More trouble

for Maradona

hunt for Diego Maradona re-

sumed again on Priday as the

renegade Argentine soccer

star fled in a pick-up truck

before dawn from a Buenos

Aires hotel where he had been

besieged by reporters, reports

BUENOS AIRES, Apr 1: The



Sajjad Ahmed Monsur Shipon celebrated his call to the natio nal team with a brilliant half-cen

tury as the Sharjah-bound Bangladesh team recorded facile live-wicket win over the Rest Eleven in an exhibition cricket match at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

The young Mohammedan right-hand batsman hammered a compact unbeaten 60 as the national team, set to score modest 171 for an outright victory in the stipulated 50 overs, reached the target with eight overs to spare.

Shipon, who got the selectors' nod with some brilliant knocks in the recently con cluded Navana Premier Division cricket league, hit two fours in his sedate but useful 105-ball stay at the crease.

After an in-form Athar Ali Khan (27) and the recently blooded Javed Omar Belim (0) were sent back to the pavilion with the scoreboard reading 34 for two in 5.4 overs Shipon. who came to bat a number three, put on 39 runs for the third wicket with Aminul Islam Bulbul (22).

He then shared another stand of 29 runs for the fourth wicket with Minhazul Abedin Nannu (21) before finding a willing partner in his skipper Akram Khan.

The burly Akram, who remained unbeaten on a 45-ball 33, then steered the national team to victory without further damage, sharing 68 runs for the unbroken fifth wicket with Shipon. Earlier, sent into bat, the

Rest Eleven could manage only 170 before being all out in 48

Ziaur Rashid Rupom with a 48-ball 37 was the highest scorer for the losers, followed by Selim Shahed and Zakaria lintiaz, who contributed 22 3 23 respectively.

Sports Reporter

New ball bowler Saiful Islam with a haul of four for 26 was the most successful man with the leather for the na tional team while left arm seamer Anisur Rahman and Athar Ali Khan evenly shared four wickets among them.

It was the lone practice match for the Bangladesh team which is scheduled to leave for

the United Arab Emirates (UAE) tomorrow for the forthcoming Asia Cup.

Bangladesh, the only non-Test playing side in the fournation meet, will play their . first match against India on April 5, the inaugural day of the 10-day meet.

The other teams in the fray are Pakistan and Sri Lanka.



Sajjad Ahmed Mansour Shipon (L), a recently blooded young right-handed batsman, returns to the pavilion along with skipper Akram Khan after guiding the Bangladesh national team to a facile five-wicket win over the shadow national outfit in an exhibition cricket match at the Dhaka - Star photo Stadium vesterday.

Inter-club transfers from today

Sports Reporter



The inter-club footballers' 'trausfers for the 1995 season involving the Premier and the First

Division leagues begin at the Dhaka Metropolis Football Association (DMFA) office to-

Tokens will be issued from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm but no transfer will be allowed on the opening day of the six-day transfers.

Although the actual transfer formalities begin tomorrow. most of the leading clubs have already finalised their contracts with most of their play-

Defending champions Abahani Krira Chakra, who are expecting the arrival of four Kazakh players and a coach along with them, will rely on young, promising booters with the experienced Monem Munna staying back.

Last year's runners-up Muktijoddha Sangsad Krira

here on Friday, reports AFP.

Lennart Johansson, the

president of UEFA, in his

hoped to see Russia hosting

the finals of the European

onship in 2000 will most likely

go to Belgium and Holland and

Germany wants to host the

World Cup in 2006 - so I don't

see any reason why Russia

can't host the European finals

eral secretary, said Belgium

and the Netherlands have the

unanimous support of the ex-

ecutive committee to host the

finals in 2000. The final deci-

sion, though, will be made dur-

ing the meeting of the execu-

tive committee in Switzerland

CAF condemns it

Soccer Federation (CAF) on

Friday condemned FIFA's de-

cision to move the World Youth

Championship from Nigeria

but decided against a boycott

of the new venue, the Gulf

after meetings in Cairo said

the FIFA decision was discrim-

inatory and showed "inadmi-

ssible basis".

pate.

on security grounds.

