

Sport

Hoddle's rare luxury

LONDON, Apr 20: England coach Glenn Hoddle will have the rare luxury of a near full strength squad when his players assemble this week for the crucial World Cup qualifier against Georgia at Wembley on April 30, reports AFP.

Captain and centre forward Alan Shearer is back after his third hernia operation in a year and inspirational goalkeeper David Seaman also returns from the casualty list of last month's friendly against Mexico.

Hoddle lost an incredible 17 players from his squad for England's 2-0 win over the Central Americans, but his worries have since eased with only midfield dynamo Paul Gascoigne a conspicuous absentee.

The England boss, though, does have problems with two strikers with Newcastle's Les Ferdinand expressing a growing disillusionment with his international career and Liverpool ace Robbie Fowler beginning a domestic suspension on the day of the game.

The return to fitness of Seaman and Ian Walker also gives Hoddle another dilemma with five goalkeepers fighting for what should be no more than three places.

Recent howlers by Liverpool's David James make him the obvious choice for the axe especially with Nigel Martyn in top form at Leeds and Tim Flowers doing nothing wrong at Blackburn.

Georgia, beaten impressively away without Shearer in November, will quake at the idea of the Newcastle ace being back, and back in the groove with four goals in his four comeback games.

Ferdinand, Nick Barnby, Paul Merson and David Beckham are also available now, also with a clutch of defenders in Gary Neville, Tony Adams, Sol Campbell and Gary Pallister.

Game, set & match for Andre, Brooke!



MONTEREY, Apr 20: Actress Brooke Shields, wearing a long, white dress with a five-foot (1.5-metre) train, married tennis star Andre Agassi in a ceremony Saturday evening in this scenic coastal city, reports AP.

The reception was held at the upscale Stonepine Resort in Carmel Valley.

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with paparazzi hovered outside, a string ensemble and the San Francisco Boys Choir performed at the ceremony. Monterey is 115 miles (185 kilometers) south of San Francisco.

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Man United beat Liverpool

LIVERPOOL, England, Apr 20: Manchester United tightened their grip on the English Premier league crown and effectively ended Liverpool's title challenge with a 3-1 win over their bitter rivals at Anfield on Saturday, reports Reuters.

The victory took United to 69 points with four matches to play, left Liverpool on 64 points with three matches to play and realistically means Arsenal, on 63 points and four games to go, are the only team who can still take the title off United.

All four goals came from headers. Gary Pallister and Andy Cole scoring for United and John Barnes for Liverpool.

Pallister opened the scoring when the Liverpool defence left him unmarked at a 13th minute corner and he headed home powerfully past Liverpool out-of-form goalkeeper David James.

Barnes equalised six minutes later from a corner at the other end, before Pallister restored the lead with another header from a corner three minutes before halftime.

Cole took advantage of a mistake by James after 63 minutes to wrap up the points for United, who now seem set to win the title for the fourth time in five years.

Tough task awaits Americans

PROVIDENCE, Rhode Island, Apr 20: The US national soccer team faces its former coach and a formidable challenge when the Americans host Mexico in a CONCACAF zone World Cup qualifier at Foxboro Stadium on Sunday, reports Reuters.

The United States, which has struggled in its campaign to return to the World Cup finals, aims to bounce back from last month's disappointing 3-2 loss to Costa Rica, which left the two nations tied in the CONCACAF standings.

Unfortunately that task comes against the regions best team, a Mexico squad coming off last week's 6-0 drubbing of Jamaica.

Mexico is on form to qualify for its 12th World Cup next year in France, leading the group with seven points from three matches. The United States and Costa Rica have four points each, but Costa Rica has played one less match than the United States, which must finish at least third in the region to advance.

El Salvador, Canada and Jamaica round out the group with one point each.

