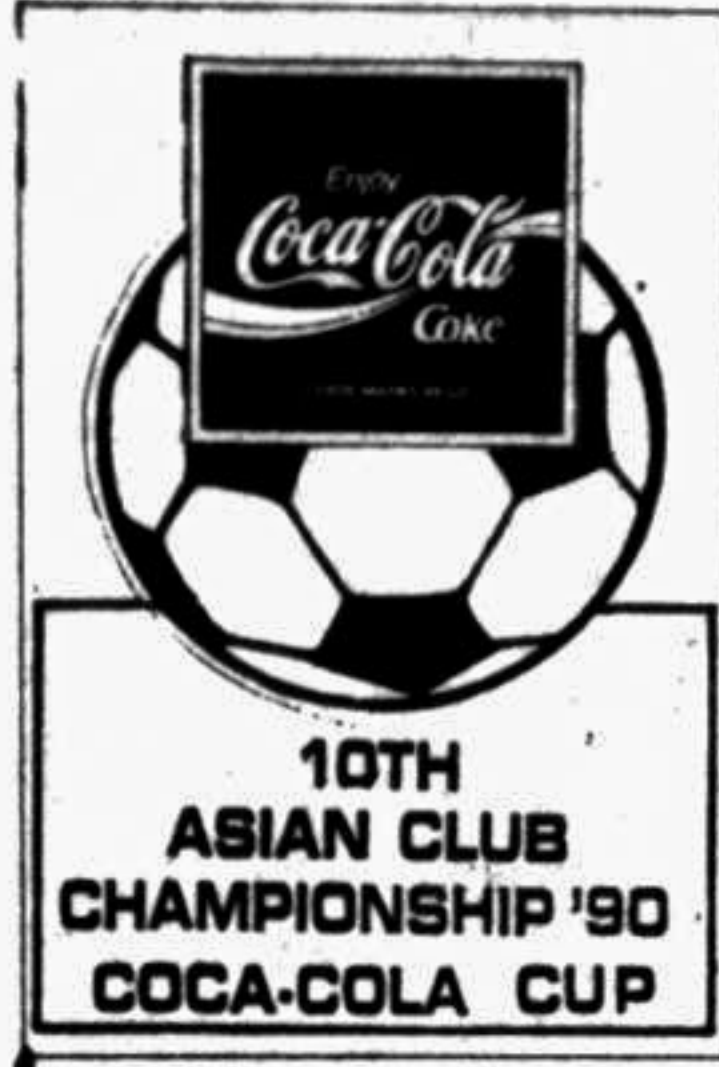


# Mohammedans lose vital point



would need a 3-0 victory over the Koreans to make the last four. However, all this is conjecture. If Mohammedans lose, a draw would suffice to win the day for the Koreans.

Getting back to yesterday evening's game, the barren scoreline was not a true reflection of the proceedings in which both Mohammedans and April 25 displayed a positive attitude and produced some high quality football. The 10,000-strong crowd which braved intermittent drizzles throughout the duration of the match, went home well entertained for their pains. Attacks by one side almost immediately gave way to prompt counter-attacks and either side could have won.

Mohammedans, making a few tactical changes to their side from the one against Bangkok Bank Friday, packed the defence with five defenders. Star striker Naqib and fast-moving outside-right Mamoon Joarder were left out from the starting line-up in favour of striker Mizan and veteran defender Abul. The move was obviously designed to conserve both Naqib and Mamoon for a final thrust later in the game.

The match against Bangkok Bank on the inaugural day of the 11-day meet had exposed Mohammedans' tendency to tire near the end with their youthful, less experienced

midfielders and forwards burning up too much energy too early in the game. And to give Mohammedans Iranian coach Nasser Hegazi his due, the plan worked. Of course, some felt Naqib should have been injected into action for Mizan. On the other hand, April 25 showed none of the circus-spectation they did in their first match against Esteghlal. From the first moment they weren't shy to attack and attack they did at every opportunity. At times it took some scrambling, crowding efforts on the part of the Mohammedan defenders, admirably marshalled by Kaiser Hamid and Imtiaz Sultan Johnny.

Once again Shabbir stood out among the Mohammedan players, working, running tirelessly up and down the field, keeping the Koreans busy. Only Shabbir seemed to outpace the generally quicker Koreans at times, and two of his lovely crosses could have earned him a goal.

