Ronnie

O'Sullivan's

strange surrender

BANGKOK, Nov 3: Top

seeded 15-year-old Ronnie O

Sullivan of Britain Saturda surrendered a winning frame

against his German opponent

Markus Drude on the sixth day

of the Nescafe World Snooker

Championship here, reports

and leading by 40 points in the

fourth frame. He suddenly

picked up the balls and told

the referee: "I'm concoding

referee what was happening.

On hearing the reply, he left

the ball and returned after 10

minutes, saying 'I'm conceding

in the three years I've played

in this tournament," he said,

"and I considered it thoroughly

match concluded, O' Sullivan

went up to Drude, extended

his right hand and apologised.

complaint to the tournament

New Zealand on February 22,

will be picked from the tour-

ing squad after the fifth Test

Mohammad Azharuddin

(Captain), Ravi Shastri (Vice-

ends in Perth on February 5.

The squad

Drude has made a written

"This has never happened

Some 10 minutes after the

Drude, stunned, asked the

the frame."

the match.

committee.

unsportsmanlike."

O' Sullivan was 3-0 in front

Main action begins from today

Sports Reporter

competition of the inaugural Bangladesh Pakistan satellite tennis tournament begins today at the

Ramna Tennis Complex. Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman will inaugurate the four-day men's singles and doubles championships this

Thirty-two players, including six Bangladeshis, will be playing in the first leg of the four-leg circuit to be staged in four cities of the two host countries. The participants in the first leg tournament, called the Gold Leaf ITF Satellite Circuit, will be playing for ranking points on the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) computer. They will also be playing for cash prizes with the men's singles winner collecting US 813 dollars while the runnerup picks up a purse for half that amount. The doubles champions will share a first prize of US dollars 393.75 while the runners-up half that

Even the first round losers stand to collect a cash prize in addition to one circuit point.

The tournament marks the beginning of a new chapter in the country's tennis history with professional players from nine countries around the world taking part.

The 32-man field comprises 16 players from direct acceptance, four each

Ctg soccer CHITTAGONG, Nov 3: Both

the matches in the CJKP Elite Paint First Division football league at the Chittagong Stadium here today ended in draws, reports BSS. Bakolia and Agrabad

Nowjoan Club split points in a one all draw while Chittagong Port Club and City Corporation Club shared points in a goalless encounter. Bakolia took the lead in

38th minute when Swapan converted a penalty shot (1-0) Munna Sr of Nowjoan fouled Bakolia's striker Liton in the Sanser Zone and referee Nastruddin pointed to the

Defence Party in the inaugural

super league match of the Arab

Bangladesh Bank metropolis

Hockey results

Sports Reporter

2-0 with over Agrani Bank Club

in the Green Delta Second

Division hockey league yester-

for the Young Stars in the 23rd

sealed the fate of the match

between Shishu Kishore and

Udity Club, ended in a goalless

TODAY'S MATCHES

Muktijoddha KC (2pm)

Bazar (3:30 pm)

East End Green vs

Mukta Bihanga vs Rayer

day at the hockey stadium.

minute via a penalty corner.

with a fine field goal.

Young Star club registered a

Nastr scored the first goal

Two minutes later Intekhab

The other match of the day

mpions

Armanitola Juba

Sangha suffered a

shock defeat

from wild cards and lucky losers, and the remaining eight from the two-day qualifying which ended yesterday.

Among the half a dozen Bangladeshi players in the final round, Samtur Razzak is a direct entrant, Byazidur Rashid and Hira Lal the two wild cards reserved for each host nation, and Shahid Mirza who has come through the 32-man qualifiers, having won both his first and second round

matches Saturday and Sunday. The eight players who reached the final round after winning their qualifying round matches Sunday are : Shaheed Mirza (Ban) beating Layes Quasem (Ban) 6-0, 6-0; Mario Pastor (Ita) defeating Ahsanroni Azeem (Ban) 6-0, 6-2; Jeroen Heinhuis (Hol) beating Masudur Rahman (Ban) 6-0, 6-0; Nushaf Zia (Pak) beating Evert Jan Hulshof

(Hol) 6-2, 0-6, 6-3; M. Kahlid (Pak) beating M. Babu (Ban) 6-0, 6-0; John Nestel (USA) beating Lodh Badal (Ban) 7-5, 6-2; Bertant Fabrrio (Ita) beating Ahsanroni Shaheen (Ban) 6-1, 6-1; and Thomas Pablo (USA) beating Torrey

Dorsey (MAC) 6-2, 6-4. The three remaining legs of the circuit are scheduled for Rajshahi Nov 10-16, Lahore (Pakistan) 18-23 and the Masters tournament in Karachi Nov 24-30.

