#### Aussies 273 for seven at tea in Antigua

Sports Reporter

Australia, batting with determination, had made 273 for seven at tea on the fourth day of their second cricket Test match against the West Indies at St. Johns, Antigua yesterday, according to radio reports monitored in Dhaka late last

Resuming at 134 for two after Tuesday's rest, overnight batsmen David Boon and Mark Waugh were soon separated when Winston Benjamin trapped Boon Ibw for 67. Mark Waugh went on to make 61 be fore also falling to Benjamin.

Greg Blewett was caught off spinner Carl Hooper for 19. At lauch the tourists were

198 for five. lan Healy and Brendon Julian were the batsmen dismissed in the post-lunch session. Healy became Courtney Walsh a third victim of the innings after making 26 whille Julian was run out cheaply.

Steve Waugh was at the crease . having scored a fighting unbeaten 52.

Walsh had figures of three

for 70. Winston Benjamin two for 65 and Hooper one for 14. Australia won othe first match of the four-Test series by ten wickets at Barbados earlier this month.

#### Ambrose holds the key

ST JOHN'S. Antigua, Apr 12: Both West Indies and Australia agree on one thing neither team has achieved control of the second Test after the first three days at the Recreation Ground here, reports AFP. Australia carried a 90-run

lead into Tuesday's rest day with a partnership between David Boon and Mark Waugh threatening to explode the home side's tentative grasp on the match.

"I do not think any team has the advantage," said Andy Roberts, the West Indies team manager.

We need to try to contain them. I would like to see 100 per cent effort for the rest of the match."

West Indies bowlers have achieved very little over the first three days and are hoping Curtly Ambrose, one of the most feared bowlers in the world, will come up with one of the match-winning spells for which he has become syn-

After recovering from shoulder injury which prevented him from touring India last November and December, the Antigua-born bowler has vet to rediscover his worldbeating form.

His variable performances added to the poor showing of the Benjamins. Kenny and Winston, who are unrelated, has placed an enormous responsibility on Courtney Walsh.

His form is also patchy at a time when manager Roberts believes bowling is the key to levelling the series after Australia won the first Test.

"We must bowl them out for below 200. The plan must be to get all eight wickets as quickly as possible," he said. For Australia, batting is the

key and captain Mark Taylor said: "One of our batsmen must get a large century.

The match is 50-50 but I am sure we can win it. There is still plenty of cricket left to be played and we need to get as many runs as we can."

### East Bengal

CALCUTTA. Apr 12: Strong contenders East Bengal prevailed over Air India by a solitary second half goal in their last Group-B league match of the Capstan 10th All Airlines Gold Cup football tournament at the Salt Lake Stadium here today, reports PTI.

The local glants, who had already secured a place in the semi-finals played at a leisurely pace before substitute Manoharan struck the match winner in the 19th minute of the second session in a match which seldom rose to great heights.

#### Tulio on target again

RIO DE JANEIRO, Apr 12: Striker Tulio scored all the goals as Botafogo beat Volta Redonda 4-0 on Monday to put his team level on points at the top of the Rio De Janeiro Championship and himself top of the goalscorers' table, reports Reuter.

Tulio, who also hit four goals in a 5-1 win over Entrerriense earlier in the competition, took his tally to 21 goals, two more than his illustrious rival Romario, currently sidelined because of a pulled muscle.

Flamengo and Botafogo both have 10 points in the final stage of the competition and meet on Sunday. Romario, who scored a hattrick when the teams last met, is not expected to be fit in time.

### 6th C'wealth h'ball from Aug 24

Sports Reporter

ing commutace -- who was present on the occasion said The government will extend all-out support for the successful holding of the meet." The State Minister also added "The government is keen to promote the existing ties with the

The sixth Commonwealth

youth handball championship

'95, a biennial sporting event

involving the Commonwealth

nations, will be held in the

Bangladesh Handball Federa-

tion (BHF) at a press confer-

gest sporting event the co-

untry has ever staged," said

the BHF president MA, Hamid

at the conference room of the

National Sports Council (NSC)

13 nations in the meet," said

the president, who further

added that the last date of en-

try in the eight-day meet is

Sports Sadeque Hossain — the

vice-chairman of the organi-s-

We are expecting a total of

State Minister for Youth and

"It is going to be the big-

This was disclosed by the

capital from August 24.

