Of an inferno!

KUALA LUMPUR, Mar 30 Demonstrators armed with stones and protesting against the presence of the Israel team at the ICC tournament here forced organisers to abandon a match today, reports AFP.

The game between Holland and Canada was called off after more than 300 demonstrators stormed the ground and refused to leave.

International Cricket Council (ICC) tournament officials had been tipped off that a demonstration over the presence of the Israeli team was planned and switched venues between the Holland and Canada game and the match between Israel and Gibraltar.

Angry at being duped, demonstrators damaged a number of advertising hoardings at the ground and refused to leave.

"It was frightening. The crowd were all carrying large stones and they were very angry when they found out that the Israel team would not be turning up," said an official at the ground.

The disruption led to the abandonment of the Holland-Canada game, both sides shared a point and progressed to the second round of the tourna-

Meanwhile, a strong police presence at the venue where Israel were playing Gibraltar, ensured that the match progressed without disruption. Gibraltar defeated Israel by two wickets.

Israel, who have no diplomatic ties with Malaysia, were given special permission to enter the country on the intervention of Tunku Imran, the Malaysian King's son who is also the president of the Malaysian Cricket Association and a keen cricket fan. The Malaysian government

had granted the Israeli cricket team the right to enter the country to play in what is billed as the largest international cricket tournament in the

Twenty-two countries are playing in the three-week tournament which will decide which three ICC-associate members will join the nine Test playing nations at the 1999 World Cup.

England beat Mexico 2-0

LONDON, Mar 30: A Teddy Sheringham penalty and Robbie Fowler's first international goal gave England a 2-0 win over Mexico in a Wembley friendly on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Sheringham put the home side ahead from the spot in the 18th minute after defender Pavel Pardo was adjudged to have tripped England captain Paul Ince in the box.

Folwer sealed England's victory after the break with a "close range header after Mexico. keeper Aldolfo Rios had parried an initial header from Ian Wright. It was Folwer's first goal for his country in his sixth appearance.

Lopez's 19th in a row

LAS VEGAS, Mar 30: World Boxing Council (WBC) strawweight champion Richardo Lopez of Mexico surprisingly was forced to go the distance by unheralded Thai challenger Mongol Charoen to win his 19th consecutive title defence on Saturday, reports Lopez, 45-0, who was bleed-

ing over his right eye after an accidental head butt in the 10th round, had to fight until the final bell for only the fourth time in his professional career. Lopez was given every round

by judges Carol Castellano and Martin Sammon, 120-107 and judge, Joraicio Castillo scored it 119-108. Charoen, 18, the 10th rated

challenger by the WBC and was fighting for the first time out of his homeland and had only arrived here five days before the

"He was well prepared," Lopez said of Charoen, "He surprised me how tough he was. I was surprised he didn't go

Charoen had a bloody nose after the first round and continued to absorb a lot more punishment from the champion's stinging head and body punches.

Int'l water polo

Army on a roll Sport Reporter

Bangladesh Army posted their second successive victory in the Beximco Independence Day international water polo tournament thrashing Bangladesh Air Force 13-0 at the National Swimming Complex, Mirpur yesterday.

The fancied Army outfit, who had earlier defeated Calcutta University Swimming Club by 22-15 goals on Saturday, the inaugural day of the five-day meet, took an unassailable 6-0 lead in the first quarter of the lop-sided affair.

Nurul Islam, who led the Army charge, topscored with six goals while Younus Ali notched three.

Meanwhile, in the other billing of the day between the two foreign participants in the tourney, Calcutta University Institute of India recorded a resounding 22-4 win against Sri Lanka.

The winners led the first quarter 5-1. Sanjay with six goals was the top marksman for the Calcutta outfit.

Six teams — two from India. one from Sri Lanka and three services outfits of the hosts Bangladesh - are taking part in the meet.

Bangladesh win at last

Sports Reporter



Bangladesh defeated Chinese Taipei by the odd goal in three to record their first win in the Asian

World Cup football qualifying round in the Saudi Arabian city of Jeddah on Saturday.

Already out of the race conceding four consecutive defeats including thrice during the first-leg held in Malaysia early this month, Bangladesh with this hard-fought victory in their second match of the secbnd leg exacted some sort of revenge against their opponents who had earlier beat them 3-1 in the first phase.

According to a faxed message received here yesterday, Bangladesh led the first half by a lone goal with striker Alfaz Ahmed finding the net in the 44th minute.

But their joy was short-lived as Chinese Taipei restored parity 13 minutes into the second half. But thanks to a spectacular goal from Imtiaz Ahmed Naguib four minutes from the final whistle, Bangladesh

squeezed home by the skin of their teeth. Bangladesh appear in their final Asian Zone One encounter against Malaysia in an in-

> significant affair today. Meanwhile, in the other match of the day, the hosts rolled up a hapless Malaysia 3-0 on their way to the next round. Three teams from Asia will earn the ticket for the next World Cup to be held in France in 1998.

