champion and runners-up

teams with trophies. The play-

ers of the top three finishers

will receive gold, silver and

ready finalised by the AFC

whose technical directors will

supervise the conduct of the

tournament and the appoint-

ment of the referees, there

will be two matches everyday,

the first kicking off at 5:00 pm

committee has been formed to

ensure the successful holding

of the meet with Prime

Minister Begum Khaleda Zia as

the chief patron. Foreign

Minister Mustafizur Rahman is

the chairman of the committee

while Industries Minister

Shamsul Islam Khan is the co-

chairman. Siddigur Rahman,

the BFF chief, is the executive

vice chairman with BFF gen-

eral secretary Harunur Rashid

ganising committee is sched-

uled for July 14 at the Cabinet

Room of the Bangladesh

Secretariat at eleven in the

morning while the tournament

committee meet at 5:30 this

afternoon at the BFF confer-

Hadlee released

AUCKLAND, New Zealand

July 11: World bowling record

holder Sir Richard Hadlee was

moved out of a hospital inten-

sive care ward here today as

his condition improved, re-

He underwent open heart

Family spokesman Bil

McCormick said Sir Richard

was making a good recovery

and doctors were "very satis-

fled" with his progress.

surgery Tuesday to correct a

ence room.

ports AFP.

congenital defect.

The first meeting of the or-

the tournament secretary.

Meanwhile, a high-powered

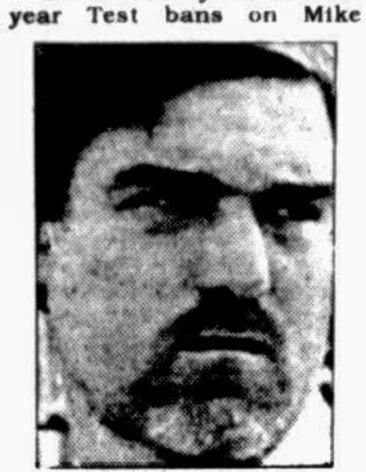
and the second at 7:00 pm.

According to the fixture, al-

bronze medals.

## Test ban on Gatting gang won't be lifted

LONDON, July 11: The five-



MIKE GATTING

Gatting's rebel England cricketers, who toured South Africa last year, will not be lifted this year, reports Reuter.

International Cricket Council (ICC) Chairman Colin Cowdrey said today the bans

would be reviewed next year. The ICC readmitted South Africa to international cricket on Wednesday.

The ICC also announced that South Africa would not be allowed to take part in next year's World Cup in Australia and New Zealand.

# Lara's Test chances bloom

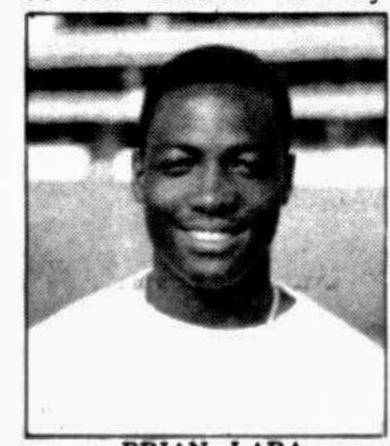
DARLINGTON, England, July 11: Brian Lara boosted his Test claims with an impressive 82 for West Indies against the minor counties on the opening day of a two-day cricket match on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

One day after levelling the Test series against England at Trent Bridge, the West Indies made 300 for eight declared from 94.5 overs.

Minor counties were 45 for three at the close.

Lara struck 13 boundaries in his 160-minute innings one of three outstanding batting performances from players fighting to get into the West Indies Test team.

Opener Clayton Lambert hit 50 and Hamesh Anthony



BRIAN LARA hammered a whirlwind 63 not out which included 12 boundaries from just 59 deliveries.

