

A refreshing goal rush ended the holiday hush as Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club and

Sadharan Bima Krira Sangstha won their respective matches on the first day of the resumption of the First Division football league at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Title-aspirants Mohammedans, looking recharged and relaxed after a well-deserved rest on account of Eid-ul-Fitr. demolished Muktijoddha Krira Sangsad by five goals to nil with their prized footballer Rumman Bin-Walt Shabbir scoring the second hattrick of the current season.

However, Shabbir was not the best player for the blackand-whites on the day: the two Russians, Rahimov and Nabikov, were in devastating form and their attacking. imaginative football left the Mukti boys gasping for breath. The stocky, powerfully-built Rahtmov smeared his mercurial display with some uncalled for show of tempers at the fag end of the match and only some poor supervision by referee Sheikh Badruddin allowed him to get away with only a yellow card.

Nabikov freed Shabbir inside the box in the 22nd minute of the first half with a lovely pass and the diminutive forward found the net with an angled, powerpacked grounder from inside the box with all the time in the world (1-0).

Last year's runners-up, who made their intentions clear early when a long-range drive by Johnny was tipped over the bar by Mukti custodian Pannu, got the second goal in a wee bit surprising manner 14 minutes later when Rahimov's sweetly-timed sudden 22yarder cannoned into the net with the goalie frozen under the bar (2-0).

With the second goal scored with such ease and elan. Muktijoddha read the writing on the wall quickly and from then on Mohammedans' absolute control was never in doubt.

Nabikov, who really excelled in distribution last night, advanced another defence-splitting through five minutes before the short whistle and Nakib, who re-

Bagan in semis

CALCUTTA, Apr 10

Defending champions Mohun

Bagan have romped into the

semifinals of the seventh All

Airlines Gold Cup football

tournament defeating Titanium

2-1 while BSF prevailed over

Royal Nepal Airlines by an

identical margin here yester-

their group matches with

three points after being held

to a 1-1 draw by arch rivals

East Bengal in their opening

group match. Titanium now

require to win their next

match against East Bengal to

Mohammedan Sporting and

BSF shared two points leaving

Royal Nepal Airlines with an

uphill task of defeating

Mohammedan Sporting in

their last league match today

each group will qualify for the

semifinals to be played on

April 12 while the final is

Edberg, Courier

reach semis

seeds Stefan Edberg and Jim

Courier, vying for the world

number one ranking, advanced

to the semifinals of the 1.19

militon US dollar Japan Open

tennis championships on

the Association of Tennis

Professionals (ATP) number

one ranking from Edberg on

February 10 but held it for less

than six weeks before the

could regain the number one

spot with just one more victory

here, even if Edberg goes on to

In Friday's first quarter-final

match, the second seeded

Courier took nearly two hours

to oust Israel's Amos Mansdorf.

pretty well and I just won the

key points. That was really dif-

ference," said Courier, the

fourth straight Japan Open ti-

his semifinal berth, beating

seventh-seeded American Brad

Bakhrabad Gas

tennis begins

Bakhrabad Gas tennis tourna-

ment began at the tennis com-

sources Minister Dr. Khon-

augurated the competition.

plex here today, reports BSS.

COMILLA. Apr 10: The

Energy and Mineral Re-

Gilbert 4-6, 6-2, 6-3.

Edberg, bidding for his

Australian Open champton.

I think both of us played

seeded eighth, 7-6, 6-4.

win this Hardcourt tourna-

ATP officials said Courter

American Courier snatched

Friday, reports Reuter.

Swede reclatmed tt.

TOKYO. Apr 10: Top two

The two top teams from

to stay in the competition.

slated for April 15.

In the other group, both

remain in the reckoning.

