

# Ilyas joins Brothers Union

Sports Reporter

There was a mad rush of players, club officials and curious fans in front of the Dhaka Senior Division Football League office at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday, the last day for transfers of players for the coming football season.

As many as 304 footballers, both famous and not-so-famous, changed their colours and allegiances for the coming season by the time the 8 O'clock deadline arrived.

Ilyas Hossain, Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting's former national midfielder who captained the Bangladesh football team in the 1989 SAF Games, decided to change his jersey in favour of Brothers Union. However Ilyas is still serving a two-year ban imposed by the Asian Football Confederation for his scuffle with the referee in the SAF Games final match against Pakistan. Bangladesh lost 0-1. But Ilyas's ban will be lifted by September 15 following an appeal by the player himself and the BFF.

Farashganj Club officials were really active yesterday when they managed to acquire the services of Mohammedans' defender Masood, midfielder Ayaz Khan and striker Ghyas. They also signed Adamjee's speedy striker Laxmi.

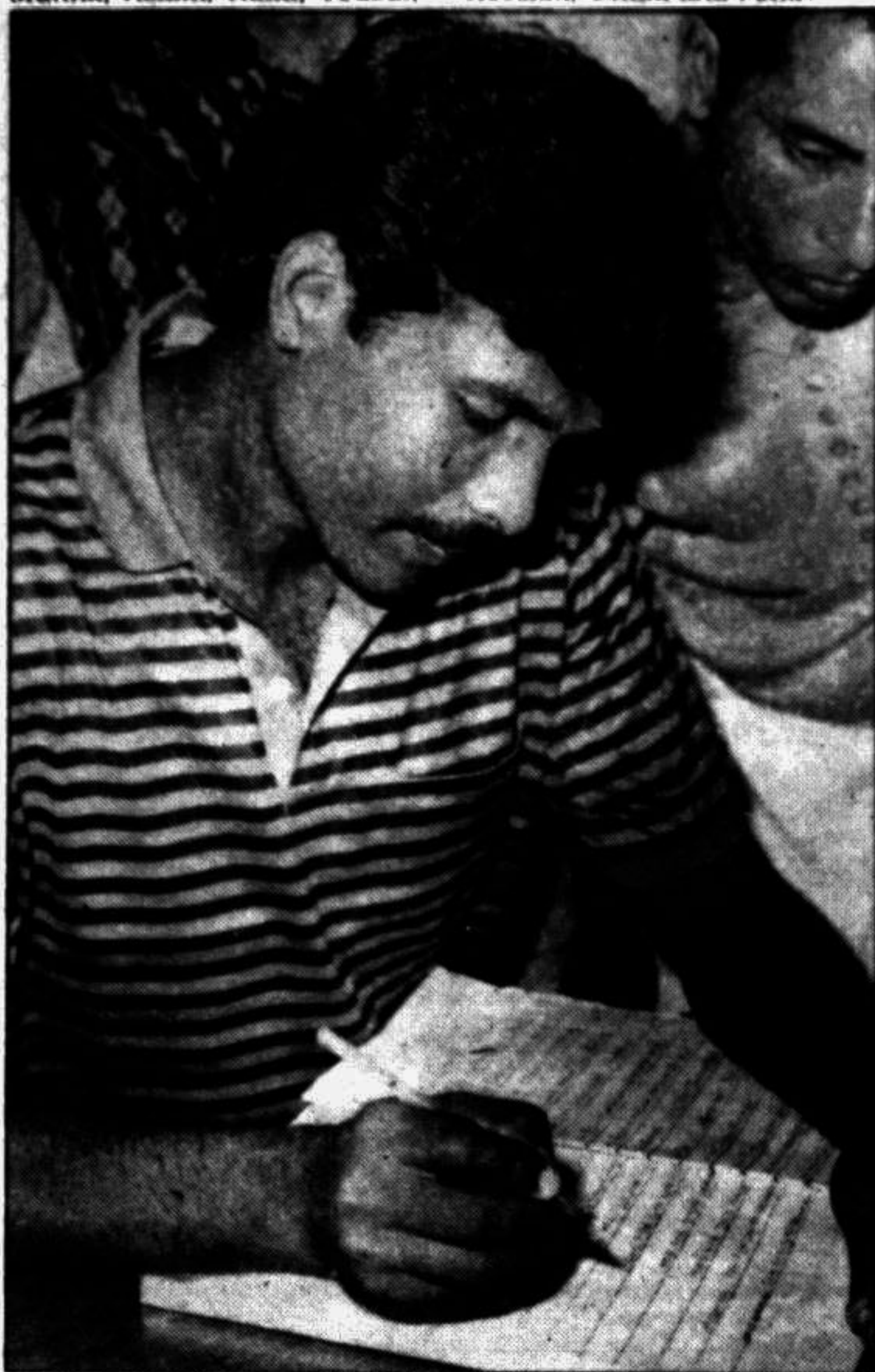
Fakhrul Islam, Kamal, Abahani's former national midfielder, moved to neighbouring Dhanmondi Club. The officials of the smaller clubs were really hyper-active yesterday.

