

DOUBLE DELIGHT Selim Miah of Navy, who swam to 200m butterfly record on Tuesday (August 20), on way to his 100m record in the event at Dhaka Stadium swimming pool on Friday - the concluding day of the 14th national - Star photo by Mohsin championships.

Nationals conclude with 9 new records

Army rule the pool

Sports Reporter

Predictably enou-swimmer. gh. Bangladesh Army with a haul of nine golds, as many silvers and seven bronzes re-

tained their premier position in the four-day fourteenth national swimming championships which concluded at the Dhaka Stadium swimming pool yesterday.

In the bargain, the formidable Army swimmers also rewrote five of the nine national marks that went overboard in the championships.

Army owed their success mainly to their ace free-styler Havilder Shamsul Islam, who bettered three of his own records - the 100, 200 and 400 metres free-style - and had a hand in a fourth title the 4x200m free-style relay.

Bangladesh Navy, who finished a close second in an essentially two-horse race behind Army, collected eight gold medals, seven silver and three bronze medals. One of these golds came in the waterpolo event in which Navy became only the second side after BDR in 1978 to deny Army their monopoly.

Of the ten other teams which participated in the swimming events only two -Bangladesh Air Force and Bangladesh Krira Shikkhya Protisthan (BKSP) - mustered enough talent to feature in the final medal table while everybody else drew a blank. So much for competition.

Air Force managed five bronzes while BKSP couldn't improve upon their solitary bronze which they won on the opening day, Tuesday

The highlights of the concluding day were the creation of three more records, two by Navy and one by an Army

Lazio fans woo Gazza

ROME, Aug 23: England soccer star Paul Gascoigne arrived in Italy on Thursday to a rapturous welcome from hunderds of supporter of his new Italian club Lazio, reports

Young fans charged over barriers at Fumicion Inter national Airport outside Rome as a cordon of police accompanied Gascoigne out of

Boys trampled over each other in their cagerness to get close to Gascoinge, on his first visit to Italy since the 1990 World Cup when he helped England reach the semifinals.

"Gazza: here is the king, long live the king," ran a banner headline in the Rome-



Corriere Dello sport ahead of Gascoigne's arrival.

Gascoigne, recovering from a knee injury sustained in the English F.A Cup final in May, completed an 8.8 million dollar transfer from London club Tottenham three weeks ago although he will only begin playing for Lazio in the 1992-93 season.

Gazza, as he is universally known in Britain, will be officially presented to Lazio supporters at a friendly tonight between the Roman side and Real Madrid.

The 24-year old midfielder, who could be fit to play again as soon as December, is not expected to stay in Rome for

He must appear in court in his home town of Newcastle on September 9 to answer charges of assault.

set by Navy's acc swimmer Selim Miah in the 100m but terfly. Selim Miah clocked 1:01.60, breaking M A H Dhali's (also of Navy) record timing of 1: 01.96 which was set in 1985. Army's Abdus Salam, who participated in the 1988 Seoul Olympics, came second while Deen Amin of Navy took the bronze.

Army's free-style king Shamsul Islam maintained his stature as the best in the country when he broke his own record in the 100m free-style, clocking 57.34 secs. The previous timing was 57.84 secs. Havilder Harunur Rashid, who became the fastest swimmer of the country by shattering the 50m free-style record Thursday had to settle for the silver

The day's first record was while Navy's Akhteruzzaman took the bronze.

Illyas Hossain of Navy wrote his name in the record books when he won the gold medal in the 1500m free-style. He edged past the previous record holder Army's Asaduzzaman in an improved timing of 18:38.75 secs. Asaduzzaman had to be content with the silver followed another soldier, Shah Alam, in third position.

The Bangladesh Army quartet comprising of Havildar Harunur Rashid, Tagbir Hossain, Yasin Ali and Shamsul Islam won the 4x100 m freestyle relay.

The Navy quartet took the silver and Air Force the

Havilder Abdul Mannan struck gold for Army when he won the 100m backstroke. Two sailors, Nazmul Kabir and Deen Islam, finished second and third respectively.

Petty Officer Mukhlesur Rahman of Navy came out first in the 100m breaststroke. Kabir Ahmed and Nurul Islam, both Army, finished second and third.

in all, 80 swimmers and 172 waterpolo players participated in the meet, organised by the Bangladesh Swimming Federation.

