

BGIC Cup quarters today

Sports Reporter

The reigning champions Bangladesh Navy, despite losing their inaugural match against Bangladesh Army, marched into quarter-finals of the BGIC Cup 15th national basketball championship when they outplayed Rajshahi University by 124-33 points yesterday at the wooden-floor basketball gymnasium.

With this victory Navy finished Group 'A' runners-up bagging 5 points. Army topped the group with 6 points.

Navy will face Munshiganj DSA in today's quarter-final match at 4.30 pm at the same venue.

Munshiganj reached the quarters in a fine style topping

Group 'C' with full six points from three outings. They crushed Chandpur DSA in yesterday's third match.

Bangladesh Air Force scored a hard-fought 80-63 victory over Dhaka DSA to finish Group 'D' runners-up and moved into quarter-finals. BAF will face Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) in today's first quarter-final match at 10 am.

BDR became Group 'B' runners-up when they drubbed Khulna DSA by 22-57.

Dhaka University continued with their winning streak when they finished Group 'D' champions overwhelming Brahmanbaria by 107-22 points. DU will face Sylhet DSA

in today's third quarter-final at 3 pm. Sylhet qualified for quarters when they overcame the stubborn Ansar side by 57-47 points finishing Group 'B' runners-up.

The favourites Bangladesh Army sounded fresh warning when they shot out Bakerganj DSA 123-26 in a one-sided Group 'A' match.

Bangladesh Army will face Chandpur, Group 'C' runners-up in today's 4th quarter-final at 8.30 am.

TODAY'S QUARTERS

Army vs Chandpur — 8.30 am
BDR vs BAF — 10.00 am
DU vs Sylhet — 3.00 pm
Navy vs Munshiganj — 4.30 pm



BFAA President Ahmed Sharif (C) speaking at a press conference in connection with tomorrow's star-studded charity football gala. — Star photo

Charity soccer gala Friday

A star-studded charity football match will be held on Friday at the Dhaka National Stadium to raise funds for the cyclone victims, reports UNB.

Jointly organised by the Bangladesh Film Artists' Association (BFAA) and the Bangladesh Football Players' Welfare Association (BFPWA), the match will be followed by a colourful cultural function.

The entire programme will be sponsored by Bangladesh Tobacco Company (BTC).

National football stars and renowned film artistes of the country will participate in the match while reputed singers will take part in the cultural show.

The major portion of the gate-money will be donated to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund and the rest will be given to the distressed artistes and players' funds.

Minister for Education and Cultural Affairs Prof. AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury will be the chief guest while State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain Khoka will be a special guest on the occasion.

The details of the programme were disclosed by the organisers at a press conference held yesterday afternoon.

BFAA president Ahmed Sharif, General Secretary Iltas Kanchan, BFPWA President Abu Yousuf and General Secretary Badal Roy spoke on the occasion.

The duration of the match will be one hour thirty minutes in each half and it will start at 5.30 pm. The cultural function will be held later in the evening.

Tickets for VIP Gate No. One will be Taka 500, VIP Gate No. 2 Taka 200, VIP Gate 3/A Taka 100, VIP Gate 3/B Taka 50. Women's enclosure at Gate No. 2 Taka 25 each.

The rate of tickets for the galleries will be taka 25 each, to be available at the Stadium ticket counters from 11 am on the day.

International Olympic Committee readmits SA

Pretoria no longer a pariah

CAPE TOWN, July 10: South African athletes rejoiced on Tuesday at their country's readmission to the Olympic Movement after 31 years of isolation, but anti-apartheid radicals vowed to overturn the decision, reports Reuter.

"It's great news," said marathon runner Willie Mtshali, who is determined to be among the first black South Africans since 1904 to compete in the Olympic Games.

Education Minister Louis Piensaar, whose portfolio includes doors sport, said in a statement: "Today is a red-letter day... the doors to the readmission of South African sport to international competition have swung open."

But radical anti-apartheid activists denounced the decision by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in Lausanne and vowed to overturn it.

Joe Ebrahim, President of the South African Council on Sport (SACOS), said IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch was wrong to readmit South Africa.

"We are going to do whatever we can to show the IOC that to carry through this decision would not be in the best interests of the South African people," he said.

Ebrahim said SACOS, which mainly represents sportsmen aligned with the pact, would oppose all forms of South African participation in the Barcelona Games next year.

South African National Olympic Committee director Doep Du Plessis said the decision would revitalise sport and contribute to racial harmony in a country torn apart by factional violence.