The Grand Slam Development Fund of the International Tennis Federation is providing the entire US 25,000 dollars prize-money on offer for all four legs with each leg offering cash awards of US 6,250

Laurence Tieleman of Italy, ranked 429 on the ATP computer, is the top seed for the Dhaka leg while Young



Md. Khalid of Pakistan moved into the main draw of the Gold Leaf ITF satellite circuit which begins today by beating Bangladesh's M. Babu 6-0, 6-0 in the second round of the qualifying tournament at the Ramna Tennis Complex yesterday. - Star photo

VDP paddlers shock champs

Sports Reporter

table tennis league yesterday at

their challenge with a convinc-

ing 3-0 sets win over Azimpur

Ansars kept their hoper alive

with a nerve- wracking 3-2

sets win over Wari Club.

Title-aspirants Bangladesh

BTMC also scored a 3-1 sets

Eight teams who finished

first and second in the prelim-

inary robin league from four

groups are taking part in the

super league which began yes-

WOMEN'S TT

Ansars, Village Defence Party

and Lalmatia Club recorded

easy wins in their respective

inaugural matches of the AB

Bank women's table tennis

league yesterday at the same

scored identical 3-0 sets wins

Ansars, VDP and Lalmatta

Meanwhile, Bangladesh

over Armanitola

VDP prevailed by 3-2 sets

Last year's runners- up

the National Coaching Centre.

over Armanitota.

gainst Village Bangladesh Biman stepped up

Young Stars.

victory

Juniors.

Men-Kwon of the United States is the number 16th seed with an ATP ranking of 1116.

Five players who had been given direct entry for the Dhaka leg failed to turn up and their places have been taken by five qualifiers by drawing

Players will earn circuit points on the basis of their performances with a first round loser ensured one circuit point. At the end of the third leg in Lahore the top 24 circuit point earners will go on to play the Masters tournament in Karacht.

Performances in the Masters meet will determine the conversion of the circuit points into ATP computer points, on a pre-determined ratio, thus enabling a player to obtain or enhance his ranking as a professional.

The men's doubles event will be a main draw event comprising 16 teams of who 15 shall qualify on the basis of their computer rankings while the remaining berth will be filled by a wild card.

Peter Malik of India is the tournament referee while Laurens De Wals of the Netherlands is the chair umpire.

TICKET RATES

Season tickets for the VIP enclosure cost Taka 300 and the daily tickets Taka 50. The datly gallery tickets are priced at Taka 10.

SA, Kenya agree on cricket tours

NAIROBI, Nov 3: South Africa and Kenya have agreed plans for exchange visits by cricket teams from both countries, the first since Kenya's independence in 1963, cricket officials said on Saturday, reports Reuter.

A four-man delegation from the United Cricket Board of South Africa, including its managing director Ali Bacher, met Kenya Cricket Association officials for talks during a stopover on their way home from

Bacher said both countries agreed to organise friendly matches and any South African national sides passing through Kenya would try to play matches there.

South Africa were given the green light last month to take part in the World Cup in Australia and New Zealand next year after two decades of isolation from international competition. They have since been invited to tour India and Pakistan.

Alderman is back

PERTH, Australia, Nov 3: Australia's champion swing bowler Terry Alderman showed here Saturday that he will be in peak form for the first Test against India in Brisbane at the end of the month, reports AFP.

Returning to the first class scene after being sidelined with a right ankle injury, the 35-year-old veteran performed impressively to take 3-75 from 26 overs for Western Australia in the Sheffield Shield match against New South Wales at the Waca ground.

The Western Australian Captain Geoff Marsh who is Allan Border's deputy in the Test side, said, "It was a really beautiful effort by Terry - a perfect example for all aspiring young fast bowlers."

D. VENGSARKAR Srikkanth, 32, missed

Indm's last two test series in New Zealand and England in 1990 because of poor form after leading the team on at our of Pakistan the previous

The right-handed opener, whose attractive strokeplay

TORONTO. Nov

Indies strolled to

Saturday against a

victory

Rest

World XI in an exhibition lim-

ited-over cricket game, re-

Indies won with four wickets

to spare, scoring 240 for six

after a slow and cautious start

against the early bowling on-

slaught of England's Norman

Cowans and Pakistan's Salim

from the captaincy of the West

Indies this year, enjoyed the

novelty of playing against his

old teammates for the World

XI but did little to distinguish

himself, bowling an expensive

two and a half overs for 33

runs and scoring a diffident 23

before being bowled by Carl

wickets and scoring his side's

cult for the Rest of the World

after they lost the toss and

were put into bat on a fast but

true artificial pitch before a

crowd of nearly 19,000 in the

Skydome, an indoor stadium

more often used for baseball

highest total of 69 runs.

