

Biman meet Brothers in today's Star final

CHITTAONG. Apr 9: Bangladesh Biman moved into the final of the CJKP Star Summer Cricket tournament beating Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club by just two runs in an exciting semi-final at the Chittagong Stadium here today, reports BSS.

Bangladesh Biman will face their Dhaka Premier league rivals Brothers Union in the final tomorrow.

Winning the toss, Biman elected to bat first and scored 143 for nine in the stipulated 40 overs.

A good spell of spin bowling by Mohammedans' young star Selim Shahed and veteran Wahid restricted Biman's

batsmen from making a bit total.

Selim Shahed captured three wickets for 21 runs while Wahid took two for 33 runs. Anis took one for 10 runs.

Jahangir, who was the highest scorer in the Premier league and made three brilliant centuries, was also the highest scorer for Biman in the match with a brilliant 50. Besides, Bulbul, 21, Shanu, 16, Nazim Shirazi, 13, and Dulu, 13, were the other main Biman scorers.

In reply, Mohammedan lost all their wickets for 141 runs in 40 overs.

In the last over of the day, Mohammedans needed five runs to win the match and at the last wicket pair of Anis and

Wahid were at the crease. Monty bowled the last over for Biman. Mohammedans' batsmen collected three runs from Monty's five balls. Needing only three runs off the last ball Anis gave a catch to Bachchu. The two brothers—Minhazul Abedin Nannu and Nurul Abedin Nobel—topscored for Mohammedans with 39 runs each, followed by Liton, 19, and Anis with 10.

Dulu of Biman claimed three Mohammedan wickets for only nine runs from his eight overs while Sumon took two for eight and Monty and Bulbul one each for 18 and 32 runs respectively.

The tournament committee adjudged Jahangir and Dulu as the men-of-the-match.

Nirman cricket Sports Reporter

Kakoli High School scored an exciting one-wicket victory over Rahmatullah High School in the Dhaka Zone match of the Nirman Schools cricket championship yesterday at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

Electing to bat first, Rahmatullah School scored 103 runs for the loss of eight wickets in a curtailed 20-overs-a-side match. The umpires were forced to start the match late as the pitch was wet due to a heavy downpour overnight.

Jashim, 20, Tapan, 13 not out, Rudbi, 12, and Wasim, 11, were the leading Rahmatullah batsmen.

Joy with three wickets for 21 runs and Jashim with two wickets for 14 were the most successful Kakoli School bowlers.

In reply, Kakoli School reached 104 for the loss of nine wickets with the three balls of the match remaining. Shohag and Rana topscored with 17 runs each.

Sobhan was the main strike bowler for Rahmatullah School with three wickets for 12 runs. Wasim, Tapan, Mustafiz and Rudbi also took one wicket each for Rahmatullah School.

In another match, at the Dhanmondi club ground, a tremendous bowling spell by Tahmid enabled St. Gregory's High School to record a comfortable 64-run victory over Udayan Biddalaya.

St. Gregory's High School, put into bat, were bowled out for 148 runs in 28.5 of the stipulated 30 overs. Mustafiz, 26, Shabbir, 17, Pankaj, 15, Rabbi, 14, and Gamlur also with 14 were the prominent St. Gregory's batsmen.

Riyad was the most successful Udayan bowler claiming four wickets for 28 runs while Rafiq helped him by taking two wickets for 18.

In reply, Tahmid's devastating spell of four wickets for 11 runs sent Udayan Biddalaya crashing to 84 all out in 21.1 overs.

Rafiqul, 20, Hamidur, 14, and Wasit with 11 were the three Udayan batsmen to reach double figures.

Sumon and Kamrul of St. Gregory's also got their names among the wicket-takers by claiming two wickets for 21 runs each.

Tahmid was named the man-of-the-match for his superb effort.

Dhanmondi High School thrashed Shubaddya High School by ten wickets at the Mohakhali T&T ground.

Shubaddya School, playing with eight players, were skittled out for a meagre 22 runs in only 8.3 overs.

Zahid was the wrecker-in-chief for Dhanmondi School with five wickets for eight runs.

Dhanmondi, in reply, completed the formality by racing to 23 without loss in 3.2 overs.

Windies mop up Aussie tail

PORT-OF-SPAIN. Apr 9: Australia, resuming at 279 for six, were all out for 294 on the fourth day of the third cricket Test against West Indies today, reports Reuter.

