



Sri Lankan skipper Arjuna Ranatunga receives the Champions' Trophy from Sheikh Faisal Bin Khalid Al-Qassim (L), chief of Cricketers' Benefit Fund Series in Sharjah on Oct 20. — AFP/UNB photo

**Ctg soccer
Abahani,
Regensea
split points**

Sports Reporter

Holders Abahani Krira Chakra and title aspirants Regensea Sports Club shared honours in a one-all draw in a crucial Elite Paint CJKP First Division football league encounter at the Chittagong Stadium yesterday.

In front of the near-packed audience striker Rabi of Abahani put the defending champions into the lead in the 20th minute with a spectacular header off a neat left flank cross from medio Murad.

But their joy was short-lived as Salahuddin of Regensea pulled off the equaliser four minutes from the short whistle. The nimble forward of the star-studded port city outfit, made a solo run down the middle before coolly placed the ball right on the target over an advancing Abahani custodian Zia.

Apart from both the goals in the first half, the tension-packed encounters were mostly marked by constant violation of rules with both teams indulging in tough tactics.

The draw now left both Abahani and Regensea jointly sharing the top slot of one group with seven points each from three outings.

TEAMS

ABAHANI: Zia, Zaifu (Amin), Masum, Hossain, Munir, Prince, Sujit (Sumon), Prosanta (Dipak), Jasim, Murad and Rabi.
REGENSEA: Enayet, Debassish, Nazrul, Kamrul (Anupam), Sehni, Palash, Basu, Salahuddin, Nur Islam, Jashim Mehedi (Kaiser) and Hanif (Mangal).
Referee: R Alam

Stich sidelined

VIENNA, Oct 21: Michael Stich was forced out of a tournament in Austria on Friday after tearing a ligament in his left ankle, reports Reuter.

The injury is likely to sideline him for the rest of the season.
Stich twisted his ankle as he lunged for the ball during the fifth game of his quarter-final against Australian Todd Woodbridge in the 500,000 dollars Austrian CA Trophy tournament.

"He's torn a ligament. We have treated the injury with ice and will bind it up so he can drive back to Munich tomorrow," Davis Cup doctor Edi Lanz said.

"It looks like his season's over. Normally with such injuries it takes around six weeks for rehabilitation."

**Bosman on
the move**

MARTIGUES, France, Oct 21: Anderlecht's former Dutch international John Bosman is to join French First Division club Martigues on a one-year contract, reports Reuter.

"We have come to a financial agreement with Anderlecht," a Martigues spokesman said on Friday. John Bosman will have a medical check-up on Sunday and should sign next Wednesday.

Bosman, capped 22 times, joined Anderlecht in 1991 after spells with Ajax Amsterdam, PSV Eindhoven and Belgian club Mechelen.

Lankans over the moon



COLOMBO, Oct 21: Cricket-crazy Sri Lankan cast off worries over urban terrorism today to celebrate the return of their team from an historic overseas win, reports Reuter.

But only a few hundred fans, mostly family members and friends of the players, were on hand at Colombo's cricket board headquarters to welcome their sporting heroes.

Most Sri Lankans were forced to stay home at the weekend following a ban on the sale of petrol after suspected Tamil rebels blew up two of Colombo's largest oil depots on Friday.

Fans lit firecrackers on Friday night after watching

their cricketers on television beat the powerful West Indies in the final to win the Champions' Trophy.

"Normally, we would have celebrated our arrival a little different to this," said Sri Lankan cricket captain Arjuna Ranatunga at a news conference.

At least 25 people were killed and 32 wounded when suspected Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam blew up several fuel tanks in a pre-dawn attack on Friday. Dense black smoke continued to billow over Colombo today.

The Tigers are fighting for a separate homeland for minority Tamils in Sri Lanka.

During a government-imposed curfew on Friday, Sri Lankans huddled around television sets to watch the final

played in Sharjah in the United Arab Emirates.