President F W de Klerk did not comment on the IOC's de-

cision, which was made possible by his repeal over the past 18 months of all apartheid laws except the constitution, which still denies blacks a vote.

Another report says, the readmission of South Africa to the Olympic Movement ends one of the festering problems in international sports a top US athletics official said on Tuesday.

"It (South Africa) was like a great big sore that kept festering up," said Ollan Cassell, executive director of the athletics congress, the US ruling body for athletics, and a vice-president of the International Amateur Athletic Federation.

Whenever there was an Olympic Games or a World Championship you had to worry about how it was going to affect the competition," Cassell said in a telephone interview from his Indianapolis office. Now that seems to be solved.

Robert Helmick, president of the US Olympic Committee, said the US organisation supported the International Olympic Committee (IOC) decision.

"The United States Olympic Committee is pleased for the South African athletes who have struggled in the shadows for almost two decades."

In another opening of the International Sports world to South Africa, organisers of the World Gymnastics Championships in Indianapolis held their team draw on Monday and included South Africa. The Championships are scheduled for September 6-15.

AFP Adds: Hironoshin Furuhashi, President of the Japan Olympic Committee Wednesday welcomed South Africa's readmission to the Olympic Movement agreed by the International Olympic Committee.

"I am much pleased with South Africa's return to the world sports community."



LAUSANNE, Switzerland: Juan Antonio Samaranch, Chairman of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), shakes hands with Sam Ramsamy, President of the Interim National Olympic Committee of South Africa (INOCOSA) after South Africa was re-admitted to compete in the Olympic Games next year by a decision of IOC. — UNB/AFP photo

S Africa back in the fold

LONDON, July 10: The International Cricket Council, meeting at Lord's, voted to reinstate South Africa to world cricket today after an absence of 21 years, reports AFP.

The move came a day after South Africa was readmitted to the Olympic Movement in time for next year's Barcelona Games.

It means South Africa, thrown out of world sport because of its now dismantled apartheid legislation, will once again be able to play Test cricket.

This time, however, the Springboks will be playing against black countries like the West Indies and Pakistan as well as the white nations England, Australia and New Zealand.

Former England captain and ICC chairman Colin Cowdrey would not confirm the voting was unanimous, but stressed: "Everybody voted and no-one was against."

That left it clear that one or more of the seven full member

ICC countries, or 19 associate members — possibly the West Indies — abstained.

Mr Cowdrey said: "The Council has this morning recognised the new body of cricket in South Africa, the United Cricket Board, and we have elected them to full membership of the ICC from immediate effect."

Mr Cowdrey added: "We have given them our good wishes because South Africa has satisfied all the things we have hoped for and asked for over many years and much more than that."

But he pointed out that "The question of cricket tours involving South Africa, and all other aspects, are things to come later. We have jumped the first hurdle today."

Geoff Dakin, president of the United Cricket Board of South Africa said, "This is a very emotional day for us, and when you are in the state of emotion the easiest thing is to keep your statements simple."

"So let me just say thank you for this decision. We are terribly grateful that we have been accepted back into the

fellowship of cricket and delighted we have come back in an atmosphere that I would even describe with the word 'love'."

"It has been a long, hard road. But times have changed, our country has changed and the attitudes of our people have changed."

