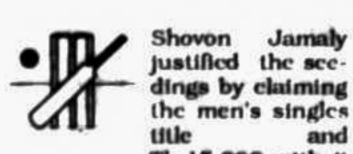
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Tk. 15,000 with it in the fourth Nissan Cup tennis championships which concluded at the Gulshan Club courts yesterday. In the final yesterday afternoon, the national number one beat second-seeded Hira Lal 7-6, 6-3 in a keen contest to maintain his reputation as the country's

best tennis player. As if not content with the winner's purse, Shovon then paired with former national number one Sarder Iftekhar to make it a profitable double by beating Hira Lal and Byzidur Rashid for the men's doubles erown and the Tk.8,000, to be shared equally. The score read 6-3, 3-6, 6-1. For their troubles, Hira and Byzid shared the runners-up purse of Tk.5,000.

India wants to

revive Pak tour

would like to revive a Pakistani

ericket tour postponed in

December because of Hindu-

Moslim violence in India, a sc-

nior official said on Thursday,

Secretary of the Board of

Control for Cricket in India,

told Reuters he had heard

press reports that Islamabad

was interested in a shortened

munication from Pakistan's

Cricket authorities since they

pulled out of the Asia Cup

tournament and the Test

Abbast said last month that

Pakistan had kept the door

open to talks with Indian

cricket authorities and was

prepared to play a short series

in southern India before the

start of the English country

Milnars cricket

Sports Reporter

their losing streak and also

took sweet revenge when they

registered a seven-wicket win

over Amarjyoti Club in a

relegation play-off match of the

Milnars First Division ericket

league yesterday at the Mirpur

the league campaign with a

great promise when they

recorded four wins in their

first four matches but later on

lost their last five matches in a

row to join they three other

team. Nirman Schools XI.

Dhaka Wan-derers Club and

Amarjyoti Club in re- legation

points, while Amarjyoti hung

dangerously with four points.

Wanderers and Nirman

Schools have six points in

scored 147 for nine wickets in

39 overs. Partha topscored

with 37 runs while Ripon was

the leading Bima bowlers with

85 runs enable Sadharan Bima

to rattle up 148 runs for the

loss of three wickets in 29.4

Chang crashes at

first hurdle

MILAN, Fcb 7: Michael

Chang of the United States,

seeded fourth, crashed at the

first hurdle in the 600,000

dollar ATP tournament here on

Wednesday when he was

beaten in straight-sets by

German Carl Uwe Steeb, re-

and never looked back as he

times looked as thought he too

would be a first-round casualty

before beating stubborn Gun-

nar Larsson of Sweden 7-5, 4-

pion Pat Cash of Australia.

hopping to recapture former

world status this year after

months of injury, had an

equally difficult three-set

struggle before beating Andrei

Cherkasov of the Soviet Union

Hlasck and Aaron Krickstein of

the United States safely

Veteran Swede Anders Jarryd

6-3, 0-6, 6-4, and sixth seeded

Kriekstein played only four

games before French opponent

Thierry Champion was forced

reached the third round.

Swiss number-one Jakob

Pifth seeded Hlasek beat

7-5, 4-6, 7-6 (7/4),

to retire injured.

Former Wimbledon cham-

surged home 6-1, 7-5.

Steeb made a superb start

Top-seed Ivan Lendl at

ports AFP.

6, 7-5.

In reply. Ripon's priceless

Amarjyoti, electing to bat,

Bima thus have now ten

Sadharan Bima, who started

Pallabi ground.

play-off matches.

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Sadharan Bima at last broke

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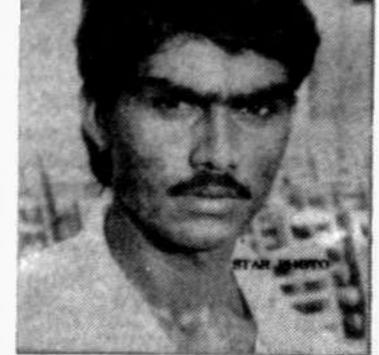
"There has been no com-

nothing from Pakistan, despite

But Jagmohan Dalayia,

reports Reuter.

NEW DELIII, Feb 7 : India



HIRA LAL ... runner-up

In the semisinals Wednesday, Shovon had beater: sixth-seeded national junior champion Shibu Lal while Hira Lal got the better of number three seed Maroof Rahman.

