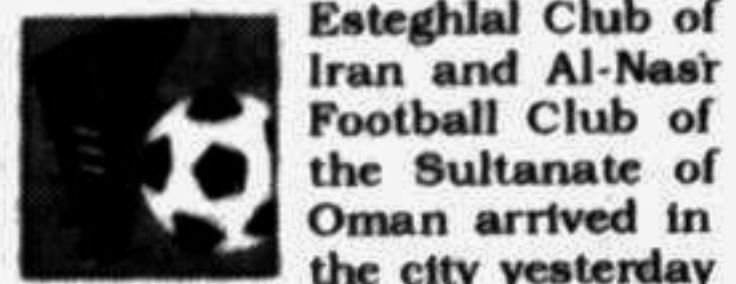


Esteghlal, Al-Nasr arrive

Sports Reporter



Esteghlal Club of Iran and Al-Nasr Football Club of the Sultanate of Oman arrived in the city yesterday to take part in the 10th Asian Club Cup soccer championship finals which begin at the Dhaka Stadium tomorrow, July 19.

This brings the number of foreign teams reaching Dhaka to four, the P.S Pelita Jaya Club of Indonesia and the Bangkok Bank Club of Thailand having already arrived Tuesday. Two more sides — the Liaoning FC of China and the April 25 Club of North Korea were scheduled to arrive later last night. The remaining foreign participant in the eight-nation meet of champion club sides — Al-Ramatha Club of Jordan — are expected to arrive sometime today or early tomorrow morning.

Federation Cup champions Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club complete the field for the 11-day tournament being hosted by the Bangladesh Football Federation under the aegis of the Asian Football Confederation.

Handball results

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Air Force and Bangladesh Ansar won their respective matches of the seventh monsoon handball tournament yesterday at Outer Stadium's handball court.

BAF outlasted Kurmitola Apollo Club by 28-9 while Ansars drubbed Arunayaton Club by 29-5 goals.

up Hotel Purbani while the AFC officials will stay at the Sheraton and the foreign referees at Hotel Sundarban.

The Mirpur National Stadium, Army Stadium, Banani, Cantonment BAF Stadium, the Pallabi City Club ground, Rajarbagh Police Lines ground, and the BDR ground at Peelkhana have been allotted to the participants for their practice sessions.

Meanwhile, BFF had not received the tickets from the printers till the filing of this report. The quota of complimentary passes for the donors, clubs officials, and the media had still not been determined by the finance sub-committee of the organising committee.

It is learnt that tickets for the opening game Friday will go on sale from 1:00 p.m. and the gates will be opened from 2:00 p.m. The inaugural match is scheduled to kick off at 5:00 p.m.

Three of the six international referees nominated by AFC to conduct the matches are also in town. The remaining three — Shyam Shrestha of Nepal, N. Subramaniam of Malaysia and T. Rajamanickam of Singapore — are due by today. The Cooper's test to judge the fitness of the referees under FIFA standards is scheduled for this morning and afternoon.

The official logo for the tourney is yet to be selected.

The meeting of the managers of the participating teams to approve the by-laws of the tourney and finalisation of the team jersey colours and numbers is billed for seven this evening.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia will be the chief guest in the final of the competition, scheduled for July 29.

HEGAZI MSC COACH

Meanwhile, it was confirmed yesterday that Nasser Hegaazi, the former Iranian World Cup goalkeeper who has been associated with Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting in the past, is due to reach Dhaka by PIA today to take charge of the black-and-whites for the tournament. Md. Kalkobad will be the associate coach.

