

Fraser advised long rest

LONDON, June 9: Angus Fraser, England's best bowler on their disastrous series in Australia, will miss all five of the Tests against the West Indies, reports AFP.

Lankan Davis Cuppers arrive tomorrow

Bangladesh will meet Sri Lanka in the second round of the Davis Cup Asia-Oceania Group II tennis clash in Dhaka June 14-16 at the Ramna National Tennis Complex.

Sri Lanka, one of the seeded teams of the Asia-Oceania Zone will be represented by a bunch of experienced players. Their captain Arjun Fernando has the distinction of having beaten the 1990 Wimbledon junior champion Leander Paes of India.

The match referee will be staying at the Sheraton Hotel. The rates of tickets were also announced. The VIP enclosure season tickets will cost Taka 200 while the gallery season tickets will be Taka 20 each.

BAAF calls up 19 athletes

The Bangladesh Amateur Athletics Federation has called up 19 athletes for the second phase of training for selecting the Bangladesh team to the fifth SAF Games scheduled for next December in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

The athletes were selected from the two-day open trials held on June 6 and 7 at the Army Stadium, Banani.

The selected athletes are: Shah Jalal Mobin, Golam Ambia, Mehedi Hasan, Farid Khan, Milzar Hossain, Giasuddin, Mujibur Rahman, Sulaiman Majumdar, Wazirul Rahman, Afzal Hossain, Nazrul Islam, Bony Amin, Emdadul Haque, Monirul Haque, Firoza Khatun, Nazma Haider Rafeza, Nilufar Yasmin, Shefali Rani Dey and Rokeya Begum Khuku.



Monica Seles (L) presents her trophy to public in Paris on June 8 after her victory against Arantxa Sanchez (R) in French Open final. Seles won 6-3, 6-4.

NSC for kabaddi in SA Games

Bangladesh has sought inclusion of kabaddi in the list of events of the 5th SAF Games to be held in the Sri Lankan capital Colombo in December this year, reports UNB.

National Sports Council (NSC) sources said that the Council has already sent letters to the chairmen of the national sports federations of the SAARC countries and their concerned ministries to this effect.

Extending its offer to provide technical assistance in holding the event in Colombo, the NSC has also suggested that it was ready to host the event in Dhaka in case it cannot be arranged in Sri Lanka at the time.

Fernandez-Novotna win doubles title

PARIS, June 9: Top seeds Gigi Fernandez of Puerto Rico and Jana Novotna of Czechoslovakia won the women's doubles title at the French Open here on Sunday when they defeated second-seeded Larisa Savchenko and Natalia Zvereva of the Soviet Union 6-4, 6-0, reports AFP.

