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**ACB to announce revamped season**

SYDNEY, Apr 22: Australia's cricket board is expected to announce a revamped schedule Thursday for the Ashes tour by England later this year, reports AP.

The ACB plans to separate the Test series from the following tri-series limited-over tournament involving England and Sri Lanka.

Australia will defend the Ashes against England in five Tests from late November through to the Sydney Test in early January followed by the limited-over series.

The move to separate the series should lessen the problems caused last season because Australia uses different players and captains for the two forms of the game.

England are also expected to field different squads for the Tests and limited-over games.

**Rajshahi cricket Diganta Proshery emerge champs**

From Our Correspondent RAJSHAHI, Apr 22: Diganta Proshery Sangha became champions ahead of Upashahar Cricket Club by virtue of a net-run rate in the First Division league here today.

Although Diganta Proshery suffered a six-wicket defeat in the last match of the league at the hands of provati Sangha at Shaheed Qamruzzaman Stadium, they held the edge over Upashahar after having 12 points each both playing seven matches.

**Lama set for a restart**

STOCKHOLM, April 22 (AP/Internet): Einar Lama is set to reclaim his place as first-choice goalkeeper for France when the World Cup hosts take on Sweden in a friendly international here on Wednesday night.

The West Ham custodian has not played for France for 14 months but has redeemed himself after a suspension for smoking marijuana and takes over from Fabien Barthez, as coach Aime Jacquet fine tunes the team's preparations for the World Cup.

"I want to come back stronger and better than ever," said Lama, a veteran of 35 international appearances who has been outstanding in the English Premiership in recent weeks.

Lama is likely to be joined in the French starting line-up by two players whose seasons have been all but destroyed by injury: Bayern Munich defender Bixente Lizarazu and Marseille striker Christophe Dugarry.

"This match gives me a chance to look at players who are well-known to me and see what shape they are in," said Jacquet. Euro 96 star Dugarry will play up front alongside Yourri Djorkaeff but knows he faces a battle just to make the 22-man World Cup squad in the face of competition from players like leading French league scorer Stephane Guivarch, Monaco's exciting young star David Trezeguet, Arsenal's Nicolas Anelka and Paris St Germain striker Florian Maurice. "I'm still a hungry player and this is my chance to make a point," Dugarry said Monday.



Vittorio Pozzo, four years older, with the trophy again and another jubilant team. — Star file photo

**France 1938 World Cup**

**Italy retained the title**

Tawfiq Aziz Khan

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out to be Brazil vs Poland, a goal feast that stood at 4-4 after 90 minutes before Brazil edged it 6-5. The only first round

FINAL SCORE			
<b>FIRST ROUND</b>			
Switzerland	1	Germany	1
Hungary	6	Dutch East Indies	0
France	3	Belgium	1
Brazil	6	Poland	5
Czechoslovakia	3	Holland	0
Italy	2	Norway	1
Cuba	3	Romania	3
<b>Replays</b>			
Switzerland	4	Germany	2
Cuba	2	Romania	1
<b>QUARTER-FINALS</b>			
Sweden	8	Cuba	0
Hungary	2	Switzerland	0
Italy	3	France	1
Brazil	1	Czechoslovakia	1
<b>Replay</b>			
Brazil	2	Czechoslovakia	1
<b>SEMI-FINALS</b>			
Italy	2	Brazil	1
Hungary	5	Sweden	1
<b>THIRD-PLACE MATCH</b>			
Brazil	4	Sweden	2
<b>FINAL</b>			
Italy	4	Hungary	2

Italy, 19 June 1938. Attendance 55,000.

Italy: Olivieri, Font, Reva, Serantoni, Andreolo, Locatelli, Bionetti, Meazza, Piola, Ferrari, Colaussi.

(Scorers: Colaussi 2, Piola 2)

Hungary: Szabo, Polgar, Biro, Szalay, Lazarus, Sea, Vincze, Sarosi, Zsengeller, Titkos.

(Scorers: Titkos, Sarosi)

Leading scorers

8 Leonidas (Brazil)  
7 Zsengeller (Hungary)  
5 Piola (Italy)

matches that did not go to extra time were Hungary's rout of the Dutch East Indies, who were there by the courtesy of Japan who withdrew, and France's smooth victory over Belgium.

Goals continued to flow in the quarterfinals at least for Sweden playing their first game. The tired Cubans were no match for the fresh Swedes who swamped them 8-0 with outside-right Gustav Wetterstrom shooting four to the utter dismay of recalled keeper Carvajales.

