Zulekha and Shamima of Bangladesh Ansars retained the women's doubles crown by winning the final match of the event at the sixteenth national table tennis championships yesterday at the National Coaching Centre.

Former national champion Zulekha, ably supported by Shamima, overcame stiff resistance from fellow Ansars teammates Rinu and Bacchi to wrap up the final 21-17, 20-22, and 21-14.

In the boy's doubles final, Hamlet of Ansars and Mahbub of Biman beat Mahid of Biman and Mona of Pirojpur 21-18 and 21-16 to clinch the title.

Biman's Sayeedul Haque Saadi and Shamima of Ansars clinched the mixed doubles title when they rallied from being a set down to beat Rinu of Ansars and Aankhi of BTMC with the final score reading 15-21, 21-11 and 21-18.

The boys, men's and women's individual finals will be held this afternoon.



Sports Reporter

three more goals.

were the scorers.

Mahfuz, Noor and Akhter

Earlier, State Minister for

Twenty-one teams are tak-

The participating teams are:

Group "A": BKSP,

Bangladesh Army, Faridpur,

Chittagong DSA, Dhaka

Education Board, Narayanganj,

Bangladesh Police, Patuakhali,

University, Dhaka, Sylhet,

Mymensingh DSA, Bangladesh

Air Force, Bangladesh Navy,

Jessore, BUET, Bangladesh

TODAY'S MATCHES

Railway vs Police (8 am)

Patuakhali vs Narayangani

Air Force vs Mymensingh

Ansars and Chuadanga.

(2.30 pm)

Group "B": Dhaka

Bogra and Munshigani DSA.

Railway,

Youth and Sports, Sadeq

Hossain inaugurated the 11-

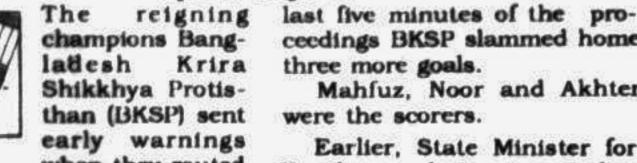
day competition as chief guest.

ing part in two groups on a

knock-out basis. The final will

be held on August 20.

Bangladesh



champions Banglatiesh Krira Shikkhya Protisthan (BKSP) sent early warnings when they routed newcomers Munshiganj

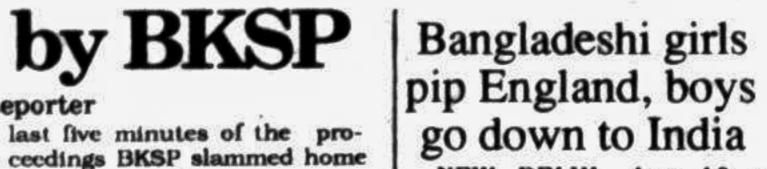
District Sports Association 5-I in the inaugural match of the Basundhara fourteenth national hockey championship yesterday at the Hockey Stadium.

The winners led by a solitary goal at the lemon break. With this victory BKSP

moved into the quarter-finals. Mohammed Akhter Hossain opened the account for BKSP when he intercepted a fine cross from the left flank and dribbled past a Munshiganj defender to beat goalkeeper Arif with an angular shot in the 13th minute of the match.

The defending champions had to wait till the 37th minute for their second goal when Alamgir Alam slotted home from a close range. One minute later Shimul

reduced the margin for Munshiganj. In a flurry of activity in the (4.00pm).



NEW DELHI, Aug 10 : Favourites Nigeria and hosts India brushed aside their rivals with stunning case in the fourth Commonwealth handball championship here today, setting up a title clash with each other on Tuesday, reports PTI.

Defending champions Nigeria crushed England 29-6 while Indian boys kept their record-sheet free of blemishes by handing out a 39-20 drubbing to next-door neighbours Bangladesh.

Bangladesh girls pipped England 18-17, with the two sides pitted to meet on Monday for the clash to decide the third and fourth places.

India and Nigeria share the top spot in the boys' section with six points off all the three matches each team has played.

