Div I chess league ends

Sports Reporter

Brothers Union, who confirmed successful defence of the First Division chess league title Thursday with one round still to go, ended the campaign in style yesterday when the Gopibagh outfit beat Leonine Chess Club 3-1 at the National Sports Club chess room.

With the championship under the belt, the Brothers players showed little sign of indifference and although Grandmaster - Niaz Murshid opted to stay out, two draws were the only setback that came the champion's way. Brothers finished at 53 points.

Former champions Bangladesh Biman, however, didn't quite have a stylish finish as they drew 2-2 with Mahakhali Pradip Sangha to finish runners-up with 46 points.

Bangladesh Ansars finally won the three-way race for the third place and two points from a draw with Parijat Chess Club vesterday left them at 40.5 points. Other two contenders for this position, the Dhåka University chess team and Bangladesh Textile Mills Corporation (BTMC) within one and a half points from each other, with the former finishing fourth with 40.5

With a collection of 36 points. Mashgul Mehfil of Narayangani, who have earned the reputation of being one of the two giant-slayers in the 17-team fray, ended up at the sixth place half a point ahead of the other - Bobby Fischer Chess Club.

At the wrong end of the points table were Sonali Bank and Protibha Daba Goshthi. who finished with 14.5 and 17.5 point respectively to put an end to their senior division league status.

ITF Satellite third leg from Nov 28

RAJSHAHI. Nov 25: The third leg of the ITF Thailand Bangladesh Satellite Circuit tennis tournament will be held at Rajshahi Tennis Complex from November 28. reports BSS.

About 60 tennis players from 37 countries will participate in the week-long tourna-

State Minister for Planning Dr Moin Khan will be chief while Mayor Rajshahi Corporation Mizanur Rahman Minu and Secretary for the ministry of youth and sports Azizul Huq will be special guests on the opening day.

Jointly organised by the international Tennis Federation and the Rajshahi Tennis Complex and sponsored by the Bangladesh Tennis Federation and Bangladesh Tobacco Company Ltd the tournament will be the fourth of its kind to be held at Rajshahi Tennis Com-

Thai double in Pak int'l junior tennis

ISLAMABAD, Nov 25: Tekasikul Akkasit of Thailand clinched the boys' singles title in the Pakistan international unior tennis championships beating local player Asad Ali Bhagat 6-1, 7-5 in a keenly contested final at the Islamabad Club here today, reports

However, Akkasit, pairing with Bangladesh's Shameem Ahsan Ronny, lost in the boys doubles semi-final to the Iranian pair of Farshad Talavak and Amir Hossain Rafat 3-6, 6-7 (3-7).

the girls singles. Anuchan from Thailand won the title beating her compatriot Tovisitchai 7-6 (7-2), 6-7 (5-7), 6-3 in the final.

Bangladesh's Shathy Sarkar reached the girls' singles quarter-finals and lost to Tovisitchai 0-6, 1-6. Shathy and Urmi marched into the semifinals of the girls doubles, but lost to eventual runners-up Tovisitchai and Anuchan from Thailand 3-6, 2-6.

BSJA ceremony tomorrow

The award-giving ceremony of the Bangladesh Sports Journalists Association will be held at the Sonargaon Hotel here November 27 at 4-30 pm. reports BSS.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadeque Hossain will attend the function as chief guest. Renowned footballer Nurunnabi Chowdhury and veteran sports organiser of Gaibandha Shachindra Kumar Chaki will be the special guests.

Players, officials and sponsoring organisations nominated for the years 1992 and 1993 will be awarded during

the function. Anybody not receiving an invitation have been requested to contact BSJA office situated at the eastern side of the Dhaka Stadium swimming pool.

Biman's super flight

Sports Reporter

day behind the stumps effect man have moved ing no less than four disinto the second round of the 15th Gulshan lasted 43.3 over for

the exact three-figure mark.

Bangladesh opener Jahangir

Alam who is in fine fettle in

Bangladesh Bi

Damal Summer

cricket tourna-

ment without turning a hair.