Their team beat Pakistan and the West Indies in grand style to win the three-nation championship event. Sri Lanka's first overseas win in a tournament involving more than two teams since they gained Test status in 1982.

"This is welcome relief for us. Something to get our minds away from the trouble," one fan, Keerthi Weerawardhene, said.

"We are a different team now," Ranatunga said. "Earlier we were waiting for victories, now we make them happen."

Sri Lankan coach Dave Whatmore said: "As long as we can absorb the pressure we can keep winning."

**Sampras stops
Huard's run**

LYON, France, Oct 21: Top seed Pete Sampras ended the startling run of teenage French qualifier Maxime Huard on Friday, beating him 6-4, 6-2 at the Lyon Open to line up a semi-final with fellow American Todd Martin, reports AFP.

Huard, playing in his first ATP tournament here, had knocked out Canadian-born Briton Greg Rusedski on Thursday but was struggling against a far superior opponent in the quarter finals.

Sampras broke the 19-year-old's serve in the third and fifth sets off the Frenchman, somewhat fazed by playing the former world number one, committed a series of unforced errors.

Martin, seeded fifth, came back from a set down to beat Australian Patrick Rafter 3-6, 7-6 (7/2), 6-2.

Today's other semifinal pitches South African Wayne Ferreira against Russia's Yevgeny Kafelnikov.

Ferreira came through a drab, error-ridden encounter with Germany's David Prinosil 6-2, 1-6, 6-3, while second seeded Kafelnikov dispatched the main French hope here, Cedric Pioline, 6-3, 6-4.

**Swardt comes
down to earth**

BRIGHTON, England, Oct 21: Mariaan de Swardt failed to willow up her victory over Steffi Graf when she was beaten 6-1, 1-6, 6-4 by Kristie Boogert at the Brighton International women's tennis tournament on Friday, reports Reuter.

The big-hitting South African surrendered a 3-0 lead in the final set, allowing her Dutch opponent back into the match with a succession of careless errors.

Trailing 4-5, De Swardt served so powerfully into the net that she broke the middle tape, responding by posing with her arms raised in weightlifter fashion.

But her light-hearted mood faded swiftly as Boogert set up match point by hitting a drop volley and followed up with a forehand winner to earn a semifinal place for the first time this year.

Compatriot Miriam Oremans failed to follow her losing 4-6, 6-4, 7-5 seventh seeded South African Amanda Coetzer.

But Coetzer was stretched to the limit and survived a match point before clinching a semifinal meeting with Bugaria's Magdalena Maleeva.

Third seed Maleeva had earlier recovered from a disastrous opening set, in which she failed to win a single game point on her own serve, to beat sixth seed Helena Sukova 1-6, 6-1, 6-3.

In the other semifinal, Boogert meets fourth seeded American Mary Joe-Fernandez, who struggled for two hours 22 minutes to overcome Barbara Paulus of Australia 3-6, 7-5, 6-3.

Queensland in dire straits



SYDNEY, Oct 21: Champions Queensland were facing defeat in their opening Sheffield Shield match of the season after their top-order batsmen failed against Victoria in Brisbane today, reports Reuter.

The home side were poised precariously on 106 for three in their second innings at close of play at the Gabba, still 15 runs in arrears with one day remaining.

Victoria, who have not won in Brisbane for 11 years, seized the initiative early in the day. Captain Dean Jones completed a brilliant 145 to take his side to a total of 482 in reply to Queensland's first innings 361 for eight declared.

In Perth, Test opener Michele Slater missed out on a century for New South Wales but his determined 96 earned his side a draw against Western Australia.

**Philippoussis
to skip Essen
Grand Prix**

HONG KONG, Oct 21: Rising teenage star Mark Philippoussis of Australia has withdrawn from the Indoor Grand Prix tournament in Essen next week after a back injury forced him to default in the semifinals of an exhibition event today, reports Reuter.

