MADRAS, Apr 21: IM V Koshy halted Reefat-bin-Sattar's winning spree by holding him to a draw in the fifth round of the Asian zonal chess championship being played here, reports PTI.

However, Reefat still has a one point lead over his nearest rivals.

Koshy adopted his favourite modern defence against Reefat's King Pawn opening. Reefat introduced a new idea in the opening by offering an exchange of queens on the ninth move. Koshy defended accurately in the end game to draw in 29 moves.

The game between the two GMs Niaz Murshed and Dibyendu Barua ended in a draw after a fierce battle. Barua played the Slav defence and entered tactical complications in the middle game. Murshed forced an exchange of queens and drew in 57 moves.

IM Sudhakar Babu played a sharp game to outplay R B Ramesh in just 27 moves.

IM Shapad Tilak played the advance variation of the Caro-Kann Defence to score over Safai of Iran in 26 moves.

### Moeller axed from nat'l squad

FRANKFURT, Germany, Apr 21: Andreas Moeller was dropped from Germany's national team roster for next week's European Championship qualifying game against Wales after being banned and fined by the German Soccer Federation Thursday, reports

Borussia Dortmund's midfielder was banned for two games and fined 10,000 marks (dlrs 7,200) for taking a dive that resulted in a penalty and a goal for his team.

Federation spokesman Worlfgang Niersbach said Moeller was dropped because his team's appeal again the ban is likely to be discussed next week as well and the player may have to appear at the hearing.

But German players serving a domestic ban are rarely called up for international matches and national team coach Berti Vogts told Moeller immediately after Thursday's ruling that he was being

dropped from the roster. Undefeated Germany play Wales Wednesday in Duesseldorf in a Group 7 match.

Moeller became the first Bundesliga player to be penalised by the German Soccer Federation for taking a dive.

The dive led the referee to award a penalty to Dortmund. which tied the score from the spot and went on to beat Karlsruhe 2-1 last week.

Disciplinary officials of the soccer federation had sought a longer ban of up to eight weeks, but a panel of jurors decided on a two-game bank

### Ethiopian athletes banned for seeking asylum

LONDON, Apr 21: Three Ethiopian women athletes who are seeking political asylum in Britain, have been banned by their national Fede ration from competing in an international road race in London on Sunday, officials said on Thursday, reports Reuter.

The Ethiopian Federation withheld their permission following the refusal of the ath letes to return home after the cross-country World Cham pionships in Durham last month.

Askale Bereda, Bernane Dagne and Getenesh Tamirat went into hiding in London and have been given a sixmonth extension to their visas.

The International Amateur Athletic Federation sent a fax message to the British Federation on Thursday to inform them of the Ethiopian decision and ensure it is implemented.

Tony Barratt, representative of the firm sponsoring the 5 km race, said: "We are extremely disappointed at this action by the Ethiopian Athletic Federation.

"Irrespective of the reasons the athletes have for currently being in Britain, this move can only be seen as a malicious ac to sabotage the careers of three talented young athletes."

### Shivaki v'ball

The four-day Shivaki women's volleyball tournament. organised by the Bangladesh Women Sports Federation. began at the Dhanmondi Women Sports Complex. reports UNB.

Three matches were decided on the opening day. Bangladesh Ansars beat Tangail DSA 15-3, 15-3 and 15-7, Rajbari DSA beat Dinajpur DSA 15-11, 15-7, 14-16 and 16-14. and BJMC beat Ansars 15-13. 15-9, 15-17, 4-15 and 15-6 points.

Seven teams, including two office teams, are taking part in the tournament inaugurated by State Minister for Finance Mojibur Rahman as chief guest.



Ajax Amsterdam - Patrict Kluivert Cohugs assistant coach Bobby Haarms after the final whistle of the European Champions League semifinal second leg clash against Bayern Munich in Amsterdam on April 19. Smiling in the background is Kluivert's teammate Frank Rijkaard. Ajax won 5-2. - AFP/UNB photo

# Juve poised for Grand Slam

(AP): Only Parma stand between Juventus and an unprecedented

sweep of three championships this year, and striker Roberto Baggio is taking charge at the right time.

The 1993 Golden Ball award winner has been criticised in the Italian media and by Juventus team owner Giovanni Agnelli for failing to return the club to the heights they reached in their storied

During last year's World Cup, Agnelli pointed to the striker's slow tournament start and referred to him as a "wet rabbit." Baggio responded with five goals in three matches to lead Italy to the final.

