

The players' transfers for the Dhaka Senior Division, football league will begin on September 5

newly-reconstituted Dhaka Metropolis Football Association (DAMFA), yesterday in a meeting, took a number of important decisions removing some of the obstacles which were hindering the start of the 1990-91 football

The players seeking transfers will be allowed to collect their tokens from Septem-

Ctg invitational TT from Sept 4

Sports Reporter

The first Chittagong invitational table tennis championships organised by the Chittagong Table Tennis Players' Association (CTTPA) and sponsored by the Bangladesh Table Tennis | Players Association (BTTPA), will begin from September 4 to 8 at Chittagong.

Bangladesh Biman Bangladesh Ansars, Wari, BTMC, Armanitola JS, Narail, Habiganj, Jessore and Mymensingh DSAs are invited to the meet.

All the interested teams have been asked to confirm their participations by August 28 at the office of the Chittagong Table Tennis Players' Association at 95, Agrabad C/A, phone- 505955.

Sweet revenge for Pakistan

PRESCOT, England, Aug 17: Pakistan avenged last year's surprise Champions' Trophy defeat by Great Britain here on Saturday with a 2-1 triumph in the first of three men's hockey internationals between the countries, reports AFP.

Two second-half goals from Mohammed Irfan gave the Asian Games gold medallists a deserved victory after they had been stunned by an early goal from Great Britain centre-forward Rob Thompson.

He converted a free hit from the right by John Shaw in the fourth minute as the Pakistanis were still finding their feet.

Sean Kerly had several chances to increase the Olympic champions' lead, but his reflexes were unusually slow.

Pakistan capitalised to launch a fightback and would have been on level terms at the break had Sean Rowlands not been in great form in the Britain goal.

However, the equaliser was not long in coming after the break. Skipper Shahbaz Ahmed and left winger Wasim Feroz combining to set up a chance for Irfan, which he scooped into the net from point-blank range in the 46th minute.

The same combination produced the winner four minutes from time after Pakistan had encamped in British territory.

The teams now move up to Scotland, where they will meet at Glasgow on August 25, before taking part in a four-nations tournament in Cardiff along with Malaysia and Wales the last weekend of the month.

Schools handball

Sports Reporter

The fourth schools handball

tournament, organised by the Bangladesh Handball Federation will begin from September 3 at the Outer Stadium handball court.

All the boys' high schools of Dhaka city are eligible to participate in the tourney Interested schools have been asked to submit their entries by August 25 at the federation

The long-awaited transfers will end on September 11. Nineteen teams will take part in this year's Senior Division league with the two bottom clubs to be relegated to the Second Division.

The previous rule regarding fixed matches was omitted from the bye-laws yesterday. The earlier rule was designed to restrain the clubs from resorting to fixing matches in order to avoid relegation and provided for adequate punishment. The omission of this necessary check on malpractices may once again lead to clubs, especially the weaker ones, being tempted to indulge in foul play both on and off the pitch.

A Senior Division league team can now register thirty players, anytime, during the course of the season, in contrast to the previous practice

Sports Reporter of thirty registrations at least 15 days before the starts of the

Also, from this year clubs can again hire a maximum of three foreign players.

The Federation Cup. the curtain-raiser of the football season, is likely to start from the third week of September.

Normally, the First Division league commences about a week after the Federation Cup final but this year it appears highly unlikely that this practice can be maintained because most of the leading teams will have to release their better players for the SAF Games soccer camp for the national team. The SAF Games are scheduled to be held in the Sri Lankan capital Colombo in the third week of December.

Under the circumstances it seems local football fans have a long wait yet, at least until early January next year, before they can watch First Division football again.

