

Inter-club player transfers begin

Brothers, MSC gain most

Sports Reporter

The Navana Premier Division league champions Brothers Union and title aspirants Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club dominated the first day of the inter-club cricket player transfers for the 1991-92 season yesterday at the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) office.

Forty-two cricket players collected their tokens while 21 sought transfers on the inaugural day of the six-day long transfers which will conclude on October 20.

Mohammedana's opening batsman Nurul Abedin Novel and all-rounder Halim Shah. Abahani Krira Chakra's all-rounder Nadir Shah and Lalmitia Club's Dewan Anisul Ambia Raj decided to change



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their colours in favour of the reigning league champions Brothers Union.

Biman's prolific opening batsman Jahangir Alam, all-

rounder Aminul Islam Bulbul and medium-pace Jahangir Alam Dulu all opted to play for the Mohammedans.

Former national captain Gazi Ashraf Huq Lipu, Sri Lanka all-rounder Duminda Perera and another top player Saiful Islam have decided to stay with the Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club for another season.

Former national star Jahangir Shah Badshah has joined PWD Club from the Brothers Union.

The other notable players to collect their tokens are Ziauddin Ahmed Shovon, Salauddin and Monu of Brothers Union, Towhid Naquib Khan of PWD, Joydev Basak of Dhaka Wanderers Club and Murshid Chowdhury of Surya Tarun.



Leading Biman players Jahangir Alam (L), Jahangir Alam Dulu (C) and Aminul Islam Bulbul are all-smiles at the BCCB office yesterday after deciding to play for title-contenders Mohammedan Sporting Club next season. — Star photo

Bata handball

Sports Reporter
Bangladesh Rifles High School and Bhasantek High School recorded convincing wins in their respective matches of the fourth Bata schools handball tournament yesterday at the Outer Stadium handball court.

BDR School posted a comfortable 26-6 goal victory over Rahmatullah Model High School after leading 13-1 at the breather.

In day's other match, Bhasantek High School drubbed Cosmic International School 21-1.

The winners led 21-1 at half-time.

Div II chess from Oct 25

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The Second Division chess league, organised by the Bangladesh Chess Federation, will commence on October 25 at the National Sports Council's chess room.

All the interested teams have been asked to send their entries by October 23 at the Federation office.

Three share lead in Press Club chess

Three players earned full three points after the third round in the Jattya Press Club chess competition at the Club auditorium in Dhaka yesterday, reports BBS.

The players getting three points are: Abnur Rahman Khan (Bangladesh Times), Badrul Alam (Janata), Gazi Raunok Hossain (Dainik Bangla).

Khaleda Haider (Dinkal), Ahmed Nur-e-Alam (Dainik Bangla), Habibur Rahman Salam (Janata) and Syed Nazimuddin Manik have won two points each so far.

Three players have collected a point each after the third round. They are: Shaikat Rushdee (Bangladesh Times), Aminul Islam Shaheen (Dainik Desh) and Abu Taher Khokan (Dinkal).

Eighteen journalists are taking part in the competition.

Moses against SA in Barcelona

NAIROBI, Oct 12: South Africa should not be rushed back into international competition while racial politics still divided sporting bodies, former Olympic champion and IOC athletics commission member Ed Moses said, reports Reuter.

"I feel South Africa should not be rushed into the Barcelona Olympic Games," former 400 metres hurdles world record holder Moses said on Friday after a one-day International Olympic Committee athletics commission meeting.

VIP cricket buffs

HARARE, Oct 15: Commonwealth leaders will break new ground at their summit in Harare this week when they abandon the conference chamber for the cricket pitch, reports Reuter.

Commonwealth Secretary-General Chief Eneke Anyaoku of Nigeria said cricketing enthusiasts would play in a charity match on Friday, three days into the week-long summit.

He mentioned by name Prime Ministers John Major of Britain, a fanatical cricket fan, Mohammed Nawaz-Sharif of Pakistan, an avid cricketer Michael Malley of Jamaica and Bob Hawke of Australia.

Anyaoku said he hoped leading Commonwealth cricketers like Pakistan's Imran Khan and Zimbabwe's own Graeme Hick would be able to attend.

"These are the hopes, but we will have to wait and see to what extent they will become realised," he added.

Seles top earner

ST PETERSBURG, Florida, Oct 15: Leading money winners this year in women's tennis according to a listing issued by the Women's Tennis Association on Monday, reports Reuter.

