Senior league under clouds

the Senior Division football league, which was scheduled to start from October will instead begin October 28.

The Senior Division Football League Committee (SDFLC) held a meeting on Sunday to discuss details relating to the commencement of the 1991-92 league programme and steps for its smooth conduct.

The SDFLC has also sent a proposal to the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) ask ing them not to send the national team to Qatar for participation in an international friendship football tournament

The tournament will begin in the first meet of November. The SDFLC has cited a number of reasons in support of their

proposal First they said that if a national team is sent to Qatar the league programme will be seriously affected because the leading clubs whose players will be picked to form a national team will refuse to continue the league without them. It will also be an uphill task for the Bangladesh team to do

preparation. Besides, the Committee said, since the Qatar tourna ment will be a friendly meet it will be unwise to send a national team there disrupting the Senior Division league.

well in Qatar without adequate

Instead, the League Committee advised the BFF to

Australia B the upper hand in

their four-day cricket match

against Zimbabwe here on

opening stand of 124 with

Mark Taylor as the Australians

cruised to 286 for five at the

close of the second day - a

Houghton and Malcolm Jarvis

extended their overnight last-

wicket stand of 66 to 75 be-

fore Jarvis fell to pace bowler

Dennis Hickey for 33.

Houghton remained unbeaten

on 105 out of Zimbabwe's

nings tally to five for 72.

Hickey's strike took his in-

The match, begun on

Saturday, was interrupted on

Sunday to allow the two sides

to play a third one-day inter-

to take the one-day series 2-1.

WAUGH — THE STAR

PERFORMER

Stuart Law produced work

manlike innings to put the

Australian tourists in a strong

position at the end of the sec-

An earlier AP report said:

Australia won by eight runs

Earlier, wicketkeeper Dave

Moody scored his runs in an

Monday, reports Reuter.

first innings lead of 47.

score of 239.

national

24: A cavalier

knock of 85 by

Tom Moody and a

Stuart Law gave

send to Qatar the Bangladesh national champions the Bangladesh Army team which has no involvement in the Senior Division league.

Lastly the SDFLC proposed to hold three matches everyday in order to complete the league programme as quickly

They are yet to get official permission from the National Sports Council's permission to hold matches at the Dhaka stadium. Therefore, at the moment, the SDFLC has only the Mirpur Stadium at its dis-

Despite the league commit-

tee's decision to start the league from October 28, it looks rather doubtful that the coming league can be run smoothly. The reigning champions Abahani Krira Chakra will be taking part in the Asian Cup Winners' Cup tie against Indian champions East Bengal Club on a home-away basts. The Indian team from Calcutta will play its match in Dhaka between November 1 and 3 while Abahani, in their return visit, will go to Calcutta between November 8 and 10. As such Abahani's international committee is bound to hinder the league proceedings.

The Federation Cup champions Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club will also represent Bangladesh in the Asian Club Cup championship.

Mohammedans will play against the champion team from Pakistan on a home-away basis. Both these matches were

Moody, Law give Aussies whip hand

boundary for 94, having just hit

HARARE, Sept ond day of their final unofficial

Test on Monday.

Sports Reporter earlier scheduled to take place on October 11 and 18 respec-

> But the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) refixed the match schedule due to the involvement of Pakistani players in the pre-Olympic football championship to be held October 9 - 20

> As per the fresh schedule the Pakistani champions will play in Dhaka on October 25 and Mohammedans will travel to Pakistan to play their match in Karachi on November 1.

Should Mohammedans and Abahani win their first round games and qualify for the next round then they both will have to complete their second round matches within the month of November. The Dhaka league will therefore have to continue without the two giants of local soccer.

Moreover, the Bangladesh football team is scheduled to take part in the SAF Games starting from the third week of December in Colombo. So the BFF will have to call up the leading players to a camp to select the national team. If the BFF allows the league to run during the SAF Games trials then again the preparations of the national squad is going to be affected.

So it looks as if one way on the other, either the league matches or the national football team's selection will run into trouble in a jampacked programme.