> Bangladesh team: Biplob, Jewel Rana, Hasan Al Mamun, Prodip. Sohel Al Masum. Jakir. Rakib, Imtiaz, Alfaz, Nurul Haq, Masud Rana.

Inter-varsity volleyball

From Our Correspondent KUSHTIA, Mar 30: Rajshahi handed Agriculture University a straight sets defeat in an inter-university volleyball tournament match at the Islamic University playground today. The winners secured a 15-4,

enstein 8-0 to move five points

clear of the Republic of Ireland

and Macedonia, who play their

Group Eight match on Wednes-

day. The Romanians have

in Group Five after a 1-1 tie at

Cyprus, the goals coming

within 60 seconds of each other

in the first half. The Russians

lead standings with eight points

from five games but can be over-

taken Sunday by Israel, who are

point behind and visit last

Scotland helped take his coun-

try a step closer to next year's

finals when they defeated Esto-

nia 2-0 in a Group Four qualify-

while leaders Portugal, who

lead Ukraine on goal difference

with the latter having two

games in hand, were held to a

scoreless draw in Northern Ire-

Tom Boyd's first goal for

place Luxembourg.

Russia remained unbeaten

maximum.

15-3, 15-11 victory.



Au Wai Lun (L) of Hong Kong and Thai JI Surachai chase after the ball during their World Cup qualifier in Hong Kong yesterday. The hosts won 3-2. - AFP/UNB photo

Italy going great guns



Italy maintained their 100 per cent replaced England

at the top of World Cup qualifying Group Two when they defeated Moldova 3-0 in Trieste on Saturday, report

agencies. The Italians, who won 1-0 in England last month, were never troubled by the visitors and ran out easy winners with an outstanding individual goal from Paolo Maldini (24) and others from Gianfranco Zola (44) and Christian Vieri (49), who score Italy's 1000th international

The result gives the Italians 12 points from four matches, three more than England, who recorded a drab 2-0 win over Mexico in a friendly, and could go six points up if they beat Poland on Wednesday.

goal on his debut.

The Netherlands also preserved their perfect record with a 4-0 win over San Marino in Group Seven in Amsterdam. Buit it took the strong Dutch team 44 minutes to score the first goal against a side who had conceded 21 goals in their opening four qualifiers.

There was never much doubt about a Dutch win however but two of their goals came in the last eight minutes through Pierre van Hooidonk (82) and Frank de Boer (90), Patrick

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Kluivert (44) and De Boer (58) scored the opening goals.

In the same group, Belgium moved back into contention with a 2-1 victory against Wales in Cardiff, leaping over the

Welsh into second place. Romania's sweeper Georghe Poppescu took the scoring honours with four of his side's eight as they blitzed minnows Liecht-

Dubai World Cup deferred

DUBAI, Mar 30: Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al-Maktoum today rescheduled the 4 million Dubai World Cup, the world's richest horse race, for Thursday after a thunderstorm and flash floods, reports Reuter.

But it will be with a reduced field and less of the glitz and glamour lined up for Saturday's event which was washed out by a downpour that waterlogged the sand track and created lakes in the desert.

European champion Helissio pulled out of the field of 13 thoroughbreds chasing a 2.4 million first prize.

After an earlier downpour last Tuesday played havoc with training, Helissio's French trainer Elie Lellouche threatened to pull out and go home if there was one drop of rain. He did so on Saturday.

The rest of the trainers met Sheikh Mohammed today and pledged to stay in Dubai for the rescheduled race.

John Gosden, trainer of Sheikh Mohammed's American bay horse Flemensirth, said: "I don't think that any dirt track anywhere in the world can take the amount of rain that was thrown on it yesterday."

He said the trainers were quite confident Dubai's Nad Al-Sheba dirt track would be in perfect condition for racing under the floodlights on Thursday

A crowd of 30,000 people, including international show business celebrities, was expected at the track and millions more racing fans in Europe. Asia and North America had been expected to tune in to satellite television casts.

Sanchez keeps his title

LAS VEGAS, Nevada, Mar 30: Alex "Nene" Sanchez of Puerto Rico retained his World Boxing Organisation (WBO) strawweight title here on Saturday beating Mexican Victor Burgos on points, reports AFP.

Sanchez gained a unanimous decision from the three judges who scored the bout 115-110. 113-112 and 114-111.

The Peurto Rican's win took his record to 25 wins with 18 inside the distance and one defeat while Burgo's record slipped to 16 wins, eight defeats and one draw.

Jansher Khan lifts Super Series

LONDON, Mar 30 : World champion Jansher Khan regained the Super Series title when he beat the British Open finalist from Australia Brett Martin in straight games at Hatfield's Galleria Shopping Centre here on Saturday, reports AFP.

