

Sonali Bank win comfortably

Sonali Bank registered a comfortable 13-8 victory over Manda Sangshad in the Dhaka kabaddi league match yesterday at the wooden-floor gymnasium.

The bankers led 1-0 at the breather.

Sonali Bank scored one lone in the only match of the day.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Mirpur Jubo vs Jhatika Samaj (5:30 pm)
Bangladesh Boys vs Dhaka WASA (5:30 pm)

Anglo-Pak hockey clash tomorrow

LONDON, Aug 15: Britain's hockey manager Bernie Cotton has announced an all-England squad for Saturday's international against Pakistan, reports AFP.

Sean Curly and five others from the Seoul Olympic gold medal squad have been named for the match at the Prescott Club on Merseyside.

Havant's Rob Hill, a late addition to the squad following his outstanding performances in the World Students Games, has been selected while two of England's under-21 squad, Simon Nicklin and Rowan Davis, are set to win their first British caps after each making one appearance for England.

SQUAD

Sean Rowlands, David Faulkner, Russell Garcia, Robert Hill, Don Williams (all Havant), Sean Curly, John Shaw (Southgate), Robert Cliff, David Luckes, Steve Batchelor (East Grimstead), Paul Bolland, Rob Thompson, Jon Potter (all Houslow), Rowan Davis (St Albans), Jason Laslett (Teddington), Simon Nicklin (Slough).

PM to open BKSP swimming pool

The newly constructed swimming and diving pool of Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protisthan (BKSP) will be opened on Saturday, reports UNB.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia will inaugurate the international standard pool at the BKSP complex in Savar at 10 am.

She will also visit the sports museum at the BKSP premises.

Abahani slates reconstitution of DMFA

Abahani Krira Chakra criticised the recent 'undemocratic' formation of executive committee of the reconstituted Dhaka Metropolitan Football Association (DMFA), reports UNB.

In a press release, they strongly protested the formation and announced the withdrawal of their representative from the revived DMFA.

They further demanded for immediate start of the football league under an interim committee of the association.

Hall outsprints Huebner

STUTTGART, Germany, Aug 15: Defending champion Michael Huebner of Germany failed to qualify for the semifinals of the men's pro sprint at the World Cycling Championships on Wednesday, reports AP.

Huebner was beaten in the first quarterfinal heat by Carey Hall of Australia. The German, who once competed for the now defunct East Germany, fell in the second heat when his chain snapped.

In the repeated heat, Hall again outsprinted Huebner to gain the semifinals.

Nat'l hockey qtrs today

Sports Reporter



All the quarter-final matches of the Basundhara fourteenth national hockey championship will be held today at the Hockey Stadium.

Dhaka District Sports Association will take on Bangladesh Navy in the first quarter-final match at eight in the morning.

Dhaka DSA qualified for the quarters crushing BUET 7-1 in Wednesday's pre-quarterfinal match while Navy scraped

through edging past Bangladesh Ansars on the same day.

Last year's runners-up Dhaka University, who received a bye into the quarters when Rajshahi University declined to participate at the last moment, will meet Bangladesh Air Force in the second quarter-final at 9:30 am.

In the afternoon, favourites Bangladesh Army will face Dhaka Education Board at 2:30 pm.

Army marched into the last

eight in a grand style blanking Narayanganj DSA 7-0 on Tuesday while Dhaka Education Board, in their turn, disposed of Chittagong DSA (3-1) also on Tuesday to make the last eight.

Defending champions, Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protisthan (BKSP) will face the spirited Faridpur DSA in the last match of the day at 4:30 pm.

The semifinals are scheduled for Sunday (August 18) while the final will be on August 20.



The Dhaka kabaddi league match between Sonali Bank and Manda Sangshad in progress yesterday at the Outer Stadium kabaddi court. Sonali Bank won 13-8. —Star photo

SA miss Tokyo deadline



JOHANNESBURG, Aug 15: South Africa's deadline for accepting an invitation to this month's World Athletics Championships in Tokyo slipped by on Wednesday, sinking athletes' hopes of putting an end to two decades of isolation, reports Reuter.

