

Selim Shahed returned to action with a bang as title aspirants Mohammedan Sporting Club in-

flicted a 38-run defeat upon high-flying Kalabagan Krira Chakra in the lone Navana Premier Division cricket super league match, held at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

The stylish right-handed batsman scored a priceless unbeaten 37 runs in the slog overs as Mohammedans, sent in to bat, piled up a commanding total of 226 in their share of 45 overs.

Selim Shahed, who missed a couple of league matches due to chicken-pox, also produced an accurate spell of off-spin bowling as Kalabagan, facing a daunting task of scoring more than five runs per over, were bundled out for 188 in 41.3

· With this crucial win Mohammedans bounced back in the title race, raising their collection to 18 points from 12 matches while Kalabagan, the co-sharer of the top slot along with defending joint-champions Abahani Krira Chakra on completion of the first phase, remained at their previous collection of 20 points from 13

It was Kalabagan's first defeat in the six-team super league following their facile 56-run win over Victoria Sporting Club on Saturday.

. Mohammedans' young opener Sajjad Ahmed Monsur Shipon and Pakistani international Aamir Malik laid a solid foundation for a huge score by putting on 120 runs for the third wicket.

After Mohammedans lost their first two wickets with only 8 runs on board, the two played resourcefully before

of the 15th BEXIMCO national

winning their respective semi

finals at different venues ac-

ross the country yesterday.

Comilla DSA defeated Chand-

pur DSA by six wickets to meet

either Chittagong or Sunam-

gani in the final on Wednesday.

after winning the toss and

scored 147 for nine in stipu-

lated 45 overs with Sanjoy

captured three wickets each

giving away 17 and 30 runs re-

reached their target making

148 for four in 34.1 overs with

Imran contributing 47, Faisal

DSA outplayed Dinajpur DSA

also by six wickets to face Ra-

ishahi DSA in the final on

In Zone B at Rangpur, Bogra

37 and Nazrul 36 runs.

Habib and Hassan of Comilla

In reply, Comilla DSA easily

Chandpur DSA batted first

In Zone A at Noakhali

reports UNB.

making 33.

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youth cricket championship

Five district tea-

ms - Comilla.

Bogra, Pabna, Sat-

khira and Nara-

yangani - rea

ched zonal finals

Sports Reporter

Aamir Malik departed for polished 61 off 110 balls. Malik's chanceless innings featured four hits to the fence and a towering six off the veteran Rafigul Alam which landed behind the sight-



SELIM SHAHED

Shipon, who had scored a brilliant half-century against Abahani, however, chanced his arm before eventually running himself out after making 69. His 103-ball knock was embel-

But it was Selim Shahed who guided Mohammedans to the imposing total by plundering 51 runs in the last five overs. Shahed clubbed three massive sixes in his undefeated 20-ball knock, all of them clouted against the Pakistani spinner Zahid Ahmed, who otherwise has earned quite a reputation in local cricket with

lished with three fours and a

his all-round performances. Only new-ball bowler Raisul Amin Bobby, who removed both the Mohammedan openers, claimed some sort of success, finishing with two for 19 in his six overs.

In reply, Kalabagan made a rip-roaring start, scoring 52 - (D Stadium).

5 more in Beximco zonal finals

Electing to bat after win-

ning the toss. Dinajpur were

bundled out for 111 in 34.3

overs. Dula of Bogra captured

Bogra DSA cruised to 114 for

the loss of only four wickets in

40.5 overs with Lucky scoring

N'ganj romp

home

From Our Correspondent

yanganj sauntered into the

semifinals of the 19th Sher-e-

Bangla Cup national football

championship with a thumping

8-0 win over Cox's Bazaar at

tional left-winger Golam Gaus

and Tipu Sultan notched up a

treble each to power Narayan-

ganj to a massive win. Liton

and Mona got the other two for

Dhaka University will take

the winners.

on Bogra tomorrow.

In an one-sided affair, na-

the local stadium here today.

NAOGAON, Mar 19: Nara-

In a Zone D semifinal at Di-

Replying to the paltry total.

three wickets for 35 runs.

27 and Muklesh 25 runs.

runs in 14 overs. But once opener Athar Ali Khan and dangerman Pakistani Zahid Ahmed departed, Kalabagan's hopes well and truly

evaporated. They shared a 49-run partnership for the second wicket after the other opener. Zahid Razzak Masum, was bowled in the very second over, almost like a novice.