The two sides will clash in a league match tomorrow in what promises to be a dress rehearsal for the final.

The girls' section presents a similar picture, with India and Nigeria well ahead of their opponents, tallying four points each off three and four matches respectively.

Kabaddi results

Sports Reporters

Azad Sporting Club and Anirban Sangshad registered victories in their respective matches of the Dhaka Kabaddi league yesterday at the Outer Stadium kabaddi court.

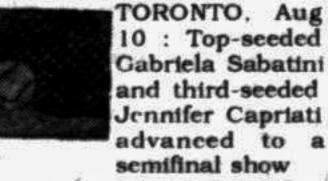
Azad Sporting cruised to a comfortable 17-11 victory over Imarat Nirman Sramik Union after leading 13-4 at the breather.

In the other match, Anirban Sangshad survived a late rally by Dilkusha Sporting Club to

score a 15-14 points victory. Anirban led 7-3 at half time. TODAY'S MATCHES Sonali Bank vs Jatrabari

Udayan (5.30 pm) Manda Sangshad vs Jatrabari FS (6 pm).

Sabantini, Capriati to clash in semis Zvereva offered little resistance against last month's



Stadium. BKSP won 5-1

advanced to a down with easy victories on Friday at the 500,000-dollar Canadian Open women's tennis

championship, reports Reuter. Sabatini, of Argentina. overwhelmed sixth-seeded Helena Sukova Czechoslovakia 6-3, 6-2 while Capriati cruised past ninthseeded Natalia Zvereva of the Soviet Union 6-1, 6-1 in under

an hour. Despite never beating the current US Open champion in six tries, the American teen is upbeat about her chances

against Sabatini. "I'm feeling very confident about the way I'm playing," said Capriati, who has scored two wins over world number two Monica Seles in the last three weeks.

The other semifinal is a family affair between older sister Manuel Maleeva-Fragniere of Switzerland and Younger sibling Katerina Maleeva of Bulgaria.

second-seeded Manuela Maleeva-Fragniere, shrugged off a sore shoulder, and eliminated eight-seeded American Amy Frazier 6-2/7-6

(9-7). The fourth-seeded Katerina Maleeva beat tenth-seeded Laura Gildemeister of Peru 6-

2, 6-2. Malceva-Fragniere, 24, is

unbeaten in seven career matches against the 22-yearold Katerina. Their last meeting was in 1988.

The BKSP and the Mymensingh DSA stickwinders clash for control of the ball in

yesterday's inaugural match of the national hockey championship at the Hockey

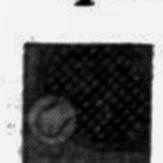
"It's difficult to play against you sister," Maleeva-Fragniere said. "But since it's the semifinal it's not so bad. One of us will have a good result and the other one will be in the final."

Earlier in the week. Katerina Maleeva defeated the youngest of the three tennisplaying Mleeva siblings. Magdalena.

— Star Photo

Sabatini dominated Sukova, controlling all aspects of the match with her customary deep topspin groundstrokes and pinpoint passing shots.

Capriati camp pleads to quell rowdy Gaby fans



TORONTO. Aug 10: In response "concerns" from entourage of Jennifer Capriati, tournament

officials took measures on Friday to quell rowdy supporters of Gabriela Sabatini at the Canadian Open women's tennis championship, reports Reuter

"I was approached by someone from the Jennifer Capriati camp voicing concerns (about the noise)," said tournament director John Beddington. who refused to reveal the in-

However, Capriati's father Stefano, and her agent, John Evert, are both in Toronto, but could not be reached for

Sabatint's matches all week have attracted a vocal group of some 20 local Spanish-speaking supporters. The group has cheered the Argentine star by

waving huge Argentine flags. singing songs, blasting a large horn and banging a large drum. Beddington said the person from the Capriati camp asked what the rules were about such

"I told them the rules are that there aren't any rules about it", he said.

