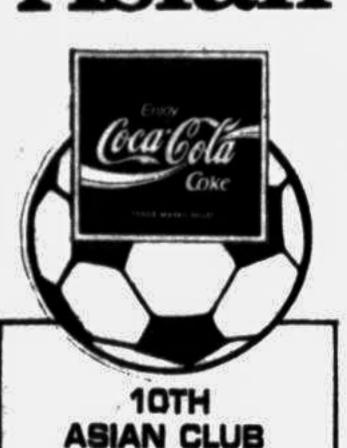
Asian Club Cup final today



COCA-COLA CUP

CHAMPIONSHIP '90

Sports Reporter The fact that the Liaoning line-up for today's game will be lacking three of their first choice players would appear to give the champion Iranian side the psychological edge. Three Chinese players made themselves ineligible for the final through their suspensions in the course of their semifinal clash against April 25 last Friday. While defender Li Zheng received the red card in that game from Nepali referee Shyam Shreshtha for a cynical foul, Tang Yaodong, their enterprising midfielder, was sent off just a minute from time after receiving his second yellow card in the match. Goalie Fu Yu Bin has also earned two yellow cards during the meet for time wasting, thus ruling himself out of the final.

For the record, as many as 45 yellow card warnings and four red card marching orders

the English county cricket

championship in their match

against Leicestershire on

onship leaders to declare at

449 for eight with a first in-

nings lead of 288. They then

reduced Leicestershire to 90

for three to set up the chance

of their eighth win of the sea-

son on the third and final day

as he crashed 20 fours and one

six and Leicestershire were

made to pay dearly for drop-

successive championship

matches and helped his side

earn maximum batting points

by Dermot Reeve (67) in a

stand worth 84, and he put on

137 in 29 overs for the sixth

wicket with wicketkeeper

Piran Holoway, who scored a

Jimmy Cook added Kent to

the list of counties he has

scored centuries against when

he made 126 out of Somerset's

total of 288 for seven declared.

against 14 of the counties in

less than three full seasons

He has now made centuries

South African captain

career best 89 not out.

Din was given good support

in the away fixture.

ping him when he was on 32.

Din was in outstanding form

It was his second century in

on Monday.

It enabled the champi-

Saturday, reports Reuter.

Asif Din cracked

maintain Warwic-

kshire's bid for

from only

balls to

have been issued by the panel of international referees since the start of the tournament, underlining the AFC's firm stand against rough play or unbecoming behaviour.

Iranian champions Esteghial Club will challenge defending champions Liaoning Football Club of China in the final of the 10th Asian Club Cup championship at the Dhaka Stadium this evening.

The match kicks off at 7:00

Foreign Minister ASM Mustafizur Rahman, who is also the chairman of the tournament organising committee, will give away the trophies as chief guest.

Today's final of the 11-day, seven-team tournament will be preceded by the third-place deciding play-off between the losing semifinalists — April 25 of North Korea and PS Pelita Jaya of Indonesia. That game is scheduled to start at 4:45 in the afternoon. Should there be a deadlock after the regulation 90 minutes then the issue will be settled through the penalty

On the other hand, if the flnal leaves both teams equal after regulation period of play there will be another 30 minutes of extra time, after which the issue will be decided with the help of the tie-breaker.

Group B champions Esteghlal should start as the favourites for the trophies at stake — the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) Cup and the Coca Cola Cup offered by the sponsors of the current

Asif Din hits purple patch

with Somerset and needs hun-

dreds against only Derbyshire

and Yorkshire to complete the

Pakistan A draw

with Sri Lankans

first four-day international

between Sri Lanka A and

Pakistan A ended in a tame

draw here Sunday with play

being halted ten minutes

before the commencement of

the mandatory overs due to

Pakistanis were helped by

useful contributions from

Aamir Hanif and the eighth

wicket pair of Igbal Sikander

including seven 4s while

Sikander and Laiq later took

their side out of the woods

with an unfinished 51-run

Khan made a belated

declaration shortly after Laig

hoisted medium pacer

Jayananda Warnaweera over

deep mid-wicket for a six to

finished with 3 for 36 while

medium pacer. Chintaka

Edirimanne claimed two

impossible target of 241 in 30

minutes plus the 20 mandatory

overs made 23 for no loss

The homeside set an

Off-spinner Ruwan Kalpage

bring the half-century stand.

