

BRTC beat B Boys

Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation (BRTC) Sporting Club earned full points defeating Bangladesh Boys Club 2-0 at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday to maintain their joint lead in the First Division, reports UNB. Badrul and Hemayetullah scored once each to enable the title contenders BRTC bag 11 points from five matches and share the top spot with East End Club.

Badrul put BRTC ahead in the 34th minute with a header while Hemayetullah sealed the game in the 69th minute, converting a penalty.

Referee awarded the spot-kick when onrushing Hemayetullah was tackled from behind by Boys defender Zinnah. Zinnah was sent off as he received his second yellow card after the foul. Referee cautioned BRTC goalie Ali with yellow card.

Boys conceded their second defeat and remained on five points.

TODAY'S MATCHES

- Premier League: Mukhtijodha Sangsad vs Brothers Union (4:30 pm)
- First Division: Badda Jagarani Sangsad vs Mirpur Chalanati (2:30 pm).

Spartak close in on title

MOSCOW, Nov 2: Spartak Moscow were one point away from retaining their Russian league title on Saturday after beating arch-rivals Alania Vladikavkaz 2-1, reports Reuters.

The win left Spartak two points clear of Rotor Volgograd at the top with one game remaining - against Rotor for the championship next Sunday.

A draw in Volgograd will send the title back to Spartak while Rotor, who could only draw 1-1 at Torpedo Moscow on Saturday, will become champions if they win.

Dynamo Moscow meanwhile lost their slim title hopes by failing to beat Chernomoretz Novorossiisk. Their 1-1 away draw left them on five points with one match to play.

Spartak now have 70 points and Rotor 68 after 33 matches.

Yegor Titov clinched Spartak's home victory over Alania in the 80th minute, heading in international midfielder Dmitry Alenichev's cross after a fine passing move.

Alenichev also set up the first goal, putting Robson Luis Pereira clear inside the penalty area in the 30th minute. The Brazilian striker made no mistake from a tight angle.

Igor Yanovsky scored Alania's goal from close range after Spartak failed to clear a corner in the 47th minute.

Seven players, five of them from Alania, were booked in a tough match that brought back memories of last year's title play off in which Spartak beat Alania 2-1.

Jones' lazy hundred

MELBOURNE, Nov 2: An unbeaten 151 by veteran batsman Dean Jones steered Victoria to first innings points over champions Queensland in their Sheffield Shield cricket match here today, reports AFP.

Jones, supported by Ashes tour medium-pacer Paul Reiffell with 60, enabled the Victorians to declare their first innings at 318 for nine, 87 runs ahead of Queensland.

At the close of the third day, with one day to play, Queensland were 123 for one, with former Test opener Matthew Hayden on 76 and Jimmy Maher 40.

Jones, playing his record 115th major game for Victoria, scored the lowest first-class century at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

Meanwhile, in the weather-ragged match in Hobart where the first two days were abandoned for rain, Western Australia were 21 for one in reply to Tasmania's 366 for five declared.



South Africa's left-handed opener Gary Kirsten cuts the ball on his way to a dazzling 89 during the quadrangular limited-overs match against Pakistan at the Gaddafi Stadium in Lahore yesterday. South Africa won by nine runs. — AP/UNB photo

Pakistan go down fighting

LAHORE, Nov 2: South Africa beat Pakistan by nine runs in the golden jubilee quadrangular cricket tournament match today, reports Reuters.

Scoreboard of the second match of the quadrangular cricket tournament between South Africa and Pakistan at the Gaddafi Stadium in Lahore Sunday:

SOUTH AFRICA

Hudson lbw b Akram	2
Kirsten lbw b Mahmood	89
Klusener b Saqlain	45
Cullinan run out	51
Cronje run out	35
Rhodes lbw b Saqlain	5
Pollock c Ijaz b Saqlain	15
Richardson not out	10
Symcox b Akram	0
De Villiers b Akram	1
Donald b Akram	18
Total (all out in 48 overs)	271

Fall of wickets: 1-4; 4-94; 3-192; 4-221; 5-241; 6-254; 7-264; 8-269; 9-271.