Maroof and Harun, the top doubles seeds, failed to make the final.

Exhibition soccer today

Sports Reporter

An exhibition football match, between the visiting Shapla Youth Force a band of British-born Bangladeshi boys — and the Bangladesh Krira Shikkhya Protisthan (BKSP) team will be held at the Mirpur National Stadium today. The match starts at 2:30 pm.

Maj. General Mahbubur Rahman, Chairman, National Sports Council will witness the match as chief guest.

The Shapla Youth Force arrived in the city Feb 3 on a short tour, the purpose of which is to familiarise themselves with life in their parents' mother-

title of the inaugural Econo Ballpen table tennis meet beating Bangladesh Ansars by three sets to one in yesterday's final at the National Coaching Centre.

. In other events, Shamima, Rinu, Zulekha and Bachchi move into the women's singles semifinals of the tournament, organised by the Bangladesh Table Te-nnis Players' Asso-ciation.

In the boys' singles, Hamlet, Rubel, Tanmoy and Mahbub reached the

last four. The meet concludes

today with the singles

Stars, Wanderers win in Div I basketball

Sports Reporter Five Stars Club and Dhaka Wanderers Club posted wins in their respective Partex First Division basketball league match yesterday at the wooden

floor basketball gymnasium. Five Stars outplayed Azad Boys Club 57-38 after leading 30-15 at half time.

Talibur and Akhtaque top scored for Five Stars and Azad Boys respectively.

This was Five Stars' fifth victory in seven matches while Azad Boys crashed to their sixth defeat in eight matches.

Dhaka Wanderers, in the second encounter of the day, overcame the spirited Gregs 52-43 after a close 26-22 lead in the first half.

Nahat and Zillur scored 16 and 10 points respectively for Wanderers. Khaled 15 and Ashique with 13 points were the leading Gregs' scorers.

Today match

Josephites vs Panthers

Thai Booter suspended

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 7 That defender Anan Thongsuk has been suspended for the rest of the Merdeka soccer tournament here for punching a Czechoslovak player, reports

Disciplinary board chairman Mohamad Yassin said that Slovan Bratislav's Schulc Ivan was also suspended for two matches for aggressive tackling during the match won 2-0 by the Czechs on Tuesday.

Both players were sent off in the 44th minute after Thongsuk punched Ivan in retaliation for a hard tackle. The That punched another Czech player after receiving the red

"We can't allow violence on the field. This is a goodwill tournament. That's why the board decided to suspend Thongsuk for the rest of the tournament," Mohamad Yassin

had won the boys' under-12 title beating Abhi, while Faisal collected Tk.3000 and the boys' under-16 title beating Ronny

Also on Wednesday, Johnny

Other money winners included losing men's singles semifinalists Maroof and Shibu Lal who cach won Tk.3000, and the losing quarter-finalists Byzid, Sami Razzak, Sandru Salam and Karen Maley, all collecting Tk. 1500 each.

Presidential Advisor AKM Musa gave away the prizes as chief guest at the concluding ceremony, which was attended by ABA Strajuddowla, president of host Gulshan Club and Morshed Khan, chairman of the sponsoring company Pacific Industries Ltd.

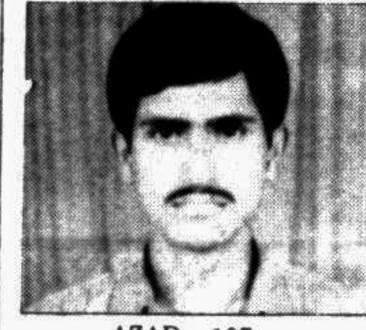
As many as 155 players, including some from Chittagong, Comilla, Rajshahi and Mymensingh competed in the eight-day meet.

Napoli lose

ROME. Feb 7: Bologna ports AFP.

In other Cup matches, AC Milan came away from Bari 1 0 winners after Simone scored

Shantinagar 'B' win in Div II cricket



AZAD... 107

Stadium.

Dhanmondi club ground. Lalbagh Anwar C.C. scored a 32-runs victory over Bangladesh Boys.

first, piled up 205 for three wickets in their allotted 35

an unbeaten 107 runs off 123 balls. His knock consisted of seven well-timed boundaries and four towering shots over the fence. He was helped by Azim's punishing 58 runs off til balls.

successful Rainbow bowler with two-wickets for 34 runs.

