

Atletico, AC change gears



LONDON, Nov 27: Atletico Madrid and AC Milan, who both opened two-point leads in their respective leagues at the weekend, make a quick return to action in domestic cup ties on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

The Spanish side hope their tie against Merida, fourth from bottom of the First Division, in the King's Cup round of 32 does not prove as disastrous as their last outing in the competition.

In the previous round, Atletico cruised to an easy victory over Third Division Almeria but five key players picked up injuries and in their next league games the team slumped to a draw at home to bottom club Rayo Vallecano and defeat in the derby against Real Madrid.

But Atletico recovered at the weekend with a convincing 3-0 victory over Oviedo.

The team have found their confidence again, coach Radomir Antic said.

Real Madrid, who have byes in the early round of the King's Cup because of their involvement in European competition, finished their most traumatic week for several seasons 11 points and

six places behind Atletico. But they had something to cheer from their goalless draw at Sporting Gijon. They were the first team this season to earn a point at Gijon.

There was also a promising debut from 19-year-old striker Alvaro Benito, who was twice brought down in the area. Chilean forward Ivan Zamorano pulled wide the only penalty of at least five that could have been awarded in the game.

Real coach Jorge Valdano hopes Benito will team up with Raul Gonzalez, the teenage striker who shot to prominence last year.

Valdano was prompted to look for fresh talent amongst Real's reserve teams, one of which plays in the Spanish Second Division, after his team were brushed aside 2-0 by majestic European Cup holders Ajax last Wednesday.

In Italy, Milan are away to Serie B side Bologna in the first leg of their Italian Cup quarterfinal.

Coach Fabio Capello dismissed suggestion his side had been flattered by weak opposition in their Serie A win over Piacenza.

"I thought Piacenza were in petty good shape. But life gets difficult when you're up against class players who don't give you time to even

breathe... and who keep attacking you even when they're 3-0 up," he said. "And that's the sort of Milan side we saw today."

German champions Borussia Dortmund also pulled two points ahead of Bayern Munich in the Bundesliga.

"Bayern despair at super-illigner" ran the headline above the Daily Bild's report after West Germany's 1990 World Cup goalkeeper kept a clean sheet in Bayern's game against bottom club Cologne.

In France and England the gap at the top is much greater.

Paris St Germain are seven points ahead of Auxerre at the halfway stage and quietly confident of snatching back the title they lost to Nantes last season.

"Many things can still happen but if we keep on playing like that, we should be all right," France international Youri Djorkaeff said.

"We're not taking anything for granted but we know that we are strong and that if we play at our best, we haven't got much to fear."

European champions Ajax Amsterdam on Tuesday,

had their lead in the Dutch First Division cut to five points by PSV Eindhoven's victory over Nec.

Miandad named for WC squad

KARACHI, Nov 28: Pakistan on Monday named former captain Javed Miandad in a list of 20 probables from whom a 14-man squad for next year's cricket World Cup will be chosen in mid-January, reports Reuter.

The list was drawn up at a meeting of a three-member national cricket committee chaired by Zafar Iqbal, Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) officials said.

Teams contesting the World Cup, which will be held next year in India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka in February and March, must submit the names of 20 probables to the International Cricket Council before the end of November.

Pakistan probables: Aamir Sohail, Saeed Anwar, Rameez Raja, Salim Elahi, Salim Malik, Javed Miandad, Inzamam-ul Haq, Basit Ali, Ijaz Ahmed, Moin Khan, Rashid Latif, Mushtaq Ahmed, Saqlain Mushtaq, Wasim Akram, Waqar Younis, Aaqib Javed, Mohammad Akram, Aatur Rehman, Kabir Khan, Shabid Anwar.

Legends fail to live up

BUENOS AIRES, Nov 28: Diego Maradona and Enzo Francescoli, the two biggest names in Argentine soccer, failed to lift the derby between Boca Juniors and River Plate, a pale 0-0 draw, from mediocrity at the weekend, reports Reuter.