FINAL MEDAL TABLE G S B Total

B Army		9	9	7	2
B Navy	*	8	7	3	1
B Air Force	3	0	0	5	
BKSP	26	0	0	1	
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Illyas Hossain of Navy, who swam to a new 1500m freestyle record in the national swimming championships which concluded at Dhaka Stadium pool yesterday. Illyas sliced 12.64 secs off the previous mark set last year by Asaduzzaman of Army. -Star photo

Egerszegi swims to world mark

100 metres freestyle record



ATHENS, Aug 23: Krisztina Egerszegi claimed Hungary's second world record of the European Swimming Cham-

pionships when she cracked the women's 100 metres backstroke mark on Thursday. reports Reuter.

The 17-year-old world champion clocked one minute 0.31 seconds to slice 0.28 seconds from the long-lasting record set by East German Ina Kleber in Moscow in August

It continued a triumphant week for Hungary, whose 19year-old world champion Norbert Rozsa set a men's 100 metres breaststroke world record on Tuesday.

Egerszegi, winner of the 400 individual medley on Tuesday, could not have collected her second gold of the Championships in more emphatic style, pulverising the opposition to win from Hungarian teammate Tunde Sxabo by eight 10ths of a sec-

"It was very, very hard - my hardest race ever," said Egerszegi, who began winning the biggest races with an Olympic title when she was 14 at the 1988 Seoul Games.

"I'm very glad and very surprised at the same time." Egerzegi, who won the 100 and 200 backstroke at last January's World Championships, looks set to complete a golden treble in Athens in Sunday's 200 event.

Alexander Popov clinched the Soviet Union's eighth title of the Championships equalling the men's European

set by Frenchman Stephan Caron only 18 days earlier in Millau, France. The lofty 19-year-old student sped past German pacemaker Nils Rudolph in deceptively relaxed style and

touched in 49.18 seconds. Edgerszegi said she had been helped by a change in the rules introduced this year enabling backstroke swimmers to make the final stroke into the turn on their fronts." But my swimming has improved and

that's what counts, she added. Rudolph, bronze medalist in Wednesday's 100 butterfly, hit the midway turn in the 100 freestyle in 23.78 clearly ahead of Popov but the 1.98 metres tall Soviet champion cased past on the way back to win by 0.34 seconds from the fading

German "I knew I could win and badly wanted to win. I just swam flat out all the time. I expected records at some stage but I didn't expect it so soon," Popov said.

Defending champion Giorgio Lamberti of Italy, deprived of his 200 freestyle crown on Tuesday, was third, a fraction behind Rodolph, relinquishing his second European individual title.

World Championship silver medalist Tommy Werner managed only sixth, while Caron, who had decided to concentrate on preparations for next

year's Olympics, was absent.

Irene Dalby gave Norway their first-ever European swimming title when she won the women's 400 freestyle from Romania's Beatrice Coada, who has collected three silver medals since her 16th birthday on Tuesday.

World champion Martin Lopez Zubero of Spain added the European 200 metres backstroke title to his collection, 24 hours after snatching

silver in the 100 butterfly.
Vladimir Scikov of the Soviet Union and evergreen cx-East German Dirk Richter, world 100 backstroke champion back in 1982, tied for second place.

The Netherlands took their first Athens title, beating Germany in the women's 4 x100 freestyle relay. Germany's Brita Baldus won the women's one-metre springboard diving

MEDALS TABLE

Medals table at the European swimming championships on Thursday (gold, silver, bronze, total):

USSR	8	3	0
Hungary	3	1	0
Germany	2	6	7
Denmark	2	0	1
Italy	1	2	5
France	1.	2	1
Netherlands	1	1	3
Spain	1	1	0
Poland	1	0	1
Norway	1	0	0
Romania	0	3	1
Britain	0	1	0
Sweden	0	1	0
Greece	0	1	0
Bulgaria	0	0	1

Semeniyk splash lands a gold



ATHENS, Aug 23: Andrei Sementyk brought the Soviet Union their second diving title of the

European Swimming Championships on Wednesday when he won the men's one-metre springboard final, reports Reuter.