Mohun Bagan completed

placed an off-colour Roxy collected an almost regulation goal by neatly evading the

charging goalkeeper (3-0). Mohammedans, clearly enjoying their best form of the season so far, started the second half in the same vein and Shabbir scored a spectacular goal twelve minutes into the post-lemon session when he

raced down the right flank and

Shabbir after Pannu had par ried it, and the ball entered the net off Shabbir's body with the player appearing a little plunged into pleasant surprise (5-0)

Rahimov of Mohammedans and Ikram Rana and Mizan of Muktijoddha were shown the yellow cards for rough play Rahimov, perhaps nettled by the painful tackles reacted in remain at 14 from 13 matches. BIMA WIN

In the first match of the day. Sadharan Bima Krira Sangstha collected two vital points outplaying Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation by two goals to ntl. Bima, who now have ten points from 13 matches, led the first half one-

Jahangir, who hailed the



Mohammedans' Russian star Rahimov (L) charges towards the Muktijoddha goal in yesterday evening's First Division soccer match at the Dhaka Stadium. MSC won 5-0. -Star photo

then unleashed a thunderous shot that was too hot to be arrested by the outstretched hands of Pannu (4-0). Rahimov and Nabikov had done the spadework.

Muktijoddha launched one of their rare offensives shortly after this when a defence lapse allowed Riaz to take a shot at the Mohammedan goal but Kanan blocked it and when Shaheed hammered the rebounder towards the open post Shamim, the Mohammedan defender, emerged from nowhere to kick away and rob Muktis of a certain goal.

The close shave served as a shot in the arm for the blackand-whites who had relaxed the vice-like grip for a while and the effervescent Shabbir scored his hattrick in the 20th minute. Nabikov pushed a freekick to an unmarked Rahimov, who rifled a fullblooded shot at goal; the ball travelled to an unmarked

an ugly manner, kicking a Mukti player quite unnecessarfly, but he escaped the red



as the canny Mohammedan officials took

him off in time. Mohammedans, who have dropped three points so far, increased their collection after yesterday's win to 23 off 13

the sixteenth minute of the second half when he nodded home a fine lob from the right much to the dismay of the Jute-men or, rather, one should say, boys, as all of their players are from the Bangladesh Krira Shikhsha Protishthan — a national organisation to lick the talented young sportsmen into shape.

dules in the 23rd minute of

the first half, scored again in

The defeat left BJMC in the lurch in the literal sense as they look inexorably destined for relegation with just two points from 13 matches.

A minute's stlence was observed before the start of the match as a mark of respect to the memory of eminent sports personality Md Shahjahan who passed away on April 7.

TODAY'S MATCHES Rahmatganj vs Wanderers

Brothers vs BRTC (8 pm)

# Borzov feels 9.8 secs is the limit

matches while Mukujoddha



Apr. 10 - Only doping will allow sprinters to brcak the 9.8 barrier

for 100 metres, according to Ukrainian former track star Valery Borzov, reports Reuter. ·"I do not believe a sprinter

can go below 9.8 without drugs," said Borzov, the 1972 Olympic gold medallist for 100 and 200 metres.

"I'm sure 9.8 seconds is the final measure of human ability," he added.

Borzov, one of only a handful of men to achieve an Olympic sprint double, was recalling Ben Johnson's winning time of 9.79 in the 1988 Seoul Olympic final. The Canadian was later disqualified for using anabolic steroids.

"Johnson's case proved it is only possible through in creased power, but that level of power can only be reached through the use of drugs," the 42-year-old Borzov said.

was doped. I know now that this is the only way it can be

"It was very important to understand the specific areas in which performance could be



VALERY BORZOV

improved. Now we know that it can't be done through new running the precise scientific approach he brought to his own sprint

frequency", he said, echoing

Borzov believed that Johnson, because of the blaz ing power of his start, effectively had the Seoul final won in the first three strides.

Now Minister for Sport and president of the Ukrainian National Olympic Committee. he was speaking after a visit by Juan Antonio Samaranch, pres ident of the International Olympic Committee.

Ukraine will compete in the Barcelona Olympics as part of the joint team representing the 11 republics of the Com monwealth of Independent States (CIS) and Georgia. Borzov said it was too early

to say whether American Carl Lewis's 100 metres world record of 9.86 seconds would be beaten in Barcelona. "We won't know that until a

week before the Olympics when we've seen the results of the pre-Games races."

