Junior age-group. tennis from July 25

Sports Reporter

tennis tournament, sponsored

by Afsar Group and organised

by the Bangladesh Tennis

Federation, will commence

July 25 at the National Tennis

ten) singles, junior (under-

twelve) singles, junior (under-

sixteen) singles and girls

(open) singles will be held in

have been requested to send

their entries by July 24 at the

SHEIKH SOHEL

Sohel's hat-trick

for Hatkhola

ranged a mini juvenile football

match on the 11th of this

the match defeating Argentina

team of Dhaka by 5-2 goals.

Sheikh Sohel scored a brilliant

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

Five share lead

Sports Reporter

and Fide Master Riffat-bin-

Sattar continued to share the

lead along with three other

players yesterday in the 12th

national junior chess champi-

onship now in progress at the

chess room of the National

who shared the lead with full

points with the two Fide

Masters are Khandokar Kayes

Hassan, Jahangir Ahmed and

newly crowned women's na-

tional champion Tanima

Parveen while Riffat outplayed Farhadur Rahman Shabab in their fourth round matches

Kayes Hassan. Jahangir

Ahmed and Atiqui Hug won

their matches against Afzal

Hossain, Khaleguzzaman and

Title-contender and na-

tional sub-junior champion

Syed Ruhul Kabir Shiplu was

placed in the second position

along with Anisuzzaman Mallik

and Abdur Rahman Talukdar

each with three and a half

points after completion of the

Iftekhar Alam respectively.

Ziaur Rahman defeated

The three other players

Sports Council.

Atiqui Huq Milon.

Sunday evening.

Fide Master Ziaur Rahman

his skilled performance.

Sohel (17) is also equally

hat-trick for the winners.

month.

Hatkhola Krira Chakra ar-

Hatkhola sporting club won

All the interested players

Four events --junior (under-

Complex at Ramna.

the two-day meet.

Tennis Complex office.

The junior age-group open



Afzal H Khan

COCA-COLA CUP

Local favourites Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club gave a heartwarming performance against North Korea champions April 25 but the solitary point from the goalless draw may not be enough to sustain their hopes of a semifinal berth in the seven-nation Asian Club Cup football championship.

In their second robin league match yesterday evening at the Dhaka Stadium, Mohammedans matched the Koreans man for man, move for move, shot for shot - but still had only two points from two outings against just one for the Koreans. While Mohammedans may yet manage to earn another point from their remaining match against hot favourites Esteghlal of Iran next Tuesday - the odds are high, though - the North Koreans have a better chance of earning their third point from their last fixture against the Thai champions Bangkok Bank Club the same day. For that matter, Bangkok Bank could take their points tally to three also, for it could prove anybody's match given the compelling motivation for either side.

To cut a long mathematical short. permutation Mohammedans, in order to make the semifinals, must hold the strong Esteghlal side to a draw and hope the Thais and the Koreans, both beaten by the Iranians, also manage only a draw.

Assuming Mohammedans draw with Esteghlal, the Koreans would need to beat the Thais by a margin of two clear goals to go through to the semis. For their part, the Thais

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 Naquib 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 Naquib 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 Naquib should have been injected into action for Mizan a little earlier than he eventually was.On the other hand, April 25 showed none of the circumspection 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 his side 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 Choi Won-nam.

Mohammedans, their forward breathing fresh following the introduction of Naquib midway through the second session, came close to scoring twice. Naquib'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 Naquib 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 (Naquib). Ghaus and Roxy.

APRIL 25 - Kim Chung. Guang Chol, Chong Yong Jin. Sung Chol, Li Ryong Chol, Kim Sang Gil. Kong Mun Chol, Pak Myong Hun, Kang Jong Chol, Choi Won Nam and Li Chang OyuReferee-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

Caron creates Universiade history



SHEFFIELD, England, July 21: Frenchman Stephan Caron, given a new lease of life

July 21: The

Pathmark Tennis

Classic go what it

wanted - Monica

Seles and Jenni-

But not before Kathy Rinaldi

almost spoiled it - and Seles'

return to tennis after skipping

Wimbledon because of shin

Rinaldi, ranked 72nd, ex-

tended Seles to three sets

Saturday night before dropping

a 6-2, 2-6, 6-1 decision to the

Sunday's final against Capriati.

who defeated Peanut Louis-

Harper 6-4, 6-4 Saturday

would advance in straight sets

just like the 15-year-old

Capriati. But Rinaldi changed

running down every Seles shot

those plans in the second set,

The win put Seles into

Seles, 17, looked like she

world's top-ranked player.

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 champton 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.

fer Capriati in its final.

splints, reports AP.

afternoon.