1. Monica Seles (Yugoslavia) 1,592,758 dollars
2. Steffi Graf (Germany) 1,022,336
3. Gabriela Sabatini (Argentina) 922,471
4. Arantxa Sanchez Vicario (Spain) 687,840
5. Martina Navratilova (US) 599,736
6. Jana Novotna (Czechoslovakia) 568,488
7. Mary Joe Fernandez (US) 546,510
8. Natalia Zvereva (Soviet Union) 467,202
9. Jennifer Capriati (US) 464,917
10. Gigi Fernandez (US) 379,953
11. Larusa Savchenko (Soviet Union) 336,785
12. Helena Sukova (Czechoslovakia) 286,774
13. Zina Garrison (US) 275,984
14. Conchita Martinez (Spain) 266,765
15. Nathalie Tauziat (France) 234,829
16. Manuela Maleeva-Fragniere (Switzerland) 227,153
17. Katerina Maleeva (Bulgaria) 225,290
18. Pam Shriver (US) 214,111
19. Lela Meskhi (Soviet Union) 205,688
20. Lori McNeil (US) 176,015

WTA's top 20

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16. Judith Wiesner (Austria)
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18. Barbara Paulus (Austria)
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Waugh twins send early warnings

SYDNEY, Oct 15: The Waugh twins, the first New batsmen to score centuries in the FAI competition for ten

years against India with a flawless century each in a one-day match against Victoria here today, reports AFP.

The 240 run partnership took New South Wales from a shaky nine for two wickets to almost certain victory and a place in Saturday's semifinal of the FAI Cup.

Steve, 26, a veteran of 44 Tests scored 128 before he was bowled by Merv Hughes his century came up in 152 minutes.

Mark notched up his hundred in 142 minutes hitting 10 fours and two sixes before he was caught by Darren Lehmann off medium pace bowler Tony Dodemaide for 112. New South Wales made 310 for five.



Mark (L) and Steve Waugh clipped the previous best partnership against Victoria 147 by Imran Khan, and John Dyson in Melbourne in 1984-85.

The curtain-raiser at Sharjah: A preview

- A. M. Chowdhury

The Sharjah Cup three-nation one-day cricket champion ship, due to begin tomorrow, 17

October with a match between Pakistan and the West Indies, is going to serve as the curtain-raiser for the long and eventful cricket encounters which will fill the 'menu' of the cricket lovers all over the world in the next five months.

The final drama, the World Cup, to be staged in Australia and New Zealand in February-March next, is to be preceded by 'dress rehearsals' in India (5 India-Pakistan matches), in Pakistan (5 Pakistan-West Indies matches) and in Australia (India-West Indies-Australia World Series matches). In between, Sri Lanka in Pakistan and England in New Zealand will also be performing some rehearsals. Thus there's a lot of cricket in the pipeline, and what an enthralling thought for cricket lovers!

The teams announced by the three participating nations for the Sharjah Cup — re-named the Willis Cricket Trophy — have one thing in common: the emphasis is on new faces. This clearly shows that the selectors in all the three countries have their eyes on the World Cup and the emphasis is definitely on building up the best possible combination by blending new faces with the old-guards of proven quality.

The West Indians, disregarding the grand-master Viv Richards and Gordon Greenidge, have given a chance to Brian Lara, Clayton Lambert and Keith Arthurton. The recall of Bishop should augment their bowling in the

absence of Malcolm Marshall. The strength of the West Indians lies in their bowling and in all probability Ambrose, Bishop, Walsh and Benjamin would be their front-line quartet. Patterson will be there to step in. Hooper's spin and Lambert's medium-pace may have to fill in the fifth



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'deca' in the 50 over matches. Any batting line-up would undergo a tormenting experience in facing the Caribbean speed-machine. Of course, its efficacy would greatly depend on the control over line and length the quartet is able to command.

The West Indian batting, without the comforting thought of having someone like Richards, Greenidge or Desmond Haynes in the middle, would largely depend on their new skipper Richie Richardson, whose morale should be at a peak after a very successful tour of England. Hooper, Simmons and Logie would provide the backing.

But how the brilliant Lambert fares in the top level of the game remains a big question. His aggressive flamboyance, so successfully demonstrated at the country level last summer, needs to be proved against top class bowling. Lara or Arthurton should be keen to capitalise on the chances offered them and they have all the potentialities to blossom. With inexperience being a major factor in the batting line-up for the Sharjah meet, the West Indies shall have to wrest the initiative through their formidable bowling prowess.

