

Column One
SPORTS TALK



Monica Seles
(American tennis player)
"Awesome match. Awesome year."

After losing to World No. 1 Martina Hingis in the Lipton Championship final.

Sports
WHIZZ KID
COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

NOTICE
Due to a series of holidays in the past week many of you have been unable to send in your entries, therefore we have decided to extend the closing date of the current competition No-68 until May 2, 1997.

— Sports Editor

Sports WHIZZ KID
competition-68
✓ Tick the Correct Answers
Competition closes 8 pm, May 2, '97

1	Who won this year's British Open squash title?	Jansher	Nicol	Eyles
2	Who won the Lipton Championship tennis title?	Hings	Seles	Novotna
3	Who lifted the international water polo trophy?	Army	Sri Lanka	Navy
4	Who clinched the national women's chess crown?	Nipa	Rani	Eva
5	Which team won the Top Five volleyball title?	BDR	Army	Air Force

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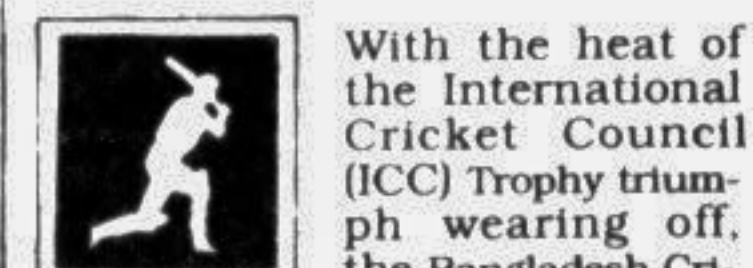
Hiroshima halt
Gamba's run

TOKYO, Apr 24: Osaka Gamba star Patrick Mboma lost concentration and allowed Hiroshima to end Gamba's remarkable early season winning run in the J-League with a 2-0 victory on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

The Cameroonian forward, who had led Gamba's winning streak this season, failed to clear after trying to control with his chest a free kick by Hiroshima's Moh Jung Yoon three minutes into the game.

BCB's course of action

Sports Reporter



With the heat of the International Cricket Council (ICC) Trophy triumph wearing off, the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) has chalked up an elaborate programme as part of the national team's preparation for the next World Cup, scheduled to be held in England in 1999.

Although the members of the triumphant national team, who translated a long-cherished dream for a passage to the biggest championship of world cricket by winning the recently-concluded ICC Trophy, are still rejoicing over the unprecedented success, the BCB wasted little time to announce the next course of action as part of our preparation for the ultimate test of limited-over cricket.

In the BCB meeting held yesterday, the game's apex body in the country, drew up a two-year plan leading up to the 12-nation meet that will feature three ICC associate members alongside the nine Test playing nations. The preparatory arrangement will commence with Bangladesh's participation in the Asia Cup, scheduled to be held in Sri Lanka from July 15-30. The executive committee of the board decided the national camp will resume after the National Cricket Championship. The championship begins on May 1.

The board meeting chaired by its president Saber Hossain Chowdhury MP, has also decided that they will organise a

three-nation meet early next year. It was, however, gathered that apart from Bangladesh, world champions Sri Lanka and Pakistan are likely to take part in the grand tourney.

Bangladesh will also take part in both the Wills Cup and Wills Trophy. The two most competitive domestic meets in Pakistan and India are likely to be held in February and March respectively subsequently after the two tournament, Bangladesh will tour to England in May 1998, and then will visit South Africa in October. Besides, Bangladesh will host the next Asia Cup in 1999.

Meanwhile, an under-19 team will take part in the ACC Cup, scheduled to be held in

Hong Kong in December this year. The championship will be treated as qualifying tourney among the Asian associate members from where the top two finishers will earn a place in the World Youth Championship, to be held in South Africa in January, 1998.

On a day of hectic activities after the Eid vacation, the board has also adopted the motion for vote of thanks for the vociferous Bangladeshi expatriates in Malaysia while at the same time condoling the deaths of two cricket fans who died during the victory celebrations after Bangladesh's 72-run semi-final win against Scotland.