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in the evening.

July 15.

#### Army hockey

JESSORE, Apr. 12: All the three robin league matches of the Army hockey champi onship ended in draws at the Jessore Cantonment (bday, re ports UNB.

Chittagong Area drew 1-1 with Mymensingh Area while Savar Area drew 1-1 with the Air Defence Artiflery in the

Earlier, the match between Contilla Area and Rangpur Area ended in a goalless draw in the morning.

other Commonwealth member countries as well as to uphold the spirit of the Commonwealth movement.

Sadeque Hossain, who advised the organisers to trim the proposed budget of taka one crore 29 lakh, however, revealed that his ministry has already allotted a grant of taka 30 lakh to prepare staging of the prestigious meet. Mahabubur Rahman, the secretary general of the organising committee, who also spoke at the press briefing said "Handball has a potential in our country and this is a big opportunity to make it popular.

Bangladesh took part in the fourth edition held in New Delhi 19991, where the boys finished third while the girl's had to be satisfied with the fourth slot.

# 6 TH COMMON WEALTH YOUTH HAND BALL CHAMPIONSHIP'95 DHAKA, BANGLADESH PRESS CONFERENCE ORGANIZED BY: BANGLADESH HAND BALL FEDERATION.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadeque Hossain addresses newsmen at the conference room of the National Sports Council yesterday in connection with the upcoming sixth Commonwealth handball championship '95, scheduled to begin in Dhaka from August 24. - Star photo

#### Euro B'ball club championships

## Olympiakos reach final

ZARAGOZA, Spa-in, Apr 12 Late three-pointers from Milan Tomic and Eddie Johnson gave Olympiakos of Greece a dramatic 58:52 yietery over bitter rivals Panthinaikos in their European Champion Clubs' semifinal on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

In Thursday's final Olympiakes, who lost a similarly tense final to Spain's deventur Badalona last year, face Real Madrid. The Spanish club earlier beat Limoges of France 62 - 49.

Panthinaikos led their Greek rivals for most of the battle and with eight minutes left they held a seven-point lead, the biggest either team managed all night

But Olympiakos clawed their way back to 52-50 and with two minutes to go former NBA player Johnson notched his fourth three-pointer of the

They scored a further two points from free throws before Tomic booked his team's place in the final with a perfect long range effort.

The teams started tentatively and it was two minutes before Panthinaikos put the game's first points of the scoreboard.

The detences were rocksolid and the teams were neck and neck at 18-18, 21-21 and 25-25. before Panthinaikos grabbed the halftime lead when towering Croat Stojan Vrankovic, who caused problems for the Olympiakos defence all night, pushed them ahead with an emphatic dunk to make it 29-27.

The second half started where the first left off with the two teams probing for the tiniest gaps in defence.

Play gradually opened up in the second half with Panthinaikos edging ahead only to have their lead cut by Johnson's long-range baskets.

#### Martyn to miss FA Cup semi

LONDON. Apr 12: Crystal Palace goalkeeper Nigel Martyn will miss today's FA Cup semifinal replay against Manchester United because of a broken finger, reports Reuter.

Martyn had said he was ready to play in pain to help his side reach the FA Cup final. after injuring his left hand in the opening moments of the 2-2 draw in Sunday's semifinal.

But X-Rays revealed Martyn had played through the 90 minutes plus extras time with a broken index finger. Doctors have told him the break will take six weeks to heal, ruling him out of today's match at Villa Park, Birmingham.

Reserve goalkeeper Rhys Wilmot, with just three minutes' first team experience with Palace since signing from Grimsby at the start of the season, now faces a nerve-jangling debut against the cup holders and Premier League champi-

He' scored 'three-pointers with the score 40-35 and again at 45-38 to keep his team in contention, their pushed Olympiakos ahead, 47:46 with

Panthinaikos captain Costas Patavoukas showed he too could score from long range with a three-pointer three minutes from time but it was Johnson and Tomic who had the last laugh.

