

# Davis Cuppers leave for Bahrain tonight

Sports Reporter

The Bangladesh Davis Cup squad leaves Dhaka tonight for Bahrain for their Asia-Oceania Group Two first round tie, scheduled for May 3-5. Originally scheduled for Feb 3-5, the match was postponed following the outbreak of the Gulf war.

The six-member squad, headed by neurosurgeon Dr. Rashiduddin Ahmed as manager, includes non-playing captain-coach Sandru Salam, national number one Shovon Jamaly, Sarder Iftekhar, Hira Lal and Maroof Rahman.

Shovon and Sarder, the country's top two players, are expected to play both the singles and the doubles, but Maroof and Hira will be only too keen to step in for either of them given the opportunity.

practised over the past three weeks or so on the hardcourt surface at the Ramna Tennis Complex. In case there is a change indoors to a new surface owing to the abnormal weather conditions in the Gulf state which has been experiencing black acid rains and toxic dust in the wake of the Gulf war, our players may face serious difficulties.

Some of the players, preferring anonymity, have alleged total apathy on the part of our tennis authorities regarding preparation for the Davis Cup tie.

It is reported that the Bangladesh Tennis Federation (BTF) officials have failed to provide for the ideal facilities in the form of equipment and gear and nutrition during practice for the players to prepare themselves well. Considering

maximum time for practice and acclimatisation. However, for reasons best known to the BTF bosses, the team is flying by the late Monday night flight on Biman, which will reach Bahrain in the early hours of Tuesday morning, depriving the players of much needed sleep and rest.

It is also reported that the BTF has preferred to pay Taka 44,000 per ticket on Biman rather than the Taka 32,000 fare on Gulf Air, a difference of Taka 12,000 per ticket.

Besides, the tickets on Biman were only confirmed as late as Sunday afternoon amid fears that enough seats may not be available on the normally packed Biman flight.

Moreover, the BTF hadn't arranged for the visas till the filing of this report late Sunday night. According to sour-

## Samaranch due in city July 8



JUAN SAMARANCH

President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) Juan Antonio Samaranch will arrive in Dhaka on July 8 on a three-day visit to Bangladesh, reports BSS.

Mr Samaranch, who has been the president of the IOC since 1980, vice president from 1974 to 78 and a member since 1966, is expected to call on the Sports Minister and other senior sports officials during his visit. He will be the first IOC official to visit Bangladesh.

The seventy-year-old Mr Samaranch was earlier scheduled to visit Bangladesh last year.

He was born on July 17, 1920 at the Spanish City of Barcelona—the venue for the 25th Olympic Games to be held from July 25 to August 9 next year.

He IOC president will leave here for Bhutan on July 10.

## Ian Allen takes Bishop's berth

ST JOHN'S, Antigua, Apr 28: Ian Bishop has failed in his attempt to get fit for the West Indies' tour of England and young pace bowler Ian Allen has taken his place in the squad, reports Reuter.

Bishop suffered a stress fracture of his lower vertebrae in early January. Despite regular pronouncements as to his imminent return to action, it has become increasingly apparent that he would not make the England tour which starts on May 9.

He has taken 53 wickets in 11 Tests at an average of under 20 apiece and was their leading bowler in Pakistan. However, it has been abundantly clear during the current series against Australia that, even without him, the West Indian bowling attack remains fearsome.

Allen, 25, came late into the region's cricket, making his Windward Islands debut in 1989, the year in which he toured Zimbabwe with West Indies B.

He played against the Australians for the Board XI on the current tour, taking four wickets for 51.

## BKSP in final

Sports Reporter

Defending champions Bangladesh Krira Shikha Prothasha (BKSP) marched into final of the Seraj memorial national junior cricket championship with a flattering 109-run victory over Mymensingh DSA yesterday at the Chittagong Stadium.

BKSP elected to bat first and posted a healthy total of 209 runs for the loss of eight wickets in their allotted 39 overs.

Monti batted brilliantly to hammer a punishing 85 runs. He was followed by Rupom with a well compiled 52 runs. Ratul 18, and Mashuk 12 were the other notable BKSP batsmen.