32.5 overs. Azad followed up his batting performance with a three

12 minutes from time.

Azad's brilliant 107 not out,

In another match, at the

Shantinagar 'B', batting

Shushanta was the most In reply, Rainbow S.C. were

bowled out for 138 runs in

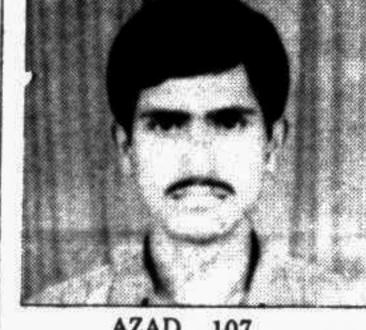
wicket haul for 15. Balu, Ibrahim and Khosru bagged two wickets each for Shantinagar 'B'.

In reply, Bangladesh Boys were all out for 147 runs in 30 over. Amir was the leading Lalbagh A.C.C. bowler with four wickets for 23 runs.

upset Napoli with a 1-0 away win in the first leg of an Italian Cup quarter-final clash Wednesday, thanks to a 69thminute goal from Galvani, re-

Sports Reporter

and his all-round performance, helped Shantinagar 'B' chalk up a convincing 67 run victory over Rainbow S.C. in the Rank



Xerox Second division cricket league match yesterday at the Dhanmondi Cricket

Azad led the onslaught with

Lalbagh Anwar C.C., put into bat, scored 179 runs in 33.4

National number one Shovon Jamaly won double crowns in the fourth Nissan Cup tennis championships, winning both the singles and doubles titles in yesterday's finals.

England in NZ

AUCKLAND, Feb 7: England's battered and beaten cricket team arrived here today

hold a press conserence on condition that on questions were asked about the Australian tour. But England captain Graham Gooch, whose own job

may be on the line, said the players would have to stopworrying about the axe which may fall on a number of the team members and concentrate on playing here. Gooch said success in New

Zealand would be no compensation for the humiliation in Australia for the team or indi-

"You have got to expect that when things are not going well and you are playing poorly that the press will heap the blame on somebody. I don't take much store in that," he said.

"It was a very disappointing tour of Australia. We didn't play anywhere near our potential. I look forward to the one-dayers here and hope for an improved performance.

"But this is no redemption. Three one dayers here won't do that."

Gooch, who said his team were "jaded," added that he had a healthy respect for New Zealand and they had always been one of his favourite sides

New Zealand captain Martin Crowe, in a seperate interview, said his team had become a much better side in recent

They had just completed a 3-0 defeat of Sri Lanka in a one-day series here, which followed failure in the World Scries final against Australia carlier in the season.

in all departments," Crowe said. "I think we are a better balanced side than we in Aus-

Players were starting to understand their roles in the team and the functions they had to carry out in order to

Crowe said he believes New Zealand has the edge against England.

alise one-day games can turn nasty on you if you turn off. We're very keen to keep turned on and keep perform-

New Zealand meet England in the first game on Saturday

Sir Richard discharged

Former New Zealand cricket star Sir Richard Hadlee was discharged from Dunedin liospital on Thursday after he collapsed at New Zealand's one-day match against Sri Lanka on Wednesday, reports Reuter. The 39-year-old former fast

Test wickets and is the only player to have taken more than Hospital staff said Hadlee

had been admitted with an irregular heartbeat and was

Hadlee's former pace bowling partner, Danny Morrison, told reporters Hadice had been working 12-hour days on various media commitments during the international series and most slow down.