Police said two Greek fairs were arrested before the match for assaulting a policeman but generally the game. which has ended in crowd trouble in the past, passed

peacefully. Olympiakos coach Yannis loannidis said it was Johnson that made the difference to his side: "Eddie got what he deserved. Great players are for great gamés," he said.

In the earlier match, the height and strength of Madrid's Joe Arlauckas and Arvidas Sabonis proved too much for the French, for whom Americaus Tim Kempton and Michael Young were disappointing.

Limoges took an early lead against nervous opponents but as the half wore on the Spaniards gained control with playmaker Jose Antunez outstanding.

They stretched in front 17-10 and Limoges' Serb coach Bozidar Maljkovic called time-

out to regroup. But the tactic did not pay off and Lithuanian Sabonis, at 2.21 metres - the tallest man

#### 146 soccer fans rounded up

PARIS, Apr 12: A total of 146 fans were arrested after fighting at Tuesday's French Cup soccer match between Paris St Germain and Marseille, police said on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

Five police officers were injured during fights between rival fans outside the Parc des Princes Stadium before and after the semifinal match. Two were still in hospital on Wednesday.

The most serious clashes occurred an hour before the game when buses carrying Marseille supporters were pelted with Missiles as they arrived at the stadium and visiting fans were attacked as they disembarked.

Some 3,000 Marseille fans travelled to Paris for the game, which PSG won 2-0. Only minor incidents were reported during the match itself.

A total of 1,300 police were on duty in and around the stadium for the game between two clubs whose long-standing rivalry has resulted a number of violent outbreaks in recent

After the game Marseille fans were detained in the stadium for over an hour to prevent more clashes, although there were further skirmishes as they left the arena.

at the court, scored a three-

pointer straight after play re

Ismael Santos added another in the penultimate minute of the half, helping Madrid to a 27-19 interval leach.

Limoges came out fighting after the break but Young, the French team's top player this season, could not find a way past the tight marking of Javier Garcia Coll.

The Spaniards, who have not won this tournament since the early 1980s, continued to dominate and opened up their biggest lead of the night at 53-

Sabonis limped off with nine minutes to go but by then Real Madrid's place in the final was assured.

Their victory avenged a semifinals defeat by Limoges in the final four competition in Athens two years ago and Malikovic, a close friend and compatriot of Madrid coach Zeljko Obradovic, was gracious in defeat.

"We' missed everything, we missed offences, rebounds, everything. Real played far better both in defence and attack and were very well prepared. They are good enough to win the tournament."

## A six-member Bangladesh

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Chess squad

off to Madras

chess team left Dhaka yesterday to take part in the qualify ing rounds of the World Championship, scheduled to begin in the Indian city of Madras tomorrow.

Bangladesh, who have been placed in Zone-3.1 along with Iran, Qater, Syria, Bahrain Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon Palestine, Afghanistan, Nepal Sri Lanka, Yemen, United Arab Emirates (UAE) and hosts India, will feature in both the men's and women's event in the eleven round Swiss league

Niaz Murshed, the lone Grandmaster of the country, along with last year's national champion IM Ziaur Rahman and runner-up IM Reefat -bin Sattar will led the local hopes in the men's event. On the distaff side, defend-

ing national women's champion Shabana Parveen Nipa and runner up Afroza Khanom will make their maiden appearance on the big occasion.

The other member of the Bangladesh team is Farhad Hossain, who will act as manager in the forthnight long meet

The winners will qualify for the final round of the World Championship.

#### Palace's plea to boycott FA Cup semi

LONDON, Apr 12: Crystal Palace urged their supporters here on Tuesday to boycott Wednesday's FA Cup semi-final replay against Manchester United at Villa Park following the death of a fan before Sunday's match, reports AFP.

