### Windies call in two tyros

BRIDGETOWN. Barbados. pr 16: Jamaican opening atsmen Robert Samuels and --Jarbadian fast bowler Patterson Thompson are the only West Indies newcomers in the first cricket Test against New, Zealand starting here Friday, reports AP.

Samuels, a flashy left-hander, becomes the seventh player chosen to fill the troublesome Test opening spot since the great Gordon Greenidge retired in 1991. in 35 Tests since then, there has only been one cen-

tury partnership. Samuels, 25, scored his fourth first-class century for the President's XI off the New Zealanders in the four-day

match in Grenada over the weekend. Thompson, 24, is rated the

fastest bowler in the region. He grabbed 23 wickets in the regional season but has struggled with a leg injury since playing for Barbados against English county Worcestershire in Bridgetown on March 31. He passed a fitness Test Monday morning before his selection was confirmed.

Two Trinidadians return to the team after enjoying season bests in the Red Stripe Cup.

Batsman Phil Simmons earns a Test recall for his 641 runs in the Red Stripe Cup as well as his prolific performance in the just-concluded one-day series against New

Leg-spinner Rajindra Dhanraj, who has had three Tests in three separate series. returns after bagging a record 48 wickets in the Red Stripe competition.

Simmons has opened the batting in all 22 of his Tests. but in the one-day series he scored all his runs batting in the middle-order. His last Test appearance was in India in late

Barbadian batsman Roland Holder, who has been on the West Indies team since 1993. seems set to make his Test debut in front of his home

Courtney Browne retains the wicket-keeping spot despite his recent struggling behind the stumps.

#### Gooch's last, Law's first

LONDON. Apr 16: Former England captain Graham Gooch hinted on Monday that the coming season could be his last playing for Essex, reports

Gooch, who is one of the eight contenders for the two vacant places on the England Test selection panel, revealed he has his sights set on a coaching job.

Gooch, who made his firstclass debut in 1973 and will be 43 in July, said: "I am not getting any younger and the time has come to think seriously about the future.

"Ideally, I would like to take up a coaching post and put something back into the game which has given me so much pleasure over the years.

"Hopefully such an opportunity will come along which suits me. In the meantime I'm just looking forward to another

season with Essex. Essex's new overseas player, Australian Stuart Law, joined his colleagues at Chelmsford and admitted that he is looking forward to his

first taste of county cricket. He said: "I am here on the recommendation of Allan Border, and Mark Waugh who both played for Essex. I understand I will bat at number four in the county championship and probably open in the one day

"I regard this as a great opportunity to forward my career. Hopefully I will perform well enough to win a place in the Australian Test team.

"I know I have come here with a reputation as a one day player but that is something want to change. I want to be looked upon as a good player in the four and five day games.

## Higuita omits himself

BOGOTA; Apr 16: Flamboyant Colombian goalkeeper Rene Higuita said Monday that he had decided to cut himself from the national team roster because he felt he was playing substandard soccer, reports

"I'm not well, I don't feel right," Higuita said on national television and radio, explaining his decision to drop off the

"I'm still not up to the necessary level to assume the responsibility of playing on the national side," he said

The head of the Colombian soccer federation, Alvaro Fina. said in a telephone interview that he has accepted Higuita's resignation with regret but without any doubt that the 29year-old athlete was acting in what he believed to be the best

interest of the team. "He told us very honestly that he was playing at a low level and didn't feel as if he were in shape to be on the

selection," Fina told Reuters. "We have to believe in Higuita's sincerity and we have to keep moving forward," he

In addition to his lion-like name of curly black hair. Higuita is known for his eccentric playing style and daring forays away from the

goalbox. One such move cost Colombia a humiliating defeat against Cameroon in World Cup match in Italy in 1990.

## Atherton walking on air



was enthusiastic about the new season despite the dismal performances of the national side over the winter, reports AFP.

There were real doubts about whether Atherton had the desire to carry on after the World Cup shambles that followed the 1-0 Test defeat and 6-1 one-day international setback in South Africa.

But three weeks with New England coach David Lloyd - a father-figure to Atherton - one Lancashire's pre-season tour of Jamaica has restored the sparkle.

Atherton said, "I'm enthusiastic about the new season. only played one game in Jamaica but scored a century and I feel in pretty good shape now."