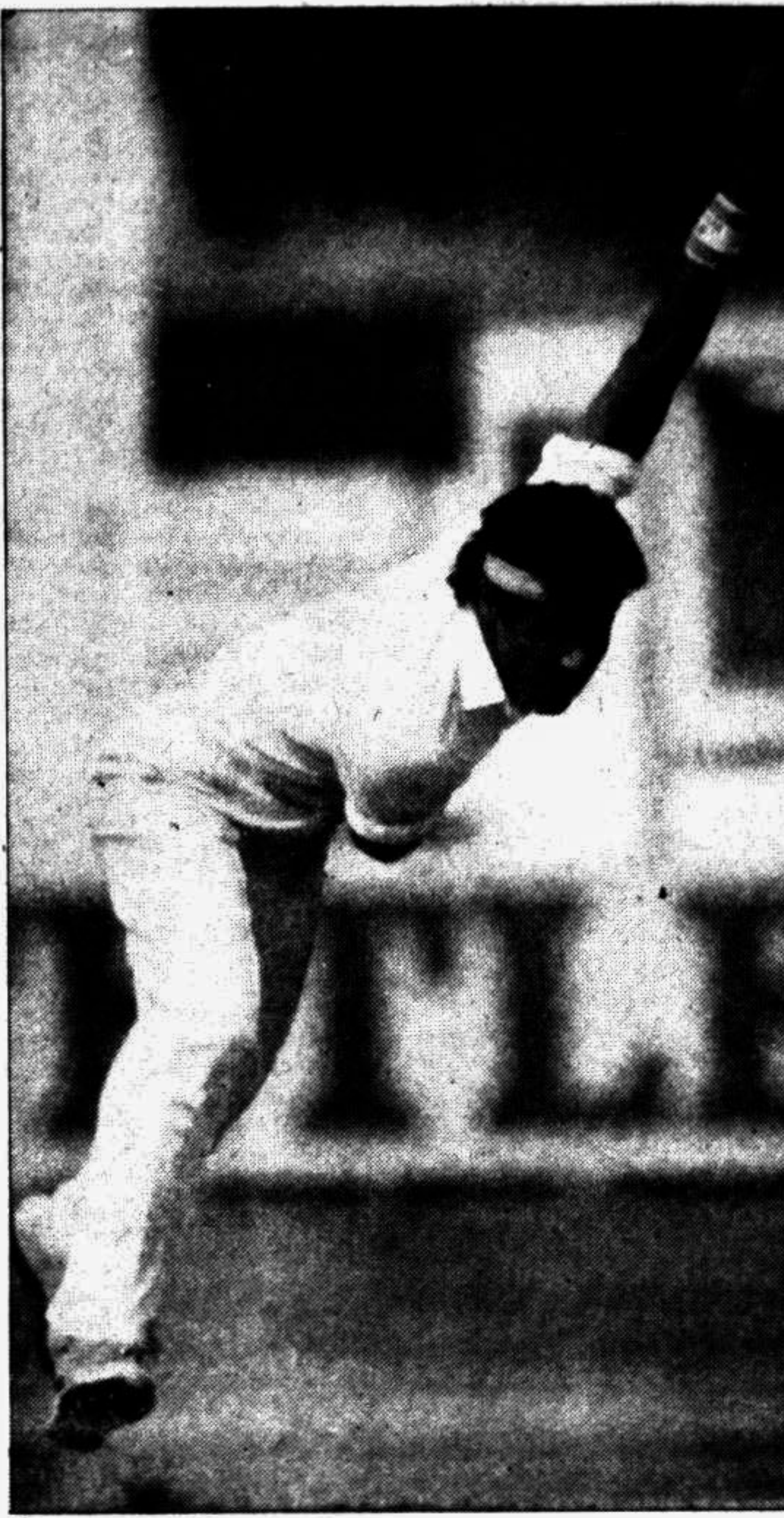
Arifur Rahman Jinnah will be the Mohammedan team leader while former ace striker Salam Morshedi will be the manager.

Mohammedans have submitted a preliminary list of 22 players to the tournament committee. Following is the list:

Syed Hasan Kanan, Ekramul Bashar Tuhiin, Barun Bikash Dewan, Kaiser Hamid, Imtiaz Sultan Johnny, Jewel Rana, Md. Siahuddin, Abul Hossain (Abul), Md. Zakir Hossain, Syed Rumman bin-Wali Shabbir, Imtiaz Ahmed Naqub, Mamoon Hossain Joarder, Mahbub Hossain Roxy, Saiful Bari Tito, Ghulam Ghaouse, Mustaqim Wajed, Mizanur Rahman, Samrat Hossain Emily, Ayaz Khan, Ghiasuddin and Ahsunullah Montu.

