East End, Victoria thru' FIFA satisfied

East End Club and Victoria Sptwo First Division outfits have joined defending ch-

ampions Abahani Krira Chakra and Muktijoddha Sangsad in the final leg of the Nirma **DMFA** Cup football tournament after winning their respective group finals at the Dhaka

But what was more interesting on the day, was both the lowly rated teams eliminated two Premier Division outfits in a similar way - tie-breaker with Victoria SC prevailing over Agrani Bank 5-3 and East End Club outwitting Youngmen's Fakirerpool Club 3-2.

In the day's first match. Victoria and Agrani Bank were locked in a 1-1 draw during the 90-minute regulation time.

blood in the 58th minute when

retaliated through their striker Angur, who nutralised the margin with a first time right footer from close.

hance to take the lead once

kabaddi

yesterday, reports UNB.

& VDP will take on Group B runners-up Haider Ali High will be held on Tuesday.

Dolairpar High School emerged Group B champions defeating Rifles Public School by 4-2 points after dominating the first half 2-1 points.

points.

second SAF swimming cham-

pionships beginning at the na-

tional swimming pool at

Mirpur on May 3. reports BSS.

pected to come from India

while Sri Lanka and Nepal are

sending six swimmers each to

Asian countries, except

Bhutan, will take part in six-

teen swimming and two diving

events, BSS quoted general

secretary of the Bangladesh

Swimming Federation Mo-

· Teams from Pakistan and

Maldives will arrive on May 2.

has completed all the prepa-

rations to hold the champi-

The Swimming Federation

Food Minister Abdul

Mannan Bhuiyan will inaugu-

rate the three-day meet on

An organising committee

has been formed with State

Minister for Youth and Sports

sharraf Hossain Khan.

Participants from six South

the meet.

he said.

onship.

May 3 at 9 am.

A 21-member team is ex-

Sports Reporter

again in the 84th minute. But thanks to a brilliant save by the Victoria custodian Nizam, who fisted away a pile low-drive from Jilani for a corner, forcing the fate of the match to decide into tie-breaker.

And in the penalty shot-out. Victoria converted all their five spot-kick against Agrani Bank's three to pave the way to the eight-team final round.

Meanwhile, in the day's second match, East End striker Mahmudul Huq Liton. who missed a penalty during the exciting encounter, made amends of his earlier blunder converting the fifth and deciding spot-kick to give the old town outfit a thrilling win and a passage to the final round for the first time.

In the eventful match marked by five yellow cards. Liton, who is also the coach of East End, sent the ball wide off the mark while taking a 12yarder awarded in the 15th

Fakirerpool. who dominated the second half, also had their best chance in the match when Jalal unleashed a fierce right-footer from inside the box but were denied by the wood-work with the East End custodian were completely beaten.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Farashganj vs Wari (4:30) Rahmatgani vs Arambagh (6:30)



SOCCER OR SOMETHING ELSE: A tussle of rival booters sans the ball during a first round engagement of the Nirma DMFA Cup between Agrani Bank and Victoria Sporting Club at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. - Star photo

but FAM not

KUALA LUMPUR, Apr 30: Malaysia will turn down the opportunity of hosting the World Youth Cup in 1997 if corruption in soccer has not been stamped out there by early next year, the national Bernama news agency reported on Sunday, reports Reuter.

Tengku Abdullah, the deputy president of the Football Association of Malaysian (FAM), is quoted by the agency as saving that if there are still corrupt players or bookies in the game, the association will request world governing body FIFA to change the venue.

Tengku Abdullah was quoted on his return from the recent World Youth Cup in Doha. Qatar, where three Malaysians were among five people implicated in allegedly trying to bribe teams playing in t**he** tournament

He said he has explained to FIFA president Joao Havelange the problem of soccer bribery in Malaysia and the actions being taken to combat it.

"I informed him the situation is under control now after police have questioned almost 130 players. I also told him that 21 players have been banished under the restricted residence act while 58 others have been suspended between one year and four years," said Tengku Abdullah.