The England captain has often looked miserable since taking over the job from Graham Gooch three years ago but Lloyd believes the sulky demeanour will be less in evidence during Ingland's home

Panathinaikos

ropean Cup history when they

welcome Ajax to Athens for

Wednesday's semifinal return

leading 1-0 from the first leg

incentive to win through to

their second Champions'

League final given that their

first ended in 2-0 defeat to the

glorious Ajax side illuminated

by the two Johans — Cruyff and

have made little impact on the

European stage, but they now

stand on the verge of ending

their opponents' regions as

European champions as well as

emulating their basketball

counterparts, who won the

European club crown last

Krzysztf Warzycha, who scored

the vital goal at Ajax, and

Argentine playmaker Juan Jose

Borelli, have transformed the

team into a force to be reck-

oned with under the guidance

of Argentine trainer Juan

clash hampered, however, by

Yannis Kalitzakis, Marinos

Ouzounidis and Demitre

Markos - all doubtful after tak-

ing knocks in last week's

tough derby win over AEK

Ajax coach Lousi van Gaal

takes a 16-man squad to

Greece for the 70,000-sellout

game but will be without the

services of injured winger

draw against Tottenham in a

high-tempo north London

the advantage for a European

spot as they lead Spurs by the

points with two of their three

remaining matches at High-

boury. But Tottenham's two

remaining away trips from

their last three games include

a tough trip to Kevin Keegan's

A slight scuffle between ri

val players on the pitch pre-

ceded both sets of supporters

taunting each as the players

filed back to the changing

had a superb match, said

afterwards: "It was tough to get

only one shot on goal," adding

he had been "disappointed"

he might be leaving the club.

"Arsenal can have me as long

movement in the middle of the

pitch - particularly Dennis

Bergkamp and lan Merson -

but believed 0-0 was a fair re-

chances during the first half,

though Tottenham twice had

shots on target with Chris

Armstrong shining throughout

midway through the second

half, when, as both teams

WTA's top 20

(AFP): Women's WTA world

tennis ranking issued here on

Monica Seles (USA) (WTA nominated position)

MIAMI, Florida, Apr 16

296.21 points

229.42

194.67

153.86

130.84

126.46

116.40

112.37

111.60

107.51

104.08

102.95

100.75

83.38

74.60

The \*tempo kept up till

Mabbutt praised Arsenal's

Arsenal had a whole host of

as they want me," Wright said.

However he denied reports

not to find the scoresheet."

Arsenal's Ian Wright, who

Fifth-placed Arsenal have

derby, reports AFP.

Newcastle.

rooms

up front.

Monday:

1. Steffi Graf (GER)

4. Iva Majoli (CRO)

Anke Huber (GER)

9. Kimiko Dat (JPN)

6. Chanda Rubin (USA)

Arantxa Sanchez (SPA)

Conchita Martinez (SPA)

. Gabriela Sabatini (ARG)

Magdalena Maleeva (BÜL)

Lindsay Davenport (USA)

14. Mary Joe Fernandez (USA)

Amanda Cóetzer (RSA)

Jana Novotna (CZE)

12. Brenda Schultz (NED)

13. Mary Pierce (FRA)

16. Martina Hingis (SWI)

18. Irina Spirlea (ROM)

19. Julie Halard (FRA)

17. Barbara Paulus (AUS)

20. Sabine Appelmans (BEL)

LONDON, Apr 16:

Arsenal remain

favourites for fifth

spot and the last

UEFA Cup spot

here on Monday

following a 0-0

injuries to three defenders

The Greeks go into the

Polish international striker

weekend.

Ramon Rocha

Since then. Panathinaikos

Neeskens — back in 1971.

The Greeks have an added

in Amsterdam, reports AFP.

aim to complete

one of the great-

est shocks in Eu-

series against India and Pakistan

Lloyd said. "I think Mike will be a happier character this summer. Not because of my presence but because he identifies that as an area he has to brush up on.