### "Never mind that Johnson techniques or increased stride



always admired Steffi Graf's game On Thursday, she

thought that respect cost her a chance to upset the top seed in the Bausch and Lomb Championships, reports AP.

Graf advanced to the quarterfinals of the dirs 350,000 clay-crout tournament with a 6-2, 6-2 victory over Schultz in a match that was closer than indicated by the final score.

The top seed broke Shcultz in the sixth game to go up 4-2 in each set, then didn't have much difficulty finishing off her opponent from The

The match lasted one hour. although Schultz, a semifinalist in last week's Hilton Head, S.C. tournament, felt the outcome might have been different if chances. " Schultz said after her first career meeting with Graf, who will play No 7 seed Leila Meskhi in the quarterfi-

"I was excited to play her, maybe a little too excited. I look up to her a lot because she has a similar game to mine," Schultz added. "I thought she would hit a lot more winners with her forehand. But she missed a lot. I think maybe next time I'll

have a chance. Graf, No 2 in the world. continues to experiment with changes to her game that she hopes will help her regain the top ranking. She wasn't happy. with her play in a secondround victory over Silke Meier. but felt better after beating Schultz.

things got a lot easier," said Graf, who liked everything about her performance except the way she hit her forehand down the line. "I tried to use it on some tough points," she said, em-

she's going to improve. "That's the only think I can say wasn't working. Second seed and defending

phasizing that she can't be

afraid to make mistakes if

champion Gabriela Sabatini produced a convincing 6-0, 6-3 win over American Kathy Rinaldi.

Joining the top two in the quarter-finals were third seed Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, who safled past Argentine Incs Gorrochategui 6-0, 6-2, and forth seed Conchita Martinez, who bounced 11th-seeded

## Becker's Spanish jinx continues



10: Top seed Boris Becker crashed out of the Spanish Open tournatennis ment on Thursday, beaten in

BARCELONA, Apr

old Spaniard Jordi Burillo. reports Reuter. · Burillo, ranked 230th in the

world, won 1-6, 7-6, 6-4, in a match suspended because of rain after just three points had been played on Wednesday

daker Mosharraf Hossain in-'It's like a dream - Becker has always been my idol," said Burillo," I still don't know how I managed to beat him.

Becker complained he had not had much practice on slow clay courts but added: "He played very well today and it's fair that he won."

Becker's defeat maintained the dismal showing of leading players in a tournament which had already seen the departure of the third, fourth and sixth seeds. Emilio Sanchez of Spain, Karel Novacek of Cezchoslovakia and American Andre Agassi.

The powerful German cruised through the first set 61 but lost his touch and then his self-control on the rainslowed court, allowing Burillo to work to a deserved victory.

"The first set took just 20 minutes and I thought the rest of the match would go the same way," Becker said.

February

Toronto on May 29.

ceived a report from the DLV.

"Jordi was very nervous at the beginning and he missed a lot. But then he picked up in the second set and he was a completely new player."

Becker's record on the Barcelona courts, particularly against Spaniards, is not a

## Walk-overs mar youth cricket

Sports Reporter

The Straj memorial 12th national youth cricket championship got underway yesterday at various venues across the country

Six matches at six venues were scheduled for yesterday but Bangladesh Cricket Control Board, the organisers of the tournament, could come up with only three results till the filing of this report late last night.

At Tangail, Narayangant DSA cantered past Manikgani DSA by four wickets.

Electing to bat, Manikgani were all out for 156 in 39.4

Sultan got 32, Khokon 30 and Shantanu 23 for Manikgani Tito with four wickets for 29 was the most successful bowler for Narayanganj while

Mona with three lent able sup-In reply. Narayanganj made 159 for six wickets in 35

Biddyut top scored with 63 while Topu got 22 and Tito 20 for Narayangant

Shantanu took three wick cts while Masud bagged two for Mantkgant.

