Club Cup charity tournament

Fixture, grouping announced

Sports Reporter

The three leading Calcutta

teams, Mohun Bagan, East

Bengal and Calcutta Mo-

hammedans will arrive in the

capital on May 29. The organ-

isers will bear the costs of air

passage and local hospitality of

the participating Calcutta

groups will play their first

Boost for

Becker

World number two Boris

Becker completed his prepa-

rations for next week's French

Open by beating American Pete

Sampras 6-4, 1-6, 7-5 in the

final of a clay-court invitation

tournament on Saturday, re-

Becker, who withdrew from

last week's Italian Open with a

back injury, looked comfort-

able enough as he won the

first set. He promptly lost the

second and was 4-2 down in

the third before recovering.

The result should give

Becker some encouragement

before his tough first round

match in Paris against Spanish

clay court specialist Jordi Ar-

cult." Becker was reported as

saying after learning of the

French Open first round draw.

will be Becker's first major ti-

in Derbyshire's innings, before

David Graveney induced a col-

lapse with a fine spell of left-

arm spin to snare five for 68

from 44.3 overs, 21 of them

and Graham Rose kept the

pace going with 32 but the re-

quired run rate of more than

Chris Tavare hit a brisk 26

tle on clay.

maidens.

Essex on top

"It couldn't be more diffi-

If he succeeds in Paris, it

ports Reuter.

EDE, Netherlands, May 25:

The teams divided in two

East Bengal Club will play Brothers Union while Mohun Bagan will face Calcutta Mohammedans

the two matches scheduled to be held on the inaugural day of the Club Cup charity football tournament.

The tournament which was scheduled to start from May 30, has been put further back

by one day. It will now begin on May 31. Six teams including three from Calcutta are taking part in the eight-day charity tour-

April 29 cyclone victims. All the gate money from the tourney will be donated to the Prime Minister's Relief

nament, organised by Dhaka

Metropolis Football Club Asso-

ciation to raise funds for the

Lara replaced Gordon

Zimbabwe-born Graeme

Hick, who scored 14 in his

first England appearanced at

Edgbaston, hit 29 while Lamb

tore into the West Indies

drives. He eventually got out

when he was caught by wick-

etkeeper Jeffrey Dujon off

SCOREBOARD

74

29

England

Gooch b Hooper

(Lara) b Ambrose

Hick b Ambrose

Fairbrother not out

Ramprakash not out

156, 3-258, 4-260,

R Illingworth.

Bowling:

Ambrose

Patterson

Marshall

Simmons

Incomplete

Lamb c Dujon b Patterson

Extras (b-4 lb 16 w-14 nb-6) 40

Total (for four wickets-55

Fall of wickets: 1-156, 2-

Did not bat : C Lewis, D

Pringle, J Russell, P Defreitas,

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Essex, chasing 93

hire at Chel-msford on Friday

and replaced them as leaders

of the county cricket cham-

off 38 balls, with five fours and

a six, to hurry Essex to the

been bowled out for a modest

162 with wicketkeeper Mike

Garnham having a field day

with six catches and paceman

Steve Andrew claiming four for

13 runs short of victory in a

thrilling finish as their game

against Derbyshire ended in a

draw at Derby.

Somerset fell an agonising

John Morris hit a brisk 91

Earlier, Warwickshire had

target with 14 balls to spare.

pionship, reports Reuter.

LONDON, May 25:

runs in 15 overs.

sped to a nine-

wicket victory

over Warwicks-

Atherton c sub

England wrap up one-day series

Sports Reporter

England wrapped Brian Lara off Curtley Ambrose. up thier threematch one-day Greenidge who limped off with series against the a leg injury. visiting West Indians at Old Tra-

fford, Manchester, yesterday by scoring a dramatic nine-run victory in the second match. according to BBC monitored in bowling with cuts, pulls and Dhaka last night.

England won the first onedayer by one wicket on Friday. The third one-dayer is at the Patrick Patterson's bowling. Lord's on Monday.

Secores: England- 270 for four in stipulated 55 overs West Indies - 261 for eight in 55 overs.

AP said in an earlier report, an opening stand of 156 by captain Graham Gooch and Mike Atherton and a fast halfcentury from Allan Lamb steered England to a total of 270 for four off its 55 overs in a one-day, cricket international against the West Indies Saturday.

Atherton, who top scored with an unbeaten 69 in the first game at Edgbaston, again was leading scorer at Old Trafford with 74. Gooch, who failed to score in the first game, hit 54.