Right before the start of the season. Agnelli said his highest-paid player "has given Juventus moderate achievements, but (French striker Michel) Platini was something else. He offered more as a team player.

Platini helped Juve to two league titles: A Champions' Cup and an Italian Cup. Baggio's booty: One UEFA Cup. in 1993.

But the ponytailed playmaker has a shot at taking Juventus where no Italian club has been: A "Grand Slam" of sorts, with the First Division title, Italian Cup and UEFA Cup in the same year.

Since returning from injuries that had limited his availability and effectiveness since the World Cup. Baggio

draw and one loss — he has six

The Turin side qualified for the UEFA Cup final — against Parma — with a 2-1 win at Borussia Dortmund on Tuesday. Baggio assisted on the first goal and netted the winner with a signature free kick.

A week earlier, Baggio's penalty kick sealed a 2-1 win over Lazio that put Juve in the Italian Cup final. Their opponent? Parma, of course.

The Turin side has a commanding 11-point lead over second-place Parma with seven rounds remaining in league play after defeating Reggiana 2-1 last round as Baggio scored both.

This Sunday, Juve play Padova, who have made a strong run to pull out of the relegation zone. Parma host Internazionale. Juventus could be depleted

however. Baggio's running mate Gianluca Vialli - who picked up the slack with 13 league goals in the star's absence - is still injured. As is goalkeeper Angelo Peruzzi. And the squad could also

be deprived of their four foreign internationals, three of whom would start otherwise because of European Championships qualifying matches. Italian soccer federation president Antonio Matarrese

petitioned UEFA and FIFA on Wednesday to allow Italian First Division teams to keep foreigners until after Sunday's round. An answer is expected



Action from the Shivaki women - volleyball championship encounter between Bangladesh Ansars and Tangail DSA played at the Dhanmondi Women's Sports Complex yesterday. Ansars won 15-3, 15-3, 15-7. - Star photo

ROME. Apr 21 matches - eight victories, one be greatly affected by the governing bodies' decision is the Rome derby.

AS Roma, in third place, could lose key Swedish midfielder Jonas Thern. Lazio can't afford to be without Croat striker Alen Boksic and Dutch winger Aron Winter, since leading scorer Giuseppe Signori is injured.

Roma dominated the first derby, a 3-0 win. A similar result would not be surprising. given Roma's run of solid performances and Lazio's inconsistency, particularly on de-

Roma even may have ofteninjured Uruguayan forward Daniel Fonseca, out for a month, back in the lineup. He practiced Wednesday.

Other matches Sunday: Bari-Brescia: Cagliari-Reggiana; Cremonese-Genoa: AC Milan-Torino; Napoli-Foggia; Sampdoria of Genoa-Fiorentina.

## Deportivo bank on Valencia

MADRID. Apr 21: Deportivo need help. And they are hoping Valencia can provide it.

Six points behind league leaders Real Madrid with eight rounds remaining. Deportivo can't expect to overtake Real on their own. That's why they are looking anxiously to Valencia to halt, or at least slow, Madrid's seemingly unstoppable dash towards the title when the two meet in Santiago Bernabeu Stadium on Saturday. reports AP

I am going to be for Valencia all the way," said Deportivo La Coruna chairman Augusto endoiro.

Deportivo are generally accepted as the only club possible with a chance to catch Real Madrid, who are bidding to break a four-season title drought.

The situation is clearly in Real Madrid's favour, but we're going to fight until the end." Lendoiro said. Deportivo, who rose from the Second Division tour seasons ago, narrowly nissed winning the last two eague titles.

Next week, Real travel to ighth-placed Tenerife.

Deportivo, meanwhile, play heir 30th-round game at against middle-ranking

In other 30th-round games Sunday, Celta receive Real Sonedad. Tenerife travel to Betis, Albacete host Zaragoza, Compostela are at Athletic Bilino. Espanyol are at Sporting Gijon and Racing Santander receive Sevilla. Valencia have their own in-

terest in defeating Madrid. Laying ninth in the 20-team First Division, they are struggling along with another half dozen teams to try secure a place in next season's UEFA

"A defeat against Madrid would leave us having to win all remaining games and even then, we'd be depending on the other teams' results," Valencia defender Francisco Camarasa told the national news agency EFE. Barcelona, now eight points

oil the lead and virtually out of the league title chase, are at nome against lowly Valladolid who are in 19th place - four points behind Atletico Madrid and seeking every possible point to climb out of the relegation zone.

