S Korea beat Bangladesh 1-0

Bangladesh suffered a solitary goal defeat against Asian giants South Korea in the second-leg match of the pre-Olympic qualifiers played yesterday in Malaysian capital Kuala Lumpur, reports UNB.

Mid-fielder Yun Jung netted decider in the 28th the first half, to a message according received by the Bangladesh Football Federation last evening.

Top favourites South Korea had outplayed Bangladesh by 6-0 goals in the first-leg match played in seoul in May.

Banglalesh lost to Thailand 0-4 in the opening second-leg tie on Morday.

They will now take on the

Philippinet Friday next. BANGLADESH TEXAND

#### Lahul, Masud Rana, Jewel, Zamrul, Sohel, Moon (Aman) Shabbir, Alamgir, Nakib, Mamun and Gaus (Uttam).

#### Asian Club Cup: Local clubs can field foreign booters Sports Reporter

Three foreign players will be allowed to play for a team participating in the 10th Asian Club Cup football tournament beginning from July 19 at Dhaka Stadium.

The Asian Football Federation, in a telex message to BFF, informed that besides relaxation on foreign players, it will also allow the participating eight teams to field players who have been registered in 1991. The Asian Club Cup was earlier postponed due to Gulf

Dhaka Mohammedans and seven other club teams from Iran, Qatar, Indonesia, Jordan, China, Thailand and Oman will be taking part in this year's

### Bangladesh to take part in World Cup qualifiers

State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain told Jatiya Sangsad yesterday that Bangladesh would take part in 1994 World Cup football, reports BSS.

The Minister however, ruled out the possibility to train up the national team under an European coach as it was too expensive.

In reply to a question from Rashed Khan Menon (Workers Party Bakerganj) Mr. Sadek Hossain said, Bangladesh would start preparations for the World Cup race after finalisation of the group fixture for qualifying matches. He told the Sangsad, Bangladesh took part in 1990 World Cup and be came third in the four member group comprising China, Iran, Thailand and Bangladesh in

the qualifying matches. In reply to a question from Mr. Ataur Rahman Khan (BNP-Narayanganj) the State Minister said, the standard of football was lower Bangladesh than that of the European countries. The position of Bangladesh in football is below 15 to 20 countries of Asia, he added.

## Bangladesh will lend conditional support to SA

Bangladesh is expected to support South Africa's bid for re-entry in the International Cricket Conference (ICC) which is due to meet July 9-11 in London.

"Our support will be on condition of fulfillment of commitments by South Africa to repeal the apartheid policy during its ongoing summer session of parliament", a senior Foreign Ministry official told UNB on Wednesday.

South Africa has announced it will repeal all policies of racial discrimination.

A two-member Bangladesh delegation, led by Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCD) General Secretary Manzar Taher, has already left for London to join the ICC meet-

London mission to support South Africa's re-entry on fulfillment of all the four conditions - formation of non-racial cricketing body, total eradication of apartheid, application for ICC membership properly proposed and seconded," the

official said. The matter will largely depend on co-ordination with other front-line cricket playing countries of the region like India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka,

he added. In a letter to Bangladesh Foreign Minister, the African National Congress (ANC) Secretary for International Affairs Thabo Nbeki requested Dhaka's support for the United Cricket Board of South Africa (UCBSA) to acquire ICC mem-

The new non-racial UCBSA was formed after protracted AFP. negotiation between the white led South Africa Cricket Union and the anti-aparthied South African Cricket Board.





LONDON, July 3: Martina Navatilova's long reign at Wimbledon ended today when she was

beaten in straight sets 6-4, 7-5 on the Centre Court by 15year-old Jennifer Capriati, reports AFP.,

The 34-year-old nine-time champion had been a set down but 3-2 and a service break up in the second set when the rain-interrupted match resumed.

But Capriati's blistering returns and bullet-like passing shots quickly sweded the seeds of doubt in the defend-

ing champion's mind. And she put herself under more mental pressure when she dropped serve to allow the ninth-seeded Capriati back to 4-4 after a stretch volley attempt flicked the net, stayed in mid-air for what seemed like an eternity and fell back on Navratilova's side of the net

The world number three, playing her 19th Wimbledon and having won the first of her titles back in 1978, saved two match points in the 12th game but she could not save the third as she served a double-

Argentina for a place in the fi-Sabatini completed a 6-2, 6-1 victory over Peru's Laura

and expensive bowling in the

first two Tests must surely

cost Malcolm his place in the

fourth game of the five-match

the potentially explosive but

possibly costly pairing of

England are unlikely to use

seed Gabriela Sabatini of

Capriati now plays second

Gildemeister on t he Number One Show Court.