The board, though, decided to skip the forthcoming invitational tournament in California, instead opting to allow Bangladesh Biman to take part in the meet. The tourney involving teams from Holland, Kenya, Scotland and USA will be held in July this year.

Meanwhile, the BCB has accepted the resignation of two national selectors Jahangir Shah Badsha and Ahmed Iqbal Bachu. The two former national players had earlier submitted their resignation shortly after the announcement of the national team for the ICC Trophy last February.

Besides, the board has approved the introduction of a Third Division league from this year. Eleven teams including nine top finishers from the Second Division qualifying phases will vie in the league.

Recognition at last

Sports Reporter

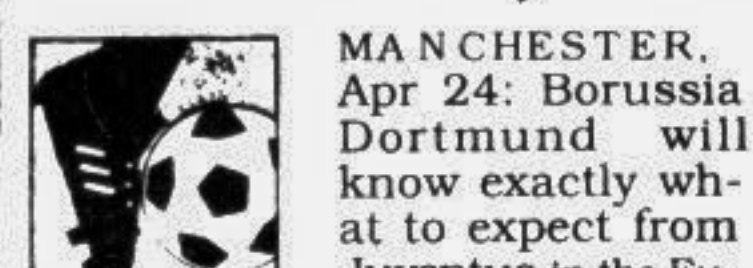
Jalal Ahmed Chowdhury and Osman Khan, two national cricket coaches who assisted West Indian coach Gordon Greenidge in preparing the Bangladesh National team for the ICC Trophy will finally receive recognition for their efforts as the government is going to award Taka one lakh to each of them.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader announced this while talking to a group of journalist at the Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Prothithan (BKSP) yesterday.

For United the night was a huge disappointment, ending hopes that they could win the European Cup for the first time since 1968 in the city which claimed the lives of eight of the "Busby Babes" in 1958.

Juventus, now into their fifth European Cup final in search of their third win, appeared determined to show what they were really made of after drawing 1-1 and then beating Ajax on penalties in last year's final in Rome.

Juve, Dortmund in final



MANCHESTER, Apr 24: Borussia Dortmund will know exactly what to expect from Juventus in the European Cup final on May 28 as almost half the team used to play for them, reports Reuter.

Juergen Kohler, Andreas Moeller, Julio Cesar, Paulo Sousa and Stefan Reuter will all be eager to get the better of their old club — while Matthias Sammer (ex-Inter Milan) and Karlheinz Reidle (ex-Lazio) also have first-hand knowledge of Serie A.

The German club face a daunting task in Munich against the reigning champion from Turin who reached the final for the second successive season beating Ajax 4-1 on Wednesday for a 6-2 aggregate victory.

Dortmund secured their place by beating Manchester United 1-0 at Old Trafford to follow up the 1-0 win in their Westfalen stadium two weeks ago.