Atherton refused to speculate about his re-appointment



MIKE ATHERTON

Another Greek epic awaits

The Dutch will rely heavily

on the attacking power of Finn

Jari Litmanen, Nigerian Finidi

George and Patrick Kluivert,

on target in last year's final win

over AC Milan, as they seek to

Roberto dos Santos misses out

because of the surplus of for-

eign stars in the side whilst

former PSV Eindhoven man

his team's chances, putting

them at 30 per cent, although

he said: There is still a glim-

mer of hope." Rocha in con-

trast states that the Dutch

"Have the better chance" of

pears cut and dried with Ju-

ventus overwhelming favou

rites to halt Nantes European

run after winning the first-leg

2-0 with something to spare in

Suaudeau has already stocked

up controversy, accusing the

Italians of cheating by trying to

and succeeding in getting a

hopes rest firmly on the return

Doram, out for five weeks with

a fractured shin. His task will

be to supply the ammunition

for Nicolas Ouedec in attack

who is expected to play de-

injured for the first leg. ex-

pects to return to sow confu-

Didier Deschamps, the match

will be a nostalgic return to

Gunners' chances enhance

tired, the quality of football

for Arsenal left back Nigel

Winterburn as the Tottenham

striker looked lively in the

first opportunity of the match

before Wright was brought

down on the edge of the box

on the quarter hour bringing

anxious glances at the referee

Edinburgh did not receive his

marching orders - merely a

yellow card — and Arsenal kept

pass from Ray Parlour and

looking for his sixth goal of the

season, fired his second good

Wright reportedly unset-

opportunity high over the bar

tled at Arsenal and at logger

heads with manager Brian

Rioch in recent months, con-

· He beat Mabbutt on the bi-

line and fed Bergkamp, who

failed to connect from six

the bar before Armstrong

forced a fingertip save from

keeper David, Seaman, diving

Merson once more hit over

tinued his impressive start

Merson, receiving a square

But a fortunate Justin

from Tottenham players

opening minutes

up the tempo.

Armstrong caused trouble

Merson shot high in the

sion in a Juventus defence

Midfielder Claude Makele

For Juventus midfielder

of Chad midfielder Japhet N

The French champions

Nantes players sent off

spite a thigh strain.

Nantes coach Jean-Claude

The second semifinal ap-,

making the May 22 final.

Turin.

Van Gaal was realistic about

Peter Hoekstra fin ineligible.

Brazilian defender Marcio

overturn the deficit.

Greek champions Martijn Reuser.

PARIS. Apr 16: Marc Overmars and midfielder the club where he started his

international scene this sum-Lloyd said, "I'm comfortable with Mike and I'm certain he's comfortable with me. I've known him since he was 14. I

as England skipper — with two new selectors due to be ap-

pointed later this week from a

he wants to continue — or that

Lloyd fully expects to be

working with Atherton on the

But there is no doubt now

list of eight candidates.

treat him as a friend and a colleague. "He's got his opinions and I've got mine. We don't always agree but we can debate

things. Lloyd, who "jumped at the chance" to take over as England's coach underlined his friendship by being at the airport to meet Atherton after that depressing World Cup

And they spent hours together in Jamaica as Lloyd fulfilled his last assignment with Lancashire. "We needed time to talk," he said.

Few people know England's latest coach better than Atherton, who says, "It will be good fun with David but he's strict when he has to be."

The Zebras, whose hopes of

retaining their league title

were dashed after Saturday's

3-0 home loss to Sampdoria,

are determined to compensate

by taking the Champions'

league for the second time

after 1985's triumph over

Cup games, French chances

appear somewhat stronger as

Paris Saint Germain look to

see off John Toshack's

Deportivo la Coruna, whom

they beat 1-0 in Spain two

Djorkaeff, who played in the

1992 final for Monaco in the

defeat by Werder Breman, is

propel the Parisians to their

first European final after three

up to us," explained Djorkaeff.

whose stunning effort, with

seconds remaining in Spain

Paris can expect to play Rapid

Vienna. But Vienna must first

see off Feyenoord, with the

Austrians having secured a

creditable 1-1 draw in Holland

after falling behind to a Ronald

The Austrians will be with-

out the suspended Provslav

Jovaanociv, sent off against

Dypamo Moscow in the last

round, and Zoran Barisic, also

. Regardless of the outcome

of Thursday's ties, a new name

will appear on the Cup

Winners Cup next month, as

none of the four have previ-

to his left, on the half-hour.

soon died away when he was

ments later let in Nigel Win-

terburn who fired just wide of

the post in the best chance for

either side up to that point

And Andy Linighan had an

Tottenham's five, were clearly

trong shot just wide of Sea-

man's left hand upright in a

match which had hardly

aldwed in tempo from the first

time. Bergkamp cheekily tried

to score from a free-kick 35

yards out, but lan Walker had

the ball covered as it dipped

but having a great match, hit a

perfect cross for Wright, who

could not quite get power with

a header he directed just wide

But both teams had to settle

for the goalless scoreline in

this hotly-contested fixture.

