

Australian opener Michael Slater is a good yard out in an unsuccessful bid to beat a hasty retreat to the crease as Lankan stumper Dassanayeke stretches to effect a run out. Watching the disaster from the nonstriker's end is Aussie captain Mark Taylor and bowler Ruwan

Ranatunga again blazes hosts' trail - AFP photo

Sri Lanka on cloud nine



13. Hosts Sri Lanka stormed into the World Series final with an exciting six-wicket victory over Australia here Tuesday, reports AFP

Chasing a reduced victory target of 163 in 36 overs after rain during the lunch interval delayed the second innings by 75 minutes, the rejuvenated Sri Lankans cruised home with eight balls to spare. The home team ended the

preliminary round-robin league with an all win record, having defeated India and world champions Pakistan in their first two matches.

Australia finished with a solitary win in three matches. and now await the result of the Thursday's last league match between arch-rivals India and Pakistan to know their fate.

India, who are level with Australia on two points each will advance to the final if they defeat Pakistan. A loss will force a three-way tie for the second spot to be decided on run-rates

But India have the advantage of knowing that their superior run rate - 4.9 per over to Australia's 4.1- will carry them through, even if they lose

narrowly to Pakistan. Australia paid dearly for omitting the experienced David Boon. Tim May and

quartet of Craig McDermott. Glenn McGrath for the crucial match Australian captain Mark Taylor said the idea was to give

the entire 15- man squad game before the important tour of Pakistan starting next month. But the replacements. Jus-

tin Langer, Gavin Robertson, Damien Fleming and Jo Angel. proved inadequate as the determined Sri Lankans out witted the new-look Austra-

Sri Lankan captain Arjuna Ranatunga, who made 82 against Pakistan on Sunday. once again led the way with a brilliant 59 off 75 balls.

Ranatunga and Aravinda de Silva. Sri Lanka's most experienced players, put their team on the road to victory with a 54-run stand for the third wicket after being 48 for two in the 10th over.

Ranatunga was dismissed when 22 runs were needed off the last 26 balls, but Hashan Tillekeratne and Ruwan Kalpage saw Sri Lanka through.

We've finally hit the right form said Ranatunga, who had been slammed by critics last month following a 4-1 de-

feat by Pakistan in a one-day

The boys are keen and raring to go for the final. It will be great to win our biggest ever cricket tournament," he said.

Australia's 225 for six from 50 overs revolved around a de; flant sixth wicket stand of 60 between Michael Bevan and vice captain Ian Healy after



they had slumped to 144 for

Left hander Bevan returned unbeaten with a top score of 47 off 55 balls

Taylor, who made 41, and Michael Slater put on 61 for the first wicket before Slater was run out for 24 in the 20th

Taylor himself left six overs later when Aravinda de Silva picked up a diving catch at square-leg to make Australia 90 for two.

Justin Langer, playing his first match on the tour, made nine when he fell to a running catch at long-on by Pramodaya Wickramasinghe, after smashing spinner Ruwan Kalpage for

a six earlier in the over. Australia slipped to 116 for four in the 32nd over as Mark Waugh was stumped off leftarm spinner Sanath Jayasuriya after scoring an attractive 24. which included a six off Kumar



RANATUNGA ... m-o-m

He then bowled Shaun Udal

BBBC pay

Michael Watson, crippled by

brain damage sustained in a

1991 world title fight, is set to

sue British boxing officials for

1 million pounds (dlrs 1.5 mil-

Boxing Board of Control failed

to provide speedy medical

treatment after he absorbed a

series of head blows in his

WBO super-middleweight bout

against Chris Eubank.

Watson alleges the British

lion), reports AP.

LONDON, Sept 13: Boxer

ve. become Jayasuriya's next victim when he edged a ball outside the off-stump to be caught by wicket-keeper Pubudu Dassanayake for 30.

