New bodies for 3 federations

Candidates for the executive committees of three out of the total 27 national sports federa-tions were yesterday declared elected uncontested, reports

National Sports Council (NSC) election commission sources said the candidates seeking elections for various posts in the executive committee for swimming, rowing and wresting federations were declared elected as per the provision in Para 9 of the NSC constitution.

Thursday was the last date for withdrawal of candidature for elections of the three federations. Elections to all posts in the committees except that of the President were earlier scheduled to take place during the end of this month.

The President of the federation is appointed by the government

Executive committees of all the 27 national sports federations constituted by direct appointments during the last several years, were earlier dissolved by the interim government in a bid to democratize the country's sports organisa-

The newly formed committee are as follows:

Swimming: President-Asa fuddowla; Vice Presidents-Brojen Das and Prof AKM Mohsin; General Secretary- Dr K M Sultanul Azia; Joint Secretaries- Mosharraf Hossain Khan and Sarder Md idris: Treasurer- Shahabuddin Ahmed Members- Nasiruddin, Abdul Hamid, Yahyia R Chowdhury. Nimai Chand Barui, Shahjahan Mizi, Sq. Ldr. AKM Kamaluddin and Khalilur Rahman.

Wrestling: President-Capt. (retd) Siddique Ahmed BN: Vice-Presidents-Mosleh Uddin and Joinul Abedin: General Secretary-Tabiur Rahman: Joints Secretaries-Abdul Jalil and Goura Gopal Bhosh; Treasurer- Masudur Rahman; Members-Mongal Ghos. Shafiqui Alam, A Mannan, Subughtageen Siddiqui, Kutubuddin Aksir, Habibur Rahman Sikder, A.K.M. Saiful Islam and Miah Lutfar Rahman Chowd

Rowing: President-Capt. Golam Rabbani BN: Vice-Presidents-A.H.Nazimuddin and Mir Mahboob Ali, General

Secretary-Haji Khorshed Alam; Joint Secretaries-Abdul Awal Majnoo and Engr Mustaque Ahmed: Threaurer-Abdur Rashid Khan; Members-Zinnat Ali Miah; Lutfunessa Hoque Bakul; Nazrul Islam; A.Z.M. Islam; Faizul Islam Arif: M. Shamsuzzaman; Shahjahan Ali Tara; Abu Musa; Ali Afsar; Khan Shahidul Islam; M. Shahidullah; S.M. Nazrul Islam; M. Nazim Uddin; Nurul Islam Bakul; Iftekaruzzaman Topsi; Bahauddin Ahmed Babul; Engr M. Nuruzzaman; S.A. Mirdha; Azmal Hossain: Monirul Alam and Daliluddin Khan. The newly-elected execu-

tive committees will remain in office for a period of three

Bangladeshis in Asian Kabaddi fed

Shipping Secretary and president of the Bangladesh Amateur Kabaddi Federation M. Azizul Hug has been made a vice president of the Asian Amateur Kabaddi Federation, according to a delayed message received in Dhaka Thursday, reports BSS.

Kazi Anisur Rahman and Munir Hossain, vice president and general secretary respectively of the Bangladesh Amateur Kabaddi Federation, have been made treasurer and chairman of the technical subcommittee of the Asian body.

Emergency meeting Sports Reporter

An emergency meeting of the Mahanagari Pratham Bibhag Club Samity- the association of city First Division clubs... will be held tomorrow, Saturday at the Dhaka Stadium league committee room. The

meeting starts at 5:30pm. Every club has been re quested to nominate one representative each to the meeting, which will deliberate on matters relating to the forma tion of ad-hoc committees are /or elections.

