

Charity soccer gala July 12

The Bangladesh Football Players' Welfare Association (FPWA) and Bangladesh Film Artists' Association will play a charity football match at the Dhaka National Stadium on July 12, reports UNB.

The proceeds of the match will be donated to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund for the April 29 cyclone victims.

A cultural function will also be held on the occasion, sponsored by the Bangladesh Tobacco Company (BTC).

Renowned film artists and national soccer stars will participate in the function, jointly organised by the FPWA and the Artists' Association.

Liaoning, April 25 arrive July 17

Liaoning Club of China and the April 25 Club of North Korea will arrive in the city on July 17 to take part in the final round of the 10th Asian Club football championship, reports UNB.

The championship, with eight leading clubs of Asia, including Dhaka Mohammedan SC, begins on July 19.

Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF), organiser of the tournament, Saturday released the names of the players of the two teams each comprising 22 members.

The BFF earlier published the names of the Indonesian team.

Calcutta MSC beat Bagan

Calcutta league champions Mohun Bagan Club suffered their first defeat against Calcutta Mohammedan SC in their Calcutta Super Division football league encounter played at the Jubo Bharati Stadium yesterday afternoon, reports UNB.

It was Mohammedans' fourth consecutive win in the league, according to the All India Radio (AIR) commentary.

Mushtaque Ali, a fresh recruit of Mohammedans from Maharashtra scored the winning goal in the 24th minute off an Arup Manna pass (1-0).

Mohammedans beat Kumartully 1-0, Port Trust 1-0; George Telegraph 2-1 and drew goalless with Rajasthan in their earlier matches.

This was Mohun Bagans first defeat in their sixth encounter after five consecutive wins.

Two Bangladesh players — Kaiser Hamid and Imtiaz Sultan Johnny of Dhaka Mohammedans who joined Calcutta Mohammedans last week — gave remarkable performances in the crucial match.

Marseille top seeds

GENEVA, July 6: French champions Olympique Marseille are top seeds for the 1991-92 European Cup, reports AFP.

The 16 seeded clubs will be kept apart at next week's draw for the first round. The top eight also avoid each other in the second round.

European Champions Cup: Olympique Marseille (France), IFK Goteborg (Sweden), Sampdoria (Italy), Red Star Belgrade, Benfica (Portugal), Barcelona (Spain), Anderlecht (Belgium), Dynamo Kiev (USSR), Brondby IF (Denmark), Glasgow Rangers (Scotland), PSV Eindhoven (Netherlands), Austria Mephis, Kaiserslautern (Germany), Honved (Hungary), Universitatea Craiova (Romania), Panathinaikos (Greece).

European Cup Winners Cup: Manchester United (England), Porto (Portugal), AS Roma, Werder Bremen (Germany), AS Monaco (France), Sion (Switzerland), Galatasaray (Turkey), KV Brugge (Belgium), Atletico Madrid, lives Tampere (Finland), Feyenoord (Netherlands), Banik Ostrava (Czechoslovakia), Hajduk Split (Yugoslavia), Ferencvaros (Hungary), IFK Norrkoping (Sweden), GKS Katowice (Poland).

UEFA Cup: KV Mechelen (Belgium), Bayern Munich (Germany), Ajax Amsterdam, Real Madrid, Torino (Italy), Torpedo Moscow, Eintracht Frankfurt (Germany), Steau Bucharest, Inter Milan (Italy), Sporting Lisbon, Auxerre (France), Stuttgart (Germany), SV Hamburg (Germany), Trabzonspor (Turkey), Dinamo Moscow, Groningen (Netherlands).

Asian snooker result

KARACHI, July 6: Chuchat Triratampradit of Thailand clinched the eighth Red and White Asian snooker championship by defeating former champion Yasin Marchant of India 8-3 here Friday, reports AFP.

During a five-and-a-half hour battle, the 28-year-old Thai lost the first three frames 44-71, 19-84 and 63-72, then staged a remarkable comeback with scores of 120-0, 77-26, 51-43, 62-60, 74-04, 48-46, 50-34 and 111-28.