The semifinal lineup was interesting: Brazil vs Italy and Hungary vs Sweden. Perhaps the South Americans were overconfident. Their coach Pimenta made wholesale changes again for their clash with Italy. Only three players from their previous match against Czechoslovakia retained their places. To the utter disbelief of everyone following the World Cup — Leonidas, the "black diamond" was omitted. According to Pimenta, Leonidas and his inside partner, the ball-juggling expert Tim, were being saved for the final. It was a gamble that did not pay. Italy pushed out Brazil 2-1 and in the second semifinal Hungary mowed down Sweden 5-1.

The final between holders Italy and Hungary provided enough thrill. Outside-left Colaussi put Italy in front. The Hungarians replied two minutes later through Titkos. Piola put them ahead and Colaussi made it 3-1 for Italy.

But an opportunistic goal from Sarosi in the 65th minute put Hungary back into the game but Piola finished it off with aplomb 10 minutes from time (4-2).

Vittorio Pozzo collected his second Jules Rimet trophy in four years.

Source: Football Chronicle

**Schools cricket D'mondi Int'l beat G Herald**  
Sports Reporter

**BRIEF SCORES**

**GREEN HERALD INT'L SCHOOL:** 89 for six in 22.4 overs (Savio Rozario 16, A Bashir 16; Ferdous 2/16).  
**DHANMONDI INT'L SCHOOL:** 90 for eight in 21.1 overs (Khatib 21, Abdullah 13, Samir 11; Jason Lee 3/17, Saad 2/11).  
**Result:** Dhanmondi Int'l School won by two wickets.

Dhanmondi International School posted a hard-fought victory on the opening day of the Dhaka zonal qualifying round of the 16th national schools cricket championship which began in the city yesterday.

Dhanmondi defeated Green Herald International School by two-wickets in their Group Three encounter at the Dhaka Stadium to move into the next round.

In a rain interrupted match, Green Herald were on 89 for six in 22.4 overs when rain stopped the match before lunch.

Opener Savio Rozario and middle order Bashir contributed highest 16 runs each while Ziad (12) was the other notable run getter. After the rain stopped, Dhanmondi were set a victory target of 90 in 22.4 overs. They reached home with nine balls to spare and only two wickets in hand.

Middle order Khatib topped scored with 21 of 30 balls while skipper Abdullah added 13 runs to the winners account.

With yesterday's victory Dhanmondi earned a berth in the group semifinal scheduled to be held at the Mirpur Outer Stadium on April 3.

**TODAY'S MATCHES**

Motijheel Govt High School vs Sunrise Pre Cadet School (Dhaka Stadium)

Bhasha Prodeep vs Shantibagh High School (City Club).

**Elements upset Agragami**  
Sports Reporter

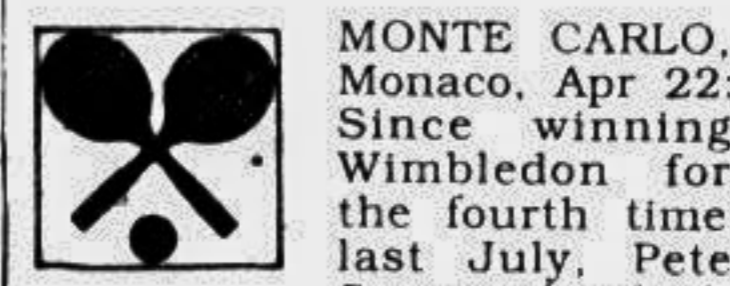
The fourth exhibition match of the touring Agragami Sangsad against an under-16 selection of Munshiganj at the Munshiganj Stadium fell through due to heavy shower yesterday.

The visitors, who have developed an unwanted ally with the persistent rainy weather prevailing in the country for the last couple of days, had just completed their innings when rain intervened. Agragami were 142 for nine in their share of 30 overs.

It was certainly yet another frustrating day for the Shilguri outfit, who are in Bangladesh on a two-week tour to play a series of friendly matches against different local selections. Earlier, they made two abortive attempts to play against BKSP in Savar only to be denied by the persistent rain.

The only solace in disguise so far for Agragami was their first match against a juvenile selection at Nilphamari, where they won by five runs. The team arrived in the capital on Saturday.

**Pete, Andre renew rivalry**



MONTE CARLO, Monaco, Apr 22: Since winning Wimbledon for the fourth time last July, Pete Sampras has had mixed results in contrast to the player that has been ranked No. 1 at the end of the last five years, reports AP.