Handball results

Sports Reporter

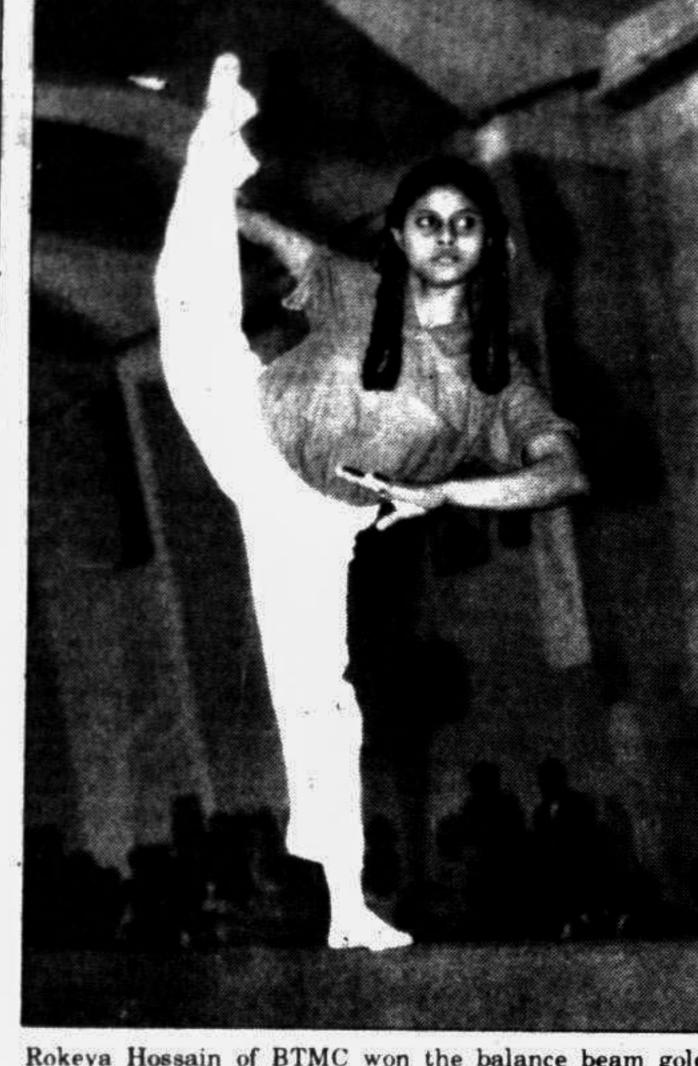
West Jatrabari KC and Nicecop recorded victories in their respective matches o the handball super league yesterday at the Outer Stadium handball court.

West Jatrabari outplayed Arunayaton 19-11 after leading 11-4 at the breather. Dipu and Akul scored nine goals each for Jatrabari and Arunayaton respectively. Nicecop beat Christian

Youth Club 23-20 in a hardfought contest

Nicecop led 12-7 at half time but Christian Youth came back strongly in the second half to narrow the gap.

Apu with 10 goals and alauddin with 11 were the leading Jatrabart and Nicecop scorers respectively.



Rokeya Hossain of BTMC won the balance beam gold medal in the national gymnastics championships at the National Coaching Centre yesterday. ---- Star photo

Biman fly high

Sports Reporter

pions Bangladesh Biman posted second successive win in the Navana

Premier Division cricket league yesterday when they coasted to a four-wicket win over the Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club at the Dhaka Stadium. In reply to GMCC's 246 all

out on Wednesday, Biman reached 247 for the loss of six wickets in 71.2 of their alloted 75 overs.

For GMCC, it was their second defeat in a row , having lost their opening league tie to Abahani from whose ranks they recruited most of their star players at considerable cost. Biman resumed yesterday at

55 for one after 15 overs with Jahangir Alam on 25 and Sumon on 15. Jahangir, the season's first centurion who made and unbeaten 138 against Surja Tarun, missed what would have been a welldeserved though somewhat fortunate fifty by three runs before falling to veteran left arm spinner Ramchand Goala who had him caught by Selim. Jahangir played a cautious knock, facing 111 balls and hitting four boundaries before being the fourth man out.

He and Sumon put on 58 runs for the second wicket and survived some anxious moments early in the morning. specially against medi.... pacer Podrigo whose well di rected outswingers time and again beat the bat, often by less than a whisker. It was a luckless day for the Sri Lankan who bowled his heart out but was rewarded with just two wickets for 35 after toiling for 13 overs. He should have had Jahangir lbw or Wednesday but

didn't, the batsman getting the benefit of the doubt. Sumon didn't survive too Win for N'ganj

> Rifle Club Sports Reporter

Narayanganj Rifle Club won the inaugural match of the Golam Rabbani Khan memorial junior cricket tournament beating Narayanganj Rainbow Athletic Club by eight wickets at the Osmani Stadium yester-

Rainbow, batting first, made 88 all out with Barun making 27, Zaman 17 and Shamim seven. Mona took five wickets for 21, Belal two for 18 Shajal also two for 18.

