BUENOS AIRES, Dec 17 The fan club of temperamental soccer superstar Diego Maradona is shrinking rapidly, reports Reuter.

A radio talk show poll gave him little support over his threat on quit Boca Juniors after the club decided to offer the coaching job to former Sevilla and Argentina national coach Carlos Bilardo.

The poll showed only 13 per cent of Boca fans had a good image of Maradona, while 33 per cent had a mediocre image, and 42 per cent cannot stand him.

Almost 52 per cent wanted Bilardo to be appointed coach, but only a third wanted Maradona to stay in the team.

## SL to seek apology

ADELAIDE, Australia, Dec 17: Sri Lanka will seek an official apology after pleading innocent to a conviction of ball-tampering during a Test match against Australia, one of the country's leading cricket administrators said on Friday, reports Reuter.

Thilanga Sumathipala Vice-president of the Board of Control for Cricket in Sri Lanka, said his players had been wrongly found to have altered the condition of the ball during last weekend's first Test defeat by Australia in Perth. This has done irreparable

damage to Sri Lankan cricket," Sumathipala told reporters.

"We know one hundred per cent that the players did not do this," he said.

### Pirates clinch African Cup ABIDJAN, Dec 17: Orlando

Pirates of South Africa won the African Champions' Cup on Saturday with an unexpected 1-0 second-leg victory over Ivory Coasts' Asec. reports Reuter. Jerry Sikosama scored in

the 72nd minute in front of 40,000 spectators, making the Pirates the first southern African team to lift the tro-

Sikosama's winner stunned the home fans who had been confident of victory after drawing the first-leg in Johannesburg 2-2.

### Emma soars to new heights PERTH. Dec 17: Australian

Emma George set a women's pole vault world record when she cleared 4.28 metres at an invitation meeting in Perth today, reports Reuter.

It bettered the mark of 4.25 metres which she set in Melbourne last month.

Project, Phase-III.

## Diego losing friends fast Kiwis win cliff-hanger discretion Mathis makes Mike sweat cricket figures. Morrison re-Basit b Morrison

CH, New Zealand. Dec 17: New Zealand pulled off a thrilling onewicket win over Pakistan in

today, report agencies. Requiring 233 for victory. New Zealand clinched the winning runs with one ball and one wicket to spare, finishing on 236 for nine.

their second one-day cricket

international at Christchurch

The New Zealanders



seemed to have the game under control at 204 for four wickets in the 46th over. with Chris Cairns and Adam Parore well set. But they lost five wickets in 18 balls as Wasim Akram and Wagar Younis made late in roads through the New Zealand middle and lower order.

New Zealand needed 10 off the last over, bowled by Akram.

They got a leg-bye off the first ball and two runs off the second— a full toss which went past the batsman and wicket-keeper and was called as a no-ball.

Gavin Larsen cracked a full toss to the extra cover fence for four, but failed to score from the next two balls. He levelled the scores by hitting another no-ball for two through extra cover, and clinched the win with a four to the vacant third man fence.

Danny Morrison's bowling proved a decisive factor in the win. In claiming five wickets for 46 from his 10overs, his best one-day

DURBAN, Dec 17: Officials

called off the fourth day of

play between South Africa

and England Sunday as rain

continued to fall at Kings-

Invitation of International Bids

SUPPLY ONLY OF 33KV METER

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Dhaka Electric Supply Authority (DESA) has

received a fund in various currencies from the

Asian Development Bank under Loan No.

963-BAN (SF) — Eighth Power Project towards

the cost of Greater Dhaka Power Distribution

Dhaka Electric Supply Authority (DESA) now

invites sealed bids from eligible bidders from

member countries of the Asian Development

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Project, Dhaka Electric Supply Authority

House No. 47, Road No. 135, Gulshan-1,

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Gulshan (Circle-1), Dhaka

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(Finance & Accounts), DESA.

