

Asia Cup hockey Bangladesh down HK

Sports Reporter Forward Rafiqul Islam Kamal struck three goals as Bangladesh registered a 5-2 win over Hong Kong in the fifth Asia Hockey Championship in Kuala Lumpur yesterday.



A moment from the national kabadi clash between Bangladesh Army and Tangail. — Star photo

Donald rates it second

JOHANNESBURG, Nov 26: Allan Donald rated the delivery that bowled England opener Michael Atherton at the start of the first Test on Thursday as the second best of his career, reports Reuters.

Laxman, Sachin & Muller shine

BRISBANE, Nov 26: Indian batting maestro Sachin Tendulkar and Venkat Laxman shared in a 136-run stand as India opened their Australian cricket tour against Queensland at the Gabba here Friday, reports AFP.

Premiership preview Leeds' chance to go atop

LONDON, Nov 26: Table toppers Manchester United skip the English Premiership action this weekend, Sir Alex Ferguson's side flying out to Tokyo for Tuesday's Intercontinental Cup clash with Brazilian outfit Palmeiras, reports AFP.

Adams, 33, celebrated his 600th appearance in the red and white strip against Boro, and so on Thursday, in action against Nantes in the UEFA Cup, he embarked on his seventh century.

French preview Marseille to start life sans Courbis

PARIS, Nov 26: Marseille will escape the febrile atmosphere of the Mediterranean coast on Saturday as they head north to Nancy to try to relaunch their stuttering season with a new man in charge after Thursday's resignation by coach Roland Courbis, reports AFP.

Bordeaux are likewise struggling and need a win Sunday at Lens. The reigning champions crashed 3-0 to Valencia in the Champions League midweek, that reverse coming on the back of two successive defeats dropping them to sixth in the league.

UEFA CUP RESULTS AT A GLANCE

Table with 4 columns: Match, Score, Goalscorers. Includes results for Parma, Lens, Athens, Amsterdham, London, La Coruna, and Rome.

Fines suits 'em fine!

AUCKLAND, Nov 26: Brazilian coach Carlos Cesar Friday shrugged off fines imposed on him and his team for unsavoury incidents after their world under-17 soccer championships semi-final win over Ghana in New Zealand, reports AFP.

ITF tennis results

From Our Correspondent RAJSHAHI, Nov 26: Four players moved into the singles semifinals beating their respective rivals in the second leg of the International Tennis Federation (ITF) Alpha men's future tennis tournament played at the Rajshahi Tennis Complex today.

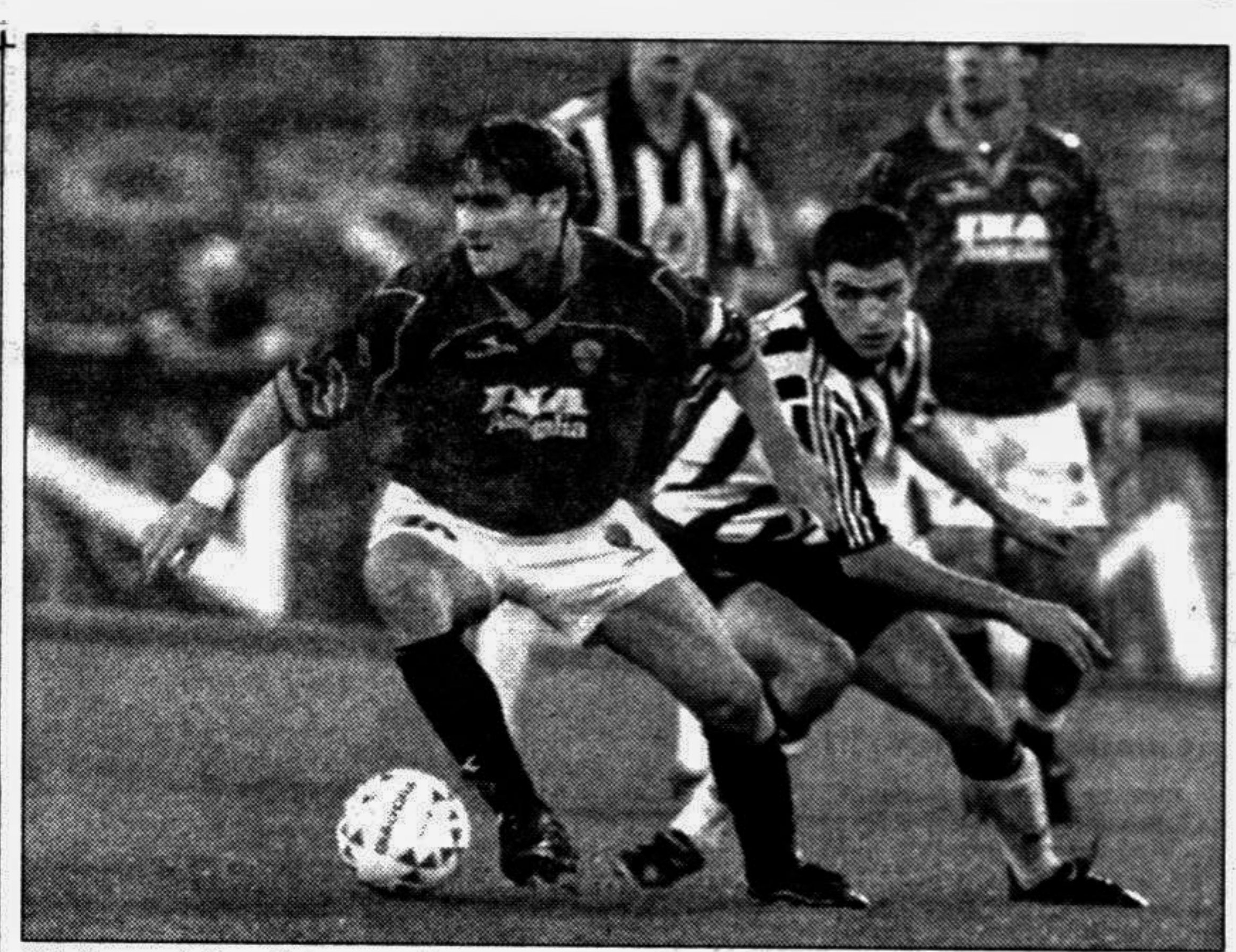
The results are: Donovan September of South Africa defeated Sander Groen of the Netherlands 5-7, 7-5, 6-3; Ashley Fisher of Australia beat Rick de Voest of South Africa 3-6, 6-4, 6-3; Dmitri Tomashevich of Uzbekistan defeated Lerps Uebel of Germany 6-7, 6-3, 6-2 sets; Ahsan Qureshi of Pakistan beat Florian Jeschonek of Germany 1-6, 7-6, 7-6.

