much-postponed

national junior

National junior

wrestling begins

Sports Reporter

wrestling championships be-

gan yesterday at the National

Coaching Centre with 50 grap-

plers representing ten teams

taking part in the three-day

round bouts were decided on

Bangladesh Amateur Wrestling

Federation, was inaugurated by

Secretary of the Ministry of

the opening day.

As many as 20 preliminary

The meet, organised by the

Champions in final



ASIAN CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP '90 COCA-COLA CUP

Afzal H Khan

Defending champions Liaoning Football Club of China marched into the final of the 10th Asian Club Cup football championship for the Coca Cola Cup when they trounced North Korean champions April 25 by three goals to nil in the first semifinal held yesterday at the Dhaka Stadium. The winners led 1-0 at the

breather. Liaoning will face the win-

ners of today's second semifinal, between Iranian champions Esteghlal Club and Pelita Jaya of Indonesia, in Monday's

Today's match, between the Group B champions Esteghlal and Group A runners-up Pelita Jaya, kicks off at 5:00 pm.

The Koreans will play in the third-place decider against the losers of today's match on Monday.

Although the Chinese were worthy winners on the day their image took a beating when two of their star players were given the marching orders, within seconds of each other, by Nepali referee Shyam Shreshtha only a minute from time for two totally unnecessary, senseless fouls on the Korean players. The referee didn't hesitate a moment to brandish the dreaded red card first at Li Zheng and then Tang Yaodong, punishing both for two cynical attacks on the Korean forwards.

Thankfully, however, the targets of both the attempted fouls escaped serious injury. But for this bizarre dying-

minute drama, it wasn't a very

LONDON, July 26: Indian

all-rounder Ravi Shastri hit a

match-winning 70 not out for

Glamorgan as title-chasing

Essex missed a golden chance

to step up their bid for the

county championship on

and third-placed Lancashire

sharing a tame draw at Old

Trafford, second-placed Essex

were looking to pile on the

nings in an attempt to gain a

result in the rain-hit match at

Cardiff and Glamorgan were

left to score 271 in what

sound foundation with 61, and

Shastri later took charge to

lead Glamorgan to victory with

nine balls and four wickets to

spare. Yorkshire off-spinner

Jeremy Batty claimed a career-

best six for 48 as

Nottinghamshire also missed

Captain Alan Butcher built a

turned out to be 68 overs.

Both sides forfeited an in-

With leaders Warwickshire

Thursday, reports Reuter.

pressure.

exciting game to watch for the three thousand-odd crowd braving the hot late afternoon sun. The empty stands indicated that local interest in the meet had waned with the failure of Dhaka Mohammedans to make the semifinals. Also, the price of daily tickets, at Taka 20 each, must have been a discouraging factor in these times

of hard economic realities. For once the pitch wasn't the quagmire it has been since the start of the tourney a week ago. The flerce sun of the past couple of days had baked the playing area hard, almost crisp, with all the makings for a fast, free-flowing feast of football

The Chinese, who had looked suspect on the slushy ground in their opening robin league game against Oman's Al-Nasr, appeared a more confident lot yesterday, dictating the pace with their shortpassing game. The Koreans took more time settling down. Their best efforts came soon after the first Chinese goal and lasted until halfway into the second session, but the second and third Chinese goals took

Liaoning should have taken the lead in the very second minute of play but both Ma Lin and Tang Yaodong failed to apply the finishing touch after Huang Chong's cross from the right had slipped out of the Korean goalie Kim Chung's

the fight out of them and in

the end they were a beaten lot.

The Koreans got a good opportunity in the fifth minute following a corner kick from the right but their forwards failed from a melee.

Huang Chong, who had an excellent match yesterday and was by far the pick of the Chinese players, gave Liaoning the lead with a fierce longrange drive in the 21st minute

In the 32nd minute it was sheer bad luck for the Koreans when right-winger Kong Mun-Chol's shot hit the Chinese woodwork.