Rifle Club replied with 89 for two wickets with Rubel remaining unbeaten on 20, Mona making 15 and Munna 17

Barun and Satful shared the two wickets to fall for five and 17 runs respectively.

Mona won the man-of-thematch award for his fine allround performance for the

The tourney, organised by the Narayangani DSA and sponsored by the Rifle Club, is limited to school students of the port town.

Harun-ur Rashid, DC Narayanganj, inaugurated the

Rain mars Lanka match

WELLINGTON, Jan 24: The fourth and final day of a match between Wellington and the touring Sri Lankans was washed out today, leaving the game a tame draw, reports Reuter.

long, departing after adding just a couple more to his overnight 15. Aminul Islam Bulbul, by far the most accomplished batsman in the side, fell for 10 after deliberately padding up to a Rodrigo delivery that cut back. The score then was 114 for three.

It then fell upon former skipper Ahmed Igbal Bachchu and current captain Shahnawaz Shanu to dig in, and the pair put on 104 runs for the fifth wicket before Shanu was tragically run out while backing up too far as Bachchu's drive defleeted on to the stumps off bowler Goala's hand. Shanu's 44, made in 99 balls, included two fours. Bachchu, batting with all the experience gained over the years, ventured once too often out of his crease and Nasu completed a fine stumping with the score reading 236, by which time a Biman victory had become a certainty. Bachchu made 60 in 108 balls, his fifty coming in 136 minutes off 90 balls.

Enamul Haq Moni, nine not out, and Dulu, seven not out, safely saw their side to a welldeserved victory.

Saiful, who was a trifle lucky to get and lbw decision against opener Tariquzzman Munir on Wednesday, finished with one wicket for 42 while Rodrigo got two for 35. Goala, still bowling with guile and cunning after all his 50-plus years, returned figures of two for 44 off his 15 overs.

In the GMCC innings of 246, Tutul had made 40, Liton 34, Selim 29 Duminda 25, Rodrigo 20, Nasu 28, and Shabbir 18. Moni claimed three wickets for 42 Shanu two for 32. Dulu two for 37, Bulbul one for 38 and Azhar one for 35.

TODAY'S MATCHES Rupali Bank vs Kalabagan

Abahani K C. vs Gulshan Youth (Dhaka Stadium).

Bicknell adds to England's woes

ADELAIDE , Australia, Jan 24 : Fast bowler Martin Bicknell has a rib cartilage injury and will miss the England Test squad for the match against Australia here Friday, reports AFP.

Bicknell hurt the muscle while bowling against Queensland at Carrara Monday and took no part in England's training session at Adelaide

Oval today. Team manager Micky Stewart said Bicknell was out of the Test and that "If our first diagnosis is correct he could be out of cricket for sev-

eral weeks." Bicknell, 21, will be examined by the team physiotherapist Laurie Brown again later and may be sent back to England, as there are only two Tests to be played in Australia before the side travels to New Zealand for three one-day

England have already sent their other young fast bowler Chris Lewis home for a back operation.

games next month.

The squad for the fourth Test will be named late today when opening batsman Wayne Larkins, who has a broken right index finger, will also be left out of the selectors' thinking

Australia, who lead the fivematch series 2-0, will not choose from their 12 named players until just before the match starts.

Ansars, BTMC gymnasts reign

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Ansars and Bangladesh Textile Mills Corporation (BTMC) shut out the rest equally splitting the eight golds decided so far in the 17th national gymnastics championships, now on at the National Coaching Centre.

After Day Three in the fourday meet, Ansars and BTMC each had four golds with none of the other four participating teams managing to claim the glittering medal.

