

### Badminton Club Samity formed

Dhaka Metropolis Badminton Club Samity (DMBCS) was formed Tuesday aimed at developing the sport, reports UNB.

At a meeting of the Metropolis First Division Badminton Clubs at the Wooden Floor Gymnasium of National Sports Council (NSC), the 8-member Samity was floated to help stretch the game and stamp out its irregularities.

Kutubuddin Ahmed, President of Sheltach Club was made President while Shibli Rubayatul Islam of Surjo Tarun Club General Secretary of the Samity.

Other members of the samity are: Vice-President — Zahir Ahmed (Bangladesh Biman), Treasurer — Moinuddin Ahmed (Dilkusha SC), Members — Kamrun Nahar Dana (Mohammedan SC), Kazi Wahidul Alam (Sputnik International), Morsheduzzaman (Dhaka Badminton Club) and a representative of Renaissance Club.

### Juventus lose

LOS ANGELES, June 12: Goale Carlos Rivera made his team's fourth penalty kick, then stopped a Juventus penalty kick as El Salvador's Luis Angel Firpo defeated the Italian squad 1-0 on Tuesday night, reports AP.

The two teams played to a scoreless tie before about 10,000 people at the Coliseum. Juventus dominated the second half but could not score, forcing the penalty kicks.

El Salvador's Fernando De Moura scored the first penalty kick for his team, but Juventus' Paolo Di Canio answered. Luis Ouelmo's penalty kick got past Juventus goalie Stefano Tacconi, giving the El Salvador team a 2-1 edge.

Juventus' Giancarlo Marocchi then shot over the crossbar.

Luis Angel Firpo was successful on his next attempt, as was Juventus.

Rivera scored what proved to be the clinching penalty kick with a shot that flew past Tacconi into the right corner. He then ended the game with a save of Rober to Gallia's shot.

Juventus is on a three-game tour of North America. On Sunday, the team played the United States national team to a scoreless tie in New Haven, Connecticut.

The Italian club travels to Leon, Mexico, to play a Mexican team on Friday.

Eight members of the Juventus squad are on Italy's national team, including Tacconi.

### Aussies rule out early sporting links with SA

JOHANNESBURG, June 12: Sporting ties between South Africa and Australia are unlikely to be renewed this year, Australian Foreign Minister Gareth Evans said here on Tuesday, reports AP.

The earliest likely resumption of ties is the World Cricket Cup in Australia next year, Evans told a news conference, adding that a winter rugby tour was also possible in 1992.

Evans said his government supported the resumption of sporting ties — but only when certain political obstacles were overcome in South Africa.

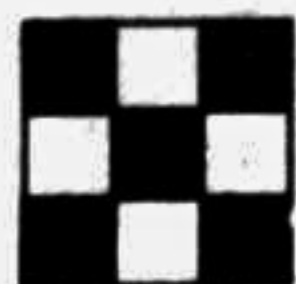
In the meantime, "Not enough has occurred", he said.

Earlier Tuesday, Evans, who is on a week-long tour of South Africa, met African National Congress sports negotiator Steve Tshwete, cricket supremo Ali Bacher and other sports officials.

Evans said that sports administrators here were more concerned that sporting facilities in black townships were upgraded to match those enjoyed by whites, than with organising tours.

