

Pioneer football

Sports Reporter
Eight Pioneer football league matches were played in different parts of the city yesterday.

Islampur Uttaranga Sangha recorded a 2-0 victory over Sutrapur Sporting Club in one of three matches held at the Dhupkhola ground.

In the next match, Mansoor Sporting Club handed Aga Nagar Sporting Club a 0-6 defeat.

Mohsin and Sajjad struck twice each while Kabir and Nasir added one apiece to the winners credit.

The day's other match between Eastern Sporting Club and Shoukhin Sporting Club ended in a 4-4 draw.

At the Rajuk Ground, K R Boys Club defeated Rising Star Football Club 3-1. Imran scored two goals for the winners in the fourth and 43rd minutes while Zia netted the other in-between in the 15th minute.

On the other hand, Nayan reduced the margin for Rising Star in the 52nd minute. In the other match, Surjo Sena Sporting Club topped Azampur Kishore Sangha 3-1.

Way at the Dhanmudi Club ground, Kalindi Kirra Chakra recorded a solitary goal victory over Dhaka Mahanagari Jubo Proshikkhan Kendra. Dinesh scored the lone match winner 11 minutes into the first half.

In the next match, Nawab Katra Kirra Chakra beat Lalbagh Kirra Chakra 2-1. Zahid and Belal scored one each for the winners in the 18th and 54th minutes respectively while Faruque reduced the margin for Lalbagh in the 64th minute.

At the Jagannath University ground, Avijatrik registered a solitary goal win over Abdul Hadi Lane Sporting Club. After a barren first half, Tazul struck the all-important match winner in the 57th minute.

Youth soccer Japan move into second round

KUALA LUMPUR, June 24: Japan kept alive Asia's dwindling challenge at the World Youth Soccer Championship when they drew 3-3 with Paraguay on Monday to reach the knockout stage, reports Reuter.

Japan who finished runners-up in Group D now face a second round clash with Australia, who beat defending champions Argentina 4-2 after Kosta Salapasis scored all the goals.

The Japanese led 3-2 after an hour through goals from Jojo in the 31st minute, Hirovama (45th) and Yanagisawa (60th). But Samoio equalised for Paraguay with 15 minutes left.

China and South Korea both failed to live up to their pre-tournament promise, while Malaysia and the United Arab Emirates seemed out of their depth.

However, the Emirates stunned favoured Ivory Coast 2-0 on a day of surprise results to enter the second round. In Group F England finished top with maximum points after beating Mexico 1-0.

England will play Argentina in what is expected to be the top clash of the second round. Argentina's defeat means the defending champions are in the same half of the draw as Brazil, who headed Group C and have looked to be the dominant side of the tournament.

Following is the draw for the knockout stage of the World Youth Soccer championship: Top half Uruguay vs United States - Wednesday, June 25 at Shah Alam.

Mexico vs France - Wednesday at Kuching. Ghana vs United Arab Emirates - Thursday, June 26 at Alor Setar.

Australia vs Japan - Thursday at Kangar. Bottom half Ireland vs Morocco - Wednesday at Shah Alam. Spain vs Canada - Thursday at Kuantan.

Brazil vs Belgium - Wednesday at Kuching. England vs Argentina - Thursday at Johor Baru. Quarterfinals - Sunday, June 29. Semifinals - Wednesday, July 2. Third-place play-off - Saturday, July 5. Final - Saturday, July 5.

Wednesday 25th June (All programmes are in local time. There may be changes in the programmes) BBC 6:00am BBC World News 6:30 Time Out: Film 97 7:00 BBC World News in Asia. World Business Report/Asia Today/24 Hours 10:00 BBC World News 10:30 World Focus: Britain in View 11:00 BBC Newsdesk 12:30 Hard Talk 1:00 BBC World News 1:30 World Focus: The Money Programme 2:00 BBC World News 2:30 Time Out: Top Gear 3:00 BBC Newsdesk in Asia 4:00 BBC Newsdesk in Asia Today & World Business Report 5:00 BBC World News 5:10 Newsnight

CHANNEL V 6:00am Hebal VJ Alessandra 7:00 Rewind VJ Sophiya 8:00 Frame by Frame 11:00 The Vibe VJ Lulu 12:00 Rewind VJ Sophiya 1:00 By Demand VJ Liberty 2:00 Frame by Frame 2:30 Liberty First Day First Show 3:00 Soul Curry 3:30 Son of Time Pass 4:00 Planet Ruby 4:30 Big Bang VJ Alessandra 6:00pm Rewind VJ Sophiya 7:00 By Demand VJ Liberty 8:00 V's 9:00 The Vibe 9:30 Videcon Mangta Hai 10:00 Liberty First Day First Show 10:30 Mojo Working 11:00 House of News VJ Lulu 12:00am Rewind VJ

