

Column One

DID U' KNOW? (The Professor does)

THAT sportsmen usually come with a good sense of humour. Take for instance the case of Clive Rice, at one time the captain of the Nottinghamshire cricket team. Now Clive once featured in an advertisement in the Johannesburg Sunday Times. The peculiar aspect of the ad was that Clive was naked to the waist. This was a full length photograph and, hold it guys, Clive did have something to cover his vital parts. Of course, he did. After all, it was a Sunday. And, what could be more appropriate than a cricket bat?

Clive later commented, "They removed the word JUMBO from the bat: I wonder why?"

Sports WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN (The rules are published every Saturday.)

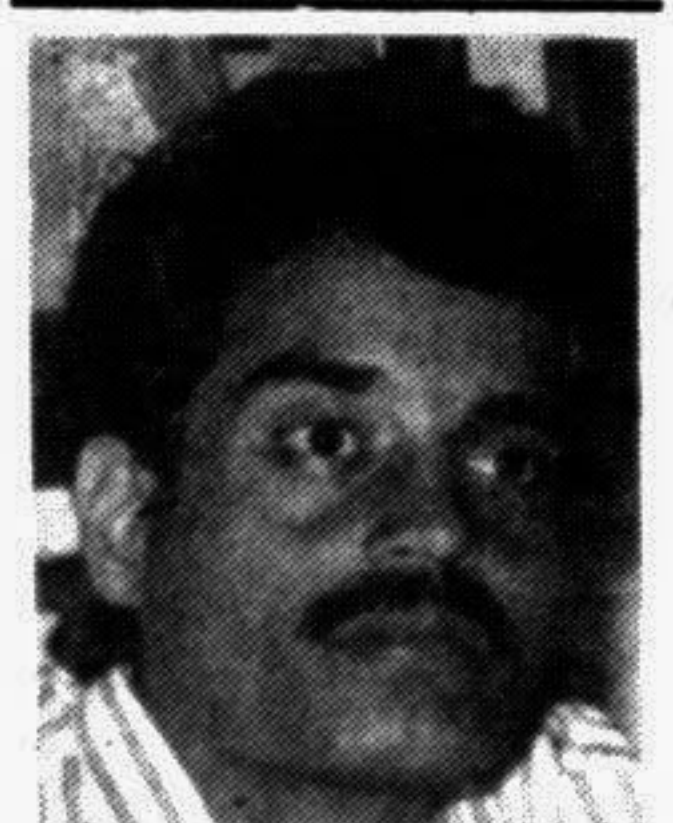
Sports WHIZZ KID competition-13

Tick the Correct Answer (Competition closes: 8 p.m. Nov 17, 1995)

- Which country won the European football championship in 1992?
Germany Italy Denmark
- Who scored the winning goal for Bangladesh against Myanmar recently?
Mizan Naqib Ranjan
- Where was the inaugural SAF Games held in 1994?
Kathmandu Dhaka Colombo
- The Bangladesh Kirta Shikha Protisthan (BKSP) is at:
Jalpaiguri Tong Savar
- Sir Donald Bradman is from:
Australia England New Zealand

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SPORTS TALK



Dilip Vengsarkar (Former Indian Test batsman)

"In India there are very few journalists who understand cricket. You can count them on your finger-tips. Indian journalists have strong likes and dislikes. If they don't like somebody's face they will always try to put him down."

On Indian journalists.

Judo team off to Delhi today

An eight-member Bangladesh judo team will leave for New Delhi today to take part in the Asian Judo Championship to be held in the Indian capital from November 17-22, reports UNB.

The team comprising four judokas and four officials will participate in the meet as part of their preparation for the 7th SAF Games.