He said FIFA was satisfied with the actions taken by FAM but expressed fear that the problem could recur, especially after the events in Doha.

But he added that FIFA has no intention of taking the tournament away from Malaysia and have given their full backing to FAM.

Sydney on target

SYDNEY, Apr 30: Sydney is on target to host the 2000 Olympic Games with 75 per cent of facilities already in place. Australian Olympic Committee executive president John Coates said Sunday reports AP.

Coates said there were no problems in delivering the main stadium site at Homebush on time and said this would be made clear to International Olympic Committee delegates who are visiting Sydney over the next three

BGIC v'ball

Two services teams Bangladesh Rifles and Bangladesh Air Force -won their respective matches in the adjacent to the Dhaka Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

The Riflemen outplayed Patuakhali 15-2, 15-1, 15-2 in a one-sided affair while the Air Force defeated Dinajpur 15-5. 15-5, 15-8.

in the women's competition. Rajbari beat Narayangani | Saturday with a surprisingly by 1-15, 15-6, 15-6, 15-3 easy 4-1 victory over

ran striker lan Bosnich sent off near the end of their 1-0 defeat at Leeds. FA Cup finalists Everton's 0-0 draw at home to Wimbledon enabled them to leap over coffin of Norwich city, title

LONDON. Apr 30: relegation trouble, had Cup place.

Rush seals Norwich's fate

Germany captain Juergen Klinsmann scored 'the equaliser in the 74th minute of Tottenham's 1-1 draw at

Villa. They have 44 points to

Arsenal in a typically pulsating north London derby. Ian Wright had a bottle thrown at him from the crowd and a couple of Spurs fans who ran onto the pitch were arrested by police after the

England striker put Arsenal

ahead with a 61st minute

penalty for his 30th goal of the demned Norwich, who have Bosnich was sent off three minutes from time for a second bookable offence after a

clash with former England midfielder Carlton Palmer. who then scored the inturytime winner for Leeds. England coach Terry Venables watched from the

Selhurst Park stands as striker Stan Collymore's 24th goal of the season in the 63rd minute ensured Forest took the points to remain third in the table and virtually certain of a UEFA

Liverpool's vete- Australian goalkeeper Mark Dutchman Bryan Roy put Forest ahead after 14 minutes. Northern Ireland international lan Dowie pulled one back for Palace, who were promoted this season along with Forest.

Tottenham Hotspur's German striker Juergen Klinsmann makes his way throng the headges of the Arsenal defenders

during the English Premiership north London derby on April 29. The match ended in a one all draw with Klinsmann

Defender Frank Sinclair gave Chelsea a 1-0 win over west London rivals Queen's Park Rangers with his third goal in three games in the 64th minute at Stamford Klinsmann, whose future at

Tottenham is in doubt, ensured with his 28th goal of the season that Spurs remained unbeaten at Highbury since the Premier League was formed three seasons ago. But Leeds consolidated

their hold on sixth place with their win, leaving Spurs six points adrift in seventh position and outside the UEFA Cup places that might convince Rlinsmann to end his stay at White Hart Lane.

Second-placed defending champions Manchester United are away to Coventry on Monday.

Second Division Bradford City held a commemoration service in memory of the 56 people who died in the fire disaster at the ground 10 years

title hopes

- AFP/UNB photo.

Bayern boost

BONN, Apr 30: Reigning champions Bayern Munich boosted their position in the intense hunt for the German title with an important 2-0 victory at 1992 winners VFB. Stuttgart on Saturday, reports

Bayern, whose hopes of finishing in the top five and gaining a place in Europe next season have looked slim in recent weeks, clinched two vital points through a first-half penalty from Mehmet School and a 73rd-minutes goal by forward Alexander Zickler.

The victory helped the Bavarians move up one place to fifth, level on points with fourth-placed Freiburg and four points below leaders Borussia Dortmund who laboured to a 2-0 victory over bottom club Dynamo Dresden. Kaiserslautern, who beat

relegation-threatened Bochum 3-1, stayed third, level on points with second-placed Werder Bremen.