Orzubek Nazarok (L) of Kyrgyzstan lands a jab on Indonesian Adrianus Tarorah's jaw

during their WBA lightweight bout in Tokyo on April 15.

with two minutes to go.

Parlour, often unpredictable

Then 10 minutes from

In the 64th minute, Arms-

Arsenal, with 14 shots to

other effort moments later

on top in the first half.

45 minutes.

near the crossbar.

Ruel Fox s stumble mo

judged a yard offside.

ously lifted the trophy.

Should they reach the final.

We hold all the aces - its

semi-final defeats in a row.

demoralised Deportivo.

Koeman penalty.

suspended

set to be the catalyst who can

Matchwinner Youri

In Thursday's Cup Winners

Liverpool.

### Flamengo fly on Romario's wings

RIO DE JANEIRO, Apr 16: Romario scored two more goals to take his total to 10 in seven matches as Flamengo won their seventh straight game in the Rio de Janeiro championship at the weekend. reports Reuter.

The Brazilian World Cup hero, who appears to be finally back to his best after a mediocre season last year, also set up the other goal for his striking partner Savio as Flamengo beat Madureira 3-0.

Vasco da Gama scored five second half goals to beat Fluminense 5-3 and are the only team left with a realistic chance of overtaking Flamengo in the first stage of the compe-

Brazilian champions Botafogo, who played two South American Libertadores Cup matches in Chile last week, fielded a reserve side but still beat Volta Redonda 1-0.

Palmeiras lead the second stage of the Sao Paulo championship after coming from behind to beat Mogi Mirim 2-1 away in one of their hardest games for weeks.

Palmeiras, who won the first stage, have been averaging over four goals a match but fell behind in the 40th minute to a goal by midfielder Rodrigo.

Left-back, Junior equalised the stroke of halftime and striker Luizao scored his 16th goal of the tournament when he grabbed a second half win-

Sao Paulo are level on points with Palmeiras after a 2-1 win over Santos, who dominated the game but failed to take their chances. Former Santos winger Almir scored both goals for Sao Paulo.

## Warning about 'warm pants'!

LONDON, Apr 16: Sportsmen and women who wear tight-fitting "warm pants" designed to prevent muscular injury may run a risk of developing harmful blood clots, a British medical journal re ported today, reports Reuter.

The Postgraduate medical journal reported the case of a 25-year-old man who wore the shorts regularly for five months and who wore the shorts regularly for five months and who developed a deep vein thrombosis in his leg resulting in a blood clot on his lung.

The shorts, known as warm pants, contain a layer of a material which is used in wetsuits. They have a massaging effect designed to stimulate circulation and are often used by athletes wanting to prevent muscle injury They are rather trendy and

some people are wearing them just to look good. If someone has previously had deep vein thrombosis I would certainly advise against them," said car diologist Nigel Jowett, who treated the man at Withybush Hospital in Scotland.

"We cannot say that wearing the pants directly caused the condition but there may be an association.

Whilst the pants may control swelling within the cov ered area, any exercise in duced swelling outside the garment will not be controlled allowing an exacerbating of this tournament effect, slowing venous return and allowing venous pooling." Jowett said.

## ATP rankings

MONACO, Apr 16: (Reuter) Leading rankings issued by the ATP tour on Monday: 1 Pete Sampras (US) 4.431 points

2 Thomas Muster (Austria) 4.251 3 Andre Agassi (US) 4.006 4 Michael Chang (US) 3.875 5 Boris Becker (Germany)

6 Goran Ivanisevic (Croatia) 3.377 7 Yevgeny Kafelnikov (Russia) 2.416 8 Thomas Enqvist (Sweden) 2,298 9 Jim Courier (US) 10 Wayne Ferreira (South

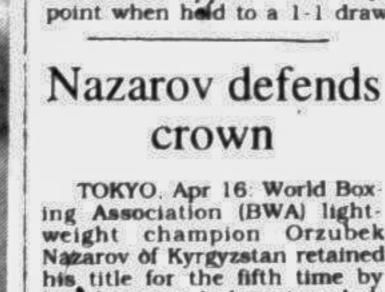
Africa) 2.031 11 Sergi Burguera (Spain) 1.686 12 Marc Rosset (Switzerland) 1,683 13 Arnaud Boetsch (France) 1,603 14 Michael Stich (Germany) 1 560