STEFFI GRAF ... sweet success

Sabatini fails to deny Graf



WIMBLEDON, England, July 6: Steffi Graf pounded her forehands from all over the court to defeat Gabriela Sabatini 6-4, 3-6, 8-6 for her third Wimbledon women's title Saturday on a sultry Center Court, reports AP.

Graf was down 5-4 and 6-5 in the final set, with Sabatini serving both times for the match. But Graf scored a pair of service breaks to survive, and then broke Sabatini for the match in the 14th game of the set.

It was the German's 10th Grand Slam title, but only her first since the 1990 Australian Open. In the past 18 months she has battled a series of physical and personal problems while slipping from the top of women's tennis.

Graf ran around many shots in order to hit her forehand,

and most of the time she sent the ball back to Sabatini's backhand. The strategy worked, as the Argentine's backhand crumbled under the relentless pressure.

Sabatini, who had defeated Graf in their five previous encounters and won the US Open final against her former doubles partner last September, was playing in her first Wimbledon final.

After a tournament tormented by rain, the match was played in hot, sunny weather. An on-court thermometer showed the temperature as 99 degrees Fahrenheit (37 Celsius).

Graf, who also won in 1988 and 1989, scored the only service break of the first set in the fifth game by repeatedly pounding forehands to Sabatini's backhand side.

She opened the second set with two more service breaks, but Sabatini rallied to break



SABATINI — the losing finalist

Graf's serve three times and win the set.

But the German recovered to win the final set, increasing the power on her forehand and reducing her backhand errors.

Graf broke her thumb in a skiing accident in February 1990 and suffered sinus problems last summer. She also was unnerved by a paternity suit filed last year against her father, an accusation of which he later was cleared in court.

The German stumbled to her worst loss as a professional when she was defeated 6-0, 6-2 by Arantxa Sanchez Vicario in the semifinals of the French Open this spring.

But she was overpowering throughout Wimbledon, losing only 23 games in her six matches en route to the final.

The victory was worth dollars 345,600 to Graf, while Sabatini earned 172,800 dollars.

All-German Wimbledon final today



LONDON, July 6: Boris Becker and Michael Stich made sure that it will be the first-ever all-German final at Wimbledon on Sunday when they won their semifinals on a sun-baked Centre Court, reports AFP.

And the chances of another German "double" were very much on the cards with Steffi Graf playing her old rival Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina for the women's crown.

Graf and Becker were Wimbledon champions in 1989.

Becker needed some protective strapping for his right thigh but came safely through his showdown with big-serving American David Wheaton. He scored a 6-4, 7-6(7/4), 7-5 win in 2 hours 45 minutes.

Stich earlier notched up the day's major surprise when he put out defending champion Stefan Edberg 4-6, 7-6(7/5), 7-6(7/5), 7-6(7/2). That victory meant an extra bonus for Becker who consequently took over from the Swede as the world's number-one ranked player by reaching the final.

Becker, the champion here in 1985, 1986 and 1989 and

finalist in 1988 and 1990 and with an incredible record at the Championships of having been beaten only four times in 46 matches since 1984, was always in charge against the unseeded Wheaton.

In a match dominated by big serves, the 6ft 4in, 20th-ranked American, who 24 hours earlier put Andre Agassi out of the tournament, dropped his serve in the ninth game of the first set. He then lost the second by tie-break and finally surrendered the match in the twelfth game of the third when Becker swung a service return wide.

Twice Becker was 0-40 down on his service — in the fourth game of the second set and in the ninth game of the third — but both times he saved the situation with a series of bold serves and volleys.

Becker, visibly relieved to have come through to his sixth Wimbledon final, said: "Anybody who reaches the final here can win the title. So to me it makes no difference if I am playing Stefana or Michael."

"It will be an all-German final and I don't know what to say about that. We are good friends and we have become very close over the last ten

days. But a Wimbledon final can bring out a killer instinct."

Becker, who also world number-one for three weeks from January 28 before Edberg regained the status, admitted he had been angry all week over the scheduling and had often been guilty of outbursts on court.

"The problem has been the rain. I was always put down as the last to play and then the match wouldn't take place. The last three or four days, he playing every day, have been

really tough for me."

