

# Aussie quickies wreck Windies

**BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, Apr 20:** Australia, one-down in the five-Test series, made a bold attempt to get back on level terms as they fourth cricket Test on Friday, reports Reuters.

It was an impressive display of pace bowling, aided by a series of loose shots, and gave Australia a chance of becoming the first team to beat West Indies at Bridgetown for 66 years.

West Indies hit back, with Geoff Marsh (12) and David Boon (0) falling to catches close to the wicket as the visitors slipped to 27 for two.

But then Mark Taylor, with 23 not out and captain Allan Border, unbeaten on 17, steadied the innings, taking the score to 56 for two before bad light brought an early close, leaving Australia 93 behind.

Craig McDermott and Merv Hughes were the architects of Australia's success, taking four wickets each as the tourists took a series of good catches.

It was the lowest total West Indies had been bowled out for in the Caribbean for 18 years, since Ian Chappell's Australians dismissed them for 109 in Georgetown before going on to win by 10 wickets.

The West Indies' innings was undermined by a 16-ball spell during which Gordon Greenidge (10) Richie Richardson (1) and Carl Hooper (0) were all dismissed to poor shots.

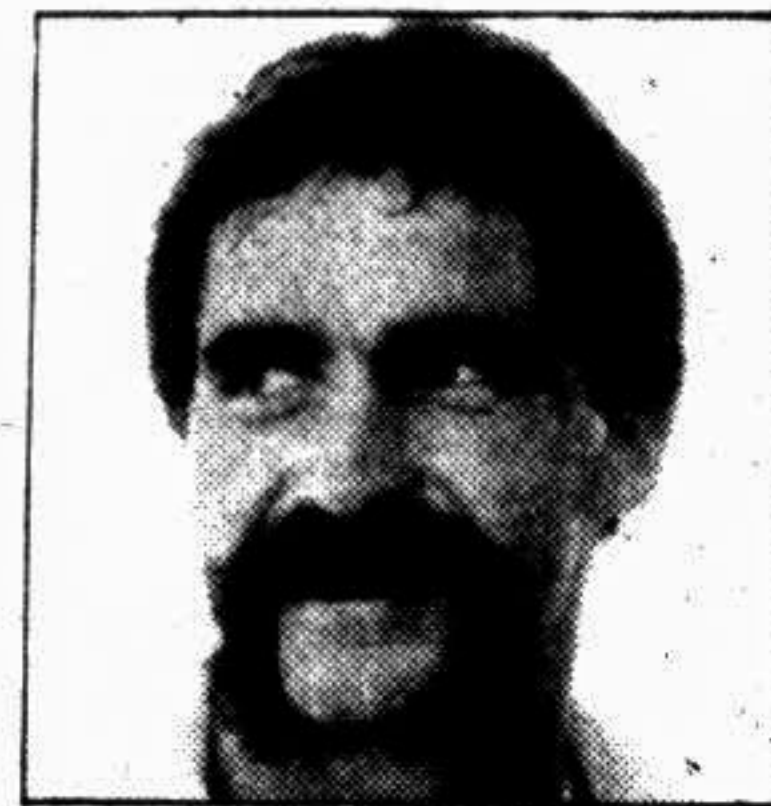
Des Haynes, the surviving opener, dug in while Viv Richards counter-attacked

hitting a series of boundaries off Merv Hughes.

During his innings, Richards became the third highest run-maker in Test cricket, passing Geoff Boycott's Test aggregate of 8,114 runs when he reached 10.



CRAIG McDERMOTT



MERV HUGHES

But Australia, having placed two men on the fine leg boundary, continued to tempt him with bouncers and, after 93 minutes self-denial Richards took the bait, and was hooked.

His 32 proved the highest scores as Gus Logie (11) received the best ball Bruce Reid had bowled all tour then Haynes' resistance was finally ended by the first of Mark Waugh's three slip catches.

Haynes had earlier displayed the tension of this crucial match when he angrily remonstrated with Ian Healy after the wicketkeeper had claimed a catch of McDermott.

Taking off his helmet Haynes waved his bat at the unperturbed Healy who blew him back a kiss.

Only Jeff Dujonn looked capable of matching Haynes' determination but he was caught by Healy and, although the tail waggered belligerently, this time Australia were determined not to let them escape.