Saiful Islam of Ansars bagged double golds yesterday, winning the men's long horse and the Roman rings. BTMC's Rokeya Hossain clinched the women's balance beam gold.

Wanderers win at Jyoti's cost

Sports Reporter

Dhaka Wanderers Club scored a face-saving win over Amarjyoti Club by six wickets in the Milnars First Division cricket league yesterday at the Mirpur Pallabi ground.

This was Wanderer's second win in eight matches while. Amarjyoti shemped to the bottom of the league table with their seventh defeat in eight games.

Wanderer's skipper Zakaria, after winning the toss, invited Amarjyoti to bat first on a pitch which was damp due to overnight dew.

Seamers Joydev and Pappu responded well to their captain's call by dismissing four Amarjyoti batsmen with only four runs on the board. Amarjyoti never recovered from the early jolt and were skittled out for a paltry 89 runs in a mere 26.2 overs.

Shoel 21, Labib 17, Masood 16 and Poltu with 12 runs were the notable scorers for Amariyoti.

Chapal and Pappu with three wickets each, and Joydeb and Wahid with two each were the successful Wanderers bowlers.

In reply Dhaka Wanderers, with the help of a fine unbeaten fifth wicket partnership between Kaiser and Chapal, reached 93 runs for the loss of four wickets in 27.4 overs.

Amarjyoti bowlers struck early to capture four wickets with only 29 runs on the board. Kaiser and Chapal, who had other ideas, kept their heads down to steer their team to victory without further loss. Kaiser and Chapal remained unbeaten with 36 and 28 runs respectively.

Zahidul and Partha bagged two wickets each for 11 and 19 runs respectively.

Today's match PWD vs Bangladesh Railway (Mirpur)

DU cricket

Sports Reporter

Political Science Department beat Bangla Department by 65 runs in yesterday's Dhaka University inter-department cricket competition match at the Jagannath Hall ground.

Political Science, batting first, made 107 before being all out, Babul Kazi topscoring with 33. Liton took four Pol Science wickets for 28 runs.

In reply, Bangla Department were shot out for a paitry 42 runs with Arif wreaking havoc with the ball by claiming seven wickets for 14 runs. Only Zia offered any resistance, making 13 in his side's small total.

Delta hockey

Sports Reporter Ahsan's brilliant hattrick enabled Tejgaon Agragami to drub Agrani Bank 6-0 in the Delta Life Second Divsion

hockey super league at the hockey stadium yesterday. Ahsan scored his goals in the 3rd, 6th and 16th minutes of the first half. Nasir, Fahim and Raja added one each after the breather for the Agragami.

This was Tejgaon's first win in two matches while Agrani Bank crashed to their second defeat in the same number of matches.

Raktim Sangha recorded their second win in three matches when they defeated Combined Sporting 2-1 in a hard-fought second match of the day

Shakeel and Tutul scored for Raktim while Combined Sporting's one goal came off Kalimullah's stick. There are no matches

scheduled for today. Volleyball results

Sports Reporter

Wari Club recorded a comfortable victory over Madertek M.S. in straight sets- 15-8, 15-13, 15-3 in the only match of the First Division volleyball league match yesterday at the Volleyball Stadium. Nabajatak Majlis despite

some stubborn resistance registered a 15-10, 16-14, 15-11 victory over Bashabo "B" in the Second Division match yesterday at the same venue. Dhaka Wanderers received

walk-over when Srijoni Club

fatled to turn up.

Becker blitz stuns Forget



seed Boris Becblitzed his v/ay Wednesday past Frenchman Guy Forget into his first semifinal at an Australian Open, reports AFP.

Only the unseeded Patrick McEnroe now stands between Becker and his first shot at the title in six tournaments.

Becker, holder of three Wimbledon titles, said it was "a special relief" to get past the hurdle of the quarter-finals in Melbourne.

