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Gazza's tearful tying of the knot?

LONDON, July 1: England football star Paul Gascoigne was due to marry fiance Shery Faileson Monday, but not before bookmakers William Hill gave odds on him crying during the wedding, reports AFP. "We think it's a bigger certainty that Gazza will cry than it is that he will have a row with the photographers covering the wedding," said spokesman Graham Shape. Gascoigne's limbered up for

the big wedding at nearby Waltham Abby - as opposed to Bisham, where the England Euro '96 squad practised after visiting the Hanbury Manor hotel briefly to swim in the pool and use the massage facilities.

At the swallow he celebrated his stage night with guests including Middlesbrough boss Bryan Robson. Sheffield Wednesday star Chris Waddle, and Liverpool's Steven McManaman.

It is understood that Gascoigne has booked all 95 rooms at the Hanbury Manor, at an estimated cost of 15,000 pounds (22,000 US dollars) to avoid unwelcome guests at the

ceremony. British soccer's golden boy was reported to be wearing a dazzling golden outfit from top Piccadilly outfitters Favourb-

rooks. Sheryl, dressed in a blue top and trousers, drove to the Hanbury Manor hotel from the couple's nearby home in Stanstead Abbots, Herts, to change into her wedding

dress, which is believed to be by Versace. Having obtained papers from Hertford register office, Gazza, 29, and Sheryl, 30, about 100 guests - including

former England coach Terry Venables - will be brought to the hotel in a fleet of stretch limousines. - complete with 18-hole golf

The hotel's 200-acre estate course, lake, walled graden and arboretum - will be tightly guarded in a bid to keep the expected crowds of reporters

Inter-varsity football

KUSHTIA, July 1: Islamic University trounced Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) 6-0 in the inter-university football tournament at the winners' ground here today, reports

Abu Hena Mostafa Kamal scored four goals while Mizanur Rahman and Banik netted once each for the victors.

Football off the hook

Sports Reporter

First Division outfits will enjoy the authority to keep a maximitin seven players registered with them last year. And each club will submit the list of their chosen seven to DMFA by July 10.

The Dhaka Metropolis Foot

ball Association (DMFA), willt-

ing under the combined pres-

sure from the newly-appointed

State Minister for Sports.

Obaidul Quadeer and the

Bangladesh Football Federa-

tion, has finally decided to

hold this year's Senior Division

The decision, restricting

football leagues from August 7.

inter-club players' transfer this

year to be held from July 20

to 23, came after the executive

body meeting of the DMFA last

who were adamant not to or-

ganise this year's league until

the intervention of the state

minister, has finally agreed to

end the stalemate and avoid a

possible axing of the present

president M Azizul Huq has

decided that each Premier and

BSWA seminar

Sports Reporter

sports journalists, organised by

Bangladesh Sports Writers

Association (BSWA) to observe

the World Sports Press Day.

will be held this afternoon at

the conference room of

Minister for Youth. Sports and

Cultural Affairs, will attend the

arranged a reception for two

senior sports journalists

Abdul Awwal Khan and Nasir

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Obaidul Quadeer, the State

Besides, the BSWA has also

National Sports Council.

seminar as chief guest

programme.

A seminar on the role of

The meeting chaired by

ad-hoc committee.

With this decision DMFA.

Although defending champions Abahani Krira Chakra and East End Club, promoted to the elite ten this year, had protested the move, demanding the quota to be fixed not more than four, was overrulled by Azizul Huq's ruling.

"We oppose the idea of such restrictions. This is nothing but an eye-wash", said Abahani official Shah Alam adding that the move was against the spirit of the player's pool system.

On the other hand, Anwarul Hug Helal of Mohammad Sporting Club, arch-rivals of Abahani, said that their club was satisfied with the way things has been made.

"We want to play no matter at what costs" said Helal who is also a vice-president of the **DMFA**

Besides, the meeting has also decided to appeal for grants from the National Sports Council (NSC), the governing body of local sports, so that the clubs, who are facing an acute financial problem. could be able to provide better training for the players.