STAR SPORTS 6:30am ASP World Championships Tokushima World Challenge 7:30 Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championships 1st Rnd HL 8:30 International Tests New Zealand v Argentina From Wellington 10:30 Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championships 1997 From London, UK 1st Round 4:30 World League of American Football World Bowl 7:00 Live Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championships 1997 From London, UK 2nd Round 1:30 English Cricket Natwest Trophy Round 1 Middlesex v Kent

STAR PLUS 6:30 Ninasad 7:30 Good Morning India 9:00 Five To Five 10:30 Comedy: State Park 15 1:30 Thriller: Arctic Blue 15

STAR MOVIES 7:30am Action: 8 Seconds 15, 9:30 Classic: Hell And High Water 12 (Arabic Subtitles) 11:30 Comedy: State Park 15 1:30 Thriller: Arctic Blue 15

WINDOW ON WIMBLEDON

From Tawfiq Aziz Khan



LONDON, June 24: The 'Swiss Miss' had a very busy time at the office today. At the brand new court No 1 almost a packed stand watched in bewilderment the predicament of the world number one in which she was in.

A little known Anne Kremer of the tiny state of Luxembourg ran the court up and down to return high-class ground strokes of Martina Hingis. In the process she also made her much more illustrious opponent equally busy around the courts to counter some of the most powerful strokes played so far in the championships this year.

It was rather a daunting task for the 21-year-old girl who played only her second match in the Championships in as many years.

Last year she lost to Japanese Sugiyama in the first round. Strangely today, Hingis contested a number of line calls, which she normally avoids, all of whom were turned down by the chair umpire. She also threw down her racket a number of times in sheer desperation.

But the smiling Martina soon composed herself and put on a broad grin for which she is loved by the spectators. The scores of the match do not justify the defiance and finesse produced by the little (1.65 metre) girl from Luxembourg.

ATP's top money earners MONACO, June 24: (Reuter): Leading prize-money winners issued by the ATP Tour today: 1. Muster (Austria) \$ 857,690 2. Chang (US) 855,383 3. Kuerten (Brazil) 833,021 4. Corretia (Spain) 811,987 5. Sampras (US) 809,107 6. Rios (Chile) 805,322 7. Bruguera (Spain) 778,718 8. Ivanisevic (Croatia) 719,201 9. Mantilla (Spain) 628,333 10. Woodbridge (Aus) 623,897 11. Medvedev (Russia) 619,624 12. Costa (Spain) 616,239 13. Philippoussis (Aus) 555,824 14. Woodforde (Aus) 552,939 15. Kafelnikov (Russia) 552,563 16. Moya (Spain) 531,804 17. Krajcek (Netherlands) 512,791 18. Rafter (Australia) 462,141 19. Bjorkman (Sweden) 465,163 20. Haarhuis (Netherlands) 426,488

While basketball superstar Michael Jordan might disagree, the 34-year-old Holyfield says "No matter how often you win, there is always something left to prove."

Co-trainer Tommy Brooks, who has been working on Holyfield's conditioning, expects Holyfield will be even better this time around.

Tyson engaged in a far ranging and animated conversation with a group of writers, talking about topics as diverse as child rearing to his anger at getting bad press.

When it was over, Tyson lingered in the billiard room at promoter Don King's house, where the former heavyweight champion even thanked writers for coming.

"He (King) had to beg me to come and talk to you because of what you guys write and say about me," Tyson said early into the interview.

By the end of the session, though, Tyson was telling humorous stories and acknowledging that perhaps his media coverage wasn't all that bad.

As a student of boxing history, Tyson knows his place in some of the biggest heavyweight fights of recent years.

So he didn't hesitate when ranking the fight with Holyfield.

"It's probably the biggest fight ever," Tyson said simply.

Just days before the rematch with Holyfield that might define his boxing career, Tyson was so relaxed that at one point he broke into singing the theme song from the television show "Mr Roger's Neighbourhood" as he discussed rearing his three children.

Tyson, who will earn some 30 million dollars for his effort to regain the title, said he has enough money to last him for life, but acknowledged being a big spender.

On a weekend, he said, he might spend 250,000 dollars on various things.

Evander's more to prove

LAS VEGAS, June 24: Evander Holyfield may be the reigning heavyweight champion, having earned the title by soundly beating Mike Tyson last November, but he still has something left to prove in their rematch on Saturday, report agencies.

