

Akram & co get reception in Narayanganj

NARAYANGANJ, May 10: Narayanganj District Sports Association (NDSA) Friday accorded a reception to the Bangladesh cricket team which won the ICC Trophy, reports BSS.

The reception was attended by people of all walks of life. The people greeted the team members by showering flower petals.

Presided over by A K Fazlul Ahad, Deputy Commissioner of Narayanganj and president of Narayanganj District Sports Association, the reception was addressed by LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Zillur Rahman as the chief guest, State Minister for Youth and Sports, Obaidul Quader, as special guest.

Later the members of the victorious team received suit and blazer pieces presented by Asian Textile Mills Limited.

Mofazzal's new post

Sports Reporter

A S M Mofazzal Hossain, an international volleyball referee and joint-secretary of Bangladesh Volleyball Federation, has joined as the director of the Physical Education Department of Dhaka University recently.

Mofazzal, a Blue of Dhaka University and a former national colour who was the manager of Bangladesh Volleyball team in the third SAF Games, was a deputy director (sports) at the Public Administration Training Academy in Savar before joining the current post.

BSWA officials to attend AIPS congress

Sports Reporter

The 60th congress of the International Sports Press Association (AIPS) will be held in Oviedo, Spain from May 13 to 18.

A S M Roquibul Hasan and Rezaul Rahman Sohan, the president and general secretary of Bangladesh Sports Writers Association (BSWA), an affiliated member of the AIPS, will participate in the congress from Bangladesh. The BSWA officials will leave today.

After the AIPS congress, Sohan is also likely to attend an international sports seminar scheduled to be held in Greece from May 20 to 21 under the auspices of International Olympic Academy.

Sugar turns bitter

LONDON, May 10: Tottenham chairman Alan Sugar is threatening to quit the club if they do not win the Premiership title within the next two years, reports AFP.

And Sugar, who has spent more than 10 million pounds (around 16 million dollars) since taking over at White Hart Lane in 1991, has rubbished reports that former Spurs ace Jürgen Klinsmann could on his ways back to north London to lead a title charge.

Two Brazilian soccer bosses banned

RIO DE JANEIRO, May 10: Two leading Brazilian soccer club presidents were suspended on Friday in the wake of a corruption scandal, the Brazilian Football Confederation (CBF) said, reports Reuters.

Mario Cesar Petraglia, president of Atletico Paranaense, and Alberto Duarib, president of Corinthians, were banned from any soccer-related activity as a preventative measure, said CBF spokesman Nelson Borges.

Ivens Mendes, the president of the CBF's refereeing department who resigned on Wednesday was also suspended, the bans will last until an inquiry has been completed, Borges said.

The scandal erupted after Globo television played a recording of a telephone conversation which it said was between Mendes and Petraglia. The recording was sent in anonymously, Globo said.

The man identified as Mendes asked Petraglia for 23,600 dollars and offered to ask a referee to give Petraglia's club Atletico a helping hand in a Copa Brasil match they were to play at home to Vasco da Gama.

He also told Petraglia to instruct his players to mark Vasco striker Edmundo tightly, adding: "He gets angry easily."

The man identified as Petraglia told Mendes in reply that his secretary would look after the matter.

Globo also played a tape of a conversation which it said was between Mendes and Duarib and which it claimed was evidence of an exchange of favours between the two.

CBF president Ricardo Teixeira said on Friday that the Copa Brasil, now at its semifinal stage, would carry on.

Atletico won the match in question, a second round, first leg game 3-1. Edmundo, who has a record of sendings-off, and Atletico defender Andrei were both dismissed in the first half for fighting. Edmundo said: "It was a huge injustice."

Atletico went on to win the tie on aggregate but were subsequently knocked out in the quarterfinals by Corinthians, who lost 2-1 at home to Gremio in the first leg of a semifinal on Thursday night.

Astle astounds Pakistan



MOHALI, India, May 10: Nathan Astle hit a century and took four wickets as New Zealand grabbed a

22-run victory over Pakistan in a high-scoring start to the four-nation Independence Cup one-day tournament on Friday, reports Reuters.

Man-of-the-match Astle cracked 117 runs off 132 balls in New Zealand's total of 285 for seven from 50 overs, before subduing Pakistan's reply with figures of four for 43.

Pakistan began their run-chase on a rousing note as Shahid Afridi hammered a beligerent 59 off 46 balls, with four boundaries and two towering sixes off medium-fast bowler Andrew Penn.