Lamb hit out for 62, reaching his half century off only 40

Already one ahead from the Hooper one-wicket victory at Edgbaston, England looked set to win the three-match series after just two games. The third game is at Lord's on Monday. The 270 was England's

highest ever one-day score against the West Indies, who are regarded as the world's best side.

Both openers departed with the score on 156. Gooch was bowled by Carl Hooper trying an extravagant cut from outside his leg stump and Atherton was caught on the boundary by substitute fielder

Doctors to boycott fight

venues

CANBERRA, Australia, May 25: The Australian Medical Association said Saturday it will advise its doctors to boycott boxing matches, raising the possibility that some bouts could be canceled, reports AP.

The association's federal council said that their members' attendance at boxing matches condones a sport the group says causes irreparable brain damage.

Earlier in the week, the AMA called for boxing to be banned from the Commonwealth Games, which are next scheduled to be held in British Columbia, in 1994, and eventually at all international sporting events.

An AMA spokesman said medical services would not be denied to boxers, and that doctors would attend with ambulances if called in an emergency situation.

However, the spokesman said that cuts, bruises and other injuries that did not appear serious enough for a medical practitioner to be called in would possibly not be examined until after a match.

Not all doctors in Australia are members of the association, and it is possible that not all doctors will heed the association's advice, said the spokesman, who was not in-

In some Australian states, it is mandatory for doctors to be at ringside.

ficial Test, told a news confer-

John Stephenson flying 40 seven an over proved too much to Somerset in the end. Middlesex settled for draw with Sussex at Hove. closing on 191 for six after being set 244 to win in what be-

came 45 overs. Middlesex's victory chances were effectively ended after

Mike Gatting had been run out for 31, following a robust opening partnership of 73 between Mike Roseberry and lan Hutchinson.

Earlier Sussex, resuming on 50 without loss, tumbled to 203 all out as off-spinner John Emburey took seven for 71.

I will be the new king: Ben

GRANADA, Spain, May 25: Canada's disgraced sprinter Ben Johnson predicted he will be erowned "the new king of the 100m at the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona", reports

Johnson continues his comeback here today, after being banned for two years following a dope test at the Seoul Olympics in 1988 which showed he had used anabolic steroids to help him win the 100m gold.

His first 100m since then pitches him against Bulgaria's Nikolai Antonov, the world 200m indoor champion. American Denis Mitchell and Belgium's Patrick Stevens.

I am not back to my peak form yet, but I won't disappoint anybody", Johnson said, admitting though that he had "lost power" since coming back earlier this year. If he doesn't break the 10

sec barrier here, the Canadian predicted he would certainly

do so in Barcelona.

He was also looking forward to his showdown with American sprint start Carl Lewis.



scheduled in Villeneuve d

Ascp. France on July 1. 'I'm not frightened of Lewis or anyone else, and what's more I'm getting impatient for this meeting." he said

ICC likely to readmit SA



Leading South African republic readmitted to international cricket this

year, reports Reuter. The International Cricket Council (ICC) will consider the South African application at their annual meeting here in

South Africa have not been a and politicians here this week. member of the ICC since pulling out of the Commonwealth in 1961 and they have not played official Test cricket

since 1970. "We are quietly confident," Bacher, the last person to captain South African in an of-

"On what basis would they reject it? I think it would be totally illogical."

Bacher, a member of the newly-formed United Cricket Board of South Africa, and Steve Tshwete, the sports spokesman for the African National Congress (ANC), have been talking to cricket officials

Bacher said they had met the high commissioners (ambassadors) from the West Indies' nations as well as those

of New Zealand and Srt Lanks. The response by the high commissioners have been incredibly warm", Bacher said.

"Every high commissioner. particularly the West Indians. were so keen to hear what was happening in South Africa."

Bacher said by the time of the ICC meeting from July 10-12 South African cricket would have a non-racial controlling body for the first time in 100 years and all apartheid laws would have been removed from the statute books.

Tshwete, who spent 15 years in Robben Island jail with ANC Deputy President Nelson Mandela, urged the international community to support the application.

"We are supporting the application because we are fully behind the UCB he said. phase matches from May 31 to

Two matches will be held every day, one at 4.30 pm and the other at 6.30 pm at the Dhaka National Stadium. The tournament committee

in the meantime has finalised the grouping and fixture of the tournament.