An earlier report said: Twins Mark and Steve Waugh made history as Australia found runs hard to come by in the face of impressive West Indies pace bowling in the rain-affected third Test on Monday.

The touring team were limited to 204 runs on the third day — the first day free of rain — and reached 279 for six at the close.

When the Waughs came together at 210 for five they became the first twins to bat together in a Test.

Their partnership flourished for an hour and a half and produced 58 runs before Steve was caught behind for 26 off Courtney Walsh an over after Mark had survived a identical appeal.

Mark was unbeaten on 57 at the close.

Steve Waugh's wicket was a just reward for Walsh who was the pick of the bowlers. His 30 overs cost him just 45 runs.



MARK WAUGH

Walsh rose to the occasion after Malcolm Marshall and Curtly Ambrose had been handicapped by stomach problems.

Marshall needed an injection and bowled only four overs.

Most of those were very

ordinary but he managed to prise out Mark Taylor, Australia's most impressive batsman.

Taylor mistimed a pull and was caught at mid-on. His 61 was his best in a Test since the second match of the Ashes series against England in December.

Taylor apart, none of the Australians was in flowing form. Mark Waugh, who ran out captain Allan Border when attempting a quick single to Carl Hooper at cover, was made to work hard for his half century.

Border hit 43 without looking secure.

The poor form of Dean Jones continues to concern the Australians. He made just 21 before falling leg before too Patrick Patterson.

The Jamaican fast bowler had made the initial breakthrough when he produced a good lifting delivery from a length to have David Boon caught at short leg by Gus Logie for 27.

The morning session set the pattern of the day with Australia adding just 53 runs for the loss of Taylor and Boon.

Monday was originally

scheduled to be a rest day but, after only 143 minutes play was possible on the first two days, the rest day was brought forward to Sunday in an attempt to give the ground time to dry out.

SCORE BOARD

Scoreboard on the fourth day of the third cricket Test between West Indies and Australia today.

Australia: (overnight 279 for six)

Marsh c Hooper b Ambrose	10
Taylor c Walsh b Marshall	61
Boon c Logie b Patterson	27
Border run out	43
Jones lbw b Patterson	21
M Waugh lbw b Marshall	64
S Waugh c Dujon b Walsh	26
Healy c Dujon b Marshall	29
Mcdermott c Richardson b Patterson	0
Hughes lbw b Patterson	0
Reld not out	0
Extras (b-6 lb-14 nb-13)	33
Total	294

Fall of wickets: 1-36; 2-93; 3-116; 4-174; 5-210; 6-268; 7-293; 8-294; 9-294.

Bowling:	O	M	R	W
Ambrose	29	7	51	1
Patterson	26	2	50	4
Marshall	18.1	3	55	3
Walsh	30	9	45	1
Hooper	25	5	73	0

Rajshahi in zonal final

Sports Reporter

Rajshahi and Sherpur marched into the zonal final of the national cricket championship winning their matches yesterday at Nilphamari and Joypurhat respectively.

At Nilphamari, Rajshahi outplayed Jessore DSA by 97 runs and will now face the winners of the Thakurgaon versus Rangpur clash in the final to be held on April 12.

Rajshahi, batting first, scored 180 all out in 42.3 overs with Rinku making 32, Shaheen 28, Liton 23, Tareq and David 13 each. Rinkon, Himel and Ashiq captured two wickets each for 40, 30 and 10 runs respectively.

In reply, Jessore were dismissed for 83 runs in 31.3 overs. Hiru topscored with 17 and Raju made 12, the only men to reach double figures.

David claimed four Jessore wickets for just eight runs while Nila bagged two for 19.

In the Zone F match at Joypurhat, Sherpur beat Barisal by four wickets to reach the zonal final.

Barisal batted first but could

muster only 90 before being all out in 30 overs with Iqbal making 21 and Feroq 16.

John claimed six Barisal scalps for 29 runs in an excellent bowling display.

Sherpur, in reply, scored 92 for the loss of six wickets in 24.5 overs. Pika was their top scorer with 20 while Shahriyar made 15 and Sajjad 12.

Shamim and Rafiq claimed two wickets each for 14 and 15 runs respectively.

In the Zone A match at Pabna, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) beat Narsingdi by 66 runs to make the zonal semi-final.

BUET, batting first, made 155 for seven in 30 overs with Tawfiq making the major contribution with 62 runs. Kaiser and Alje scored 41 each.

Ejaz took four BUET wickets for 27 runs to be the pick of his side's bowlers. Sumon took one for 24.