Brawls stir Argentine govt

BUENOS AIRES, Apr 20: Argentina's Congress spent 90 minutes grilling the president of the country's soccer federation (AFA) on Tuesday over the brawl involving the national team in a World Cup qualifier against Bolivia, reports Reuters.

But national team coach Daniel Passarella ignored a request to appear with AFA president Julio Grondona, claiming Congress should be concerned with other issues.

"This is a lesser matter, there are more important things we should be worried with," said Passarella, who instead went to the AFA headquarters where he announced the squad for this month's World Cup qualifier at home to Ecuador.

The game in the Bolivian capital La Paz two weeks ago was held up for 10 minutes as the Argentine players became

PCB suspends Sohail for two years

LAHORE, Apr 20: Opener Aamir Sohail was banned from international and domestic matches for two years by the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) Wednesday for violating its code of conduct, reports Reuters.

The decision, announced at a news conference by PCB disciplinary committee chairman Talat Ali Malik follows a row between Sohail and PCB chief executive Majid Khan during a domestic one-day game.

Sohail was initially given a month's suspension and he has 60 days to appeal against the two-year ban.

Talat said the three-member disciplinary committee after a thorough probe, had unanimously found Sohail guilty of breaching the code-of-conduct by levelling what he called baseless charges of match-fixing and betting against some national team members.

Sohail failed to answer two notices served on him to explain his point of view about whatever he said to newspaper reporters involving cricketers

Fifth Test at stake

GEORGETOWN, Guyana, Apr 20: Rain swept across Bourda on Saturday, causing the abandonment of the third day's play in the fifth and final cricket Test between the West Indies and India, reports AP.

Umpires Eddie Nicholls of Guyana, in his first Test, and George Sharp of England, in his third, officially called off play at 2 pm after inspecting conditions.

Despite overnight showers, the day started bright and the groundsmen were able to remove the tarpaulin covers an hour before the start. But that revealed two wet patches on the pitch just outside a left-hander's off stump where water had seeped through. That further compounded the problems posed by the outfield, which was again left sodden by a heavy shower just before the scheduled start.

The second day on Friday had also been abandoned due to inclement weather.

India, trailing 1-0 in the five-match series, reached 194 for two on the opening day on Thursday. Rahul Dravid was 71 not out, his fourth half century of the series. Captain Sachin Tendulkar was unbeaten 62, his third score over 50 on tour. The pair added 126 unbroken for the third wicket.

The fourth Test in Antigua just over a week ago was reduced to two days after rain ruled out play on the opening three days. West Indies won the third Test in Barbados by 38 runs to take a 1-0 lead which now appears certain to give them the series victory.

gambling, he said. Through such statements, Aamir tarnished the image of the country and created embarrassment for PCB at international level," he said.

Talat said that instead of explaining his position, Sohail gave only a short reply that the committee found "unsatisfactory".



AAMIR SOHAIL

"We gave him enough time to provide us solid proof to support his claims but he was not willing to cooperate with us," he said.

Left-hander Aamir has played 34 Tests scoring 2,103 runs at an average of 35.64.

Costa, Portas in final

BARCELONA, Apr 20: Albert Costa and Albert Portas needed only two sets apiece Saturday, prevailing in the all-Spanish semifinals to advance to the championship match at the Barcelona Open, reports AP.