"Now I know I can put it to-

gether here," he said, but he refused to speculate on his chances against McEnroe, who is ranked no. 120 in the world. "Anything is possible in tennis," Becker said. "That's

watch." A dazed Forget had no doubt Becker would meet one of the other semi-finalists, title-holder Ivan Lendl and top seed Stefan Edberg.

why 12,000 people come to

Ivan or Stefan playing like he did today," Forget said. Becker broke the

"He would have killed even

Frenchman's service in the first game and never looked

back as he went to win 6-2, 7-6 (7/2), 6-3.

in all, Forget took only 14 points on Becker's serve, and two of them were from double-

Another five came in the third set, in the only game that went more than once to deuce.

Forget said that in all of his six previous encounters with Becker, "I felt that there was talk in the rallies." "Today he was doing every-

thing. I never has the opportunity of putting him in a difficult position, of making his miss anything." But for the spectator, this

was hardly memorable tennis. Becker served 14 aces to Forget's seven. Becker won seven games to love, Forget five. Forget lost the first point of

the tie-break, then crumpled when Becker reached 5-2 and lost two more points on serve. The whole thing was over in two hours and two minutes.

The nearest to an exciting moment came during one of the game's few rallies, when Becker broke a racquet string with an audible crack, went on to beat Forget with a stop volley that fell just inside

the tramlines.



BORIS BECKER

Forget, in frustration, sent the ball with a mighty thwack up to hit the green slats of the closed roof, some 20 metres (yards) above the Centre Court. The umpire indulgently said

nothing but later gave Forget a public warning for code violation after the tie-break, when the Frenchman angrily hit a ball into the crowd. On two other occasions, a

French-speaking umpire would almost certainly have warned

Forget for audible obscenity. Becker and McEnroe younger brother of four times U.S. champion John McEnroe have played each other only once, in Cincinnati in 1989. where Becker won 6-4, 6-1.

McEnroe has played in only one Grand Slam event, reaching the second round at Flushing Meadow last year.

But, said Becker after McEnroe defeated Italian Cristiano Carrati in five sets here Wednesday, "He has shown that he can play great tennis under pressure."

The number-two seed agreed that he was unbeatable against Forget, but added: "Trouble is, I don't play like that every day."

Alluding to unseeded Italian Omar Camporese, who lost to him 12-14 in the fifth set in the third round, Becker said: "I played five hours against someone who's ranked 56."

Confident Novotna unstoppable



MELBOURNE. Jan 24: Jana Novotna, whose self-confi-dence soared after en-

ding Steffi Graf's bid for a fourth title here, marched into her first Grand Slam tennis final at the Australian Open today, reports

Novotna, 22, illustrated her tennis maturity with a back to business 6-2, 6-4 semi-final victory over sixth seeded Spaniard Aranixa Sanchez Vicario. The 10th-seeded Czec-

hoslovak upended title

expectations Tuesday when she knocked out world number one Graf in one of the Australian Open's mightiest "After beating the world's number one player, Steefsi Graf, you get very confident

and you start thinking about

the good things rather than

just getting to the quarter-final or semi-final," said Novotna. "At the time of the quarterfinal I was thinking it is amazing that if I want to win this tournament I would have to beat Graf in the quarters, possibly (Gabriela) Sabatini in the semis and then (Monica) Seles in the final, and I thought, ooh,

this is incredible. "And now I find myself in this position and I have one more match to go and it just feels great."

In the final Novotna will face Monica Seles who beat Mary Joe Fernandez in the other semifinal Thursday 6-3,9-7.

Her Australian advance continues the great tradition of her Czechoslovak predecessors, Hana Mandlikova - her current coach - and Martina Navratilova, who triumphed here last decade, and Helena Sukova who reached two finals.

caps a metamorphosis in Novotna's career. Two years ago she was ranked 45th in the world. By the end of 1990 it had been trimmed to 13, yet Novotna

Today's 84-minute victory made me much stronger.



NOVOTNA... no looking back now

found it beyond her to progress past the quarter-final stage of Grand Slam tournaments, with the exception of her semi-final appearance in last year's French Open.

"I always felt that in the past, more so in the last year, I always had very tough draws ! in Grand Slams) and when I got to the quarter-finals I was too tired to play against these top players," she said after the match.

was more experienced than the others, I mean I had so many tough matches . . even last week in Sydney New South Wales Open), it has

It was a mental thing. The physical fitness is something you can work on, which I have done.