Pakistan A skipper Moin

partnership in 156 minutes.

Hanif top-scored with 44

Resuming at 102 for 4, the

bad light, reports AFP.

and Ather Laig.

wickets.

CRICKET CLIPPINGS

Foot injury leaves Aaqib in the cold

injury, reports AFP.

SOUTHAMPITON, England, July 28

Pakistan pace prodigy Aaqib Javed is facing

a long period on the sideline with a foot

The 19-year-old from Lahore, who has

taken 61 wickets season in all competitions

for Hampshire during the current English

season, limped out of the match against

Warwickshire this week with damage to his

He was taken for X-rays and then a bone

scan. The X-ray failed to reveal a break, but

COLOMBO, July 28: The

Besides, the players of the top three teams will receive medals of gold, silver and bronze. There is a "fair play" trophy for the side deemed by the AFC as the best behaved in meet. The Bangladesh Sports Journalists' Association (BSJA) will reward the highest scorer, the best goalkeeper and the

best player of the tournament. Esteghlal's Abdul Samad Marfavy, Liaoning's Sun Wei and Li Chang Gyu of April 25, who each have scored three goals so far. — the last mentioned Korean having netted the only hattrick of the meet are all in running for the high-

est scorer's prize. The taller Iranians also possess superior physique and skills, compared to the Chinese, who have at times struggled to find their feet, such as in their opening robin league game against lowly Al-Nasr Club of Oman when they were hard pushed to salvage a one-all draw.

The Iranians have given the most composed, collected performance in the course of the competition, reflecting confidence in their abilities. On the contrary the Chinese have tended to panic at times, especially when their defence faced pressure, and lost their cool. The three suspensions amply testify to that frailty in their mental make-up.

However, this is not to suggest that the Chinese will be any pushovers today. Having won the trophy the last time they may have developed a

Kent with a first innings

Cook batted for just over

lead of 31, made 16 for one by

three hours and hit 13 fours

in making his seventh hundred

of the season and he shared

century partnerships with

Richard Harden (54) and cap-

earlier finished with seven for

105 in Kent's first innings of

his own hands at Lord's to

push for a long-overdue

unbeaten 71 from 109 balls

gave the struggling champions

a healthy 124-run advantage

over Nottinghamshire and with

it optimism of ending their

worst home run in all competi-

stand of 104 with the left-

handed Jason Pooley (59) and

then six boundaries off former

Test colleague Eddie

Hemmings in the space of nine

balls launched him into top

Y'slav soccer league

to start on schedule

BELGRADE, July 28

Yugoslavia's soccer authorities

voted on Saturday to start the

league season as planned on

August 3 despite the threat of

civil war, reports Reuter.

Gatting first shared in a

The Middlesex captain's

Somerset's David Graveney

Mike Gatting took it into

tain Chris Tavare (72).

Middlesex victory.

tions since 1968.

the close.

319.

weakness for its glitter and who knows, given the seriousness of the occasion and the high prize and prestige at stake, they may yet come up with a surprise or two and give the lie to all pre-match predictions fancying the Iranians.

Tickets for today's double programme, priced at Taka 25 for the galleries, go on sale at the Stadium counters from

VELAPPAN MEETS PRESS

Meanwhile, Mr Peter Velappan, Secretary of the AFC, who's been in town in connection with the tournament, addressed newsmen at the National Sports Council yesterday afternoon.

Flanked by BFF General Secretary Harunur Rashid and Joint Secretary Strajul Islam Bachchu, the AFC Secretary gave his impressions of the tournament, the playing conditions, state of the game in this country, as well as the general standard and prospects for the sport in the Asian continent.

Mr. Velappan was critical of the facilities at the Dhaka Stadium and felt such a state of disrepair could easily be overcome through better management and sincerity. He was also worried about the future of football in Bangladesh given the ad-hoc nature of its administration and the lack of continuity in the BFF.

In his opinion, the fare dished out by the participants in the present meet have not been of a very high order.

