Reuter

ficials said.

Tulio eats

humble pie

SANTIAGO, Apr 1: Brazil's top goalscorer Tulio has apol-

ogised to Chilean soccer au-

thorities for the cheeky back-

heeled goal he scored against

Santiago club Universidad Ca-

tolica last week, reports

· Tulio, who scored 50 goals

in official competition for his

club Botafogo last year, sent a

fax to the club and the Chilean

federation explaining that he

did not intend to offend any-

one during the South Ameri-

can Libertadores Cup game, of-

miliating anyone. My mind was

on the spectacle, on the

been decided and I had all the

time in the world to score. It

empty net at his mercy as the

ball came to him in the last

minute of the first round.

group four game in Rio de

ahead and instead of just tap-

ping the ball in. Tulio stopped

it, flicked it up into the air and

then backheeled it into the

both in Brazil and Chile and

with Botafogo still facing the

trip to Chile, there were fears

he could be given a rough ride.

His attitude was criticised

goal to complete a 4-1 win.

Botafogo were already 3-1

show," he said in the fax.

was not a provocation."

Janeiro on Tuesday.

"I had no intention of hu-

"I was alone, the game had

Tulio found himself with an



Stephen Fleming

(New Zealand elegant lefthander)

"It's a good relief to get a hundred at last. It takes a bit of pressure off from the media and from myself. And it's good to get a win for New Zealand."

After scoring his maiden oneday hundred against the West Indies in Port of Spain, Trinidad on March 3.)

## DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

HAT Altanta will have more than 55,000 hotel rooms, private houses and apartments made available to visitors during the 1996 Olympic Games. It is expected that the meet will generate

about 50,000 jobs. But, Atlanta is a busy place even without the Olympics.

Approximately 17 million people visit the city each year. Atlanta also boasts a reputation for world-class educational institutions - 36 colleges and universities — and a flourishing arts and music scene. It has its own ballet company, an active theatrical movement and the world renowned Atlanta Symphony

This is my problem: I can't decide whether I should visit Atlanta for the Olympics or to do a post-doctoral or to enjoy "Othello". I also need a ticket.

Orchestra.



Sports WHiZZ KID competition-32

Tick the Correct Answer (Competition closes: 8 p.m.

	April 5, 1996)			
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The 1996 European soccer championship will be held in Denmark | Germany | • England 4. Sri Lankan cricket team to

sponsored by In the Singer Cup Pakistan will be

Salim Malik Aamir Sohail Ijaz Ahmed Name .....

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WC qualifiers

### Jamaica edge Surinam RIO DE JANEIRO, Apr 1

Jamaica, the world's most improved national team in 1995. began their bid for a first-ever World Cup finals appearance with a 1-0 win away to cashstrapped Surinam in a qualifier on Sunday, reports Reuter. Striker Theodore Withmore

scored the only goal of the CONCACAF Caribbean zone second round, first leg match against opponents who could not afford to fly their best players over from the Netherlands for the game. In other games played Sun-day, the Dominican Republic,

where soccer plays second fiddle to baseball, and Dominica, which has a population of only 70,000 both completed aggregate victories' in their first, round ties.

Jamaica, the only serious contenders for a World Cup place amongst Sunday's participants, dominated their game and were only denied a bigger lead to take home for the sec-

ond leg thanks to some excellent goalkeeping by Rodney Aldenstem. Coached by Brazilian Rene Simoes, Jamaica were elected the world's most improved side by soccer's governing

body PIFA last year after jump-ing 59 places in the rankings. In the first round, second leg matches played Sunday. the Dominican Republic beat World Cup debutants Aruba 3-1 away for a 6-3 aggregate win in a match in which not a single player was booked.

Dominica, also taking part for the first time, won 3-1 away to relative stalwarts Antigua, for who cricketer Viv Richards once played in the 1978 World Cup qualifiers.