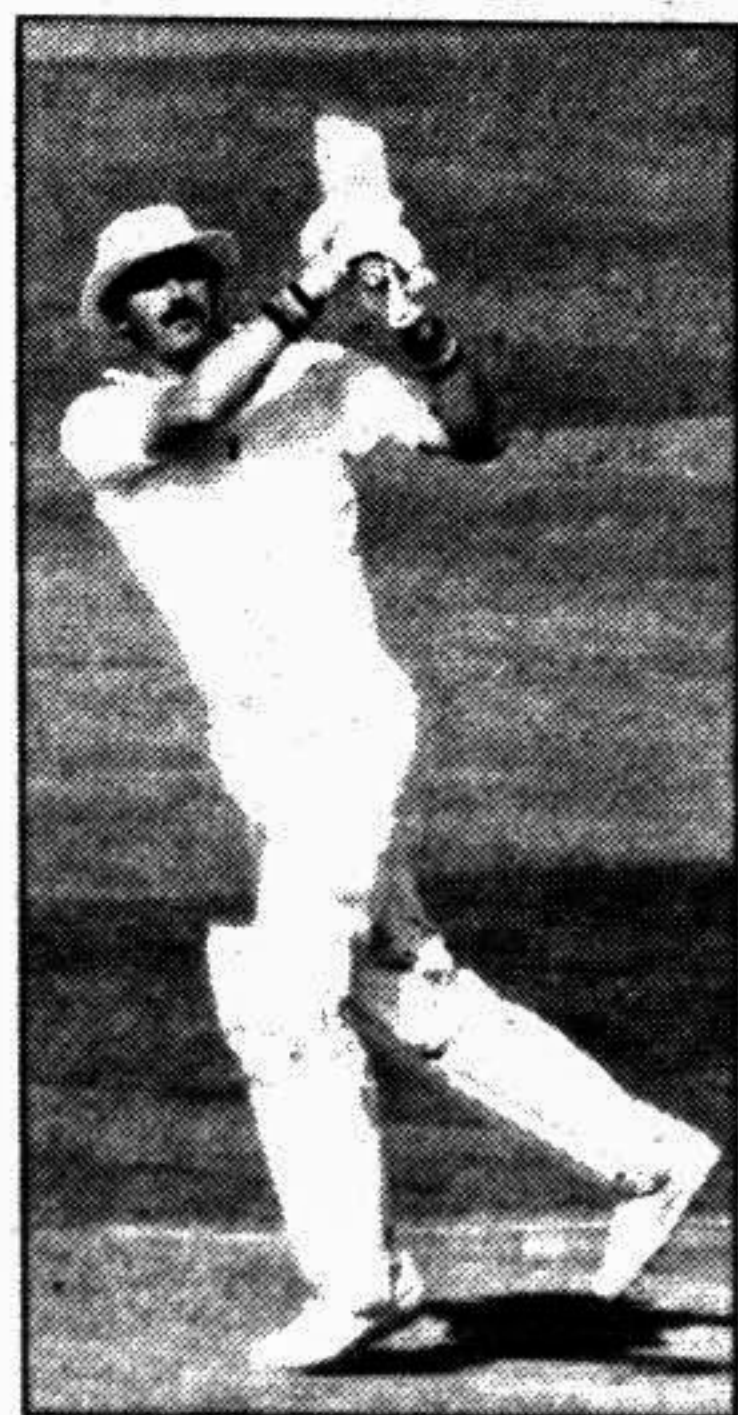
Gallant Gooch holds fort

LEEDS, June 9: England captain Graham Gooch continued to bat his team into a strong position in the first Test against West Indies during an afternoon session curtailed by rain today, reports Reuter.

And in the next over he struck Courtney Walsh to the boundary for another four to reach his century. It was his fifth century against the West Indies.

England were 143 for six in their second innings, 168 runs ahead, when rain stopped play early on the third day, with captain Gooch unbeaten on 82.

down an earlier offer to go off for bad light as he sought his first Test century at Headingley before running out of partners. At the close he had added 19 runs with Derek Pringle, who was not out 10.



GRAHAM GOOCH is taking command of the first Test at Headingley on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Gooch was unbeaten on 138 in an England second innings, total of 230 for seven when rain forced the players to take an early tea on the fourth day.

England's overall lead was 255.

Gooch saw his Essex team mate Derek Pringle dismissed for 27, caught by wicketkeeper Jeff Dujon off the bowling of Malcolm Marshall shortly before the rain returned.

The Essex pair had added an invaluable 98 for the seventh wicket with Pringle providing solid support for Gooch who completed his 14th Test century during the morning session.

Two showers restricted play in the opening session to 70 minutes. But England, re-summing at 143 for six, lost no further wickets in adding 40 runs to lead by 208 at lunch.

At the break, Gooch was unbeaten on 103 and Derek Pringle had made 24 in a seventh-wicket partnership of 59.

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SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the third day of the first cricket Test between England and West Indies on Saturday.