A CAF statement released

World soccer's governing

The statement said the CAF

body has justified the decision

forbad its officials from taking

part in the Qatar champi-

onship but it asked qualifying

countries and the African ref-

erees to go ahead and partici-

state of Qatar, reports Reuter.

CAIRO, Apr 1: The African

Gerhard Aigner, UEFA gen-

in 2004," said Johansson.

"The European Champi-

Championship in 2004.

opening statement said he

MOŞCOW, Apr 1:

Moscow played

host to the bosses

of European foot-

ball for the first

time since 1964

Chakra, who had hit the headlines by roping in almost all the national players, are ex-

varsity B'ball final today

Dhaka University set up a final showdown in the interuniversity basketabll championsip after winning their respective semifinals at the central gymnasium of the JU on Friday.

nal today.

pected to retain the same team except striker Naguib. midfielder Rumi Rizvi Karim. defender Jewel Rana and an out-of-form Arman.

The five have reportedly promised Mohammedans to sign for the black-and-whites.

But the void should not hamper Muktijoddha's strength since midfielder Sattyajit Das Rupu, Golam Gaus, and the two defenders - Zakir and national defender Arif Hossain Moon — are possibly joining the emerging force in the domestic football circuit.

Mohammedan Sporting Club, who were hit hard in last year's sensational players' transfers with almost all their key booters joining an unprecedented players revolt despite a gentlemen's agreeseem to be the only team searching for the so-called

The two will meet in the fi-

The meeting made clear

there will be no changes in the

structure of the three major

European club competitions in

the near future — apart from a

new regulation awarding three

points for a win in the Cham-

pions' League as from next

new club tournament for the

1995-96 season, called 'UEFA-

intertoto.' This will be for

teams who fail to qualify for

any of the three major cups.

Sixty teams will be split into

12 groups with five teams in

event will qualify for the elimi-

nation round of the UEFA Cup

"fair-play" award (England,

Norway and Luxemburg) will

each get an additional spot for

the UEFA Cup the following

The executive committee

also announced that UEFA will

give assistance to 10 former

Soviet republics and to Albania

in the form of office and train-

ing equipment, education ma-

terial. They will also receive

TV rights and adverts revenue.

ners and keep money in foot-

ball rather than give it to

the question of creating a

'super league' for the premier'

clubs of Europe was shelved

about a super league but so far

we haven't received any," said

the UEFA president, adding

the warning: "But if someone

wants to start a league on their

own, he, or they, will be out of

changes in the Champions'

"We will have no major

European football forever."

"We welcome any proposals

At the press conference.

agents," said Johansson.

for the time being.

"UEFA want to act as part-

The top four teams in the

The three winners of the

each group.

the following year.

'star booters' at any cost.

Privately the president did

go up or down - like we have

Angels annex Independence Day b'ball title

Sports Reporter

Angels Club won the Independence Day basketball championship title with a 68-62 points win over Bangladesh Air Force in a breath-taking final at the Dhanmondi Basketball Gymnasium yesterday.

Angels, who were leading the first half by one point found themselves eight points clear when Air Force ran out of

Siddique led the winners' charge scoring 23 points in an evenly contested match and got able support from James and Jami, who caged 13 points

On the other hand, Hafiz was the lone soldier for the defence outfit scoring highest 26 points while Sattar and Strai added 13 and 12 points respectively but still that was not enough for Air Force to avert their second successive defeat in the final.

Air Force, earlier, lost to Bangladesh Army-A in the final last vear.

Prof Dr Rashid Uddin Ah med, president of the Bangladesh Amateur Basketball Federation (BABF), distributed prizes among the winners.

Nat'l youth hockey results

Last year's runners-up Dhaka DSA advanced to the round robin league of the 14th national youth hockey championship beating Barisal DSA 2-0 at the Hockey Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

The winners led the first half by a solitary goal.