An earlier report said,

Fitter, healthier and more confident. Than when she lost to Zina Garrison in last year's semifinal, Graf turned on the power to avenge that defeat, 6-1, 6-3 in Tuesday's quarterfinal. Then she turned her attention to Navratilova.

"She has won nine championships and has been so dominant here for so many years," Graf said. "I don't think she owns the court, but she is doing awfully well on it."

Winner in 1988 and 1989, Graf has a long way to go to catch Navratilova, but does not lack ambition. "I'll try to make it My court," she said.

The Centre Court was hers for 66 minutes as she totally dominated seventh seed Garrison with sledgehammer serves, precise volleys and lightning passes from the baseline.

Garrison had one break in the match but already was 3-0 down in the first set. She was never able to follow it up. The American won only three points in the opening three games as the top-seeded Graf took an immediate hold on the match.

Garrison, who won in three sets in last year's semifinal, recovered to get Graf down 0-40 on the German's serve. Graf saved two break points but planted a backhand into the net for a rare break.

crowd sensed a Garrison comeback, Graf turned up the intensity. She broke Garrison again in the next game and then served out to love. On

her second set point, Garrison played a short, angled volley but Graf got to it and played a cross-court winner.

Games went comfortably with serve to 3-3 in the second set as Garrison matched Graf for accuracy, if not for power. The American had a break point for 4-3 but fired a backhand just wide. That was her last chance, since Graf made her pay by breaking Garrison for 5-3 with a

thunderous smash. She carved out two match points with powerful serves but Garrison saved the first with a winner down the line. Graf did not waste the second chance. Barely a yard from the net, she slammed another smash into the ground as if she were trying to bury the This was a different Graf

from the player who faced Garrison last year. Then she was troubled by a sinus problem and her father's well-publicized paternity suit that eventually proved unfounded. This time it was a power-

packed Graf that swept Garrison off court. "I'm a lot healthier,I'm a lot more eager than I was last year," Graf said. "I am much fitter and better concentrated on the court."

In the semifinal, Graf faces fifth-seed Mary Joe Fernandez, who downed NO. 4 While the Centre Court Arantxa Snchez Vicario for the back to 5-5, but lost the next first time in four meetings 6-2, 7-5. After the first three Fernandez, from Miami, won four games in a row from 2-2.

LONDON, July 3:

Leaders Warwi-

from a rare cou-

nty cricket cham-

pionship defeat,

dismissed

fresh

ckshire.

suffered more torment as fast

bowler Norman Cowans put

champions Middlesex on top

in their match at Edgbaston on

Cowans captured four for 44 as

the title holders, still seeking

a win after 10 championship

Warwickshire for 230 on a

to only their second champi-

onship defeat in 11 matches

on Monday, were 106 for six at

one stage but Paul Smith engi-

neered a revival with his first

half century of the season.

Warwickshire, who slumped

Former England paceman

Tuesday, reports Reuter.

games

seamers' pitch.

Sanchez then had three break points in the opening game of the second set but Fernandez hung on. The American broke for a 4-2 lead and squandered two match points at 5-3. Sanchez fought



Navratilova shows her agony after losing to Capriati

two games and the match.

Fernandez is being advised games went with serve, by Ion Tiriac, who does the same for three-time Wimbledon titlist Boris Becker.

lowest championship score of

run and losing only five wicket

in the previous game against

Lancashire, the Welsh side

were brought down to earth

by Stephenson (four for 40)

and Pick (three for 54), their

last six wickets tumbling for

ond consecutive championship

century as Lancashire made

326 for eight against Somerset

of 167 added while he was at

the crease, hammering a six

and 15 fours during his 150-

minute innings in which he

Ghafar Cup: Lanka

Fairbrother scored 109 out

Neil Fairbrother hit his sec-

After scoring a total of 630

the season — at Cardiff.