The big disappointment for the crowd was that West Indies skipper Viv Richards chose to bat down the order at number nine. He managed just four runs,

all singles, before holing out in the covers off Netl Taylor. Patrick Patterson, striving

to be fit for the fourth Test beginning at Edgbaston on July 25, was no-balled 10 times in a five-over stint.

But he managed to dismiss opener Gary Brown, who was superbly caught down the leg side by wicket-keeper David Williams.

#### Charity soccer bazaar today

A galaxy of stars of the silver screen will be seen in action on the football pitch when they take on the ace booters of Bangladesh at the Dhaka Stadium today at 5-30 pm, re-

ports BSS. The soccer skill, or the lack of it, of the actors and actresses will be on display at the football ground in a charity match, jointly organised by the Bangladesh Film Artistes Association and the Bangladesh Football Players Welfare Association to raise funds for the April 29 cyclone victims.

Sponsored by Bangladesh Tobacco Company the onehour charity football gala (30+30) will be followed by a cultural programme, in which film stars and singers like Shakila Zafar, Babita, Champa, Natun, Anju Ghosh, Rozina. Anjana, Sohel, Andru Kishore. Shabana, Ditee and others will participate.

In the football match. Razzak, Sohel Rana, Zabed Khasru, Ilias Kanchan, Bulbul Ahmed, Alamgir, Rubel, Mahmud Kali, Subrata and others will display their skill

against the star footballers. The proceeds of the match will be donated to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund.

Education Minister AQN Badruddoza Chowdhury will be the chief guest

#### Army soccer

JESSORE, July 11: Savar, Chittagong and Jessore area teams earned full points yesterday in their robin league matches of Army football championship now in progress at the Jessore Cantonment, says a press release.

# Dhaka readies for Club Cup | Niaz Murshed's

Sports Reporter

Preparations for the 10th Asian Club Cup soccer champion ship, scheduled in Dhaka for July 19-

Football Federation (BFF) press release issued yesterday. Eight champion teams of Asia will be competing in the 11-day tournament, to be hosted by the BFF under the overall aegis of the Asian

29, are progressing well,

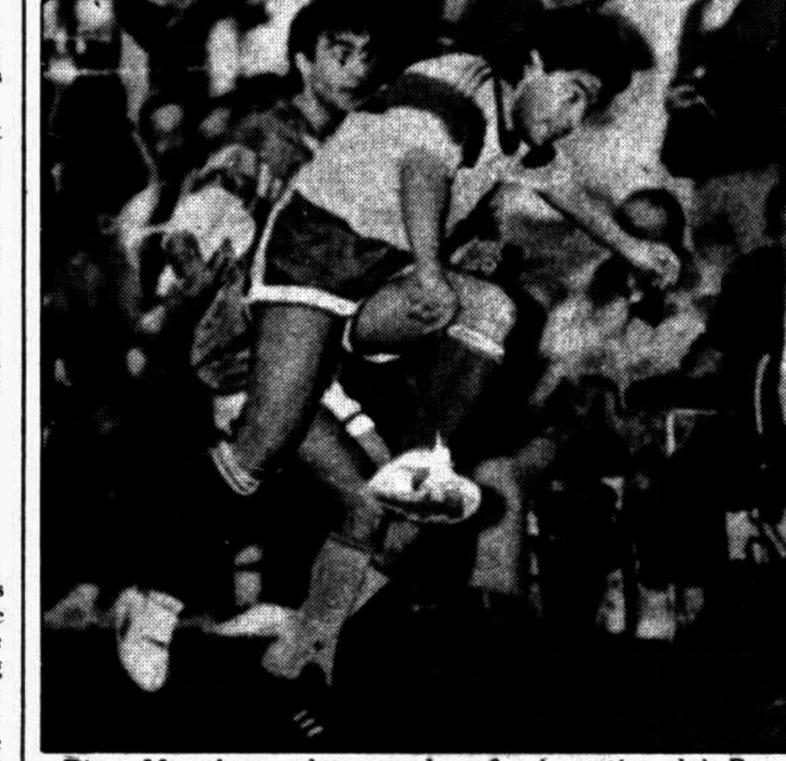
according to a Bangla-desh

Football Confederation (AFC), The teams have been divided into two groups with Al-Nasser Club of Oman, P.S. Pelita Jaya of Indonesia, Al-Pamatha of Jordan and

Liaoning FC of China being clustered in Group A and Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club, Isteghlal SC of Iran. Bangkok Bank Club of Thailand and the April 25 Club of North Korea making up Group B.