Bevan and Healy came together at the stage to take Australia's score past the 200-

SCOREBOARD

Waugh's twin brother, Ste-

Scoreboard in the World Series one-day international between Australia and Sri

Lanka.	inc)_h
AUSTRALIA:	18
Taylor c De Silva b Kalpage	41
Slater run out	24
M E Waugh st Dassanayake	
b Jayasuriya	24
Langer c Wickramasinghe	
b Kalpage	9
SR Waugh c Dassanayake	
b Jayasuriya	30
Bevan not out	47
Healy run out	28
Robertson not out	5
Extras: (lb-11, w-5, nb-1)	17
Total: (6 wkts)	225
Did not bat: Wa	rne,
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3-100; 4-116; 5-	144	: 6-2	204.		
Bowling	0	M	R	\mathbf{w}	
Wickramasinghe	7	0	20	0	
Vaas	9	2	26	0	
Ranatunga	2	0	14	0	
Kalpage	9	0	42	2	
Dharmasena	10	1	45	0	
Jayasuriya	10	0	42	2	
De Silva	3	0	16	0	
Overs: 50					

SRI LANKA: Mahanama b Warne Jayasuriya c Taylor b Angel De Silva st Healy b Warne Ranatunga lbw b S Waugh Tillekeratne not out Kalpage not out Extras: (lb-10, w-3, nb-1) 14

Total: (4 wkts) Did not bat : Chandana. Dassanayake, Dharmasena

Vaas, Wickramasinghe. Fall of wickets: 1-4; 2-48;

3-102; 4-141 Bowling Angel Fleming 27 Warne S Waugh 0 Robertson Overs: 34.4.

Result: Sri Lanka won by six wickets (target reduced to 163 in 36 overs due to rain) Man-of-the-match: Arjuna

STANDINGS

League standings after Tuesday's match (played, won,

lost, no result, points, runrate): 3 3 0 - 6 4.8 2 1 1 - 2 4.9 3 1 2 - 2 4.1 Australia 2 0 2 - 0 3.6 Pakistan

Simmons shines for Leics



LONDON, Sept 13: West Indian allrounder Phil Simm-ons steered Leicestershire to their eighth win

of the season on Monday to move them into second place in the county championship reports Reuter. Simmons snapped up a

championship best return of four for 68 and then hit a quickfire 47 as Leicestershire beat Hampshire by seven wickets at Grace Road.

With just one round of matches remaining, Leicestershire are 11 points clear of third placed Nottinghamshire. Warwickshire have already made certain of winning the ti-

Hampshire started the final day at 152 for five, a lead of only 24, and Simmons began their downfall by first holding a magnificent catch to remove Kevan James then taking two

first wicket before Briers fell

Simmons was clearly disapand had Martin Thursfield pointed to be out three short caught at slip by Gordon of what would have been his fifth half-century of the season Hampshire were all out for but it was still his best score 243 leaving Leicestershire a for nearly six weeks and a modest victory target of 116. Simmons and Nigel Briers bright note on which to end put on 64 in 16 overs for the his first season with the

He will be replaced next Watson to make season by South African Hansie Cronje before rejoining Leicestershire for 1996.

Andy Hayhurst's defiant three-hour innings failed to stop Kent from completing an innings and 57 runs victory at Canterbury.

Hayhurst hit an unbeaten 64 but failed to prevent his side. Needing 285 to make Kent bat again, crashing to 227 all out just after lunch.

Left-arm spinner Min Patel took his tally of wickets for the season to 90 with three for

Star soccer resumes today

Sports Reporter

The return leg matches of the Star Premier and the Star First Division football leagues begin today after an unscheduled two-day recess for what the organisers termed 'unavoidable circumstances."

Defending champions Mohammedan Sporting Club will take on Bangladesh Boys in one of the three matches billed for the day in two different venues.

Mohammedans, who registered a massive 7-0 win over Bangladesh Boys in the first leg, will meet the relegation threatened outfit at the Dhaka Stadium in the second match at 6:30 pm, following day's first encounter between Agrani Bank and Arambagh KS scheduled for a 4:30 pm start.

The only Star First Division football league match between Victoria SC and Shantinagar Club will be played at the Mirpur Stadium at 6 pm.

Abahani sign another Russian

Sports Reporter

Title aspirants Abahani Krira Chakra yesterday completed their quota of four foreigners signing yet another Russian. At the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) office last evening. Andreev Vladimir Anatolyevich, the 31-year-old defender who plays for Uzbekistan, First Division champions FC Leftchi, completed his registration formalities, ending almost a fortnight's speculation over the booter's future in local foot-

The six-foot tall blond, who had arrived in the city on September 5, will make his Star-Premier League debut in Abahani's return leg opener Fakirerpool against Youngmen's Club tomorrow, wearing number 13.

