



President Abdur Rahman Biswas seen with the recipients of the Bangladesh Sports Writers' Association awards at the ceremony held at the Engineers' Institution auditorium yesterday. —Star photo

SAF Games soccer schedule

The football fixture of the 5th South Asian Federation (SAF) Games to be held in Sri Lanka capital Colombo has been finalised, reports UNB. According to a message received in Dhaka yesterday, Bangladesh, India and Pakistan are placed in the same group while Nepal, the Maldives and hosts Sri Lanka in another group. Bhutan will not participate in the SAF Games football competition. Bangladesh will play their first match against Pakistan on December 24 and take on India December 26. All the football matches will be played at the Sugathadasa Stadium in Colombo. In the other matches, hosts Sri Lanka will face Nepal in the opening match on December 22. India and Pakistan will meet each other in the second match of the day. The Maldives will take on Nepal on December 24 while Sri Lanka will play against the Maldives on December 26. The final match will be held on December 29 while the third place play-off on December 28.

BSWA awards presented

The annual awards ceremony of the Bangladesh Sports Writers' Association '91 was held yesterday afternoon at the Engineers' Institution auditorium. President Abdur Rahman Biswas graced the occasion as chief guest and gave away trophies and certificates to the sports persons selected by the BSWA for their outstanding performances in various disciplines for the years 1989-90. State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadeq Hossain attended the function as a special guest. Speaking on the occasion President Abdur Rahman Biswas stressed the need for organising sports at grass-roots level for its sound development. The President said a sportsman can bring laurels for the nation and help establish the national identity in the international arena. Presided by BSWA president M Ziaul Hoque, the function was also addressed by its acting General Secretary Mahmood Hossain Khan Dulal and national cricketer Minhazul Abedin Nannu who spoke on behalf of the awardees. State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadeq Hossain said a new sports policy would be prepared soon after discussions with all concerned quarters. The recipients of the BSWA awards for 1989 are: Football: M Monem Munna; Cricket: Minhazul Abedin Nannu; Hockey: Walul Islam Nasim; Swimming: Mukhlesur Rahman; Athletics: Shahauddin Chowdhury and Firoza Khatoon; Chess: Ziaur Rahman and Syeda Shabana Parveen Nipa. Organiser: Bazul Rahman (posthumous) and Jalaluddin Ahmed; Patron: Nirman International; Coach: Wajed Gazi (football); Referee: Ataul

MSC leave for Qatar today

A 21-member football team of the Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club leaves today for Doha, Qatar, to participate in the final round of the eleventh Asian Club Cup championship, beginning there on December 12, reports BSS. The team comprises 17 players and four officials. Shahjahan Kabir will be the leader of the team. Monirul Huq Chowdhury, MP, who was due to lead the team, expressed his inability to go owing to personal preoccupations. Tamvir Haider will be the team manager with Nasser Hejazi as the coach and Kalkobad as his deputy. The players of the team are: Sayeed Hassan Kanan, Kazi Emramul Bashar Tuhin, Kaiser Hamid, Imtiaz Sultan Johnny, Ahsanullah Montu, Abul Hossain, Jewel Rana, Mahbub Hossain Roxy, Saiful Bari Tito, Imtiaz Ahmed Naqib, Reazuddin Biswas, Chandan Kumar Acharya, Syed Rumman bin-Walji Shabbir, Joarder Tariqul Islam Pappu, Syeduzzaman Shamim, Ayaz Khan and Misanur Rahman. Mohammedan Sporting Club will take on Al-Sabah Club of the United Arab Emirates in their opening match on December 12. They will play Port Authority of Thailand on December 14 and Al-Rayan Club of Qatar on December 16 in their last group match.