The robin league will be followed by the semifinals between the leaders of Group A versus runners-up of Group B and vice versa. The losing semifinalists will face off to decide the third place.

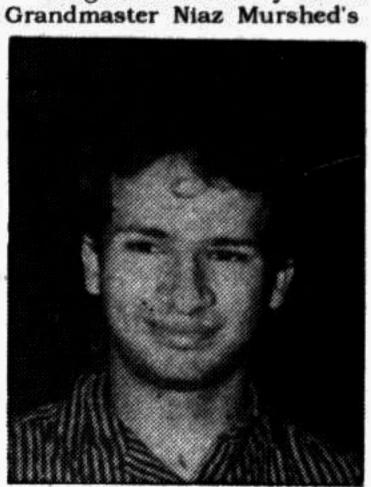
The champions of the final round will receive the AFC running trophy, currently with a Chinese club, which will be brought to Dhaka by the Liaoning Club, In addition, the BFF will also present the



Diego Maradona, who now plays for Argentine club Parque of Buenos Aires, running past an unidentified Ateneo Versailles player on July 9. It was Maradona's first appearance in a soccer match since his arrest for cocaine possession and use in Naples on April 27. -AFP photo

# rating up

Sports Reporter Bangladesh's solitary chess



NIAZ MURSHED international rating has climbed to 2510, according to the latest (July) list published earlier this month by FIDE, the world governing body of chess. Prior to this the rating of Niaz Murshed, who resigned last month as secretary of the

Bangladesh Chess Federation amidst acrimony, was 2465. The ratings of Younus Hassan, a former national champion, and Rezaul Haq. both FIDE Masters, rose to 2315 and 2230 respectively.

Two other Bangladeshi players have earned their international ratings.

Rifat bin Sattar has received

a rating of 2265 and Almasur Rahman 2230. Zillur Rahman Champak has

2380, the same as Ziaur Rahman, while reigning national champion Syed Tahmidur Rahman, another FIDE Master, has 2305. The rating of Bangladesh's

only International Woman Master Rani Hamid is 2125 while Shabana Parvin has 2065, Afroza Khanam 2005 and Tanima Parveen also 2005.

# Navy face BDR in today's semi

Sports Reporter

lowed by Huda with 22 points. Navy will take on BDR in today's first semifinal scheduled to begin at 4 pm. Favourites Bangladesh Army who were not seeded this year Army will meet on Dhaka

University in the second semi-

final scheduled to be held to-

morrow at 4 pm. as they did not take part in last year's championship, stepped forward to crush hapless Chandpur DSA 122-25 in an one-sided quarterfinal en-

Dhaka University, despite facing stiff challenge from Sylhet DSA, marched into semis registering 70-53 vic-

Asgar with 17, Saveed 14 were the leading DU scorers.

Omni-trans Trophy holders and last year's national runners-up Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) which is the most consistent team sounded further warning when their shooters crossed 100 mark in their fourth consecutive matches when they outplayed Bangladesh Air-Force by 114-81 points in their quarter-fi-

Ayub with 42 and Wasek 20 were the leading scorers for the Riflemen and Air Force men respectively.

TODAY'S SEMIFINAL Navy vs BDR - 4 pm.



Jamaica's Merlene Ottey (C) crosses the finish line to win the 100-m dash in Lausanne Grand Prix on July 10. Ottey set the world's best time this year at 10.84 sec.