Meanwhile, Abdus Salam, Additional Commissioner, DMP, who is a vice president of the DAMFA, has been selected as the chairman of the Sentor Division football league committee while Arshad Al Mongol of Muktijoddha Sangshad Krira Chakra gets the choice post of the secre-

According to a highly reliable source, the Dhaka Mahanagari Club Samity, in an important meeting earlier in the afternoon, adopted almost all of the above decisions which were later placed before the DAMFA meeting in the evening for its vetting, giving rise to questions about the efficacy of the newly-revived DAMFA which was dissolved in 1985, its activities being taken over by the Bangladesh Football Federation.



Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia inspecting the newly-constructed swimming and diving pool which she opened yesterday at the BKSP complex at Jirani, Savar. -Star photo

Cook's third in a row

National meet semis today

Sports Reporter

Defending cham- in the afternoon. pions Bangladesh Krira Shikkhya Protisthan (BK-SP) face a formidable task when

take on in-form championship favorites Bangladesh Army in today's first semifinal of the Basundhara fourteenth national hockey championship at the Hockey Stadium.

The match will start at 2.30

Short retains lead

BRUSSELS, Aug 17: Boris Gelfand of the Soviet Union and England's Nigel Short on Friday drew their adjourned fourth found game in the World Chess Championship quarter-finals, reports Reuter.

Most analysts had expected the draw. But Gelfand's white pieces had a slightly better position and he made Short play for a further 31 moves before they agreed on a draw after 91 moves.

tained his one-point lead over Gelfand, the fifth round will be played today.

the Calcutta Super Division

Football League at the Jubo

· Bharati (Salt Lake) Stadium on

Saturday, according to All

India Radio running

commentary monitored in

Dhaka yesterday, reports UNB.

triple crown holders East

Bengal Club almost assured

their league title securing 37

points from 15 outings, three

points ahead of their close

have 34 points from same

East Bengal is the only un-

beaten team in the league with

eleven wins and four draws

having completed all their big

matches. But Mohun Bagan will

have to face other strong ri-

vals Mohammedan Sporting in

The first league match be-

In yesterday's, tense-

tween East Bengal and Mohun

packed match, East Bengal

dominated most of the time,

excepting the first 12 minutes,

and came close to score on

four occasions while Mohun

Bagan managed only one

Singh spoiled two chances

East Bengal striker Kuljit

their remaining match.

Bagan also ended goalless.

contenders Mohun Bagan who

number of matches.

With this draw, the Indian

un Bagan Club in

a vital match of

The BKSP boys had a tough passage into the semifinals. After beating newcomers Munshigani DSA 5-1 in their first match, they somehow managed to narrowly beat Faridpur DSA 10-8 in the tie-

breaker in the quarterfinal. BKSP will be hoping their ace striker Akhter Hossain. who already has scored four goals for his team in two matches, striker again today against the formidable Army defence.

BKSP can consider themselves rather lucky because the soldiers will be without their prolific striker in-form skipper Jahangir who has already banged six goals in two matches and their dependable goalkeeper Osman Ghani who is yet to concede a goal.

Both Jahangir and Osman were shown the red card in their quarter- final match against Dhaka Education Board and were ruled out for one match cach. Star-studded Dhaka District

Sports Association will face This meant that Short relast year's runners-up Dhaka University in today's second semifinal starting at 4:15 pm. The Dhaka team, inspired by national stars like Chapal, Guddu Sadeq, Kismet and their speedy striker faisal, who scored a hattrick against BUET, should give Dhaka

University a keen fight.
DU, for their part, will be looking towards their star player Jamil Pervez Lulu and Khwaja Waiz for their passage into the final.

The monsoon rains have made the ground quite heavy and with all four semifinalists having a number of good players in their line-ups, it can be anybody's match.

Div II league qualifying cricket

Sports Reporter

Dhanmondi Pragati Sangha and Maghbazar Kisholoy School won their respective matches to move into the next round of the qualifiers for Second Division cricket league yester day at different city venues.

Dhanmondi Pragati Sangha scored an exciting two-wicket victory over Bashabo JS at the Mahakhali T & T ground while Maghbazar Kisholoy registered a comfortable 32-run victory over Jatrabari KS.