Kaiser, who provided a bit of crude drama by faking an injury — climbing on to a stretcher and jumping down almost immediately, a prank that cost him a yellow card caution from Malaysian referee Subramaniam — otherwise saved his side from disaster by making a last-ditch clearance from almost the goalline in the third minute of the second

half. That, in fact, was the best chance for the Koreans on the day, created by Chyi Won-nam. Mohammedans, their forward breathing fresh following the introduction of Naqib midway through the second session, came close to scoring twice. Naqib's header on a sweet Shabbir cross was parried for a corner by Korean goalie Kim Chung in the 83rd minute. Another fine shot by Naqib from a close angle on the right was also cleared for a corner by Kim Chung.

There were six yellow card cautions in the game, either side getting three each. But it was not a rough affair, the fouls often being committed more by default than design on a wet, slippery pitch.

Mohammedans suffered an early casualty when their young defender Barun Bikash Dewan had to be carried off on a stretcher following a hard collision with a Korean forward.

### TEAMS

**MOHAMMEDAN SC** — Kanan, Abul, Johnny, Kaiser, Barun (Mantu), Jewel, Rana, Titu, Shabbir, Mizan (Naqib), Ghau and Roky.

**APRIL 25** — Kim Chung, Guang Chol, Chong Yong Jin, Sung Chol, Li Ryoung Chol, Kim Sang Gil, Kong Mun Chol, Pak Myong Hun, Kang Jong Chol, Choi Won Nam and Li Chang Gu. Referee: N Subramaniam (Malaysia).



Bangkok Bank goalkeeper Somkiat makes a fine save from the feet of a charging Esteghlal forward in yesterday's 10th Asian Club Cup football championship Group B match at the Dhaka Stadium. —Star photo

# Junior age-group tennis from July 25

### Sports Reporter

The junior age-group open tennis tournament, sponsored by Afsar Group and organised by the Bangladesh Tennis Federation, will commence July 25 at the National Tennis Complex at Ramna.

Four events — junior (under-ten) singles, junior (under-twelve) singles, junior (under-sixteen) singles and girls (open) singles will be held in the two-day meet.

All the interested players have been requested to send their entries by July 24 at the Tennis Complex office.



### SHEIKH SOHEL Sohel's hat-trick for Hatkhola

Hatkhola Kirta Chakra arranged a mini juvenile football match on the 11th of this month.

Hatkhola sporting club won the match defeating Argentina team of Dhaka by 5-2 goals. Sheikh Sohel scored a brilliant hat-trick for the winners.

Sohel (17) is also equally expert in cricket, badminton and volleyball. If Sohel gets higher training in sports he is sure to contribute to enrich the country's sporting field by his skilled performance.

### Five share lead Sports Reporter

Fide Master Ziaur Rahman and Fide Master Rifat-binsattar continued to share the lead along with three other players yesterday in the 12th national junior chess championship now in progress at the chess room of the National Sports Council.

The three other players who shared the lead with full points with the two Fide Masters are Khandokar Kayes Hassan, Jahangir Ahmed and Atiqul Haq Milan.

Ziaur Rahman defeated newly crowned women's national champion Tanima Parveen while Rifat outplayed Farhadur Rahman Shabbir in their fourth round matches Sunday evening.

Kayes Hassan, Jahangir Ahmed and Atiqul Haq won their matches against Afsal Hossain, Khalequzzaman and Iftekar Alan respectively.

Title-contender and national sub-junior champion Syed Ruhul Kabir Shipu was placed in the second position along with Anisuzzaman Malik and Abdur Rahman Talukdar each with three and a half points after completion of the fourth round on Sunday.

In this round, Anisuzzaman drew his game with Ruhul Kabir Shipu.

### Monsoon handball Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Ansar and Brothers Union recorded big victories in their respective matches of seventh monsoon handball tournament yesterday at Outer Stadium's handball court.

Ansars recorded an overwhelming 43-4 victory over lowly Mansoor Sporting after leading 29-4 at the breather.

Akram and Badshah scored nine goals each for Ansars while Younus got all the four goals for Mansoor Sporting.

Brothers Union, in another one-sided match outplayed Nawabpur Sporting by 33-13 goals.

Palash was the highest scorer for Brothers with nine while Asraf and Mehedi each banged five goals for Nawabpur.

### Death condoled Sports Reporter

Biman Sports and Cultural Committee expressed its deepest condolence at the untimely death of Fazul Ali alias Bilu, a former cricket player of Biman cricket team.

Bilu, 34, died on Friday at Suhrawardy Hospital following a massive cardiac arrest.

Biman, in a press release yesterday, also expressed its sympathy to the members of the bereaved family and prayed for the salvation of the departed soul.

In another press release, Dhaka Cricket Players' Association also condoled the sad demise of Bilu and shared the grief with his bereaved family.