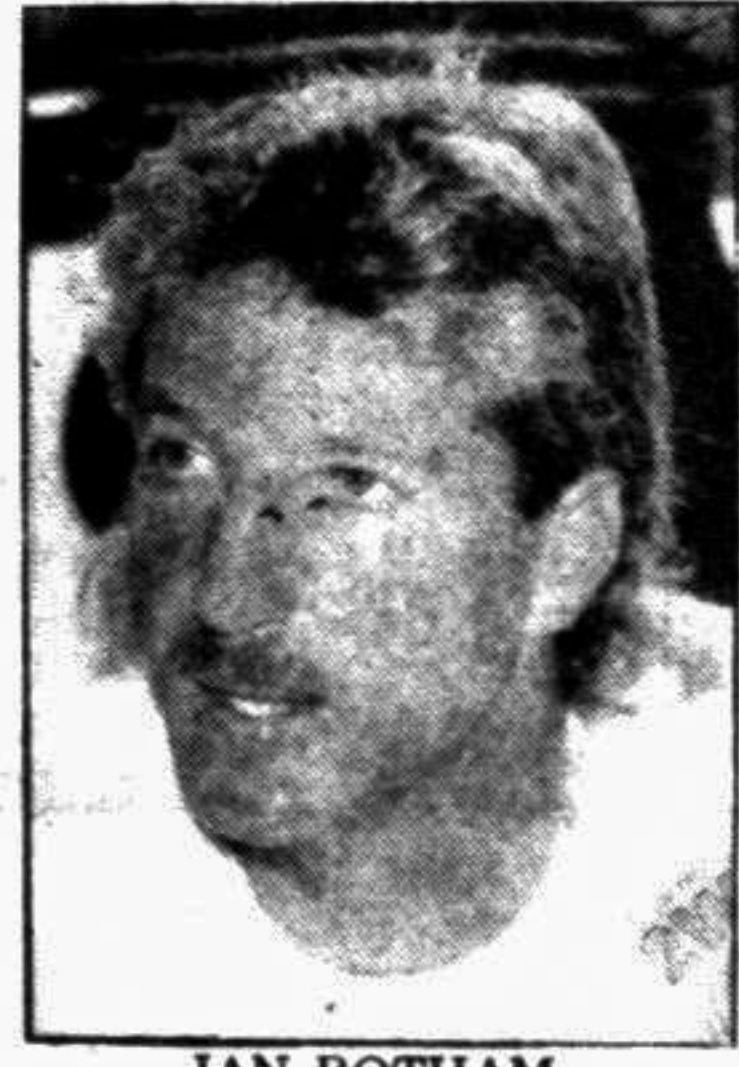
Krish Mackerdhui, the UCBSA's vice-president, added: "What we have achieved today is for a greater South Africa and it will lead to the transformation of our country."

All Bacher, managing director of the UCBSA and South Africa's last Test captain, declared "This is the happiest day of my life."

"And the news today will be a great motivating factor in stimulating cricket in all sections of our society."

"South African cricket has a great future ahead, and the possibilities for our future Test team are tremendous."

"Our state President, FW de Klerk, also needs to be commended for his courage and initiative in wiping apartheid from the statute books."



IAN BOTHAM
Botham stakes Test claim

LONDON, July 10: Ian Botham gave a timely nudge to the England selectors on Tuesday by leading Worcestershire to an eight-wicket success over champions Derbyshire in a rearranged Sunday League match at Worcester, reports AFP.

On the day England were crushed by the West Indies the 35-year-old, all-rounder captured three for 21 in eight overs and then blasted an unbeaten 36 off only 28 balls to condemn Derbyshire to their eighth successive defeat.

Botham's late blast, which included a six off former England paceman Devon Malcolm, upstaged Damian D'Oliveira (54) and Tim Curtis (63 not out).

Worcestershire needed only 170 after restricting Derbyshire to 169 for nine on a slow pitch.

John Morris made a brisk 51, but the innings fell apart when left-arm spinner Richard Stemp teamed up with Botham and registered a league best three for 18.

Bablee upsets Rani in women's national chess

Sports Reporter

Afroza Khanam Bablee caused a major setback when she defeated International Woman Master Rani Hamid in the third round match of the 12th women's national chess championship yesterday at the National Sports Council's chess room. Afroza started the match with white pieces and Rani Hamid with the black.

Rani decided to give up the game after Afroza built up a winning position.

Afroza Khanam, Shabana Parveen and Tania Parveen were jointly leading the table with three points each after the completion of the third round matches.

Meanwhile in the 11th national sub-junior championship, sixteen players were jointly leading after the completion of the second round matches yesterday.

Seventy-seven players are taking part in this year's tourney.

Americans prepare clay

KANSAS CITY, July 10: Andre Agassi and Jim Courier are counting on red clay to slow down their hard-serving German rivals in the Davis Cup semifinals, US team captain Tom Gorman said Tuesday, reports AP.

The rule in the Davis Cup is that (the hosts) get to choose the surface, and we're going to choose the surface that gives us the best advantage," Gorman said.

Courier defeated Agassi on clay in the finals of this year's French Open. Expected to lead the German team are Boris Becker and Michael Stich, who played for the Wimbledon title Sunday on the faster grass courts of the All England Club.

"I don't know how we could not a better match," Gorman

said. "This should be the finals as far as I'm concerned. We've got the finalists of the French Open against the finalists of Wimbledon."

Organizers stepped up promotions with a new conference Tuesday at Kemper Arena, where the matches will be played Sept. 20-22. France and Yugoslavia meet on the same weekend in France in the other semifinal group.

"This is not going to be a fun little day in the park," Gorman said. "We are going to do everything we can to beat those guys. Obviously, we want to slow the court down. We've got two of the best-serving volleyers in the world in the Germans."

Gorman said he wants the Kemper Arena surface to play like the red clay at the Davis Cup finals in St. Petersburg, Fla. where the United States

won the championship in 1990.