But angry track and field stars responded by pledging to send a delegation to Tokyo anyway to protest against their officials' decision not to take up the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) invitation to the championship.

"We will regretfully not be accepting the invitation," said Joe Stutzen, a member of the newly-formed South African Amateur Athletics Association (SAAA), which is spearheading the country's drive for international acceptance.

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Athletes to leave for Tokyo Aug 20

Sports Reporter

The president of the Bangladesh Amateur Athletic Federation Brigadier M Ahsanullah leaves Dhaka on Sunday, Aug 18 for Tokyo to attend the congress of the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF).

The congress will be held in the Japanese capital from August 19 to 23.

A three-member Bangladesh athletics team led by BAAF general secretary Abdul Wadud Khan will leave on August 20 to participate in the 'Third World Athletic Championships' in Tokyo, scheduled for August 24 to September 1.

The two athletes in the team will be sprinters Gholam Ambia of Bangladesh Army and Feroza Khatoun, the fastest woman of the country.

Barcelona Olympics is now a certainty for South Africa," he said.

The IAAF had given South Africa until Wednesday to take up the Tokyo invitation, but squabbling factions within the SAAA scuppered plans to send a 28-strong team.

Brian De Lacy, spokesman for the organisation which represents the athletes, said three athletes would go to Tokyo to attend in IAAF executive meeting next week which immediately precedes the championships.

"Tokyo is out for us as far as we are concerned. But we feel it is essential that athletes be sent to Tokyo to put the case of all the country's athletes and not administrators," he said.

"My view is that it would be a waste of time for the administrators to go across (to Tokyo). They have put their case."

The athletes were expecting to hear later on Wednesday whether the IAAF would ac-

cept their presence in Tokyo.

The athletes proposing to attend the meeting are ultramarathon star Bruce Fordyce, Soweto Athlete and administrator Banile Sindani and Springbok high jumper Christo Very.

A SAAA delegation will also be present at the IAAF executive meeting in Tokyo, although it may be given a frosty reception after failing to accept the boycott-ending invitation.

The IAAF, smarting at the snub, says it has the power to block the Springboks from next year's Olympics, but local officials said privately they felt it was unlikely the world ruling body would use that power.

Stutzen said that now the Tokyo dispute was over, the SAAA could concentrate on ironing out the remaining differences between rival factions and drive for non-racial unity.

"We are close to unity, rest assured we are working for the benefit of all," he said.

2,783 apply for world meet

TOKYO, Aug 15: A total of 1,041 athletes from 117 countries have entered the third World Track and Field Championships, the organizing committee said today, reports AFP.

The official deadline for entry expired Wednesday but the committee said it would accept entries until the August 23 opening of the Games, as 2,783 athletes from 134 countries have made preliminary applications.

Among the countries which have not yet submitted their entry lists are the United States and Britain, but some members of those teams are already in Japan undergoing intensive training, the committee said.

Germany has registered the

largest number of athletes — 110 — followed by the Soviet Union with 106 and France with 89, according to the committee.

The Championships end September 1. Meanwhile, American superstars Carl Lewis and Leroy Burrell arrived in Tokyo on Thursday.

Burrell, who raced to a world record 9.90 seconds on June 14 in the men's 100-metre dash at the US National Championships in New York, is expected to battle it out with former world record holder Lewis, who has done the sprint in 9.92 seconds, in the August 25 final.

"It's a long trip... but I'm not tired and I'm in fine condition," Burrell, 24, said upon arrival at the airport here.

Lewis refused to make any comment.

Becker has special reason for wanting to succeed here. This is Becker's sixth successive week as world number one — he also held that lofty position for three weeks after winning the Australian Open in January. But he's never won an event as the top player.

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A Graf for a Capriati?

ST PETERSBURG, Fla., Aug 15: "I'll trade you a Steffi Graf for a Jennifer Capriati," reports AP.

Those words are coming soon to a tennis club near you.

Greg Smith, executive director of the Women's Tennis Association, announced Tuesday that the WTA has granted ProTennis Plaer Cards Inc. an exclusive license to publish a trading card collection featuring top women players.

