Cuba confirm ticket to Atlanta

KOBE, Japan, Nov 15 World champions Cuba be came the first team to secure a place in the Olympics when they overwhelmed Peru for a ninth straight win at the World Cup women's volleyball tournament today, reports AFP.

Although their ace attacker Mireya Luis and Magaly Carvajal took a rest in the second and third sets. the Cuban spikers continued their outstanding form to score a straight forward 15-0, 15-7, 15-2 victory in Kobe, western Japan.

Even if Cuba lose the remaining two matches to China and Japan, the twotime defending champions will end at least in the top three of 12 teams to qualify for the Atlanta Olympic Games next year.

Brazil, silver medallists at the World Championships to Cuba, and Asian champions China were the nearest to winning the other two tickets for Atlanta with an identical 8-1 win-loss record.

Ana Moser and Marcia Cunha used their powerful spikes to lead Brazil to a 15-6. 17-16. 15-9 win over China, with Moser becoming the best scorer of the match. "We gave pressure to

China by our serves, besides, our attacks were great too. My players temporarily lost their concentration in the second set, but they could keep our rhythm," said Brazilian coach Bernardo Rezendo. Brazil now play Japan and

Peru, while China meet Cuba and the United States on Thursday and Friday.

In Osaka, Croatia downed Canada 15-8, 15-5, 15-6, and South Korea whipped African champions Egypt 15-4, 15-5, 15-5.

Nigeria left in the cold

JOHANNESBURG, Nov 15: Zimbabwe will replace Nigeria in a four-team international soccer tournament in South Africa which starts this weekend, officials said today reports Reuter.

The invitation to Nigeria for the Four Nations Cup was withdrawn by the South African Football Association (SAFA) on Monday in protest at the execution of writer Ken Saro-Wiwa and eight other human rights activists last Friday

Zimbabwe agreed on Tuesday to step in as replacements for the African champions.

The tournament starts in Mmabatho, in South Africa's North West Province, on Sat-

South Africa open the tournament against Zambia on Saturday, followed by a match between Egypt and Zimbabwe. SAFA executive president

Solomon Morewa said Zimbabwe had promised to include English-based striker Peter Ndlovu and goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar in their squad for the tournament. which also features matches next Wednesday in Pretoria and on November 26 in Johannesburg.

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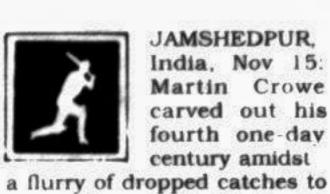
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Crowe quiets Indian crowd



carry New Zealand to an emphatic eight-wicket victory over India here today. reports AFP. Crowe, reprieved thrice by fumbling Indians, smashed a career-best 107 not out as the Kiwis overtook a modest victory target of 237 with

overflowing Keenan Stadium The 33-year-old Crowe, a veteran of 140 matches, hit eight boundaries and two sixes after coming in to bat in the third over with the score

three overs to spare at the

at 18. Left-handed Stephen Fleming lent a valuable helping hand with a strokeful unbeaten 78, adding 171 for the third wicket with Crowe in what turned out to be the match-winning partnership.

It was New Zealand's first one-day win over India on Indian soil, and gave the tourists, beaten in the rainravaged Test series, a morale-boosting lead in the six match series.

The Kiwis, who had lost all their previous eight limited-overs encounters in India, stunned the highly-rated Indians with an impressive all-round display.

They bowled out India for 236, claiming the final eight wickets for the addition of only 77 runs after the home side had run up a healthy 159 for two by the 32nd over.

Crowe was dropped by Manoj Prabhakar at short mid-wicket when he was on 29, and five runs later, the usually safe Ajay Jadeja missed a low catch in the covers. Sachin Tendulkar was the bowler on both occasions.