Group A - Mohanbagan, Cal cutta Mohammedans and Abahani KC. Group B - East Bengal. Dhaka Mohammedans and

Brothers Union. On the opening day, East Bengal Club will take on Brothers Union at 4.30 pm while Mohanbagan Club will meet Calcutta Mohammedan at 6.30

Dhaka Mohammedans will face Brothers Union at 4.30 pm while Calcutta Mohammedans will take on Abahani

KC at 6.30 pm on June 1. On June 2 Mohanbagan will meet Abahani KC at 4.30 pm while East Bengal will play with Dhaka Mohammedans at 6.30 pm.

The semi-final matches will be held on June 4 and 5 at 6.30 pm while the final match will be played on June 7 at 5.30 pm.

Rate of gallery tickets has been fixed at Tk 20 each, VIP Gate no-2 Tk 70, gate no 3/A Tk 50 and gate no 3/B at Tk 30 each.

For the final the rate of gallery ticket will however, be Taka 25 each while that of other tickets will remain unchanged.

An organising committee headed by State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain Khoka was formed earlier with seven other sub-committees for smooth holding of the tournament.



Bangladesh Sports Writers Association President Ziaul Haque handing over the crest of the association to the State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain yesterday. - Star photo

Hamstring Botham's bane

agony as he pulled up limping

after running a quick single.

BIRMINGHAM. England, May 25: England's cricket all-rounder lan Botham and spin-Richard

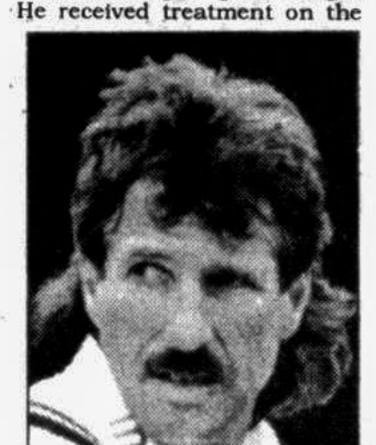
Illingworth out of the second one-day international against West Indies, reports Reuter. Both played prominent

roles in England's dramatic one-wicket win over West Indies on Friday at Edgbaston but will miss the second international at Old Trafford, Mancester today.

Botham could be out for much longer after pulling a hamstring while batting. In their place England have

recalled veteran off-spinner Eddie Hemmings at the age of 42 and given a first call-up to Warwickshire all-rounder Dermot Reeve.

Botham's triumphant England return after an absence of



field but was out to the next ball he faced.

"We don't know yet the extent of the injury and I've got

almost two years ended in to wait 24 hours to see if it settles down," Botham said.

"These sort of injuries are weird -- sometimes you can from them 'quite recover quickly." Illingworth, the last man,

shared in an unbroken 10th wicket partnership of 23 and hit the winning runs. Only afterwards was it revealed he had a painful wrist injury. "Richard batted in a lot of

discomfort. He could not hold a bat in the nets this morning, not even to face my bowling". said England manager Micky Stewart. He underwent an X-ray on

Thursday after being hit on his left wrist while fielding.

Besides, missing the two remaining one-day fixture, Botham, who took four West Indies wickets on Thursday, could also miss out on his longed-for return on June.

Tall order for top seed Seles



PARIS, May 25: Defending champion Monica Seles would undoubtedly have liked to change places

with Steffi Graf when the draw for next week's 100th French Open tennis championships made here on Friday. reports AFP. For when Spain's Interna-

tional Olympic Committee President Juan Antonio Samaranch drew the names out of the challenge cup inside the Roland Garros stadium -- two of the Yugoslav player's most dangerous title challengers ended up in her half of the

Consequently Seles, who took over as world number-one from Graf earlier this year but who has yet to win a clay-court



event this season, could well find herself facing America's 15-year-old sensation Jennifer Capriati in the quarter-finals and then the in-form Gabriela Sabatini of Agrentina in the

don finalist Zina Garrison and a possible semi-final against either Arantxa Sanchex of Spain or a Mary-Joe Fernandez of the United States. Capriati, seeded tenth, and a semi-finalist when she made her French Open debut last

year, looks to have a clear run

at a fourth-round berth where

she should face seventh seed

Spaniard Conchita Martinez.

Twice-champion Graf. on

the other hand, looks more

comfortable with a probable

quarter-final against Wimble-

Graf, winner in Berlin on Monday when she defeated Arantxa Sanchez in a thrilling three-setter, was out practising with coach Pavel Slozil on a sun-drenched centre-court She was particularly im-

as the draw was about to be

pressive and had the former Czech Davis Cup player stretching and lunging as she boomed back blistering re-That will be bad news for

first-round Bulgarian opponent Magdalena Maleeva and ninth seeded Swiss-based sister Manuela Maleeva, who is seeded to face the German in the fourth-round.