MSC face a tall task

Sports Reporter

After three casy

victories against

somewhat infe-

rior opposition

title-chasers Mo

rting Club finally found their

match in Bangladesh Biman

who, on the first day of their

two-day Navana Premier

Division cricket league match

at the Dhaka Stadium, had

scored an imposing 266 all out

hammedans had weathered

two early blows to finish on 41

for two wickets after 14 overs

who have won their three

previous games, were again off

to a good start after being in-

serted by Mohammedans. It

wasn't until 42 runs were up

on the broad that Sri Lankan

paceman Gamaggee, who has

two five-wicket hauls in his

side's three games todate,

managed to make the break-

through by having Tariquzza-

man Munir trapped leg before

for eight. Munir's opening

partner Jahangir, with scores

of 138 not out, 47 and 118 in

three previous innings, fell

soon afterwards after making

31 runs, caught behind off

But just as Gamaggee again

threatened to run through the

batting, Sumon, 21, and

Aminul Islam Bulbul, 92, set-

tled down to a most fruitful

third-wicket stand that re-

alised 74 runs before Sumon

fell lbw to leg-spinner Wahidul

different form prior to this

match, chose to come good

when it mattered most and

played a typically fluent knock

that gave the bowlers hardly a

Bulbul, who has had an in-

Former champions Biman,

By day's end, Mo-

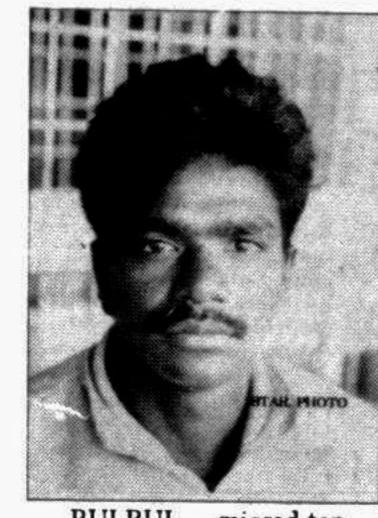
in their 75 alloted overs.

of batting.

Gamaggee.

Ghani.

hammedan Spo-



BULBUL ... missed ton cautiously with his eyes on a hundred.

Although skpper Shahnaway Shanu left cheaply for 10, Bulbul, with able support from lest-handed all-rounder Enamul Haq Moni, added 40 runs for the fifth wicket, Moni ending his own lean patch with a well-made 48 before playing all over one from offspinner Azhar Shantoo. · Biman's ex-skipper Ahm

Iqbal Bachchu, who played such a great part in Biman's three wins, for once failed to get going, managing only 11 before Rubel disturbed his castle. Left-arm paceman Jahangir Alam Dulu made 12 while last man in Anward Amin Azhar made an unsuecco ful dash for a run that wasn't there to make Biman all out for 266 off the last ball of their quota. Gamaggee, bowled his 15

overs for three wickets at a cost of 35 while Shantoo's three victims cost two runs less. Rubel, Wahid and Selim Shahed picked up one wicket each conceding 46, 46, and 44 runs respectively, Bulbul and Moni giving all three of them a bit of stick. Inspired by their batsmen,

Biman bowlers Dulu and Piyal bowled with purpose. In the

very first over Dulu sent back Nurul Abedin Nannoo for nought, bowling him neck and crop. Two overs and three balls later it was Piyal's turn to get among the wickets, trapping Selim Shahed - the centurion against Surjo Tarun with 108 on Feb 2 - for three with

the board showing 16. By day's end, Azhar Shantoo and wicket-keeper Ratan, batting on 13 and 12 respectively. helped by 13 extras, had managed to repair the damage somewhat.

When the last ball is bowled or the last run scored today, either of these two title-contestants will have lost their caten record.

Gulshan 42 for 2

Sports Reporter

Gulshan Youth, who had been so cruelly denied a deserving victory over reigning champions Abahani Krira Chakra in their last outing, were 42 for the loss of two wickets in reply to Lalmatia Club 211 all out in 71.3 overs in yesterday's other Navana league match at the Dhanmandi Cricket Stadium.

Lalmatia won the toss and batted. Ashish Malik top scored with 57 runs with the help of six fours before running himself out. Sanjeeva made 33. Ashim an unbeaten 24, Shaon 20, Jahangir 19 and Rajshri 17 in Lalmatia's total.

Ashfaque and Tito claimed two Lalmatia wickets each for 39 and 43 runs respectively while Arun Lal, Ashique, Shabbir and Tanvir got one each. At draw of stumps, Gulshan

other 170 runs to get for victory in 62 overs with eight wickets in hand. Rome was batting on six and Ishtiaque on two with Shabbir having retired hurt

Youth were left needing an-

after making 23. Zeeshan and Ashim shared the Gulshan wickets to fall.

national team's hopes of quali-

fying for the semi-finals by

Indonesians shock hosts



KUALA LUMPUR. Feb 7: Austraian First Division club Admira Wacker edged China 2-1

to qualify for the semi-finals of the Merdeka soccer tournament here Wednesday, reports Router.