"Our players know that the cards will enhance people's knowledge of the game and provide hours of enjoyment to young people, avid collectors and nostalgia buffs," Smith said.

Trading cards, wallet size cards with pictures and statistics of athletes, have been a popular hobby of American boys for over half a century. The hobby started with baseball near the turn of the century but over the last decade it has grown to include adults and turned into a multi-million dollar industry along with other sports collectibles.

Pan-Am officials accused of blatant cheating

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Aug 15: DeDe Nathan won the heptathlon gold medal in the Pan-Am Games, but she says she'll never run in Cuba again, reports AP.

"There was nothing good about that meet... It made you not want to compete," she said.

Nathan said American athletes criticized the officiating openly, but to no avail.

"They were cheating, blatantly cheating, and the coaches couldn't do anything. They were measuring things wrong, marking things wrong, calling false starts where there were no false starts," Nathan said Monday.

"The meet was bogus. It's not even worth competing when you don't get a fair shake."

Nathan won the gold medal on Sunday and returned to the United States the next day.

She and teammate Sharon Hainer kept close track of each other's field event distances, looking for inconsistencies. Hainer eventually took the heptathlon silver with 5,770 points, eight fewer than Nathan.

"Sharon had thrown the shot put and it bounced back, so they marked it where it bounced back," Nathan said. "We pointed that out, but a couple throws later, they marked mine the same way."

Nathan said her exasperation with the officiating nearly led her to drop out.

"I was very upset. I quit after the third event. I told the coaches: 'Send me home. I quit.' They said, 'Relax. We're going to work on it.' It was obvious they couldn't do anything."

Nathan says the experience hasn't soured her on international competition, but adds that it will be a while before the bitter taste subsides.

Waqar Surrey's hero



LONDON, Aug 15: Pakistani pacesetter Waqar Younis struck the vital blow as Surrey defeated Northamptonshire by seven runs in their Natwest Trophy semifinal today, reports Reuter.

Northamptonshire began the day needing 22 runs to win off six overs with two wickets in hand in a 60 overs contest held over from Wednesday because of bad light at the Oval.

Waqar removed Kevin Curran, who had made 38, with the first ball of the morning, Monte Lynch taking a superb slip catch.

Last man Paul Taylor, batting with a runner, and Alan Walker added another 14 runs before Waqar was run out by a direct hit in the final over.

Waqar, who ended with figures of five for 40, picked up the man-of-the-match award.

Surrey meet Hampshire in the final at Lord's on September 7.

Hampshire beat Warwickshire by nine wickets in the other semifinal on Wednesday.

An earlier report said, Fresh from his success against West Indies' pace quartet, Robin Smith tamed another of the world's fastest bowlers, South African Allan Donald, on Wednesday to earn Hampshire a place in next month's Natwest Trophy final.

Smith's unbeaten 64 took Hampshire to a nine-wicket win over county championship leaders Warwickshire with 10 overs of their 60 to spare at Edgbaston.

It was Hampshire's first semifinal win in seven attempts in the 29 years, of the competition, the last four in succession from 1987.

But they will have to wait until today to know their opponents in the final at Lord's on September 7.

In the other semifinal, Northamptonshire captain Allan Lamb was booed and jeered after calling in his batsman with their match against Surrey balanced on a knife edge at Oval.

Northamptonshire needed just 22 more runs from six overs to beat pre-match favourites Surrey — but with

Men's Asian volleyball

PERTH, Australia, Aug 15: Joint favourites South Korea and China, along with Japan and Australia, have reached the last four in the men's Asian volleyball championship here, reports AFP.

South Korea, the reigning champions, beat Pakistan in convincing fashion, while China outclassed Iran, Japan crushed Taiwan and Australia impressed against Indonesia at the Perth Superdome on Wednesday.

Australia will meet Japan and South Korea will play China today in the first round of games to decide the teams for Sunday's final.

Results — games involving the top eight teams: South Korea bt Pakistan 3-0 (15-4, 15-3, 15-7), Japan bt Taiwan 3-0 (15-4, 15-3, 15-5), China bt Iran 3-0 (15-11, 15-4, 15-4).

only two wickets in hand. England's Smith was in the sort of awesome form he has shown all summer after Warwickshire had been bowled out for 172 with seven balls of their innings remaining.