Sanchez, who beat Graf in the 1989 final, appears to have a tougher first-round clash. She faces the talented Lori McNeil of the United States. She could well also face dangerous sixteenth seed Natalia Zverva of the Soviet Union, the 1988 finalist, for a place in the last eight.

ACB announces W Cup venues February 22 next year when

25: Eight cricketing nations will play matches in New

Zealand and 20 in Australia in next year's World Cup. the Australian Cricket Board (ACB) announced here. reports AFP.

In addition to the six Australian state capitals, four

provincial cities have been selected as venues.

They are Mackay, in central Queensland, Albury in southern New South Wales, Ballarat in Victoria and the South Australian Riverland town of

"It'll be great for country cricket," said ACB chairman Colin Egar after the Australian World Cup committee met

"Normally touring sides

travel to the Bush to play country teams in what you could say was a picnic atmosphere." "But these will be serious

matches with World Cup points at stake." Mr Egar said the four re-

gional centres all had "good venues and good pitches." The World Cup starts on current champion Australia takes on co-host New Zealand in Auckland. Melbourne will host the final on March 25. Five other Test-playing

countries will take part England, India Pakistan, Sri Lanka and the West Indies with Zimbabwe the eighth competitor.

Top seeds face tough draw



Andre Agassi. who has always predicted that 1991 was going

to be his year. will have to do it the hard way if he's going to win this year's French Open which starts here on Monday, reports AFP.

The controversial American, who reached last year's final after shocking the famous Roland Garros stadium with his fluorescent clothes and flamboyant tennis, could hardly have been given a tougher first round draw. The 21-year-old fourth-seed

from Las Vegas learned Friday that he will be facing Mark Rosset - a powerful 6 ft 5 in (1.96 m) Swiss Davis Cup player who has climbed into the top 30 from near obscurity over the past two seasons.

The fair-haired Rosset, also 21. who won his home Geneva tournament in 1990 and who reached the finals at Madrid and Gologna, is no respecter of reputations and on his day has the ability to beat anyone in the world.

But if Agassi manages to weather the early storm, he should not have too many problems reaching the quarter finals where he will probably face the winner of an all-Spanish fourth-round clash between 11th-seed Emilio Sanchez and fifth-seed Sergi Bruguera. Another player who must have winced when he saw the

draw for the centenary tour-

nament, made by IOC Presi-

dent Juan A Samaranch, was

three-times champion Ivan

The third-seeded Czech will open his campaign against dangerous clay-court specialist Martin Joite of Argentina.

And if he survives. Lendl

will then probably find himself

playing 13th seeded Jonas Svensson of Sweden for a place in the last eight. Svensson is the man who ended Lendl's hopes of a consecutive hattrick of wins here in 1988. The top seeds, Stefan Ed-

berg and Boris Becker, will both be particularly anxious to do well after their humiliation of last year, when they crashed out of the world's supreme clay-court event in the first Edberg was bundled out by

Bruguera and Becker failed against Goran Ivanisevic of Yugoslavia.

Edberg will face a qualifier. but Becker, a recent finalist at Monte Carlo and still bidding for a first clay-court tourna-

in Saturday's F A Cup final

ment title, will need to be particularly vigilant.

The German player's first round opponent will be Jorge Arrese of Spain - the man who spoiled Bjorn Borg's comeback hopes in Monte Carlo. Edberg, who could have a

tough encounter with David

Wheaton of the United States or Horst Skoof of Austria in the second round, is seeded to play John McEnroe in the fourth round. But the moody New Yorker, aged 32 and seeded 15, will have to tread a minefield if he

is to reach that showdown with the world number one. In the first round, McEnroe comes out against the competent Soviet player Andrei Cherkasov, and if he reaches the second round, could well find himself facing former

Cash of Australia. The 38-year-old Evergreen Jimmy Connors, who was given

Wimbledon champion. Pat

a wild card into the tournament, can expect plenty of support from the Paris crowds. Always a great favourite in the French capital for his 'bloodand-thunder' style of tennis, Connors faces compatriot Todd Witsken in the first round.

He could also reach a third round match with the 1989 champion Michaef Chang.

Chang, seeded 10th, opens against Jan Siemerink of the Netherlands and is seeded to face Guy Forget of France for a place in the quarter-finals.

Becker's fourth round opponent should be 16th seed American Brad Gilbert.

