

BDR matmen dominate

The Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) matmen topped the table in the 16th national wrestling championships with a bag of five gold and three bronze medals.

Bangladesh Police came a close second claiming three gold, four silver and one bronze medal, ahead of Bangladesh Ansars who placed third with three silvers and two bronzes.

State Minister for Youth and Sports gave away the trophies and medals yesterday, the concluding day of three-day meet, at the National Coaching Centre.

Forty-three grapplers representing seven teams competed in eight weight divisions of the championships, held under the aegis of the

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Bangladesh Amateur Wrestling Federation.

Bangladesh Textile Mills Corporation (BTMC) with one silver medal and Rajshahi University with two bronze medals were the only other sides to feature in the final medal table while Dhaka Division and Khulna Division drew a total blank.

Following are the category-wise results of the championship on Thursday:

—57 kgs: 1st — M Dabiruddin (Police), 2nd — M Uzir Ali (Ansar) and 3rd — M Zahid Sikder (BDR).

—62 kgs: 1st — Kamal Hossain (Police), 2nd — Harun-ur-Rashid (Ansar) and 3rd — Ashish Azim (BDR).

—68 kgs: 1st — Jamaluddin (BDR), 2nd — Mizanur Rahman

(Police) and 3rd — Jahangir Alam (Ansar).

—74 kgs: 1st — Shahabuddin (BDR), 2nd — Abdul Azim (Ansar) and 3rd — Mizanur Rahman (Police).

—82 kgs: 1st — Zamtrul Hoque Chowdhury (BDR), 2nd — Hasmat Ali (Police) and 3rd — Abu Baker Hoque (BDR).

—90 kgs: 1st — Khan Mizanur Rahman (Police), 2nd — M Abul Hossain (BTMC) and 3rd — M Amirul Hoque (BDR).

—100 kgs: 1st — M Ashraf Ali (BDR), 2nd — Shahidul Islam (Police) and 3rd — Sree Utpal Kumar (Rajshahi University).

—100 kgs: 1st — Masud Reza (BDR), 2nd — M Didar Ali (Police) and 3rd — Sree Mukul Kanti Biswas (Rajshahi University).