Pakistan trounce NZ in Azlan Cup hockey opener

IPHO, Malaysia, July 28: Pakistan, displaying the flair and artistry that made them Asian Games champions, trounced New Zealand 7-1 here Sunday in the opening match of the six-nation Sultan Azian Shah Cup invitational field hockey tournament here. reports AFP.

Pakistani midfielder Shahbaz Ahmad opened the scoring with a solo run in the fifth minute and although New Zealand skipper Peter Daji pulled one back in the 15th minute, the New Zealanders never looked in contention.

Khalid Bashir made it 2-1 near the internal before the Pakistanis ran riot in the second half with Irfan Ahmad Wascem Ferose and Tahir Zamna putting on a spell-binding display of incisive passing and speedy attacks on goal.

Irfan scored off a rebound in the 42nd minute, Tahir in the 55th and 62nd and Waseem in the 60th. Tahir notched his hatrick in the 66th minute.

Title retained

CAPO D'ORLANDO, Sicily July 28: Mauro Galvano of Italy retained his World Boxing Council (WBC) super-middleweight title when he beat American Ron Essett on points over 12 rounds on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Windies in a Test in England. England had started the day in dire straits, a mere 52 runs ahead of their opponents after slumping to 156 for eight in their second innings on Saturday.



Carl Hooper remained not out on 55.

Earlier on the day, all

rounder Chris Lewis restored

some pride to a desperate

England with a career-best 65

in a record ninth-wicket

partnership against

second Test at Lord's was drawn.

CHRIS LEWIS

But Lewis, who had given England some faint hopes on Saturday with his inspired bowling, stepped in heroically again with a record partnership of 92 with Derek Pringle. The two tailenders had been on 17 overnight.

By lunch, England were 238 for nine, a respectable 134 runs ahead and with Pringle holding firm on an unbeaten It was the best ninth wicket

partnership ever against the West Indies in England. surpassing the 89 of 1963. For Lewis, caught by

substitute Clayton Lambert off

by Ibrahim Kinuthia in 13.56.8 and another Julius Kariuki (no

relation to the steeplechase

champion) who was third in

13.57.8). On Friday, international Moses Tanui easily won the 10,000m in a time of 28.07.5, beating Richard Chelimo (28.08.7) and John Machoka

The squads are due to be announced early next week after results of other Kenyans competing in various meetings in Europe this weekend are also taken into consideration.

run lead.

AFC Secretary Peter Veleppan, who has been here in connection with the on-going Asian

Windies go 2-up

West Indies beat England by seven wickets with more than a day to spare in the fourth

cricket Test at Edgbaston yesterday, according to BBC running commentary monitored in

Dhaka late last night. Set 152 to win after England had extended their overnight second

innings score from 156 for eight to 255 all out shortly after lunch on the 4th day, the West

Indians survived some early scares to reach 157 for the loss of three wickets. kipper Viv

Richards, along with Carl Hooper, put on 133 runs for the unfinished fourth wicket stand after Phillip

DeFreitas had reduced the tourists to 24 for three by claiming the first three batsmen in a span of only seven

deliveries. But Richards, who hit the only six of the match for the winning shot, was unbeaten on 73 while

The win gave the West Indians a 2-1 lead with the final Test due to start at the Oval next month. The

Curtly Ambrose shortly before

lunch, it was his highest Test

score and easily made him

England's top scorer of the

match. His first Test half

century came off a mere 75

balls after 107 minutes and

Lewis, widely criticised

after the first day in which he

took only one wicket in 24.3

overs while conceding 95

runs, departed furious with

himself but to cheers from a

12,000-strong crowd who had

expected it all to be over by

performance from a man

whose recall for the Test had

surprised many and who took

five for 16 on Saturday to

finish with his best Test

Patterson destroyed the faint

hopes Chiri Lewis Lewis had

earlier engendered in English

hearts to leave West Indies on

the West Indies tail as the visi-

tors lost their last six wickets

for 39 to be all out for 292 and

restricted to a first innings

oretically, to put England back

bowled on a pitch of treacher-

ous bounce and aiding vicious

movement off the seam, en-

That appeared, at least the-

Patterson's first over.

