Kiwis recall

Dipak Patel

recall of all-rounder Dipak Pa-

tel was the only surprise in

New Zealand's squad for the

second cricket Test against Sri

Lanka which was announced

here Sunday by the national

useful batsman, has been in-

cluded at the expense of Grant

Bradburn. Patel last played for

New Zealand in Pakistan last

year and was dropped for the

strike bowler Dany Morrison

and batsman Ken Rutherford-

must pass fitness tests before

the second Test starts in

John Wright, Trevor Franklin,

Andrew Jones, Mark Great-

batch, Ken Rutherford, Dipak

Patel , Ian Smith , Chris

Pringle, Danny Morrison,

Willie Watson, Chris Cairns,

Dexter blames

inexperience,

injuries for

England's failure

cricket supremo Ted Dexter

has blamed inexperience, in-

juries and lack of preparation

for England's failure in Aus-

tralia and New Zealand, re-

ing the England A team, spoke

to reporters on Saturday after

England had crashed to a sec-

ond defeat in the senior tour

The England chairman said:

"One of the main problems in

Australia was that the side is

relatively inexperienced. About

eight of the side do not have

100 Tests between them. That

"Last year we had a suc-

cesssful time because we were

mainly injury-free and able to

pick solely on merit for the

series against the West Indies,

(captain Graham) Gooch, Allan

Lamb and Angus Freer — to

name only a few — hit us hard".

some good points to come out

of England's 3-0 Test series

Malcolm came of age during

the series and he and Angus

Fraser are a fine combination.

Phil Tufnell also performed

well and I thought that some of

our bowling displays were

quite the best I have seen for

torch relay

"This winter the injuries to

But Dexter said there were

He said, "I thought Devon

New Zealand and India.

defeat in Australia.

some time."

is short in Test match terms,

of New Zealand in Auckland.

Dexter, in Colombo watch-

ports Reuter.

and it showed.

COLOMBO, Feb 18: England

Martin Crowe (captain),

The 13-man squad is:

Two players in the squad -

one-day series in Australia.

Hamilton on Friday.

Shane Thompson.

Patel, a spin bowler and a

selectors, reports AFP.

WELLINGTON, Feb 18: The

### NSC fetes nat'l sports awardees

Sports Reporter The recipients of National Sports Awards in the years

1976 to 1981 were feted by

the National Sports Council at

a reception at its conference room last Sunday. Presidential Advisor for Youth and Sports Alamgir M A

Kabir gave away NSC crests and ties to the awardees. Chess Grandmaster Niaz Morshed received a cheque for Taka two lakh, presented the

NSC to help him buy a com-

puter to improve his game. NSC Chairman Maj. General Mahbubur Rahman presided over the function which was attended among others by his predecessor Lt. Col (retd) Rezaul Jalil and Brig. M. A.

Mohammad Shahjahan. Manzoor Hossain Minto, Abdul Hamid and Begum Rabeya Khatoon Talukdar addressed the gathering on behalf of the awardees.

The function was rounded off with a cultural show presented by the Bangladesh Ansars and VDP artistes.

#### Winners drub Azad Boys Sports Reporter

Dhaka Winners and Josephites recorded impres sive victories in their respective matches of the Partex First Division basketball league yesterday at the wooden floor basketball gymnastum.

Dhaka Winners drubbed Azad Boys Club 82-42 after leading 38-22 at the breather. Tonu led the Winners scor-

ing spree with 28 points followed by Astf Hossain's 18. Akhlaque and Altaf scored 16 points each for Azad Boys. Winners have now collected

16 points from 11 matches while in the same number of outings Azad Boys' points stood

Josephites with their American recruit Eddie Smith crushed Five Stars 104-64 in the second match of the day. Eddie with fine drives, lay-ups and long shooting scored 39 points while old seasoned campaigner Kamel Siddiquy assisted Eddie with 12 points. Lincoln 21, Talibur 19 were the leading Five Stars scorers.

Josephites registered their fifth win in eight matches while Five Stars remained at 16 points from 11 matches.

