MELBOURNE.

Australia, Jan

14: A year after

left the

Gabricla Saba

Australian Open

in a wheelchair,

she returned cautiously but

triumphantly Monday to lead a

charge on Steffi Graf's three-

year championship reign,

champion, kicked off her drive

for a second straight Grand

Slam title by beating dangerous

newcomer Linda Harvey-Wild

6-3, 6-1 in windblown slugging

played tentatively in the first

set, staying back more than

she did in the U.S. Open, as

she returned to the tourna-

ment where she suffered a

severely sprained ankle in the

few times, but it's nothing se-

rious," said Sabatini, who's

been taping her ankles heavily

American making her first ap-

pearance in Melbourne, took

advantage of Sabatini's caution

and broke her in the first

herself, bore down and broke

back. Patroling the baseline

and reluctant to rush the net

as she did often at the U.S.

Open, Sabatini didn't go for

Sabatini grunted angrily at

Harvey-Wild, a 19-year-old

"It just came to my mind a

Sabatini, seeded No. 4,

match on centre court.

third-round a year ago.

since that injury.

Sabatini, the U.S. Open

reports AP.



Niaz in lead

Grandmaster Niaz Morshed of Bangladesh has taken the lead with seven points in the Goodricke international chess championship in Calcutta, reports BSS.

According to a message received in Dhaka Monday, the first Grandmaster of the subcontinent, Niaz beat the Soviet International Master Neverov at the end of the ninth round last night.

In the eighth round, he beat

Polls schedule

Sports Reporter

Polling for electing the executive committees of the Bangladesh Hockey Federation and the Bangladesh Chess Federation will be held on Feb 14. Nominations close on Feb 4 with Feb 5 being the last date for withdrawal of candi-

Elections to the Bangladesh Amateur Athleties Federation, Bangladesh Handball Federation and the Bangladesh Badminton Federation will be held on Feb 16 with Feb 6 being the last date for filing nominations. Candidates may withdraw by the following day.

Last week the NSC announced the election schedule for 17 other national federations. These elections, the first since independence, are designed to democratise the country's sports administration which has hitherto been plagued by apathy and arrogance bred by ad-hocism.

Win for Agrani

Sports Reporter



Nirman Schthe Mirpur Pallabi ground

yesterday. The three-wicket win in a low-scoring game took Agrani Bank's balance to ten points from seven games and brightened their chances of making the super league and, may be, even greater things later in the season. For the schoolboys

it was their fourth defeat in

The Mirpur pitch wasn't the ideal strip to bat on yesterday with both scamers and spinners on either side reaping rather disproportionate advantage. The ball seamed and spun all day with batsmen having to toll hard for their

Agrant Bank scored the first point by winning the toss and inscriing their opponents. The harried Nirman batsmen managed to consume only 29.5 of their alloted 45 overs before folding up at 74 all out. Only Mukul stood out for his

and application to graft 31 of his side's runs. Niaz was the only other schoolboy to reach double figures by

> The brittle Nirman line-up found Towrit, who claimed four for 15, and Masud, three for 24, too hot to handle.

When it came the bankers' turn to bat they, too, found the going a little difficult despite the casy-looking target. They made an uncertain beginning. mainly because of an excellent opening spell by Nirman medium-pacer Arif who caused all sorts of problems for the Agrani batsmen, at one time having them reeling at

27 for four. But after Arif's 9-over quota was exhausted the Nirman challange died down and the bankers succeeded in steadying the innings and crawl to 75 for the loss of seven wickets in 34.5 overs. Atlq top scored with 21, Belal remained unbeaten on 12 and Towrit made 11 to sustain Agrani hopes.

For his efforts Arif was well rewardd with a haul of four wickets for 12 runs.

TODAYS MATCH Young Pegaşus vs Amarjyoti

Lankans in NZ

WELLINGTON, Jan 14: The Sri Lankan cricket team arrived in New Zealand today for a nine match tour, reports

The 16 players and two officials had a long flight from Colombo via Singapore but scheduled a net practice for Tuesday.

The tour ends on February 26 and includes two Test matches and three on-day internationals.

The tour opens with a three-day game beginning Thursday in Palmerston North, 130 kilometres (80 miles) north of Wellington, against a side dubbed the Robbie Burns

XI with players selected from provincial second teams.

Sri Lankan manager Stanley Jaayasinghe said he was happy the tour had been well organised and planned, especially the opening match.

"It should be an ideal start to the tour for us without too much shift opposition,"he said.

Most of the team, excepept star pace bowler Rumesh Ratnayake, are new to New Zealand conditions although vice captain Aravinda Da Silva played in Richard Hadlee's testimonial series last year.

