

Waqar a bit frustrated?

RAWALPINDI, Oct 3: Pakistani bowler Waqar Younis said today he is undecided about his county future although he has offers coming for the 1999 season...



Indian Ghatik Poulmi during her women's singles third round match against North Korean Kim Hyon Hui at the Asian Table Tennis Championships in Osaka yesterday.

India in sight of victory

Indian leg-spinner Anil Kumble followed up his 5 wicket haul with an unbeaten century as the tourists looked set to complete an emphatic victory...

Iseki upsets Ma

OSAKA, Japan, Oct 3: Japanese national champion Seiko Iseki caused a major upset at the Asian Table Tennis Championships...

Bulgaria rely on old guard

SOFA, Oct 3 (Reuters/Internet): New Bulgarian coach Dimitar Dimitrov said on Saturday he would rely on the old guard led by striker Hristo Stoichkov...



HRISTO STOICHKOV

Hagi where are you?

BUCHAREST, Oct 3: Veteran George Hagi is under pressure from Romania's Football Federation (FRF) to make an international comeback...

Penev, who was left out of the side by Boney. Among the 11 foreign-based footballers in Dimitrov's 20-man squad...

DEFENDERS: Radostin Kishishev (Litex Lovech), Zlatimir Zagorec (Litex Lovech), Ivailo Petkov (Istanbulspor, Turkey)...

Uganda beat Algeria

KAMPAALA, Oct 3: Uganda defeated Algeria 2-1 in their Group Seven qualifying match of the African Nations Cup...

UEFA's counter strategy

GENEVA, Oct 3: UEFA's response to a threatened breakaway European super league took shape on Friday when it unveiled plans for a revamped European Champions' League...

Rijkaard gets down to business

ZEIST, Netherlands, Oct 3: Dutch national soccer coach Frank Rijkaard reshuffled the pack on Friday as he named his squad for friendlies against Peru and Ghana...

Safin so far so good

TASHKENT, Oct 3 (Reuters): Marat Safin, a contemporary of Anna Kournikova at Moscow's Spartak tennis school, hopes to emulate his glamorous contemporary by moving into the world top 20 in the next year...

Courier in the fifth set. If Courier remains the one that got away, Safin has claimed some big scalps elsewhere on the international circuit...

Div I h'ball from Nov 5

The Sheetal First Division women's handball league, organised by Bangladesh Handball Federation, will begin here on November 5, reports UNB.

Premiership's super Sunday

LONDON, Oct 3: Ruud Gullit faces his toughest challenge since taking over at Newcastle when his resurgent side take on English Premiership champions Arsenal at Highbury Sunday, reports AFP.

They are the club that have achieved the most in the last 12 months — and there's a hell of a lot of work to do for the club. Gullit will be worried by the lack of ruthlessness in front of goal which was apparent over the two legs in their away goals defeat against the Yugoslavs of Partizan Belgrade in the European Cup Winners' Cup on Thursday night.

Newcastle have shot up the league since the Dutchman took over from Kenny Dalglish last month and are determined to avenge their 3-1 defeat in the corresponding fixture last season. Newcastle captain Alan Shearer, named Premiership player-of-the-month for September last week, said the players are relishing the challenge of facing last season's double winners.



Hertha Berlin's Ante Covic skips a tumbling Moechengladbach custodian Robert Enke during their Bundesliga clash in Berlin on October 2.



MARAT SAFIN

SIX NO TRUMPS

A K Sayeedul Huq A REALISTIC CONTRACT (Hand # 110) Contract details including North, West, East, and South (D) hands.

Bidding: Neither side was vulnerable. On Club opening by South (18 or more HCP) and North's response showing 7-9 HCP, East bid vigorously first Spade and then Diamond.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

CRYPTOQUIP puzzle with a grid and the clue: 'The Cryptquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.'