Mohammedan Sporting Club and Abahani Krira Chakra managed to retain most of their stars for another season. Mohammedans' stars Sayeed Hassan Kanan, Johnny, Kaiser Hamid, Shabbir, Tilo, and Abul all decided to stay for the next season. The young Barun Dewan, Jewel Rana and Roxy have joined

Mohammedans from smaller clubs.

Abahani, despite frantic efforts from the other big clubs, managed to keep Munna, Aslam, Rumi, Yousof,

Brothers Union despite some big pre-season boasts had to be satisfied with the inclusion of Wassem Iqbal, Sayyid Das Rupa, Ilyas Hossain, Uttam and Ponir.



Gias of Mohammedan Sporting Club, who joined Farashganj Sporting Club yesterday, is seen collecting his token at DMFA office.

Rehan, Ranjit and goal-keeper Mohsin.

Mamun Joardar, Ghaus, Zakir, Emily, Nira and Haroon were the leading new Abahani recruits.

The Federation Cup, the curtain raiser of the Dhaka football season, will start from October 27. Only then will it be possible to gauge the actual strengths of each club.

## Hot dose!

APIA, Sept 11: A Western Samoan athlete who won three golds at the recent South Pacific Games was shut in a cupboard with jugs of boiling water to cut down his weight, the Western Samoan Broadcasting Service revealed today, reports AFP.

Officials put the drastic programme into effect when Samoa's squad arrived in the Papua New Guinea city of Lae to find its 60-kilo class lifter Penitela Faamea was about five kilos overweight.

Faamea was placed in a cupboard with jugs of boiling water to make him sweat, and his food intake was cut for two days. The radio said Samoan officials even considered shaving him bald if that would help.

However the Samoan Samson managed to make the grade without losing his hair or, as it turned out, his strength, lifting 92.5 kilos in the snatch, 115 kilos in the clean and jerk and posting the highest combined total.

It did not take him anywhere near world records but was enough to lift three golds at the Pacific Games.

## Chess results

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Fide master Rifat bin-Sattar of Bangladesh Biman and Shahinor Hossain of Dhaka Metropolis were jointly leading after the completion of the fourth round matches with full four points in the qualifying round of the seventeenth national chess championship yesterday at the NSC's chess room.

Seven players Jamilur Rahman, Rani Hamid, Kayes Hasan, Naimul Haque, Ruhul Kabir, Rafiqul Islam and Prince were placed jointly in the second position.

## Krishnan wins

BRASILIA, Brazil, Sept 11: India's Ramesh Krishnan beat Amin Dahar convincingly 7-5, 6-1 in the second round of the 250,000 dollar ATP Brasilia Open tennis tournament here yesterday, reports Reuters.