Members of the team are: Col (Retd) Gazi Kamal Uddin (team leader), Golam M Khan (manager), Ekramul Haq (coach), A K M Selim (referee), Judokas — Osman Gani, Jahangir Alam, Ahsan Habib and Al Mahmud Sardar.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

- One-day exhibition cricket match:
- Venue: Dhaka Stadium
 - BCCB Eleven vs West Indies U-19 (9:00 am)
- ITF Thai-Bangladesh Satellite tennis tournament:
- Venue: Rajshahi Tennis Complex
 - Quarterfinals (men's singles)
 - Semifinals (men's doubles)
 - First Division chess league:
 - Venue: Bangladesh Chess Federation
 - Mohammedan SC vs Genus CC
 - Sheikh Russel KC vs Farashganj SC
 - Anushilan KC vs Konica SS Brothers Union vs Masghul Mahfil
 - Biman vs Pradeep Sangha

The post-match parley

Sports Reporter



Jubilant knew no bounds at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday as fans, players and officials alike broke out in ecstatic celebrations as the Bangladesh under-19 cricket team pulled off a sensational 2-wicket victory over their West Indian counterparts last evening.

The impressive big bowl, lighted with floodlights, witnessed yet another milestone in the development of our cricket as the stands erupted in joyous festivities, and the young protagonists found a new meaning of happiness.

Amid all the euphoria, the Bangladesh skipper Naimur Rahman Durjoy told this correspondent, "I am very proud today. Our team wanted to win and tried hard to achieve what they did."

The robust youngster, who returned with a brilliant all-round performance to buoy his team, said his slow bowlers had laid the initial foundation for the victory and his batsmen successfully finished the job. Durjoy said the turning point of the Windies innings was when he himself picked up two wickets at a crucial moment. But in a modest tone he added that he was lucky to get the breakthrough.

Commenting on his batsmen, the skipper particularly commended the efforts of Al-Shahriar Rokon, makeshift opener Mustadir Litu and the entertaining hitting display of Hasibul Hossain Shanto in the latter stages.

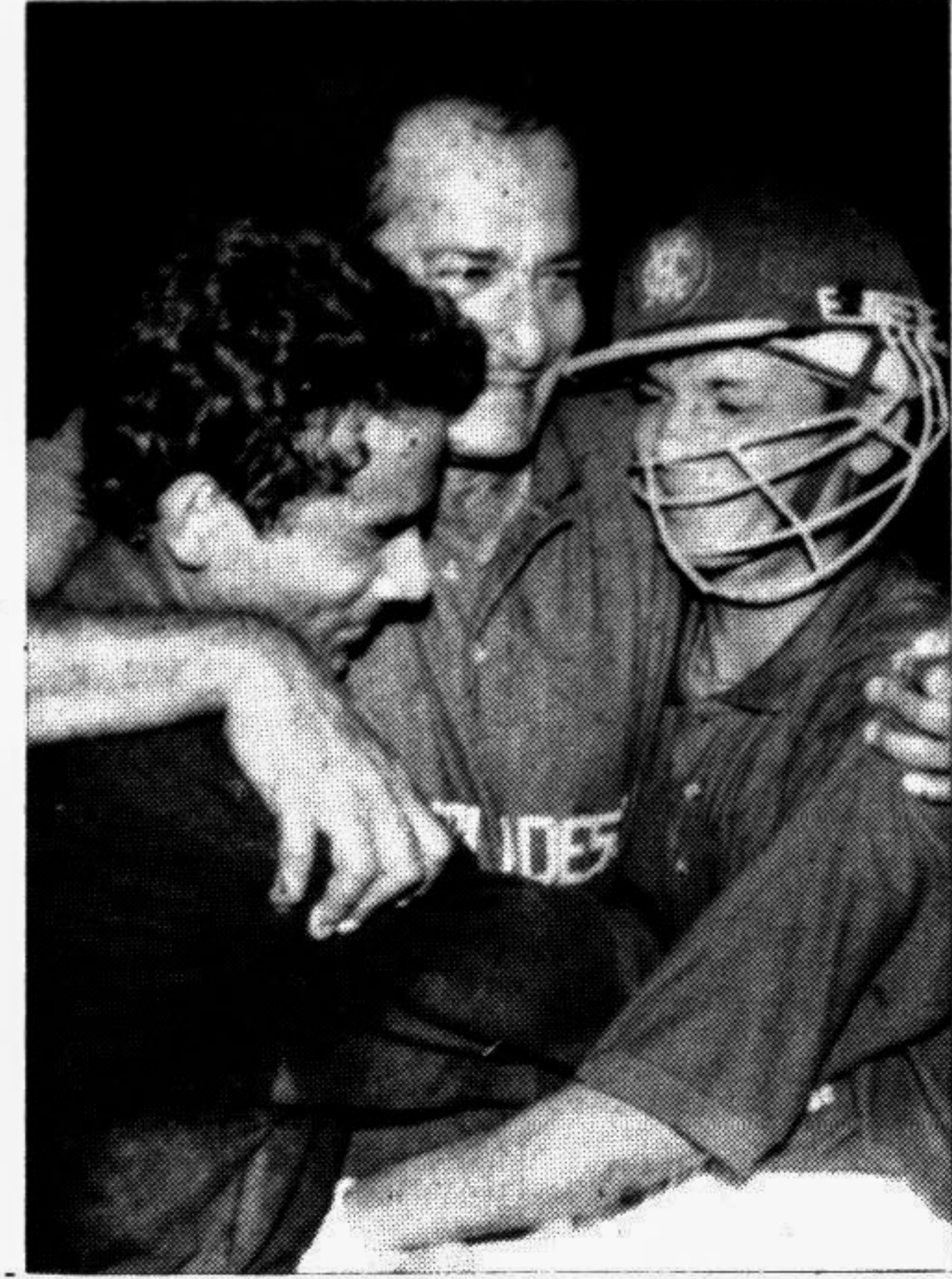
The winning manager Gazi Ashraf Hossain Lipu refused to undermine the talent of the opposing players, saying that his boys had only played better on the day. He said that the West Indies' approach to batting was not correct as they gave away wickets at will.

