Miandad's call

KARACHI, Apr 11: Pakistani master batsman Javed Miandad

wants World Cup organizers to

raise the number of players in

a squad from 14 to 16, the

English language Dawn re-

ported here Saturday, reports

batsman to score 1,000 runs in

World Cup matches, said rais-

ing the number would "give a

side more choice for replace-

He said he raised the idea

during the recent World Cup

in Australia and wanted

International Cricket Council

to discuss it at their next

meeting, adding most cricket

Wagar to fly to

London soon

Pakistan strike bowler Wagar

Younis will fly to London soon

for a medical to determine his

fitness for the forthcoming

tour to England, reports

retary Shahid Rafi said on

Friday the Board had sent

Wagar's medical papers to

to be sure "without any shadow

cent World Cup, which

Pakistan won, because of a

him the pain in his backhand

Rafi dismissed newspape

speculation that skipper Imran

Khan might not lead the squad

to England because of fitness

problems and that batsman

Javed Miandad might also be

Surrey replace

Wagar with SA

missing from the squad.

"subsided to a great extent."

of doubt" that Wagar was fit.

stress fracture in his back.

specialists in London.

Pakistan Cricket Board sec-

He said the Board Wanted

He was ruled out of the re-

Rafi said Wagar had told

Reuter

ISLAMABAD, Apr 11:

experts agreed with him.

ments if needed."

Miandad, 35, the second

A brilliant century by Biplab helped Faridpur trounce Sherpur by an incredible 232 runs in the Tangail zonal quarterfinals of the national youth cricket championship at Tangail yesterday.

Others who qualified for the zonal semifinals yesterday were Nilphamari, Patuakhali and

At Tangail batting first, Faridpur made a massive 261 for the loss of six wickets in 42 overs against lowly Sherpur. Biplab made an unbeaten 118 while Asad and Pappu scored 34 each.

Rahul took two wickets for Sherpur.

Facing an impossible target. the Sherpur boys soon gave up being booked for a paltry 29 runs in only 13.2 overs with none of their batsmen reaching double figures.

Suman was the most successful Faridpur bowler claiming two wickets for just four

Faridpur will now clash with Narayanganj in the zonal semifinals to be held on April

At Thakurgaon, Nilphamari recorded a single wicket victory over Dinajpur, thanks to lmtiaz's all-round perfor-Dinajpur will now take on

Rangpur in the zonal semifinals, also on April 14. Batting first, Dinajpur were

all out for 180 in 40.2 overs with Raju making 49, Saibal 37 and Rais 23. Imtiaz was the pick of the

Nilphamari bowlers claiming four wickets for 30. In reply. Nilphamari made

181 in 42.2 overs with Imtiaz again scoring a fine 51 and Babu remaining unbeaten on

At Jessore, Patuakhali recorded an impressive fourwicket victory over Meherpur.

Put into bat, Meherpur were dismissed for a poor 101 in 32.5 overs with Kalam making 16 and Saiful and Wahid 15 each.

Mizan, Nazrul and Mohi uddin bagged two wickets each for Patuakhali.

In their turn, Patuakhali made 102 for six wickets in 33 overs with Bappi scoring 29 and Kabtr 27 Kalam took two wickets for

At Pabna, Bogra got a walkover against Kurigram.

Meherpur.

Bogra will meet Thakurgaon in the zonal semifinals on April

The results of the matches at two other venues (Sylhet and Barisal) were not available till the filing of this report late last night.

# Borg feels he can do it

STOCKHOLM Apr 11: Fivetimes Wimbledon winner Bjorn Borg, preparing for the Nice Open next week, said he was considering competing in the Grand Slam events next season, reports Reuter.

He said he planned to enter seven or eight ATP tournaments, a similar number of veteran tour events and play a number of exhibitions this The crowds like me. They

want to awaken old memories and they do when they see me. Borg says in a Swedish television interview to be screened on Sunday.

But Borg, 35, warned his fans not to expect too much of

"Don't be surprised if I lose in the first round. I shouldn't but even if I should lose in the first round in Nice, Monte Carlo and Munich I will continue to play," he said.

Borg, making a second comeback to the sport he turned his back on at the age of 26, said his confidence had been boosted by wins over top US players Pete Sampras and Andre Agassi in practice matches in Florida.