Together with Paul Terry, who made 62, Smith shared an unbroken second wicket, stand of 110 and Donald responsible for much of success this season, was left without any reward from his nine overs.

Terry hit six fours from the 153 balls he faced. By contrast, Smith faced only 95 balls and scored 11 boundaries.

Hick flops again

MANCHESTER, England, Aug 15: Graeme Hick flopped with the bat again as England "A" cruised to a 63-run victory over Sri Lanka in the first of two one-day matches at Old Trafford on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

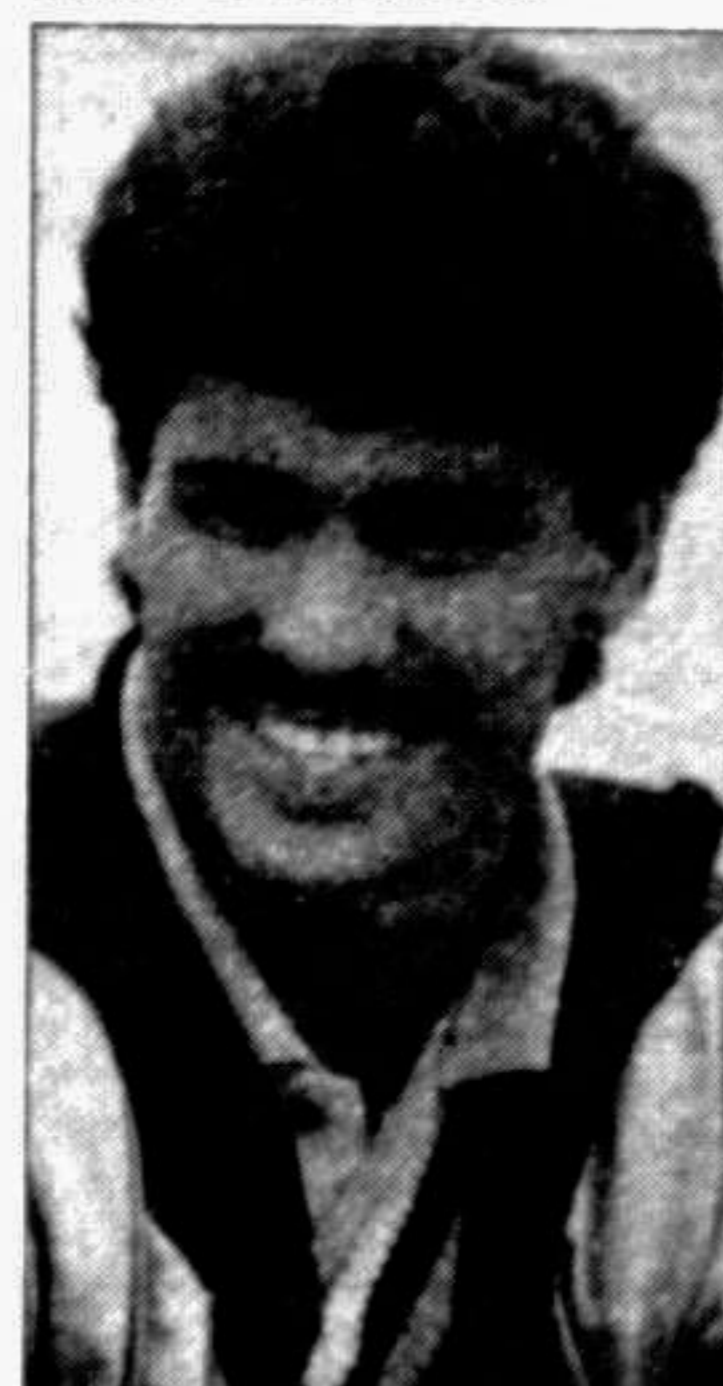
Hick, dropped from England's senior side after a dismal run of scores in the first four Tests of the series against West Indies, managed only five before he was caught behind off seamer Champaka Ramanayake.