The 18-year-old world number-32 suffered severe back spasms shortly before his match against Italy's Andrea Gaudenzi and pulled out after losing the first two games.

"I am really disappointed," said Philippoussis, a beaten finalist in Tokyo last week. "The physiotherapist has told me I pinched a nerve in my back and I will have to rest for four or five days. This is just an exhibition event but Essen is big tournament and I had a wild card to play there."

**Tiozzo returns
to ring Oct 26**

LYON, Oct 21: France's former world super-middleweight champion Christophe Tiozzo stages his comeback here on October 26 as a light-heavyweight against American Steven Breware, reports AFP.

Tiozzo, 32, who won his world title in 1990, has not fought since he lost his crown to Australian Jeff Harding in Marseille in June 1992.

Set a daunting victory target of 347 from 63 overs, New South Wales easily negotiated the final two sessions at the WACA to finish on 243 for four, the home side taking two points for a first-innings lead.

Queensland's second innings against Victoria began disastrously, when Trevor Barsby was trapped lbw by Test pace bowler Paul Reiffel without scoring for the second time in the match.

Fellow-opener Matthew Hayden fell for 11 when he loyden a delivery from Reiffel's Test colleague Damien Fleming to Matthew Elliot.

Martin Love was then run

out for 40 and Queensland's hopes of survival rested with captain Stuart Law, who was unbeaten on 36 at the close, and Jimmy Maher, who had reached 13.

Jones, who began the day on 118, finally fell lbw to fast bowler Michael Kasprovic, ending an innings of awesome power.

Matthew Elliot gave his captain valuable support to reach a more subdued 138, before being dismissed by Test fast bowler Craig McDermott.

Spinner Paul Jackson finished with four wicket for Queensland but they cost him 158 runs from his 42 overs.



World number two Pete Sampras of the United States returns a backhand shot during his quarterfinal match against French sensation Maxime Huard at the Lyon Open in France on October 20. Sampras outplayed Huard 6-4, 6-2. — AFP/UNB photo

**Rebel 'saint' Diego back
with a vengeance**

Back on the field after a drug ban, an overweight Diego Maradona is carrying the hopes of many Argentinian fans disillusioned with the lacklustre state of soccer in their country. Off the pitch, reports Gemini News Service, he has lost none of his capacity to annoy the powers-that-be.

By Martin Gambarotta from Buenos Aires

ARGENTINA has once again locked its favorite footballing son in a passionate embrace following the second comeback of "Saint" Diego Maradona.

Twice banned from the game for taking drugs, Maradona, now a chubby 35-year-old, is back doing what he does best—playing soccer, catching the public eye and upsetting the authorities. He has already cocked a snook at a ban on long hair by the disciplinarian coach of the national squad, Daniel Passarella.

A recent poll showed Maradona as the third-most named personality in the press, behind Economy Minister Domingo Cavallo and

he made his debut with Boca Juniors, one of Argentina's most popular teams and the club he took to a league championship in 1981.

The deal has earned him \$10 million, but he proved his drawing power when 60,000 people turned up for his comeback. Tickets were sold out within three hours of going on sale.

Football is Argentina's passion, but it is in the doldrums, with many games lacking flair and excitement. The fans are prepared to forget the chequered past of Diego—as he is always called—and are banking on him to restore the country's footballing glory. His off-pitch escapades and rags-to-riches

Maradona has recently made friends with President Menem, whose politics he has fiercely opposed in the past, but he continues of defy authority.

Argentina coach Passarella's ban on long-haired or homosexual players provoked Maradona to exclaim: "That's bullshit!"

"Argentina's footballing history has been written by long-haired players," he added.

Many young Boca fans wear their hair long, and 28-year-old Claudio Caniggia, a long-haired star with a past drugs ban, plays with Maradona at Boca.

In a friendly game against South Korea at the end of September, Maradona went a step further and added a blond streak to his hair as a protest against Passarella's decision.

