Sports Reporter ANZ Grindlays

National School Cricket

Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protisthan (BKSP) stormed into the final of the Dhaka Metropolitan qualifying round of the ANZ Grindlays Bank National School Cricket Championship with a 72-run thumping of Barnamala High School in the first semifinal played at the

In a rain-curtailed 15-oversa-side match, BKSP scored 143 for seven after they were put in

Dhanmondi Club ground yes-

One-down Kafi Khan topscored with 33 off 20 balls followed by middle-order batsmen Raquib and Iftikhar with 25 and 20 respectively.

In reply, Barnamala were restricted to 71 for nine in 15 overs with opener Babu scoring highest 17.

For BKSP. Sharif and Mahbub took two wickets each.

In today's other semifinal, Government Laboratory High School will take on T&T High School at the same venue. All four semifinalists of the

Dhaka Metropolitan qualifiers have already booked their places in the final round. BRIEF SCORES BKSP v Barnamala High

School Venue: Dhanmondi Club BKSP: 143 for 7 in 15 overs

(Kafi 33, Raquib 25, Iftiqur 20 n.o. Mithun 19, Albert 2/18, Tushar 2/30. Barnamala High School: 71 for 9 in 15 overs (Babu 17,

Sunny 11, Sharif 2/12, Mahbub 2/19). Result: BKSP won by 72

Third Div Cricket Sk Russell, C'pur

Pioneer victors

Sports Reporter Sheikh Russell Krira Chakra beat Young Pegasus A by 38 runs in their Third Division Cricket League match at the Uttara Friends' Club ground vesterday.

In a reduced 20-overs-a-side affair, a cracking 75 by opener Masurul helped Sheikh Russell pile up a huge 153 for five after

Masurul, who smote five sixes and three boundaries, faced only 52 balls for his brilha liant innings. One-down Maruf ho who chipped in with 57 off 50 balls with three sixes and a sic couple of boundaries.

In reply, Young Pegasus were restricted to 115 for nine in 19.2 overs. Number eleven batsman Golam did not turn up.

In another game, Chandanpur Pioneer recorded a six-run victory over West Jatrabari Krira Chakra at the City Club

Put in to bat, Chandanpur Pioneer scored 138 for seven in the stipulated 35 overs with middle order Russell notching

highest 31. In reply, West Jatrabari

could reach 132 all out in 34.3

New idea

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ting, inducing other players to dis become involved, contriving to influence the result of a game, Sa and receiving money to supply Kir information to bookies; and an obligation to report any knowledge of transgression by other players.

The paper said the UCBSA was "adamant ... the new contracts leave no room for ambiguity"

Penalties for breaching the terms of the UCBSA contracts included "immediate termination of employment" and "life time bans on those found guilty" of dealing with bookmakers

The players signed by the UCBSA, the national squad and sch fringe players, have been ad-19! vised by the board to discuss the The new contracts were

me contracts with their lawyers. Sa drawn up after Hansie Cronje. Un scandal.

No contest

Lewis will next fight South Mo Africa's Francois Botha in July at London Arena, his first fight now in Europe in five years and first in London since suffering his lone defeat there in 1994 at the

hands of Oliver McCall. "He's all right as a fighter," Lewis said of Botha. "He should give me an interesting fight."

Van Gaal. Lewis will wait until November, a more lucrative doubt once Sergi had put Barca timetable for promoters, to face into a 39th-minute lead and New Zealand's David Tua, the Dani stroked home the second

Only the IBF and World Box- close range in the final minute. ing Council titles were at stake. A court order forced Lewis to vacate the World Boxing Assopor ciation crown because he chose

of I to fight Grant rather than topranked WBA contender John

the Holyfield and Ruiz plan to Inte fight for the vacant title June the 10, provided a Lewis appeal of que the verdict fails.

"I definitely feel Tua le coi serves a shot before 'Louise'. Lewis said. "It doesn't matter to not me. Let the people decided who ' second-half goals from Baljic the they want me to go against."