The Indians look like still having problems in their bowling department. Kapil Dev, almost past his prime, is no longer the usual match winner of yore. His compatriots in the medium-pace department, other than Manoj Prabhakar, would be rather raw, new faces in the persons of Srinath and Subrata Banerjee. In all fairness, the Indian pace attack would be the poorest among the three competing teams. Their spinners, Ravi Shastri, Venkat Raju and Anil Kumbli may, however, be effective. But in one-dayers, spinners often have to buy their wickets, at times at a rather high cost, and often find it difficult to contain the opponent's onslaught.

But to compensate their relatively weak bowling the Indians possess a very good batting line-up. Manjrekar, Tendulkar, Shastri, Prabhakar, Kapil Dev, Kiran More — are all capable of providing solidity in batting with their skipper Mohammed Azharuddin, after a brilliant summer-outing with Derbyshire, leading them from the front. In the opening slot Navjot Siddhu, Workeri



Steffi Graf of Germany lifts the European indoor tournament trophy after beating Nathalie Tauziat of France in the final 6-4, 6-4 in Zurich on Oct 13. — AFP photo

India, Malaysia keep winning

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, Oct 15: Malaysia and India both scored victories Tuesday, putting themselves in strong positions in the Olympic Games qualifying tournament for men's field hockey, reports AP.

Malaysia beat Switzerland 4-3, while India edged Belgium 1-0.

Mirwanan Nawawi scored twice for Malaysia, whose other goals came from K. Embaraj and Lim Chiew Chuan. Behi Steineman and Manfred Vogel (2) scored for the Swiss.

Sakil Ahmed netted in the 41st minute to lift India to victory over Belgium.

Malaysia and India both now have 2-0 records and lead Pool B. In their other Pool B action, Christian Viala scored twice as France defeated the winless United States 3-1. Olivier Petit was the other French scorer.

with Ben Maruquin scoring for the Americans.

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STANDINGS

	W	D	L	Gf	Gl	Pa
Men Pool A:						
Canada	1	0	0	5	1	2
Ireland	1	0	0	2	0	2
New Zealand	1	0	0	2	1	2
Soviet Union	0	0	1	1	2	0
Italy	0	0	1	0	2	0
Japan	0	0	1	1	5	0
Pool B						
Malaysia	2	0	0	7	4	4
India	2	0	0	4	1	4
Belgium	1	0	1	4	1	2
France	1	0	1	4	4	2
Switzerland	0	0	2	4	7	0

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Nat'l age-group swim from Oct 22

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The eleventh national age-group swimming championships will begin from October 22 at the national swimming pool near Dhaka Stadium.

Swimmers from 20 teams divided into four groups will participate in the three-day meet for the titles of 32 events.

The four groups segregated by ages are: Upto 10 years, 11-12 years, 13-14 years and 15-17 years.

The participating teams are: Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protisthan (BKSP), Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation (BJMC), Rajshahi Education Board and Rajshahi, Dhaka, Pabna, Narail, Chuadanga, Dinajpur, Meherpur, Bogra, Brahmanbaria, Tangail, Sherpur, Comilla, Munshiganj DSAs.

Besides, Dolphin Club of Jessore, Western Club of Brahmanbaria, Shimanta SC of Kushtia and Nawabganj Swimming Club will take part.

Connors pulls out of Lyon tennis

LYON, Oct 15: Jimmy Connors has withdrawn from this week's Lyon tennis tournament because of a neck injury, the organiser said on Monday.

"His suitcases were ready but he hurt his neck and his doctor advised him not to go," organiser Gills Moreton said.

"It's a pity because the crowds love him."

Connors, still going strong at 39, reached the semifinals of the US Open in September.

Guy Forget France and former US Open champion Pete Sampras are the top contenders in Lyon in the absence of Connors.

Canada, Italy draw in women's hockey

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Bernie Bowyer scored in the 14th minute and Sharon Creelman added a goal in the 15th minute to get Canada off to a strong start. Winless Italy came back with goals by Carla Contelli in the 37th minute and Luisa Camoglio in the 68th.

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Nebiolo outlines steps for South Africa's return

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 15: The president of track and field's world governing body outlined Monday steps which South Africa could take to break its isolation from world athletics, reports AP.

Primo Nebiolo, head of the International Amateur Athletic Federation, said the IAAF would welcome participation of South African athletes in IAAF-sanctioned competition if its national federation was racially united and its sporting facilities opened to all.

