Schools cricket

Rezwan scores 108, Fahmidur takes 4/3 Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Krira Sikhya Protishtan (BKSP), Safiuddin Sarker Academy and Udayan School advanced into the next round of the 16th national schools cricket championship when they won their respective (Dhaka Zone) group finals at

different city venues yesterday.
At the Uttara Friends Club ground, Udayan School, aided by a scintillating century from Rezwan Taher, recorded a huge 137-run win over Sunbeams.

Rezwan scored 108 with the help of eight sixes and as many boundaries as Udayan, batting first, piled up a mammoth total of 216 in their share of 35 overs. In reply, Sunbeams were bundled out for 79 in 25.4 overs in the face of some controlled bowling from Muktadir, who claimed four wickets for only eight runs. Daian with a deflant 38 was the lone notable run-getter for the vanquished.

At the Mirpur Outer Stadium, Safiuddin Academy pulled off an upset 11-run win over St. Gregory's. In a high-scoring affair, the unheralded Safiuddin Academy boys, defending a fighting total of 194 for nine in the stipulated 35 overs, restricted the Gregorians to 183 to gain passage into the second round. Tanvir with a brilliant 83 lought a lone battle for St. Gregory's. However, that was not quite enough to help the reputed institution to topple the impressive Safiuddin total, which was built around some useful contributions from their top and middle orders. Ahmed scored highest 42 followed by Bappi, who chipped in with 31. Riaz made 25 and Raquibul scored 23.

At the Mohakhali T & T ground, BKSP ran away with thumping 10-wicket defeat over Wari High School. In a lowscoring affair, BKSP, chasing a paltry Wari total of 49, rattled up the victory target of 50 for the loss of no wickets in only seven overs. The facile victory of the country's lone sports institute was due to the dexterity of their front-line bowler Fahmidur Rahman, who took four wickets giving away only three runs. He was ably supported by Rajib, who claimed two wickets for eight runs.

Gough gives a reminder

LONDON, May 10: Pace bowler Darren Gough sent a message to England's selectors on Saturday when he grabbed three wickets to help Yorkshire to an eight-wicket victory over Durham in the Benson and Hedges Cup, reports Reuters.

Yorkshire now join Durham, Surrey Middlesex, Essex, Kent, Leicestershire and Lancashire when the quarterfinal draw is made on Monday. Their impressive all-round

performance brought victory over Durham, who qualified in second place in Group B, by eight wickets with 15.5 overs in hand.

Fast bowler Darren Gough made it clear he would be fit for the one-day internationals against South Africa after missing the West Indies tour as he. Chris Silverwood and the promising 20-year-old left-arm swing bowler Paul Hutchison took three wickets each to bundle Durham out for 172.

Surrey, Middlesex and Leicestershire all topped their groups and will be drawn at home.

Yorkshire's great rivals Lancashire gained the last place in the quarterfinals, beating Northamptonshire by 71 runs even though the former England captain Mike Atherton continued his run of bad form with a duck.

They had to wait for the result of the Warwickshire-Nottinghamshire match but although Warwickshire scrapped home by five runs, Lancashire's superior run rate gave them a place.

Glamorgan made a gallant effort to reach the next stage. They had to beat the Middlesex total of 253 for six in 39.5 overs and England off-spinner Robert Croft led the assault with his fourth fifty of the competition off only 36 balls.

Glamorgan were on target until Middlesex fast bowler Richard Johnson took two wickets in his first over and Middlesex won by 19 runs.

All-rounder Matthew Fleming made an undefeated 105 as Kent defeated British Universities, Gloucestershire won by four wickets and left Hamshire without a cup victory this summer and the game between Ireland and Sussex was rained

Real loss

BARCELONA, May 10: Real Madrid slumped to a 1-0 defeat against Espanol on Saturday, virtually ending their hopes of automatic qualification for next season's European champions' League, reports Reuters.

Mexico thrash Estonia

MONCECATINI, Italy, May 10: Mexico hammered Estonia 6-0 in a World Cup warm-up here on Saturday, aided by a Luis Hernandez hattrick, reports AFP.

Alberto Garcia Aspe hit the first on five minutes before Hernandez made it 2-0 on ten minutes. Jaime Ordiales scored the third before the break and Hernandez then bagged two more and Ordiales hit his sec-

The result was a vast improvement on the 1-0 defeat against Serie A side Bologna on Friday.

Argentina 1978 World Cup

Argentina at last

Tawfiq Aziz Khan

Argentina was a controversial choice to stage the finals of 1978 World Cup in view of the military coup there in 1976 and the state of the country. Such was the football that, in the end, neutral observers did not care who won or lost. They were just glad it was all over. There were very few heroes on the pitch and the world game degenerated sadly since the heady days of 1970. It was easy to blame the referees for not controlling violence on the field and the inadequate laws for failing to punish the "tactical" fouls that are part and parcel of the game today.



