

## S Africa in trouble

Sports Reporter

Hosts South Africa were 102 for five after 20 overs in reply to a fighting Zimbabwean total of 256 in a limited-overs triangular tournament match in Johannesburg yesterday, according to the Star TV monitored here late last night.

Earlier, the tourists piled up the massive total losing eight wickets in their stipulated 50 overs.

## Kiwis well in command

WANGANUI, New Zealand, Jan 31: New Zealand A had a firm grip on their four-day cricket match against England at stumps on the second day at Victoria Park on Friday, reports AP.

In their second innings, the home side — effectively the New Zealand second team — were 187 for four, with Lorne Howell on 51 and Chris Harris on 31.

They held an overall lead of 261, and seem set to leave England a difficult task of winning the match on a pitch which is steadily wearing.

The only wickets to fall in the final session were left-handers Phil Chandler, who was caught at slip from off spinner Robert Croft for 31, and Matt Horne, who was leg before wicket to left-arm spinner Phil Tufnell for five.

Howell and Harris had added 86 for the fifth wicket in 106 minutes.

Earlier in the day, England had been bowled out just before lunch in their first innings for a dismal 107, trailing by 74 on the first innings.

New Zealand Test hopefuls Geoff Allott and Heath Davis picked up four wickets apiece as England's batsmen failed to cope with some lively, penetrative seam bowling.

### BRIEF SCORES

**New Zealand A:** 181 and 187-4 (Chris Harris 51 not out, Craig Spearman 47; Andrew Caddick 1-22)

**England:** 107 (Ronnie Irana 40, Nasser Hussain 14; Heath Davis 4-22, Geoff Allott 4-44)

## Bowe joins US Marine

NEW YORK, Jan 31: While Mike Tyson and Evander Holyfield are planning a \$50 million dollar rematch, Riddick Bowe is headed for Marine "boot camp," reports AP.

Former world heavyweight boxing champion Bowe said Thursday he will join the United States Marines and not fight again until the end of the year.

Bowe was enlisted in the US Marine Corps' reserves "this week." He expects to report to Parris Island, South Carolina, on February 10 for eight weeks of boot camp, the first formal instruction period for new recruits.

"This is something I have wanted to do all my life," Bowe said. "Now, I am looking forward to becoming a Marine with the same determination and commitment that made me champion."

## Thugwane assaulted

JOHANNESBURG, Jan 31: Olympic luge gold medalist Joseph Thugwane was assaulted by a motorist Thursday, hours before he was due to receive a top sporting award at a ceremony here, his trainer said, reports AP.

Thugwane was driving home from a training session in South Africa's Mpumalanga province when he narrowly missed hitting another car and became involved in an altercation with the driver, Ray Dibden told The Star newspaper in Johannesburg today.

The unidentified man pulled Thugwane from his car and punched him in the mouth.

Thugwane, a coal miner who won the marathon at the Atlanta Games last July, was taken to hospital in Midburg some 150 kilometres (93 miles) outside Johannesburg and treated for shock, bruises and cuts to the mouth, Dibden said.

Thugwane was later Thursday to have received the Victor Award for the most outstanding sporting achievement of 1996, sponsored by the state broadcaster, but he was forced to miss the awards ceremony because of the incident.

Shortly after returning from the Games last year, Thugwane was robbed of his car by gunmen near his home.

# Maracana falls from grace?



RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan 31: The impending sale of Maracana Stadium has some of soccer's biggest names arguing over what should be done with the world's largest stadium, reports AP.

Pele, who scored his 1,000th goal in Maracana in 1969, called a consortium's plans for radical changes to the stadium "absurd" and "inadmissible". FIFA President Joao Havelange said the only solution for the concrete dinosaur and its decrepit sports complex was to raze them and start over.

But no one argues that urgent repairs are needed if Maracana is again to become the showcase for Rio soccer — and, possibly, for the 2004 Summer Olympic Games.

Built for the 1950 World Cup in Brazil, Maracana was a fitting stage for Pele, Garrincha, Rivellino and other stars of soccer's "Golden Age," when Brazil won World Championships in 1958, 1962 and 1970.

Although Maracana's official capacity was 155,000, more

and Pope John Paul II said mass there on a 1980 visit to Brazil.