Caron, winner of the 100 and 200 metres freestyle, produced German Robert Pufleb. 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. Pulleb finished in 23.15 to break his personal best for the

second time on Saturday. Poland's Krzyszt of 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

"I knew I was behind at the nearest rival. 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

Poland's Alicja Peczak 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-Pierrie Wirth of France completed a remarkable silver and bronze double, finishing second in 800 m

fourth round on Sunday. In this round, Anisuzzaman drew his game with Ruhul Kabir Shiplu.

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 Palash was the highest

scorer for Brothers with nine while Asraf and Mehedi each banged five goals for Nawabpur

Death condoled Sports Reportér

Biman Sports and Cultural Committee expressed its deepest condolence at the untimely death of Fazlul Alt alias Billu, a former cricket player of Biman cricket team. Billu, 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 Billu and shared the grief with his bereaved family.

Hafiz's new role

Major (retd) 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 Hydrabad, India form August 4 to 12, reports BSS. Mr Hafiz, is expected to leave Dhaka for Hydrabad on Augusti

Esteghlal win easy



pions 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 Korean 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 Sirirat 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

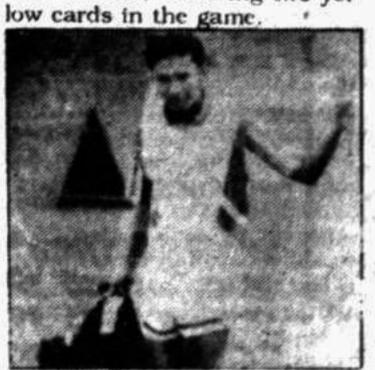
session, chose to take it easy. So relaxed was their approach, especially in the second session, toying with the weaker Thais, that the bankers despite the handicap of having to play with a man short, often threatened to score given the latitude inside the Iranian defence lines. Yet, everytime the Thais 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 Sammad 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 That box.

After a series of halfhearted 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 Sirirat became the first player in the meet to be sent off after receiving two yel-



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

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 Richard 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 Wellingborough.

Northamptionshire, 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 mediumpacer 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 undermined Hampshire. The home side's five wick-

ets tumbled for 32 and they were dismissed for 176. Reeve finishing with match figures of eight for 73. The leaders scored 12

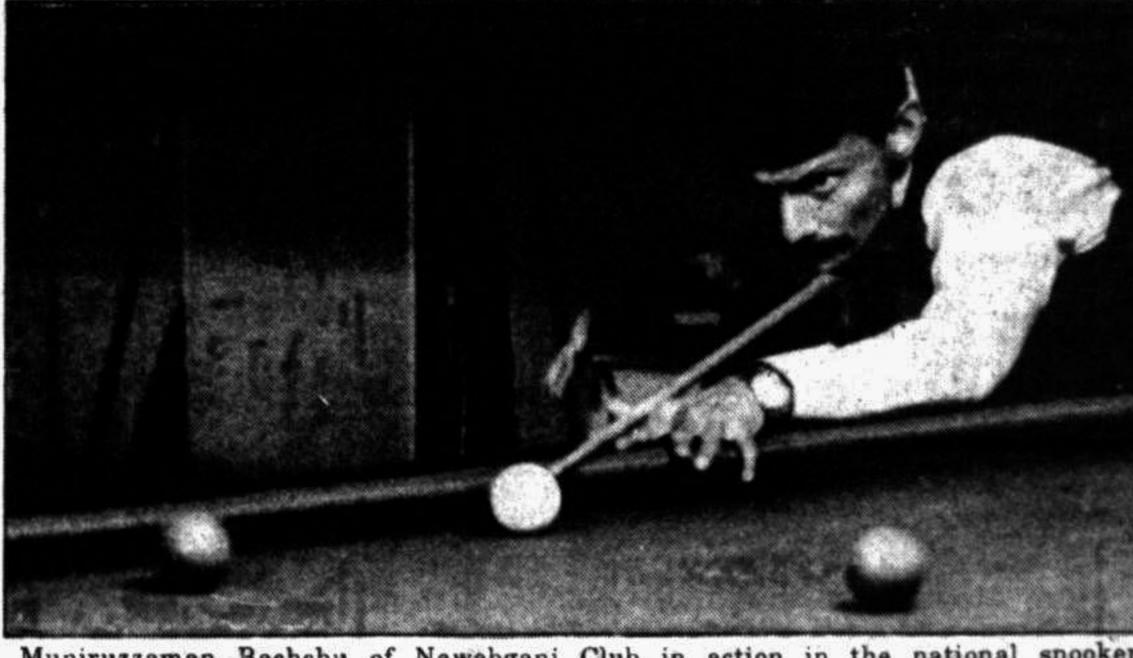
without loss by the close in pursuit of their victory target of 251. South African opener

Jimmy Cook battled all day for

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 bound-



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

Lewis grabs limelight



NEW YORK, July 21: Carl Lewis clocked 10.02 seconds in the 100 metres and Sandra Farmer-

Patrick posted a 53.77 in the women's 400-metre hurdles on Saturday to highlight events at the New York games, reports Reuter.

