have been divided into two

Sylhet, Mymensingh, Jessore,

and Chuadanga DSAs.

Bangladesh Air Force,

Bangladesh Navy and

Bangladesh Ansar are making

bye to move in to the quarter-

finals as Rajshahi University

withdrew their name at the

The budget of the champi-

Dhaka University received a

up Group 'B'.

last moment.



The Basundhara fourteenth na tonal hockey championship. organised by Bangladesh Ho-

cky Federation (BHF), begins this afternoon at the Hockey Stadium. Reigning champions. Bangladesh Krira Shikkha

opening match at 3.p.m. State Minister of Youth and Sports Sadeq Hossain Khoka will formally inaugurate the

Protishthan (BKSP) will take

on Munshiganj DSA in the

11-day meet. BHF officials, in a press conference held at the Hockey Federation office yesterday said that a record number of twenty one teams, including district sports association sides, are taking part in this

Sports Reporter year's championship. The participating teams

will provide Tk 2.50 lakh. groups 'A' and 'B'. Shah Sports — sports goods The Group 'A' consists of wholesellers - will provide the BKSP, Bangladesh Army, Dhaka trophy for the winners. They Education Board, Faridpur, will also give fair play trophy Chittagong. Narayanganj. and best player's and highest Patuakhali, Bogra and Munshiganj DSAs, Bangladesh scorer's tropies. Police and Bangladesh Railway The organisers and sponwhile Dhaka University. Engineering University. Dhaka,

sors, at yesterday's press conference, requested to the journalist to back them up in their efforts to procure the super turf which, as they said. was a must for the development of the game.

onship will be Taka 3.50 lakh

of which this year's sponsors

Basundhara Abastk Prakalpa

The organisers also plan to hold a school, hockey tourna-

ment in the middle of October. The final match of the championship will be held on August 20.

Kabaddi league gets underway

Mirpur Ekadash and Jurain Janata Club recorded comfortable victories in their respective matches on the inaugural day of the Dhaka Kabaddi League yesterday at the Outer Stadium kabaddi court.

Reigning champions. Mirpur Ekadash shrugged off Bangladesh Bank Sports Club 24-6 after leading 14-1 at half

Mirpur earned one lona. In the other match, Jurain Janata routed Relation Youth Sangha 23-5 after leading comfortably 11-4 at the breather.

ZURICH, Aug 9:

Six-times Olym-

Carl Lewis, stru-

ggling to domi-

nate the 100 me-

tres as he used to, has kept his

motivation by fixing new goals

- like Wednesday's 4 x100

metres relay record, reports

was beaten over 100 metres

for the third this season by

compatriot Leroy Biurrell, 24.

at the prestigious Zurich

doubts that he will be able to

retain his title at the World

Championships in Tokyo alter

But Lewis later anchored a

US sprint relay quarter to a

world record of 37.67 seconds

together with 100 metres

world record holder Burrell.

Mike Marsh and Dennis

Tom Tellez, Lewis's coach

the Santa Monica Track

Club, believes such world

record attempts are helping

keep Lewis's concentration as

the travelling. He's the kind of

guy who likes to stay at home

and be with the go," Tellez

team efforts and going for the

"Carl is getting tired of all

"But he is stimulated by

The defeat raised serious

Grand Prix meeting.

this month.

Mitchell.

the years go by.

The 30-year-old American

Reuter.

pics champion

Sports Reporter

Eighteen teams, divided into four groups, are taking part in this year's league, organised by Bangladesh Kabaddi Federation.

The teams in Group A are: Mirpur Ekadash, Bangladesh Boys, Jhatika Samaj Kalyan. Dhaka WASA and Bangladesh Bank Club.

In Group B the teams are: Jurain Janata, Relation Youth Sangha, Maniknagar SS and Helal Smriti Sangshad.

The team in Group C are: Sonali Bank, Jatrabari Udayan Sangha, Manda Sangshad. Jatrabari Farooq S.S. and

New goals keep Lewis going

relay record. When he has

something to focus one, he

Telez, who coaches the

gets the motivation."

CARL LEWIS

cause of injury.

Olympics.

