

Hyundai Tigers due today

A 31-member Ulsan Hyundai Tigers football club arrives in the capital on today to play their return leg match against the Mohammedan Sporting Club in the second round of the Asian Cup Winners Cup.

The match will take place at the Dhaka Stadium on September 28.

Earlier, Mohammedans lost to the Koreans 0-5.

SQUAD

Byung Gi Kim, Yang Hoon Kim, Heon Lim, Yong Il Choi, Hong Gi Shin, Kim Nam Kim, Hyun Seog Kim, Jae Sun Im, Ju Seog Song, Dong Ho Choi, Joing Kong Kim, Jung Moon Lee, Dong Myung Seo, Hyung Seok Jung, Hyun Suk Lee, Semida Mohamed, Zorn Duriso, Branko Bozovic, Yong Jun Choi, Jeong Sojeong, Hong Min An, Jee Hong Youn, Do Hyung Kimna Sung Joo Hwang.

Change in Danish league fixtures

The Mahanagari league committee has made some changes in the fixtures of the ongoing Danish Senior Division football league last night. The changes in the schedule were made following an appeal from Mohammedan Sporting Club, who will meet Ulsan Hyundai Horang Tiger FC in the second-leg match of the Asian Cup Winners Cup championship at the Dhaka Stadium on September 28.

Bangladesh in Bridge Olympiad

A seven-member Bangladesh bridge team will participate in the Bridge Olympiad, scheduled to be held in Rhodes, Greece from October 19 to 31 next. To form the team, trials were conducted in the capital by Bangladesh Bridge Federation. This will be the first time that Bangladesh will participate in the Bridge Olympiad after 1981-82. During the last 14 years, Bangladesh was suspended by the World Bridge Federation for not paying dues, etc.

Chalantika, PWD win

Mirpur Chalantika Sporting Club registered their fourth victory in the Danish First Division football league with a convincing 2-0 win over Dhanmudi Club at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday. Striker Rana scored the first goal in the 35th minute while Shamsuddin doubled the margin in the 60th minute for the winners.

Fed Cup squash

Six players moved into the next round of the third Federation Cup Squash tournament at the Dhaka Club Squash court yesterday, reports UNB. In the days matches, Karim beat Ashique by 0-9, 10-9, 9-2. Ershad defeated Hassan 9-4, 9-0. Jagadish overcame Dilip 9-6, 9-7. Nowshad beat Dipak 9-3, 9-5. Fahmi defeated S Haq 9-1, 9-5 and Barun outplayed Obi 9-1, 9-1 points.

Nat'l schools chess Sept 28

The 11th national schools chess championship begins in the capital on September 28, reports BSS. Nearly 200 boys and girls from about 70 schools across the country are expected to take part in the championship.

Brothers' misery mounts



Bad luck continued for Brothers Union Club as their yesterday's Danish Premier Division football league match against Agran Bank Sports Club ended in a goalless draw at the Dhaka Stadium.

Although the Gopibagh boys dominated the entire proceedings against the Bankers from the start, they failed to break the deadlock which forced them to their second draw in the league. Brothers, who are already out of the title race losing three of their seven league engagements, should have easily gone ahead as early as in the fifth minute had Amin Khan beat the Bank custodian Milan with his header from a right side Govinda cross.

On the other hand, Agran Bank, who were busy in guarding their own half throughout the first period, made an early second half rally for a goal. Midfielder Sentu got the first chance in the 58th minute when

he got the ball from a Tutul pass inside the Brothers box. But he failed to utilise it as his shot the ball over the post. After two minutes, Tutul's placing shot from a Sentu lob was fluted away for a corner by the Brothers' keeper Milan. After sustaining the Bank offensives, Brothers once again tried to hit back. But it was not their day as they kept on miffing up.

In the 68th minute, midfielder Uttam's shot after receiving a Jamal cross from the right, sailed over the post. After 12 minutes, Uttam had a chance to redeem himself when he received the ball inside the Bank box from his skipper Amer Khan. But the former national midfielder lost control and sent the ball out of the pitch from a close distance.