Cowans wrecks

Warwickshire

37.

at Taunton.

faced 135 balls.

# Skuhravy outstrips

PARIS, July 3: Czechoslovak

striker Tomas Skuhravy is set to become the world's most from Italian club Genoa to beaten European Cup finalists Olympique Marseille of France, reports AFP.

aire president Bernard Tapie has reportedly offered a world record 20 million dollars, well in excess o the current record of 14 million dollars Juventus paid Fiorentina for Roberto

given in a Czechoslovak newspaper on Tuesday, with Skuhravy reportedly saying:

The burly striker came to international attention in last year's World Cup where he was Czechoslovakia's leading scorer and later moved from Sparta Prague to Genoa, where his

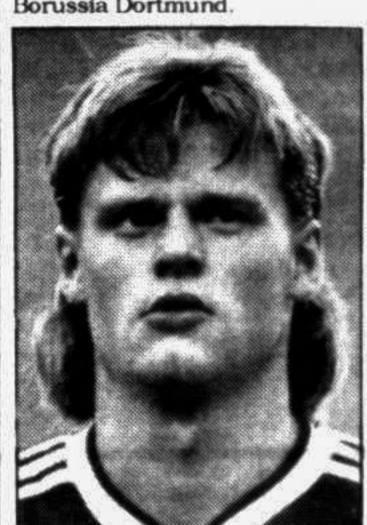
in Genoa but on the other and his Olympiqe Marseille is certainly very enticing," Skuhravy said.

estimated two million dollars.

German sources claimed he would be a replacement for Eric di Meco, who has torn knee ligaments which would keep him out of action for several months.

are planning to sign is a striker and not a midfield player," the spokesman added.

Borussia Dortmund





and Lamb.

yesterday.

JOHANNESBURG nate candidates for a panel of July 3: South African cricket supremo Ali Ba cher unveiled a complete ove-

rhaul of the game on Tuesday in readiness for the republic's resumption of Test cricket, reports AFP.

Bacher, managing director of the new non-racial United Cricket Board of South Africa (UCBSA), said the premier first class competition, the Currie Cup, started in 1890, would take on a new format and bear the name of its beer - brewing sponsor next sea-

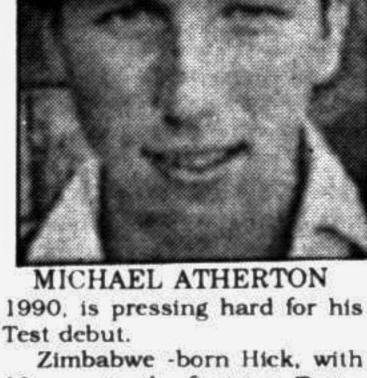
The present three-day game, with seven-and-a -half hours play a day would become a four-day game, with six to six and-a half hours per day to bring the competition closer to the Test format of five days, six hours a day.

Bonus points would also be "We have notified our dropped, he said, to bring cation, then South Africa is in, South Africa into line with and a five to two majority plus successful Test sides like the West Indies, Pakistan and

> "We've been out for so long," he said at the Wanderers Club here. "We've got to prepare our players for the real

And he said the UCBSA would ask members to nomi-

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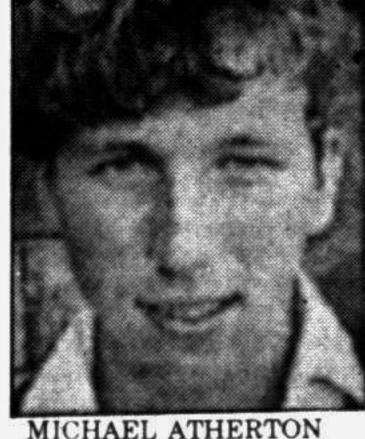
Test debut.

has still to master short pitched fast bowling while Lamb's scores of 11,0 and 1 have constructed sharply with his otherwise outstanding record against West Indies. Morris acknowledged he may not play this time but un-

derlined his ambitions "Playing Atherton, who has 13 runs from his three innings in the he said.

to keep his place at Tent Malcolm produced a timely boost on Monday by taking his season's-best of five for 45 in a Yet the trio will be aware county match which probably that Morris, who captained the banished any lingering doubts England A team in Sri Lanka earlier this year and has about his position in the Trend scored heavily in domestic bridge team. cricket both this season and in

Yet a repeat of his wayward



- AFP photo

Crucial Test for England's trio

Malcolm.

