SPORT

The Daily Star

it was part of the strategy hit on by

Apart from dancing on his feet

The ring surface proved slow and

He decided instead to entrench

The blows came in, some so

fierce even the battle-hardened at

the ringside shuddered. But gradu-

ally they became slower and less

Ali taunted: "Hit harder. Show me

something, George. That don't hurt.

thought you were supposed to be

emerge from the ropes where much

and the "rope-a-dope" champion

would have got up. Mid-fight, like the

pro he was, Foreman lay looking at

his corner who signalled him to wait.

regroup, clear his head -- and then

But when the get-up call came

Foreman had been knocked

Ali had his title back. He was \$5

million richer. He was more feted

and famed than ever. People lined

the soggy jungle roads as he

returned to the compound in N'Sele

Newsweek writer Pete

Bonventre caught up in N'Sele with

Ali about three hours after the fight

and has told in Hauser's book how

he found the champion sitting on a

where he had been for two months.

down in other fights but got up to

win. He now accepts Ali was too

smart and even if he had risen he

and with the referee counting apace

Foreman failed to make it.

would have lost.

Then what?

The Rumble was over.

of the fight has been conducted.

By round eight, Ali felt ready to

A fierce right-hander to the head

Had it been in the first round he

Ali quickly concluded not even he

could dance all night (or morning, as

by the ropes, duck and take the

blows and tire his opponent out.

the challenger after the first round.

Ali was thinking on his feet.

it was).

punishing

was down.

bad.

Fergie blasts Wenger again

Football

AFP. Mancheste

Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson has blasted rival Arsene Wenger, accusing him of having a "mental problem" with striker Ruud van Nistelrooy.

United's Dutch hitman was branded a cheat by the Arsenal boss after his reckless tackle on Ashley Cole in United's 2-0 win last Sunday that ended Arsenal's unbeaten English Premiership run at 49 games

Wenger also rapped van Nistelrooy for his part in Patrick Vieira's red card in the same fixture last season

"The guy has obviously got a mental problem with Ruud van Nistelrooy for some reason? It's always Ruud van Nistelrooy," said Ferauson

"Roud has accepted responsibility and held his hands up. Having seen the video of the incident, Ruud can't believe how high his knee was. "He was trying to bring his foot

down on to the ball to turn back into

Michael Owen says scoring three

goals in three games for Real Madrid

has been the perfect way to help him

"It was nice to score the three

goals and it makes you feel more part of the team," the England striker told

a news conference in Madrid on

expected that. I still have the lan-

guage barrier but other than that

everything seems to be settling down

The former Liverpool striker, who

oined Real for 12 million euros

(\$15.28 million) in August, scored his

first goal after seven appearances for

his new club when he grabbed the

winner in last week's 1-0 victory over

Dynamo Kiev in the Champions

the way I'd hoped it would."

"I had a difficult start, but I

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REUTERS, Madrid

settle at his new club

Friday.

League.

on Tuesday.

Sol Campbell, but he accepts his responsibility and we do too. Wenger obviously has a prob-

lem with him. I can't understand it. I really can't. But Ruud knows that he has the support of all the club and that's the important thing.' Having admitted a charge of

serious foul play, van Nistelroov has now served one game of an automatic three-match suspension. Arsenal vice chairman David

Dein met with United chief executive David Gill in Manchester on Wednesday in an attempt to diffuse the tension between the two clubs. But, after acting in what they view as a responsible manner over the Dutchman's conduct and the tunnel

bust-up which followed the match, United have again been upset by Arsenal's approach to the whole Wenger has continuously claimed nothing happened in the

tunnel despite claims of a slice of pizza being hurled at Ferguson by an Arsenal player believed to be Cole, while Gunners midfielder Edu launched another scathing attack on United's roughhouse tactics in midweek

"At the moment what we are

Goal-happy Owen

said.

doing is saying nothing and we believe that to be the correct attitude." added Ferguson.

"There was supposed to be an agreement between the two clubs that neither would say anything, but that has obviously been washed aside by Arsenal's actions during the week

"I wasn't surprised that Arsenal spoke out, however, and I told our chief executive. David Gill, that it would happen.'

The on-going feud will spill over into next week when Red Devils officials dump an explosive dossier on the Football Association (FA) chronicling the second 'Battle of Old Trafford'.

"What we are doing at the moment is collating a lot of information about Arsenal and of what happened last week," said Ferguson. "We will present to the FA video evidence and statements from independent witnesses and that's important.