Ratnayake was on Sri Lanka's inaugural New Zealand tour in 1982-83.

BKSP cricketers win in Bombay

The Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protisthan (BKSP) under-16 cricket team beat the Indian Oil Cricket Eleven by four wickets in an exhibition match in Bombay Monday, a BKSP source said in Dhaka

last night. Batting first, the Indian oil team were all out for 219 in 40

in reply, BKSP scored 221 for six in 36 overs. Wicket-keeper Tipu ham-

mered a fine 72. The BKSP team had earlier won two matches against Bombay Gymkhana and the Sasanian cricket team of

BKSP will play their last match in Calcutta against the West Bengal Cricket Association under-16 team on January 17.

Dr. Milon TT begins today **Sports Reporter**

The inaugural Shaheed Dr. Milon memorial table-tennis tournament begins today at the National Coaching Centre under the auspices of the Armanitola Jubo Sangha.

The mother of Dr. Milon, a martyr of last year's anti-Ershad agitation, will inaugurate the meet at 3:30 in the after-

General Secretary of the Bangladesh Medical Association Dr. Mustafa Jalal Mohiuddin will grace the occasion as chief guest.

Eighteen leading players of the country will be competing in the men's section while there are 55 boys vying for the Junior titles. Two out of town teams, Jessore Town Club and Khulna Balaka Sangha are also proficipating in the four-day

JNU cricket

SAVAR; Jan 14: Kamaluddin Hall defeated Al-Beruni Hall by six wickets in the inter-hall cricket tournament of the Jahangirnagar University at the Al-Beruni Hall ground, here today, reports BSS.

Batting first, Al-Beruni Hall were all out for 113. In reply, Kamaluddin Hall scored 114 for four.

professional fouls fessional foul Alan Dawson, President of WALSALL, Engthe Referees' Association, said: land, Jan 14: "It is to be hoped that no play-FIFA's controers would have to be dismissed versial directive and that, on realising the dire on professional

consequences of their actions.

they would rather be detered

from committing such acts and

case of us and them. That

would be very sad. I'm looking

towards more co-operation

and active interchange be-

ween players, management

become the burning issue

since FIFA's directive came

been consistently applied by

referees and has led to a dra-

Opponents say it has not

into operation six months ago.

The professional foul has

"I hope that it is never a

the game would benefit.

and referees."

GABRIELA SABATINI

winners as much as she let her

net-charging opponent make

Typical of the dangerous

young players popping up on

the women's tour, Harvey-Wild

turned pro last year after one

semester at the University of

Southern California and

promptly upset Arantxa

Sanchez Vicario in the first

round of the Virginia Slims of

English refs firm on

mistakes

Chicago.

Sabatini's tentative but

triumphant return

louls received full backing from English referees here on Sunday as anger mounted over increased sendings-off, reports

The Association of Footbal League referees and linesmen warned that they would continue to flourish the red card, althrough they announced that they were prepared to meet players and management anywhere and any time to explain their criteria for the offence.

A scrics of six regional meetings with players, managers and club officials has already been planned for the next couple of months.

They also announced they would be sending letters to each English League club explaining their interpretation of the rule.

matic increase in dismissals and a bad image for the game. overall, 137 players have

been sent off this season, about a third up on the same figures last year, and 35 of those dismissals have been for the pro-

Dawson said referees would be attempting to apply the directive more consistently "The referees are duty-bound to apply the laws," he rea-

Harvey-Wild hit forchands

"I started going a little bit

and two-fisted backhands

harder than Sabatini, but

lacked the control of the vet-

more (to the net) in the sec-

ond set," Sabatini said. "When I

needed to go to the net, I won

most of the points, in the be-

ginning I needed confidence."

No. 5, beat Brenda Schultz 6-1,

6-3, Zina Garrison, seeded

No.8, beat Rennae Stubbs 6-2,

6-0, and Amy Frazier seeded

No. 13, beat Kate McDonald in

other early matches on the

seeded Jonas Svensson beat

Thierry Champion 6-3, 6-4, 6-

1, 12th-second Jay Berger beat

Magnus Larsson 6-3, 6-4, 6-0,

13th-seeded Aaron Krickstein

beat Simon Youl 6-4, 6-4, 6-4,

and Lars Wahlgren beat 15th-

seeded Marc Rosset 4-6, 2-6,

tournament, John's younger

ing match 4-6, 4-6, 6-3, 6-1,

6-3 over Thomas Ilogsted't.