It was an outstanding performance by the three pace bowlers, McDermott, with four for 49 and who now has 17 wickets in the series, Hughes with four for 44 and Bruce Reid, two for 50, who between them bowled all but two of the 62 overs in fierce heat.

For the several hundred Australians who bolstered a large Kensington Oval crowd it was more than they had dared dream.

For the team it was an impressive comeback after the thrashing in Guyana and the frustration of rain-affected matches since.

**West Indies first innings**  
Greenidge c Reid  
b McDermott  
Haynes c M. Waugh  
b Hughes  
Richardson c Boon  
b McDermott  
Hooper c Jones  
by Hughes  
Richards c Hughes  
b McDermott  
Logie c M. Taylor  
b Reid  
Dujon c Healy b Hughes  
Marshall c Marsh b Reid  
Ambrose not out  
Walsh c M. Waugh  
b McDermott  
Patterson c M. Waugh  
b Hughes  
Extras (lb-3 nb-7)  
Total  
Fall of wickets 1-17, 2-21, 3-22, 4-72, 5-89, 6-96, 7-103, 8-125, 9-148

**Australia first innings**  
Taylor not out  
Marsh c Logie b Ambrose  
Boon c Hooper b Marshall  
Border not out  
Extras (lb-1 nb-3)  
Total (for two wickets)  
Fall of wickets 1-24, 2-27  
To bat: D. Jones, M. Waugh, S. Waugh, I. Healy, M. Hughes, C. McDermott, B. Reid.

**SCOREBOARD**

Scoreboard on the first day of the fourth cricket Test between Australia and West Indies on Friday.

Bowling	O	M	R	W
McDermott	22	7	49	4
Reid	21	8	50	2
Hughes	16	2	44	4
S. Waugh	2	0	3	0

# Foreman stands tall in defeat

ATLANTIC CITY, Apr 20: George Foreman bowed to Father Time Friday night, but not without a fight, reports AP.

The Punching Preacher carried his 42 years and 257 pounds (116 kilograms) over 12 rounds against Evander Holyfield, and most of the time he carried them forward.

"Senior citizens everywhere can be proud of themselves," Foreman said.

But in the end, youth was served. Holyfield, 14 years younger and 49 pounds (22 kilograms) lighter, was simply too fast of hand and nimble of foot for Foreman and retained the heavyweight championship with a unanimous decision.

The 12-round loss could send Foreman back into retirement, just as a 12-round loss to Jimmy Young in 1977 ended his first boxing career, during which he was heavyweight champion in 1973-74.

"It was a good performance," said Foreman's brother, Roy. "I don't know if he'll fight again. We'll wait and see."

Most of an estimated crowd of 15,000 at the Convention Center seemed genuinely pleased that Foreman went the distance.

There had been criticism that Big George had fed his comeback a diet of weak opponents and that he might end up being embarrassed.

Foreman was anything but. He pursued Holyfield and his dream of becoming the oldest man to win a title in any division, occasionally landing a farring left jab, an uppercut and a right to the head.

"I'm glad I didn't take it for granted," Holyfield said.

"George is a determined fighter. He has the desire to win. George is a lot quicker than people think. He had me confused at times."

"George can hit."

He just didn't hit often enough. Foreman landed 188 punches to 355 by Holyfield.

As soon as the fight ended, Foreman walked to Lou Duva, Holyfield's adviser and corner man, and said: "Thanks for the opportunity. He won."

Foreman stood tall in defeat.

"We kept our dignity and there was no retreat," said Foreman.

"We proved that the age —

40, 50 or 60 — is not a death sentence. It will be 50 years before the world sees something like this again."

"He proved to me at 42, you're not too old," Holyfield said.

What the crowd at the

260 pounds (118 kilograms), then try to get his weight down.

Before the fight, Foreman, talking about the champion's punching power, said, "Holyfield is not the kind of guy who makes your knees

eral stiff jabs and rocked Holyfield with a couple of hard rights to the head. Once again, lack of hand speed hurt Foreman.

Foreman had retired after the Young fight and became an evangelist. He began his come-



George Foreman (R) tries to block a left by world heavyweight champion Evander Holyfield in the 10th round of their 12-round bout in Atlantic City April 19. — AFP photo

Convention Center and viewers on pay-per-view television got was a genuinely interesting fight. There was always the possibility that Big George might land one of the thunderous punches that enabled him to knock out 23 of his 24 comeback opponents and 65 of his 69 career victims.