Suhrawardy Cup results

Seventeen teams reached the zonal semifinals at the end of the second day of national youth football championship for the Suhrawardy Cup at different venues across the country. Another team, Comilla, reached the final of their zonal competition yesterday. Faridpur, Sherpur, Chittagong, Panchagarh, Rajshahi, Jhenidah and Chuadanga DSAs are the seven teams to have made it to the zonal semis. Faridpur DSA yesterday got the better of Munshiganj at Narshingdi by 5-4 goals in tie-breaker after the two teams were locked at 3-3 at the end of the stipulated time. At Netrakona, Sherpur DSA beat Rajbari by a lone goal. Babul slotted the match-winner. Chittagong DSA overcame Chandpur 5-3 in the tie-breaker at Habiganj after a 2-2 stalemate during the scheduled time. Murad's goal helped Panchagarh DSA to outplay Rangpur at Kurigram. Rajshahi DSA made short work of Sirajganj at Gaibandha, winning by a 3-0 margin with goals from Alam and Nurul Alam. Hosts Jhenidah romped home 4-0 against Borguna. Shahzada notched the first hat-trick of the tournament for Jhenidah. Tushar scored the other goal to complete the tally. Chuadanga got a walk-over against Narail DSA to reach the zonal semi final. Meanwhile, Comilla DSA reached the zonal final of the tournament when they blanked Sunamganj DSA 4-0 at the Brahmanbaria Stadium. Monir, Shyamol, Mustafa and Anik scored for the winners. Comilla will play against the winners of the match between Sylhet and hosts Brahmanbaria in the zonal final on December 11.

Bangladesh in Pool 5

Bangladesh has been placed in Pool Five of the Asian zone for the qualifying tournament for World Cup soccer 1994. According to the groupings announced by FIFA, the governing body of world soccer on the eve of the draw for the 1994 World Cup in New York on Saturday, Bangladesh has been grouped with Pakistan, India, Indonesia and Burma in Group Five. Twenty-nine Asian countries including Bangladesh are competing for the '94 Cup which has received a record entry of 144 nations. These 29 Asian teams have been divided into six groups with the group winners playing in the second round. The top two teams will represent Asia in the finals to be held in the United States in the summer of 1994. Unlike in previous tournaments, FIFA has decided to do away with the regional quota system for Asia under which South Korea played in Italia-90 from the Southeast and Far East Asian region and the United Arab Emirates qualified for the finals from the West Asian (Middle Eastern) region. Despite tremendous pressure, especially from Africa who have been allotted an extra berth in the finals, doubling it from the previous one which went to Cameroon in 1990, FIFA has refused to reduce Asia's representation for 1994. The poor showings by both the South Koreans, who had also played in the 1986 finals in Mexico, and the UAE gave rise to severe criticisms from certain quarters who had called for keeping only one slot for Asia in the finals.

Karpov to visit India

NEW DELHI, Dec 8: Former world chess champion Anatoly Karpov of the Soviet Union will visit India next Autumn for a series of exhibition matches, P T Umer Koya, secretary of the All India Chess Federation (AICF), said in Bombay on Saturday, reports Xinhua. Local press reports said that the secretary made the announcement while talking to reporters after he returned home from the 62nd conference of the World Chess Federation (FIDE) at Berlin. World champion Garry Kasparov and world women's champion Xie Jun of China have also expressed their desire to visit India, Koya said, adding that the AICF has extended invitation to both of them.

Bout cancelled

TOKYO, Dec 8: World Boxing Council bantamweight champion Joichiro Tatsuyoshi of Japan must undergo eye surgery and has cancelled his first title defence scheduled for February against fifth-ranked Lee Young-hon of South Korea, his manager said Sunday, reports AP.