The huge arena, five minutes from downtown Rio, became the centre of a sports complex, including an athletics track, a swimming center and a gymnasium dubbed "Maracanazinho," or Little Maracana.

But the crowds began to dwindle, driven away by a combination of high ticket prices, increasing violence and an overload of games. Teams found that ticket revenues didn't cover the cost of lighting, security and other expenses and moved their games to smaller stadiums.

The Rio de Janeiro state government, which owns Maracana, neglected its maintenance and engineers condemned sections of the stadium, which were closed to fans.

Last year, the state announced it would privatise the stadium.

The lone candidate for the concession, a consortium of five companies, this week revealed its plans for refurbishing the complex when it takes

adjoining Maracana to make a parking lot for 1,400 cars.

"They plan to reform, to privatise, fine. But to demolish and destroy I think is a mistake," said Pele, now Brazil's Minister of Sports. "The idea of putting an athletics track in the field is really absurd. It's inadmissible."

Ademar Ferreira da Silva, who won two Olympic gold medals in the triple jump in 1952 and 1956, appealed to planners to reconsider.

"Rio athletes have only one track, and that's Cello de Barros," he said. "To eliminate this track to make a parking lot — it just doesn't make sense."

Some athletes said that Rio could hurt its chances of being chosen as site of the 2004 Olympics.

"For a country that wants to host the Olympics, destroying an athletics stadium looks bad," said Jacqueline "Jackie" Silva, a beach volleyball gold medalist at the Atlanta Games.

But others thought the plan didn't go far enough.

"If the Maracana complex



This Star file photo shows the magnificent Maracana Stadium in Rio de Janeiro.

than 183,000 tickets were sold for a 1970 World Cup qualifying game against Paraguay. But no one knew exactly how many fans could fit into the unmarked grandstand, seats and the field-level, standing-room-only "general" sector.

A crowd of nearly 200,000 crammed into Maracana for the 1950 World Cup final between Uruguay and Brazil.

Frank Sinatra reportedly gasped when he walked on to the stage before a full house in Maracana. Ex-beatle Paul McCartney played to his biggest audience ever at the stadium.

over Maracana. The remodeling probably would start in July and take 30 months to complete.

The centre of the new Maracana complex is a shopping centre with boutiques, restaurants and movie theatres.

The soccer field would be reduced to 100-by-70 metres from 110-by-75, the capacity limited to 96,000 and the most-likely "general" sector filled into build an athletics track around the field.

But the most controversial project called for razing the Cello de Barros athletics stadium

were imploded, there still would be six years to rebuild it according to the requirements of international sports entities," Havelange said in an interview Thursday with the Rio daily O Globo.

Havelange, who is Brazilian, said Maracana simply is too big. The stadiums to be used in the 1998 World Cup in France hold 40,000 to 80,000 people, he said.

"In 1950, Maracana, with capacity for 200,000 people, had its value," he said. "Today, because of television, it's a mistake."

# Milan in the doldrums



ROME, Jan 31 (AP): For the first time in years, AC Milan are merely mediocre, and it's hard to pinpoint the season's low point.

Maybe it was elimination from the Champions League. Or from the Italian Cup. Or the 3-2 league loss to Piacenza that cost former coach Oscar Washington Tabarez his job.

Or George Weah's head-butting incident that led to a six-game suspension from European play. Or the left ankle injury that sidelined the Liberian for six weeks.

A team as loaded with veterans and internationals as Milan ought to be able to turn things around. But it won't be easy this weekend, when the defending champions host Sampdoria. Serie A's highest-scoring and most improved club.

Through 18 games, Juventus are in first place with 36 points, four more than Sampdoria. Vicenza follow with 30. AC Milan, with just 25 points, are mired in 10th place.

The club that owns four of the past five "scudetti" finds itself out of the title hunt barely halfway through the season. Last round's 3-1 loss to Serie A doormat Verona might qualify as the true low point.

"This is the darkest moment of my career. Not so much from a personal point of view as much as for the team as a whole," said Roberto Baggio, Italy's star at the 1994 World Cup.

"Words count little at times

like this. You need a stronger reaction the normally. What's wrong? I don't know. But there's surely a variety of causes."