Soon after Crowe reached his half-century. Utpal Chatterjee floored an easy return catch. The batsman celebrated by lifting Chatterjee

PRETORIA. Nov

15: The new

Centurion Park

pitch could dec-

ide the destiny

of the first off-

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Africa and England for 30

years on South African soil

starting on Thursday, reports

Centurion, a municipality in

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are watering it so late," he

said. "The groundsman is ob-

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pitch not lasting the distance

but with all the water there's

bound to be some damp in it

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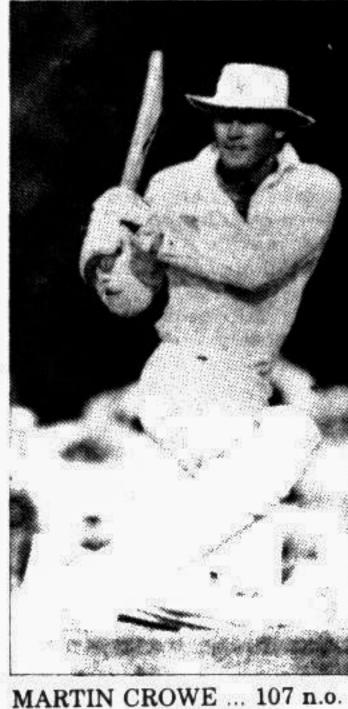
Torrential rain drenched

for his first six in the same

Left off the hook, Crowe and Fleming never looked back and galloped towards victory against the listless Indian attack.

Kiwi skipper Lee Germon's gamble to give India first strike in good batting conditions initially appeared to back-fire as openers Prabhakar and Tendulkar hammered 45 for the first wicket off just seven overs.

. The Kiwis threw themselves on the lush green outfield of the Keenan Stadium to complement a steady attack in which the four seamers shared two wickets each



and off-spinner Shane Thomson took one.

Dion Nash shone in the field with two wickets, a brilliant diving catch at mid-on to remove Navjot Sidhu, and a quicksilver throw from the fence to run out Utpal Chatterjee.

Tendulkar, India's main batting hope, made a typically aggressive 30 off 20 balls before falling into a trap set by

"I have always found if dif-

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if it's been heavily watered.

The best ones are usually

those which are given a good

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open today by naming five batsmen with Mark Ram-

FIFA enrols huge entrants

The New Zealand skipper posted a short midwicket after Tendulkar had pulled three successive boundaries off Danny Morrison, and the batsman obliged in the next over by scooping an easy

catch in the same direction. Prabhakar held on till the 38th over to emerge the top scorer with 83, and skipper Mohammad Azharuddin slammed 32 off 45 balls. But the remaining batsmen faltered under the pressure ap-FIFA said in a statement. plied by New Zealand.

December 12.

Quest to erase Gaddafi!

ISLAMABAD, Nov 15: A top cricket official of 1996 World Cup host Pakistan wants to change the name of Gaddafi Stadium in Lahore, which was named after the Libyan leader Moammar Gaddafi some 20 years ago, reports

Arif Ali Abbasi, Pakistan Cricket Board chief executive, said in a statement today the general body of the board could make a recommendation to the government to change the name.

He denied reports that the board had already renamed the stadium, a site for World Cup matches, saying, "There will no change in the name unless the government desired it."

Earlier, Abbasi told a news conference in Lahore Tuesday he was personally in favour of renaming the stadium, selected ground for World Cup matches, and that he expected the change to be made before the world event. He did not say why he

wanted a change, which is not likely to go well with the Libyans or admirers of the Libyan leader in Pakistan. Gaddafi visited Pakistan in 1974 for the Islamic summit

conference when Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, father of Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, was at the helm.

Zulfigar Ali Bhutto, a close friend of Gaddafi, was toppled by the military in 1977 and executed about two years

Seles at US team's helm

WHITE PLAINS, New York, Nov 15: World co-num ber one Monica Seles will lead the US team against defending champions Spain next week in the Fed Cup finals, the United States Tennis Association announced on Tuesday, reports Reuter

Captain Billie Jean King also named Martina Navratilova, Lindsay Davenport, Mary Joe Fernandez, Chanda Rubin, Amy Frazier and Gigi Fernandez to the team. The Fed Cup finals will be played at Valencia, Spain, on November 25-26.

It's same old Maradona

Diego Maradona will watch Boca Juniors' next match from the bench after losing his temper and receiving his fourth yellow card of the season in Sunday's 2-0 win against Banfield in the Argentine League, reports Reuter.

Maradona, playing his eighth league match for his new side after a 15-month suspension for failing a dope test at the 1994 World Cup. was booked for arguing with the referee over his position for a throw-in.