With yesterday's draw, both teams completed their seventh match in the league which raised Brothers' tally to eight points and Bank's account to five points.

Yellow card: Tutul (Agran Bank).

TEAMS BROTHERS UNION: Milan, Pijush, Shijan, Bishu, Shahjada, Govinda, Uttam, Amer Khan, Joy, Amin Khan (Mamun) and Jamal. AGRANI BANK SC: Milan, Raj, Pons, Haiz, Kala, Sentu, Rana, Kabir, Nayyan (Anwar), Tutul (Shariful) and Jahangir.

Senegalese ends East Ends drought

Senegalese Youssoupha Mboufall made his debut as an overseas booter in this year's domestic league in style as his team East End Club celebrated their first win in the Danish Premier football league with a lone goal defeat on Arambagh at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

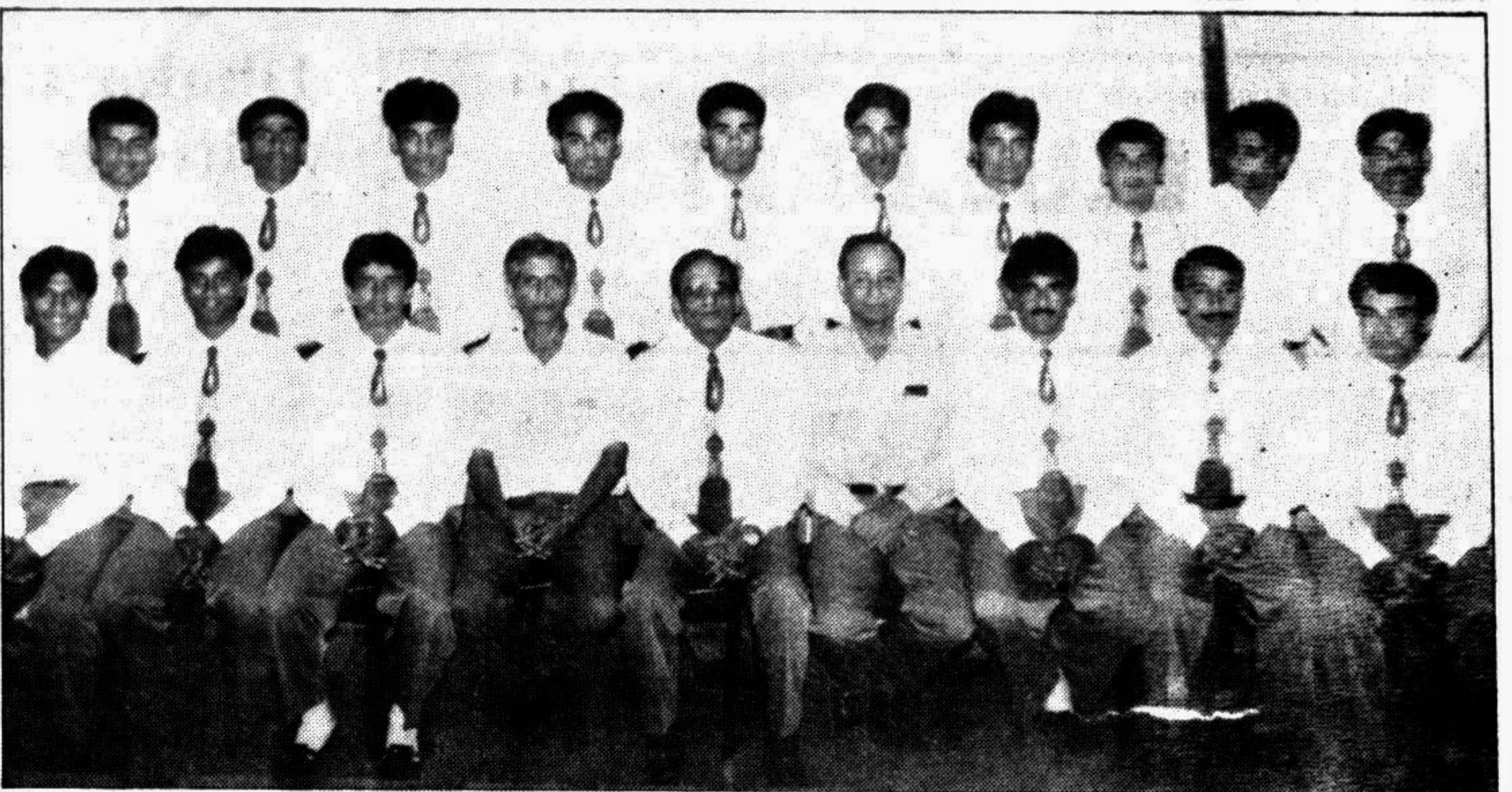
Mboufall, a student of ICTVTR in Gazipur, who appeared in the match along with Mohammed Bello of Cameroon, slammed home the all-important goal in the 39th minute with a spectacular side volley to end East End's drought in their seventh engagement of the league.