It was Hooper taking three

Scoring always looked diffi-

Viv Richards, who retired

Set a target of 237 the West

ports Reuter.

Jaffer.

Hooper.

The West

Indian squad for Down Under delighted Australian fans on two tours in 1985 and 1986, replaces Woorkert Raman in the 16-member squad for the four-month tour starting on November 15.

Thomas Pablo of the United States on way to qualifying for the ITF satellite circuit main draw

Srikkanth, Vengsarkar recalled

by beating Torrey Dorsey of Macao yesterday at the Ramna Tennis Complex.

Dashing

opener Krish

Srikkanth has

been recalled to

the indian

cricket team for the upcoming

tour of Australia and the World

Cup, it was announced Sunday,

reports AFP.

The Indian selectors have also omitted middle-order batsman Vinod Kambli and leg spinner Antl Kumble from the team that played in last month's Wills Trophy tournament in Sharjah, which Pakistan won defeating India.

Veteran batsman Dilip Vengsarkar and newcomers Praveen Amre and Sourav Ganguly will bolster a deep bat-

Azhar retains his job

NEW DELHI, Nov 3: The Indian cricket selectors on Saturday named Mohammad Azharuddin as captain for the tour of Australia starting later this month and for next year's World Cup, reports Reuter.

Chandapa Nagraj, Secretary of the Board of Control fo Cricket in India (BCCI), said "Azharuddin's choice was unanimous and no other names were proposed..."

Windies beat World XI

Hooper b Bishop

A. Jones c Dujon

c Dujon b Simmons

Arthurton b Simmons

V. Richards b Hooper

Arthurton b Simmons

Ambrose b Benjamin

Richardson b Hooper

Extras (b4 lb-10 w-8

D. Vengsarkar c

N. Fairbrother c

D. Patel b Hooper

D. Singh c

Benjamin

Richardson b

R. Ratnayake c

N. Cowans c

S. Jaffer not out

b Benjamin

M. Greatbatch

ting live-up that also includes Mohammad skipper Azharuddin, Sanjay Manjrekar and teenage prodigy Sachin Tendulkar.

- Star photo

With just two spinners in all-rounder Ravi Shastri and fellow left-armer Venkatapathy Raju, India is banking on a seam attack.



K. SRIKKANTH

Kapti Dev, Test cricket's third highest wicket-taker with 376 victims, leads the bowling department which includes two debutants, Javagai Srinath and Subroto Banerjee. India's 14 for the World

Cup, beginning in Australia and

Lambert c Greatbatch

b Jaffer

b Jaffer

Richardson c

Ratnayake

b Ratnayake

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Dujon not out

b Cowans

Total

Greatbatch b Singh

Lara c Houghton b

Hooper c Jaffer

Arthurton c Singh

Extras (2-lb, 15-w,

Fall of Wickets: 1-5; 2-26;

Did not bat: I. Bishop, W.

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3-95; 4-150; 5-218; 6-219.

Benjamin, C. Ambrose.

Captain), Navjot Siddhu, Krishnamachari Srikanth Sanjay Manjrekar, Sachin Tendulkar, Dilip Vengsarkar, Praveen Amre, Sourav Gansuly, Kapil Dev, Manoj Prabhakar, Javagal Srinath, Subreto Banerjee, Kiran More and Chndrakant Pandit (wicketkeepers), Venkatapathy Raju. Manager : Ranbir Singh

Mahendra : cricket manager : Abbas Ali Baig. Springboks to

play 3 one-dayers in India

JOHANNESBURG, Nov 3: A South African cricket team will travel to India this week for its first officially sanctioned international matches in 21 years, officials announced

Sunday, reports AP. The United Cricket Board of South Africa said a 14-man team would be named Monday and would leave later this week for India, where it will play three one-day matches. The first match would be in Calcutta, but the dates and the other venues were not an-

nounced. The board also said it would host a visit by Pakistani squad

in January. South Africa was readmitted by the International Cricket Council this year after being ousted in 1970 because of its apartheid policies. The South Africans also have been invited

to World Cup set for February and March. There have been several boycott-busting cricket tours of South Africa in the past two decades. The most recent was last year's British squad led by Mike Gatting. However, the tour was called off after several matches due to the constant

Nagraj said the squad for the four-month tour would be selected today.

protests by anti apartheid ac-

0 45 India will play five Tests 0 33 against Australia. Men-of-the-match: Carl The World Cup, hosted

jointly by Australia South Africa's last officially

sanctioned international matches were at home against Australia in 1970.