Narsingdi, in reply, were restricted to 69 all out in 28.1 overs. Shaheen made 22 and Liton 14.

Shahid of BUET claimed five wickets for just 12 runs

while Azam got two for 14 and Chumnu one for four.

Following are other summarized results:

In Zone 'B' at Faridpur, Madaripur reached the Zonal semi-final beating Jhalakathi by one run, Madaripur will take on Bangladesh PWD on April 11.

Madaripur were all out for 149 in 34.1 overs. (Kishore 45, Amir Babu 25, Yaad 12 not out, Tipu 11, Parvez 4/44, Pijosh 2/21 and Nasir 1/14).

Jhalakathi, in reply, made 148 all out in 44.5 overs.

Pijosh 44, Mohan 29, Liton 15, Rafique 4/18, Kishore 2/39, Amir Babu 1/23.

In Zone 'C' at Jessore, Mymensingh moved into the zonal semi-final defeating Narail by four wickets. They will meet Meherpur in the semi-final on April 11.

Narail were all out for 140 in 38.3 overs. (Tapan 48, Ashoke 26, Taufiq 23, Chanchal 11, Dipu 3/22, Chandan 2/23, Nripen 2/15).

In reply, Mymensingh scored 141 for six in 27.2 overs.

Pallab 37 not out, Billu 28, Nripen 19, Chanchal 2/25).

Krabbe in a new race

NEUBRANDENBURG. Apr 9: As in much of eastern Germany, the economy of this town is faltering. But one of the world's fastest female runners hopes a new business venture will secure her future, reports AP.

Behind the cash register at Sport and Fashion GmbH, a bustling new sporting goods store, is co-owner Katrin Krabbe, a three-time European sprinting champion.

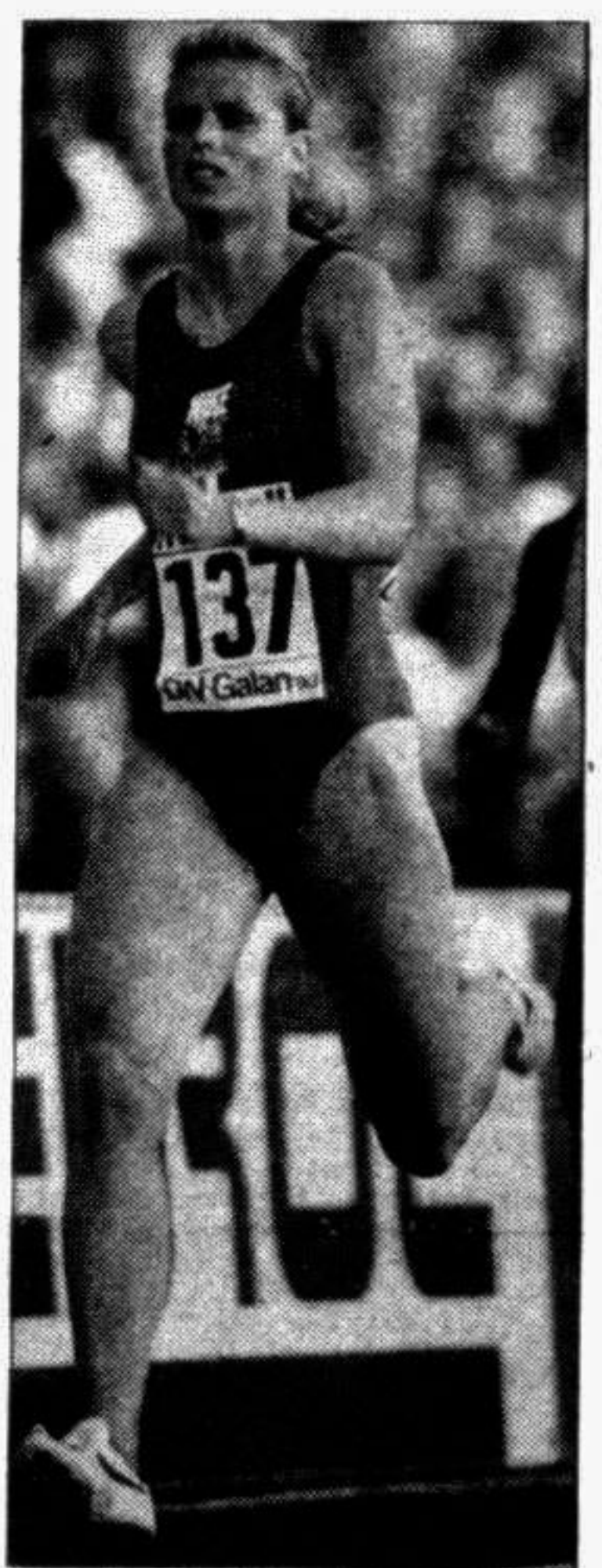
"It's a very large commitment, but I'm really enjoying running the store," Krabbe says.