One should not be surprised to see the league postponed

But he has undoubtedly

Manager John Benaud can

been the star Aussie performer

after only a few matches have been played midway in November, to restart again sometime in January 1992.

Of course, the league committee might decide to continue the league without Abahani and Mohammedan, refixing their engagements after the SAF Games. In that case the First Division league matches will not be able to draw the crowds to the sta-

DMFA CHIEF'S VIEWS
Meanwhile , the President

of Dhaka Metropolis Football Association(DMFA) M Azizul Haque, talking to newsmen at the DMFA office yesterday. said tenders will be invited to select the sponsors for the 1991-92 Senior Division football league since there were several interested parties keen to get the honour.

He also said that the Senior Division league matches, due for an October 28 start, may even be brought forward now that the Asian Club championships have been delayed by two weeks.

He said, in order to complete the league programme on time, three matches may be played daily. In that case, the Army Stadium in Banani may also be requisitioned in addition to the Dhaka and Mirpur stadiums.

The inter-club players transfers for the juntor division football league will be held late next month while the league itself is likely to commence sometimes in November.

Fed Cup matches to be held at Dhaka Stadium Sports Reporter

The matches of the twelfth Federation Cup football championship, scheduled to begin from October 27, will be held at Dhaka Stadium.

The Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) said in press release yesterday, that after fruitful discussions with the Sports Ministry, the National Sports Council and the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board, it had obtained the permission from all relevant authorities to use Dhaka Stadium for the Federation Cup.

Muktijoddha in group final

Muktijoddha Sangsad moved in to the group final of the Tangail DC's Gold Cup football tournament eliminating East Bengal Club of Dhaka by a lone goal played at the Tangail Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

They will now take on local league champions Udayan Sabuj Sangha in the final today. Dhanmondi Club got walkover against Agrani Bank Club in yesterday's second

The third and last match between BKSP and Arambagh was not held due to heavy

match.

feated Biman to clinch the championship. Ctg Mohammedans keep winning

CHITTAGONG, Sept 24: Chittagong Mohammedan Sporting Club registered their successive third victory in the CJKP Elite Paint First Division football league beating Hafiz Jute Mills Club by a solitary goal at the Chittagong Stadium here this afternoon, reports

The league com

mittee of the re-

constituted Ban-

gladesh Cricket

Control Board

(BCCB) has app-

roved, rather belatedly, the

tables of the Navana Premier

Division cricket league and

Milnars First Division cricket

day, it said that Brothers

Union and Bangladesh Biman

finished with 16 points each

from nine matches and, in a

play-off match. Brothers de-

In a press circular yester-

league of the 1990-91 season.

Shamsu senior scored the only goal for Mohammedans in the second half. Mohammedans dominated although in the 90-minutes proceeding.

In the 9th minute, Mohammedans' striker Lokman

competition of Bangladesh Rifles-'91, organised by the Dhaka Sector, get underway yesterday at the central training shed at the BDR headquarters at Peelkhana, says of press

ssain, Deputy Director General of Bangladesh Rifles, inaugurated the competition as chief guest.

Twenty-seven wrestlers from eight sectors are taking part in this week-long competition.

ferent ranks of personnel were

BDR Officers, JCOs and dif-

Wari Club Tabulate under match play-B Railway

and Milnars leagues tables fi-

Ian Wright

The 27-year-old striker joined Palace six years ago and earned the first of four England caps against

The signing went through in time for Wright to play in Wednesday's League Cup second round first leg at Leicester - if he can get into a team who have scored 15 goals in their last three games,

Last week Arsenal manager George Graham agreed to pay 500,000 sterling (860,000 dollars) for Norwegian fullback Pal Lydersen, a transfer dependent on the grant of a

Arsenal made a stuttering start to their title desence convincing Graham he had to move into the transfer market despite the club's recent goal avalanche which featured a sixhaul against Austria, Vienna in the European Cup last Wednesday.

"George moved very decisively today and is clearly intent on strengthening the squad," managing director Ken





the finer points of batsmanship can prove an impossible mission. But British Prime Minister John Major (L) who took a bat along on his trip to the United States last month as a gift for George Bush, found the US chief executive an eager

NAVANA LEAGUE

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MILNARS LEAGUE

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The Milnars league table in-

cludes the super league and

Nirman Schools XI 9+3 4 8

relegation league points.

of his availability".

landmark.