Regarding his right thigh, Becker admitted: "I needed to put on protective strapping. In fact after these past few days I couldn't have played much longer. But they would have had to carry me off court like they did in 1972 for me to stop."

Asked if he thought Stich might be overcome by the big occasion, Becker smiled: "I hope he is nervous. But I doubt it. He is a very cool guy and he will take the pressure well."

Unhappy end of Navratilova

LONDON, July 6: Martina Navratilova's unhappy Wimbledon ended on Friday when she was beaten in the women's doubles, reports AFP.

The 34-year-old, whose bid for a tenth singles title ended in the quarter-finals when she was beaten by 15-year-old of the Jennifer Capriati, went out in a women's doubles semifinal with Pam Shriver. They were beaten by Soviet second seeds Larisa Savchenko and Natalia Zvereva 2-6, 6-2, 6-4.

Navratilova will not see the women's singles final between Gabriela Sabatini and Steffi Graf as she catches a plane home today when the match

starts.

The Russian pair now face top-seeded Jana Novotna of Czechoslovakia and Gigi Fernandez of the United States.

Novotna and Fernandez beat fourth seeds Zina Garrison and Mary Joe Fernandez of the United States 7-5, 6-2.

Men's doubles second seeds John Fitzgerald of Australia and Anders Garryd of Sweden reached the final when they beat Grant Connell and Glenn Michibata of Canada 6-2, 6-7(4/7), 7-6(7/5), 6-4. They now play unseeded Javier Frana of Argentina and Leonardo Lavalle of Mexico.

Cops think fine on Mac is excessive

WIMBLEDON, England, July 6: If John McEnroe believes his dollars 10,000 fine for swearing on court is excessive, so do the local police, reports AP.

The All England Club fined the No. 16 seed for a stream of four-letter words aimed at two line judges during his fourth-round defeat by Stefan Edberg. "It's all a bit out of perspective," said chief inspector Des Wyke, operation police commander at Wimbledon.

"The worst of driving offences if unlikely to prompt that level of fine. It's what you'd get for several burglaries," Wyke said.

The record-breaking mixed doubles pair of Michiel Schapers and Brenda Schultz finally ended their series of marathon matches when they tumbled out of the competition in the quarter-finals.

Famed for their 6-3, 5-7, 29-27 first round victory over Tom Nijssen and Andrea Temesvari — the longest mixed doubles in Wimbledon history — the Dutch pair battled to the last eight with two more three-set matches.

They dunned Rick Leach and Zina Garrison 3-6, 6-3, 13-11, then Sven Salumaa and Karen Kschwendt 3-6, 6-2, 6-1.

In the quarters, they faced South Africans Christo Van Rensburg and Elna Reinach. And, although both sets went to tiebreaks, the Dutch pair lost 7-6(7-5), 7-6(7-5).

Taiwan upset Indonesia

KUALA LUMPUR, July 6: Unfancied Taiwan created another upset, this time defeating fourth seed Indonesia 3-0 to enter the final of the 9th Asian nations tennis championships for the Ghafor Cup here Friday, reports AFP.

Taiwan will meet the winner of today's semifinal between second seed South Korea and third seed China.

Taiwan's first singles player Lien Yu-Hui defeated Dede Suhendr 7-6(7/4), 6-7(4/7), 6-2 while compatriot Chen Chih-Jong secured the winning point by scoring a 7-5, 6-1 win over Eko Yuliusyono.

Yu-Hui and Chih-Jong later teamed up to edge the Indonesian pair of Yulis Suyono and Donny Suestyo 6-7(4/7), 6-3, 6-2.

Krabbe regaining old form

LINZ, Austria, July 6: Katrin Krabbe, whose form has slumped since winning three gold medals at last September's European Championships, ran the second-fastest women's 200m this year in an international meeting here Friday, reports AFP.

The German, whose future seemed in doubt only this week, clocked 22.21 sec for half a lap.

Jamaica's Merlene Ottey, her great rival for sprint honours at next month's World Championships in Tokyo, ran a world-leading 22.055sec in Berlin last month.

Danny Harris got near to his season's best with 47.90sec in the 400m hurdles. The American ran 47.62 to win the US Championships last month.

