Nat'l snooker resumes July 19

The 8th national snooker championship will resume Friday (July 19) at the Dhaka Club after remaining suspended for more than two

months, reports UNB. The championship, which began May 4 with 43 players participating, was suspended due to the April 29 cyclone.

The first round of the tournament is being held on a league basis while the final round will be played on a knock-out basis.

Shooting clubs' secy conference

Sports Reporter

A national conference of the general secretaries of the country's rifle and/or shooting clubs will be held at the national shooting complex, Gulshan, on Friday July 19.

The aim of the conference, under the aegis of the newlyreconstituted National Shooting Federation, Bangladesh, is to discuss the present state of the sport in the country and future plans and programmes.

The secretaries of all shooting clubs have been requested to attend the meeting, scheduled for nine in the morning.

Monsoon handball gets underway

Sports Reporter

Brothers Union made a flying start in the seventh monsoon handball tournament which began yesterday at the Outer Stadium handball court by trouncing neighbours Hatkhola Krira Chakra 33-20 in the meet opener.

Helal and Tapu were the Brothers heroes scoring nine goals each while Nayan and Apu netted six and five goals respectively for the losers.

Fourteen city teams, split in four groups, are taking part in the tournament organised by the Bangladesh Handball Federation.

Worcestershire B&H champs

LONDON, July 15 Zimbabwe-born Graeme Hick snapped up three slip catches to add to his match-winning innings of the 88 as Worcestershire won a one-day cricket final at Lord's at the seventh attempt on Sunday, reports Reuter. Hick put aside for the time

being his wretched batting form in England's Test team to help Worcestershire beat Lancashire by 65 runs in the 55 overs Benson and Hedges Cup unfinished on Saturday because of bad light.

Holders Lancashire, resuming at 55 for three off 18 overs in pursuit of Worcestershires 236 for eight, were dismissed for 171 with 7.4 overs left.

Only ex-England opener Graeme Fowler threatened to deprive Worcestershire of their long-awaited prize but shortly after completing a half century from 102 balls, he drove loosely at paceman Neal Radford and was caught by Hick at second slip for 54.

Hick had earlier held catches in the same position to remove overnight batsman Graham Lyold and Mike Watkinson, and the England newcomer was given the manof-the-match award.

Lancashire have now lost two one day county trophies in three days. Their defence of the 60 overs Natwest competition was ended by Hampshire in the second round on Friday.

Wiranata, Susanti garner the glory

BANDUNG, July 15: Reigning All-England champions Ardy Wiranata and Sust Susanti cornered the glory for the host country in the Indonesian Open badminton championships on Sunday by winning the two singles titles, reports Reuter.

World number one Wiranata beat compatriot Joko Suprianto 15-7, 15-5 in the men's final and second-seeded Susanti took the women's crown with an 11-18, 11-3 win over South Korea's Lee Heung-Soon.

Wiranata used speed and accuracy to wear down Suprianto in a 22-minute first

Suprianto looked tired in the second game and lapsed into errors of judgement, surrendering a 4-0 lead to

SHEFFIELD, July 15: A 20 bed."

strong Lebanese squad caught

World Student Games organis-

ers totally unawares hours be-

fore Sunday night's opening

one from the strife-torn coun-

try after the official invitation

had been sent back some time

ago marked 'Return to

sender-head quarters bom-

Nobody had expected any-

ceremony, reports Reuter.

"These were not easy games," Wiranata said.

Wiranata.

Navy cagers retain title

Sports Reporter

Reigning champions Bangladesh Navy completed a second hattrick of national championships when they outclassed Dhaka University 56-29 in a low-scoring, lacklustre final at the wooden-floor gymnasium yesterday afternoon. The firsthalf score was more one-sided in favour of the winners, 36-

It was a rather anti-climactic conclusion to the muchpostponed 15th nationals which otherwise boasted a record participation by sixteen teams. The result of the final match was also a bit ironic in that the students of Dhaka University had pulled off a mafor upset by beating Bangladesh Army, the most fancied team in the fray, in the semifinals whereas the sol-

grouped in the same cluster with the defending chempions, had beaten the Navymen in their very first encounter on July 5.

It was Navy's seventh success from eight appearances in the final. They had won the trophy in 1988 and 1990, the championship not being held in 1989. Their four previous national titles came in a row. from 1983 till 1986.