Waqar Younis wrecks Essex

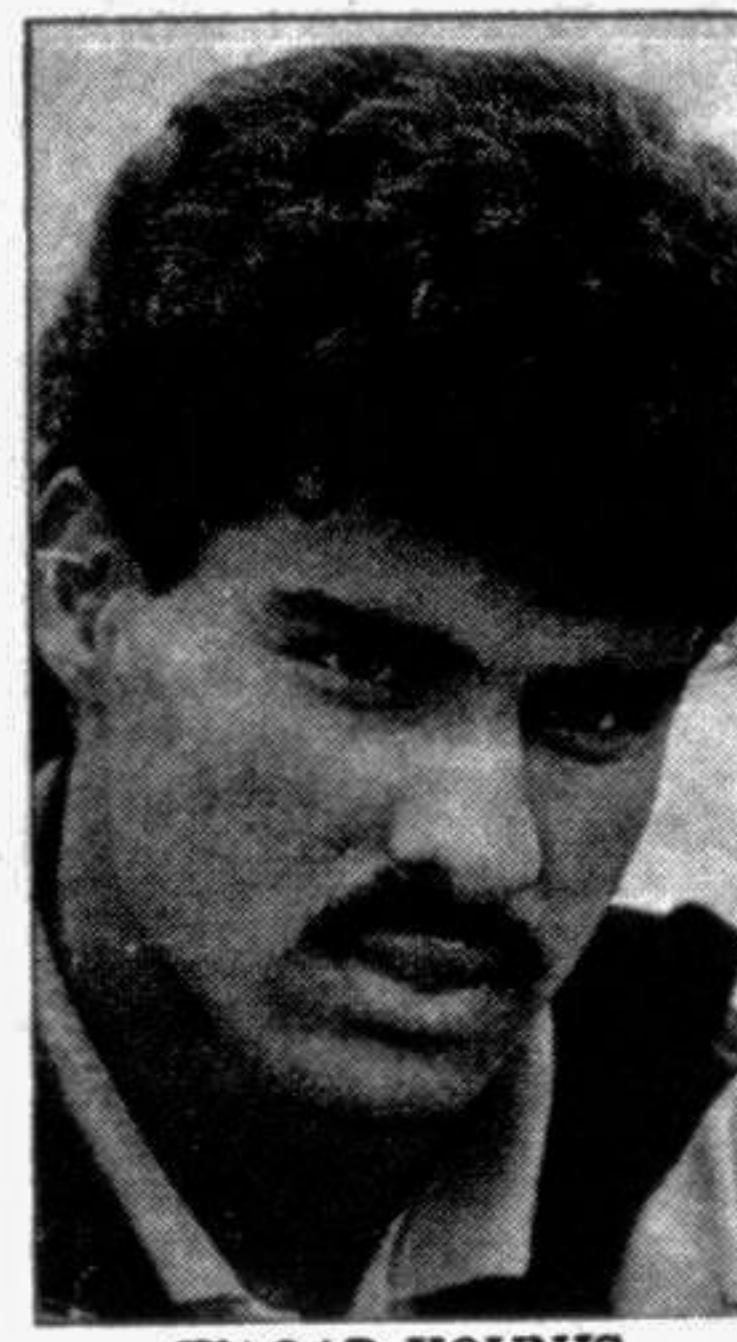
LONDON, Aug 1: Hampshire captain Mark Nicholas lost an extraordinary argument with an umpire but ended the day in triumph after a tense seven-wicket victory over Nottinghamshire in the Natwest Trophy quarter-finals on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

Former England A team skipper Nicholas was so outraged by the controversial run out of Hampshire opener Paul Terry he dashed on to the Southampton pitch to protest to umpire Roy Plamer and rival captain Tim Robinson.

Terry, who made 26, had been reluctant to walk after claiming he had been obstructed by Notts bowler Kevin Evans while trying to gain his ground.

Nicholas returned to the pavilion without persuading the official to reverse his decision.

Hampshire's obvious dismay was quickly banished by former England opener Chris Smith, who is retiring at the



WAQAR YOUNIS

end of the season. He hit an unbeaten 105 and brother Robin made 67 to take Hampshire to their target of 253 with six balls of the allotted 60 overs to spare.

Pakistani paceman Waqar

Younis ripped through Essex's batting with four for 37 at the Oval to earn Surrey a place in the last four.