After her early morning training sessions, Krabbe works in the store selling sports equipment such as running shoes, skateboards and fishing tackle.

Krabbe isn't alone. Once pampered with special bonuses, apartments and scarce consumer goods by the former Communist regime, top eastern German athletes face an uncertain future in a united Germany. Many are cashing in on the political and economic changes by opening up small businesses.

"Other athletes now have their own stores, and we felt that Neubrandenburg really needs a good sporting goods shop," Krabbe says. "Besides, you need to have some security. This store is something I can fall back on in the future."

Krabbe still receives a



KATRIN KRABBE

substantial income in appearance fees for competing in major track events and from her track club's contract with the Nike sporting goods company.

But she hopes the store will provide income for the long run.

Marita Koch, the world record holder in the 400 meters, owns a sporting goods shop in the northern port city of Rostock. And ski jumper Jens Weissflog, marathoner Waldemar Czypinski and middle-distance runner Ulrika Bruhns have launched sport outlets elsewhere in eastern Germany.

The 21-year-old Krabbe set up her shop earlier this month with her friend Torsten Krentz in Neubrandenburg, her home town about 80 kilometers (50 miles) north of Berlin.

She employs eight sales clerks and plans a large-scale renovation of the site. "Things have really only just begun," Krabbe says. "We're going to fix this place up and make it look really chic."

For many eastern German athletes, the political upheaval that led to reunification with west Germany and the current economic stagnation in the east have made life more difficult.

Products of one of the most successful — and heavily subsidized — sports programs in the world, they now must adapt to an intensely competitive sports community where funds are often low and in which only the top few athletes earn a substantial living.

Krabbe is a symbol of success in the now-defunct East Germany. She became a celebrity last year when she won in the 100 meters, 200

meters and the 4-by-100 meter relay for East Germany at the European Championships in Split, Yugoslavia.

But the athletes also serve as a reminder of the former communist state and have become targets of mounting frustration among eastern Germans.

After opening his store, Weissflog was insulted by local residents, and Koch's was broker into, according to newspaper reports.

Apart from some letters accusing her of enjoying a privileged existence under the Communists, Krabbe says the reaction to her store has in general been positive.

"The response from the customers has been fantastic so far. There are a lot of athletes here," she says.

Under the communists, Neubrandenburg became a center of the East German sports system. Both Krabbe and Krentz, went to the premier Sportsschule here, a sports high school that produced many of East Germany's top athletes. Many of the school's students are customers at the Krabbe shop.

But unification with West Germany has now made some aspects of the training offered there obsolete.

"I studied sports education. But nobody now takes what I studied seriously. I couldn't get a job with what I learned," Krabbe says. "Starting up a shop was a logical way for me to plan for the future."

Faridpur, DDSA post wins

Sports Reporter

Faridpur District Sports Association and Dhaka District Sports Association won their respective matches in the round robin league of the Yuasa eleventh national youth hockey championship yesterday at the hockey stadium.

Four group champions — Faridpur District Sports Association, Dhaka District Sports Association, Jessore District Sports Association and Dhaka Education Board are taking part in the round robin matches which began yesterday.

Faridpur DSA registered 2-0 victory over Jessore DSA. After a barren first half, Faridpur shot into the lead

four minutes into the second half. Ishaq Khan converted a penalty corner into a goal with a powerful hit (1-0). Shahidul doubled the margin for Faridpur when he scored a smart field goal by taking full advantage of a relaxed Jessore defence line.

Dhaka District Sports Association blanked Dhaka Education Board 4-1 in the second match of the afternoon.

DDSA led 2-1 at the breather.

Ehtesham opened the scoring for DDSA when he successfully took a penalty stroke awarded to his team in the ninth minute of play.

Amir of Dhaka Education Board reduced the margin in an identical manner in the 19th minute of the match.

Javed of DDSA struck again when the umpire awarded yet another penalty stroke in favour of DDSA (2-1).

Shimul made it 3-0 for DDSA with a fine field goal in the 61st minute. Danesh sealed the fate of the match when he slotted home a goal four minutes from the end.