AFC SECY DUE TODAY

AFC Secretary General Peter Velappan arrives today to attend the opening ceremony of the championship. He will also discuss details of the meet with the BFF officials.



YAQAR Younis — 6th 5-wicket haul

Waqar Younis rips through



LONDON, July 17: Pakistan fast bowler Waqar Younis captured his sixth five-wicket haul of the season to spearhead a Surrey fightback against Gloucestershire in the county cricket championship on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

Waqar took five for 61 as Gloucestershire crumbled from 105 without loss to 225 for seven at the close of the rain-hit first day at Guildford.

Opens Dean Hodgson (34) and Richard Scott (63) gave their side a solid base before Waqar, who bowled four batsmen and had his other victim lbw, undermined the innings.

Waqar yanked Hodgson, removed Scott in the next over and also accounted for England wicketkeeper Jack Russell and Jeremy Lloyds before completing his destruction by yanking England fast bowler David Lawrence.

Discarded England batsman David Gower brightened his personal gloom by cracking his highest score of the season as Hampshire indulged in a run spree against Worcestershire at Portsmouth.

Watched by England manager Mickey Stewart, Gower struck 77 off 86 balls, including 11 boundaries, after Paul Terry and Chris Smith gave Hampshire a superb start, both making 87 in an opening stand of 172.

Hampshire made 419 all out and compounded Worcestershire's misery when Pakistan paceman Azqib Javed snapped up two wickets to leave the visitors on 12 for two at the close.

Nottinghamshire opener Paul Pollard hit a century before lunch and finished with a championship best 145 as his side piled up 426 against Lancashire at Trent Bridge.

Ex-England batsman Derek Randall weighed in with 120, his third century of the sea-

son, which contained 17 boundaries and lasted 163 minutes.

Pollard hammered 24 fours in his 233-minute innings and featured in a thrilling third-wicket partnership of 159 in 38 overs with Paul Johnson (71).

Kent wicketkeeper Steve Marsh frustrated championship contenders Essex with a quick-fire 83 at Southend.

Marsh made his runs from 81 balls, hitting a six and 10 fours, as Kent reached 303 for eight at the close.

Pak juniors to tour Lanka

ISLAMABAD, July 17: Pakistan's junior cricket team will leave Thursday for Sri Lanka on a month-long tour, cricket officials said here, reports AFP.

The team will play three unofficial Tests against their Sri Lankan counterparts, the officials said Tuesday.

Butcher holds up Windies



SWANSEA, Wales, July 17: A cultured 94 by Glamorgan captain Alan Butcher held up

West Indies after their pace attack threatened a quick demolition job on the first day of their three-day cricket match on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

After Glamorgan had lost their first four wickets for 60 runs, Butcher led a recovery which took them to a more respectable total of 252. West Indies replied with 43 without loss by the close.

Butcher, 37, was ably assisted by 22-year-old Adrian Dale who stayed at the crease for just over four hours in scoring 62. The pair shared a fifth-wicket partnership of 126.

Major disappointment for Glamorgan was the failure of England prospect Hugh Morris who was dismissed without scoring by the first ball he re-

ceived from fast bowler Curtly Ambrose.

Butcher, who normally opens the innings with Morris, dropped himself down to number six for this match. He hit 14 boundaries in his 175-ball innings before being bowled by young paceman Hamesh Anthony.