With this win the promotees in the elite group of ten this year raised their point tally to five. They survived an early scare when an Apu right-footer rebounded off the cross-piece in the 17th minute. Apart from the goal the old-town outfit got another chance to double the margin shortly after the breather. But Kamal's powerful shot was brilliantly parried off by Arambagh custodian Jamal.

On the other hand, Arambagh, who finished fifth last year, pressed hard for a face saving equaliser. But all their attempts went in vain in the face of a tough resistance from East End custodian Mofiz, who made some telling saves to help his side run away with the early lead. It was Arambagh's fifth defeat from seven outings to be satisfied with a paltry four points.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Danish Premier Division football league (Venue: Dhaka Stadium) Abahani KC vs YMC Fakir-cpool (6 pm) Danish First Division football league (Venue: Dhaka Stadium) Rahmatganj MFS vs Victoria SC (4pm)



Members of the Bangladesh hockey team who leaves the capital for Italian city of Cagliari today to take part in the 9th men's World Cup qualifying round. The tourney kicks-off on September 29. --Star photo

Hockey team leave for Italy today

A 19-member Bangladesh hockey team leave the country for Italy in the morning today to take part in the preliminary round of the 9th men's World Cup, reports UNB. The 14-team World Cup qualifying meet will be held in the Italian city of Cagliari from September 29 to October 12.

The Bangladesh team comprising 16 players and three officials will be led by Bangladesh Hockey Federation general secretary (BHF) Shamsul Bari. However, a mouthful of four officials will accompany the team as observers.

Meanwhile, the team members made a courtesy call on State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Kader at the NSC premises yesterday evening.

Bangladesh has been placed in Group B with Ireland, Kenya, Poland, Scotland, USA and host Italy while the other group includes Canada, China, Egypt, Kazakhstan, New Zealand, Switzerland and Wales. Bangladesh will play their first match against host Italy on September 29, the opening day of the 14-day competition. They will take on Ireland on Sept 30, Kenya Oct 2, Scotland Oct 4, Poland Oct 5 and USA on Oct 7 in the group matches. The two semifinals will be held on October 10 and the final on Oct 12.

SQUAD

Mahboob Haroon (captain), Mohammad Sadek (vice-captain), Osman Gani, Rabbuddin Ahmed, Mamunur Rashid, Mahfiz Alam Nixon, Issa Miah, Khurshid Alam, Istiaque Ahmed Shipu, Haider Alam, Musa Miah, Ehtesham Hossain, Alamgir Alam, Rafiqul Islam Kamal, Zahirul Islam Mitul and Rahmat Ali Asir. Officials: Manager - Sham-shankar Bari, Coach - Pratap Shankar Hazra and Judge - Mirza Farid Ahmed. Observer: Delwar Hossain Dilu, Rehanul Karim Babloo, Manwar Hossain and M Nurul Islam.