More records fall in inter-Services meet

Three more records were set on the second day of the inter-Services athletic meet at the Bangladesh Army Stadium yesterday, says an ISPR release. Lnk Gholam Ambia of the Army bettered the inter-Services record in the 200 m sprint taking 21.30 seconds, which is equal to the national record in the event. The previous inter-Services record in the event was 21.50 seconds. Lnk Bani Amin bettered the meet record in the long jump clearing a distance of 7.09 metres. The existing record was 7.02 metres. Nk Md Gias Uddin set another meet record in the 400m taking 48.00 seconds. The previous record was 48.85 seconds. Others who won gold medals in the events finalised yesterday were Lnk Md Abdul

Pak selector slams BCCP

KARACHI, Dec 8: Pakistan's national cricket selector Salahuddin Ahmed criticised cricket authorities here Sunday for their alleged violations in the selection of the team to play the visiting Sri Lankans, reports AFP. In a letter to the Additional Secretary of the Board of Cricket Control for Pakistan (BCCP) Ahmed declined to attend Tuesday's meeting for selectors. "There is no point in sitting there as a mute member, required to rubber-stamp the decision already taken by others without consulting me," Ahmed said. "The probabilities were also picked up without our knowledge," he added. BCCP secretary, Shahid Rafi and Pakistan skipper Imran Khan and manager Intekhab Alam have been criticised.

Becker defaults EC final

ANTWERP, Belgium, Dec 8: Boris Becker, suffering from a virus, withdrew from the final of the European Community Championship on Sunday, enabling American Aaron Krickstein to win the title without having to hit a ball, reports AP. Becker was suffering from a stomach virus and dizziness since Saturday, when he beat Ivan Lendl in straight sets in the semifinals. Krickstein got dms 250,000 from the dms 1.1 million purse in the exhibition event. The ailing Becker received dms 160,000. JU cricket Sports Reporter In an exciting match of the inter-department cricket tournament at the Jahangirnagar University held yesterday at the Mir Mosharraf Hossain Hall play ground, the Department of Government and Politics Beat Statistics Department by only ten runs.

Shastri sends Aussies on a spin

PERTH, Dec 8: Indian vice-captain Ravi Shastri produced his finest bowling performance in 136 one-day internationals to lead his side to a crushing 107-run victory over Australia in a World Series clash here today, reports AFP. With a stiff south-westerly breeze at his back, the 31-year-old left-arm spinner mesmerised the Australian middle and lower order to capture a remarkable 5-15 from 6.5 skilfully flighted overs at the WACA Ground. A crowd of 12,446 was stunned as Australia fell like a pack of cards for 101 in 37.5 overs — its second lowest score in the 12-year competition. The home nation's only worse performance was its 70 against New Zealand in Adelaide in the 1985-86 season. Australia was chasing India's 7-208 made in its full quota of 50 overs. India's convincing display takes it to the top of the three-nation ladder after the first two games in the competition. With three points, it leads the West Indies (one) and Australia (nil). Shastri was brought on by Indian captain Mohammad Azharuddin in the 26th over in a bold move with Australia 5-69. The tactic was an almost instant success, with Shastri removing Steve Waugh (caught and bowled for five) with the fourth ball of his second over. He proceeded to trap Ian Healy (three) in his fourth over and Peter Taylor (six) in his sixth before polishing off the innings with the scalps of Simon O'Donnell (10) and Craig McDermott (five). Shastri's opportunity to decimate the Australian underbelly had been created by the pace quartet of Kapil Dev (1-5), Manoj Prabhakar (1-19), Jawaahar Srinath (2-24) and Subroto Banerjee (1-26). As in the pulsating tied game with the West Indies two days earlier, the fast bowlers

operated with fire and purpose, using the vigorous off-shore breeze to destructive effect. It was Prabhakar who set Australia back on its heels with the wicket of opener David Boon (one) in the third over, with Australia 1-3. And when Kapil Dev bowled Dean Jones, considered the world's best one-day batsman, in the seventh over, Australia was 2-6 and facing and uphill fight. Jones made one.