### Hafiz's new role

Major (ret'd) Hafizuddin Ahmed, MP, Vice President of the Asian Football Confederation, has been made match commissioner in the pre-Olympic football qualifying Group A competition to be held in Hyderabad, India from August 4 to 12, reports BSS. Mr Hafiz is expected to leave Dhaka for Hyderabad on August 1.

# Esteghlal win easy

Iranian champions Esteghlal Club, one of the joint favourites along with defending champions Liaoning FC of China, to win the 10th Asian Club Cup football championship for the Coca Cola Cup, chalked up another facile win in their second Group B match against Bangkok Bank Sports Club at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday afternoon.

The strong Iranians, quite in the fashion they had done against North Korea April 25 in their inaugural match last Friday, handed out a 2-0 defeat to the Thais who were reduced to ten men following the marching orders issued to Siripong Sriraj by Bahraini referee Yousef Mohammed Yousef in the second half.

The relatively narrow scoreline was again not a real picture of the state of affairs. The Iranians, getting both their goals early in the first

session, chose to take it easy. So relaxed was their approach, especially in the second session, toying with the weaker Thais, that the bankers despite the handicap of having to play with a man short, often threatened to score given the latitude inside the Iranian defence lines. Yet, everytime the Thais pushed with all their power, the rock-solid Esteghlal defence was quick to the occasion, retrieving the situation with consummate skill and calm.

Esteghlal shot into the lead in the very third minute of play when Abdul Samad Marfavy pounced upon a defensive lapse on the part of the Thais and coolly placed the ball in the net past a helpless Thai national goalkeeper Somkiat Passajanir (1-0).

Having asserted their supremacy rightaway, the Iranians went about playing casually, initiating some good moves only to let them die down often deep inside the

Thai box. After a series of half-hearted attempts, the Iranians doubled the margin in the 39th minute. Marfavy scoring his second goal after Abbas Sarkhab's shot was blocked by Thai defender Nantapreecha Kamkhaeng and the rebound came to Marfavy's feet.

Siripong Sriraj became the first player in the meet to be sent off after receiving two yellow cards in the game.

### SIRIRAT...marching orders TODAY'S MATCH

Liaoning Club vs Al-Nasr (6pm)



### Simmons strikes form in time

CANTERBURY, England, July 21: West Indies opener Phil Simmons, whose Test place is in jeopardy, chose a timely moment to find form with a disciplined innings of 77 against Kent on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Simmons, under pressure after totalling a mere 86 runs in his six innings of the series against England, responded by batting for three hours with a perfect blend of patience and power.

The Trinidadian opener struck seven fours and two sixes before he was caught at long off from a skied drive against left-arm spinner Richard Davis — and departed to a nod of appreciation from captain Viv Richards when the two batsmen crossed on the outfield.

Simmons's performance helped the touring team to 310 for seven at the close of the first day, and might have saved his place in the team for the fourth Test starting at Edgbaston, Birmingham, next Thursday.

Logie went on to strike 11 fours in an entertaining innings of 70 while the momentum was sustained by Carl Hooper.

# Stephenson, Pick sink Northants

LONDON, July 21: West Indian Franklyn Stephenson and fellow Nottinghamshire paceman Andy Pick produced a stunning new ball burst that sent Northamptonshire crashing to 68 all out on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Stephenson captured five 27 and Pick five for 17 as they bowled Notts to victory by an innings and one run in a dramatic final session on the second day of the country championship match at Wellington.

Northamptonshire, 69 behind on first innings, were 20 for seven at one stage on a pitch that had produced a total of 575 runs in the previous two innings.

Pick, who earlier showed his batting prowess by making 46 in what ultimately proved a significant last wicket stand of 55 with injured opener Mark Crawley, took four of his wickets in 20 balls. He also held a catch to send back England's Allan Lamb off Stephenson's bowling.

South African strike bowler Allan Donald and medium-pacer Dermot Reeve collected

seven wickets between them as leaders Warwickshire mounted a fightback against Hampshire at Portsmouth.

After Warwickshire had been bowled out for 191 to trail by 74 first innings, Reeve's four for 27 and Donald's three for 32 underminded Hampshire.