Fed Cup basketball

Angels Club recorded their second successive victory in the 8th Federation Cup basketball championship with 77-68 win over Dhanketa Club at the Dhanmudi gymnasium yesterday. The winners led the first half 44-32. Angels' Shahed Ali scored highest 34 points while his teammate Siddique added 19 points. On the other hand, Sameer and Nahis scored 28 and 18 points respectively for the losers.

Shocking!

NABLUS, West Bank, Sept 24: Palestinian police opened fire on rioting fans during a soccer match in PLO-ruled Nablus on Monday killing one man and seriously wounding two others, eye-witnesses said, reports Reuter. Palestinian officials said a committee of inquiry was formed and that the police officers involved were to be detained. They said President Yasser Arafat had cancelled all soccer games pending the committee's findings. Eye-witnesses said the shooting took place during a match between a Tulkarm team and one from East Jerusalem. The referee called a goal for the Jerusalem team and the players from the Tulkarm team got angry and started hitting him said Hani Sulweini, 63, one of the fans who was shot and wounded. Sulweini had the bullet removed and was in serious but stable condition. At the same time fans of the Tulkarm team started throwing stones and empty bottles at the referee and his assistants. It was then that the police opened fire and I was hit in the stomach.

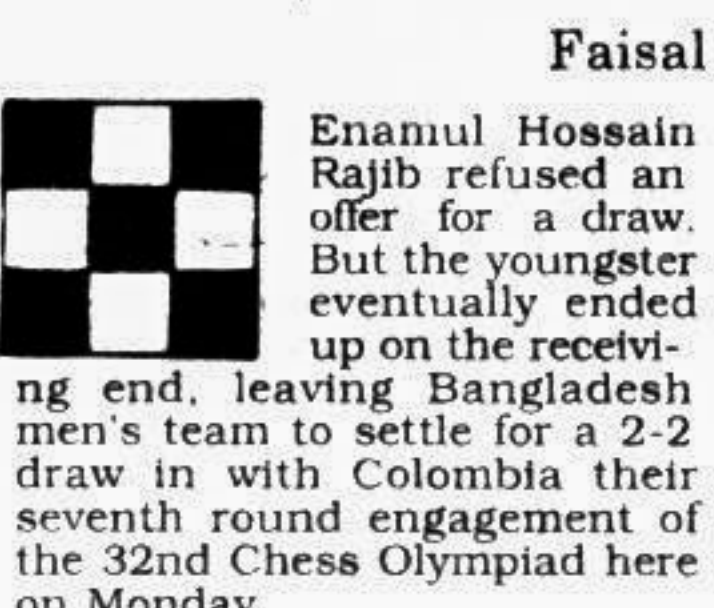
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BD, Colombia split points



Enamul Hossain Rajib refused an offer for a draw. But the youngster eventually ended up on the receiving end, leaving Bangladesh men's team to settle for a 2-2 draw in with Colombia their seventh round engagement of the 32nd Chess Olympiad here on Monday.

While Niaz Murshed, country's lone Grand Master, defeated his Colombian counterpart Alonzo Zapata to maintain his impressive run in the fray, Niaz, playing with white pieces, was very lucky to win from a precarious position after his opponent made a number of bad moves before resigning after the 42nd move losing the queen in a match played in the King's Indian.

On the other hand IM Reefat bin Sattar, after a disappointing performance so far, returned to winning ways much to the relief of his teammates. Reefat, playing with white in the Sicilian game, adopted an attacking approach on his opponent's King and eventually earned resignation from Alzate, who at one state looked to be in good position but his defence was inadequate. IM Ziaur Rahman failed to maintain his winning run when he lost to GM Gilardo Garcia in the Sicilian Taimanov. Garcia sacrificed a pawn to gain an attack on Zia's King. Zia resigned after heavy pressure from the enemy pieces. The draw now left Bangladesh men's team with 15 points from seven engagements in the 14-round Swiss league.