Dennis Mitchell, the wrong winner of the Carl Lewis-Ben Johnson showdown on Monday, improved to 10.03. But that is still three hundredths slower than his third place behind Lewis and Leroy Burrell in New York where Burrell broke the world record with 9.90 sec.

Cuba's Roberto Hernandez gained a psychological edge on US champion Antonio Pettigrew who will be his main rival in Tokyo. His 44.51 sec was the second-fastest 400m this year.

Pettigrew, who won the US title in 44.36, timed 44.67 last night.

England 54 for 3 at day's close

Sports Reporter

England were struggling at 54 for three wickets in the their second innings, still needing 43 runs to overcome their first innings deficit against West Indies at close of play on the rain-drenched third day of the third cricket Test at Trent Bridge, Nottingham yesterday according to BBC commentary monitored in Dhaka late last night.

Allan Lamb was on the crease with 25 runs along with Mark Ramprakash who was on 7. Captain Graham Gooch was out for 13 while fellow opener Michael Atherton was next out for four and then their Zimbabwe-born batsman Graeme Hick joined them in the pavilion, once again, for a duck.

Windies' fast bowler Curtly Ambrose started the rot taking two of England's second innings wickets conceding 13 runs while Malcolm Marshall got the other wicket for 22 runs, AP adds.

All-rounder Malcolm Marshall hit a rapid 67 as the West Indies cruised past England's total of 300 to reach 397 all out Saturday.

After a three-hour delay caused by rain, the West Indies wickets began to tumble as they resumed at 262 for five.

Gus Logie, 72 not out at the resumption, added only six

more before he cracked a ball from Phil DeFreitas straight to fielder Mark Ramprakash who took the catch.

Jeff Dujon scored 19 before he edged a catch to Graeme Hick off Derek Pringle and Curtly Ambrose hit 17 until he was bowled by spin bowler Richard Illingworth.

Courtney Walsh contributed 12 before Pringle trapped him leg before wicket and Marshall, who hit six fours, was last man out. He skied a catch to Illingworth off a ball from DeFreitas, leaving Ian Allen not out for.

A 45-minute thunderstorm before play was scheduled to begin showered the field and held up play.

England leads the five-match series 1-0, having won

Fair enough!

BERNE, Switzerland, July 6: Claude Bez, former president of French club Bordeaux who admitted last year he had paid for sex for referees, is to be banned from football for life.

The European Football Union's disciplinary committee has called for a life ban for Bez and Ljubomir Barin, the Yugoslav agent who hired call girls for referees at Bordeaux's European Cup matches in the Eighties.

by 115 runs at Headingley. The second Test at Lord's was drawn.

Earlier report said, Windies' skipper Richards clashed with the umpires on Friday after being dismissed 20 runs short of the century he craves on his farewell tour. He refused to budge from the crease until John Hampshire followed his colleague Mervyn Kitchen in giving him out for 80 as the tourists regained control to finish on 262 for five, just 38 runs behind England.

The official scorers gave Richards out bowled off his boot by spinner Richard Illingworth, both numerous television replays seemed to suggest that the correct version should be stumped.

England wicket-keeper Jack Russell looked straight at umpire kitchen, standing at cover point, when the balls came off and the officials' anger went up immediately, indicating a stumping from a rebound off Russell's pad.

But it was not until Hampshire also signalled the dismissal that Richards finally and reluctantly tore himself away from the crease and later learned that he had been bowled.

The 39-year-old Antiguan trudged away knowing that the century he wants so much in England before retirement had once again eluded him despite three and a half hours on near

faultless concentration. For debut-maker Illingworth, Richards's scalp, even in circumstances like these, completed a day he will never forget.

The Worcestershire spinner had started spectacularly by bowling opener Phil Simmons for 12 off an edge with his first delivery in Test cricket.

Illingworth's early joy followed David Lawrence's breakthrough in having Desmond Haynes superbly caught at short-leg by Robin Simmitt for 18.

When Phillip DeFreitas had Carl Hooper caught behind for 11 soon after lunch, West Indies were tottering at 45 for three.