Capriati, said that similar groups of fans have not bothered her in past matches. A spectator sitting near the

group Friday during Sabatini's victory over sixth-seeded Sukova of Czechoslovakia was struck in the head by a flagpole but was not injured. Two others seated nearby asked for ticket refunds. Beddington said "several" other fans complained about the noise.

"In response to all this we've asked them to not blow the horn or drum the drum during the match," Beddington said. They can do it before and after the match he said.

"You can try anything but I

MELBOURNE, Aug 10: Jahangir Khan gained a measure of revenge against his Australian Open squash semi-Reuter.

Australian won the first two games but Jahangir stages a tremendous recovery to triumph 11-15, 9-15, 15-13, 15-8, 15-12.

The 90-minute match was continuation of the bitter battle which marred their final in Adelaide last Sunday.

Reeve steered Warwickshire's "It was a spotling game, we were blocking each other. said the Pakistan.

lar 555 World Cup here Friday reports AFP.

one, lost to Sidek 8-15, 15-6. 2-15 in a preliminary Group D

fending champton WU Wenkal of China, winner of Group C.

Women's volleyball

wooden-floor gymnasium.

tion as chief guest.

Dinajpur DSA outplayed Narayanganj DSA 15-7, 15-4 and Tangail overcame Jessore 15-4, 12-15, 15-6 in the

In the afternoon, Rangpur crushed Narayanganj 15-1, 15-0 while Khulna tamed Tangail 15-7, 15-2.

in semifinals ALBOUQUERQUE. New

Mexico, Aug 10 : Top-seeded Julie Halard of France and second-seeded American Gigi Fernandez won on Friday to of Albuquerque women's tennis tournament, reports Reuter.

Windies forced to follow-on



West Indies, replying to England's first innings total of 419, were all out

for 176 on the third day of the fifth and final cricket Test at the Oval today. reports Reuter. West Indies were forced to

follow-on 243 runs behind. Earlier report said, West Indies quickly posted a challenging reply after Robin

Smith's second century of the series boosted . England to a first innings 419 on Friday. reports Reuter. Although they lost Phil Simmons for 15, fellow-opener Desmond Haynes and Richie

Richardson weathered a dramatic final session to take them to 90 for one at the close of the second day. Haynes was on 46 and Richardson 20. Part of the drama was, predictably, caused by Ian Botham, the England all-rounder re-

turning to Test cricket after a gap of more than two years and after many had written off his international career. With his third ball, shortly before the close of play, the now gentle medium paced seamer appealed stridently

and vainly for leg before against Haynes. The next delivery had him dropped by his own captain, Graham Gooch, in the slips.

After a rampaging start. during which they scored at around five and over, West Indies, 2-1 ahead in the series. were subdued by left-are spinner Phil Tufnell.

Perversely it was the ofternwild David Lawrence who dismissed Simmons, trapping him leg before when the played across the line.

Smith's 109 took his total in the series to 390 runs for only fourtimes out and provided the spine to the England innings. Off successive deliveries

from fast bowler Curtly Ambrose with the new ball he crashed square cuts with ferocious power and reached his century after 342 minutes at crease. It was an innings of

supreme courage and technique to add to the unbeaten 148 he made in the second Test.

He hit 13 boundaries from the 256 balls he faced in an

LONDON, Aug 10: England

rebel Mike Gatting showed his

countrymen just what they are

missing with a superb double

century for Middlesex at Lord's

Test against West Indies, their

former captain — banned from

Test cricket until 1995 for

leading a rebel England tour to

South Africa — took Middlesex

to a mammoth first innings

sixth century of the season,

beat Denis Compton's 52-year-

old Middlesex record for an

individual score against

In other English county

games. Asif Din and Dermot

Gatting's unbeaten 215, his

454 for three declared.

As England battled the final

on Friday, reports Reuter.

innings eight minutes short of six hours.

When he departed, leg before to Malcolm Marshall, the score was healthy 339 for six. Smith's promotion from number six to number four in the batting had obviously had no damaging effect. He could occupy that position for some years to come.

But for all the magnificence of Smith's innings it was the return of Botham the packed crowd were waiting for.