In a defensive and muddled match at River's World Cup stadium, 35-year-old playmaker Maradona was Boca's best player, while 34-year-old Uruguayan striker Francescoli threatened the visitors' goal only once.

The result leaves Boca only two points ahead of Velez Sarsfield, 2-0 winners against Argentinos Juniors, with three games to go in the Apertura Championship, the first of two in the 1995-96 season.

But Maradona, who has yet to taste defeat since his comeback two months ago, said: "We are still comfortable with the two-point lead."

Boca have 34 points, Velez 32 and third-placed Racing Club, 4-1 winners over Newell's Old Boys, 29. San Lorenzo, winners of the last Clausura Championship in June, are fourth one point further back.

Apertura title holders River Plate have slipped to eighth.

The Argentine sports press on Monday blasted the poor play with the top-selling Clarin saying: "The Super derby did a better job at the box office than on the field."

Beckoning of a cash age



SYDNEY, Nov 28: It will be a new millennium, the dawning of a new age—that's the image

marketeers are using to entice some of the world's largest corporations to sponsor the Sydney Olympics in the year 2000, reports Reuter.

And, it's working. Already computer giant IBM, a perennial Olympic sponsor, and Australia's Telstra Telecommunications Group have signed up for around 74 million US dollars.

In August, the US television network NBC agreed to pay a stunning 1.27 billion for US television rights to the Sydney Summer Olympic Games in 2000 and the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City. Australia's Seven network has paid 22 million dollars for rights for both Atlanta and Sydney.

The organisers of the Sydney Games have set a 1.32 billion dollar budget, compared with Atlanta's 2 billion dollars, of which 370 million dollars will come from sponsorship and marketing rights.

Five years before the opening ceremony in Sydney, the Olympic offers are filling nicely, pleasing organisers and the "Olympic family"—the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

"In the last 12 months we have got off to a phenomenal start," said Michael Payne, IOC marketing director, on a recent visit to Sydney.

"It is a much earlier start than any other organising committee and it all points to the fact that the momentum is there to continue for the next three or four years, which is the crucial period," he said.

The Olympics underwent a "commercial turning point" after the 1976 Montreal Games, when the host city went bankrupt, said Payne, citing Montreal's 650 commercial deals which raised a meagre six million dollars.

The fall-out from Montreal resulted in financial discipli-

pline being imposed on organising committees and the creation of a "top" group of sponsors to move from one Games to another.

Between 1993 and 1996, Olympic "top" sponsors are forecast to generate more than 300 million dollars in funds, goods and services and represent the backbone of Olympic finances, with the IOC and Games organisers sharing a 50-50 split on funds.

Atlanta's "top" sponsors—Coca-Cola, Kodak, Visa, Bausch and Lomb, Sports Illustrated-Time, Xerox, Matsushita-Panasonic, IBM, UPS and John Hancock—are being given first rights for Sydney.

These sponsors gain exclusive, worldwide marketing opportunities using the Olympic logos, use of Games hospitality facilities, preference in Games broadcast advertising, on-site sales and

Four detained in SA boxing incident

CAPE TOWN, Nov 28: South African police said today they had detained four men for questioning in connection with the murder of a cashier at an international boxing tournament in Cape Town at the weekend, reports Reuter.

"We are still questioning four black males, but we appeal to the public for more information. We are looking for sufficient evidence for the possibility of charging them," spokesman Colonel Raymond Dowd told.

Cashier Wynand Bothma was shot dead in Cape Town's Guguletu township on Sunday by robbers who tried to steal the takings during the mid-dleweight clash between British boxer Warren Stowe and his South African opponent Simon Maseko.

Stowe and Maseko, who was later awarded the fight on points, dived from the ring when shots rang out during the bout.

showcase options and ambush marketing protection.

Ambush marketing protection aims to stop non-Olympic sponsors from claiming Olympic status.