Lipu said his own team made some errors in batting, pointing out that Rokon could have restrained himself at a point when the team was virtually cruising. "But", he added, "the players are young and inexperienced and naturally they would make mistakes." He also commented that their fielding had much room to improve.

"The Bangladeshi youngsters played with greater maturity, discipline and common sense," said West Indian coach Gus Logie. He said that

the locals batted with more purpose and the ultimate difference between the teams

was the presence of discipline in one and the lack of it in the other.



Two of Bangladesh U-19s worthy warriors Shahriar Hossain Biddyt (L) and Jewel Hossain Mona give their elated coach Altaf Hossain (C) a warm hug after pulling off a sensational win over visiting Windies U-19 team at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. — Star photo

Scoreboard: BD U-19 vs Windies U-19

WEST INDIES U-19					BANGLADESH U-19				
	R	M	R	W		R	M	R	W
Shirley Clarke c Opee b Durjoy	28			2	Sajid b King	8	4	1	40
Glavell Hinds c Zakaria b Durjoy	24			4	Mustadir run out	45			
Adrian Murphy run out	3			3	Al-Shahriar c Vishal b Breeze	40			
Nicholas de Groot st Altar b Jewel	27			4	Zakaria lbw b Mahendra	17			
Gareth Breeze lbw b Mustadir	1			2	Durjoy c Clarke b King	29			
Mahendra* Nagamootoo c Jewel	1			3	Atiar b Mahendra	23			
Biddyt not out	36			13	Biddyt not out	13			
Sylvester Joseph lbw b Shanto	4			17	Shanto c Groot b Richards	17			
Vishal Nagamootoo not out	31			3	Sajal b King	4			
Onel Richards c Zakaria b Durjoy	11			5	Jewel not out	5			
Reon Kin not out	8			23	Extras: (lb-11, wb-5, nb-4)	23			
Extras: (b-6, lb-10, wb-6, nb-1)	23			198	Total: (for eight wks in 47.4 overs)	198			
Total: (for eight wickets)	196				Fall of wickets: 1-9; 2-92; 3-110; 4-126; 5-143; 6-158; 7-181; 8-190.				
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Bowling	O	M	R	W	Bowling	O	M	R	W
Sajal	8	0	34	0	King	8.4	1	40	3
Shanto	9	0	46	2	Richards	10	0	35	1
Morshed	10	12	33	1	Joseph	2	0	17	0
Durjoy	7	2	18	3	Greenaway	10	0	38	0
Mustadir	7	0	21	0	M Nagamootoo	9	0	22	2
Jewel	9	0	28	1	Breeze	8	0	35	1