Although he was awarded ATP Tour player-of-the-year for 1997 at the annual awards dinner held Tuesday night at the Monte Carlo Open, Sampras has not been outstanding over the last nine months.

He lost in the fourth round at the US Open and the quarterfinals at the Australian Open — both tournaments where he was the defending champion.

He lost his No. 1 ranking in tennis last month when he bowed out early at the Lipton tournament in Key Biscayne, Florida, which Marcelo Rios won to take over the top spot.

Despite it all, Sampras has a chance to recover the No. 1 spot in tennis, when he plays Andre Agassi.

Sampras and Agassi meet Wednesday in the second round of the Monte Carlo Open.

A resurgent Agassi set up the meeting by routing Todd Martin, 6-2, 6-1 in 55 minutes Tuesday in the opening round. Martin was fresh from a tournament victory on clay in Barcelona.

Agassi beat Sampras the last time they met in the final of the San Jose, California, Tournament in February. A former No. 1, Agassi dropped to No. 141 before rising again to No. 22.

"Now my ranking is not so high and I have to play him early. I have to come ready to play. Obviously he's expecting a tough match. If I don't come out strong, I am going to have problems," Agassi said.

Agassi is 3-0 on clay against Sampras, although Sampras has a 12-9 edge overall.

"He has obviously a problem on the surface," Agassi said. "I think you're going to see a lot more rallies. Hopefully, if I'm hitting the ball well, the base-

line rallies can favor me." Agassi played just one tournament on clay last year, in Atlanta, and lost in the second round at the French Open two years ago, his last European tournament on the slow surface.

Agassi has returned to form and has lost just four tournament matches this year. He had an easy time against Martin.

"I certainly did everything that I needed to do against a player who plays like Todd does. I responded well to his big shots, moved well, served well, returned well. Just played well," Agassi said.

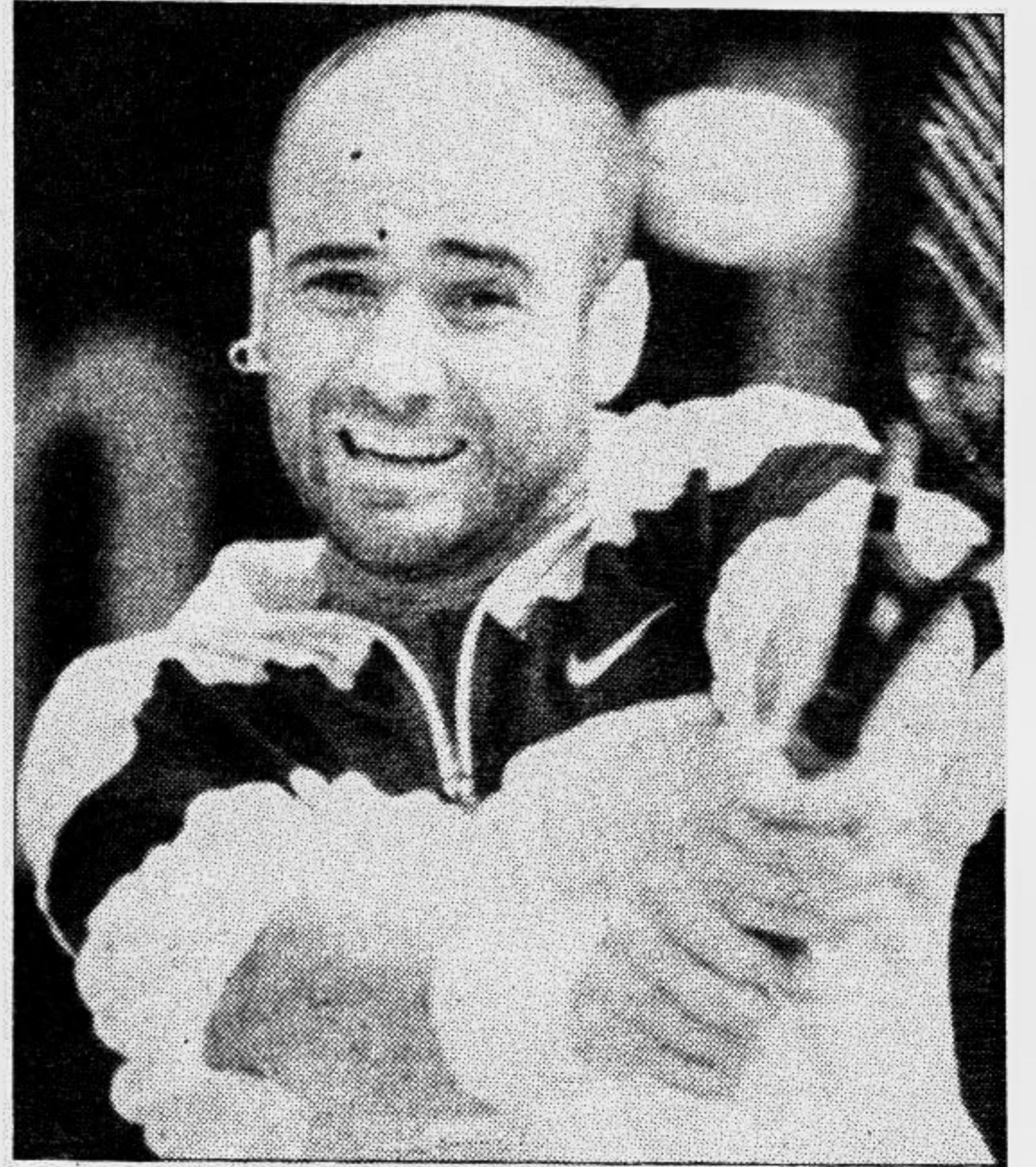
Belting winners from the backcourt and aided by 27 unforced errors by Martin in the match, Agassi cruised.