Chelsea's George Weah (L) and Dominic Matteo of Liverpool are locked in an aerial battle for possession during their Premiership encounter at Stamford Bridge on April 29. -AFP photo

Premiership

Liverpool slip at Chelsea

ond to avoid having to qualify

for the group stages of the

Champions League. But I do not

points to be sure of playing in

Europe, and we still have a far

bit to do to clinch a place in the

concerned in the second half

when Everton started to play in

Niall Quinn scored a close-

our half more and we looked

range equaliser for Sunderland

five minutes from time in the 1-

l draw with Aston Villa. Gareth

Moroccan international Ha-

Barry put the home side ahead

after 60 minutes with a glanc-

ssan Kachloul gave South-

ampton the lead after just four

minutes at the Dell but veteran

striker Tony Cottee levelled for

Leicester 18 minutes later.

Turkish international Muzzy

Izzet scored the winner for

Martin O'Neill's side with half

an hour to go and the Saints

had defender Dean Richards

Stefan Schnoor was sent off af-

ter 39 minutes at Tottenham be-

fore Horacio Carbonari put the

visitors ahead at White Hart

point for Spurs with the

equaliser on the stroke of full-

ilan were both on target in New-

Middlesbrough all three points

in a 1-0 win over West Ham at

clash at Valley Parade on Sun-

day while second-bottom She-

flield Wednesday entertain

Leeds, still in the hunt for a

Champions League place next

the first goal on 46 minutes.

about his gaffe.

Balic it was who had missed

But on Saturday he made full

Raul's clincher came from

Valencia's success at Valle-

the penalty spot in the last

cano, who have slid into

midtable after a bright start to

a golden chance for Real in the

Cup defeat after which he said

he could not sleep for thinking

Alan Shearer and Diego Gav-

Derby's German defender

sent off in the final minute.

ing header.

"I believe we need three

"We played well, but I was

accept that the job is done yet.



Ryan Giggs refuses to ease up in Manchester United's ing a resurgent display. Premiership campaign as the English season draws to a close,

reports AFP. United had the title in the bag and Watford were already relegated, but there were no holds barred at Vicarage Road as Jordi Cruyff grabbed the

winner in a 3-2 thriller. Both teams ended up with 10 men after Nicky Butt and Micah Hyde were sent off for violent

With Roy Keane and Jaap Stam rested, Giggs was captain for the day and he confirmed United's desire to win every game.

There can be a tendency to we had to do. relax but I think we showed the lads want to win every game," said Giggs. We have the attitude that we are going score more than the other team.

Heidar Helguson's header gave Watford a 1-0 lead at halftime but substitute Dwight 20th league goal of the season.

Ryan Giggs lobbed keeper Alec Chamberlain to put the Bergkamp sent Overmars away visitors ahead with 15 minutes and the winger ran 50 metres to go only for Tommy Smith to before cracking a shot into the drill home the equaliser for bottom corner. Watford three minutes later.

the points for United after 86 ester United are 19 points better minutes to give the Old Trafford than his on-form Gunners. club their ninth successive Premiership win.

Chelsea, who still hold slim hopes of securing a place in next season's Champions League, beat Liverpool 2-0 at Stamford

Liverpool, harbouring European ambitions of their own, were two goals down within the first 15 minutes, Liberian international George Weah putting Chelsea in front before

Roberto di Matteo added a sec-Chelsea boss Gianluca Vialli

MADRID. Apr 30:

Barcelona shru-

gged off their Spa-

nish Cup contro-

with an emphatic

3-0 win at relegation-haunted

Atletico Madrid to close to

within two points of Spanish

leaders Deportivo La Coruna,

hurtling towards its close,

Barca were condemned to get

three points on the board as

they started the day five points

adrift of Deportivo, who face

Galician neighbours Celta Vigo

their Spanish Cup semi return

against Atletico in midweek

claiming they did not have a

full squad with many of their

top stars on international duty

and forfeited the match having

sequently banned them from

by no means afraid of Atletico

themselves as they dished out a

stiff punishment at the Vicente

Calderon stadium to run out

The Spanish federation sub-

But Barca showed they were

The result was never in

on the hour before youngster

Gabri wrapped it all up from

Barcelona refused to play

away on Sunday.

lost the away leg 3-0.

next year's competition.

