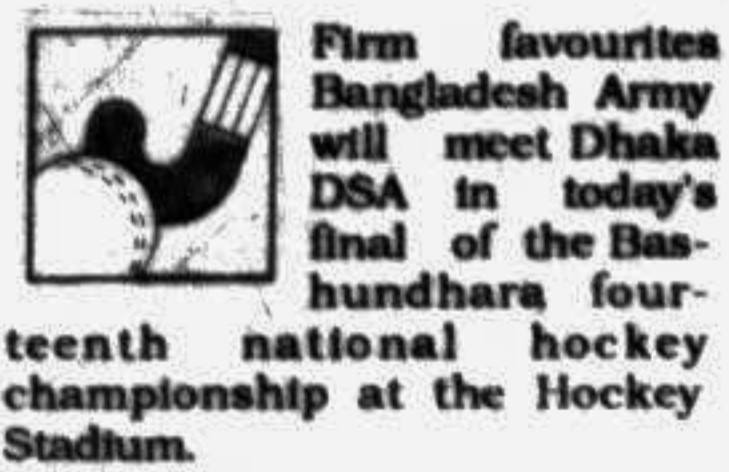


Army, DDSA clash in today's final

Sports Reporter



Firm favourites Bangladesh Army will meet Dhaka DSA in today's final of the Bas-hundhara fourteenth national hockey championship at the Hockey Stadium.

The match starts at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdus Salam Talukder will give away the trophies as chief guest.

Bangladesh Army will be looking for their ninth national title while their rivals Dhaka DSA will be hoping for their

fourth crown. In this year's championship Army displayed their remarkable scoring ability by blanking Narayanganj 8-0. Dhaka Education Board 5-0 in the quarter-final and beating last year's champion BKSP 1-0.

Army will be banking on their in-form 'goal machine', the veteran Havildar Jahangir who has already slammed seven goals in three matches in the current meet.

The return of their experienced goalkeeper Osman Ghani the best in the country, further brightens their title

prospects. Osman could not play in the semifinal after receiving a red card in his team's quarter-final match against Dhaka Education Board.

On the other hand, star-studded Dhaka DSA were rather lucky to scrape into the final after beating last year's runners-up Dhaka University 3-1 in the tie-breaker Sunday.

However, Dhaka, too, possess some of the top players of the country in their line up. Malek Chunnun, Guddu, Fazal Kismat, Sadeq and Chapal are all seasoned campaigners and

quite capable of surprising the soldiers.

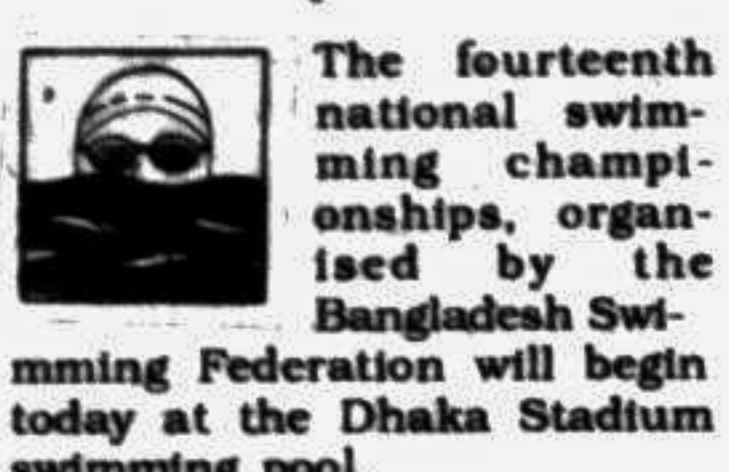
Shah Sports, a local sports goods shop, will provide cash prizes, trophies, best player award, highest scorer and the most disciplined team trophies.

BKSP, who were supposed to play with Dhaka University for the third place today, have decided to forfeit their match.

In a press release yesterday, they said that most of their players will be appearing in the HSC exams starting from Aug 22 and therefore could not afford to play today.

Nat'l swimming from today

Sports Reporter



The fourteenth national swimming championships, organised by the Bangladesh Swimming Federation will begin today at the Dhaka Stadium swimming pool.

Sadeq Hossain Khoka, State Minister for Youth and Sports, will formally inaugurate the four-day meet at nine in the morning.

Eighty-two male swimmers from twelve teams and 172 water-polo players from fourteen teams will be taking part in the meet.