It was agreed that the DMFA would ask for grants from the NSC's training funds amounting taka five lakhs for each clubs. The representatives of the 20 Senior Division outfits have also demanded an additional taka two lakhs each from DMFA as lones.

Meanwhile, the DMFA has also decided to approve the league bye-laws and fix the foreign players quota in its next meeting on Saturday.

However, the fate of the season's curtain-raiser, DMFA Cup. is still laying in the balance following the dramatic development in the changed

political circumstances. "If things permit we will try our best to organise it after the league," said DMFA general secretary Mozammel Huq

Age-group tennis

Sports Reporter

Yousuf Aman and Mohammad Sohel moved into the final of under-10 boys singles in the ongoing BMDECO national junior age-group tennis championship after they won their respective semifinals at the Ramna Tennis Complex yesterday.

In a see-saw affair, Aman recorded an upset 6-5 win over top seed Fahim Haider while Selim had an easy sail (6-0) next over Ranjan Ram. Both the matches were held on best of eleven games basis.

In the under-12 group. Shahriar Haider and Alamgir reached the final yesterday. In the best of fifteen games semifinals. Haider tamed Russel 8-1 while Alamgir defeated Mohammad Ali 8-6.

The finals of the under-10. 12 and 14 age groups will be held this morning at the same



NIGHT OF THE SUPER SUB: Oliver Bierhoff (Centre) is the happiest man in the universe after scoring Germany's winner within minutes of the sudden death extra-time as ecstatic teammates rush into congratulate him. Bierhoff came on as a substitute and scored both the goals as the 1990 World Cup winners came from behind to beat the Czech Republic 2-1 in the European Championship final at Wembley on June 30. -AFP/UNB photo

Loser's strange twist of luck



LONDON, July 1 (Reuter): Oliver Bierhoff's long struggle to shake off the tag of loser paid off in a

big way on Sunday. He was very much a winner after scoring twice to steer Germany to a record third European Championship title.

Bierhoff headed the equaliser in the 73rd minute of the Wembley final against the Czech Republic to put the Germans back in the match just four minutes after coming on as a substitute.

He then struck the first sudden-death goal in international football with a cheeky turn and strike into the righthand corner just five minutes into extra time.

A player regarded for years as a loser because he lacked mobility and speed had dramatically handed the Germans their biggest triumph since they won the World Cup in

Afterwards Bierhoff, who made his international debut in February and has not been a first-choice player at Euro '96, appeared surprised by his achievement.

"It just shows how football goes," he said. "I was just happy to be in the squad but I knew I could score goals. Having not played that much I suddenly play a role in getting the title. It's fantastic.'

For a handful of seasons between 1985 and 1990, Bierheff was handed around between Bundesliga teams Bayer Uerdingen, Hamburg and Borussia Moenchangladbach as the struggled to make a name for himself.

He spent most of his time on the bench. Eventually he gave up on Germany and tried his luck in Austria with Salzburg. His career took off there and the became very popular.

But when news got back to Germany in June 1991 that Internationale Milan had signed Bierhoff, fans scoffed at the idea of him playing for such a big club.

Inter loaned him immediately to Ascoli where he had a nightmare start. He was even whistled at during training.

But when the team were relegated Bierhoff began to make a name for himself at

He became the Italian second division's leading scorer in the 1992-3 season and went to Udinese in 1995 where he continued to score goals.

Slowly but surely Germany coach Berti Vogts took notice of his performances and gave him his first cap in a friendly against Portugal. The following month he struck two goals against Denmark.

Now he has produced the goods again on the biggest

stage in the game — Wembley. Bierhoff needed luck as well as skill to score the final's winner. With his back to goal, he was undecided what to do.

Eventually, he turned and struck the ball towards the right corner. It passed through the hands of Czech goalkeeper Petr Kouba and touched the right-hand post as bobbled over the line.