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Abahani KC

Surjotarun Club

Gulshan Youth

Lalmatia Club

Kalabagan KC

Udity Club

Agrant Bank CC

Young Pegasus

Amariyoti Club

Rupali Bank CC

Mohammedan SC

BCCB approves league tables

Sports Reporter

The BCCB decided not to relegate any team from the Navana league for the year 1990-91. Confirmed that Wart Club, which topped the Milnars First Division league with 18 points followed by Bangladesh PWD with 16 points, earn promotion to the Navana league.

Nirman School XI and Amartyoti Club have been relegated to the second Division.

Following are the Navana

nalised by the BCCB.

ed, won, lost and points :

joins Arsenal.

LONDON, Sept 24: England striker lan Wright joined league champions Arsenal on Monday for a club record 2.5 million pounds sterling (4.3 million dollars) from fellow First Division Crystal Palace, the club said on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

Wright, who has scored five goals in eight games this season, cost nearly twice as much as the previous record Arsenal signing - 1.3 million sterling (2.25 million dollars)

with goalkeeper David Seaman. Cameroon last February.

including four against Palace.

work permit.

Friar said.

Kenyan world champions "I really need a rest, — I've

The Bangladesh Rifles inter-sector wrestling competition '91 began yesterday at the BDR Headquarters at Pilkhana. Deputy Director General of Bangladesh Rifles Brig. Abdullah Al Hussain inaugurated the competition as the chief guest.

Leading money earners

ST PETERSBURG, Florida, Sept 24: Leading money winners this year in women's tennis, according to the Women's Tennis Association on Monday:

Monica Seles (Yugos-1.507,758 Dollars Gabriela Sabatini (Argentina) 914.571 3. e Steffi Graf (Germany) 907,336 Arantxa Sanchez Vicario (Spain) 677,840 Martina Navratilova 579.536 Novotna (Czechoslovakia) 557,619 Mary Joe Fernandez 534,260 Jennifer Capriati (US) 464,917

Natalia Zvereva (Soviet Union) 10. Gigi Fernandez (US) 364,203 Larisa Savchenko

318,765 (Soviet Union) 12. Helena Sukova (Czechoslovakia) 13. Zina Garrison (US) 270,734

CRICKET CLIPPINGS

McDermott for SA in World Cup

TT ELLINGTON, Sept 24: New Zealand Cricket Chairman W Peter McDermott today welcomed South Africa's application to be included in February's World Cup cricket tournament and said his country would support the bid, reports Reuter.

McDermott told Reuters South Africa would play three games in New Zealand if the International Cricket Council (ICC) accepted the application. The structure of the competi-

tion would not have to be changed, he said. "I have no doubt that when we are asked our opinion by

the ICC that we will support the application," he said. South African cricket chief Ali Bacher said on Monday he saw no obstacles in the way of his country's return to international cricket after 20 year of isolation because of

apartheid. McDermott said the World Cup organisers had set a September 30 deadline for applications, but a contingency plan was added in case Pretoria made a last-minute applica-

"Bureaucracy won't get in the way," McDermott said. The competition, to be played in Australia and New

Zealand, would still open and close on the same dates. South Africa's involvement would simply mean an extra game for each team in the round-robin tournament, he added.

Yorkshire release Robinson

EEDS, England, Sept 24: Yorkshire have released middle order batsman Phil Robinson after he told them he wanted to leave the country, reports AFP.

The 28-year-old Keighley-born batsman made his firstclass debut in 1984 and has a career aggregate of 6,668 runs for an average of 35.84.

This season he scored 1,293 runs at an average of 38,02. In the Sunday League Robinson averages 24.93 with 2,194

runs to his credit. Robinson indicated earlier in the season that he was not entirely happy with Yorkshire, and the country's chief executive Chris Hassell said: "We tried to reach a reasonable agreement with Robinson but he decided he wanted to leave. I have circulated the other first class counties to inform them

Essex struggle

HELMSFORD, England, Sept 24: John Stephenson and Nick Knight did their best to brighten the gloom as English county cricket champions Essex were made to struggle for runs in their four day Britannic Assurance challenge against Sheffield Shield champions Victoria here on Monday, reports AFP.