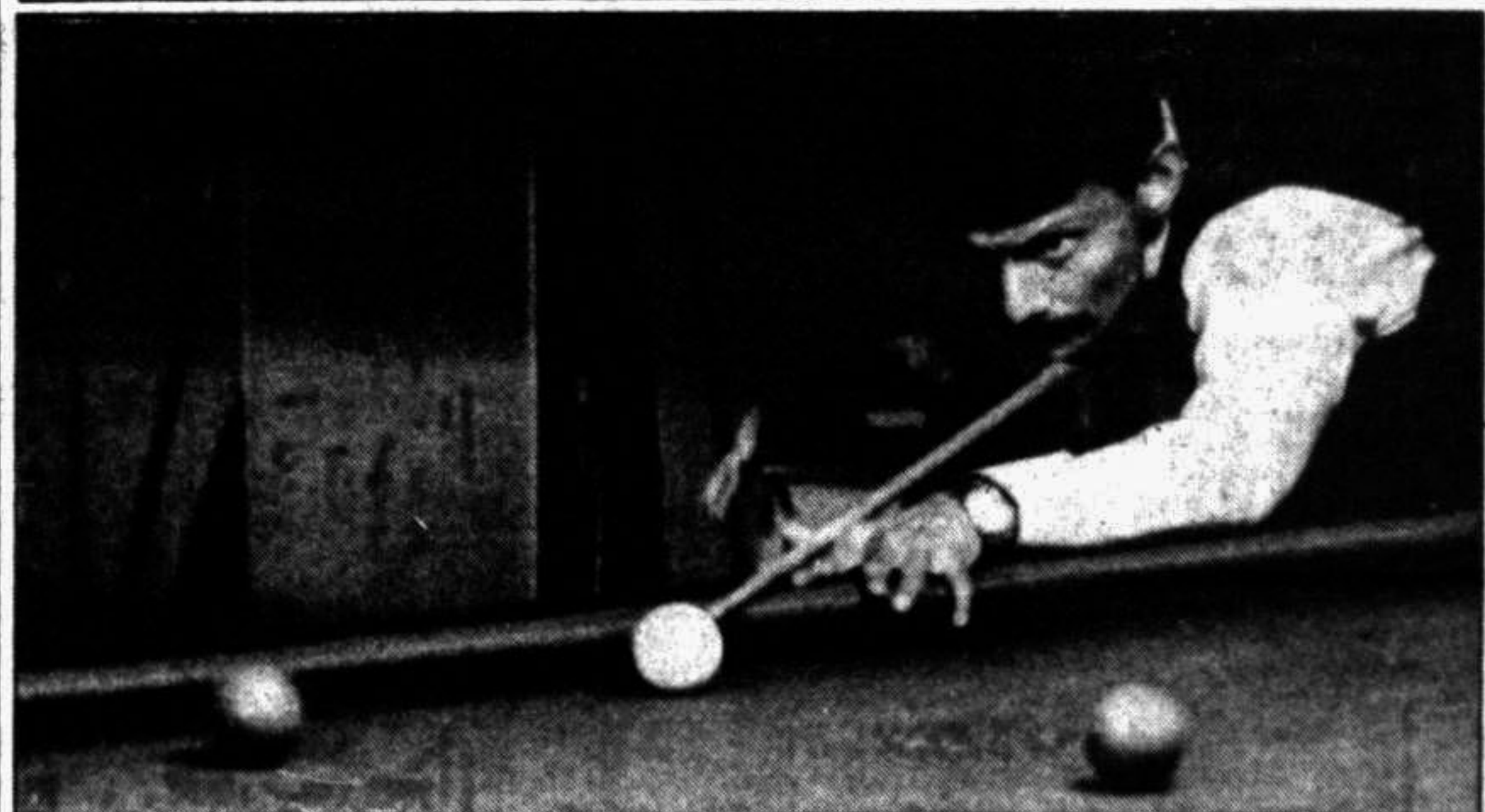
The home side's five wickets tumbled for 32 and they were dismissed for 176, Reeve finishing with match figures of eight for 73.

The leaders scored 12 without loss by the close in pursuit of their victory target of 251.

South African opener Jimmy Cook battled all day as his seasons best of 193 not out as Somerset frustrated title chasing Essex at Southend.

Cook's watertight defence and cultured strokeplay guided Somerset to 308 for five at the close in reply to Essex's first innings 423 for six declared.

The South African reached his fifth century of the season from 203 balls, his 150 from 306 and gave just one chance when 90. He struck 27 boundaries.



Muniruzzaman Baehchu of Nawabganj Club in action in the national snooker championship now on at the Dhaka Club. —Star photo

# Caron creates Universiade history



SHEFFIELD, England, July 21: Frenchman Stephan Caron, given a new lease of life after changing coaches, became the first man to collect three individual swimming gold medals at a World Student Games when he won the 50 metres freestyle on Saturday, reports Reuter.

And China's double world champion Lin Li broke a games record for the second time this week as she swept to victory in the women's 200 metres individual medley.