### Pioneer soccer

Sports Reporter

Makim Bazar Krira Chakra posted their second win in the Group 'B' match of the ground robin league of the Pioneer football beating MSPCC by a solitary goal yesterday at the Outer Stadtum. Arman scored the winning

goal for Makim Bazar in the 25th minute.

Makim Bazar have now five points from three matches while MSPCC's points stood at three from four outings.

In the other Group B' match Kawran Bazar Pragati Sangha and Lalbagh Tarun fought to 1-1 draw.

The results of Sunday's two encounters is also given below. Lalbagh K.C beat Banant Nabarun 2-1 while Gandaria Famous and Mirpur XI finished at 1-1 draw.

#### Shaheed Anwar annual sports Sports Reporter

The annual sports competition of the Shaheed Anwar

Otrls College was held yesterday at the college playground.

Ayesha Begum became the champion and Nasreen Akhter the runner-up in the college section. Among the schoolgirls, Rizwana Chowdhury won the individual champion among the senior group followed by runner-up Sarah Binte Munir, Salekatunnessa and Sadia Hamid finished first and second in the intermediate group while Ruma Rahman became the individual champion in the junior group. Begum Sophia Khan, wife of

Chief of Army Staff Lt. General Muhammad Noor Uddin Khan gave away the trophies as chief guest.

Cantonment, yesterday.



The local cricket programme resumes today after a four-day suspension

following the crisis precipitated by the sudden, en masse resignations of the officials of the ad hoc Bangladesh Cricket Control

#### Rain the spoiler

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand, Feb 18: Rainwashed out play on the third day of the four-day match between Sri Lanka and Canterbury at Lancaster Park here Sunday, reports AFP.

There was no play in the morning session and the umpires decided soon after lunch that even if the rain stopped it would not be possible to start play. The forecast was for more rain Monday, and the match seemed certain to end in a

At close of play Saturday, Sri Lanka had scored 153 for two in reply to Canterbury's first innings total of 297 for six declared.

the second Test against New Zealand, which begins in Hamilton on Friday. The first Test was drawn.

Sports Reporter

Board (BCCB) and League Committee last Thursday in protest against the allocation of the Dhaka Stadium ground

for a football tourney. After the National Sports Council's (NSC) hasty decision to retreat and shift the soccer matches to the nearby hockey stadium, the cricket officials relented and withdrew their resignations to facilitate an early resumption of the various leagues.

The crucial Navana Premier Division league match between title aspirants Mohammedan Sporting Club and Brothers Union, which was interrupted after the first day's play, is scheduled to restart at the Dhaka Stadium with Brothers resuming at 28 for two wickets in reply to Mohammedans' 193 all out in 63.4 overs. Starstudded Brothers Union who, like Mohammedans, have lost one of their previous four games, need another 166 runs for victory in the remaining 68 of their stipulated 75 overs.

In another match at the Dhanmandi Cricket Stadium Lalmatia Club will meet Kalabagan K C.

In the Milnars First Division Sir Lanka's next match is league relegation play-off round match scheduled for the Mirpur Pallabi ground, Dhaka Wanderers face Shadharan Bima. The outcome of the

match will be of little because consequence Amarjyoti Club and Nirman Schools XI are already beyond redemption and will be playing in Division Two next year. Dhaka Wanderers and Shadharan Bima, who had started the season with four straight wins, are also assured of their survival in the Milnars

league. In the Rank-Xerox Second Division league, Spread Eagles take on Young Pegasus B at the Dhanmandi Club ground, Nabin Sangha play Mill Barracks CC at the Dhanmandi Cricket Stadium while Dhanmandi Club take on Shantinagar A at the Mohakhali T&T ground.

#### Weird compromise

Meanwhile, in a weird turn of events, the BCCB members who had resigned in protest at the Dhaka Stadium ground being damaged by the Bangladesh Football Players' Association and Sonali Otit sponsored Vita-Rich tourney, have agreed to allow the tourney to return to the Dhaka Stadium from this evening.