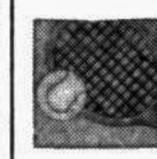
time." said Farmer- Patrick.

stands at 52.94.

Soviet hurdler Marina

Stepanova's world record

# Sabatini starts in style



**TOKYO**, July 11: Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina opened the defence of her singles title in style Wed-

nesday, beating Susan Sloane of the United States at the 250,000-dollars Gunze world tennis tournament here. reports AFP.

But the two-time defending champion, losing finalist to her arch-rival Steffi Graf of Germany at Wimbledon last weekend, needed six games for tuning up before going on to score a 6-3, 6-0 win in the women's singles first round.

After the American held her range from the baseline on the indoor court at the Tokyo Metropolitan Gymnasium, she never lost another game and gave up only 14 points to the struggling American.

"The court was very different. It's very slow compared to Wimbledon, said Sabatini. "I had to get used to the court at the beginning.

"It's good to have a match like this in the first round to get used to the court because each round is going to get more difficult," added the defending U S Open champion. Her next opponent will be either Magdalena Maleeva of Bulgaria or Kimiko Date of

In other action, Katerina Maleeva of Bulgaria fought off the dangerous forehand of Anke Huber of Germany, sometimes called 'Graf the Second," for a 6-3, 6-2 win earlier in the day.

Jim Courier of the United States, the French Open champion, needed three sets and just over two hours to beat his compatriot Tommy Ho 4-6, 7-5, 6-1, while Patrick McEnroe gunned down Todd Witsken 6-4, 6-2 in another all-American affair.

Ho, 18, unleashed a marvellous forehand passing shot to convert one of the three break points and took the first set, but he was never able to have a single break opportunity in the following two sets.

Courier, ranked fifth in the world, overpowered Ho in baseline duels and after 1-1 in the final set it was one-way

"I was not surprised that he was playing well, because I know he is good. He is a talented player," said Courier, who defeated Ho in two sets in a previous exhibition.

#### Maradona magic

BUENOS AIRES, July 11 Diego Maradona, banned by the International Football Federation (FIFA) until next July for taking drugs, won a tumultuous reception when he played in the final of a local five-a-side tournament on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

Maradona, on 20,000 dollars ball on cocaine charges, put on a dazzling display at a suburban sports club, scoring twice and setting up numerous chances. His team. Club Social Deportivo Parque, beat Ateneo Versailles 11-2.

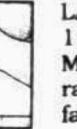
Looking fitter and slim mer than when arrested in April, Maradona was cheered by the 800 spectators every time he touched the ball.

Police had to turn away 200 fans who tried to enter the packed stadium once word spread the former Argentine and Napoli captain was playing.

Maradona returned to Argentina on April 2 after he was banned by the Italian league for failing a dope test after a Napoli match. FIFA later extended the ban. He was arrested in Buenos

Aires on April 26 and later freed on bail after being charged with possession of cocaine and supplying the drug free of charge to others.

# Stars shine in Lausanne



11: US sprinter Mickael Johnson ran the season's fastest 400 Wednesday at the

Athletissima IAAF-Grand Prix track and field meet. Jamaican star Merlene Ottey continued her winning streak with a new seasonal best in the 100-meter dash, reports AP. Sandra Farmer-Partick beat

her compatriot and US champion Kim Batten in winning the women's 400-meter hurdles in the fastest outdoor time this year, 53,61.

Noureddine Morceli of Algeria was on a world record pace for half of the men's mile

But he failed to break Briton Steve Cram's six-year-old world record of 3:46.32 minutes finishing in 3:49.12. "The first lap was too fast

and by the second lap I realized the pace was too quick,' Morceli said. "So I cut the rhythm and just ran to win." Morceli holds the season's fastest 1.500-meter clocking.

