ROME. Jan 20: Soccer

manager Giovanni Trapattoni

said on Thursday that he was

thinking of leaving German

club Bayern Munich to return

to Italy after just one season

In an interview published in

Gazzetta Dello Sport. Italy's top

sports newspaper, the 55-

year-old trainer said family ties

and problems with the German

language were behind his deci-

"Believe me, if I were five

years younger I wouldn't budge

from here. I'd even stay 10

years, like I did at Juventus."

Trapattoni, one of Italy's

most successful managers of all

time, led Juventus to soccer

glory from 1975 to 1986 and

then moved to Internationale

of Milan until 1991 before re-

He joined Bayern this sea-

son, his first abroad, but has

not enjoyed outstanding suc-

cess. The club currently lies

Trapattoni told Gazzetta he

had discussed his future with

Bayern directors Franz Bec-

kenbauer, Karl-Heinz Rumm-

enigge and Uli Hoeness on

No final decision had been

reached and the four had

agreed to meet again in a few

weeks, but Gazzetta said it was

convinced Trapattoni would

ing to be the most embarrass-

ing moment of life. It was a lot

easier saying 'Yes' to Bayern in

one week than probably having

to say 'No' after seven months,'

without having another one

because I have no new club on

speculation that Trapattoni

There has been persistent

leaving a beautiful woman .

the horizon," he said.

"For me, it would be like

"I know already that it's go-

turning to Juventus.

fifth in the Bundesliga.

Wednesday.

Trapattoni said.

abroad, reports Reuter.

# Cole, M United must deliver

What a time for Andy Cole. Britam's most expen ver, to make his debut for Manchester United.

The Reds take on league leaders Blackburn on Sunday in a game that will have a major impact on who wins this season's Premier league title. reports AP.

Rovers have a five-point lead over United, the team that edged them out for the title last gason. Now Cole, signed from Newcastle for 7 million pounds (dlrs 11.2 million), has the chance to make an instant impact with the team and the Old Trafford fans.

A United victory would cut Rovers lead to two points, even though Blackburn have the advantage of having played one game fewer.

A Blackburn victory at Old Trafford would put Rovers eight points-ahead and that could be stretched to 11 with the game in hand. That's a big lead at this stage of the season and the effect could be more psychological than mathemati-

-Cole gets, his chance because Mark Hughes is likely to be out of action for at least a month after gashing his knee against Newcastle last Sunday.

The 23 year-old newcomer should team up with talented Frenchman Eric Cantona in United's attack, hoping to break through the Premier League's meanest defence. While scoring 52 goals

more than anyone else. Rovers have given up only 18. Blackburn have lost twice and won 17 of its 23 games while United have a 15-5-4 record this term.

While Cole and Cantona attempt to terrorise the Rovers rearguard, the Blackburn duo of Alan Shearer and Chris

sion and play at mediocre

Cagliari on Sunday, reports AP.

. back their top challengers in

recent matches and have de-

feated each of the clubs in

standings spots two through

eight. The blemishes on Juve's

11-3-1 record are courtesy of

the lower portion of the 18-

Parma (3-1) and fourth-place

AS Roma (3-0) were sent away

the last two rounds, last-place

Brescia managed a 1-1 draw

with Juventus earlier in the

tion zone, drew 1-1 with Juve

(albeit on a questionable goal)

and ninth-place Internazionale

of Milan played the leaders to a

only squad to defeat Juve in

league play, topping them 2-0

halfway point with the 17th

round. Juventus have been

unstoppable against all opposi-

tion - without a loss in their

last nine league games -

though the Roma win was not

In the first half. Roma de-

fender Aldair was making a

quick throw-in to keeper

Giovanni Cervone when the li-

nesman, walking behind the

Brazilian, accidentally brushed

against him. The contact ap-

peared to affect the strength of

the throw, which was too short

and intercepted by Juve's

Fabrizio Ravanelli, who scored.

national soccer federation,

asking that the game be rep-

goals). Gianluca Vialli (seven).

and Alessandro Del Piero (five)

Roma have protested to the

Forwards Ravanelli (seven

As the season hits the

Foggia, in 10th, are the

Genoa, also in the relega-

While second-place AC

ble. however.

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season.

scoreless draw.

in the sixth round.

without controversy.

Mediocre could mean trou-

The Turin club have beaten

ROME, Jan 20:

It's lonely at the

top for Juventus.

who have a four-

point lead in the

Italian First Divi-

Sutton will try the same at the

other end. The money Blackburn paid for these two strikers dwarfs the fee for Cole. Yet most observers feel that if Cole is worth 7 million. Shearer, who is England's top forward, is worth 10.