Ambrose was once again the pick of the West Indies bowlers, finishing with figures of five for 56. He has now taken 35 first-class wickets on the tour, 20 of them in the first three Tests.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the first day of a three-day cricket match between Glamorgan and West Indies on Tuesday:

Glamorgan: First Innings
 S James c Williams b Patterson 8
 b Patterson c Lara b Ambrose 0
 A Dale c Richardson b Ambrose 62
 M Maynard c Williams b Marshall 8

A Cottey c Richardson b Marshall 8

B Butcher b Anthony 94

R Croft c Williams b Ambrose 0

C Metson c and b Hooper 27

S Watkin c Williams b Ambrose 5

S Barwick c Williams b Ambrose 0

M Frost not out 0

Extras (lb-6, w-2, nb-32) 40

Total 252

Fall of wickets: 1-1; 2-16; 3-38; 4-60; 5-168; 6-191; 7-217; 8-243; 9-252.

BOWLING: O M R W

Ambrose 22.1 6 56 5

Patterson 19 5 61 1

Marshall 10 2 34 2

Anthony 15 3 59 1

Hooper 17 4 36 1

West Indies: First Innings

C Lambert not out 9

D Haynes not out 31

Extras (lb-2 nb-1) 3

Total 43

To bat : R Richardson, C Hooper, G Logie, B Lara, H Anthony, D Williams, M Marshall, C Ambrose, P Parshar.

BD team leaves for Minneapolis

A team of mentally retarded young athletes belonging to the Society for Care and Education of Mentally Retarded, Bangladesh (SCEMRB) left here on Tuesday for Minneapolis, USA to participate in the eighth international Special Olympics Summer Games, reports BSS.

The seven-day Games begin in the Twin cities, Minneapolis and St. Paul, on July 20. The Bangladesh team led by Mr. Ashraf-ud-Dowla, first vice president and now acting president of SCEMRB, also comprises some parents and family members.

Charity cricket

Sports Reporter

An amount of Taka five lakhs has been raised through the initiative of the Bangladesh Consul General in the United Arab Emirates Masud Ahmed Chowdhury for the Prime Minister's Relief Fund.

The amount was raised through the sale of souvenirs, advertisements and from the gate money of the match between Emirates Pakistan XI and Emirates India XI, which the Pakistan XI won comfortably.

The match was jointly organised by the Bangladesh citizens living there and the Sharjah Cricket Council.

Seles breaks silence on her injury



NEW YORK, July 17: World number one Monica Seles said shin splints and a stress fracture in her left leg forced her shock withdrawal from Wimbledon and the world last month but

year-old Yugoslav said she waited until the last moment to withdraw from Wimbledon while she sought definitive word on her injury and whether she could play.

"I had hoped, until the day of my withdrawal, that the injury would improve, but obviously this was not the case", Seles said.

"I do not know the exact medical terms, but the doctor who has worked with me diagnosed shin splints and a slight fracture in my left leg," with my racked, "the statement said.

The injury first occurred in March 1991, and at the French Open during practice I hit my left leg with my racked on the same spot and re-injured the leg."

Seles who dropped out of sight and angered tennis officials by not explaining her injury after her withdrawal, is returning to competition on Thursday at the Pathmark Classic exhibition tournament in Mahwah, New Jersey.

Tournament organisers had said on Mondays she would hold a press conference on Wednesday but a day later were not certain when a press conference would be held.

And at her Cleveland-based management company, International Management

Group, senior corporate vice president Bob Kain nothing said he had spoken to Seles an hour earlier and she had known nothing about any press conference.

Instead, he said she would be interviewed on a U.S. television show on Wednesday morning.

Tournament organisers were angry over the confusion and said Seles was obligated by her contract, which was negotiated with her brother Zoltan rather than the management company, to hold a press conference.

In the statement, Seles also said: "I feel very sad about the withdrawal, but I know it was the right decision. If I had played Wimbledon I could have risked a long-term injury, and this is something my family and I are very concerned about."

Seles added: "Perhaps I could have made a statement earlier but I did not want to make a statement with contradicting facts in it because I might have misled my fans and the public."

Referring to the rumours that brewed as she remained out of public view, she said: "Without dignifying any of the specific rumours, I would like to definitively state that I have had absolutely no problems other than a leg injury."

Ctg Area Army soccer champs

JESSORE, July 17: Chittagong Area team won the title of the Army football championship '91 which concluded at the Osman Stadium at the Jessore Cantonment on Tuesday, an ISPR press release said yesterday, reports BSS.