It refilled the only important gap in Jansher's trophy cabinet after his shock defeat to England's Del Harris last year and should have further boosted the great Pakistani's confidence before next week's British Open.

He will be trying to win the famous tournament for a sixth successive time, and the manner of Saturday's victory by 9-7, 9-5, 9-2 over the gifted Martin suggested Jansher is a stronger favourite than he was a couple of weeks ago. There have been hiccups in

his preparation but there were none on Saturday, for Jansher was able to keep the 34-year old Martin on the move far more than he found comfortable. Even in as short a match as this the Aussie was breathing hard. The crucial moment came at

8-7 in the first game when Jansher played a clinging little forehand volley drop that lured Martin into a forehand drive which passed too close to himself and gave the Pakistani a penalty point.

In the second game Jansher was more on top, with Martin increasing his complaints about the refereeing, and in the third game it was one way traffic as the Pakistani took the first eight points without reply.

Jansher also had pertinent remarks to make about the experimental nine-up point-perrally scoring system, which he described as "too short". The final lasted only 23 minutes. The third place match how-

ever lasted an entertaining 46 minutes. It was won by Simon Parke, who only qualified for the Super Series final in the last tournament of 1996 - the Mahindra International in Bombay — after spending much of the year recovering from

The world number four from England played an enterprising final game to win 9-7, 9-2, 5-9, 5-9 and 8-2 against the rapidly improving former world junior champion from Egypt, Ahmed

Woodies win

KEY BISCAYNE, Florida, Mar 30: Todd Woodbridge and Mark Woodforde clinched the men's doubles trophy of the Lipton Championships here today reports AP.

The Australian duo, nick named the Woodies, beat Mark Knowles and Daniel Nestor 7-6 (8-6), 7-6 (10-8). In the men's final Sunday.

Austrian Thomas Muster faces Spaniard Sergi Bruguera. "It's great that two European players play the final here,' Muster said. "It's the best thing

that could happen to us.' The 29-year-old Muster last reached the Lipton final in 1989, when he was unable to play because of an accident with a drunk driver that nearly ended his career.

Laurent retains WBA belt

LAS VEGAS, Nevada, Mar 30: Laurent Boudouani of France retained his World Boxing Association (WBA) light middleweight title in his first defence here on Saturday beating American Carl Daniels on

The 30-year-old Boudouani gained a unanimous decision with the judges scoring the fight 118-108, 115-111 and 117-109. Boudouani, who took the ti-

tle off Argentinean Julio Cesar Vasquez in August last year was constantly on the attack against Daniels, a former world champion at this weight, delivering withering volleys of body punches and blows to the head.

The Frenchman's win took his record to 37 wins with 31 inside the distance and two defeats, while Daniels slipped to 38 wins and three defeats.

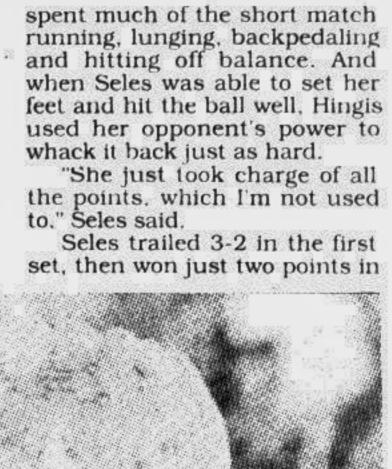
Hingis heat sizzles Seles



Florida, Mar 30 (Agencies): The two finalists cradled their trophies and shared a smile in the sunshine, then lined up for photos, with Monica Seles standing in

KEY BISCAYNE,

Martina Hingis' shadow. Seles is 10 centimetres (4 inches) taller, but Hingis towers



the next four games. The first set took only 19 minutes. Hingis won nine of the final 10 games. Fans in the 40-dollar

bleacher seats paid nearly a dollar a minute to watch the blowout.

> you at least a little bit of a longer match," Seles told the crowd of 12,164 "In this heat, you don't want

"I am sorry I couldn't give

to stay too long on the court." Hingis joked. It was Seles' most lopsided loss to Hingis since the last time they played. Hingis won

that match 6-2, 6-0 at a final in

Oakland, California, in November. Grinning and giggling at the post-match news conference. Hingis seemed oblivious to the pressure a No. 1 player faces, or the slide from the top that's inevitable. Seles could tell her

about both. "It doesn't seem a burden to Martina at all.," Seles said. "She's having a great time."

"Why should I be worried about the fe?" Hingis said. "Right now, almost everything is perfect. I don't care about the future right now." Well, not everything. Even

with one million dollars in winnings, Hingis has problems. "I still can't drive a car. Do this or that, I'm under age everywhere," said Hingis, who also has difficulty finding time for romance.