I have always had the talent to make the final and possibly win a Grand Slam tournament "It only surprises me that it has come so early. I would have

expected this in one year from

Novotna came back to earth to overcome her remaining hurdle to the opening Grand Slam final of the year.

Sanchez-Vicario, bidding for her second Grand slam final after custing US Open champion Sabatini in last Tuesday's quarters, was under siege for most of today's semi, particularly on her serve.

The Czechoslovak held break point on her opening serve and broke her to 30 in the fourth to lead 3-1. Sanchez Vicario was having

difficulty in controlling her

the baseline on Novotna's second set point. The second set was a tighter affair, if only for the litany of broken serves.

forehands, many of them sail-

ing over the baseline and

costing her precious points.

again in the sixth but took the

first set in 37 minutes when

Sanchez Vicario again overhit

Novotna held break point

Sanchez only held her serve once in five games: Novotna did a bit better dropping her service three times. Oversall, Novotna won 11 break points to Sanchez Vicario's eight in the match.

"I tried to be more aggressive from the back court, to play longer rallies and try to finish the ball from the back," Novotna said. The key of today's match

was that in the beginning both Arantxa and me were very tentative and I was the one who got rid of it sooner."

Questioned how nervous she will be playing in her first Grand Slam final, Novotna said: "I don't think it can be any worse - I was a little nervous about playing Steffi and I was nervous even more today aginst Arantxa because the opportunity to get to the final was there."

Sanchez Vicatio was pleased with her 11 days work at her first Australian Open, but admitted: "I think it wasn't my

something, my balls were going out and in the second set had more chance but I didn't finish with my serves." Sanchez Vicario, who trailed Novotna 5-1 in head-to-

"Everytime I was doing

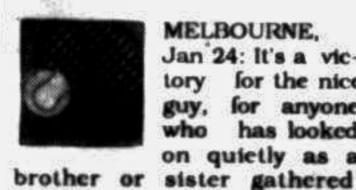
head encounters before today's semi, said that Novotna plays with a lot more confidence than she did a year ago. "She has more patience and she thinks through what she's going to do . . . All the time

she's coming to the net and

she is improving," said the

Spaniard.

For Pat McEnroe, perseverence pays



MELBOURNE, Jan 24: It's a vicfor the nice tory for anyone has looked on quietly as a

fame and glory, for those who believe perseverance brings its just reward. On Wednesday, for the first time in his adult life, Patrick McEnroe stole the limelight from elder brother John and became a tennis start in his

own right in reaching the

Australian Open semifinals as

an unseeded player, reports Ranked 114 in the world, Patrick's achievement in outlasting Cristiano Caratti of Italy in five sets is probable the biggest surprise in men's tennis since New Zealander Chris Lewis made the Wimble don

final in 1983.

Lewis was beaten by John then. Not since John made the 1977 Wimblendon semifinal as a qualifier ranked 288 in the world has a player so lowly ranked as Patrick reached the last four of a top tournament. John, seven years Patrick;

senior, never really had to

work on his game. He was a

touch player of genius from the

movement he picked up a rac-

But Patrick has done it the hard way. He is the first to admit he will never be John's equal where tennis skills are concered. But, after following



Patrick McEnroe gets into a back brace after hurting himself during his quarter-final match of the Australian Open against Italian Cristiano Carrati Wednesday.

as John's little brother and it

John to Stanford University. Patrick still chose professional tennis as a career. He knew this would mean

he would always be compared unfavourably with his eldest brother who had won three Wimbledon and four US Open titles before Patrick startup out in 1985. A third brother, Mark, is an attorney.

"I've accepted being known

doesn't bother me much. it's unrealistic to think it would be otherwise," Patrick says. John has rung from the

United States where he's nursing a shoulder injury to encourage Patrick during the Open. Patrick says his brother has always been supportive. Friends say Patrick never had a ing the other McEnroe. "I've had a lot of exposure to

being in the sportlight since I was a young kid," the 24-yearold said this week. "I realise who I am and the situation I "I'm obviously just thrilled

about it and excited about the opportunity. Like I said, I hope chip on his shoulder about becan keep going," he said.