Once again Liaoning drew the first blood in the second session. Three minutes after the restart, Ma Lin headed just over the Korean bar from a

an opportunity to close on

Worksop, they tumbled to 220

all out. Batty including half-

century makes Charis Broad

and Derek Randall among his

made 250 for two declared in

reply to Warwickshire's 296

for nine with Gehan Mendis

hitting 119 and Graham Lord

96 in an opening stand of 214.

one at the finish of the rain-af-

Pakistan A fight

back well

COLOMBO, July 26: The vis-

iting Pakistan A team made a

fine recovery after an early

setback to teach 288 for eight

on the opening day of their

first four-day international

against Sri Lanka a here

Thursday reports AFP.

LONDON, July 26: Paul Parker, the England

defender desperate to leave Queen's Park

Rangers for a bigger club, is a wanted man,

At least seven First Division clubs have

expressed an interest in him, although only

Everton have made a bid and their 800,000-

pound offer was nowhere near the two

million pounds QPR are reported to be

QPR manager Gerry Francis insisted: "He

Warwickshire were 101 for

At Old Trafford, Lancashire

Chasing 332 to win at

Warwickshire.

fected match.

Shastri sparkles

freekick taken by Sun Wei. The Koreans should have got their equaliser in the 50th minute but a Chinese defender quickly retrieved the situation with a last ditch clearance after substitute Li Chang Gyu's shot had rebounded from goalie Fu Yu Bin's chest. Li scored the only hattrick of the meet in April 25's 4-3 win

over Bangkok Bank Tuesday. However, the Chinese almost managed to gift away a goal in the 52nd minute when defender Li Zheng's attempted backpass to goalie Fu hit the bottom of their own sidepost and went out for a corner. The pressure mounted by the Koreans seeking the equaliser appeared to till upon the Chinese.

April 25 custodian Kim Chung made a brilliant goalline save from Ma Lin's header in the 54th minute.

No sooner had the applause for the Korean goalie's feat died, his Chinese counterpart Fu received a yellow card warning for time wasting.

The Chinese doubled the margin in the 75th minute. Sun Wei converted a penalty after Li Ryong Chol had handled the ball deep inside the Korean box while attempting to clear the danger posed by Chinese forward Xu Hui after Huang Chong had done well to beat the off-side trap running down the right and send a beautiful cross to Xu (2-0).

Sun Wei, who scored Liaoning's match-winner against Pelita Jaya in their robin league tie, took his meet goal tally to three by netting the third goal for his side in the 85th minute. Tang Yaodong sent a long through to Huang Chong on the right and the latter laid on yet another sweet centre for Sun Wei to

tap home (3-0). The Chinese had the match all sewn up. But just when the day's entertainment was about to end two of their players - Li Zheng and Tang Yaodong made themselves ineligible for Monday's final by inviting the red card from the referee for two needless fouls, within seconds of each other, in the injury time play. This may prove costly for the champions in their bid to renew their lease on the trophy come Monday.

LAUSANNE. Switzerland.

July 26: After decades of iso-

lation. South Africa is once



April 25 goalie Kim Chung thwarts a Liaoning attack in first semifinal of the 10th Asian Club Cup Championship yesterday at Dhaka Stadium. Defending champions Liaoning won 2-0 to move into Monday's final of the 11-day meet.

- Star photo

Richardson ton gives Windies whip-hand

Sports Reporter

A fine unbeaten century by Richie Richardson put the West Indies in a commanding position by the

close of the second day in the fourth cricket Test against England at Edgbaston yesterday, according to BBC monitored in Dhaka late last

The tourists had made 253 for the loss of four wickets in their first innings with Richardson batting on 103 and Gus Logie on 24. This is in reply to England's first innings total of 188 all out.

West Indies skipper Vivian Richards was out for 22, the only wicket to fall in the last session of play.

An earlier AP report said : Left arm spinner Richard Illingworth bowled out Carl Hooper off the last ball before the tea break but the West Indies moved smoothly to 148 for three Friday in the fourth cricket Test against England at

Edgbaston. That left the West Indies only 40 runs behind England

out for 188. Hooper's departure for 31 just before the interval left Richie Richardson unbeaten on

after bowling the home side

England added only four runs to an overnight score of 184 for nine before Philip DeFreitas was caught by Richardson off Malcolm

Marshall's bowling for ten. The uneven bounce of the batting surface then caused problems to West Indies openers Phil Simmons and Desmond Haynes.