Johnson, 23, caught fast starting Roberto Hernandez of Cuba at the top of the baack stretch and accelerated to win in 44.17 seconds. Hernandez finished in

44.40, a meter behind. Steve Lewis, the 1988 Olympic champion, was fourth and US champion Antonio Pettigrew

#### "I figured it would take the best time in the world to win today," said Johnson, the world's best runner at 200 and

400 meters last season.

The reigning champions.

champions

Bangladesh Navy, last year's

runners up Bangladesh Rifles,

Bangladesh Army and inter-

university champions Dhaka

University moved into semifi-

nals of the BGIC Cup 15th na-

tional basketball championship

after winning their respective

quarter-final matches yester-

day at the wooden-floor gym-

with a convincing 95-51 points

victory over Munshiganj DSA in

their quarter-final tie. Navy

took early advantage which

helped them lead 60-26 at the

breather. Goshwami topscored

for Navy with 44 points fol-

Navy kept their hopes alive

services'

He improved his personal best at 400 by .04 seconds Wednesday.

But Johnson said he still feels more comfortable on the shorter stretch, in which he will compete at this year's World Championships.

Ottey, the world's top active female sprinter, lowered her season's best in the 100 to 10.84 after a tough challenge from US runner Gwen Torrence.

That improved by .04 her previous seasonal mark, set at Oslo four days earlier. Ottey, still looking to better

Florence Griffith-Joyner's

10.49 world record, extended her winning streak in the shortest sprint to 51 races. "I had to go fast. Gwen was right there," said Ottey, 31. "If I'd slowed I would have lost

my concentration and lost the

race. I need to run faster and to train more.' Jamaican-born Farmer-Patrick won the 400 hurdles in 53.61, ahead of Britain's Sally Gunnell and Batten. Batten had held a seasonal best of 54.18 since winning at this

runnerup. "Technically it was a very bad race and I can't believe the

year's US championships.

where Farmer-Partick was

Danny Harris ran the season's fastest 400-meter hurdles in 47.38, improving his personal best by .10 seconds.

ished second at 10.04.

"My steps were right and I pushed up on the hurdles," said the American, who exu-

US sprinter Leroy Burrell.

who bettered the world record

onds last month, won his race

in 9.96. Absent was Burrell's

Santa Monica Track Club

teammate and top rival, six-

time Olympic champion Carl

Mitchell burst out of the

blocks but Burrell caught him

with a finish kick. Mitchell fin-

Fellow American Dennis

in the men's 100 to 9.90 sec-

berantly threw his shoes into the crowd after the race. "I think I can run 46. Harris, silver medalist at the 1984 Olympics and the

1987 track world championships, dominated the 400 hurdles last season with a record eight performances under 48 seconds. His latest showing made

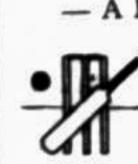
him indisputably the world's fourth-fastest person over the distance, a spot he had shared with Germany's Harald Schmid

Edwin Moses has held the 400 hurdles world mark at 47.02 since 1983.

Natalia Artemova of the Soviet Union posted a seasonal best in the women's 1.500 meters, winning in 4:00.77.

# Trent Bridge Test: A distant view

- A M Chowdhury



The West Indies staged a moral boosting comeback in the third Test, and by levelling the series have succeeded in generating tremendous interest in the

Trent Bridge provided a Test match of fluctuating fortunes, and it was not clear until the evening of the fourthday that the West Indians had a firm grip on the match, and the fashion in which Haynes and Richardson scored the remaining 95 runs clearly showed their revitalised confidence achieved after grim struggle during the

forthcoming encounters.