4. A compete set of bidding document may be

3. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further

& PTs' DESA metering system."

stricted Pakistan to 232 when they seemed capable of posting 250. Those figures took him past 100 one-day wickets, the fifth New Zealander to achieve the

Waqar b Morrison

Extras: (lb-5, w-2; b-5)

Total: (for 9 wkts, 50 overs) 232

27; 3-61; 4-175; 5-185; 6-

202; 7-230; 8-231; 9-232.

Fall of wickets: 1-25; 2-

10

MORRISON ... 5 for 46

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**NEW ZEALAND** 

Young c Akram b Sohail

Parore c Basit b Akram

Cairns c Raja b Akram

Twose c Mushtag b Wagar

Germon c Basit b Wagar

Extras: (lb-5; w-5; nb-3)

Total (for 9 wkts; 49.5 overs) 236

21: 3-98: 4-107: 5-205: 6-

214; 7-220; 8-221; 9-221.

Fall of wickets: 1-13; 2-

Result: New Zealand won

Man-of-the-match: Inza-

get out briefly on two occa-

sions before sweeping gusts

with a flashing edge off Allan

Donald which flew at catch-

able height through the va-

cant third slip area, but then

began to play with growing

beaten a couple of times by

Shaun Pollock and top-edged

Donald over the slips for four

but survived to add 15 runs

layed the start of play until

20 minutes after lunch. After

that the players were able to

SCOREBOARD

day of the third Test between

South Africa and England at

SOUTH AFRICA: First in-

**ENGLAND**: First innings

Stewart c Hudson b Matthews 41

Smith c McMillan b Matthews 34

Fall of wickets: 1-2; 2-13;

Kingsmead on Saturday:

(overnight 123-5)

Hick not out

D Cork not out

48.1 overs)

Bowling:

Donald

Pollock

Matthews

McMillan

Extras: (lb-4, nb-7)

Total. (for five wickets,

3-83; 4-93; 5-109.

nings 225 (P Martin 4-60)

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Thorpe c Cullinan b Donald

Russell c Rhodes b Matthews

12.1

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Scoreboard on the third

Heavy overnight rain de-

to his overnight tally.

At the other end Cork was

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of rain drove them off.

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39

13

Patel c ljaz b Wagar

Larsen not out

Bowing:

Akram

Aaguib

Wagar

Sohail

Mushtag

by one wicket.

mam ul Haq.

confidence.

Morrison not out

Astle c Latif b Aaquib

Fleming b Sohail

Spearman c Latif b Aaquib

Mushtaq not out

Morrison

mark. New Zealand's middleorder batted with determination and intelligence. Chris Cairns made 54, Adam Parore contributed 45 and Stephen Fleming scored a fluent 48.

Wagar finished with three wickets for 55 - all three in the 49th over - while Akram, Aaquib Javed and Aamir Sohail collected two apiece.

Pakistan's innings was based around a 114-run fourth wicket stand in 150 balls between man-of-thematch Inzamam-ul -Haq and Salim Malik.

Pakistan, having won the toss, lost openers Aamir Sohail and Rameez Raja in the space of five balls early in the innings, but Inzaman-ul- Haq and Salim Malik put the substance into the innings.

Malik was dropped by wicketkeeper and captain Lee Germon on six, while Inzamam should have been run out on 68.

He set off for a second run, his partner sent him back but the throw from the deep went to the wrong end and Inzamam, stranded at the wrong end, was able to recover his ground.

Pakistan picked up 74 runs in the last 10 overs of the innings, largely due to Inzamam and Malik, but with a handy late contribution from Basit Ali, who got 23 from 19 balls before becoming Morrison's fifth wicket on the final ball of the innings.

In the same over. Morrison also had Rashid Latif caught off a skier and bowled Wagar Younis.

The result squares the four-match series at one game all. The third match in the

series will be played at Wellington on Wednesday. SCOREBOARD

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Rain plays foul in Durban

Prospects of a result in

Earlier on Saturday, play

When umpires Steve Buc-

the third South Africa-Eng-

land cricket Test all but dis-

was restricted to just 7.3

overs on the third day of the

knor and Dave Orchard finally

called off play for the day.