Ijaz Ahmed and Salim Malik bolstered the Pakistan score with an 81-run fourth-wicket stand off 103 balls, but Pakistan lost momentum after their departure against accurate bowling by Astle and Larsen, backed by some brilliant fielding.

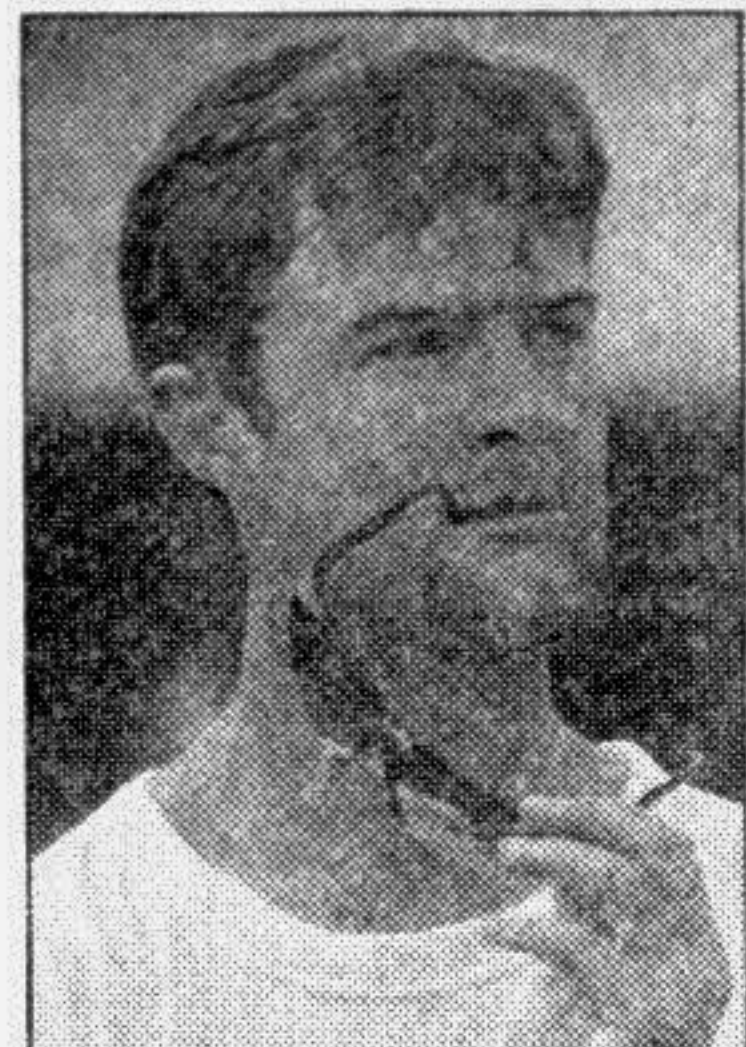
Earlier, Astle and fellow opener Bryan Young put on 155 off 145 balls against a straying Pakistani attack to register New Zealand's highest first-wicket stand in 48 one-day matches.

Astle's chanceless knock came off 132 balls, with two sixes and eight fours on an excellent batting pitch.

Young's 59 came off 65 balls and contained five boundaries

before he was yorked by an in-swinging from paceman Abdul Razzak. Off-spinner Saqlain Mushtaq, who took three for 38, was Pakistan's best bowler.

India and Sri Lanka are the other two teams in the tournament commemorating 50 years



ASTLE... m-o-m

of India's independence from Britain.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in the Independence Cup one-day cricket tournament's opening match between Pakistan and New Zealand on Friday:

NEW ZEALAND
Young b Razzak 59
Astle st Moin b Afridi 117
Horrie b Saqlain 45

Cairns b Aaqib 17
Fleming c and b Saqlain 9
Harris b Saqlain 4
Patel run out 4
Parore not out 16
Larsen not out 1
Extras: (lb-2, nb-2, w-9) 13
Total (for 7 wks, 50 overs) 285
Did not bat: A Penn, H Davis
Fall of wickets: 1-155; 2-234; 3-236; 4-256; 5-264; 6-264; 7-282

Bowling
Razzak 7 0 45 1
Aaqib 8 0 70 1
Afridi 10 0 49 1
Saqlain 10 0 38 3
Hussain 5 0 36 0
Malik 10 0 45 0