previous four days. The West Indians played with determination and application and wrested back the initiative from England; the fighting character of the "Calypso Giants" looked like coming back with a bang. Desmond Haynes, playing in his hundredth Test match, had the privilege of making the winning shot just before lunch on the 5th day, registering a

nine-wicket victory. On the opening day the sun was shining after a few days of rain and Gooch winning the toss, for the first time in the series, elected to bat on a pitch which was easy paced. Any short pitched delivery rose very slowly without creating any problem for the batsmen. Gooch and Atherton laid the foundation for a big England total; the first wicket fell at 108 shortly after lunch. But within an hour things took a different turn and England

were 3 down for 138. The Hick-Ramprakash partnership steadied the innings and at 175 for 3, the tea tasted reasonably good in the English dressing room. The day ended with England at 269 for 8, thanks to Hick's 43, compiled with much labour, and an unbeaten 40 from Robin Smith. At lunch (106 for no loss) England looked set for a big total: but when the sun cleared up the misty morning conditions and dried up the moisture in the wicket, the West Indian bowlers struck line and length and bowled with hostilityOn the second day Robin Smith, holding the English tail together, was mainly instrumental in taking the total to 300. He again remained unbeaten with 64 (at Lords he was 148 not out). The main burnt of the West Indian bowling was borne by Ambrose and his figures of 34-7-5-74 definitely represent sustained hostile bowling.

The West Indian first innings had ups and downs; at one stage they were 3 for 45. Illingworth created history by bowling Simmons with his first ball in Test cricket; a feat which was last achieved by Intikhab Alam of Pakistan at Karachi in 1959-60 Richardson and his captain turned the scales in their favour by some determined batting. Richardson had a crisp innings of 43 and looked like flourshing. The Richards-Logie 121 run partnership in 142 minutes dominated the proceedings after tea. Richards was out in a funny fashion, the ball dislodging the bails, with

the main umpire thinking he

was bowled and the leg umpire also raising his fingers to sig nal stumped, thinking the ball might have hit the stumps off the pads of the wicket-keeper. However, in the official score book Richards goes down as bowled for 80, an innings with a lot of character and some vintage shots and it was unfortunate that he did not reach the three-figures which have eluded him several times since 1989. The second day of blazing sunshine saw the West Indies achieving a commanding position, just 38 runs begins with 5 wickets in hand.

A sharp thunderstorm in the morning delayed the start on the third day. The West Indies took a vi-

tal first innings lead of 97 runs. Marshall's 190-minute innings of 67 carrying the total DeFreitas with figures of

31.1-9-3-67 was a model of accuracy. But the other English bowlers, seemed to toil hard. England had about two

hours batting and the West Indian bowlers, realising Sunday to be a rest day, went all out on the kill and gave the English batsman a very torrid time. On 54 for 3 at the end of the day England were in trouble, facing a deficit of 43 with just seven wickets remaining. The fourth day saw inter-

day. Lamb, struggling (on 25 last evening), never looked like settling down and was out for 29. Wickets fell at regular intervals, the steamyswinging condition giving the West Indian bowlers some

help, and England could reach

mittent drizzles at causing

several interuptions during the

a total of 211 only due to the valiant efforts of DeFreitas (54 not out) recording his highest test score and Lawrence scoring 34 very good runs and thereby registering in the record books the highest Test score by an English No. 11 batsman. Among the West Indian bowlers. Walsh rose to the occasion to capture 4 for 64, giving able support to Ambrose (3 for 61) and Marshall (2 for 49).

England, with a lead of only 114 runs, did not cherish any hopes of saving the match, unless of course, the weather god (or goddess) came to their rescue. But Lawrence claiming the wicket of Simmons (1 for did raise some hope in a few optimistic English hearts and the day ended with the West Indies needing another 95 runs a for victory with 9 wickets in hand.

But putting an end to all speculations, the sun shone on the last day and Haynes (57 not out), in partnership with Richardson (52 not out). reached the coveted figure of 115 without being separated. They went on with the job steadily and surely without any real haste.