The twelve swimming teams are: Bangladesh Army, Bangladesh Navy, Bangladesh Air Force, BTMC, BJMC, Chudanga DSA, Brahmanbaria DSA, Dhaka DSA, Satkhira

records, with Hav. Shamsul Islam alone being the holder of three — the 10m free-style, 200m free-style and the 400m free-style. Taqbir Hossain is considered the fastest swimmer of the country with his national record in the 50m free-style.

On the other hand, Bangladesh Navy swimmers hold seven national records, in the backstroke, butterfly and relay events. Md Mukhlesur Rahman, Md Bazlur Rahman, Md Mahburur Rahman and Selim Miah are all formidable swimmers and should start the favourites in their respective specialist divisions.

BTMC, who once ruled the pool thanks mainly to the versatile genius of Mosharrif Hossain Khan, the country's best-known swimmer both at

home and abroad, will be looking to newer talents since Mosharrif is now well past his prime and concentrates on mostly veterans' meets abroad.

In water-polo Army are the current national champions, having beaten Navy in last year's final. In fact, so overwhelming is the strength of the Army water-polo team that they have been denied the national title only once since 1972. Bangladesh Rifles were the only spanner in the Army march in this event, and that too way back in 1979.

The heats of various events will be held in the morning sessions while the finals will mostly be held in the afternoons.

Deadline for Springboks

MELBOURNE, Australia, Aug 19: South Africa has been given a deadline of Sept. 30 to apply for a place in next year's World Cup limited-overs cricket championship, tournament organizers said Monday, reports AP.

After a 21-year absence, South Africa was readmitted to international cricket at last month's meeting of the International Cricket Council

in London. Officials said it was possible for the republic to be included in the month-long tournament — to be staged jointly by Australia and New Zealand — if South Africa applies within the next six weeks.

South Africa officials have said they want to be certain their participation would be welcomed by all the competing teams, which include the two host nations, the West Indies, India, Pakistan, Zimbabwe, Sri Lanka and England.

"In the event that an application is made, the World Cup committee recognizes the need for countries to consult the members of their (cricket control) boards," said World Cup Organizing Committee Chairman Malcolm Gray.

"To allow maximum time for consultation, it has been agreed that the matter can be held open until Sept. 30."

The World Cup is to run from Feb. 22 to March 25 next year, with the final to be held at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

The West Indies Cricket Board is due to meet in mid-September and its vote will be a crucial barometer of South Africa's acceptance back into the fold.

If the West Indies indicates disapproval of South Africa's participation, the republic is not expected to apply for a place in the tournament.

Most of the other competing nations have signaled their approval of South Africa's participation.

IAAF won't plead for SA

TOKYO, Aug 19: The governing body of the International Amateur Athletics Federation (IAAF) will not recommend that South Africa be readmitted to international competition, officials said today, reports Reuter.

A meeting of the IAAF's 23-member council decided on Sunday that South Africa, expelled from the Federation in 1976 because of its apartheid policies, had not met all the conditions for re-entry.

"It has been noted that at the moment, despite all the efforts taken, there is no unity in South African athletics," IAAF council member Istvan

Gyulai of Hungary said. "The council will not recommend provisional or full membership for the South African Amateur Athletic Association (SAAAA)," he added.

The IAAF's biennial congress starts a two-day meeting on Tuesday, which had been expected to vote for readmission of South Africa in the time for next year's Barcelona Olympics.

A delegation of South African athletes arrived in Tokyo at the weekend to plead their case for re-entry to international competition at this week's congress.

Div-II qualifying cricket results

Sports Reporter

Western Cricket Club and Siddheswari K S won their respective matches to move into the next round of the qualifying tournament for the Second Division cricket league yesterday at different city venues.

Western CC outplayed GNCC by 60 runs at the City Club ground, Mirpur.

Siddheswari K S scored a narrow two-wicket victory over Seven Star Club at the Mahakhali T&T ground.

Jayasuriya stakes Test claim

HOVE, England, Aug 19: Sanath Jayasuriya boosted his chances of a place in the Sri Lanka side for Thursday's Test against England with a fine unbeaten century off Sussex on Sunday, reports Reuter.

The aggressive 21-year-old middle-order batsman lashed 10 fours and four sixes in making 100 not out off 106 balls before the tourists declared 50 behind on 280 for five.

Jayasuriya, who was played in two Tests and hit 94 in Sri Lanka's opening match against Yorkshire, dominated an unbroken sixth wicket stand of 140 in 33 overs with Marvan Atapattu (52 not out).

Jayasuriya scored the first century by a Sri Lankan player on their six-match tour. After reaching 50 off 66 balls he, moved to three figures from a further 39 deliveries.

Soccer result

Sports Reporter

Mansoor Sporting Club defeated Chandpur Zila Bhai Bhai Club 2-0 in the inaugural match of the Shah Sports football tournament yesterday at the Hazaribagh ground in the city.