DeFreitas and Chris Lewis both got deliveries to bounce sharply while others skidded through at ankle level.

Simmons and Haynes took few risks against the English bowling but hit the occasional wayward delivery to the boundary.

outcast in the sporting world.

Despite lack of experience

On Thursday Windies took command of the fourth test as

their awesome pace attack once again destroyed England's feeble batting. Curtly Ambrose, Malcolm

Marshal and Courtney Walsh had England on the back foot from the very first ball of the rain-delayed opening day and by the close the host nation had crawled to 184 for nine.

Allan Lamb, Mike Atherton and Graeme Hick- England's three major disappointments of the series - flopped again. They were out for nine, 16 and

Hick survived an early barrage from Ambrose and looked more comfortable than he has done all series in batting for 150 minutes. However, the Zimbabwean-

born batsman let himself down by driving firm-footed to finally give Ambrose his wicket for the fifth time in six innings. England's great hope now

totals 74 runs in his sad debut series. Lamb has just 63 and Atherton 65.

Graham Gooch threatened

to break free, hitting 45 after being dropped at second slip by Carl Hooper form the first ball of the match from Ambrose.

But the England skipper was eventually bowled by Malcolm Marshall,

West Indies skipper Viv Richards watched the final 30 minutes play from the Edgbaston dressing room after falling heavily on his left ankle while attempting to field a shot by Pringle.

"My ankle is not too bad and I'll be out there in the morning, no problem," he said.

Richards was able to grin through the pain after his pacemen had put the tourists

in control. SCOREBOARD

England first innings Gooch b Marshall Morris c Dujon b Patterson Atherton lbw b Walsh Hick c Richards b Ambrose Lamb Ibw b Marshall Ramprakash c Logie b Walsh Russell c Richardson b Ambrose Pringle b Ambrose DeFreitas c Richardson b Marshall Lewis lbw b Marshall

Extras (b4, lb3, nb23) Fall of wickets: 1/6, 2/53, 3/88, 4/108, 5/129, 6/159,

Illingworth not out

7/163, 8/163, 9/184. BOWLING: 6 Ambrose Patterson Walsh Marshall 33 Hooper

Akram fined

LONDON. July 26: Lancashire's Pakistan allrounder Wasim Akram was fined 1,000 pounds sterling (1.670 dollars) by his club on Thursday after being banned from bowling by the umpire in a county match the previous day, reports Reuter.'

Wasim was stopped from bowling by umptre Nigel Plews after ignoring two warnings for sending down too many bouncers in Lancashire's match against county champt onship leaders Warwickshire. His club said in a statement

on Thursday "Fines totalling 1.000 pounds were imposed on the player in relation to unfair conduct and offensive remarks to umpires." The amount is a record fine by the

Both Plews and fellow umpire Roy Palmer have made a formal complaint over the incident to Lancashire and the Test and County Cricket Board

National snooker

Youth and Sports M A Roul.

Reshadul Ameen moved into the final of the eighth national snooker championship routing N A T Rouf 6-2 in the semi-final at the Dhaka Club yesterday, reports BSS.

Reshadul will play in the final today against the winner of

Council Major General Mahbubur Rahman will be the chief guest in the final at 6 p

Sports Reporter

The first semifinal is scheduled to start at four and the second at 5:15 at the Outer Stadium handball court this afternoon.

Bangladesh Rifles beat Hatkhola Krira Chakra 32-12 while Police trounced Arunayatan Club by 40 goals to 11 after leading 18-5 at half-

day were Salam and Nazrul of Police who netted 12 and 11 goals respectively against Arunayatan while BDR's Rokan led his team's scoring against Hatkhola with seven goals.

services

LEEDS. England, July 26: star, reports AFP.

