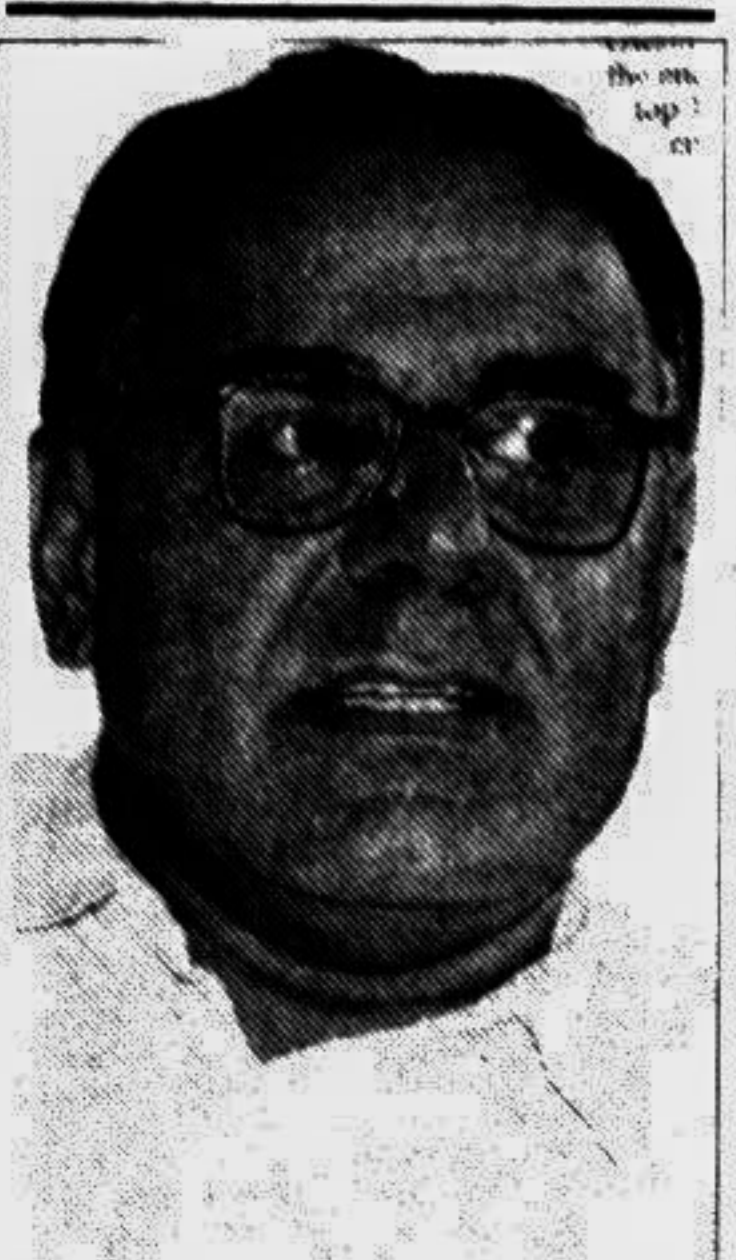


Column One SPORTS TALK



Haroon Rashid (Pakistan cricket manager) 'Unfortunately our quickest bowler Mohammad Zahid had back problems and had to undergo surgery in England. Abdul Razzaq is a good new ball bowler. He toured India for the Independence Cup matches. Then we have Soab Akhtar, then we have Irfan Fazil, all capable of serving the country for some time.'

While naming some promising new ball bowlers.

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COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN Competition-79 Tick the Correct Answers

Competition closes at 8 pm, Oct 3, '97. 1 Who are the defending European soccer champions? Borussia Inter Barcelona 2 How many countries will take part in the World Youth Cup cricket? 13 14 15 3 How many titles has Pete Sampras won this year to date? 4 5 6 4 Which nation finished third in the SAFF Championship? Sri Lanka Pakistan Nepal 5 For which team will cricketer Nannu play next season? AKC MSC Biman

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Arbit new Aussie coaching director

MELBOURNE, Oct 2: Former East German coach Eckart Arbet has been appointed as Australian coaching director for a four-year term including the 2000 Sydney Olympics, reports Reuter. Athletics Australia executive director Martin Soust said in light of documented evidence of systematic doping in the former East Germany, Arbet's record had been thoroughly investigated. "He is not known as a person who was involved in drug taking in athletics," Soust said.