The only opportunity of

Both the Bangladeshi play-

More than one lakh football

ers of East Bengal - Munna

and Ghaus - played with con-

summate skill with Munna

crazy fans crowded the Salt

Lake Stadium to witness the

day's vital match. Both the

teams played positive football

in the first half with repeated

attacks and counter-attacks

despite a wet and slippery

But the second half of the

match was marred by rough

and tough football and referee

Pradip Nag showed five yellow

cards during the session to

Chatterjee, Amit Bhadra and

Chima Okeri of Mohun Bagan

Yellow cards - Satyajit

control the proceedings.

ground.

shining over all the rest.

PM opens BKSP swimming pool

JIRANI, Savar, Aug 17: Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday called for optimum utilisation of the training facilities provided in the Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protisthan (BKSP), reports

lnaugurating the newly-constructed swimming and diving pool here she said training was the only means through which one could earn perfection.

The function was also addressed, among others, by Mr Sadeq Hossain, State Minister for Youth and Sports, Mr Abdur Rauf, Secretary Ministry of Youth and Sports and Mr Abdul Aziz, Acting Director General of the BKSP. Begum Zia said if we could

improve the standard of training we could bring laurels from the international competitions. She said shaheed President

Ziaur Rahman had taken up programmes in a planned way to improve the standard of games and sports in the coun-

The Prime Minister at tended a briefing session where the activities of BKSP were narrated.

She visited the sports museum and the swiming pool and witnessed some competitions. She also saw the astroturf hockey pitch.

Begum Zia was presented acrest of the BKSP.

Martyn proves his mettle

LEICESTER, England, Aug 17: Damien Martyn underlined his extraordinary potential here on Friday as he helped Australia into a strong position in the first under-19 Test against England, reports AFP.

Martyn, who made his Sheffield Shield debut for Western Australia last season, drove, pulled and cut 34 boundaries on the way to a masterly 179 that formed the basis of the tourists' imposing 433 for six.

Martyn, who scored a halfcentury against the West Indies for Leicestershire's first team earlier in the English summer, shared stands of 115 with wicketkeeper Adam Gilchrist (54) and 142 with Michael Foster (77 not out).

Australia under-19 433-6 (D Martyn 179 M Foster 77 not out, A Gilchrist 54) v England under-19.

Kabaddi result Sports Reporter

16 in the Dhaka kabaddi league match at the Outer Stadium Farooq S S led 30-8 at half

The other two matches of the day were going on till filing

TODAY'S MATCHES Jhatika S K vs Bangladesh

Bank (5 pm). Azad Spig vs Dilkusha Spig (5.30 pm).

Anirban Sangsad vs Imarat Nirman (6 pm).

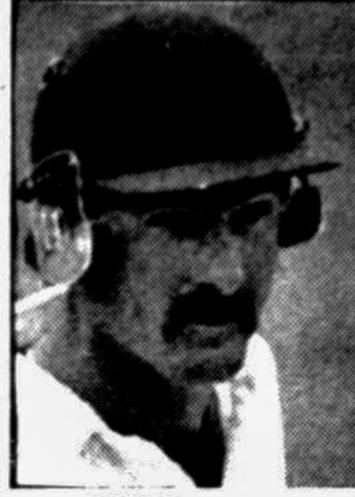
LONDON, Aug-17 : South African of 141 included 18 fours and



Jimmy Cook on Friday became the first batsman to reach 2,000 runs in an

successive year, reports Reuter.

prolific Somerset opener reached the milestone after he had made 20 on the opening day of the country championship match against Nottinghamshire at Trent Bridge. Cook, who has amassed



JIMMY COOK

nearly 1,000 first-class runs in less than three seasons with Somerset since succeeding Martin Crowe as their overseas player in 1989, was eventually dismissed for 43 by Barbadian paceman Franklyn Stephenson. Richard Harden then took

centre stage, celebrating his 26th birthday with his second successive century.