Khaled Mahmud Sujon made the vital breakthrough for Mohammedans by removing Athar for 44 and then Selim Shahed came into the attack. He barely allowed anyone to settle in the middle.

MSC skipper Aminul Islam Bulbul, who disappointed both with the bat and ball, however, made some amends by holding a brilliant catch to see the back of Zahid Ahmed, off Selim Shahed.

Bulbul, who scored only 11 runs and gave away 26 in his four overs, took a gem of a catch, running behind his shoulder from mid-wicket.

Selim Shahed then removed another Pakistani, Sajjad Akbar, for eight, caught at long-on by Mustadir Litu. Veteran Rafiqui Alain became Selim Shahed's third and final victim. The off-spinner finished with three for 30 in his

Hasibul Hossain Shanto was the other successful Mohammedan bowler with two for

The Mohammedan paceman, returning for a second spell, removed the last two Kalabagan batsmen, including Farid Hassan Tomal, who reduced the deficit with a sparkling 29 off 22 balls.

TODAY'S MATCH Abahani KC vs Victoria SC

majpur, Pabna DSA registered a

35 run victory over Chapai-

nawabgani to reach the zonal

out for 152 in 41.1 overs and

reply Chapainawabgani were all

out for 117 in 43 overs. Tulu of

In a Zone E semis at Jes-

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in the final on Wednesday

against either Faridpur or

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Ataul of Satkhira con-

In a Zone F match at BKSP.

Narayangani DSA recorded a

massive 125-run victory over

Sylhet DSA to meet Manikgani

for nine in the stipulated 45

overs and later bundled Sylhet

the day's highest run-maker

with 75 while Rupak of Sylhet

grabbed six wickets giving

out for 110 in 41.5 overs.

Narayangani piled up 235

Pappu of Narayanganj was

in the zonal final on Tuesday.

nine in the allotted overs.

tributed 62 runs.

away 38 runs.

Satkhira made 166 for nine

Pabna top-scored with 39.

Batting fist, Pabna were all

final on Wednesday.

Magura.

## Not quite cricket

By Sports Reporter

Growing dissatisfaction against umpires' decisions in the Navana Premier Division cricket league took an ugly turn yesterday when a section of Kalabagan officials led by club vice-president Dewan Shafiul Arefin Tutul unleashed a reign of terror during their crucial league match against Mohammedan Sporting Club at the Dhaka Stadium.

Tutul, who is also a mem ber of the BCCB, assaulted three petty BCCB employees working in the players dressing rooms while some unruly supporters hurled chairs at the nearby VIP gallery following the dismissal of Kalabagan batsman Zakaria Imtiaz.

The trouble began when Zakaria was run out by an accurate throw from Aminul Islam Bulbul, who collected the ball at square-leg after an intended sweep by Zahid Ahmed was deflected off the leg umpire.

The match was suspended for at least five minutes as Tutul along with skipper Faruque Ahmed, Athar Ali Khan, Dipu Roy Chowdhury and a hosts of officials stormed the sidelines shouting at Zakaria not to leave the crease. At the same time they kept demanding an explanation from the umpires about the decision.

The umpires, however, remained unmoved by the intimidation. At one stage some Kalabagan officials started hurling abuses pointing towards the VIP stand.

While returning to the dressing room from the ground those officials vented their wrath by abusing whoever they came across. They also charged the Mohammedan dressing room almost sparking off a confrontation before Police took control of the situa-

Meanwhile, the BCCB served a show-cause notice on three Kalabagan players Faruque. Athar and Zakaria and coach Dipu Roy Chowd

The eventful match was also suspended for another five minutes soon after noon when smoke from teargas shells lobbed by Police to quell an opposition demonstration at the nearby Bangabandhu Avenue and near the Secretariate waffed into the stadium and affected some of the players and spectators.

# Bonus for SA

cricketers JOHANNESBURG, Mar 15

South African Test cricketers will receive a 250,000 rand (dollar 72,000) bonus for their recent outstanding performances, reports Reuter.

The decision of the United Cricket Board of South Africa (UCBSA) comes after criticism from players - particularly pace bowler Fanie de Villiers that rewards for leading players did not reflect their achievements.

The UCBSA announced in a statement on Sunday that the current international squad was to receive the bonus. "The squad's Test match record is particularly impressive with five wins from eight matches, and only two losses, over this period," said board managing director Ali Bacher.

