

Transfers from Oct 5

Sports Reporter

The inter-club transfers of cricket players for the forthcoming 1991-92 Navana Premier Division and Milnars First Division cricket leagues begin from October 5.

The six-day period for players wishing to change their clubs ends on Oct 11.

The Damal Summer tournament, a knockout competition that ushers in the country's cricket season, is scheduled for an October 20 start.

A meeting of the Navana and Milnars leagues clubs representatives held at the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board conference room Saturday also decided to start the Navana Premier Division league from November 10.

Unlike previous seasons, this year the Navana league will be made up of twelve teams instead of the usual ten. Two of

BCCI okays Pak tour itinerary

CALCUTTA, Sept 23: The visiting Pakistani Cricket team will play the first one-day international match against the Indian team on October 27 in Bombay, reports PTI.

Announcing the dates of the one-dayers here today, Mr. Jagmohan Dalmyia, the Secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in India, said that government clearance for the five-match series against Pakistan and also for the Indian team's visit to Sharjah was expected any moment.

When asked whether there would be any problem in obtaining government clearance he said, "we are not expected to face any problem."

SCHEDULE

Following is the detailed schedule for the series:

Sunday, October 27 — First one-day international at Bombay.

Tuesday, October 29 — Second one-day international at Madras.

Friday, November One — Third one-day international at Calcutta.

Sunday, November 3 — Fourth one-day international at New Delhi (day and night match).

Wednesday, November 6 — Fifth one-day international at Jalandhar.

Mandela wants Springboks in World Cup

JOHANNESBURG, Sept 23: Black leader Nelson Mandela said Monday he supported South Africa's bid to play in cricket's World Cup next year, reports AP.

Mandela's African National Congress has been a strong supporter of the sports boycott imposed to protest apartheid in South Africa. But his comments showed the organization is ready to lift the moratorium on sports that have fully integrated.

Mandela went even further, saying the ANC would "do everything in our power" to back South Africa's application to participate in the matches set for Australia and New Zealand in February.

The ANC president made his remarks after meeting with Ali Bacher, the managing director of the country's United Cricket Board, and Clive Lloyd, the former West Indian star.

The ANC officials who hand- leders sport, Steve Tshwete, has worked with Bacher to bring South Africa back to international cricket after a 20-year absence.

The International Cricket Conference readmitted South Africa this year, but has not yet given formal approval for the country to play in the World Cup.

the bottom teams which ought to have been relegated to the Milnars First Division because of their poor showings — Kalabagan and Lalmeta Club — have earned a reprieve and extension of the tenure in the top division thanks to an unresolved dispute between the two clubs regarding the eligibility of Ashish Malik, the Indian all-rounder who did duty for Lalmeta last season.

No firm date has been agreed upon for the start of the Milnars League programme.

Waugh's third in a row

HARARE, Sept 23: Australian Test batsman Steve Waugh struck his third century in a row here Sunday to set up his country for a deciding win in the one-day series against Zimbabwe, reports AFP.

He scored 116 with two sixes and two fours to set up a winning total of 248-8 for Australia B.

Zimbabwe were all out for 240 in their 50 overs, with Andy Pycroft run out off the last but one ball of the day on 104.

Australia B won the one-day series 2-1, having levelled in Bulawayo last week after a first match defeat.

Waugh now looks supremely confident at the crease as the unofficial Test resumes today.

With ten overs to go in the one-day game, Zimbabwe still had hopes of a win as they were 174-5. But a Rod Tucker full toss was sensationally caught on the boundary one handed by Mike Holdsworth.

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Summary: Australia B 248-8 (S Waugh 116, M Bevan 55)

Zimbabwe 240 (A Pycroft 104, K Arnott 25, D Houghton 24, R Tucker 4-1)