Atoning for stoning Basit

COLOMBO, Sept 13: Police have arrested a Sri Lankan spectator who stoned a Pakistani player during a cricket match over the weekend. officials said Tuesday, reports

A magistrate sent Prasad Radrigo to police custody for a week. If found guilty, he can be jailed for six months.

Pakistan's Basit Ali was hit by a stone while fielding near the boundary line at the Sinhalese Sports Club grounds on Sunday.

Ali was unhurt. He was protected by the police for the rest of the day-long match. Police opposed bail to

Radrigo, saying that he was under the influence of liquor. Sri Lanka beat Pakistan by seven wickets in the four-na-

nament.

Christian Panucci, central defender Alessandro Costacurta, tion Singar World Series Tourmidfielders Stefano Eranio and Demetro Albertini plus strikers Daniele Massaro and Marco

Salam declared persona non grata

Sports Reporter

Abdus Salam Murshedi, the football secretary of Mohammedan Sporting Club, has been declared persona non grata in the Star Senior Division soccer leagues.

The disciplinary committee of organisers Dhaka Metropolis Football Association (DMFA) came up with the decision in its meeting on Monday that the former star striker turned official will be deemed an undesirable figure during match days upto September 30 of next year.

Salam was earlier served show cause notice by the authorities for creating trouble after the Star Premier match between reigning champions Mohammedans and Brothers

Unhappy over Salam's explanation, the disciplinary committee slapped the one year detention order in addition to a Taka 50,000 fine on Mohammedan Sporting Club as the responsible party in the post match trouble on September 2

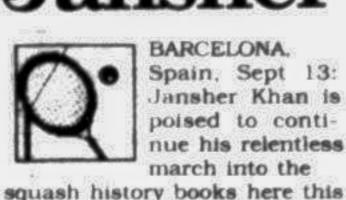
Earlier, Dewan Shafiul Arefin Tutul, the manager of the Abahani Krira Chakra's football team, was amerced Taka 10,000 for his involvement in trouble following the DMFA Cup final between Abahani and Brothers Union.

Abahani won the trophy but refused to accept it as a mark of protest against the alleged bias of the referee towards Brothers Union.

Unruly Abahani fans went on a rampage after the match indulging in vandalism in and outside the stadium. The disciplinary commit-

tee, who did not take any punitive measure on the accused club immediately, reportedly referred the case to the executive committee of the DMFA, which is expected to take a decision pretty soon. It looks like the Dharmondi Club is in for heavy duty for the wilder section of their supporters.

Jansher Khan glory bound



reports AFP.

reer to come

and Peter Nicol.

barely 18 years old.