"It's up to the FA as to any punishment that Arsenal may receive, but what we send will be so clear-cut that they will need to do something. Arsenal have a past record and sometimes you run out of excuses."

more for the team. Just because I've scored a few goals it doesn't mean

that you're playing to the best of your

ability so obviously I'd like to keep

improving. It's a massive challenge

was doing when I came ... but hope-fully I've shown in the last couple of

games that I can play football a little

bit and I'm feeling very happy about

"Hopefully there are plenty more

the move. I always knew it would be

years, games and seasons ahead of

me so that I can show what a good

"Lots of people doubted what I

for me

successful.

player I am.

guage.

Bangladesh men

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Rahman beat FM Faisal Khairallah, International Master Reefat bin Sattar beat FM Najjar Ahmed, IM Abdullah Al Rakib beat IM Eid Fadi and IM Enamul Hossain Rajib beat Mahmoud Abdulaziz.

Rajib was the top performer for the country securing 7.5 points out of 12 games while Zia finished with 7 points out of 12 games. Reefat earned 5.5 points from 11 games, Rakib earned 6 points out of 12 games, and Sk Nasir Ahmed bagged 4.5 out of 9 games.

In the women's section, Syeda Shabana Parveen Nipa beat Nadezhda Antonova, Zakia Sultana drew with Zebo Ulugkhozhaeva and WIM Rani

Hamid lost against Elena Nuritdinova. Club Cup hockey

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international Musa Miah came up with a double strike in two minutes to seal the fate of the one-sided encounter

Sonali Bank will take on Wari Club at 3pm today at the same venue.

Tigers look

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second Test. Most of the squad spent their time playing a few rounds of golf at the Bhatiari Golf and Country Club.

During the Tigers' practice former South African spinner Pat Symcox, ESPN-STAR Sports commentator Allan Wilkins and former Kiwi paceman Danny Morrison praised Mohammad Rafique while having a close look at his action. Symcox also passed on some valuable advice to the country's top wicket-taker.

GP, Biman FROM PAGE 13

Jagannath Hall ground of Dhaka University.

SCORES IN BRIEF CUP COMPETITION

ARAF APPAREL: 141 for 5 in 20 AKTEL:114 all out in 20 overs (Uttam 24, Kamrul 3-12,

Result: Araf won by 27 runs. GRAMEENPHONE: 142 for 8 in 20 overs (Shamimul 46, Hasibul 2-29,

ROBINTEX: 77 for 7 in 20 overs (Salahuddin 21, Enamul 4-9)

65 runs BANGLADESH BIMAN: 131 for 8 in 20 overs (Jahangir 61, Alamgir 2-

CITYCELL: 122 all out in 19.4 overs (Hasanuzzaman 33, Aminul Islam

Result: Biman won by 9 runs. PLATE COMPETITION

ship deal worth between 13 and 17 million euros, the La Vanguardia newspaper reported on Friday. The club confirmed that they are

in talks with an internet company, betandwin.com. and if the deal is EPYLLION: 107 for 7 in 20 overs agreed, it will be the first time in the team's history that they have carried

Remembering the Rumble

strong entourage a month in

advance of the original scheduled

date of September 25. A week

before the big day Foreman cut an

eye in training and the bout had to

reason it's called that is because

it's thrown in the ghetto at three in

morning which is when me and

"Float like a butterfly, sting like a bee

George are gonna fight.

And the poetry:

Boxing

REUTERS, London

be put back. The action was set for 0400, two or three hours before the African dawn. That did not stop over 60,000 people crowding the Stade du 20 Mai for one of the landmark sporting

occasions of the century. When the Rumble in the Jungle was done, the battle lost and won, there was a torrential thunderstorm which flooded the stadium and cut TV communications.

then that Muhammad Ali had produced one of the most astonishing feats in boxing history to knock out the fearsome George Foreman and regain the world heavyweight title. The venue was Kinshasa, in

The date was October 30, 1974. The Thriller in Manila between Ali and Joe Frazier was another 11

months down the line. The bizarre Kinshasa start-time was, of course, to cater for closedcircuit TV in the United States.

Thirty years on the victor, now 62, battles the ravages of Parkinson's Disease; the loser, at templating fighting again.

Foreman was considered unbeatable with a 40-0 record including 37 knock-outs. His eight previous bouts had

a punch although in later years his health was to pay a melancholy penalty

The fight was largely put together by Don King, then a fledgling in the sport. The purse was \$10 million, split

Barca get

shirty

AFP, Madrid

50/50, with most of it coming from the Zaire government of President Mobutu, keen to raise the profile of

his country. Ali flew in with his costly 35-

Agassi no Haas-been

win the home event, lifting the title in 2000.

moved into a tie-breaker, Agassi again Agassi, with wife Steffi Graf demonstrated his powers of recovery, mbing back from 2-5 down. watching from a discreet corner of the balcony-level players' box along Haas return wide, and nailed the set with infant son Jaden Gill, has now after a 70-minute struggle from a won his last two meetings with Haas scooped forehand winner which just with the pair playing three times in cleared the net to wild applause the past thre months. form the sellout crowd of 5,000.