# Rain ruins Cup opener

SINGAPORE. Apr. 1: The

Singer Cup tournament's opening match between world champion Sri Lanka and Pakistan was abandoned Monday in heavy rain, and organisers said it will be replayed on Tuesday, report agencies. After losing four hours of

play on an overcast and wet day, the match began after lunch when the skies cleared a bit, but with the 50-overs-aside match curtailed to 25 overs each. Put into bat by Sri Lankan

captain Arjuna Ranatunga who won the toss - Pakistan was 54 for 3 in 10 overs when a light drizzle turned into a downpour, forcing the game to be abandoned.

In the 45 minutes that play was possible, both sides appeared evenly matched. While Sri Lanka got three key wickets of captain Aamir Sohail (22 runs in 21 balls). Saeed Anwar (3) and Inzamamul Haq (15), the Pakistanis made runs at a furious clip. averaging 5.4 runs

Ijaz Ahmed and Salim Malik

SINGAPORE, Apr

bowler Wagar Yo-

unis lashed out

today at former

England star Al-

lan Lamb and greeted his

forced retirement as good for

always wants to create contro-

versies, said the 25-year-old

Younis, who was at the receiv-

ing end of ball-tampering alle-

gations by Lamb in 1992. "I am

WAQAR YOUNIS

can play in peace.

land.

glad he is out of cricket so we

tirement because of his refusal

to bow to Test and County

Cricket Board (TCCB) regula-

tions concerning his poten-

tially inflammatory autobiogra-

to include fresh controversies

over the alleged Pakistan ball-

be published this summer -

when Pakistan will be engaged

Pakistani bowlers of ball-tam-

pering during the 1992 sum-

mer Test and one-day series in

England, for which he was

fined 5.000 pounds (around

was followed by the end of his

England career the following

His decision to go public

MANCHESTER

England. Apr

England striker

Liverpool on the

Two fine goals by

way to a 3-0 victory over Aston

Villa in their FA Cup semifinal

at Old Trafford on Sunday,

up a "dream' Wembley final in

May with big rivals Manchester

Park, Birmingham, United

came from behind to beat

Chelsea 2-1 with second half

Villa won the League Cup a

week ago against Leeds but had

no answer to Fowler's excel-

lent strikes - a 16th minute

diving header and a stunning

left-foot volley from 20 metres

Villa's misery with the third

met in an FA Cup final in 1977

took his tally this season to 33

and came four days after he

made his England debut

against Bulgaria at Wembley.

McAteer's neat tap home from

six metres was set up by an-

other England hopeful, Steve

times by Liverpool in the past

three months, fought back well

before halftime, but missed

crucial chances in their best

appearance in an FA Cup final

and their first since 1992

when they beat Sunderland 2-

third successive final appear-

ance \_becoming only the third

club this century to achieve

the feat. The stay on course for

an unprecedented second

English league and Cup double.

Before Sunday. Fowler had

It will be Liverpool's 11th

United will be making their

Villa, now beaten three

Jason McAteer completed

United and Liverpool last

Fowler's goals against Villa

goals from Andy Cole and mid

fielder David Beckham.

four minutes from time.

goal in the final minute.

when United won 2-1.

McManaman.

period.

The Liverpool success set

Earlier on Sunday at Villa

reports Reuter.

Robbie Fowler set

7,500 dollars) by the TCCB.

a three-Test tour of Eng-

Lamb publicly accused

tampering in 1992, is due to

The autobiography, certain

Lamb was forced into re-

"He is the kind of man who

cricket, report agencies.

: Pakistan pace

were on the crease with 6 runs each when the game was · Umpires Russel Tiffin and



CHAMINDA VAAS

Younis and his partner in

"We were in good nick

pace. Wasim Akram, destroyed

England in the series with a

combined haul of 43 wickets.

after winning the World Cup,

said Younis who is playing with

Pakistan at the Singer Cup

series in Singapore this week.