India's much improved exhibition with the bat was built on a solid foundation by Shastri and Srikanth, who collected 49 runs in the opening 16 overs in 62 minutes. While Shastri defended dourly to keep out the Australian pace attack, Srikanth unfurled some ambitious shots in a heartening return to form. When Shastri fell to Waugh, the fourth bowler used by the host nation, for 10 runs from his 68-ball vigil, Srikanth had made 29. He went on to finish with a 60-ball 60, with eight thundering fours, before being third man out with India an excellent 3-95 in the 26th over. Sachin Tendulkar (36 from 65 balls, with three boundaries), Praveen Amre (33 from 53 balls, once boundary and Kapil Dev 25 not out, 37 balls, one boundary) made valuable contributions to the Indian cause. Waugh made an auspicious return to Australian ranks, claiming 3-46 from 10 overs.

Then Banerjee removed Marsh, whose departure was followed quickly by the dismissals of Border (32) and giant right-hander Tom Moody (Seven), both by Srinath. The Indian fielding was sharp and many excellent catches were held. The Indian performance was tarnished to a small degree by its failure to hold two sharp chances early in the innings. Border was dropped twice at 14 by wicketkeeper Kiran More and Sanjay Manjrekar. But More still had a note worthy game, holding three catches and achieving a fine stumping to send Healy on his way. The two blemishes were smothered by the euphoria of a victory given an even more intense flavour when Krish Srikanth was awarded the 500 Australian dollar (400 US)

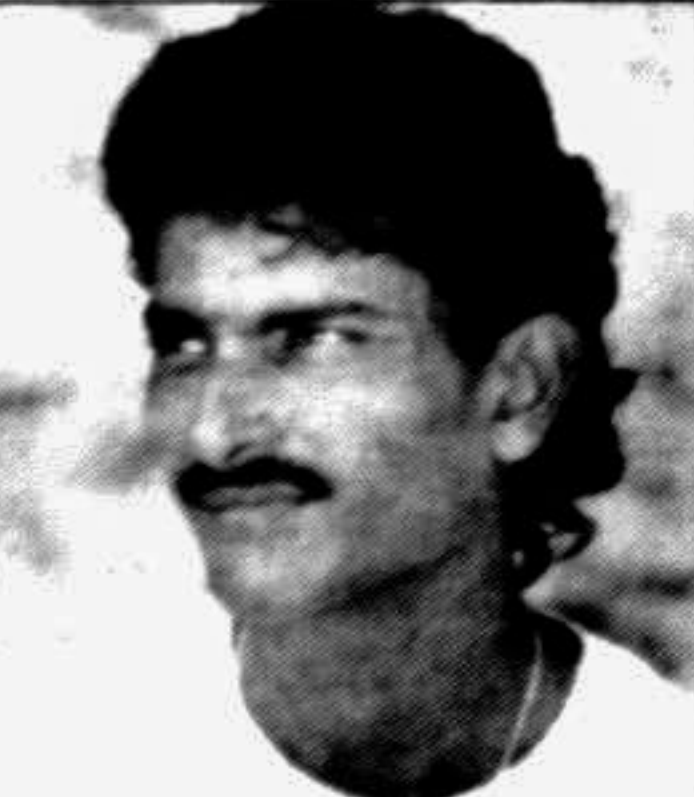
man-of-the-match award for his swashbuckling 60 in India's innings. India will travel to Hobart, in the island state of Tasmania, with heads held high in readiness for its next clash with Australia in the competition on Tuesday.

Scorecard of the World Series Cup game between India and Australia at the WACA Ground here today. India Shastri c Jones b Waugh 10 Srikanth c Moody b Waugh 60 Manjrekar run out 2 Tendulkar c Taylor b Moody 36 Azharuddin c Healy b Moody 6 Amre c Jones b McDermott 33 Kapil Dev not out 25 Prabhakar lbw Waugh 2 Banerjee not out 26 Extras (lb, 10lb, 16w, 1nb) 28 Total (7 wkts) 208 Fall of wickets: 1-49; 2-64; 3-95; 4-112; 5-158; 6-183; 7-193.