The Shearer-Sutton tandem already is working well for Blackburn with the two strikers scoring goals off each other's passes. The Cole-



ANDY COLE

Cantona linkup is yet to start. Liverpool, back in third place and 10 points behind Rovers, badly needs to make up for last week's disaster at home to next-to-last Ipswich.

Roy Evans' team lost 1-0 and now have a tough visit to seventh-place Wimbledon, where few visitors triumph.

Nottingham Forest, who are fourth, hope to profit from a home game against lowly Aston Villa while Newcastle go to midplace Sheffield Wednesday. Tottenham have climbed to

sixth under the guidance of new manager Gerry Francis but not all his players apparently are happy about the tactics he

hero for Juve in the absence of

injured star striker Roberto

Leeds get

Yeboah

were able to complete the

club record 3.4 million pounds

(5.34 million dollars) signing

of Ghana international Anthony

Yeboah from Eintracht

Frankfurt on Thursday when

he was granted a work permit.

England from Germany where

he has been forced to wait for

two weeks while the British

immigration authorities stud-

about the move because of a

get-out clause in the three-

year contract should the

striker fail to settle at Elland

Yeboah would make his debut

against Leicester in a Premier

Bill Fotherby said: "We are ab-

solutely delighted that he has

finally got permission to play

that the work permit would be

granted because Yeboah ful-

filled all the necessary criteria.

bearing in mind his interna-

tional record and goalscoring

"I was optimistic all along

league match on Saturday.

It was not known whether

Leeds managing director

Doubts had been raised

Yeboah was due to fly to

reports Reuter.

ied his case.

Road after a year.

LONDON, Jan 20: Leeds

Interviewed by Dutch TV. Romanian midfielder Giga Popescu, who used to play for PSV Eindhoven, accused Francis of making the team play too defensively. Ironically, the tactics of attack-minded previous manager Osvaldo Ardiles left the team in trouble

after a series of losses. On Saturday, Tottenham, who have gone 11 games unbeaten, host Manchester City and, on current form, should

collect the three points. Arsenai's Danish import, midfielder John Jensen, also reportedly was critical of his team's long-ball style, which virtually by-passes creative midfield play.

Although Arsenal are defending their European Cup Winners Cup title and have reached the quarterfinal, they have slumped to 13th in the league, only four points above the relegation zone. On Saturday they visit fellow strugglers Coventry.

Last place Leicester who look almost certain to go down, host midstable Leeds. who are still awaiting a work permit so they can field Ghanaian signing Anthony

Yeboah.

Next-to-last Ipswich hope to take advantage of Chelsea's erratic form while two more strugglers, Everton and Crystal Palace, meet at Goodison Park.

Queens Park Rangers hope to climb away from danger by beating Norwich at home and third-from-last West Ham visit Southampton.

Division one leaders Midlesbrough were jolted by back-to-back losses to Swindon, in the league, and Division Two Swnsea in the FA Cup in three days.

Hibernian host Aberdeen and Motherwell visit Dundee United.

will be named to take over as Italy manager from Arrigo Sacchi, whose stewardship of the lacklustre national team has come in for much criti-

Trapattoni said he would consider managing Italy only if Sacchi went and had no thoughts of succeeding him at the moment.

"All this speculation about me and the national squad has nothing whatsoever to do with my decision (to leave Bayern). That's also because if I had to choose between a good club side and the national team I'd always choose the former." he

## Only Cypriot refs please

NICOSIA, Jan 20: Imported foreign soccer referees were being sent home from Cyprus on Thursday after they replaced striking local referees last weekend, reports Reuter.

"All nine referees from the Czech Republic who stayed over until the situation went back to normal will fly home tonight." Marios 'Lefkaritis, president of the Cyprus Football Federation, said.

"We will thank them both for coming over and their excellent work but only Cypriot referees will whistle this weekend ... we do not anticipate to ever have these problems again, he added.

The Mediterranean island's 200 referees went on strike over crowd violence but a week later admitted defeat and dissolved their association board on Tuesday.

Soccer officials last weekend brought in nine Israelis and 12 Czecks to replace Lyproot referees who said they could no longer tolerate violence against them by hooligans. One referee had his arm broken this month.

They were also protesting against the refusal of the Cyprus Football Federation to prorporate them while keep ing their independence. The lederation wants unconditional control over the referees.