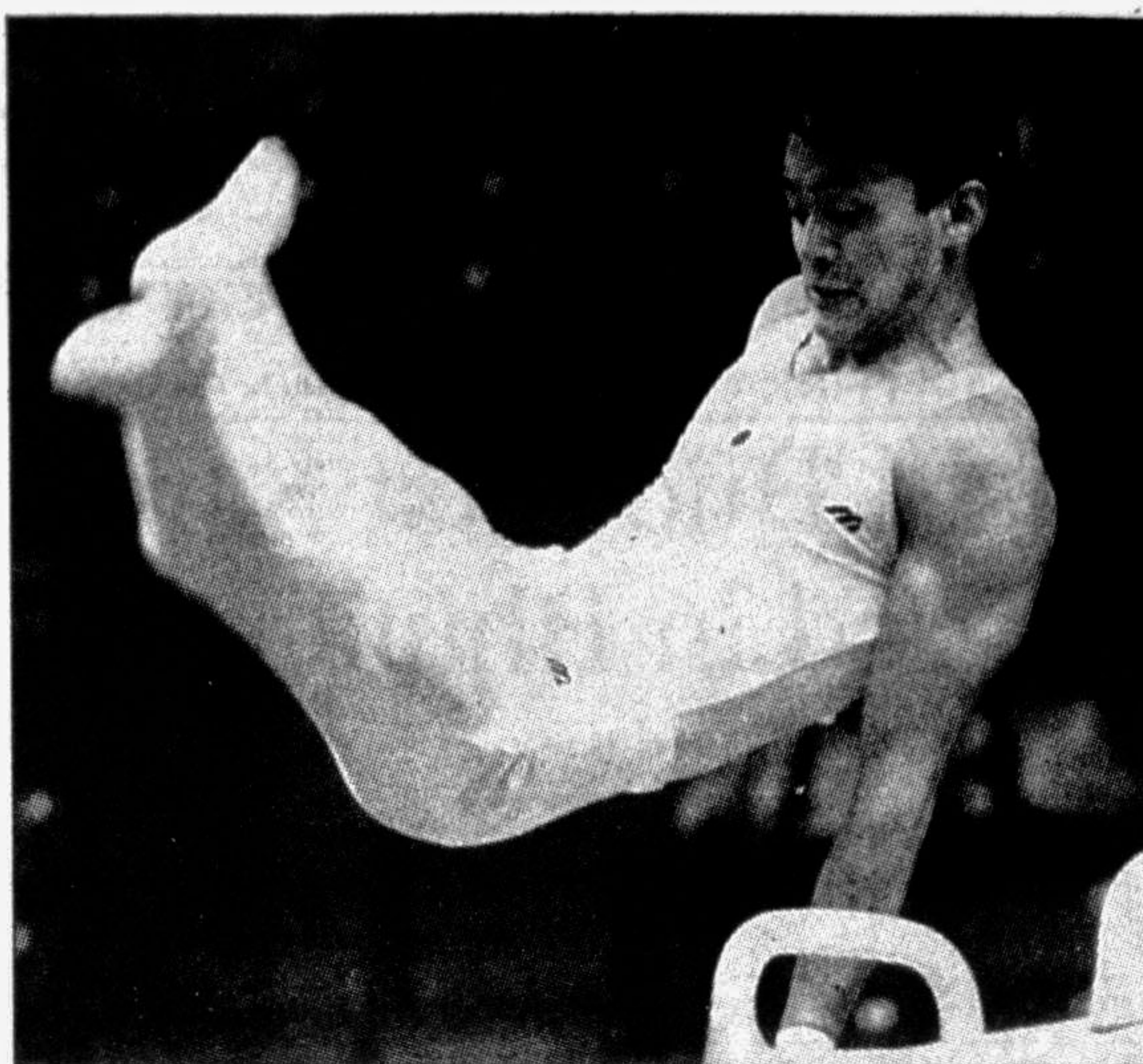
Essex, cruising at 92 for no wicket chasing Surrey's total of 253, eventually subsided to 222 all out to lose by 31 runs. England captain Graham Gooch hit 50 and his Essex teammate John Stephenson 59.

At Edgbaston, Somerset's Andy Hayhurst turned in a memorable all-round performance against Warwickshire but still could not prevent his side losing by five runs.

Hayhurst took five for 60 and then thrashed an unbeaten 91 in Somerset's vain pursuit of Warwickshire's total of 229.

Northamptonshire saw off Glamorgan by 26 runs at Northampton.

Their key performer was substitute fielder Nigel Felton, dropped after a run of poor scores. He ran out free-scoring Glamorgan batsmen Matthew Maynard and Adrian Dale with two direct hits in the space of eight balls.



Japan's Daisuka Nishikawa on his way to a silver in the artistic gymnastics at the World Students Games which concluded in Sheffield, England last Friday.

Indians stun arch rivals



IOPH, Malaysia, Aug 1: Former champions India edged Pakistan 1-0 Wednesday, putting the team on track to win the six-nation Sultan Azlan Shah invitational field hockey championships, reports AFP.

