# Zakaria grounds MSC

Sports Reporter



Just about when South Africa sent shock waves in Down Under by toppling Australia, the favourites for the 1992

World Cup. Bangladesh Biman pulled off an astonishing victory over title-aspirants and highly fancied Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club in the curtain raiser of this year's Navana Premier Division super league at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

The foudroyant, when considered in the backdrop of the hardships and uncertainties that the airline team had to



ZAKARIA ..... brilliant ton

undergo about its somewhat fortunate passage into the super league phase, was made possible by brilliant batsmanship by young Zakaria and skipper Shanu.

It was almost time for Zakaria, the talented number three bastman of whom Ashok Malhotra, the captain of the CAB cricket team that visited Bangladesh recently spoke so highly, to substantiate the claim of his potential and there could not have been a better opportunity to do that He was the undisputed architect of the upset but highly creditable victory of last year's runners-up yesterday. In the absence of regular one-drop batsman Selim Shahed who is currently away in South Africa to play and coach there under a scholarship of the Cricket Control Board of that country. Zakaria batted superbly to write the six-wicket victory script of his side with an innings of 111, embellished with eleven boundaries. He played 122 balls to compile the seventh century in this year's league. Shahnawaz Shaheed Shanu, the skipper of the Biman team that had hardly anytime to recover from the scars and scratches of the lastditch play-off battle to scramble in the six-team super league, remained at the kill with a highly commendable innings of 63, punctuated with just three hits to the fence. Enamul Huq Moni threw his bat around to score a quick 21 off 17 balls with the help of a sixer to help Biman cross the Mohammedan total of 222 with just two balls to spare.

Earlier put into bat. Mohammedans scored 222 for eight wickets from their quota of 45 overs.

Skipper Minhazul Abedin Nannu shone in a grey welkin of poor scores with 65 off 66 balls. Mainly pushing and nudging here and there for ones and twos. Nannu struck only three fours during his 82minute tenure at the wicket.

Rafiqui Alam, who has been batting with a vengeance this year, made only 28 with a six and a four. Azhar Hossain Shantoo made 26. His namesake Anwarul Amin Azhar, the seasoned off-spinner, used his guiles and experience to emerge as the best Biman bowler with figures of two for

#### RELEGATION LEAGUE

In the Navana relegation league match Gulshan Youth Club cantered past Rupali Bank by seven wickets at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

Bank batted first to notch 98 in 40 overs. Skipper Khokon was the only batsman to reach the double figures with 37. Gulshan skipper Rupam took three for six runs.

Gulshan made light of the challenge by overhauling the Bank total in 29.5 overs. Opener Mamun remained unbeaten with 35 as Gulshan made 98 for three wickets.

#### TODAY'S MATCHES

Abahani vs GMCC (Super Lcague, Dhaka Stadium) Surja Tarun vs Wari (Relegation League, DCS)

# Abahani swamp Adamjee

Sports Reporter



Chakra upheld their rating as team in this

win in vesterday's Star First Division football league at the Mirpur Stadium. They humbled Adamjee Sports Club in the second match of the day by a flattering margin of 5-1

The defending champions, who are yet to drop a point, were kept at the bay till the 41st minute of the match by

the spirited Adamjee players. But Mamun Joarder's cool placement that flummoxed the Adamtee custodian Narayan took the fight out of them and the flood gates really opened in the second half with the Abahani forwards running all

over Adamtec. Abahani led the first half with Rumi following up with another goal a minute after Mamun had scored the first

Gaus scored two goals in

Abahani Krira most tuned powerful year's league with another big

scored the 149th of his career and 98th goal for Abahani as he cashed in on a faulty backpass by an Adamjee defender. Badshah got Adamice's consolation seconds from the final whistle.

the post-lemon session to

make it 4-0, but failed to

complete his hattrick as Aslam

In the first match. Arambagh KS descated

'Wanderers Club by two goals to Shimul scored for

Arambagh to give the winners a one-nil first half advantage. Mosharraf, who was shown the red card, the eight in this year's league, drew level for Wanderers. But Sunny of Arambagh converted a penalty to ensure full points for his

TODAY'S MATCHES

Wari vs BJMC (3 pm). Mohammedans vs Farashganj (5 pm).