With the Primera Liga

versy on Saturday

Primera Liga

hailed the reaction of his side to their defeat at Manchester United last Monday by produc-

Chelsea can qualify for the UEFA Cup by either finishing in fourth spot above Leeds or by winning the FA Cup.

Vialli declared: "There has been a great reaction. In the first half, our attacking was almost as good as the game we played at home against Barcelona in the Champions League. "Since we lost to Barcelona,

we have not played as well but when we reach that level, we have the ability to win all our "We had something to make up for. We'd had three bad per-

games and we all realised what "But when the players are in the right frame of mind, are focused and have been rested for a week, we are a difficult team to

formances in our last three

Arsenal jump above Liverpool into second place after bagging their tenth win in a row Yorke was on target with a low at Everton with Dutch internadrive to level the scores for tional Marc Overmars scoring United after 68 minutes - his the only goal 11 minutes before the interval.

Dutch compatriot Dennis

Arsenal boss Arsene Wenger Cruyff ghosted in to secured refused to accept that Manch-

After winning at Everton, hours after United beat Watford, 19 points now seperate first and second. Should the gap remain the same when the season ends it will be a record Premiership victory margin.

But Wenger said: "I do not accept that the gap is so much. I do not believe that the gap between United, ourselves, Chelsea and Liverpool is so vast. Last season and the previous one the title was decided on the last game."

The Frenchman added: "We desperately want to finish secAnelka plays for himself

MADRID, Apr 30: French striker Nicolas Anelka is set to play a key role in Real Madrid's Champions' League campaign after a convincing performance in the side's 2-0 win over Espanyol on Saturday, said coach Vicente del Bosque, reports Reuters.

The 35-million-dollar former Arsenal star played for the full game, starting his first match since he was suspended from training in early March.

"I would like Nicolas to help us in the final stages of the league and with the Champions' League," said Del Bosque after the away game.

Anelka, who joined the club last year as the most expensive signing ever in Spanish football, played a low key role in the first 45 minutes but was fired up from the start of the second half. In the 46th minute he made a

fine pass to Bosnian forward Elvir Balic who scored to put Real Madrid 1-0 up. Anelka set up three more opportunities in the following five

minutes, and contributed in the defence and midfield. "He played some nice football, there were some nice touches," said Del Bosque after

the game. "We're going to need Del Bosque had indicated before the game against Espanyol | Giovane Elber adding a second | channel Sat. 1, Hahn added. that Anelka would probably be on the bench for Wednesday's Champions' league semifinal

first leg against Bayern Mu-Anelka was suspended from all activities for 45 days in March after he refused to train. The sentence was then commuted after he apologised and forfeited wages of around 60 million pesetas (328,000 dol-

lars). Since then, he has been largely isolated by the rest of the squad, both on and off the field, and has been linked in the Spanish media with a close season move to Paris St Germain.

Rajshahi soccer

From Staff Correspondent RAJSHAHI, Apr 30: Abahani Krira Chakra blanked Helenabad 9-0 in the Rajshahi First Division Football Super League at the Rajshahi Stadium today.

Tapos opened the account in the 33rd and Zet scored the 2nd goal in the 38th minute. Nayan made hattrick in the 40th, 65th and 48th minute.

two goals each in the 48th, 72nd and 49th, 56th minutes. Abahani collected six points from three matches.

Kamal and Arif slammed home

Mohammedan will take on Digonto Prashari Sangha tomorrow.

Premier kabadi

Bangladesh Police B and Stephen Clemence rescued a Bangladesh Rifles B earned comfortable wins in the 6th Premier Division Kabadi League at the outer stadium court yesterday, reports UNB.

castle's 2-0 win over Coventry, vice B by 26-10 points with two still without an away victory | creditable lonas. The winners led the first half 12-3 with one A Brian Deane penalty gave | lona. Rifles B beat Dilkusha

Police B outplayed Fire Ser-

Sporting Club by 37-18 points with three creditable lonas after dominating the first half 21. Bradford host Wimbledon in a relegation make-or-break 6.

Monday's matches: Bangladesh Rifles A vs Sonali Bank. and Bangladesh Army A vs Bangladesh Army B.