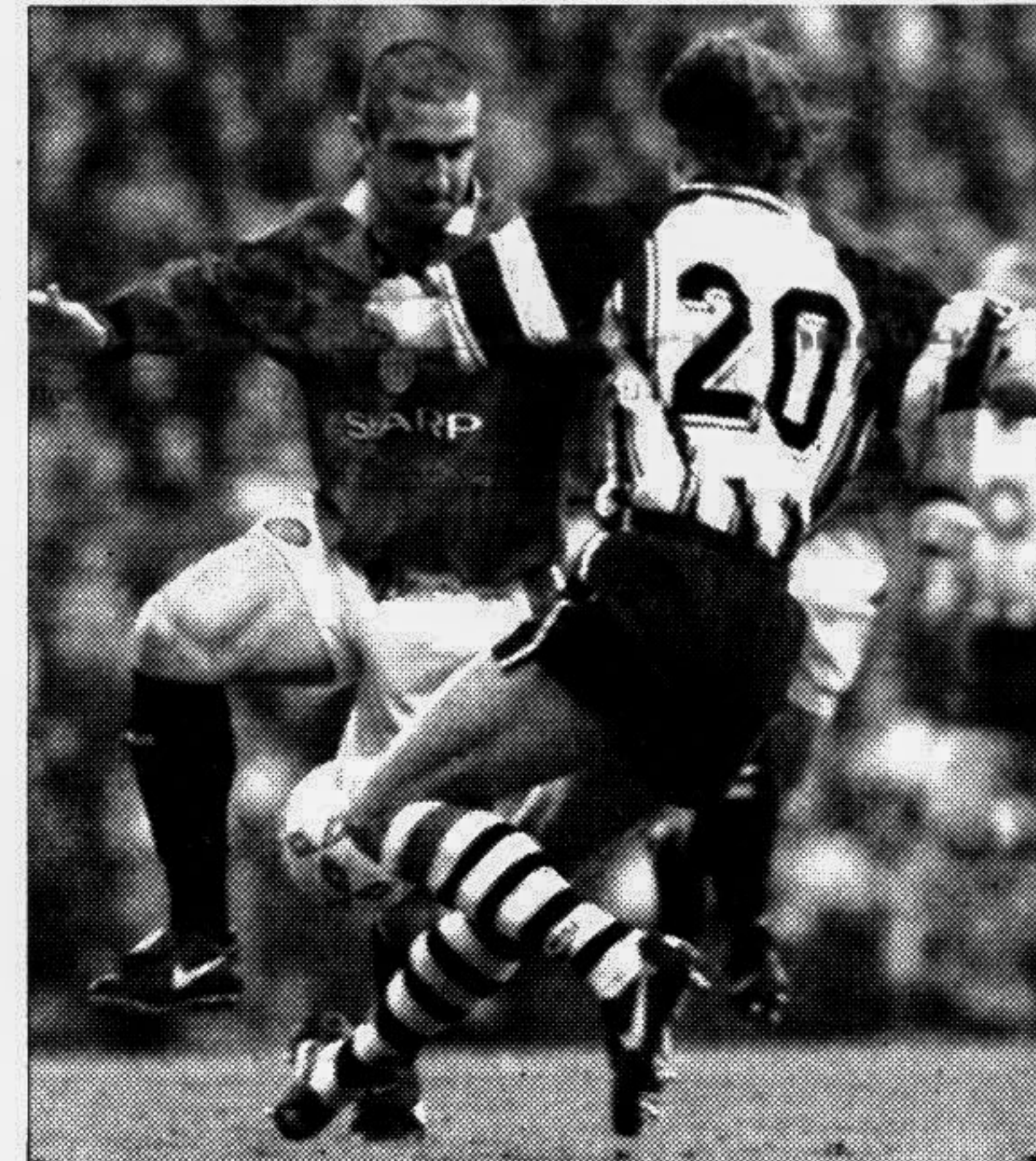
Juventus also beat United 1-0 at home and away earlier in the competition so in that respect the two teams approach the final as equals.

But in almost every other respect, Dortmund go in as underdogs and will have to produce something extraordinary to emulate Bayern Munich (1974-75-76) and Hamburg (1983) and bring Europe's most prestigious club trophy back to Germany for the first time in 14 years.

