

### Fed Cup semis Abahani take on Mukhtis today

Holders Mukhtijodha Sangsad KC will take on runners-up Abahani KC in the first semi-final of the Beximco 13th Federation Cup football tournament today, reports UNB.

The match starts at 5:30 pm at the Dhaka Stadium.

Radio Bangladesh will broadcast running commentary of the match.

Star-studded Mukhtijodha Sangsad KC qualified for the last four as unbeaten team in Group A securing seven points from three round robin league encounters.

The freedom fighters beat Chittagong Abahani KC 6-0, Brothers Union 1-0, and drew 0-0 with Fakirerpool Young-men's Club on way to the semifinal stage.

On the other hand, metropolis league champions Abahani KC beat Rahmatganj MFS 3-1, Bangladesh Boy Club 1-0, and lost to arch-rivals Mohammedan SC 0-1 to reach the semis with six points, also from three outings.

Rate of tickets for semis: Gallery — Tk 25 and VIP — Tk 40.

### Four lead chess board

Sports Reporter

Four players were leading the board with two points each at the end of the second day's proceedings of the 21st national championships' final leg encounters at the chess room of the National Sports Council (NSC) yesterday.

Playing with the white, Biman's last year's runner-up International Master Reefat-bin-Sattar outplayed his BTMC opponent Syefuddin Lavlu in only 27 moves without having much cerebral works.

However, Ali Amjad Mintu, of the Bobby Fischer Chess Club, in a hard-fought match defeated his opponent Fide Master (FM) Rezaul Haque in the 49th move.

In the day's other vital matches, Khondaker Kayes Hassan (Ansars) beat Khosh Alam (Leo Nine Chess Club), and Enamul Haque Rajib, who retained sensation after beating defending champion International Master Ziaur Rahman on the opening day, continued his winning streak with a comfortable victory over Arman Monir.

### U-12 cricket camp

Sports Reporter

A long-term cricket camp for under-12 players will begin from today at the Dhaka Stadium.

The players, who have already enlisted their names, have been asked to report at the stadium by 9 o'clock in the morning, says a BCCB press release.

### AC gun Guoan down

BEIJING, June 15: Two fine saves from AC Milan reserve goalkeeper Mario Lelopo in a penalty-shootout earned the Italians 4-3 victory over China's Beijing Guoan on Wednesday when the sides finished 0-0 after normal time, reports Reuter.

Lelopo's diving saves rescued Milan, who lost 2-1 to the Beijing side when they met in the Chinese capital last year, from the ignominy of a second defeat to the internationally unknown side.



Scene from yesterday's match between International Master (IM) Ziaur Rahman and Toyabur Rahman during the 21st national championship at the NSC chess room. Ziaur, who suffered a shock defeat on Wednesday, bounced back to defeat his opponent in the 40th move.

— Star photo

## Pele recalls good old days

STOCKHOLM, June 15: Pele made an emotional return to the site of his first World Cup triumph on Wednesday, revisiting the site of his two goals in 1958 that led Brazil past Sweden 5-2 for the title, reports AP.

"Here was my lucky start," Pele said, juggling a ball and showing reporters at the Rasunda Fotbolstadion how he scored twice and started the legend.

The 1958 World Cup finals was where Pele, as a skinny 17-year-old, scored Brazil's only goal in the quarterfinals against Wales — a game I will never forget.

"I'll also never forget Brazil winning the World Cup and shaking the king's hand (after the final)," Pele said. "Outside the field, I remember all the girls came to touch my hair. Back then there were not many teams from South America and there were only three, four black players on Brazil's side."

Pele's visit coincided with

the women's World Cup, that moves into the semifinals Thursday.

"I like women's soccer. I used to tutor kids in the United States when I was with New York Cosmos, and saw a lot of women's college soccer too," Pele said.

Earlier this week, FIFA organised a discussion about the future of the game. Pele said the changes in last summer's World Cup in the United States were improvements, such as the ban against back passing to the goalkeeper and awarding three points for a victory.