Aussies win the clash of champs

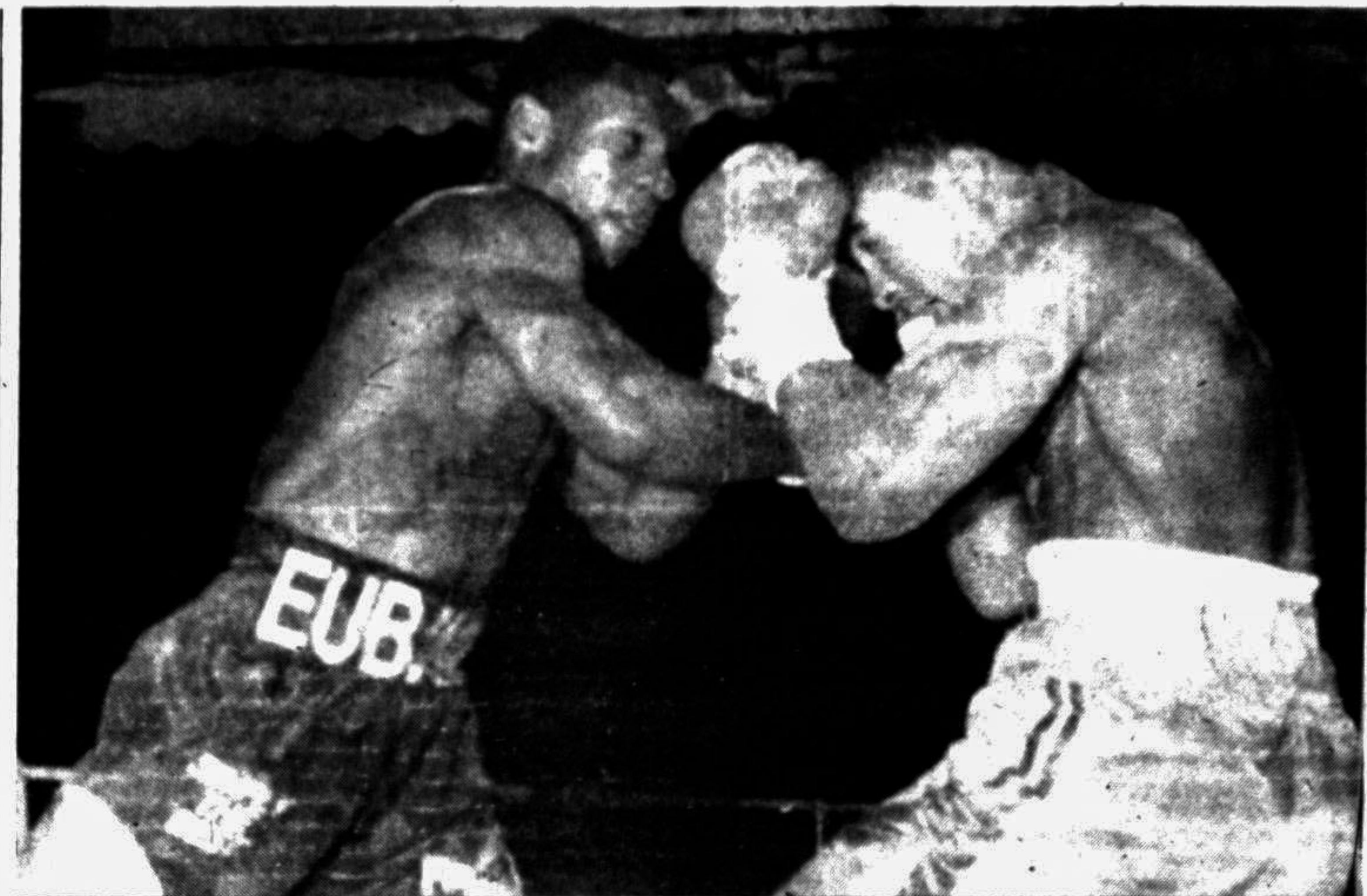
CHELMSFORD, England, Sept 23: England captain Graham Gooch suffered a first-over duck against old adversary Merv Hughes as Essex were beaten by 59 runs in a 50-over challenge match against Sheffield Shield holders Victoria on Sunday, reports Reuter.

Gooch was caught behind by Darren Berry from his fourth delivery and Victoria's total of 274 for three was never seriously threatened.

The new English county champions were bowled out for 215 in 48.5 overs. Derek Pringle top-scored with 51 and Hughes ended with five for 41.

Simon O'donnell won the man of the match award, striking three sixes and five fours while making 71 from 45 balls for Australia's champions.

The Victorian captain shared an unbroken stand of 120 in 13 overs with Dean Jones, who made 86 against an Essex attack without the rested Neil Foster.



British Chris Eubank (L), 25, touches his compatriot Michael Watson, 26, with the right during the WBO super middleweight bout late Sept 21 in Tottenham, Britain. The umpire stopped the match at the beginning of the 12th round whilst Watson has receiving a series of punches in the head. Watson had to undergo a brain operation shortly after his loss against Eubank, himself admitted at a hospital for extreme tiredness. —AFP photo

Watson fighting for his life

LONDON, Sept 23: British boxer Michael Watson was fighting for his life on Monday after being

battered senseless in a weekend title fight which revived debate over whether boxing has a place in modern society, reports Reuter.