Mir Reza Ali opened the Dhaka account in the 23rd minute while Mohammad Selim doubled the margin in the 46th minute. Both the goals came from penalty corners.

In the day's other match, Rangpur edged out Pabna 3-2 in the tie-breaker after the scheduled 70 minutes ended goalless. Ripon, Mehfuz and Mintoo

converted for Rangpur, while Delwar and Shakil were successful for Pabna. Rajshahi Education Board

will play Narayangani DSA at 1:45 pm while BKSP meet Rangpur DSA at 3:30 pm in today's matches.

China suspends nine coaches

BEIJING, Apr 1: The Chinese sports authorities have banned nine coaches, including five from the country's squad, for drug taking, officials said Friday, reports AFP.

The coaches were banned for a year for their role in 31 doping eases in China in 1994. Eleven athletes tested positive for banned performance enhancing drugs at last year's Asian games in Hiroshima.

The five swimming coaches were banned for their role in the drugs taken by seven swimmers who failed tests in Hiroshima. Two of the swimmers later banned for two years were world champions Yang Aihua and Lu Bin. Zhou Ming and Wang Lin,

two of the swimming coaches. also dealt with other world champions Le Kingyi and He Cihong, Three were at the Asian

Games. They were named by sports officials as Liu Shuqian, coach to national women's 400 metres hurdles champion Han Qing: Li Hongqing, coach to cyclist Wang Yan and Wang Boging and coach to Asian Games canoeists Zhang Lei and Qiu

Australia 252 for six

Sports Reporter



Australia had made 252 for six. a lead of 57 runs. on the second position during the innings. day of their first cricket Test maich against the West Indies at

Bridgetown, Barbados vesterday, according to radio reports monitored in Dhaka late last After having restricted the

home team to 195 on the opening day. Australian skipper Mark Taylor made a polished 55 to give the visitors a solid start.

The Waugh twins Mark and Steve also made useful contributions. While Mark Waugh made 40. Steve Waugh made a fighting half-century in the face of some hostile bowling by trhe Windies pacemen.

Wicket-keeper Ian Healy and all-rounder Brendon Julien were at the crease when reports last came in.

Kenny Benjamin and Curtly Ambrose picked up two wickets each while the other twop were shared by Winston Benjamin and Courtney Walsh.

Earlier on Friday: Australia's batsmen relied on the strong performance of their bowlers Friday to reach 91 for two wickets in reply to the West Indies' modest, 195 all out on the first day of the first cricket

Mark Taylor was unbeaten at 42 and Mark Waugh at five. Left-arm pacer Brendon Julian was mainly responsible for the downfall of the West Indies batting. The 24-year-old Western Australian, in only his

third Test, finished with career-best figures of four for 36. Julian and fellow opening bowler Paul Reiffel forced the West Indies to slump to six runs for three wickets before Brian Lara and Carl Hooper revived the innings with a fourth-wicket partnership of

The left-handed Lara hit 11 fours in 65 made off 112 balls and the right-handed Hooper had the same number of boundaries in 60 from 88 balls.

But once the two were separated, the West Indies slumped to an unsatisfactory position.

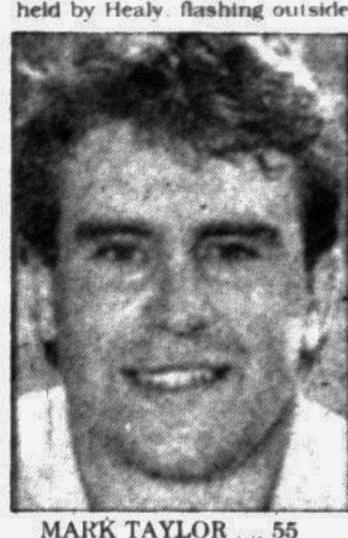
The home team began disastrously after captain Richie Richardson won the toss and chose to bat.