Haas won a quarterfinal in Los Angeles on the way to the title while Agassi got his own back at their next event in Toronto.

"I'd like the run to continue," he

"But I'd also like the run to con-

tinue with the team. We're winning

games now and we're playing a little

bit better step by step, so if my goals

can help that then great, but the team

He repeated the trick in the 1-0 is the important thing." win over last season's champions Valencia last weekend and took his tally to three with a goal in Real's 2-1 win over Leganes in the King's Cup mined not to rest on his laurels. "I certainly believe I can show

MICHAEL OWEN The 24-year-old believes that he

learnt another line for you." the Primera Liga and nine points still has plenty of room for improvebehind leaders Barcelona, play near ment at Real and savs he is deterneighbours Getafe on Sunday at the Bernabeu

Serginho laid to rest

Football

tests carried out earlier this year wake until Friday morning. had shown the 30-year-old. full Paulo Sergio de Oliveira

Luiz told reporters that routine Fabriciano on Thursday and lay in Hundreds of people filed past to nav their fin respects

The England striker said he had been made to feel welcome by his teammates and that he was slowly getting to grips with the new lanovers (Ehsanul 57, Saikat 3-29) "Estoy mejorando mi Espanyol poquito a poco. (My Spanish is improving bit by bit)," he said. Nuruzzaman 2-14) "By the next time I'm in here (doing

a news conference) I'll make sure I've Real, who are in seventh place in Habib 2-27)

Result: GrameenPhone won by

But the outside world knew by

Zaire, now known as the

Democratic Republic of Congo.

the age of 56, is, remarkably, con-All those years ago, titleholder

ended in the first or second rounds and he was widely viewed as the heaviest puncher the sport had

known. Ali was Ali -- a PR dream, a walking quotes-bag, poet, and showman supreme. But last and not least he was a highly skilled fighter and tactician. A man who could take

A file photo of the robe and trunks worn by boxing legend Mohammad Ali during

More time for the wit and wisdom of Ali, caught and recalled in Thomas Hauser's book Muhammad Ali, His Life and

Times "I got a punch for George. It's

Top seed Andre Agassi solidified

his bid for a spot in next month's

ATP season final as he recorded a

7-6, 7-6 semifinal victory here on

Saturday over Tommy Haas at the

The 34-year-old legend looked

632,750-euro Stockholm Open.

sharp indoors at

called the ghetto-whopper and the

1974. The fight became known as 'Rumble in the Jungle. His hands can't hit what his eyes can't see

Now you see me, now you don't George thinks he will, but I know he won't.

In fact, Foreman saw plenty of Ali, catching him hard and often but

doorstep showing a magic trick to his epic title bout against George Foreman in Kinshasa, Zaire on October 30, some children. He wrote: "And it was hard to tell who was having a better time, Ali or

PHOTO: REUTERS

the children. "I don't care what anyone says there'll never be anyone like him again.

REUTERS, Rio de Janeiro

Sao Caetano defender Serginho. who died on Wednesday after collapsing on the pitch during a Brazilian championship match, was buried on Friday while police launched an investigation into his death.

Hundreds of mourners watched Serginho's coffin being transported on a fire engine from a sports hall to the cemetery in the small town lof Coronel Fabriciano, Minas Gerais state, where he began his career.

Meanwhile, police in Sao Caetano, on the industrial outskirts of Sao Paulo where the club is based, said they would investigate circumstances surrounding his collapse during the game against Sao Paulo at the Morumbi stadium.