Hospital officials said the 26-year-old boxer was in critical condition on a life support machine after doctors operated for a second time to remove blood clots from his brain.

Watson was carried unconscious from the ring on Saturday after losing a gruelling World Boxing Organisation super-middleweight fight to fellow Briton Chris Eubank.

Millions of television viewers watched as Watson, who appeared to be winning until the final rounds, was floored by a vicious uppercut and then battered relentlessly on the ropes by his frenzied opponent until the final rounds, was floored by a vicious uppercut and then battered relentlessly on the ropes by his frenzied opponent until the referee stopped the fight.

The savagery of Watson's defeat and the seriousness of his injuries have brought calls for the sport to be banned in Britain as an anachronism, with one politician calling it the "human equivalent of fighting dogs."

"Professional boxing should be banned once and for all, and I shall be requesting urgent legislation to bring about the end of this form of brutal cruelty," said opposition Labour

Party politician James Callaghan.

But Dr Adrian Whitson, chief medical officer to the British Boxing Board of Control, said boxing was no more dangerous than many other sports including rugby football.

"Those that want to ban boxing will renew their calls after this terrible, unfortunate accident to Michael but the truth is that these injuries are very rare," he said.

Whitson added: "This is not an injury that is peculiar to boxing — it could happen in a football game or a rugby ruck."

He said serious injuries in boxing were quite rare, with only 14 cases of the kind of haemorrhage suffered by Watson in more than 40 years of British boxing.

Former British heavyweight champion Henry Cooper said boxing would only be driven underground if it was banned.

Watson returned to the intensive care unit at London's St Bartholomew's Hospital after the brain surgery.

His two young daughters, his girl-friend and family members kept an overnight vigil by his bed.

Saturday's fight was billed as a high-stakes rematch after Eubank won an earlier contest on a controversial points decision. Both boxers were keen to prove themselves and engaged in an ugly war of words before entering the ring.

Eubank, who also spent a night in hospital suffering from exhaustion, has paid tribute to his opponent as giving him the best fight of his life and expressed concern about his condition.

European soccer round-up

Mixed fortunes for leading sides

PARIS, Sept 23: Europe's top sides ran into trouble at the weekend as Eintracht Frankfurt and Inter Milan lost the top spots and both Monaco and Marseille slipped up against France's newly-promoted sides, reports AFP.

Italian champions Sampdoria blasted league leaders Internazionale 4-0 to clear the way for Juventus to take over, while a 4-1 win over champions FC Kaiserslautern sent VfB Stuttgart to the top of the Bundesliga.

French leaders Monaco were held to a disappointing draw with Nimes, but champions Olympique Marseille did just as badly with another newly-promoted side, Lens, as half of the 10 First Division matches ended 1-1.

Inter led the Calcio table on goal average going to Genoa but Roberto Mancini had them on the ropes after 35 minutes.

They kept Sampdoria at bay for the rest of the first half and some of the second, before Attilio Lombardo struck twice and World Cup star Gianluca Vialli turned victory into a rout.

Juventus went top after battling out a goalless draw with Fiorentina, as rival fans

threw missiles at each other after Dutchman Marco Van Basten scored Milan's penalty equaliser five minutes from

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Fed Cup ticket rates

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The rates of tickets for the eleventh Federation Cup football championship, scheduled to start from September 27, was announced by the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) yesterday.

The rates of the daily tickets for galleries for the first round matches will be Taka 10 while the second round, matches and the semifinals will cost Taka 20 each. Tickets for the final match will cost Taka 25 each.

Season tickets for the VIP gate No One will cost Taka 400 each, for VIP Gate Two Taka 300, VIP Gate 3A Taka 250, VIP Gate No-3B Taka 200, Gate No-21 (for players) Taka 100, galleries Taka 175 and for vendors Taka 250 each.

Season tickets will start selling from September 26 at the Agrani Bank, Bangabandhu Avenue branch while the daily tickets will be available at the stadium ticket counters on match days.

BFF is yet to finalise the venue of the matches. But in all likelihood the games will probably be held at the Mirpur Stadium.

Twenty teams will be taking part in the first round, split into four groups. The group champions will qualify the second round.

Last year's four semifinalists — champions Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club, runners-up Abahani Krira Chakra, Brothers Union and Mukhtijodha Sanghad will play directly in the second round.