"This is a commendable record and, coupled with the victory in the one-day series against world champions Pakistan, has put them in the top bracket of world cricket."
De Villiers said in a magazine article this month: "We cricketers are doing the same as golf and tennis play-

"How come Ermie Els earns 100 times what Springbok rugby captain Francois Pienaar and Jonty Rhodes earn? won't ever be able to put myself into business with the cricket money I've earned. can't even save 2,000 rand (dollar 575) a month."

the women, further success in Birmingham was considered almost a foregone conclusion. Hoyer Larsen — beaten 15-0. 15-6 the last time he met

success rested. gan working with four-times champion Morten Frost this year and it paid huge divi-

for his past in the game.

first seven points of the match. "I knew where he smashed and that if I were able to catch his smash, I had a chance," he said. He was soon level at 7-7

Arbi led 16-14, then Høyer Larsen swept three points for the game. After that Dane slowly turned the screw.

it shows us we can compete

with the Indonesians," he said "This is one of the most prestigious events and this is the greatest moment of my life. "It was a blitz at the start

but in the second game I was in control.

Arbi sportingly paid tribute to the victory. "It didn't think he could respond to my play as well as he did. Whatever tried, he could return," he

Susanti was every bit as gracious after losing to Lim and the Indonesians earned much admiration in defeat. In the final against Martin,

Lim was a game and 10-2 up, only to be forced into a third game by the gritty 20-year-old Lim, however, put that set

back out of her mind. "It was not easy to do that but I did it, she said Lim left China after the

Tiananmen Square riots in 1989 to take up an offer to play for a Swedish club in Malmo.

Swedish team manager Lars Sologub said the Chinese were upset to lose her. "They even kept her out of the Barcelona Olympics in 1992 because she had not lived in her new country for three years," he

With red hair, a white cap

while taking control of the

match. Any hopes for Stich

ended when he lost his serve

at love on a double fault to fall

ping up and down at the net.

punching the air with his fists.

He advanced to the third

round of a tournament for the

it was pretty easy," he said.

"I'm actually surprised that

first time.

The result left Joyce hop-

behind 4-1 in the second set.

# reports AP.

way through the second half. The shootout came after the two teams ended a 90-

minute regulation period and two 15-minute extrá times with a scoreless tie.

Cerron Osaka have joined the I langue this season; bringing the number of the teams in the Norro Omnira headed in a

east of Tokyo.

Marinos Argentine striker, Ramon Medina Bello, and Antlers' Brazilian player Leonardo each scored two goals in the

Second-half substitute Brazilian Carlos Dias struck in a tie-breaking goal 10 minutes into the first extra period as the Shimizu S-Pulse beat the Kashiwa Reysol 3-2 before

Stich made it so. The sullen German blamed his performance on a sore back, windy weather and South Florida.

"I'm not saying it is a bad place. I am just saying I don't like this place," he said. "I can't explain it. I think you know: you probably go to places that you just don't like. That is it."

## Kafelnikov, Raoux in final

ST PETERSBURG, Russia. Mar 19: Unseeded Frenchman Guillaume Raoux staged an upset win over fourth seed Andrei Chesnokov on Saturday to set up a final clash against top seed Yevgeny Kafelnikov in the 300,000 dollars St Petersburg open, reports Reuter.

Raoux, the only non-Russian in the last four, defeated Chesnokov 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 in the semifinals while Kafelnikov powered to an easy 6-3, 6-2 win over fifth seed Alexander Raoux, ranked 136th in the

world, recovered from a sluggish start to benefit from errors by an out-of-sorts Chesnokov, who is ranked 37th. Attacking Chesnokov frequently at the net, he needed one hour and 45 minutes to secure vic-"Chesnokov doesn't like my

game because I rush and volley lot," Raoux said.

It will be the Frenchman's first appearance in a final on the ATP circuit this year. Chesnokov, who said he felt

shaky after a bout of flu, paid dearly for missing 13 of 15 key break points.

Kafelnikov, the world number nine, took just 52 minutes to defeat Volkov, recovering from a shaky performance in the quarter-finals in which he suffered what he called a

stress attack against unseeded Jakob Hlasek of Switzerland. I pulled my head together to neutralise his strong points and exploit his weak ones." Kafelnikov said

Qatar may host World youth soccer tourney

DOHA, Mar 19: Qatar has emerged as the likely venue for this year's World Youth Soccer Championship after Nigeria was prevented from staging the competition by FIFA, sources said Sunday, reports AP.