At the Dhanmondi Cricket

Stadium, the former champi-

ons outplayed Gulshan Youth by nine wickets yesterday.

Hug won the toss in the morn-

ing and asked his counterpart

Arun Lal, the former Indian

attack had the Gulshan bats;

men pinned right from the

The two seasoned left-arm-

ers in charge of the new ball -

Golam Nawsher and Jahangir

Talukdar - struck before long

removing both the openers by

the tenth over with Gulshan

hardly averaging two runs per

Then Sanjeev Sharma, an

other Indian Test discard who

joined Biman from Surja Tarun

only this year, stepped in with

his accurate medium pace as

thing away while picking up

two wickets including that of

Ashok Malhotra, Gulshan's

other experienced former In-

dian Test cricketer, to finish

with an excellent analysis of

topscore of 18 in the innings

that recorded just three dou-

ble figures, the other two pro-

vided by opener Ujjal and Arun

Lal, who made 14 and 11 re-

ners - Enamul and Shamsul -

bagged two each while Habibur

Bashar, brought on late, col-

lected one thanks to the

sleight of hands of stumper

Debashis Barua, who had a fine

being shot out for just 176 by

Ranji Trophy champions Bom-

Trounced 4-1 in the one-

day series and thrashed by 96

runs in the first Test against

India this week, the tourists

messed up a good opportunity

for badly-needed batting prac-

tice ahead of the remaining

wicket, the West Indies bats-

men played indiscreet shots to

be bowled out in just 69.1

overs. Bombay replied with 53

for two by close of the opening

Left-hander Shivarine Chan-

derpaul, a surprise omission

for the first Test, played a lone

hand for the West Indies. But

his 56 enhanced his claims of

playing in the second Test in

Chanderpaul and wicket-

keeper Junior Murray (27)

wicket to boost the score after

five of the first eight batsmen

ROME. Nov 25:

It'll be a chest-

having, arms-flai-

ling, legs-chur-

ning battle at

Rome's Olympic

And that's in the parking

The intensity of the battle

in the streets could match that

on the field when title con-

tenders and bitter crosstown

rivals Lazio of Rome and AS

Roma square off in the 11th

round of the Italian First

and after last Sunday's Brescia-

Roma encounter at Brescia left

33 people injured and led sev-

eral Italian deputies to urge a

lifetime ban on habitual hooli-

player for one of Roma's minor

league clubs - were charged

with attempted manslaughter

in the stabbing of Brescia's

12 people were hospitalised

when rioting broke out at two-

First-Division games on Oct.

broadcast on live television in

an effort to keep people away

from the sold-out stadium.

Normally, only each round's

flight squads in the hunt for

the league title. Lazio (6-3-1)

are in second place, two points

behind pace-setters AC Parma.

while' Roma (4-5-1) - who

were in first earlier - are six

Lazio Boast an explosive of-

fence that erupted for four

second-half goals in a 5-1

thrashing of Padova last week.

Italian international Giuseppe

Signori, who led the league in

scoring the past two seasons,

has seven goals, which ties for

second with Roma's Argentine

points off the lead.

The match pits two top-

night game is shown live.

Earlier this season, at least

The Rome derby may be

Three Romans - including a

gans from soccer stadiums.

Fan violence, before, during

added 37 for the eighth-

Nagpur from December 1.

Stadium on Sunday.

Division, reports AP.

deputy police chief.

Asked to bat on a placid

two Tests.

bay here Friday, reports AFP.

KOZIKHODE, In-

dia, Nov 25: Be-

leaguered West

Indies continued

their dismal run

on tour in India.

Biman's two left-arm spin-

spectively.

Imran Hamid laboured to a

two for 17 from nine overs.

Sharma gave hardly any

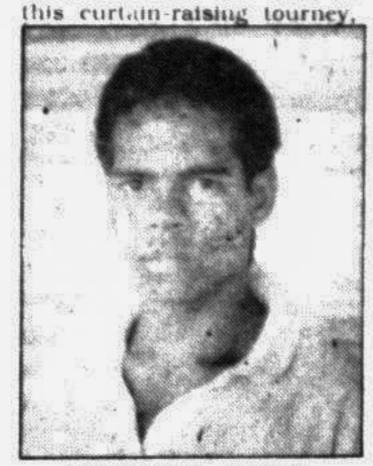
the first change bowler.