The champions of the tournament will qualify to represent Bangladesh in the next Asian Cup football championship while the runners-up will be eligible to represent the country in the Asian Cup Winners' Cup scheduled to be held sometime next year.

Bahrain booters blank Jordan
Manama, Bahrain, Sept 23: Bahrain defeated Jordan 4-0 in the Asian zone Olympic qualifying soccer tournament here on Sunday, reports AFP.

Shahid Sufi lift DC Gold Cup
JHENIDAH, Sept 23: Faridpur Shahid Sufi Club became champions in the DC Gold Cup football tournament '91' defeating hosts Jhenidah Eleven 2-0 in the final held at local stadium Saturday, reports UNB.

Manik Netted both goals for the winners — in the 29th minute of the first half and the 17th minute of the 2nd half.

He was also adjudged the man-of-the-match. The tournament, which began on August 8 at the local stadium, was participated by 16 teams.

Shahidul Islam, MP, distributed the prizes on the concluding day.

Maj Mannan visits MSC soccer camp
Major (Ret) Abdul Mannan, State Minister for Textiles, yesterday (Monday) visited the on-going training camp of Mohammedan Football team at the Hockey Stadium here, reports BSS.

Al-hajj Abdul Monem, President of the club, Monirul Haque Chowdhury, Member-Secretary of the governing body, Sheikh Akmal Hossain General Secretary, and others were present during the State Minister's visit.

Mr Mannan, who is also acting chairman of the governing body of the club, was introduced to the players

Lazio flying high
ROME, Sept 23: Italy's soccer fans have suddenly discovered Rome's "other team," reports AP.

Most experts predicted that three clubs would fight for this year's First Division flag. The principal contenders were AC Milan, Juventus of Turin, and International of Milan.

Defending champion Sampdoria of Genoa and Torino were named as possible spoilers.

Four weeks into the new season, Milan and Juventus share part of three-way first-place tie. But the surprise member on the first-place trio is Lazio of Rome.

On Sunday, Lazio walked over last-place Ascoli 4-1 to join Milan and Juventus with 2-0-2 records and six points.

And for ranking purposes, they sit on top of that heap with the best goal differential (7-3).

Juventus played to a 0-0 tie at Bergamo against hile Milan scored on a 86th-minute penalty kick by Marco Van Basten to get a 1-1 tie against Fiorentina.

Inter, the third preseason favourite, was humbled 4-0 by Sampdoria Inter, Genoa, Napoli, Parma, AS Roma, and newly promoted Foggia are all tied with five points.

Lazio has been in Roma's shadow for a long time, winning its only league title in 1974 and twice slipping into the second division in the 1980s.

German forward Thomas Doll, acquired last spring after English midfielder Paul Gascoigne tore up his knee on the eye of his transfer to Lazio, is doing his best to make the Lazio fans forget about the colorful Tottenham Hotspur star.

Rahmatganj win
Rahmatganj Muslim Friends Society defeated Mahanagar Football Training Centre by a solitary in the Tangle DC's Gold Cup football tournament at the Tangle Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

Rahmatganj will take on BRTC in the group final on Wednesday.

The other match of the day, between Mukhtijodha Sangsad and East Bengal Club, could not be held due to inclement weather. The match will be held this morning at 8 am.

Services soccer
BOGRA, Sept 23: The annual inter-service football championship got under way at Bogra Cantonment today, says an ISPR press release.

Bangladesh Air Force defeated Bangladesh Navy 2-0 in the opening match. The winners led the first half by a solitary goal.

Arif Reza scored the first goal in 9th minute of the first half while Corporal Shamidul Huda netted the other goal one minute before the long whistle.

Kenyanans to the fore

CAIRO, Sept 23: Kenyanans Thomas Osano and William Koech won the 10,000 metres gold and silver medals on Sunday in what amounted to a glorified training run at the fifth All-Africa Games, reports Reuter.

With their more illustrious teammates opting out of these sporadically held continental championships, they made it a two-man race with 10 laps to go and the younger Osano won the final sprint.

His time of 27 minutes 56.44 seconds was a Games record but paled in comparison with the African mark of 27:17.82 set by Kenyan Richard Chelimo in the Netherlands earlier this year.

Osano, 21, and the 29-year-old Koech held a flag aloft as they ran a victory lap before about 5,000 people in the 80,000-seat Cairo Stadium.

Chelimo, 19-year-old silver medalist at the World Championships in Tokyo last month, pulled out of the final earlier on Sunday because of

what Kenyan team officials said was an ankle problem.