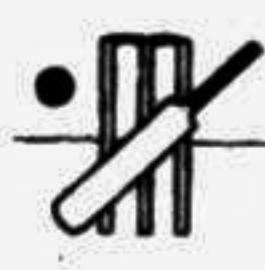
Poor fielding by Mymensingh players allowed BKSP another extra 35 runs.

Sumon (sr) and Russel captured two wickets each for 37 and 40 runs respectively.

In reply, Mymensingh were skittled out for a paltry 100 runs in 31.1 overs.

Comilla will face Dhaka in the today's semifinal match.

# Dazzling ton by Mark Waugh



ST JOHN'S, Antigua, Apr 28: Australia, playing only for pride, enjoyed their best batting day of their West Indies tour at the start of the fifth and final Test on Saturday, reports Reuter.

A magical century by Mark Waugh boosted them to 354 for five at the close, a tremendous recovery from 13 for two — but too late to save the series.

Batting more aggressively than at any time during the previous four Tests, Allan Border and Mark Taylor added 116 for the third wicket. Then Waugh and Dean Jones scored 186 for the fifth.

The West Indies, already 2-0 up, looked like forging further ahead in the opening session when Geoff Marsh and David Boon both gave close catches and were dismissed for six and nought respectively.

But Australia added 117 in the second session and only a questionable caught behind decision split the Mark Taylor-Border partnership. Carl Hooper was the bowler.

The same Jeff Dujon-Hooper combination also dismissed Border, like Taylor for 59, but Jones and Waugh merely stepped up the scoring rate.

Although both suffered finger injuries they each hit sixes and Waugh, in particular, batted brilliantly. He cut, drove and glanced the full range of boundaries as he underlined his remarkable talent with an unbeaten 116.

Shaken up by a barrage of short bowling in his first two tour matches, Waugh came through the ordeal and has been Australia's most prolific batsman of the tour.

He reached his century in 134 minutes, the last 50 in 45, off 113 balls with nine fours and three sixes.

Jones' 81 was his highest score since hitting centuries against Pakistan in Adelaide 15 months and 12 Tests ago. In that time he had made just one fifty.

AP adds: Waugh batted with a painful injury to the left index finger after being hit by Courtney Walsh early in his innings.

Australia won the toss but quickly lost its first two wickets for 13. Geoff Marsh edged an attempted cut off Patrick Patterson which resulted in the 118th Test catch for Vivian Richards, who juggled the ball three times before finally securing it.

Boon fell for a duck, hooking a shot that deflected off Ambrose before Gordon Greenidge was able to catch it in the gully.

Taylor and Border rallied Australia, adding 114.

Taylor, after completing his fourth half-century of the series, gloved a sweep to wicket-keeper Jeffrey Dujon and Border, with his first 50 of the series completed, edged an attempted cut to Dujon. Both made 59.

Waugh and Jones then began to score quickly. Jones had one six and eight four off 119 balls, giving him his first total over 40 for the series before he was leg before wicket play-

when bowling the first over with the second new ball. Border was hit on the back of his helmet by Courtney Walsh early in his innings.

The day started on a ceremonial note for West Indies captain Richards when the recently-built players' pavilion was dedicated and named in his honour.

The West Indies-Australia match will likely be the 39-year-old Richards' last Test in the Caribbean.



MARK WAUGH

ing across at Malcolm Marshall.

Before that, Waugh was dropped a hot caught and bowled chance by Richards when 97.

The century came in the same over, however, with a sweep for two.

Waugh's second Test hundred in just his seventh Test took three hours and 10 minutes to complete.

Richards and Patrick Patterson left the field before the completion of play. Richards was being treated for a finger injury sustained on the drop catch and Patterson suffered a leg strain acquired

## SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at the close on the first-day of the fifth cricket Test between Australia and West Indies on Saturday:

**Australia first innings**

Taylor c Dujon b Hooper	59
Marsh c Richards b Patterson	6
Boon c Greenidge b Ambrose	0
Border c Dujon b Hooper	59
Jones lb Marshall	81
M Waugh not out	116
Healy not out	1
Extras (b-1 B-11 nb-15 w-5)	32
Total (for five wickets)	354

Fall of wickets: 1-10; 2-13; 3-129; 4-156; 5-342.