Booters leave for KL Nov 20

Sports Reporter

A 29-strong Bangladesh football squad leaves for the Malaysia capital Kuala Lumpur on November 20 to begin a two-week long tour of the South East Asian country as part of their preparation for the forthcoming seventh SAF Games.

The team includes six officials. They are Golam Rasul Mollah — Manager; Shafiquz-zaman — Asst Manager; Otto Pfister — Coach; Mohammad Sadeque, Pranab Kumar Dey and Abdullah Shaikh — Asst Coaches.

The players are: Pannu, Panir, Dhanu, Al Mamun, Mamun Joarder, Monem Munna (captain), Jewel Rana, Masum, Ruhul Amin, Sohel Reza, Masud Rana, Azim, Manik, Rakib, Arman, Zakir, Biplab and new inclusions, Nazrul of Farashganj and Jahangir of Arambagh.

Bangladesh will play four to five matches during their visit.



Pacer Morshed Ali Khan of Bangladesh U-19 exults with pointing his index fingers towards the heaven after dismissing Windies U-19 skipper Gareth Breeze for one during their limited-over exhibition match at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. Bangladesh boys recorded a brilliant two-wicket victory over the visitors. — Star photo

ITF Satellite tennis results

Sports Reporter

Eight foreigners moved into the men's singles quarterfinals of the third leg of ITF Thailand-Bangladesh Satellite Circuit tennis tournament yesterday after winning their respective second round encounters at the Rajshahi Tennis Complex.

In yesterday's round, Casey Owen of Ireland defeated Buscaglione of France 6-4, 6-4; Kokavec of Canada beat Denish Languard 7-5, 6-4; Austrian Blumaver outplayed Bhee of Thailand; Djordjevic tamed Flovent of Austria 6-1, 6-4; Slavokian Hromec beat Cobolli of Italy 7-6, 6-4; German Nalke overcame Perchtold of Austria 6-1, 7-6; P Srichaphan of Thailand outgunned Motevasel of USA 6-4, 6-3, and Platenik of Slovakia beat Scala of Italy 2-6, 6-3, 6-4.

All the second round winners will play in the quarterfinals today at the same venue.

Besides the men's singles, four pairs qualified for the doubles semifinals which will also be held today.

Leonine lose second slot

Sports Reporter

Favourites Mohammedan Sporting Club maintained their unbeaten run in the First Division chess league after recording their eleventh successive victory on Thursday at the chess room of the Bangladesh Chess Federation.

In the day's crucial engagement, Mohammedans, the GM-studded team, earned a convincing 3-1 win over their nearest opponents Leonine Chess Club.

Russian GM Mikhail Krasenkov and emerging local sensation Enamul Hossain Rajib of MSC won their respective matches against Leonine's Indian IM Lanka Ravi and local Farid Ahmed while the other two Grand Masters of MSC, Ashot Anasthian of Armenia and Niaz Murshed, drew their matches with opponents IM Poma Sharma Mitranath of India and Rafiqul Islam respectively.

Krasenkov was not in a state of winning against his Indian counterpart Lanka Ravi. Playing with black pieces and adopting King's Indian defence, the tall Russian was trying to earn a draw from the very beginning. But few errors of Ravi in the last stage of the match helped Krasenkov to get the surprise win after a marathon spell of eighty moves.