### Tim Gullikson collapses

MELBOURNE. Jan 20: Tim Gullikson, who suffered two minor strokes in the past three months, was taken to a hospital from the Australian Open on Friday after suffering a dizzy spell, reports AP.

Gullikson, who coaches No.1 Pete Sampras, had to be helped from the stadium by his twin brother. Tom, and another man. It appeared that he could not walk unaided.

About an hour later, Sampras played his third-round match against Sweden's Lars Johnson.

### Nat'l cycling on Sunday

The three-day 20th national cycling championship will begin in Dinajpur on Sunday, reports UNB

Ninety cyclists, including 30 women, representing eleven teams will be in the race. organised by the Bangladesh Cycling Federation under the

# Trapattoni plans to leave Bayern Sampràs leads US charge



Pete Sampras rushed to hospital to visit his sick coach Tim Gullikson after leading an American charge into the fourth round of the Australian Open today.

reports Reuter. Sampras was visibly concerned by Gullikson's sudden illness at Flinders Park, declining to discuss his fellow

American's condition following his straight sets Centre Court annihilation of Swede Lars "I had to try not to think

about it and realise Tim is in good hands," the world number one told reporters. "I thought I handled the situation pretty well and played as well as I could," Sam-

pras added.

Gullikson, who has suffered two minor strokes since late



Natalia Zvereva of Belarus jubilates after beating Austrian Judith Wiesner at the Australian Open in Melbourne vesterday. Zvereva won 4-6, 7-6 (7-3), 6-4. - AFP photo

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series events last year but will play the main circuit fulltime

this year, also advanced to the semifinals of last week's tour

event in Auckland before losing to countryman Chuck Adams.

He has a 5-1 record and is ranked 68th after starting the year

Touring Pro programme that also has among its alumni his

next opponent, Todd Martin, and Lindsay Davenport.

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He is a product of the United States Tennis Association's

WOMEN'S WOES: For the first time since 1969, no

It is also 15 years since an Australian woman last won a

But Kristin Godridge, who was the last Australian woman

"Women's tennis (in Australia) is not as hopeless as

POTENTIAL FOES: Australian Patrick Rafter Plays South

Australian woman progressed past the second round at the

Grand Slam singles title - Evonne Goolagong Cawley tri-

survivor in the Open, says growing criticism of the local

everyone makes it out to be," said Godridge. "We are all

African Marcos Ondruska in the third round of the Australian

Open on Saturday, and both countries' Davis Cup captains will

be watching. Rafter and Ondruska are both on their Davis Cup

TOO SEXY FOR HIS SHIRT?: Andre Agassi may be the talk

A service provided by Tennis Australia to allow telephone

Agassi ranks only third in the sexy stakes. A clear leader is

callers to register opinions on anything from the weather to

Croatian Goran Ivanisevic, followed by Sweden's Stefan

ATTENDANCE UP: After four days, the Australian Open

attendance is on track to overhaul last year's tournament total

of 300,240. The crowd total of 112,921 up to and including

Thursday was more than 1,700 higher than the same period

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of the town at the Australian Open tennis championships, but

not everybody is a fan of the flashy American making his first

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MELBOURNE, Jan 20 (AP); American Vince

Spadea's start to the 1995 tennis circuit has

been a big success, with the 20-year-old

Chicago-born player reaching the third round of

Spadea, who played a number of Challenger

October, was taken to hospital after falling ill shortly before the match. . The off-court drama over-

shadowed an awesome display of power tennis by the defending champion as he extended his best start to a Grand Slam campaign with a 6-1, 6-2, 6-4 drubbing of Larsson.

The result, combined with German seventh-seed Michael Stich's surprise straight sets defeat by Karel Novacek, left dnly one non-American amongst the top six surviving seeds. Sweden's Stefen Ebderg,

seeded sixth, is surrounded by Sampras, Andre Agassi, Michael Chang, Todd Martin and Jim Courier.

Of the five Americans, Sampras has produced the most devastating form over the first five days.

The 23-year-old defending champion has conceded a miserly 15 games in three matches in Melbourne, his most ruthless performance in reaching the last 16 at a Grand Slam event.

Stich bemoaned his lack of consistency and an inability to fight his way out of trouble following a meek capitalisation against his unseeded Czech opponent, ranked 28 in the Fifth-seed Chang powered

into the fourth round with a 6-3. 7-5, 6-3 victory over Martin Damm of the Czech Republic,

Chang, 22, who failed to progress beyond the third round on his previous two visits to Flinders Park, will face Frenchman Oliver Delaitre in the next round.