Selhurst Park director Colin Noades said the Football Association (FA) were wrong not to postpone the match and he also hit out at United for failing to condemn the vio-

Noades said: "Following the FA's refusal to postpone the forthcoming fixture against Manchester United we are actively encouraging our supporters to boycott today's fix-

"We sincerely believe that the match should not be played so soon after the dreadful events of last Sunday, and we are anxious to avoid any further serious incidents."

Noades, brother of club chairman Ron Noades, expects fewer than 4,000 fans to travel from South London compared to the 15,000 who went to Sunday's 2-2 draw. The match was marred by a

violent clash between rival fans outside a pub eight miles away at Walsall where Palace fan Paul Nixon was crushed under the wheels of a coach as he iled United supporters. The police, though, said it

should go ahead as scheduled Noades added: "It was the third serious instance of appalling behaviour at games involving the two clubs.

"Two years ago at Selhurst Park a Crystal Place supporter received multiple stab wounds at a match against Manchester United. Earlier this year we saw the Eric Cantona incident followed by last Sunday.

"We believe that it is long overdue for Manchester United to make a statement concerning their 'supporters' activities and to take the necessary action."



(Rerises above Manchester City's Richard Edghill during \* their English Premier League match at White Hart Lane in London on April 11. Spurs won 2-1. — AFP/UNB photo



Pakistan's useful all-rounder Aamir Schail rejoices after dismissing Sri Lankan batsman Aravinda de Silva during the crucial Asia Cup limited-overs match at the Sharjah Stadium on April 11. - AFP/UNB photo

## ACB adds fire to bribery scam

gua. Apr 12: Austradian cricket oflicials have taken -worn statements

from players that contained additional details about alleged bribes offered by former Pakistan captain Salim Malik, the head of the Australian Cricket Board (ACB) said on Tuesday, reports

ACB chief executive officer Graham Halbish said the players, Mark Waugh, Shane Warne and Tim May, provided the statements to ACB legal adviser Graeme Johnson during the cufrent Test match against West Indies in Antigua.

He said the statements containing "more detail about the matter" would be forwarded on to a Pakistan Cricket Control Board inquiry through the International Cricket Council

However, the ACB would

not ask the players to travel to Pakistan to be cross-examined at the inquiry.

It has been alleged that Malik offered Waugh 50,000 US dollars to be dismissed cheapty in the first Test between Pakistan and Australia in Karachi last September.

Warne and May were also allegedly offered similar amounts by the Pakistan captain, who was later stripped of the captaincy. He has denied the allegations. "We've taken formal and, as

it's turned out, more detailed legally sworn statements during the course of this Test match in Antigua," Halbish said on Tuesday.

""The players don't believe they would be able to add anything at all to what they have said in the sworn statements. therefore, we don't see it as necessary or appropriate to require them to go to the in-

Halbish declined to reveal what additional information was contained in the state-

Walcott said the game's governing body would not force Australia to send the players to Pakistan. "I wouldn't think we could

ICC chairman Sir Clyde

make anybody go anywhere." Halbish said the Australian players would lanswer any

pear at a formal investigation staged by the ICC, Halbish said: "That's a bridge we'll cross

when we come to it." "That's something the ICC is going to have to decide upon and advise us but there's no indication of that at the

### Cantona's lawyer denies move



French lawyer said here Wednesday the player

was not leaving Manchester, United for Inter Milan as reported in an English newspaper, reports AFP. "I formally deny the reports

of a move." Jean-Jacques Betrand said "I don't deuv we have been talking with Manchester United and Inter Milan officials but for the moment our sole priority is to establish

Eric's future in England from'

October when his suspension AFP adds from London: Wayward French star Eric Cantona has decided to leave Manchester United for Italian club luter Milan: the Daily Mirror reported Wednesday.

The paper said Cantona. whose worldwide ban for an assault kick on a Crystal Palace fan does not end until September 30, had told his lawyer Jean-Jacques Betrand to negotiate the move. He apparently feels he can

no longer stay in England after all the troubles he has been through recently. The Mirror said Inter had offered Manchester 4.5 million

pounds. Cantona was being offered three million pounds. However, a United spok-

esman told BBC radio: "It is

players who wanted to stay

with us anyway.