The Austrians, who scored a 2-0 win over Indonesia in Monday's match, lead Group A with four points while Indonesia, Malaysia and China are still in the running for the remaining semi-final berth.

Indonesia bounced back from their first defeat to score a 2-1 upset oyer hosts Malaysia. The Austrians played cau-

tious one-touch football, never allowing the Chinese who won the King's Cup in Thailand last week any room to launch at-The closest the Chinese

on one with keeper Wolfgang The Austrians opened accounts in the 35th minute through Ernst Ogris who suc-

After the breather, the chinese, who played to a 2-2 draw with Malaysia in their opening game, attacked relentlessly.

the well organised Russian de-

create too many clearcut

chances. The best of them

came in the 31st minute,

when McStay found Ally Me-

Scotland, in fact, did not

Their preseverence paid off in the 66th minute when second-half substitue Li Xiao collected a rebound off Helmut Graf and scored the equaliser with keeper Knaller out of po-

an alert Feng Zhigang managed to clear the ball away for a corner. Off the corner Ernst Ogris' tame header went into goal,

with keeper Jin stranded. The Chinese protested that an Austrian player was offside but referee 'Wan Hamzah upheld the goal.

In an earlier game, Indone-

sia put a dent in the Malaysian

by the Malaysian forwards.

in today's match, Czechoslovakia's Slovan Bratislav play Malaysia Olympic while Denmark meet Thailand.

Banani Nabarun in super league

Sports Reporter

Banani Nabarun Sangha clinched the super league place from North Zone after beating Mohammed Ali S.C 4-2 in a tie-breaker of the Pioneer football league match yesterday at Outer Stadium ground.

Both the teams were locked 0-0 at the end of the regulation time and in the heart breakers Banani broke Mohammad Ali S.C's heart 4-2. The ten teams who have

qualified for super league from

five zones are West Zone: Lalbagh Tarun Sangha, Lalbagh Krira Chakra. East Zone: Makimbazar K.C. Gandaria Famous S.C. North Zone: Karwanbazar Pragati Sangha, Banani Nabaran Sangha. South Zone: Mirpur XI, Mirpur Sports Physical C.C. Central Zonc: Gulbagh K.C. and

Bashaboo Tarun Sangha. The super league dates has not yet been finalished.

Hatkhola Club badminton

Sports Reporter

The fourth Hatkhola

Sporting Club open badminton tournament begins today Friday at the Hatkhola ground. Thirty-five players including seven women will be vying for the titles in the men's singles

and doubles and the mixed

doubles.

amounts.

Of the Tk.22,000 offered as prize money, the men's singles champion will earn Tk.4,000 the runner-up Tk.2,000, the men's doubles champions Tk.5,000 and the runners-up Tk. 3,000 while the mixed doubles winners and losers will also collect similar

Slozil to stay Graf's coach

BONN, Feb 7 : Steffi Graf, the world number one in women's tennis, is sticking with her Czech coach Pavel Slozil despite recent run of bad form, reports AFP.

reduce the defict in the 28th minute through Serbegeth

keeper Eddy Harto or sent out

Navratilova

COLUMBUS (Ohio), Feb 7: Fourteen-year-old Jenniser

tennis event, reports AP. Capriati and Mary Joe Fernandez each won two matches Wednesday in the event, whose format is based on golf's Skins

After the first two matches, Capriati was the leading money-winner. She won 19,000 dollars in addition to her original stake of 40,000 dollars, defeating Navratilova

She had lost in her only previous meeting with Navratilova, who has won Wim-

bledon, a record nine times. Each player started the night with a 40,000-dollar

Fernandez was second in carnings in her two matches with 17,000 dollars in addition to her stake. Navratilova, the No. 3 player in the world, lost 15,000 dollars and Sanchez dropped 21,000 dollars.

Fernandez, playing in backto-back matches, defeated Navratilova 7-5 after staving off two match points. After a short break, she returned to defeat Sanchez 6-3 by winning the fi-

Capriati plays Fernandez on Thursday, followed by Navratilova against Sanchez. The players begin with another. 40,000-dollar stake.

total then advance to a best-ofthree-sets championship match. In the championship, points are worth 1,000 dollars, the winner of a game carns 3,000 dollars and the match winner receives a 100,000dollar grand prize.