A four-member delegation from the Swiss headquarters of the federation, flew to this Gulf state Saturday to inspect the facilities.

Although local soccer officials refused to discuss the plans on the record, sources said FIFA is expected to ratify the choice of Qatar early next week. The sources spoke on condition of anonymity.

A source at the Qatar Football Association said they were "very optimistic" the two-week tournament could start on April 13.

Nigeria had the under-19

competition among 16 teams taken away because of fears about health and security arrangements in the west African country.

The Qatar authorities say they are confident they have the facilities and experience to stage the tournament on such short notice.

The country's major international stadium has a 50,000seat capacity. There are four other grounds in the capital which can accommodate

20,000 spectators. In 1993. Qatar hosted the Asian qualifying round of the World Cup, which included an explosive mixture of teams like Iraq. Iran. North and South Korea. The tournament passed without major incident.

### Verdy beat Bellmare TOKYO, Mar 19: Defending

champions Verdy Kawasaki beat the Bellmare Hiratsuka 7-6 in a penalty, shootout Saturday in the Japanese Professional League's season opener, Nearly 50,000 spectators at

National Stadium saw Verdy storm the Bellmare's goal, but the were unable to score mid-

The Kashiwa Revsol and

winning goal six minutes intothe first 15-minute extra period, giving the Yokohama Marinos a 4-3 victory over the Kashima Antlers before 15,583 spectators at Kashima, north-

regulation period.

18,017 at Kusanagi, Southwest of Tokyo.

Before 12.236 spectators at Yokohama. Osamu Maeda scored the game's only goal in the 27th minute of the first half, giving the Yokohama Flugelas a 1-0 triumph over the Urawa Red Diamonds.

Takashi Yamahashi booted in a wining goal with seven minutes left in the second extra time as the Cerezo Osaka beat the Sanfrecce Hiroshima 1-0 before, 14,175 at Hiroshima in western Japan.

After tying 1-1 in the first half. Oleg Protassov of Ukraine scored a tie-breaking goal in the 27th minute, and Hiromitsu Isogai added one more three minutes later in the second-half as the Gamba Osaka beat the Nagoya Grampus Eight 3-1 before 14,007 at Osaka. Goran Vasilijevic of Bulgaria

hit the game's only goal with one minute remaining as the JEF United Ichihara beat Jubilo Jwata 1-0 before 13,637 spectators at Ichihara, southeast of Tokyo.

### Dortmund thrashed

BONN, Mar 19: Leaders Borussia Dortmund slumped to a 3-0 defeat at home to Bayer Leverkusen in a duel of UEFA Cup semifinalists on Saturday, tightening the race for the German First Division title, reports Reuter.

Dortmund, whose ranks were thinned by illness and injury, suffered their first home loss of the season and remained on 33 points, one ahead of Werder Bremen and three ahead of Borussia Moenchengladbach and Kaiserslautern

Bremen were beaten 2-0 at

Moenchengladbach on Friday Dortmund clearly missed ailing striker Karlheinz Riedle, whose last minute heroics se cured a UEFA Cup win over Lazio on Tuesday, and Swiss international Stephane Cha puisat, lost for the season with knee ligament damage

# Dull day at Dunedin

# Kiwis 95 for two at stumps



Zealand, Mar 19: New Zealand battled towards respectability to reach 95 for two at

stumps on a rain-affected second day of the second Test against Sri Lanka today, reports Reuter. A total of 143 minutes were

ing showers and heavy rain in the middle of the day. At stumps, opening batsman Bryan Young was unbeaten on 44 and with him Stephen

lost from play after early morn-

Fleming on 39. New Zealand, bidding to restore lost pride after a

## Galatasaray coach sacked

ANKARA, Mar 19: Top Turkish soccer team Galatasaray have fired their German coach Reinhard Saftig after a spate of losses in the Turkish First Division, reports AP.

The Istanbul club's 3-0 defeat Wednesday night at the hands of Antalyaspor, a team in the lower half of the league standings, was their third consecutive loss at home and left the team five points behind their Istanbul rival and league leaders Besiktas.