Lewis, competing five weeks after Leroy Burrell erased his world record in the same city, accelerated well at 50 metres and won easily ahead of Santa Monica teammates. Mike Marsh (10.17) Mark Witherspoon

(10.21). "Today I felt like me again, and even a little better," Lewis said. Technically I was better prepared today than I was at nationals (US championships last month in New York).

I ran a smoother race to-

day. This is the type of race I need to run in Tokyo (at the world Championships). If I run the way I did last month and today, I'll run in the 9.80s."

Burrell, who ran a worldrecord 9.90 to Lewis' 9.92 at the US Championships, did not compete in this meet because of a strained left hamstring.

On a 36-degree (Celsius) day when most athletes did not run for time, Farmer-Patrick turned in the meet's most impressive performance. Her 400-metre hurdles time gives her the three fastest in the world this season.

Kim Batten who defeated Farmer-Patrick at the US Championships, led until the eighth hurdle, when Farmer-Patrick passed the tiring leader and coasted to victory.

Steve Lewis and Andre Phillips, two American

Olympic gold medalists, returning from injury- plagued scasons, placed well.

Lewis was third in the 400metres in 45.17 Andrew Valmon (45.04) edged lan Morris (45.05) for the victory.

Phillips, who dethroned Edwin Moses at the Scoul Olympics, ran a 49.95 to finish behind winner Danny Harris (49.45) and Nat Page (49.82).

Maria Mutola Mozambique won an exciting women's 800 metres in 2:00.22 edging American Meredith Rainey in 2:00.51.

Mary Decker-Slaney, running her first competitive 800 since 1985, led until 600 metres, but faded to fifth.

Tony Dees, who failed qualify for the US World Championship team, ran a 13.18 to defeat Greg Foster and Renaldo Nehemiah in the men's 110-metre hurdles.

Cram wins on comeback bid



NEWCASTLE, England, July 21: England's world mile record holder Steve Cram took his first suc-

cessful steps on the comeback trail on Saturday and then revealed he almost quit athleties this year because of his injury nightmare, reports AFP. Cram, running his first

track race for more than nine months at a low-key meeting here, tested himself over 1,500 metres and came through to win by some 50 metres from a band of club runners in 3min 42sec.

After revealing he is ready to launch a belated challenge for a World Championship

1,500m place at next weekend's trials in Birmingham, the 30-year-old Cram admitted: "It's great to be racing again. This year has been the closest I've ever come to just packing

Cram, who has been sidelined by tendonitis in his knee all summer, explained: "It's very frustrating at this stage of my career to be held back by injuries. I'm a family man now, but I have been so low that, at one time. I was affecting everyone around me."

Now fully recovered and back in training for nearly a month. Cram picked the humblest of surroundings in Newcastle's east end to make his return.

Turning out for jarrow, he got New Zealand clubmate Wayne Edgeler to pace him and then went alone with two laps to go and completed the final lap in 58 secs. "You can't expect to go to a

more than this. I just wanted to get my body used to running at that pace again, and it went pretty well," said Cram. Just like his injury-hit 1990 season, when Cram made his comeback at the same meeting

league match and do much

in the same stadium, he now looks to Birmingham and ad-"We've been through it all before. If it doesn't go too well

next week. I hope the selectors will give me more time,

Shooting camp Sports Reporter

The second phase shooting training for the selection o 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. National coach Kazi Selim is

conducting the 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

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



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

Seles, Capriati oblige organisers combination of lobs, twohanded forehands and back hands to jump to a 5-0 lead. Rinaldi. 24, held at love in the sixth game and forced a

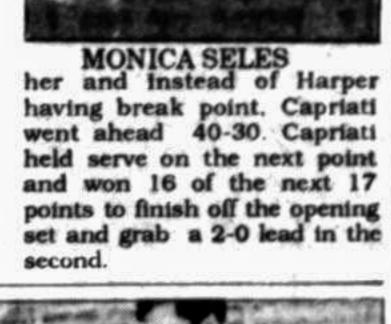
deuce in the seventh before Seles won the final two points on a mis-hit by Rinaldi and a cross-court forehand winner. Seles will now face Capriati for the third time. Capriati, who lost last year's final here to Steffi Graf in three sets.

old Harper, who is twice her There were times when their opening set was up for grabs, but it swung Capriati's way on a bad cal in the eighth

struggled against the 30-year-

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





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