Both teams are two points adrift of Dortmund but Bremen can join the leaders with a victory at Eintracht Frankfurt to-

All five top teams have a

Dortmund looked to be cruising to their first title since 1963 after the first half of the season but after several injuries they seem to be

came to their rescue with goals in the 72nd and 90th

minutes to stop Dresden clinching a rare point. "Dresdend made life very difficult for us," coach Ottmar

aged to score late on." Freiburg, the surprise team of the season, and Borussia Moenchengladbach also seem to be running out of steam

when it matters. Freiburg were beaten 2-0 at Cologne on Friday while Moenchengladbach, bidding

for Wednesday's UEFA Cup for their first title since 1977. But Lax defending in the also lost 2-0 at struggling 1860 19th minute cost the visitor's Munich on Saturday. their early advantage, allowing Maurizio Nert to head a corner kick wide of Luca Bucci.

half. Parma laid siege to the Brescia goal but rarely looked like scoring until Stefano Bonometti brought down Colombia's Faustino Asprilla, leaving Zola to claim a hard lought victory from the penalty

For most of the second-

Regina, Pele's legal daughter! RIO DE JANEIRO, Apr 30:

The Sao Paulo state Supreme Court has ruled that 30-yearold Sandra Regina Machado is the legal daughter of Pele, reports AP.

The Sao Paulo court on Friday refused an appeal by Pele's lawyers to overturn a earlier municipal court ruling. based on blood tests that the woman is indeed the daughter of soccer's greatest idol.

Neither Pele nor his lawyers were available for comment but the Rio daily O Globo reported Saturday that Pele will appeal the decision, this time at the Federal Supreme Court.

Machado claims her mother. Anisia, when a maid in a Santos household had an affair with Pele that began in

Machado began the suit four years ago.

"This is a moral victory for me," Machado said in a

"I want to change my last name to that of my father's and I think Pele is getting used to the fact that I am his daughter," Machado said.

Pele, presently Brazil's sports minister, led his country to the World Cup title in

championship at the court adjacent to the Dhaka Stadium Juves keep up jubilation

Batistuta made amends for his

penalty miss with a headed

goal. and Rampulla was forced

to survive some anxious mo-

ments before Ravanelli, from

the acutest of angles, and

Marocchi tightened Juventus's

free-kick gave the diminutive

Italian international his third

set piece goal in three outings

for club and country. Parma's

meeting with Brescia started

to look like the ideal warm-up

showdown.

When Zola's seventh minute

grip on the championship.



scoring the equalizer for Tottenham.

Rush sank ano-

ther nail in the

Premier League

contenders only two seasons

ago, with a late winner in his

side's 2-1 victory at Carrow

Reuter.

Road on Saturday, reports

Rush scored his 18th goal

Midfielder Bob Ullathorne.

of the season six minutes from

back after an injury layoff,

equalised in the 15th minute

with Norwich's first goal in five

games after Steve Harkness

had given Liverpool and early

The defeat virtually con-

Crystal Palace, who fell to

Nottingham Forest by the same

score, also remained in the

relegation zone — the bottom

four - on 42 points like

Norwich but with for games to

points, have the chance to pull

away in their home game

against leaders Blackburn

West Ham, also on 42

Aston Villa, also in deep

only two games left, to relega-

nine years

Fiorentina, reports Reuter.



Rovers today.

Juventus moved to the brink of their first Italian League title in





A spiker of the defending champions Bangladesh Air Force smashes the ball as two players of the lowly Dinajpur helplessly watch during their first round encounter of the BGIC national basketball championship at the court adjacent to the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. Air Force won the match 15-5, 15-5 and 15-8. - Star photo

club for fear of provoking a The result kept the Turin side a commanding eight in the 70th minute, points clear at the top of the

ROME. Apr 30:

table with five matches remaining and dashed secondplaced Parma's hopes of closing the gap with a 2-1 victory at relegated Brescia.

Gianluca Vialli, playing his first full match in almost a month, gave Juventus the perfect start in the seventh minute, meeting Fabrizio Ravanelli's cross with a superb first-time volley which lobbed over goalkeeper Francesco Toldo for the veteran striker's 14th goal of the season.

