

## Strasbourg shocked by Nazi antics

STRASBOURG, France, Aug. 22: Nazi swastikas and anti-Semitic graffiti daubed on the walls of Strasbourg football ground have angered and shocked the local community, reports AFP.

The city's mayor Catherine Trautmann, a former Socialist Culture Minister, has lodged a formal complaint with police for "intentional damage by writing of a racist and anti-Semitic nature".

The butt of the insults was Strasbourg manager Claude LeRoy, who has been criticised by fans for the club's poor start to the French League season and has also come under fire from a hooligan element in the crowd for selecting black players.

Among the graffiti were swastikas and the words "LeRoy - filthy Jew" daubed near the main gate.

"These racist insults are intolerable," said deputy mayor Robert Hermann. "These actions are the work of a small minority and they have deeply shocked the real supporters, the majority of the population of Strasbourg and its politicians."

Without a point from their first four games, Strasbourg are well adrift at the bottom of the table and LeRoy's future is, at best, uncertain.

## Div II chess

### Sports Reporter

Dhaka Daba Ghar earned a solo lead in the Second Division Chess League with a 3.5 - .5 win over Anirban Daba School in the third round, played at the NSC chess room yesterday.

The win raised Dhaka Daba Ghar's points tally to 10.5.

Fighter Chess Club are in the second position with ten points. The fourth round will start at the same venue today at 3 pm.

## Athletics course

BARISAL, Aug. 22: A month long athletics training course for under-14 age group began at the Abdur Rab Serniabat Stadium of Barisal on August 13, reports BSS.

## Abahani stay

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more easy option than Abahani, they appeared to have lost the match even before it started. They looked like a group of panic-stricken deer with Abahani chasing them like a wounded tiger.

Abahani, who had a nightmarish encounter with Arambagh, went into the game with completely a different frame of mind and sent Badda on the defensive right from the word go.

The sky-blues were however denied of an 11th minute lead by Badda custodian Titumir, who fisted away a Zakir pile driver for corner. But Badda defence eventually collapsed in the 25th minute when Sentu broke through an offside trap.

The mumble forward galloped down the right flank before unleashing a powerful grounder past a stranded Titumir through near post.

The goal apart, Abahani created as many as three clear chances in the first 45 minute but had to content with the slender lead as the strike duo of Don and Kanchan muffed up those sitters from advantageous position.

The only chance Badda got in the first half was in the 37th minute when Lajuk drove a sudden shot from outside the box, which was spectacularly parried off by reserve national custodian Biplob.

Abahani came up with more vigour after the lemon break but had to wait till the 68th minute for the cherished goal. Titu took a nice corner that travelled to an unmarked Sentu, who intelligently lobbed the ball to a lurking Iqbal at the near post. Iqbal made no mistake in sending it home amidst thunderous applause from a strong band of Abahani supporters.

Abahani will now have to wait for the outcome of today's match between Mohammedan and Muktiyoddha to know their opponents in the second semi-final, to be held on August 26.

## TEAMS

**Abahani KC:** Biplob, Titu, Nazrul, Partho, Dulal, Zakir, Iqbal, Sentu, Don, Pavel (Daboo) and Kanchan.

**Badda Jagorani:** Titumir, Pavel, Lajuk, Shamim (Riad), Mahmudul, Tanvir, Haider, Monwar, Asad (Karim), Walid and Bulbul (Sayed).

Referee: Ram Krishna Gosh

## Premiership

# Gunners gun Liverpool down



LONDON, Aug. 22: Arsenal beat Liverpool 2-0 here at Highbury on Monday but saw defender Patrick Vieira sent off for the second time in two English Premiership matches this season, reports AFP.

Liverpool ended the match with nine men after Gary McAllister departed on his club debut, ironically for a foul on Vieira and Dietmar Hamann also got his marching orders for a second bookable offence as referee Graham Poll laid down the law.