Caron, winner of the 100 and 200 metres freestyle, produced German Robert Puleb, who said a short last stroke cost him the race.

Former European 100 metres champion Caron touched fractionally ahead in 22.97 seconds, one-tenth of a second outside the games record. Puleb finished in 23.15 to break his personal best for the second time on Saturday.

Poland's Krzysztof Cwalina, who featured in a double dead-heat earlier in the week, earned himself a bronze medal in another remarkable tie, this

time with American Eric Hansen.

"I knew I was behind at the halfway point but that I could give full pressure in the second half of the race," said Caron, who switched swimming clubs and his coach six months ago.

"I am really happy to have won another gold because I did not expect to win the 50 metres. It's not my speciality."

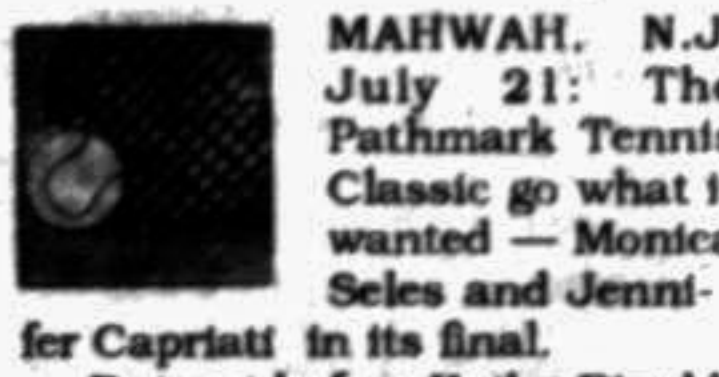
Lin, who broke the 400 metres individual medley record on Monday, smashed the games record in the 200 by 1.42 seconds, winning in two

minutes 14.22 seconds. She was four seconds ahead of her nearest rival.

Poland's Alicja Peczek took silver, finally winning a medal after finishing fourth in three races this week. Raymond Carey and Brian Gunn completed an American one-two in the men's 200 metres butterfly. Carey's time of 1:58.36 was a personal best and lifted him to fourth fastest in the world this year.

Marie-Pierre Wirth of France completed a remarkable silver and bronze double, finishing second in 800 m

# Seles, Capriati oblige organisers



MAHWAH, N.J., July 21: The Pathmark Tennis Classic go what it wanted — Monica Seles and Jennifer Capriati in its final.

But not before Kathy Rinaldi almost spoiled it — and Seles' return to tennis after skipping Wimbledon because of shin splints, reports AP.

Rinaldi, ranked 72nd, extended Seles to three sets Saturday night before dropping a 6-2, 2-6, 6-1 decision to the world's top-ranked player.

The win put Seles into Sunday's final against Capriati, who defeated Peanut Louise Harper 6-4, 6-4 Saturday afternoon.

Seles, 17, looked like she would advance in straight sets just like the 16-year-old Capriati. But Rinaldi changed those plans in the second set, running down every Seles shot



### JENNIFER CAPRIATI

and forcing the Yugoslavian into several unforced errors. Seles, who looked slow and tired at times in the second set, came out strong for the third set. She held serve in the opening game to restore her confidence and then used a

combination of lobs, two-handed forehands and backhands to jump to a 5-0 lead.

Rinaldi, 24, held at love in the sixth game and forced a deuce in the seventh before Seles won the final two points on a mis-hit by Rinaldi and a cross-court forehand winner.

Seles will now face Capriati for the third time. Capriati, who lost last year's final here to Steffi Graf in three sets, struggled against the 30-year-old Harper, who is twice her age.

There were times when their opening set was up for grabs, but it swung Capriati's way on a bad call in the eighth game.

Harper was leading 4-3 and the game tied 30-30 when Capriati appeared to hit a ball long. Harper watched the ball bounce and didn't bother to return it.

But the call went against



### MONICA SELES

her and instead of Harper having break point, Capriati went ahead 40-30. Capriati held serve on the next point and won 16 of the next 17 points to finish off the opening set and grab a 2-0 lead in the second.

### Shooting camp Sports Reporter

The second phase shooting training for the selection of the national side for the SAF Games began yesterday at the Gulshan Shooting Range. Seventeen shooters from different shooting clubs are taking part in the three-week long training camp.

### Hockey transfer Sports Reporter

Twelve hockey players decided to change their jersey on the seventh day of the transfer of the Green Delta First Division hockey league yesterday at the Hockey Federation office.

So far eighty-three players have sought transfer. Today is the final day of the hockey player transfer.



The Thai coach goes over the strategy with the Bangkok Bank players during the breather yesterday. —Star photo