

BFF GM held

Dhaka Mayor and president of Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) Mohammad Hanif yesterday urged all concerned to produce more footballers to maintain the existing popularity of the game.

Rajshahi cricket

From Our Correspondent RAJSHAHI, May 6: Jubo Cricket School and Rani Bazar Sporting Club won their respective matches of the second Siraj Memorial cricket tournament at the Rajshahi Medical College campus play ground today.

Winning the toss Medical Campus batted first and were bowled out for 130 in 24.2 overs.

Headley will have back surgery

LONDON, May 6: Fast bowler Dean Headley is to undergo spinal surgery which threatens to rule him out of England's plans for the rest of the season, reports AFP.

Inzamam

From page 13 Moyn Khan batted for close to half-hour together, but the Pakistan captain was caught at gully with King's first ball in a Test before his home crowd.

Their stand blotted out the 166 shared by Wazir Mohammad and Abdul Hafiz Kardar 42 years ago in the Kingston Test which is remembered for Sir Garfield Sobers' world record innings of 365 not out.

It was a gripping contest between bat and ball throughout the partnership between Inzamam and Razzaq which ensured West Indies went wicketless over the last two periods of the day.

SCOREBOARD

Table with columns for Pakistan and Bangladesh scores, including batsmen and bowlers.



Manchester United's Paul Scholes (R) comes under a sliding tackle from Sol Campbell of Tottenham Hotspur during their Premiership clash at Old Trafford yesterday. -AFP photo

Premiership MU leave Old Trafford in cheers

LONDON, May 6: English champions Manchester United turned on the style in their final home game of the season, beating Tottenham 3-1 in front of a Premiership record crowd of 61,629 in a morning kick-off at Old Trafford on Saturday, reports AFP.

of the premier league trophy - their sixth in eight years - which they planned to parade before their fans.

Fergie's most satisfying

LONDON, May 6 (AFP): Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson hailed his side's latest Premier League triumph - the sixth in eight years - as their greatest on the day his side were officially crowned champions, reports AFP.

have repaid you. Tottenham did their best to spoil United's championship party when Chris Armstrong cancelled out Ole Gunnar Solskjaer's opener with a diving header.

African soccer scene

JOHANNESBURG, May 6: African club giants Esperance of Tunisia could manage only a 3-2 home win over modest Djoliba of Mali in a Champions League second-round match this weekend, reports AFP.

All Latin semifinals

ORLANDO, Florida, May 6: Fernando Gonzalez and Martin Rodriguez claimed semi-final berths at the US Clay Court Championships Friday, making it an all-South American final four in the 350,000-dollar ATP Tour event, reports AFP.

Barthez staying with Monaco

PARIS, May 5: Fabien Barthez, France's emblematic international goalkeeper and captain of newly crowned French champions Monaco, has announced that he wants to see out his contract at the club, reports AFP.

Casoni's grief

MARSEILLE, France, May 6: Olympique Marseille coach Bernard Casoni questioned his players' commitment after they failed to secure First Division survival in Thursday's 2-2 draw at home to Nancy, reports Reuters.

Rosenberg seek MLS custodian

DENVER, Colorado, May 6: Norwegian powerhouse Rosenberg have opened talks with Major League Soccer about obtaining the rights to Colorado Rapids rookie goalkeeper Adin Brown, reports AFP.

Tachibana queen of Japan

TOKYO, May 6: Miya Tachibana led world silver medalists Japan to a triple victory in the solo, duet and team events at the Japan Open synchronized swimming championships on Friday, reports AFP.

2006 World Cup Blatter's heart with Africa

BERLIN, May 6 (Reuters/Internet): FIFA president Sepp Blatter has said the 2006 World Cup finals should go to Africa if one of the continent's two bidding countries can meet all the conditions required to stage the event.

The FIFA president added he knew both England and Germany were perfectly capable of successfully staging the tournament.

"The G-14 want to create their own league with the support of television channels," he said. "That has to be turned down."



SEPP BLATTER

"I will clearly tell the executive committee (of FIFA) that if we want to work for the solidarity of football worldwide, we should consider whether we should not give an advantage to Morocco or South Africa if one of those two bids meet all the requirements," Blatter said.

J-League

TOKYO, May 6: Dragan Stojkovic, playing his last season in Japan, finally scored his first goal of the season to give Nagoya Grampus Eight a 3-2 win over Verdy Kawasaki in J-League football on Saturday, reports AFP.

Dutch coach to quit S African Ajax

JOHANNESBURG, May 6 (AFP) - Dutch coach Leo Van Veen said Saturday he will leave South African Premier Soccer League club Ajax Cape Town when the season ends next month, reports AFP.

Stojkovic wins it for Nagoya

The Antlers defeated defending champions Iwata 3-2 with Brazilian Bismarck producing the last pass for Masashi Motoyama, who flicked in a right-footer in the 117th minute to put an end to extra time.