Lawrence later ended a stand of 73 for the fourth wicket by yorking Richte Richardson for 43, but then for 34 overs Richards and Gus Logie threatened to put the tourists in total command.

They had shared in a stand of 121 when Richards departed and suddenly England's disappointing total of 300 all out did not look quiet so vulnerable, even though Logie was still unbeaten on 72.

Earlier, Illingworth and Lawrence had helped Smith to eke out another 31 runs after England had resumed at 269 for eight.

Illingworth failed to add to his overnight 13 before deflecting a wicked.

Malik wields broad bat

LONDON, July 6: Pakistan batting star Salim Malik dominated an Essex record fourth-wicket stand of 314 with England hopeful Nasser Hussain on Friday to put Essex in control of their championship match with Surrey at the Oval, reports AFP.

The pair came together with second-placed Essex tottering at nine for three after Martin Bicknell had snapped up all three wickets for four runs in 17 balls.

But that was Surrey's last taste of success until Hussain was removed at the end of a partnership which shattered Essex's 43-year-old record for the fourth wicket.

Hussain cracked 128 in a minute under five hours, facing 243 balls and hitting 17 boundaries, but Malik stole the show with a magnificent unbeaten 185 off 295 balls with 23 fours in five and a half hours.

Essex declared at 338 for five and Neil Foster removed

Surrey opener Darren Bicknell before the close.

There were also centuries for Hampshire batsmen Kevan James and Chris Smith as Yorkshire's bowlers were fayed for 417 for seven at Southampton.

James was 134 not out at the close and Smith made 112, his fifth century of the season, hammering five sixes and 12 fours.

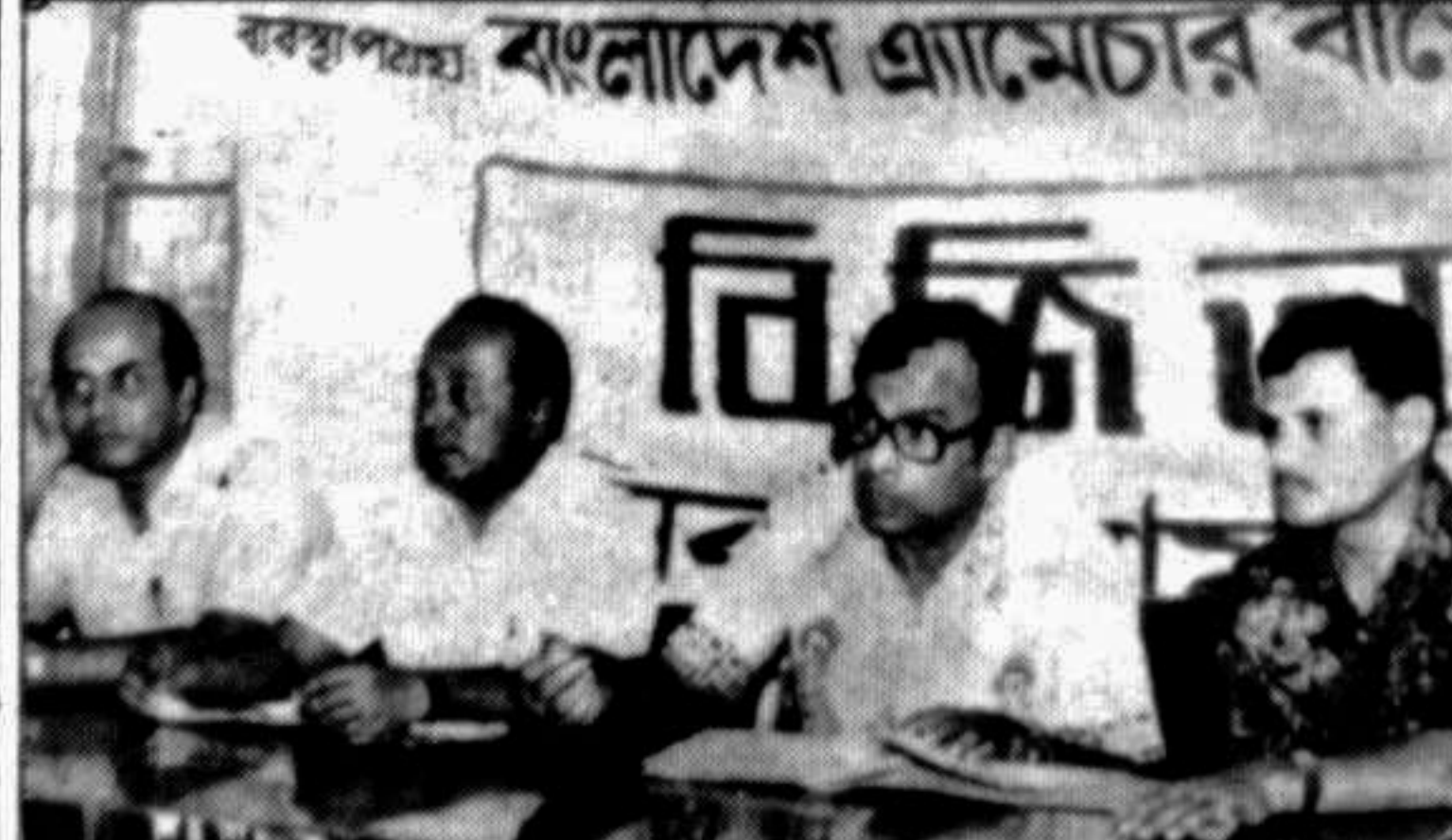
Yorkshire had a brief revival when Peter Hartley removed three batsmen, including David Gower (49) in six balls, but James put Hampshire back in charge as he shared century partnerships with Adrian Aymes and Raj Maru.