England had moved from

their overnight position of

123 for five to 152 for five

with Graeme Hick (31 not

out) and Dominic Cork (23

not out) extending their sixth

short of South Africa's 225

and if they are to match that

total much will depend on

Hick and Cork although John

Crawley is due to bat next

while fielding on Friday and

will remain on the sidelines

for the next two weeks at

party, though England have

called up Lancashire opener

Jason Gallian from Peshawar

in Pakistan where he is cur-

rently touring with England

played for Australia at junior

levels but qualified for Eng-

land through his parents. He

captained Oxford University

and played two Tests against

the West Indies in the recent

home series.

The 24-year-old Gallian

Crawley tore a hamstring

He will stay with the tour

with the aid of a runner.

least after this match.

England were still 73 runs

wicket partnership to 43.

mead, report agencies.

appeared.

# PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, Latif c Astle b Morrison

Dec 17: Thankful for the West Indies Cricket Board of Control's decision to reinstate Brian Lara, the Trinidad board will now try to convince the star batsman to rejoin the team for the World Cup, reports AP.

said Saturday.

Attempts to convince Lara to return already have started.

Lara's former school printhe game."

Independent Sen Ken Ramchand also publicly urged Lara "to accept the token fine and move on.

The West Indies Cricket Board of Control on Friday decided against punishing the 26-year-old world record holder for refusing to make himself available for its cur-

plinary action is relevant."

Sealy added that the fine scinded.

The WICBC decided at the meeting it was up to Lara to say when he wanted to return to the international game.

Lara, who holds the world record individual scores for both Test and first-class cricket, last month withdrew his name for consideration for the Australia tour.

was fined 10 per cent of his tour fee for taking an unexcused absence during a summer tour of England following a heated argument with team captain Richie Richardson. The Australia tour began Dec. 5.

Lanka.

### Vasquez reclaims WBC crown

PHILADELPHIA, Dec 17: Argentina's Julio Cesar Vasquez regained his World Boxing Council (WBC) junior middleweight championship. coming from far behind to stop American Carl Daniels in the 11th round on Saturday. reports Reuter.

In a battle of left handers, Vasquez was consistently beaten to the punch by Daniels and struggling when he landed a straight left hand to the American's head. dropping him to the canvas.

Daniels got up early in the count, but fell back down. He then got up again and was staggering around the ring and into the ropes, forcing referee Charlie Sgrillo to stop the scheduled 12-round fight at 34 seconds of the 11th round.

Vasquez, 30, was so overwhelmed by regaining the title he successfully defended 10 times before losing to Pernell Whitaker last March that he broke down crying in the ring. Whitaker gave up the title to move up in weight.

March," said Vasquez, who improved his record to 56-2. "I dedicated this fight to my brother. I was determined to Daniels, 25, saw his

record drop to 35-2.

Reuter.

'We shall now attempt to persuade Brian that he has a responsibility to the West Indies and international cricket and to put all those matters behind him and be a first-class representative of West Indies cricket." Trindad board president Alloy Lequay

cipal, Clive Pantin, in a letter published by the Trinidad Guardian told him to "take up the challenge of returning to

rent Australian tour.

In a statement issued after a special board meeting, secretary Andrew Sealy said that as no contractual arrangements were in force between Brian Lara and the WICBC for this (Australian) tour, there was no breach of contract and subsequently no disci-

of 10 per cent of Lara's fee for abandoning the team during last summer's tour of England, imposed by a disciplinary committee last month, would not be re-