15 Andrei Medvedev (Ukraine) 1.423 16 Marcelo Rios (Chile) 1 392 17 Todd Martin (US) 1.351

18 Malivai Washington (US) 1 272 1.201

- AFP/UNB photo

19 Renzo Furlan (Italy) '20 Alberto Costa (Spain)



Monday, reports AFP. The 29-year-old unbeaten Nazarov, who fights out of

Tokyo, floored Taroreh in the third round and finished off the top WBA contender with a sharp left hook to the face with a second left in the fourth

The referee began his 10-

## Boston Marathon

## Tanui, Pipping the victors

BOSTON, Massachussetts, April 16: Moses Tanui kept up Kenya's supremacy in the Boston Marathon on Monday as he led home four teammates in his country's complete domination of the race, reports AFP. Tanui, running in his first

marathon, ran home in 2 hours 9 minutes and 16 seconds, to beat out compatriots Ezekiel Bitok, who came second, and third-placed Cosmas Ndeti, who had won the previous three races.

And, on a larger scale. It



Nobuko Fujimura (L) of Japan pips Sonja Krolik of Germany to the finishing line the 100th Boston Marathon on April 14. Nobuko came third. - AFP/UNB photo kept up Kenya's run with a sixth straight win in the men's event.

Lameck Aguta came fourth and Sammy Lelei fifth to complete the golden day for the

east African country. Germany's Uta Pipping, 30, on Monday won her third women's event in a row with

an official time of hours, 27 minutes and 12 seconds Pipping easily beat out Kenya's Tegla Loroup into sec-

ond place. The 38,000-strong race began at midday when 700 elite runners began the course from

Hipkinton. Ethiopia's 1989 winner Abebe Mekonnen pushed the pace to threaten Kenya's early dominance, while Russia's Alla Jijiaeva and Japan's Nobuko Fujimura were prominent in the women's race.

Than Ndeti surged to the front bringing with him a group of 15, mainly Kenyans, including Tanui, Bitok, Aguta. Turbo Tumo, Joseph Kamau, John Kagwe and Lelei, who has run 2 hours 7 minutes 2 sec-

At 29 km. Nedti nearly fell after colliding with a compatriot, but was controlling the course well a few moments later as the group went down to nine members.

A few kilometres behind, Loroupe looked set to be running towards a Kenyan tri-... umph although she messed up a refreshment stop by coming to a standstill.

However Loroupe against shook off Pipping while Tanui attacked in the men's event in a group with Aguta and Bitok leaving Ndeti behind. Ndeti tried hard to claw

back the deficit in a vain attempt for his fourth successive win, but Tanui, the 1991 10,000m champion, ran inexorably to victory. Loroupe found it tough over

the last kilometres and Pipping. Lifted by an applauding crowd, surged past to cross the finishing line first.

### Joao Japan's promoter? Both sides have been carry-I am considering taking legal



SEOUL. Apr 16 FIFA president Joao Havelange has been accused of abusing his position as head of football's governing body by

one of his own vice-presidents. reports AFP Dr Chung Mong-Joon claims the Brazilian is attempting to derail South Korea's attempt to beat Japan for the right to be-

come the first Asian country to host the World Cup final in Chung, who heads South Korea's World Cup bidding committee, said Havelange is

clearly bias towards Japan. "It is very unfortunate and very undesirable to see interference by the FIFA president,

complained Chung. Chung has been angered by press reports quoting Havelange singing the praises of Japan's bid and by what he sees as the FIFA president's

unofficial campaigning for "I hope he still remembers what neutrality means. If not, we are going to see another unfortunate example of misuse of power," said the South Korean, who heads the multi-mil-

dustries conglomerate. FIFA's 21-strong voting committee will decide on June I in Zurich in Switzerland which of the two Asian powers

will host the Cup.

lion dollar Hyundai heavy in-

ing out massive promotional campaign to clinch the votes needed for victory but some South Korean officials privately claim the Japanese government have been unfairly trying to influence certain votes.

In March Japan's exportimport bank announced more than one billion dollars of united financing for Brazil. mainly for infrastructure pro-The announcement of the

loan coincided with the visit to Japan of Brazil's President Fernando Henrique Cardoso who promptly confirmed that his country would be backing Japan's World Cup bid. There have also been un-

confirmed reports that at least one of the three African countries which will vote on June - Mauritius, Cameroon and Tunisia — will receive loans from Japan.

"I had better not speculate on Japan's motives," remarked Chung.

The 45-year-old Chung is convinced that's a dirty tricks campaign is being waged against him. "There have been reports in

the Japanese press that I gave a Hyundai car dealership to Havelange's son-in-law Richardo Teixeria in a bid to try and win Brazil's vote.