American relay squad, says

Lewis has struggled this year

because he was unable to train

But he believes the mental

hard early in the season be-

attitude is the key to his suc-

cess. Lewis is capable of recov-

ering to take centre stage at

the Tokyo championships and

next year's Barcelona

downer this year when he was

unable to go for the world long

jump record at altitude in Italy

because of bad weather," Tellez

"Carl faced a bit of a mental

Srijoni Sangshad.

The teams in Group D are: Azad Sporting, Imarat Nirman Sramik Unnayan, Anirban Sangshad and Dilkusha Sporting Club. The group champions and

runners-up will qualify to play in the quarter-finals. The final will be held on August 26.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Azad Sporting vs Imarat Nirman (6 pm). Anirban Sangshad vs Dilkusha SC (6 pm).

"But he has the potential to

break the long jump record

and he can win (over 100) in

Tokyo. When he has the goal

he will be ready for it. And

next year he will be even more

advantage of the warm condi-

tions and Zurich's traditionally

enthusiastic crowd at Europe's

richest meeting. Slick baton

changes gave Lewis a com-

manding lead to take down the

37.79 had been held by the

French national squad and a

Santa Monica team, including

Lewis, who equalled the

record in Monte Carlo last

sons' battle for supremacy.

Lewis has relished this sea-

"It was good that the

French got the record because

it made it all the more com-

petitive," he said. But the pres-

sure is going to be on us now.

We have to be regarded as the

of gold and a bonus of 15,000

dollars for a world record pro-

duced some superb perfor-

Zambian Samuel Matete's sec-

ond fastest 400 metres hur-

dles of all time, 47.10 seconds.

Only hurdling legened Ed

The incentive of a kilogram

Among other highlights was

favourities for Tokyo."

Moses has run faster.

The previous record of

The American quarter took

ready for the Olympics."

final straight.

weekend.

Women's doubles in quarters Sports Reporter

England captain Graham Gooch plays off Courtney Walsh

on the first day of the fifth cricket Test against West Indies



doubles event reached the quarter-final stage yesterday in the 16th

National Table Tennis Championships now being held at the National Coaching Centre.

at the Oval on August 8.

Julekha and Shamima of Ansars were the first to enter quarterfinals outplaying Babli and Takhi of Dinajpur DSA by 21-8 and 21-6 sets yesterday afternoon. Joshna and Trishna of Narail posted easy 21-6 and 21-8 wins against Rakha and

Rinu and Bacchi of Ansars also reached the eight when

they registered comfortable victories against Salma and Dipa of Patuakhali.

Favourites Linu and Shabana made it to the quarters without much fuss disposing of Ntla and Eeli of Gatbandha.

-AFP photo

87 preliminary round matches of boys' and men's singles were also held yester

Boys' doubles, men's doubles and mixed doubles preliminaries were also held on the day.

Boys', men's, women's and mixed doubles finals are scheduled for this evening. the top two teams to clash in the final.



Trisha of Narail seen in action during a women's singles match in the 16th national TT championships at the National Coaching Centre yesterday. Star photo

demolition of Pakistan's Mir Zaman Gul.

LONDON, Aug 9: Former Olympic Javelin champion Tessa Sanderson withdrew Britain's World Championship athletics team on Thursday because of back

The 35-year-old Sanderson, who won the European Cup crown in Frankfurt in June, had an operation on the injury a fortnight ago.

But the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic champion told selectors on Thursday she would not be fit for Tokyo in a fortnight's time.

Asian women's softball results JAKARTA, Aug 9: The one better than host

Philippines took the last berth Indonesia, which notched six in the finals of the fifth Asian women's softball championship Indonesia here Thursday after drubbing Singapore and North Korea by Hong Kong 14-0 and later de-

They qualified to play in today's final rounds alongside China, Japan and Taiwan, considered Asia's softball giants. They qualified earlier by winning most of their round robin

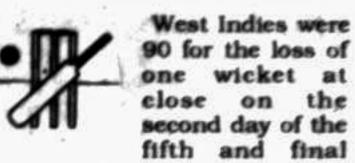
The Philippines won seven matches and lost three, just slot.

victories and conceded four defeated

identical 9-4 scores. Defending champions China crushed Malaysia 11-1 South

Today's final rounds will be held under a page system in which the top two teams play for one of the two final slots, and the loser will play the winner between the third and fourth teams for the other