Narayangan) will now take on the winners of the match between Sherpur and Faridpur in the zonal semifinals scheduled for April 14.

At Thakurgaon, Rangpur got a walk-over against Naogaon. Rangpur will meet the winners of Nilphamari and Dinajpur in the zonal semifinals on April

At Pabna, Thakurgaon received another walk-over against Natore. Thakurgaon will now clash with the victors of the tie between Kurigram and Bogra in the zonal semifinals, also on April 14.

Six more matches are scheduled for today

Forty-two district sports associations - split into six different zones - are taking part in the first phase of the tournament which is expected to be completed by April 16.

The final round of the meet will be held in Dhaka from April 19 to 23.

The six zonal champions and the defending champions Dhaka DSA and the 11th championship runners-up BKSP will play in the final round

### Wessels hints at changes for today's game

PORT OF SPAIN. Apr 10 South African cricket captain Kepler Wessels said on Thursday there would be changes to the team for Saturday's second one-day international against West Indies, reports Reuter.

Beaten by 107 runs in the first match in Kingston on Tuesday, South Africa plan to give all members of the 14man squad a chance to stake a claim to play in next week's Test match in Barbados, their first for 22 years. 'I'd say there will definitely

be changes because we have to keep the Test in mind," said Wessels. "Guys under consideration have to be given a run." The South Africans finally

arrived in Trinidad after being forced to re-land at Kingston airport following a minor safety alert soon after take-off.

Along with the West Indies team, booked on the same flight, they suffered a two-hour

## happy with DLV ruling on Krabbe

LONDON, Apr 10 : The clearing of double world sprint champion Katrin Krabbe of dope charges is a major blow to the fight against drugs, says a top International Amateur Athletic Federation official, reports AFP.

Krabbe, the 100m and 200m champion, along with fellow German sprinters Grit Breuer and Silke Moellar, won their appeal on Sunday against United States. a four-year ban for allegedly manipulating a dope test while training in South Africa.

IAAF general secretary istvan Gyulai said here on Thursday that "Sport won some good points with the nis and sports foundation. (Ben) Johnson case and now Ashe has been an activist in the whole anti-doping light promoting tennis for Blacks. seems to be receiving some big shocks, some big blows." Krabbe's lawyers convinced

the legal commission of the German Athletics Federation [DLV] there had been a number or irregularities surroundthat it would cost a family ing the tests carried out last 50,000 dollars to develop a young tennis player. Gyulaí said the DLV decision

would be considered at the AAF's next Council meeting in The Council can then refer

the case to its own arbitration committee, who could decide to enforce the original suspen-The IAAF has not yet re-

Ashe said he will now join

# DU, Biman post big wins

Sports Reporter

Jewel with two wickets for 32 was the pick of the Chapainawabgani attack while Rubel and Milon took a wicket

Rawnakul Islam

Tutul of Dhaka

University and

veteran Ahmed

Igbal Bachchu

and Enamul Hug

Mont of Bangladesh Biman

played remarkable knocks for

the victory of their respective

sides in the ten-team final

round of the Gold Leaf national

cricket championship that

Dhaka University registered a

huge 130-run victory over

Chapainawabganj DSA at the

Dhaka Stadium while the zonal

runners-up Bangladesh Biman

outplayed Rajshahi DSA by 91

runs at the Dhanmondi Cricket

take on Sylhet in the quarter-

finals to be held on April 13

while Biman will clash with

Khulna in another quarterfinal

Dhaka University skipper

Faruk Ahmed, who also cap-

tained, Abahani Krira Chakra in

the recently concluded Navana

Premier Division league, won

the toss and made the first use

of the pitch his side collecting

a reasonable 219 for six wick-

ets in the stipulated 45 overs

great guns with the willow and

produced some fine strokes.