"After losing the 1992 World

Cup final to us, they (England)

wanted to create some sort of

controversy saying we are

for him," said Younis, widely

regarded as the world's fastest

Boycott had come to the de-

fence of the Pakistani pace

duo, saying they could have

bowled England out even with

Lamb's autobiography showed

he wanted to recreate the

1992 controversy during the

upcoming Pakistani tour so he

could boost the sales of the

20 years and was an aggressive

cricketer. I always respected

his aggression on the field.

said Younis, adding that had

changed since the controversy

land," said the Pakistani

bowler, who played for the

English county Surrey. 'We are

happy to face him, whatever he

series still rankle the Pakista

nis, whose team manager In-

tikhab Alam said the contro-

versy had been blown out of

Lamb's accusations had over-

shadowed the performance of

Younis and Akram, and at the

timing of the autobiography to

coincide with the Pakistani

book, it is unfortunate," Alam

his career with his testimonial

season this year for Northamp-

tonshire But his publishers

refusal to allow the book to be

censored by the TCCB meant

Fowler flusters Villa

scored three times against

Villa in the Premier league this

season and netted seven goals

in his six games against them

made scrambling saves from

both of them and early in the

second half had to block Ugo

Ehiogu's header right on the

Villa's last chance to equalise

the first goal by Fowler, which

came from a free kick by

Jamie Re Propp, the England

midfielder playing his first full

game in five months. Red-

knapp, recovered from a

hanistring injury, also set up

But that turned out to be

Liverpools's David James

during his short career

"If he is doing it to sell his

Lamb had intended to end

Memories of the 1992

He expressed regret that

We are happy to tour Eng-

He played cricket for 15

He said the timing of

an orange. Younis recalled.

Former England great Geoff

"It was a shame for them

cheats."

bowler.

erupted.

proportion.

Sri Lanka vs Pakistan Venue: The Padang, Singa-

From 7:30 am BST Live on Star Sports

match will be played afresh on Tuesday.

Sri Lanka, its morale high after the stunning World Cup victory on March 17, is scheduled to play its second match with India on Wednesday. India and Pakistan, two former World Cup champions, will clash on Friday and the final of the round robin 70,000 dollars tournament is on Sunday.

SCOREBOARD

· Score board from play possible in the rain ruined Pakístan-Sri Lanka Singer Cup in Singapore Monday : PAKISTAN

Sohail c Kaluwitharana b Vaas 22 Anwar c Dharmasena b Vaas 3 Inzamam c Vaas b Ranatunga 15 liaz not out Malik not out Extras: (w2) Total: (3 wkts, 10 overs) ,54

Fall of wickets : 1-9, 2-32, 3-43 Bowling Wickremasinghe

Wagar lambasts Lamb

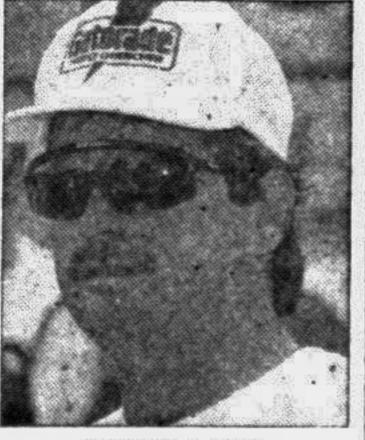
Ranatunga

Dharmasena

he had to call it a day earlier than planned. Lamb scored 4.656 runs in 79 Tests for England, including 14 centuries.

The South African-born cricketer announced his retirement in the Sunday Express.

"If I continue to play cricket, they (the TCCB) will have the power to prevent me telling my story. And I have no doubt that they would use that power." he said



ALLAN LAMB

Lamb uses the newspaper article to savage the Lord's hierarchy, accusing them of forcing players to sign contracts that turn them into

The English game is crying out for open debate. It is blindingly obvious that the game is in crisis and that the men who run it have no idea what to do.

This was to have been my last season... but because the TCCB is so frightened of what might say, it will not happen."

Northamptonshire chief executive Steve Coverdale said that his club had spent "hundreds of hours" trying to reach a compromise over Lamb with the TCCB.

But in the end Lamb's contract with the publishers had meant that he had to concede defeat and retire from the

Manchester United's victory

over Chelsea stretched their

unbeaten run to 15 matches

and was achieved without full

back Denis Irwin and their in-

Bruce and Gary Pallister.

jured centre-backs Steve

they fell behind 11 minutes

before the break as Ruud Gullit

But United looked a differ-

ent side in the second half,

with Cole scoring their

equaliser, after 55 minutes

when he touched home Eric

Cantona header from close

headed home at the far post.