Azhar and Farid netted one goal each for Mansoor Sporting.

Eighteen teams are taking part in the tournament on a knock-out basis.

Narayanganj Mohammedans will meet Fairfax Club in today's encounter starting at 4 pm.



Ian Botham runs towards the pavilion after hitting the winning boundary off the very first ball he faced in the second innings in the final Test against the West Indies at the Oval Aug 12.

Tempting-bait for Botham

LONDON, Aug 19: Ian Botham could be offered the England vice-captain's job if he declares himself available for both the series in New Zealand and the World Cup this winter, reports AFP.

Botham is likely to be called upon to commit himself during the Test with Sri Lanka which starts at Lord's on Thursday, but reputation along will not secure a place for the burly all-rounder even if he does express a wish to be considered.

Ted Dexter and his England committee will want solid results against the Sri Lankans, and probably a commitment for the whole tour and not just half of the itinerary down under.

The bargaining platform could be the prospect of Botham taking up the vice-captaincy with Allan Lamb dropping out of the frame and Mike Atherton's availability in doubt following back surgery.

The England 12 for the Sri Lanka Test, announced here on Sunday, has a classic foundation.

Botham's re-emergence at number six in the order restores the balance, England

have been missing for the last 21 Tests — five batsmen, an all-rounder, a specialist wicket-keeper and four frontline bowlers.

Jack Russel reclaims the gloves from Alec Stewart after England's successful series-levelling gamble against the West Indies at the Oval and, like Botham, has a point to prove before the selectors make their tour decisions.

Dexter said: "We said all along we would pick the best wicketkeeper except in exceptional circumstances, and the Oval was an exceptional circumstance."

"Alec kept well, but it was not a long-term proposition because of his finger condition. We sat down and picked what we think is the best side for the job in hand."

Having battled solidly against the West Indies pacemen all summer, Mark Ramprakash will be looking to relax and capitalise against the Sri Lankans lightweight attack to secure his immediate international future.

More will be expected of Gloucestershire fast bowler David Lawrence, although his five wickets at the Oval were a significant factor in the famous

five-wicket victory. Other trialists looking to make the most of an excellent opportunity to impress will be Glamorgan opening batsman Hugh Morris, and Middlesex left-arm spinner Phil Tufnell, given the chance to exploit his home pitch.

ENGLAND SQUAD

England 12 for Test match against Sri Lanka at Lord's starting on Thursday: GA Gooch (Essex, captain)

age 38, Tests 90; H Morris (Glamorgan) 27; A J Stewart (Surrey) 28, 13; R A Smith (Hampshire) 27, 27; M R Ramprakash (Middlesex) 21, 5; I T Botham (Worcestershire) 35, 98; CC Lewis (Leicestershire) 23, 6; JRC Russel (Gloucestershire, wicketkeeper) 28, 24; PAJ DeFreitas (Lancashire) 25, 25; DR Pringle (Essex) 32, 25; DV Lawrence (Gloucestershire) 27, 3; PCR Tufnell (Middlesex) 25, 5.

Controversy dampens Australian victory

LEICESTER, England, Aug 19:

A controversy surrounding fast bowler Michael Kasprovic took the sheen off

Australia's emphatic win over England in the first under-19 Test here on Sunday, reports AFP.

Kasprovic, the 19-year-old Queensland bowler, will be reported for alleged 'ball-doctoring'. He was spoken to by umpires Mervyn Kitchen and John Holder shortly before the tourists wrapped up their 10-wicket victory.

England manager Graham Saville claimed: "The umpires took the ball away from Kasprovic after our ninth wicket fell because they believed he had been picking at the seam. They replaced it with an old ball."

Kitchen and holder refused to discuss the matter but admitted they would be talking to certain people.

Australian boss Brian Taber would not comment, but the

controversy clearly took the shine off his side's victory and it could land Kasprovic, who finished the match with nine wickets, in serious trouble.

Young Australia surged to a crushing 10-wicket victory despite looking set for a resounding innings' victory when England resumed on 61 for one — still 347 runs behind after following on.

But with Philip Weston (93), captain John Crowley (57), Ben Smith (54), Ronny Irani (62) and Graeme Welch (48) all producing fighting innings, England scored 415 second time around and left Australia needing just eight to win.

The job was duly completed with a day and an hour to spare and despite the shadow cast by the Kasprovic affair, Australia's batting, bowling and fielding was two classes above that of England.

And with two more Tests to come, at Chelmsford and Old Trafford, the Aussies will be looking to confirm their exceptional promise.