The action came after he

The World Cup is scheduled for February and March in India, Pakistan and Sri

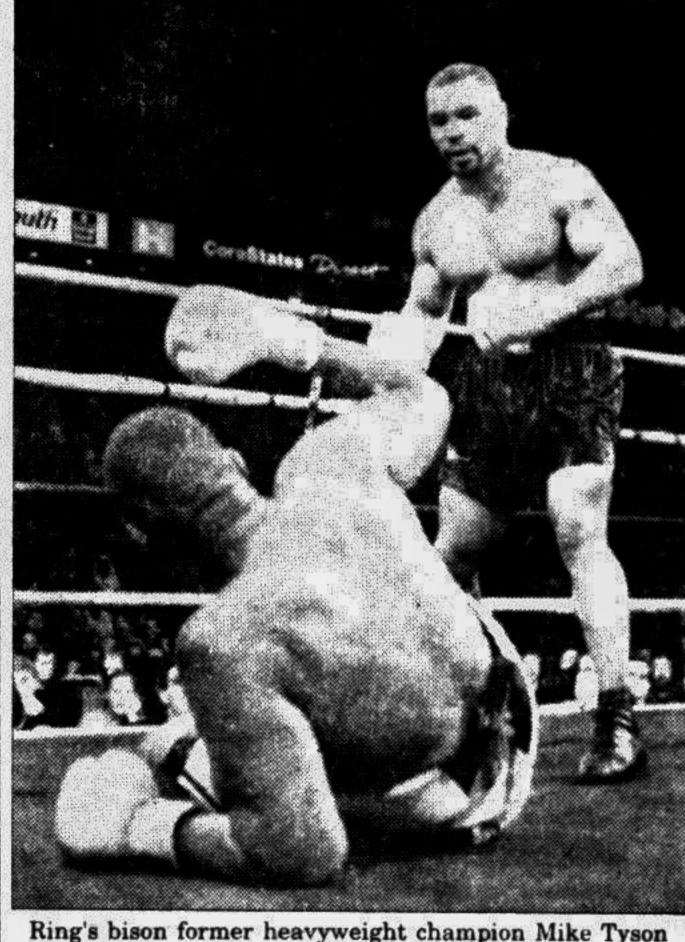
"My brother died in

get the belt back for him."

### landed several punches. it PHILADELPHIA. Dec 17: Mike was clear that they would not Tyson, often do any damage. missing wildly "Yes, I could have continwith roundhoued," said Mathis, the son of use rights and the late heavyweight conleft hooks, finally caught up tender, Buster Mathis. to Buster Mathis Jr knocking "It was very close, but I him out at two minutes and thought I was up. I felt very 32 seconds of the third good. I made him miss ... I round on Saturday, reports was prepared. I saw the up-

Mathis had been smotherinstead of backing away." "I knew every move he ing Tyson's punches and was making," Tyson said. "I bulling him into the ropes, preferring to fight inside on knew those punches would

percut but I slipped into it



watches a duff Buster Mathis after knocking him down in the third round of their bout at the Spectrum in Philadelphia on Dec 16. - AFP/UNB photo knock him out or hurt him

the former heavyweight champion of the world.

Tyson, who had to be frustrated by not being able to hit the inexperienced and lighthitting Mathis, landed a right uppercut to back Mathis up and then fired a left-right left to knock Mathis down.

Mathis just missed getting up before the 10 count and referee Frank Cappuccino stopped the scheduled 12round bout. "I needed the work.

know I looked good," said Tyson immediately after the bout, for which he was paid about 5 million dollars. "He tried to lay on me and the ref wouldn't keep him off."

But Tyson, 29 did not look particularly good.

He missed wildly with his power punches sailing over the head of a bobbing and weaving Mathis, who did not appear to be intimidated at all by the ex-champ. Although Tyson was very

Hittable and Mathis, 25

severely because he didn't see those punches." Tyson may have seen his

target but for nearly three rounds he allowed Mathis to tie him up or confuse his rhythm by adroit bobbing and weaving. But it appeared to be

Tyson's rust, or worse, perhaps diminished skills, that contributed as much to his wildness as Mathis' evasive mangeuvres. Mathis, now 20-1, was ex-

pected by many ringsiders to fold after the first Tyson onslaught. But the pudgy 224 pounds (101.6 kg) displayed great determination in constantly charging Tyson and throwing punches.