It was no surprise when

### DMFA Cup in mid-May, 25-man national pool

The DMFA Cup football tournament is likely to commence from the middle of According to officials of

Dhaka Metropolis Football Association, the inter-club transfer of local footballers will be held in the first week of May. This will however be finalised in a meeting of DMFA scheduled on April 10. DMFA has already an-

nounced that there will be a quota-system for national footballers in the league from this year. This means a club will be allowed to register a maximum of five national team booters excluding goalkeepers for their side in the Premier league. As per the DMFA officials.

they have already prepared a 25-member national pool for the upcoming season. The number will be increased if national skipper Monem Munna does not retire. The foreigners' quota per

team has also been reduced. instead of four, clubs will be allowed to register three foreigners this time with two being allowed to play at a time.

## Nirman School cricket Apr 10

Sports Reporter

The matches of Dhaka zone of the 14th Nirman School cricket tournament will commence from April 10 next. says a press release. Bangladesh Cricket Control

Board has advised all the schools of Dhaka zone who have participated in the tournament in the past to submit their entries the evening of April 7 Schools failing to register their names within the given date will be considered as not participating this year. the press release added.

### Chinese coach for Jr TT course

Sports Reporter A table tennis training

course for the juniors will begin in the capital from April 6 under the supervision of Chinese coach Lee Jhao Lee, says a press release.

Bangladesh Table Tennis Federation has selected twelve players who have been asked to report to the federation office by 4 pm on the opening

(Ansar), Hamlet (Biman), Rubel (Ansar), Tuhin (Dhaka), Manash (Chittagong), Mahbub (Dhaka), Sagar (Dhaka), Pappu (Narail), Adison (Narail), Gautam (Narail). Rakin (Rajshahi)

# The players are: Mahbub and Mamun (Gaibandha)



Liverpool's Steve McManaman (R) tries to stymie Steve Staunton of Aston Villa during their FA Cup semifinal in Manchester on Mar 31. Liverpool went on to win the match 3-0. - AFP/Reuter photo

## Neck goes against Goran booing me like it's my fault.



Florida, Apr 1: nament to end." Goran Ivanisevic lost a match in his sleep Sunday. two years ago. giving Andre Aga-The start of that match was

uled time.

turn his head.

in the fourth.

Agassi in three sets.

On the morning of their final at the Lipton Championships, Ivanisevic woke up with a stiff neck. He underwent three hours of treatment and tried to play but quit in the fourth game.

"To beat Andre you have to be 105 per cent, and I was maybe 2," Ivanisevic said. The tournament doctor

said Ivanisevic probably slept wrong, and the ailment is unlikely to bother him for more than a few days. Agassi, also the Lipton

champion in 1990 and 1995. became the first player to win three men's titles at Key Biscayne. He received 338,000 dollars following the 10minute match, and Ivanisevic settled for 178,000 dollars not bad for a pain in the neck.

"It's really a shame," Agassi said after winning his first title since August. "Goran is obviously playing the best tennis right now on the tour. Today was a big day for me - I really wanted to come out here and get it on. And it didn't happen.

"It's a disappointing way to

win the title and for the tour-

Coincidentally, Agassi was involved in a similar situation

when Sampras was unable to

take the court at the sched-

Sampras went on to beat

Agassi again declined to ac-

When the players finally

cept a walk-over Sunday, and

the start of the match was de-

layed about 45 minutes while

Ivanisevic received treatment.

took the court, Ivanisevic was

clearly hampered. His first

serve was clocked at 130 kph

(80 mph) - two-thirds his

normal pace - and he was un-

able to hit his two-handed

backhand because he couldn't

14,000, unaware that Ivanise-

vic was hurting, began to jeer

the Croatian. He won only five

of 22 points before walking off

the court with Agassi winning

"I just felt bad," Ivanisevic

three games and leading 40-0

said. "I didn't do anything bad.