Duran Jr joins daughters'clan

PANAMA, Apr 30: Irichel Duran, the daughter of Panamanian boxing legend Roberto Duran, is about to become the latest daughter of a famous pugilist to enter the ring, reports AFP.

Duran will follow Laila Ali, daughter of Muhammad Ali, Freeda Foreman, daughter of "Punchin' Preacher' George, and Jacqui Frazier-Lyde, daughter of "Smokin" Jo Frazier in donning gloves but like some of the other younger generation is also running into parental opposition from her father.

Twenty-year-old Irichel is due to fight on May 14 although her father has left her in no uncertain terms as to his opinion, describing boxing as 'difficult"

Her father, best remembered for his epic world title fights with American Sugar Ray Leonard - he won the first but lost the last two, explained: "I have taught all my children how to defend themselves but I think she has chosen boxing because she does not understand how difficult

Duran senior, at 44 he has been fighting longer than anyone after a career that began back in 1968, is still a prize fighter and is preparing for a bout on June 3 against an opponent yet to be named. Duran, known in his prime

as "Mano di Piedra" (Hands of Stone), revealed that since January he has not spoken with his daughter who he said had gone to the United States to interview the Puerto Rican singer Ricky Martin as well as pursue her boxing ambitions. But the Panamanian press

said that Irachel was in Sydney with trainers Mark Pitts and Steve Lochhart who are getting her ready for her first There are no details of

what will be her first fight but it is expected to be in Aus-"She has cheated me and is already in Australia," said

Duran, a world champion at three weights. "I don't know why she is doing this because she has no need to be taking punches and although I do not have the money I had before my children have never | . clearly out of sorts Colin

Bundesliga

Bayern ride on Sergio



BERLIN, Apr 30: Brazilian midlielder Paulo Sergio led the way with two goals on Saturday as Bay

Champions Cup semifinal against Real Madrid with a resounding 4-1 win over Hansa Rostock to go back to the top of the Bundesliga - if only for overnight, reports AFP.

With deposed leaders Bayer Leverkusen playing at Hamburg on Sunday in search of their first-ever German league title, it seems unlikely Bayern will travel to Spain top of the pile but the emphatic manner of their win will certainly have boosted morale.

Yet in the first half it was the relegation-threatened easterners of Rostock who had looked the likelier winners, Nigerian Victor Agali opening the scoring on 18 minutes before a shocked 60,000 crowd.

Bayern only rose from their slumbers after the break but when they did it was with a vengeance. Sergio netting after 58 minutes and compatriot

four minutes later. Sergio hit the decisive third

Bundesliga TV rights Kirh's

BERLIN, Apr 30: The German football federation (DFB) on Saturday agreed to sell Bundesliga television and Internet broadcasting rights to media magnate Leo Kirch in a fouryear deal worth some 1.5 bil-

lion dollars, reports AFP. The deal will cost Kirch around 380 million dollars a season compared to the 170 million currently being forked out by his ISPR subsidiary.

The deal includes global retransmission rights, the DFB told Welt am Sonntag newspa-

Kirch group official Dieter Hahn told Welt am Sonntag the Saturday afternoon matches would be available only as payper-view.

Kirch's on-line division, Sport 1, will broadcast the Net service.

Unencrypted football will still be available as a summary of the day's action on private

with ten minutes left on the rebound after Rostock keeper Martin Pieckenhagen had parried a spotkick and within two

minutes Mehmet Scholl scored the fourth. Elsewhere, Kaiserslautern kept in the hint for a European finish with a 6-2 pasting of relegated Ulm with Albanian

striker Igli Tare blasting four of the goals. Sweden international Jorgen Pettersson bagged the other two while Australian striker David Allen Zdrilic got both the

visitors' goals. A last-minute goal from Heiko Herrlich, adding to an earlier one from Jurgen Kohler. gave Borussia Dortmund a rare win, 2-1 at equally mediocre VfB Stuttgart, to halt the former European champions' slide to oblivion and maintain their position just outside the bottom

Eintracht Frankfurt are still battling to avoid the drop and did themselves a huge favour Friday in beating VfL Wolfsburg 4-0. But although they are three points clear of the drop zone at the moment they will have two of those deducted at season's end for financial irregularities.