Also facing a tough firstround tie is another American, sixth-seed Pete Sampras, who plays hard-hitting Austrian Thomas Muster in his opening match. The winner could well play three-times champion Mats Wilander of Sweden in the third round.

at Patiala Lt Naim of Bangladesh Army stood first class first in the combined merit list in the

Coach Naim

tops merit list

coaches examinations under the National Institute of Sports (NIS) Patiala, India, according to a message received in Dhaka last night, reports BSS.

Lt Naim also got the first position in athletics with distinction.

Besides, Flight Lt. Rafiqul Islam of Bangladesh Army and coach Pranab Kumar Dev Bhanu of Comilla stood first class first in swimming and football respectively.

It was the first time that coaches from Bangladesh secured the first position in the coaches examinations under NIS since 1973.

Bangladesh had sent ten coaches in different disciplines under the scholarships provided by the Indian government this year. The coaches returned home yesterday.

Of them, five coaches got second class. They are: Nasrullah Labloo (handball). Anwar Hossain (hockey), Anwarul Islam (football), Asaduzzaman (swimming) and Abdul Hadi Ratan (cricket).

Another swimming coach, Sajedur Rahman, got third class while the remaining coach Mohammad Billal (athletics) became unsuccessful.

NIS has invited the athletics coach Naim and swimming coach Rafiq for higher study in the Institute for another two years at the cost of the insti-

Gower joins John Major

LONDON, May 25: England's

David Gower joined forces on

Friday with Britain's most senior cricket fan, Prime Minister John Major, to launch a 10 million pound appeal for the memorial fund for disaster relief, reports AFP.

The former England captain and the Premier signed a cricket bat on the steps of No. 10 Downing Street.

The commemorative strip of willow will now be sent to the other Test-playing countries - West Indies, Australia, Sri Lanka, New Zealand, Pakistan and India - for signing by respective captains and

Prime Ministers. The bat will be auctioned at the end of the year and, with other fund-raising activities, the target should be reached in 1993.

Khoka visits BSWA office

Sports Reporter The State Minister for Youth and Sports, Sadek Hossain Khoka yesterday visited the office of Bangladesh Sports

Writers Association (BSWA). Mr Hossain exchanged views with the members of the Association on develop-

ment of sports in Bangladesh. The State Minister was given a crest of the Association by the BSWA President Ziaul

Soviet cagers keep winning

CANBERRA, May 25: The Soviet Union clinched a 70-68 victory against Australia in the final seconds of a women's basketball international chal-

lenge match here, reports AFP. Earlier China never looked like losing against rivals South Korea with a convincing 98-70 The Soviets, with 43 sec-

onds on the clock; took the

lead by one point for the first

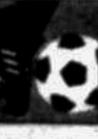
time in the Friday night match. A point on a foul with one second to go resulted in the two-point triumph. It had been Australia's game throughout the first half when

the local women played strongly. With some great steals and rebounding in defence from Michele Timms and excellent shooting from Robyn Maher and Marina Pearce, they took

their first-half lead to 50-40. The Soviets steadied in the second half to use their tall Natalta Zaffoulskaia for attack and Elena Khoudachova in defence to whittle down Australia's lead.

The South Koreans were rattled in their attack in the first half their characteristic quick passes failing to open-

Gascoigne may soon move to Lazio



against Nottingham Forest. He ROME, May 25: Lazio have agreed underwent surgery on Sunday.

agreed to oversee Gascoigne's recovery. Gascoigne's projected world ANSA said the England record 14.5 million-dollar midfielder would formally move to Lazio seemed to have remain the property of the fallen through after he suffered English club until next season severe knee ligament damage

recovery until he could play for the club The ANSA report said the agreement was reached be-

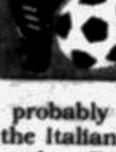
would be responsible for his

tween Lazio, general manager Carlo Regalia and Tottenham officials. It gave no financial details.

After visiting Gascoigne earlier this week Lazio doctor Claudio Bartolini said the player was likely to be out of

In London, Gascoigne's teammate Gary Lineker, himself the subject of transfer speculation, called on the club to discuss the club's future with the players. "The players are as much in

the dark as the spectators," the England captain said. "We all want to know what's happening. I hope the whole thing sorts itself out as soon as possible so everyone knows where they stand."



a deal with Totte-But in a report from nham Hotspur London, where Lazio officials ended a four-day visit to disover Paul Gascoigne and he will cuss the transfer, ANSA said probably move to Italy soon, the Italian soccer club had the Italian news agency ANSA said on Friday, reports Reuter.

> but would probably move to Rome this summer and Lazio

action for as long as nine months.