"FIFA is a little slow, a little conservative. But every sport in the world has changed. The NBA has changed successfully, as has tennis," Pele said about FIFA and the international board's reluctance to change.

Unlike other name players that participated in the FIFA-led discussion, Pele spoke in favour of using both the kick-in and throw-in to restart play.

Soccer will become more

and more a collective game, Pele predicted, noting that fewer and fewer stars can dominate to the same extent as he did, referring to legends such as Johan Cruyff, Franz Beckenbauer, Zico and Roberto Baggio.

While at the Rasunda Stadium, Pele saw photographs from the '58 final and was presented with a shirt signed by last year's Swedish team that finished third at the World Cup. Pele handed over an autographed water-colour portrait of himself dedicated to the Swedish Football Association and "all my friends."

He reiterated that his agenda as Brazil Minister of Sports was to improve his country's record as a sporting nation. Brazil have not impressed in recent Olympic Games and the Pan-American Games and should do better. He also said he has an ambition to "work with poor kids."

The way to keep kids from the street, off drugs ... is to give them sport."

## Barry, bet & an odyssey



ROME, June 15: A cricket-mad Briton tempted by a 50 sterling (£80 dollars) bet has set out to bat his way around the world and raise a prize catch for a children's charity.

Jason Barry, 29, from Leicester in Central England, hopes to play at least 52 matches in 52 countries in 52 weeks, reports Reuter.

"If you want to travel the world and play cricket at my level you've either got to be extremely rich or want to do something for someone else," Barry said.

He hopes the tour, in which he will appear as a guest player for sides in places as far-flung as Papua New Guinea and Kathmandu, Nepal, will raise at least 200,000 sterling (£320,000 dollars) for the charity Save the Children.

Other planned venues not usually associated with cricket include China, Japan, the Czech Republic, the United States and, says Barry, an ice floe in the Antarctic and the jungles of Borneo if he can arrange it.

"I've got enough bats and pads with me to put on a game for two teams. If anyone wants a game of cricket I can set it up," he said.

Barry spoke to Reuters in Rome after playing eight

matches in six European countries since launching his odyssey with a guest appearance for his county in Leicester on April 16 against a Dutch XI.

His record so far is six wins and a topscore of 96. "I haven't had a duck yet but I'm working on it," he said.

Barry said his idea, which he hopes will win him a place in the Guinness Book of Records, sprang from a 50 sterling (£80 dollars) bet with a friend two years ago who did not believe cricket was played in enough countries to take him around the world.

A semi-professional cricketer and sports coach, he gave

### Kent in B&H Cup final

LONDON, June 15: Left-arm seamer Time Wren thrust Kent into the Benson and Hedges Cup final with three telling strikes against Somerset in their semifinal at Canterbury on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

Wren dispatched three of Somerset's top four batsmen as Kent secured a 31-run victory and now face Lancashire in the final of the 55 overs competition at Lord's on July 15.

Lancashire pulled off a two-wicket win over Worcestershire in their semifinal at Worcester on Tuesday, when a rain-delayed start forced the match at Canterbury into a second day.

Wren's example inspired tight and effective Kent cricket that shackled Somerset for key phases of their innings as they pursued the home team's 250 for nine.

Kent arm seeking their first trophy since 1978 when Alan Ealham led the county to the Benson and Hedges Cup and the county championships in the same season.

Ealham's son Mark took the man-of-the-match award against Somerset, striking 52 to tilt the balance on Tuesday and then taking one for 33 in his 11 medium-paced overs.

Somerset captain Andy Jayhurst went down fighting, making an unbeaten 69 of 71 balls, but the asking rate that soared to 10 an over towards the finish proved beyond his side, who ended with 219 for eight.

### Pankratov shatters Stewart's mark

CANET, France, June 15: World champion Denis Pankratov of Russia claimed the men's 200 metres butterfly world record on Wednesday, eclipsing the four-year-old mark of American Olympic champion Melvin Stewart, reports Reuter.