## Niaz quits BCF post

Sports Reporter



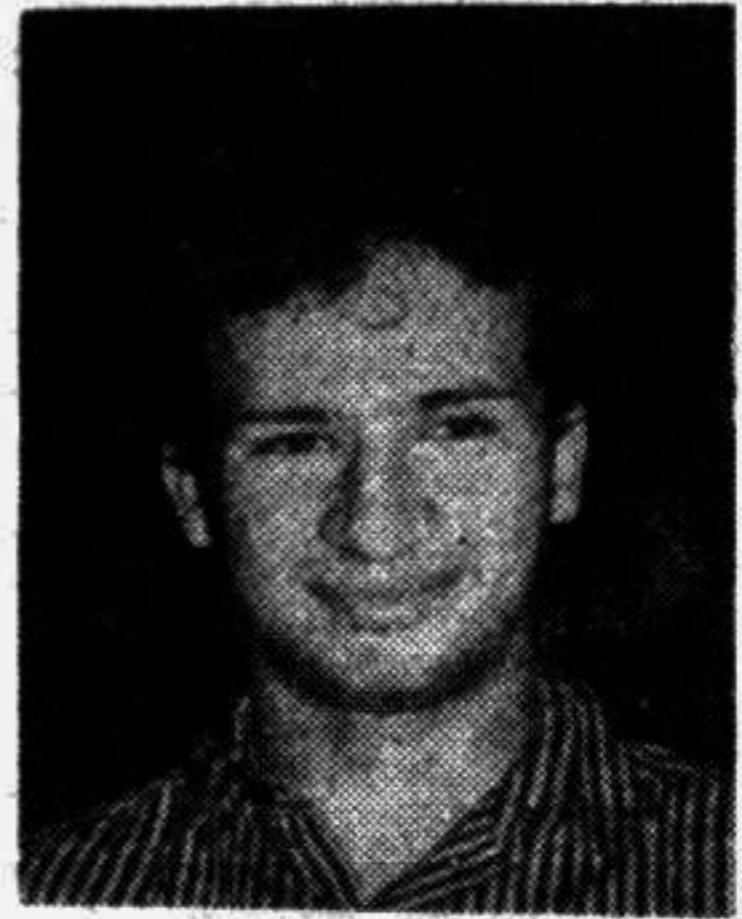
Niaz Mureshed, the first grandmaster of the Indian sub-continent, yesterday resigned in anger from the post of general secretary of the Bangladesh Chess Federation.

Niaz, who was appointed the BCF secretary only last February, made the dramatic disclosure at a hurriedly called press conference at the BCF office at the National Sports Council complex.

The softspoken Niaz, a most gifted chess player who has earned a lot of fame for himself and his country at international meets attributed the cause for his drastic decision to 'conspiracies' hatched by a certain coterie of fellow chess players and officials who have been doing, as he alleged, their best to hinder and hamper his playing career.

Niaz's resignation follows a report in a vernacular daily a couple of days ago which alleged that Niaz had misbehaved with another player, Maruf Ahmed and that Niaz had threatened Maruf with physical assault.

Denying the charges as totally baseless and motivated, Niaz said the machinations of this coterie, and especially Maruf, against whom Niaz claimed there was a police record and other allegations like manhandling a young Narayanjanj chess player Jahangir Alam only a week ago.



NIAZ MURSHED

## Napoli plans for life after Maradona



ROME, June 12: Napoli are determined to prove there is life after Maradona, reports Reuter.

The southern Italian club, which previously only dreamed of success through the talents of Diego Armando Maradona, are now planning for a new era without the disgraced Argentine.

Until Maradona arrived at Napoli the club's greatest achievements were two Italian Cup wins. Now that they have savoured the triumph of two league championships and winning the UEFA Cup they are anxious not to drift back into obscurity.

Although they lost their Italian league title at the end of a season marred by Maradona's wayward behaviour, there were already signs they could cope without him.

"Now we play as 11," goalkeeper Giovanni Galli said of the team which lived in the shadows of the Argentine World Cup-winning captain.

Napoli were unbeaten in their final eight league matches after Maradona had left for Buenos Aires in April and the rebuilding for next season has already begun.

Claudio Ranieri was installed as the new coach, and French international Laurent Blanc, and attacking libero with Montpellier became the first foreign signing.

Ranieri, who masterminded Cagliari's Houdini-like escape from relegation last season, said that without a player of

the individual qualities of Maradona, Napoli's future would have to be based on teamwork.