He even got into a 0-40 hole on his service in the first game of the second set and calmly got out of that and won the next five games to go 5-0 before Martin held.

Agassi finished off Martin in the next game hitting winners from short returns.

Petr Korda trails Sampras by 157 points and the Czech player could overtake Sampras and become No. 1 if Korda does well and Sampras is an early exit.

Korda, seeded second here behind Sampras, meets Wayne Ferreira on Wednesday. Ferreira beat Sampras in the Lipton tournament.



Andre Agassi executes a backhand against Todd Martin during their first round match of the Monte Carlo Open in Monaco on Apr 21. Agassi won 6-2, 6-1. — AP/UNB photo

**The Daily Star World Cup Quiz '98**

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**1st Prize:** Philips CD Mini System

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**3rd Prize:** Philips Rice Cooker

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**5th Prize:** Caps & T-Shirts

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**Information**

- The Daily Star World Cup Quiz '98 is a series of competition on World Cup Soccer being held in France from June 10 to July 12, 1998.
- There will be nine rounds of competition.
- Each round will have a separate draw with attractive prizes from the house of Transcom Electronics Ltd. as per announcement.
- Participants of all the nine rounds will automatically qualify for the Bumper Draw, which will have even bigger prizes.
- For each round, sets of questions will be published in The Daily Star Sport Pages.
- Names and addresses of all prize winners will be published in The Daily Star.
- Winners will have to collect their prizes from The Daily Star office after satisfactory authentication of their identity.
- Any taxes or levies, as per law, for all the above prizes will have to be borne by the prize winners.

**Prizes for Round Two**

Prize	Nos.	Item
1st	One	Philips CD Mini System
2nd	One	Sanyo Twin-Tub Washing Machine
3rd	One	Philips Rice Cooker
4th	Ten	5 dozen Philips Bulbs
5th	25	T-shirt and cap