Scotland midfielder McAllister was first to get sent off six minutes before half-time for a reckless foul on Vieira who had been shown the red card in the Gunners' opening-day defeat at Sunderland.

Arsenal new boy Lauren gave the Gunners the lead - although it appeared to go in off the outstretched leg of skipper Tony Adams.

The goal was a messy affair following some unconvincing work by Liverpool keeper Sander Westerveld at a corner but Arsenal celebrated because it was their first in seven encounters with the team also managed by a Frenchman, Gerard Houllier.

England manager Kevin Keegan was at Highbury to see a frantic opening spell, along with former national coach Glenn Hoddle and Charlton boss Alan Curbishley whose newly-promoted side face Arsenal on Saturday.

Liverpool's England pair Michael Owen and Steven Gerrard were surprise absentees and Arsenal made four changes following Saturday's dismal defeat at Sunderland as they attempted to gain their first win against the Merseysiders in 15 games.

But Liverpool were neat and thoughtful in their counter-play, trying to work a short passing passage through the home defence. McAllister was close with a snap shot from 25 yards which zipped just wide.

Liverpool were uncompromising at the back and Pires took a buffeting from Stephane Henchoz who was lucky to receive only a lecture for one crunching tackle on him that left the Frenchman limping away.

Hamann was the second Liverpool player to be booked for a clumsy foul on Lauren but there was a much worse challenge by McAllister soon afterwards in the 39th minute.

The Scotsman went scything in on Vieira and was immediately shown the red card by referee Poll as the French international was helped away to the touchline, clutching his right knee.

Vieira, though, was soon back after treatment to a night roar from the Highbury crowd.

Hamann struck a ferocious

30-yard free-kick six minutes after half-time to show Liverpool had by no means given up the unequal struggle.

But despite a deflection the ball stuck in Seaman's grasp and the keeper immediately bowled it out to Henry to begin another Arsenal raid.

Bergkamp looked certain to put Arsenal two up when he homed in on goal after Lauren and Henry combined but the Dutchman's thundering shot was headed off the line by Henchoz, with a linesman flagging for offside against Henry.

Just after the hour mark, though, it took a remarkable save by Seaman to keep Arsenal in front - the veteran England goalkeeper launching himself to tip over another rocket by Hamann after Emile Heskey's muscular run earned Liverpool an opening.

The game, however, was deteriorating as a spectacle with numerous offences of shirt-pulling and sly nudges, with eagle-eyed Poll spotting almost every one and interrupting the flow of the game with his constant whistle.

Carragher was booked for a lunge into Vieira which infuri-

ated the Arsenal midfielder who had to be held back from retaliating - but he was also cautioned for his reaction.

Vieira just could not control himself, chasing after Barnby with malicious intent after Carragher charged him off the ball again.