Pankratov swept home in one minute 55.22 seconds to carve 0.47 seconds from the time set by Stewart when the American dethroned German Michael Gross at the World Championships in Perth, Australia, on January 12, 1991.

### Outrageous!

CAIRO, June 15: A youth football match in an Egyptian village degenerated into brawling which left a farmer shot dead, caused a woman to miscarry and injured four others, a newspaper reported Thursday, reports AFP.

The brawl broke out in Gamara village, 180 kilometres (110 miles) north of Cairo, when a pregnant woman slapped a child who hit her son, a player on the opposing team.

The enraged father of the child beat up the woman, who was taken to hospital where she miscarried, the government daily Al-Ahram Al-Masai newspaper said.

The fisticuffs then degenerated into a free-for-all, with shots being fired between the two families. A farmer, 40, was killed and four others injured, while the other rioters were arrested.

### Christie's mother dead

LONDON, June 15: World and Olympic 100-meter champion Linford Christie, who this week stunned the track world with his outbursts at the media, pulled out of the Nuremberg track meet Thursday after his mother died in a London hospital, reports agencies.

Mabel Christie, 65, died at Hammersmith Hospital in west London. She suffered a stroke four years ago, and had been in intensive care at the hospitals.

### Dunga leaves Stuttgart in a lurch

STUTT GART, June 15: Brazil's World Cup captain Dunga has left VfB Stuttgart under a cloud before their final game of the German League season, reports Reuter.

The 32-year-old midfielder, who has had problems with caretaker coach Juergen Sundermann, left without a word and headed for Japan where he has a two-year contract with J-League side Jubilo Iwata.

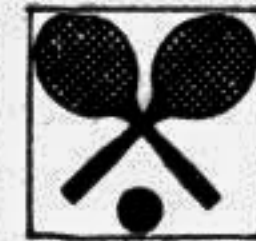
Dunga, who scored seven goals in his 54 Bundesliga appearances for Stuttgart, will miss the club's home game against Duisburg on Saturday.



Russian Denis Pankratov, 21, punches the air after setting a new world record for the 200-metre butterfly at an international meet in France on June 14. Pankratov clocked 1.55.22.

— AFP/UNB photo

## Sound start for Sampras



LONDON, June 15: World number two Pete Sampras took the first step in his quest for a third successive Wimbledon title on Wednesday, looking totally at home on grass after his dismal time on clay this year, reports Reuter.

A first-round loser to Austrian Gilbert Schaller at the French Open two weeks ago, Sampras took to the grass of Queen's Club like a duck to water and Chipped fellow-American Jonathan Stark 7-6, 6-3 in his opening match of the London grass court championships.

The Schaller defeat in April brought to a premature end Sampras' clay court season in Europe, during which he lost his first match in four events and reached the semifinals of a fifth, the German Open.

"The clay court season was a disaster for me but I went home, hung the rackets up for four or five days, then started hitting again," he said.

"To play someone like Stark and return as well as I did, plus I served well, I'm pleasantly surprised."

The American, who had a

first-round bye, was thoroughly domineering against the 66th-ranked Stark, surrendering only two points on serve to 6-6 in the opening set and always looking the player in control as he took the tie-break 7-4.

The top seed broke Stark in the opening game of the second set and it was the only break he needed, though he captured the match on Stark's serve in the ninth game, wrapping it up with a glorious running backhand pass.

The closest Sampras ever came to a crisis was in the 12th game of the first set when he led 6-5 with a set point at 30-40 on Stark's serve. Stark's first serve looked out and Sampras thought it was out but it was called good.

"It was a foot out," Sampras said. But he could not persuade the umpire and in stead of taking or Stark's second serve to win the set, the score was duce and Stark won the game to force the tie-break.

Sampras said new, heavier balls being used to counter the widespread criticism at Wimbledon last year that grass court tennis had become too fast and too boring made

little difference. "This is the fastest surface on earth. On grass myself, Goran (Ivanisevic) or Boris (Becker) are all going to serve aces, no matter what balls are in our hands," he said.