Fifteen- year- old Jennifer Capriati of the US returns with

a forehand on way to her quarter-finals victory over

defending ladies singles champion Martina Navratilova

LONDON, July 3:

Troubled batsman

Michael Ather:

ton, Graeme Hick

and Allan Lamb,

Plus past bowler

Devon Malcolm, must start

repaying England's loyalty as

the team defend a 1-0 series

lead against West Indies in the

math starting at Trend Bridge,

Nottingham, on Thursday hav-

fng contributed a total of 37

runs in the first two Tests,

while Malcolm's three wickets

in those games have cost 180

Glamorgan opener Hugh

Morris, who was added to

England's 13 on Monday after

Atherton suffered a strained

stomach muscle, and

Gloucestershire fast bowler

David Lawrence, who did not

play in the second Test at

Lord's but has been retained in

series, is under treatment and

has a 50-50 chance of recover-

ing. If fit, he is almost certain

Bridge together with Hick

Waiting in the wings are

The batting trio face the

third Test, reports Reuter.

12 runs in the first two Tests,

at the top level is something l badly want to do, and I also want to prove to myself that I can perform in Test cricket,"

SA prepares for Test

national selectors by the end of

August, to be appointed by the

UCBSA's executive at its next

next week's meeting of the

International Cricket Council

(ICC) at Lord's at which South

Africa will apply for readmis-

put by Steve Teshwete, the

sports department head of

Nelson Mandela's African

National Congress (ANC), the

prime mover behind anti-

apartheid sanctions that have

kept South Africa out of Test

Dakin said at the Association's

launch last weekend that

South Africa already had a pro-

poser and a seconder among

the seven Test nations, but re-

If all seven back the appli-

a simply majority among the

19 associate ICC members

would be enough to return

South Africa to the fold, pro-

vided one of the five is an ICC

founder member - either

closed, it's a new history, a

Bacher said: "A chapter is

UCBSA president Geoff

sion to Test cricket.

cricket since 1970.

fused to Name them.

England or Australia.

new era."

The revamp comes ahead of

The UCBSA's case will be

meeting on September 29.



has a left knee injury. He missed the second Test with a calf muscle strain. His absence would thrust the burden of responsibility on

Curtly Ambrose, Malcolm Marshall and Courtney Walsh. Debutante Ian Allen competed the four-pronged fast attack at Lord's but the traditionally relentless high pace was weakened. The West Indians must fervently hope for the continuous

wet weather to break this

Richard's team are unable to square the rubber at Trend Bridge they must subsequently face mounting pressure to overturn Englands lead. West Indies could con-

sider one batting change from the side who drew at Lord's omitting off- form opener Phil Simmons and promoting either Richie Richardson or Carl Hooper to make way for Brian Lara in the middle order.

#### Smith, with only 219 runs from 16 previous innings, batted three and a quarter hours week, as forecast. But if Viv for 68, Hitting 11 fours and putting on 60 in 29 overs for the seventh wicket with discarded England pace bowler Gladstone Small, who made

Middlesex were 21 without loss at the close of the first day of the three-day match.

West Indian all-rounder Franklyn Stephenson and fellow Nottinghamshire pacemen Andy Pick sent Glamorgan crashing to 151 all out - their

upsets Thailand KUALA LUMPUR, July 3 Sri Lanka shocked defending champions Thailand 2-1 on the opening day of the Asian

nations tennis championships for the Ghafar Cup here today, reports AFP.

The Sir Lankans, who fielded their Davis Cup squad, brought the Thais down to earth, clinching the first two singles in the best of three ties. Arjun Fernando got Sri Lanka's first point, overcoming Narathorn 6-2, 7-6 (13-10)

The other player through to

the last eight was David

Wheaton, who 24 hours earlier

ended Ivan Lendl's 1990

Wimbledon. The big American

was always in charge against

Swedish opponent Jan Gun

narsson and scored a 6-4, 6-3

6-1 win. He now faces the

later today between fifth seed

Andre Agassi and Jacco

Eltingh of the Netherlands.

winner of a clash scheduled for

# Time catches up with champions



him, reports AFP.