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Pakistan win the series 2-1 Ijaz toys with Indians

LAHORE, Oct 2: Shahid Afridi and Ijaz Ahmed led a charge that crushed India Thursday giving Pakistan a 9-wicket victory and a 2-1 series win at the packed Gaddafi Stadium in Lahore, reports AP. The finale was almost over once Afridi and Ijaz gave Pakistan a flying start of 80 off only eight overs after India set a modest victory target of 217 for them. Ijaz, adjudged the man-of-the-match, continued to butcher Indian bowlers after losing his partner Afridi. None of the Indian bowlers could trouble the stylish right-handed batsman. He completed his century in the 23rd over, hitting Saurav Ganguly straight for a massive six which was his sixth.

Pakistan's victory was revenge for a 1-4 drubbing by India during last month's Sahara Cup series in Canada.

The enterprising 68-ball hundred was Ijaz's sixth in one-day internationals which also featured seven cracking boundaries.

In all, Ijaz's career-best knock of unbeaten 139 was studded with 10 fours and nine sixes and came off only 84 balls as he brought the victory with a six off Ganguly in only the 27th over.

His previous best was 124 against Bangladesh during the 1988-89 Asia Cup at Chittagong, Bangladesh.

Earlier, when Pakistan failed to bowl their required quota of 50 overs in the stipulated time match referee Ranjan Madugalle not only reduced one over, but also fined the Pakistan team five per cent of their match fee.

But this did not bother Afridi, who was especially harsh on Debashish Mohanty. He hit the Indian medium pacer for a four, two sixes, and a single and then Ijaz hit a big six over mid-wicket before collecting one of the last ball.

The 28,000 home crowd cheered Afridi all through his 47-run innings off 23 balls. Afridi, who holds the world record for the fastest century in one-day game, hit five fours and three towering sixes before Indian skipper Sachin Tendulkar took a fine running catch at extra cover.

Earlier, reckless batting by Indian top order deprived Tendulkar's hopes of scoring a challenging total. On a perfect batting track, Tendulkar departed in only the fourth over after scoring just seven runs. He played one of Aaqub Javed's incoming delivery right across the line and gave Inzamam-ul-Haq an easy chest high catch in the first slip.

Saurav Ganguly looked in fine touch when he hammered Aaqub for 15 runs in one over.

However, Muhammad Hussain took a splendid catch while running some 15 yards backward from mid on which brought curtains on Ganguly's innings of 26. But the dismissals of Mohammad Azharuddin and Vinod Kambli proved fatal. Both batsmen chased Azhar Mehmood's wide deliveries and

gifted their wickets after scoring six runs each. With India struggling at 77 for five in the 18th over, Ajay Jadeja and Saba Karim started Indian revival, but did not last long. Jadeja and Rajesh Chauhan then accelerated the run-rate and scored with an average of more than six an over. Their 76-run association off 72 balls was finally broken by pace ace Waqar Younis in the 47th over. Indian skipper Tendulkar was dejected. "Yes it was always disappointing to lose a series, but full marks to Pakistan, who played brilliantly in the final today," he said. "Ijaz and Shahid Afridi batted like champions."

About his visit to Pakistan, Tendulkar said that he enjoyed the hospitality. "Last time we came and won many friends this time too we enjoyed the hospitality and made a quite few friends."

Pakistan captain Saeed Anwar said: "This is perhaps one of the best knocks played in one-day internationals."

PAKISTAN Ijaz not out 139 Afridi c Tendulkar b Kulkarni 47 M Wasim not out 27 Extras (lb-2, w-4) 6 Total for one wicket in 26.2 overs 219 Fall of wickets: 1-80. 2-19. Bowling: O M R W Waqar 8.2 0 33 2 Aaqub 7 0 35 2 Mahmood 9 0 34 3 Saqlain 10 0 46 1 Afridi 5 0 26 0 Hussain 10 0 37 1



Ijaz Ahmed, who scored a magnificent 139 not out against India at the Gaddafi Stadium in Lahore last night, on the podium after being declared man-of-the-match for his little cameo of an innings. —TV photo by Amran Hossain

SCOREBOARD Scoreboard of the third and final one-day international match between Pakistan and India in Lahore Thursday. INDIA Tendulkar c Inzamam b Aaqub 7 Ganguly c Hussain b Saqlain 26 Robin b Mahmood 17 Azharuddin c Moin b Mahmood 6 To bat: Saeed Anwar, Inzamam-ul-Haq, Mohammad Hussain, Moin Khan, Saqlain Mushtaq, Waqar Younis, Azhar Mahmood, Aaqub Javed. Result: Pakistan won by nine wickets taking the series 2-1. Man-of-the-match: Ijaz Ahmed.