South Africa has been banned from international competition because of its policy of racial separation, but recent moves to repeal the remaining apartheid laws have opened up the possibility of South Africa returning to the Olympics and other international sports events.

In an interview with the national news agency Bernama, Nebiolo noted that South Africa had created a single athletic federation but the council members were divided.

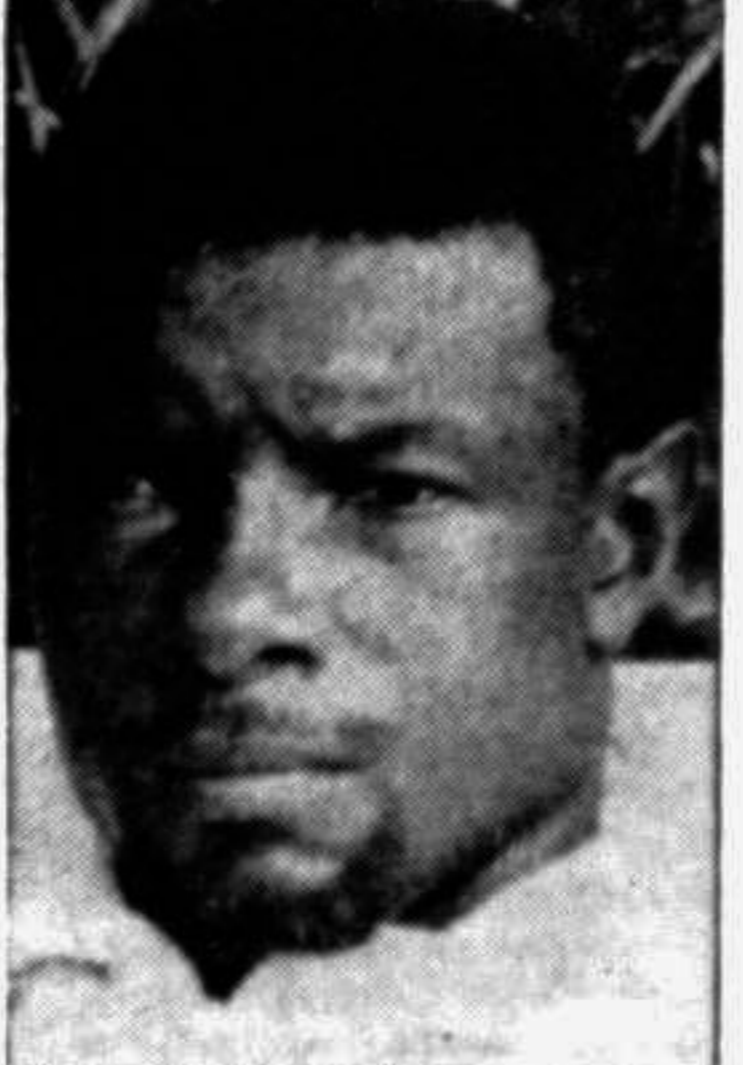
"The IAAF has tried its best to allow South Africa to break its isolation and help open the doors to the athletics world, but unfortunately, it is not united," he said.

He added that the South African federation should also abide by certain IAAF rules, including sending a strong team for major competitions.

Nebiolo is attending the Asian congress and the ninth Asian track and field meet, which both begin on Saturday.

He said South Africa's predicament forced many young athletes in that country to suffer. "The young ones should not be left out in athletics," he said.

Raman or Vinod Kambli may provide a good start. In recent times Kapil has tended to excel more as a batsman than bowler and if he flourishes India can always expect a good total. Considering all these factors, the Indians have a long batting line-up and a fairly short tail. Here lies



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India's advantage.

The Pakistan team appears to be a fairly balanced one. Their batting strength, spearheaded by this English-summer's prolific run-getter Salim Malik, will be built around Miandad, Ijaz Ahmad, Rameez Raja and, of course, the redoubtable Imran Khan. Moiz Khan, Sajid Ali and the batting ability of that fine all-rounder Wasim Akram would provide good back-up support.

Pakistan's bowling line-up is also fairly strong. Waqar Younis, who took 113 county wickets in England last summer, would spearhead the attack along with Wasim Akram, Aqib Javed and Imran Khan.