According to the latest compromise, the Vita-Rich matches will be held at the Dhaka Stadium, with the first match starting at 5:00 pm and the other at 6:45 under flood-

## Maradona's passport seized

magistrates investigating soccer star Diego Maradona's possible links with a drugs and prostitution ring have asked for his passport to be confiscated, judicial sources said on Sunday, reports Reuter. The sources said the de-

NAPLES, Feb 18: Naples

mand by magistrates from the anti-drugs pool of the Naples judiciary was a routine request for anyone under investigation for handling drugs. Naples public prosecutor

Vittorio Sbordone said on Wednesday the Argentine player was being investigated on suspicion that he may have asked for drugs and prostitutes from the Camorra, the local On Saturday, Maradona said

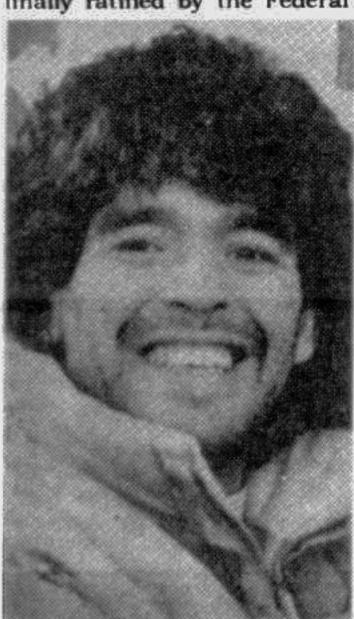
he had been framed. "It's a setup by some girls from whom I have distanced myself. I have never used drugs," he told re-Naples police refused to say

whether they had already been to Maradona's home to seize his passport. Shordone said eight people

with ties to the Camorra have been arrested on charges of drug trafficking and prostitu tion in Naples after a telephone tapping operation.

league will feature professional referees for the first time in the 1993-84 season.

The decision, taken during last summer's World Cup, was finally ratified by the Federal



DIEGO MARADONA Council on Saturday after a long and detailed study of the question.

"I've run against Carl Lewis

and Ben Johnson and they've

never done anything like that,"

he said. "I don't respect some-

was wrong to have turned to-

wards Christie during the race.

"I over-reacted," he said. "I

The bitterness stemmed

Christie claimed he would

have won if he had not dipped

too early, but Burrell laughed

off that suggestion at a news

probably shouldn't have done."

from comments earlier in the

week about the duo's race in

Stuttgart last weekend.

The American, admitted he

one who does that."

All First and Second Division games will be run by professionals, who will have to Meanwhile, an AFP message undergo strict physical fitness their investigations and other

controls and could earn from 50 to 100 million lira (from about 50,000 to 100,000 dollars ) a year depending on experience and efficiency.

The number of referees will be reduced from the present figure of 40 to 35, the council decided.

Antonio Matarrese, football federation president, said: "We have taken an historic decision today and shown our determination to move with the times. The council also decided to

introduce compulsory weekly random dope tests for two players of each team as from February 24.

#### Booter nabbed for burglary

ATHENS, Feb 18: Romanian international Danut Lupu, who joined Panathin-aikos from Dynamo Bucharest this season, has been arrested in connection with a series of burglaries, reports AFP.

Lupu was suspected of being the ringleader of a gang who broke into homes and shops and stole mainly furs.

Police said the Panathinatkos Club had helped them in

# Swadhin Bangla

for the establishment of democracy in the country and world peace, begins tomorrow,

Feb 20 from Mujibnagar in Meherpur, Kushtia. The torch, carried by mem bers of the football team which was formed at Mujibnagr during the Liberation War to mobilise support and funds for the independence struggle, will reach Dhaka Stadium at seven in the evening on Friday Feb 22.

The programme also includes the laying of a foundation stone and wreathlaying on the occasion of Ekushey February at Mujibnagar.

A press release of the team yesterday requested all members of the team living in or around Dhaka to assemble at the Sonali Otit Club pavilion at five this afternoon and those living near Mujibnagar to assemble at the provisional capital of Bangladesh on Feb

new umpires

Sports Reporter The certificate awarding ceremony of the week-long umpires' course under the aegis of the Bangladesh Badminton Umpires' Association was held at the Dhaka Stadium conference room yesterday afternoon.