"It's special for him because everyone says the first fight was a fluke, that Tyson didn't respect him and didn't train," Holyfield's trainer Don Turner said Monday.

The Holyfield camp claim to be much less amazed than the rest of the boxing world over their fighter's 11th-round victory over Tyson in their first meeting on Nov 6, but there is still that nagging public perception problem that another beating of the former champ may resolve.

"I think it was an upset for people who don't know about boxing," Turner said. "It wasn't an upset for us. We never expected anything different."

Baresi, 37, said he would stay at the club as a vice-president and would also work with the youth team.

"I'm here to confirm that I'm leaving competitive football," he told a packed news conference in Milan. "I've thought about it a lot but I think now's the right moment."

"I'm as moved now as I was when I made my debut. I still can't believe it."

Baresi made his Serie A debut with Milan in 1978 and played his last match for the five-times European champions at the end of the 1996-97 season.

When he played his final game at the San Siro earlier this month home fans hung banners around the stadium which read: "stay with us."

In all, Baresi played 716 official games at the heart of the Milan defence, winning six Italian league titles and three European Cups.

He also played 81 times for his country. Only goalkeeper Dino Zoff (112) and defender Giacinto Facchetti (94) have made more appearances for Italy.

Paolo Maldini, who succeeded Baresi as captain of both Milan and Italy, also has 81, as does midfielder Marco Tardelli.

Born in the northern town of Travagliato on May 8, 1960, Baresi was an orphan by the time he made his Serie A debut for Milan on April 23 1978 at the age of 17.

He stayed with the club when they were relegated to Serie B for two seasons in the early

1980s and then helped guide them to two European Cups under former national team coach Arrigo Sacchi in 1989 and 1990.

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But the match ended in tears as he missed a spot-kick and Italy lost on Penalties.

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ALL-ENGLAND AT A GLANCE

LONDON, June 24 (Reuter): First day snippets at Wimbledon on Monday: Quote of the day: "When I won I was almost as happy as when I won the French Open."

Iva Majoli after beating Argentina's Mariana Diaz Oliva, ranked 85th in the world. She had never previously won a match at Wimbledon.

Stat of the day: 41. The number of Wimbledon singles titles shared by former champions Rod Laver, John Newcombe, John McEnroe, Boris Becker, Pete Sampras, Louise Brough, Margaret Court, Billie Jean King, Chris Evert and Martina Navratilova, present at the official opening of the new number one court.

Jam delays strawberry fans: The All England Club were forced to apologise after many spectators were forced to endure long delays on their way to the grounds. A combination of extra security checks, water-logged car parks and traffic controls prompted the chaos.

Singing in the rain: A sobering sight greeted those still recovering from Cliff Richard's impromptu sing-song during a Centre Court rain delay last week. The singer was spotted outside the main gates in the morning, but turned out to be a lookalike performer, hired for the day by a supermarket chain.

Worldwide view: Television coverage of Wimbledon is being beamed to 167 countries. Only 35 of them have a representative in the first round of the men's singles.

Ronaldo still Barcelona's?

BARCELONA, June 24: Barcelona President Jose Luis Nunez said on Monday that Brazilian striker Ronaldo still belonged to the club and could be called on to play in the Spanish Cup final, reports Reuter.

It signalled another twist in Ronaldo's complicated move to Internazionale of Italy.

Ronaldo's lawyer had on Friday paid the four billion pesetas (27.6 million dollars) theoretically needed to make him a free agent.

But Nunez maintained: "He's still a club player. At the same time, the Spanish football federation, citing a FIFA circular, reaffirmed its refusal to allow Inter to sign Ronaldo without negotiating with Barcelona."

Nunez said he would wait to see if Brazil qualified for the final of the Copa America before deciding whether or not to call upon Ronaldo for Barcelona's Spanish Cup final against Real Betis.

Barcelona's position has been boosted by the confirmation of the federation's stance. The federation has been informed by FIFA that the payment of 'withdrawal clauses' stipulated in Spanish contracts is valid only for transfers within the country and that moves abroad must be negotiated.

Copa's top scorers KUALA LUMPUR, June 24: Leading goal scorers after the league stage of the World Youth Football Championships, reports AFP.

Nine goals: Adalton Martins (Brazil) Four: David Trezeguet (France), Kostas Salapasis (Australia) Three: Eduardo Lillingston (Mexico), Daniel Murphy and Michale Owens (England), Gunter van Handenhoven (Belgium), Thierry Henry (France), Shinji Jog (Japan), Bernardo Romeo and Roman Riquelme (Argentina).