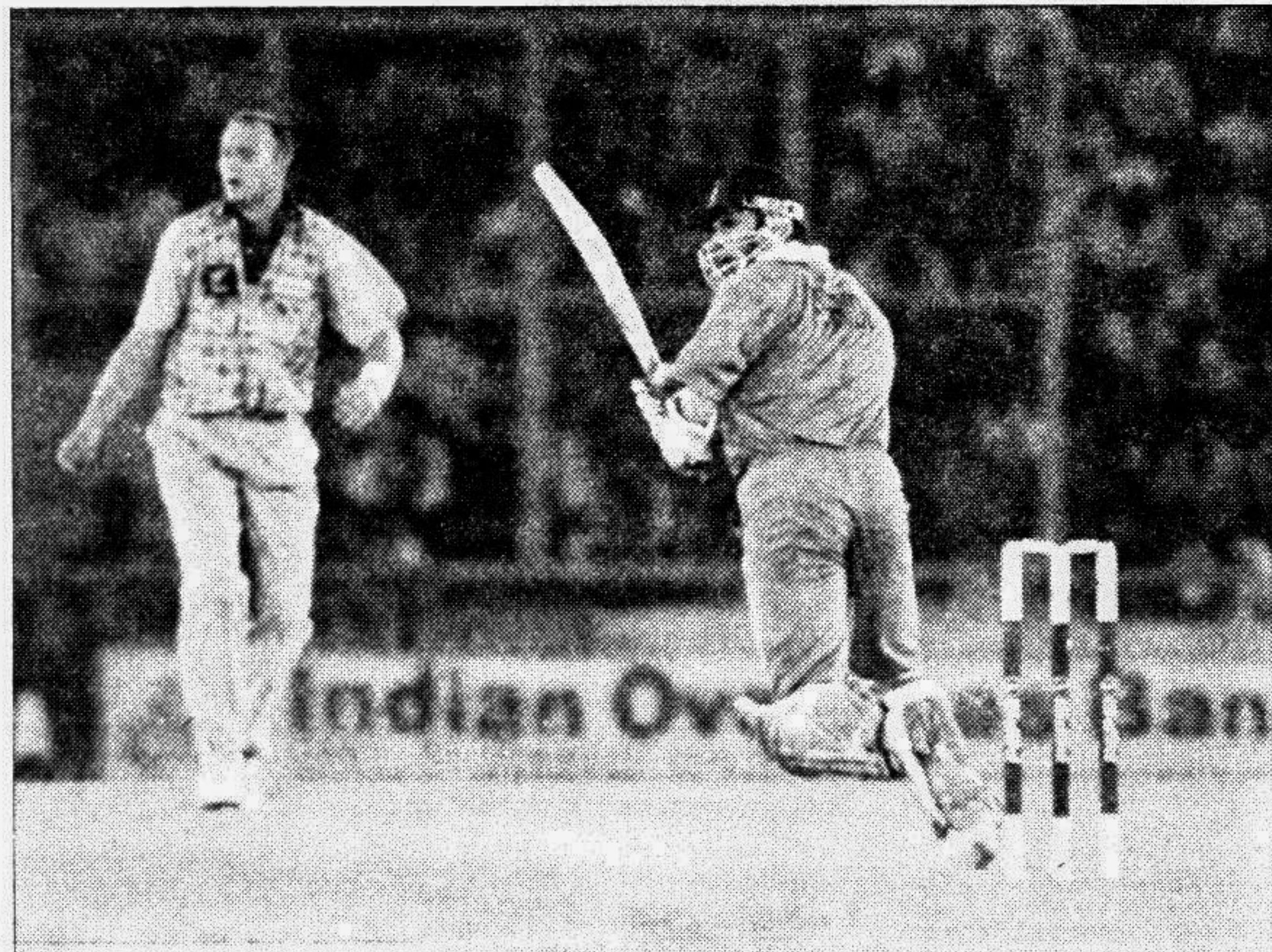
PAKISTAN

Anwar c Harris b Penn 17
Afridi b Larsen 59
Raja run out 11
Ijaz lbw b Astle 50
Malik c Harris b Astle 47
Inzamam c Harris b Patel 30
Moin c Fleming b Astle 16
Hussain c Davis b Larsen 1
Razzak st Parore b Astle 8
Mushtaq not out 6
Aaqib not out 6
Extras: (lb-2; nb-3; w-7) 12
Total (for 9 wks, 50 overs) 263
Fall of wickets: 1-45; 2-92; 3-106; 4-187; 5-220; 6-232; 7-242; 8-243; 9-256

Bowling
Penn 6 0 50 1
Davis 6 0 39 0
Harris 10 2 34 0
Larsen 10 0 46 2
Patel 10 0 49 1
Astle 8 0 43 4

Result: New Zealand won by 22 runs.