They had their wish 40 minutes into play after England had resumed at 231 for four.

Alec Smith had taken his score to 31 before pushing a catch into the covers and Botham, perpetrator of some extraordinary feats in the past, re-entered Test cricket to a tremendous roar.

But Botham played the patient role England required. defending stoutly.

He stayed at crease for 131 minitues, faced 82 deliveries and scored 31, including 19

Only the manner of his departure proved spectacular. Going for a hook off Ambrose he over balanced and, stumbling over his stumps, dislodged the bails.

That left England on 351 for seven but another delightful innings by Chris Lewis. looking more and more able to take Botham's all-rounder mantle when he does finally discard it, kept the West Indian bowlers toiling until after tea. Lewis, who made 65 in the

second innings in the fourth Test, again went on the drive with superb authority and was left unbeaten on 47 when he ran out of partners.

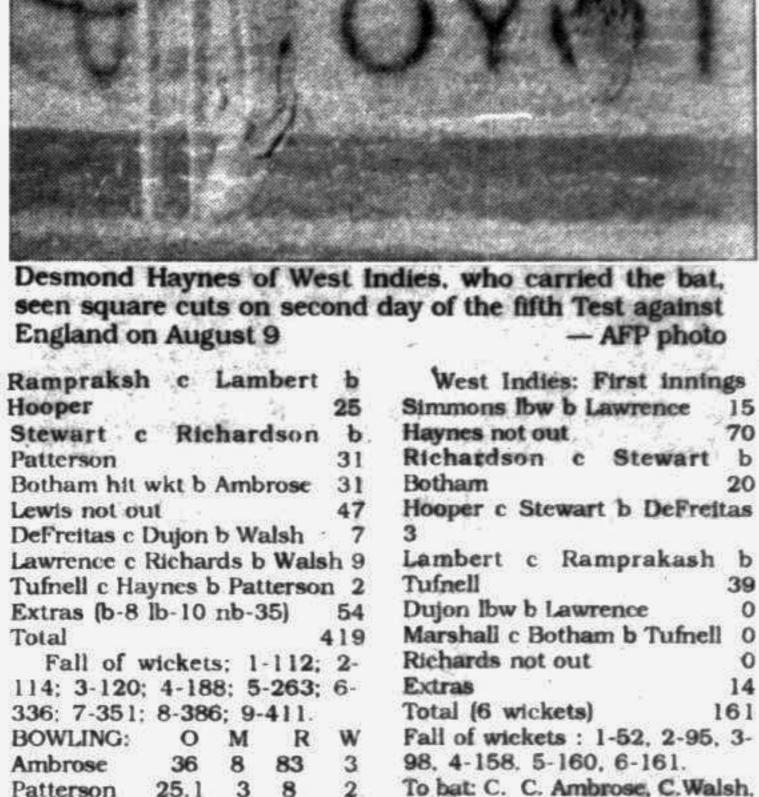
Ambrose and Walsh ended with three wickets each while Marshall's decision against Smith took him one behind the 376 total of Test victims jointly held by Botham and India's Kapil Dev.

SCOREBOARD Lunch score on the third

England: First in-

day of the final test on Saturday.

nings(overnight 231 for four) Gooch Ibw b Ambrose Morris c Lambert b Ambrose44 Atherton c Hooper b Walsh Smith lbw b Marshall



(Incomplete).

P. Patterson

Gatting hits double ton Div II cricket qualifiers.

Sports Reporter

Three teams won their respective matches in the qualifying round of the Second Division cricket league yesterday at different venues of the

scored an easy 44-run victory over Secure Torun Sangha at the City Club ground at Mirpur. Anushilon Sangshad won by three wickets against Shahid