Sao Caetano goalkeeper Silvio

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer ACROSS 42 Palate 4 Pre-euro 24 Bando of 1 Traffic danglers Spanish baseball noise 45 Optical-25 "The money 5 Witnessed illusion 5 Rock-Name of artist M.C. 8 Sail and-roll the Rose' legend? 49 Did main support author 12 Exceptenance 6 Citric 26 Source of quencher tional 27 CLK55, 13 Altar affir-51 Medal 7 Sported mative 8 Rank earner for one 52 Relaxa-14 "GWTW" 9 Heaton o 29 Columnist acreage "Every Landers 15 Unre-53 Exist 30 Airborne body paired 54 Send forth Loves vampire 16 In 33 Holly-55 Coaster Ravsequence 56 More, to mond" wood 18 Rock duo, Manuel 10 Met clashers melody 57 Houston 36 Split in – Dan 20 Catch with campus 11 Freeway two 38 One who a ruse earess DOWN 17 Office-21 Reveille's makes a opposite 1 Support holders good 23 Fashion group? 19 Reindeer impres 2 Bridge designer herder. sion? 40 Chiang Anna positior maybe 24 Top of the Ontario's 22 Paddock – -shel 42 Works angelic neighbor parents hierarchy with 28 Strike 43 Scallopini Solution time: 24 mins breaker ingredient 44 Con 31 Expert 32 Blender game setting **46** 50 percent 34 --moment (Pref.) 35 Ness, e.g. Leif's 37 Pepper or father 48 Mernori-York 39 Erstwhile zation acorn method 41 High-50 Historic lander period

had a heart condition.

Silvio Luiz added that the players believed the problem to be under control and that they understood there was a one percent chance of something going

wrona. Police detective Guaracy Moreira Filho said Serginho's team mates and relatives as well as club officials and medical staff would be interviewed.

"If the evidence says the player is under contract to a club and the club knows he's not in a fit state to play, they will have to answer for this," he told Globo television.

"If they knew he couldn't play, then it's a crime of manslaughter." Serginho, married with a fourvear-old son and who has 10 brothers and sisters, was pronounced dead after arriving in hospital on Wednesday night. His body was flown to Coronel

At one point, his teammates formed a circle around the body and praved, most weeping uncontrollably. "He was a great companion." said Silvio Luiz.

Sao Caetano's match at home to Parana on Sunday has been postponed. The remaining 30 minutes of the game against Sao Paulo, which was abandoned with the score at 0-0, will be played on November 10.

JFA Cup

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Abdul Hannan put Rajshahi ahead in the 11th minute, but Feni hit back through a double strike by Abdul Baten (29th and 39th minute) while Raion netted the other goal for the winners three minutes before the end.

In tomorrow's final Feni will play Narsinghdi DSA, who defeated Magura 2-0 on Friday.

CRYPTOQUIP

UJKQJMQ ARPE UQIGPLQ

Saturday's Cryptoquip: I LIKE TO BELIEVE A SQUIRREL'S LIVING QUARTERS COULD BE

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: E equals P

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for

another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the

give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

BVZB

CALLED A NUTCRACKER SUITE.

РВ

LJNRS

Z

UNEEJUQ

UZPS

ULIQQM

KPXVB AQ

IZSZI

XPGQ

(Sadat 41, Nadif 3-20, Talha 2-12) BEXIMCO: 109 for 2 in 18.3 overs a shirt sponsor. (Sajjad 47 not out, Al Shahriar 24, Akram 22 not out).

Result: Beximco won by 8 wick-

ACME LABORATORIES: 139 for 5 in 20 overs (Faisal 38, Nasiruddin 33, Hannan 31 not out). PARTEX: 71 all out in 16.1 overs (Tariq 14, Ahsanullah 4-12. Result: Acme won by 68 runs. ISPAHANI: 99 for 8 in 20 overs (Arafat 20 not out, Wasel 2-24, Rajan 2-13, Sumon 2-24) GAZI TANK: 87 all out in 19.3 overs (Naveem 38, Robin 2-9)

'To have overhauled him and to have the

most runs scored is another feather in

The veteran opener also set the new

Pakistan trail the two-match series 0-

after their 201-run defeat in the first

Stadium in Karachi on Saturday:

Hameed c Sanoakkara b Maharoof

Younis c Samaraweera b Herath

Inzamam c Jayawardene b Vaas

Youhana c Sangakkara b Fernando

Razzaq c Fernando b Jayasuriya

Akmal c Jayawardene b Herath Navedul b Fernando

Total: (All out in 137.1 overs)

298, 5-372, 6-387, 7-437, 8-462, 9-464

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record for most Test appearances for Sri

Lanka with his 94th Test cap in Karachi,

my cap and it's a great satisfaction."

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Jayasuriya said.

going past de Silva.

Test at Faisalabad

SCOREBOARD

5-35, Kaneria 3-72)

Farhat Ibw b Vaas

Malik Ibw b Fernando

Afridi b Vaas

Kaneria not out

Bowler

Maharoof

Fernando

Herath

Mubarak

Vaas

Extras: (lb-9, nb-7)

298-4)

"The two parties are negotiating the duration of the contract which will be three to five years," said a club spokesman. The value of the agreement

Spanish league leaders Barcelona

are close to signing a shirt sponsor-

would put Barcelona second on the list of most lucrative shirt sponsorship deals in Europe. Bayern Munich lead the way with

a 17-million-euro deal with Deutsche Telekom, Manchester United (Vodafone, 12 million euros), Real Madrid (Siemens, 12 million euros), AC Milan (Opel, nine millions euros) and Arsenal (O2, eight Result: Ispahani won by 12 runs.

million).