"I know that, statistically, after exit from the stage of a great champion there is always a period of stasis, if not outright crisis for his former team."

"It happened to Juventus with (Michel) Platini and to Roma with Falcao."



DIEGO MARADONA

"There is no other Maradona. But Napoli will be based on organised teamwork," he said, Ranieri said club president Corrado Ferlaino had complained of dwindling crowds at Napoli's 86,000-capacity San Paolo stadium.

"It's up to me to do something to bring the fans back."

Napoli, who have former Brazil international's Careca and Alemão on their books, have been linked with several top foreign and Italian players.

They have shown interest in Juventus' Italian World Cup goalscorer Salvatore Schillaci.

Roma playmaker Giuseppe Giannini, Red Star Belgrade's brilliant midfielder Dejan Savičević and Barcelona's Bulgarian striker Kirsto Stoichkov, according to Italian sports newspapers.

Blanc is likely to be just the first of several new signings.

"A libero like Blanc suits me fine. I've always used midfielders as my sweeper," said Ranieri, who plans to develop a side to play attacking soccer.

"I don't like the football of some time ago, the so-called Italian-style. This is why I was proud when I saw AC Milan do battle and win on all the grounds of Europe."

Outgoing coach Alberto Bigon, who guided the club to their second league title in his first season last year, said: "A Napoli free of the Maradona mistakes can be a great team."

Maradona, in a last effort to conjure more magic from a body ravaged by years of crunching tackles and countless painkillers and, as has since transpired indulgence in drugs, led Napoli to the 1990 title and Argentina to their second successive World Cup final a year ago.

But troubled relations with Napoli dating back two years came to a head with their ignominious exit from the European Cup by Spartak Moscow last November when he initially refused to travel to the Soviet Union.

Maradona, who had intermittently skipped training and matches all season without authorisation, tested positive for cocaine after a league match in March.

## Navratilova files motion



FORT WORTH, Texas, June 12: An attorney for Martina Navratilova has filed a motion to have his legal adversary removed from a case in which the tennis star is being sued by her former companion, reports AP.

Attorney Mike McCurley charged Monday that Judy Nelson's lawyer, Jerry Loftin, once represented Navratilova and her former companion simultaneously.

The lawsuit by Nelson, who lived with the reigning Wimbledon women's singles champion from 1984 until this year, contends Navratilova violated terms of a "non-marital cohabitation agreement."

Loftin said Nelson is asking "5 to 10 million dollars" Nelson claims she is owed in the agreement, in which the two women pledged to divide their assets if they parted ways.

Attorneys earlier described Navratilova's case as different than an alimony or palimony lawsuit.

In his latest motion, McCur-

ley said Loftin represented both women at the time they made the 1986 agreement in a videotaped signing. McCurley told a state district court judge Loftin's action violated the law and ethical standards.



NAVRA TILOVA

McCurley also filed three other motions, including one to continue the case until after the Wimbledon match this year. Navratilova, trying to break her own record with a tenth Wimbledon title, has said

she thought the timing Nelson's lawsuit was "malicious."

Nelson and Loftin scheduled a hearing in the case for June 20, during a grass court tournament in England which Navratilova is using to prepare for Wimbledon, which starts June 24.

Loftin denied he had a conflict of interest in the case and would fight removal attempts.

McCurley said a lawyer who might be a witness in a case cannot represent either party.

"He's gleaned confidential information about Martina, and he can't use that against her," McCurley said of Loftin. "If we didn't have rules like this, how could anyone ever trust a lawyer?"

**Judge opts out**

Meanwhile, another AP report adds: The judge scheduled to hear a lawsuit in which tennis star Martina Navratilova is being sued by her former live-in companion has removed herself from the proceedings.

Civil Court Judge Catherine Gant declined to give her reasons for the refusal.

## Holyfield camp wins purse bid

NEW YORK, June 12: World heavyweight champion Evander Holyfield's promoter won a purse bid on Tuesday to promote a Holyfield-Mike Tyson title fight and said he would name a date and site for the bout later this week, reports Reuter.