On the staff side, Bangladesh women's team put up a brave fight against USA before went down 1-2. It would have been a creditable draw for Bangladesh had not Afroza Khanom on the fourth board blundered a rook and lost. IWM Rani Hamid and Tanima Parvin did well to draw with higher rated Belakovskaya and Epstein. The women's team now have 10 points out of a possible 21.

STANDINGS AP added: Russia maintained their lead in the Olympiad Monday after team leader Gari Kasparov beat Czech player Zbynek Hracek. In the seventh round, Russia beat the Czech Republic 3.5:5, and now have 21 points. Kasparov, the world's top-ranking player, earned his first win at the tournament by beating Hracek, a Czech Grand Master. Spain beat Britain 3-1 to become the sole team in second place. Five teams - China, Hungary, Bulgaria, Estonia and Uzbekistan - tied for third place with 18 points each. The two women who lead men's teams, Judit Polgar of Hungary and Pia Cramling both lost - Polgar to Bogdan Lalic of Croatia and Cramling to Joel Lautier of France. Britain's leading player, Nigel Short, lost to Alexei Shirov of Spain. US champion Alex Yermolinsky played to a draw with Jiangchuan Ye of China. The Netherlands' Jan Timman agreed to a draw with Vladimir Akopian, the leader of Armenia-1.

Leading men's results: Russia 3.5, Czech Republic 0.5, Spain 3, England 1, Armenia 2 1/2, Netherlands 2, United States 2, China 2, Croatia 2, Hungary 2, Bulgaria 2.5, Cuba 1.5, Uzbekistan 3, Poland 1, France 1.5, Sweden 2.5, Rumania 1.5, Ukraine 2.5, Belarus 3, Brazil 1. Israel-Armenia started late, no results until Tuesday. Slovenia 1, Philippines 3. Leading women's results: Russia 2, Ukraine 1, Bulgaria 0.5, Georgia 2.5, China 2, Yugoslavia 1, Hungary 2, Moldova 1. Rumania-Israel started late, results available Tuesday. Vietnam 2, Germany 1, Kazakhstan 2, Cuba 1, Latvia 1, Poland 2, England 3, France 0, Slovakia 3, Mongolia 0, Armenia-1 2, Armenia-2 1. Men's: Russia: 21, Spain: 19.5, Hungary, China, Bulgaria, Estonia, Uzbekistan: 18, England, Armenia-1, Netherlands, United States, Croatia, Sweden, Belarus: 17.5, Czech Republic, Cuba, Ukraine, Philippines: 17, Bosnia and Herzegovina, France, Rumania: 16.5, Poland: 16, Brazil, Slovenia: 15.5, Women's: Georgia: 16, Russia, Ukraine: 15.5, China: 15, Hungary: 14.5, Yugoslavia: 13.5, Bulgaria, Moldova: 13.