The Indians, the 1985 champions, are the current leaders with six points, gained with wins over Malaysia and South Korea as well as Pakistan.

They will now have to beat New Zealand and the Soviet Union to win the championship, but any upset will give Pakistan, who play South Korea and Malaysia, a chance to take the title, which has eluded them in three previous attempts.

In other matches, Malaysia and South Korea battled to a 2-2 draw while the Soviet Union and New Zealand drew 1-1.

Malaysia is in third position with three points, followed by the Soviets and South Korea with two points each. New Zealand is at the bottom with a single point.

The match between the two giants, the first this year, got off to an explosive start but it was the Indians who stunned the Pakistanis in the fourth minute.

Winger Mukesh Kumar, playing with seven stitches in his chin after being hit by a Korean player Tuesday, was sent through with a long pass. Picking up the ball from the top of the box, he drove it through the pads of keeper Mansoor Ahmad.

Pakistan, who drubbed New Zealand 7-1 but had to struggle for 5-4 win over the Soviet

Union, forced their first penalty corner in the 22nd minute but Rana Majid shot wide.

The Indians missed an opportunity to double their lead when they were awarded a penalty stroke, which Ahmad Shakeel picked straight at keeper Mansoor Ahmad.

The stroke was awarded after Dhanraj Pillay was tripped while attempting a shot with only keeper Mansoor to beat.

Indian skipper Pargat Singh, who was sent off in Tuesday's match against South Korea, was allowed to play against Pakistan after receiving a severe warning, and playing as the last man was solid.

Pakistan's skipper, Shahbaz Ahmad, also played tirelessly. Indian team manager D S Murty said his players deserved the win for their spirited play, and for fighting hard through the 70 minutes.

His disappointed Pakistani counterpart, S Isahuddin, said, "My boys tried their best, but luck was not there and I give credit for the Indian's fighting spirit."

In their game against South Korea, the Malaysians, were the early aggressors, opening accounts in the fourth minute when halfback Soon Mustapha worked his way to the top of the penalty area and pushed the ball to unmarked Mohamed Abd Hadi, who drove a power fulshot past keeper Koo Jin-Soo.

The South Koreans, who finished fourth recently at the World Student Games in Sheffield, England, equalized in the 18th minute when Gyo Sin-Seok made no mistake from their second penalty

corner.

After the breather, the Koreans forced a penalty corner in the 38th minute and Gyo Cooly flicked the ball past onrushing keeper Paul Lopez for a 2-1 lead.

The Malaysians were under tremendous pressure but they weathered the Korean onslaught and found the equaliser in the 49th minute when K Embanj converted their first penalty corner.

The Soviet Union and New Zealand played to a 1-1 draw, with both goals coming in the first half.

The Soviets opened the scoring in the fifth minute, when forward Sergei Pleshakov took a shot off a penalty corner rebound and keeper Scott Anderson dived to stop the ball but landed on it. A penalty stroke was awarded, and Igor Antonov made no mistake from the spot.

The New Zealanders found the equalizer in the 30th minute when Grant McLeod relayed the ball to Craig Russ, who flicked it into the top of the net with Russian keeper Ruzvan Murtuzov beaten.

In today's only match, the Soviet Union will meet Malaysia.

National hockey from August 10

The fourteenth national hockey championship, organised by the Bangladesh Hockey Federation, will begin at the Hockey Stadium in Dhaka on August 10.

Twenty two teams will take part in the eleven-day competition in two groups.

World Cup USA finds another sponsor



NEW YORK, Aug 1: American Airlines has agreed to become the official airline of the 1994 World Cup and a sponsor of the US Soccer Federation, it was announced Wednesday, reports AP.

Under the deal, reached between American parent company AMR Inc and the USSF, the airline will provide discounted transportation for US national soccer teams and buy advertising on the teams game programmes and cable television broadcasts.