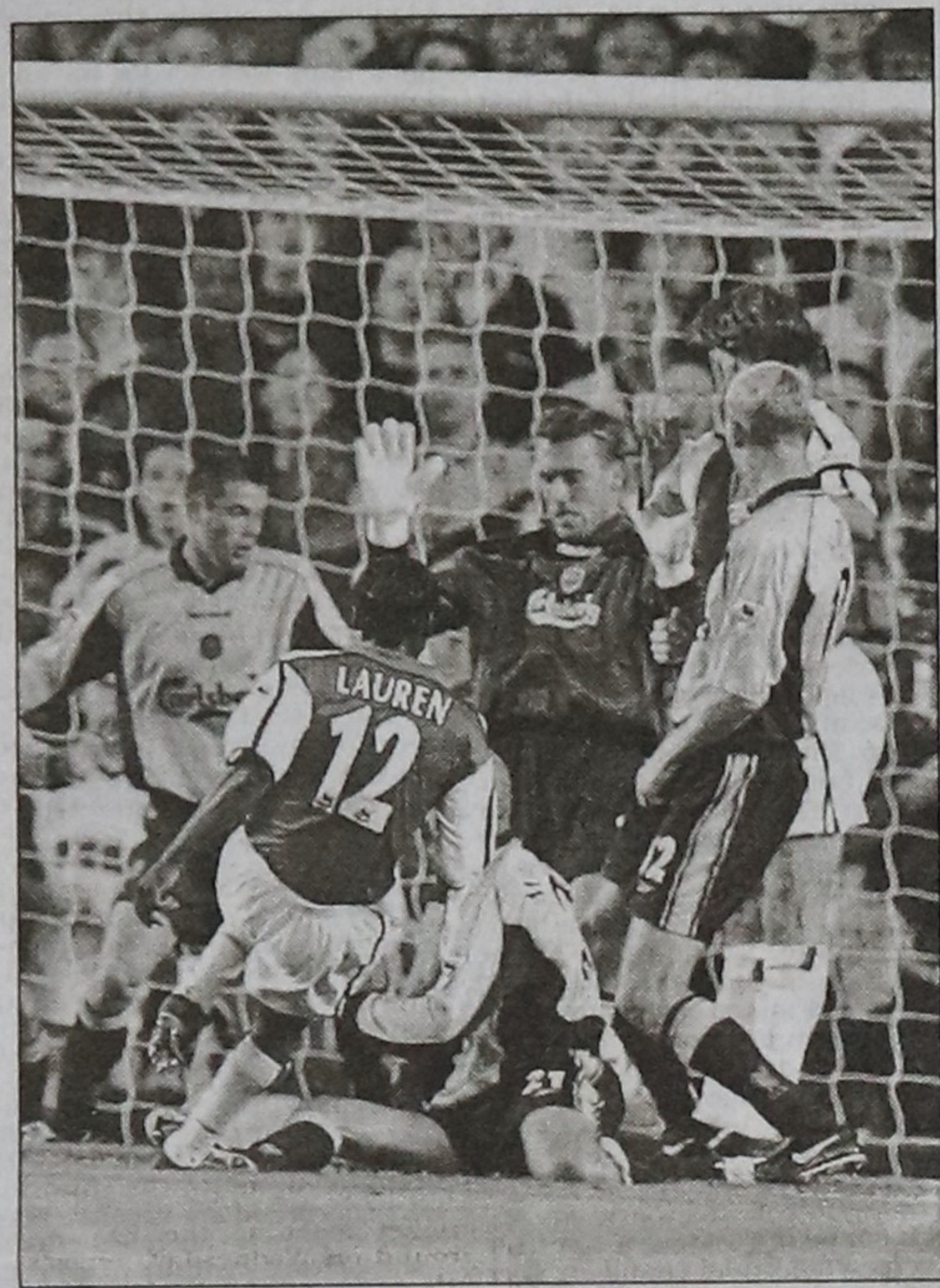
This time he missed but seconds later the volatile Frenchman slid in wildly on Hamann and, although TV replays suggested he had won the ball, he was sent off for the second time in three days.

It became 10 against nine when with 12 minutes left Poll sent off Hamann for his second bookable offence - an innocuous shove on Pires.

Liverpool boss Houllier shook his head in dismay on the touchline and Poll suffered the abuse of the crowd who sang "You don't know what you're doing".

But the players should have been warned that the official was going to punish everything by the book - and the card.

As Liverpool pushed forward they left space at the back and Thierry Henry took his time before calmly placing the ball beyond Westerveld in the final minute.



Lauren (No 12), Arsenal's Cameroon international, scoring from a goal-mouth melee during a Premiership clash against Liverpool at Highbury on August 21.

— AFP photo

# Serious thinking time for Vieira



LONDON, Aug. 22 (AFP): Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger hopes Patrick Vieira will not turn his back on English football in total frustration after being sent off for the second time in three days.

But he admitted it was a possibility after the midfielder collected the sixth red card of his Arsenal career for a second bookable offence in the tempestuous 2-0 win over Liverpool's on Monday night.