But whether Tyson would actually agree to show up remained very much in doubt.

The International Boxing Federation (IBF) said Main Events, the promotional company of Holyfield's promoter Dan Duva, had won the rights to promote a Holyfield-Tyson fight with a bid of 50,100,000 dollars.

However, an attorney for Tyson's manager, Don King, sent a message to the meeting in Newark, New Jersey, saying Tyson did not recognise the IBF purse bid, which would mandate that the champion get 75 per cent and Tyson 25 per cent of the purse.

That split of the winning

bid would give Tyson 12,525,000 dollars, less than the 15 million that Duva has said he already offered the Tyson camp for the fight.

Asked if the purse bid made a Holyfield-Tyson fight any more likely, Duva said: "Absolutely. As the promoter who now has the right to promote the fight we're going to do everything possible to make the fight happen."

"We're going to, by the end of the week, announce the site and date of the fight," he said. He said Caesars Palace in Las Vegas was the leading candidate for the site.

But Al Braverman, King's boxing director and matchmaker, said when asked if he thought Tyson would show up at Duva's designated time and place: "Probably not."

"That'll be up to Don. I don't think Don wants any part of the IBF."

Braverman said King felt Tyson could make more money without a title. He said Holyfield could with one. He said he

would describe King's feeling about Holyfield as, "He will not draw flies, I don't care who he fights."

Tyson's next fight is against Donovan "Razor" Ruddock on June 28 in Las Vegas.

Braverman said a Tyson fight with fellow former world champion George Foreman, who he said has in his hands a contract from King offering 15 million dollars, could be the most lucrative fight ever. "We will make more money, without champions, than any boxing event in history," Braverman said.

Duva said he was confident a Holyfield-Tyson fight would take place by the end of the year but had no recent contact with the Tyson camp. He said it was up to Tyson alone to say whether the fight would happen, adding that neither King nor the World Boxing Council could make Tyson a champion.

"They can put some phony belt around his waist or some phony crown on his head but the only way he can really be

champion and know in his heart that he is champion is by fighting Evander Holyfield. It's just a matter of whether Mike Tyson wants to fight or not. He's the only guy."

Main Events won the purse bid against six other bidders, the IBF said. King was not among them.

The IBF says Holyfield's defence against Tyson, the number one contender, must be held before October 26, 1991.

### Kijimuta exits

BIRMINGHAM, England, June 12: Japanese tennis ace Akiko Kijimuta suffered a shock defeat in the first round of the Dow Classic women's grass-court tournament here on Tuesday, reports AP.

The 15th seed slumped to a 7-6, 6-3 defeat against British number six Clare Wood, who is ranked 63 places below her in the world at 115.

Wood lost only one more game as she romped to victory over the world number 52.

### SA in '92 World Cup unlikely

SYDNEY, June 12: Australia joined New Zealand today in dampening any expectation that South Africa would be able to play in the cricket World Cup being held in the two countries in early 1992, reports Reuter.

It would be premature to comment on the possibility of South Africa taking part in the competition before its expected application to rejoin world cricket at a meeting in London next month, Australian Cricket Board (ACB) chief executive David Richards said in a statement.

The outcome of the application depended on further political change in South Africa and the subsequent reaction from the various governments of cricketing nations, he said.

South Africa is not a member of the International Cricket Council (ICC) and Australia did not wish to prejudice the outcome of the July 10 and 11 ICC meeting, Richards added.

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### Trevor Hohns retires

BRISBANE, Australia, June 12: Former Australian Test spinner and Queensland state captain Trevor Hohns on Wednesday announced his retirement from first-class cricket, reports AP.

Hohns, 37, last played for Australia on its 1989 Ashes tour of England.

He took 188 wickets for Queensland during his career.