On the other hand, it was Dhaka. University's first appearance in a final in ten years, having last clinched the title in 1981. They had won the inaugural national championship in 1976 and then again in 1978. In 1980 they lost to Bangladesh Army in a wellfought final.

Straj and Sohel, the former

adjudged the best player of the meet, scored 15 and 11 points respectively for the winners while Asghar and Iskander were the more notable Dhaka University cagers managing six points each.

Brahmanbaria DSA won the trophy for the most disciplined team.

State Minister for Textiles Maj. (retd) Abdul Mannan gave away the trophies as chief

Also present to watch the final were NSC chief Maj. Gen. Mahbubur Rahman, Bangladesh Amateur Basketball Federation president Dr. Rashiduddin Ahmed and Mr M A Samad, Managing Director of Bangladesh General Insurance Company which sponsored the eight-day meet.



Bangladesh Navy remained the national basketball champions beating Dhaka University in yesterday's final at the wooden-floor gymnasium. - Star photo

India will be first to tour SA

July 15 : India will be the first country to make a Test cricket tour

of South Africa following the admission last week of the Republic's United Cricket Board (UCB) to the International Cricket Council, according to UCB managing director Ali Bacher, reports AFP.

And Bacher, still in London after successfully lobbying ICC members to end South Africa's 21-year cricketing isolation last Wednesday, told a Johannesburg newspaper that two schoolboy teams representing the UCB's development programme in black townships.

have been invited to the West Indies next year. Another team will tour England.

All the tours are subject to agreement among antiapartheid groups inside South Africa on the lifting of the sports moratorium against the

"We have established an excellent relationship with the Indian Board of Control and they proposed us at the ICC meeting. India will definitely be the first team to tour South Africa, Bacher said.

He said a goodwill tour later this year by an ICC XI. comprising two players from each of the seven current Test nations, remained a distinct pos-

West Indian captain Viv Richards has indicated he is keen to lead such a team on what would be his international swan song, Bacher said. South African elation at readmission to the ICC was tempered by the shock decision that the Springboks would be allowed to play in the World Cup one-day competition in Australia and New Zealand in

February and March. But Bacher said a change of heart was still possible.

The decision to bar South Africa was made by ICC chairman Colin Cowdrey when it became evident there was lack of agreement on the issue.

Sanchez lifts Swiss crown



zerland, July 15: Emilio Sanchez swept aside topseeded Sergi Bruguera to win

GSTAAD, Swit-

the all-Spanish Swiss Open tennis final with ease on Sunday, reports Reuter. Sanchez, the 26-year-old

fifth seed, dismissed his compatriot 6-1, 6-4, 6-4, for the 14th tournament win of his career and his fifth in as many meetings over Bruguera who is six years younger. Bruguera, losing finalist

here last year also, had earlier complained of strained stomach muscles and could never seriously challenge his Davis Cup partner.

Sanchez raced through the first set in 27 minutes after breaking his opponent in the first and sixth games.

Bruguera raised his game in the second but a break by Sanchez in the third game was sufficient to earn him the set.

The top seed rallied briefly in the third set from 5-1 down to recover to 5-4 after breaking Sanchez for the first time but it was a case of too little to

Gustafsson bags Swedish title

Magnus Gustafsson won the Swedish Open tennis title on Sunday with a 6-1, 6-1 victory in the final over a tired- looking Alberto Mancini, reports

Swedish second seed Gustafsson dominated from the start with his superior speed and strong forehand, taking little over an hour to wrap up the win over the eighthseeded Argentine.

Gustafsson, ranked 19th in the world, reeled off nine games in a row to move from 1-1 in the opening set to 4-0 in the second, giving Mancini no chance of recovery.

He relished the home victory even more than his tournament win in Munich earlier this year. "This is the finest moment of my professional career," Gustafsson said.

Shiplu stays top in nat'l jr chess

Sports Reporter

Syed Ruhul Kabir Shiplu retained his national sub-junior chess title when he clinched the championship of the 11th nationals which concluded at the NSC chess room yesterday afternoon.

A draw against Shawkat Hossain Pallab in his last game yesterday gave Shiplu the title with a tally of six and a half points. Pallab finished runnersup with six points.

It was Shiplu's third na tional sub-junior (under 16years) triumph.