England: First innings 198 (R. Smith 54; M. Marshall three for 46)

West Indies: first innings; 173 (V. Richards 73; DeFreitas four for 34)

England: Second innings Gooch not out 82 Atherton c Dujon b Ambrose 6

Hick b Ambrose 6 Lamb c Hooper b Ambrose 0

Rampakash c Dujon b Ambrose 27 Dujon lbw b Ambrose 0

Russell c Dujon b Ambrose 4 Pringle not out 10

Extras (lb-5 nb-3) 8 Total (six wickets) 143

Fall of wickets: 1-22; 2-38; 3-38; 4-116; 5-116; 6-124

Bowling (to date): O M R W Ambrose 21 5 36 6

Patterson 9 0 41 0 Marshall 11 4 19 0

Walsh 17 4 26 0 Hooper 4 1 11 0

Richards 4 1 5 0

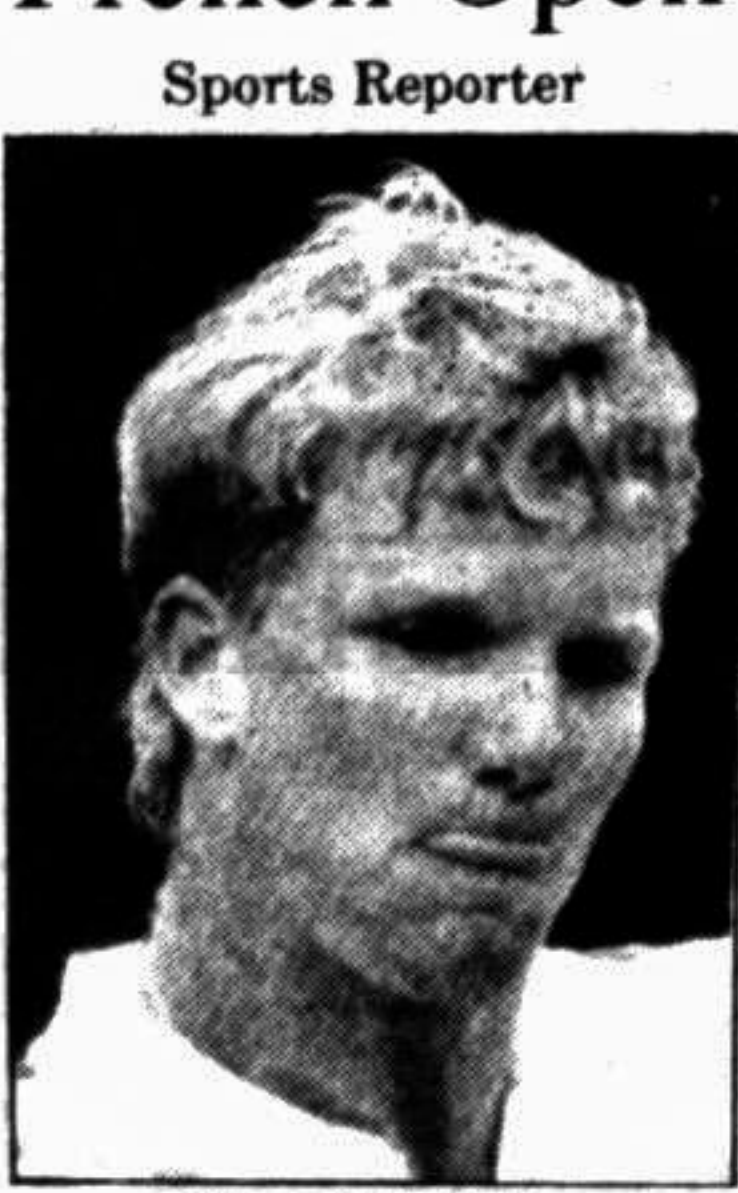
Edward College sports held

Our Correspondent PABNA, June 9: The annual sports meet of the Pabna Govt Edward University College was held at the College ground today.

23-yr limit for Asiad booters

The Asian Football Confederation (AFC) has decided to allow only under-23 national football teams to play in the 12th Asian Games and thereafter, reports UNB.

Courier wins French Open



JIM COURIER American Jim Courier won the French Open men's singles title defeating compatriot Andre Agassi 3-6, 6-1, 6-2 and 6-4 in final at Roland Garros yesterday, according to BBC monitoring in Dhaka last night.

Japan shock Spurs 4-0

TOKYO, June 9: Japan stunned the soccer world and delighted an ecstatic crowd of 45,000 on Sunday by beating English FA Cup holders Tottenham Hotspur 4-0 to win their first ever international competition, reports Reuter.

defenders and slotting the ball past Ian Walker in the Spurs goal.