Robert L. Crandall, the chairman and president of AMR, said the deal was worth a

minimum of \$13 million in cash and advertising barter. In exchange, American gets one signboard at 1994 World Cup matches and a minimum of two at all exhibition games of the US national team through 1994.

In addition, AMR gets 50 tickets for all US exhibition matches, the right to be title sponsor of one game each year and the right to purchase tickets for the 1994 World Cup, the first to be played in the United States.

"Soccer is a very major sport in Europe, where we have a major presence, and in Latin America, where we also have a major presence," Crandall said. "We also think it will be more important in the United States."

Crandall said tie-ins for the World Cup would begin immediately in American's international advertising, but that US tie-ins probably would not start until late 1992 or 1993. The airline is placing World Cup-American Airlines decals on its international planes and will add them to domestic planes at a later date.

In addition, American signed US coach Bora Milutinovic as a spokesman, said it will run a vote for an all-time World Cup team and sponsor a tour of World Cup stadiums for foreign reporters in 1992.

Earlier this year, American became a sponsor of the Confederation of North and Central American and Caribbean Football, soccer's regional governing body.

American became the seventh sponsor of the USSF, joining Adidas USA Inc., Anheuser-Busch Cos. Inc. (Budweiser), Coca-Cola Co., Chiquita Brands International Inc., Quaker Oats Co. (Gatorade) and M of M Mars, Inc.

SPECIAL COINS OKAYED

Meanwhile, a Reuter message from Washington says the US House of Representatives on Wednesday passed a bill to mint special US coins to help finance the 1994 World Cup.

The bill authorises the minting of 750,000 five-dollar gold coins, five million one-dollar silver coins and five million half-dollar coins with World Cup designs.

The price of the coins will be determined by the cost of production plus a 35-dollar surcharge for the five-dollar coins, a seven-dollar surcharge for the one-dollar coins and a one-dollar surcharge for the half-dollar coins.

Money from the surcharge will go to the organising committee of World Cup USA to help finance the championship. Sites for the games have not been selected.

The bill now goes to the Senate, where a similar bill has been introduced.

The House also passed a separate bill authorising the minting of a special coin to commemorate the 500th anniversary of Christopher Columbus' landing in America in 1492.

New sex-testing due in Tokyo

LONDON, Aug 1: A new system of sex-testing for athletes will be introduced at the World Championships in Tokyo next month, reports AFP.

The International Amateur Athletics Federation (IAAF) have dispensed with the smear test system, which they admit has proved to be scientifically unreliable and not accepted by many countries.

Instead, all athletes will have to undergo physical examinations by qualified doctors and be issued with "health certificates" confirming their gender, the IAAF announced on Tuesday.

These certificates will have to be presented at every championship. Female athletes not already on the IAAF femininity list will then be issued with an IAAF "Gender certificate".

Grand jury to probe Tyson rape charge



INDIANAPOLIS, Aug 1: Former heavyweight champion Mike Tyson and contestants for the Miss Black America pageant got along well together while shooting a promotional video, the pageant's founder said Wednesday, reports AP.

"The contestants were in awe of Tyson, and Tyson was in awe with the contestants," said J Morris Anderson, who also produces the annual pageant in Indianapolis.

An 18-year-old pageant contestant has accused Tyson of rape in an Indianapolis hotel July 19. A special grand jury will investigate the allegations and may decide by Labour Day whether Tyson should be charged, Marion County

Prosecutor Jeffrey Modisette said.

Tyson will be subpoenaed by the grand jury, but under Fifth Amendment protection can not be required to tell his story.

Tyson was in Indianapolis for Indiana Black Expo, a celebration of black history, culture and achievements. The Miss Black America pageant is held in conjunction with Black Expo and Tyson made promotional appearances for both events.

Anderson said the Rev Charles Williams, president of Black Expo, arranged to have the pageant contestants meet Tyson on July 18 and appear in a promotional video with him.