To bat: P. Taylor, M. Hughes, C. McDermott, T. Alderman.

**Bowling:**

	O	M	R	W
Ambrose	20	4	66	1
Patterson	12	1	44	1
Walsh	20	1	52	0
Marshall	13	0	52	1
Hooper	15	2	82	2
Richards	7	0	46	0

**West Indies:** Viv Richards (captain), Desmond Haynes, Gordon Greenidge, Richie Richardson, Carl Hooper, Gus Logie, Jeff Dujon, Curtly Ambrose, Malcolm Marshall, Patrick Patterson, Courtney Walsh.



The Bangladesh Davis Cup Squad: From left, Sarder Iftekhar, Hira Lal, Maroof Rahman, and Shovon Jamaly.

On Friday, May 3, the more experienced Sarder Iftekhar will take on the Bahrain number one in the morning match starting at ten, while Shovon will face the second-ranked Bahraini at two in the afternoon. The doubles match is scheduled for Saturday and the reverse singles on Sunday, May 5.

According to sketchy information available in Dhaka, the matches are likely to be played outdoors on a Truflex synthetic hardcourt, a surface with which our boys aren't very familiar. The Bangladeshis have

that Bangladesh start as the against Bahrain, our boys have sensed a degree of complacency on the part of BTF officials. Should Bangladesh win the tie they would qualify for the quarterfinals against Sri Lanka in Colombo. Sri Lanka beat Chinese Taipei earlier in March. But a defeat against Bahrain would relegate Bangladesh to the qualifying rounds of the meet next year, which would be humiliating for the country.

The players had preferred a Sunday, April 27 morning flight on Gulf Air so as to get

ces, the Bahrain tennis authorities have sent only one telex in response to several BTF queries, saying that they would be happy to ignore all BTF queries regarding the playing conditions in view of the reports of the adverse weather in Bahrain. The visas are now expected on arrival of the team in Bahrain.

The Asia-Oceania Group Two includes Bangladesh, Pakistan, Bahrain, Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Sri Lanka, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Kuwait, Jordan, Syria and Chinese Taipei.

## Tahmidur takes the lead

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FIDE Master Syed Tahmidur Rahman was leading the points table after beating India's Bipen Shenoy in 38 moves in the competition of third round matches of the United Insurance International Masters chess competition yesterday at the NSC's chess room. Tahmidur has earned 2 1/2 points after three games.

India's TM Parmashwan scored victory over Ashraf Hossain in 36 moves.

Three matches were going on while filing this report. Younus Hassan was playing against Rezaul Haque. Zillur Rahman Champak was playing Indian V.Koshi and India's Virbal Sahreen was playing against Almasur Rahman. Vishal Koshi and Reza were in advantageous position.

The match between Maroof Ahmed and Mahmood Lodhi was adjourned yesterday.

## Police, Ansars top nat'l judo

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh police secured the top position in the men's group of the two-day national judo competition winning seven gold, two silver and five bronze medals on the concluding day yesterday at the National Coaching Centre gymnasium.

Bangladesh rifles finished the second with one gold, seven silvers and six bronzes followed by BTMC with one gold medal.

In the women's section, Bangladesh Ansars got the top spot securing three golds, four silvers and three bronzes.

BTMC bagged the second position earning two golds and one silver, followed by VDP with six bronzes.

Sixty-one men and 29 women judokas from eight teams took part in the two-day meet.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Mirza Abbas witnessed the concluding day's events as chief and distributed the medals.

President of the Bangladesh Judo and Karate Federation and Member, Planning Commission, Mohammad Strajuddin was present.

## Spitz fails again

MISSION VIEJO, California, Apr 28: Olympic swimming legend Mark Spitz, trying to make a comeback after 20 years, lost for the second time in two weeks when Matt Biondi soundly beat him in the 50-meter butterfly on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Biondi, 25, finished two seconds and nearly two body lengths ahead of the 41-year-old Spitz.

"I wasn't even tired at the end," said Biondi, the world record holder in the 100-meter freestyle.

Biondi clocked 24.51 seconds, exactly two seconds ahead of Spitz's 26. 51 sec.