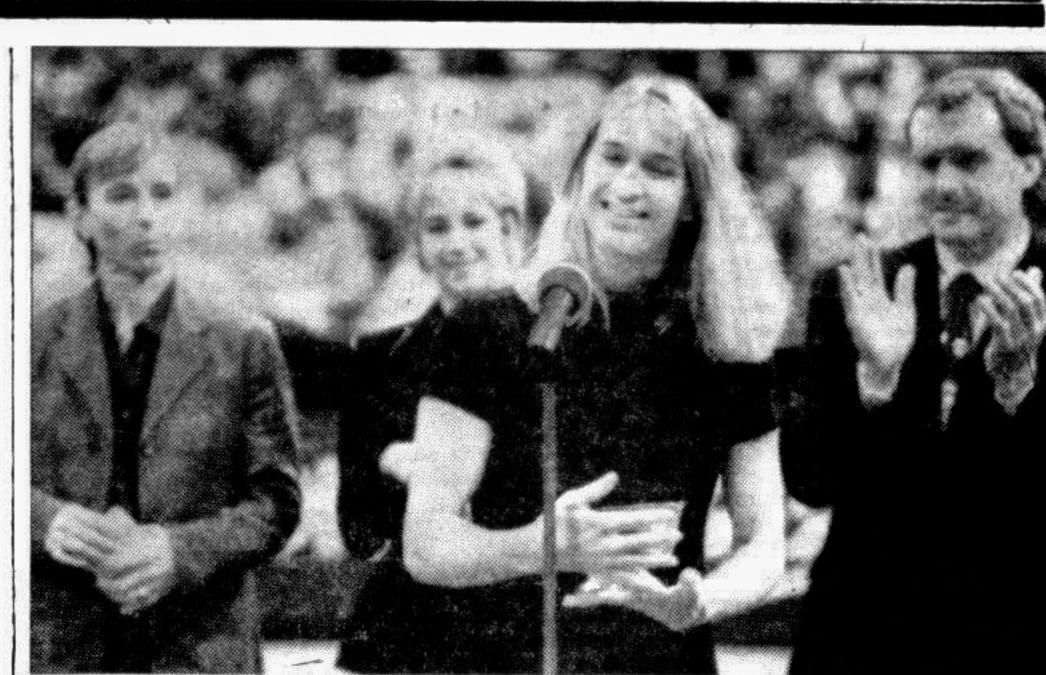
Maradona after referee Hugo Cordero gave the throw-in to Banfield. "I didn't say anything to Cordero, I swear it on my daughters. It really annoys me that at the age of 35 other people make decisions

Maradona was substituted three minutes later by Raul Peralta but the episode could not dampen Boca's spirits as they extended their league lead over second-placed Velez Sarsfield with live games to go.

Maradona will miss Friday's match against midtable Rosario Central and should be back for the Derby against arch-rivals River Plate, fifth in the table and eight points behind Boca, on November 26.

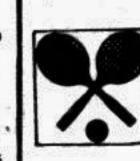
The former Argentine World Cup captain made an effort at modesty when asked if Boca had not become too "Maradona-dependent."

Perhaps the ball did come to me a lot but it's the whole team playing out there." he



World number one Steffi Graf of Germany addresses the audience after receiving the 1995 Corel Women's Tennis Association (WTA) award for player-of-the-year on Nov 13 in New York. Award presenters former stars Martina Navratilova (L) and Chris Evert (C) are also seen. - AFP/UNB photo

Steffi steals Seles' show



NEW YORK, Nov dence I needed." 15: It had been prematurely billed as "Welcome back Monica night" but top

seed Steffi Graf made it her own with a convincing firstround victory at the seasonending WTA Tour Championships on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

Opening the tournament against the troublesome Amanda Coetzer, the confident world number one Graf wearing a tennis dress in a match for the first time in her illustrious career - calmly cruised to a 6-2, 6-2 victory in just 65 minutes.

At 19th, Coetzer is the lowest ranked player in the 16-player draw, but she had given Graf plenty of trouble earlier this year. The South African is one of only two players to beat Graf in 1995. having defeated her in Toronto in August.

Coetzer also took the first set from Graf in the first round of the US Open before falling to the top seed in

But buoyed by her title run in Philadelphia last week her eighth title of the year -Graf never allowed the feisty Coetzer to challenge her.

"I didn't make a lot of mistakes. I played the right shots at the right time," said the three-time champion. who was playing the year-end championships for the 11th consecutive time.