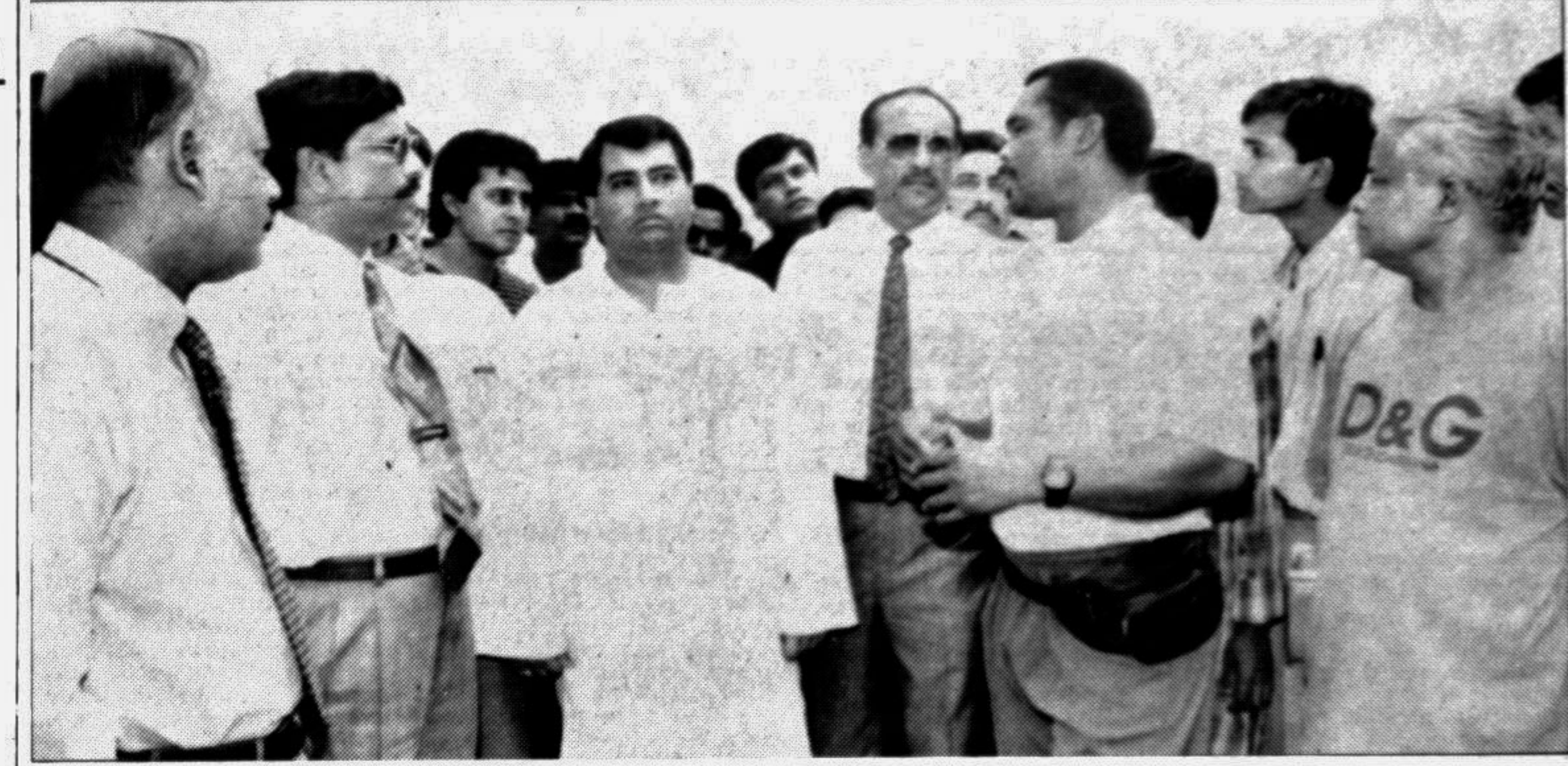
Although the Turin club, on course to celebrate their 100th anniversary as Italian, European and World Cup champions, it was beaten by the Germans 2-1 at home last season.

Dortmund will be bidding to win their first European trophy since lifting the Cup Winners' Cup in 1966.

Dortmund, missing five internationals including European-footballer-of-the-year Sammer, survived a battering



Manchester United's French international striker Eric Cantona (L) and Borussia Dortmund's Wolfgang Feiersinger engage in a tussle for the ball during their European Cup semifinal second leg match at Old Trafford on Apr 23.



Bangladesh cricket coach Gordon Greenidge (3rd from right) briefs State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader and BCB president Saber Hossain Chowdhury MP about the indoor training facilities of BKSP during a visit to Savar yesterday.

No pools in football

Sports Reporter

The executive committee of Bangladesh Football Federation yesterday in a meeting approved the by-laws for the forthcoming Senior Division football leagues.

The federation also decided not to introduce any pool system and force teams to field two new players in the first eleven.

According to the decisions of BFF, the six-day inter-club booters' transfer will begin from May 5. Each club will be allowed to register three foreign booters.