Man-of-the-match: Nathan Astle.



Pakistan's Shahid Afridi (R) flicks Andrew Penn of New Zealand during the opening match of the Independence Cup in Chandigarh on May 9.

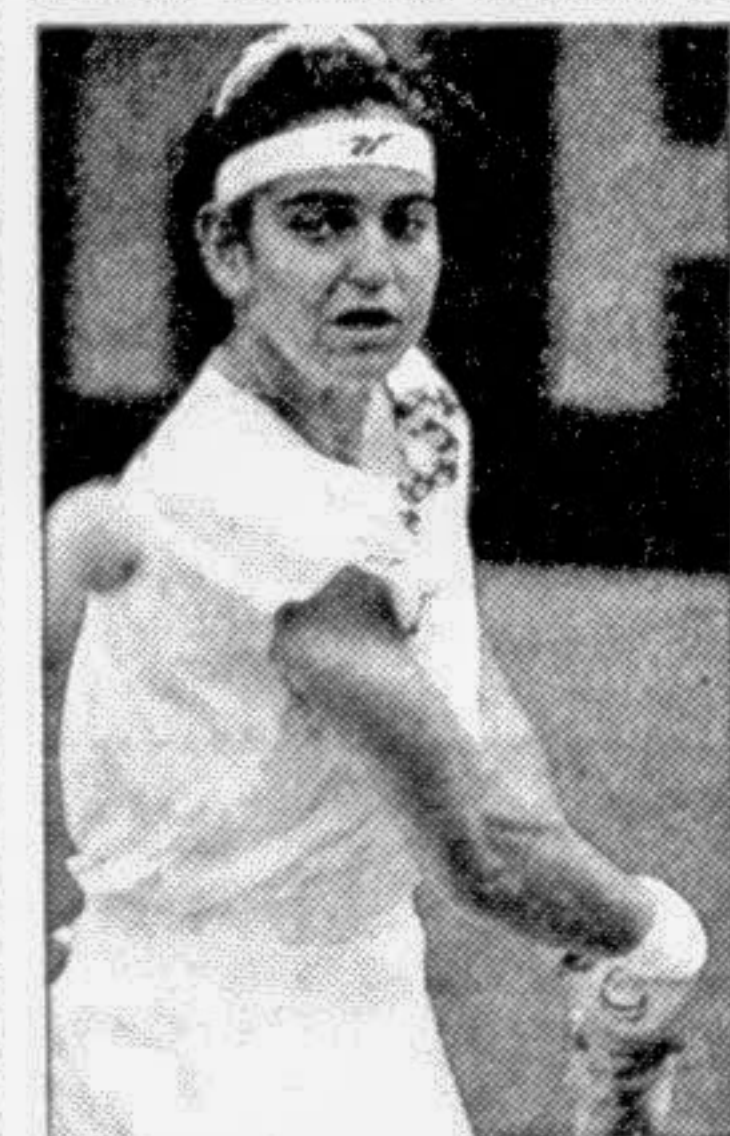
Schnyder stuns Sanchez



ROME, May 10: Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario, hampered by an arm injury, bowed out of the Italian

Open quarterfinals Friday, losing in straight sets to Swiss teenager Patty Schnyder, report agencies.

Sanchez-Vicario, the second seed in Rome, said after the 6-1, 6-1 defeat that she had pulled a right arm muscle during the opening game of the match, making it difficult to serve or



SANCHEZ-VICARIO hit her forehead.

"It was really hurting. But I'm a professional, and even with pain you can keep playing and hope for a miracle in order

Danish booter signs for Magpies

COPENHAGEN, May 10: Danish international forward Jon Dahl Tomasson has signed a five-year contract with English Premiership side Newcastle, according to newspaper reports here on Friday, reports AFP.

The B T and Politiken dailies said the 20-year-old moves from his current club Heerenveen in the Netherlands this summer for a fee of about 3.6 million dollars.

TODAY'S MATCHES

23rd National Cricket Championship: (Final, Venue: Dhaka Stadium)

Chittagong vs Biman

Green Delta First Division Hockey League: (Venue: Hockey Stadium)

Sonali Bank vs Azad SC (2 pm)

Usha KC vs Victoria SC (4 pm)

to win the match," the right-handed Spaniard said.

Sanchez, who has never won the Italian Open and would have been in line to play compatriot and four-time champion Conchita Martinez in the semifinals, said the injury was one she had never previously experienced in her career.