Test cricketer, to bat first,

very beginning.

National Cricketer Enamul

Biman's strong and varied



JAHANGIR ALAM

cracked a belligerent unbeaten 55 off 47 balls including seven hits to the fence. It was Jahangir's third half century in as many matches.

Ziaur Rashid, who opened with Jahangir, was Biman's only casualty - caught and bowled for 25 off left arm spinner Nafis.

Habibul Bashar had enough time to score 16 off 18 balls when Biman had 102 rattled for one in only 15.4 overs. Biman will vie for the semi-

final slot with Mohammedan Sporting Club, another former champions and a youthful Brothers Union in Group Y. While the battle for places

among the last four in Group X involve champions Abahani. GMCC and the winners of today's match between Victoria and Suria Tarun. It was a pity that while Bi-

man made a no-contest of a vital encounter, two minnows

failed to get into double fig-

made only 29, before being

caught behind off medium-

pacer Abey Kurivilla, who ran

through the West Indian bat-

ting with figures of five for 42.

star trio of Sachin Tendulkar.

Vinod Kambli and Sanjay

Manjrekar, were reduced to

16 for two by fast bowler

for the Nagpur Test, had

opener Zubin Bharucha caught

behind for four and clean

Mazumdar, two bright young

batting prospects, steadied the

innings by remaining unde-

feated till close. Paranipye was

batting on 20 while Mazumdar

SCOREBOARD

three-day cricket match be-

tween Ranji Trophy champions

Bombay and West Indies here

Simmons c and b Ankola

international Abel Balbo.

tional Aron Winter.

WEST INDIES: First in-

Roman rivals go into battle

And Signori has plenty of

support up front in fellow na-

tional team members Roberto

Rambaudi and Pier Luigi

Casiraghi and Dutch interna-

Balbo and Uruguayan for-

ward Daniel' Fonseca set a

blistering early season scoring

pace, but the Argentine suf-

fered a right thigh injury in

Roma's 1-0 loss to Parma in

the eighth-round, a dishear-

tening defeat from which

last Sunday, but the Romans

were shut out by Brescia, who

are 17th in the 18-team

Balbo returned to the lineup

Roma have yet to recover.

Scores from the first day of

Jatin Paranipye and Amol

bowled Sunil More for zero.

Cummins, another hopeful

Anderson Cummins.

made 14.

Bombay, who rested their

The off-form Brian Lara

Gopibagh Friends Association and Ajax Sports Club, both well and truly out of contention were engaged in a thriller at

the City Club ground at Mirpur. At the end of the day, Ajaxproved the luckier of the twohave-nots winning the match by one wicket with just five balls to spare.

Bhola was Ajax's hero as the new ball bowler pulled the chestnuts out of fire with a blazing 30 off 18 balls with the help of three fours and two sixers to cap a fine bowling feat earlier in the day. He took three for 25 as Gopibagh, batting first, mus-

tered 195 for eight wickets with the bulk of the runs coming from MR Babu, who made 61. Skipper Saiful and Rafiq were the other major contribu-

tors with 24 and 20 respec-Chasing 196 in 45 overs for victory. Ajax were precariously placed at 148 for eight when Bhola came at the wicket to

launch a terrific assault on the Gopibagh bowling. However, Rupam was Ajax's topscorer making 47 as the number four batsman while Sajjad providing a cue for Bhola later smashed a hurricane 25 off 14 balls with two

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Ripon too bowled tightly spending 21 from nine overs though not meeting with any success.