Spitz's time was an improvement of two-tenths of a second from his 50-meter butterfly loss two weeks ago to 26-year-old Tom Jager, world record holder in the 50-meter freestyle.

But the margin of defeat was a quarter-second greater.

Spitz clocked 26.70 seconds two weeks ago, 1.78 seconds behind Jager's time of 24.92.

While Spitz said he was disappointed with the defeats, he can take some consolation from the purses.

Spitz earned 15,000 dollars from Saturday's defeat, while Biondi won 35,000 dollars. Spitz also won 10,000 dollars for his defeat to Jager, who earned 20,000.

Spitz who won seven gold medals at Munich and hopes for a 100-meter butterfly berth at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics, clearly faces stiff competition from swimmers half his age.

"I think a realistic goal for Mark would be to just make the Olympic trials," said Biondi, who won seven medals at Seoul in 1988 — five gold, one silver and one bronze.

To qualify for the Olympic trial next year, Spitz will have to clock 55.59 seconds in the 100-meter butterfly and would have to swim faster than 54 seconds to win an Olympic berth. Spitz's comeback try has drawn scepticism from some swimmers, including West German Michael Gross who has said he expects Spitz to fail.

# Maradona out on bail



BUENOS AIRES, Apr 28: Soccer superstar Diego Maradona was indicted on charges of violating federal narcotics laws and was released from jail early Sunday on 20,000 dollars bond.

The 30-year-old striker for Napoli and former captain of Argentina's World Cup team was forbidden to leave the country pending trial, in accordance with an order issued Saturday night by federal judge Amelia Berraz de Vidal.

Federal prosecutor Roberto Amayo told reporters at the Federal Court Building that Maradona, arrested Friday along with two companions, was accused of "distributing drugs free of charge and drug possession."

Also indicted and ordered released on bond of 1,500 dollars each were Ricardo Ayala, 37, and Jorge Perez, 27, both described as employees of Maradona's family and long-time friends of the soccer star. Specific charges against them were not immediately revealed.

A trial date was not immediately announced. Under Argentine law, criminal trials usually are held in private, with the accused and witnesses testifying before a presiding judge who determines guilt or innocence.

Maradona's manager Marcos Franchi deposited the bond money with court officials, and the soccer ace, dressed in the jeans and black leather jacket he wore when arrested, was

transferred shortly after midnight (0300 GMT) in a police van to the downtown headquarters of the Division of Dangerous Drugs.

Approximately 100 people waiting outside the court building cheered "Let's go Diego" as the van drove away.

Maradona walked out of the Drug Division headquarters at 1:58 am (0458 GMT), nearly 31 hours after his arrest, and left for an undisclosed destination in an automobile.

Maradona was held at the Federal court building following his arrest at a suspected cocaine sales and distribution center.

The national news agency, Noticias Argentinas, cited court sources as saying urine tests performed on Maradona and two men arrested with him indicated all three showed signs of cocaine use.

The report could not immediately be confirmed, but Interior Minister Julio Mera Figueroa said in a broadcast interview that he had received "unofficial reports" that Maradona was drugged when arrested.

Berraz, who must decide whether to file charges, denied reports that half a kilogram of white powder believed to be cocaine had been confiscated in the raid, saying the quantity did not exceed 1-2 grams. The powder was taken to a police laboratory for testing.

The three men spent Friday night in custody in various police installations and were transferred to the Federal

Court Building shortly before noon on Saturday.

A plastic bag containing a white powder, confiscated by police during the raid, was sent to police laboratories for analysis.

Judge Berraz interrogated Maradona alone twice and, shortly before announcing her decision, questioned all three men together.

Argentina's recently stiffened anti-narcotics laws call for jail terms of one month to two years for possession of small amounts of drugs for purposes of consumption. Penalties increase according to the amount of drugs confiscated.

The government's chief drug prevention officer, Alberto Lestelle, issued a communique pointing out that the law contemplates treatment programmes "for those who, recognizing their error, give up criminal acts and desire to recover and rejoin the healthy community."

President Carlos Menem, speaking to reporters in the provincial city of Santa Rosa, said he had been moved by the plight of Maradona, who he described as a "sick boy" who "must be helped to rid himself of this vice that is destroying him morally and materially."