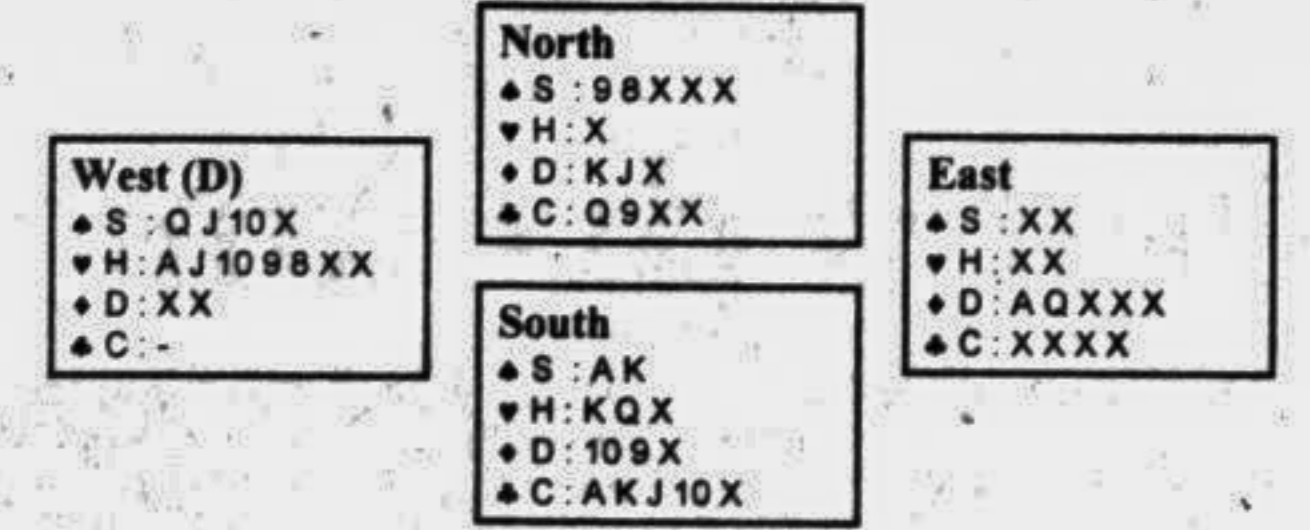
**Rules**

- Residents of Bangladesh are eligible to participate in The Daily Star World Cup Quiz '98. Employees of The Daily Star and Transcom Electronics Ltd and their immediate family members shall not be eligible to participate.
- All entries must be submitted in the original form printed in The Daily Star. Photocopies or reproductions in any form will not be accepted.
- Forms will have to be cut along the dotted lines.
- Participants are to put a tick (✓) mark in the box alongside their answer to each question.
- A person may send numerous entries.
- Entry forms should be completed with a ballpoint pen.
- Name, address, father's name and particulars of participants must be clearly written. Each entry form must also bear the signature of the participant and date.
- Incomplete forms will not be accepted.
- Entries must reach the office of The Daily Star on or before the closing date marked on the entry form. Late entries will not be accepted.
- Envelopes of entries must be clearly marked "Star Quiz 2".
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- Entries will be placed in a sealed box for the draw to be held on a notified date in public presence of invited guests and Quiz participants, if any.
- Winners will be decided on the basis of correct entries drawn out from the box.
- Entering this Quiz competition shall be construed as the respective agreement by each participant to abide by all rules, instructions and guidelines as may be issued by The Daily Star.
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**SIX NO TRUMPS**

A K Sayeedul Huq

**EAST MAKES AN EXCELLENT BID OF 4 HEARTS (Hand # 21)**



Bidding (North-South Vulnerable)

South	West	North	East
-	2H	Pass	Pass
Double	2S	Double	4H
Double	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened a weak two Hearts bid when East having nothing outside the Diamond suit passed. South with a powerful hand doubled for take out when West bid his 4-card Spade suit. As it was bid by West, North could not show his 5-card Spade suit in response to South's double. Hence, West doubled 2 Spades. In order to block communication between North and South, East jumps to 4 Hearts. His reasoning was that North-South might have a game in Clubs in which West was likely to be void, South doubled 4 Hearts for penalty which was passed by all.

**The Play**

North opened a small Club; declarer ruffed South's King of Clubs, and played Diamond for a successful finesse. He led a Heart from dummy, and when South played small, declarer played 8 which won the trick. He entered dummy with Ace of Diamond to lead another Heart. He captured South's Queen with the Ace. South played 10 of Spades which was won by South with the Ace. Ultimately, West guessed, the Spade position correctly. If South had A K of Spades bare, the declarer would be able to limit his losers in the suit to two.

The declarer lost two Spades and a Heart to make a doubled contract with 14 high-card points in the combined hands. In the post-mortem it was revealed that North South would have been one trick short in 5 Clubs.

**FRANCE '98 SIDELINES**

UNDATED, Apr 22 (AP/AFIP): Italy's scoring struggles have prompted coach Cesare Maldini to unveil a new, three-pronged attack for a World Cup tuneup against Paraguay.

Strikers Alessandro Del Piero and Christian Vieri, former club teammates, and winger Francesco Moriero will start together in Wednesday night's match, the first of two exhibitions Italy have left before France '98.

Moriero, making his second appearance with the national team, has scored three goals and set up several others during his first campaign with Serie A's Inter Milan. Del Piero and Vieri, who played at Juventus together for one year, have tallied more than 50 goals between them this season.

**ASPRILLA FEELS GREAT**

Injury-plagued striker Faustino Asprilla says he is feeling better and will play in the World Cup, the coach of Colombia's national team said Tuesday.

Asprilla had not talked to coach Hernan Dario Gomez for a month after a feud over Gomez's decision to not let him take free kicks in a friendly against Yugoslavia. Gomez was afraid Asprilla might reinjure his groin.