Argentina on the way to beating Holland in the 1978 final on a littered pitch in Buenos Star file photo

OR the first time the num-ber of entries for the World L Cup exceeded 100 although six of the 106 withdrew without taking part. Only Scotland qualified from the home countries. Among other qualifiers Iran and Tunisia were making their first appearances in the finals.

Argentina became the third host nation to win the title in the last four tournaments, in a tense but flowing final in which the Dutch, though forcing extra time, again had to be content with runners-up medals.

There was controversy before the match over the manner of Argentina's qualification for the final. They knew just how many goals were required against Peru to overtake Brazil on goal difference.

Although 102 goals were scored in the tournament, the average was only slightly better than the all-time low of 1974. with the gap widening between improved but uncompromising defences and impoverished attacks.

Argentina won their first two matches against Hungary and France 2-1, helped by favourable decisions from weak referees intimidated by the home crowd. The Hungarians had two players sent off in the last four minutes. With a strong referee. Mr Klein of Israel, Italy beat the hosts 1-0, but both teams had by then qualified for the second round.

Poland came through strongly in Group 2, after drawing 0-0 with West Germany, the holders. The Germans demolished Mexico 6-0, but scraped through with a goalless draw against the splendid Tunisians, when a defeat would have sent them out.

The matches in Group 3 were the closest, with never more than a goal in it and Austria were quickly through after beating Spain and Sweden. Brazil toiled to two lacklustre draws. They then beat a weak Austria to go through to Round 2. Though Iran hit the bottom of Group 4, they managed a draw against Scotland who were also eliminated. Peru and Holland

moved into the second round. As things turned out, Group A was bound to produce a European finalist and the odds were on the South American finalist emerging from Group B, unless Poland could spring a surprise. But the biggest shock of the Second Round was the elimination of West Germany who failed to win any of their three matches.

Argentina kicked off knowing they needed to beat Peru by better than 4-1 to reach the final, and the Peruvian defence looked suspiciously vulnerable

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as they allowed their host to make raid after raid and run in six goals without reply.

pieces of unsporting behaviour before the start of the final. First, they kept Holland and rest of the world waiting for five minutes before they came out and then made an unwarranted fuss over the bandage on Rene Van der Kerkhof's injured arm. Having allowed these nonsense. Sergio Gonella, the compromise selection as referee proceeded to give as ineffectual a performance as has been seen in what was one of the worst refereed

lead after 38 minutes and this looked to be enough until Dirk Nanninga headed the equaliser

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Argentina got away with two

World Cups for some years. Kempes put Argentina in the eight minutes from time.

The game went into extratime. Before the break Kempes broke through and just managed to keep control and stab the ball past Jongbloed. It was all Argentina now and Bertoni clinched it five minutes from the end of extra time (3-1).

So Argentina won at last, 48 years after they reached the first final in Uruguay in the first World Cup in 1930. It was particularly a sweet triumph for manager Cesar Menotti, who kept faith with an attacking style alien to most club football in the country, despite constant criticism from all quarters.

- Source: The World Cup & Football Chronicle

Nonetheless this spring he

has returned to his most be-

witching form to help the Gun-

ners overhaul United in the

The impulsive class act



AMSTERDAM. May 10 (Reuters): Afraid of flying he might be, but Dennis Bergkam-

p's soccer skills lift him to a different plane compared to ordinary footballing mortals.

This season the 28-year-old Dutchman has inspired his English club Arsenal to the brink of a League and FA Cup double. and the way his own personal form has mirrored the fortunes of his club is indicative of just how vital a player he will be to

the Netherlands this summer. In September the Dutchman was named player-of-themonth for the second time, the first player to win the award in consecutive months.

Shortly before, BBC's Match of the Day programme had voted his strikes first, second and third in their goal of the month, a feat unequalled by any other player in the 25-year history of the competition.

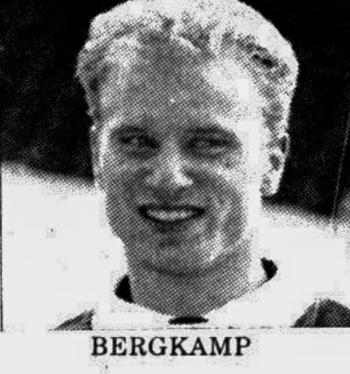
"He is at the peak of his career and I don't think there's anybody better in the world," Arsenal manager Arsene

Some over-exaggerated diving and a petulant elbow that saw him sent off in March did little for his standing and earned him a second threematch ban just as Arsenal were

finding their form. Bergkamp himself has repeatedly claimed he is being targeted by referees and defenders in England.