The Trent Bridge Test

leaves the series wide open. perhaps the visitors slightly better placed, having regained their lost confidence. The batting of Haynes, Richardson, Logie, and, of course, Richards, and the bowling of Ambrose, Marshall and Walsh should create a feeling of satisfaction in their camp. With the expected recovery of Patterson their attack would be augmented. The only question mark in their line up lies on Simmons. Would the tour selectors think of opening the innings with Richardson, a role once he played but possibly not to his liking, or Dujon, the alternative often tried in the absence of Greenidge and bring in Brian Lara? The intervening fortnight may help the West Indian selectors find an

But the England side, after this defeat, looks like poised with a serious a few questions. Big questions marks hang over the batting of Atherton, Hick and Lamb. Hick's have of 6.6.0.43 and 0 must induce the selectors into rethinking. Allah Lamb's tally of 11, 0, and 13 and 29 is by no means convincing. Atherton's 2, 6, 5, 32 and 4 put up a similar picture. So it is likely that the selectors would think of some changes and we might expect one or two replacements in the batting line up. The consoling feature in

the English side has been the batting of Gooch, Smith and to some extent Mark Ramprakash. Mark is having a tough baptism in Test cricket, whose tally so far (27, 27, 24, 13 and 21) do not represent the real character of the batting of this youngster. In the earlier two Tests he came in at 25 for 3, 8 for 3, and 16 for 3. In this Test, in the first innings, after a solid opening stand of 108, three quick wickets brought Ramprakash at 138 and in the second innings he took the strike at 25 for 3. But each time he tried to steady the innings with his determination

and very correct technique.

He has so far scored one run per every four balls he has faced and occupied and the crease for nearly over two hours. Each time in country cricket he is known for his stroke play; but the situational aspect of his Test outings so far did not allow him to come into his own, but he has clearly showed the character and quality which he possesses.

The English bowling in this

MICHAEL JOHNSON

most star - studded so far on

circuit, drew 18.000 specta-

this season's

The Lausanne meet, the

Grand Prix

Test left a lot to be desired. Except DeFreitas (14 wickets in three Tests) none else looked like posing problems for the West Indians. Pringle's figures of 4 for 52 at Headingley followed by 5 for 100 at Lord's looked impressive, but at Trent Bridge he had not too impressive figures of 2 for 71 and 0 for 20. Illingworth with 3 for 110 in his first Test bowling possibly deserves to be retained. So with problems in both the departments, the English selectors shall have to do a lot of thinking and few changes may be on the card at Edgbaston.

After the rejuvenating victory at Trent Bridge, the West Indians would enter Edgbaston with confidence built around the batting of Haynes, Richardson, Richards and Logie and the bowling of Ambrose, Marshall and Walsh. Ambrose's figures of 20 for 323 at an average of 15.15 in the three Tests prove him to be the match winner. The Edgbaston Test, starting next Thursday, has all the prospect of a thrilling encounter and have a feeling it would be a very difficult task for England to dislodge their opponents from the position of security and confidence, which they have wrested back at Trent Bridge. But this is cricket, one should not forget.

#### Bablee, Tanima share lead Sports Reporter

Afroza Khanam Bablee and Tanima Parveen were jointly leading the points' table after the completion of the fourth round matches of the 12th national women's chess championship held yesterday at the National Sports Council's chess room.

longed her good efforts when she convincingly beat Syeda Afsana Parveen Nisa.

Hamid on Wednesday, pro-

Afroza, who upset Rani

Last year's runner-up Tanima Parveen defeated former national champion Syeda Shabana Parveen.

International woman master Rani Hamid along with Shabana Parveen, Masuda Begum, Roksana and Zakia were placed in the position with three points

### 16 paddlers picked for SAF Games camp

Sports Reporter

The Bangladesh Table Tennis Federation has selected 16 players -eight men, four ladies and four boys - to undergo the second phase of training for the forthcoming fifth South Asian Federation (SAF) Games, scheduled to be held in the Sri Lankan capital Colombo next December.

The selected players are: Men : Happy, Rochi, Ankhi, Saadi, Mustafa, Munna, Sohel and Badal; Women : Shamima Zulekha, Rimu and Bachchi; Boys: Mahbub, Rubel, Shaon and Shamim.