Rajib was more lucky for his win against Farid's Sicilian defence. Farid had a clear chance to checkmate Rajib at the early stage of their match which he finally overlooked. That gave Rajib a new life who ultimately prevailed after 52 moves.

With yesterday's win, MSC earned 41 points from 11 matches and remain atop the 17-team standings. While the defeat threw Leonine from second to third position in the table behind Bangladesh Biman who beat defending champions Brothers Union yesterday 4-0. Biman have 38.5 points to their name while Leonine trail them by one and a half points.

In the day's other matches, BTMC blanked Mahkhal Pradeep Sangha 4-0; Bangladesh Ansars defeated Narayanganj Chess Club 3-1; Farashganj SC outplayed Parijat Chess Club 3-1; Genius Chess Club beat Fire Service 2.5-1.5 and Anushilan Kirra Chakra overcame Masghul Mahfil with the same margin. The other match between Sheikh Russel Kirra Chakra and Konica Sangskritik Sangha ended in a 2-2 draw.

Salim's fate still uncertain



HOBART, Australia, Nov 16: Former Australia Test fast bowler Jeff Thomson described

Pakistan's batting and fielding as a disgrace on the eve of the second Test between the two countries.

Thomson, who formed a successful new-ball partnership with Dennis Lille during the mid-1970s, said the tourists played like a team of schoolboys before crashing to a humiliating innings defeat against Australia in the first Test on Monday, reports Reuter.

"Their bowling is not bad but their batting and fielding is a disgrace... it is schoolboy stuff," Thomson was quoted as saying in Thursday's Telegraph-Mirror newspaper in Sydney.

"The Pakistanis have no application whatsoever," Thomson said, referring to the tourists' capitulation by an innings and 126 runs in the first encounter of the three-Test series.

Pakistan dropped eight catches and repeatedly gave away runs during Australia's first innings 463 before collapsing for 97, their fourth lowest total in Test history, and 240 in reply.

Pakistan delayed naming their side for the second Test, starting on Friday at

Hobart's Bellerive Oval, pending a late fitness test on former captain and middle-order batsman Salim Malik.

Replacement batsman Ijaz Ahmed, who arrived in Australia last week, will be drafted into the side if Malik is unable to bat because of a cut to his left hand.

Tour manager Intikhab Alam said Malik had a 70 per cent chance of playing and would be examined by a doctor late on Thursday.

Wicketkeeper Moin Khan could be another casualty, with his place in the side under threat from reserve Rashid Latif, Intikhab told reporters after a practice session on Thursday.

Malik did not bat in the first innings in Brisbane after requiring six stitches in the wound and lasted only four balls on his second stay at the crease before falling for a duck.

Australia named an unchanged 12-man squad immediately after wrapping up their first Test victory.

Australia captain Mark Taylor, warning his side against complacency, on Thursday said pace bowler Brendon Julian is again likely to be named 12th man.

Team coach Bob Simpson believes Australia's bowling attack will be even more menacing in Hobart because of a predicted return to form by

fast bowler Craig McDermott. "Craig just wasn't comfortable in his bowling action in Brisbane. He felt his run-up just wasn't right but he will come out in this match all fired up," Simpson said.

The Bellerive Oval wicket has traditionally favoured batsmen, with 1,385 runs scored for the loss of only 11 wickets in Tasmania's Sheffield Shield match against Queensland earlier this month.

"This is the best, most even wicket I have seen here," said Simpson, adding that it would offer assistance to bowlers who were prepared to work hard.

Australia have won both previous Test matches staged in Hobart — against Sri Lanka in 1989-90 and New Zealand two years ago.

TEAMS

AUSTRALIA: Mark Taylor (captain), Michael Slater, David Boon, Mark Waugh, Steve Waugh, Greg Blewett, Ian Healy, Paul Reiffel, Shane Warne, Craig McDermott, Glenn McGrath.