This may be true, but he can equally expect few favours in France this summer, defenders cannot afford to give him room

and referees are under instruc-



Premier league title run-in. A product of the famous Ajax

tion to punish diving.

Amsterdam youth system, the Dutch master has surprising strength and pace, allied to an immaculate touch and superb vision. He also has the ability to produce stunning shots with virtually no backlift, making him a danger even when closely marked.

A hamstring strain picked up in a league match on the last day of April has left a doubt over his availability for the FA Cup final - and Dutch fans will be praying he is completely over it for the World Cup.

If he is fully fit, can rein in his excesses and channel his frustrations into goals, France should provide a perfect stage for Bergkamp.

His fear of flying has ruled him out of games for club and country in the past, but that is not a worry this time around, the non-flying Dutchman could be on top of the world.

Baggio to play or quit Italy

MILAN, May 10 (AFP/ Internet): Roberto Baggio says he wants to play alongside Alessandro del Piero at the World Cup this summer, but that failure to make the team could see him quit Italy and move abroad. He has scored in each of his last three games (five goals) and another one on

"Today, I've got a tiny bit more hope than I had a month ago, but nothing is certain," said the 31-year-old. "I've still got another two weeks to convince Maldini by playing well and by scoring the odd goal. "I'd go to France in any role and in any system of play. What counts is being part of the national side for the last time, because four years are a long time. It's not my problem, it's Maldini's. But I'll keep on dreaming."

Baggio, who has previously been wooed by clubs from the English Premiership to the Japanese League, the revealed the sub-plot to his World Cup call-up.

This World Cup is extremely important to me, it could be the turning point in my career," he said. "My future depends on taking part, or not, in the World Cup finals. If the answer is positive, then I think I'll be staying in Italy, and therefore with Bologna, where I've fitted in nicely and where people appreciate me. But if things went differently. I could have to find a different solution one that I don't even know at the moment."

Baggio paid tribute to his successor as Juventus creative genius, Del Piero, and even claimed the two could be in the same team in France. "Today, in that creative role, he's better than me, he's the king - he's got the advantage of still being very young, of playing in the most complete team, in the world and to have already won a lot at national and international level."

The two men played together at the end of Baggio's spell with Juventus. "And we did well," Baggio said. "It proved that two players with similar technical characteristics can co-exist. And if it worked out that way. we could also co-exist in the nation side."

Another objective which the striker wants to reach by May 17, when the Serie A season ends, is his goal tally.

Fitness problems cripple Croatia

ZAGREB, May 10 (AFP/Internet): The fitness, or lack of it, of Croatia's World Cup squad is giving team coach Miroslay Blazevic food for thought with just over a month to go to the start of the World Cup finals in France. While predicting on Friday a fighting display from his footballers in France this summer Blazevic is taking his squad off to the mountains to improve their weak physical form. He is counting on a stint in

Suker, who has spent as much time on the touchline as playing for Real Madrid this season. Goalkeepers Drazen Ladic. Maijan Mrmic and Tanci Gabric have all failed to impress this season while injuries have blighted the performances of Lazio striker Alen Boksic. who was forced to miss the UEFA Cup final because of a

maker Robert Prosinecki. After their embarrassing 3-1 defeat at the hands of a selected journalists' team in March the Croatian team got their World Cup preparations back on track with a convincing 4-1 win over

Poland last month. Blazevic, whose side have been drawn in Group H alongside Argentina, Japan and Jamaica, has scheduled three more games as part of his France 98 build-up Slovakia (May 29), Iran (June 3) and Australia (June 7).

Draw suits Lens fine

PARIS, May 10: Small-town club RC Lens won the French First Division championship for the first time on Saturday after a fine unbeaten run of eight league matches, reports Reuters.

The northerners drew 1-1 away to AJ Auxerre to snatch their first major trophy on goal difference from Metz, 1-0 winners at home against Olympique Lyon.

Lens, dropping two points for the first time in eight matches, fell behind after only 13 minutes when Auxerre captain Sabri Lamouchi scored with a low shot from a pass by Stephane Guivarch. With Metz already ahead af-

ter a third-minute strike from Bruno Rodriguez, the Lens fans feared their dreams of a trophy might crumple altogether after their 2-1 defeat to Paris St Germain in the French Cup final a week ago.

But young left back Yohan Lachor, dropped for the Stade de France final, game so coach Daniel Leclerc could field a rare three-man defence, became Lens' hero with a 53rd minute equaliser.

Libero Frederic Dehu sent a ball across field to the left where Lachor ran into the box to guide it between Auxerre's reserve goalkeeper Fabien Cool's legs. Cool came on for Lionel Charbonnier after 27 minutes when the French international injured his back.