"Patrick is not an angel but maybe he feels too much is too much. There is always a danger nowadays that you can lose your best players to foreign clubs," Wenger said.

A 15 million-pound bid for Vieira by Juventus two months ago has apparently unsettled him and the two sendings-off in quick succession could bring things to a head.

Wenger said: "Time is the best healer for Patrick - better than my words."

And Vieira, 23, will have plenty of time to reflect on his future now, as he will be suspended for five matches.

The tabloid Daily Mirror certainly had no doubts that he would choose to go, headlining its Tuesday back page "I'M OFF!" with a picture of Vieira tossing away his shirt as he walked back to the tunnel.

The broadsheet Guardian

made the point that "Vieira has now been sent off four times in six seasons at Highbury; only Vinnie Jones, now retired, has a worse record."

Dutch striker Dennis Bergkamp revealed that Vieira had already walked out of Highbury before the rest of the team got back to the dressing room.

"I know how he is feeling," Bergkamp said. It has happened again so quickly after Sunderland on Saturday and he felt bad enough then. Now he could be thinking 'That's it, it is all over'."

"And if that is the case we lose a big player - not only us (Arsenal) but the English game in general. It would be very sad. He was very upset to be sent off again in the first game of the season and he knew he had to be."

## Cascarino's days numbered

PARIS, Aug. 22: Veteran Irish striker Tony Cascarino's future at French Third Division club Red Star is in the balance as his style of play apparently does not suit the new coach's game plan, reports AFP.

"We don't have a system that suits Tony. A decision will be taken very rapidly," Red Star Boss Michel Moulin said Tuesday.

cool against Liverpool. He was. He just got up whenever he was fouled, he didn't talk to the referee and just got on with the game.

"But then he was booked twice for things that were never yellow cards. I thought he clearly went for the ball the second time but the referee showed another yellow card and that meant he had to go off."

"We think it was a mistake. Everybody makes mistakes and maybe we can hope the referee will see it on video and tell the FA he was wrong."

He added: "I find it amazing that everything is left in the hands of one man who, with all due respect, is not a professional. Players make mistakes, too, but we are often judged on them by video and so surely the same has got to apply to referees."

Wenger said: "People will accuse me of whingeing but I only say what I see. Of course, Patrick should keep his calm but it is very upsetting that some people are on the pitch who don't even try to play football."

"He is no angel, I know that, but he is very emotional because he is only a human being and I can understand that when you feel things are not right you feel a bit nervous."

"But I think that inflame the best way is to face up to problems and I think Patrick is strong enough to do that."

## Erotica on Bradman!

SYDNEY, Aug. 22 (Internet report): A sex shop in Australia is set to change its name to Erotica on Bradman after the street the shop stands on is to be named Sir Donald Bradman Drive in honour of the world's greatest ever batsman.

The owners of the Ultimate Risk sex shop described the move as a prudent business decision, but have been slammed by cricket officials for exploiting the Australian cricket hero's name.

"We mean absolutely no disrespect to the man himself," said one owner, who gave his name as Tom. "I'm a cricket fan myself and I would never want to in any way defame the man."

The move is likely to upset the intensely private Bradman, who is trying to block plans by a businesswoman on the same street to name her restaurant Bradman's Cafe on the Drive.

Former Australian cricket official Barry Gibbs, who has known Bradman for 40 years, said he was outraged by the sex shop move.

"I believe that it is blatant commercial opportunism and that the name Bradman, being the revered name that it is in Australia, is almost being desecrated by association with a business of that nature," Gibbs said.

The troubles arose after Bradman agreed to a proposal by a local Adelaide council to celebrate his achievements by naming the main road from Adelaide's airport to the city centre in his honour from January 1, 2001.

Local media reported several businesses along the road had registered adaptations of the Bradman name, from Bradman's Cafe to Tiles on Bradman - and now Erotica on Bradman.