Of the 36 participants, only Later, after tempers had 1 17 qualified

### Johnson wins photo-finish

SASKATOON (Saskatchewan), Feb 18: Ben Johnson leaned across the finish line to register a narrow victory in the 60 metres at the Canadian indoor athletics championships on Saturday, reports

Johnson accelerated steadily down the track to clock a time of 6.65 seconds, short of the Canadian record of 6.61 and nowhere near the world record of 6.48 turned in by American Leroy Burrell on Wednesday in Madrid.

Johnson was stride for stride with Bruny Surin and Atlee Mahorn all the way to the finish line before leaning to victory.

# Edberg No 1 again

BRUSSELS, Feb 18: Boris Becker ceded his world number one spot to Stefan Edberg on Saturday after retiring hurt in the semifinals of the Belgian indoor tennis tournament, reports Reuter.

But Edberg, the second seed, had little cause to celebrations. He was upset by fourth-seeded Frenchman Guy Forget 3-6,6-0,6-3 in the other semifinal.

"Edberg will be the new number one on Monday, "said Richard Evans, ATP's derector of communications.

The new rankings will show Edberg 17 points ahead of Becker, who led the Swede by 133 points before the Brussels tournament

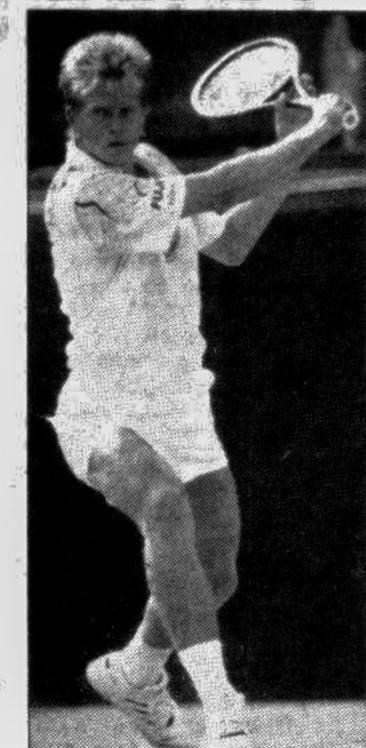
Becker, facing world number 25 Andrei Cherkasov of the Soviet Union, played his best tennis of the week as he took the first set 6-2. But after losing his service in the second game of the sec-

ond set, things began to go wrong. After losing the next game, Becker examined his right thigh during the changeover. His play became increasingly

ragged and he checked his

thigh again at the next break.

The German, normally one of the fastest movers on the court, repeatedly struggled to reach Cherkasov's groundstrokes or simply did not react



EDBERG... No. 1 again at all when the 20-year-old Soviet aimed for the sidelines.

Becker surrendered the set to Cherkasov by hitting a low volley into the next and retired early in the final set after twice struggling to hold serve. Cherkasov won 2-6,6-3,2-2. "I already said I knew be-

fore the tournament there was a good chance that this week I would be number, two." Beck er said

"I hope my leg is not too badly hurt. My leg concerns

me the most". Becker laid the blame for his leg problem on the ATP

"I think that's the fault we have with this new tour. You have to play almost every week," he said. "I have to play 18 or 19 tournaments in order to stay on top and that is too

go downhill after winning the first set 6-4 against Forget.

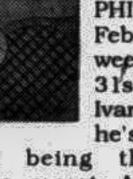
erful service and broke Edberg three times in a row to take the second set 6-0.

The Frenchman, who possesses the fastest service of the whole field here, kept the momentum going and inflicted a de cistve mental blow to Edberg when he broke the Swede. in the second game of the final

Forget, number 11 in the world, broke again in the eighith game and converted, his second matchpoint with a vol-

guy to follow in the next months," Edberg said of the Frenchman.

## Lendl has lot left in him



PHILADELPHIA. Feb 18: Three weeks shy of his birthday, 31st Ivan Lendi says he's a long way

from being through with tennis, reports AP. "I think this is the first year

of the second half of my career," the former top-ranked player said Sunday after beating U.S Open champion Pete Sampras 5-7, 6-4, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3 in the 1-million-dollar U.S. Indoor Tennis Championships. Sampras said he expected

to see Lendl around for some

"I think he's capable of being No. 1 again, but who's to tell," Sampras said. Lendl, now the world's

minute match, the last three finishing Sampras in the ninth game of the fifth set. "I'm starting to feel finally that I'm beginning to under-

Lendl said. Lendl has won every Grand Slam tournament but Wimbledon at least twice and holds 89 career singles titles, including two in this event. He won in 1986 when Tim

Sampras, 19, won his first Pro title last year in Philadelphia and went on to win at Manchester and the U.S. Open.