McEnroe fell behind 1-3 and

15-40 in the third set before

he found his rhythm and came

back to win. Big brother,

tossed out of the Australian

Open when he threw a

tantrum last year, called from

Hawaii to withdraw last week

from this year's tournament

because of a shoulder injury.

The only McEnroe in the

7-6 (7-4), 16-3, 9-7.

In men's matches, eight-

first day of play.

Katerina Maleeva, sceded

eran from Argentina.

"But I have to say I do not detect one ounce of concern in my membership about this socalled problem.'

"We're looking for players and management to be fully aware of the consequences of physical offences which deny obvious goal-scoring opportunities."

Arthur Sandfor, the League's chief executive who heard the referees' deliberations, welcomed their moves.

"I've been very encouraged, he said. "The referees have set out the criteria they will adopt for the professional foul and we've agreed to take their statement and ensure, it is communicated to clubs so they can bring it to the attention of players and even spectators."

Greek football fan was killed by a rocket which hit him in the stomach outside AEK Athens Stadium in Athens on Sunday,

Giorgos Panayatou, 19, was

Grandmaster Julien Hodgson of Britain.

The dates for elections to

another five national sports federations were announced yesterday by the National Sports Council (NSC).

Jan 14:

Hoffmann conq-

of exhilarating

uered

realms and the US reelaimed

top-nation status from the

former East Germany in 11

competition at the World

Swimming Championships,

dominant specialist swimmer,

destroyed two world records

in retaining the 200 and 400

metres individual medicy ti-

tles he won in Madrid in 1986

and became the first man to

break two minutes in the 200.

Darnyi and 18-year-old new-

comer Norbert Rozsa led a

remarkable Hungarian per-

formance in snatching three

of the six world records bro-

monumental battle with 17-

year-old Australian Kieren

Perkins to sinsh 4.40 seconds

from the world 1,500 metres

freestyle mark of supreme

February 1983 and outlasted

golden double in the 400 and

1,500 freestyle and accounted

for half the titles of the newly

united German team. The

pride of former East Germany,

whose women swimmers

ruled the roost for the best

part of two decades they cap-

tured 13 out of 16 titles in

Madrid but won no individual

yesteryear enabled the US to

re-establish themselves as

swimming's leading nation for

the first time since the 1978

of the 45 titles at stake in

swimming, diving, synchro-

nised swimming, water polo

and for the first time a 25-km

rowman and Melvin Stewart

fired American pride with

own 200 breaststroke mark

and Stewart defeated defend-

ing 200 butterfly champion

Michael Gross, taking his

world record to the mighty

German's farewell champi-

bitton of a 4x200 freestyle re-

lay victory in a German team

and picked up two butterfly

stivers and a medley relay

bronze to bow out with an un-

precedented 13 medals from

Gross achieved his big am-

Room-mates Mike Bar-

Barrowman lowered his

long-distance river swim.

world records.

onship.

The Americans bagged 17

'wundermaedehen'

World Championships

The demise of the

golds in Perth.

Hoffmann salvaged the

other two came in relays.

The record had stood since

Hoffmann, 20, achieved a

Soviet Vladimir Salnikov.

all other men's records.

ligffmann prevailed in a

ken in the superdrome.

Double Olympic champion

Darnyi, the world's most

reports Reuter.

Darnyi

Darnyi, Hoffmann reach new heights but

the Americans finish on top three World Championships.

a bronze. Lin Li brought China their first major championship title

THE GOLDEN

PERTII, Jan 14:- The swimming gold medallists at World sixth Championships, which ended here Sunday:

8:24,05.

200m Egerszegi 2:09.15. Butterfly: 100m Qian Hong (China) 59. 68; 200m Summer

Sanders (USA) 2:09.24.

Relays: 100m freestyle USA 3:43.26; 200m freestyle Germany 8:02.56; 100m mcdky USA 4:08.51.

14:50.36 (world record).

Breaststroke: 100m Norbert Rozsa (Hungary) 1:01.45 (world record); 200m Mike Barrowman (USA) 2:11.23

Backstroke: 100m Jeff Rouse (USA) 55.23; 200m Martin Lopez Zubero (Spam)

(world revord).

Darnyi [Hungary] 1 59 36 (world recored); 400m Tamas Durnyl (Hungary) 4:12.36; (world recored).