Run glut at the Gabba



PARIS, Nov 3: Forget reached the final of the Paris Open late Saturday when he defeated Swede Jonas

unseeded Svensson in straight sets and nobody was happier than Pete Sampras - the man he will play in today, reports AFP. Sampras almost certainly

clinched his place in the American team for the Davis Cup final against France in Lyon later this month when he recovered from the shakiest of starts to beat compatriot Michael Chang 2-6, 6-4, 6-3, in the day's first semifinal.

Then Forget, who will be France's number-one singles player, delighted the packed and Partisan Bercy Stadium crod by edging past unsceded Jonas Syensson of Sweden 7-5, 6-4 in the second, and that was just what Sampras wanted.

"I hoped I would get to play Forget in the final on Sunday," he admitted, adding "I will feel a whole lot better about playing in the Davis Cup final if I am picked after playing him in the final here."

Sampras 20, who last year became the youngest-ever winner of the United States Open is being strongly tipped as the most likely candidate to fill the second singles spot alongside Andre Agassi in the United States team following

an excellent week's work in the French capital.

formances in which he outplayed Soviet opponents Andrei Cherkasov and Alexander Volkov and tamed the fast serving Croatian Goran Ivanisevic. Sampras struggled badly against Chang.

In the opening set he made

For Sampras had been beaten by the Chinese American in all five of their previous ATP tournament encounters.

worse when Sampras dropped service for the second time four games later to concede the set. But he pulled himself

be patent, he said afterwards. In that first set I was trying to rush my shots and I told myself to case up and put more balls in play.

The change of tactics worked.

But after near faultless per-

a series of unforced errors overhitting the lines and netting groundstrokes. And when he double faulted for only the third time since the start of the tournament last Monday and dropped his serve in the fourth game, it looked as though the old Chang Jinkx had struck him again.

Things went from bad to

Against Chang you need to

Sampras at last broke the accurate but hardly awesome Chang serve in the very first game of the second set but he had to worked hard to stay clear. He was lucky to survive a break point in the sixth game when Chang, who was till running down just about everything being fired at him, sent a backhand booming inches over the baseline.

Zoom Express,

Swamibagh TTS, and Victoria

TODAY'S MATCHES

Men's Super League:

Seven teams are taking part

Armanitola Jubo Sangha vs

Bangladesh Biman vs Village

Armanitola Juniors vs Wari

Bangladesh Ansars vs BTMC.

Bangladesh Ansars vs

Village Defence Party vs

Victoria Sporting Club vs

Kusuma's title

Budi Kusuma of Indonesia won

the men's singles title for the

second time in the Thai Open

badminton championships

when he beat defending

champion Sompol Kukasemkit

of Thailand 14-17, 15-1, 15-

10 here Saturday, reports AFP.

BANGKOK, Nov 3: Alan

Sporting respectively.

on a single league basis.

Azimpur Young Star.

Women's league:

Dhaka Marines's Club.

Swamibagh TTS.

Zoom Express.

Defence Party.

In the third set Sampras took charge. He piled on the pressure, putting greater depth on his groundstrokes and serving with increasing authority. Once he was 3-1 clear he opened his shoulders and began to accelerate away. He clinched his victory by breaking Chang again in the game.

Chang, 19 and the youngest player ever to win the French Open title two years ago, was disappointed but not dismayed at the defeat.

"I think I am a much better player now than I was when I won the French. I haven't won a title this year but I have had a good solid year reaching a lot of quarter and semifinals."

"Pete wasn't there at the start today and I made the most of it but he came back

The left-handed Forget, 26 and the winner of five tournaments. In 1991, held and sqaundered a 2-0 lead in both sets breaking Svensson's

opening service games only to immediately drop his own. But he responded to the support of one of the rowdiest crowds in tennis and stuck to his task a beit nervously.

A rehearsal for Forget, Sampras His finishing was not always what it should have been, but he eventually broke his opponent for the fourth and final time in the ninth game of the second set to serve for the match. And at 40-30 he made no mistakes - hammering down his 42nd ace of the tournament.

Sampras and Forget have met twice before. Sampras beat the Frenchmane in the 1990 Key Biscayne tournament 6-1, 6-3 - but Forget defeated the American 2-6, 7-6, 6-4 at Cincinnati this year.

If Sampras Davis Cup selection now looks almost certain, the American team captain Tom Gorman may have second thoughts about who will play the doubles.