Neither Bradman, who rarely speaks in public, nor his charity arm The Bradman Foundation has commented publicly.

Bradman, who retired from Test cricket in 1948 and who turns 92 on Sunday, scored 6,996 Test runs at an average of 99.94 runs.

## US boxing ref dies

LAS VEGAS, Nevada, Aug. 22: Mithe Halpern, one of the most familiar championship boxing referees in the United States, was found dead at his home here yesterday, reportedly from a self-inflicted gunshot wound, reports AFP.

Halpern, 33, had emerged as one of the sport's top referees and was becoming the popular choice to serve as "the third man in the ring" for most of the top fights in Las Vegas.

Halpern served as referee for the Evander Holyfield-Lennox Lewis heavyweight championship rematch.

## US Open

# Agassi, Hingis made top seeds



NEW YORK, Aug. 22: Defending champion Andre Agassi and women's world number one Martina Hingis were named top seeds for the US Open tennis championships, the year's final Grand Slam event which begins in one week, reports AFP.

Washington in his first ATP final since winning the Australian Open title in January, was only the top seed here once before. That was in 1995, when he lost to Pete Sampras in the final.

This is the ninth year in a row an American has been the men's top seed. Sampras took

## Coetzer, Van Roost come through

NEW HAVEN, Connecticut, Aug. 22: South Africa's Amanda Coetzer and Belgium's Dominique Van Roost advanced to the second round of the WTA Pilot Pen here Monday, each by winning a first-round match 7-6 (7/2), 6-4, reports AFP.

Fifth seed Coetzer overcame Karina Habsudova of Slovakia while sixth seed Van Roost overcame Magdalena Maleeva of Bulgaria.

In other matches, Elena Likhovtseva of Russia dismissed Italian Tathiana Garbin 6-1, 6-3 to earn a clash with top seed Venus Williams, and American Kristina Brandl will face second seed Monica Seles after beating Anne Kremer of Luxembourg 7-6 (7/3), 6-1.

the honor five of the past six years and Jim Courier was the top seed in 1992 and 1993.

French Open champion Gustavo Kuerten of Brazil, the ATP Champions Race leader, was the second seed. He matched Chile's Marcelo Rios and Argentina's Guillermo Vilas as the only South Americans to be seeded so high here.

Hingis, who won the Canadian Open WTA crown Sunday, was made the top seed for the fourth year in a row. She lost to Serena Williams here in last year's final but avenged the loss Sunday when Williams retired with a foot injury.

Davenport was made the second seed for the third year in a row with Wimbledon winner Venus Williams third and French Open champion Mary Pierce fourth followed by defending champion Serena Williams and Monica Seles.

The full draw for the Flushing Meadows event will be made Wednesday.

Following Kuerten in the men's seed order was Sweden's Magnus Norman with Wimbledon winner Pete Sampras fourth, followed in order by Russians Yevgeny Kafelnikov and Marat Safin, Sweden's Thomas Enqvist and Spain's Alex Corretja.

The second eight men's seeds were Australia's Lleyton Hewitt at nine followed in order by France's Cedric Pionline, Britain's Tim Henman, Spain's Juan Carlos Ferrero, Argentina's Franco Squillari, Germany's Nicolas Kiefer,

Aussie Mark Philippoussis and Ecuador's Nicolas Lapentti.

Spain's Conchita Martinez was seventh among the women's seeds, followed in order by France's Nathalie Tauziat, Spain's Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario, Germany's Anke Huber, France's Sandrine Testud, Russia's Anna Kournikova, South Africa's Amanda Coetzer and Belgium's Dominique Van Roost.

American Jennifer Capriati received her first seeding since 1993 here. She was set in the 15th position, followed by France's Julie Halard-Decugis.