## Champions' Trophy begins in Berlin Friday

# A tall order for Pakistanis



BERLIN, Sept 11: Pakistan, who have not won the tournament since 1980, need to find a centre-forward if their scintillating attack is to sweep all before them in the 1991 Champions' Trophy which starts here on Friday, reports AFP.

They have had mixed fortunes on two recent European tours despite showing amazing skill in attack.

Their front line, led by Shahbaz Ahmed and assisted by two experienced wing forwards in Qamar Ibrahim and Wasim Feroze, made deep roads into the tightest defence.

But their centre-forward problem seems not to have been solved. Three players, Mohammed Irfan, Mussadiq Hussain and Alij Ahmed, have all been tried in this position.

Team manager Isahuddin was hopeful of a medal but added: "Many of our players are tired and when we return home we shall go straight into the national championship."

On current form Pakistan

ought to beat Olympic champions Great Britain, whom they defeated twice on their recent tour, the third match having been drawn 4-4.

The Soviet Union should pose few problems but Australia, Germany and the Netherlands remain the main stumbling blocks in this round-robin series which on this occasion has added significance.

The sixth and last team will drop out, making way for France, ranked seventh in the world, in the 14th Champions' Trophy in Karachi next February.

Australia, with their sights set on next year's Olympics in Barcelona, have raised a formidable force, coached by Frank Murray and led by Warren Birmingham, arguably the world's best centre-half.

Two recent tours of Europe have yielded a handsome crop of goals gathered mainly by Greg Corbitt, Mark Hager, Stephen Davies and Graham Reid.

Taking into account their speed, skills and inborn fitness

they will be the hardest team to beat.

South Korea, who have given the women's game a new dimension with their speed and fitness, will renew their rivalry against Australia. The Koreans recently won a six match series 3-2 in Australia with one match drawn.

It was sweet revenge for the Koreans who lost the Olympic final 2-0 to the Australians after they had drawn 5-5 in the pool.

The Dutch, world champions, Germany, the European Championships runners-up in 1991, China, sixth in the 1990 World Cup in Sydney, and Spain, fifth in the same event, make up the remainder of the women's challenge.

Of these six teams, Australia, as holders, the Netherlands, as world champions, and Spain, as hosts, have qualified for the Barcelona Games.

Germany, South Korea and China have yet to qualify from the tournament starting in Auckland on October 12.

## FIXTURES

Sept 13: Germany v Pakistan (men); Sept 14: Germany v Spain (women); USSR v Great Britain (men); Pakistan v Australia (men); Sept 15: China v Australia (W); Germany v Netherlands (M); Netherlands v Korea (W); USSR v Australia (M); Sept 16: Germany v China (W); Netherlands v Spain (W); Netherlands v GB (M); Sept 17: Germany v Korea (W); Australia v Spain (W); Australia v GB (M); Sept 18: China v Korea (W); Australia v Netherlands (W); Netherlands v Pakistan (M); Sept 19: Germany v GB (M); Netherlands v China (W); Pakistan v USSR (M); Sept 20: Germany v Australia (2); Australia v Netherlands (M); Spain v Korea (W); Germany v USSR (M); Sept 21: Germany v Netherlands (W); Korea v Australia (W); GB v Pakistan (M); Sept 22: Spain v China (W); USSR v Netherlands (M); Germany v Australia (M).

## Bid to contain spiraling fees of athletes

BRUSSELS, Belgium, Sept 11: While athletes push their physical limits ever further, some track stars are discovering the financial limits of meet organisers, reports AP.

"Some have just become too greedy," said Wilfried Meert, the organiser of Friday's Ivo Van Damme Memorial, after dismissing the demands of the Santa Monica Track Club, which includes injured Carl Lewis and Leroy Burrell.

In a gradual shift from amiable handshake deals with athletes eager to make an extra battle with Jears ago, people like Meert now face a shield of calculating agents trying to make the most out of an athlete's short career.

After Lewis called off, "not a soul was asking for the other Santa Monica members," he said.