Double crowns for Mashuq

Sports Reporter

Mashuq completed a fine double, winning both the men's singles and doubles title of the Dhaka Club 80th Foundation Day tennis tournament.

Having won the doubles title Sunday in partnership with Zameer, Mashuq yesterday outplayed Syed Wahed in straight sets 6-3, 6-2 in the singles final at the club courts in the afternoon.

Meanwhile, in the squash meet arranged in connection with the club founding day, Taimur Minza and Ameer Amin clinched the championship in the men's and boys' under-18 sections respectively.

In the finals held yesterday, Taimur outclassed Irshad Hossain 9-5, 9-4, 9-6 in a rather one-sided match while Ameer Amin had a much harder task overpowering a determined Rana, the final scoreline reading 9-3, 8-10, 0-9, 10-8, and 9-0.

The week-long sports programme of the Dhaka Club organised on the occasion of its 80th founding anniversary, concluded yesterday.

President of the club Mohammed Nooruddin Ahmed distributed prizes among the winners.

The boys' under-12 tennis title went to M H Khan Abhi who beat Johnny in the final.

The boys' under-18 title was won by Mehran Islam while Joy finished runner-up.

Joseph Francis D'Costa won the billiards trophy with N A T Rauf finishing second.

National champion Reshadul Ameen beat N A T Rauf in the final of the snooker competition.

In the bridge team event, Dhaka Club (Blues) became the champions and Pwetic Bridge Club the runners-up. T R Chowdhury, and M A Quddus won the pairs event while N C Saha and B Chowdhury placed second.

M A Mannan bagged the golf trophy while Shakeel Kasem was the runner-up. Masud Ahmed obtained the best gross, C Mahmud the best net score, Ashraf Hujj the best 2nd nine holes and Faruque managed the longest drive.

Ranu Islam secured the first position in the ladies' second while Ranu Ahmed was second.

Besides, recitation and song competitions for children were also arranged on the occasion.

Different business firms, including Bengal Carpets Limited, Bangladesh Tobacco Company, Bezimco, Nirman International and BCCI Overseas sponsored the week-long programme.

INSIDE TRACK

Toronto to host '93 world indoor meet

TOKYO, Aug 19: The council of the International Amateur Athletics Federation (IAAF) decided here Sunday to hold the 1993 World Indoor Athletic Championships in Toronto, Canada, reports AFP.

The 23-member chamber also approved plans to include women's triple jump in the IAAF's official competitions from 1992, an IAAF statement said.

The council was meeting prior to the IAAF congress here on Tuesday and Wednesday and the quadrennial World Athletic Championships starting on Saturday.

24 athletes fail dope test

TOKYO, Aug 19: The Medical Commission of the International Amateur Athletics Federation (IAAF) said Sunday that 24 athletes worldwide tested positive for drug use in the first six months of this year, reports AFP.

The United States topped the list with 10 athletes followed by the Soviet Union with seven, a commission report said.

Two Czechoslovakians and one athlete each from Bulgaria, Canada, New Zealand, Finland and Romania also tested positive for drug use.

The reports did not say whether the athletes were found using steroids to enhance their performance or whether other types of drugs were detected.

The commission said the drugs were detected by random tests during practice sessions, a method introduced by the IAAF after the 1988 Seoul Olympics.

The number of athletes banned from competition due to drug use has been rising in recent years. In 1990, 38 athletes were suspended compared with 31 in 1989, according to the commission.

Tougher penalties for dopers proposed

TOKYO, Aug 19: The world's leading athletics administrators agreed here Sunday to suspend for at least four years athletes who have tested positive for doping, reports AFP.

The penalty, compared with the current suspension of two years for doping offences, was proposed by the 23-member council of the International Amateur Athletics Federation (IAAF) here Sunday, an IAAF press statement said.

The proposal will be put to an IAAF congress to be held here Tuesday.

It will bar doping offenders from competing in the upcoming Olympics.

The council noted that several countries have proposed an increase in the term of penalties for doping offences to the IAAF congress.

The council fully agreed to propose to the congress a minimum of a four-year suspension for the first offence, the statement said.



Mashuq (L) on way to winning the Dhaka Club Foundation Day tennis men's singles title against Syed Wahed at the club courts yesterday.

Indian Board rejects Pak offer for Tests

NEW DELHI, Aug 19: Pakistan will play five one-day internationals in India in October but the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has rejected their proposal to include two Tests on the tour, reports Reuter.

BCCI secretary Jagmohan Dalmiya said on Sunday there was not enough time to fit in a second Test as well as the one day series because of India's fixture commitments in Sharjah and Australia.