"I wanted to turn left and then Marco Bode told me to go right. In the end I just hit it," he said. "I didn't see how it went in."

Vogts's decision to bring on Bierhoff for Mehmet Scholl

was an inspired move. "I always knew how strong Bierhoff was and he was a good header of the ball," said Vogts. "In the end the best team at Euro '96 won the title."



Yousuf Aman makes a forehand return against Fahim during their under-10 boys' semifinal match of the national junior age-group tennis championship yesterday. Aman won the match 6-5. -Star photo

Schools kabaddi

Three matches of the sixth Bata schools kabaddi tournament were held yesterday as the court of Dhaka Outer Stadium, reports UNB.

in the first match. Maniknagar Govt Primary School earned four lonas defeat Millat High School by 87-40 points after leading the first half 45-

Dolaipar High School outplayed Sharmin Textiles Mills High School by 49-21 points, also with four fonas, in a rain-affected second match of the day. The winners dominated the first half by 21. 4 points.

in the day's third and last match, Ramkrishna Mission School managed a narrow 48-43 points victory over Motifheel Govt. High School. The winners earned three lonas.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Shaheed Nabi High School vs Mitali Bidyapith; Rifles Public School & College vs Kamalapur High School.

EURO '96 SCORERS

LONDON. July 1 (Reuter): Goalscorers at the European Championship finals after Sunday's final:

5 goals - Alan Shearer (England) - Hristo Stoichov

(Bulgaria); Juergen Klinsmann (Germany): Brian Laudraup (Denmark); Davor Suker (Croatia)

2 - Pierluigi Casiraghi (Italy): Teddy Sheringham (England): Oliver Bierhoff (Germany): Matthias Sammer (Germany)

1 . Kubilay Turkyilmaz (Switzerland). Andy Moeller (Germany). Alfonso Perez (Spain). Pinto (Portugal) Christian Ziege (Germany) Christophe Dugarry (France) Ilya Tsymbala (Russia), Goran Vlaovic (Croatia), Jordi Cruyff (Netherlands). Dennis Bergkamp (Netherlands), Enrico Chiesa (Italy), Pavel Nedved (Czech Republic) Radek Bejbl (Czech Republic). Fernando Couto (Portugal) Paul Gascoingane (England) Jose Luis Caminero (Spain), Youri Djorkaeff (France), Zvonimir Boban (Croatia), Patrick Kluivert (Netherlands). Ally McCoist (Scotland). Javier Manjarin (Spain), Guillermo Amor (Spain), Florin Raducioiu (Romania). Laurent Blac (France). Patrice Loko (France). Patrik Berger (Czech Republic). Sa Pinto (Portugal). Vladimir Smicer (Czech Republic), Karel Poborsky (Czech Republic). Jan Suchoparek (Czech Republic), Pavel Kuka (Czech Republic), Guillermo Amor (Spain), Javier Manjarin (Spain). Vladimir Beschastnykh (Russia). Alexander Mostovoi (Russia). Omar Tetradze (Russia). Allan Nielsen (Denmark). Stefan Kuntz (Germany). Domingos Oliverira (Portugal). Luis Figo (Portugal)

Goodbye Pearce! LONDON, July 1: England

defender Stuart Pearce is retiring from international football, a British newspaper reported on Sunday.

The 34-year-old left-back, who played a significant role in England's Euro '96 run, won 70 caps in an international, career which began against Brazil in 1987 and ran to England's semifinal defeat by Germany on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

"I wouldn't expect to play through to the next World Cup finals (in 1998) and I didn't want my England days simply to fizzle out, to be named in a few squads and then suddenly not be named ... I didn't want that. I wanted a clean break." he told The News of the World. Pearce was also a member

of the England team which reached the semifinals of the World Cup in 1990 although it was his penalty miss which saw Germany progress to the final at England's expense.

The hard-tackling Pearce, who captained England nine times, might not have made the Euro '96 squad had leftback rival Graeme le Saux not broken a leg.