He dismissed opener Hugh

Lewis had ripped through

On Saturday Patrick

figures of six for 111.

the verge of victory.

in with a chance.

sured it did not.

was an amazing

included eight fours.

lunch.

Club Cup tournament, addressed newsmen at the National Sports Council yesterday.

England's top order again let them down after Lewis had hauled them back into contention with an inspired spell of five for 16 to improve his wretched overnight bowling figures of one for 95 to easily his Test best of six for 111.

-Star photo

But that work was quickly undone as Patterson trapped Test debutante Morris leg before and had Atherton snapped up by Carl hooper at second

Each made just one run, as did the unhappy Graeme Hick immediately after lunch before he was bolwed by fast bowler Curtley Ambrose to leave England precariously on five for three.

Yet another failure by young Zimbabwe-born batsman from whom so much had bee hoped. could halt, at lest temporarily. his Test career.

Allan Lamb, another fighting to retain his place, will hardly feel any move secure although he put together a gritty 25 in sharing a 66-urn stand with captain Graham Gooch.

But any hopes of a fighting rearguard partnership perished when he gave a straight forward catch two wicketkeeper Jeff Dujon.

SCOREBOARD

Close of play scoreboard on the third day of the fourth Test between the West Indies and England at Edgbaston here on Saturday:

England: First innings: 188 West Indies: First innings

England: Second innings Gooch b Patterson H. Morris lbw b Patterson Atherton c Hooper b Patterson Hick b Ambrose Lamb c Dujon b Walsh Ramprakash c Dujon b Marshall Russell c Dujon b Patterson Pringle not out DeFreitas b Patterson Lewis not out Extras (lb 14, nb 9) Total (8 wks)

Fall of wickets; 1-2, 2-4, 3-5, 4-71, 5-94, 6-96, 7-127, 8

Bowling (to date): O M R W 18 7 30 1 Ambrose 18 4 39 5. Patterson Marshall 14 1 34 1. 0 7 Simmons 7 3 12 0.

Jansher eyes a third world title

ADELAIDE, Australia, July 28: Jansher Khan of Pakistan will be seeking his third consecutive world Open Squash title when the championships begin Tuesday, reports AP.

Three-time champion Jansher's closest rival for the crown is expected to be his countryman and six-time champion Jahangir Khan, who is not related to the title holder. The pair are seeded to meet in the final on August 4.

"I've prepared very well but it is going to be a tough tournament," 10-time British Open champion Jahangir said Sunday.

Second-seed Jahangir plays Paul Carter of Britain in the first round Wednesday night, while Jansher faces a qualifier in his opening match Tuesday

Krabbe sends early warning

HANOVER, Germany, July 28 : Double European sprint champion Katrin Krabbe showed she is back to form for the World Championships in Tokyo with a sub-11 second 100 metres at the German Athletics Championships here Saturday, reports AFP.

Her 10.91 sec time was wind assisted but it even surprised the golden girl from former East Germany and was enough to sound a warning to the rest of the world.

Bridge results The following are the re-

sults of 25-Pair, two session 'pair of the month' bridge contest of Dhaka Metropolis Bridge Association, held last Friday at the Bangladesh Bank Club premises, states a press First — Farooq H. Khan and

R. K. Barua (62.08 percent); second-Aminullah and Mobinul Islam (57.55 percent); third - Dr. Khosh Mohammad and Kalimullah (54.96 percent) and fourth -M. A. Quddus and A. Wahab Howlader (54.67 percent).

The DMBA has arranged a day-long post-Eid programme on August 2 (Friday) at the same venue. The programme includes (a) mini bridge league for 4-man teams at 9.30 a. m., (b) lunch at 2 p. m., (c) pair duplicate bridge contest on 'instant score technique' at 3.30 p.m. and (d) prize distribution at 8.30 p. m.

Italian spikers regain title

MILAN, Italy, July 28: World champions Italy regained the World Volleyball League title with an emphatic three set win over Cuba in Saturday night's final here, reports AFP.