The fourth came in the 66th minute when midfielder Tetsuya Asano headed a corner against the post and defender Yuji Sakakura smashed the ball home from close range from the rebound.

Listless and unimpressive, Spurs made few clear-cut chances and looked a pale reflection of the side that captured the English FA Cup last month in dramatic style over Nottingham Forest despite losing star player Paul Gascoigne.

After collecting the trophy and prize money of 100,000 dollars from the brewery firm sponsoring the tournament, the Japanese team ran a lap of honour in the National Stadium while delighted fans waved national flags. The 11 raised their hands three times to shout Banzai!

Spurs coach Doug Livermore made no excuses after the game.

"The players are tired after a long season and are affected by worries over the club's financial future, but these are not excuses."

SOCCER SCENARIO

Asian schools meet begins today

KUALA LUMPUR, June 9: Ten nations will play in the 20th Asian Schools Football Tournament on Monday through June 20, Football Association of Malaysia officials said Saturday, reports AP.

Chinese women retain title

FUKUOKA, Japan, June 9: Defending champions China whitewashed Japan 5-0 to win the eighth Asian women's football championships for a third consecutive time here Saturday, reports AFP.

Mechelen in Belgian Cup final

MECHELEN, Belgium, June 9: Mechelen cruised into the Belgian Cup final here on Saturday night after drawing 1-1 with Lokeren in their semi-final second leg tie, reports AFP.

Wohlfarth top Bundesliga scorer

BONN, June 9: Leading goalscorers in the German Bundesliga after Saturday's matches: 21-Roland Wohlfarth (Bayern Munich) 15-Jan Furtok (Hamburg) 15 - Wynnton Ruler (Werder Bremen), Thomas Allofs (Fortuna Dusseldorf), Andy Meier (Eintracht Frankfurt) 14 - Maurice Banach (Cologne), reports Reuter.

Good omen for Rono

VANCOUVER, June 9: Olympic champion Peter Rono of Kenya won the 1,500 metres at the Harry Jerome international Saturday in a successful warm-up for the upcoming World Championships in Tokyo, reports Reuter.

Rono cruised to victory in three minutes 38.28 seconds over American Greg Whitley and Doug Consiglio of Canada on a rain-affected track.

The 23-year-old Rono was a surprise 1,500 metres winner at the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul.

Rono won the 1,500 metres at this meeting shortly before his Olympic gold medal run. The Kenyan said he hoped his latest victory would provide a similar omen for the World Championships in August.

"I hope the win will bring me the same luck in the World Championships it did in 1988 (at the Seoul Olympics)," Rono said.

In other highlights, Jose Barbosa of Brazil recorded the fastest outdoor 800 metres of 1991 with a time of 1:45.65. American Ocky Clarke was second in 1:46.89.

"I felt good and might have run better if the rabbit (pace setter) had been faster," said Barbosa. "I like to run here because it's a fast track."

American veteran Mary Slaney continued her comeback from injury with a victory in the women's 1,500-metres in four minutes 6.58 seconds over Canadian dual Commonwealth Games champion Angela Chalmers.

Marseille denied again

PARIS, June 9: A last-minute goal by substitute Gerald Passi enabled Monaco to snatch the French Cup on Saturday and left champions Marseille empty-handed after their second soccer final in 10 days, reports Reuter.

thriller against Monaco in the 1989 final 4-3.

But this year's final before a

Real's revenge

MADRID, June 9: Real Madrid, stripped of the Spanish soccer league title by Barcelona after an appalling season, took a measure of revenge on Saturday when they beat the new champion 1-0 in their final game, reports Reuter.

Barcelona, who ceased up after securing the title four weeks ago and won only one of their last five matches, let the former champions dominate the game.

Barcelona's international goalkeeper Andoni Zubizarreta thwarted the home side on several occasions, saving a penalty in the 77th minutes from Spain's top scorer Emilio Butragueno.