Galatasaray fans hurled objects at the players and jeered them off the field, calling for Saftig's resignation after the After the defeat,

Galatasaray's board of directors held an emergency meeting and decided to terminate Saftig's contract immediately. Saftig joined the Istanbul

club at the beginning of the 1994-95 season, signing a oneyear contract bringing him a reported yearly salary of dirs 450,000.

crushing defeat in the first Test last week, had their backs to the wall after losing two early wickets in the morning

Darrin Murray toiled for 57 minutes without scoring before being caught behind off Chaminda Vaas. Three balls later, Mark Greatbatch played back to a Vass delivery and was given out lbw for a duck.

Vaas has been Sri Lanka's star of the tour, claiming 10 wickets in the first Test victory in Napier and scoting 51 in Sri Lanka's first innings of 233 in this match.

But the last session belonged to New Zealand, with Young and Fleming showing the kind of application that has been absent from New Zealand's batting for much of a dismal centenary season.

Their unbroken stand was all the more vital because of doubts over whether captain Ken Rutherford would be able to bat. Rutherford split the web-

bing between his fourth and fifth fingers on his left hand while fielding on the first day, with the injury requiring three stitches. His hand was still swollen

and sore, and coach John Reid said he was unsure if Rutherford would be able to bat if required on Monday's third day. Rutherford's absence would

further expose a long New Zealand tail. With the out-ofform Shane Thomson dropped for this match, the home side's recognised batting effectively ends with wicketkeeper Adam Parore at number six.

"I'm pleased with the effort, even if it was a little slow. because we've finally had two batsmen go out and bat through a session," Reid said.

He added that his side aims to bat through the day on

Monday to try to apply pressure on the Sri Lankans. At stumps New Zealand trailed the Sri Lankan first innings of

#### 233 by 138 runs. SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at close of play on the second day of the second Test between Sri Lanka and New Zealand at Carisbrook

here today: SRI LANKA: First innings 233 (C. Vaas 51, H. Tillekeratne 36; C. Pringle 3-51, D.

Patel 3-62). NEW ZEALAND: First innings (overnight 7-0) Young not out Murray c Dunusinghe b Vaas Greatbatch lbw b Vaas Fleming not out Extras: (1-b, 3-lb, 8-nb) Total: (for 2 wkts)

### Fall of wickets: 1-26; 2-26 Wickremasinghe Muralidharan Pushpakumara 14

Deportivo's

losing streak

continues MADRID, Mar 19: Deportivo Coruna slipped up for the second week running on Saturday. losing 1-0 at home to an Atletico Madrid side flourishing under new coach Alfio Basile, reports Reuter.

The Galicians, who lost at Real Zaragoza a week ago, will drop out of the leading three for the first time this season if fourth-placed Real Betis win today.

A headed goal from Manolo Sanchez midway through the second half gave the visitors victory, their first in the Riazor Stadium in 24 years.

Lim Xiao Qing of Sweden is congratulated by Camilla Martin of Denmark as she proudly holds her trophy after winning the women's singles final at the All-England badminton championships in Birmingham on Mar 18. Qing won 11-9, 10-12, 11-3. - AFP/UNB photo

# Hoyer Larsen upsets Arbi

# Double blow for Indonesia the top six world-ranked men



BIRMINGHAM. England, Mar 19: Poul-Erik Hover Larsen completed a miserable All England champiouships for the Indonesian

favourites, reports Reuter. The 29-year-old Dane capped the eclipse of the previously all-conquering Indonestans with a 17-16, 15-6 triumph over twice champion and world number one Her-

title on Saturday This followed Friday's semifinal defeat of Indonesia's world. Olympic and defending women's champion Susi Susanti by Chinese-born Lim Xiao Qing of Sweden.

vanto Arbi to win the men's

with an 11-9, 10-12, 11-3 victory over Denmark's Camilla Martin on Saturday to earn her adopted country a first women's All England success since Eva Twedberg in 1971. Now Indonesia's world titles held by Joko Suprianto

Lim went on to win the title

Switzerland. Indonesia also hold the Olympic singles titles and the Thomas and Uber Cup men's and women's team titles. With

KEY BISCAYNE.

Florida, Mar 19:

Reluctant partic-

ipant Michael Sti-

ch lasted barely

an hour at the

Stich, seeded fifth, lost his

opening match Saturday to un-

sung Californian Michael Joyce.