Harden hit nine fours and three sixes in his 169-minute innings of 101. He put 178 for the fifth wicket with Neil Burns as Somerset piled up 349 for five by the close.

England captain Graham Gooch and Nasser Ilussain both scored centuries in a fourth-wicket stand of 287 which rescued Essex after they had lost their first three wickets for only 21 against Northamptonshire Colchester. They finished the day on 403 for eight.

Gooch plundered his highest score of the season - 173 off 243 deliveries. His innings was spiced with 21 fours and two sixes.

Hussain's 276-ball innings

 Ian Botham, who helped England to square the test series against West Indies at the Oval on Monday, took five English season for the third for 67 to send Natwest Trophy

finalists Surrey lumbling to 185 all out at New Road. An unbeaten second wicket

partnership of 122 between Phil Neal (65) and Graeme Hick (59) carried Worcestershire to 137 for one in reply.

England recall Jack Russell

LONDON, Aug 17: England have recalled wicketkeeper Jack Russell to their Test side to meet Sri Lanka at Lord's, starting on Thursday, reports Reuter.

Russell, overlooked in favour of Alec Stewart before England's fifth Test victory over the West Indies at the Oval earlier this week, returns behind the stumps with Stewart retaining his place as a specialist batsman.

Stewart has been promoted up the order to replace Michael Atherton, the only absentee from the winning 12 at the Oval, who is preparing to undergo a back operation on August 27.

"We said before the Oval Test that we preferred to select the best wicketkeeper, other than in exceptional circumstances," said Chairman of selectors Ted Dexter.

"Those circumstances are now over, although the decision worked well and Alec Stewart performed admirably both as a batsman and wicketkeeper."

Otherwise, the same-again strategy means lan Botham can expect to win his 99th Test cap against a Sri Lankan side who have shown strictly modest form in most of their tour matches against English coun-

Team (from): Graham Gooch (captain), Huge Morris, Alec Stewart, Robin Smith, Mark Ramprakash, lan Botham, Chris Lewis, Jack Russell, Phillip DeFreitas, Derek Pringle, David Lawrence, Phil Tufnell.

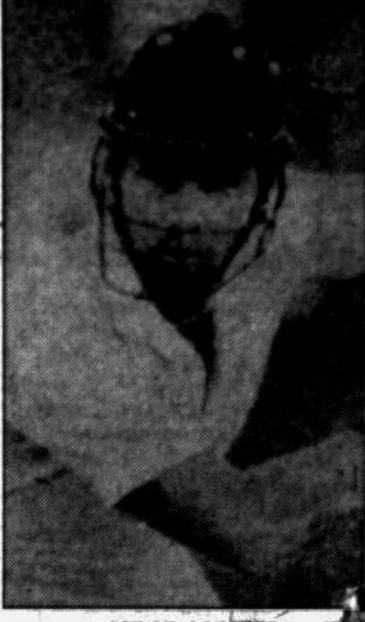
quits cricket LONDON, Aug 17

Chris Smith

Hampshire and former England opening batsman Chris Smith announced his retirement from first-class cricket on Friday, reports Reuter.

The 32-year-old brother of current England batsman Robin Smith had earlier and nounced his intention of retir ing at the end of the season.

His decision to quit now means he will miss his country's Natwest Trophy final against Surrey at Lord's next month.



CHRIS SMITH

Instead he will fly to Pert next week to take up his new post as Marketing Manager of the Western Australian Cricket Association.

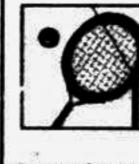
South African born, Smith has been enjoying one of his best seasons for Hampshire, scoring 1,553 runs in firstclass cricket at an average of 64.70 and including six cen-

in his 12 years with the county he hit more than 15,000 runs and but for his announced retirement must have been close to winning back a place in the England

Smith, who also pulled out of Friday's county championship match against Leicestershire, said : "It's a wrench but I had no real alternative.

"I was offered one of the top jobs in Australian cricket and if dide not go now I could have lost it. I leave with Hampshire's blessing."