He beat fellow Swede Peter Svensson in the River Oaks tournament in Houston last month before losing in the second round to Venezuelan Nicolas Pereira.

"I used to play just as well in competition as in training but now I am better in train-

ing," Borg said. "Give me six months, I need

to get used to the game, the audience and the umpires."

Borg said he was playing for fun, not for money, despite the crash of his fashion empire and reports of personal financial problems.

"I have enough (money), I don't have to do anything more

# in my\_life," he said. Mancini sends Lendl packing

BARCELONA, Spain, Apr 11: Ivan Lendl, the second seed and former world umber one, completed the list to big name casualties at the Spanish Open tennis tournament on Friday, reports Reuter. Lendl became the last of the

big seeds to tumble when seventh-seeded Alberto Mancini of Argentina beat him 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 in their quarter-final.

The Argentine now meets unseeded Spaniard Carlos Costa.

# BRTC dent Brothers hopes

Sports Reporters



thers Union's ambition to win their first-ever Senior Division football league title in a match that would be discussed more for the serious irregularities in the administration of local football. Brothers, who had already lost three points, were held to a goalless draw by BRTC yesterday in the second match of the First Division league at the Dhaka Stadium.

It was quite a dramatic turn around in the pattern of the league which got off to a flying start after the lay-off occasioned by the Eid holidays. With the first match between Rahmatgani and Wanderers ending in a goalless draw, the match between Brothers and BRTC promised some fireworks.

Football as a game was laid low by the flagrant violation of the rules and tragically enough that had to involve one of the most talented footballers of the country. Khandaker Waseem lobal got entangled in a besmutting incident as he was pushed in the field as a substitute when his name was nowhere in the original players' list! Fourth Referee Sekandar further confirmed this breach to the pressmen after the match.

As it transpired, in the final count, the last-ditch attempt of sending Waseem as a trump card did not serve the purpose of the Gopibagh team who in their 17-year history in First Division league have had their reputation sullied by such offthe-field manipulations by

TOKYO, Apr 11:

Jim Courier rega-

ined the men's

No 1 world ran-

king on Saturday

when Sweden's

Stefan Edberg was beaten in

the semifinals of the Japan

Open tennis championships,

Netherlands had 12 aces in

beating the former No 1 from

Sweden 6-3, 7-5 ending

Edberg's three-year run as

American Michale Chang 6-2,

6-3 and will face Krajicek in

Japan's Kimiko Date, the third

seed, captured the singles title

by beating second-seeded

Sabine Appelmans of Belgium

7-5, 3-6, 6-3, in the final on

the hard court of Ariake

Courier downed fellow

On the women's side,

Japan Open champion.

the men's final.

Richard Krajicek of the

reports AP.

their ruthless officials Ignorance or sheer proneness to arrogance or anarchism such violation of laws should, for the smooth holding of the league, be treated seriously by the league committee Otherwise, as Othello said, 'Chaos come again.'

As for the match, BRTC created more positive chances than their more fancied opposition figged in their traditional orange.

Brothers, however, enjoyed the better of the exchanges, but BRTC defenders Debashish and Shaheen, who dished out virtuoso performances in the rear, beat back the Brothers, attacks

BRTC's Noman had the first chance of the match when he got inside the box but an in-

# Goalless draw

Sports Reporter

Rahmatganj MFS and Dhaka Wanderers Club shared points in the first match of vesterday's First Division football league at the Dhaka Stadium.

Neither side showed any genuine interest to trouble the other and the upshot of it was that Wanderers, fighting for existence in the top league, managed a valuable point to raise their tally to eight from thirteen matches. They are now just ahead of newly promoted Police and hapless BJMC who have so far collected five and two points respectively.

### TODAY'S MATCHES Adamjee vs Arambagh (6

PWD vs Faktrerpool (8 pm)

tringement spoiled the oppor-

Uttam, the nimble Brothers, medio, was once again poised with a fine chance but his hasty shot from inside the box went wide off the mark. Moslem, the BRTC custodian who was in great form last night, gripped a fine shot by Satyajit Das Rupu a short while before the buzzer.