TODAY'S MATCH Victoria vs Surja Tarun

West Indies wobble again

Campbell c Dighe b Kuruvilla

Chanderpaul c and b Kulkarni

Murray c Bharucha b Bahutule

Fall of wickets: 1-11: 2-66:

0

14

13.1

BOMBAY: First innings

Fall of wickets: 1-10; 2-16

turn to form if Roma are to

avenge the 1-0 Lazio victory in

the previous derby (last sea-

sons a 26th round). The seven

prior Rome derbies ended in

provide the overall fervour of

Lazio-Roma, the greatest on-

the-field spectacle may be in

Florence, where all eyes will

be on forward Gabriel Batistuta.

break a 32-year-old Italian

league record if he scores in

Florentina's match with visit-

ing Sampdoria of Genoa. A goal

would extend his consecutive

scoring streak to 11 games.

topping the mark of 10 estab-

lished by Bologna's Ezio

The Argentine star will

While no other game will

Bharucha c Murray b Cummins

3

32

42

4 24 2

16

3-67; 4-70; 5-77; 6-108; 7-

Lara c Dighe b Kuruvilla

Hooper lbw b Kuruvilla

Cuffy st Dighe b Kulkarni

Holder b Kuruvilla

Cummins run out

Browne not out

Bowling:

Mambhrey

Kuruvilla

Bahutule

Kulkarni

More b Cummins

Paranjpye not out

Mazumdar not out

Total: (two wkts)

Bowling:

Cummins

Cuffy

Browne

Dhanraj

draws.

Extras: (b-6, lb-2, nb-7)

Ankola.

Extras: (lb-7, nb-9)

139: 8-176: 9-176

Dhanraj b Kuruvilla

NZ 242 for four

JOHANNESBURG. Nov 25: New Zealand were 242-4 at the close on the opening day of the first cricket Test against South Africa at the Wanderers on Friday, reports Reuter.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the opening day of the first cricket Test be tween South Africa and New Zealand at the Wanderers on Friday:

NEW ZEALAND: First innings B Young c McMillan b Snell

D Murray c Richardson b De Villiers S Fleming b De Villiers M Crowe not out K Rutherford c Cronje b Eksteen 5. Thomson not out

Extras: (lb-5, w-2, nb-1) Total: (for four wickets) Fall of wickets: 1-7; 2-79; 3-92; 4-218

To bat: A Parore, M Hart, D Nash, S. Doull, R. de Groen Bowling (to date) O M R W De Villiers 21 4 51 59 21 6 16 2 53 0 Matthews 16 4 34 McMillan 13 5 27 Eksteen 3 0 13 0 Cronje

SOUTH AFRICA: A. Hudson G. Kirsten, H. Cronje, D. Cullinan, J. Rhodes, B McMillan D. Richardson, R. Snell, C. Eksteen, C. Matthews, F. de Villiers.

Flower fires Zimbabweans up

ADELAIDE, Nov 25: Captain Andy Flower struck an unbeaten 78 today to give Zimbabwe a three-wicket win over the Australian Cricket Academy on the final day of their three-day match, reports Reuter.

Flower hit a majestic six from his opposite number Daniel Marsh to give the tourists' victory with 15 overs to spare.

But the win was achieved at a price with three further players sustaining injuries.

Dave Houghton, their leading batsman, has already been sidelined with a fractured hand courtesy of a bouncer from teammate Heath Streak in a net session in Perth.

Ironically Streak broke his own hand the following day and now Zimbabwe are faced with injuries to Guy Whittal, Alistair Campbell and Daniel

All-rounder Whittal has a hamstring strain, batsman Campbell has a groin injury and Rowett, who did not bowl in the Academy's second in nings today, is suffering from pulled stomach muscles. "They're bad enough to

worry us and make us think about getting another guy in from Zimbabwe," Flower said.

Baggio amerces Admira Wacker

VIENNA, Nov 25: Italy striker Roberto Baggio scored twice as Juventus cruised to a 3-1 win over Austria's Admira Wacker in the away leg of their UEFA Cup third round tie on Thursday, reports Reuter.

His two goals helped Juventus, three times winners of the trophy, to a 3-0 halftime lead after Antonio Conte had given the Italian club the ideal start with a goal in the ninth mi-

Baggio slipped past two defenders to put Juventus 2-0 up after just 16 minutes. His second in the 42nd

minute provoked an angry response from goalkeeper Wolfgang Knaller.