· "It is completely untrue. Japan seems to be running a very negative campaign. These reports are very malicious and

action," said Chung. The South Korean is still also upset over last year's failed attempt by some FIFA officials to have the June 1 vote

brought forward by six months. "Such a plan was against all rules of fair play. It was like trying to shorten a match to only 45 minutes after one side took the lead. I am glad that what looked very like a conspiracy was blocked by the European votes in FIFA." said Chung

Chung will again be hoping for European support and the anti-Havelange faction come the June 1 vote.

For the first time since Havelange took control of FIFA 22 years ago there is a serious bid to oust him. Sweden's Lennart Johans-

son, president of UEFA, has announced he will challenge Havelange in the next election for president and he has the full backing of Chung.

"The system must be changed. FIFA must become more transparent," insists Chung.

The South Korean knows his outspoken comments about the running of FIFA could prove expensive for his country's World Cup hopes but he refuses to be silenced.

There is no point in being quiet. Changes are needed Principles must come first campaigning second," he de-

## Pre-Olympic tournament

# World champs roll on



ATLANTA, Apr 16: Two penalty stroke conver sions by captain Tahir Zaman bro-

ught Pakistan

the world champions, their third successive win at the sixnation pre-Olympic men's hockey tournament Sunday. reports Reuter Pakistan's 2-1 victory over

the United States at Clark University ensured they go into the last two of their round robin matches, on Tuesday and Wednesday, with a point advantage over their great Asian rivals, India

India dropped their first point when held to a 1-1 draw

ing Association (BWA) lightweight champion Orzubek Nazarov of Kyrgyzstan retained his title for the fifth time by knocking out Indonesian challenger Adrianus Taroreh here

count near the end of the round and the 29-year-old indonesian was counted out after the round had ended. Under WBA rules, a fighter cannot be saved by the bell.

by Britain while, in the day's final game. South Korea gained their first win, beating Argentina, the Pan-American champions, 4-2.

Pakistan's Zaman converted the 7-metre awards on either side of the interval after the United States had shocked their more illustrious opponents by taking the lead. Ahmed El Maghraby, the American's former Egyptian international, put the hosts ahead in the 20th minute.

The result was a considerable improvement for the Americans on their previous outing against Pakistan, when they lost 7-0, also in a pre-Olympic tournament, in 1963 at Lyon, France. Mudasser Ashgar, the Pak-

istan manager, paid tribute to the Americans' improvement, saying: "They played very good hockey." But Ashgar added: am not a happy man. We didn't play well. Sometimes the Pakistan team doesn't play the level we expect of them.

Jon Clark, the new British coach of the United States team, was delighted with his team, commenting: "We are improving. At the moment we are charging up the mountain. We showed today that we can hold our own, even during a bad spell against Pakistan."

The first two matches were played on the practice area as the pitch markings had still to be painted in on the main pitch at Clark University. On a very hot day, the main

pitch eventually dried out, the markings were put down, and the final game of the day was played on it. The Koreans were clearly a lot happier on a proper pitch and, with stacca to establish command against a spirited Argentina team. Seok-Kyu Shin scored Ko-

rea's first and last goals to join Tahir, Kamran Ashrai (Pakistan) and Dhanraj Pillay (India) at the top of the goal scorers table with three goals each. Gavin Ferrieria. India's

stopgap inside left, put India

ahead in the 12th minute in their match with Britain, with Jason Laslett, the British captain, replying in the 29th minute. After a pulsating first half,

the match deteriorated and, while it was not rough, the sides twice played 10-a-side as the umpires awarded temporary suspensions to Pillay and Mohammed Riaz of India, and Julian Halls and Kalbir Takher of Britain.

Halls and Pillay squared up to each other after an incident in which Guy Fordham, the British right half, suffered a head wound.

Munich '72 victims denied damages

MUNICH, Apr 16: A Munich court Monday rejected five claims for damages by families of Israeli athletes killed during the hostage-taking at the 1972 Munich Olympics in which 18 people died, reports AFP. Eleven Israeli athletes were

seized and later shot on September 5, 1972 by the Palestinian terrorist group Black September. In the shoot-out five terrorists and two Germans also died In its decision, the court

noted that the plaintiffs were not represented by lawyers and could not offer guarantees of payments of the costs of the proceedings.

#### David Platt headed into the net four minutes from the break, but the home cheers