Both teams looked totally different from their semifinal games in the 16-14, 15-12, 15-13 game in front of 15,000

people. Italy were disappointing in their game against the Netherlands on Friday, but bounced back to put on a

strong all round show. Cuba, who beat the Soviet Union in their semifinal. launched some powerful attacks, mainly around star player Joel Despaigne, but made too many defensive er-

rors at decisive moment. Final: Italy bt Cuba 3-0. (16-14, 15-12, 15-13).

Koga keeps world judo crown

BARCELONA, Spain, July 28 : Tohsihiko Koga retained his world judo lightweight crown in style here on Saturday night, reports AFP.

Koga had little trouble seeing off the local boy Joaqin Rutz by Yuko in the final, despite the strongly partisan

Botham is set to join Durham when they become the

18th English first-class cricket county next year, reports Reuter. Botham's current county Worcestershire said on Saturday they would release him at the end of the current season and

Hampshire are awaiting information from the bone scan

Botham set to join Durham next year

ONDON, July 28: Former England all-rounder lan

before knowing how long he will be out of the game.

confirmed Durham had made an approach for the player.

"Whilst we realise that, in releasing lan, it will be possible for any county to approach him, it is easy to understand that a link with Durham would be attractive to him," said

Worcestershire Secretary Mike Vockins. "It would take him back very near his home and it would provide a new and exciting challenge for him at the end of his career," he added.

Durham have already recruited Australian Test batsman Dean Jones as their overseas player for next season.

Robinson hits ton for Yorkshire

EEDS, England, July 28: Phtl Robinson scored exactly 100 as Yorkshire made 314 for eight declared against Sri Lanka on the first day of their three-day cricket match on Saturday, reports Reuter.

By the close the tourists had lost one wicket in scoring one run, with 17-year-old Mark Broadhurst having Roshan Mahanama caught behind first ball.

Robinson's chanceless century came from 149 balls, including two sixes and 10 fours, but he then mistimed a pull against Champaka Ramanayake and was caught at mid-on. promptng the declaration. Opener Stmon Kellett scored a career-best 82 and Jeremy

Batty hit 51 before he was caught and bowled by spinner Don Annurastri was the most successful Srt Lanka bowler, finishing with three for 122 on a pitch offering slow turn.

Sri Lanka, who opened their tour with victory over England amateurs in Wolverhampon on Wednesday, beat Durham in a one-day match on Friday.

Ereng edges Konchellah in 800m

NAIROBI, July 28: Olympic champion Paul Ereng shrugged off a strong challenge from world cha-

mpton Billy Konchellah to win the 800m at the Kenya National Athletic Championships here on Saturday, reports AFP.

The two-day trials will be used as the basis for selecting Kenya's athletics squad for both the World Champtonships in Tokyo next month and the All-Africa Games in Cairo from September 21.

Ereng, the only Olympic champion to win his race on Saturday, led from start, winning in one min 42.2 sec. followed by Konchellah in 1.45.8 and Robert Kibet 1.46.2.

Olympic 1,500m champion Peter Rono had to be content with third place in a race won by another international, Divid Kebet, who was timed at 3.37.6 with William Kimei second in 3.37.7.

The third Olympic cham-3.000 metres steeplechase gold medallist Julius Kartuki, was beaten into fourth when he clocked

Kenyan sprint champion Kennedy Ondiek clocked a hand-timed 9.9 sec in the men's 100m but was beaten into second place over 200m by his rival African champion Joseph Gikonyo, who clocked Yobes Ondieki, who two

years ago became the first man to beat Morocco's Said Aouita. easily won the 5,000m in 13.56.2 in the absence of John Ngugi, who is competing in

Ondeiki was followed home

Fernandez will be appearing

in her first final, but otherwise

the U. S squad is the same as

the one which triumphed in

Capriati, almost

Federation Cup veteran at the

age of 15, produced her most

impressive form of the week

key figure in the American

event's 29-year-history.

against Zrubakova and will be a

search for a 15th title in the

Spain's match with

Germany, notable in that both

teams consisted entirely of

teenagers, exposed the

out-gunned huber 6-1, 2-6, 6-

Atlanta last year.

MONTREAL, July Jim Courier was

The two top seeds were defeated by Andret Chesnokov and Petra Korda, the first time the championship will be without a Grand slam winner

Chesnokov, seeded 12th, topped Lendl 7-6 (7-4). 7-5. while Korda of Czechoslovakia ousted French Open champ courter 3-6, 7-6 (7-1), 6-2.