I tried my best. They end up

The sellout crowd of

Butch Buchholz defended the decision not to inform the crowd of Ivanisevic's ailment. delayed an hour because final-Such an announcement would ist Pete Sampras was nausehave been unfair to Agassi if ated. Agassi agreed to the delay Ivanisevic had played well. even though the rules permit-Buchholz said. ted him to win in a walk-over

The weather nearly saved Ivanisevic. Torrential rain began to fall about an hour after he quit.

like I didn't want to play."

Tournament chairman

couldn't just stand there and hope the rain is going to come," he said

Ivanisevic said he felt fine until Sunday morning. "I got up from bed and I

just couldn't turn my neck on the left side," he said. Dr Charles Virgin, the tournament doctor, said Ivanisevic's ailment involved musele spasms in his neck and typically afflicts people who sleep in an awkward position on an

airplane. Ivanisevic received ultrasound, ice massage, gentle manipulation and an anti-inflammatory injection.

"It was his heart, I think, that said we should give it a try," Virgin said.

"I feel very bad because all this work beating Chang and beating Pete and they ask me to go out and try," said Ivanisevic, who had upset fourth seeded Michael Chang and

respectively "Three hours this morning couldn't move my neck." Ivanisevic said. "I feel bad I had to do this. They asked me please come and try and I gave my best and I really couldn't

second-seeded Sampras in the quarterfinals and semifinals

It was left to Agassi to calm down the crowd at the end of the match, praising Ivanisevic's courage in attempting to play. "I really didn't expect him to walk on the court at all," Agassi said. "I just wanted them to know that being an athlete, it's not easy to step out there when you're not feeling near your physical best. I felt bad for Goran because only me and a few other people knew what was going on.' When Ivanisevic called it

quits. Agassi played quarterfinalist Jim Courier in an exhibition. It was rained out in the first set. The anticlimactic afternoon

continued a pattern of misfortune for the Lipton final. The 1989 match was cancelled because finalist Thomas Muster injured his knee in an accident with a drunken driven.

### Date in Fed Cup squad TOKYO, Apr 1: Kimiko Date

will spearhead Japan's Fed Cup tennis team against Germany at the Ariake Coliseum on April 27-28, reports AFP.

The Japan Tennis Association said it named Naoko Sawamatsu as the other singles player, while Ai Sugiyama and Kyoko Nagatsuka would play the doubles in the world group first round.

## Milan sail, Atletico fail ROME, Apr 1: AC



Milan restored their eight point lead at the top of the Serie A with a 2-0 win over Piacenza while in Spain leaders Atletico

was forced to retire with a stiff neck.

Andre Agassi of the United States holds aloft the Lipton

Championships trophy after the lacklustre final in Key

Biscayne, Florida, on Mar 31. The flamboyant Las Vegan

won the match against Goran Ivanisevic after the Croatian

Madrid went down 1-2 to city rivals Real but were still five points clear of nearest contenders Barcelona at the top, report agencies. It was a dark night for

Udinese fans. Veteran forward Roberto Mancini scored twice to lead Sampdoria of Genoa to a 4-2 rout at Udinese Sunday in an Italian League late match interrupted by a stadium power outage. The lights went out as play-

ers left the field at the end of the first half, with the score tied 1-1. Power returned, though not completely, after

### Gullit tries to cheer up Chelsea LONDON, Apr 1: Ruud Gullit

wants to help Chelsea become a major force in English football, reports AFP. "Wembley can wait, there

are bigger goals to achieve. the Dutchman said of Sunday's FA Cup semifinal defeat to Manchester United "Just one match at Wembley is not so important to me as

velop and taking shape in the way we want. 'I'm disappointed we got so close and didn't make it to Wembley but playing in the FA Cup final was not a particular goal of mine. I have sympathy

seeing this Chelsea team de-

for the players but you can't afford to have just one goal to achieve. "I said this even before the semifinal and I feel no differently now. I'm looking to achieve much more with Chelsea and I'm happy with

the way we are going. There can be too much at; tention on one match and it can affect your overall aim. That was the case against Manchester United and we lost because of two points injuries and the fact that we created two goals for them that they didn't create themselves.

"It was a pity but we will be better for the experience. Maybe we will be a little more cynical in the future when we are in the lead."