## Nat'l cycling

Sports Reporter

The 17th national cycling championships and the inau gural national junior cycling championships will start on Saturday next, Feb 29 at the Rajarbagh Police Lines ground, says a press release. The three-day long meet.

which will be inaugurated by Minister for Law and Justice Mirza Golam Haftz, will conclude on March 2.

The Inspector General of Police M Enamul Haque will attend the concluding ceremonies on March 2.

## Hockey veteran K Yousuf dead

Sports Reporter

Khwaja Yousuf Reza, a celebrated hockey player of yesteryears who later turned a national hockey coach died of old-age complications on Tuesday night, says a press re-

Born on May 1, 1922 in Dhaka. Khwaja Yousuf Reza played for the different clubs in the local First Division hockey league until 1962 and led the erstwhile East Pakistan team as captain.

He also received the National Award in recognition of his services to the country's hockey.

The Bangladesh Hockey Federation yesterday condoled the sad demise of Khwaja Yousuf Reza.

Meanwhile, the National Sports Council also expressed shock at the death of the former national coach and conveyed sympathies to his be-reaved family.

## Abahani, Mariners march on

Sports Reporter

Abahant Krira Chakra and Dhaka Mariner Young's Club won their respective matches in the Green Delta First Division hockey league yester-

In the first match of the day at the Hockey Stadium, reigning champions Abahani Krira Chakra chalked up their tenth consecutive victory in this year's league with a comfortable 4-1 victory against

Bachelor Sporting Club In a match that produced five field goals. Abahani's Fazal scored twice while Alamgir and Akhtar scored one each.

Bachelor's Ishaq pulled back one for the losers five minutes before the final whis-

Mariner Young's Club, another unbeaten side in this year's league, came back from behind to defeat minnows Sadharan Bima Krira Sangstha in the second match of the

Murad scored a field goal in the 10th minute to put Bima

Mariner's Jamil Parvez Lulu converted a penalty stroke to restore parity in the 26th minute. Lulu was on target again in the 59th minute, scoring a field goal to take Mariners ahead.

Biaka Lussat sealed the fate of the match four minutes later with a field goal.

TODAY'S MATCHES

against Alam and Rony respec-Mohammedan SC vs tively in the boys under 16 Victoria SC (1.45 pm) Railway vs Ansars (3.15 pm)



14th Champion's Trophy hockey tournament on Feb 25 in Karachi. Defending tournament champion Germany beat Holland 2-0.

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Germans dash

Dutch hopes

holders Germany put world

champions the Netherlands

out of the running for the final

of the 14th Champion's Trophy

hockey tournament with 2-0

victory here Tuesday, reports

champions, have six points

from four matches with just

one defeat. So have the Asian

champions. Pakistan and the

two of their four matches, to

Australian and Germany and

can now only hope for a

bronze medal. Their coach.

Hans Jorrisma, has the proud

record of having won a medal

at every tournament in which

their way back into the lime-

light Tuesday by beating

France 5-2 and need to beat

the Netherlands tomorrow to

have a chance of playing off for

N'ganj cricket

Sports Reporter

(Green) won a three wicket

victory over Chanda Sporting

Club in the A K M

Shamsuzzoha Memorial First

Division cricket league orga-

nized by the Narayanganj

District Sports Association at

the Osmany Stadium yesterday.

Japan Cup judo

from tomorrow

Sports Reporter

Cup judo competition under

the joint aegis of the

Bangladesh Judo and Karate

Federation and the Japanese

embassy in Dhaka gets under-

way at the National Sports

Coaching Centre tomorrow,

Forests and Environment

Gayeshwar Roy will declare the

meet open at 10 in the morn-

ing while the Japanese

Ambassador to Bangladesh

Toshio Saiki will attend as a

Chowdhury will distribute

prizes among the winners on

the concluding day February

Nissan tennis

Sports Reporter

Ruman, Sami, Ram Kumar

(India), Amit (India) and Dilip

entered the quarter-finals of

the men's singles event in the

5th Nissan Cup Tennis tour-

nament at Guishan Club yes-

The men's singles and dou-

In the boys' under-12 sin-

Faiyaz and Arjun will play

bles quarter-finals and the

boys' singles semi-finals will be

gles, Rahat Kamal will play

against Hira Babu and Rumi

Hira Lai, Maroof, Shibu Lai,

Home Minister Abdul Matin

special guest.

played today.

against Babu Lal.