Bowling

O	M	R	W	
Akram	8	0	33	4
Waqar	10	0	59	0
Saqlain	9	1	34	3
Mahmood	7	0	57	1
Sohail	4	0	23	0
Afridi	10	0	56	0

PAKISTAN

Anwar c Hudson b Pollock	0
Afridi b Pollock	7
Sohail lbw b Pollock	0
Ijaz lbw b Pollock	0
Inzamam b Cronje	85
Moin lbw b De Villiers	59
Akram run out	9
Mahmood not out	59
Latif c & b Klusener	14
Saqlain c Rhodes b Donald	11
Waqar not out	6
Extras: (lb-4, w-8)	12
Total (for 9 wickets in 50 overs)	262

Fall of wickets: 1-0; 2-0; 3-0; 4-9; 5-142; 6-152; 7-180; 8-206; 9-247.

Bowling

O	M	R	W	
Pollock	10	2	49	1
Villiers	10	1	44	1
Donald	10	1	44	1
Cronje	8	0	38	1
Klusener	8	0	50	1
Symcox	4	0	28	0

Result: South Africa won by nine runs.

Next match: Nov 3, West Indies vs South Africa.

NSW tighten grip on NZ

NEWCASTLE, Australia, Nov 2: (AFP) Leg-spinner Stuart MacGill snared a hat-trick as New South Wales forced New Zealand to follow-on on the third day of their four-day cricket match here today.

MacGill claimed the first hat-trick for NSW since pace-man and former Surrey captain Dave Gilbert achieved the feat at the Sydney Cricket Ground in the 1984-85 season.

The leggie, whose father and grandfather both played first class cricket for Western Australia, took 3-55 as New Zealand were bowled out for 214 in reply to NSW's 469-6 declared.

Battling a second time, New Zealand were 82-3 at stumps on the third day of the four-day game, still needing 173 to make the hosts bat again.

New Zealand coach Steve Rixon said he hoped his team would find some inspiration in a newspaper headline Sunday saying "Kiwis a Test joke," but admitted "it was a fair reflection of the team's play on tour."

"It hurt me, but it wasn't unfair on the way we've played so far," Rixon said.

MacGill's hat-trick, taking the seventh to ninth wickets, abruptly ended a fight back led by Craig McMillan after New Zealand resumed on 57-4.

McMillan was smartly caught by Corey Richards off the bowling of Simon Cook for 62 shortly after lunch before MacGill clinched the feat.

Kiwis wicketkeeper Adam Parore hit a full toss to 12th man Stuart Clark at square leg. Simon Doull was well caught by Mark Waugh at bat-pad and

Shayne O'Connor missed a ball that dipped in at him and was bowled.

"I did it (hat-trick) in league cricket in England but I don't think that counts because it was nowhere near as exciting as what happened today," MacGill said.

The Kiwis lost four wickets for six runs after lunch, but tallenders Daniel Vettori (47) and Heath Davis (seven not out) added 57 runs in an entertaining last wicket stand.

New Zealand, facing a three-Test series against Australia starting in Brisbane on Friday, made a positive start to their second innings before a late crash.

Openers Bryan Young (20) and Blair Pocock (47) put on 64 for the first wicket but both fell late in the day along with nightwatchman Heath Davis, who was out for nought.

At the close, Nathan Astle was not out 9 and captain Stephen Fleming was yet to score.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at the third day of the four-day match between New South Wales and New Zealand played in Newcastle Sunday.

NSW: First innings (469 for 6 declared)

NEW ZEALAND: First innings (57 for 4 overnight)

Young c Emery b Stuart Pocock	0
Blair b Cook	16
Fleming c Slater b Matthews	3
McMillan c Richards b Stuart Harris	62
Harris c Emery b Cook	28
Parore c Clark b MacGill	27
Vettori c b Waugh	47
Doull c M Waugh b MacGill	0
O'Connor b MacGill	0
Davis not out	7

Extras: 19

Total (all out in 90.2 overs) 214

Fall of wickets: 1-0; 2-5; 3-19; 4-35; 5-92; 6-157; 7-157; 8-157; 9-214.