BRTC were deprived of a golden chance 29 minutes into the second half when Ratan. positioned perfectly well in side the box, headed a Noman lob, but Brothers custodian Pontr pulled off a great save to keep his team from harm's

The goalkeeper again came to the rescue when he gathcred a Ratan shot from outside the box. A minute later Wascem weaved his way into the BRTC box but Debashish fotled him.

Brothers were given the scare of the match five minutes before the final whistle when Tipu of BRTC unleashed a powerful volley from a fine pass by Ratan but had the mortification of seeing his shot return to play with Ponir well beaten under the bar.

Brothers now have 22 points from 13 matches while BRTC, who had earlier snatched a point from powerful PWD raise their collection to nine from thirteen matches. TEAMS

BROTHERS: Ponir, Nandy, Babul, Moon, Ataur, Pervez, Uttam, Rupu, Manik (Waseem). Wahed, Ripon (Rahim). BRTC: Moslem, Humayun,

Debashish, Shaheen, Shariful, Prosanto, Masud, Noman, Goutam, Ratan, Tipu. Referee: Muzaffar Hossain.

## Courier regains No 1 spot quickie Bryson LONDON, Apr 11: Eastern

Edberg in the sixth game of

the first set, the only break of

winning streak at 15.

Province pace ace African Rudi match point to snap Chang's Bryson has a hard act to follow when he takes over from The 21-year-old Courier Pakistan prodigy Wagar Younis said it was his best match as Surrey's overseas player for since he won the Australian the forthcoming English sea-Open. " Everything went well," son, reports AFP. Wagar has spread havoc on

Krajicek beat Edberg, who the county scene in the last doublefaulted six, in just 80 two seasons with his pace, swing and devastating yorker. The Dutchman broke

But new Surrey skipper Alec Stewart holds out high hopes that Bryson can prove more than an adequate replacement for the Pakistani following recommendations from South Africa and Eastern Province captain Kepler Wessels.

Wessels rates Bryson very highly, said the England vicecaptain. "He took a lot of wickets for

Eastern Province this winter and was in South Africa's original World Cup squad until it was cut to 14. "Wagar is the best bowler in

the world and has done a great job for Surrey. He'll be difficult to follow, but we have faith in Bryson to perform well for us." Stewart confesses to know-

ing little about Bryson, but

Surrey coach Geoff Arnold went on two spy missions to South Africa in the English close season to run the rule over the new acquisition. In addition, Surrey spinner

Keith Medlycott has first-hand experience of Bryson's abilities, having played against him in South Africa. Medlycott said: "We're short

for a fast bowler, but he's very strong and his deliveries really skid through."

# Dortmund take Bundesliga lead

Dortmund beat struggling Bayern Munich 3-0 on Friday to break the three-way tie at the top of the Bundesliga and go two points clear, reports Reuter.

Former Munich star Michaeal Rummenigge set Dortmund on the road to victory in front of a sell-out 56,000 crowd when he stabbed in a rebound in the 19th minute.

Thomas Franck and Swiss striker Stephane Chapuisat his league-leading 17th of the scason - rubbed it in on a disappointing night for Bayern, who had four players booked.

Dortmund, who are seeking their first German League Championship since 1963, are now two points ahead of Eintracht Frankfurt and VFB Stuttgart with six matches to play.

the table on goal difference, must travel today to Borussia Moenchengladbach, who boosted their confidence by reaching the German Cup final in midweek.

Stuttgart play hosts to the in-form Nuremberg, who upset Dortmund last week.

ally doomed to relegation after losing at home 3-1 to fellow strugglers Stuttgart kickers, while Hansa Rostock beat Schalke 2-0.

# Ctg, Dhaka reach semifinals

Sports Reporter

Harun-ur-Rashid Liton and

Dulu and Rafiq took two

In reply, a solid opening

Sanwar, the two openers, got

to the fence.

boundaries.



Chittagong DSA and Dhaka DSA moved into the semifinals of the

pionship beating Mymensingh DSA and Barisal DSA respectively at two different city venues yesterday

24 each while Zakir scored 21 with the help of a couple of Gold Leaf national cricket cham-

wickets each while Masum got one for Chittagong.

At the Dhaka Stadium, starstudded Chittagong drubbed



Mymensingh 'keeper Ratan watches as Chittagong's Nurul Abedin Nobel drives during his brilliant knock of 91 yesterday at the Dhaka Stadium.