Besides, the federation also approved new provisions for fixed matches. Under the revised provisions, teams involved in match fixing will not only be stripped of any gains, in terms of points, but also lose three more from their account.

Libertadores Cup roundup

RIO DE JANEIRO, Apr 24: Former Libertadores Cup champions Grêmio suffered a shock 2-1 defeat against little-known Paraguayans Guarani in the second round of the South American Libertadores Cup on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

Defending champions River Plate, playing their opening match in the competition, drew 3-3 away to fellow Argentines Racing Club while 1994 winners Velez Sarsfield, also from Argentina, drew 0-0 away to Sporting Cristal of Peru.

Brazil's Gremio, who seldom seem to get through a match in the competition with all 11 players still on the field, had a player and their coach sent off in the first leg match in Asuncion.

Guarani, who live in the shadows of their country's traditional powers Cerro Porteno and Olimpia and are in the competition for the first time in 12 years, won with goals by Hugo Ovalar in the fourth and 82nd minutes.

In between Andre Silva scored for Gremio, winners in 1983 and 1995.

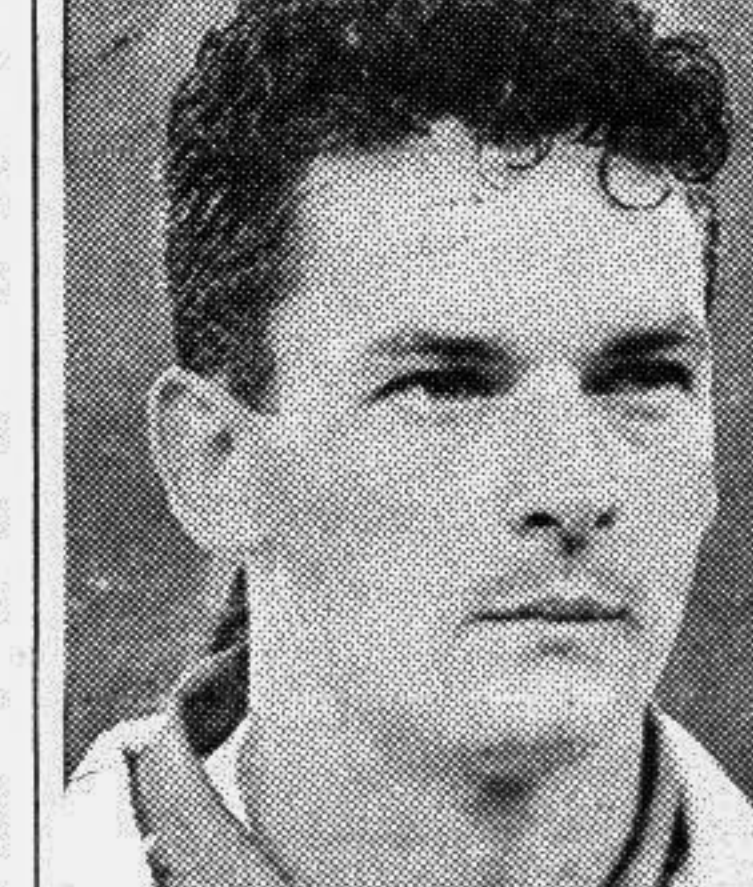
In the other ties played Wednesday, Bolivar of Bolivia drew 1-1 away to Minervén of Venezuela while Millonarios of Colombia beat Penarol 2-0 at home.

Laudrup out of action

COPENHAGEN, Apr 24: Danish national team captain Michael Laudrup will miss the World Cup European Group One qualifier against Slovenia in Copenhagen on April 30 after suffering a knee injury in Japan, reports Reuter.

Laudrup tore a knee ligament while playing for his Japanese team Vissel Kobe last week and he is expected to be out of action for 10 weeks which means he will also miss Denmark's World Cup qualifier with Bosnia on June 8.

Baggio recalled



ROME, Apr 24: AC Milan star Roberto Baggio received a surprise call-up to Italy's World Cup squad today, reports Reuter.