## Moya breezes

COMMACK, New York, Aug. 22: Carlos Moya advanced to the second round of the 415,200-dollar ATP Hamlet Cup here Monday, downing fellow Spaniard Albert Portas 6-4, 6-3 in a match filled with unforced errors, reports AFP.

He will next play 1999 Hamlet Cup runner-up Alex Corretja, another Spaniard who won his fourth tournament of the year Sunday in Washington by ousting top seed Andre Agassi.

This will be the seventh meeting between them with Corretja winning their most recent encounter at the 1998 ATP Tour championship final in Hannover, Germany.

Also advancing into the second round Monday was Germany's Alexander Popp, an easy 6-2, 6-4 victor over Slovakian qualifier Dominik Hrbaty.

# They say it's ridiculous



NEW DELHI, Aug. 22 (Internet report): Some of India's former cricket stars have criticised a code of conduct announced by the cricket authorities on Sunday.

The code, announced by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), introduces a strict set of rules for players and officials, including the threat of a life ban for anyone found betting on cricket or match-fixing.

The move comes as widespread allegations of match-fixing in India are formally investigated.

But some top names in cricket say the code will not deter match-fixing and treats



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players like schoolboys. The new code of conduct restricts players and officials in a series of ways.

It bans mobile telephones from the grounds during matches and practice sessions and no guests will be allowed into dressing rooms or hotel rooms when players are touring.

Players, apart from the captain, are banned from talking to the media about tactics.

Anyone found taking part in betting on matches or match-fixing will face a minimum suspension of five years and a maximum life ban from the game.

But on Monday, well-known cricketers names were sceptical about the new rules.

Several cricketers stars accuse the Board of treating players like schoolboys instead of responsible adults.

Former captain Bishen Singh Bedi described some of the restrictions on players as absolutely ridiculous.

"The key issue was trust, he said, which could not be enforced."

A code of conduct would not make any difference in the battle against match-fixing, he said, and he called on the board to regulate itself.

## Vampeta Inter bound

SAO PAULO, Brazil, Aug. 22: Italian First Division club Inter Milan have bought Brazilian midfielder Vampeta from Corinthians for 15 million Euros (16.4 million US dollars), the Brazilian club announced, reports AFP.

The 26-year-old's contract is expected to be made official on Tuesday, according to Corinthians sporting director, Carlos Nujud.

## Tyson faces British ban

LONDON, Aug. 22: Mike Tyson will be represented by American and British lawyers here Tuesday when the British Boxing Board of Control decide whether to ban him from fighting in Britain, reports AFP.

The former undisputed heavyweight champion, who will not be present, faces two charges of bringing the sport into disrepute when he fought Lou Savarese in Glasgow on June 24.

He is alleged to have ignored referee John Coyle's instructions to stop fighting and, following his 38-second victory, made distasteful remarks about Lennox Lewis, the WBC and IBF world champion.

Tyson, after his Hampden Park win over fellow-American Savarese, said: "Lennox Lewis, I'm coming for you. I'm going to rip your heart out. I want to eat your children."

The hearing, postponed from August 9, is just another chapter in the long and controversial career of Tyson, who, at 20 years and 145 days became the youngest-ever world heavyweight champion when he beat Trevor Berbick in two rounds for the WBC title in November 1986.

Tyson's Nevada boxing licence was revoked and he was fined three million US dollars after he was disqualified for biting Evander Holyfield's ears in their rematch in Las Vegas in June 1997.

Tyson, 34, who had lost his WBA title when Holyfield beat him in 11 rounds seven months earlier, had his licence reinstated and he returned to the ring January 1999 when he knocked out Francois Botha in five rounds.