Bowling

O	M	R	W	
Stuart	21	7	46	2
Cook	20	5	38	3
Matthews	10	3	15	1
MacGill	25	10	55	3
M Waugh	5	1	15	0
Lee	9.2	3	30	1

NEW ZEALAND: Second innings

Young b M Waugh	20
Pocock lbw b MacGill	47
Astle not out	9
Davis lbw b Cook	0
Fleming not out	6
Extras	0
Total (for 3 wickets, 35 overs)	62

Fall of wickets: 1-0; 2-0; 3-60

Bowling

O	M	R	W	
Stuart	6	2	14	0
Cook	8	3	19	1
MacGill	14	4	34	1
M Waugh	7	2	12	1

Kremlin Cup Novotna's

MOSCOW, Nov 2: Top-seeded and world No. 2 Jana Novotna beat unseeded Ai Sugiyama of Japan, 6-3, 6-4, on Sunday to capture the Kremlin Cup tennis tournament in Moscow's indoor Olympic Stadium, reports AP.

Novotna jumped to a 3-0 lead in the first set, but then dropped three straight games to Sugiyama, a baseline player who rarely ventured to the net.

Novotna recovered and ran off another streak of three straight games to take the first set in the second set. Novotna was up 5-4 and broke Sugiyama's serve to take the match.

The match, which lasted one and 17 minutes, was sloppy at times. Novotna made 31 unforced errors and Sugiyama 47.

"I didn't play my best tennis, but I played very solid and I played to win," said Novotna.

It was the 18th career title for the 29-year-old Czech, who is second behind Martina Hingis in the world rankings. The victory was worth 150,000 dollars, while Sugiyama got 67,500 dollars as the runner-up.

With Sunday's victory, Novotna has now won five of her six meetings with Sugiyama. Sugiyama, 22, knocked off seeds Brenda Schultz-McCarthy and Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario this week en route to the final.

Boxer tested positive

NEW YORK, Nov 2: Former world champion boxer Pernell Whitaker reportedly has tested positive for a banned substance and could be facing a six-month suspension, reports AFP.

The New York Daily News reported Saturday that the former champion tested positive before his most recent bout, a 12-round decision over Russian Andrei Pristevac on October 17 at Foxwoods Casino in Ledyard, Connecticut.

Hingis tastes defeat!

GENEVA, Nov 2: Switzerland's Martina Hingis might be the undisputed queen of women's tennis but on Saturday she was coming to terms with failure after an unsuccessful attempt to earn her show-jumping licence, reports AFP.

The 17-year-old women's world number one, a keen horsewoman, failed a regional showjumping test at Messen in the northern Swiss canton of Soleure.

Hingis, who has won the Australian Open, the Wimbledon and the US Open singles crowns this year, earned only 102 points over the three sections of the test, six short of the minimum required to earn her regional licence.

"I didn't expect that," said Hingis, who has lost only four times in singles tennis this year. "This is annoying. Apart from the two refusals at the last obstacle in the jumping I didn't make any major errors."

Hingis will now have to wait three months before she can re-apply, but she has vowed to fight on.

"I'm not going to give up my pride is hurt, even though riding is only my hobby, it wasn't the horse's fault," she said.

Smith to quit Rangers

GLASGOW, Nov 2: Walter Smith announced Tuesday that he is to stand down as manager of Scottish champions Glasgow Rangers at the end of the season, reports Reuters.

The decision, which was widely expected, was announced at the club's annual general meeting.

Smith, the most successful manager in Rangers' history, has been in charge since the 1990-91 season, leading the club to seven of their nine successive league titles.

ACB playing it by ear

SYDNEY, Nov 2: The Australian Cricket Board (ACB) today took a fresh tack aimed at resolving its dispute with the players' union, even as it confirmed contingency planning for a strike, reports AFP.

Having refused to discuss the players' claims and then been rebuffed in seeking an informal settlement, the ACB said it would produce its own agenda of issues for a resumption of formal talks with the Australian Cricketers' Association (ACA).

When it walked out on initial talks 12 days ago, the ACB said the ACA's claims went well beyond the role it saw for the players' body.

ACB chief executive Malcolm Speed said the board's agenda for new talks would define the areas it considered relevant to its relationship with the ACA.

That is likely to exclude some of the decision-sharing demands the ACA has made and Speed gave no indication the ACA would be allowed to reintroduce its own document seeking a formal workplace agreement if talks resumed late this week or early next week as he hoped.