In the 68th minute Baggio's neatly-taken penalty appeared to put the match beyond Fiorentina's reach only for Gabriel Batistuta's 23rd goal of the season, two minutes later, to revive the home side's hopes of a comeback. But two goals in the final

six minutes from Ravelli and Giancarlo Amrocchi put the seal on Juventus's first win at Florence since 1982 and their 15th away success of the sea-Parma made hard work of handing Brescia their 10th

successive league defeat, rely-

ing on a second-half penalty

from Gianfranco Zola to keep alive their ever-diminishing hopes of catching Juventus. The two matches were brought forward a day to give Juventus and Parma an extra day's rest before they clash in

the UEFA Cup final first leg on Wednesday. Any hopes that Juventus' surprise home defeat to Padova last Sunday had re-opened the Italian title race were dispelled as the First Division leaders ruthlessly dispatched

Vialli's early strike underlined Juve's complete control of the first-half in which both Ravenelli and Baggio came close to stretching their side's Straight after the break,

traditional rivals Fiorentina.

Batistuta spurned Fiorentina's best opportunity to equalise. placing a spot kick too close to Michelangelo Rampulla. deputising in the Juventus goal for the injured Angelo Peruzzi. In the 68th, Baggio taught

the Argentine a lesson in penalty-taking, sending Toldo the wrong way after the goalkeeper had hauled down Ravanelli. The penalty will help the former Piorentina player bury

memories of a famous incident

in 1992 when he refused to

take a spot kick against his old

Saturday interview.

1958, 1962 and 1970.

chance of winning the Bundesliga in the final six

showing nerves in the final run-in. Substitute Rene Tretschok

Hitzfeld said. "We created many chances but only man-

New lease of Yugoslav booters' life

GENEVA. Apr 30: Yugoslavia, banned by FIFA in line with United Nations sanctions in May 1992, will return to European club competition in the new Intertoto Cup in-June. reports Reuter.

A UEFA statement after the 12-group draw said Yugoslavia. reduced to Serbia and Montenegro after the break-up of the Yugoslav Federation, had been cleared for entry by FIFA.

The United Nations recently eased the sanctions, allowing sporting and cultural links to be partially restored. The 60-team competition

has been divided into 12 groups of five teams, with just four teams qualifying for entry into the preliminary round of the UEFA Cup. The competition starts on June 24 and must be completed by July 23.

Yugoslavia has been allowed two places with their home matches to be played in Belgrade.

Armenia, Azerbaijan, Geor-

gia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia were excluded from the competition in line with an earlier UEFA decision. UEFA said that vacant places would be allocated to

those associations entitled to enter two teams who had requested additional places. Austria received an additional place on this basis. Germany and France have

four teams each, followed by England on three. National associations must announce the names of their participating clubs by May 31

orting Club, the

Stadium yesterday.

After a barren first half, Agrani Bank drew the first

a left flank corner by Tipu rolled into the net slipping the grip of a shaky Victoria custodian Manu. Six minutes letter Victoria

Agrani Bank, however, got a

Orient Bread

Dolairpar High School and Bangladesh Rifles School and College qualified for the semifinals of the 5th Orient Bread schools kabaddi tournament

Earlier, Ansars & VDP High School and Haider Ali High School qualified for the semis from their respective groups. Group-A champions Ansars

School in the first semis while Group B champions Dolairpar High School will meet Rifles School and College in the other semis. Both the semis In the day's first match.

In the other match. Bangladesh Rifles School & College finished Group A runners-up beating Notre Dame School by 18-6 points. The first session was locked 3-3

2nd SAF swimming from May 3 Swimmers from India, Sri M Asaf-ud-Dowlah as chairman. Lanka and Nepal arrive in The 16 swimming events Dhaka today to take part in the

are: 50m freestyle, 100m freestyle, 200m freestyle, 400m freestyle, 1500m freestyle, 100m backstroke, 200m backstroke, 100m butterfly, 200m butterfly, 200m individual medley, 400m individual medley, 4x100m freestyle relay, 4x200m freestyle relay and 4x100m medley

Schools handball

Rajarbagh Police Lines High School beat Udayan School by 6-3 goals in the schools handball tournament at the Dhanmondi Women's Sports Complex yesterday, reports

The winners led the first half 3-2.