### Aussie booters beat the Koreans

POHANG, South Korea, June 12: Australia chalked up its third win at the South Korean President's Cup football tournament, by beating South Korea B 2-0 here today, reports AP.

The Australians will face South Korea A in their semifinal match in Seoul on Friday.

Australia went one up within the first minute when forward Graham Arnold intercepted a wayward back pass and drilled the ball past the Korean goalkeeper. Gregory Borwn made it 2-0 with a neat header in the 27th minute.

The second-string South Koreans pushed their entire team into attack in a desperate bid to rescue the match, but the Australian defense stood firm.

The result meant South Korea B were eliminated from the competition with one win and two losses.

### World record

MOSCOW, June 12: Soviet Inessa Kravets set a world best for the women's triple jump on Monday when she leaped 14.95 metres, reports Reuter.

The previous best of 14.54 was set by Chinese Li Huirong in Sapporo, Japan, on August 25 last year.

### Nissan to lead Japan's campaign

TOKYO, June 12: The top executive of the Nissan Motor Company, the world's fourth largest carmaker, will lead Japan's campaign to bid for the right to host the 2002 World Cup soccer finals, reports Reuter.

Japanese soccer officials said on Monday about 200 leaders of sports and business circles had elected Nissan led seven nations.

The 2002 venue will be chosen at FIFA's general assembly in Switzerland in June 1996.

### Seeds tumble

ROSMALLEN, Netherlands, June 12: Top seed Guy Forget of France and third seeded Yugoslav Goran Prpic both lost to lowly ranked players in the first round of the 250,000-dollar Continental grass court tournament here on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

Forget went down 6-3, 4-6, 6-1 to Andrei Olhovskiy of the Soviet Union, ranked 131st in the world, while Dutchman Michael Schapers, ranked 225th, defeated Prpic 6-4, 6-3.

An upset always looked likely after Olhovskiy broke Forget's serve in the first game. The Frenchman fought back to take the second set but managed to win only one game in the third.

Schapers was always in command in his match with Prpic who looked unhappy on the fast grass surface.

"It went, in fact, quite easily. Prpic is clearly no grass player," Schapers said.