PAKISTAN: Amir Sohail, Salim Elahi, Rameez Raja, Inzamamul Haq, Salim Malik, Ijaz Ahmed, Moin Khan, Rashid Latif, Basit Ali, Saqlain Mushtaq, Wasim Akram (captain), Waqar Younis, Mohammad Akram, Ata-ur-Rehman.

Hollanders' hope boosted



PARIS, Nov 16: Germany and Romania qualified in style for next year's European Championship finals in England on Wednesday night while Holland kept their hopes alive after beating Norway in a tense match in Rotterdam, reports AFP.

The Dutch came back from the dead to earn a play-off against Ireland whose 3-0 defeat in Portugal was off-set by Australia's 5-3 defeat in Belfast. Only the Irish, and the bureaucrats who dream up the baffling qualifying rules, could make any sense of the system.

Bulgaria, in spite of losing 3-1 in Berlin, Portugal, Turkey, the Czech Republic and defending champions Denmark also joined hosts England, Spain, Russia, Switzerland and Scotland, who had already qualified, for next June's tournament.

A Gianfranco Zola hat-trick helped Italy finish with a 4-0 win over Lithuania but Croatia, 2-1 winners away to Slovenia, finished as group winners. Both qualified.

France, 2-0 winners over Israel, who had helped keep them out of the 1994 World Cup two years ago, also made sure of going to England.

England 221 for four

PRETORIA, Nov 16: England were 221-4 at the close of the opening day of the first cricket Test against South Africa at Centurion Park today, reports Reuter.

FIFA welcomes women refs

PRAGUE, Nov 16: Women will next year be allowed to officiate at matches at the Olympic Games for the first time, a senior FIFA official said on Wednesday.

Speaking on the third day of a FIFA symposium, FIFA deputy general secretary Michel Zen-Ruffinen told Reuter women officials would participate at the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta.

And if all goes well, women could find themselves in the thick of the action at the 1998 World Cup in France.

Holland got it right on the night to beat Norway 3-0 to qualify for the play-off in Liverpool on December 13.

Northern Ireland qualified the republic by beating Austria 5-3 while Ireland went down 3-0 in Lisbon, where all the goals came in the last half-hour.

Portugal qualified as group winners and the republic of Ireland finished ahead of Northern Ireland on the basis of taking four points out of six off their neighbours.

Russia, already sure of qualifying directly, finished their group matches unbeaten with a 3-1 win over Finland in Moscow.

Dmitri Radchenko, Vasily Kulkov and Sergey Kiryakov, who all play abroad, scored for the Russians.

Gheorghe Hagi produced the perfect captain's example in Kosice as he fired Romania

into the finals.

The Barcelona star scored the opener and set up the second for Dorinez Munteanu to see off Slovakia 2-0.

Turkey twice fought back to draw 2-2 with Sweden in Stockholm to qualify for the championship for the first time.

Nineteen-year-old Clarence Seedorf, who moved to Sampdoria in Italy in the summer after winning the European Cup with Ajax Amsterdam, broke the deadlock against Norway in Rotterdam.

Substitute Yuri Mulder and Marc Overmars wrapped up the score with two goals in the last minute for a 3-0 win to deny Norway who had led the group from the start.

The Dutch finished second in Group Five behind the Czech Republic who wrapped up the group by beating Luxembourg 3-0.



World champion Lu Chen of China performs her majestic display of skills in a preparatory programme of the French ice skating championship at the Bordeaux ring, southwestern France, on Nov 15. — AFP/UNB photo

Pete spoils Boris' party



FRANKFURT, Nov 16: American world number one Pete Sampras walked into Boris Becker's backyard on Wednesday

and humiliated the German in front of his fans, friends and his wife, reports Reuter.

In a Frankfurt arena just a short drive from his home town of Leimen, Becker was outsmarted and outplayed in a demoralising 6-2, 7-6 defeat which clinched Sampras his second victory at the ATP Tour World Championship.