The State Minister for

The two-day tenth Japan

according to a press release.

Narayanganj Cricket Club

third or fourth place.

But Britain suddenly fought

he has coached the Dutch.

The Netherlands have lost

Oceanic champions, Australia.

Germany, the European

KARACHI. Feb 26: Title

# Seles sails as Navratilova opts out



Evert Cup Tuesday while her main rival, Martina Navratilova, dropped out because of the flu. reports AP.

Seles was hoping to meet Navratilova, the defending champion and second seed, in the finals. Last year, Navratilova beat Seles in the finals.

"I was very disappointed that Martina is out," Seles said. "But when you travel as much as we do. it doesn't give you much time to recover when you're sick."

With Navratilova out, the other women making up the top five won their second round matches. They all had first-round byes.

Third-seed Conchita Martinez of Spain defeated Stephanie Rehe, 6-4, 7-6(7-3). The No 4 seed . Katerina Maleeva of Bulgaria, beat Jessica Emmons, 6-2, 6-0, and No 5 Nathalie Tauziat of France swept past Canada's Rene Alter, 6-1, 6-2.

Navratilova, who recently broke Chris Evert's record for tournament titles, was slated to play Kathy Rinaldi on Tuesday, she was replaced against Rinaldi by Victoria Milvidskaia of the Common wealth of Independent States. Rinaldi beat Milvidskaia 6-

4. 7-5 to advance to the third round.

got to Los Angeless Saturday night and I came here Sunday and I had a scratchy throat," Navratilova said. "Then it got worse last night. I couldn't breathe and my nose was dripping. The L A crud is what I call it."

This screws up my sched ule." Navratilova said. "I don't have that many options. I'll have to make it up in the fall it Europe. I get one freebie a year. If it happens again, I get

Navratilova, 35, has won

"He needs to develop confi

That is what Burrell is con-

Since losing the world

world title to training partner

Carl Lewis in Tokyo last sum-

mer, Burrell has focused on

adjusting his approach to the

has said Holyfield can defend

against the boxer of his choice

given night, Larry Holmes can

put it all together. He's not

someone we're taking lightly

Think of what George Foreman

SA athletes look

JOHANNESBURG, Feb 26: A

high-level International Ama

showed that one night."

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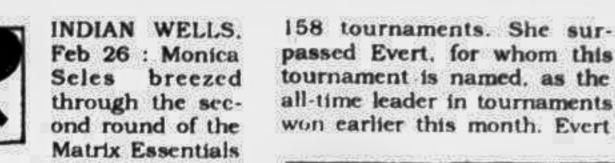
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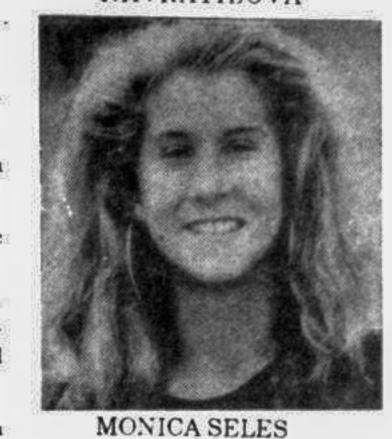
Games."

100 and 200.

# 158 tournaments. She sur-



NAVRATILOVA



won 157 tournaments before she retired.

Seles dominated her 56 minute match with Elna Reinach of South Africa, beating her 6-1, 6-1 with blistering shots from the baseline.

The toughest part came in the final game of the first set when the women when to deuce seven times before Seles broke her opponent. Scles was also threatened in

the final game of the match

when they went to deuce four times. Seles was able to pull it

out when Reinach hit a backhand into the net. This court is different then when I practised. I was not

hitting the ball too well. I was tight," Seles said. Seles said she would try not to let Navratilova's withdrawal

take her concentration away in matches this week. "If I get to the final, it would make it easier if Martina's not there. But the

matches can get tough, and I don't want to start thinking about the finals now. I have been lucky not to lose early in a tournament for a long time, and I want to keep it going." Seles said.