Devoy withdraws



HAMILTON, New Zealand, Aug 17: World number one Susan Devoy was forced to withdraw from the New Zealand

Squash Open on Friday, just days after announcing that she was three months pregnant, reports Reuter. The New Zealander had comfortably played her way

through to a quarter-final

match with Fiona Geaves of

England, but just half an hour before her match was due to being Devoy accepted medical advice not to take the court. New Zealand Squash Association executive director Bill Murphy said: "No-one is more disappointed than Susan is. She has been advised to

withdraw from the tournament

on medical grounds." Her loss last week to Michelle Martin in the semifinals of the Australian Open had sparked talk of ill health before Devoy announced that she was pregnant.

The man's matches went mostly as expected, although fifth seeded New Zealander Glen Wilson fell to late inclusion Adam Schreiber of Australia 9-2,4-9,9-7, 9-7. Another New Zealander,

Paul Steel, gave top seed Chris Dittmar a fright in their match when be took the Australian to 10-8 in the first game but then capitulated 9-0, 9-3 in the next two.

Schreiber will meet second seed Rodney Martin of Australia in one semifinal, with

Dittmar meeting new Zealand's only remaining hope Ross Norman, the third seed, in the other.

England's Martin Le Moignan, the third seed, was another major casualty in the women's section when she lost to fifth seed Australian Liz Irving 10-8, 4-9, 9-1, 8-10, 9-

Australians Robyn Lambourne and Michelle Martin also had a lengthy tussle before Lambourne prevailed 10-9, 6-9, 4-9, 9-6,

Lambourne will meet Irving in one semifinal on Saturday. while Geaves plays Danielle Drady in the other. Drady disposed of Sue Wright of England 9-1, 9-0, 9-6.

New squash circuit

DUBAI, Aug 17: India and Pakistan are most likely to be grouped with countries in the Middle East to form a new zone for the international squash circuit, an official said Saturday, reports AP.

Roger Eady, executive director of the International Squash Players' Association, reached by telephone, confirmed from Cardiff headquarters that the point will definitely be raised at the ISPA working committee meeting in Cardiff scheduled for the first week of September.

Eady said the outpost will act like a regional office, conducting and sponsoring events to be held in the region.

Martin, Dittmar in NZ final

HAMILTON, New Zealand, Aug 17: Australian Rodney Martin said he was beginning to suffer a reaction to his World Open title success after overcoming his training partner Adam Schreiber 9-4,6-9,9-4 10-8 in the New Zcaland Open squash semifinals on

Saturday reports Reuter. "It's just started to catch up with me," he said of the attention he had attracted since beating Jahangir Khan of Pakistan in the final two weeks ago." It's been hard to get motivated."

Martin, who appreciated the friendly nature of his match with Schreiber, now meets compatriot Chris Dittmar in the final. Dittmar had a comfortable 9-3,9-1,9-2 victory over New Zealander

Ross Norman. Robyn Lambourne established herself as firm favourite for the women's crown by beating fellow Australian Liz

Irving.

Lambourne won 9-1, 9-6 9, 9-6 but then expressed disappointment she would not be playing absent world number one Susan Devoy of New Zealand in the final. World champton Devoy,

seed Lambourne as the highest ranked player. "She (Devoy) is the number one. She's the one we all want to beat," Lambourne said.

three months pregnant, with-

drew on Friday, leaving second

Lambourne now plays compatriot Danielle Drady, who beat England's Fiona Geaves 4-

9, 9-4, 10-8, 9-0.

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Americans beat Italians

Dunne scored the all-important goal after 18 minutes.

HENIDAH, Aug 17: Dishari Eleven became champions in the Kishore League 91 defeating Balak Samity Eleven by 2-0 goals held at local Wazir Ali High School ground Friday,

reports AP. est scorer in the league respectively. Former Principle of Jhenidah Chade College Karim Uddin distributed the prizes among the winners as the chief guest.