"We had discussions with Pakistan Cricket Board representative Arif Abbasi and

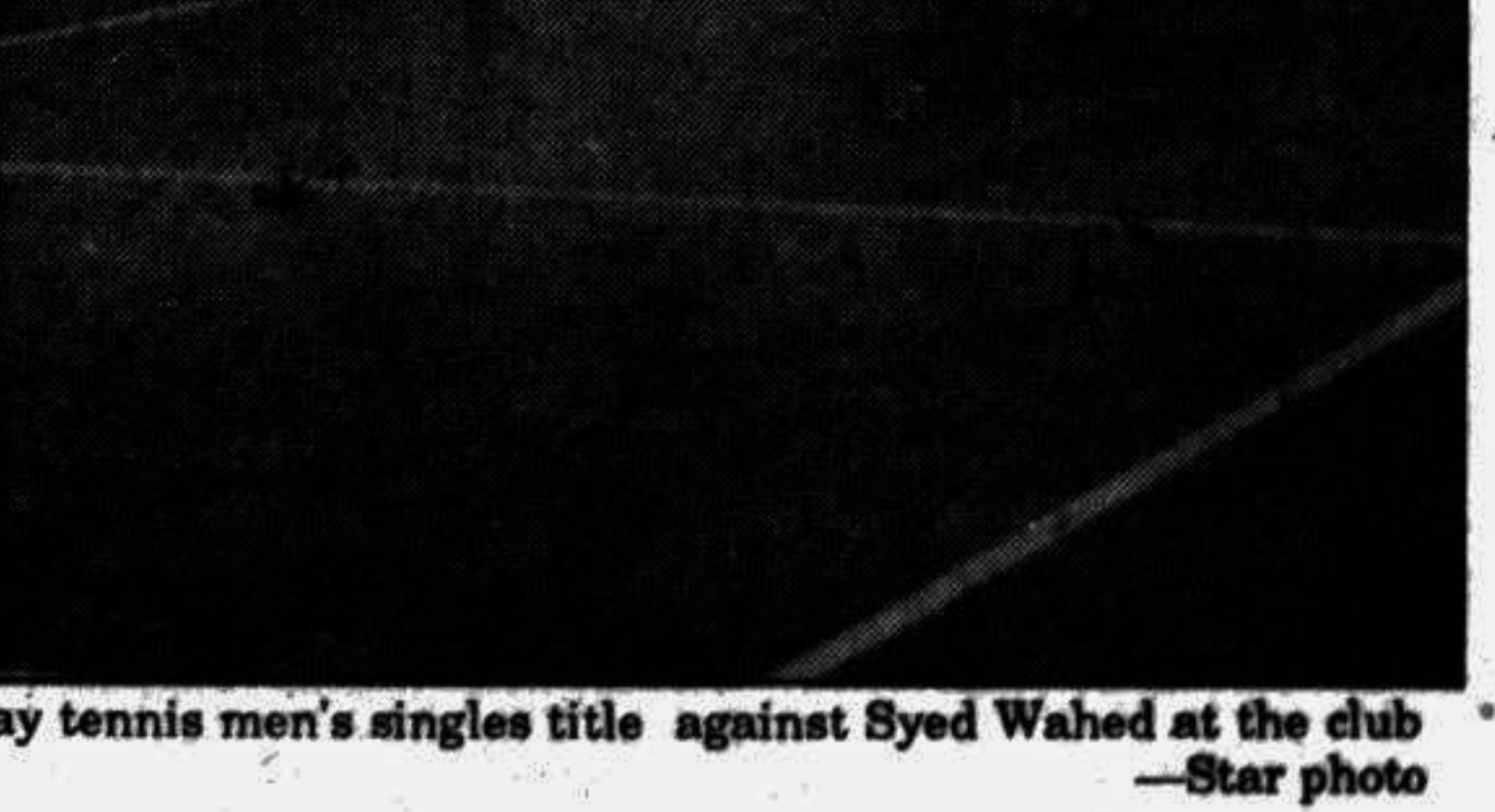
agreed to play the one-day matches series as planned", Dalmiya said.

"Pakistan had no reservations about reviving last year's aborted tour of India but wanted to include two Tests in the short tour", Dalmiya said.

Last year's planned tour by Pakistan had to be postponed because of Hindu-Muslim violence in India.

"They (Pakistan) have consented to play the limited-over series immediately after the champions Trophy in Sharjah", Dalmiya said.

India is yet to finalise the itinerary for the tour which begins on October 26.



Mashuq (L) and Syed Wahed playing tennis at the club courts yesterday.