Two: Walter Coelho (Uruguay), Park Jin-Suo (South Korea), Trevor Moley and Michael Cummins (Ireland), Harutaka Ono and Atsushi Yanagisawa (Japan), Jose Rodriguez and Francisco Zapata (Spain), Fernando da Costa and Junior (Brazil), Moegamad Hartly (South Africa).

TODAY'S MATCHES Green Delta First Division League (Venue: Hockey Stadium) Bangladesh SC vs Victoria SC (2:15 pm) Mohammedan SC vs Mariner Youngs Club (4 pm) Office Cricket League Bitan vs Regense Lines (DCS)

yaram's Cine Magic 5:30 Through The Gears 6:00 Kodak Kick Kick 6:30 Gaanee Anjane 7:00 Disney Hour 8:00 Paying Guest 8:30 Mrs Madhuri Dixit 9:00 Khedi 9:30 The Bangal Appli Baat 10:00 Teacher 10:30 The News 11:00 Parampara 11:30 Karz 12:00 Saileab 12:30 TVS Sa Re Ga Ma 1:00 Vakkalet 1:30 Zee Horror Show 2:00 Paying Guest 2:30 Roshani 3:00 Hindi Future Film: Pyar Ki baatein 5:30 Suno Bhai Sadho

Amr Prem 10:00 Archies Top of the Tops 10:30 Stand By 10:45 HFF: Kaamchor 12:30 HFF: 1:30 Teri Bhi Chup Meri Bhi Chup 2:00 The Real Countdown 3:00 Orlem Pursunkakhetra 4:00 HFF: Sitara

8:00 TILAWAT AUR TARJUMA/HAMD/NAAT 8:20 CARTOON 8:30 KHABRAIN 8:45 MANSOORAJAAT BARAI KHUJ KAFALAT 9:00 SUR SAVARIA & Sehra Ka Safar & Sada-E-Kasim 9:40 SHANA BA SHANA 9:50 AAJ KI KITABA-AIK NAZM 10:05 Boor Kay Ladoo 10:30 ENGLISH FILM: CHIP AND DALE 10:55 MILLI NAGHMA 11:00 KHABRAIN 11:10 ALI BABA (Drama Serial) 11:35 Naghmazar (Drama Serial) 12:00 Urdu Khali 12:55 QURAN-E-HAKEEM 1:02 BISMILLAH 1:18 Gichan (Drama Serial) 2:00 Inteha (Drama Serial) 2:50 The Earth Revealed 3:20 Araishi

7:00 Yeaddon Ki Barat 7:30 Stand By 7:40 Kishore Kumar Specials 8:20 Haseen Pal 8:30 Fat Or Fit 9:00 Awaz Naye Anand Dohi 9:30 Scandal 10:00 HFF: Paap Ki Duniya 1:00 Parool Superhit Hangama 2:00 Sapna Na Vavter 2:30 Gujarati Serial 3:00 Lt Chalo Cinema 3:30 Sory Meri Lory 4:00 Tanav 4:30 Zed 5:00 HFF: Vashal 7:50 Haseen Pal 8:00 Ahaa 8:30 Yamkeen Mast Mast Show 9:00 VIP No 1 9:30

6:00 Jagran 6:30 ZED 7:00 ZED 7:30 Ghoonta Aaina 8:00 News 8:30 Insight 9:00 Disney Hour 10:00 Gaane Anjane 10:30 Hathi Cement Aashiana 11:00 Hum Zameen 11:30 Shapath 12:00 Bourvita Quiz Contest 12:30 Hi Zindagi Bye Zindagi 1:00 Ek Dui Ke Lije 1:30 Silsila 2:00 Hum Paanch 2:30 Kurukshetra 3:00 Raahat 3:30 Celeste 4:00 Pari Deum Jali Rahee 4:30 Dhara Zaik Ka Safar 5:00 Si-

Program 5:30 News 5:35 Chiching Fank / Tak Show 6:00 Jan mahumi (Serial) 6:30 Gaurab (Serial) 7:00 Palki Katha 7:30 Bangla Sambad 8:00 Prasangkali /Ins. Music 8:30 Folk Songs/Sushasta (Health Prog) 9:00 Janmahumi (Serial) 9:30 Bakul Basar (Serial) 10:00 Bengali Movie Club Film Show 1:00 Closed