Pearce will continue to play in the English Premier league with Nottingham Forest.

US beat S Arabia

ONEONTA, New York, July : With a flag at half-mast because of the recent bombing that killed 19 Americans, the United States defeated Saudi Arabia 2-0 Sunday in a tuneup for the Atlanta Games, reports

Jovan Kirvoski scored twice in the first half for the United States, who improved their exhibition record to 12-6-11 before a crowd of 4,300 at Hartwick College's Elmore Field.

Kirvoski's first goal came on a header off a cross by Caludio Reyna five minutes into the game. He scored again in the last minute of the first half after a cross from Clint Pay. Kirvoski said the Americans had little time to dwell on the

bombing. Cubans start defecting!

NEW YORK, July 1: Two Cuban Olympic boxers have defected to the United States. the New York Times reported on Sunday, says agencies. Joel Casamayor, Olympic

bantamweight champion at Barcelona, and Ramon Garbey. triple world super-middleweight champion, walked across the border from their team's training camp in Mexico to San Diego in California.



TRIUMPH OF SPIRIT AND GUTS: Germany's inspirational leader Juergen Klinsmann doesn't hide his emotions as he proudly holds aloft the European Championship trophy while Queen Elizabeth and British premier John Major looks on after the final at Wembley Stadium

on June 30. Germany beat the Czech Republic 2-1. -AFP/UNB photo 'Super sub' sinks Czechs



wife's advice and came up with a match-winning

substitute Sun

day. Oliver Bierhoff came off the bench in the European Championship final to score Germany's two goals in a 2-1 victory over the Czech Republic, report agencies.

My wife told me take Oliver with you. He will thank you for it. And he did it tonight," Vogts said after Bierhoff's goals earned Germany their third Euro title.

Bierhoff's first goal in the 73rd came four minutes after he entered the game as a substitute. His second, after four minutes of extra time, was the first sudden death 'golden goal' of a major international championship

It sparked wild jubilation among the German player and fans while the Czechs, who led 1-0 after 59 minutes, dropped to the floor in utter disbelief.

it also meant the first major trophy captured by Vogts since he became German coach six years ago. Four years ago Germany lost in the final to Denmark. The Czechs had taken the

lead in the 59th minute when Patrik Berger fired home a penalty which went under the body of Germany goalkeeper Andreas Koepke. Television replays showed that the foul, committed by Berger's Borussia Dortmund

teammate Matthtas Sammer on Karel Pobersky, was just outside the penalty area. An intriguing match swung first Germany's way and then the Czechs until Bierhoff stuck

celebrating the moment the ball went in but confusion

reigned briefly. One of the linesmen had

in extra time, firing left-footed past Czech goalkeeper Petr

in a scene reminiscent of the confusion that surrounded England's third goal in the

Pairetto to go over and talk to

1966 World Cup against West Germany, when a Geoff Hurst shot hit the bar and bounced down on the line. Pairetto and his linesman consulted for a few moments before the referee pointed to the centre cir cle, signalling the goal.

It was then the Czech players knew their impossible task was over the Germans' celebrations began in earnest. After the Czechs collected

their losers' medals from Queen Elizabeth, she presented the Henri Delaunay Trophy to German captain Juergen Klinsmann. He had made a remarkable

recovery from a calf injury to play in the final. Germany came into the match without the suspended Thomas Moeller and Stefan

turn of Klinsmann. Berti Vogts squad was also so depleted by injuries that only eight players were fit enough to train on Friday.

Reuter but boosted by the re-

But Germany made light of their behind-the-scenes problems, forcing four corners in the opening seven minutes.

Although none of them came to anything, the Germans maintained the upper hand during the opening stages. But gradually the Czechs, boosted by the return of three players from suspension, began making serious in-roads in the German defence.

Prompted by Berger and Jiri Nemec, they created a series of chances for the impressive Poborsky and Pavel Kuka who had a golden opportunity of his own to put the The German players began Czechs ahead after 42 minutes.