IVAN LENDL

Sampras was on a pace early to repeat his triumph, taking a 4-1 lead in the second set after winning the first. Lendl, however, won the next five games.

"Obviously it's not a good si-

trying," Lendl said. "If you keep trying, some good things sometimes come out of it and that's what happened today." Sampras praised Lendl's

powe:rful ground strokes and consistency. "I just think my game and

my intensity kind of went up and down throughout the match, whereas he was kind of one speed the whole way a ind he was just too strong for m e," Sampras said. Lendl broke service in the

lead 3-1, getting the b reak when he made a strong crosscourt return of service that Sampras couldn't handle and hit a backhand into the next.

fourth game of the final se t to

Lendl served two acres to get to 4-1 and an ace an d two service winners gave him a 5-2

Sampras served his 14th ace in winning the clighth game. Lendl's last thre e aces closed out the match in the next game after Sampre is hit a

return long on the first point. Sampras won the first set from 6-5 as Lendl's firs t serves deteriorated. With the score '30-30, Sampras me ide two sharp service return s. Lendl hitting the first into the net

### Forget emerges from shadows



18: After spending years in the shad ows of more famous Frenchmen, Guy Forget's

biggest tournament win vet was overshadowed by the fight atop the world rankings. reports AP. Forget defeated Andrei

Cherkasov of the Soviet Union 6-3, 7-5, 3-6, 7-6 (7-5) Sunday to capture The Donnay Indoor Championship but found tennis fans still talking about Boris Becker's injury that boosted Stefan Edberg back into the No.1 spot in the world rank-

Fortunately, Forget does not seek the limelight. "Fame is not my goal," he

## Chicago remains

name Martina Navratilova may become permanently linked with the Chicago women's tennis tournament after she won it for the 11th time here Sunday by beating Zina Garri-

son in straight sets. Navratilova, who has played sparingly since undergoing knee surgery late last year, dominated the match for an easy 6-1, 6-2 victory and a

Martina's domain CHICAGO, Feb 18: The

70,000 dollar pay cheque.

DU athletics

second tournament title this year propelled him into the top 10 on the ATP Tour com-

**GUY FORGET** 

Relaying on a lightning serve, accurate drives and crisp volleys. Forget won the New South Wales Open in Sydney, Australia, last month. He used the same qualities to capture this 600,000-dollar event Sunday, beating Edberg in the semifinals on his way to the crown. Although his play can be

just as spectacular as that of Yannick Noah and Henri Leconte, the French have not yet taken to Forget in the same

"Let me continue playing like I have since January and they'll get to know me better

in France," the 2 6-year-old

left-hander said.

of Grand Slam per formances has something to de a with it. Noah's win in the 1983 French Open in Pa ris gave him instant fame, and his off-court antics and on-cou rt acrobatics turned him into a well-loved

personality even a after his skills

He acknowledge d the lack

started to wither. Leconte made: the final of the 1988 edition of the French Open and he still has a lovehate relations hip with the French public, 1 nainly because of his hot temper and unpredictable form.

Considering his sterling streak at regular ATP Tour events, Forget said "Now I have to do this at : a Grand Slam" to emulate Noal a and Leconte. "It is possible; it is not a dream."

Forget has never reached a Grand Slar n quarterfinal in nine years c f trying. Leconte and Noah both

sprang onto the scene as confident teer agers, while forget has slowly nurtured his talents. "Some players mature early," he: said. "At 23, I was not an ath lete yet."

There also have been persistent questions about his mental troughness, but he has disprover i critics over the last year by vinning. And, he says, his best years are still ahead of



champions Shamsunnahar Hall captain yesterday at the DU central playground.