In the video, Tyson performed a rap number and the contestants danced with and around him as he expressed

admiration for their beauty, Anderson said.

Anderson said many of the contestants also wanted to take pictures with Tyson.

"By virtue of Reverend Williams, who is the head of the Black Expo, bringing Mike Tyson over there, certainly we assumed it was honourable and we just tied it into our show," Anderson said.

Anderson also said Wednesday he could not support claims by 1990 Miss Black America Rosie Jones that Tyson had propositioned her and rubbed her buttocks during opening ceremonies for Black Expo on July 15.

Jones, 27, of Bridgeport, Conn., said Tuesday that Tyson had made inappropriate advances and comments witnessed by her boyfriend.

Tyson's bodyguards and several other women.

"He went to put his arm around my waist, where I thought it was going, but it went on my behind and he rubbed my behind," she said.

Anderson said the two appeared on stage together during a "very formal ceremony" in the Hossier Dome.

"He put his arms around her waist and joked with her boyfriend, but we didn't really take that as anything overly obnoxious," Anderson said.

The exchange was witnessed by many other dignitaries on the podium and none of them seemed troubled by it, Anderson said.

"Of all the people that were looking right at them, I never heard it from anyone else," he said.

Ben may sue Malmö organizers

TORONTO, Aug 1: A legal battle looms between Ben Johnson and the organizers of a track meet in Malmö, Sweden, who dropped him from a 100 meter race against arch-rival Carl Lewis, reports AP.

Ed Futerman, Johnson's Toronto lawyer, said a Swedish lawyer has been retained although the president of the Malmö meet, Bengt Bendus, said, "Ben Johnson will be paid nothing."

Johnson, who finished fourth in the 100 metres at the Canadian championships Saturday in Montreal, was to be paid a reported \$150,000 with bonuses, to meet Lewis at Malmö on Monday.

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Bayern Munich sign up Mazinho

MUNICH, Aug 1: Bayern Munich today signed Brazilian international Mazinho, boosting their squad in time for the start of the German soccer season this weekend, reports Reuter.

The 25-year-old midfielder joined the Bavarians from Bragantino for two million dollars.

He is the Munich club's second new signing from Brazil following the arrival of fellow midfielder Bernardo in the close season.

Bayern, who last season failed to win the Bundesliga for only the second time in seven seasons, have recently made several key buys, including German international libero Thomas Berthold from Italy's Roma and striker Bruno Labbadia from champions Kaiserslautern.

Mazinho trained for the first time with the Munich side today ahead of their difficult trip to Werder Bremen on Saturday.

Jahangir moves ahead

ADELAIDE, Aug 1: Jahangir Khan moved into the second round of the World Open squash championship on Wednesday, but dropped a game to England's Paul Carter, reports Reuter.

Jahangir, seeded second, took the 50-minute match 15-8, 15-7, 12-15, 15-10.

Sixth-seed Brett Martin dismissed fellow Australian Simon Baker 15-9, 15-12, 15-13. He now plays 16th seed Simon Parke of England, the reigning world junior champion, Parke beat Australian Scott Spillane 15-8, 15-9, 15-12.

Third-seed Chris Robertson of Australia had bye into the second round.

CRICKET CLIPPINGS

Haynes, Richardson hit tons



BRISTOL, England, Aug 1: Desmond Haynes and Richie Richardson led Gloucestershire's bowling in tatters as they scored a century apiece on the opening day of their three-day match on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

Haynes cracked 151, his highest score of the tour, and Richardson weighed in with 119 as the tourists rattled up 368 for four declared Gloucestershire were 27 for one in reply at the close.

With Viv Richards resting, Haynes took over as captain and, after winning the toss, set a fine example to his players. He shared a second wicket stand of 240 in 61 overs with Richardson and both players hit a six and 17 fours in the latest high-class demonstration of the West Indies' attacking talents.