Smith hits defiant ton 90 for the loss of one wicket at



cricket Test match against England at the Oval Friday, according to BBC monitored in Dhaka late last

Desmond Haynes was bating on 46 and Richie Richardson on 20 after Phil Simmons fell leg before to David Lawrence

Earlier. England were all out for 419 with Robin Smith making a defiant 109 and Chris Lewis remaining 47 not out. There were 54 extras in the England total, made up mainly of no-balls and wides. lan Botham and Alec

Stewart both made 31 each. For the West Indies. Ambrose and Walsh took three wickets each, Patterson two and Hooper and Marshall one

By lunch, Smith had taken his own score to 92 and helped England to 310 for five from their overnight 231 for

But even his performance, superb as it was, became of secondary interest to that of lan Botham who, in 80 min utes at the crease, made an undefeated 15.

The England all-rounder was greeted by the packed crowd like a returning hero. many standing to applaud as he strode back into the Test arena for the first time in over two years.

But it was a subdued, disciplined Botham who aided Smith's defiance of the West Indies pacemen.

Alec Stewart had done the same for the first 40 minutes of play, taking his score from 19 to 31 before a defensive push off Patrick Patterson just carried to Richie Richardson. who took a fine diving catch at cover.

England were then 263 for five but still needing many more runs on a pitch lavouring the batsmen.

Botham played with singular determination - his first 11 runs came in singles - before swivelling to hook Courtney Walsh majestically to the boundary.

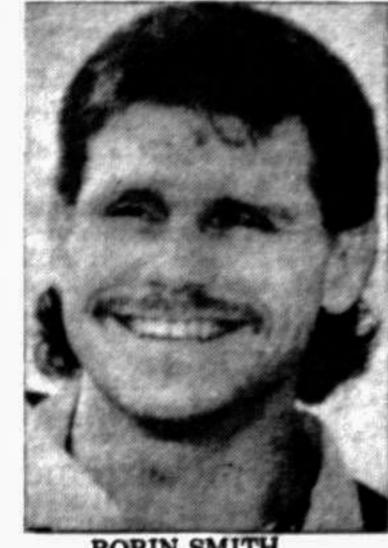
There developed a fascinating duel between him and fast bowler Malcolm Marshall, who needs just two more victims to draw level with Botham as the second highest Test wicket taker behind Sir Richard Hadlee.

Smith looked less comfortable than on Thursday, obviously troubled by the finger injury which sidelined him for the fourth Test.

But that still did not prevent him cutting loose on occasions, memorably early on with successive square cuts off Curtly Ambrose and later a model straight drive off Walsh.

That stroke took him past 2,000 runs in Test cricket in only his 50th innings for England.

West Indies' slow over rate again reduced the tempo of play but England will have been satisfied with the 79 runs scored from the 24 overs bowled in the two hour ses-



ROBIN SMITH

On Thursday, Robin Smith again rescued England after they were on the verge of col-

Smith, back after injury. batted superbly with a mixture of defence and occasional aggression after the loss of three quick wickets had threatened to toss away the advantage of England's best opening stand of the series.

He contributed an unbeaten 54 to England's first day total of 231 for four. Partner Alec Stewart was 19 not out.

Graham Gooch would cer tainly have wanted more runs on an Oval pitch which favoured batting, though op posing captain Viv Richards probably anticipated more wickets.

The day's play was akin to Hamlet without the prince, or in the context of this match. without the princes.

It gave no stage to Richards to show his wonderful batting talent in his farewell Test. Nor was the recalled Ian Botham required to make his first Test appearance for more than two years. That comes later.

Gooch and Hugh Morris gave England their most positive start after winning the toss and opting to bat on a pitch reduced in pace by heavy rain the previous day. Morris understandably

made a nervous start after scoring only four runs in two innings in his debut Test two weeks ago. He was fortunate to escape when Malcolm Marshall spilled a catch in the gully

But he prospered for a time and a couple of stylish offdrives off Patrick Patterson showed his class before Curtly Ambrose began to work on him much as a boxer sets his opponent up for the kill. First he broke the stamp on

the left hander's helmet with a vicious rearing ball which hit him on the side of the face.

He followed up with a series of short-pitch deliveries which had Morris not knowing which

way to move. The knockout blow came from another short-pitched ball which Morris fended into the hands of Clayton Lambert at forward short leg. Morris made 44.