Norhamptonshire were also well on top at Leicester after reaching 300 for seven declared before reducing Leicestershire to 19 for four.

Opener Alan Fordham's 116 laid the foundation for the Northants total and he shared in a fourth wicket stand of 146 with Zimbabwean all-rounder Kevin Curran (67). The Paul Taylor and Gerg

Thomas grabbed two wickets apiece as the first three Leicester batsmen departed without scoring.

Another opener to reach three figures was Kent's Trevor Ward, who blasted an excellent 110 off 145 balls and put on 184 with Neil Taylor



Professor Rashiduddin (bespectacled), President BABF, speaking at a press conference yesterday in connection with the 15th national basketball championship at Dhaka Stadium. Lt Col Shamim Shahjahan is also seen. — Star photo

BGIC Cup from tomorrow

Sports Reporter

The BGIC Cup 15th national basketball championship, organised by the Bangladesh Amateur Basketball Federation, commences tomorrow at the wooden-floor gymnasium. A press conference was

held yesterday evening in connection with the this year's championship at the conference room of Dhaka Stadium.

President of the BABF Professor Rashiduddin, BABF Secretary Major (Retd) Ashfaq Ahmed, tournament committee chairman, Lt Col Shamim Shahjahan Chowdhury, and General Manager of the sponsor company BGIC Moshleuddin Ahmed spoke on the occasion.

This year's championship is being sponsored by Bangladesh General Insurance Company.

The sponsors will finance the entire cost of the estimated budget of Taka 1.30 lakh for the tourney.

Prof Rashiduddin told the reporters that a record number of 17 teams are taking part in the tourney.

Volleyball result

MOSCOW, July 6: The Soviet Union came from two sets down to beat South Korea 4-1 in World Volleyball.

Eight district teams will be arriving in capital today.

Basketball Federation will provide each of the outstation teams with travelling allowance and daily allowances. The Federation will also arrange the accommodations for the outstation teams.

The 17 teams will be divided into four groups. The group champions and runners-up of each groups will qualify for the quarterfinals.

The final is scheduled for July 15.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadeq Hossain Khoka will inaugurate the eight-day meet.

The participating teams are: Bangladesh Navy, Bangladesh Rifles, Bangladesh Army, Bangladesh Air Force, Bangladesh Police, Bangladesh Ansars, Dhaka University, Rajshahi University, and the district sports associations of Dhaka, Munshiganj, Rajshahi, Sylhet, Chandpur, Chittagong, Khulna, Brahmanbaria and Bakerganj.