But with Tokyo and the lucrative Grand Prix circuit behind them and the Barcelona Olympics 10 months away, many of Africa's leading runners chose not to take part in a competition which carries little prestige.

"Everyone's just a little worn out," said a journalist who follows the international circuit.

Kenya's world 800 metres champion Billy Konchellah, listed by Games organisers as a starter in first-round heats on Sunday, was not even in Cairo.

Teammates William Tanui and Robert Kibet cruised to victory in two of the five 800 metres qualifiers.

Moses Tanui, who beat Japan, Taiwan book Barcelona tickets

BEIJING, Sept 23: Japan and Taiwan will represent Asia in the Barcelona Olympics baseball competition next year after taking the top two spots in the Asian Championship which ended here on Sunday.

Chelimo to gold in Tokyo, and 5,000 metres world champion Yobes Ondieki are among notable Kenyan absentees.

Namibia's Frankie Fredericks, fastest man in Africa, did show up, although it seemed the organisers were surprised to see him.

Fredericks, who has clocked 9.95 seconds, strolled into the 100 metres final a day after arriving from Barcelona where he ran in the season's Grand Prix final.

He eased up as he approached the line but still won his semifinal in 10.36.

Nigerian Davidson Ezinwa posed a threat with a time of 10.23 in another of the three semifinals.

Games officials put back the start of the athletics to a day to allow some of the sport's top names time to get to Cairo.

Fredericks was involved in a mix-up earlier when officials announced he had not run in his preliminary heat.

The mistake was not rectified for 50 minutes and results were distributed listing him as a non-starter.

Also unlucky on Sunday was Bari defender Giovanni Loseto, who inadvertently scored Verona's 2-1 winner.

After starting the weekend sharing the lead with

draws.

Eintracht swapped tit for tat goals with Bayern Munich in their thrilling 3-3 draw.

Both sides scored in the 36th minute and Bruno Labbadia's second goal for Bayern coming just one minute after Ghana's Anthony Yeboah had brought Eintracht back into the match.

Trailing 3-2 into the last 10 minutes, Eintracht's Bjorn Andersen struck for the second time to earn a share of the points.

Hamburg's Polish goal ace Jan Furtok also hit two in their 2-2 stalemate away to Borussia Dortmund.

Joining the title chasers on 13 points are Bayer Leverkusen, who blasted former East German club Dynamo Dresden 4-0.

Surprise of the weekend came from Fortuna Dusseldorf, who lifted themselves off the bottom by thrashing SC Karlsruhe 5-1.

Although Monaco were clear favourites in their tie, Nimes took the lead in the 22nd minute through Ahmed Mahari.

Liberian goal machine George Wean came to the French Cup winners' rescue with his 12th of the season after 64 minutes.

Marseille had a virtually identical match at home with another promoted side, Lens, who went 1-0 up after Pierre

she coaches.

"It's a very short time before the Olympic Games; five years is nothing," she said. "I go to international gymnastics camps to look, but a second Korbut is very hard to find."

It has been nearly 20 years since the pigtailed Korbut charmed the world at the Munich Olympics. But the 4-foot-11 (1.50-meter) Korbut, now 35, can still squeeze into her 1972 leotard, No. 253.

Korbut and her husband, Soviet rock star Leonid Bortkevich, immigrated to United States because of the 1986 Chernobyl nuclear disaster, which occurred only 180 miles (290 kilometers) from their home in Minsk. Last September, they sent their son Richard, 12, to New Jersey to live with an emigre family, and the couple followed in March.

She began working at Flyers Gymnastics Academy in Hammonton, N. J., but didn't enjoy it because she was teaching recreational gymnastics to rotating classes instead of to students who want to compete internationally.

"I work three months and

Korbut hopes to coach Olympians
NORCROSS, Ga. Sept 23: Olga Korbut, the Soviet gymnast who, at age 17, won three gold medals at the 1972 Olympics, now is hoping to train Olympians for the 1996 Summer Games at Atlanta, reports AP.

Korbut is planning a nationwide search for gymnasts to move to Georgia and train with her at Gym Elite, where

Umpires' Board executives
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The eleven-member executive committee of the Bangladesh Umpires' Board was named yesterday.

Kazi Mishu is the chairman of the committee while Manzoor Milky is the secretary.

Other members are: Reza-e-Karim, Ataul Haque Mullick, S R Basak, Dilip Kumar, S B Chowdhury, Manzoor Ahmed Babul, Selim Iftikhar, Syed Mahubullah and Mesbahuddin Reza.