Dhaka Education Board lodged a protest with the tournament committee, claiming Ehtesham and Nazrul of DDSA are over-aged for the under-19 youth championship.

The tournament committee was yet to give any decision till filing of this report.

Jessore DSA will take on Dhaka Education Board at 3 pm in the only match to be held tomorrow as per revised fixture.

Iraqi soccer season resumes

BAGHDAD. Apr 9: The Iraqi football season restarted on Monday, after being interrupted for three months by the Gulf war, reports AFP.

The two matches played here are expected to be the first in a widespread return to the Iraqi sporting calendar.

Diego to train with national team

BUENOS AIRES. Apr 9: Diego Maradona, banned from soccer for 15 months on Saturday for taking cocaine, is to be invited to train with Argentina's national team, a local news agency reported yesterday, reports Reuter.

The Noticias Argentinas Agency said coach Alfio Basile was planning to offer Maradona the opportunity to train with the squad preparing for July's America Cup regional tournament.

"Maradona is one of those players that appear every 20 or 50 years and we can't squander his experience in more than 50 international matches," Basile told the agency.

Basile, who succeeded Carlos Bilardo as Argentina's coach in December, said Maradona's suspension was an irreparable loss for the national side.

Maradona, 30 who led Argentina to World Cup victory in 1986 and to last year's final, was suspended by the Italian league until July 1992.

Connors beats Pugh

TOKYO. Apr 9: Jimmy Connors, attempting a comeback from a wrist injury, beat Jim Pugh 1-6, 6-4, 6-0 in the first round of the Japan Open, reports AP.

The 38-year-old American is a wild-card entry in the tournament, his third since wrist surgery last October.

Four seeded players were eliminated in the first round on the hard courts of the Ariake Coliseum.

Patrick Kuhnen beat ninth-seeded Aaron Krickstein 6-2, 7-5; David Pate defeated 12th-seeded Todd Woodbridge 1-6, 6-3, 6-3; Dan Goldie beat 13th-seeded Jan Stenerink 6-4, 3-6, 7-6(7-5); and Shuzo

Matsuoka defeated 16th-seeded Kevin Curren 7-6(7-5), 6-2.

Top-seeded Stefan Edberg, second-seeded Ivan Lendl and third-seeded Jim Courier had first-round byes.

In women's first-round matches, top-seeded Amy Frazier beat Petra Kramsta 6-0, 6-3; second-seeded Sabine Appelmans defeated qualifier Masako Yanagi 6-3, 6-2 and Miriam Oremans upset third-seeded Naoko Sawamatsu 7-5, 4-6, 6-4.

Meanwhile, AP from Amelia Island adds: Rain washed out nearly half the opening-day schedule of the Bausch and Lomb Championships on Monday, but not before three of the top 16 seeds made early exits

from the 350,000 Dollar tennis tournament, reports AP.

No. 10 seed Susan Sloane of the United States and No. 16 Patricia Hy of Canada were beaten in first-round matches at Amelia Island Plantation, and No. 12 Sabine Hack of Germany retired from her match against Argentine Patricia Tarabini because of a sprained right ankle.

Before the rain, No. 9 Isabel Cueto of Germany beat New Zealand's Claudine Toiafona 6-3, 6-2 and No. 14 Veronika Martinek of Czechoslovakia ousted American Audra Keller 4-6, 7-6(7-2), 6-3.

Amateur Chanda Rubin, 15, rallied past Belgian Sandra Wasserman 3-6, 7-6(7-5), 6-3 and will take on No.

Swadhin Bangla booters feted

Sports Reporter

The National Sports Council (NSC) has decided to erect two memorial plaques in the city in honour of the Swadhin Bangla football team.

This was disclosed by the NSC Chairman Maj Gen Mahbubur Rahman at a reception accorded to the Swadhin Bangla football team by the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) at the NSC conference room yesterday.

The plaques, with list of players and officials of the team formed during our liberation struggle, will be set-up in front of the National Sports Council and the Mirpur National Stadium, to recall their glorious contribution in building morale of the freedom fighters.

BFF president Siddiqur Rahman presented blazers to the members of the team in recognition of their contribution during the Liberation War.

Shamsul Hoque and N A Chowdhury, the co-presidents of the team, its manager Tanveer Muzhar Islam Tanna and captain Zakaria Pintoo, NSC chairman Maj Gen Mahbubur Rahman, BFF President Siddiqur Rahman and General Secretary Harun Rashid made brief speeches.