After the snub, Douglas told officials at a meeting in Italy's Rieti "that he would never come back to Brussels and that he would make sure Lewis did likewise," said Meert.

Standing their ground does not come easily for track meet organisers who compete with one another for the best starting list in the short summer season. This has sent prices through the roof.

In 1988, organisers from Brussels, Zurich and Cologne joined forces to resist the demands of hurdler Edwin Moses and sprinter Florence Griffith-Joiner, who asked \$30,000 and \$25,000 respectively.

Meert thought he had a deal going again with Cologne this year, not to cede to Douglas' demands, but market principles led in the way.

"Cologne also said the demands were excessive or a group without Lewis," he said. But lacking other crowd pullers, one of the main sponsors said "we are not paying so much money if none of the stars shows up," according to Meert.

"So they came back on their decision."

The first Memorial, 15 years ago, was staged for \$1.15 million, or the asking price of the appearance "Aleted Santa Monica Club."

Friday's Memorial — one of the year's best attended meets costs more than \$1 million which pales compared to the most prestigious event in Europe, Zurich's Weltklasse, which has a budget of some \$2.35 million.

But there is no dearth of talent following the world championships in Tokyo. Mike Powell, who set a new record in the long jump, is the man of the moment. Almost overnight his price soared from four digits to more than \$25,000.

"As far as my appearance fee is concerned, it's going up," Powell said Wednesday.

Davis and Pate beat the possible German Davis doubles pairing of Wimbledon singles champion Michael Stich and Udo Riglewski in a five-set quarter-final at the US Open before losing to the World's top-ranked team of Sweden Anders Jarryd and Australian John Fitzgerald in the final.

Pate and Davis, who will be making their first Davis Cup appearance, have also combined to win titles this year at Sydney, Chicago and Washington.



An AFP file photo, dated December 12, 1990, shows England allrounder Ian Botham in his pantomime costume. The Test and County Cricket Board is allowing Botham to arrive three weeks late for the winter tour of New Zealand which will enable him to finish his pantomime season in Bournemouth, England.

## Title chasers thwarted

LONDON, Sept 11: Leicester's James Whitaker and Peter Hepworth undermined Essex's county championship aspirations with a double century fifth-wicket stand at Grace Road on Tuesday, reports Reuters.

Former England pacesman Neil Foster had given Essex the perfect start by taking four for six in seven overs to reduce the home side to 27 for four.

But Whitaker, who hit 105 off 176 balls with 18 fours, and Hepworth, with a career-best 115, staged a great fightback with a stand of 204 to enable Leicestershire to score 353 on the opening day of the four-day match.

Foster finished with five for 86.

Title rivals Warwickshire also endured a frustrating day as Northamptonshire amassed 364 for nine at Edgbaston.

Their cause was not helped by the sight of leading pacesman Allan Donald having to leave the field with a back injury after claiming three wickets.

Wayne Larkins, with 75 his best score of the season, and Allan Lamb (76) provided the early batting highlights. Then Kevin Curran hit a robust 71.

Anderson was the only top Norwegian shot putter untainted by the scandal. He was 10th in the 1988 Seoul Olympics.

"Anderson has been tested more than 50 times before and never found positive," said Elsc Bugge Fougner, a former Norwegian Justice Minister acting as his lawyer.

Kaupang said the two urine samples, taken on July 4 in Oslo, were left an unusually long time — with a definitive analysis of the second left until September 4.

The investigation could see if the sample could have been contaminated during the delay. Anderson gave a sample of urine on July 6 which was negative when tested.

## Castle restricts England u-19

MANCHESTER, England, Sept 11: Tasmanian David Castle tore into England on the second day of the deciding under-19 Test here on Tuesday, reports AFP.

The off-spinner took five wickets as England struggled to 254 for eight in reply to Australia's massive first innings total of 476.

Geoff Barr and Chris Linhart took their seventh wicket stand to 186 before Linhart was out for 88. Barr remained unbeaten on 113.