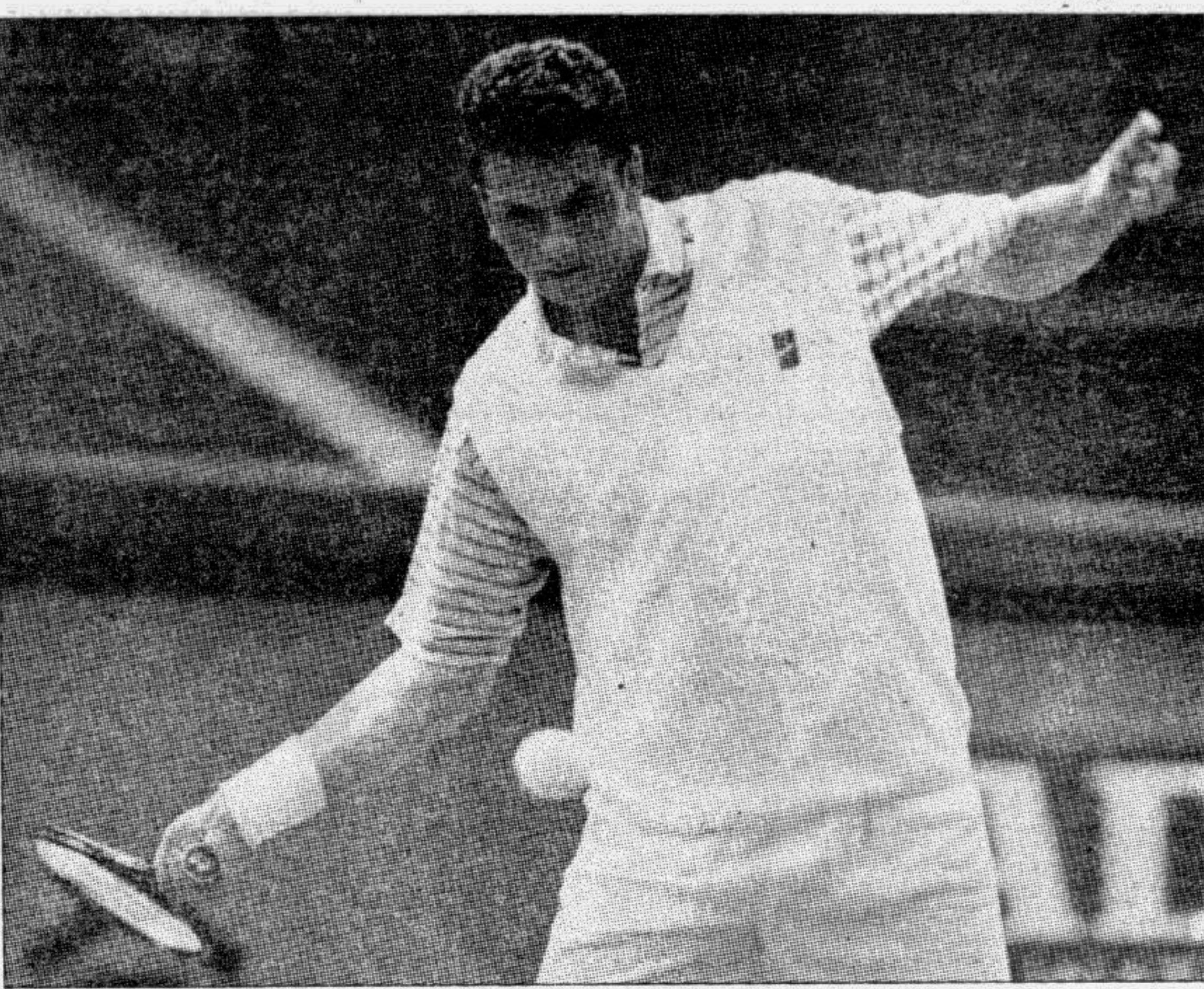
Seventh-seeded Costa downed his fourth-seeded friend and Australian Open finalist Carlos Moya 7-6 (8-6), 7-5 on a rain-soaked clay court, while unseeded Portas beat No. 9 Alberto Berasategui 6-3, 7-5 in a match of unseeded players.

"It would be great to win this tournament. Last year I reached the final in Monte Carlo but this is different," said Costa, who like Portas is from the northeastern Catalonia region whose capital is Barcelona.

He admitted that winning the game had been somewhat difficult because of his friendship with Moya.

Portas, ranked 133 on the ATP Tour computer, needed just one hour and 11 minutes to defeat Berasategui.