It was Lens' only draw away from home all season after nine wins and seven defeats. One of those away victories, 2-0 at Metz at the end of March, proved the turning point of the season.

FRANCE '98 SIDELINES



UNDATED: May 10: Liverpool's American goalkeeper Brad Friedel hopes to learn Friday if the British government will renew his work permit, which would allow him to stay

at Liverpool. Gordon Taylor, head of the Professional Footballers' Association, said he would support Friedel's application although the American failed to play 75 per cent of Liverpool's matches - a government requirement for a permit renewal.

"But we as a union do have sympathy with Friedel's prob-lems," Taylor said. "It took him so long to get the permit in the first place and he needed to get himself fit and acclimatize to English conditions before he could play in the top flight."

TROUSSIER BANKS ON **EVES**

Coach Philippe Troussier hopes to use women as a motivating factor for the South African team, according to a

newspaper report Saturday. Troussier said he will ask the South African Football Association to send the players' wives to France if the team reaches the second round, Johannesburg's Saturday Star re-

"It is important for the morale of the players, and think that I am the only coach who will be thinking this way," Troussier was quoted as saying.

SHORUNMU OUT OF

WORLD CUP

Nigeria's goalkeeper lke Shorunmu broke his right arm in a game for his Swiss club FC Zurich and will miss the World Cup in France, Zurich spokesman Guido Tognoni said Saturday.

Shorunmu collided with Grasshoppers' Swedish player Mats Gren shortly before halftime in Friday's game. ARE YOU LISTENING

DANIEL? Argentine national team coach Daniel Passarella may

have doubts about the matter. but fans don't.

They want strikers Gabriel Batistuta and Claudio Caniggia in the starting lineup when Argentina face Japan in the first

round. Batistuta received 85 per cent of 669 votes in a survey published Saturday by the Buenos Aires sports Daily Ole. Caniggia, with 55 per cent of

the vote, edged out Claudio Lopez, the striker whose goal gave Argentina a 1-0 victory over defending champions Brazil in a recent tuneup match at Rio's fabled Maracana Sta-

Lopez, however, is one of Passarella's favourites. Caniggia, a veteran of the 1990 and 1994 World Cups, was not summoned to play in the qualifying round and the tuneup matches. If the fans polled by Ole had their way. Argentina would line

up with Carlos Roa, Roberto Ayala, Roberto Sensini, Jose Chamot, Javier Zanetti, Diego Simeone, Juan Veron, Ariel Ortega, Marcelo Gallardo, Caniggia and Batistuta. Substitutes would be German

Burgos for Roa in goal, Matias Almeyda for Zanetti in midfield, and Lopez for Caniggia up

BRAZIL'S SIGH OF RELIEF

Star forward Romario should be back on the field for Flamengo's next game against Fluminense on Wednesday, the team doctor said.

Romario strained a thigh muscle in a game last week against Friburguense, causing speculation that he wouldn't be ready for the World Cup next month. But an MRI showed Romario suffered only a contraction of the back thigh muscle. Lidio Toledo, the national

team doctor, said he will study magnetic resonance tests sent by fax regarding injured player Flavio Conceicao, a defenseman for Deportivo La Coruna. If Toledo decides he is medically unfit, Sao Paulo's Ze Carlos is a

likely replacement. Brazil's 22 players will undergo "emotional training." once they arrive in France, said

team supervisor Americo Faria Head coach Mario Zagallo and team coordinator Zico will also take part in the sessions, which will include slides, music and inspirational statements from such famous athletes as Michael Jordan and Ayrton

IN SEARCH OF AYATO-

LLAH'S BLESSINGS The Iranian World Cup team paid a visit today to the mausoleum of Iran's late spiritual leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, state radio reported.

A total of 24 players selected to go to France, as well as several sports officials, "renewed their allegiance" to the father of the 1979 Islamic revolution who died in June 1989, it said.

The tomb is situated in a southern suburb of Tehran near the city's main cemetery. Behesht-e-Zahra.

The Iranian side is to leave here on Monday for preparatory games in Italy and Croatia before travelling to France, where the World Cup starts on June 10.

The Iranians will play a friendly game on May 19 against Roma and on May 23 against Inter Milan, officials

On June 3, the Iranian team will play the Croatian national team before leaving for France.

Saudis scrape past Trinidad

CANNES, France, May 10: Saudi Arabia beat Trinidad and Tobago 2-1 here in a World Cup warm-up international on Saturday, reports AFP.

Sami Al-Jaber put the Saudis ahead in the 16th minute and although Trinidad struck back three minutes later through Knighte, Al-Owairan hit the winner 11 minutes from the end.



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	2nd	One	CD player					
	3rd	One	Blender with chopper					
	4th	Ten	5 dozen Philips Bulbs					
	5th	25	T-shirt and cap					

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