Young Northamptonshire spinner Richard Pearson took the last four wickets to end with seven for 146.

Then only local lad Ronnie Irani resisted the Australian spinners, hitting a defiant 89 not out to rescue his side from 98 for four.

But at the close they were still 73 runs short of avoiding the follow on.

Leach and Pugh, who won all four of their Davis Cup matches last year to help the United States win the cup and were winners this year in ties against Mexico and Spain, have been struggling. At the Open, they were eliminated in the second round.

"Leach and Pugh just haven't been playing that well, that was my main concern. We realise that they have an unbeaten record but you have to look at what is happening currently," said US Davis Cup captain Tom Gorman in a telephone interview from Palm Springs, California.

"My decision was based on their (Davis and Pate) current

## Gaffar, Babloo for AFC coaching

Two former national footballers will leave for Hong Kong today to participate in a two-week long coaching school organised by the Asian Football Confederation (AFC), reports UNB.

The footballers are Abdul Gaffar and Hasanuzzaman Khan Babloo.

The 3rd AFC coaching school begins in Hong Kong from Saturday next, says a Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) press release.

AFC organises the coaching programme every year to groom the football trainers, one from each country.

The confederation, however, agreed to allow two participants from Bangladesh this year upon a request from the Bangladesh Football Federation.

## Martina wants to settle with Nelson

FORT WORTH, Texas, Sept 11: Martina Navratilova made a settlement offer on Tuesday to a former companion who has filed a paternity lawsuit against the tennis star, reports AP.

Judy Nelson emerged from a courtroom late Tuesday and said she would consider the offer overnight before deciding whether to accept it and end her legal quest for a share of the nine-time Wimbledon champion's assets.

Nelson, who had a seven-year relationship with Navratilova, said both sides have compromised in trying to reach a settlement.

"Neither of us ever wanted this to happen. It has, and we're in it, and I think that we would both like to see the pain

and the suffering stop so that we can both recover from it and get on with our lives," she said.

Navratilova's publicist, Linda Dozoretz, said talks reached a halt after both sides could not reach agreement on non-financial aspects of the settlement. She declined to discuss those conditions.

"Court will resume again



JUDY NELSON tomorrow morning," Dozoretz said.

Dozoretz said she was "optimistic" both sides would come to terms.

Nelson said the lawsuit is about more than the millions of dollars she could win in a judgement.

"It's about Martina honouring a contract, an agreement that she did honestly and that we both wanted," said Nelson, a former beauty queen. "I really don't want to look at the dollars and cents of it. I mean it goes beyond that."

Nelson met twice privately

with Navratilova on Tuesday, calling the discussions the first talks the two have had since ending their relationship earlier this year.

Earlier Tuesday, the women returned to a state district courtroom for the second day of a preliminary hearing in the lawsuit. Navratilova's attorneys are trying to have Nelson's attorney removed from the case, saying he has unfair knowledge of Navratilova's financial status having previously worked for her.

Both women cried when a videotape was played Monday showing them agreeing to a non-marital cohabitation agreement.

Nelson contends Navratilova reneged on the 1986 agreement in which Nelson was to get half of the estimated \$15 million to \$18 million the tennis player earned during their relationship.

"I would like to have settled this before it ever began," said Nelson, 45, of Fort Worth. "Every day and every night, I hope that tomorrow will be the last day and the last night."

She declined to say how much Navratilova had offered her in any proposed out-of-court settlement. Nelson said she had been forced to cash in some of her retirement savings for support since her split with Navratilova earlier this year.

"Well, you have to live on something," Nelson said. "They actually cut off any support or help to me, or any access to bank accounts, or any privileges that I had from being her partner. (They) were cut off from the beginning."

## Andersen denies taking drugs

OSLO, Sept 11: Policeman Georg Andersen, shot put silver medalist at the World Athletics Championships, said on Tuesday he had failed a dope test but denied taking banned drugs, reports Reuters.