Sementyk performed excellently in the second half of the six-dive final to secure victory

over Germany's Peter Boehler. with defending champion Dewin Jongeijans, the Dutch world champion, well behind in third place. Emulating Saturday's gold-

medal performance by teammate Elena Miroshina in the women's highboard event, Sementyk was also the highest-scoring semifinalist in the new-look-knock-out competition.

Joakim Anderson, Sweden's

silver medallist in Sunday's three-metre springboard final, won the other four-man semifinal but never rose from fourth and last in the final. Bochler, fourth behind

Jongejans in last January's World Championships, exerted the early pressure holding the lead for three of the first four rounds of the final. Sementyk amassed 395.19

points, with Boehler on 383.76, Jongeijans 359.64 and Andersson 249.74.

Windies to play against Lankans in Dhaka in Oct

West Indies will play two one-day international official matches against Sri Lanka in Dhaka in October, a senior official of Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) said in Dhaka yesterday (Friday), reports BSS.

The teams would play the matches on October 27 and 28 at the Dhaka Stadium here at the request of BCCB to popularise the game in this country, the BCCB official told BSS. Former general secretary of

BCCB and joint secretary of Asian Cricket Conference Syed Ashraful Hug has been made co-ordinator for the two matches.

Besides, Sri Lanka would play a one-day match against Bangladesh on October 29, he said adding that the Lankans would return home next day before starting their tour of Pakistan, where they play three Test matches and three one-day internationals beginning in the first week of November:

The West Indies will arrive here on October 26 after taking part in

the three-nation champions' trophy with India and Pakistan at Sharjah slated for October 17-25.

Pakistan will tour India to play five one-day internationals beginning on October 26.



IAN BOTHAM Botham made vice-captain

LONDON, Aug 23: lan Botham has been made England's vice-captain in the current Test against Sri Lanka - the clearest indication yet he is included in their plans for both their forthcoming cricket tour of New Zealand and the World Cup, reports Reuter. Recalled for the final Test

against West Indies recently after two-year gap, the controversial all-rounder's future had still been shrouded in doubt. But England manager Micky

Stewart said on Thursday Botham, himself a former England captain, had been appointed deputy to skipper Graham Gooch "lan will take over running

the side if Graham has to go off. He is the most experienced player to do the job and knows the from, Stewart said. Botham had said previously

he wanted to play in the World Cup in Australia and New Zealand early next year but has not keen on taking part in the prior three-Test tour of New Zealand.

His appointment as Gooch's number two could change his

Sonali Bank in

kabaddi semis

semifinals of the Dhaka kaba-

ddi league when they easily

won their quarter-final match

against Imarat Nirman Sramik

Union 33-9 yesterday at the

nal between Azad Sporting

Club and Manda Sangshad

could not be held due to heavy

match will be held today at 9

E Bengal a match

away from title

Bengal moved one more step

closer to regaining the Super

Division league title by defeat-

ing George Telegraph by a soli-

tary goal here today, reports

in the second minute of the

match from Krishanu Dey

whose first-timer, following a

Ghulam Ghous cross, slipped

off the rival custodian's hands

to enter the net. East Bengal could have

scored on more in the second

half, but Kuljit wasted a spot

kick. The penalty was awarded

to East Bengal when Kirishanu

Dey was brought down inside

the box. This was East Bengal's 17th

match, and the collected 43

points. They will play their last

match against Eastern Railway.

Bengal's closest rivals, are held

by Mohammedan Sporting in

the season's last big match.

Tomorrow, then East Bengal

will become champions irre-

spective of the result of its last

match.

If Mohun Bagan, East

The all-important goal came

CALCUTTA, Aug 23 : East

The postponed quarter-final

downpour.

The day's other quarter-fi-

Outer Stadium kabaddi court.

Sports Reporter Sonali Bank moved into the

Rain plays foul at Lord's

Alec Stewart's bid to score his maiden Test century for England in the match aga-

inst Sri Lanka at Lord's here on Friday was disrupted by heavy showers, reports AFP. Stewart, 76 overnight in

England's 229 for six, had to wait 45 minutes before restarting his innings and when he reached a Test-best 95. rain held him up again.