Maghbazar Kishaloy Sangha

Wahab KC at the Mohakhali T &T ground. Evergreen Club registered

an exciting 15-run victory over Azimpur Sports at the Dhanmondi Cricket stadium. Badshah's father

dead Mr Abdul Majid Shah, a re-

tired civil surgeon in the then East Pakistan, and also Superintendent and Principal of Sir Salimullah Medical College Dhaka, died yesterday of old age complications. He was 80. Mr Majid Shah, who re-

tired in 1976 as Deputy Director of Health Services, left behind his wife, 7 sons -Azeem Shah, Jahangir Shah Badshah, Alim Shah, Salim Shah, Feroz Shah, Munna Shah, Nadir Shah - all quite accomplished crickters grandchildren and a large number of friends, relations and admirers to mourn his His Qul Khwani will be held

on August 13 at House No- 51, Road No-5, Dhanmandi R/A, Dhaka The BCCB and Dhaka

Cricket Players' Association, in separate press releases, condoled the death of Mr Abdul

Lanka 'A' crawl against Pakistan COLOMBO, Aug 10: Sri

Lanka 'A' batsmen were engaged in a run-crawl on the opening day of their their and final international against Pakistan 'A' here Friday, scoring only 174 runs for the loss of five wickets in 90 overs, reports AFP.

Wijesinghe, who elected to bat after winning the toss, was partly responsible for the slow scoring rate when he partnered Dhamminka Ranatunga for a laborious 84 runs for the opening wicket in 50 overs. spinner Left-arm Muhammed Zahid made the

Thiland

breakthrough when he clean bowled Wijesinghe for 43. comprising six fours. The first two four-day internationals between the two

Batistuta to join Fiorentina



RORE, Aug 10 : Argentina's latest soccer star striker Gabriel Batistuta will join Fiorentina from Boca Juniors this month, the Italian Club's manager Paolo de

Crescenzo said on Friday, reports Reuter. "The transfer will cost 2.3 million dollars and Boca will get a down-payment of one million dollars," De Crescenzo said. The deal was reached in

Buenos Aires on Thursday. Last month Boca announced Batistuta , 22, would join the Florence Club in the 1992-93 season but the transfer has been brought forward a year.

The deal means Batistuta's aca teammate Diego Latorre will not be joining Piorentina for the time being.

Fiorentina bought talented midfielder Latorre, 21, last year with a view to taking him on their books this season. But that was before the previously unheralded Batistuta helped Argentina win the Copa

Nations Cup, with six goals. "The decision to take Batistuta now and Latorre at a later date was technical. Fiorentina has a good number of midfielders but only two strikers and needed a third." De Crescenzo said.

America, the South American

"Latorre is happy. He has agreed to stay at Boca," he said. "But he is part of the Fiorentina family and will

eventually be joining us." De Crescenzo said Fiorentina had also bought Argentine international winger Antonio Mohamed, 20, from Boca's Buenos Aires neighbours

Mohammed, who cost 900,000 dollars, would probably go to Boca Juniors on loan free of charge, has said.

Fiorentina, coached by Brazil's 1990 World Cup coach Sebatiao Lezaroni, currently complete their permitted quota of three foreigners with

Brazilians Dunga and Mazinho. Syria, Kuwait split points



HYDERABAD. India. Aug 10: Syria and Kuwait played out a crucial 1-1 draw Friday to keep

their hopes alive of winning the Asian Group B pre-Olympic football tournament here, reports AFP. Both goals came in the first half of a tense match played under slushy ground conditions at the flood-lit Lal

Bahadur Shastri Stadium. Kuwait, playing their first international tournament since the Gulf war, took the lead in the 10th minute when Seehan Abdullah converted a rebound from Syrian goalkeeper Douna Massih's hand. Syria equalised two minutes

before the breather through

Abdul Razzak, who headed in

another rebound after Omar

Kanafani's long lob his the goal

The drawn game by the

only two unbeaten teams in the five-nation contest was marked by wrought tackles and heated exchanges between the rival Syrian linkman Sibat Yasser was shown the red card in the 22nd minute for felling

Ahmed, leaving his team with just 10 players for the remainder of the match. Seven other players earned yellow cards from the overworked referee Subramaniam

Kuwaiti forward Fawwaz al-

Nathan of Malaysia. The crucial match was played at a fast pace despite slippery ground conditions caused by heavy rains two hours before the scheduled

The Kuwaitis play Lebanon on Monday and round off their engagements against India

Wimbledon semifinalist and admitted so afterwards.

don't think it will work." Zvereva said." I just thought it would be quite useless to run every ball down so I tried to hit hard."