But nerves robbed him of what

would have been a well-de-

served century, the batsman

from Bogra succumbing on 99.

made off 122 balls, a knock

that included half a dozen

Selim Shahed, who re

turned last month from South

Africa after completing a play

ing scholarship, too, was

rather unlucky not to get his

50. He was run out on 49 made

with the help of three fours,

while Faruk made 21 off 36

Tutul, the DU opener, went

At the Dhaka Stadium.

tie tomorrow.

boundaries

deliveries.

Dhaka University will now

Dhaka zonal champions

began in the city yesterday.

in reply, facing a daunting challenge, the Nawabgant boys soon lost heart and were dismissed for a paltry 89 in only 34 overs.

Mithu with 26 and Jewel



with 24 not out were the notable scorers for Nawabganj

Suppl took three wickets and Joy Dev two while Shabbir. Rupam, Shovon and Selim Shahed claimed one wicket each to seal the fate of the match At the Dhanmondt Cricket

Stadium sent into bat. Independence Day Cricket champtons Bangladesh Biman piled up a handsome 235 for the loss of six wickets in their 45 overs, thanks to Bachchu, Mont and skipper Shahnewaz Bachchu scored a patient

66 off 95 balls with the help of

stx fours while Shanu made 42

off 57 delivertes. Some good slogging was needed to accelerate Biman's run rate and Moni, as usual, responded to the situation by making a whirl wind 49 off just 37 deliveries, an innings embellished with a six and four

Zakaria also got 38 to make Biman's total a sizeable one. David took two wickets while Tartk, Gens and Dola got

one aptece for Rajshahi. The tight Biman bowling, particularly Monf's accuracy allowed Rajshahi very little lib erty and their batsmen could muster only 144 for nine wickets when their overs ran

Litu topscored with 42 while Moti made 22 for Rajshahi.

Shanu waited a long while before bringing left arm spinner Mont into the attack, per haps wishing to spare his fellow batsmen from Rajshahi the embarassment of a paltry total But once Moni started bowling. he scythed through the Rajshaht innings, claiming four wickets for only a dozen runs off his nine overs.

Rafiq and Azhar with two wickets each and Pial with another lent Moni able support.

Earlier in the morning. Health and Family Welfare Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yousuf formally inaugu rated the finals at the Dhaka Stadium as chief guest.

Managing Director of the Bangladesh Tobacco Company. sponsors of the tournament. and Bangladesh Cricket Control Board officials were also present.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Mymensingh vs Chittagong

### (Dhaka Stadium) Bartsal vs Dhaka (DCS)

### Windies expect better showing from the South Africans South Africa are likely to team had been completely PORT-OF-SPAIN



Trinidad, Apr 10: The West Indies expect their next two one-day internationals aga inst South Africa to be much

closer than their 107-run victory in the first in Kinston on Tuesday, reports AFP. West Indies' team manager.

David Holford, said on

Thursday: "We won that one pretty easily on a good batting pitch. But we know the pitch in Trinidad is usually more difficult for batting on and I expect

Holford a former West Indies Test all-rounder, was a relieved man going into the last two one-day internationals at the Queen's Par Oval here this weekend.

we will see two closer games

Tuesday's win will 'go a long way to restoring self-confidence" that had been absent in recent World Cup performances, he said. The team is a transitional

one and it hasn't yet got used to winning. This was a good start.

South African coach Mike Procter acknowledged that his outplayed in Tuesday's match. But his men were new to West Indies conditions and would take a little time to acclimatise, he said

I would expect us to im-



MEYRICK PRINGLE

prove appreciably the more practice we have," he said. "But we knew when we came here that we would have a tough job against the West Indies on their home territory".

make team changes for Saturday's match. The omission of Meyrick

Pringle on Tuesday was surprising, the swing bowler having been man of the match when the sides met last month in the World Cup in New He took four wickets for 11

as South African won by 64 runs and went on to reach the semi-finals, where they lost to England.

The two teams arrived here on Wednesday night after a journey that took almost 10 hours from hotel to hotel.

Their plane was delayed for 90 minutes and they turned back shortly after take-off after a warning light on the cockpit panel lit up. A check on the ground revealed no problem and the plane took off again.