Organised by Kanchannagar Club, 16 teams were participated in the tournament. Fijians sweep clean

AUTOKA, Fiji, Aug 17: The Fiji soccer team made a match here Friday, reports AFP.

helping them two early goals against Canberra's one late in the game. Papua New Guinea, hammered the visitors 3-0 in the first

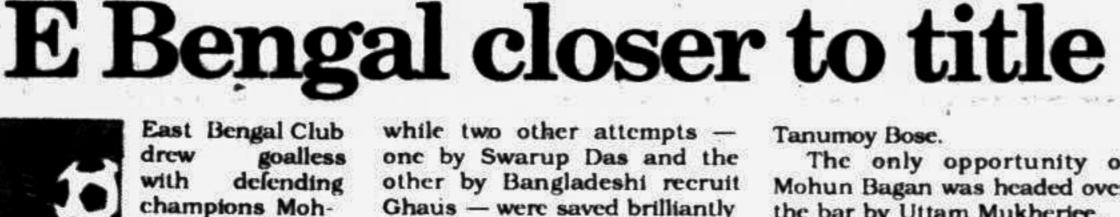
ONTECATINI, Italy, Aug 17: The United States descated Italy 1-0 in the opening match of the junior (under-17) World Cup football tournament here on Friday.

Dishari Eleven champions

Jahangir and Farook scored one goal each on behalf of the winners and Jahangir and Hafizur were adjudged as the high-

clean sweep of their three-match series against the visiting Australian side Canberra with a 2-1 win in the final Rain on a hard football ground worked to Fiji's advantage,

Fiji, preparing for next month's South Pacific Games in match last Saturday, and 1-0 in a floodlit match in Vuva



winning

Gonzales, reports Reuter. Holmes, 41, was in control throughout. All three judges scored the fight 100-90, giving Holmes every round, there

"I just hope I can get the

worked on his repertoire of jabs, upper cuts, and crosses.

Gonzales, 26-14-1, away, Holmes, fighting for the second time since resuming his career in April following a three-year layoff, won his first fight with an opening-round knockout of Tim

"Doc"Anderson.

Tanumoy Bose. Mohun Bagan was headed over the bar by Uttam Mukherjee.

by Mohun Bagan custodian Holmes keeps

TAMPA, Florida, Aug 17: Former heavyweight champion Larry Holmes continued his comeback scoring a 10-round unanimous decision over Eddie

were no knockdowns.

opportunity again to be a champion," said Holmes, 50-3. Gonzales, who at 249 outweighed his opponent by 11 pounds, spent most of the fight in retreat and threw few punches, while Holmes

In the fourth round, Holmes opened a cut on the bridge of Gonzales's nose with a right cross. In the eight, another right to the side of the head stunned his fellow American but Holmes did not follow effectively. Holmes landed sev-

eral hard body punches in the ninth, but was unable to put

and Krishnendu Roy and Somnath Gourt of East Bengal.

East Bengal Club -Debashish Mukherjee, Krish-

TEAMS

nendu Roy, Tarun Dey, Swaruop Das, Aloke Mukherjee, Abdul Monem Munna, Tushar Rakshit, Prasenjit Paul (Somnath Gouri, Bikash Panji), Krishanu Dey, Kuljit Singh and Golam Ghaus. Mohun Bagan Club

Tanumoy Bose, Kabir Bose,

Achintya Bellel, Amit Bhadra

Satyajit Chatterjee, Anfruddha

Koley, Debashish Mishra, Ajoy

Das (Srikanth Debnath, Shisir

Ghosh), Bijayan, Chima Okeri

Referee - Pradip Nag.

and Uttam Mukherjee.

Farooq Smriti Sangsad swamped Srijoni Sangsad 53kabaddi court.

of this reports.



The Dhaka kabaddi league match between Farook Smriti and Srijani Sangsad in progress yesterday at Outer Stadium kabaddi court. Farook Smriti won 53-16. - Star photo