Navratilova said she was returning to her home in Aspen, Colorado, to recover.

## Becker, McEnroe post easy wins.

ROTTERDAM, Netherlands, Feb 26: Borts Becker of Germany and American John McEnroe each had straight set wins Tuesday to advance to the second round of the dirs 525,000 ABN AMRO World Tennis Tournament, reports

Becker, ranked No. 4 in the world and seeded second here, had little difficulty disposing of Dutchman Michiel Schapers 6-3, 6-1.

McEnroe, seeded six, produced a powerful serve-andvolley game to overwhelm Mark Koevermans, also of the Netherlands, 6-3, 6-2. Earlier, France's Henri

Leconte retired from his match against McEnroe's younger brother. Patrick, during the first set tiebreaker.

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office

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# CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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teur Athletics Federation (IAAF) delegation has indicated the organisation will readmit South Africa in time for the Barcelona Olympics, sports of ficials said today, reports Reuter.

They have virtually given us

## 8 share lead in nat'l jr chess

Sports Reporter

Eight players, each with full points, are leading the table after the end of the third round yesterday in the 13th national juntor chess championship now being played at the NSC chess room.

They are Fide Master Ziaur Rahman, Fide Master Rifat Bin-Sattar, the current national champion, Ruhul Kabii Shiplu, Fide Master Jahangii Ahmed, Hanif, Kalam, Fallab and Toycbur Rahman.

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CRYPTOQUIP

the green light," said Sam | IGDIGAM WGXME'I XRFQI

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GQ YFFIM MRSI. Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THE CAROUSEL REPAIR-MAN PROMISED TO COME AROUND.

#### Today's Cryptoquip clue: X equals K

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to

25 Fishing 41 Opera lures 12 Restore to scrap help him outdoors," Burrell 26 Hindu 7 Young admitted. "But he hasn't beaten some of the top runners at 100 42 Spend the plant queen consistently. The guys who run 27 Tater 14 Lonely 8 Landed fast over 100 metres will be 29 Indian fish? property 47 — fixe the ones in the Olympic 31 Personal 15 Ballpark 48 Hired, as 9 "Cheers follower a lawyer quespatron tion? centrating on; he plans to 16 Weight 49 Semester 10 Olive shoot for Olympic gold in the 33 Favor-50 Theater allowance genus able 11 Hardens 17 Bomb that 51 Chaplin 13 Soiled opinion bombed record in the 100 and the 34 Serbian 18 Stage spot prop 36 Noted offerings DOWN 19 Took the 20 Henri's 1 Mine bus essayist 20 Word 37 Legal headgear output 23 Coaginstru-Solution time: 25 min. MAIL DASH TAB 38 Conceal ment 24 Harem ONCE NORMBOB rooms IRKS 25 Pitchers feeder NNEMAZE MESS throw I C E A B O VASSAR MARCIA them ALIMB YEARN 28 Totem HOORAY CAROLS 29 Suppose FAZERRAMBLEAK 30 Psych SEMI org. FIRHAIL 32 "Journeys I DO EDDY SOOT

Yesterday's answer 8-26

# set for Barcelona

8-26

KMEMR'Q QUAZQ MRFDAZ,

locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

#### in May or June and then fight signed but the money had been could be the next end in agreed. He would make no his mandatory defence after old timer that, Duva said. comment on what the financial climb into Duva defended the comering for another terms were. backing Holmes as a legitimate shot at his old heavyweight He said a meeting on opponent for Holyfield, who title as negotiations heated up Wednesday with representaretained his title last year with tives of Caesars Palace, the Las on Tuesday for a match against reigning champion Evander a bruising 12 round decision Vegas hotel where the fight over 43 year old George Holyfield, reports Reuter. would take place, and TVKO, who would televise it on a pay Dan Duva, Holyfield's pro-"Larry Holmes has the motiper view basis, could "wrap moter, and Holmes' represenvation. He has it now. By beat tative Bob Arum were in the things up The fight date remained to ing Mercer he made that midst of negotiations for a be settled but Main Event clear," she said. "He'll only be better against Holyfield than favoured June 8 while TVKO preferred June 19, Main Event he was against Mercer." spokesman Mike Boorman "On the right night, any