"But as for Eric's future nobody can say for certain. It is almost impossible to say. Eric is on record saying how much he enjoys playing at Old Trafford with Man United. If he is saying anything else now

ERIC CANTONA

Ken Ramsden said Tuesday:

"People seem to forget he is under contract to us until the end of next season." Should Cantona decide to leave Old Trafford it is believed

United will step up their bid for either Nottingham Forest's Stan Collymore or Matthew le Tissier of Southampton. It has been a difficult three

weeks for Camona. After his court case he was dragged into the death of a Crystal Palace fan after a pitched battle between United and Palace fans on Sunday. Police said his name was

raised after rival fans had been drinking at a pub for two hours although superintendent John Plimmer, leading the inqiry. said the trouble-makers would have fought about anything.

Cantona, his pregnant wife \* Isobelle and their young son have also been forced out of their home. United had started nego-

tiating to buy the house for the family after they were served notice to leave by agents acting for the house's owner, who is living abroad.

The Frenchman, whose two-week jail sentence for an attack on a fan was last week replaced by 120 hours community service by a crown court judge, was expected to be moved to a secret address.

## OJ Simpson's team hit back

LOS ANGELES, Apr 12: OJ Simpson's defence team on Tuesday accused prosecutors in the American football hero's double murder trial of targeting jurors for dismissal and asked for a special bearing on the matter, reports Reuter in a written motion, the de-

fence said prosecutors had looked closely at jurors who might be favourably disposed joward Simpson, then tried to, Engineer the court's declaration of a mistrial. While the behind-the-

scenes drama unfolded, defence attorney Barry Scheck continued a relentless crossexamination of criminalist Dennis Fung, the crime expert responsible for the collection of evidence in the murders of Simpson's ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend Ronald Goldman. Scheck home in on Fung's

search of Simpson's white Ford Bronxo, suggesting that blood samples taken by the criminalist on June 14 reappeared August 26 when he again examined the vehicle

The defence attorney also questioned bring closely about

a pair of white socks found in Simpson's master bedroom, eliciting from the criminalist that he saw no blood on the

Prosecutors say blood was subsequently discovered on the socks during a laboratory analysis and Simpson's defence has suggested that a blood sample given by Simpson may have been used to 'taint' the evidence. The former star running

back who became a wellknown sportscaster, actor and TV pitchman has pleaded not guilty in the stabbing deaths of his ex-wife and Goldman.

The prosecution claims Simpson drove from his Brentwood estate to Nicole Simpson's townhouse on the night

### Mavrovic floors Bizot

PARIS. Apr 12: Zeljko Mayrovic of Croatia stopped Frenchman Christophie Bizot in the 11th round to win the Eu ropean heavyweight title here friesday, reports AFP

of June 12 last year and killed the pair, before driving home in time to take a limousine to the airport. In their motion to judge

Lance Lto, defence attorneys also accused the judge of an 'abuse of discretion' in dismissing juror Jeannette Harris without conducting a hearing with the defence present - an action they called a violation of Simpson's rights under the constitution.

After her dismissal last week Harris said the prosecution was Spinning its wheels and hadres shown her anything to convince her that Simpson had killed his ex wife and her triend, charges that Simpson has denied

The defence also asked that, should the number in the ittry panel drop below 12, the charges against Simpson be dropped with no possibility of retrial

Simpson's lawyers claimed

that prosecutors have come to distrust the current mix of purors and alternates and hope to obtain a mistrial by causing their number to drop below

#### questions from the inquiry in When asked if the players would be more inclined to ap-

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#### news to me. Martin Edwards it is quite different." PARIS. Apr 12: United's assistant secretary Eric Cantona's (club chairman) has been talk-

ing to Eric's lawyer as recently

as Monday and that was not

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cure Erick's future with

Manchester United. We have

always said that we wanted

Eric to stay but we wanted

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considered then.