Both Ambrose and fellow fast bowler Courtney Walsh increased the tempo and for half an hour England's batsmen faced a ferocious barrage.

Walsh and Mike Atherton caught at second sltp before he scored and then Ambrose dismissed Gooch leg before for

In the space of less than half an hour England had slumped from 112 without loss to 120 for three.

But Smith, promoted in the order to number four, and Mark Ramprakash, clawed

England back from the brink. They were finally parted after adding 68 defiant and courageous runs, with Ramprakash, almost predictably, out for 25.

In seven out of his eight innings since his debut in the opening Test he has scored more than 20 but fatled to reach 30 runs.

Smith was joined by Stewart, brought into the side as a batsman-wicketkeeper in one of five changes to the England side beaten in the

fourth Test. The fifth was forced on England on Thursday morning when seamer Derek Pringle went out with tonsillitis.

West Indies made one change, introducing Lambert for Gus Logie.

Following is the scoreboard

SCOREBOARD

at close of play on Thursday: England first innings: Gooch Ibw b Ambrose Morris c Lambert b Ambrose Atherton c Hooper b Walsh Smith not out Ramprakash e Lambert b Hooper Stewart not out Extras (b-4, lbw-1, nb-17) Total (for four wickets) 231 Fall of wickets: 1-112. 2-114, 3-120, 4-188 To bat: I Botham, P Defrettas, C Lewis, D Lawrence, P Tufnell.

BOWLING:	0	M	R	N
Ambrose	24	6	48	2
Patterson	18	3	67	0
Walsh	20	3	51	1
Marshall	12	2	31	0
Hooper	6	0	23	1
West In	dies -	- D I	lavnes	P

Simmons, R Richardson, C Hooper, V Richards, C Lambert, J Dujon, M Marshall, C Ambrose, C Walsh, P Patterson.

National Congress (ANC)

leader Nelson Mandela asking

him to intervene in the dis-

pute, an IAAF spokeswoman in

written to president F W De

Klerk could not be confirmed.

had not heard of Nebiolo's last-

gasp appeal, said: "The one

thing we want to emphasis is

that the issue of international

competition should not over-

shadow our primary aim. That

of fully integrated, non-racial

sport in this country, the ANC

concern that Tokyo may be

jumping the gun, decided that

it was still too early for South

African to break its apartheid

isolation, preferring to wait for

the starter's pistol at next

if the Springboks do not turn

up in Tokyo, it may use its

powers to block South Africa's

Some SAAAA officials who

voted against Tokyo indicate

they could be persuaded to

change their minds, but with

only a week before the August

14 deadline for accepting a

place in the Championships, it

seems unlikely the Springboks

But the IAAF has hinted that

year's Barcelona Olympics.

entry to Barcelona.

will be there.

The SAAAA, mirroring AMC

Reports that he had also

An ANC spokesman, who

London said.

spokesman said.

Springboks doubtful for Tokyo

Pieterse has also distanced

The IAAF on Tuesday

turned down Van Zyl's request,

saying the body could not ac-

cept individual applications

and that a decision to attend

must be taken by the South

African Amateur Athletics

see the Springboks end their

apartheid isolation in Tokyo.

But Nebiolo, who is keen to

herself from the letter.

Association (SAAAA).



JOHANNESBUR. Aug 9: South African athletes linked to a rebel bid to take part in the World Ath-

letic Champio-nships in Tokyo this month said on Wednesday they had nothing to do with application, reports Reuter. They were responding to a

letter sent by former Springbok miler Fanie Van Zyl to International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) president Primo Nebiolo asking that a team of 25 athletes and three reserves be accepted in the Championships.

Van Zyl said in the letter athletes were being "used and abused" by the South African officials who last month vetoed the country's invitation to Tokyo from the IAAF. "I was not aware of the let-

ter." said US-born former world javelin record holder Tom Petranoff, who now has South African citizenship and whose name was mentioned in the letter.

Other names in the bid include Zola Pieterse, who under her maiden name Budd ran the 3,000 metres for Britain at the Los Angles Olympics, and Elana Meyer, who has run the world's fastest women's 3,000

- Star photo.

had already written to African **BCCI** collapse

hits Imran

LAHORE, Pakistan, Aug 9: Pakistan cricket star Imran



Khan's multi-million dollar cancer hospital project narrowly escaped a setback with the collapse of Bank of Credit and Commerce International (BCCI), reports AFP.