## Taylor Aussie skipper for Zimbabwe tour

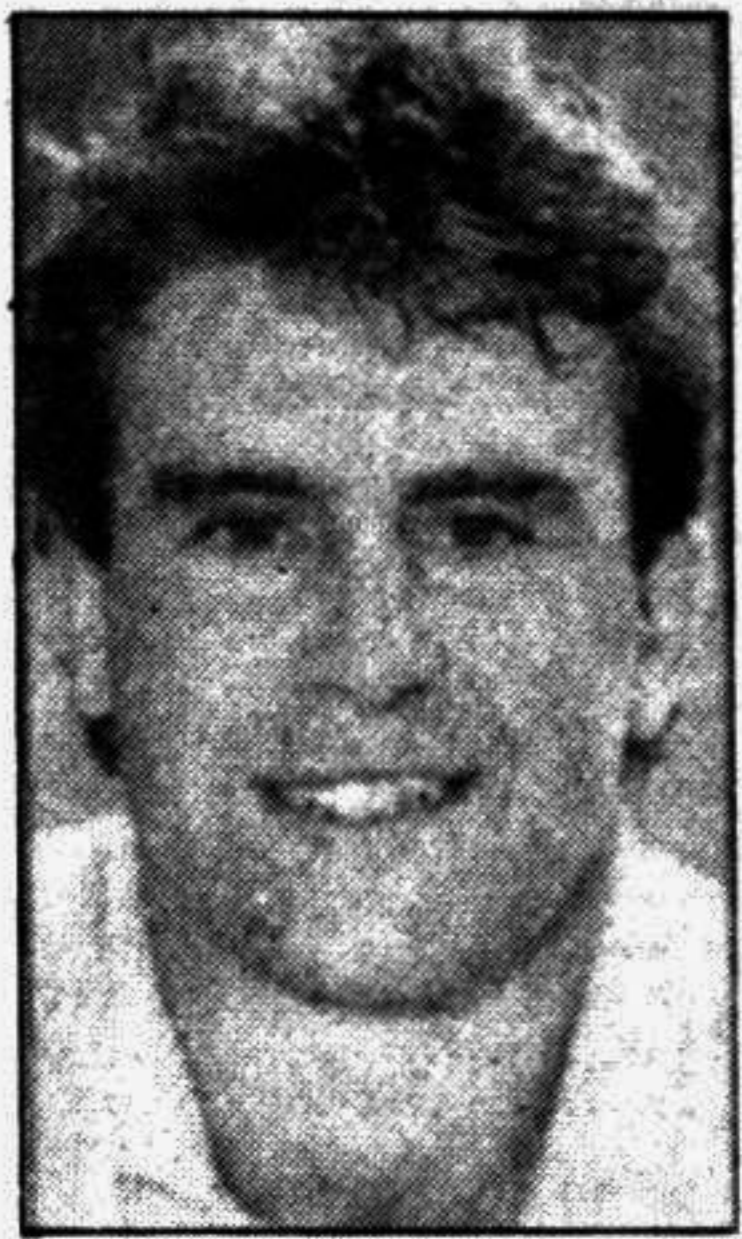


SYDNEY, June 12: Prolific run-scoring left-hander Mark Taylor was on Wednesday named captain of a 13-man Australian cricket squad to tour Zimbabwe in September, reports Reuter.

Taylor and all-rounder Steve Waugh, both 26, toured the West Indies earlier this year, spearheading a team which includes a number of brilliant young players on the fringes of Test selection.

Foremost of these are Western Australia's Tom Moody, 25, who has been in awesome form for Worcestershire in the English county championship this season, and left-hander Michael Bevan who like Waugh and Taylor plays for New South Wales.

Bevan scored a record five centuries in successive matches against every Australian state in this year's Sheffield Shield competition.



MARK TAYLOR

Taylor has long been regarded as the successor to the Australian captaincy when Allan Border retires, and the tour will provide him with

valuable leadership experience. Queensland batsman Stuart Law, who topped this season's Sheffield Shield batting averages, and promising fast bowlers Wayne Holdsworth, of New South Wales, and Denis Hickey, of South Australia, are also in the squad.

The squad will arrive in Zimbabwe on September 5 and leave on September 26, in time for the start of the 1991-92 Australian domestic season, the Australian Cricket Board said in a statement.

Zimbabwe was the eighth team to qualify for next year's World Cup in Australia and New Zealand, and the tour has been organised to give them international experience before the Cup.

The squad is: Mark Taylor (captain), Michael Bevan, Jamie Cox, Denis Hickey, Wayne Holdsworth, Stuart Law, Peter McIntyre, Tom Moody, Tim Nielsen, Paul Reffel, Rodney Tucker, Shane Warne and Steve Waugh.

## Knee blow for Wilander

LONDON, June 12: Mats Wilander's hopes of a good showing at Wimbledon — the only Grand Slam event he has never won — took a knock on Tuesday when he injured his knee in the first round of the Queen's Club grass court tournament, reports Reuter.

The former world number one, seeded 11th this week, lost 6-4, 6-4, to German Patrick Kuhnen after hurting his left knee as he came out for the match following a rain delay of over two hours.

"I am not sure what it is," the Swede said after receiving ice treatment. "I could feel it before I walked up so I don't know if I walked down the stairs funny or something."

Wilander, who summoned the physiotherapist to tape up the knee at the first changeover, was disappointed to have his preparations for Wimbledon in two weeks' time disrupted.

"I think the only way you can have a chance to do well at Wimbledon is to play Queen's, especially with me because I have to change my style," said Wilander, who has dropped to

58th in the world after taking a break from tennis.