"When you are travelling as much as I do. It's hard to find somebody," she said. "I would have to go out every week with somebody else. There will be time for that later on. Hingis won her first Grand

Slam crown at the Australian Open and also won titles this year at Sydney, Paris and Tokyo. Her seven WTA titles have all come in the past six months. Hingis plans a celebration when she becomes number one

during the first day of play at her next event in Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. "I will try to make it a party for all the players," she said. have had a great three years on

onships trophy after beating Monica Seles of the United tour and I want to give some-States in the final in Florida on Mar 29. The 16-year-old thing back. I have never enjoyed playing tennis more than I do - AFP/UNB photo right now. I just enjoy life

Miss needed just 44 minutes to Government of the People's beat Sales 6-2, 6-1 Saturday in the final at the Lipton Champi-"I almost didn't make one

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mistake," said Hingis, 26-0 this year. "It was just a perfect "Awesome," said Seles, unaccustomed to being on the wrong

Tender Notice The result validated the 16year-old Hingis' ascent to the top of the rankings. Even an opening-round Lipton loss could not have prevented her

Swiss teenage sensation Martina Hingis, who becomes

world number one today, holds aloft the Lipton Champi-

defeated the former world number one 6-2, 6-1.

1 player in WTA Tour history Monday. "I felt kind of a responsibility," she said. "You don't want to lose, because the other players are lower ranked than you are. Steffi Graf, who missed Lipton with a knee injury, will fall

from becoming the youngest No.

over women's tennis. The Swiss

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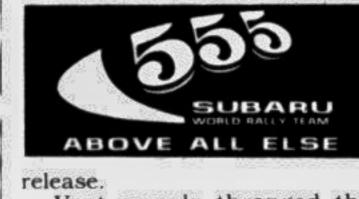
from first to second. Hingis earned 215,000 dollars Saturday. Seles, playing in her first tournament since suffering a broken finger in December, settled for 107,500 dol-

"She's just a better player at this point than I am, so there's nothing to feel sad about," Seles

The future No. 1 varied her shot selection to disrupt the

timing of the former No. 1, who Tommi leads in Portugal

After the demise of 555 Subaru World Rally Team drivers, Colin McRae and Kenneth Eriksson, Mitsubishi driver, Tommi Makinen was totally unchallenged on the Rally of Portugal and finished the fourth round of the FIA World Rally Championship in 1st position, 4 minutes and 5 seconds ahead of his nearest rival. Freddy Loix in the Toyota Celica. In an event known for its high rate of attrition, former world champion, Carlos Sainz (Ford) and Richard Burns (Mitsubishi) also joined the ranks of retirees, says a press



Vast crowds thronged the wooded hills of Portugal to witness the kind of crushing display that ultimately earned Finland's Tommi Makinen the accolade of 1996 World Rally Champion. Makinen's victory did however deny the 555 Subaru World Rally Team the opportunity to equal and potentially beat Lancia's record of six consecutive World Championship wins, but in doing so has demonstrated the competitiveness of this year's series as four different drivers have already led the 1997 Championship.

Gregorie de Mevius, driving the first-ever non-works Ford Escort World Rally Car on a World Championship event maintained his overnight 4th position on the final day to collect his first points of the season. However, the Belgian's current World Championship programme only includes the Acropolis, Sanremo and RAC Rallies. Jean-Pierre Richelmi, driving a Ford Escort RS Cosworth, finished 5th overall ahead of Masao Kamioka in the Subaru Impreza 555. The Japanese driver - who won last year's RAC Rally - drove sensibly, gradually climbing the readerboard for a superb result.

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Mymensingh Public Works Division Mymensingh

No. C-34/1996-97

Tenders in BD Form No. 2911 under sealed cover are hereby invited from Public Works Directorate enlisted special first class contractors/contractory firms or consortium formed with civil, sanitary & electrical contractors as per financial capacity of their respective types of work (civil, sanitary, electrical) for the undermentioned work. Tenders will be opened on the date of submitting tender at 12-15 PM in presence of interested tenderers and name of work, name & address of contractor/contractory firm/consortium & the address to whom the tender is to be submitted should be stated on the envelope.

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Chairman of Sonali Bank's board of directors, Mohammad Asafuddowla distributing prizes after the bank's annual sports competition held at the Rajarbagh Police Lines ground on Mar 28. Star photo

ing match. The Celtic defender had waited 43 appearances before finding the net in a Scottish points, reports AFP. jersey and the victory now puts Craig Brown's team four points ahead of second placed Austria who they play in Glasgow on Wednesday. In other qualifiers Denmark came back to claim a 1-1 draw away at Croatia, though they both still trail leaders Greece in Group One, Ukraine stayed in contention in Group Nine after beating Albania in Spain 1-0