Many Boca fans followed suit, and died a blond streak into their hair for Maradona's comeback. Another tattooed the name "DIEGO" in Gothic lettering across his belly.

There is a sharp character contrast between Maradona and Passarella, the country's two dominant soccer personalities—and this reflects a division in society in general.

Passarella, a tough-tackling full-back, was on the team that won the World Cup on a winter's night in 1978, while the military junta was in power. A skilful, inspired Maradona helped win the same cup on a bright summer's day in Mexico in 1986, with Argentina enjoying its return to democracy.

Popular devotion lies with the overweight Maradona, the player once described by The Economist magazine as "a hero who has eaten too much pasta". The fans remember feats such as the way he dribbled his way around the English defence in Mexico. But many in the establishment dislike his antics and outspokenness.

But if Argentina is divided over his life outside football, few admit to doubts that he is still the best with the ball.

The conservative daily newspaper La Nacion said of his comeback: "Maradona showed that within the dominions of a football pitch he is still the great heisman. Within the whirlpool of hustling, of the football of tough guys, he is an oasis of clarity and technical refinement."

An even more telling indicator that he has received forgiveness is a television cigarette advertisement which says of its product: "As good as Diego's goal against the English." — Gemini News

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Argentina's Diego Maradona: Comeback trail

President Carlos Menem. However, more photographs have appeared of him than of the other two.

His first comeback came four years ago after a ban for taking cocaine while playing for the Italian club Napoli, with which he won two league titles and one of Europe's top trophies, the UEFA Cup.

Then, in early October, following a second, 15-month ban imposed when he failed a drug test at the World Cup,

background have enhanced his reputation as a rebel and a cult hero.

An underground poetry collection published shortly after the latest drug scandal was entitled Ediciones del Diego, in honour of his escapades.

Pop songs have been dedicated to him, and are chanted by the Boca faithful. One song, Santa Maradona, by the French rock group Mano Negra, raises him to sainthood.

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Tender Notice

Dhaka City Corporation has received a loan No. 942-BAN (SF) from the Asian Development Bank towards the cost of Dhaka Urban Infrastructure Improvement Project. The Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) now invites sealed tender in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 from bonafide 1st Class enlisted contractor of Dhaka City Corporation for the following work and tender will be received by Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka and all Executive Engineers of Zonal Offices of Dhaka City Corporation up to 12-00 Noon of 25/10/95 and will be opened by the respective officers on the same day at 12-30 PM in presence of the tenderers or their representatives who may choose to be present. Earnest money shown against the work shall have to be furnished along with each tender in the form of Bank Draft from any scheduled bank in favour of the Mayor/Dhaka City Corporation.

Tender documents may be obtained from all Zonal Offices of Dhaka City Corporation and Cashier of Accounts Section on payment of requisite amount (Non-refundable) mentioned against each work. Detailed information may be obtained from the Office of the Executive Engineer, Zone-8 (Mirpur) during office hours.

The rate should be quoted both in words and in figures on the basis of percentage above or below the estimated amount of the schedule of item of works otherwise the tender will be treated as cancelled.

If the quoted rate is more than 5% above or below the estimated amount of the work the contractor shall have to submit analysis along with the tender. If the contractor quoted rate is less than 5% below the estimated amount they shall have to deposit double the earnest money before issuing the work order.

No tenderer should submit tender who have not completed any road or drain work amounting to Tk 15 (Fifteen) lac in a single work order.

All papers and documents mentioned in the special terms and conditions should be submitted along with tender, otherwise the tender will be treated as cancelled.

No tender paper will be sold on the date of opening of the tender.

The authority reserves the full right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

Sl No.	Name of works	Estimated amount	Earnest money	Cost of tender document (Per set non-refundable)	Time of completion
1.	Improvement of Street No. 2, at Section-7, Mirpur	Tk 6,22,084/-	18,670/-	Tk 500/-	60 days

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