"We aren't going to slow it down so much that it's much because our players want some action, tom," Gorman said.

The German team has defeated US players in their past three Davis Cup meetings, including the latest match in Munich in 1989.

The undefeated Davis Cup doubles duo of Rick Leach and Jim Pugh will complete the US Team at the semifinals. They have seven consecutive victories in the international tournament.

The Germans have yet to announce their team officially. But they have indicated Stich and Becker will compete in Kansas City, said Ed Fabricius, public relations director for the United States Tennis Association.

Old Boys Argentine champs

BUENOS AIRES, July 10: First Division team Newell's Old Boys won the 1990-91 Argentine soccer championship by beating Boca Juniors 3-1 in a penalty shootout on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

Boca Juniors, Argentina's most popular team, had won the preceding second leg final match 1-0, the same score by which Newell's Old Boys took the first leg in Rosario on Saturday.

Goalkeeper Norberto Scoponi became the hero for Newell's Old Boys by stopping Boca's first two penalties kicked by Alfredo Graiani and Claudio Rodriguez.

Boca midfielder Walter Pico sealed his team's fate when his penalty kick hit the crossbar and bounced into the stands.

Before that, Eduardo

Bertizzo, Juan Llop and Julio Zamorra scored their penalties for Newell's Old Boys, while international Blas Giunta got Boca's only tally of the shootout.

With their victory on Tuesday Newell's Old Boys, a club based in the large industrial city of Rosario, 300 km north of Buenos Aires, qualified for next year's Libertadores Cup, the South American tournament for league champions.

Playing before a roaring crowd of 62,000 at Boca's stadium in cold, wet weather, the new champions moved conservatively on the muddy pitch, hedging on the advantage they had built up in the first leg match.

Both teams were missing key players drafted for the national team currently playing in the Copa America regional tournament in Chile.

Rough play predominated in

the first half with Boca squandering several scoring opportunities. Their lone goal came in the second half.

In a counterattack play in the 61st minute, midfielder Claudio Rodriguez passed the ball to striker Gerardo Reinoso, who blasted a low shot past Scoponi.

From then on Newell's Old Boys dug into its half of the pitch and shielded its goal from the local team's onslaught.

The visitors' strategy paid off for the duration of regulation time and the 30 minutes extra time, leading to the penalty shootout.

A three-time winner of the Argentine First Division championship, the Newell's Old Boys club was founded by former pupils of an Anglo-Argentine school in 1903, honouring the name of headmaster Isaac Newell.

Bayern buys Kreuzer

MUNICH, Germany, July 10: Bayern Munich signed little known defender Oliver Kreuzer from Karlsruhe for 5.7 million marks (3.1 million Dollars) on Tuesday, making him the second most expensive German player in the Bundesliga.

Top German players have been sold for far more to foreign clubs but big money internal transfers are rare.

Bayern, runners-up in the league last season, have lost three German international defenders recently.

Former under-21 international Kreuzer will partly compensate for the loss of World Cup players Jurgen Kohler and Stefan Reuter, who have joined Italian club Juventus, and veteran Klaus Augenthaler, now retired.

Kreuzer who signed a four-year contract with Bayer, has been with struggling Karlsruhe for four years.

Holyfield keen to fight

NEW YORK, July 10: World heavyweight champion Evander Holyfield is negotiating for a rematch with George Foreman in November but still hopes to fight Mike Tyson next, a spokesman for his promoter said on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

A rematch of last April's fight in which Holyfield won by decision over the 42-year-old former champion looked likely for November unless Tyson's manager Don King reached agreement with the Holyfield camp or outbid them for Foreman in the next or so.

Holyfield's promoter Dan Duva and his manager Shelly Finkel were meeting Foreman's adviser Ron Weathers and promoter Bob Arum on Tuesday and Duva spokesman Mike Boorman said they would discuss a variety of matters including a Holyfield-Foreman fight.

"It's not a done deal, the reason being that Evander Holyfield wants Mike Tyson next," Boorman said.

King and Duva have been

unable to agree on a split of the purse for a Holyfield-Tyson fight, which could be the most lucrative ever.

"I think Dan is interested in making a last-ditch effort with King and Tyson," Boorman said, adding that arrangements for the Foreman fight should be wrapped up next week at the latest if no deal could be struck with the Tyson camp.

King has also wooed the popular Foreman for a fight with Tyson, who lost the heavyweight title to James "Buster" Douglas in February 1990.