Chinese rule the pool



SHEFFIELD, July 17: A miscalculation in the qualifying heats cost Chinese world champion Zhuang Yong a second gold medal at the World Student Games on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

Lin Li, the Chinese world champion, missed the final in a faster time than the gold medal winner, American Karen Kraemer.

The Asian Games champion, who was sixth at the distance at last January's World Championships in Perth, hit out at the pool wall in frustration after seeing her time on the scoreboard.

She failed to qualify by 0.16 of a second but beat Kraemer's time of two minutes 2.23 seconds by 0.26 of a second. She left the pool complex hurriedly after the event.

Kraemer added gold to the relay silver she won on Monday with a narrow victory in a personal best time over Canadian Patricia Noall, who won her third medal of the Games after collecting two bronzes in Monday's 400 metres individual medley and 4X200 freestyle relay.

Volkova was 2.5 seconds slower than her World Championship winning time, and was beaten into third place in the breaststroke event by compatriot Svetlana Kuzmina and China's Lin Li, who won gold on Monday in the 400 metres individual medley.

Asian Games champion Shen Jianqiang picked up China's first medal of the night with a surging second length to take the opening event, the men's 100 metres butterfly.

Shen, only seventh fastest in the morning heats, burst into the lead in the second 50 metres to win in a personal best 54.25 seconds, half a second ahead of Soviet swimmer Andrei Kozirev, the fastest qualifier.

Japan won their first gold of the Games when Takahiro Fujimoto held off a fierce last 50 metres challenge from American Greg Burgess to take the men's 400 metres individual medley in a personal best time of four minutes 23.10 seconds — slicing 2.43 seconds off his previous best.

As the medals were presented a supporter climbed to the top of the diving platform behind the podium and ecstatically waved the Japanese flag.

Earlier on Tuesday the Chinese picked up a bronze medal in the men's artistic team gymnastics event. The Soviet Union quartet won gold by just a tenth of a point from Japan in the six-discipline event.

A local radio station was broadcasting an appeal for woollen jumpers for the Nigerian team who are finding this northern city rather cold, especially in the hilltop Games Village where winds forced down the temperatures.

Foreman promoter sues Holyfield

HOUSTON, Texas, July 17: George Foreman and promoter Bob Arm filed a 100 million dollar suit against Evander Holyfield and his advisors on Tuesday seeking to prevent the heavyweight champion from fighting Mike Tyson in his next defence, reports Reuter.

The suit, filed in state district court, claimed that Holyfield, his promoter Dan Duva and advisers Helly Finkel broke a contract that would have set up a November rematch between Foreman and Holyfield when they signed instead for a November 8 bout against Tyson.

The suit charged that the defendants "made false representative" so they could use Foreman "as leverage to obtain more favourable terms with Tyson."

The suit also said Arm would have made 1.4 million dollars promoting the Holyfield-Foreman rematch and that Foreman would have suffered "irreparable harm" by possibly losing another shot at a title.

Had Foreman fought Holyfield again and defeated him he would have made an estimated 30 million dollars, in a battle with Tyson, the suit filed by Foreman's attorney, William Fred Hagans, said.

Holyfield successfully defended his title against the 42-year-old Foreman on April 19 by winning a unanimous 12-round decision.

Holyfield and former champion Tyson signed last week to fight in Las Vegas.

No hearing has yet been set in the case.

Ben to run at Zurich

ZURICH, July 17: Ben Johnson can run a sprint relay at next month's Grand Prix athletics meeting here to avoid the humiliation of competing in a secondary 100 metres race, the organiser said on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

"I do not want to humiliate him by relegating him to the series because of his poor times so far," Res Bruegger, Swiss organiser of the August 7 meeting, said.

"But he is free to race for Canada in the men's 100 metres relay, which will be one of the evening's highlights."

Howe returns to Wimbledon

LONDON, July 17: Don Howe returned to Wimbledon as the English First Division soccer team's coach of Tuesday — three years after mastering their F.A Cup final upset win over Liverpool, reports Reuter.