"It really helped that I won the tournament before this in Philadelphia," Graf said. "That gave me confiEarlier on Tuesday, 14th-

ranked Brenda Schultz-Mc-Carthy rode the biggest serve in women's tennis to a 6-2. 7-6 pounding of seventh seed Magdalena Maleeva of Bul-

The Dutch power-hitter bombed in 10 aces and numerous service winners with her fastest ace clocked at 113 miles per hour (182

Maleeva, a steady baseliner, simply had no answer for the remarkable power of an opponent whose second serve is harder than most of the first serves on the women's Tour.

In their excitement at the prospect of Monica Seles returning to the event she had won three successive years before her 1993 stabbing. overzealous tournament organisers used her picture and the headline "welcome back Monica" on the programme and draw sheets.

They announced to the world that Tuesday would be "welcome back Monica night."

When the superstar pulled out injured late last week, it was Coetzer who made it into the field, if only for one

"I didn't get to know I was in until the very last minute. so I just kind of came into this tournament feeling happy to be here, said the 24-year-old Coetzer, who has qualified for the season finale the past three years.

Coetzer, already down an early break, had a golden opportunity to get into the when Graf faced triple breakpoint at .40.

match in the sixth game

Instead, the over-anxious South African made a series of errors while going for winners, allowing Graf to run off five consecutive points for

"With Steffi you don't get many opportunities and I knew that would give her quite of bit of confidence winning that game so I was a little bit upset," Coetzer said. From that point, the top

seed, scoring consistently with her vaunted forehand. was on cruise control. Graf faced just one more

break-point in the first set but never lost her serve. while breaking Coetzer in the seventh game and twice more in the second set to seal her speedy victory. Graf seemed to win with

such ease that the hot topic at her post-match interview was her white tennis dress, much to the embarrassment of the 26-year-old German who had previously always worn a skirt or shorts with a shirt. "A couple of years ago I

had a dress and I was about to walk on to the court at Wimbledon and I changed it," she said.

"I have wanted to wear it a few times since, but never had the guts to." continued Graf, who seemed more weary about the fashion statement than she ever has about an opponent. And her assessment?

"I did feel comfortable and it didn't bother me at any times, so you'll definitely see it on the court again."

Dire start for Muster



Nov 15: Australian Thomas Muster's hopes of finishing the

year at the top of men's tennis for the first time suffered a setback on Tuesday when he was beaten by Michael Chang in his opening match of the ATP Tour Championship, reports Reuter. Muster, who beat Chang to

at the French Open earlier this year, was outsmarted and outrun by the American in a 4-6, 6-2, 6-3 defeat. The Austrian world number three needs to win the year-ending championship to

win his first Grand Slam title

dislodge American Pete Sampras from the top of the world rankings.

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Courier and Swede Thomas Enqvist to clinch one of the top two places in the group and qualify for the semifinals.

Muster's defeat contrasted sharply with Sampras who opened his campaign with a businesslike 6-3, 6-3 victory over Russian Yevgeny Kafelnikov in the other group. It was always going to be a

tight battle between Muster and Chang who are both known to be fighters and run for every point. The Festhalle crowd was not disappointed as the two clay-court masters battled out long rallies from the baseline.

Chang was only able to take the initiative after breaking Muster's serve to lead 5-3 in the final set. Despite suffering cramp, the He now has a battle on his American kept his nerve to

Group matches against Jim game after two hours and two Muster had some harsh

words for his rival after-

wards, however. "People always say I fake injuries but he is always injured," he said. "Every time he plays a close match he is injured. But maybe it is just

to put the pressure on others." "I just saw that he was cramping but he was pretty fast for cramping ... ask him how he plays with cramps.

Maybe he plays better with cramps. Chang said he had not taken in enough liquid during

the match, a problem he has had in the past. Sampras, who is bidding

to end the year at the top of the rankings for the third consecutive year, looked in commanding form on the fast indoor courts. He now faces a fascinating clash with three-times Wim-

bledon champion Boris Becker in the White Group on Wednesday, an echo of the Wimbledon final which Sampras won in four sets. Earlier Becker had tested

the nerves of his fanatical home supporters, battling back from behind to clinch a dramatic 4-6, 6-2 7-6 victory over south African Wayne Ferreira.