One cause is the defence, for many years the team's strongest suit. Sebastiano Rossi set an Italian First Division record for consecutive shutout minutes by a goalkeeper (929) in the 1993-94 season. Milan also own the mark for fewest goals allowed in a season (15).

But that was then. Now, only six of the league's 18 clubs have allowed more goals than Milan's 23.

Veteran sweeper Franco Baresi is brittle and Alessandro Costacurta is inconsistent. Disgraced Christian Panucci, a rising star at right back, was shipped to Real Madrid even though there was no proven successor in sight.

On Sunday, the troubled backfield unit will have to contend with the most potent one-two attack punch the league has seen in years: Sampdoria's veteran Roberto Mancini and rookie Vincenzo Montella. Their 24 combined goals are just one fewer than the entire Milan squad has tallied.

They're the main reason Sampdoria have taken the biggest standings leap with respect to one year ago. Conversely, Milan has declined the most. After 18 matches last season, Milan were in first place and Samp were tied for 12th.

Samp have lost just one in their last 12 games, 1-0 to Juve last month.

Milan will be without mid-

fielder Stefano Eranio (suspended), who'll likely be replaced by Montenegrin Dejan Savicevic on the right wing. More importantly, Sacchi is hoping to be able to send Weah onto the field for the first time since he twisted his ankle in a 1-0 loss to AC Parma Dec. 22. Goalkeeper Fabrizio Ferron, out two weeks with a leg injury, should be back between the posts for Sampdoria.

Juventus, meanwhile, should have an easier time against 16th-place Cagliari. The Sardinians will try a five-man defence with former Italian international Lorenzo Minotti at sweeper, and Juve will counter with an attack pairing Alessandro Del Piero, who was suspended last round, with streaking Michele Padovano.

Padovano, a veteran journeyman who's shown a knack for big goals in big games, has been given the chance to prove he can score consistently while Croat striker Alen Boksic is hurt. Padovano has five goals in his last three outings and even offered an assist last round.

Frenchman Didier Deschamps, whose specialty is midfield containment, should return from a leg muscle injury for Juve.

Third-place Vicenza play at 11th-place AS Roma. Vicenza's 30 goals are second only to Sampdoria's 37 and Roma will field a revamped defence to counter Uruguayan Marcelo Otero and company. Russia's Omari Tetradze and France's Vincent Candela are expected to play their first matches with Roma.

## Strong field for Indian Open badminton

NEW DELHI, Jan 31: Olympic champion Poul-Erik Larsen of Denmark leads a star-studded field in India's first ever Grand Prix badminton event next month, it was announced today, reports AP.

The 125,000-dollar Indian Open, to be held at New Delhi's Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium from February 12-16, is also expected to feature women's world number one Mia Audina of Indonesia.

The Indian Open is the fourth stop in the 10-event Grand Prix circuit after the recent tournaments in Taiwan, Japan and South Korea.

Top players from Indonesia, Malaysia, China, Sweden, England, Hong Kong, South Korea, Denmark and hosts India will take part, Indian badminton chief Fazil Ahmed said.

Indonesians Heryanto Arbi and Ardy Wiranata, Rashid Sidek of Malaysia, Ji Xin Peng and Yang Zhe of China, Tomas Johansson of Sweden and England's Nick Ponting have confirmed their entries, Ahmed said.

The Indira Gandhi Stadium hosted the badminton World Cup in 1993.

## Russians to miss Yevgeny

MOSCOW, Jan 31: Russia face their Davis Cup tie against South Africa next month without their star player — world number five Yevgeny Kafelnikov, reports Reuters.

"His little finger is still in plaster. In about two weeks doctors say they will remove the plaster and he will resume training sessions in about three weeks," Alexander Kalvod, the Russian Tennis Federation's first vice-president, said on Thursday.

Kafelnikov, who broke his finger shortly before the start of the Australian Open, is being treated in Germany.

## Goran in quarters

ZAGREB, Jan 31: Defending champion Goran Ivanisevic raised his game on Thursday to reach the Croatian indoor tournament quarter finals by beating Sweden's Thomas Johansson in straight sets, reports Reuters.

Loco host Ivanisevic won 7-6, 6-4 without apparent difficulty only a day after he had tested home fans' patience by almost losing to another Swede, Magnus Norman.