Holyfield used intelligent movement, hard jabs and quick combinations to keep the ponderous Foreman off balance throughout.

Judge Jerry Roth favored Holyfield 117-110. Judge Eugene Grant scored it for the champion 116-111 and judge Tom Kaczmarek saw it for Holyfield 115-112.

The Associated Press card favoured Holyfield 118-110.

Holyfield won the championship last Oct 25 on a third-round knockout of 246-pound (111-kilogram) James "Buster" Douglas.

Douglas was roundly criticized for being a flabby, out-of-condition fighter. Foreman, on the other hand, rose to heroic proportions for some people because of his waistline and his fondness for fast food.

Foreman decided early in his comeback that he was more comfortable fighting in the 240-250-pound (109-113-kilogram) range, even above

shake."

But on three or four occasions Friday night, Holyfield made Foreman's knees shake, landing slashing combinations to the head. Foreman almost went down late in the ninth round, when Holyfield slammed home six punches to the head in the last 10 seconds.

Holyfield also had Foreman rocky in the seventh round from 10 consecutive punches to the head.

"I hit George with all I had. For five years, when I hit guys with all I had, they went down," said Holyfield, who hadn't needed to go the distance in 13 previous fights dating to 1986. "I rocked him, but I just couldn't get him to go down. Each time I'd hurt him, the bell would ring."

"I put out, and he was able to take it. That proved he wasn't an old man and he had the desire to win."

But Holyfield kept moving laterally and kept George busy defending himself.

"I felt when I was hitting him, he wasn't hitting me," said Holyfield, 26-0 with 21 knockouts and 9-0 with eight knockouts against heavyweights.

Foreman's best round was the fifth, when he landed sev-

back in 1987 and, with patience and hand-picked opponents, marched back to a title shot.

Foreman earned 12.5 million dollars for his bid to become the fourth man to regain the heavyweight championship.

Holyfield, 28, whose record is now 26-0, had Foreman in his first serious trouble in the third round, when he unloaded at least half a dozen unanswered punches to Foreman's head, staggering him.

But with five seconds left in the round the reverend Foreman hit Holyfield with a clubbing combination to the head.

Throughout the fight Holyfield threw punches in combinations while Foreman mostly threw one punch at a time.

Foreman received a warning from the referee for a low blow in the fifth round, his best when he landed a couple of sharp punches to the head.

In the sixth round, Holyfield opened up quickly with two sharp right jabs to the head, spraying perspiration from the challenger's head. Foreman came back with a strong left but Holyfield responded with two short lefts.

# Borg main draw at Monte Carlo

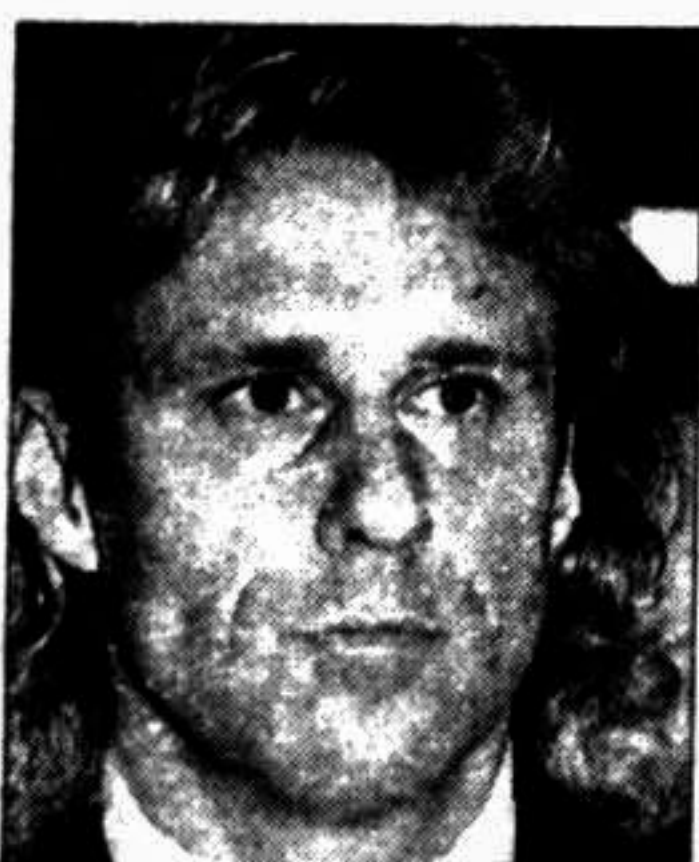
MONTE CARLO, Apr 20: Seven of the world's top 10 tennis players battle it out at the Monte Carlo tennis Open from Monday but a 34-year-old veteran, who is not even ranked among the top 200, tops the bill, reports Reuters.