Mymensingh by nine wickets, thanks to Nurul Abedin Nobel's brilliant batting. Sent into bat, Mymensingh

made 171 for the loss of eight wickets in their allotted 45 Iftikhar top scored with 42

made off 60 deliveries, an innings that included three hits

cruise past Mymensingh's total, making 172 for the loss of just Masum's wicket in 36:3 Nobel remained unbeaten on 91, a knock that included

and Nobel helped Chittagong

as many as eight boundaries. Masum made 42 off 66 balls

with the aid of five fours before being caught off the bowling of

The burly Akram Khan, who has been in excellent touch this year, made a whirlwind unbeaten 33 off just 36 balls. dispatching the ball for two sixes and a four.

Chittagong will now take on the winners of today's quarter-

final between Bangladesh Biman and Khulna on April 14. At the Dhanmondi Cricket

Stadium, Dhaka cantered past Bartsal by four wickets.

Electing to bat, Barisal were all out for 166 in 44 overs. Faruk top scored with 52 while Rafiq made 43 and

Kalam 29 for Bartsal. Left-arm spinner Atiq was the pick of the Dhaka attack claiming three wickets for 22. Anis took two wickets for 27 while Sujan and Jogesh got

a wicket apiece. Dhaka, in their turn, made 168 for six wickets in 42.5

Opener Javed Omar Beltm Golla got a fine 56. It was his

third consecutive half-century in the tournament. Atiq followed up his fine

bowling by remaining unbeaten on 25 while Sujan and Halim Shah scored 19 and 17 respectively. Toton took two wickets

while Majbee, Shawkat and Rafiq got a wicket apiece for Javed Omar Golla was adjudged the man-of-the match.

Dhaka will now meet the winners of the match between Dhaka University and Sylhet DSA in the semifinals, scheduled for April 15. TODAY'S MATCH

# Biman vs Khulna (Dhaka

## Sidek to meet Foo in final pull away two more points bewhen he sent a sharp drop



Rashid Sidek of Malaysia will take on compatriot Foo Kok Keong in the men's singles final while China will fight for the women's title after Friday's Badminton Asian

Apr 11 : Favourite

reports AFP. Rashid, the defending champion, slogged for a 15-8. 15-17. 15-8 victory over Joko Suprianto of Indonesia in a 115 minute battle while Foo recovered from a game down to topple Suprianto's compatriot Fung Permadi 11-15, 15-

Confederation semi finals here

12, 15-10 in his semifinal. Rashid the Commonwealth champion trailed 4-6 in the first set but soon increased his pace and piled on eight successive points, capitalising on his opponent's uncharacteristic mistakes.

Suprianto, who is ranked 12th in the world, could only fore allowing the 24-year old Malaysian to wrap up the set 15-8 in 35 minutes. The second set was a

strength sapping 15 minute encounter which saw both payers fighting point for point after Rashid took a quick 5-1 lead. The defending champion Als on the verge of romping

some with a straight set victory leading at 14-13 but 25 year old Suprianto forced a deuce when Rashid returned a sharp drive inches out on the Suprianto, the 1990 All

England runner up, dropped one point before taking the set 17-15 forcing a decider.

Rashid led all the way in the final set with a brilliant display of stroke play often catching his opponent on the wrong side of the court.

The Indonesian, who lacked the killer shot at crucial moments, had his fate scaled

wide on the left. In the second semifinal, which lasted for 70 minutes Foo, the Malaysian number two, started off sluggishly and dropped the first set 11-15.

However, he recovered in style

and attacked Permadi relentlessly with an aggressive series of sideline smashes and delicate drops to take the second sct 15-12. Permadi, who is ranked 10th in the world, was a spent force in the decider and was

never allowed to get into the game by the 28 year-old Malaysian, who wrapped up the set at 15-10. The women's singles will be

an all-Chinese affair with favourite Ye Zhapying taking on second seeded Zhou Lei. Ye, who was in top form,

brushed aside a strong chal-Jaroensiri of Thailand 4-11, 11-3 while Zhou ousted South

# London to test Mota's grit



LONDON, Apr 11: Rosa Mota, the finest women's marathon runner in history, thrives adversity.

reports Reuter. Five years ago she overcame beating heat, stifling humidity, Rome's cobbled streets and the worlds best distance runners to win the World Championship gold medal.