America's another big day

LOS ANGELES, Oct 2: It is arguably the most important soccer match to be played in America Sunday in a penalty shootout in the 1994 World Cup final, reports Reuter.

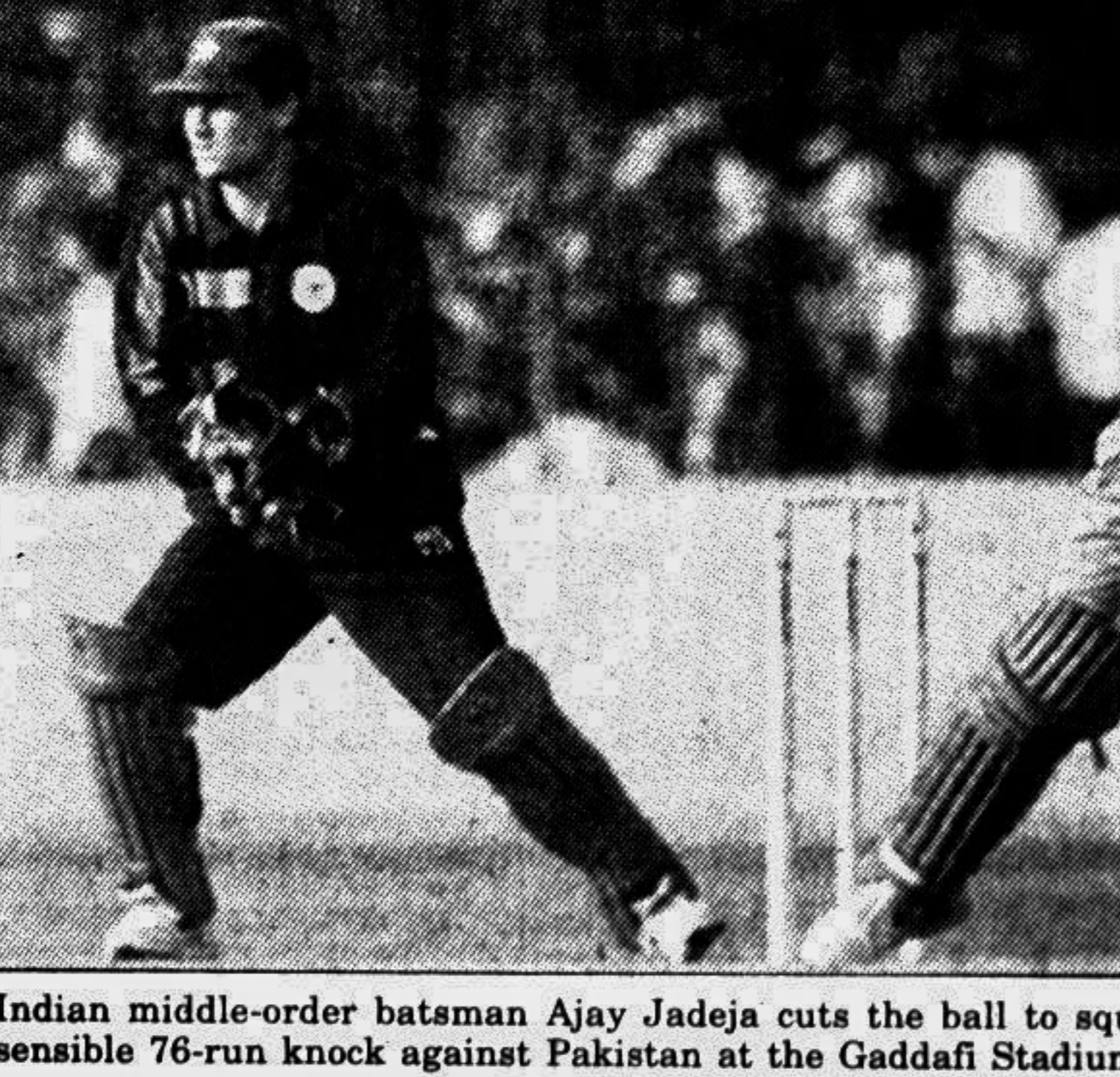
Friday night at Washington's RFK Stadium, the United States face Jamaica in a CONCACAF regional qualifier that could see the Americans going to their third consecutive World Cup finals.

A win for Jamaica would virtually assure the West Indians of reaching their first finals. Jamaica are tied with Mexico at the top of the six-team qualifying group from North and Central America and the Caribbean with 11 points from seven games, but has played two more games than Mexico.