Bjorn Borg is back, after eight years in retirement, to prove to himself and to youngsters such as fellow Swede Stefan Edberg or German Boris Becker that he is more than just a legend from the past.

The world number one and two trained almost unnoticed on the Monte Carlo Country Club clay this week as journalists and fans chased the former superstar around the principality for autographs or interviews.

To attract any attention at all, Becker had to play a practice match against Borg, like himself a Monte Carlo citizen. They left the court in heavy rain at one set each.

Since his arrival here on Tuesday Borg has left everyone wondering whether he was right to emulate other 1970s stars like swimmer Mark Spitz or boxer George Foreman in trying to beat the clock.



BJORN BORG

1984, but lost again to Leconte.

He still sports the same headband and uses the same near-obsolete racket, a 420-gram wooden-framed model which has become a collector's item.

"I have tried modern ones, they just don't suit me," Borg said recently in one of his rare interviews.

His style of play has not changed either. The same groundstrokes, the same courtwork regularity, the same ice-cold concentration. Only his pace has slowed down a bit.

But Borg still impresses his opponents.

"If I was drawn against him, I would pull out. I have too much respect for him. I would be distracted," said Andres Gomez of Ecuador, the reigning French Open champion.

Borg, who has vowed to enter the French Open and Wimbledon this year, will have his first real test of the modern game on Monday or Tuesday.

For Edberg, Becker and American Andre Agassi, however, it will be business as usual as they try to follow last year's champion Andrei Chesnokov of the Soviet Union onto the roll of winners in the 750,000-dollar tournament.

Meanwhile, an AP report adds: Bjorn Borg is back.

Returning to tournament tennis at the age of 34 after an eight-year retirement, Borg will play in the Monte Carlo Open starting Tuesday.

"I have to play well, it's the name of the game," Borg said when asked about his first-round opponent, clay-court specialist Jordi Arrese of Spain.

The pairing was determined in Friday's draw.

Borg did not know much about his opponent, but said at this stage of his career, "They are all tough."

Arrese figures to be a tough opponent, especially for someone away as long as Borg.

The 26-year-old Spaniard beat France's Guy Forget, the world's fourth-ranked player, two weeks ago at Barcelona. He is ranked 54th in the world after being as high as 28th last year.

Arrese won consecutive clay court tournaments last August at San Remo, Italy and Prague, Czechoslovakia.

Borg has played just three official matches since 1981. He won five Wimbledon and six French Open titles between 1974 and 1981.

# Seles, Fernandez sweep into semis

HOUSTON, Texas, Apr 20: World number one Monica Seles and second-seeded Mary Joe Fernandez swept to easy victories on Friday to advance to the semifinals at the 350,000-dollar Virginia Slims of Houston, reports Reuters.

Seles will play sixth-seeded

**7 new faces in Pak hockey squad**

KARACHI, Apr 20: Seven newcomers have been packed into Pakistan's Europe-bound men's hockey squad with Olympic glory being their goal, reports Reuters.

"This is the first time that such a large number of new players have been included," said manager Islahuddin.

"We are trying to regain the title which we lost in 1988 in Seoul. It is a big challenge we are preparing for with such a young team."

Pakistan start their tour with a six nation tournament in Madrid starting on Thursday. They move on to a four-nation event in Germany then play four tests in France.

The seven newcomers are goalkeeper Ahmed Alam, half backs Mohammad Khalid, Zaka Ashraf and Latif Lashari and forwards Ejaz Ahmed, Shahbaz Ahmed and Shahid Hussain.

Prominent omissions from the 18 strong squad are goalkeeper Shahid Ali Khan, full back Qazi Mohib and half back Farhat Khan.

Islahuddin, who captained Pakistan from 1975 to 1979, said the side would concentrate on improving their ability to convert penalties — a major weakness against opponents from Europe and Australia.

Sandra Cecchini of Italy, who pulled off the biggest surprises of the tournament when she rallied to upset defending champion and fourth-seeded Katerina Maleeva of Bulgaria 3-6, 6-4, 6-1.