The tournament was left without any foreigners on Friday when Costa downed Frenchman Cedric Pioline. Moya eliminated Ukrainian Andrei Medvedev. Portas defeated Moroccan Karim Alami and Berasategui beat Brazilian Fernando Meligeni.



Dutchman Richard Krajicek plays a forehand during his quarter-final match against David Prinosil of Germany at the Japan Open in Tokyo on Apr 19. Krajicek won 6-4, 6-3.

Krajicek triumphs in Tokyo

TOKYO, Apr 20: Top seed Richard Krajicek stormed back from the only set he lost in the tournament and won the Japan Open on Sunday with a 6-2, 3-6, 6-1 victory over France's Lionel Roux, reports AP.

Krajicek, the 1996 Wimbledon champion, rebounded from 40-0 to break Roux for 3-1 in the final set, broke him again for 5-1 and served out the match, ending with an ace of 186 kph (116 mph).

In all, he served 16 aces at speeds up to 206 kph (129 mph) and allowed only three points against his serve in the first set.

Roux, ranked 86th by the ATP to Krajicek's 6th, seized on errors by the Dutch player for his only break of the match, in the second set's sixth game. He then bounced back from 0-40 to serve out the set, converting his fourth set point when Krajicek attempted backhand pass hit the net.

"I was not too happy then," said Krajicek, "but I think I was more upset about being a break down than losing that game."

"I felt that I played really well today in the first set. Then I let him back into the match. I played a careless game and didn't make it too difficult for him to break me," he added.

"But I just forgot about it. I knew I was playing well so I was still confident, although it was a shame it had to go to a third set."

In the final set's fourth game, Krajicek pressured Roux into mistakes with a drop shot and a net attack and gained the key break when the French player double faulted on the last two points.

He collected 154,000 dollars for his second tournament title.

IOC checks on SOCOG's progress

SYDNEY, Apr 20: A high-level International Olympic Committee (IOC) delegation is to visit Sydney next week to check on preparations for the 2000 Games, organising officials said today, reports AFP.

Members of the IOC coordination commission would begin arriving today for their six-monthly visit to monitor the Sydney Organising Committee for the Olympic Games (SOCOG), a spokeswoman said.

"It's a major check as far as the IOC are concerned but we're just updating them," the SOCOG spokeswoman said.

SOCOG would throw open its budget documents for a finance working party to appraise, she said.

New South Wales Olympics Minister Michael Knight last week said a profit of between 20 million and 50 million Australian dollars (16 and 39 million US) would come from the 2000 Games while another 150 million dollars would be set aside as a "rainy day fund" to pay unexpected bills.

A security working party on the IOC coordinating committee visit would assess progress on security of accreditation, venues and athletes, by working with police and Interpol and other groups, the spokeswoman said.

Technology was critical because of problem at the Atlanta Olympics and a working party during the trip would carefully monitor scoring and media systems.

A fourth group would check transport plans.

Briefing to the delegation, chaired by Dr Jacques Rogge, would begin Sunday afternoon and meetings and site visits would continue until Wednesday, the spokeswoman said.

of the year, and improved his 1997 match record to 15-4.

Krajicek said that after surgery for a right knee injury suffered last fall and a tough six months, "It's just great to go into the clay court season with a lot of fun matches under my belt."

Roux, seeded 16th, had reached the second final of his pro career by beating No. 2 seed Boris Becker in the third round and cooling off a hot streak by Sweden's Thomas Johansson in the semifinals. Johansson had gone into their match with a 16-1 match record, two tournament titles and a semifinal finish since March 10. Roux's only other ATP tour final was in Osaka, Japan, in 1994.

In the first set against Krajicek, "nobody could break him because he was serving unbelievable," Roux said.

At 1-2 in the final set, he added, "there were two points where he went to the net and I missed passing shots. I was against the wind. Then I tried to put in good second serves because I knew he was going to come to the net again. I tried two big second serves and I missed them."