But midfielder Adolfo Aldana's goal 35 seconds into the second half was enough to end Real's season on a high note in front of a capacity crowd in their Santiago Bernabeu stadium.

Passi sent Argentine striker Ramon Diaz down the left wing in the dying moments of the match and then raced into the area to drive the return pass just under the bar.

It was a deserved 1-0 victory for Monaco, who created more chances in a match in which Marseille could never break down their stubborn defence.

The end marked another disappointment for Marseille whose hopes of becoming France's first European champions were dashed in Bari 10 days ago when they lost the European Cup final to Red Star Belgrade after a penalty shootout.

Marseille, hoping for their second domestic double in three years, won a seven-goal

of the same colour as regulation club shorts.

Two referees and two linesmen will be nominated for FIFA matches. National associations will be required to nominate specialist linesmen.

The upper age limit for referees at the 1994 World Cup finals is to be reduced from 50 to 45.

A survey will be conducted on goalkeepers moving during penalty shoot-outs. The board will experiment by allowing movement backwards or sideways but not forwards.

The board also agreed to try out two other ideas in an attempt to brighten up the game and encourage scoring.

No off-side between 18-metre lines at either end of the pitch, plus a ban on goalkeepers retrieving back passes by hand will feature at the world under-17 championships in Italy in August.

Some referees have considered a penalty award and a caution sufficient punishment.

Bundesliga title race still open

BONN, June 9: Kaiserslautern, needing just one point to clinch the German soccer league championship, were upset 3-2 at home by Borussia Moenchengladbach on Saturday, giving chasing Bayern Munich a chance of snatching the title, reports Reuter.

Bayern, champions five times in the last six seasons, secured a crucial 1-0 victory at Nuremberg to close the gap on the leaders to two points with one game remaining.

Kaiserslautern's first defeat at home this season could cost the tiny provincial club their first championship since 1953. They must now secure one point from a tough away match at Cologne next Saturday.

Bayern, however have the advantage of a home game against lowly Bayern Uerdingen and a superior goal difference of 33 compared to Kaiserslautern's 23.

Kaiserslautern coach Karlheinz Feldkamp refused to let German soccer authorities bring the Bundesliga trophy to their Betzenberg ground on Saturday because he believed his team still had a lot to do to win the title.

The 57-year-old Feldkamp, the oldest trainer in the league, was soon proved correct when his side, missing

Labbadia scored in injury time.

Bayern's international reserve goalkeeper Raimond Aumann saved a second-half penalty to ensure both points and keep them in contention for the title.

Midfielder Thomas Strunz put the Bavarians ahead with a header in the 35th minute. But they needed Aumann's save from Libero Joerg Dittwar in the 57th minute to prevent the championship going to Kaiserslautern.

Bayern Verdingen, Bayern's final opponents, were relegated after losing 2-1 at home to Hertha Berlin and have nothing to play for next week.

Cologne, however, still have an outside chance of a place in next season's UEFA Cup and will be eager for two points against Kaiserslautern.

"If words fail me, you can understand why," Feldkamp said.

We are totally down and we will have to put this defeat behind us quickly. We can't say others could have helped us. We alone have missed this chance to win."

Bayern coach Jupp Heynckes, who gave up the title race last week and congratulated Kaiserslautern, said, "This is all a major surprise."

"We must not forget that Kaiserslautern have a two-point lead, but it is going to be a dramatic finale."

Lendl, Cash in Beckenham final

BECKENHAM, England, June 9: Ivan Lendl and Pat Cash meet on grass for the first time since the 1987 Wimbledon final when they contested the Beckenham title today, reports Reuter.

Cash destroyed American David Wheaton 6-3, 6-2 and Lendl raced home 6-2, 6-2 against Australian Jason Stoltenberg in Saturday's semifinals.

But both men were quick to point out the result of the final would have no bearing on what might happen at Wimbledon this year.

Cash said: "Tomorrow's match will prove nothing because the court here is so bad and nothing like Wimbledon."

Lendl agreed. "It's quite a good cricket pitch but some of the bouncers are not too good," he said.