Bayern Munich's Paolo Sergio (L) celebrates his strike against Hansa Rostock with teammate Giovane Elber during their Bundesliga clash on April 29. -AFP photo

French First Division

Seden shoot Monaco down

ons Monaco took their foot off the gas on Saturday as they went down

Sedan, who gained a big boost as they target a UEFA Cup spot a year after promotion to the First Division reports AFP. Monaco went down in the

absence of French internationals Fabien Barthez and David

cided the focus was on the other end of the table as chickens began to come home to roost for some of the clubs caught up in Nowhere was that more the

trouble themselves, dragged Cup holders and finalists Nantes closer to the drop after a 2-1 win

PARIS, Apr 30: carino, who will join Red Star of the third division next season, was on target for Nancy with his 13th of the season

The trapdoor closed shut, meanwhile, on Montpellier. who conceded their 16th league defeat, 1-0 at home to Metz, who

Parma to sign Argentine booter

BUENOS AIRES, Apr 30: Italian Serie A outfit Parma are set to sign Argentine midfielder Claudio Husain from Velez Sarsfield this summer, his club vice president Juan Carlos Gonzalez said here Saturday, reports

Gonzalez said only a "few minor details" had to be ironed out before a June transfer for the 25-year-old, who will cost around eight million dollars. "We're close to closing the

thanked a Danny Boffin goal on five minutes for a rare away Bordeaux, meanwhile, pu-

lled off a gritty 2-1 win at Saint Etienne with goals from Lilian Laslandes and Christophe Dugarry sandwiching an effort from Brazilian hotshot Alex for the hosts. Saint Etienne's other Brazil-

ian, Aloiosio, was red-carded in the dying moments. The win put Bordeaux, last year's champions, into second

place a point clear of Lyon, who

lost a thriller 4-3 at Lens. But Paris Saint Germain can go back into second place if they beat win at Bastia on Sunday. Lens guaranteed their top

flight status with two goals from Lamine Sakho, coupled with an own-goal from Christophe Delmotte and a spectacular drive from Pascal Nouma against Lyon, for whom Sonny Anderson scored twice - once

from the spot. Defender Serge Blanc got the

Pressure started to mount

Lee Makel found Wales to his

left with an excellent ball and

the striker coolly slotted the

ball under the advancing keeper

Darren Dods, his first goal of

the season, gave St Johnstone

all three points against Dundee

Cup dream finally slip away as

Celtic rediscovered some much

needed fight in a 1-1 draw at Fir

came into the side minutes be-

fore the kick-off after an injury

in the warm up to Johann

Mjallby, fired his side into the

lead after a mistake from goal-

Motherwell saw their UEFA

Mark Burchill, who only

A 67th minute header from

Gordon Marshall.

United at Tannadice.

Scottish Premier League

Hearts owe Wales one



GLASGOW, Apr 30: Gary Wales virtually stamped Hearts' passport to Europe with a 52nd-minute winn-

Third-placed Hearts are now seven points clear of Motherwell with three games left to play in the Scottish Premier

But the Edinburgh side owe a great debt of gratitude to goalkeeper Antti Niemi who denied the home side a deserved halftime lead with a superb onehanded save from Gus MacPherson.

The Finnish international was in superb form as the Rugby Park side paid the price for failing to take advantage of their dominance in the first 45 min-

have strolled into the half-time break with a comfortable lead. But a combination of Niemi's save and poor finishing prevented the home side from tak- Franz Beckenbauer. ing command.

Cameron was replaced by Steve to find their feet. Fulton.

The effect was almost im- and seven minutes after the re-

Braun backs

Football Federation (DFB) president Egidius Braun on Saturday renewed his faith in Erich Ribbeck despite a series of poor results which have put the national coach's future in doubt. reports AFP.

Ribbeck's future was called into question following Germany's 1-1 draw last Wednesday against Switzerland in a Euro 2000 warm-up friendly match which was played on the centenary of the DFB in

Kaiserlautern. This follows the side's 2-1 defeat by the Netherlands in February and 1-1 draw against Croatia last month, which has put Ribbeck under increasing criticism from influential figures such as football legend

hosted by Belgium and the

Netherlands, which gets under-

way on June 10.

penalty and Ged Brannan's freegave them hope but Celtic hung on after the re-start for a point. 53 minutes gave Hibernian a 1-O victory over Aberdeen at Easter Road.