The Sydney Olympic's remaining eight "top" corporate sponsors are expected to sign up by March 1996, Payne said.

"Team millennium," "partnership not sponsorship," "brand identification"—these are the catch phrases of the Sydney marketing team, which has grouped target sponsors into categories such as banking, airline, insurance, financial services and mining or resources.

Sydney Olympic sponsors are being offered a four-year marketing plan, not merely a 14-day sports event.

Starting in early 1997, the Olympic quadrennium starts with a national flag tour and the cultural Olympiad "dreaming," which will highlight the 30,000 year-old culture of the aborigines.

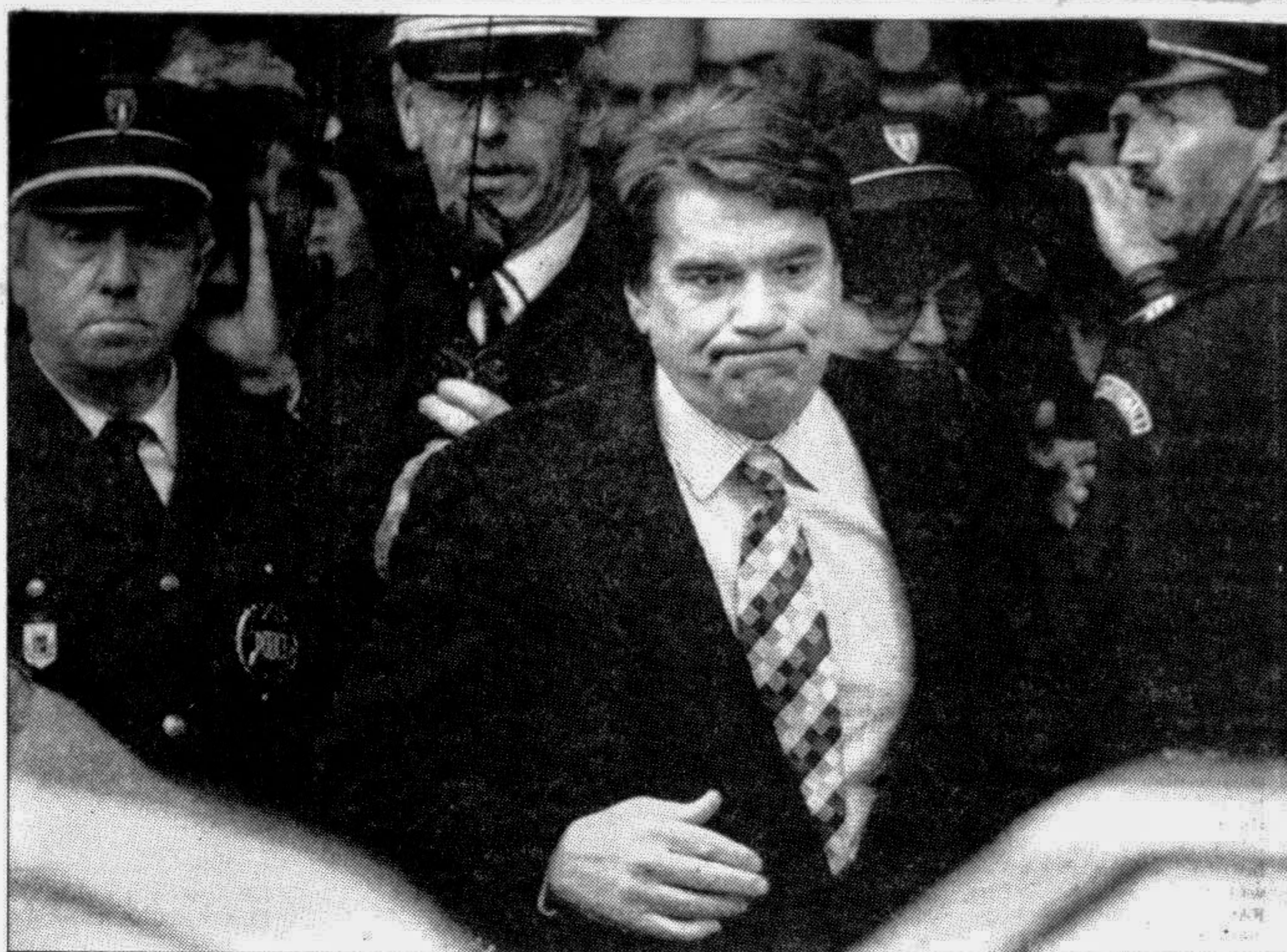
In 1989, there will be the winter Nagano Games in Japan and the cultural Olympiad "sea of change." In 1999 a series of World Championships in Australia will test Olympic facilities and Sydney will stage the cultural Olympiad "reaching the world."