The star of Italian side Parma told the coach that "I feel good and I will compete at the World Cup," Gomez said. He has been sidelined for several weeks because of the injury.

He also apologized for the tiff and said he would follow Gomez's instructions.

Gomez has said he will not make a final decision about who will compete in the June competition in France until late May.

**PROJECT 2010**

The United States Soccer Federation has entered into a marketing arrangement with IMG and apparel sponsor Nike that starting in January that will be worth about 380 million dollar for the USSF over the next 12 years.

With the \$120 million apparel deal announced with Nike in October, the US federa-

tion should see approximately 500 million dollars by the end of the next decade, which should be more than adequate to accomplish goals enunciated in Project 2010," USSF president Alan Rothenberg said.

The premier goal of that endeavor, devised after the 1994 World Cup, is to have the United States host and win the World Cup by the year 2010.

The deal announced Tuesday would give IMG the responsibility of sponsorship sales for the USSF other than athletic shoes and apparel, licensing for all US national teams and the federation, and television rights. The deal leaves the USSF to schedule, stage and reap the income from all of its home games, including World Cup qualifiers, friendlies and US Open Cup matches.

**A HOST OF FRIENDLIES**

The luxury of choice is a problem for Nigeria's coach Bora Milutinovic, who has less than two months to make a World Cup contender out of his far-flung stars.

It's a problem his German counterpart Berti Vogts could only hope for.

The Germans, European champions, are coming off a 2-1 defeat against defending World Cup holders Brazil last month. They are struggling to cope with a string of injuries and out-of-form players.

Against Nigeria on Wednesday, the Olympic champions, Vogts will be without a half-dozen players he hopes to take to the World Cup in France.

It is one of 13 games being staged involving 21 World Cup-bound teams. Among the other matches are Italy vs. Paraguay in Parma, Yugoslavia vs. South Korea in Belgrade and Chile vs. Colombia in Santiago. The US team goes to Vienna to meet Austria, Denmark and Norway meet in Copenhagen, Bulgaria host. Morocco in Sofia and Belgium welcome Romania to Brussels.

Host France go to Sweden, Argentina, one of the favorites, visit non-qualifiers Ireland, and England welcome Portugal to Wembley. Scotland

host Finland, while Croatia, making their World Cup debut, host non-qualifier Poland.

**A TOUCH OF RONALDO!**

Iran's national soccer team are to prepare for the World Cup finals at the training base owned by Ronaldo's Inter Milan.

This was agreed during a business trip to Tehran this week by Inter president Massimo Moratti, whose oil refining empire is a regular customer for Iranian exports.

Iran are to spend a week or two at the "La Pinetina" centre at Appiano Gentile, between Milan and Lake Como, and are also expected to play a few friendlies in Italy before heading for France.

**VIERI WANTS TO PROVE 'EM WRONG**

Too many people are writing off Italy's chances of winning the World Cup, says angry striker Christian Vieri.

The Atletico Madrid ace, top scorer in the Spanish league, has rounded on the critics here who think that Italy are in for an unpleasant surprise at France '98 after struggling to qualify.

"I see too much scepticism around over what this national side is capable of doing," he said. "And it's all wrong. I reckon this is going to be Italy's World Cup."

"And do you know why? Because we're a tighter, and more mature group than in the past, and we've got faith in our coach."

**JOHNSON MU'S CAUSE FOR CONCERN**




Manchester United are flying Norway star Ronny Johnsen back from Copenhagen in a bid to clear up a knee problem that could threaten his World Cup final dreams.

The Old Trafford club are reacting to shock news from the Norwegians that they have discovered the defender has a damaged cartilage.

United may now lose the player for the rest of the season and Norway fear that unless prompt action is taken it could hit their World Cup plans.

**The Daily Star World Cup Quiz '98, Round Two** Ends April 29, 1998

Tick (✓) the correct answers

- For World Cup '98, who was last to qualify? Iran  Iraq  Ireland
- The Final of World Cup '98 will be played at Paris  London  Rome
- Who is known as Brazil's "white Pele"? Zico  Romario  Pele
- 1974 champs Germany played Final against Holland  England  Brazil
- Which one is Danish star Brian Laudrup?   

Name (Mr/Mrs/Ms) ..... Age .....

Father's name ..... Occupation .....

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Write with a ballpoint pen in clear BLOCK letters.  
Cut along the dotted lines and mail to OR drop in the Quiz Box at The Daily Star.  
You may send as many entries as you like. Envelopes of entries must be clearly marked "Star Quiz 2."