And while this week's games could further Real Madrid's chances of winning the title, it's a very different tale for cross-town rival Atletico, who go to last-placed Logrones in yet another desperate bid to avoid the threat of demotion to the Second Division.

In Atletico's favour is the fact that Logrones, with 10 points, have only managed to win one game this season. But Atletico, likewise, have

only won three of 14 games away from home.

# Bayern play down Klinsmann

rumour MUNICH, Apr 21: Reigning German champions Bayern Munich denied a report on Thursday they had agreed to sign World Cup star Juergen Klinsmann from English side Tottenham, reports Reuter.

Munich's TZ newspaper reported the striker would sign a three-year contract for the reigning German champions before Bayern's league clash against Borussia Dortmund on Saturday. But Bayern spokesman

Markus Hoerwick said: "There has been no meeting with Klinsmann and he is not going to sign a contract." "(Bayern chairman) Franz

Beckenbauer has said Bayern would be interested if Klinsmann signalled he wanted to leave the English team ... but he has a contract with Tottenham until 1996."

the Munich paper said Klinsmann would sign a contract at Beckenbauer's home in the Austrian ski resort of Kitzbuehel. The striker has a clause in his contract at Tot tenham which allows him to opt out of his contract, it said.

# ACOG's rude awaking

CONYERS, Georgia, Apr 21 A routine security training ses sion at the 1996 Olympic equestrian centre southeast of Atlanta took on new meaning because of the bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma City, reports AP.

As FBI agents and local law enforcement officers worked Wednesday on a make-believe car-bombing and hostage incident at the sprawling horse park where the equestrian events will take place next year, their eyes wandered to a television set where real-life events unfolded.

David W Johnson Jr, special agent in charge of the FBI's Atlanta office, said the exercise in Rockdale County was designed to give security personnel for the Olympic Games and law enforcement officials from several jurisdictions experience in working together.

"What we kept emphasizing to the people who are doing this now is: Play it for real, because one day it may be. Johnson said. About 100 officers partici

pated in the two-day exercise. which began with a diversionary car-bombing and evolved into a hostage-taking in which a band of terrorists abducted a member of European royalty. FBI Special Weapons and

Tactics personnel from Quantico, Virginia, and officials in volved in the exercise worked out of a specially equipped, 90foot-long (30-metre) mobile command centre that will be taken to Atlanta for the 1996 Games.

The centre is equipped with secure communications and satellite links. Johnson, who formerly

headed the FBI's hostage-rescue team, said at least two more security-related rehearsals are planned for Atlanta before next summer. "We don't want anything to

happen here," he said. "Hopefully, intelligence and hard work will ensure that it doesn't happen here."

"We will, of course, request all available information relating to this explosion, study it and consider ways to improve our security, if necessary," said Lyn May, a spokesman for the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games.

# Schulz in Foreman's world



LAS VEGAS, Apr 21: George Foreman on Saturday night will take. Axel Schulz to a world he has ne-

ver been to - a heavyweight championship fight, reports Reuter.

Even if the German's anaemic 21-1-1-record against the dimmer lights of the boxing profession is not enough to make him the subterranean underdog to take away Foreman's the neon capital of the world might be. This is Foreman's town.

Foreman came to this capital of long-shots in 1987 as a fat, old, joke of a washed-up fighter looking for a few more paydays.

He left it last November. maybe not much slimmer, certainly not any younger, but a glittering hero to anyone who has ever dreamed.

And it can be assumed the cheers for the old guy that will



rock the MGM Grand's Arena from the cheap seats to the chairs at ringside will not take the knocking out of Schulz's Everyone — Schulz, too —

remembers the night that the former heavyweight champion of the world became the new and at 46, the oldest heavyweight champion ever with a short, right hand to the face of

Michael Moorer. Schulz, 26, has to remember the sudden destruction wrought by the punching preacher, and he also must realise that it was against the reigning heavyweight champion, not a fighter who fought all but two of his bouts in Ger-

many. "Once you get into the ring and that bell rings it turns into a whole another world that operates on itself," Foreman said. "You just never know what's going to happen.