"I have a clean conscience," Norwegian Andersen told a news conference. "I've never taken drugs. I have no explanation."

Doctors said two samples of Andersen's urine taken in Norway in July showed traces of anabolic steroids. A drug commission was investigating whether the reading could have been caused by medicine he took for an upset stomach.

"He will not be allowed to keep his medal if there is a judgement against him," said Lars Martin Kaupang, president of the Norwegian Athletics Association.

Kaupang said Andersen would also face a two-year ban from competition if the initial findings were borne out. Andersen would not be suspended until a ruling was made.

Doctor John Ejlertsen, who examined the urine samples,

said Andersen had taken medicine for an upset stomach, apparently caused by Salmonella, after a trip to Portugal shortly before the positive test.

## Danes plead for Baltics in FIFA, UEFA

COPENHAGEN, Sept 11: Denmark has asked the World and European soccer governing bodies to grant membership to the three newly-independent Baltic states Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia, reports Reuters.

The Danish Football Association (DBU) said in a statement at the weekend it had written to the International Football Federation (FIFA) and the European Football Union (UEFA) making the request on behalf of the five Scandinavian nations, linked in the Nordic Council.

The DBU said it could not at present allow Danish soccer teams to play Lithuanian sides because Lithuania had withdrawn from the Soviet Soccer Union as part of its drive for independence from Moscow.

## SOCCER SCENARIO

### France to host '98 World Cup

RIO DE JANEIRO, Sept 11: France has already been chosen to stage the 1998 World Cup football finals, the O'Globo newspaper said Tuesday, reports AFP.

The paper said Brazil would not submit a bid before the September 27 deadline, leaving only Switzerland, Morocco and India as weak challengers.

FIFA, soccer's world governing body, votes on the 1998 hosts on July 2 next year.

The French government has backed the French bid which was helped by England's decision to stand down and try for the 1996 European Championships.

FIFA President Jao Havelange is Brazilian and his son-in-law Ricardo Teixeira is President of the Brazilian Football Confederation but he has never backed previous Brazil bids to stage the finals.

### Portugal win Olympic qualifier

PORTO, Portugal, Sept 11: Portugal defeated Finland by 2-0 (halftime 1-0) on Tuesday in a European under-21 soccer championship Group Six match which was also part of the qualifying series for the 1992 Olympic Games, reports Reuters.

Scorer: Paulo Alves (24th and 77th minutes). Attendance: 3,000.

Group Six standings (tabulate under played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, against, points):										
Netherlands	5	4	1	0	19	3	9			
Portugal	5	4	1	0	8	1	9			
Finland	5	1	0	4	4	12	2			
Malta	5	0	0	5	4	19	0			

Remaining matches: Oct 15 Netherlands v Portugal; Oct 16 Malta v Finland.

### Scots put 3 past the Swiss

BULLE, Switzerland, Sept 11: Scotland defeated Switzerland 3-0 (halftime 0-0) in a European under-21 soccer championship Group Two match on Tuesday, reports Reuters.

Scorers: John Spencer (58th minute); Gerry Crecany (79th); Scott Booth (89th). Attendance: 1,100.

Group Two standings (tabulate under played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, against, points):

Scotland	5	4	0	1	10	4	8
Bulgaria	5	4	0	1	0	1	8
Romania	3	1	0	2	2	3	2
Switzerland	5	0	0	5	2	12	0

### Belgium blank Luxembourg

WILTZ, Luxembourg, Sept 11: Belgium beat Luxembourg 2-0 (halftime 0-0) in a European under-21 soccer championship Group Five match on Tuesday, reports Reuters.

Scorers: Ralph Ferron (own goal, 75th minute); Gert Verheyen (84th). Attendance: 700.

Group Five standings (tabulate under played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, against, points):

Germany	2	2	0	0	6	1	4
Belgium	3	2	0	1	5	3	4
Luxembourg	3	0	0	3	0	7	0