Playing as though he had a

plane to catch in the 6-3, 6-2

setback. Stich continued a

pattern of lackluster showings

at Lipton. His record in the

tournament fell to 5-4, reports

all," he said. "I just don't like

being here in Miami. I just

don't like the place, so it is not

for me. I don't think it is

worth probably coming back

Stich, ranked eighth, en-

tered Lipton this year because

ATP Tour rules - and bonus

money - encourage top play-

ers to play in big tournaments,

and Lipton is one of them. By

spending 61 minutes on the

stadium court against Joyce,

meanwhile, earned his second

match victory of the year, his

second in as many days and his

first ever against a top-10

The 22-year-old Joyce,

Stich met his commitment.

again.

player.

"I just don't like it here at

Lipton Championships.

and Susanti will come under

attack in May at the World

Championships in Lausanne.

and Susanti supreme among

Arbi — completed three wins over Indonesians on his way to victory and was in no doubt labout where the credit for his Denmark's singles team be-

dends. "Morten has changed the way we train," he said. "He knew how to win big tourna ments and when he told us things he wanted us to use, we listened because of our respect

Hoyer-Larsen learned everything he needed to know about Arbi's game as he dropped the

and it stayed close to 14-all.

"This is great for us because

Joyce sends Stich packing Ninth seeded Todd Martin also lost his opening match. falling to Todd Woodbridge of and a two-handed backhand. Joyce looked a bit like Courier

Australia 6-2, 7-6 (10-8). Woodbridge is ranked No. 93. Seventh seeded Jim Courier eliminated Jean-Philippe Fleurian 6-3, 6-4.

There were no upsets in women's play. Top-ranked Arantxa Sanchez Vicario beat Tatyana Jecmenica 6-4, 6-0; defending champion Steffi Graf Defeated Ginger Helgeson Nielsen 6-2, 6-3; No. 3 seed Jana Novotna swept Petra Langrova 6-2, 6-0; No. 4 seed Lindsay Davenport beat Stephanie Rottier 7-5, 6-3; and No. 5 seed Gabriela Sabatini beat Elan Reinach 6-2, 6-

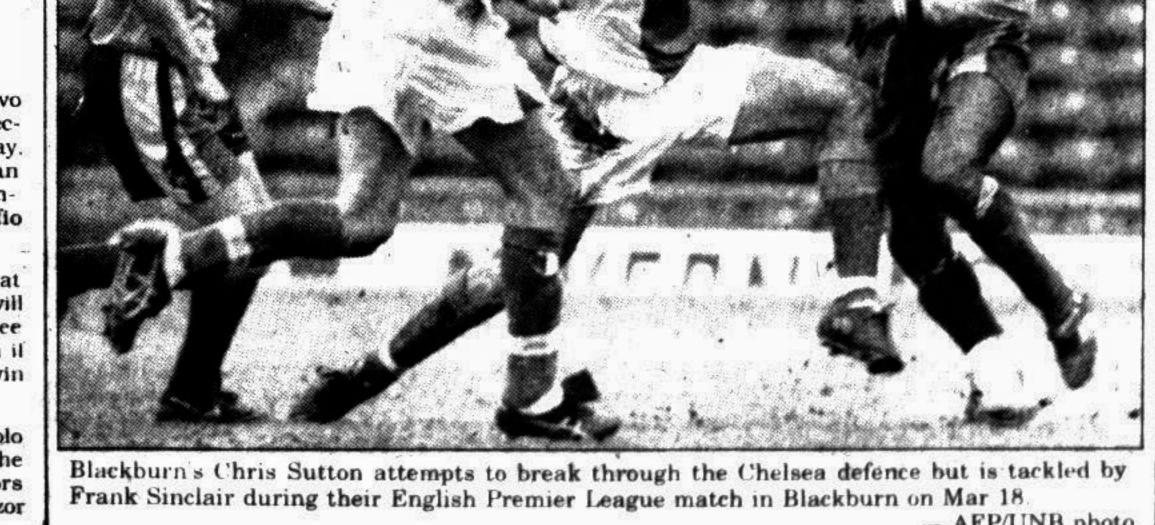
Gigi Fernandez was forced to retire in the second set of her match with Maureen

· Drake due to a groin strain. The career of Joyce, a former juniors champion from Santa Monica, was stalled by two shoulder operations. He won two of seven tour matches last year and lost in the qualifying rounds at a tournament

"But he considered Stich vulnerable to an upset. "A lot of people told me that if I got on top of him and if I played good, of all the top players... I mean; sometimes

earlier this month.





- AFP/UNB photo