The bespectacled prodigy had excelled in the world junior championships held in 1988 in Romania by topping the Asian group. In 1989, in Calcutta, he annexed the All-India schools meet, following that up the same year by winning the bata schools agegroup competition.

Seventy-seven players representing 14 districts took part in this year's nationals. organised by the Bangladesh Chess Federation.

Jahangir puts cash before country

KARACHI, July 15: Pakistani Squash legend Jahangir Khan has made himself unavailable to play for his country in the world squash team championship in November, reports AFP.

In an interview published Monday, Khan, who created a record by winning the British Open title for the 10th time this year, said that he had prior commitments to play with his club in England.

Playing for Lambs Squash Club "involves a lot of money," he said while exhibition matches he is also contracted to play will also prove highly lucrative.

He denied he was being unpatriotic, adding, "i would be unethical not to fulfil these commitments."

He said he was named in the squad by the Pakistan Squash Rackets Federation without being consulted beforehand and insisted that he should have been contacted by officials.

Jahangir said, however, that he would play in the individual world championship in Adelaide, Australia, from July 30.

Volleyball result SAP PAULO, July 15: Brazil

beat Canada 3-1 in their second World League volleyball match of the weekend. Set scores were 15-6, 9-15, 15-7,

In the first match in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil also won 3-1 with the set scores 15-6, 5-15, 15-9, 15-13.

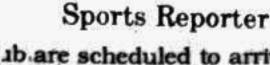
Tight security for SEA Games

KUALA LUMPUR, July 15 The Philippines has drawn up an elaborate security plan to ensure the success of the Southeast Asian Games, which it is hosting from November 24 to December 5, a senior Philippine official said here Monday, reports AFP.

Philippine Olympic Committee vice chairman Celso L Dayrit said the plan. drawn up by the armed forces and the police, would provide adequate security for the 4,000 athletes and officials expected at the Games.

10th Asiian Club Cup championship

Two teams arrive today



With the stage

almost ready for

the start of the

10th Asian Club

Cup soccer

tournament finals

in Dhaka from July 19, the

participating teams begin

Indones ian champions

Of the remaining five for -

arriving in the city from today.

Pelita Jaya Club and Thai

champs Bangkok Bank Club are

eign teams in eight-team cor n-

petition, the April 25 Club of

North Korea, Al-Nasr of Om an

and Liao ning Football Clut, of

China are due on Wednes day.

July 17 while the Jorda nian

champions Al-Ramtha Clulo and

Iranian champions Estreghlal

due sometime this afternoon.

Chab are scheduled to arrive by July 18, Thursday. Federation Cup champions Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting

in the 11-day meet.

Club will represent Bangladesh

Meanwhile, Sri Lankan referee Yapabeywansa, a member of the panel of referees selected by the Asian Football Confederation to conduct the tourney, arrived yesterday. three days ahead of schedule. The Bangladesh Football Federation hadn't expected him till until July 18. Two other referees. Binhazim Saeed Salam of the UAE and Yousef Mohammad Yousuf of

Bahrain are expected to reach

Dhaka today while three others

are due tomorrow.

N Chandaran of Malaysia, one of the AFC officials who will oversee the conduct of the meet, was scheduled to ar-

rive late last night. Chairman of the tournament disciplinary committee A R Khaleel of India and the refer-

ees' in-charge Rustum Baker of

LIVE TELECAST

Qatar are also due today.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh Television (BTV) will telecast all the matches of the championship live from the Dhaka Stadium.

BTV will pay Taka 50,000 per match to the BFF as roy-



Syed R uhul Kabir Shiplu (R) retained his national sub-junior chess title with Shawkat Hossai'n Pallab (L) finishing runners-up. The two drew their last game of the 11th nation; als at the NSC chess room yesterday. Star photo

Nap oli fans want Maradona back

NA! PLES, July 15: Three thous and fans who turned up for N apoli's first pre-season train ing session chanted for the return of disgraced Agrientinian international Dies so Maradona, reports AFP.

The former club captain is sti'il under contract with Na poli, despite his 15-month FII A ban from playing football af ter testing positive for drugs. B ut he is currently in Buenos A ires taking treatment for his Eddiction and waiting trial for possession of drugs.

Maradona also faces a trial in Italy for possession on nar-Napoli president Corrado

Ferlaino said "Diego is an irreplaceable footballer and if my heavy list of engagement allow I will go and see him in Argentina as soon as possible. But at the moment I am more worried about the new season."