Clayton Lambert and Gus Logie then took over to plunder 54 runs from the final seven overs before the declaration, leaving Gloucestershire to survive an awkward final 15 overs. Richard Scott felt caught behind to Malcolm Marshall for nine but Dean Hodgson and skipper Tony Wright defended stoutly until the close.

Moody Worcestershire's hero



WORCESTER, England, Aug 1: Australian batsman Tom Moody gave Sri Lanka's bowlers a tough time on Wednesday to put his English countryside Worcestershire in control of their three-day tour match here, reports Reuter.

Moody struck 15 fours in an innings of 86 which lasted just 71 balls to propel Worcestershire to 290 for seven at the close of day's play.

Worcestershire were 109 ahead when stumps were drawn. Kapila Wijesunwardene took four wickets conceding 87 but also bowled 19 no-balls in his 15 overs spell.

Jt Korean team in Barcelona likely

SEOUL, Aug 1: South Korea accepted on Wednesday North Korea's invitation to resume talks on fielding joint sports teams and to discuss sending an all-Korean team to the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona.

Yonhap news agency said, reports Reuter.

"The government decided to accept the North Korean proposal," Yonhap quoted South Korea's Vice Sports Minister Kim Young-Kyun as saying.

Earlier in the day, Kim Hyong-Jin, North Korea's chief delegate to the sports talks, sent a telephone message to his southern counterpart, Chang Chung-Shik, suggesting a fifth meeting on August 17 at the border hamlet of Panmunjom.

Chang had proposed last week that the two sides meet at Panmunjom on August 6.

"There will be no problems if the meeting is delayed for about 10 days," Kim Young-Kyun was quoted as saying.

Ministry officials were not immediately available to comment on the reports.

When sports officials from the two Koreas met they agreed to send joint teams for the first time to the World Table Tennis Championships in Japan in April and the world youth soccer tournament in Portugal last month.

Jack Dempsey honoured



MANASSA, Colorado, Aug 1: Evander Holyfield may be the reigning heavyweight title-holder, but in this off-the-beaten-path southern Colorado town the Manassa Mauler always will be the champ, reports AP.

Nestled among potato fields and cattle and sheep ranches, this quiet, pastoral town of 1,000 showcases the humble beginnings of one of America's most famous prizefighters at the Jack Dempsey Museum.

"That's all that keeps us on the map," Laverne King confesses to travellers who happen upon museum, situated in the tiny log cabin where Dempsey was born nearly a century ago.

The town decided to honor its native son in the 1960s by renovating the shack into a museum.

For those who believe in

fate, Dempsey was destined to become a great fighter. His family roots go back to the battling Hatfields and McCoy's of West Virginia. Dempsey's Scottish-Irish immigrant parents traveled west in a covered wagon to help Mormon pioneers eke out a living in the arid San Luis Valley.

In his autobiography, "Dempsey," the boxer wrote that his mother paid a midwife a quarter for helping with his birth on June 24, 1895. He was the ninth of the Dempseys' 13 children.

Like most of the pioneers in the valley, the Dempseys were poor. Hyrum Dempsey worked on a farm for a while, but lost his job when Jack was about 8 and the family moved from town to town in Colorado and Utah.

In his teens, Dempsey began honing what became his trademark ferociousness by sauntering into mining town

saloons and announcing, "I can't sing and I can't dance, but I'll lick anyone in the house."

That tough-guy, underdog attitude helped Dempsey the fighter charm America.

Dempsey won the heavyweight championship in 1919, knocking out Jesse Willard, and lost it to Gene Tunney in 1926.

Although it has been more than 60 years since Dempsey left the ring and eight years since his death, the memory of the famed prizefighter lives on.

About 200 people a month browse through the memorabilia inside the trim, red-and-white log cabin museum in a small park across from the Manassa town hall.

Inside, a display case holds the shoes Dempsey wore in Chicago on Sept. 22, 1927, when he lost his bid to reclaim the heavyweight title from Tunney.