Both collected fighting half-centuries on a day cut short by 28 overs because of rain and bad light and which ended with Essex 199 for five.

Stephen's innings was by far the more aggressive. His 54 included 10 fours and a six before he was bowled by Tony Dodemaide.

The 21-year-old Knight's contribution was just as valuable.

The young left-hander has only recently broken into the first

team but he showed a sound temperament and technique while gathering an unbeaten 51 in this 12,000 pounds "winner-take-all" duel. Knight reached his 50 after 168 minutes - the fourth time in the last six visits to the middle he has reached that

But Graham Gooch failed to scale the heights one has come to expect of him. He made just 31 before being dismissed by Damien Fleming - but that represented a big improvement from Sunday when he failed to score in the one-day battle against the Sheffield Shield champions.

CAIRO, Sept 24: Frankie me so proud to be a Namibian."

Fredericks was just as weary as the other track stars who made their excuses and passed up the All African Games, which offer no prize money and get little notice outside the continent, reports Reuter.

But Africa's fastest man had a special motivation for running in the 100 metres on Monday night. The 23-year-old Namibian

overcame a bad start with Carl

Lewis-like acceleration to win the first gold medal for his fledgling country in international competition. "If my country already had a gold, sure, I would have made

some excuses and headed back to Utah. I'm already late for classes," said Frederick. He flew to Cairo on Saturday from the Grand Prix final in Barcelona to end a lucrative if

gruelling season. World At the Championships in Tokyo last month Fredericks won the 200 metres silvers medal and set an African 100 metres record of 9.95 seconds in finishing fifth behind the American Lewis, who lowered

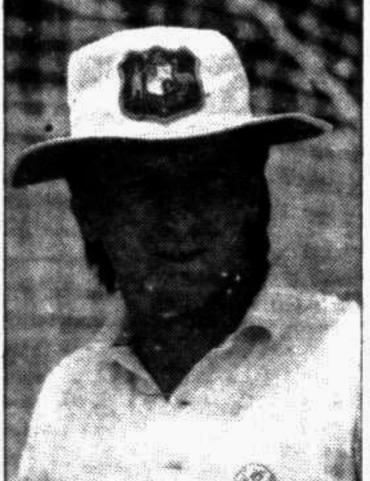
the world mark to 9.86. Expecting little competition here, Fredericks said he was in trouble after 30 metres but used his high-stepping power to surge past Nigeria's Davidson Ezinwa and win in

10.18. He then jogged up and down waving the Namibian flag in celebration in front of the main grandstand. "I, was happy with the time. All I wanted was

the gold," the said. For the dozens of Namibians among a crowds of fewer than 2,000 on hand for the awards ceremony, hearing their national anthem played in cavernous Cairo Stadium was a moving experience.

"I tell you, I can't help it," a photographer said as he wiped tears from his eyes, took off his bib and put on the jacket of the national team. "It makes

cessive visits to the wicket. made only 11 runs on Monday.



STEVE WAUGH ship, struck a competent 85, highlighted by 24 off one Adam

Huckle over. At stumps, Australia "B" were 265-5 in reply to Zimbabwe's first innings 239.

Steve Waugh, who had scored three centuries in suc-

Namibia, formerly known as

South West Africa, became an

independent state in March

1990 after a guerilla struggle

FRANKIE FREDERICKS

African rule.

ended 75 years of South

Organisers of the All Africa

Games put back the start of

the athletics competition by

day, giving Fredericks enough

time to make Sunday's prelim-

ons - Samuel Matete of

Zambia and Kenyans Billy

Konchellah, Moses Tanui,

Five African world champi-

new ball bowler Eddo brandes be well pleased with Waugh and other players, notably Tom Moody, opening with Mark Moody and fast bowler Dennis Hickey, in the run-up to the Taylor in a 124 runs partnercricket World Cup.