The triumph effectively secures the Wimbledon champion a place in the semifinals after the round-robin stage, more importantly, it gave the American a confidence-boosting victory over the player he regards as his fiercest rival at the year-ending championship.

The capacity 9,000 Festhalle crowd was hoping for a party for Becker a week before his 28th birthday.

Becker has produced some superb victories in the

arena over the years. The hall was covered with Becker banners. His wife Barbara, former manager Ion Tiriac and close associates were all at the courtside.

Many fans turned up in their Sunday best, the men wearing jackets and ties, the women pearls and expensive hair styles.

But they behaved largely in an ill-mannered way, hardly applauding any of Sampras's superb groundstrokes and serves, shouting during points and roaring Becker's name like a football crowd.

Sampras ignored all the distractions with a superb display of tennis from the front and back of the court. He departed after just a minute over two hours, leaving marks on the carpet where his 200 kph (125 mph) aces had left Becker swiping at thin air.

Both Becker and Sampras have won this prestigious event twice. The triple Wimbledon champions contested last year's final when Sampras triumphed in four sets,

It was clear from the start that Sampras was going to dominate on Wednesday.

In the third game he broke Becker's serve for the first time with a fierce, deep forehand which the German was unable to return. Sampras served superbly for the rest of the set which he clinched after 29 minutes.

The home fans' hopes were raised for a while. With the crowd roaring every winner, the German Managed to match Sampras.

But when the set went to a tie break Sampras's range of shots and speed around the court proved too much for Becker. Fittingly, the US Open champion clinched the tie break 7-3 with an ace.

"It is always different playing Boris, it is one thing to try to beat him because he is a great player — another thing dealing with the crowd," said Sampras.

"Right now I am in a pretty good groove... the way I am playing now, I am going to be pretty tough to beat."

Zvereva stuns Sanchez



NEW YORK, Nov 16: Nataasha Zvereva of Belarus, best known for her stellar doubles play, staged

a singles coup at the season-ending WTA Tour Championships on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

The 15-ranked Zvereva, a first-round loser in her last three appearances in the championships, pulled off a stunning first-round upset by bouncing third-seeded Spaniard Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.

"It's huge just to make it here, to be in the top-16," said Zvereva. "It's extra, extra good to win the first round."

Zvereva did not have a good first serve percentage, but managed to raise her game on the important points.

Sabatini played a strong and steady match against an error-prone Davenport for a 6-4, 6-3 victory to open her 11th consecutive appearance in the championships.

Earlier on Wednesday, Sanchez's Fed Cup teammate, second seed Conchita Martinez, staged an emotional comeback to beat Croatian teenager Iva Majoli 1-6, 7-6, 6-0.

Fire and ice saved the day for ailing Martinez, who almost decided not to play and looked as if she might quit at any moment early in the match because of severe pain from a stiff neck, and staged a remarkable comeback to stun the Croats.

"I thought I could never do it today. I was in a lot of pain," said Martinez, who had ice packs applied to the right side of her neck during every change-over but the first.

Martinez, playing the women's season-female for the seventh consecutive year, twice saved points that would have put her down 1-5 in the second set and saved a match point in the 10th game of the set before pulling out an inspiring victory.

In the first set, the former Wimbledon champion could

barely put the ball in the court and she was not going after shots she would normally chase down easily.

After Martinez held her first serve, the ninth-ranked Majoli reeled off nine consecutive games to take the first set and a 3-0 lead into the second.

Perhaps the ice packs started to numb the pain or may be it was just her fighting spirit that took hold, but the second-ranked Martinez suddenly started to look like she could play her game.

The Spanish Fed Cup star started to move more naturally and began belting top spin forehand winners.

Down 4-1 in the second set, Martinez won 12 of the next 13 games, surviving close calls along the way.

When Martinez, winner of six titles this year, ended the first game of the third set by belting a running backhand volley to break Majoli, it was clear the reversal of fortune was completed.