Baggio, 30, has 45 Italian caps but last played for the national team as a second-half substitute in a 1-0 European Championship qualifying win against Slovenia in September 1995.

Coach Cesare Maldini has called in Baggio as cover for Chelsea striker Gianfranco Zola, currently not 100 per cent fit ahead of next Wednesday's World Cup qualifier against Poland in Naples.

Fitness Gordon's priority

Sports Reporter



Bangladesh cricket coach Gordon Greenidge will emphasise physical fitness of the national cricketers in coming days, to prepare the team for the next World Cup proper to be held in England in 1999.

The former West Indian cricket legend, who helped Bangladesh win the sixth ICC Trophy and qualify for the World Cup, said this after inspecting the existing indoor training facilities at the Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Prothithan in Savar yesterday.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader, BCB president Saber Hossain Chowdhury MP, Bangladesh cricket manager Gaz Ashraf Hossain Lipu and other senior BCB and

BKSP officials were also present at the inspection. Speaking at an informal session in the BKSP conference room, Greenidge said his players were capable of playing good cricket and what they needed to further develop their skills were good physical condition.

"They have developed a good team spirit among themselves and only need to improve on the physical and mental strength," said Greenidge.

Besides this, Greenidge said the surface of the cricket pitches at the Dhaka Stadium and BKSP also needed improvement.

He said: "The wicket has to be conducive to the international level. We have to change the whole surface of the Dhaka Stadium."

Greenidge said the training facilities in BKSP were all right so far as far as the team's preparation for the ICC Trophy level was concerned, but to prepare for the big league things need to be upgraded.

"The whole cricket infrastructure of the country needs certain improvements," he said. "If we only look after the national team, that will take us back where we were. You have to look and begin from the grass-roots level."

Saber said that they have big plans to prepare the team for both the World Cup and the Asia Cup.

Talking to the press, Saber said that during the rainy season the Bangladesh team would be training indoors at the BKSP. "We had a detailed discussion with the DG, BKSP and the state minister today regarding the upgradation of the existing indoor training facilities, and they have assured us they will provide those as soon as possible," he said.

Saber said the BKSP's indoor gymnasium had to be extended in order to allow more space for pace bowlers' run-ups and the lighting arrangements had to be improved. He also said the hostel facilities would be improved to allow the cricketers more recreational facilities.

On the design of the proposed cricket stadium in Maghbar, Saber said, "We are already concerned about it. We will form a committee of experts to design the stadium which will be exclusively for cricket."

Saber also said two BCB members would go to Calcutta next month to attend a seminar on the preparation of pitches, and a foreign expert would be brought to make a good pitch at the Dhaka Stadium.

Finally, Saber said a cricket gymnasium would be built near the Dhaka Stadium as soon they found a suitable piece of land.

India joins the list

CHENNAI, Apr 24: India is among the bidder's to host the men's Olympic Games hockey qualifying tournament late in 1999 or early 2000, according to World Hockey, an international Hockey Federation official magazine, reports PTI.

The other countries, who have bid for the tournament are Australia, Belgium, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Japan and Malaysia. A decision on who will host the tournament will be chosen at the FIH council meeting in September.

Both Australia and USA, who have bid for many tournaments during this period have also informed the FIH that they would like to host one of the events that they have applied for.

Government of Bangladesh
Office of the AIG of Police (Telecom)
Rajarbagh, Bangladesh, Dhaka
Urgent Re-Tender Notice

No S-222/96-97 (Part-1)/446/Betar Dated: 16-4-97

Sealed tenders are invited for purchase of the following items for use in Bangladesh Police. Tender schedule will be sold from the office of the undersigned during office hours on cash payment of Tk 400/- (Four hundred) only (Non-refundable) for each set of tender schedule.