Law was caught on the of the six-game Zimbabwe tour.

WTA's to twenty ST. PETERSBURG, Florida, Sept 24: The top 20 women's singles rankings issued by the women's Tennis Association on Monday:

Monica Seles (Yugoslavia) Steffi Graf (Germany) Gabriela Sabatini (Argen-

Martina Navratilova (US) (Spain)

Jennifer Capriati (US) Mary Joe Fernandez (US) Conchita Martinez (Spain)

10. Manuela Maleeva- Fragniere (Switzerland) 11. Katerina Aleeva (Bulgaria)

12. Zina Garrison (US) 13. Leila Meskhi (Soviet

slovakia

15. Nathalie Tauziat (France)

17. Judith Wiesner (Austria) 18. Gigi Fernandez (US)

Arantxa Sanchez Vicario

Jana Novotna (Czechoslo-

Union)

16. Amy Frazier (US)

14. Helena Sukova (Czecho-

19. Anke Huber (Germany) 20. Barbara Paulus (Austria).

Yobes Ondieki and Moses

Kiptanui - all decided against

Fredericks Africa's fastest man

running in the sporadically held continental "Olympic". But, Namibian President Sam Nujoma called Fredericks in Barcelona and told him how much it would mean to his countrymen if he won at least Barcelona last Friday.

one gold medal in an African championship. A month ago Namibia announced it was withdrawing from the games, saying it was embarrassed to send a "toowhite" team to an African event. The decision was reversed after the squad was pruned and the number of

blacks increased. "I came here really tired and I'm missing some schoolwork but it was worth it," said Fredericks, who was staying with a journalist friend at an Egyptian armed forces hotel. He needs one more course to get his degree in civil engineering from Brighan Young

University in Provo. Utah.

be able to make history for your country is a rare honour," he said. An earlier report said, Fredericks produced a surge of power over the last 40 metres which took him clear of Nigeria's Davidson Ezinwa

and gave him victory in 10.18

"Running for money or per-

sonal glory is one thing, but to

seconds, well outside his own African record on Monday. He then jogged up and down waving the Namibian flag in celebration in front of the main grandstand in the virtually deserted Cairo Stadium.

It was a historic moment

for Namibia, formerly known

as South West Africa, which

became an independent state

last year after 75 years of South African rule. Fredericks said he was very pleased with his success at the end of a gruelling season in which he took the silver medal in the 200 metres at the Tokyo World Athletics Championships.

"I came here really tired.

I'm very happy with the time," he said. The athletics events were put back a day to allow athletes such as Fredericks to come to Cairo after the final event of the Grand Prix season in

But the toll of absent stars at this sporadically-staged continental Games continued to grow. Zambia's world 400 metres hurdles champion Samuel Matete was the latest absentee,

featuring on the official start Kenyan athletics officials Robert Ouko said Matete and several top Kenyans could not

pete here.

opted out of the Games.

metres.

been running so much I've just got to have a break," she said. in the swimming pool, Tunisia's Senada Charbi added the women's 400 metres freestyle to the three golds she had already won.

missed a chance off a right side pass from Krisna. In 20th minute, a beautiful shot of Shamsu junior was saved by Hafiz goalkeeper. In the 60th minute, Iqbals header went out just over the cross piece. A solo effort of Sujit was thwarted by Hafiz keeper Jamal in 62nd minute. BDR wrestling The inter-sector wrestling

failing to appear for his semifirelease. nal heat on Monday despite Brigadier Abdullah Al-Hu-

find the motivation to com-

"Matete, like several Kenyan runners, feels there is no prestige in this event and is not going to run if there is no (appearance) money", Ouko

and Yobes Ondieki have all African record holder Mary Onyali Pipped compatriot Beatrice Utondu as Nigeria made a clean sweep of the medals in the women's 100

Onyali, like Fredericks,

trailed in the early stages of

Billy Konchellah, Moses Tanui

the race but found the reserves to beat Utondu, silver medallist in the long jump here, by one hundredth of a second. Onyali, who clocked 10.81 in Lagos last month, was disappointed with her time of 11.12 but put it down to fa-