The following year she won the Seoul Olympic marathon and in 1990 she successfully defended the European title on a demanding hill course in Split, Yugoslavia.

On Sunday the diminutive Portuguese's condition and resolve will be tested to the full when she defends the London title in her first marathon race since pulling out of last year's Tokyo World Championships. "I had a bad day," Mota re-

flected this week as she



looked back to Tokyo. "I have been running a lot of years and I had one bad day in my life."

Following last year's London race, Mota had an operation to remove an ovarian cyst which interrupted her training for

She told a news conference

third-place finish in the World

Championships at Tokyo last

into the race was Alberto

the struggling distance runner

who has not run a marathon

since finishing a dismal 15th

COLUMBUS, Ohio. Apr 11: Steve Spence, the 1991 bronze medallist at the World Championships, ran a smart, controlled race Saturday in winning the US men's

ports AP. Joining Spence on the team that will represent the United States at Barcelona were Ed Eyestone, a 1988 Olympian, and Bob Kempainen, competing in only his second

marathon. Spence, who led for the first time after breaking away from Eyestone and Kempainen between miles 25 and 26 (40.2-41.8 kilometers), was timed in 2 hours, 12 minutes, 43 seconds. Eyestone was clocked in

2:12:53 and Kempainen in 2:12:53. Keith Brantly became the

first alternate, finishing fourth in 2:14:16 and Bill Reifsnyder, the 1991 Columbus Marathon winner, was fifth in 2:15:44. It was his third consecutive

very low-key," he said. "I'm not expecting much." "My training has been going all right, but I don't know

lenge from Somharuethai Korean giant killer Ra Kyung-Min 10-12, 11-8, 11-5.

# that the operation had affected her physically and psychologi-

London.

cally in Tokyo but she had now recovered fully and was looking forward to running in

> pion, Yakov Tolstikov from the Commonwealth Independent States, will also defend his title here in the springtime race which starts at Greenwich, winds its way along the Thames and finishes

on Westminster Bridge. At 32, time is running out for Tolstikov as he strives to make the maximum money possible in a world which has changed beyond recognition since he ran his first marathon

In 1982, athletics was still theoretically an amateur sport and, even when it went openly professional in the following year, no athlete from the then Soviet Union was allowed to keep any prize or appearance money. Tolstikov needs any spare cash he can get his hands on, as he admitted at his

Tolstikov said. "But from an economic point of view it has got tougher." As well as the elite men's

One of the more colourful entrants is 65-year-old New

Zealand farmer Derek Turnbull, who has set six age group would track records since February. Turnbull, a throwback to

than money, has no set train-

# Top four justify their seedings AMELIA ISLAND.

-Star file photo

350,000 dollar Bausch and Lomb tennis championships was barely evident on Friday as form held up and the top four seeds posted convincing straight set

Florida, Apr 11:

Competition at

reports Reuter. Top seed Steffi Graf led the charge by crushing seventhseeded Letla Meshki of Georgia 6-0, 6-2 in 55 minutes. Second seeded defending

wins to roll into the semifinals,

champion Gabriela Sabatini was kept on court 35 minutes longer and dropped one more game in a 6-2, 6-1 whipping of fifth seed Jana Novotna of Czechoslovakia. Spaniard Arantxa Sanchez

Vicario, the third seed, kept the day's theme going as the toyed with German Sabine Hack, the only unseeded player to reach the final eight, 15 minutes.

for a 6-1, 6-2 win in one hour Fourth seed Conchita Martinez completed the final four by bouncing eighth-

Association Tour was worth dlrs 27,000 while Appelmans earned dirs 13,500. "I played persistently throughout the tournament so

on the Women's Tennis

Jpanese women's player to be among the top 20 in the world. Edberg, who has been battling Courier for the No ranking all year, relinquished it for the second time. Courier got it in February after winning

Courier would have regained the No 1 spot even if he had lost to Chang, according to officials of the Association of Courier took control of the

the Australian Open but dropped back to No 2 in

Tennis Professionals. match against Chang with well-placed passing shots and booming services. He fired a



history, won his first political race by getting elected to the House of Commons on a Conservative Party ticket from Falmouth in England in last Thursday's British general

> seeded American Zina Garrison 6-3, 6-1 in the same one hour 15 minutes needed by her countrywoman Sanchez. None of the top four seeds

has dropped a set this week.