The 30-year-old Napoli striker and Argentine World Cup team captain was included in a decree listing seven people no longer considered members of Menem's special advisory team, made up of businessmen, economists, politicians and public figures.

The government also stripped Maradona of his title as presidential advisor and "sports ambassador."

## Dream debut by Dean Headley

LONDON, Apr 28: Pace bowler Dean Headley, grandson of famous West Indian cricketer George Headley, made a fine start to his England county championship career on Saturday with a wicket from his first ball, reports Reuter.

Headley, playing for title-holders Middlesex on the opening day of the championships season, had Yorkshire opener Ashley Metcalfe caught behind the wicket.

Headley's grandfather, a former West Indies captain, played 22 times for his country, making his Test debut in 1929 and continued to play after World War II.

## Jahangir feted

Karachi, Apr 28: Fans lifted Jahangir Khan on their shoulders at Karachi airport and showered him with rose petals on Saturday on his return home after winning the British Open squash title for the 10th successive time, reports Reuter.

Jahangir, 27, won the title on Monday by defeating compatriot Jansher Khan, the world champion.

"I will play as long as I can," he told a news conference. I will definitely play for the next three or four years.

# German men's coach barred



CHIBA, Japan, Apr 28: The German men's coach was barred from the world table tennis championship Saturday for allowing favourites China a walkover in their preliminary round tie, reports AFP.

The Germans withdrew after winning the first two singles matches of the tie, which they claimed was thrown away by China in order

not to be seeded with defending champions Sweden in the same half of the knockout medal tournament.

The ban marred the fourth and final day of the first stage in the team event, while defending champions Sweden gave a 3-0 lesson to an unprecedented and emerging joint Korean team in their final men's preliminary tie.

In the women's team competition, China, champions for the last eight years, reached

the women's medal round together with Korea, with a clean sweep of their seven ties in the first stage. Hong Kong also made it through the preliminary round.

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## Nat'l snooker

Six matches were decided on the second day of the eighth national snooker championship at the Dhaka Club yesterday, reports UNB.

In the morning session, A H Khadem of Narayanganj Club beat his club mate Salek Ahmed by 4-1 frames, N C Oshoh of the same club defeated Nazirul Hoque of Gulshan Club by 4-0 frames and Hassan Nur of Engineers' Club outplayed Syed Masud of Gulshan Club by 4-0 frames.

In the afternoon session, all the three matches ended in 4-0 scores.

Serajul Islam Chowdhury of Narayanganj Club beat Asheq Hossain of Chittagong Catholic Club, M Amirullah of Dhaka Club defeated his club mate Shahidul Islam while A B Chowdhury of Engineers' Club outplayed QC Shaha of Narayanganj Club.

Yakub Sattar of Narayanganj Club got a walkover against MA Awal of Gulshan Club in the other match of the day.

Fifty-five players representing eight clubs are participating in the competition.

match result was allowed to stand.

The walkover meant a 3-2 win for China and they later won their final tie in the first stage against the Soviet Union 3-1.

## Pakistanis storm off the pitch

MADRID, Apr 28: Pakistan stormed off the pitch after an umpiring dispute during their six-nations tournament match against Germany on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Team manager Isahuddin called his angry team off nine minutes from time after they were denied a penalty stroke when German full-back Carsten Flaesher appeared to stop Khaled Bashir's goalbound shot with his foot.

Pakistan were trailing 2-0 at the time and were already fuming over earlier umpiring decisions.

Their players surrounded match official Jorge Rognoni of Argentina after he refused the penalty appeal. The umpire produced yellow cards giving temporary suspensions to Khaled and Khawja Junaid.

Isahuddin only allowed Pakistan to return after spending several minutes in discussion with tournament officials.

Surprisingly, the two suspended players were allowed to continue and four minutes later Pakistani captain Shahbaz Ahmed scored.

Pakistan finished last in their group, behind Germany and England.



The medal winners of the national judo championships which concluded yesterday at the National Coaching Centre seen with chief guest State Minister for Youth and Sports Mirza Abbas and other officials.

—Star photo