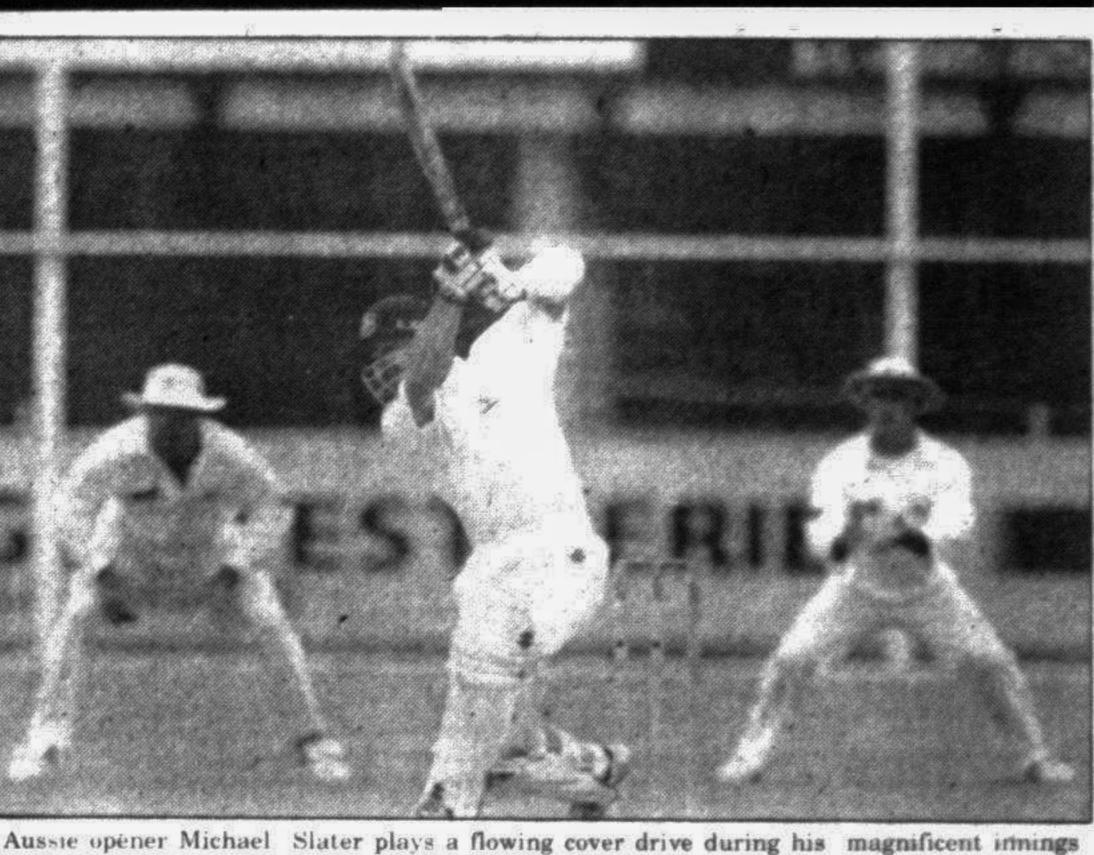
He dived to save a Baggio shot but as the ball squirmed away from the goalkeeper Baggio pounced to tap it into the net. Knaller protested in vain to Scottish referee Leslie Mottram that he already had the ball in his hands.

Admira had much more of the game after the interval and Michael Binder headed a consolation goal in the 56th minute.

Andreas Schiener headed against the post in the 70th minute with substitute goalkeeper Michelangelo Rampulla



Juventus' Roberto Baggio skips a tackle by Admira Wacker's Helmut Graf to score his second goal against the Austrians in a UEFA Cup tie in Vienna on Nov 24. Juventus won - AFP photo **2-0**.



of 176 on the opening day of the first Ashes Test against England at the Gabba in Brisbane yesterday. Australia were in a commanding position, having scored 329 for four at stumps.