Success here would also see

him match the current record

of six world titles held by his

old rival Jahangir Khan - but

Jansher still has half of his ca-

In Barcelona, he faces

Australia's best, in brothers

Brett and Rodney Martin plus

Rodney Eyles, along with the

rising tide of young British

players - led by Peter Marshall

Open is no stranger to upsets

- it was in a memorable 1986

final that Jahangir's years of

domination were finally ended

Only the brave will be betting

World Opens, as well as the

1987, 1989 and 1990 titles

Jansher was in majestic form

two weeks ago as he won his

boost his already commanding

lead in the world rankings, fol-

lowed victory earlier in the

year in squash's top tourna-

ment after the World

Championships — the British

glory. Jansher likes to com-

pare himself with the revered

just one tournament," he said

recently. "To be king you have

to be there for seven years like

Milan, the biggest club in Eu-

rope, struggling with a giant-

sized injury problem, reports

champions, who won the

European Cup for the fifth

time in May, open the defence

of their trophy in a Champions

League Group D match at three

times champions Ajax Amster-

dam with 10 members of their

squad unavailable through in-

figures such as French de-

fender Marcel Desailly, full-

backs Mauro Tassotti and

Simone, not to mention long

term injury victims, Dutchman

and Massaro are all serving one

match bans, while defender

Costacurta tore a leg muscle

during Milan's disappointing

1-1 away draw with Cagliari on

admitted to uncertainty about

his lineup for Amsterdam,

saying: I don't know who to

play on Wednesday because I'm

missing 10 players from the

from a morale-boosting 5-0

league win over Vitesse Arn-

hem on Sunday and with no

the scorers on Sunday and will

line up against several former

teammates from his Milan

Days, including fellow Dutch-

by AC Milan in last season's fi-

nal, start the new campaign

against Galatasaray of Turkey

struggling to find from just two

weeks into the new Spanish

season and also plagued by in-

to do without key defenders

Albert Ferrer and Miguel Nadal

and midfield dynamo Jose

Bakero, ruled out by suspen-sions, as well as injury victims

Romanian Gheorghe Hagi and

Basque midfielder Xabier Es-

kurza. Barcelona beat Galata-

Office league

cricket call

Sports Reporter

cricket will begin some time

in between November and

December this year, said a

Bangladesh Cricket Control

Board press release issued

last season by the BCCB, fea-

tures government, semi-gov-

ernment and autonomous or-

and insurance companies.

September 25.

ganisations, including banks

the capital have been re-

quested to enrol themselves by

Interested office teams of

The league, introduced only

Sunday.

The 1994-95 Office league

Coach Johan Cruff will have

juries and suspensions.

Barcelona, humiliated 4-0

Frank Rijkaard was among

injury worries.

man Ruud Gullit.

Ajax go into the match fresh

Milan coach Fabino Capello

Albertini, Tassotti, Panucci

Milan will be without key

jury or suspension.

Marco van Basten.

Sunday.

The reigning European

However, unlike Jahangir in

13: The biggest

week in the his-

tory of European

Club soccer gets

underway with AC

Jahangir Khan or myself."

national hero Jahangir.

In his bid for even greater

"You can't be the king after

That triumph, which will

Winner of the last two

by New Zealand Ross Norman.

against Jansher this week.

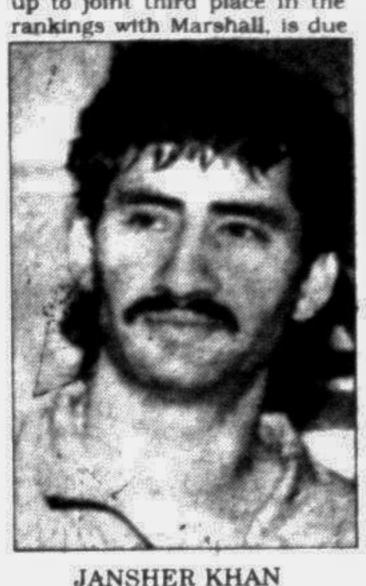
sixth Hong Kong Open.

But although the World

his prime. Jansher can be beaten. As Marshall found out only last weekend at the European clubs championship in Paris, toppling the world number-one in straight games.

It's that unexpected chink week when he bids to win the in the armour which his rivals hope to reveal here this week. World Open for the sixth time. England's Chris Walker should The 25-year-old Pakistani is get the first shot, as the two the runway favourite to retain a men are seeded to meet in the title he first won when he was quarterfinals.

Eyles, who recently moved up to joint third place in the



JANSHER KHAN

to face 35-year-old Norman for the privilege of a semi-final with the title favourite on Saturday.

In the bottom half of the draw. Rodney Martin is seeded for a quarter- final clash with Marshall, the Englishman with the unique two-handed grip.

However, the pressure of a hip injury, personal problems and a break from the circuit have taken their toll on Martin, and the 1991 world champion could be an early ca-"For three and a half

months after the British Open in April I didn't pick up a

Biggies in for raspy ride

saray 3-0 at the Neu Camp Sta-

dium after a 0-0 draw in

The European league ma-

tches are the premier fixtures

among the 56 matches spread

over three successive nights in

29 countries, the biggest week

in European club soccer since

the European Cup began

GULLIT ... Ac again

The expanded UEFA and

'Cup Winners' Cup competi

tions are being played on

Tuesday and Thursday respec

tively this season, with Wed-

nesday nights now reserved

exclusively for the Champions

League, which with 16 teams

is double the size it has been

EURO CUP SCHEDULE

pean Cup fixtures for Wednes-

day (all matches kick off 18:30

Champions League Euro-

Manchester United (Eng-

land) v IFK Gothenburg

(Sweden); Barcelona (Spain) v

Dinamo Kiev (Ukraine)

Spartak Moscow (Russia):

Paris St Germain (France) v

Hajduk Split (Croatia) v

Ajax Amsterdam (Holland)