S No	Short description of purchasable items	Last date of selling tender document	Date and last time for receiving the tender	Date and time of opening the tender
1.	Electric Battery Charger	Up to 03-05-1997	04-05-97 at 12.00 hours	04-05-97 at 12.30 hours
2.	Computer, Printer and UPS.	- Do -	- Do -	- Do -
3.	Solar (Battery) Charger	- Do -	- Do -	- Do -

No tender schedule will be sold on the day i.e. on 04-05-97 fixed for opening tenders. Tenderers should submit their tenders along with forwarding letters duly typed in their pads with seal and signature.

The authority reserves the right to accept any tender and reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

MD Anisur Rahman Khan
AIG of Police (Telecom)
Rajarbagh, Bangladesh, Dhaka.

DFP-9643-21/4
G-1174

Directorate General Defense Purchase
Ministry of Defence
New Airport Road, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215
Tender Notice
(Local Currency)

1. Sealed tenders in local currency are invited from bonafide manufacturers/dealers/indentors (Not necessarily be enlisted with this Directorate General) for supply of the following items for Defence Services.

S/No	Description of items and quantity	Tender selling date	Tender opening date	Cost of tender form	Remarks
		From To			
a)	Dal Masur (Whole without Husk) — 700 Metric Tons.	13.4.97 13.5.97	14.5.97	100.00	

2. The tender schedule with detailed specification will be available at the fixed rate (Not refundable) on any working day between 0800 hours to 1200 hours. The tender will be opened at 1000 hours on the abovementioned date in presence of the present tenderers.

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DFP-9862-23/3
G-1172

Deputy Director Purchase (Army)
for Director General.

Directorate General Defence Purchase
Ministry of Defence
New Airport Road, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215
Tender Notice

1. Sealed tenders in local/foreign currency are invited from bonafide manufacturers/suppliers/indentors/dealers (enlistment with this Directorate General is not necessarily) for supply of the following items for Bangladesh Army:

Ser	Nomenclature	Qty	Selling Date	Date of Opening	Cost of I/T and Currency
1.	Accessories for Radio Set AN/PRC-77, VRC-64, PRC-1077, PRC-1099 & ET-100/MP. a. 5965-069-8886 Hand Set H-189/GR	370	29-4-97 to 09-6-97	11-6-97	40.00 (Foreign Currency)

2. Detailed specification, nomenclatures and quantity of items have been mentioned in the tender schedule. The tender schedule will be available on cash payment against the mentioned amount (not refundable) at abovementioned dates on any working day between 0800 hrs to 1300 hrs. The tender will be opened on aforesaid date at 1000 hrs in presence of all tenderers.

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G-1179

Major
For Director General

Attilio Lombardo opened the scoring in the 34th minute with a header from a corner by French midfielder Zinedine Zidane and Christian Vieri then volleyed in at close range following a Lombardo cross to make it 2-0 in the 36th.

Tijani Babangida could have put Ajax ahead after five minutes but his shot careered into the side-netting.

Ajax pulled a goal back in the 76th minute through Mario Melchiot but that seemed only to spur the champions to greater efforts — with Zidane at the heart of things.

In the 80th minute he set-up Nicola Amoroso after doing all the hard work and then passing for a simple tap-in.

Two minutes later he scored a Virtuoso goal as the fans chanted his name and that coach Marcello Lippi, who has now taken Juventus to three consecutive European finals, in 1995 they lost the UEFA Cup final to Parma.

Lippi said he did not think the fact that the final would be played in Germany would have much bearing on the outcome. Half the stadium will be behind us," he said. "We are the favourites but we will not be influenced by that."

Only Internazionale, who reached the UEFA Cup final on Tuesday by beating Monaco, have previously won the Italian league title, the European and World Cups in the same season. They achieved the feat in 1964-65.

Juninho expects famous' company

LONDON, Apr 24: Middlesbrough's brilliant striker Juninho is hoping two of his most famous predecessors in the Brazilian national side will come to watch him in next month's FA Cup final against Chelsea at Wembley, reports AFP.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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O R T A X O U I P B N B H O B
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Saturday's Cryptquip: THE HUNGRY ASTRO-NAUT WOULD MERELY DIG INTO A SANDWICH AT LAUNCH TIME.

Today's Cryptquip clue: R equals L

The Cryptquip 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.