Vice Chancellor Muniruzzaman Miah gave away the trophy to the Dhaka University inter-hall sports women's

Eciberg also saw his game Forget fine-tuned his pow-

ley past a helpless Edberg. "He will be an interesting

third-ranked player, served 23 aces during the 3-hour, 20-

stand the game a little bit,"

and sending the other wide on

#### from Rome said: The Italian checks, be subjected to weekly footballers might be charged. Mayotte withdrew from the fituation, but you have to keep a cross-court passing shot. tomorrow Burrell, Christie feud Sports Reporter The Swadhin Bangla football team's three-day torch relay. said, relaxed as ever after his him just before the 30-metre



COSFORD (England). Feb 18: A bitter feud be-60m reindoor

cord-holder Leroy Burrell and European number one Linford Christie exploded here on Sunday with the American claiming that the Briton and threatened to kill him, reports AFP.

frontation behind the scenes after Burre!! had scorched home in 6.56 seconds. They had to be held apart by promotions officer Andy

Burrell said: "Christie

heated, finger-Wagging con-

The pair were involved in a

do what you did again, I will hurt you, I will kill you. "When someone makes a threat to your life, then that's the point I can't take it any

"After his threat I told him to kill me now. Christie said that he was a sportsman and so I said 'You should act like one. You're the one who acts like a

Christie, who finished third,

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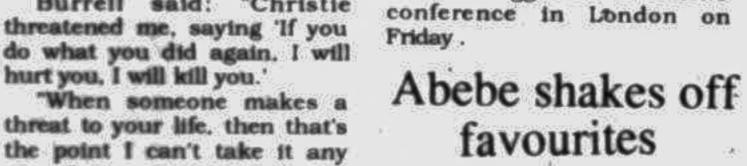
had been angered by mocking

gesture Burrell made towards

Sophia Khan, wife of Army Chief of Staff Lt. Gen M. Noor

Uddin Khan, gave away the trophies at the annual sports

competition of the Shaheed Anwar Girls College, Dhaka



TOKYO. Feb 18 Unheralded Ethiopian Addis Abebe shook off pre-race favourites Stephen Moneghetti of Australia and Mexican Arturo Barrios to win the men's Chiba International cross country race on Sunday.

reports Reuter.

by seven seconds from the Soviet Union's Elena Romanova, who was third at last year's World cross country championships. Moneghtti, winner of last September's Berlin Marathon, was second in 34:44, while

Another Ethiopian, Derartu

Tulu, won the women's event

lowed thrid, five seconds behind the Australian. Barrios, winner in 1989 and current 10,000 metres world record holder, was fifth in 35:08

Thomas Osano of Kenya fol-

in the women's six-km race, Tulu pulled away from the pack midway trough the race, finishing in 19:36. Romanova was runner-up for the second successive year and Viorica Chican of Romania was third in 19:50. Defending champion Carolyn Schuwalow of

Australia, who has won the

event three times, managed

only sixth place in 19:56, 55

seconds slower than last year.

"I got upset when I should have remained calm," he said Tve been made to look like the devil this week and that's



begun to cool, the pair shook hands with each other near the presentation rostrum. To complete a miserable

record of 20.74, with Christie trailing badly in second place in 21.15. after this defeat." Although Michael is young, he's got a lot of respect for me and I've got a

dinary end to Cosford's farewell meeting after 35 years of staging big events. Next year England's top indoor meets move down the road to Birmingham.



just not true."

afternoon for Christie, he was easily beaten by American Michael Johnson in the 200 metres as well. Johnson clocked a new

United Kingdom all-comers

But there was no acrimony lot of respect for him," Christie explained. The drama was an extraor-

Reuter.

trophies as chief guest.

runners-up.

#### conclude Sports Reporter The two-day 30th annual inter-hall athletics competition

of the Dhaka University con-

cluded at the DU central play-

Sgt. Zahurul Haq Hall an-

ground Sunday.

nexed the men's championship with five golds while Shamsunnahar Hall clinched the ladies' championship bagging eight gold medals. Shahidullah Hall was the

golds while Rokeya Hall's two

golds made them the women's

Vice Chancellor Prof. Muniruzzaman Miah gave away