Lendl had a 28-1 career record playing on the hardcourts of Jarry Stadium, where the Canadian Open is held every other year. He has won the event six of eight times he

But Lend, who won a threehour, four-minute match against Jim Grabb on Friday night, seemed to play tentatively against Chesnokov of the Soviet Union. Lendl frequently displayed his agitation, both with himself and the chair

umptre over line calls.

Hooper

"I just had trouble openingup the court," Lendl said. "My game plan was to create chances and I did'n't create them. I haven't been hitting the ball as well as I would like. I wasn't tired: I have no one to blame but myself."

Lendl broke Chesnokov in the 12th game of the first set for a tiebreaker, but couldn't overcome the Soviet.

Trailing 6-5 in the second set, Lendl had two double faults in the decisive 12th

The unseeded Korda. ranked 40th in the world, is a little disappointed at the final matchup.

"I was hungry to play Ivan because he's my idol," said Korda, who made a stirring comeback in the match, "I was the ball boy for all of his Davis cup matches, except for maybe

one or two." Lendl was born in Ostrava. Czechoslovakia but now lives in Greenwich, Conn. where his wife Samantha is expecting

Korda, who had not reached

a final since 1989, is in his third since April. He lost to Andre Agassi at the Sovran Classic in Washington last He struggled in the first set

against Courier, as he was bro-

ken in the first and eighth

game. The latter break, which came when Korda trailed 4-3, featured two line calls which went against Korda, who was visibly displeased but did not let it affect his composure. Courter had a chance for

victory in the second set. Leading 4-3, two unforced errors by Courier led to a service break in the eighth game.

The set eventually went to a tiebreaker, which found Korda, who won 7-1 playing at an inspired level. That carried over into the

third set, which started with a break by Korda, who did the same thing in the fifth game. I felt I got so much energy after breaking him in the sec-

ond set," Korda said. "I told myself to just survive to the tiebreaker and we'll see." "When I won that and I told

myself that I was serving well."

US girls face Spaniards | Korda upsets his idol in Fed Cup final Novotna later. "Both of us They will now have the NOTTINGHAM served very badly.

July 28 : The United States and Spain will contest today's Federa tion Cup tennis final after comfortable victories over Czechoslovakia and Ger-

many respectively on Saturday, reports Reuter. The two top seeds, always good bets to reach the final

after injury forced Steffi Graf out of the German team. cruised unbeaten through their singles rubbers with minimum inconvenience. World number four Arantxa Sanchez Vicario dropped a set

to German 10-year-old Anke Huber but, for the second day running, came through to win well in the decisive third set. Along with conchita Martinez's 6-4, 6-1 success against Barbara Rittner, it en-

sured a 2-0 winning cushion

for the Spanish team, finalists

for the second time in three

chance to avenge their 1989 defeat against an American side seeking their fourth Federation Cup title in nine Jennifer Capriati led the way with a commanding 6-3,

6-1 defeat of Radka Zrubakova and Mary Joe Fernandez, the world number six, outlasted Jana Novotna 6-4, 0-6, 9-7 in an error-strewn contest on Eentre Court to cement vic-Novotna had several

chances to take the tie into a decisive doubles rubber but wasted too many openings against an often static Fernandez. With 19 service breaks, it scarcely looked like a match

between tow of the top eight players in the world and, fittingly, the outcome was finally settled by a Novotna double

German's lack of big-match experience. Martinez, seventh in the world, gave Rittner a reminder of her talents before Sanchez Vicario, in aggressive mood,

2. Even Graf might have struggled to hold her in the final "I was two points away from winning and blew it," said

Morris and Mike Atherton in the space of four balls and went on the claim five for 39 as England slumped to 156 for eight by the close, a mere 52-

8.24.9. Partick Sang (8.25.4) and John Kipkoech (8.26.7).

20.0s sec.

abruptly changed in Saturday's semifinals, reports Reuter.

since 1978.

reached the final.

28: What looked like a Chandian Open final between Ivan Lendl and