ENGLAND 282 ALL OUT

Alec Stewart remained unbeaten on 113 as England were all out for 282 ninety minutes after tea on the rain-affected second day of their one-off Test match against Sri Lanka at Lord's Friday, according to BBC commentary monitored in Dhaka last night.

Medium-pace bowler Rumesh Ratnayeke finished with five wickets.

Sri Lanka were left just over an hour's batting, light permitting, before the close of play.

Only 7.2 over were possible when the players rushed off with England 255 for seven, having lost Jack Russell to the left-arm spin of Don Anurastri

Stewart began the day posttively by glancing a boundary off his first ball from the lively, but initially wayward Rumesh Ratnayake, who had given England so much trouble on Thursday with his sharp movement off the seam.

His first over yielded 11 runs, Russell also claiming a four with a leg-side glide to give England an early, if small, initiative after their string of embarrassments against the minnows of Test cricket on the first day. However, after the seventh-

wicket pair had added 62, Russell was guilty of misjudging Anurasiri's length and, attempting a pull, saw the delivery skid through and hit the off-stump at 245. A delightful whip to the mid-wicket boundary took

Stewart past his previous best Test score of 91, made against Australia in Sydney last January While Stewart was in the pavilion, he was credited with another run after an earlier appeared to be intercepted by

drive towards the cover rope sliding Sri Lankan vice-captain Asanka Gurusinha. However, the umpires decided that the ball had reached the boundary. An earlier report said, England were 229 for six at close of play on the first day of their five-day cricket Test against Sri Lanka at Lord's on Thursday, reports Reuter.

Sri Lanka's seamers shocked England out of any

Shastri to leave Glamorgan

CARDIFF, Aug 23: Indian Test all-rounder Ravi Shastri is to leave Glamorgan at the end of the current English season, reports AFP.

The 29-year-old from Bombay, who made his debut for the Welsh county in 1987, will give way to West Indies skipper Viv Richards.

However, Shastri hopes to stay in Britain next summer. He is seeking a contract which a club in one of the northern English leagues.

cency when only a defiant 76 not out by Alec Stewart pre-

vented complete collapse on the opening day of their test at Lords' on Thursday. When rain brought play to a premature close, England had struggle to 229 for six after

winning the toss. Champaka Ramanayake and Rumesh Ratnayake each took two wickets while England, elected after their 2-2 series draw against the world champions, never looked at ease as the ball swung and seamed in the humid, overcast condi-

England were fortunate to



ALEC STEWART - 113 not out reach lunch for the loss of only one wicket as both captain Graham Gooch and Hugh Morris could be deemed fortunate to survive lbw appeals.

Both also played and missed and Gooch especially looked out of touch as he was beaten several times outside the offstump. But having reached the in-

terval at 94 for one, after Gooch had been neatly caught and bowled by Ramanayake for 38, England would have expected to dominate the remainder of the day's play. Good bowling and slick

catching ensured they did not. Three wickets in the space of six runs and 23 balls soon after lunch tore the heart out of England's top order.

made 42 while sharing stands

quickly followed by two of the heroes against West Indies. Robin Smith, scorer of two magnificent Test centuries in the recent series, went for four and Mark Ramprakash, who never battered for less than an our against West

Indies' pace attack in nine innings, was out for a duck. All-rounder lan Botham briefly looled as if he might turn the match back England's way as he hit four fours from only 33 balls in scoring 22. But he then played an atrocious pull shot at a ball from Ramanayake outside the offstump and edged a looping

catch to third slip. a place in England's World Cup squad, continued to play a mainly watchful innings interspersed with some nicely-

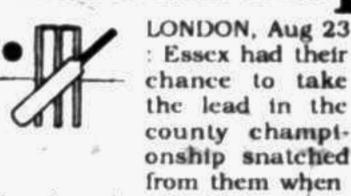
But he was also lucky to survive and difficult chance at long leg'after a mistimed hook soared off the top edge when

Chris Lewis fell for 11 in Don Anurasiri's first over when Sri Lanka finally resorted to spin after tea but Jack Russell prevented any further disasters before rain finally brought

Lunch scoreboard on the second day of the Test between England and Sri Lanka

England first innings: GA Gooch e and b Ramanayake H Morris Ibw b Ratnayake A J Stewart not out Ratnayake M R Ramprakash c I T Botham c Mahanama b Ramanayake C C Lewis e De R C Russell b Anurastri P A J DeFreitas not out Extras Total (7 wkts) 255

183, 7-245. Essex hopes dented



they lost their last five wickets for 22 runs to fall to a shock three-run defeat against Yorkshire on Thursday, reports Reuter.