Former Wimbledon champion Pat Cash, on the comeback trail after a long period of injuries, had few problems getting past Felix Brientenos of the Philippines 6-1, 6-4 in his first-round match.

Michael Chang, the leading seed in action on Tuesday, became the first man to reach the third round with a 6-3, 6-3 win over British wild card entry Danny Sapsford.

American Chang, seeded fourth, admitted he was a little nervous about returning to his least-favourite surface and had to come back from 3-0 down in the first set on a chilly, windy Centre Court.

"Whenever you make a surface change it takes some time," said Chang who reached the fourth round of the French Open on clay last week.

Chang, the 1989 French Open champion, has never been beyond the fourth round at Wimbledon but has been working on his serve-and-volley game in the hope of doing better this time.

"Wimbledon might be one of my biggest challenges because it is the type of surface that doesn't favour my game," he said.

Chang is seeded to meet Czechoslovak Lendl in this week's semifinals.



MATS WILANDER

The Australian, now ranked 77th in the world, showed by reaching the final at Beckenham last weekend that he could be a dangerous floater at Wimbledon where he will be unseeded.

Defending Queen's cham-

## Foreman resumes training

HOUSTON, June 12: Heavyweight George Foreman is considering numerous fight offers from throughout the world but his proposed bout with Alex Garcia is off and he's still trying to get a match with Mike Tyson, reports AP.

"(Tyson adviser) Don King, or one of his people, is supposed to come to Houston next week to meet with us," Foreman's younger brother and manager, Roy Foreman, said. "They still want to fight George."

King reportedly has offered Foreman 15 million dollars to face Tyson, who would receive "about 20 million dollars," Roy Foreman said.

But that fight depends on the outcome of a lawsuit Tyson, King and the World Boxing Council have filed against undisputed heavyweight champion Evander Holyfield.

Tyson is trying to force Holyfield to fight him before meeting anyone else.

Tyson also seeks a 55-per-

cent-45-percent split of the purse with Holyfield receiving the lion's share. That would be a deviation from the standard 75-25 split paid in most world title bouts.

Meanwhile, Roy Foreman said efforts to have George meet Garcia in late August or early September fell through last weekend.

"They don't want to take the fight for any amount of money," he said.

Foreman is considering three other potential opponents: Glen McCrory of London; Derrick Williams, the European heavyweight champion and James Pritchard, a 30-year-old journeyman from Louisville, Kentucky.

The fight would be staged in late September at a site to be determined.

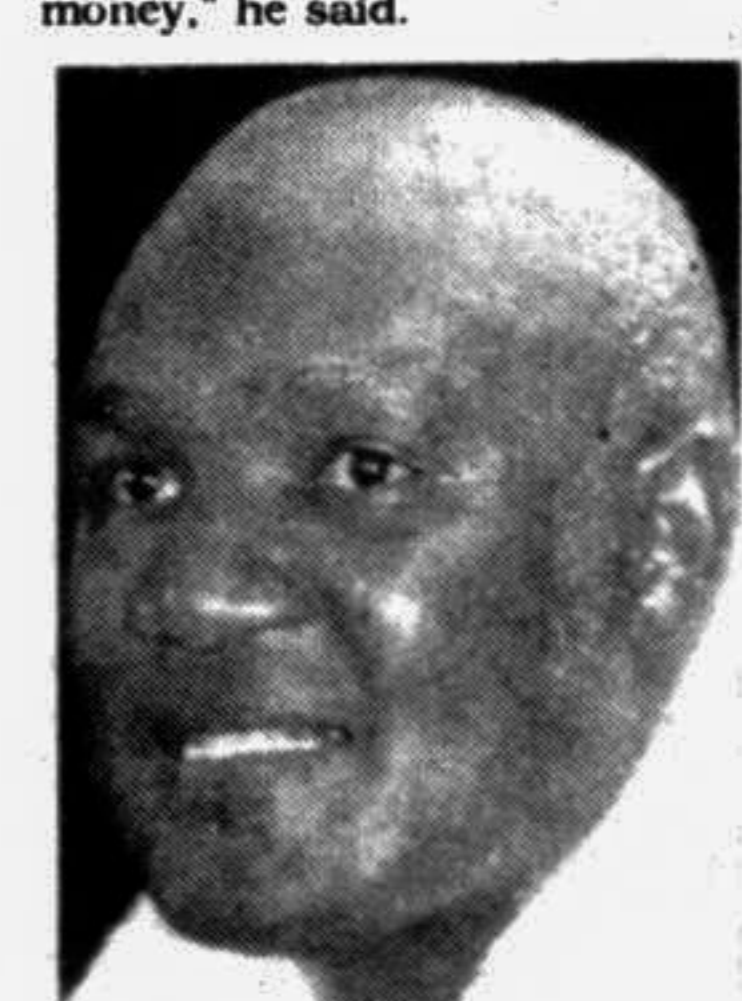
The former champion also is looking at offers from Asia, Germany and Brazil.