The Holyfield-Foreman fight would be a rematch of the April 19 bout in which Holyfield won a unanimous 12-round decision against Foreman, who returned to boxing in 1987 after 10 years in retirement.

Holyfield, who captured his crown from Douglas last October, is 26-0 with his only title defence the bout against Foreman. Foreman is 69-3.

Tyson beat Donovan "Razor" Ruddock in a 12-round decision last month.

BAF swimming meet concludes

Rahman finished first followed by Squadron Leader Kamal of Base Bashur, while in the 100m free-style Lance Naik Bashur and Corporal Qudus of Base Bashur became first and second respectively. In the 50m free-style Lance Naik Bashur of Base Bashur covered the distance first followed by Flying Officer Haroon of Base Matur Rahman. Base Bashur and Base Matur Rahman finished first and second respectively in the 4 x 100m free-style relay.

Lance Naik Bashur of Base Bashur was adjudged the best swimmer of the meet.

Brazil beat Bolivia

VINA DEL, Chile, July 10: Defending champions Brazil, still searching for an effective attack, defeated Bolivia 2-1 in a South American soccer championship Group B preliminary round match on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

Playing with loose positions that made for great mobility, Brazil failed to press home its attacks and only scored from a penalty and a free kick.

In an earlier Group B match, Uruguay played to a 1-1 draw against Ecuador for their second draw in as many matches.

Brazil and Colombia lead the Group on two points after one match each. Uruguay also had two points after a pair of draws.

In his first official tournament, Brazil coach Paulo Roberto Falcão dropped all his World Cup squad players ex-

cept three-goalkeeper Taffarel, Defender Mazinho and left-winger Branco.

Brazilian captain Neto converted in the 5th minute from a penalty after forward Joao Paulo was brought down in the Bolivian goal area.

Bolivia held their own for much of the first half and came close to equalising, but a solid Brazilian central defence line of Gottardo and Ricardo Rocha performed flawlessly.

Branco slammed in a 30-penalty in the closing minute the match after Gottardo tripped up Marco Antonio Etcheberry in the goal area when Sanchez converted.

TEAM

Brazil-Taffarel, Cafu, Gattardo, Ricardo Rocha, Branco, Mauro Silva, Mazinho I, Neto, Renato, Careca (Raf), Joao Paulo (Mazinho II).

Bolivia — Aragon, Rimba, Jiguchi, Ferrufino, Saldias, Borja, Melgar, Castillo, Sanchez, Etcheberry, Suarez.

metre free kick in the opening minutes of the second half to give Brazil a 2-0 lead.

Falcão brought on forwards Raf and Mazinho 11 to substitute for a listless Careca and an injured Joao Paulo, and the changes injected missing vitality into Brazil's midfield and offensive play.

But Raf missed his best scoring chance when he shot a centre by Mazinho 11 over the crossbar despite a wide open goal mouth in the 72nd minute.

Bolivia scored form a Soccer results

JHENIDAH, July 10: Shalakupuz upazila team defeated Kotchandpur upazila team by 2-1 goals in the opening match of inter-upazila football competition at the local stadium Monday, reports UNB.

Mohan scored two goals for Shalakupuz in 20 and 28 minutes of the first half while Pikul of Kotchandpur netted solitary goal in 15 minutes of the second half.



US Greg Foster (R) on his way to win the 110 metres hurdles at Happeerranta eastern Finland, on July 9 in 13.11 seconds, the best time in the world this year. His compatriot Tor Dees (L) was placed second in 13.35 seconds. —AFP photo

SA in world meet likely

TOKYO, July 10: Organisers of next month's World Athletics Championships in Tokyo said today they were expecting South African athletes to take part, reports Reuter.

The Championships now seem the most likely occasion for Pretoria to return to international competition following its readmission to the Olympic Movement on Tuesday after 31 years of isolation.

Hideyuki Sasaki deputy general secretary of the organising committee, said: "We are making the preparations for the Championships on the assumption of South Africa's participation."

"We are expecting some 30 athletes and 70 others includ-

ing officials and journalists from South Africa to come to Tokyo if the IAAF (International Amateur Athletic Federation) approves South Africa's application for readmission," Sasaki said.

That decision is to be taken at a meeting of the council of the IAAF, the governing body of world athletics, in Tokyo on August 20 and 21.

The council had left the door open for such a last-minute entry at a meeting in Tokyo in May when it decided to extend the August 14 entry deadline until August 22, the eve of the opening ceremony, for South Africa only.

On Monday IAAF President Primo Nebiolo said in Athens: "It is very likely that South Africa will be a part of the IAAF again in the very near future."