Triple Olympic champion Janet Evans won gold in 40 and 800 metres freestyle but 16-year-old Australian Hayley Lewis scooped the biggest individual haul with gold in the 200 freestyle, two silvers and

and achieved an individual

GUILD

WOMEN:

Freestyle: 5 om Zhuang Young (China) 25:47: 100m Nicole Haislett (USA) 55.17; 200m Hayley Lewis (Australia) 2:00.48; 400m Janet Evans (USA) 4:08, 63 800m Evans

Breaststroke: 100m Linley Framc (Aust) 1:08.81; 200m Elean Volkova (USSR) 2:29.53. Backstroke: 100m Krisztina

Egerszegi (Hungary) 1:01.74;

Medley: 200m Lin Li (China) 2:13.40; 400m Lin Li 4:41.45

Freestyle: 50m Tom Jager (USA) 22.16; 100m Matt Bindt (USA) 49.18;200m Giorgio Lamberti (Italy) 1:47.27; 400m Joerg Hoffmann (Germany) 3:48.04; 1500m Hoffman

(world record).

Butterfly Ickim Anthony

Newty (Nurman) 53 29: 200m Melvist Stewart (USA) 1 55 cm Medley: 200m Tamas

Relays: 100m freestyle USA 3:17.15: 200m freestyle Germany 7:13.50; 100m medky USA 3:39.66.



TAMAS DARNYI

medley double, while Qian flong (100 butterfly) and Zhuang Yong (50 freestyle) ensured Chinese swimmers matched their dynasty of divers with four golds for each discipline.

Team officials rejected suspicions of a Canadian coach that drugs might have played a part in the astonishing advance Chinese women's swimmers showed at last October's Beijing Asian Games.

They could not match those times in Perth. "It's hard for anyone to get two peaks in that period of time --3-1/2 months is too short a time to peak again and break world records," head coach Yunpeng Chen said.

Doping was a controversial issue following press affegations of drug-use to improve past East German performance and the instructions against the Chinese by Canadian head coach Dave John-

ilungarian coach Tamas

Barcelona beaten

MADRID, jan 14:- Leaders Barcelona slumped to only their second Spanish soccer league defeat of the season on Sunday, a 1-Q upset at Real Oviedo, reports Reuter.

The result reduced the gap

at the top from six points to

four, second-placed Atletico Madrid having thrashed ailing Real Madrid 3-0 in the defending champions Santiago Bernabeu Stadium on Sturday. Seventh placed Oviedo made the decisive strike against the leaders after only five minutes and retained

control throughout, never

allowing the Catalans to rule

record-breakers Darnyi and Rozsa, said world records should be wiped out if they were later shown to have been aided by drugs. Ilis men performed su-

Szeehy, trainer of world

perbly. Darnyi, who has beaten all-comers in major championship individual medleys since 1985, sliced 2.39 seconds from his own 400 world mark and dipped under two minutes in the 200, clocking 1:59.36 in the closing session on Sunday night.

Rozsa burst out of obscurity to break the 100 breaststroke world record of Britain's Adrian Moorhouse for gold and add a 200 breaststroke silver in a European record, five seconds faster than he had ever swum before.

Olympic gold medallist Krisztina Egerszegi, not one of Szechy's pupils, kept up the good work, acheiving a women's backstroke double to hoist Hungary's golden tally to five a total of swimming titles bettered only by the Ameri-

Violence claims 40 death against a stadium sence, JOHANNESBURG, Jan 14:

Forty people were trampled to death on Sunday when thousands of South African soccer fans stampeded to escape rival spectators brawling with knives and ripped-up chairs at a match south-west of Johannesburg, reports Reuter.

"People were running all over an screaming, trampling men, women and children, said photographer Mbuzeni Zulu.

The victims, including two children, were crushed to trampled underfoot or stabbed as thousands of fans surged towards a jammd exit. More than 50 people were injured.

"Tragedy occurred in a matter of moments," said Nelson Mandela, Deputy President of the African National Congress (ANC) antiapartheid movement, who issued a statement from his home appealing for calm. The incident took place

only a day after gunmen firing automatic weapons and hurling

grenades killed 35 ANC followers and wounded more than 40 in a pre-dawn attack on a prayer vigil. The soccer violence

erupted in Orkney 150 km (90 miles) from Johannesburg during a friendly match between the country's two most popular teams, the Kaizer Chicfs and Orlando Pirates.

Local police Major Ben van Heerden said by telephone the death toll could rise because some of the injured were in a very serious condition.

Delta hockey

Sports Reporter

Tejgaon Agragami marched on with a solitary goal victory over Raktim Samaj in the only super league match of the Delta Life Second Division hockey league yesterday at the hockey stadium.