Scoreboard of the first day of the three-day cricket match between Sri Lanka and the Pakistan Cricket Control Board (BCCP) President's XI on Saturday. Sri Lanka: First innings: R Mahanama c Bilal Ahmed b Nazir 37 C Hathurusinghe b Ataur Rahman 29 A Gurusinha run out 69 A De Silva not out 1 A Ranatunga lbw b Tanvir Mehdi 1 S Jayasuriya c Tanvir Mehdi b Ataur Rahman 11 H Tilkeratne b Ataur Rahman 13 C Ramanayake c Inzamamul Haq b Nazir 13 D Anurastr not out 7 Extras (lb-7 nb-1 w-1): 9 Total (for seven wickets, declared): 222 Fall of wickets: 1-36; 2-101; 3-104; 4-107; 5-122; 6-164; 7-206. Did not bat: K Wijegunawardena, P Wickremasinghe. Bowling: O M R W Ataur Rahman 18 4 53 3 Tanvir Mehdi 17 4 57 1 Athar Laiq 9 1 35 0 Umar Rashid 8 3 16 0 Nadim Nazir 15 2 54 2

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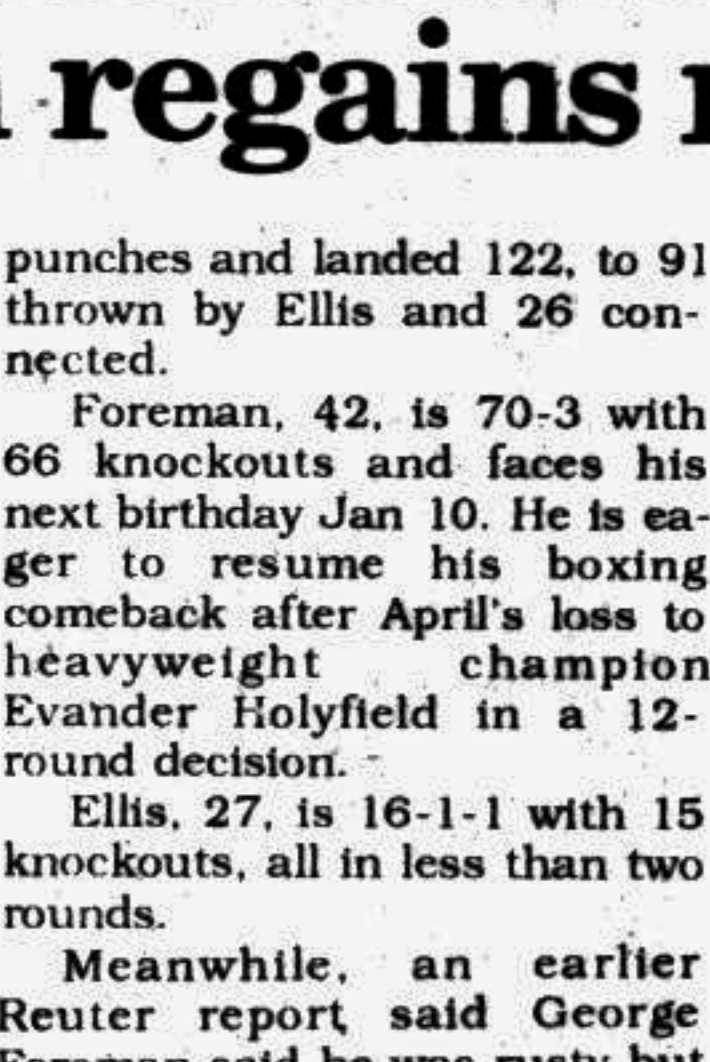
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Points table showing World series table (played, won, lost, tied, points) for India, West Indies, and Australia.