New-look Russians beat Scots



GLASSGOW Feb 7: The Soviet Union stepped up their rebuilding programme with a vengeance here on

1-0 in the first international to be played at Ibrox in over 50 years, reports AFP. The New look Russian team looked as if they were prepared to settle for a goalless draw in the sub-zero temperatures but they caught the Scots

Wednesday by beating Scotland

with a goal from substitue Dimitri Kuznetsov. Kuznetsov, a 68th-minture replacement for Alexander Mostovi, wasted no time in driving a low right foot shot in to the far corner of the net

cold two minutes from time

after finding space in the area. That unexpected winner stunned the Scottish crowd players who clearly needed the game before they get down to the serious busi ness against Bulgaria in the European Championship next

the match during the first half an open goal which left Igor Shalimov holding his head in embarrassment However, the Scots, who made the most of their resources by using three substi-

In some respects the Rus-

sians deserved their goal as

they had committed the erime

of missing the best chance of



player A. Chernyshov during a friendly international in Glasgow, Scotland Feb 6. Soviet Union won 1-0. - AFP photo tutes, will not read too much lar proved that age has not

The object of the exercise was to remove the rustiness from the winter break and there were some performances to excite national manager Andy Roxburgh.

Gordon Strachan who will

be 34 on Saturday, in particu-

into their first defeat of the diminished his appetite nor his fitness. The little Leeds midfielder won the man of the match award for his continual prompting and enthusiasm. Strachan proved an ideal foil for Paul McStay who en-

pived one of his better international appearances but still was unable to find the lethal

chance. His 136-ball innings, including three boundaries and "We have a bit more depth a six, ended tragically, eight runs short of what would have been a most deserving century. He needed 81 ball as for his 50 but then tended to play more

-Star photo

"We're confident but I re-

in Christchurch.

WELLINSTON, Feb 7:

bowler, who retired last year, holds the world record of 431

discharged late on Thursday.

under 23 squad came was in the 30th minute when Zhang, just shot over the bar in a one-

fence.

defender.

cessfully put in a rebound off defender Fan Zhiyi.

cutting edge to slice through

Cosit clear in the box but the Rangers striker's left foot effort was pushed round the post by Alexander Quvarov. Gary McAllister, who had come on for Stuart McCall, worked eagerly to try to engi-

neer a winner for Scotland, but

his 70th minute surge and

shot was foiled by a Russian

Just when it seemed that the draw was imminent Kuznetsov struck the decisive goal and Scotland will hope that the lesson will be learned by the time Bulgaria arrive next month.

RAJSHAIII, Feb 7: The annual police sports of Rajshahi district was held at the local

Rajshahi police

sports

guest at the function. Md Salam, DIG Rajshahi, attended the function as special guest. Twenty-two events were

police line yesterday, reports Inspector General of police, A M Chowdhury, was the chief

scoring an upset 2 1 win. Indone surs acc stricer Mustagim became the hero, scoring twicek in the 11th and 14th minutes before the The Austrians came charg-Malaysians staged a recovery to ing back and nearly scored but

The Malaysians dominated the entire second half but had no luck as several of their shots were either saved by

Capriati defeats

Capriati deseated Martina Navratilova for the first time Wednesday on the first night of round-robin play in the inaugural Big Bear Challenge women's

6-4 after an earlier 6-4 victory over Arantxa Sanchez Vicario.

stake, then lost or gained money through two one-set matches. Points were worth 500 dollars, games and service aces were worth 1,000 dollars and the winner of each match got 5,000 dollars.

nal four games.

The two players with the highest accumulated money

series," Dalayia said. "No offer to salvage the tour has been made to the Indian from Australia to board till now," he said. play a confident New Zealand "I have read (Pakistani team fresh from a one -day board secretary) Arif ALi Biman men lift series win against Sri Lanka, Abbasi's statements that they reports AFP. were prepared to undertake a Econo team title England, defeated 3-0 by short tour of India, but they Australia in the Ashes series, have taken no concrete steps Sports Reporter will play three one day to revive the tour. It is not Bangladesh Biman padmatches here. possible to communicate with dlers won the men's team On arrival team manager our Pakistani counterparts Peter Lush would only agree to through newspapers."