Set a target of 319 in 68 overs on the final day at Colchester, Essex looked assured of victory when they reached 293 for five.

But then John Stephenson, three short of his second century of the match, fell leg before to off spinner Jeremy Batty

Mike Garnham, who hit 68 off 79 balls, was caught on the long-on Boundary driving at left arm spinner Phil Carrick and the tail was quickly swept aside.

Yorkshire went on to clinch victory with the second ball of the final over when John Childs holed out on the mid wicket boundary against Carrick, who finished with four

Earlier, Salim Malik, with 56 from 44 balls, and 21-yearold Nicholas Knight, who hit 60, had put Essex in control. Yorkshire declared their second innings on 172 for four, with captain Martyn Moxon following up his double century

Fall of wickets: 1-70, 2-

114, 3-119, 4-120, 5-160, 6-

with 66.

Former England pace bowler Gladstone Small opened up the chance of victory for Warwickshire when he made an unbeaten 45 off. 50 balls, then took Glamorgan's first three wickets in his second over.

The Welsh side immediately abandoned any hopes of chasing the 259 they had been set to win, but Warwickshire were able to bowl only 19 of the 50 overs available because of four interruptions for rain before the match was abandoned.

It left Warwickshire with

Gillingham glitters in 200m heats



Norbert Rozsa by posting the fastest time in the 200 metres breaststroke heats at the European Swimming championships on Friday, reports Reuter.

The Briton, who gained a brief share of the world record when he won in Bonn in 1989, took his heat in two minutes 13.67 seconds, while Rozsa over a second slower- settled for second in the final heat behind Spain's Sergio Lopez.

100 breaststroke world record in gaining his first European title on Tuesday, clocked 2:14.75 — 0.08 of a second behind Lopez, who took the lead from the World Championship

length.

Gillingham, Olympic silver 2:10.60 last week.

Hungary's challenge by returning the fourth-fastest qualifying time of 2:15.36. But 1989 European silver medallist Gary O'Toole of Ireland, 10th overall, missed a place in the final. Joerg Hoffmann, German double world champion, cut it fine in the men's 400 freestyle

with the equal-slowest qualify-Mariusz Podkoscielny of

silver medallist down the third

medallist behind Hungary's Jozsef Szabo, enjoyed less than two days as co-world recordholder because Mike Barrowman lowered the mark in Tokyo 36 hours later the American took it down to Karoly Guttler, Olympic 100

silver medallist, reinforced

heats, edging into the final

mate Sebastian Wiese spurred each other on to the fastest heat times of 3:51.06 and

3:51.47. Defending champion Artur Wojdat of Poland and Italy's Giorgio Lamberti, gold and silver medallists in Tuesday's 200 freestyle, also made the

Catherine Plewinski of France, Tuesday's 100 freestyle champion, gave notice of a likely second gold as she began the defence of her 100 butterfly title. Her heat time of one minute 0.41 seconds was more than a second faster than the next-best

overall effort. Elena Rudkovskaya of the Soviet Union, the new 200 breaststroke champion, also sounded a strong challenge for a second gold with the fastest heat time in the 100 metre



month-long cricket camp for young fast bowlers and wicketkeepers which began at Dhaka Stadium yesterday.



ATHENS, Aug 23: Title-holder Nick Gillingham challenged the apparent invincibility

of Hungarian star

Rozsa, who smashed the

ing time of 3:54.25. Poland and Hoffmann's team-

breaststroke.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadeq Hossain shakes hands with the participants in a

of 70 with Gooch and 44 with Stewart, saw the start of England's woes and he was

Stewart, seeking to ensure timed off-drives.

he had made 24.

England some respite.

at Lord's on Friday:

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LONDON, Aug 23

for 92. Batty took four for 86.

Essex's defeat enabled Warwickshires to stay 14 points ahead despite rain wrecking their chance of a win

over Glamorgan at Edgbaston.

234 points from 19 matches and Essex on 220 but with a game in hand.