"We have to be interested in signing a player of lan's proven ability," said chief executive

Until now Durham were favourites to snap up the 35year-old to help their launch as a first-class county next sea-

Worcestershire have not

made a firm statement about But officials at the West

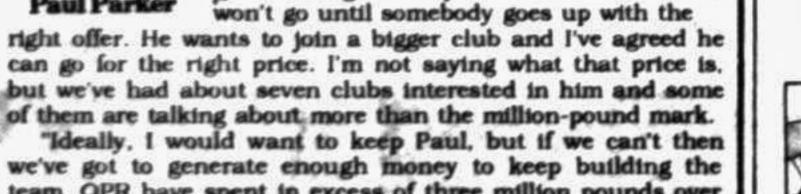
midlands county have hinted they would not stand in Botham's way if he wanted to move at the end of this summer and cut short his contract

Craig McDermott.

"If and when fan becomes available, our committee will

look at situation Hassell added.

Fairbank-Nideffer in semifinals



"Ideally, I would want to keep Paul, but if we can't then we've got to generate enough money to keep building the team. QPR have spent in excess of three million pounds over the last two years, but that kind of money is no longer available to me. The squad is not bad, but I need to strengthen one or two areas."

SOCCER SCENARIO

Clubs going hot for Parker

reports AFP.

Russel Smrity Club win big

HENIDAH, July 26: Russel Smrity Club defeated Ekata Sporting Club by 4-0 goals in the inaugural match of the Kishore Football League-91 held at Wazir Ali High School ground Thursday, reports UNB

Organised by the Kanchannagar Club the league was declared open by Motnuddin Ahmed, Headmaster of the school. Kader of the winners' side netted two goals while lighal and Liton scored one each. Dighary will meet Lions Club and Abahani Krira Sangha

Soviet skipper to join Benfica

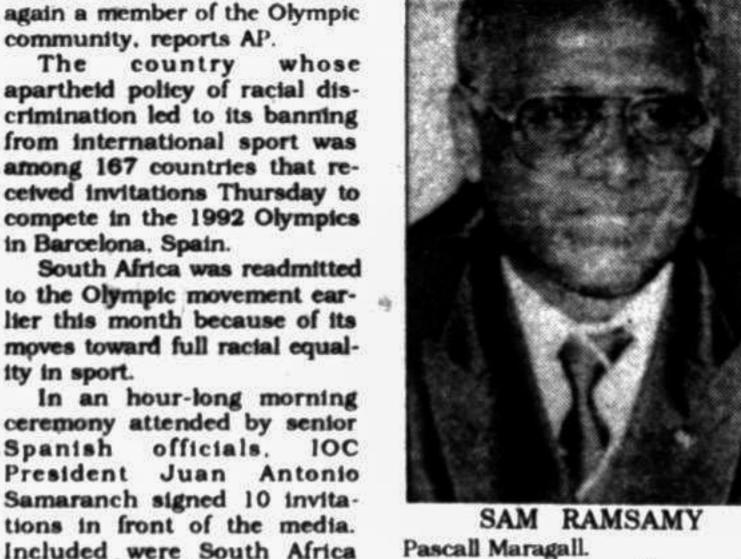
in the football league. .

will face Samata Club today. In total 16 teams are taking part

ISBON, July 26: Soviet international soccer captain Vasily Kulkov has agreed to join Portuguese champions Benfica from Spartak Moscow, a club spokesman said on Thursday. reports BSS.

Benfica director Gaspar Ramos said the 25-year-old defender would sign a three-year contract with the club next week. He joins compatriot Sergei Yuran, 22, a striker from Dynamo Kiev, who signed a similar contract at Benfica last

The two, whose transfer fees have not been disclosed, are the first Soviets to play in Portuguese soccer.



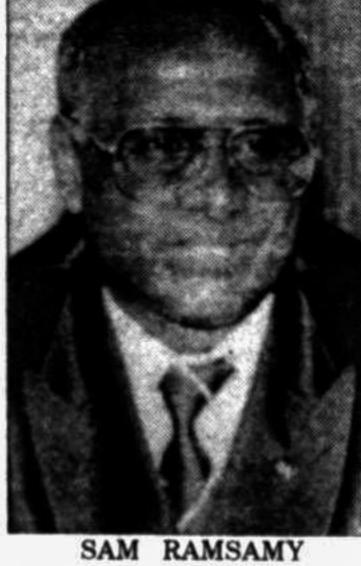
Spanish officials, IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch signed 10 invitations in front of the media. Included were South Africa and Namibia, the latest national Olympic committees to be recognized.