Shamsun Nahar netted three goals. Bilkis two and Naznin one for the winners

while Mou scored two and Tinni one for the losers. The other match of the day between Lake Circus High School and Lalmatia Girls;

The two diving events are: 3m spring board and 5m fixed

Meanwhile, Mustafa Larfaoui, president of the International Swimming Federation arrives in the capital on May 3 to witness the swimming

This is the first time that the FINA president is visiting a

Hironashi Furuhashi, president of Asian Amateur Swimming Federation (AASF) and president of the Japan Olympic Association, will also arrive on May 3. The former Olympic gold medalist (swimming) will preside over the AASF executive committee meeting to be held in Dhaka

Asian countries and AASF will

fought his heart out."

cluding 30 knockouts.

nearly four years.

entered prison."

Tyson refused to confirm

speculation that his first

comeback fight will be Aug 19

at Las Vegas against Boston's

Peter McNeeley, who has a 36-

1 record as a professional, in-

But there was no denying

"I feel very comfortable

Asked whether he became

better person during his

The 28-year-old Tyson,

who was released last month

after being imprisoned on a

rape conviction, has not fought

since June 1991, when he won

a decision over Razor Ruddock.

tract with Showtime following

his release from prison, was

assigned to offer analysis on an

IBF junior middleweight fight

between champion Vincent

Pettway and former three-time

world champion Simon Brown.

Tyson, who signed a con-

Tyson's elation over the

prospect of getting into the

ring again after a hiatus of

about my return. I went

through an ordeal, and I'm

three-year prison term, Tyson

responded, "I'd like to think

I'm more mature than when I

happy it's over," he said.



LANDOVER, Maryland. Apr 30: turday night - as

champion worked as a ringside analyst for the Showtime cable network during a fight card at the US Air Arena. It was his first appearance at a boxing even since his release from prison last month.

It's only a matter of time

before Tyson steps into the

ring himself, and when that

happens it almost certainly won't be against George Foreman. Tyson refused to talk to the media Saturday, but during his warmup for the telecast, he was asked by partner Steve Albert whether he would attempt to take the IBF heavyweight title away from the 46-

year-old Foreman. "I don't believe that's in the future," he said.

Tyson claimed that Foreman lost his fight last week against Axel Schutlz. Foreman absorbed dozens of blows to the face but was declared the winner by a majority

decision. "George Foreman was outpointed by Axel Schutlz,"

50 pc Americans not aware of Atlanta Olympics

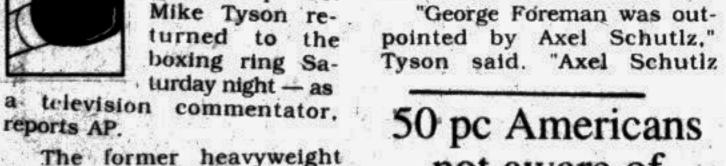
in a copyright story Friday, reports AP.

mascot, Izzy.

The Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games (ACOG) says the poll's results are simiown national polls.

on May 5.

High School ended in a 1-1 Sadeque Hossain Khoka as patron and federation president draw at the same venue. be in Dhaka during the meet.



ATLANTA. Apr 30: One in three people from the Southern United States and about one half of all Americans don't know Atlanta will host the 1996 Olympics, the Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported

A poll of 1,078 American South residents and 507 non-Southerners commissioned by the newspaper also shows that nine out of 10 respondents say they don't know what the Cultural Olympiad is and hardly anyone can name the Olympic

lar to those of the committee's

championships as guest of

South Asian country.

Indian Olympic Association president B Srivanati Adityan. who is also the president of the Indian Swimming Federation. Woon Sui Kut (Singapore), chairman of the technical swimming committee of AASF, senior swimming federation officials from South

New job for Mike Tyson