40 minutes and the referee ordered that play resume despite poor visibility. Earlier, French midfielder Marcel Desailly and striker

- AFP/UNB photo

Marco Stmone scored secondhalf goals as AC Milan beat Piacenza 2-0 to maintain an eightpoint lead with seven games left in the season. Desailly slotted in Roberto Baggio's corner kick in the

51st minute and Simone .playing his first game since fracturing his jaws March 5 netted his seventh of the season 15 minutes later for Milan (17-8-2, 59 points). Second-place Juventus (15-6-6, 51) defeated fifth-place

Parma 1-0 in a game played Saturday to give the Turin side time to prepare for Wednesday's Champions Cup semifinal first leg against Nantes. Elsewhere Sunday, thirdplace Fiorentina (14-8-5, 50) rallied with two goals in six

minutes to end Inter Milan's

six-match winning streak 2-1.

Inter (12-8-7, 44) is fourth. Italian international Giuseppe Signori's hattrick led sixth-place Lazio of Rome (12-6-9, 42) to a 3-0 victory over Vicenza. AS Roma stayed even on points with its crosstown rival, defeating Bari 2-1,

Cremonese helped their chances for staying in the first division by beating last-place Padova 2-1

In other games Sunday, Atalanta of Bergamo beat Torino 1-0 and Napoli and Cagliari drew 0-0.

Meanwhile, Julio Liorente and Juan Antonio Pizzi both scored in the final 16 minutes to rally Tenerile to a 2-1 victory over Valencia on Sunday, leaving Atletico and Barcelona alone in the race for the Spanish league title.

The loss dropped Valencia (20-4-10, 64 points) into third place, eight points behind Atletico, who lost 2-1 to Real Madrid on Saturday, and three behind Barcelona, won at Albacete 1-0 on Saturday.

It was only its third loss in the second half of the season (10-1-3) and halted their climb, which has seen them move from fifth, 15 points back, to second. Only eight games remain in the season.

Pizzi scored the game winner in the 80th, redirecting a blast from Antonio Segura Robayna. It was his leagueleading 25th of the season and came six minutes after Liorente had tied the game.

In other games Sunday, it was: Salamanca 1. Compostela 0: Real Sociedad 1. Betis 1 Racingt Santander 0. Oviedo 0: Sporting Gijon 3, Rayo Vallecano 1; Sevilla 1, Zaragoza 1; Espanyol 3, Marida 0; Celta 1 Valladolid 1: and Deportivo La Coruna 0, Athletic Bilbao 0.

### Bayern a bit fatigued MUNICH, Germany, Apr 1:

Bayern Munich have had little time to recover from a brushing top-of-the table encounter at the weekend before playing one of their biggest games in Europe in recent seasons on Tuesday, reports Reuter. Barcelona visit Munich's

Olympic stadium for the first leg of a UEFA Cup semtfinal just three days after the Bavarians beat reigning champions Borussia Dortmund 1-0 in their toughest Bundesliga clash of the season. Record German champions Bayern are bidding to bring a

European trophy back to Munich for the first time for 20 years. The Dortmund game could not have come at a worse Manager Uli Hoeness said:

"I fear the game against Dortmund may have cost us a lot of energy. Saturday's victory put Bay-

ern at the top of the table. But it was a hard game which saw an array of yellow cards and an ugly incident at the end when Bayern midfielder Mehmet Scholl hit Dortmund's Swiss striker Stephane Chapuisat in

Bayern look like being without their talented Swiss midfielder Ciriaco Sforza who has a fever. German international midfielder Thomas Strunz is also doubtful because of a nerve problem in his back and a groin injury. Barcelona have problems in

will be without internationals Miquel Angel Nadal, Sergi Barjuan and Abelardo Fernandez, who are all suspended. Overlapping full-back Albert Ferrer is likely to play despite a minor muscle strain but he is

defence. Johan Cruyff's team

the only natural defender in a Barcelona squad that includes five foreigners. Both Bosnian striker Meho Kodro and club captain Jose

Maria Bakero are rested after serving domestic suspensions during Saturday's 1-0 away win at Albacete.