Salzburg (Austria) v AEK

land) v IFK Gothenburg

(Sweden): Barcelona (Spain) v

Dinamo Kiev (Ukraine)

Spartak Moscow (Russia):

Paris St Germain (France) v

Hajduk Split (Croatia)

Benfica Lisbon (Portugal): RSC

Anderlecht (Belgium) v Steaua

Ajax Amsterdam (Holland)

v AC Milan (Italy); Casino Salz-

burg (Austria) v AEK Athens

Bayern Munich (Germany)

Bu-charest (Romania)

Manchester United (Eng-

Benfica Lisbon (Portugal): RSC

Anderlecht (Belgium) v Steaua

Bayern Munich (Germany)

Bucharest (Romania)

AC Milan (Italy):

Galatasaray (Turkey)

Athens (Greece)

Galatasaray (Turkey)

After preliminary rounds in

for the past four years.

Group A:

Group B:

Group C:

Group D:

Group A:

Group B:

Group C:

Group D:

(Greece)

almost four decades ago.

Turkey last year

racket, he said His recent comeback has been encouraging, from a physical point of view, but bruising for the pride - being knocked out of the Australian Open second round and Hong Kong first round after being within one game of victory.

"Both times, I was 2-0 up and I just sat back and thought "it's just going to happen which you can't afford to do. This time, I'll be going for that third game.

That said, he also admitted on Monday: "I haven't got too many high expectations here. Realistically. I'm saying let's get to the quarter-finals first and then see. A year ago. I used to be going to tournaments to win. Now I'm going fust to try and get come back."

Martin, who opens against the experienced Pakistani Mir Zaman Gul is on a collision course with rising star Marshall. The other seeded quarter

final brings together two contrasting outsiders for the title Brett Martin and Nicol.

Brett, as world number-two. has probably his best chance yet at a World Open. A highly skillful stroke-player, his other weapon is an ability to disguise those strokes until the last split-second

Nicol, 21 and 10 years younger than Brett, is a Scotsman in a hurry.

He knocked Jansher out of the Leekes Welsh Classic in February and beat Eyles and Brett Martin on his way to this month's Hong Kong final - his first in a major tournament.

And a surge up the world rankings from 36 to seven in a year has only wetted his appetite for more.

"I've set my goal to be number one," he says. "I don't want to be number three if I can be number one. If I keep winning, will get there sooner rather than later.

all three competitions last

month, 112 teams are still left

in contention for the three

trophies, but AC Milan, Eu-

ropes top ranked team after

winning the Champions Cup

last season, have more prob-

Arsenal open the defence of

their trophy against minnows

Omonia Nicosia of Cyprus

without a goal in their last four

champions with the outstand-

the trophy holders against

start in the English Premier

League with two wins and

three draws to their credit.

Inter have won one and lost

one of their two series A

Among the other European

champions in the UEFA Cup

are Juventus, who play CSKA

Sofia, PSV Eindhoven, who

play former UEFA Cup winners

Bayer Leverkusen of Germany.

Villa have made an unbeaten

Aston Villa of England.

league matches.

home side.

matches.

Cup Winners Cup holders

lems than almost anyone else.

reports AFP.

world. >

"For example, this year we'll be having two of our major tournaments in India, there's so much inward investment in the country and squash fits the image of the new companies

and the Mahindra Interna tional in Bombay in December.

"We've had a major women's

Arsenal have three players suspended for the match in They're very careful in the way Cyprus - striker Kevin Campthey invest: They're building bell, captain Tony Adams and more clubs and more courts midfielder Ian Selley - but and now they think the time is ought to be too strong for the right to have a major events." he said. The UEFA Cup competition

features six former European anxious for squash to become an Olympic sport is to further ing match featuring two of speared its reputation throuthem, Internazionale of Italy,

Ivanisevic

PARIS. Sept 13: Big-serving Goran Ivanisevic came close to repeating his shock first-round elimination from the United States Open when he opened his campaign at the 550,000 dollar ATP tournament in Bucharest on Monday, reports