The United States and El Salvador, both have nine points, the United States in six games and El Salvador in seven, and Costa Rica has eight points from eight matches. Only Canada, with five points in seven games, appear out of the picture.

But unlike previous years when only one team — usually Mexico — advanced to the finals from the CONCACAF region, this time the top three teams will go to France next year.

After the Americans beat Costa Rica in Portland, Oregon, last month, US coach Steve Sampson said 12 or 13 points would be enough to reach the fi-



Indian middle-order batsman Ajay Jadeja cuts the ball to square of the wicket during his sensible 76-run knock against Pakistan at the Gaddafi Stadium yesterday. —AP/UNB photo

Pak Board XI in soup

KARACHI, Oct 2: A Pakistan Cricket Board Combined XI, replying to South Africa's first innings score of 305 for seven declared, were all out for 132 on the second day of the three-day cricket match today, reports Reuter.

Emburey calls it quits

LONDON, Oct 2: Former England off-spinner John Emburey has retired from all senior cricket, it was announced on Wednesday, reports AFP.

Emburey, 45, withdrew from the first class game in June but continued to appear for Northamptonshire in limited-over matches. He will now concentrate on his coaching role at the English county.

"It is difficult to imagine that anyone in the future will play at the highest level for as long as he has," said Northants chief executive Steve Coverdale. Emburey will fly to the Caribbean early in the new year as assistant coach on England's tour to the West Indies.

Lankan tour itinerary

COLOMBO, Oct 2: Sri Lanka are to make a tour of India starting next month which features a rare international match in the resort of Goa, reports Reuter.

The Board of Control for Cricket in Sri Lanka (BCCSL) today announced details of the three-Test tour that starts on November 14.

Sri Lanka will play one first-class match and three Tests during November and December, then return home for a 12-day break.

The squad go back to India on December 20 to complete the tour with three one-day internationals.

Goa featured in a triangular limited overs series in 1994 when New Zealand bowled out West Indies for 123 before rain forced the game to be abandoned.

FIXTURE Nov 14-16: Three-day first-class match, Cuttack. Nov 19-23: First Test, Mohali. Nov 26-30: Second Test, Nagpur. Dec 3-7: Third Test, Bombay. Dec 22: First one-day international, Guwahati. Dec 25: Second one-day international, Indore/Gwalior. Dec 28: Third one-day international, Goa.

Grammar Open chess starts

The Grammar Open school chess tournament, organised by Dhaka Grammar School, began yesterday, reports UNB.

A total of 20 players, including four Iranian and Russian students, participated in the opening round held at the school premises.

At the close of the first round the winners were: Muhammad Fayez, Syed Ashraf, Omar Ali, Md Arshad, Nur Mohammad, Mehdi Hasan, S M Farhadul Imam, Kazi Mostafa Iqbal, Faraz Shagor, Mizah Bashir, Ishrat Chowdhury, Alvi Chowdhury and Al Amin.

The second round will be held today.

Eubank's eye on WBO belt

LONDON, Oct 2: Former world champion Chris Eubank will fight fellow Briton Joe Calzaghe for the vacant WBO super-middleweight title at Sheffield on October 11, reports AFP.

Welshman Calzaghe was due to meet holder Steve Collins of Ireland, who has been stripped of the title after pulling out of the fight with a leg injury. Collins will now fight the winner.

Promoter Frank Warren said: "This will be an even better fight than the one originally scheduled between Collins and Calzaghe. Collins will be able to fight the winner."

Eubank was due to fight on the bill in Sheffield in the light-heavyweight division. He must now lose six pounds to make the weight, but insisted that will not be a problem.

He said: "This will be a better fight than the one with Collins."



A beaming Pakistan skipper Saeed Anwar collecting the winners' cheque after the home team clinched the three-match series 2-1 defeating arch-rivals India in the final encounter by nine wickets in Lahore yesterday. —TV photo

Man United jolt Juve

LONDON, Oct 2: Manchester United took revenge against Juventus in the European Champions' League on Wednesday while former champions Bayern Munich and Real Madrid gained important away wins, reports Reuter.

On a night in which several top teams thrashed lesser opponents by four or five goals, Juventus saw their hopes rise and fall at Old Trafford.

The Italians, 1996 winners and last season's losing finalists, lost 3-2 after going ahead in the first minute through Alessandro del Piero and then having midfielder Didier Deschamps sent off in the 66th.

United fought back with Teddy Sheringham, Paul Scholes and Ryan Giggs to avenge their 1-0 home defeat by the Turin giants last season and led Group B on six points.