Ferlaino has more problems with South Americans because Brazilians Antonio Careca and Alemao did not reach Italy in time for the training. This has angered team officials who plan to punish them when they do return.

Becker, Edberg for Seiko tennis

TOKYO, July 15: Borts Becker of Germany and Stefan Edberg of Sweden, the top two in the world, will spearhead the one million dollar Seiko Super men's tennis tournament to be held here October 7-13, reports AFP.

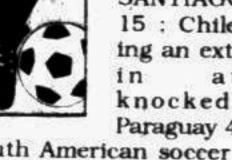
Forty-eight top ranked players will take part in the singles competition, part of the Association of Tennis Professionals single-week championship, vying for the top prize money of 122,700 dollars and 230 ATP points.

The runner-up will collect 66,000 dollars and 173 points. Michael Stich, who prevented Becker and Edberg in the meeting Wimbledon men's singles fi nals for the fourth consecutive year, has not yet said whether he will play, but organisers are

still hoping. Both stars, who have been leapfrogging each other in the computer rankings, are expected to face threats from the French Open finalists. Americans Jim Courier and Andre Agassi.

Former winners at Roland Garros, Michael Chang of the United States and Andres Gomez of Ecuador, will also compete in the seven-day event to be played on the artificial Supreme courts,

Chile win big Zamorano and Saint Gallen right wing Hugo Rubio and se-15 : Chile, fieldcure their place in the finals. ing an extra man



South American soccer championship Group A match on Sunday to advance to the final

round, reports Reuter. Chile brought on former Valladolid forward Patricio Yanez from the start to reinThe offensive strategy paid

In an earlier Group A match, Argentina, already qualified for the finals, fielded 10 substitutes and beat Peru 3-2. World Cup runners-up



Stars won 1-0.

LONDON, July 15: British soccer star Paul (Gazza) Cascoigne, who became a national hero after weeping at last year's World Cup. was arrested by police after an incident involving his sister, reports Reuter.

The 24-year-old footballer for Tottenham Hostspur was held for two hours on Saturday night before being released on bail pending further inquiries into the fracas involving a group of men in the northeastern city of Newcastle.

A police spokesman said it appeared Gascoigne was walking with his sister. Lindsay, outside an Italian restaurant when they were approached by a group of men.

His sister was assaulted, although not seriously, but was knocked to the ground. As a result, a dispute arose between Mr Gascoigne and another person, he said. Another person was also arrested.

Fan dies in stadium stampede

N AIROBI. July 15: One fan was killed and 24 others in jured in a stampede at a soccer match between Kenya and Mozambique, it was reported Monday, reports AP. The Daily Nation said Sunday's stampede followed an order

by President Daniel Arap Moi that the gates at the stadium be opened to allow fans to enter free of charge. Moi was at the stadium to cheer the national team, the Harambee Stars, in the Africa Cup of Nations match. The

Bari boss fed-up with Platt

P ARI, July 15: Vincenzo Matarrese, president of Italian D Football Club Bari, said Sunday he was fed up with chopping and changing by Aston Villa goalscorer David Platt, reports AFP.

The England striker has been linked with Bari since the end of the season when he said then he would turn down a move to Italy.

"Now he has told us he is prepared to play here as long as he can go on to Juventus next season. Now I am fed up with him and his behaviour. If he shows again we will tell him where he can go," said Matarrese.

Lawyer to visit Maradona

N APLES, July 15: The defence lawyer of disgraced Argentine soccer star Diego Maradona said on Sunday he would visit his client in Argentina this month, reports Reuter. Maradona is due to appear before a Naples court on September 18 to answer charges of using and supplying

"All being well. I will go to Buenos Aires on July 28 to coordinate our plan of action." Vincenzo Sintscalchi said. The former Napoli and Argentine captain, who has been banned from soccer until July 1992 for failing a dope test, has been having treatment for a drugs problem in his homeland since April.

Panamanians hold Americans

D ANAMA CITY, July 15: The United States were held to a disappointing 1-1 draw by Panama here on Sunday in a regional qualifier for the 1992 Barcelona Olympics football tournament, reports AFP.

The Americans dominated play throughout and took the lead after 10 minutes through Washington. But Majica pounced nine minutes later to make it all square for Panama.