Speed acknowledged the ACB was making plans in case of a player strike.

It is believed a one-day international is a likely target for a strike if the ACA feels it must resort to that action and there was newspaper speculation today the ACB could look to field a second-string team if its stars stood down.

"I don't think it will come to that (a strike). I think it will be very sad day for cricket if the senior cricketers were to strike. I think they are more sensible than that... but we are formulating a contingency plan in the meantime," Speed said.

There was, however, acknowledgment that the ACB could not avoid the formal structure of workplace talks which could also involve ACA consultants James Erskine and Graham Halbins, the former ACB chief executive.

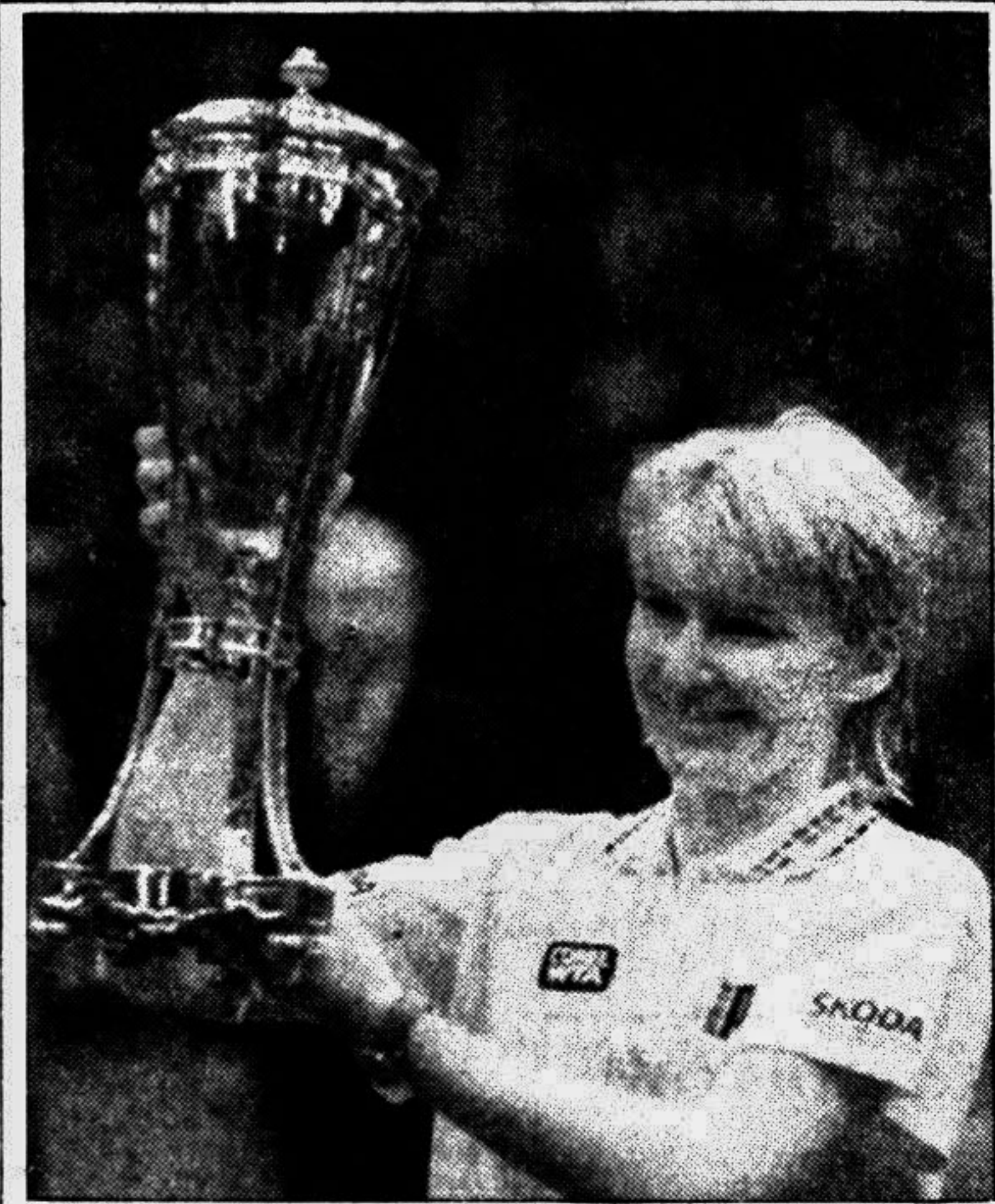
"We probably now have no alternative but to deal with it formally and we are prepared to go down that path and for that reason we have put forward an agenda of issues," said Speed.