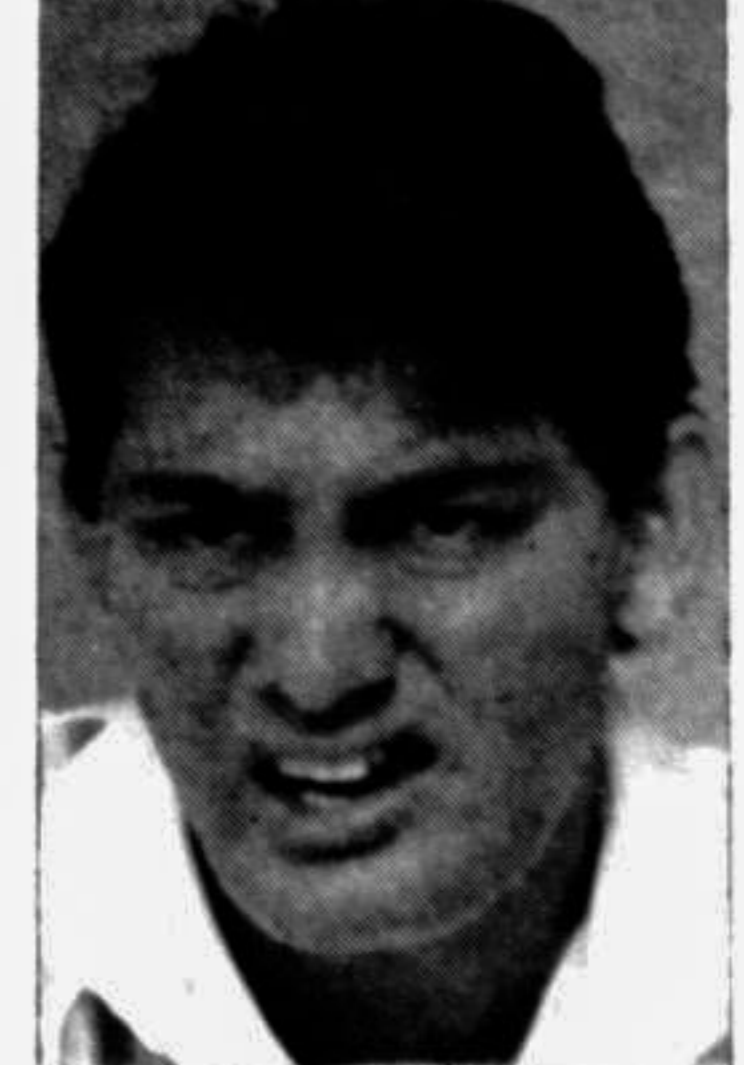
Spinners Akram Raza and Mushtaque Ahmed add some variety to the attack.

One-day cricket is said to be batsmen's game. Both Pakistan and the West Indies have better chances of keeping their opponents within limit since they possess good bowling attacks. It will depend on the batsmen either to capitalise on the success of their bowlers or to pile up a total which their bowlers would find easier to tackle. From this perspective Pakistan and the West Indies look like making it to the final on Oct 25. But the performance of the West Indian batting, with the stamp of inexperience on it, is difficult to predict and hence rather less likely to flourish.

At the same time one cannot really ignore the Indians. If batting dictates the terms in one-day cricket India is likely to overcome the bowling advantages of both their opponents. Manjrekar, Azharuddin, Tendulkar and Kapil are capable of murdering any bowling and they have a long supportive line-up to keep company. Similarly, Salim Malik, if he continues his good summer form, Miandad and Imran can ride on any bowling. Could one ignore Richardson, Hooper, Simmons and Logie? Frankly speaking, the unproven elements in the West Indian line-up do not allow legitimate guesswork. Who knows, the newcomers will not celebrate their breaks at this level with something spectacular? They do possess the potentiality.

Pakistan have a final edge in their captain. Of the three leaders at Sharjah, who would dispute Imran's capability of leading from the front? If ma-

turity, command over team mates, management of strategy and leadership by setting personal examples have any role to play in one-day thrillers, Imran can legitimately claim precedence over his rivals. Azhar, too, is quite gritty and has shown in the last English tour that he is



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also capable of leading by example. Richie Richardson, the debutant in the job, may find his new role more demanding.

Considering all the aspects above, I feel delighted at the thought that the 'curtain-raiser' at Sharjah holds all the promise of providing some top class cricket. Since the ultimate goal of all the three teams is to build a team and gather momentum for the 1992 World Cup, the competitive spirit in Sharjah should be high. Therefore, we can expect keen contests in all the seven matches. Who would not relish it?