Krajicek defeated Australian Patrick Rafter 7-5, 6-3 in the last four.

In the women's final in her hometown, Japan's Ai Sugiyama won her first professional title, edging American Amy Frazier 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.

It was the fourth consecutive Japan Open where Frazier met Japan's top player for the title. The past three were against Kimiko Date, who retired last year. Frazier won the tourna-

ment in 1995.

Sugiyama, the fourth seed, broke in the final game, coming back from 40-30 with a forehand serve return into the corner and then winning the 2-hour, 7-minute match on two errors by No. 3 Frazier — a forehand long and a backhand into the net.

Sugiyama, 21, ranked 30th by the WTA, had reached three previous tournament finals before finally gaining a title, before about 8,000 partisan spectators.

Her record also includes victories over current No. 1 Martina Hingis, at the Olympics last year, and over Mary Pierce, for Japan's only point against France in a 1997 Fed Cup meeting.

"Overall, it was like a mental game," said Sugiyama, who collected 27,000 dollars for winning. "I think I was supported by the Japanese spectators."

"I feel like I saved this victory for today. While Amy hit good shots, deep in the corner, all through the match I believed I would get the victory," she added.

Frazier, ranked 29th, said, "Maybe we both made a few more errors than we usually do, but she played really well on the big points."

She said Sugiyama, "does everything well. She's very fast and got to a lot of balls. It was fun to play her."

For the men's doubles title, the fourth seeds, Martin Damm and Daniel Vacek of the Czech Republic, beat American Justin Gimelstob and Australian Patrick Rafter 2-6, 6-2, 7-6 (7-4).

BCIC International Tender Extension for Submission of Offer & Correction of Specification

বিসিআইসি'র পণ্য শিলায়নে জাতীয় অধগতির প্রতীক

International tender invited by Jamuna Fertiliser Co. Ltd. vide Tender Enquiry No. JFCL/FP/UTILITY/1.49/152 dated 23.02.97 due for opening on 29.3.97 is hereby extended up to 27.4.97 at 11.00 am and the brand name of the item mentioned in the tender schedule as 'Polymer PA-322' now shall be read as 'Coagulant Aid' keeping other specifications and terms & conditions unchanged.

BCIC 241-27/3/97 DFP-7658-303 G-1105

Auction Notice

It is notified for general information of all concerned that a large number of Serviceable/Repairable/Unserviceable, empty Soyabean Oil Barrels, Vegetable Oil Cans, Drums Polyethylene/Nylon/Gunny Bags, Plastic Jerricans, Tea Chest, Other Packing Materials and Used Engine Oil will be sold through open auction at 1000 hours on 06 May 1997 at "Base supply Depot, ASC, Chittagong Cantonment." Interested bidders may inspect the lots on 27 and 28 April 97 at Base Supply Depot, Chittagong. The successful bidder will have to pay 3% income tax. Other rules and conditions will be intimated on the spot.

ISPR/Army/97/334 **Commanding Officer**
DFP-8088-3/4 Base Supply Depot, ASC
G-1106 Chittagong Cantonment

Govt of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer (RHD) Road Division, Nawabgonj

Notice Inviting Tender (RHD)