Among the officials and players of the team who attended were Tanveer Muzhar Islam Tanna, Zakaria Pintoo, Vice Captain Pratap Shenkar Hara, Col Nurunnabi, Aynul, Shahajahan, Pate, Katkoba, Subash, Amalesh, Ashraf, Enayet, Bimal Kar, Taslim, Momen, Khokon, Nowsher, Suruj, Hakim, Nihar, Lutfar, Gobinda, Sanjeet, Mujibur, Sattar, Pears and Mahmood.

Holmes in a hurry

HOLLYWOOD. Florida, April 9: Former heavyweight champion Larry Holmes, 41 and in a hurry, crammed two fights into one night for his comeback debut, reports Reuter.

First he won a preliminary bout with Tim Anderson in the ring, knocking out his journeyman opponent 123 seconds into the first round of their scheduled 10-rounder on Sunday night.

Then he fought an unscheduled two-round main event in the street with fellow former heavyweight champion Trevor Berbick.

The second fight lasted considerably longer than the

first and featured heartier punching, as well as vigorous kicks and plentiful profanity.

The melee started at a hotel news conference after the Anderson fight where Holmes, looking directly at spectator Berbick, said he would never fight Berbick because he didn't respect him as a person.

Berbick waited until Holmes had left, then launched a bitter personal attack on Holmes, saying a woman friend of Holmes had broken up his marriage.

"If he wants to street fight, I'll break every rib in his body," Berbick said. "He's messing with my life. He's messing with my life."

Informed of Berbick's comments Holmes ran down

from his room to a hotel entrance where Berbick was standing and attacked him. The two wrestled on the ground and spilled down a driveway and onto a nearby highway, stopping traffic before police stepped in.

Round two began a few minutes later, and was caught on videotape which can be broadcast on Monday nearly as frequently as the cable network had shown key events in the Gulf war.

As Berbick tried to tell reporters what had happened in the first round, Holmes leaped along the roofs of two parked cars and onto Berbick with a flying kick.

The two scuffled briefly and were separated again.

four-time winner of the Boston race, have already dropped out because of injuries, Kelly is ready to go.

His pre-marathon routine consists of four days of running, a day off, two more days of running, a day off, three final days of running, then a final day off next Sunday.

"I'm trying to conserve all the strength I have to hit it on the peak," he said.

From his Cape Cod home, Kelly has a number of scenic routes to train on — the beach one day, a golf course the next, a state park the next. He rises early and runs about 45 minutes to an hour each day.

Kelly ran his first marathon in Rhode Island in 1928. Two months later, he made his Boston debut but failed to finish. He dropped out again in his second Boston run in 1932.

But since then, he has dropped out only once, in 1967. He even ran the full 26-mile, 385-yard course in 1976, when the temperature reached the 100s and took its toll on

Age not the factor

BOSTON. Apr 9: Johnny Kelley is into his countdown to the Boston Marathon. No longer does he run everyday. He has to conserve energy for next Monday's big race, reports AP.

It seems an unnecessary precaution for a man who displays more energy than those half his age.

"I feel fine," Kelley said Monday, shortly after completing his morning run and before his afternoon swim. "I'm in good shape, by my standards. As they say in England, I'll stay the course."

In six days he plans to run in his 60th Boston Marathon. He has failed to finish just three times. The miles and the years have flown by.

"I don't know where the years have gone," he said. "Life is too short, I guess."

Kelley is 83.

In a year when Steve Jones, the fourth-fastest marathoner in history, and Bill Rodgers,

runners.

"They were all dropping out like flies, but I went right through," Kelley said.

He won Boston in 1935 and 1945, finished second seven times and has been in the Top Ten 19 times. Last year, he finished in 5 hours, 5 minutes, 13 seconds. He's shooting to break five hours this year.

"I think he can do that," said Dr. Kenneth Cooper, who gives Kelley a comprehensive physical examination every December.

Cooper, who conducts research on health and fitness, recalls 30 years ago when he was 29 and Kelley was 53.

"Even then the guy could run me into the ground," he said.

His performance was phenomenal then and continues to be phenomenal.

The only marathon Kelley runs now is in Boston. He participates in some shorter races, including a half-marathon on Cape Cod named in his honor.



Members of the Swadhin Bangla football team seen alongwith BFF officials prior to the start of Monday's Independence Day soccer final between Mohammedans and Abahani at the Dhaka Stadium. — Star photo