ALAN LAMB

But he will probably make playing." just "one last effort" to win the crown he held in 1981, 1983 and 1984," he said. "I'll probably give it one more try next year," said McEnroe after a comprehensive 6-7 (4/7), 1-6, 4-6 defeat on the Centre Court where he once ruled supreme. "I'm just trying to outlast Connors. If he decides to play here two years from now, I'll

reconsider," he quipped. But there was otherwise little humour in the 32-year-old American's remarks after the defeat. And there were few excuses. "He deserves his due. He outplayed me," he said. "I knew my work was going to be cut out. he's a frontrunner and knew I had to make a good start. I felt I achieved that . But he's such a difficult player to break when he's ahead.'

Looking back over his career, McEnroe admitted: "More sacrifices have to made as you get older and it gets so much tougher because your priorities change. "Now I have three children, I have a wife that I love. When You're younger, tennis is your whole life. You don't realise it at the time. You realise it later on. Life is a long learning experi-

Although McEnroe did not produce much of the old magical touch tennis which has so excited his fans around the world, he did treat the spectators to some loud tantrums over line decisions. But it made no difference to his op-

"I know John gets into these situations," smiled world

LONDON, July 3: number one Edberg. "But it John McEnroe doesn't make any difference to was bundled out me. And I came up with a good of Wimbledon by point after each incident today. defending cham- John is always going to be difpion Stefan Ed- ficult to beat on grass but I berg on Tuesday and admitted think I played some very solid that time was catching up on tennis out there today. I am very pleased with the way I am

> Edberg, probably the fastest player in the world to reach the net from the service line, constantly pressed McEnroe with his rapier-sharp volleys. And after playing a superb tiebreak to pocket the first set, Edberg made the first service break of the match in the fourth game of the second. It opened the floodgates.

The Swedish player won 19 of 20 points and the score suddenly raced from 1-1 to 6-. McEnroe staged a desperate attempt to stem the tide when he went 3-0 up in the third set, but Edberg, who had won last three of his 11 matches with McEnroe, including a straight sets win in the 1988 Wimbledon semi-final, was in no mood to let things slip. He came surging back with a superb mixture of angled volleys, drop shots and blazing backhand passing

Three other men's" singles fourth-round matches and two women's quarter-finals were completed when renewed rain brought play grinding to another halt.

Recent French Open champion, Jim Courier of the United States, celebrated his first appearance on one of the stadium's main show courts after a week playing outside the main complex, with a straight -sets win over 14th seed Karel Novacek of Czech-

The hard-hitting 20-yearold, who has been adapting his baseline tennis well to the fast grass courts at Wimbledon,

raced to a 6-3,6-4, 6-2 win. "It really doesn't matter to me where they ask me to play, said the fourth-seeded American, a former stable-mate of Andre Agassi at the Nick Bollettieri Tennis Academy in

Courier, who played on the number-one court on Tuesday admitted that he would nevertheless like to make at least one visit to the Centre-Court before going out. "I would like to be able to tell my grankids that I have played there." Courier now plays sixth-seeded Michael Stich of Germany for a place in the semi-finals.

The big-serving Stich, who lost to Courier in the semi-finals at the French Open, survived a nail-biting five-setter with Alexander Volkov of the Soviet Union 4-6, 6-3, 7-5, 1-

#### Curse again! WIMBLEDON, England

Wimbledon's curse, the

rain, has returned. Just when players and officials thought it was safe to go back on court, the miserable weather struck again Tuesday — further messing up a schedule already plagued by an opening week

Play has been delayed at least once every day of the tournament except Saturday, and the wet weather forced officials to cancel the traditional rest day on Sunday.

of wet.