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This was the heaviest heavyweight championship fight in boxing history, with Grant weighing in at 250 pounds and Lewis at 247. Grant, Fr at 6-foot-7, missed his chance to become the tallest champion

her in heavyweight history.

easy winners and underpin their own claims for a third straight league title under Louis

mandatory International Boxing Federation challenger.

Atletico can now only wait and see if relegation rivals Oviedo build on their five-point advantage when the latter meet tailenders Seville. Earlier Saturday, Real Madrid scored a 2-0 away win at

Espanyol to cement third place and boost morale ahead of their Champions League meeting with Bayern Munich. Real, beaten by Espanyol in the Spanish Cup semi-final in midweek, bounced back with

and a late Raul penalty to move level on points with secondplaced rivals Barcelona, who were playing in the late evening match at Atletico Madrid. Valencia, the third Spanish

club in the Champions League

in the competition next week.

quarterfinals, who host Barca

Barca bury Atletico

warmed up, like Real, with a win - 3-1 at Rayo Vallecano to move into the top five. Real coach Vicente del Bosque elected to play controversial French striker Nicolas Anelka from the start despite his inconsistency all season

the campaign, came courtesy of goals from Farinos' opener on 11 minutes, Gaizca Mendieta (35) and Garcia Oscar's clincher and the former Arsenal forward seven minutes from time. helped to set up Elvir Balic for

NEW YORK, Apr

30: Undisputed

world heavywei-

ght champion Le-

fun at promoter

In the interview filmed ear-

lier in the week at studios just a

few blocks away from the fight

champion to surrender the

World Boxing Association title.

one of three he won from Evan-

nnox Lewis poked

Lewis jabs King, Tyson

Don King and ex-champion "I don't think he's too serious Mike Tyson during an appeaabout it right now," Lewis said rance on the David Letterman "He got good when he was young television show aired here early All of a sudden he had some life Saturday, reports AFP. experiences and he hit a The British boxer takes on plateau. Now he's hanging unbeaten American champion about, doing some movies and Michael Grant later Saturday at Madison Square Garden.

arena, Lewis spoke of how King has shifted titles among his field's ear. fighters and kept Lewis waiting "Mike Tyson's name is synalmost eight years to a unificaonymous with money," Lewis tion chance. said. "If we get in the ring and Lewis also lammented King's legal moves that forced the

der Holyfield last November. "It doesn't seem like boxing interests him," Lewis said. "He has been bad for me. He kept me can go home -- two rounds, just frozen out for so long. Now I'm something to turn his lights undisputed champion and he out," Letterman said. "Bang. has weaseled his way back in. Bang. Bang. Good night."

Regarding Tyson, who plans to fight Lou Savarese in June at Milan or Glasgow, Lewis said he does not see a matchup any time soon with the only major fighter of his era whom he has not beaten.

having fights once in a while.' But Lewis also realizes that if the time is right, he would enjoy a rich payday against the convicted rapist and assailant who once bit off a piece of Holy-

have a fight, he'll want to pull my hair or something." Letterman encouraged Lewis to make a prediction, but the fighter would not. But the talk show host did leave him with piece of advice against Grant.

"Drop him in two so people wanted for anything.

French champi-

to a surprise 2-1 reverse in

Trezeguet, left out of the side and in the doghouse after arriving back late from Wednesday's international against Slovenia at the Stade de France. But with the title already de-

the relegation battle. case than at Nancy, who, in

Irish veteran Tony Cas- deal," Gonzalez told reporters.



er in the 1-0 victory at Kilmarnock on Saturday, reports

Kilmarnock should really

Hearts manager Jim Jefferies recognised that his side needed an injection of new blood after the break and the mediate and the visitors began start, the Edinburgh side put their UEFA Cup search back on

Ribbeck BERLIN, Apr 30: German

And Braun said that they hoped to continue working with

keeper Stephen Woods. Ribbeck after Euro 2000, co-

But the Motherwell keeper made up for that blunder with a save from Mark Viduka's kick on the stroke of half-time A Kenny Miller strike after