"We already have the offer from the Chinese for George to fight Tyson in Hong Kong, Taipei or some other sit in the Orient," Roy Foreman said in an interview with the Houston Chronicle.

"Now, Rio de Janeiro has popped into the picture. And some people from Germany are interested in a fight."

"George is just looking at each offer carefully. Then later we'll decide what we're going to do."

Foreman has not trained seriously since losing a 12-round decision to Evander Holyfield April 19. He planned to return to the gym in Houston Tuesday to resume training.



GEORGE FOREMAN

## Top Romanian stars may miss Universiade

BUCHAREST, June 12: Several top young Romanian athletes, including former European indoor champion Ella Kovacs, are fighting the government for the right to compete at next month's World Student Games, reports Reuter.

The government has refused to allow 15 members of the Romanian team to compete at the Games in Sheffield, England, because they attend a university which has no official recognition.

The students, from Bucharest's private Ecology University which has no legal status, include some top performers whose absence would almost certainly undermine the strength of the 150-member team.

Among the barred athletes are former 50 metres short-course swimming world record holder Tamara Costache, and Kovacs, third in this year's women's 800 metres world indoor championships, European indoor champion over the distance in 1985 and holder of two world junior, championship silver

medals.

Iolanda Oanta, a top women's 400 metres runner, and leading tennis players Teodora Tache and Diana Samungi and fencers Romica Molea and Ioana Ilinescu are also affected.

"Fifteen of our best performers can't go because the Education Ministry does not consider them students", Nicolae Maraescu, general secretary of Romanian Track and Field Federation, said.

"It is true they are only 15 from 150 but they have reached a great international level."

Education Ministry inspector Dan Lazarescu told a leading local sports newspaper: "The Ministry cannot recognise these athletes as students because they go to an unofficial university."

Alexandru Copos, president of the University Sports Federation of Romania, said: "All these sportsmen are studying in the physical education faculty and their future depends on this event. Things are going very slowly at the Ministry."

## Kuljit goal sees E Bengal thru'

CALCUTTA, June 12: East Bengal earned three points scoring a solitary goal victory over Rajasthan in a Super Division match of the Calcutta soccer league here Tuesday, reports PTI.

Playing at home ground, East Bengal scored the match winner through striker Kuljit Singh five minutes before the lemon break.

Kuljit also had the mortification of hitting the cross-piece in the dying minutes of the game which saw some spirited counter-attacks by the Rajasthan boys.

The only goal for East Bengal was the result of the brilliant striking power of Kuljit Singh who after receiving a pass from Krishanu Dey from midfield went a few steps and let go a 30-yarder pile driver which gave no chance to the Rajasthan custodian.

Kuljit could have added a couple of more goals for East Bengal apart from hitting the crosspiece in the closing stages of the game.

Rajasthan players, despite being under pressure for most of the time, never went for an all-out defensive play