The semifinals pit Sabatini

against Martinez in a rematch

of last week's Hilton Head Island final. Graf will take on Sanchez. Despite back-to-back lopsided wins for Martinez, the Spaniard is suffering tendinitis of the shoulder and elbow. which she says hurts badly when she's serving. The discomfort could finally be a fac-

tor against the formidable

Argentine "I'm looking forward to (playing Sabatini), but if it hurts too much I will stop, Martinez said. "Until the point I can't play, I will play and fight." World number'two Graf will

be hoping for her 11th victory 13 matches against Sanchez, who defeated the German twice on clay at the French Open. Graf was flawless for the first eight games against

In the second set Edberg, down 5-4, broke Krajicek in the 10th game after two deuces. But Krajicek rallied to win the set 7-5 and take the

"I was a bit nervous as the

the results were good," said Date, who will become the first

Edberg's loss meant that match.

game neared the end," said Krajicek of the 10th game. "I just played my own game," he said. " The return worked very well but my volley is not yet what I want it to be." "He (Edberg) made unbelievable volleys and missed some easy ones. He hit a lot of

> his best tennis." The Monte Carlo-based Krajicek, seeded sixth, played brilliant power tennis, serving It was the second straight

tough shots but he did not play

victory for the 20-year-old

Krajicek, who beat the Swede

4-6, 6-3, 6-3 in their first encounter at last year's New Haven tournament in the United States. The lanky Dutch player, a surprise semifinalist in the Australian Open which Courier won, scored his first career title when he deseated

Australia's Wally Masur in a Hong Kong tournament last Edberg, who marries longtime girlfriend Annette Olsen

on April 18, never looked at case with his serve-and-volley The seven-day tournament offers dlrs 144,000 for the men's singles champion. It is sponsored by Suntory, a major

Japanese beverage maker.

Meshki and dropped just five points in the opening set. "Until 6-0, 2-0, 40-15, it was as good as it gets. It was perfect," said Graf. "After that, she started playing stronger and it wasn't that east to at tack," she said of Meshki, who

# Triangular track meet in Sept PARIS, Apr 11: A united

managed to hold serve in the

third and fifth games of the

African athletics team, including for the first time athletes from South Africa, will com-Friday, reports Reuter.

Federation officials said

September 12 and 13, the

French Athletics Federation

second set.

pete in a triangular international in France in September, organisers announced on The triangular match against France and the Commonwealth Independent States (CIS), will take place in Tours on

Africa and the CIS would send their strongest teams

BONN, Apr 11: Borussia

Second-half goals from

Eintracht, who had topped

In other matches on Friday, Fortuna Duesseldorf are virtu-

> impressive performance for Spence. The deeply focused Spence had won the 1990

ROSA MOTA

# Spence wins marathon trials Columbus Marathon before his

Sept 1, where he was the first American male to win a medal in a major international marathon since Frank Shorter took the silver at the 1976 Olympic trials marathon, re-Olympics. The biggest curiosity going

> Would be return to the form that made him the world's top marathoner during the early 1980s, when he won the New York City Marathon three consecutive years (1980-82) and the Boston Marathon once (1982)? Or would he resemble

Even he was uncertain about which Salazar would show up - good or the bad. "I've approached this race

at the 1984 Olympics?

where I'm at. I can't predict off my workouts how well I'll do, I used to be able to do that. Not

## quiet confidence was evident when she was asked whom she feared most in Barcelona. "The hills," she shrugged. The weather ?" The London men's cham-

Mota has set her sights on

this year's Olympics and her

in Geneva 10 years ago.

news conference on Thursday. "Politically we are free,"

and women's runners, the 30,000-strong field will comprise the usual mixture of serious runners, fun runners plus a sprinkling of eccentrics and celebrities.

another age when athletes ran for pleasure and glory rather

ing routine and no race plan. "(Running) is good for the soul and good, for the body," he

# Double Olympic champion turned politician Sebastian Coe, one of the greatest middle distance runners in