Despite the loss of two early wickets, England's second string side went on to make 243 for five from their 55 overs.

Yorkshire skipper Martyn Moxon scored 49 and Lancashire's Neil Fairbrother 66, including three fours and a six.

Sri Lanka were never in the hunt after losing their first five wickets for only 66.

Opener Roshan Mahanama was the mainstay of the innings with 73. He was last out at 180 after hitting just one boundary from 149 balls.



WAQAR YOUNIS

At the Oval, Lamb's decision to take the umpire's offer of the light came when Pakistani pacesetter Waqar Younis was about to return to the attack.

SOCCER SCENARIO

Wednesday buys Chris Woods



LONDON, Aug 15: England goalkeeper Chris Woods signed a four-year contract with newly promoted First Division side Sheffield Wednesday in a 1.2 million pounds sterling (two million dollars) transfer from Glasgow Rangers on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

Wednesday manager Trevor Francis said: "It is not every day that the chance comes along to sign the best goalkeeper in England which I believe Chris to be."

Woods' international career had looked to be in jeopardy after the Scottish champions bought Andy Goram from Hibernian recently but the move will ensure he remains in top-flight soccer.

"I now rate him just ahead of David Seaman at Arsenal, although there is no much between them," Francis said in reference to the other contender for the England goalkeeper berth. "I agreed a fee with Rangers on Tuesday night and settled it with Chris today. In my book any club that aims to be successful has to have the best goalkeeper they can buy. This is what Sheffield Wednesday now has."

Woods who became Sheffield Wednesday's highest-paid player when he signed, said: "I'm delighted to be back in English football. I've been with Trevor Francis at three clubs before and he is a winner and so am I. I think coming to Wednesday will help me further my England ambitions."

FIFA lets Prosinecki join Real

ZURICH, Switzerland, Aug 15: The troubled transfer of Yugoslav star Robert Prosinecki from Red Star Belgrade to Real Madrid has been given a cautious go-ahead by world football's governing body, FIFA, reports AFP.

The international midfielder is now free to play for the Spanish side until the ruling body in Europe, UEFA, meets on September 20. His five-year signing with Real is estimated to have cost four million dollars.

The Yugoslav Football Federation is trying to block the move as its rules forbid the transfer abroad of any player aged under 25. Prosinecki is 22.

Durie keen to leave Chelsea

LONDON, Aug 15: Scotland striker Gordon Durie was lined-up for a 2.2 million pounds sterling (3.72 million dollars) move from Chelsea to Tottenham on Wednesday in the latest of a round of big money transfers in British soccer, reports Reuter.

Chelsea manager Colin Hutchinson said he had agreed terms with his club's London rivals. "We are very reluctant because we'd like to have kept him. But despite various discussions he's made it obvious he wants to move on," Hutchinson said.

Durie, who moved to Chelsea from Hibernian for 380,000 pounds (642,000 dollars) in 1986, had previously said he wanted to move back to Scotland, fuelling speculation of a switch to free-spending Glasgow Rangers. His spell at Chelsea has been plagued by injuries, and last season he scored 13 goals from 33 games.

If he signs at White Hart Lane today, Durie will be available for Tottenham's opening league match of the season at Southampton on Saturday.

France thrash Poland 5-1

POZNAN, Poland, Aug 15: France, unbeaten for two years, thrashed Poland 5-1 here Wednesday in a friendly football international, reports AFP.

Frank Sauzeu, with a 41st minute free-kick, and Jean-Pierre Papin header gave the French a 2-1 half-time lead after Jacek Ziobor, who plays for Montpellier in the French league, had opened the score for Poland after 18 minutes.

Polish captain Ryszard Tarasiewicz, another French-base player with Nancy, had missed a fifth minute penalty. Goalkeeper Bruno Martini had no trouble getting down to his weakly-struck spot-kick.

Guinea-born Amara Simba, making his debut, slotted home Basile Bolli's low cross in the 68th minute and a minute later Laurent Blanc scored the fourth. The sweeper, who moved from Montpellier to Italian side Napoli in June, lobbed Polish goalkeeper Josef Wandzik from inside the penalty area after starting the move.