Zinedine Zidane made it 3-2 in the last minute. "We were outstanding," said United Manager Alex Ferguson. Feyenoord, thrashed 5-1 by the Italians in the opening game, are now challenging Juventus on three points after beating unsung Koscielny of Slovakia 2-0 in the Netherlands.

The Slovaks have yet to score a goal. Real Madrid, who overcame former winners Porto 2-0 in Porto, also gave a commanding performance with fine goals

from Fernando Hierro and Raul Gonzalez. Real, the only club to win the European Cup five successive times, stayed top of Group D with a maximum six points.

Bayern, who won the title three times consecutively in the 1970s, also took their tally to six points from two matches in Group E by beating Gothenburg 3-1 away.

The Germans were also given a big boost by group rivals Besiktas, who defeated Paris St Germain 3-1 in Turkey.

Parma, who have never won the Italian league title, overcame Turkey's Galatasary 2-0 at home in Group A for the first Champions' League win in their history.

Argentine attackers Nestor Senzani and Hernan Crespo scored in the 23rd and 39th minutes. Parma are also the only team in the Champions' League yet to concede a goal, something that augurs well for their next match against holders Borussia Dortmund.

Dortmund coached by former Parma boss Nevio Scala, crushed Sparta Prague 4-1 after being chided last week by the club president for complacency in the German league.

Swiss striker Stephane Chapuisat scored twice as the Germans stayed top of Group A. Newcastle United, who beat Barcelona 2-2 in their first Champions' League match,

pulled off one of the comebacks of the night in Group C against Dynamo Kiev in Ukraine. They fought back from 2-0 down to draw 2-2 after their striker Faustino Asprilla went off injured. John Beresford scored both Newcastle goals in the last 12 minutes.

Barcelona, now coached by Dutchman Louis van Gaal, continued to fire fitfully in their bid to regain the trophy they lifted for the only time in 1992 and were also the victims of a late comeback by PSV Eindhoven.

The Dutch former champions were 2-1 down four minutes from time but Peter Moeller equalised.

It was the first point for both teams, who remained three points adrift of Kiev and Newcastle.

Norway's Rosenborg went on a goal rush and beat Greece's Olympiakos Piraeus 5-1 for their first points in Group D.

French champions Monaco lifted their campaign off the ground after a disappointing first match defeat by Sporting Lisbon in Group F by trouncing Bayer Leverkusen 4-0.

Bayer had defender Robert Kovacs sent off in the 69th minute for his second bookable offence. Sporting went top of the Group on four points after a 1-1 draw at West Ham.

Media instigates Italy

ROME, Oct 2: Italian sports media issued dire warnings today about Italy's World Cup clash with England next week in the wake of Manchester United's 3-2 Champions' League defeat of Juventus, reports Reuter.

Italy go into their final decisive Group Two game against England in Rome on October 11 trailing their rivals by one point and must win to ensure they reach next year's World Cup finals in France.

Many commentators suggested the Juventus defeat at Old Trafford on Wednesday boded ill for the World Cup clash.

Milan's daily Gazzetta Dello Sport commented: "Lest we needed reminding as to what sort of footballing stuff the Italy-England game will be, the Manchester contest should have opened our eyes and brains..."

"It is true that when English sides travel to play away, they lose out in both courage and rhythm but the tone and the type of direct confrontation of the Manchester match represent a perfect trailer for the Italy v England game."

Turin sports daily Tuttosport was even more concerned. They called it "a worrying curtain-raiser for the Italy v England match, all the more so in light of the fact that the

opening two English goals were scored by (Teddy) Sheringham and (Paul) Scholes, two members of the England team."

A majority of commentators agreed United's win had been thoroughly deserved and some suggesting Juventus had been flattered by the one-goal losing margin.

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It is hereby notified for information of all class of contractors/firms of Roads & Highways Directorate that, by amendment, under unavoidable circumstances, to Tender Notice Nos. 1 to 17 & 18 to 24 invited by Roads & Highways Department, Khulna vide Memo Nos 2115 & 2116 dt 10.9.97 & Memo Nos 2125 to 2148 dt 10.9.97, respectively, the last date of purchasing tender has been fixed on 8.10.97 & the date of submitting tender on 9.10.97, the date of opening tender is fixed on 12.10.97 & the date of lottery on 16.10.97, which have earlier been mentioned as 1.10.97, 2.10.97, 9.10.97 & 14.10.97 respectively. Other terms & conditions of tender will remain unchanged. This corrigendum will be treated as inseparable part of the said tender.

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