Sri Lankans take a slender lead

KARACHI, Dec 8: Sri Lanka were 45 for one in their second innings at the close of the second day of the three-day match against the Pakistan Cricket Control Board (BCCP) President's XI today, reports Reuter. Scores: Sri Lanka 222 for seven declared and 45 for one. BCCP President's XI 221 for eight declared. An earlier report said: Skipper Aravinda De Silva scored a polished unbeaten 69 to prop up the Sri Lankan innings on the first day of their opening tour match against the Pakistan Cricket Control Board President's XI on Saturday. De Silva led a spirited recovery after their touring team had stumbled from 101 for one to 122 for five. They lost opener Roshan Mahanama for a patient 37 scored off 93 balls, Asanka Gurusinha, run out for 33, Arjuna Ranatunga for one and Sanath Jayasuriya for 11. De Silva played the medium pace of Ataur Rahman, the

most successful of the home bowlers with three for 53, and spinner Nadim Nazir with an authority which none of his teammates could match. Aravinda De Silva The Sri Lankan captain eventually declared his side's first innings at 222 for seven. The President's XI replied with 26 for no wicket by the close.



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Foreman regains morale at Ellis' cost

RENO, N v Dec 8: George Foreman continued his improbable three round Saturday night stop previously unbeaten Jimmy Ellis, reports AP. Ellis was badly hurt early in the second round of the scheduled 10-round fight and appeared nearly out on his feet as the bell rang, hanging on to Foreman following a pounding of rights and lefts to the head and body. Foreman threw, 173 punches and landed 122, to 91 thrown by Ellis and 26 connected. Foreman, 42, is 70-3 with 66 knockouts and faces his next birthday Jan 10. He is eager to resume his boxing comeback after April's loss to heavyweight champion Evander Holyfield in a 12-round decision. Ellis, 27, is 16-1-1 with 15 knockouts, all in less than two rounds. Meanwhile, an earlier Reuter report said George Foreman said he was rusty but

he could afford to be, against a stationary and slow Jimmy Ellis whom he battered into a third round defeat on Saturday. Foreman was hitting the hapless Ellis almost at will and several times in the fight stepped back, waiting for the referee to stop the scheduled 10-round fight or for Ellis to fall down. Finally referee Richard Steele stepped into stop the slaughter and ended the fight at one minute and 36 seconds of the third round. From the opening bell, it

appeared to be only a matter of time before Foreman disposed of the former professional football players. Foreman quickly got through Ellis' porous defence to cut him on the bridge of the nose late in the first round. Midway through the second round, Foreman buckled Ellis' knees with a hard, if ponderous, left hook. The former Oakland raider hung on as Foreman continued to pound him and looked at the referee to stop the fight.

Germans shine despite doubts

Barcelona Olympics. A few days after 20 former East German coaches released the debate in an interview with the London Times newspaper. Ender was quoted as saying she might have been doped against her knowledge. Former East German coaches attending the Gelsenkirchen meeting said the accusations were a matter concerning the sports doctors of the time. But Manfred Thiesmann, head coach of the German men's squad, said the whole debate was a burden on the German team, who are expected to figure highly in Barcelona. "Virtually every major sporting occasion in Germany seems to be overshadowed by doping at the moment," Thiesmann, a West German, said. "It is hindering our preparations in so far as every time we want to pick a coach there is a debate over whether he can be taken on or not.... This



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whole thing is going to go on until after the Olympics and beyond." Former Czechoslovak Josef Hladky claimed the first German title when he won the men's 100 metres individual medley in 55.28 seconds. Teammate Simone Osygus won the women's 50 freestyle in 25.04 seconds. Peggy Hartung led a German medal sweep in the women's 50 breaststroke in 31.61 second and the men's 4X50 freestyle relay triumphed in one minute 28.27 seconds. Ender, winner of four gold medals and a silver at the 1976 Montreal Olympics, said she could have been secretly doped by her coaches after receiving injections during training and competition. But former East German coach Volker Frischke said the trainers were not responsible for such matters. This

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