The forecast called for more unsettled weather through the weekend. The latest rain came halfway through a pair of women's quarterfinals, with Martina Navratilova strug-

Tuesday. — AP

gling to regroup against

Jennifer Capriati, on

In the other men's singles topped by rain, French seventh seed Guy Forget looked like being Wheaton's next opponent after he had taken a 6-7 (4/7), 7-5, 6-2, 4-3 lead over popular 30-year old Tim Mayotte of the United States. Mayotte, a semi-finalist in 1982, is hoping to reach a seventh quarter-final berth. Meanwhile Forget's compatriot Thierry Champion appeared to

be heading to a meeting with Edberg. he was leading Derrick Rostangno of the United States, the player who ended Jimmy Connors' 19th Wimbledon campaign on Sunday, 6-7, (12/14), 6-2, 6-1, 3-6, 4-1 Boris Becker's clash with

Sweden's Christian Bergstrom was scheduled for later in the In the women's singles revenge was sweet for top-

seeded Steffi Graf. Graf now plays fifth-seeded Mary Joe Fernandez of the

United States. Fernandez, who like Graf has not yet lost a set since the tournament began, beat Spain's fourth seed Arantxa Sanchez 6-2, 7-5.

Second seed Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina, who had never lost six previous meetings with Reru's Laura Gildemeister, looked like stretching the record to seven. She was 6-2, 1-0 up in the match to decide who would play the winner of the Navratilova Capriati for a place in the final.

# all others

The French club's million-

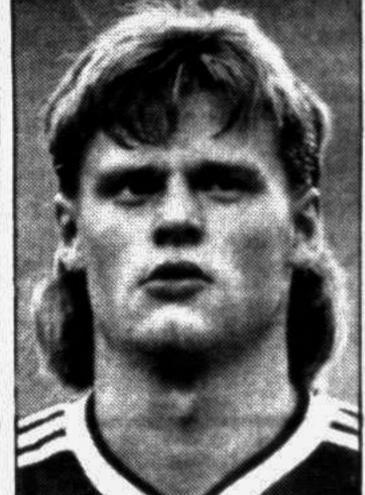
Details of the bid were "My contract with Genoa should be extended this week and that's probably why there's all this hurry and pressure."

goals led the club into the UEFA Cup. "I have excellent conditions hand, the ambition of Mr Tapie

There has been strong speculation that the foreign player Marseille have been lining up was Skuhravy and this was fuelled earlier on Tuesday when the club denied reports from Germany that they were about to move for Bayer Leverkusen midfield player Knut Reinhardt for an

But a Marseille spokesman insisted that the rumours were false. "The foreign player we

Reinhardt is also interesting Bayern Munich and



TOMAS SKUHRAVY

# BGIC Cup basketball from July 8

Sports Reporter

The BGIC Cup, 15th national basketball championship, organised by Bangladesh Amatuer Basketball Federation, will begin from July 8 at the wooden-floor gymnasium in Dhaka.

This year's national championship, which was due to start on April 20, was postponed four times earlier with reasons ranging from less entries, cyclonic storm and the damage of fibre-glass board. The ogranisers and spon-

Insurance Company, are confident that they will be able this time to start the tournament right in time. Seventeen teams including

sors, Bangladesh General

eight district teams are taking asking part. Defending champions

Bangladesh Navy, title aspirants Bangladesh Army and Omnitrans champions Bangladesh Rifles along with Bangladesh Police, Bangladesh Air Force and Bangladesh Ansars are the six services teams who have confirmed

their participations. Two university teams -Dhaka and Rajshahi — are also taking part in the championship.

A referees' clinic, conducted by two Indian international referees, is going on in connection with this national meet.

It is expected that eight games will be held everyday. Seventeen teams will be divided into four groups. The group champions and runnersup will qualify for the quarter-

The final is expected to be held on July 16. Sadek Hossain Khoka, State

Minister for Youth and Sports will inaugurate the meet on July 8 at 4.30 pm.

#### July 3: All seeded players scored straight set wins to breeze into the third round

Seeds sail smoothly

the men's singles in the 165,000 US dollar Malaysian

Open badminton championships here Tuesday, reports Top seed Ardy Wiranata of Indonesia had an easy 15-9,

15-5 win over Englishman

Anders Nielsen and will meet

Malaysian Ong Ewe Chye in the third round. Ong put out China's junior

shuttler Liang Zhiqiang, who had upset Soviet Union's top player Andrel Antropov in the first round, with a score of 15-3, 3-15, 15-5.

Second seed Wu Wengkai who is carrying Chinese hopes of recapturing the singles title here, scored a 15-6, 15-11 over Germany's Guido Schanzler.

Illingworth or all-rounder Dermot reeve, a mediumpacer. Both are uncapped. West Indies may again be without their fastest bowler on tour, Patrick Patterson, who