The national organizations have until Nov. 25 to reply to invitations to next summer's Games. The 1988 Seoul Olympics were attended by athletes from 160 countries.

ity in sport.

"It is really great news, fantastic," said Issy Kramer, treasurer of the National Olympic committee of South Africa. He said the invitation would be discussed at a NOCSA meeting Saturday.

Among those present at the ceremony at IOC headquarters were Javier Navarro, the Spanish government's sport delegate, and Barcelona Mayor



Samaranch flew Barcelona Thursday afternoon to join in official events mark ing the start of the final year of preparations. The Games take place July 25-Aug. 9, 1992.

The IOC recognized South Africa's national Olympic committee at a meeting July 9. after all the main apartheid laws were repealed. The IOC had also demanded that the country's segregated sports federations be merged into single non-racial organizations.

South Africa last competed 1960, when it fielded an allwhite team. The republic was



South Africa invited to Olympics

in the Olympics at Rome in expelled from the IOC in 1970 and became an international

medal contenders at next summer's Olympics. The country's main hopes are in track and field. Zola Budd-Pieterse. who took part in the 1984 Los Angeles Games under a British passport, is the best-known competitor. ATHLETES' APPEAL

Reuter adds from Sheffield, England, South African athletes appealed to the International Athletics Federation (IAAF) on Thursday to intervene in the row which threatens to prevent them competing at next month's World Championships in The IAAF received a letter

from a group of athletes saying they believed the South African Amateur Athletics Association (SAAAA) might turn down an invitation to compete in Tokyo because of pressure from Sam Ramsamy, president of the National Olympic Committee of South Africa (NOCSA).

The SAAAA is due to meet on Saturday to decide whether to accept the IAAF's invitation to send 25 athletes to the World Championship, but Ramsamy, who was a leading figure in the anti-aprthied movement, has said the haste to return to international competition was obscene." Last weekend two of the groups making up the SAAAA, the

lieve my time. I am not used to

running 5,000 metres so I had

39.25 seconds. Evans and

Sherry dead-heated for silver

spaniard Arturo Ortiz provided

any serious opposition with

2.31 metres. Conway went on

to attempt to equal the Games

The colourful closing cere-

mony, held on a cool, showery

evening in the presence of the

Games patron Princes Anne of

Britain, ended with the 3,500

tries celebrating together in

staged in the American city of

The 1993 Games will be

competitors from 112 coun-

the centre of the arena.

record of 2.41 but failed.

He won in 13 minutes

In the high jump only

no idea of what the time was."

Board (SAAB), decided to oppose participating in Tokyo. "We have reason to believe that the SAAAA, under pres-

South African Amateur

Athletics Congress (SAAC) and

the South African Athletics

sure from Sam Ramsamy, will not come to a decision on Saturday, said the letter from the athletes, including Zola Pieterse and several South African record holders and representing, they said, hundreds of other athletes. We feel the right of the individual athlete is not being considered at all," they added. On Wednesday, IAAF

President Primo Nebiolo urged the South African athletics bodies to stop internal quarrels and accept the invitation. He also said at a press conference here that South African athletes should push your leaders to come." Franco Fava, spokesman for the IAAF, said: "The letter

showed to us most athletes want to compete and we are pleased to know their position. We support them but all we can do is wait. If South Africa decides to take part in Tokyo it will be more useful than to sit decides to take part in Tokyo it will be more useful than to sit and talk for the next six months, it is down to

Nebiolo said on Wednesday: If they hesitate they will lose great sympathy from the world. It's a danger for them, not for us."

Germany

Britain

Canada

Poland

France

Hungary

Ireland

Australia

Holland

Romania

Jamaica

Burmuda

Nigeria

Taiwan

Finland

Norway

Malaysia

Mexico

Morocco

Yugoslavia

Indonesia

Belgium

Kenya

Sierra Leone

Spain

Cuba

ports AP. (TCCB): Mouth McEnroe's bane



MONTREAL, July 26 : John Me-Enroe's famous temper returned after a week a ab-

sence here Thursday, but it worked to his detriment as he fell in three sets to fellow American Derrick Rostagno in the third round of the Canadian Open. reports Reuter.