In the day's second over. Stuart Williams drove loosely

outside off-stump and edged comfortable catch to first slip Taylor, who held four in that

Ten balls later, a fast, rising delivery from Reiffel found opener Sherwin Campbell's edge through to the wicketkeeper lan Healy.

When Richardson was also



MARK TAYLOR ... 55

oil-stump, the Aussies were jubilant and the West Indies in deep trouble.

Lara and Hooper initiated a revival with their boundarystudded stand of 124 in just under two hours.

But just as the balance was titling the West Indies way Julian returned to dismiss Hooper as the 28-year-old Guyanese edged to Taylor.

His dismissal triggered a slide and the West Indies lost their last seven wickets for 65

Left-hander Jimmy Adams snicked Gleen McGrath low to Shane Warne at third slip before Lara was sixth out in controversial fashion. The 25-year-old Trinida

dian square cut Julian hard but straight to gully where Steve Waugh was. The fielder lost control before clutching the ball while falling to the ground. Lara walked off after glanc-

ing at square leg umpire Lloyd Barker and Waugh and later television replays indicated that the ball had hit the ground before Waugh finally grabbed it. Lara, world record-holder

of the individual scoring marks in Test and first-class cricket topscored with 65. He batted 168 minutes, faced 112 balls and struck 11 fours. When 25

Tendulkar makes Ranji Trophy history

Bombay's second in a row

he passed 2,000 Test runs in his 22nd match and 35th in-

The lower order folded swiftly as pacer Glenn McGrath and leg-spinner Shane Warne completed the fine early job done by Julian.

McGrath ended with three for 46 runs off 12.1 overs and Warne, after being harshly treated by Hooper and Lara early on, ended with two for 57 off 12 overs.

When Australia batted in the final session, they lost opener Michael Slater for 18 to a brilliant gully catch by Williams off Winston Benjamin and David Boon, caught for 20 off a miscued hook from Courtney Walsh, But Taylor, batted solidly to close.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the opening day of the first Test between West Indies and Australia at Kensington Oval on Friday.

WEST INDIES: First in-

nings S Williams c Taylor b Julian S Campbell c Healy b Retffel B Lara e S Waugh b Julian R Richardson c Healy b Julian C Hooper c Taylor b Julian J Adams c Warne b McGrath J Murray c Taylor b McGrath W Benjamin c Taylor b Warne . C Ambrose c Blewett b McGrath C Walsh c S Waugh b Warne K Benjamin not out Extras: (b-3, w-1, nb-6)

Total: Fall of wickets: 1-1; 2-5; 3-6: 4-130; 5-152; 6-156; 7

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Bowling	0	M	\mathbf{R}	w
Reiffel	11	2	41	- 1
Julian	12	0	36	* 4
McGrath	12.1	1	46	3
Warne	12	2	57	2
M Waugh	1	0	12	0
AUSTRA	LIA: Fir	st in	ning	s

M Slater c Williams b W Benjamin M Taylor not out D Boon e W Benjamin b Walsh M Waugh not out Extras: (lb-4; nb-2) Total: (for two wickets)

To bat: G Blewett, S Waugh. Healy, P Reiffel, B Julian, S Warne, G McGrath Bowling (to date) 15

match Maharashtra batsmer

accounted for four centuries so

that the tally of nine from the

1945 match exceeded the ag-

gregate of eight from this final

Punjab's skipper Navjot

Singh Sidhu (108) and Vikram

Rathore (177) made three-fig-

ure knocks in the Punjab first

innings total of 372 following

centuries from Sameer Dighe

(137), Sanjay Manjrekar (224),

Tendulkar (140) and Kambli

(107 not out) in the mammoth

Bombay first innings score of

Ranji Trophy history that the

winners were decided by

virtue of the first innings lead.

Centenary

football match

Brazil are to hold a football

game in August to celebrate

100 years of friendship be-

tween the two countries, re-

the Japan Football Association.

consulted with his Brazilian

counterpart in Rio de Janeiro

Thursday and reached a basic

agreement to stage the game

between the two national

Janeiro on Sunday .