The top-seeded Seles, 17, displaying her usual punishing two-flasted groundstroking game, won the last 11 games to power past unseeded Federica Bonsignori of Italy 6-1, 6-0 in 49 minutes.

Fifth-ranked Fernandez played her first match of the tournament and struggled past unseeded fellow American Ann Grossman 7-5, 7-6.

Fernandez faces Linda Harvey-Wild, a 6-4, 6-1 victor, over fellow American and doubles specialist Gigi Fernandez.

Seles and the 40th-ranked Bonsignori held serve, but that's as close as the Italian

would get during the straight-set blow out on the clay. Seles ran off 19 of the final 24 points to claim the set.

"As soon as I got out here I wanted to make as quick as I could," Seles said of the match that was delayed 1 hour and 49 minutes by rain.

"I played pretty fair today," she said. "I knew she had been playing well. She's a good runner and never gives you many unforced errors. So I had to be the aggressive one out there."

"I can't believe I'm in the semis after playing just one match," said Fernandez.

It was Fernandez's first match of the tournament. She drew a first-round bye and won her second-round match by forfeit when Halle Cioffe withdrew because of an injury.

Seles had to get to three deuces in the third game of

the second set before breaking Bonsignori. Seles won at the first match point on Bonsignori's service-return error.

"She's a tough opponent, she gets back a lot of balls," Seles said. "She doesn't make unforced errors. Her opponent has to put pressure on her to force mistakes."

Bonsignori had 20 unforced errors in the brief match to 10 for Seles.

Sixth-seeded Sandra Cecchini won down defending champion Katerina Maleeva 3-6, 6-4, 6-1 and Linda Harvey-Wild of the United States beat Gigi Fernandez 6-4, 6-1 in the other quarterfinal.

Maleeva, seeded fourth, broke Cecchini in the second and fourth games of the first set. After struggling through four deuces, she held serve in the sixth game.

# Jahangir stays on course

LONDON, Apr 20: Jahangir Khan remained on course to win the British Open for a 10th successive year after inflicting a 9-3, 10-9, 9-0 defeat on Welsh number one Adrian Davies in the third round on Friday, reports Reuters.

It was far from an easy victory for the Pakistani, who had to overcome spirited resistance from the 13th seed, particularly in a 36-minute second game in which Davies served to level the match at 9-8.

But Jahangir pressured his opponent in two costly mistakes at that stage, and Davies' earlier efforts took a heavy toll in the third game which lasted just six minutes.

Jahangir's opponent in today's quarter-finals will be

England captain Bryan Besson, the number 14 seed, who moved into the last eight for the first time with a 7-9, 6-9, 5-9, 4-9 win over unseeded Pakistani Umar Hayat Khan.

Top seeded world champion Jansher Khan from Pakistan conceded only four points as he dismissed former world title holder Ross

**Novacek in semis**

NICE, Apr 20: Czechoslovak Karel Novacek, the only seed to survive the second round, defeated Argentine Alberto Mancini on Friday to reach the Nice Open semifinals.

Frenchman Cedric Pioline became the sensation of the quarter-finals when he eliminated compatriot Henri Leconte 6-2, 6-4.

Norman of New Zealand in 37 minutes.

Despite capturing the world title crown three times in the last four years, Jansher has yet to win the British Open. But he certainly looked in determined mood as he brushed aside Norman to book a match against Rodney Eyles the 15th seed from Australia.

Eyles moved through after recovering from a nervous start to beat English qualifier Tony Hands 4-9, 9-1, 9-7, 9-7.

Third seeded Australian Chris Dittmar, also reached the last eight. But the left hander from Adelaide was well below his best form as he dropped the second game and trailed 2-5 in the third before defeating Scotland's Stuart Hallstone 9-2, 1-9, 9-5, 9-3.

Dittmar's next match will be against England number one Del Harris

**Nirman cricket**

Our Correspondent

SYLHET, Apr 20: The Nirman schools cricket competition begins here tomorrow with Sunamganj Jubilee High School and Fenchuganj Fertilizer School meeting in the opening match at the Sylhet Stadium.

Nine school teams are taking part in the East Sylhet zonal competition, being held on knock out basis.

The final of the limited-overs competition is scheduled for April 28.

# Maradona to quit

BUENOS AIRES, Apr 20: Diego Maradona, banned for 15 months for taking cocaine, is to quit soccer, reports Reuters.