The final match of the brief tour - South Africa's first of the West Indies - is the fiveday Test in Bridgetown,

Barbados from April 18-23. The Test is South Africa's first since readmission to the International Cricket Council last July.

ing in the 1978 Grand Prix

earned more than 1.58 million

dollars and he was ranked

finished second in the 1972

US Open and also in the

He retired after triple-by-

pass heart surgery in 1979,

and was named US Davis Cup

captain. Ashe captained the US

team from 1980 to 1985 and,

with John McEnroe keying

many of the victories, saw his

teams win the Davis Cup in

1981, 1982 and reach the

Jahangir off

to London

for treatment

KARACHI, Apr 10: Jahangir

number one in the world.

Australian Open in 1971.

During his tennis career he

He won 33 titles in all. He

Masters final.

1984 final.

## A champion of the Black cause



Nelson Mandela's release from prison in 1990, reports Reuter. Ashe, 48, the world's top male tennis player in 1975 and the first Black male to win Wimbledon and the US Open,

retired from tennis in 1979. And like sports stars the world over, he continues to use his celebrity. But Ashe has not sold tennis shoes or breakfast cereals - he has fought against apartheid had tried to boost Black athletes in the

It was Ashe's vocal criticism of apartheid that led to South Africa being excluded from Davis Cup competition in As head of the Blacks' ten-

which he said can be daunting for low-income inner-city minorities. The biggest problem still is money," according to Ashe who estimated a few years ago

Blacks or minorities also suffered psychological problems from a lack of self-confi-

In 1988 Ashe wrote a three-volume history of the Black athlete in the United States called "A Hard Road to Glory.

NEW YORK. Apr forces with basketball star match, held two match points has the HIV virus, the precur-

> Ashe disclosed at an emotional news conference in New York that he had AIDS. He said he still felt healthy and he had been forced to go public by persistent press questions. The former tennis star said

he had known since 1988 that he had AIDS, probably contracted during bypass surgery on his heart in 1983, but that he had hoped to preserve his privacy and that of his wife Jeanne and daughter Camera. who are healthy and HIV-nega-

Ashe works as a tennis commentator for Home Box Office cable television, and he said he expected to be at

Wimbledon this spring. In the sports world, Ashe's finest hour was at Wimbledon in 1975, when he vanquished defending champion Jimmy Connors 6-1, 6-1, 5-7, 6-4 with a clever tactical game and an assortment of soft spin

Ashe began to play tennis at age seven in a neighbourhood park in Richmond, Virginia. His coach was Gibson

He won a tennis scholarship to the University of California at Los Angeles and won several championships before the US Open in 1968. That year he was working as

a data-processing instructor at the United States Military Academy where he was a lieutenant in the US army. Ashe also won the 1970

injury during the 1989 Austrian Open, when he had

Australian Open and was runforced him out of the Welsh ner-up at the 1971 Australian Classic and the Spanish Open. and 1972 US Opens. He won and he opted not to defend his the 1975 World Championship German Open title. tennis final and, in his last big

### Khan, the world's top squash player and 10-time winner of the British Open squash championships, left here for London on Friday to attend the event as a spectator and to get medical treatment, family

sources said, reports AFP.

Jahangir, who decided last month not to defend the title because of back pain, said he would return to the Grand Prix circuit in July or August if doctors cleared him of his lumbar spine injury. Jahangir first suffered the

to withdraw. This year the problem

### 10: Former ten- Earvin "Magic" Johnson, who on John McEnroe before losdelay, only to arrive ahead of Graf, Sabatini sail along nis star Arthur schedule at Port of Spain after sor of the killer disease, to Ashe, who anno the plane's routing was altered. fight against AIDS. unced Wednesday he had AIDS, said she had won some key points "In the beginning of the his happiest moment was not IAAF official not Fla. Apr 10: Brefirst set, it was a close match. his 1975 victory at Wimbledon nda Schultz has Once I got the first break "It was 6-2, 6-2, but I had but Black South African leader