After a barren first half, Al-Imran convented a penalty stroke for Tejgaon Agragami in the 38th minute of play. TODAY'S MATCHES

Agrani Bank vs Combined S.C - (1.45 pm) Barnak Samaj vs Farashganj S.C -(3.00 pm)

Handball results Sports Reporter

Junior Moishundi United and Nicecop posted comfortable victories in their respective handball super league matches yesterday at the Outer Stadium handball court.

after leading 6-3 at half time. Apu and Igbal scored nine goals for Nicecop and Farashganj respectively. In the day's other match,

Junior Moishundi United tamed Christian Youth Club brother Patrick, won his open-1911 after leading 9-0 at the breather. Abu and Shabil netted five

TODAY'S MATCHES

Moishundi and Christian Youth

(2:30 pm) West Jatrabari vs Kurmitola

Sports seminar Sports Reporter

A seminar organised by the Bangladesh Sports Writers' Sports Council

journalists, sports-writers and renowned sportsmen have been requested to attend the

Non-skid mat for BKSP

synthetic floor mat, the first of its kind in the country, will latd today at the Bangladesh Institute of Sports (BKSP) gymnasium in Savar, according to a BKSP press re-

Alamgir M. A. Kabir, advisor, for Youth and Sports will grace the ceremony as chief

reports AFP.

ating table.

stadium and the match was abandoned four minutes from time when a smoke bomb was thrown note the pitch and police fired tear-gas into the crowd to disperse troublenuskers. Olympiakos had led 2-1.

Hosts, Holland stumble through opening ties



NEW DELHI Jan 14:-The Netherlands and hosts India scored narrow victories over unfancted Poland and Belgium respectively on the

tournament here Sunday, reports AFP. The Dutchmen, fielding their junior team in the sevennation tournament, overcame jet lag and a defiant Polish descnee to win through an 11th minute goal by striker Doris

The Indians scored once in

opening day of the Indira

Gandhi Cup men's hockey

each half through Sanjeev Kumar and Darryl D Souza before Phillipe liemelen reduced the margin for Belgium to make it a 201 win for India. The day's third match between South Korea and the Soviet Union fell through after

because their flight was delayed. Organisers said the Koreans were expected late Sunday and their match against the Soviets would be rescheduled.

the Koreans failed to show up

which has been held annually since 1987 in memory of the Indian Prime Minister assassinated in 1984. The young Dutch team, which arrived barely 12 hours

before the start of the

Kenya complete the line-up

in the round-robin tournament

tournament, appeared shaken after overnight fog diverted their flight to Bombay.

They failed to convert eight penalty corners, normally a Dutch speciality, which made team coach Ger Eikelboom miss the services of ace marksman Floris-Jan Bovlan-

"If only Bovelander was there we would have scored at least live goals," said Fikelboon hwo had watched the lanky Dutchman shoot two corners to help h s team upset Pakistan in the World Cup finals at Lahore last

February. Boyclander is currently training with the senior team

back home for the European Championships in Paris in June which enabled thejuniors to make the trip to New Delhi. But we won and that is

> the tougher matches ahead," remarked the coach. The Dutch win was set up

important to prepare us for



Netherlands captain Maarten Gehner(1) and Maciej Zawadka of Poland(r) fight for possession during their Indira Gandhi Gold Cup hockey match at New Delhi's Shivaji Stadium Jan 13. The Dutch won 1-0. -AFP photo

which opened up the Polish desence. Heeswyk passed four defenders before passing to an

left flank by Sander Heeswyk

unmarked Beer to drive the ball home. But the 19-year-old Beer, of former Dutch international Wim De Been

who played in the 1960 Rome Olympics, missed an easy chance five minutes later. Another quick move on the left, this time by Jaap Buma, beat the defence but Beer pushed weakly into Polish

Poland carned its lone penalty corner in the 53rd but Mateusz minute Czarnecki's shot was saved on the goal line by Heeswyk.

goalkeeper Pawel Sobezak's

The Indians, seeking a comeback to the big league after a decade in the wilderness, struggled to score goals against Belgium despite dominating play. Belgium, who forced fout

63rd through an indirect shot by Hemelen. Belgium also netted the fourth penalty corner, but French umpire Guillaume Langle disallowwed the goal,

penalty corners in the second

half, scored off the third in the

ruling Hemelen off-side. The Indira Gandhi Gup has been won by the Netherlands (1987), Pakistan (1988 and 1989) and India (1990).

Nicecop defeated Farashganj Sporting Club 22-11

goals each for Junior

respectively.

Jagaran SS vs Arunayatan

Appollo (3:30 pm)

Association (BSWA) on "Democracy in Sports" will be held on January 17 at the conference room of National Sports organisers, sports

Sports Reporter A multi-purpose non-skid

lease yesterday.

Greek tragedy

ATITENS Jan 14:- A young

going to AEK's crunch top of the table game against Olympiakos. He was taken to hospital but died on the oper-Violence continued in the