McEnroe, who was unusually passive during his loss to Mexico's Luis Herrera last week in Washington, threw two temper tantrums and was penalized a point during the third-set tiebreaker, losing 6-2, 1-6, 7-6 (7/5). "I don't want to talk about

ft," said the 32-year-old former world number one, who reportedly used obscenities

"It was ridiculous," said Rostagno. Tve never been involved in a match that ended like that. It doesn't feel like a

The match was interrupted for two hours by rain with the score tied at 5-5 in the final

It was a bad day all around for the McEnroe family as younger brother Patrick also was eliminated, losing in straight sets to hard-serving Japanese player Shuzo Matsukova, who played well last week in Washington, next

Andrei Chesnokov, who beat Italy's Stefano Pescosolido. Top-seeded Ivan Lendl avoided an upset for the second straight day, getting past Australia's Wally Masur 6-3, 3-6, 6-4 to advance to the quarter-finals and a possible match against eight seeded Brad Gilbert, who was playing fellow

will face unseeded Soviet

match. "I'm far from satisfied with my play at the moment," said Lendl, who has been out of action since Wimbledon with a hand infection and who committed eight double faults over

American Jim Grabb in a night

the course of the match. Switzerland's Jakob Hlasek seeded sixth, also survived against Australian Simon You and will meet unseeded Czech Petr Korda, who last night knocked off third-seeded Andre Agassi in what he saw as revenge for three previous

Backley betters own javelin mark the slow pace played into my South Korea hands a bit but I could not be-

in 13:39.31.



England, July 26: Former world holder record Backley Steve provided the ath-

letic events of the World Student Games with a rousing final on Thursday when he won the javelin gold medal for host country Britain, reports Reuter.

And there was an unexpected bonus for the home crowd in the 5,000 metres when John Mayock, a 1,500 metres specialist who came in only as a late substitute at the longer distance, also captured gold, improving his personal best by 22 seconds. In the high jump, Olympic

stamped his class on the event with a leap of 2.37 metres to add to the United States' impressive medal tally. Backley's opening throw of 87.42 metres was all he

silver medalist Hollis Conway

needed to retain the title and beat his own Games record. The victory delighted a near-capacity 25,000 crowd in the Don Valley Stadtum gathered to witness the ceremony closing the 12-day event.

But it was Mayock who



provided the day's coming from behind with a sustained run all the way up the straight and overhauling Australia's David Evans and American Peter Sherry in the final 10

Mayock, who comes from

nearby Barnsley, said: "I think

MEDALS TABLE Medals table after

North Korea

Thursday's events at the World Student Games (tabulate under gold, silver, bronzel United States China Soviet Union

Note: Two silver medals and no bronze awarded in the men's 800 and 5,000 metres athletics. Two bronze medals awarded in five tennis events Two bronze medals awarded in the men's 50 metres freestyle swimming.

against the chair umpire.

Friday's second semi-final. Chairman of National Sports

Monsoon handball semifinals today

Brothers Union take on Bangladesh Ansars while Bangladesh Rifles face Bangladesh Police in today's semifinals of the seventh monsoon handball tournament, organised by the Bangladesh Handball Federation.

In yesterday's quarterfinals,

Prominent scorers on the

Yorkshire keen

on Botham's

The chase for former England allrounder Ian Botham hooted up on Thursday night as Yorkshire declared their interest in the Worcestershire

Chris Hassell

Botham's future vet and neither has the player himself.

a year early. As for Yorkshire, Botham's arrival at Headingley would by another major coup following their recent signing of Australian Test fast bowler

PURCHASE, New York, July

26: Fifth-seeded Ros Fairbank-Nideffer overcame a five-hour rain delay Thursday to eliminate qualifier Lisa Raymond 6-3, 6-3 and move into the semifinals of the dirs 100,000 Westchester Ladies Cup, re-