Two of the three judges gave Tyson the first two rounds, and the third judge gave Mathis the second round.

The sparse crowd of only about 8,000 in the 18,000-

seat Spectrum gave Mathis polite applause when he entered the ring.

They roared with delight as Tyson, 43-1, made his way through the crowd and climbed the steps into the ring for only his second bout since leaving prison last March after serving three years on a rape conviction.

Tyson had stopped a very inexperienced Peter McNeeley in 89 seconds in August after McNeeley's trainer stepped into the ring to end the bout.

Tyson, a very fit-looking 219 pounds (99.3 kg) wore his trademark black trunks, black shoes without socks and a towel, with a cutout for his head, draped down his chest and back. Tyson came out quickly in

the first round, but missed with a haymaker lefthook that Mathis ducked beneath. Mathis immediately tied up Tyson and stayed right on top of him. Toward the end of the first round, Tyson landed a

left hook but not cleanly, and at the end of the round the two men were slugging it out for a few moments after the bell, with Mathis smothering Tyson's punches. The crowd gave Mathis a

big cheer as he walked back to his corner.

Tyson came out jabbing in the second round, landing several times. But Mathis bulled Tyson into the ropes and got off a quick right to Tyson's body and a left to his With his corner yelling.

"Stay low. Buster, stay low. you're doing great," Mathis continued to put his head in Tyson's chest. Tyson then landed a hard

right to Mathis' side and he turned to the referee, as if to complain the blow was unfair. Mathis landed a right up-

the end of the round. After the bell rang Tyson glared at Mathis, as if to say: "How dare you challenge me

like this."

percut on Tyson's chin near

the third round with Mathis bulling Tyson into the ropes and the former champion still missing with wide punches and allowing himself to be held by Mathis.

It was more of the same in

Tyson then unloaded his barrage, sending Mathis Crumbling to the canvas,

But Tyson, scheduled to fight Briton Frank Brupo in March for the World Boxing Council's heavyweight title, appears to be a long way from the man who terrorised the heavyweight division in the late 1980s, before losing his undisputed title to James "buster" Doughlas in February, 1990, in Tokyo.

"I'm looking forward to fighting for the title," Tyson said. "I'm not afraid of any-

## Thailand rules the roost The Thai successes ran-

ged from the swimming pool

CHIANG MAI, Dec 17: Thai boxers won the lion's share of medals today and helped their country dance rings around the nine other nations in the Southeast Asian Games by winning a record 157 gold medals, reports Reuter.

Thai Prime Minister Banharn Silpa-Archa was on hand to watch his country's athletes box, kick and ride their way to victory in the northern city of Chiang Mai on the final day of the nine day biennial competition.

Thailand finished the 18th SEA Games with an overwhelming victory in the overall medals count, winning 346 of the 1,085 awarded.

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to the track and the gymnastics arena to the boxing ring. Indonesia, who won the most medals in the last SEA Games in 1993, had been expected to put up a tough fight but instead ended a distant second with 77 golds and 221 medals. Thai boxers, who were in 11 of the 12 final bouts today.

monopolised the medals ceremonies today to win golds in each of the 11 fights. Filipino Arlo Chaves won the welterweight gold in the only final without a Thai boxer. All but one of the fights

went five rounds, Thailand's heavyweight Narong Kahan winning his bout after the referee stopped the fight in the first round following two warnings to Filipino Ernesto Coronet. Thai Premier Banharn.

who sat in the arena for most

of the fights, handed out the

medals to light flyweight winners and spoke with other victorious Thai boxers after their fights. Thailand's Torsak Tip-Pairote won gold in the individual three-day equestrian

event, while Singapore took the team gold medal. More than 3,000 athletes from Brunei, Burma, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam competed

in 28 sports during the nine-

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winners of Victory Day indoor games competitions of Dhaka Deaf Association Saturday. Rtn M Ali Hossain, president of the association, is on extreme left.