

## Sport

## Ilias 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.

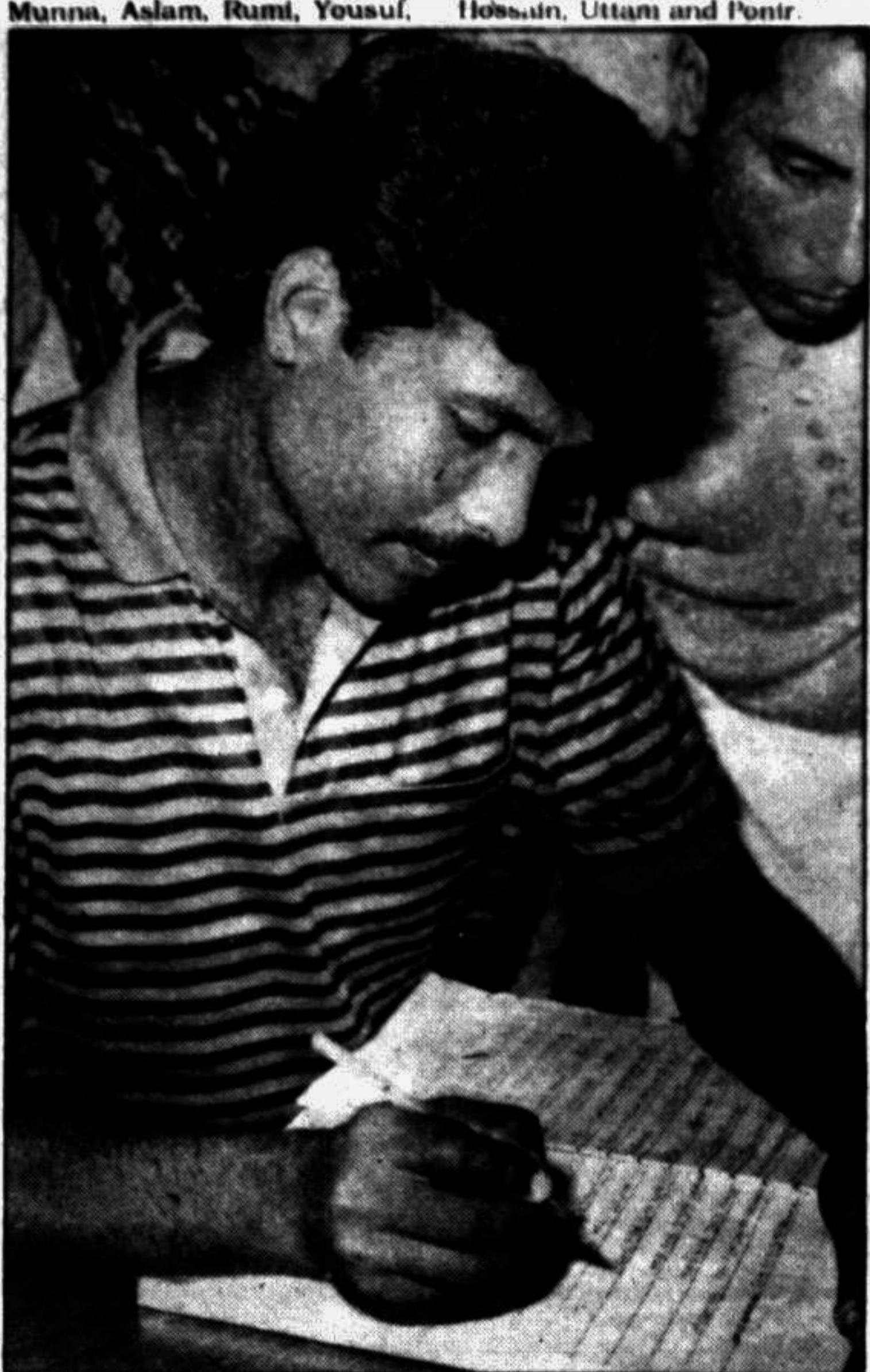
Farashganj Club officials were really active yesterday when they managed to acquire the services of Mohammedans' defender Mussood, midfielder Ayaz Khan and striker Ghayas. They also signed Adamjee's speedy striker Laxmi.

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 Kira Chakra managed to retain most of their stars for another season.

Mohammedans' stars Sayed Hassan Kanan, Johnny, Kaiser, Hamid, Shabbir, Tito, and Abul all decided to stay for the next season. The young Barun Dewan, Jewel Rana and Roxy have joined



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

— Star photo

## 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 palimony 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 \$10 million to \$12 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."

Nelson met twice privately

## 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 in weight, the Western Samoan Broadcasting Service revealed today, reports APP.

Officials put the drastic programme into effect when Samoa's squad arrived in the Papua New Guinea city of Lae to find its 80-kilo class lifter Penitua Faomoa was about five kilos overweight.

Faomoa was placed in a cupboard with jugs of boiling water to make him sweat, and his food intake was cut for 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

Sports Reporter

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 Dahir convincingly 7-5, 6-1 in the second round of the 250,000 dollar ATP Brasilia Open tennis tournament here yesterday, reports Reuter.

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.

## Sport

## Champions' Trophy begins in Berlin Friday

## A tall order for Pakistanis

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 1990, 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: Australia v China (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 athletics eager to make an extra battle with Jerss 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-Joyner, who asked drs 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 got 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 drs 1,15,000, 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 drs 1 million which pales compares to the most prestigious event in Europe, Zurich's Weltklasse, which has a budget of some drs 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 drs 25,000.

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



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: Leicestershire's James Whitaker and Peter Hepworth underlined Essex's county championship aspirations with a double century fifth-wicket stand at Grace Road on Tuesday.

Former England paceman 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 paceman 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.

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

Davis, Pate to play doubles for US

NEW YORK, Sept 11: The undefeated US Davis Cup doubles team of Rick Leach and Jim Pate have been replaced by Scott Davis and David Pate for the semifinals against Germany later this month, the US Tennis Association announced on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

Davis and Pate, Australian Open champions and runners-up at the US Open, join US Open singles finalist Jim Courier and Andre Agassi on the team that will oppose Germany on Red Clay in Kansas City, Missouri, starting on September 20.

Leach and Pate, 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 Pate 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

play, especially at the Open by getting to the final, coupled with their record the entire year."

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.