1) Tender Notice No	14-NJRD of 1996-97 Eng.
2) Name of work	Repairing & primer seal coat work at 17th(P) & 18th KM of Kansat-Gomastapur-Porshaha-Shaphar road under (RHD) Road Division, Nawabgonj during 1996-97 Eng.
3) Chargeable head	168-RBF
4) Estimated cost	Tk. 5,64,318/-
5) Earnest money	Tk 11,287/-
6) Time allowed for completion of work	15 (fifteen) days from the date of issue of work order.
7) Eligibility of bidders	RHD enlisted contractors of general category "A" to "E" as per rule.
8) Last date for selling of tender documents	26-4-97 Eng/13.1.1404 Beng during office hours.
9) Last date & time for receiving tenders	27.4.97 Eng/14.1.1404 Beng at 12.30 PM.
10) Date and time for opening tenders	29.4.97 Eng/16.1.1404 Beng at 12.45 PM.
11) Name of offices where tender will be received	a) Addl Chief Engineer (RHD), Rajshahi Zone, Rajshahi. b) Superintending Engineer (RHD), Road Circle, Rajshahi. c) Superintending Engineer (RHD), Monitoring & Evaluation Circle (Road & Bridge), Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka. d) Executive Engineer (RHD), Road Division, Nawabgonj/Rajshahi./Naogaon.
12) Name of offices where tender document will be available	a) Executive Engineer (RHD), Road Division, Nawabgonj/ Rajshahi./Naogaon. b) Executive Engineer (RHD), Planning Division, (Road & Bridge) Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka. c) Executive Engineer (RHD), Road Division, Banani, Dhaka. d) Sub-Divisional Engineer (RHD), Road Sub-Division, Nawabgonj/ Shingoni. e) Asstt Engineer (RHD), Mech 1st Line Workshop Sub-Division, Nawabgonj.

NB: Bidding contractors must submit "VAT" registration certificate along with tender may be informal.

DFP-8658-9/4 G-1107

Md Abdul Gaffar
Executive Engineer (RHD), CC
Road Division, Nawabgonj.



Local player Ai Sugiyama holds the trophy aloft after winning the women's singles title at the Japan Open on Apr 20.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer (R&H)
Road Division, Madaripur

RHD Bridge Toll Collection Lease Quotation Invitation Notice

1	Quotation Notice No.:	05/EE/MRD/1997-98.
2	Name of work	Lease quotation for toll collection of Angaria bridge at 14th KM of Madaripur-Shariatpur-Bhedarganj-Chandpur Road for 2 (two) years from 1-7-97 to 30-6-99 under Madaripur Road Division during 1997-98.
3	Estimated cost	Quoted rate.
4	Earnest money	10% (ten per cent) of the quoted rate.
5	Those eligible to participate in the lease bidding	Roads & Highways Directorate enlisted all contractors/Govt./non-govt/ autonomous firms/ experienced lease holders and bonafide Bangladeshi solvent citizens.
6	Offices from where quotation can be purchased	Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka Division, Dhaka/Executive Engineer (R&H), Road Division, Madaripur/Faridpur/Gopalganj/Planning Division, Barisal/Planning Division, Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka/Sub-Divisional Engineer (R&H), Road Sub-Division, Madaripur/Shariatpur/Bhanga/Assistant Engineer (R&H), 1st Line Workshop Sub-Division, Madaripur.
7	Offices where quotations will be received	Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka Division, Dhaka/ Additional Chief Engineer (R&H), Barisal Zone, Barisal/Superintending Engineer (R&H), Road Circle, Faridpur/ Superintending Engineer (R&H), Monitoring & Evaluation Circle (Planning & Development, Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka/ Executive Engineer (R&H), Road Division, Madaripur.
8	Last date of selling quotation	27-4-97/14-01-1404 BS upto office hours.
9	Last date & time of receiving quotation	28-4-97/15-01-1404 BS up to 12:30 PM and quotations will be opened from the box in sealed condition on the same day at 12:45 PM.
10	Date, time & place of opening quotation	Quotations will be opened at the office chamber of the Executive Engineer (R&H), Road Division, Madaripur on 30-4-97/17-01-1404 BS at 10:00 AM.
11	Date & time of lottery (if needed)	Lottery will be held on 3-5-97/20-01-1404 BS at 10:00 AM in presence of the quotationers.

N.B: All authorities concerned to receive quotations are requested to send the quotations received in sealed condition to the office of the undersigned.

Md Abdus Sattar
Executive Engineer (R&H)
Road Division, Madaripur.

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