"I hardly noticed the difference at all."

Second seed Becker breezed past Britain's 248th-ranked Danny Sapsford 6-1, 6-1 in less than an hour in his opening match.

"After two months of the clay court season, basically I can smile again for the next four weeks," said Becker, who has won the queen's title and Wimbledon three times each.

Two other seeds in Sampras' half of the draw, South African Bryan Shelton 6-2, 6-4 while Rosset, the Olympic champion and sixth seed, put out Todd Woodbridge of Australia 7-6, 6-7, 6-2.

Australian Sandon Stolle scored a 6-3, 6-2 triumph over American Jared Palmer, the first-round conqueror of night-seeded David Wheaton of the United States.

## Johnson begins with a bang



SACRAMENTO, California, June 15: World record holders Dan O'Brien and Jackie Joyner-Kersey struggled to first day leads in the multi-events, but Michael Johnson impressively began his bid for gold in the 200, and 400 metres at the US Championships on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

O'Brien, losing his first 100 metres ever in a decathlon, finished five events on the cool and sometimes rainy day with 4628 points. He did not take the lead from Chris Huffins until the fourth event.

Despite his performance, O'Brien stood only 92 points off his 1992 World record pace, when he scored 8,891 points.

"It didn't go as well as I had hoped," said O'Brien, who finished second overall in the 100 metres in 10:36 seconds and had a sub-par long jump of 7.82 metres (25 feet, 8 inches).

"But with a good day on Thursday the world record isn't out of the question. Huffins had 4,574 points for his first day.

Joyner-Kersey, dehydrated and suffering from tendinitis and hamstring problems, posted her worst first-day heptathlon score since the 1984 Olympics. Her total of 3,836 points put her only 20 points ahead of fellow Olympian Kym Carter.

"The score is terrible," said Joyner-Kersey, who clocked only 24.36 seconds in the 200 metres, the last of the day's four heptathlon events.

The top three finishers in each event at the five-day

### Afsar tennis results

Salahuddin won the boys' singles under-16 crown in the Afsar tennis tournament beating Shafiqur Rahman 6-4, 6-3 in the final at the Ramna National Complex here yesterday, reports BSS.

In the girls' singles under-12, Naomi Cookson clinched the title beating Sifat Nurat Baishakhi 6-2, 6-2.

### Notice Inviting Tender

No. 77 (94-95)

Sealed tenders in B.D. Form No. 2911 are hereby invited from Special Class-I (One) & Class-I(One) Bldg. contractors of PWD Addl. Chief Engr. PWD Ctg. Zone's Class-II (Two) & Superintending Engineer, PWD Circle-1, Chittagong's Class-III (three) & Rangamati PWD Division's enlisted Class-IV(Four) bldg. contractors for the under mentioned works and will be received by the undersigned & as well as by the Executive Engineer, PWD, Division-I, Ctg. Executive Engineer, PWD Division-II, Ctg. & Executive Engr. PWD Division, Khagrachhari up to 12:00 Noon on the 27/6/95 & will be opened on the same day at 12:15 PM in presence of the tenderers, who may like to be remain present. The tender shall be in a sealed cover with the name of work superscribed on it.