## TV Guide

Wednesday 23rd August

(All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme)

### BTV

3:00 Opening Announcement, Recitation From The Holy Quran And Programme Outline 3:15 Patriotic Song 3:20 Open University Prog. 4:00 Bangla News 4:05 Sashtio Thaito (Health Developing For Mother & Children) 4:20 Cartoon: Captain Planet 4:40 Wild Nature Japan 5:20 Amra Karbo Joy (Programme On Children) 5:45 Pusti Tattho 6:05 Uddag (Programme On Business) 6:30 Transmission From Chittagong Center 7:00 Sambad (Bangla News) 7:05 Geetiban (Rabindra Song) 7:25 Chanderi Prokashan (Ordinary Drama) 8:00 Bangla News At 8:20 Serial: Basant Baloy #3 ("Azizul

Hakim, Tony Daves, Eshita, Munira Bagom Mammy, Tapas Sarkar) 8:50 Series: The New Adventure of Robinhood (Bangla Dub) 10:00 News At Ten (English) 10:20 Sonali Darja (Programme On News) 10:50 Aabahaoman Bangla (Cultural History) 11:30 Bangla News 11:35 English News 11:40 A) Programme Outline For Thursday B) National Song 11:45 Closing

### CHANNEL-i

6:15 Six million dollar man 6:50 Khola Chokhe 7:25 Sasroy Barit 7:30 I Street Show 8:00 Sri Radhar Manvonjon 9:20 I Focus 9:30 Reciting from Holy Quran 9:40 I Music 10:10 Moncholohe 10:40 Drama Everyday Tumi Je Amar Kabita 11:15 Six million dollar man 12:00 Khola Chokhe 12:40 Sasroy Barit 12:45 I Street Show 1:30 Sri Radhar Manvonjon 2:50 I Focus, 3:00 Bangla Cinema: Chapa Dangar Bohu 6:00 Reciting from Holy

Quran 6:10 I Musi 6:40 Silpo Katha 7:15 Drama Everyday: Tumi Je Amar Kabita 8:00 Travel Show 8:40 Bahi Khir Darun Drish 9:05 Sasroy Barit 9:15 Ekash Sattak 10:00 Music Cerele 10:55 I Focus 11:00 Bangla Cinema: Andho Bishahs

### EKUSHEY TV

8:00 The Singapore Challenge Cup 4:00 Newspaper Headlines 4:00 Newspaper Headlines 4:02 Bangla Cinema: Abirvab 5:30 Drishti: Public view 6:00 Ekushey News Headlines 6:02 Expedition to the Animal Kingdom 6:30 Charidike 7:00 Ekushey News Headlines 7:02 Classic Cartoons 7:20 Circus Circus 7:45 Ekushey News 8:00 Drama series: Probashi Porjon (Rowshan J., Jamaluddin, Sharmila A., Sweety, Tamin, Pijush B., Afroza B.) 8:30 Pother Pachali Serial Talk Show 9:00 Natok: Shes Porichhod

10:00 BTV News 10:20 Chitrageti 11:00 Ekushey Late Night News 11:15 Nupur Bajey 11:30 Ekushey News Headlines

### ALPHA BANGLA TV

6:00 Alaap 7:00 Grihasajja 7:30 Bharat Bhromam 8:00 Serial: Din Protidin 9:00 Serial: Aska Boner Bibi #21 9:30 Bahari Aahar 10:00 Grihasajja 10:30 Kichu Smriti Kichu Gaan 11:00 Serial: Jeevanrekha 11:30 Serial: Tomake Chai 12:00 Bahari Aahar 12:30 Mojar Chobi 1:00 Serial: Shyaola 1:30 Serial: Ek Akasher Niche 2:00 Jhara Samayer Upakatha 2:30 Bangla Movie: Ishwar Parmeshwar 5:00 Serial: Ek Akasher Niche 5:30 Mon Niye 6:00 Harot Bhromam 6:30 Serial: Din Protidin 7:30 News In Bangali 8:00 Serial: Half Chocolate #26 8:15 Nayantara 8:30 Serial: Ek Akasher Niche 9:00 Serial: Chena Mukh Achena Manush 9:30 Serial: Kono Ek Din 10:00 News In Bangali

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