Thugwane runs sans tag

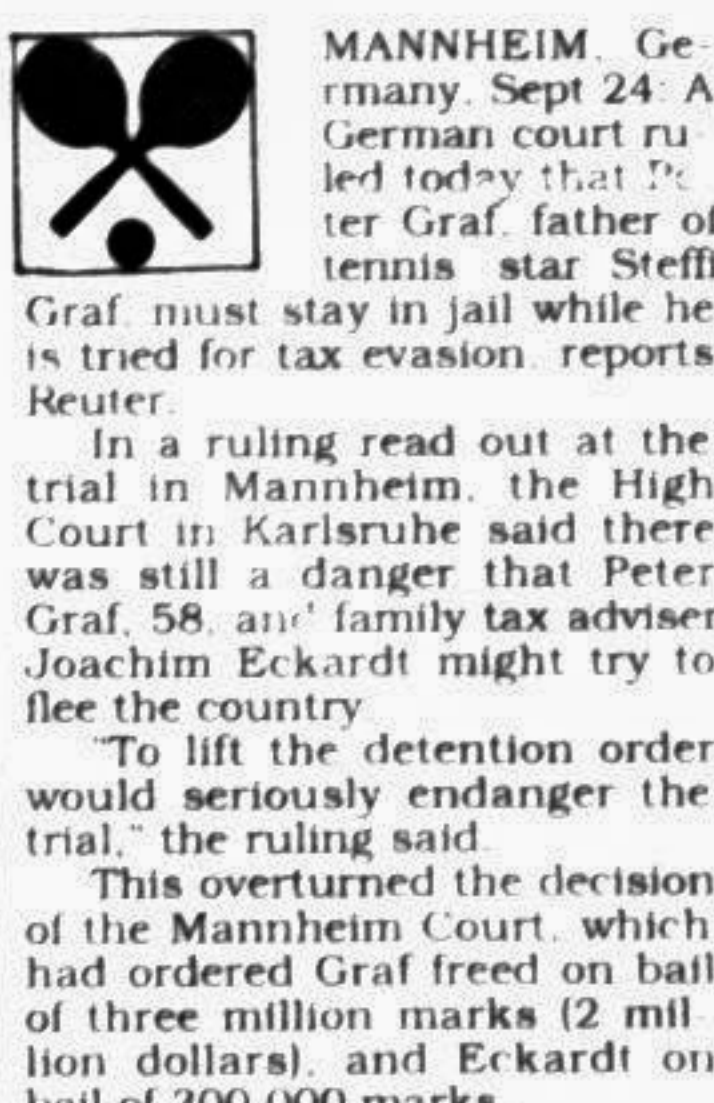


JOHANNESBURG, Sept 24: Olympic marathon champion Josia Thugwane, who can command an appearance fee of 50,000 dollars since his victory in Atlanta, surprised everyone this weekend by turning up at the unheralded Swaziland half marathon and running for free, reports AFP. While he scooped the first prize of 1,000 rand (222 dollars) after beating a talented field, the diminutive athlete was paid not a cent in appearance money. South African news agency SAPA said on Monday. Efforts by Athletics South Africa (ASA) to secure him some cash for his first race since his Olympic victory proved fruitless. We couldn't get hold anybody up there (in Swaziland) to negotiate with, said ASA general secretary Banele Sindani, who is acting as Thugwane's manager. But he wanted to run so he just went anyway. The race winds through dangerous water hazards and along dusty, stony roads. Only five kilometers (three miles) of the course is run on Tarmacadam. Thugwane clocked an im-

pressive 67 minutes 37 seconds, ahead of Zambian 10,000 metre specialist Falkson Nkandu (67:39) and Zimbabwean Peter Mvuhra (68:03) to win a race now in its fourth year. It's an impressive time, said race spokesman Charles Gillion. It's a very tough course. The appearance of Thugwane surprised even the organisers who had tried in vain to contact the Koorfontein mine worker before the race. He had all sorts of problems with agents and things, Gillion said. And he was very difficult to get hold of. I saw the name on the start list on the morning of the race, but didn't realise who it was until he suddenly popped up at the front. Sindani is currently trying to extricate Thugwane from a contract with a United States agent who signed him after his Olympic marathon win. While he is temporarily shepherding Thugwane, Sindani is keen to line the athlete up with a local agent who will steer his career along a path that will benefit athletics in South Africa and turn Thugwane into a folk hero for upcoming youngsters.

Army boxing SAIDPUR, Sept 24: The annual boxing championships of the Bangladesh Army begins at the Saidpur cantonment tomorrow, reports BSS. On the opening day, four qualifying bouts of the meet will be held.