Dieter Eilts, one of the outstanding players in the tournament, lost the ball to Kuka just inside his own half

WEMBLEY. July his flag up and the Czech play- and the Kaiserslautern player 1. Coach Berti ers persuaded referee Pierluigi ran half the length of the pitch only to see his chipped shot saved by Koepke:

On the stroke of halftime Eilts collided with Nemec. tore ligaments in his left knee and did not re-appear after the

Four German players -Thomas Hassler, Thomas Helver, Sammer and Klinsmann - were in the team beaten in the 1992 European Championship final by Denmark and must have felt history was about to repeat itself midway through the second

The Czechs, ranked as 150outsiders to lift the title after losing 2-0 to Germany in their opening match of the tournament, were suddenly ahead.

Although Sammer's foul on the flying Poborsky was just outside the area its nature probably warranted a penalty. Berger was lucky to score with a powerful left-footed shot which went under Koepke's diving body. But as they had done

against England in the semifinals, the German's levelled quickly. Christian Ziege's accurate free-kick wide on the right found the unmarked Bierhoff in space and he made no mistake with his powerful close-range header.

With just a minute of normal time remaining. Ozech substitute Vladimir Smicer. who went back to Prague to get married on Friday, almost sealed the game for the underdogs.

He ended a powerful run with a well-struck shot which Koepke did well to tip around the post.

Five minutes later it was all over; Bierhoff's winner giving Germany the title for the third time following victories in

1972 and 1980. His "golden goal" also avenged West Germany's loss to Czechoslovakia in the 1976 European final in Belgrade.

Uhrin feeling usurped



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LONDON, July 1: An angry Czech coach Dusan Uhrin hit out at referee Pierluigi Pairetto following

96 final at Wembley on Sunday, reports AFP. The Udinese striker's shot deflected off Michal Hornak and squirmed through the grasp of Petr Kouba to drop over the line five minutes into

Germany's 2-1 win in the Euro

"I can't explain how he allowed it," stormed Uhrin. "I

looked at the linesman after the goal and he had his flag up. "Then he put it down, but raised it again - and then the

"I haven't seen a replay yet,

but one thing is clear, the linesman's flag was up. I can't say if the celebrations from the Germans put too much pressure on him, but at least a minute passed before he gave the goal.

referee ignored him.

Kouba, who blamed the dethe goal.

That foul looked outside the box, but four minutes after his 69th minute introduction

for Mehmet School, Bierhoff, the 28-year-old former choirboy, steamed in to head home Christian Ziege's free-kick.

"I didn't know the flag was

up until afterwards - I was too

busy celebrating," said Bierhoff. "I just whacked the ball, and then I didn't see it until it dropped into the far corner. "After we went a goal down knew I would be going on. The first goal was one we had

to extra-time I was sure we The victory was Germany's third in seven tournaments no other country has won the title more than once -

tried to play down the furore. "I didn't see him flagging." claimed Vogts. "May be he wanted to tell the referee that it shouldn't have been a

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer ACROSS 22 "Caught

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CRYPTOQUIP

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DHTMP GWOLR, IVOWR LY? Yesterday's Cryptoquip: A THEATER CRITIC IS OFTEN THE ONE THAT STONES THE FIRST CAST. Today's Cryptoquip clue: G equals F

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

flection, added, "If the flag was worked on in training, and I sudden death extra-time. up, the referee should disallow But Uhrin believed striker just gambled. But once it went Stefan Kuntz was standing in The Czechs had looked on an off-side position with the would win. their way to repeating their linesman waving his flag to signal he had spotted the in-1976 final triumph over the Germans in Belgrade when tringement. Bierhoff and his teammates midfielder Patrik Berger set off in celebration as the smashed home from the spot although coach Berti Vogts after "express train" Karel Czechs pointed out the flag to the Italian referee, who then Poborsky was brought down by checked with his colleague be-Berger's Borussia Dortmund fore bouncing the Czechs out teammate Matthias Sammer. of the competition.