Sanath's counter-attack

Kungligahallen as he spent two hours in defeating Germany's fourth seed for the sixth time in nine meetings. The American now stands one

Tennis

AFP, Stockholm

victory away from his 60th title as he plays Sunday against the winner from Swedes Thomas Johansson and wild card teenager Michael Ryderstedt.

Johansson was the last local to

Federer skips Paris meet

AFP, Paris

World number one Roger Federer confirmed on Friday that he will not take part in the 2.45-million-euro Paris Masters here next week after failing to recover from a thigh injury.

The Swiss ace, the winner of Wimbledon and the Australian and US Opens this season, tore a muscle in his left thigh while practising for the Basel tourmament on Monday.

He still hopes to recover in time for the season-ending Masters Cup in Houston from November 15-21.

τne The veteran has improved his standing in the race for the eightman Masters Cup, standing eighth as the week began.

But with number seven Tim Henman going out in the Basel quarterfinals and needing to defend a title next week as the regular season wraps up in Paris, the scenario looks promising for Agassi, nearly two decades in the game.

Against Haas, the top seed staved sharp from his favoured position at the baseline, forcing the German into the errors in a tight, hard-fought contest.

The American wrapped up the victory as he sprinted to 5-1 in the second tie-breaker, holding off a brief fight-back from the German before claiming the win on Haas' 14th unforced error of the afternoon.

At the start, Agassi put Haas under immediate pressure, forcing the German to escape break points on his first two service games. But Agassi faced the same problem in the sixth game, saving two as he levelled at 3-all.

Haas earned the first break, taking a 5-3 lead. But the deficit only inspired Agassi to close it, with the veteran breaking back in the next game for 4-5 and squaring it up with an ace, 5-5.

India shake up

As the tightly wound contest

He earned a set point from a

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he did not live up to expectations. Nair said. Yuvraj, a prominent one-day player who has struggled to cement a place in the Test team, too was

dumped but Venkatsai Laxman was spared the axe despite aggregating just 53 runs in five innings. "It was felt that Laxman needed to be given more time as he has a proven record," said Nair about the wristy batsman, whose epic 281 at

> Kolkata in 2001 was instrumental in a dramatic series win over Australia. "However, he has had a bad run with the bat since the tour of Australia earlier this year."

Jadhav, who plays for the western state of Maharashtra, and Bengal seamer Paul have been included after consistent efforts in domestic matches as well as for India A.

"There have been favourable reports about their performances and commitment and the selectors felt it was the right time to include them in the team," said Nair.

"We'd hoped Pathan would be fit but medical reports showed he still needed

PHOTO: AFF

some rest," Nair told reporters. South Africa tour India for a two Test series next month.



American Andre Agassi plays backhand against Tommy Haas of Germany at the Stockholm Open on October 29

The Herald Sun ran a main sports headline "Aussies conquer the final frontier", while The Age's front page headline was: "After 35 years, sweet taste of series victory." Peter Roebuck wrote in The Age "Every man played his part in the ruthless execution of an opponent weakened by injuries, poor selection and bad management, and vestervear.

2 among the sport's best teams.

0 wrote

Total: (For 1 wkt in 28 overs) 134 Fall of wickets: 1-117 To bat: Jayawardene, Samaraweera, Mubarak, Kaluwitharana, Vaas, Maharoof, Herath, Fernando Μ Bowler 0 R W 3 0 0 27 23 0 0 Navedul Afridi 42 2 0 Razzac 9 2 11

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unable to recapture the form of Columnist Mike Coward said in

The Australian the current side were

Indies did in the 1980s," Coward

Scoreboard at stumps on the third day of the second and final Test between Kaneria Pakistan and Sri Lanka at the National Malik 0 SRI LANKA: First innings 208 (Kaluwitharana 54, Atapattu 44; Razzag Papers call 'em FROM PAGE 13

PAKISTAN: First innings (overnight

72 been the best lesson learned." 124

117 46 44 16 15 11 16 478 Fall of wickets: 1-13, 2-135, 3-284, 4-

"They have been the peerless

team of the modern era, dominating the 1990s and 2000s as the West

0 6 12 0 SRI LANKA: Second innings Jayasuriya not out Atanattu c Hameed b Kaneria 25

Sangakkara not out Extras: (lb-5, nb-4)