"I've been doing this since 1966. It's been a mysterious world. I wish I had some control over it, but it seems to control you," said Foreman who first won the title in 1973, and lost it the next year to Muhammad Ali. Axel Schulz is going to

jump into that ring for the heavyweight championship of the world and he'll be overtaken by a strange force that carries you and makes you do things you don't even know what you're doing. I'm accustomed to being driven and passed around by that force." Foreman is also accustomed

to using that force for his own designs, like a trigger in that short right hand that needs to travel only about 12 inches (30 cm) before those 256 pounds (116 kg) behind it provide the after-shock 'He's never been in a

championship fight before. Foreman said earlier this week. "He's going to find out that its like no place he's ever been before. "I've been doing this since

1966, and I know you think you are going to do this and that, but once you step into a ring you are stepping into a world that sort of operates on its own," said Foreman, a 6 1/2-1 favourite. "You can't control it. In-

stead, it controls you. It can

make you do strange things.

Axel is going to jump into that

ring and find out," said the 73-4 Foreman, being paid 10 million dollars to fight Schulz, who is getting 500,000 dollars. At 6.4" (1.93 metres) Schulz is the same height as Foreman and at 221 pounds

(100.24 kg) he is 35 pounds (15.8 kg) lighter. Among Schulz's best boxing

attributes seem to be that he is respectful soft-spoken and very glad to be here fighting for the "biggest title in the world."

"I'm looking forward to that fight," Schulz said. "I think I will give everything to make sure that the title goes to Germany."

Schulz fought to a draw against Henry Akinwande in Berlin in 1992 for the European title and lost to him the next year. Schulz once was the German heavyweight champion but gave it up. Schulz, has fought outside

Germany only twice, won a 10-

round decision against former

heavyweight champion James "bonecrusher" Smith last September in Germany. Of course Smith, 42, may

have had other things on his mind when he fought Schulz, such as a promise to become



the German's sparring partner for 5,000 dollars a week for three weeks and a contract for a title fight if Schulz beats Foreman.

But Foreman will not have such pocket change on his mind on Saturday. "Being a puncher you always

look for a knockout," Foreman said. "That's something you do instinctively."

# Lillehammer revisited

LILLEHAMMER, Norway, Apr 21 (AP): They said it over and over: "The best Winter Olympics ever." The phrase almost became a chant at a one-day conference in Lillehammer Wednesday about ways cities can get more from the Olympics once the Games are

"If that spirit could be bottled ... and then distributed to each of the future Olympic cities, the future success of the Olympics would be guaranteed," said Neal Pilson of the US television network CBS.

Organizers of the 1994 Winter Olympics summoned more than 100 of the country's top government and business leaders to the conference to try recapture the sense of national purpose and cooperation that made the Lillehammer Games virtually perfect. In the years leading up to

the Games, Norwegians often bickered over the expense and the sites for the venues. But, when it counted, they pulled together. "In a country where each of

us tends to be an individualist, cooperation was perhaps the greatest lesson we learned, said Minister of Culture Aase Kleveland.

But in a lesson for other ci-

ties, organizers of the 1994 Winter Olympics lament that some people, especially Norwegian businesses, didn't make the most from the Games afterward. "We wanted to remind

these people of the wonderful

exposure Norway got as a re-

sult of the Olympics," said Lillehammer Mayor Audun Tron about the conference. "After the Olympics, everyone went their separate ways. Tron said. "We needed to round up the flock. Not to

make any specific plan, but

just to get them talking again." The Olympics were Norway's national obsession. The country of 4.3 million people spared no expense in building stunning venues. Much of the world remembers images of the friendly, flag-waving crowds, the beautiful scenery

and perfect weather. But Norway wanted more from the Games than a 16-day. dlrs 1 billion party, most of it paid by the government.

"Yes, one of the goals was to organize a sports event. But the main purpose was to get a higher level of activity, higher employment, more self-confidence and more hope for the future," said Gerhard Heiberg. former president of the orgaHeiberg complained that

Norwegian business hasn't followed through. Others, including some of the businesses, complain that

Norway's efficient organization vanished with the Games. What was left was a hodgepodge of regional and national organisations struggling to promote tourism and use the good name built by the Games to increase exports. "We need a new organisa-

tional efforts," Heiberg said. "The Olympics set out new national standard ... but we cannot sing our own praises forever. We have to move forward."

There have been successes. The government said Norway's exports, not counting oil, rose 14 per cent last year and claimed tourism is booming, partly due to the Olympics.

The Lillehammer region got

new roads and venues. And

contrary to expectations, the city's population increased after the Games to about 25,000.

Pilson, of CBS, said that before the Games, the small northern country was perceived as "cold, dark, serious, low-technology, old-fashioned, traditional."

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