Ken Naganuma, president of

ports Xinhua.

TOKYO, Apr 1: Japan and

It was also the fifth time in

690 for six declared.

K Benjamin

W Benjamin

Fall of wickets: 1-27; 2-72

Hearns, at age 36, launched his comeback Friday night by 0 15

> Union, reports AP. Hearns, an icon in Detroit boxing, now has a 54-4-1 record. He had held welterweight, junior middleweight, middleweight, super middleweight and light heavyweight titles before knocking Lapaglia

make the weight of 190 pounds (86 kg). Lapaglia now is 37-9.

There had been concern that Hearns would look rusty. He hadn't fought in more than a year - since February 1994. And in that bout he was unimpressive in a 12-round decision over Freddy Delgado in

But this time he was com-

with tatoos on his shoulders and love handles around his mid-section, went down for the third last time After leftright-left combination that sent the crowd of about 8,000 fans at Joe Louis Arena into a Frenzy.

The two countries will also play an under-17 match at the Maracarao Stadium in Rio de

Leading ATP money-winners MONTE CARLO.

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Leading money (in US dollars) winners in men's tennis as released by the ATP Tour on Monday, reports Reuter.

1. Andre Agassi (US) 643.580 2. Pete Sampras (US) 3. Richard Krajicek

518,409 (Netherlands) 4. Borts Becker (Germany)

6. Michael Stich (Germany) 7. Wayne Ferreira (South Africa) 297.439 8 Magnus Larsson (Sweden) 9 Paul Haarhuis (Netherlands) 258.473 10 Thomas Enqvist (Sweden) 11. Stefan Edberg (Sweden) 229,951 218,610 12. Michael Chang (US)

5. Yevgeny Kafelnikov (Russia) 344.814

13. Martin Damm (Czech 218.388 Republic 205.501 14. Todd Martin (US) 196 562 15 Mark Woodforde (Australia) 16. Grant Connell (Canada) 17 Patrick Galbrath (US) 18 Petr Korda (Czech 182.77H Reputatel

19 Jim Courier (US)

20 Todd Woodbridge

(Australia)

And there was further bad news for Maradona, who first disappeared last Sunday, when his analyst announced he was suing him. 'I'm going to start a lawsuit (for fees) almost as the last step in his treatment, because Diego doesn't realise what others do for him," analyst Ruben Navedo told the daily Clarin. "Someone, the courts, must make him realise."

Maradona was discovered at the hotel on Thursday after a four-day search which inspired a variety of theories for his disappearance ranging from a row with his wife Claudia to his undergoing treatment in a drugs clinic

It also brought expressions of concern by Argentine president Carlos Menem who promised help for Maradona. The former Argentina cap-

tain is still serving a 15-month suspension for taking banned substances at last year's World Cup. He is also awaiting setencing for wounding two reporters with an air rifle outside his hotne a year ago. Navedo, who was his analyst

from 1991 until a few months ago, said his theory was that 'Diego the man' was trying to destroy 'Maradona the icon'. This appears to be a boy-

cott by Diego against Maradona. The human being wants to destroy the character, the idol. It's an unconscious phenomenon," said the psychologist, who posed for Clarin's photographers with his fingers entwined in thoughtful pose. Navedo did not say how

considerable sum because many of the sessions had taken place in Spain, where Maradona was then playing. "Once you get to know Diego, you soon start to love

much money he was seeking in

the lawsuit but said it was a

him." the analyst said in another part of the interview.

Hearns comes back in style DETROIT. Apr 1: Thomas

winning an unprecedented seventh career title with a first round technical knockout of Lenny Lapaglia for the championship of the new and little recognized World Boxing

down for the third time with a combination at the 2:55 mark. Lapaglia, 34, was a lastminute replacement for Sean McClain, who bowed out a week ago because he couldn't

Charlotte, North Carolina.

mand from the opening bell. Hearns knocked Lapaglia down first with a left jab. The second came on a swift and powerful right hook. The gray-haired Lapaglia,

Hearns started his career down the road at old Olympia

Jerome Hill in the first round on Nov 25, 1977. His longtime trainer Emanuel Steward said Hearns has eves on cruiserweight titles in

Stadium by knocking out

several other boxing organizations. Hearns already is booked for a WBA fight May 20 on an HBO card with heavyweights Evander Holyfield and Ray Mercer in Atlantic City, NJ.