The match was in the balance until the two last games in the third set when Ferreira, a late replacement for the injured Andre Agassi. saved seven match points before Becker clinched victory by winning the tie break

After leading 6-5 in games. Becker had four chances to break Ferreira's serve and clinch the match in a thrilling 12th game which went to deuce nine times. But the South African served his way out of trouble to force the tie-break. Ferreira, who cut short a

holiday in Tanzania to come to Frankfurt, saved another three match points after Becker had led 6-2 in the tie-break before the German finally satisfied the fervent Festhalle crowd which included his father and mother.

Easy sail for top seeds

England, playing sixthseeded Egypt after disposing of Sweden on Monday, won

Mark Chaloner beat Ahmed Faizy in straight games in just over an hour and then Egyptian captain Amir Wagih, who took a game off seven-times world champion Jansher Khan on Monday, failed to make an im-

He lost 9-5, 9-5, 9-5 though his teasing shots often had Parke scuttling the full length of the court to re-

Teenager Ahmed Barada came back strongly after losing his first two games against Chris Walker to take the third game 9-2 but Walker took control in the fourth to win 9-4 with a string of unreturnable smashes.

Pakistan continued their good form, beating Sweden 3-0, though Jansher was again made to struggle, this time by Andrers Thoren, before eventually winning through 10-8, 7-9, 9-6, 3-9.

CAIRO, Nov 15: Australia, Pakistan and England, the top three seeds, claimed their second victories of the men's World Team squash championship on Tuesday,

reports Reuter. But fifth seeds New Zealand, seventh seeds Sweden and hosts Egypt all lost for a second time and desperately need a win in the final round of pool matches on Wednesday to get through to the quarterfinals.

pression on Simon Parke.

BUENOS AIRES, Nov 14:

"It's always me," protested

"Boca always plays well.



Michael Chang of the United States plays a forehand shot against Austrian Thomas Muster during their opening match of the ATP Championships in Frankfurt, Germany, on Nov 14. Chang won 4-6, 6-2, 6-— AFP/UNB photo

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Executive Engineer

today:

ZURICH, Nov 15: FIFA, world soccer's governing body, said on Tuesday it had received and accepted a late entry from Guinea-Bissau for the 1998 World Cup, bringing the number of teams entered to a record 171, reports Reuter. "In a letter dated 1.1

November , the West African Association confirmed its participation, claiming that a new executive board had to be elected which had prevented earlier enrolment,"

The official deadline for entries had been at the end of September.

The draw for the preliminary rounds of the competition will be made in Paris on

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SCOREBOARD

one-day international be-

tween India and New Zealand

Scoreboard in the first

Fall of wickets: 1-45; 2-94; 3-159; 4-177; 5-178; 6-194; 7-204; 8-222; 9-234. Bowling: 49 9 0 Morrison 56 Nash 9.1 1 33 Cairns 40 10 0 Larsen 17 Astle 8 0 35 Thomson

NEW ZEALAND: Greatbatch b Prasad Astle lbw b Prabhakar Crowe not out Fleming not out Extras: (lb-9, nb-2, w-3) Total: (for two wickets) 237

Fall of wickets: 1-18, 2-66 OM RW Bowling: 36 7 0 Prabhakar 30 Srinath 50 Prasad 10 0 10 0 40 Kumble 54 9 0 Chaterjee 3 0 18 Tendulkar

Result: New Zealand won by eight wickets. Historic Test from today

> that left-arm spinner Richard Illingworth would find himself in the team on Thursday. "I am very rarely happy to go into a Test match without a spinner and unless the conditions dictate otherwise

then I think we'll play one," he said. South Africa have also named five pace bowlers in their squad, with Brett Schultz and Craig Matthews both coming through fitness tests with flying colours on

TEAMS

SOUTH AFRICA: Andrew Hudson, Gary Kirsten, Hansie Cronje (captain), Darryl Cullinan, Jonty Rhodes, Brian McMillan, Dave Richardson, Shaun Pollock, Craig Matthews, Allan Donald, Brett

Schultz, Clive Eksteen. **ENGLAND**: Mike Atherton (captain), Alec Stewart, Mark Ramprakash, Graham Thorpr Graeme Hick, Robin Smith, Jack Russell, Dominic Cork, Darren Gough, Angus Fraser, Devon Malcolm, Mark llott, Richard Illingworth.