Delaitre, France's last representative in the men's draw. beat non-seed Andrei Olhovskiy of Russia 6-4, 6-4, 6-2.

Thirteenth-seed Andrei Medwedev of the Ukraine found the cold, overcast conditions to his liking, disposing of unseeded Italian Stefano Pescosolido 6-4, 6-3, 6-3.

In the women's draw, second-seed Conchita Martinez of Spain used an ice pack to nurse a slight neck muscle injury that troubled her during a 6-3, 2-6, 6-3 victory over Kristie Boogert of the Netherlands. "I still have to put some ice on my neck during changeovers but I believe it will be gone tomorrow," the Wimbledon champion said.

France's Mary Pierce, seeded four, had less trouble ending the dream run of teenage Madagascan qualifier Daily Randriantefy.

After recording her first two tournament match victories this week, the 17-year-old lost 6-3, 6-3 on her first appearance on a Grand Slam show court.

American Lindsay Davenport, seeded six, and 12th seed Brenda Schultz of the Netherlands recorded easy wins against Frenchwoman Sandrine Testud and Israeli Anna Smashnova, respectively.

American Amy Frazier, seeded 14, was the only casualty among the elite women today, losing to Japan's Kyoko Nagatsuka 6-3, 6-3.

Sampras' opponent in the last 16 will be Magnus Larsson following the late withdrawal of another Swede. Thomas

Enqvist. Enqvist was confined to his hotel room during the day with a high temperature and was

forced to advise tournament referee Peter Bellenger he would not be well enough to face his compatriot. Larsson's subsequent walkover creates a repeat of last

month's Grand Slam Cup final in Munich when the Swede beat the world number one in

### tennis on The M A Jabbar memorial

tennis tournament, organised by Engineers' Club, began at the club court vesterday, reports BSS

Jabbar memorial

Deputy Leader of the Parliament Professor A Q M Badruddoza Chowdhury inaugurated the tournament as the chief guest.

### Nagatsuka's reversal of fortune

MELBOURNE, Jan 20: Unheralded Japanese tennis player Kyoko Nagatsuka was Friday stunned to find herself in the fourth round of the Australian Open championship, reports AP.

Nagatsuka, a 20-year-old ranked 72 in the world, beat 14th seed Amy Frazier 6-3, 6-3 - reversing the American's easy win in their only other meeting.

"I can't believe it," said Nagatsuka, who had not progressed beyond the second round in eight previous Grand Slam tournaments. , "Also my parents can't be-

lieve it. I lost to Frazier easily last year in Tokyo and I think everybody was expecting the same. Maybe only my coach and I were believing I could play better." Nagatsuka, who never has

won a WTA Tour event, is coached by Swede Tobbe Thestryp.

The Housei University student, playing her second Australian Open, said beating Swiss starlet Martina Hingis in the second round and winning the doubles title in Hobart last week had boosted her confi-"I had a very good feeling

(this morning),", said Nagatsuka, whose parents were making their third overseas trip with their daughter. Her second-round win over 14-year-old prodigy Hingis was

on the National Tennis Center's court 2 — a big thrill. "That was my first time on a bigger court and I really en-

joved it," she said. Nagatsuka came from 1-3 down in the second set against

former Australian Open quarterfinalist Frazier on Friday to level at 3-3, only for the match to be briefly halted by rain. When the pair returned,

Nagatsuka broke immediately to lead 4-3 when Frazier double-faulted on game point. The Japanese right-hander

then broke again for the match, sealing victory with a stinging forehand pass. Nagatsuka next faces ei-

ghth-seeded Natasha' Zvereva of Belarus in the round of 16.