Howe left to take charge of Queen's Park Rangers in November 1989 but was sacked by the Division one club at the end of last season.

The former coach of Arsenal's 1970-71 League and Cup double-winning team will work with manager Ray Harford at Wimbledon.

Khoka visits NSC

State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadeq Hossain Khoka paid a visit to the National Sports Council yesterday, reports BSS.

Chairman of the National Sports Council Major General Mahbubur Rahman received the State Minister.

Additional Secretary in charge of the Ministry of Youth and Sports MA Rouf and senior officials of NSC were present.

Speaking at a meeting with the officials of NSC, the State Minister said NSC — the apex body of Bangladesh sports — had a great role in the overall development of sports in the country.

Mr Hossain asked the NSC officials to devote themselves more to the promotion of the country's sports and games and overcome the past shortcomings.

Agassi wins easy

WASHINGTON, July 17: Top seeded and defending champion Andre Agassi eased into the third round of the 600,000 dollar Washington Classic men's tennis tournament on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

In his first match since losing in the Wimbledon quarter-finals, Agassi handled fellow American David Pate 6-4, 6-3 in one hour.

"Adjusting to hard courts after Wimbledon takes time," Agassi said. "I felt comfortable going for my passing shots, but during rallies missed the easier, set-up shots."

Both players held serve in the first set until 4-5, when Pate faltered under the pressure of Agassi's improved returns.



Picture dated July 7 showing the team PDM in action during the second stage of the Tour de France. The Tour field was shocked July 16 at the news that one of the race favourites, Dutch Eric Breuking was joining his entire team in pulling out due to a mystery illness. The PDM team had all been suffering from a viral infection for the past few days. — AFP photo.

UNIVERSIADE DIARY

SHEFFIELD, July 17: According to the computerized results sheet, Brendan O'Sullivan had a game to remember in Ireland's 80-73 victory over Finland at the World University Games, reports AP.

He scored 76 of his team's points — enough to beat the Finns on his own — and had only one team-mate to pass to, John O'Hare.

The scoresheet also reveals, however, O'Sullivan was on court for 174.38 minutes of the 40-minute match. He also should not have finished it because of his 20 fouls.

According to the computer, O'Sullivan was everywhere. He wore every number from 5 to 15 while O'Hare wore No. 4 and scored just two points.

When the computer produced the correct version of what happened, O'Sullivan scored 17 points and was called for three fouls.

It seems there were other Irishmen on the team, and no more O'Sullivans.

AIRDRESSERS in the University Games Village were kept busy on their first day of opening when 50 residents called in for a trim.

Among those wanting to smarten up were two members of the US team who decided to tackle the task themselves rather than stand in line to wait for students from a local hairdressing school to attend to them.

One got carried away with an intricate clipper-created design and caused the equipment to overheat.

Staff stepped in fast to stop him and save the power supply to the entire salon.

THE crowds may be modest for the soccer, tennis and even swimming. But volleyball is attracting sell-out audiences at the University Games with some fans being turned away.

Some 1,000 people packed the Ponds Forge arena to capacity to watch Algeria down Italy in the opening match of the tournament and Germany beat Britain.

Fans were also left outside at the Walthoff Center where Poland upset China 3-0.

ASO on Monday, the women's gymnasts were in action chasing gold in the team event while other sports continued through the early stages.

The US women's basketball team rolled to a second easy victory in a row, beating Japan 125-38 after earlier having whipped Ireland 116-38.

Two American players disappeared from the tennis singles competition in the second round.

Susan Gilchrist tumbled 6-4, 4-6, 6-4 to Spaniard Rosa Bielias and Angela Lettieri went down 6-3, 6-4 to Anna Degioant of France.

Over the next ten days, some 5,500 competitors from 111 countries are in action in 11 sports — swimming, track and field, diving, fencing, soccer, gymnastics, volleyball, tennis, water polo, field hockey and basketball.

Diving starts Thursday and track and field begins Saturday.