STANDINGS

Group C (played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, against, points) United States Panama Haiti

Sabatini terms IOC rules unfair have ruled themselves out of pending US Open champi OSAKA, Japan, Ju-



ment here.

ly 15 : World nu mber three Gabrtela Sabatini of Argentina said Sunday she is still hoping to take part in the

tional Tennis Federation (ITF). reports AFP. "For me, I think it is a little unfair." the Argentine said after beating Katerina Maleeva of Bulgaria 7-6 (7/3), 6-2 to retain the 250,000-dollar Gunze world tennis tourna-

Olympics, although she has

been ruled out by the Interna-

"If the federation of your country doesn't want you to play, I mean, if they don't want me to play for the (Federation) Cup, that means I cannot play in the Olympics," Sabatini said. "So I think it's a little unfair."

An ITF spokesman con-

But on Sunday morning 20

Lebanese competitors and offi-

cials turned up at the Games

headquarters looking forward

to taking part in the 11-day

Organisers held a hurried

conference and decided the

Lebanese could march and

take part in the opening cer-

firmed that "Sabatini and

Martina Navratilova appear to

the chance of being nominated for the Olympic Games.

"The Olympic rules state a player must be in good standing with her national association and the ITF. The criteria for being in good standing includes the provision that a player should make herself available for the Federation Cup 1991.

The Cup, which is the world team championship, is to be played on hard courts July 22-28 in the historic city of Nottingham, England. Zina Garrison is to lead the

with Jennifer Capriati, Mary Joe Fernandez and Gigi Fernandez. Former world number one Navratilova, who was stopped from winning her tenth Wimbledon crown by Capriati

in the quarterfinals the week

before last, has snubbed the

emony with the 110 other na-

decide whether they could be

fitted into the various sports

programmes as such a late

stage. Meanwhile, accommoda-

tion was being found in a uni-

a surprise," a Games spokes-

Their arrival caused quite

versity hall of residence.

They were meeting later to

defending champion US team,

Steffi Graf is set to play with Anke Huber, Isabel Cueto and Claudia Porwick for Germany. while the current world number one. Monica Seles, had lined up in the competition for the first time for Yugoslavia until a mysterious injury forced her withdrawal from Wimble-

Rumours of everything from

a pregnancy to a car accident. a nervous breakdown to sheer physical burnout, have all been mentioned. based Yugoslav, the youngestever French and Australian

The 17-year-old American-Open champion, can plead injury and miss the Cup but still

be eligible for the Barcelona

her arch rival Graf at

Wimbledon, has not repre-

sented Argentina since 1987,

but cited the pressures of her

Meanwhile, the arrival of

Clad in traditional yellow

the two athletes representing

the Solomon Islands added an

exotic touch to this northern

shirts and white sulu, or skirt.

they posed happily for pho-

tographers and press and vol-

unteered to play a tune on

bamboo pipes they had

Sabatini, losing finalist to

Games next year.

Unexpected guests surprise Universiade organisers

brought.

"It's not that I am riot interested in playing in the Olympics", said the 21-yearold Argentine.

onship defence.

"This is a very good time, a very important time in my tennis career and I wanted to have a good rest physically and mentally. But to play in the Federation Cup. I have to go away from my horne for a few months," she said.

"That's why I'rn not going to play for the Cup. But of course, want to play in the Olympics", added Sahatini, who won the silver medial at the 1988 Seoul Games, while Graf walked away with the gold.

For Sabatirii, the main thing now is to defend her first ever Grand Slam trophy - the United States Open she won a year ago.

Vilivata confessed he was tired. a ride on a double decker bustransport which does not fea-

But he is looking forward to ture in the Solomons.

Noel Vilivata runs in the

800 and 1,500 metres, team-

mate John Votaia goes for the

5,000 and 10,000. At the end

of 23 hours of flying via

Brisbane and Singapore.

Federation president Primo Nebiolo.

Helen Sharman, who went to school and university in Sheffield, was lighting the ceremonial flame in the presence of Britain's Prieness Anne and International University Sports

The opening ceremony at

Britains first astronaut

the Don Valley athletics sta-

dium was a 25,000 sell-out.

attack. knocked out off with two goals in the first Paraguay 4-0 in a 15 minutes by Rubio and Zamorano.

Argentina are favorites to win force Sevilla striker Ivan the 10-nation Copa America.

SOCCER SCENARIO

Gazza released on bail