An ACA spokesman declined to comment on the ACB's bid for a resumption in talks until seeing the details Monday.

However, Erskine, a former regional head of the International Management Group, today indicated the ACA's document remained crucial to any settlement.

"I can't see that the ACA is going to go away from this Australian workplace agreement because that is very much the line they have taken and of course it gives the players a lot of protection with regards to their rights," Erskine said.

He listed pay, regulation of the playing demands on players, provision for holidays, a pension plan and an insurance plan among priorities for the ACA but the decision-sharing demands were also there to be discussed.



Jana Novotna of the Czech Republic holds the Kremlin Cup after defeating Japan's Ai Sugiyama in the final at Moscow's Olympic Stadium yesterday. Novotna won 6-3, 6-4. — AP/UNB photo

Sampras' gutsy show

PARIS, Nov 2: Pete Sampras has battled through an injury-plagued week to reach his third Paris Open final in which he plays Swede Jonas Bjorkman today, reports Reuters.

The American world number one, seeking to add to his 1995 title here, outclassed Russian Yevgeny Kafelnikov 7-6, 6-3 in Saturday's semifinals.

Bjorkman, who started the season 67th in the ATP rankings but is set to finish at fourth, overcame compatriot and title-holder Thomas Enqvist 7-6, 7-5.

Sampras has struggled with an achy shoulder this week and had to go to hospital on Friday for X-rays to determine how serious his injury was.

"I first felt sore in Munich in the Grand Slam Cup and it went on in Stuttgart. In my match against Thomas Muster, it was more and more painful with every game," the American said.

Sampras was in trouble when Kafelnikov served for the

first set after breaking in the ninth game.

Sampras served better and outpaced Kafelnikov, a losing finalist here last year, in rallies.

The Russian lost momentum into the second set, trailing 3-0 and, despite a brave attempt to fight back, could not make up the lost ground.

Bjorkman faces a daunting task to stop Sampras from winning his 51st career title.

"It's all happened very quickly, said the Swede of his improvement. "I certainly did not expect to do that well at the start of the season, but coming here I was optimistic because I had played well in Stuttgart."

Enqvist broke his compatriot immediately, but Bjorkman was fast to react and forced his opponent into a tiebreak, which he won 7-5.

The match remained evenly balanced in the second set until Bjorkman had three match points on his opponent's serve in the 12th game.

He needed two before wrapping up victory in one hour 44 minutes.



World No 1 Pete Sampras (L) of the United States and Yevgeny Kafelnikov of Russia shake hands after their Paris Open semi-final match on Saturday. Sampras won 7-6, 6-3. — AP/UNB photo

Connors in another final

TOKYO, Nov 2: American tennis legend Jimmy Connors earned another appearance in a Senior Tour final when he defeated Andres Gomez of Ecuador in the Champions' tournament today, reports AFP.

The 45-year-old, winner of eight Grand Slam titles, recorded a 6-3, 3-6, 10-8 victory over the 1990 French Open Champion.

"I played so many good matches over the year that one point here and one point there make the difference," said Connors after winning the 18-point tie-break system in the third set.

Bidding for 2002 African Nations' Cup

JOHANNESBURG, Nov 2: Algeria, Egypt and Mali have all submitted bids to host the African Nations Cup finals in 2002. The Confederation of African Football (CAF) announced on Saturday, reports Reuters.

The three countries are the only candidates who have communicated their interest to CAF, four days before the official deadline expires on Wednesday.

The host nation will be determined by a vote at the CAF congress in Quagadougou, Burkina Faso on February 5 next year.

It will be a second successive bid by Mali, who were beaten in the voting for the 2000 event by Zimbabwe.

Egypt was bidding to host a fourth Nations' Cup tournament, the last event in their country was in 1986. Algeria hosted the African Championships in 1990.

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