Slater slaughters England



25: Australia opener Michael Sla ter ruthlessly ex posed England's limitations with a

magnificent 176 to atone for running out his captain Mark Taylor on the opening day of the first Ashes Test today. reports Reuter. Slater's innings, his highest

in Test cricket, barely over shadowed an equally brutal contribution by Mark Waugh as Australia cruised to a com manding 329 for four at the Gabba.

The pair effortlessly dispatched a tiring, ordinary English attack during a punishing final session which yielded 135 runs, with Waugh ending the day unbeaten on 82 alongside nightwatchman Shane Warne on nought.

Slater, who eclipsed his innings of 168 against New Zealand last year, hit 25 fours from 244 balls on a dry, placid wicket at the Gabba before falling to a tired looking shot. His 324-minute stay at the

crease ended when he at tempted to hit medium pacer Graham Gooch over the top only to be caught comfortably at mid-off by Mike Gatting. Slater's effort compensated

for his role in Taylor's dismissal for 59 just after lunch after the openers had added 99 untroubled runs. Slater refused to respond to

Taylor's call, leaving his New South Wales teammate stranded and denied an opportunity to join in the ensuing carnage. The English bowlers, who

were utterly demoralised by the close, barely managed to played." beat the bat during the day after Taylor won the toss and elected to bat.

Paceman Darren Gough. celebrating the birth of his son in England before the start of play, captured the two other wickets to fall. With the score on 126, he

bowled number three David Boon off the inside edge for three. Ten minutes before the close, Michael Beyan, on seven, Edged Gough to Graeme Hick at second slip. Gough, easily the best

English bowler, finished with two for 69. Martin McCague, in comparison, ended wicketless after conceding 80 runs off his 14 overs. Slater said he had been de-

termined to make amends for the mistake which led to his captain's dismissal. "It was my fault as I was

watching the ball and not

Mark, so I wanted to make up for that by making a big score." Slater told reporters after-"I made sure I concentrated even more after Mark was out.

was disappointed about the mix-up as I felt we could have batted for a long time together," Slater added.

lighted at his own innings. "It's a great way to start the series because the first day is

Slater, who kissed the

badge on his helmet on reach ing three figures, was de-

always a very important day,"

Slater said. "Today was very

satisfying because it was one of

wanted to get through to stumps.

England team manager Keith Fletcher said: "We wasted the new ball in the first six overs, but I thought we stuck at it in the field and all the bowlers bowled quite well

apart from Martin McCague."

the tightest innings I have

dence for his dismissal.

didn't quite get it right.

Slater blamed over confi

"I wanted to get through to

stumps but I got a little bit too

cocky," he said. "I tried to slog

Graham over mid-off and

get 2000, but I was more con-

cerned with the fact we lost a

wicket late in the day when I

"It would have been nice to

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at close of play on the first day of the first Test between Australia and England at the Gabba today. **AUSTRALIA:** Firs innings

Slater c Gatting b Gooch 176 Taylor run out Boon b Gough M Waugh not out Bevan c Hick b Gough Warne not out Extras: (1-1b, 1-nb) Total: (for four wickets) 329. Fall of wickets: 1-99; 2-126; 3-308; 4-326.

To bat: S Waugh, Healy, McDermott, McGrath, May. O M Bowling: 3 72 0 DeFreitas 2 80 0 McCague 69 6 3 72 0 Tufnell 0 22 Hick 13 1

FIFA tells Kaiser to shut up NUREMBERG.



Germany, Nov 25: Shut up, Franz. That was the message from FIFA

to Franz Beckenbauer, the former German star who thinks some soccer rules are stupid, report agencies. "Go play golf, breed horses,

sail around the world, book a trip to the moon. But leave the rule book of our sport to us. "There are no stupid or the

'most stupid' rules as you stated so keenly. The really stupid are those who live from soccer and don't know the rules," FIFA spokesman Guido Tognoni said in an open letter to Beckenbauer. The letter was published

Thursday by the magazine kicker and came in response of comments made by Beckenbauer last weekend.