French Cup final

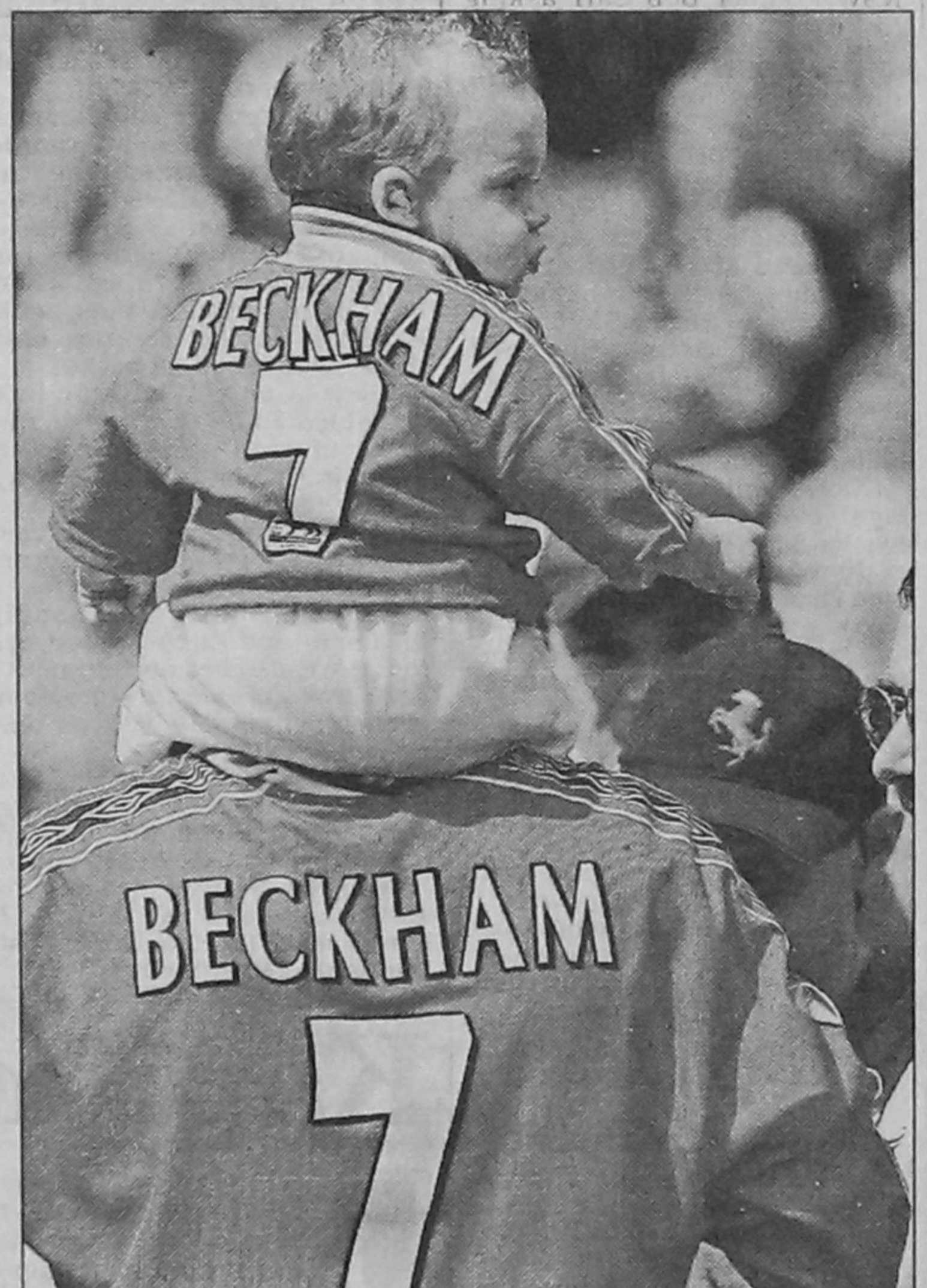
PARIS, May 6: Honnely Nantes, nicknamed 'the Canaries' for their yellow and green kit, will be the least popular French Cup finalists in living memory when they face giantkillers extraordinary Calais at the Stade de France on Sunday, reports AFP.

Calais miracle reaches climax

work any more," he laughed. Several thousand fans made the 100km journey to Lens for the semi-final, most draped in the team's "blood and gold" colours, whereas they normally attract just a few hundred fans.

Bartali dies

ROME, May 6: Italy's former cycling great, Gino Bartali, died at the age of 86 at his Florence home in Tuscany on Friday, one of his sons, Andrea, announced, reports AFP.



JUNIOR TOPPLES DAD! Brooklyn gets a ride on his father David Beckham's shoulders after Manchester United's Premiership fixture against Tottenham Hotspur at Old Trafford yesterday. - AFP photo