Ken Flach and Robert Seguso had looked the likely choice after they beat the experienced French line-up of Yannick Noah and Henri Leconte in the quarter-final.

But on Saturday they went down to unseeded Kelly Jones and Rick Leach. Jones and Leach reached the final by snatching an exciting 5-7, 7-6 (8/6), 7-5 victory and they now play top seeds John Fitzgerald of Australia and Anders Jarryd of Sweden. Jarryd and Fitzgerald, the

winners here two years ago

beat sixth seeds Patrick

Galabraith and Todd Witsken

of the United States 6-3, 6-3.

Scoreboard in the limited-

over exhibition cricket match between the West Indies and a Rest of the World XI on Saturday: D. Houghton c

Bowling: Fall of wickets 1-11; 2-30; 3-39; 4-85; 5-171; 6-174; 7-182; 8-230; 9-236; 10-237 Ratnavake Bowling: Ambrose 0 44 0 Patel 19 Bishop Richards 36 Benjamin Simmons Hooper for West Indies, Dilip Arthurton Vengsarkar for Rest of the Hooper Richardson Result: West Indies won by West Indies: four wickets. Simmons e Richards

BRISBANE, Nov

tch, venue here

for this month's

first cricket Test

against India, has

yielded 1,083 runs for 12

Sheffield Shield match,

timate day, south Australia was

495 for seven in its first in-

nings in reply to Queensland's

588 for five declared.

At the close on the penul-

Mohammad Azharuddin's

Indian tourist open the first of

were being fuelled by an un-

broken sixth wicket partner-

reports AFP.

3: The Gabba pi-

Total: 237 (in 46 overs)

games. Three wickets fell with only 39 on the board and it was left to India's Dilip Vengasarkar to produce his side's only innings of substance, earning him the World XI's man-of-the-match wickets in three days of the Queensland-South Australia

He knocked up 63, including a stand of 85 with England's Neil Fairbrother, before being caught at deep cover point by Keith Arthurton as he tried to drive a ball from Phil Simmons. New Zealand's Dipak Patel

scored a lively 27 after surviving an easy chance off the sectheir five Tests against ond ball he faced, which Gus Australia here on November Logie fumbled in the gully. Winston Benjamin, Phil Símmons and Hooper shared

Skipper Jamie Siddons with 149 and Tim Nielsen, unthe West Indies bowling beaten on 59, kept South honours, with three wickets Australia on courses for first apiece, but captain Richie innings points in a run feast. Richardson took himself off Test paceman Craig McDerafter a single over which cost mott was best of the bowlers 17 runs, including two sixes with 4-122 off 35 oyers. and a four. In Melbourne, Tasmania was in dogged pursuit of

SCOREBOARD

ship of 146 between Jamie Cox (68) and Danny Buckingham (70). Tasmania at the close of the third day was 308 for five with a day to play.

Scores:

Queensland 558 for five declared vs South Australia 495 for seven (J. Siddons 149, T. Nielsen 59: C. McDermott 4-122) Victoria 434 for eight declared vs Tasmania 308 for five (D. Buckingham 70, J. Cox 68: S. O' Donnell 2-50.

An earlier report said: Australian captain Allan Border hit 196, his highest score for Queensland, as the South Australian bowlers continued to be put to the sword at the Gabba on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Test teammate Dean Jones outscored Border in Melbourne. His unbeaten 243 for Victoria against Tasmania was the fifth double century of his career and equalled his best score for the state side.

Jones, 122 not out overnight, carried Victoria to 434 Victoria's 434 for eight defor eight declared. He batted clared first innings in another for almost nine hours, faced high-scoring Shield encounter. 433 deliveries and struck 23 The apple islanders' hopes

fours. Tasmania were 68 for two in reply at the close of the

Border's 196, out of a massive 588 for five declared, was his first century for Queensland since the corresponding match against South Australia in the 1989-90 summer. It beat his previous best score by When he was eventually run

out, Border had hit 24 fours and two sixes in his 253- ball knock. An unbroken third-wicket

stand of 140 between opener Martin Faull (50) and Jamie Siddons (69) carried South Australia to 169 for two at the

WAUGH TWINS SHINE

The Waugh twins, Steve and Mark, put on 98 in just 76 minutes as New South Wales reached 252 for five in reply to Western Australia's 294 at the Waca. Steve hit 115 and Mark an

Swedish soccer

unbeaten 76.

.STOCKHOLM, Nov 3 : IFK

Gothenburg won the Swedish Football Cup on Saturday beating AlK Stockholm 3-2 after extra time, reports AFP.