Beckenbauer, the only person to have skippered and coached a World Cup winning side, criticised the rule on players returning to the pitch. Bayern's Samuel Kuffour was sent off after running back on

Advocaat to step down as Dutch nat'l coach

THE HAGUE, Nov 25: Dick Advocaat is quitting as the Dutch national football coach in January to take charge of top club PSV Eindhoven, reports AFP. Advocaat, who has agreed a

contract running to the end of the 1996/97 season with PSV. will be replaced by Guua Hiddink, the Dutch Football Federation (KNVB) said. Hiddink, currently jobless

is a former coach of PSV. Turkish club Fenerbachce and Spanish side Valencia. He will lead the national squad until the end of the 1996 European championships in England. Advocaat's last international will be Holland's qualifier for

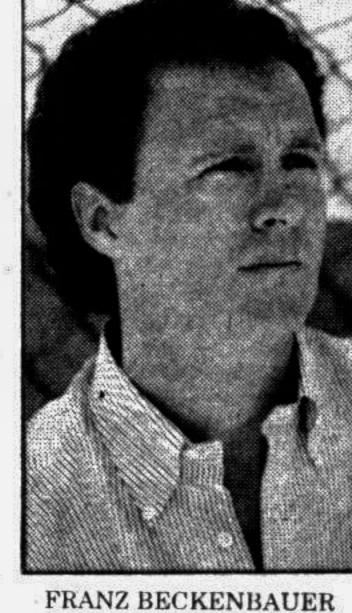
the 1996 finals at home to Luxembourg on December 14. At PSV, he will take over

from stand-in coach Kees Rijvers, who had been filling in since October 28 for Aaad de Mos, who was sacked after a series of poor team results.

without permission following injury in last week's match against Karlsruhe.

Captain Lothar Matthaues

has also been called to account by the German Football Federation (DFB) after saying World Cup referee Hellmut Krug had been bought by Karlsruhe. The DFB will decide



on Wednesday whether to take

any action.

FIFA said Beckenbauer was wrong to criticise the rule on

the return of players to the Somebody else should be chairman if the role enervates

you so much," Tognoni wrote. Kuffour sprinted on to the pitch after treatment for injury to stand in a defensive wall. After he was sent off Karlsruhe scored from the free kick.

The incident outraged Matthaeus who had been in trouble several times in the last year for controversial public comments.

"That's the biggest cheek I've seen in 15 years. The ref must be getting a hefty bonus from Karlsruhe," he said.

Matthaeus had until Thursday to explain his comments to the DFB. FIFA's further criticism of one of the most prominent figures in football has thrown a further shadow over the reigning champions as the team struggle to perform on the pitch.

Bayern, beaten 1-0 at home by Paris St Germain in the European Champions' League on Wednesday, are rapidly losing touch in the Bundesliga title race, struggling in eighth place, six points behind leaders Borussia Dortmund.

sixth-placed Bayer Leverkusen on Saturday while Dortmund travel to third-placed Borussia Moenchengladbach. Beckenbauer and Matthaeus

The Bavarians face a very

difficult home game against

are sure to be on their best behavior with Tognoni's message ringing in their ears. "We want Franz Becken-

bauer to be above all this. You don't need to do this as chairman," the FIFA official wrote. "Football doesn't need a nagging Kaiser who is forced into uninformed comments by the media."

CECAFA in dilemma NAIROBI, Nov 25: The re-

gional East and Central African Challenge Cup appeared under threat on Wednesday because of a shortage of teams, reports Reuter. Only four countries,

Uganda, Seychelles, Tanzania and hosts Kenya looked certain to take part while the rules say the tournament can proceed only with a minimum of five teams. A Kenyan soccer official said

controversy surrounding a Somali team meant they were doubtful starters, while Eritrea, although invited, would not be counted as they were not affiliated to FIFA, the sport's governing body. Zimbabwe, Zambia and

Malawi all withdrew complaining of management chaos in the regional soccer body and have threatened to create a rival tournament for Southern Africa. Ethiopia and Sudan have also pulled out. Djibouti have not said

whether they can raise a team. "A decision will be taken today on whether the soccer tournament will be held or put back," the official said.

The row over the Somali squad erupted after a Somali refugee group said that no na-

tional team.