Real Madrid, who face Spor ting Lisbon in an Iberian Derby and Marseille, who face Olympiakos Pireaus. Marseille's 1993 European Cup success against AC Milan was the prelude to the Valenciennes Bribery scandal which saw Marseille ultimately rele gated to the French second

division at the start of this Marselle would be happy to get through one round this season after being forced to sell almost their entire squad

this summer. Marseille's new squad con tains eight internationals. seven of whom are aged over 30. Pick of the bunch is Irish World Cup striker Tony Cascarino, signed from England's Chelsea. Cascarino is top scorer in the second division with nine goals in as many matches

The next round of the Champions League and the second leg of all this week's first round, first leg games will be played during the last week of September

Shuttlers' course

The certificate awarding ceremony of the Dhaka Divisional women's badminton players training course will be held today at the conference room of the National Sports Council (NSC) at 11 am, reports UNB

State Minister for Youth and Sports and NSC Chairman Sadek Hossain will attend the function as chief guest and distribute certificates among the 13 trainees.

The three-week course was organised by the Bangladesh Women Sports Association in cooperation with the National Sports Council.

Brazil still top ZURICH, Sept 13: World

FIFA rankings ports Reuter.

Champions Brazil retained top place in the world rankings issued by FIFA on Tuesday, re-Leading placing (position at end of 1993 in brackets): 1. (3) Brazil 2. (2) Italy (9) Sweden

4. (1) Germany 5. (7) Netherlands 6. (5) Spain

7. (13) Romania 53.23 52.74 52.43 52.04 51.31 50.51

14. (31) Bulgaria 15. (21) Colombia 16. (16) Mexico 17. (14) Russia 18. (11) England 19 (25) Belgium 20. (15) France 21.(27) Zambia 22. (22) USA 23. (33) Ivory Coast 46.02 24. (20) Portugal 25. (26) Egypt 44.77 26. (37) Ghana 44.26 27. (32) Tunisia 42.96

41.99 Asia, fastest growing region for squash

BARCELONA, Sept 13: Asia is the world's fastest growing region for squash, according to the sport's top official who paid tribute on Tuesday to tournament organisers there.

eral of the Professional Squash Association said the sport was finding it hard to attract sponsorship in certain parts of the "But Asia is really moving —

it's beginning to boom's, he

moving into India. Open in Delhi in November

Eady is also delighted with his sport's progress in Japan and the shrewd management of its officials there.

"It's typical of the Japanese.

One reason why Eady is ghout Asia.

Close call for

Ivanisevic, Wimbledon finalist but beaten by modest German Markus Zoecke at Flushing Meadow two weeks ago, dropped a set and looked to be in danger of again failing to clear the first hurdle when he went behind to experienced Italian Paolo Cane.

surged back to clinch a 2-6. In the day's other matches

in the Romanian capital, Carlos Costa of Spain put out Cane's sixth-seeded compatriot Andrea Gaudenzi 6-3, 6-4 but fellow Spaniards Jorge Arrese and Francisco Clavet were both

RIO DE JANEIRO, Sept 13: Rioting fans attacked each other with iron bars and samba drums on the terraces and on

championship match between Vasco da Gama and Santos at the weekend, reports Reuter. During the confusion, which

bitten by his own dog. Fighting broke out at halftime during the game at

Vasco's Sao Januario Stadium in Rio de Janeiro

porter using samba drums and iron bars to hit each other Santos fans escaped over iron railings onto the pitch but Vasco fans followed them and fighting continued, with supporters punching and kicking

Many Santos fans ran behind the goal, past a swimming pool and then scaled a three metre railing to escape the

stadium and the violence.

66.17 Points 62.3 61.90 61.25 60.93 59.78

57.65 57.10 56.92 55.80 55.68 54.28 53.28

8. (4) Norway 9. (8) Argentina 10. (18) Nigeria 11. ((12) Switzerland 12. (10) Ireland 13. (6) Denmark 49.90 48.67 47.67 46.51

28. (23) Cameroon 42.8 29. (38) Saudi Arabia 42.87 30. (30) Morocco

Roger Eady, director gen

India is hosting the Storm's

tournament for the past two years, but now we've got our first major men's event."

But the Croatian top-seeded and world number three,

6-3, 6-4 win.

Hooligans again

the pitch during a Brazilian

held up play for 45 minutes, a policeman was attacked and

Witnesses said rival lans began tearing up each others flags. Vasco fans then invaded a corner of the ground occupied by a contingent of around 100 Santos fans, with sup-

each other