### Foreman, Schultz bout deferred

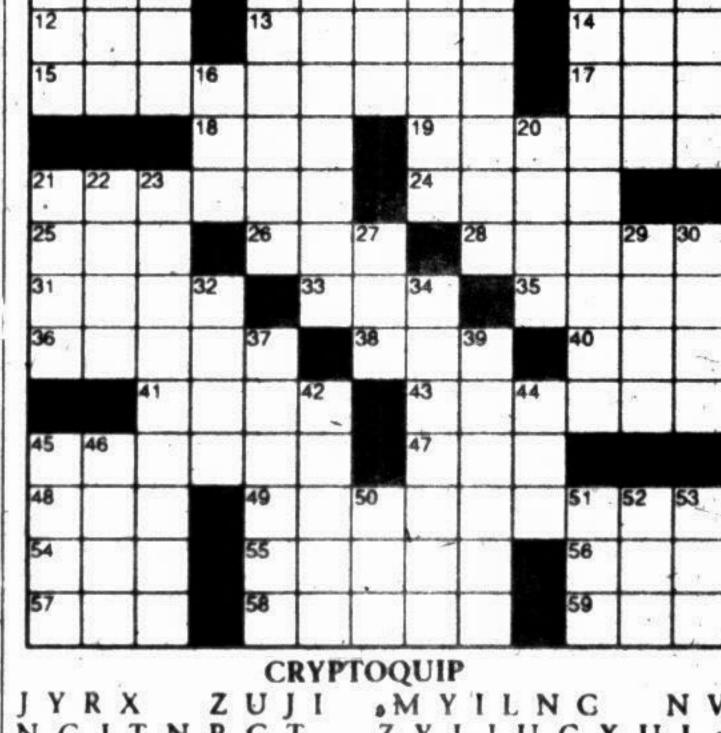
NEW ORLEANS, Louisiana, Jan 20: George Foreman, boxing's living legend, is to go ahead with the first defence of his WBA-IBF heavyweight titles against German Axel Schultz but the original date and venue have been switched by promoter Bob Arum, reports AFP.

The fight will now be held at the MGM Hotel-Casino in Las Vegas during May and not at the Superdome here on April 22.

Foreman, 46, caused a sensation when he won both titles by knocking out Michael Moorer on November 5.

Schultz, 26, ends, a long wait for German boxing fans, their last challenger for a heavyweight crown was Karl Mildenberger, who lost to

Muhammad Ali in 1966.



NGITNRCT ZYLIUCXUL: MNGLRCT SUYLI .NGI. Saturday's Cryptoquip: YOU CAN SUSPECT THAT A

BEDBUG HAD A BABY IN THE SPRING. Today's Cryptoquip clue: M equals P '

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.

# A three-member media team left for Dubai on January 17 to cover the sixth Desert classic golf

tournament (which got underway on January 19) at the invitation of Emirates, the international airlines of the UAE. Kazi Wahidul Alam, Editor, The Bangladesh Monitor, Raquib Siddiqi, Executive Editor, The Bangladesh Times and Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury, Special Correspondent, The Bangladesh Observer, are seen with Mohammed Shareef Abdul Raheem, Manager-Bangladesh, Emirates and Kazi Zahurul Qyyum, Sales Manager-Bangladesh, Emirates before their departure.

### Can Cagliari stop Juventus? for a scuffle with Cervone.

Portuguese midfielder Paulo

Sousa's leg injury has kept him out of practice all week and Ravanelli, a workhorse who complements the more flamhe's not likely to play Sunday. boyant Vialli, scored twice in Cagliari, who ousted Juventus from the UEFA Cup last each of the big wins over Parma and Roma and is grabbing year, have gone six consecutive headlines usually reserved for rounds without a victory and

are mired in 12th place with a flashier players. Juve shut down the danger-4-7-5 record. ous Parma and Roma attacks While their defence has without defensive mainstay been decent, the Sardinians Jurgen Kohler of Germany attack has been woeful, regisinjured since December - and tering just 13 goals, in 16 he's expected back in the games. Only three clubs have lineup against Cagliari. But the

scored fewer. White-and-Blacks will be with-Starting midfielders Jose out defender Moreno Torri-Herrera of Uruguay and Marco celli, who earned a suspension Sanna will miss the game through suspension.

Elsewhere, Roma will play visiting 14th-place Cremonese without the suspended Cervone and sweeper Fabio Petruzzi. Aldair likely will take the latter's position, with Swedish midfielder Jonas Thern relegated to the stands as the team's fourth foreigner. Parma host 13th-place Napoli in the day's late match. Napoli forward Renato Buso is out suspended, and will be replaced by Colombian Freddy

Rincon. Parma midfielders Gianfranco Zola and Massimot Crippa were both members of Napoli's last title-winning te-

am, in 1989-90. Third-place Lazio, coming off a seven-goal second half against Foggia, visit Brescla. Coach Mircea Lucescu has announced that Brescia will play with just one forward in an effort to slow Lazio's attack.

Florentina, in fourth, faces rejuvenated AC Milan, who are healthy for the first time all season. The three times defending champions, who have moved up to sixth place after a dreadful start, will not have suspended defender Alessan-

dro Costacurta, however. Other games Sunday: Fo ggia-Reggiana; Padova-Inter nazionale of Milan: Sampdoria of Genoa-Bari; and Torino-

have taken turns playing the pedigree. Genoa.

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