Sanchez added that 18-year-old Schnyder outplayed her and complimented her on her game.

The Swiss youngster was 3-0 up before Sanchez managed to stave off six break points to hold serve for the first time.

She was broken again for 5-1 when the left-hander hit a fortunate net cord that left Sanchez no chance.

The second set also saw the

Steve keeps on winning

CORAL SPRINGS, Florida, May 10: Steve Campbell, who upset former world No. 1 Jim Courier last week, continued his impressive run Friday with a 6-1, 6-3 victory over Sargis Sargsian to advance to the semifinals of America's Red Clay Championship, reports AP.

The former Rich University standout and four-time Michigan state high school champion, who beat Courier at the AT & T Challenge, joined seeded Jonas Bjorkman, defending champion Jason Stoltenberg and Johan van Herick in the semifinals of the Red Clay.

Campbell, who beat fifth-seeded Byron Black this week, entered the tournament ranked 193rd and is already assured of moving into the 150s with the victory over Sargisian, of Armenia, who was ranked 88th.

Campbell will play Bjorkman, who defeated Spain's Juan Albert Viloca 6-4, 6-4, 7-6 (7-2). Stoltenberg beat qualifier David Witt 6-1, 7-5 and will face Van Herick of Belgium, who beat Australian Mark Woodforde 3-6, 6-2, 6-3.

Bjorkman, who has made it to the semifinals of five tournaments this year, is 29-10 in 1997.

Campbell, who is well-known on the satellite tour, was a virtual unknown on the ATP until last week.

But the confidence he displayed in knocking off Courier 2-6, 6-4, 6-3 was once again on display against Sargisian. The two had played one other time last year with Campbell winning in three sets.

Campbell was especially strong in the service game where he won 76 per cent of his first serve points and 53 per cent of his second serve points. Those numbers for Sargisian were 62 and 19.

42nd-ranked Swiss romp to a 3-0 lead before Sanchez managed to break back.

The effort proved in vain as Schnyder, making the first quarter-final appearance of her career, closed the match with the Spaniard taking only one further point off her.

Martinez, who has already notched up a record four consecutive Italian Open wins, stormed into the last four with a 6-0, 6-4 defeat of South African Joannette Kruger.

Also into the semifinals at the dlr 926,250 event was Mary Pierce, who followed up her ouster of top seed Monica Seles with a 6-3, 6-4 defeat of Romania's Ruxandra Dragomir, the 14th seed.

Pierce will next face No. 11 Barbara Paulus of Austria, who won her quarterfinal match with No. 7 Irina Spirlea 6-4, 6-2.

Any fatigue suffered following Thursday night's late game was not evident as Pierce floated elegantly around the court lashing ferocious forehands past the losing 1997 Hamburg finalist.

Pierce gave every impression of enjoying her performance, beaming broadly at a particularly well-timed shot in marked contrast to some of the other players in action.



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Remembering Sir Matt

MANCHESTER, May 10: Sir Matt Busby, the man who began the footballing dynasty at Manchester United, will be honoured by the Old Trafford supporters just hour before the class of '97 celebrate their latest championship triumph, reports AFP.

A black marble memorial plaque which shows Sir Matt in his proudest hour holding aloft the European Cup in 1968 has been commissioned following a fundraising drive by United fans and will be unveiled at noon on Sunday before the last game of the season against West Ham.

A statue of busby already overlooks the stadium forecourt, looking out over the former Warwick Road which was renamed Sir Matt Busby Way when the great man died in 1994.

Nat'l Bank v'ball

Power Development Board (PDB) Club came from behind to beat Police AC 5-15, 8-15, 15-5, 15-8, 18-16 in the Metropolitan National Bank Premier Division volleyball league at the Volleyball Stadium, reports UNB.

In the day's other match, Sonali Bank got walkover against Brothers Union Club.

Today's matches: Bangladesh Rifles vs Dhaka Sabuj, Titas Club vs Wari Club, Sonali Bank vs Bangladesh Bank, and Water Development Board (WDB) vs Brothers Union.

France in ad dilemma

PARIS, May10: France faces the dilemma of breaking its own laws on depriving French TV viewers of seeing next year's World Cup finals if it allows a US brewer to advertise at the World Cup venues, reports Reuters.

The Anheuser-Busch brewery has signed a contract with world soccer body FIFA worth about 100 million francs (25 million dollars) for the right to advertise its Budweiser beer in the 10 World Cup stadiums during the June 10-July 12 tournament next year.