"I played better today. The further I go in the tournament, the better I'll play," the world's number two promised.

Second-seeded Thomas Enqvist of Sweden reached the last eight by defeating Moroccan Karim Alami 6-3, 6-0.

## Barca win a thriller

BARCELONA, Jan 31: Bobby Robson's Barcelona won a thrilling fourth round Spanish Cup first leg encounter at the Nou Camp on Thursday, coming from behind to edge bitter rivals Real Madrid 3-2, reports AP.

Although league leaders Real will start favourites for the second leg in a week's time at the Bernabeu, Barca at least had the satisfaction of piercing Real's aura of invincibility under Fabio Capello, who suffered his first competitive defeat since leaving AC Milan to take the helm in Madrid.

The 90,000 crowd, demanding revenge for the home side's 2-0 league defeat in the Spanish capital a month ago, did not have to wait long for the long-awaited duel between FIFA player-of-the-year Ronaldo, Barca's flamboyant Brazilian, and Real's precocious star Raul.

Ronaldo won the battle in terms of goals, scoring the first of the game on 14 minutes following an astute through ball from Pep Guardiola. But Croatian sharpshooter Davor Suker equalised with a sweet left foot shot from a Raul Assist two minutes later.

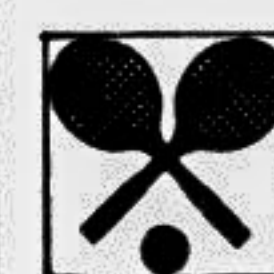
Real then stunned the Catalan faithful after the break when Fernando Hierro peached a second for the visitors midway through the second period.

However, in a frantic finale, Hierro turned from hero to villain as he deflected Nadal's booming shot past Real Keeper Bodo Illgner before Giovanni Silva de Oliveira scrambled the winner 13 minutes from time.



German Anke Huber makes a forehand-return against American Lindsay Davenport during the quarterfinals of the Toray Pan Pacific tournament in Tokyo yesterday. — AFP/UNB photo

# Graf, Hingis reach semis



TOKYO, Jan 31: Steffi Graf and Martina Hingis were among the four who advanced Friday to the semifinals of the 926,250 dollars Toray Pan Pacific Open women's tennis tournament, report agencies.

On Saturday, top seed Graf, the world No 1, takes on No 8 seed Brenda Schultz-McCarthy of the Netherlands. Second seed Hingis, the 16-year-old Swiss fresh from her Australian Open triumph, will meet fourth-seeded Anke Huber of Germany.

Graf dashed any hopes Croatian Iva Majoli had of defending her title, with a straight sets win.

The German star, seeking to regain the title she won in 1986, 1990 and 1994, beat Majoli 6-2, 6-3.

Graf and Hingis, who became the youngest Grand Slam champion this century winning the Australian open last weekend, are on course to clash in the final.

Hingis trounced unseeded Amanda Coetzer of South Africa 6-0, 6-1 in only 45 minutes for her 100th career singles win against 34 defeats.

"It's great," said Hingis. "Es-

pecially in the last few weeks I have won so many matches in tournaments, so I'm really happy about my game right now."

Going into Saturday's semifinals, Hingis has won 13 straight matches so far this year in Sydney, Melbourne and Tokyo.

Later in the day, Huber, the world's No 8 player, beat American Lindsay Davenport, the Olympic champion, 6-3, 4-6, 6-2.

Schultz-McCarthy, ranked 16th in the world, reached the semifinals with an upset victory of 6-1, 6-0 over fourth-ranked and the No 3 seed Conchita Martinez of Spain.

As the tournament progresses Graf is finding big improvement in her backhand.

"I did play my backhand a lot better than in the first match," the German star said after beating Majoli. "I didn't make a lot of mistakes today and I played a lot deeper. That's the key to my backhand."

Majoli, who tried to attack Graf's backhand side with her power strokes, hit a couple of sparkling returns of serve and broke the German in the opening game.

