  
Sweden 3; S Arabia 1  
Sweden in quarter-finals  
Scorers: Sweden— M Dahlin 6; K Andersson 51, 88.  
S. Arabia — Fahd Al-Ghshiyani 85

100% FULL CREAM SWEETENED CONDENSED MILK