But France's law prohibits the televised broadcasting of competitions in France held in stadiums where there are advertisements for alcoholic drinks.

The advertisements themselves are not illegal but broadcasting them is.

"A June 1994 amendment has made it legal to put up panels advertising alcoholic drinks at sporting venues," a spokeswoman for France's sports ministry said on Wednesday.

"And a 1995 code of good conduct allows the broadcasting in France of events taking place abroad at venues where there are such panels," she said. "The government is trying to find a way of resolving the problem by amending this code to include international events taking place in France."

"They should reach a solution after the holidays, in September."

Betting on in Toronto

TORONTO, May 10: Michael Johnson was quick out of the blocks but Donovan Bailey is gaining on him, reports AP.

That's the opinion of bettors in Las Vegas. Sports books in that gambling Mecca listed Johnson as the early favourite in their 150-metre dash at the SkyDome on June 1, but the early money is going on Bailey.

At the Stardust Hotel, Johnson is a 2 dollar favourite, meaning bettors have to put up 2 dollars to win 1 dollar if the 200-metre world record-holder wins. Bailey backers need to put up 1 dollar to get a 2 dollar return if the Canadian 100-metre world record-holder wins.

"It was more of a novelty at first," said Bob Succit, a manager in the Stardust's race and sports book. "We had a lot of lookers and not a lot of people wagering. Lately it's picked up and most of the money is going on Bailey."

Johnson also is the slight favourite at the Mirage. There, bettors put down 2.10 dollar to win 1 dollar on Johnson, 1.70 dollar on Bailey to win 1 dollar.



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National captain Akram Khan (L) being greeted by Jatiya Party chairman and former president H M Ershad at a reception accorded to the cricket team at a city hotel last night.

— Star photo

England's quest for quicks



LONDON, May 10 (Reuters): Nestled against the cricket scoreboards and fixtures on the sports pages of a leading British newspaper, one advertisement stands out like a beacon.

"The search is on this summer for the next generation of strike bowlers... you don't have to be a cricketer, just big and strong and reckon you can... bowl quick."

The advert spells out the desperate shortage of strike bowlers in English cricket since their last world-class fast bowler, Bob Willis, hung up his boots 13 years ago.

It is now 10 years since England last won an Ashes series and there is still little to suggest they can field and attack this year capable of dismissing the Australian tourists twice.

The primary worry of the New England selection panel

before the six-Test Ashes series will be the mental and physical state of Dominic Cork, so effective in his debut series against the West Indies two years ago and so ineffectual on the winter tour of Zimbabwe and New Zealand.

Cork lost his late outswinger, appeared to be straining for pace and is anyway currently injured and unlikely to play in the one-day series this month.

Darren Gough, who experienced his own fall from grace after a successful tour of Australia in 1994-95, bounced back during the winter.

Enthusiastic, with a wicked bouncer and steep in-ducker, Gough's sling action makes it unlikely he will ever command consistent control of line and length.

He is though, England's one prospective match-winner, if the selectors decide against another chance for 34-year-old

Devon Malcolm.

Glamorgan off-spinner Robert Croft impressed in Zimbabwe and New Zealand, but even in his most successful county season last year still conceded 30 runs a wicket.

The shortage of fast bowlers in English cricket is not new. What must be of equal concern to the selectors is the shortage of old-fashioned line-and-length bowlers.

Angus Fraser, apparently no longer required for national duty, can at least be guaranteed to put six consecutive balls on the same side of the pitch. Few others, including Andrew Caddick who is likely to open the bowling with Gough, instill the same confidence.

England's chief hope of putting pressure on Australian rests with an undeniably talented batting line up.

Alec Stewart, a throwback to the model professionals who once kept England at the top of the cricketing world, will bat at number three and keep wicket.

Captain Mike Atherton, equally professional in attitude, will open the batting while Graham Thorpe and John Crawley, despite indifferent early season form, are assured of middle-order berths.

Newspaper columns, radio and television programmes and innumerable pub conversations have been devoted over the past month to discussing the state of England's national summer game.

A new chief executive as well as a new selection committee is in place and the perennial optimists find spring time signs that the tide is turning.

but the advertisements and posters seeking a fast bowler for the millennium may unwittingly reveal more than they intend about the lack of structure in the English game beyond the counties.

The final selection will not be made by any of England's former heroes but instead by those old Australian warriors Dennis Lillee and Jeff Thomson.

And the winner, having nowhere to go in England to learn his trade, will win a scholarship to Lillee's fast bowling academy in India.



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