8:30 Rangela Re (Hit Films Song) 9:00 Double O Slip 9:30 Dennis The Menace (Hindi Dub) English Film) Dream Of Jeannie (English Film Lary Hugman) 10:30 Bewitched 11:00 Taak Jhank 11:30 Gaane Jaane Meane 12:00 Faslee 12:30 Premer 1:00 Siddhi (Serial) 1:30 The Young And The Restless (Hindi Dub) Eng. Serial) 2:30 Cine Matinee-Hindi Feature Film 5:30 Double O Slip 6:00 Dennis The Menace (Dub English Film) 6:30 Rangela Re 7:00 Dream Of Jeannie (Dub English Film) 7:30 Bewitched 8:00 Surf-Wheel

7:30 Knoon Ki Hathkadi 9:30 Balam Pardesia (Shoipur) 12:15 Tarana 12:30 Bhadi Ke Baad (Jeetendra, Rakhi) 3:15 Khatian (Jeetendra, Rakhi) 3:45 Tarana 4:00 Mera Dharam (Jackie Shroff, Amrita Singh) 6:45 Bajaj Ki Lahare 7:15 Swati (Meenakshi S, Shashi K, Shamita T) 10:00 Zandu Filmi Bazaar 10:30 Sharmili (Shashi Kapoor, Rakhi) 1:15 Filler 1:45 Locket (Jeetendra, Rekha) 4:30 Filler 4:45 Goraa (Rajesh Kumar, Vyjanthimala)

Of Fortune (Game Show) 8:30 Take Five 9:00 Boogie Woogie (Game) 9:30 Dekh Bhai Dekh 10:00 Thoda Hai Thoda Durrr 10:30 Wera Wolf (Eng Dub) Serial) 11:00 Kismet 11:30 The Young And The Restless (Hindi Dub) Eng. Serial) 12:30 Dekh Tamasa Dekh 1:00 Pehchan 1:30 Janekaha Mera Jigar Gaya Ji 2:00 Surf-Wheel Of Fortune (Game Show) 2:30 Closed

Martinez, Majoli win



WIMBLEDON, June 24: Conchita Martinez, the only former Wimbledon champion in the women's field, cruised to a 6-1, 6-2 victory in her opening match Tuesday against Karina Habudova, report agencies.

The 10th-seeded Spaniard, who won the title three years ago, triumphed in 58 minutes against the Slovak, who hasn't

Top women's seed Martina Hingis also was in action against qualifier Anne Kremer of Luxembourg. In her two appearances at Wimbledon Hingis has not reached the quarterfinals.

But she is the strong favourite to win the title this year especially in the absence of Graf.

Iva Majoli, who won the French title two weeks ago, said

Australian 7-6, 7-6, 3-1 when play was halted by darkness.

Rusedski, who had not even allowed Philippoussis a break point in 14 service games, was serving for a 4-1 lead when they resumed Tuesday.

Another match to finish was the matchup of 1991 champion Michael Stich against 1993 runner-up Jim Courier, both unseeded this time. Stich led 7-6, 1-2 when they resumed on Court One.

Defending men's champion Richard Krajcek looked impressive in a 7-6, 6-2, 6-4 victory Monday over Germany's Marcello Craca, serving 19 aces.

And No. 2 seed Goran Ivanisevic fired 24 aces in his 6-1, 6-3, 6-3 victory over Romania's Dinu Pescariu.

Britain's Tim Henman won the first match to be played on the new 11,000 capacity No. 1 Court, downing Canada's Daniel Nestor 7-6, 6-1, 6-4.

Another early women's winner was experienced American Nicole Arendt who defeated Petra Langrova of the Czech Republic 6-2, 6-0. The 27-year-old Arendt could find herself playing Hingis in the third round if she can beat either compatriot Lisa Raymond or Eva Martincova of the Czech Republic in her next match.

On Monday other early winners were women's No. 5 Lindsay Davenport, who came from a set down to beat Tami Whittingler-Jones 5-7, 6-2, 6-2. No. 12 Irina Spilrea of Romania, who scored a 6-1, 6-0 victory over Henrieta Nagova of Slovakia in 46 minutes; and Bulgaria's Magdalena Maleeva, who downed Britain's Julie Pullin 6-1, 6-3.

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Egyptian booter banned

CAIRO, June 24: Egypt's soccer federation on Sunday imposed a ban on international competition on veteran defender Ibrahim Hassan for making an obscene gesture at fans in Morocco, reports AP.

Hassan, 30, also was suspended from playing with his Cairo club side al-Ahli. The duration of the suspension will be decided when a federation committee meets Wednesday.

Hassan, a veteran of Egypt's 1