Sweet revenge for Jahangir

World Open conqueror Rodney Martin by beating him in the finals on Saturday, reports The world title-winning

Wiranata shocked

MACAU, Aug 10 Indonesian ace Ardy Wiranata suffered a shock defeat at the hands of Malaysia's Rashid Sidek but still qualified for the semifinals in the 145,000 dol-

Wiranata, the world number

But the All-England champion topped the group to earn a semifinal berth against de-

Sports Reporter Four matches were held on the inaugural day of the Beximco women's volleyball tournament, organised by the Bangladesh Women's Sports Federation, yesterday at the

State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadeq Hossain inaugurated the three-day competi-

Six teams are taking part in the meet on a league basis. morning session.

Fernandez, Halard

gain the semifinals of the 150,000-dollar Virginia Sitms

for 282 at Grace Road. Kent spluttering championship bandwagon back on course as amassed 377 for six away to were a disappointing two for the championship leaders Northamptonshire. two at the close. E Bengal beat Calcutta MSC

MIKE GATTING



Derbyshire.

10: East Bengal took a giant leap towards regaining the title when they humbled

Mohammedan

Sporting by 3-0 in their crucial second leg match of the Calcutta Super Division soccer league here today, reports PII. Playing before an estimated crowd of about 50,000 at the Salt Lake Stadium, the men in red and yellow played more

purposeful soccer than their

opponents and led by a

Kishanu Dey goal till the breather.

Changing over their Punjab

recruit. Kuliit Singh, added two more to complete the rout of Mohammedan Sporting.

East Bengal now lead the league table with 33 points from 13 matches while closest rival Mohun Bagan have 32 points from the same number of matches. Mohammed an Sporting lie at the poor third with 25 points from 13 out-

Eight Bangladeshi stars played for both sides in the day's vital match between two league title chasers. Shabbir, Jewel. Roxy. Ponir and Salahuddin played for Calcutta Mohammedans while Munna

Sheikh Aslam and Golam Gaus played for East Bengal. TEAMS

East Bengal Club - Debas-

hish Mukherjee, Krishnendu

Roy, Swarup Das, Tarun Dey,

Aloke Mukerjee, Amit Das

England on August 9

Stewart c Richardson

Botham hit wkt b Ambrose

Defreitas c Dujon b Walsh

Extras (b-8 lb-10 nb-35)

336: 7-351: 8-386; 9-411.

5 62

Ugandan-born Asif (92) and

Reeve (65) shared in a sixth-

wicket stand of 134 to help

erase the memory of succes-

sive defeats by Worcestershire

Johnson hit a swashbuckling

century to claw title hopefuls

Nottinghamshire out of trouble

in an important clash with

and two sixes in his 194

minute innings of 124 to help

Notts to 294 after they had

slipped from 95 for one to 110

McCague took six wickets, and

Wicketkeeper Steve Marsh as

many catches as bottom club

Leicestershire were dismissed

Kent paceman Martin

Hohnson blasted 13 fours

At Trent Bridge, Paul

Hooper

Patterson

BOWLING:

Ambrose

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and Surrey.

for four.

Hooper

Walsh

Lewis not out

(Prasenjit Paul), Munna, Tushar Rakshit, Krishanu Dey. Kuljit Singh, Sheikh Mohammed Aslam (Golam Gaus). Mohammedan SC - Ponir Jewel Rana, Salauddin, Rahma-

tullah. Christopher, Akul Ansari, Roxy, Chibizour, Must aque Ali, Shabbir and Toufiq Jamal (Debashish Konar). Refere - Ajoy Lahiri.



Zulekha and Shamima of Bangladesh Ansars seen in action in yesterday's women's doubles final at the national TT championships at National Coaching Centre - Star photo | sides were drawn.