In 2000, there will be a cultural Olympiad "the harbour of life," the Olympics, with the Para-Olympics two-week later.

One innovative idea is an interactive Sydney Olympics shop, where customers have an Olympic, lifestyle experience, similar to lifestyle advertising by sports firm such as Nike.

The idea is to not only offer sponsorship but showcase that best Australia has to offer," Moore said.

IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch warns in the officials IOC marketing briefing package: "In developing these programmes, we must always remember that it is sport that must control its (Olympics) destiny, not commercial interest."



Escorted by cops French business magnate and ex-politician leaves a court in the northern town of Douai on Nov 28 after being sentenced for eight months in prison for match-fixing a game involving his former club Marseille. — AFP/UNB photo

Vogts the dreamer

LONDON, Nov 28: German Soccer coach Berti Vogts said on Monday an England-Germany final in next year's European Championship would be a dream come true reports Reuter.

Vogts, who replaced Franz Beckenbauer as German boss after the 1990 World Cup, arrived in England on Monday on a tour of hotels in preparation for next June's final.

West Germany won the title in 1972 and 1980 and Vogts aims to steer now-united Germany to a record-breaking hat-trick.

He is hoping for a repeat of the epic 1966 World Cup final between the two countries at Wembley—but with Germany victorious this time. England won 4-2 in extra-time in 1966.

"With home advantage England will be mighty opponents. We have a young team that did well in the qualifying competition by topping Group Seven and we have a good chance of winning," Vogts said.

"But England hold an extra advantage. Along with most of the other countries in the finals we have picked up some yellow cards, while England qualified automatically and don't have players sweating on bookings."

Vogts chooses to ignore the dismal recent results of English clubs in Europe.

"Their national team is still a formidable one and an England vs Germany final would be a dream come true for both countries," he said.

Forest's fine recovery

LONDON, Nov 27: Nottingham Forest, thrashed 7-0 by Blackburn nine days ago, put the Premier league nightmare behind them with a 1-1 draw at home to second-placed Manchester United on Monday, reports Reuter.

Striker Paul McGregor, 20, made a fine start on his full Forest debut as he put Frank Clark's team ahead at the City Ground.

McGregor, who came off the bench to score the late winner in last week's 1-0 UEFA cup defeat of French side Lyon, was on the mark after just 19 minutes of his first-ever senior start.

But man-of-the-match Eric Cantona equalised from the penalty spot in the 66th minute after he looked to be brought down in the area.

Cantona had gone six games without scoring—the worst spell of his United career—since returning after his enforced nine-month absence.

United, on 33 points, stay second five points behind Newcastle and five clear of Arsenal. Forest moved into seventh with 25 points.

The visitors were largely in control in the second half, impressing Forest manager Clark. He said: "Their passing and movement are probably the best of any team in England at the moment."

United had wasted a catalogue of chances, with Andy Cole and Ryan Giggs, who hit the post when clean through, the most culpable.

Cantona's penalty award looked a shade fortunate but the Frenchman as usual made no mistake from the spot. Clark said: "From where I was I didn't think it was a penalty but then I never do."