But the Pakistan all-rounder and captain lost his job at a BCCI-funded magazine, his friends said.

Imran was chief Editor of Cricket Life, financed by BCCI. The sports magazine foiled ahead of the bank's collapse last month. But the magazine's demise

alerted Imran, who realised "something was going wrong with the Bank," and withdrew his money, they said. Imran is currently collect

ing funds to achieve his life long mission of constructing a cancer hospital in memory of his mother Shaukat Khanum who died from the disease. Funds held in BCCI's

London branch were with

drawn 'long before' the BCC!

was ordered to close down, he

told a news conference here.

Golf fan killed by lightning CARMEL, Indiana, Aug 9: A spectator was killed by light-

ning on Thursday during the first round of a US gold championship, tournament organisers said, reports Reuter. A spokesman for the PGA of America said the unidenti-

fied man was struck while walking in a car park after the tournament was suspended by the threat of lightning during a thunderstorm. He was taken to the hospital where he died. It was the second death

caused by lightning this year during a major golf championship. One man died and five others were injured in June when they were struck during the first round of the U.S Open.

Jahangir, Martin in semis



Australia, Aug 9: Australian Rodney Martin and Pakistan's Jahan-

gir Khan set up a world squash title rematch when each qualified for the semifinals of the Australian Open here Friday. reports AFP.

Martin cruised past compatriot Rodney Eyles in three games, while Jahangir found his toughest opponent of the Open so far in fifth seed Tristan Nancarrow, who took him to four games in 76 gruelling minutes.

E Bengal, Calcutta MSC clash today

Sports Reporter

East Bengal Club and Mohammedan Sporting will clash today in the crucial second round match of the Calcutta Super Division football league at the Salt Lake Stadium.

The match will start at 4.30 pm (BST) and it is learnt that the All India Radio will broadcast the running commentary of the match. Several Bangladeshi players

are expected to play for both the teams today. Roxy, Jewel, Salauddin. Shabbir and Ponir are expected to don Calcutta

Mohammedans' jersey while

Munna, Aslam and Ghaus are

likely to be playing for East Bengal. East Bengal are currently leading the points table by dropping only six points while Calcutta Mohammedan have dropped 13 points. Mohun Bagan, the other title contenders, have dropped only

seven points. The first round tie between Mohammedans and East Bengal ended in a goalless draw.

Nancarrow had earlier been banned from tournament squash for six months by a committee of the Players' Association including Jahangir, but his behaviour on-court Friday was exemplary.

Nancarrow's suspension begins next month and follows his defeat in an acrimonious World Open championship match with compatriot Anthony Hill last week. After the match Nancarrow said he was unlikely to appeal

against the suspension. Martin's older brother. Brett, seeded four, made heavy weather of his quarter-final

and at one point trailed 1-2 to Liverpool sign up Mark Walters

LIVERPOOL, Aug 9: Liverpool signed winger Mark Walters from Glasgow Rangers for 1.2 million pounds sterling (2.04 million dollars) on Thursday, reports Reuter.

Graeme Sonnies, manager of the English First Division club, said: "He is a valuable ad dition to our squad as he can play in several different positions." The move for Walters fol-

lows last month's spectacular 5.1 million pounds (8.84 million Dollars) double swoop for Derby's Dean Saunders and Mark Wright. Liverpool reported a deficit

of more than 330,000 pounds (5,65,000 dollars) last year and face costly ground improvements so that latest transfer will stun many observers who believed the club needed to sell more of their bringing in further recruits.

huge playing staff before Peter Beardsley's transfer to Everton and Steve Staunton's departure for Aston Villa have recouped more than two million sterling (3.4 million dol-

unseeded Englishman Chris

In the semis, the older Martin will meet second seed Chris Dittmar, who dropped only 21 points in a sizzling

Sanderson opts

out of Tokyo team

injury, reports Reuter.

feating Singapore 12-1, reports AFP.

matches.

Korea drubbed India 16-1.

The Dhaka kabaddi league began at the Outer Stadium kabaddi court yesterday.