June date, according to Kathy Duva of Main Event. "Dan's meeting with Arum right now. There's no deal yet but we're trying to make a

deal," the spokeswoman said. Kathy Duva said 18 million dollars for Holyfield and seven million for Holmes were "ball

park" figures being discussed. She said Holmes, a 42-year old grandfather who upset contender Ray Mercer two weeks ago, loomed as a logical opponent for Holyfield since the World Boxing Council has retained Mike Tyson as its number one contender pend ing an appeal of his rape con-

Holyfield's manager, Shelly Finkel, said the fight would be announced on Wednesday or Thursday. "In the next day or two we will all be together and we will make a formal an

DC Kabaddi on

Two matches of the first

Dhaka Deputy Commissioner's kabaddi tournament were decided yesterday, the opening day of the meet, at the Outer Stadium kabaddı court. In the first match, Jhatika Samaj Kallyan Sangha outplayed Bangladesh Bank by 53

points to 25 while Maniknagar

Unnayan Samity trounced

Bangladesh Boys 42-24 in the other match of the day. TODAY'S MATCHES Azad Sporting vs Jatrabari Faruk Smriti Sangsad (5 pm)

**Gajaria** Jano Kallyan Samity

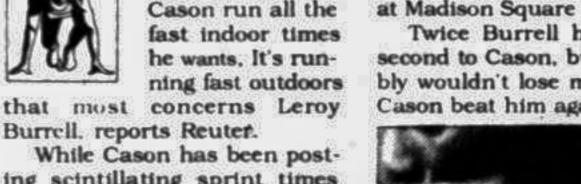
vs Young Star Club (6.30 pm)

#### at Madison Square Garden. Twice Burrell has finished second to Cason, but he probably wouldn't lose much sleep th Cason beat him again in the fi-

Olympic gold is Burrell's priority

on Friday at the USA-mobil

track and field championships



ing scintillating sprint times this winter, setting two world records at 60 metres. Burrell has been taking it slowly as he prepares for the Barcelona Olympics. "In an Olympic year, starting off slow doesn't bother me", said Burrell, the former

100 metres world record

holder, in a conference call

this week from his home in Houston, Texas. "I know what I can do.

when the time comes, I'll run well in the 100. Not winning in January shouldn't concern Burrell will match up

against fellow-American Cason

for the third time this season

LEROY BURRELL

nal Grand Prix meeting of the "Obviously he's in good shape now", said Burrell, who took

laxed." Burrell said. "My

strength as a runner has been my explosiveness. To run fast

in the 100, you need to be more fluid and relaxed. I'm working on toning down my start a bit ... That way I can try to reach top speed in the 100.

### two weeks off before the start of the season to protect a sore left hamstring. Holmes-Holyfield bout on anvil

nouncement," he said. Finkel

said no contracts had been

A source close to the nego-

Duva said that until Tyson's

tiations said Holyfield would be

paid 20 million dollars and

situation is finalised it would

not make sense for Holyfield to

take on leading contenders

such as Riddick Bowe or

of those guys and find out you

have to fight them again for a

defence owed to the WBC".

Duva explained. "And they will

not allow anyone else (besides Tyson) in their top 10 to light

him as mandatory challenger."

In the meantime, the WBC

Women's handball

Sports Reporter

on the opening day of the

eighth national women's hand-

ball competition at Munshiganj

Stadium yesterday, says a press

Munshiganj 8-5, BJMC de-

feated Rangpur 21-5, Ansars

beat Munshiganj 35-9, Dhaka

beat Barisal 11-5 and BJMC

part. The teams are

Munshiganj, Dhaka, Barisal,

Rangpur, Jessore, Bangladesh

Seven teams are taking

beat Jessore 22-2.

Ansar and BJMC.

Barisal beat hosts

Five matches were decided

"You don't want to fight one

"Holyfield has a mandatory

Donovan "Razor" Ruddock.

mandatory," she said.

Holmes 12 million.