Biman increase lead

Sports Reporter Bangladesh Biman maintained their lead in the First Division Chess League with a 3.5-0.5 win over Narayanangj Daba Kheloyar Samiti in the tenth round held at the NSC chess room yesterday.

Today's matches

- Sinoli Bank v Mahakhali PS Dhaka University CC v Uttara CCC Farashganj SC v Biman Brothers Union v Narayanangj DKS Leonine CC v Touchstone CC Ansars v Nakhhalpara JKs Kamalapur SKS v Titas Club



AS Roma strikes Francesco Totti (L) trying to outwit Newcastle United defender Aron Hughes during their UEFA Cup encounter in Rome on November 25. — AFP photo

Italians, Spaniards sail

PARIS, Nov 26: Italian and Spanish clubs scored a hat-trick of wins while Arsenal left their Wembley wobblers behind them on Thursday by gunning down French side Nantes in the UEFA Cup third round, reports AFP.

The Turin club stormed back with goals from Croatian defender Igor Tudor before second half efforts from Yugoslav Darko Kovacevic and Filippo "Super Pippo" Inzaghi.

happy enough as we played quite well. I think we have a 50 percent chance of going through," he said.

UEFA Cup third round first leg

Wembley wobblers behind them on Thursday by gunning down French side Nantes in the UEFA Cup third round, reports AFP.

France's side converted their superiority into goals. Nigel Winterburn blasted the second - his first goal in two years - in the 82nd minute and Dennis Bergkamp notched one of his specials in the final minute of the first leg tie.

Rangers will travel to Dortmund with high hopes of reaching the quarter-finals and making up for Champions League exits after defeats by Bayern Munich and Valencia.



Edgar Davids (front), Juventus' Dutch star, is under pressure from Olympiakos' former Brazilian international Giovanni in Athens on November 25. — AFP photo

Kiwi land catches football fever

AUCKLAND, Nov 26 (AFP): No one would have dared predict it, but the FIFA world under-17 championship has made rugby-worshipping New Zealanders take the "beautiful game" of football to their hearts.

In a country where rugby is a religion, chairman of the Christchurch organising committee for the tournament David Cox, said he had been overwhelmed by the response to the last fortnight's football.

Characteristically, Australia are showing zero awe of the titleholders. If they win they will join Steve Waugh's cricketers, John Eales' wallabies and Vicki Wilson's netballers as Australian 1999 world champions.

Pele fancies Santos' offer

SAO PAULO, Nov 26: Pele, recently elected footballer of the century by an international panel, is ready to step in as president of Sao Paulo club Santos, where he spent the bulk of his playing career, reports AFP.

Scoreboard

Table with 4 columns: Team, Score, Goalscorers. Includes results for India vs Queensland and other matches.

QUEENSLAND: Stuart Law (captain), Matthew Hayden, Jimmy Maher, Martin Love, Andrew Symonds, Geoff Foley, Wade Secombe, Andrew Bichel, Adam Dale, Scott Muller, Matthew Anderson.