End of the road for Tapie



DOUAI, France, Nov 28: A French appeals court sentenced bankrupt ex-soccer boss Bernard Tapie today to eight months in prison with another 16 months suspended and declared him ineligible for public office for three years, reports Reuter.

The sentence, on charges of match-rigging and interfering with witnesses, virtually spelt the end of the political career of Tapie, a former cabinet minister who is a member of the French and European parliaments.

Tapie's lawyer immediately appealed against the verdict, thus keeping his client out of jail until the supreme court (cour de cassation) rules on the plea.

Tapie, who has denied rigging the game between his former club Marseille and Valenciennes, was grim as he

left the court, in the northern town of Douai.

"I believe everyone will judge what eight months in prison mean compared with 250,000 francs (50,000 dollars) given for a soccer game without my knowledge," he said.

The court handed Tapie's former cabinet colleague Jacques Mellick a one-year suspended jail sentence and declared him ineligible for public office for two years.

Mellick was convicted of lying to provide Tapie with an alibi from accusations that he interfered with a witness to cover up the match-rigging scandal.

Tapie had been sentenced by a lower court to a year in jail with another year suspended for bribing players of rival league team Valenciennes to lose a game shortly before Marseille was to face AC Milan in the 1993 European Cup final.

Marseille won both games 1-0. The rigging scandal heralded the downfall of both Tapie, who has been declared bankrupt, and Marseille who have been downgraded to the Second division.

The court sentenced Tapie's former right-hand man at Marseille, Jean-Pierre Bernes, to 18 months suspended. Bernes had said at the trial that the Valenciennes-Marseille case was just the tip of the iceberg and Marseille had rigged other games.

Former Marseille midfielder Jean-Jacques Eydelie was given a one-year suspended sentence for handing over the bribes.

Former Valenciennes players Christophe Robert and Argentine Jorge Burruchaga were given suspended six-month sentences for taking the bribes.

Customs checkmates Anand



MADRAS, Nov 28: If Asian tennis ace Vijay Amritraj was volleyed from pillar to post by customs officials in the early 70s it was the turn of Grand Master Viswanathan Anand to be "checkmated" by the airport customs here recently, reports PTI.

Anand landing at the Madras Airport in the wee hours a few days ago, declared that he was carrying a computer. And the rules of law came into play.

The official check-list rated the latest Toshiba T-2150 computer at Rs one lakh. And he was asked to pay a hefty sum of Rs 80,000 as duty. Anand, who had put up a brave front in the face of Garri Kasparov's assault in the World PCA title contest, however, had not reckoned with this "variation".

He explained he had been using the computer for the last four months and that he would be taking it back with him when he left for his next tournament abroad in January, but the authorities stuck to the book.

The Indian sporting ambassador was then asked to pay a reduced duty of Rs 40,000 as it had been in use.

His parents waiting to receive him were irked by the duty slapped and asked

Army athletics

A new record was set on the second day of the annual athletics meet of the Bangladesh Army at the Mirpur National Stadium here yesterday, an ISPR press release said, reports BSS.

The new record was set by Lance Naik Saiz Uddin of the Dhaka Engineers in the 20-km walk.

Anand to abandon the computer there. "But there are about 400,000 games stored in it," he remarked and preferred to pay up the amount as he had to analyse them at home during the vacation.

Anand and his parents have preferred to write to the central ministry seeking refund of the customs duty as he would be taking the computer back with him and as a privilege for the best sports person of the country and a world champion in-waiting.

It may be recalled that when Vijay Amritraj won a Volvo car after winning the Volvo tournament in the early 70s, the customs officials had insisted that a heavy sum be paid as duty if he wished to bring the car into the country.

Eventually the then Prime Minister, the late Indira Gandhi had to intervene on the issue.



Manchester United's goalkeeper Peter Schmeichel dives to his left to stymie a Nottingham Forest attack during their Premiership league tie in Nottinghamshire on Nov 28. The match ended in a 1-1 draw. — AFP/UNB photo

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