Christian Perez rounded off with a fifth in the 77th minute to extend France's unbeaten run to 16 matches. Scotland were the last side to beat them, 2-0 in Glasgow in a World Cup qualifier in 1989.

For France it was a perfect built-up to next month's European Championship qualifier away to Czechoslovakia, but Poland have problems before their championship match against Ireland in October.

Dishari Eleven in final

JHENIDAH, Aug 15: Dishari Eleven defeated Rasel Smriti Sangha Eleven by 1-0 goal in the semifinal match of Kishore football league '91 held at Wazir Ali High School ground on Monday, reports UNB.

Rinku from the winners' side netted the solitary goal at 20 minutes of the second half.

Disari Eleven became the runners-up in the league last year.

Forget ambushed by Mayotte

INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana, Aug 15: Tim Mayotte ambushed high-flying Frenchman Guy Forget on Wednesday to reach the third round of the one million dollar US Hard court championships, reports Reuter.

The fourth-seeded Forget, fresh off his victory on Sunday at the ATP championships in Cincinnati, fell to the unseeded American 7-6, (8-6) 6-1.

"I know what it's like to be coming-off winning a tournament," said the 27th-ranked Mayotte, who has won 12 career titles and is now on the comeback trail.

"You're a little more tired than you think you are and a little more confident. So, I knew he'd be a little bit vulnerable."

Top-seeded Boris Becker, who like Forget received a first-round bye, waited through a two-hour 30-minute rain delay before beating David Pate 6-3, 6-2.

Forget led Mayotte 5-2 in the first set, but the American began whittling in his serve and Forget became sloppy.

The Frenchman made four

unforced errors in the ninth game to open the door to Mayotte. In the tiebreaker, Mayotte broke serve on the 13th point when Forget netted a forehand approach volley.

Forget was never in the second set, which featured

Top seeds sail in Volvo meet

NEW HAVEN, Connecticut, Aug 15: Stefan Edberg and Ivan Lendl were straight-set winners, while

John McEnroe needed three sets for his second-round victory on Wednesday at the Volvo international tennis tournament, reports Reuter.

Edberg beat stubborn American Malival Washington 6-4, 6-4, and Lendl breezed by Arnaud Boetsch of France 6-2, 6-2.

McEnroe was extended by Brazilian Luiz Mattar 4-6, 6-3, 6-4. The fourth-seeded McEnroe said Mattar, ranked 74th, played an exceptionally good serve-and-volley game.

"It took me a while to get adjusted," said McEnroe. "I was surprised Mattar won as many net points as he did. He is an all-around and solid

player, a smart player who was picking his spots."

Ninth-seeded defending champion Derrick Rostagno was also a winner, advancing 7-6, 6-2 over fellow-American Alex O'Brien.

The only seed to fall was eighth-seeded Soviet Andrei Chesnokov, a 7-6, 3-6, 7-5, loser to Dutchman Paul Haarhuis.

After he lost the first set, McEnroe said he started to return service better and made Mattar play more balls off his serve to work his way back into the match.

The second-seeded Lendl, who last year lost his opening match here in straight sets to Washington, took Boetsch apart methodically as he stuck to his pounding baseline game.

He broke the Frenchman four times, twice in each set. "I'm getting there," said Lendl.

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Short, Timman win

BRUSSELS, Aug 15: Nigel Short of England and Jan Timman of the Netherlands won in Wednesday's third round of the World chess championships quarterfinals on a day when the white pieces were dominant in all four games, reports Reuter.

Short comprehensively beat Boris Gelfand of the Soviet Union in 31 moves. It was Short's second consecutive win and the first time in their six decisive games that white has triumphed.

Short played a closed Sicilian which features in both players' repertoires, avoiding the theoretical complications of his first round game.

Timman varied his opening from their first encounter and Korchnoi responded with the

dangerous Schliemann variation. He then ran into time trouble and, with 10 minutes to play 20 moves, resigned after playing 18 of them.

Soviet players Vasily Ivanchuk and Artur Yusupov played a queen's gambit declined which favoured Ivanch