Stewart said. Hearns is best remembered for classic fights with Sugar Ray Leonard and Marvin Ha-

Hearns led early in the first fight with Leonard with a vicious attack. But Leonard. swung the fight in the 13th round and stopped Hearns in the 14th. The rivals fought to a draw eight years later in their 1989 super middleweight

In their 1985 bout, Hagler knocked Hearns out in the third round of what many consider the best short fight in boxing history Hearns has been without a

title for three years. Until the bout with Lapaglia, he had fought only three times since losing the WBA light heavyweight title to Iran Barkley in 181.857 1992

JU-DU inter

From JU Correspondent Hosts Jahangirnagar and

Jahangirnagar stormed into the final with a thumping 124-43 points win over Chittagong Univesity while Dhaka University cruised home comfortably eliminating Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) by 94-43

ment among the three leading clubs — Mohammedans, Abahani and Brothers Union -

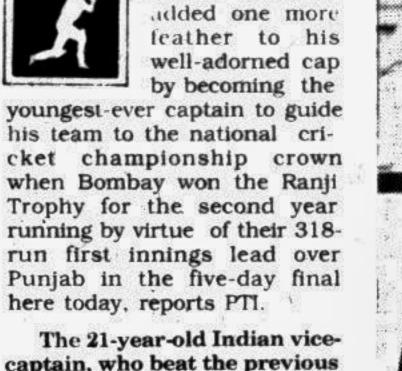
UEFA chiefs meet in Moscow five years and we have no plans

> attract only super rich and powerful clubs. "You must have a fair competition and all teams should

for any alterations," he added. not hide that he is against forming a league which would

UEFA said there would be a in the Champions' League."

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BOMBAY, Apr 1:

Sachin Tendulkar

The 21-year-old Indian vicecaptain, who beat the previous record set by another Bombay player Sudhir Naik who piloted Bombay to the title in 1970-71 at the age of 25, also became the first Bombay skipper to hit up centuries in successive innings in the championship when he slammed 139 in his team's huge second innings total of 513 for six declared.

Tendulkar cracked 15 fours and seven sixes in his blistering knock, reaching his 100 in just 66 balls to become the



lastest batsman to score a cen tury this season and qualify for the L P Jai Trophy, before set ting Punjab an impossible task of scoring 832 for an outright win in 79 minutes and 15

Tendulkar had slammed

The visitors, who were outplayed in every department,

was the 32nd for Bombay since the first edition in 1934-35, also made the home team richer by Rs five lakhs.

highest scorer (856 runs in seven innings at an average of 122.28) in this edition of the tournament while Sairaj Bahutule (103 not out in 87 balls) notched the eighth century in the match as Bombay declared 61 minutes into the second session after resuming at 160 for three. Vinod Kambli, who scored

64 in as many balls with seven fours and two sixes. Amol Muzumdar (69 with nine fours) and Tendulkar - who faced only 91 balls in making 139 and put on 170 runs for the sixth wicket with Bahutule were the batsmen out in the Bombay second innings yes terday.

Bombay overtook by one their earlier record of five made in the championship in a single Cames midfielder Patrick Vieira (standing) pushes Paris Saint Germain's Vincent Guein march in 1945 against Maha League for the next three to during their French league match in Par des Princes Stadium on Mar 31. - AFP/UNB photo rashtra But in the same

mandatory overs.

140 in the first innings.

made 141 for two in their second knock when play was called off by mutual consent after the eighth mandatory The title triumph, which

Tendulkar also became the

The tally of six centuries by