In a television interview on Thursday, he said: "I've been thinking about it for years."

"I don't want any more training camps, I want to start living, take my daughters and my wife on walks, be with my mother or go fishing with my father."

"The thing is not having to wake up every Sunday thinking we can't lose (a match) or that we must win or draw. Now my happiness is being with my family."

The Italian league meet today to hear an appeal against their ban on the former Argentine captain.

# Maradona's ban confirmed

ROME, Apr 20: A 15-month ban on Napoli's Argentine star Diego Maradona for doping was confirmed by the Italian Soccer Federation (FIGC) on Saturday, reports Reuters.

"The suspension of the footballer Maradona is confirmed," the federation said in a one-line statement.

The FIGC turned down an appeal by Maradona's lawyer Vincenzo Siniscalchi against the ban handed down on April 6 and extended worldwide by the International Football Federation (FIFA).

Maradona tested positive for cocaine after Napoli's home league game against Bari on March 17.

He left for Buenos Aires six days before the April 6 ruling and reiterated in a television interview on Thursday that he was quitting the game.

The Argentine World Cup captain said in January he wanted to retire.



DIEGO MARADONA

He also became involved in a court probe into an international drugs and prostitution ring operating in Naples.

Magistrates questioned him after his name was mentioned in police recordings from tapped telephone conversations.

Maradona's career seemed finished when he faced a ban of up to two years after a second test on the urine sample taken after the Bari match showed positive on March 29.

But the 15-month suspension handed down the following Saturday by the football league's disciplinary committee, effectively banning him from soccer until the start of the 1992/93 season seemed to give him a ray of hope.

Argentina's national team boss Alfio Basile told Maradona he was welcome to train with his squad whenever he wanted.

But Maradona said he was tired of the commitments in soccer and wanted to dedicate time to his family.

# Bordin, Rosa Mota add class

LONDON, Apr 20: Gelindo Bordin and Rosa Mota, Olympic champions who have not forgotten how to enjoy their sport, bring an extra touch of class to Sunday's London Marathon, reports Reuters.

The London event, now in its 11th year, is already the world's largest marathon, attracting 33,000 entrants this year.

Organisers said this week it was now the richest race of its kind in the world.

The presence of Bordin and Mota makes it the most prestigious marathon this year outside the world championships.

Italy's Bordin and Portuguese Mota are both ideal ambassadors for their sport and their countries.

Marathon running has always been associated with pain rather than pleasure but Bordin continues to make light of the 42.195-km distance and the exhausting training necessary to stay at the top.

A noted practical joker, Bordin created an uproar two years ago when he told the Italian press he was retiring.

After disappearing for two days Bordin returned and pointed out the date of his an-

nouncement April 1, 1989.

At a news conference on Thursday, Bordin, speaking fluent English, again enjoyed himself at a reporter's expense when he was asked a solemn question about the generous financial support enjoyed by elite Italian runners.

"Shouldn't British runners have the same support, the questioner asked."

"No" Bordin replied, equally solemnly, before quickly assuring the startled reporter that he had only been joking. On a more serious note Bordin, who has won six of his 12 marathons, said he had been in the best shape of his life while training in the Canary Islands recently.

"But two weeks ago I had a problem with a cold and a fever," he said. "For two or three days I had to rest and recover."

So, Bordin said, he did not think a world record was possible on Sunday.

Barring an accident or an unlikely loss of form, Bordin looks certain to win while Mota is an equally strong favourite in the women's race.

The Portuguese is the most successful women's marathon runner ever, currently holding the world and European titles in addition to the Olympic crown.

Coach Jose Pedrosa said Mota's recovery rate and her obvious love of running were the keys to her success.

"Rosa enjoys so much what she does," Pedrosa said.

For the first time the London marathon will be combined with the world marathon cup, a team event being staged for the fourth time.

Among those out to raise money for charity is Britain's twice Olympic champion Seb Coe, who retired from international athletics last year to pursue a political career.

**Women's sports week in Ctg from Apr 27**

CHITTAGONG, Apr 20: The divisional women's sports week-91 will begin at the Chittagong Stadium here in April 27 under the auspices of the Chittagong Divisional Women's Sports Association, reports BSS.

According to an association press release, over 1200 sportswomen from 15 districts of the division will participate in athletics, handball, volleyball and gymnastics competition.

Chittagong Divisional Commissioner MA Bari will inaugurate the week.

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