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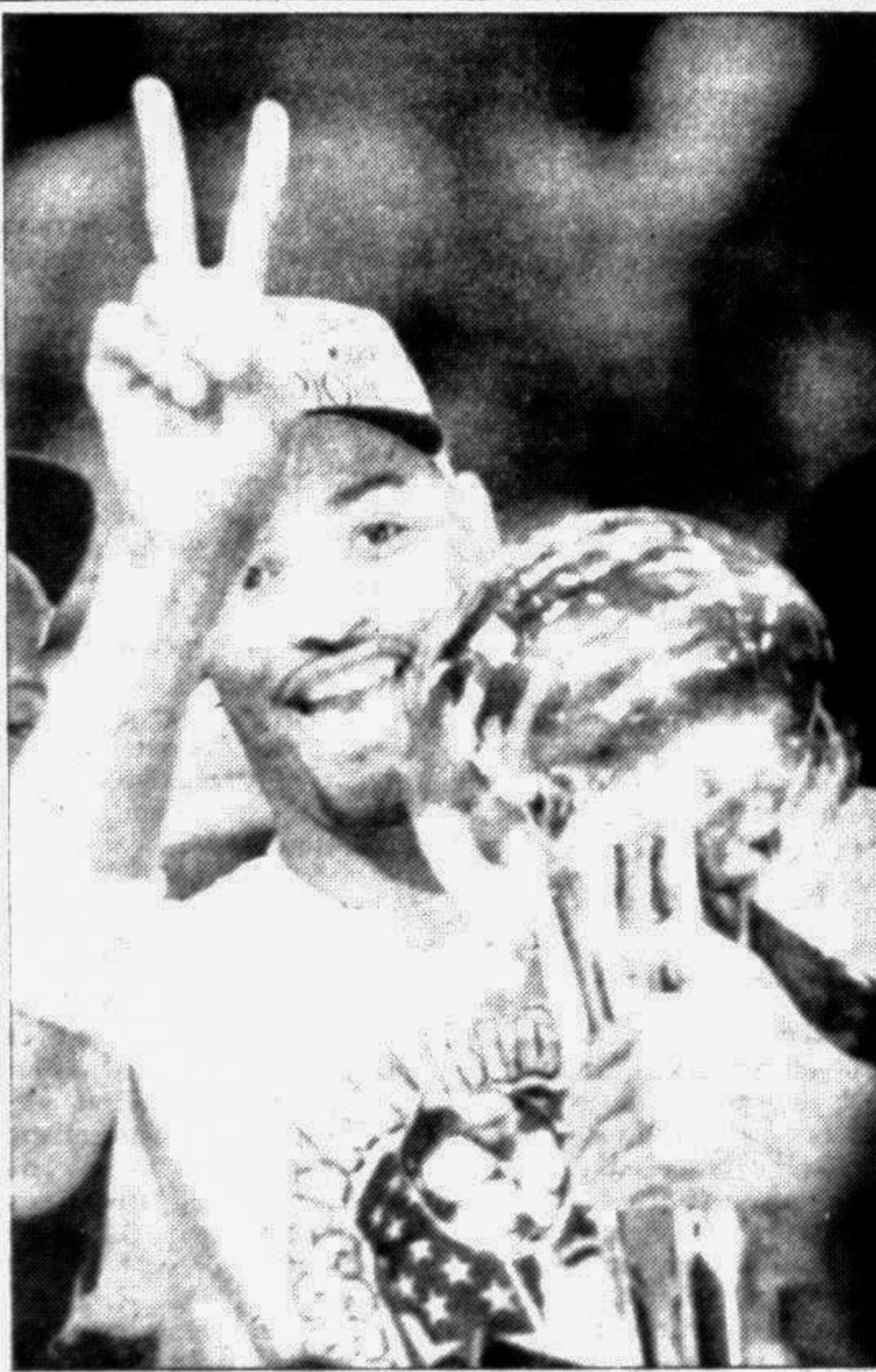
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Houston Rockets Robert Horry holds the NBA championship trophy after the Rockets' 113-101 victory against the Orlando Magic in game four of NBA finals in Houston on June 14.

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Tender schedule with details specifications, terms and conditions will be available at a cost of USD. 25/- (USD. Twentyfive) or BDT. 1000.00 per set with Accounts Officer, Cash & Banking, Biman Admin Building, Zia International Airport, Dhaka as well as with Finance Manager, Biman, Singapore, Hong Kong, Tokyo, Frankfurt, Paris, London, Rome, Amsterdam & New York on cash payment (Non-refundable) on all working days up to 01-08-1995.

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