Peter stays behind bars



MANNHEIM, Germany, Sept 24: A German court ruled today that Peter Graf, father of tennis star Steffi Graf, must stay in jail while he is tried for tax evasion, reports Reuter. In a ruling read out at the trial in Mannheim, the High Court in Karlsruhe said there was still a danger that Peter Graf, 58, an family tax adviser Joachim Eckardt might try to flee the country. To lift the detention order would seriously endanger the trial, the ruling said. This overturned the decision of the Mannheim Court, which had ordered Graf freed on bail of three million marks (2 million dollars), and Eckardt on bail of 300,000 marks. There is no basis for this decision, said Graf's lawyer Peter Salditt. The higher court only looked at documents and did not form a personal impression of my client. Peter Graf has been in detention since August last year and went to trial in Mannheim earlier this month. He is accused, together with family tax adviser Joachim Eckardt, of evading 19 million marks of taxes on his multimil-

Graf, who was known for collecting his daughter's fees in cash in plastic bags, admits diverting 42 million marks abroad out of the reach of German tax collectors. But he says the authorities signalled their approval of his tax schemes on the basis that this would prevent Steffi joining an exodus of German sporting tax exiles. The world number one player herself remains under investigation, although she says she left her financial affairs to her father from an early age. She says prosecutors are waiting for the outcome of her father's trial to decide whether to drop the investigation against her in return for payment of a fine. Peter Graf faces a maximum sentence of 10 years, but legal experts say the fact that the Mannheim Court was ready to free him on bail suggests he is not expected to be jailed for more than five years if convicted. State prosecutors had appealed against the Mannheim Court's ruling, arguing that Graf might try to flee the country, and he stayed in prison while the higher court made its decision.

Action from yesterday's Danish Premier football league match between East End Club and Arambagh KS at the Dhaka Stadium. East End won by a lone goal. --Star photo

Tyson, tactful or truthful?

ALBANY, New York, Sept 24: Heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson said in court on Monday he had considered rehiring former trainer Kevin Rooney before Rooney sued him for 49 million dollars, reports Reuter. Tyson testified in a lawsuit filed by Rooney, who claims he is owed 750,000 dollars for training Tyson to fight Frank Bruno in the late 1980s. Rooney also said he had been verbally promised a lifetime contract to train the boxer by Tyson's former manager and mentor Cus d'Amato. I considered bringing him back until he sued me, Tyson said during three hours of testimony before a federal jury in Albany, New York. I don't hate Kevin. Tyson fired Rooney in 1988 after Rooney publicly commented about the boxer's failed marriage to Robin Givens. Rooney had worked with Tyson since the athlete's amateur days.

In 1982 until Tyson became world champion in 1988. Even right now I am not mad at him, said Tyson, looking straight at Rooney in a courtroom crowded with spectators. We were like brothers and very tight friends. However, later in his testimony, Tyson did show anger toward Rooney and visibly choked back tears when discussing d'Amato, who helped Tyson make the journey from reform school to boxing glory. D'Amato died in 1985. After Tyson finished his testimony Monday, his lawyers filed a motion to have the case dismissed, but chief judge Thomas McAvoy reserved judgement, and the jurors were expected to hear more witness testimony today.



MIKE TYSON On the stand last week, Rooney said d'Amato, Tyson's guardian, had promised him a lifetime job with a guaranteed 10 per cent cut of the boxer's winnings. He said there was tradition in the boxing industry of honouring verbal contracts and he felt betrayed. The boxer has said there was no such deal or at least none he knew about. Rooney said in his lawsuit that he was entitled to 10 per cent of Tyson's net worth, which Rooney calculated at 490 million dollars. Tyson, who apparently had written contracts with other trainers, told the court he never

used 'per contracts' with Rooney. The trial of Rooney's lawsuit was postponed by Tyson's conviction in 1992 and prison sentence for the rape of a 19-year-old black beauty contestant from Rhode Island. Tyson was paroled in March 1995. Two weeks ago, Tyson stopped Bruce Seldon in one minute and 49 seconds of the first round to win the World Boxing Association (WBA) heavyweight title, his fourth victory since his parole. His next opponent is scheduled to be former champion Evander Holyfield in November. Last March Tyson won the World Boxing Council (WBC) title by beating Frank Bruno of Britain in his third comeback fight. The trial, which began last Tuesday with jury selection, is being held in Albany because Rooney lives nearby.

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