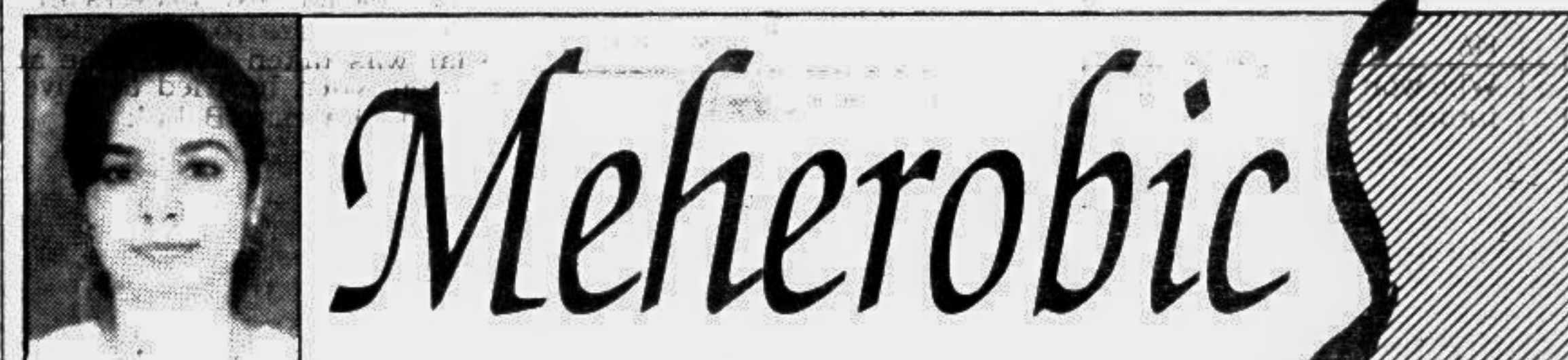
But that was the only time

she led in the match, although she had the consolation of breaking Graf again in the second game of the second set.

"She was just too good today," the Croatian said.

"The surface is so fast, Steffi likes it. It's almost like Wimbledon grass courts. She has backhand slice, so the ball doesn't bounce at all."

"When you are young, there's more excitement, you are a lot fresher, you just look forward and you have nothing to lose. But 10 years later, you're just a different person standing on the court," Graf said. "Then you think about the game very differently than you had done 10 years earlier. Sometimes it helps, sometimes it doesn't."



Exercising in the cold weather makes your body work a bit harder, to compensate for body heat lost to the cold air, to carry the extra weight of winter clothes, and to compensate for greater heat loss.

Why do you lose more fluids training in the cold? Because cold air is generally a good deal drier than warm air, and every breath of dry air sucks absorbent more fluid from your throat, lungs, and nose than warm air does. And, believe it or not, people tend to urinate more in cold weather — which means more water needs to find its way into the body to compensate for the extra water going out.

Because of the additional

fluid loss that cold air can bring with it, your fingers and toes need an extra bit of protection against the cold, because even minute reductions in blood flow — which can result from greater than normal fluid loss — make the extremities more vulnerable to the cold.

Warm up well before going out for running. Wear several layers of clothing — garments can be removed and replaced as needed. When exercise intensity is high, remove outer garments. A significant amount of body heat can be lost through the head, if uncovered. Keeping your head covered will help keep body heat and circulation directed to areas where it is re-

ally needed. The best material for your hat is wool or synthetic material that will wick away moisture. It is important to protect all areas from exposure. The areas most vulnerable are the head, hands and feet. Make sure your entire body is well protected while running in extremely cold weather.

Allow for adequate ventilation of sweat. Sweating during heavy exercise can soak inner garments. If evaporation does not readily occur, the wet garments will continue to drain the body of heat during rest periods, when retention of body heat is important. Select garment materials that allow the body to give off body heat during exercise, and retain body heat during inactive periods. For example, cotton is a good choice for exercising in the heat because it soaks up sweat readily and allows evaporation; for those same reasons, though, cotton is a poor choice for exercising in the cold. Even when wet, wool garments help maintain body warmth.

A good pair of mittens are extra important. Also a very light snack before exercising can help raise your body temperature a bit, as the body mobilizes energy for digestion. Don't forget that during and after long winter runs, you will still require fluid replacement. Skin protection should also be used. Sun block and moisturizer will help prevent your skin from cold.



## The Daily Star Entertainment Guide

### Saturday 1st February

(All programmes are in local time. There may be changes in group programmes.)

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