

**Draws leave them happy**

Four teams shared points yesterday as both the matches of the First Division football ended in draws at the Dhaka Stadium.

Bangladesh Police, fighting almost certain relegation, clawed a point from Dhanmondi in an one-all draw. Manesh of Police scored a rather unusual goal as his swerving flag kick entered the net much to the amazement of the Dhanmondi custodian 1-0.

Dhanmondi nullified Police's first-half lead in the 39th minute of the second half when Biplab levelled the score from an indirect freekick.

Dhanmondi now have nine points from 12 matches while Police raise their tally to five from 12 matches.

Victoria and newly-promoted Eskaton Sabuj Sangha shared points through an apparently contrived result in the second match under the flood lights.

Victoria trailed the first half by a 36th-minute suicidal goal when Farhad, in an attempt to give the ball back to his goalkeeper, found his own net (1-0).

Shankar of Victoria made up for the faux pas of his teammate in the ninth minute of the second half by restoring parity 1-1.

Both teams are in relatively safe waters with the relegation possibility looming large over BJMC and Police.

Victoria have collected eleven points from a dozen matches while Eskaton now have nine from twelve matches.

**TODAY'S MATCHES**

Bima vs Wari (6 pm)

Abahani vs Muktiyoddha (8 pm)

**BDR, PDB spikers qualify for nat'l**

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Rifles emerged as champions while Power Development Board finished as runners-up in the qualifying meet of the Services Zone of the BGIC 15th national volleyball competition at the Outer Stadium volleyball court yesterday.

Rifles and PDB will now play in the fourteen-team finals scheduled to begin from May 2 in the city.

Yesterday PDB beat Bangladesh Police 15-14, 6-15, 15-7 and 15-12 to register their second win in the competition. They had lost their match to Rifles.

Rifles got a walk-over against Bangladesh Ansars in the other fixture of the day, thus earning full six points from three outings.

Meanwhile, the national women's championship will also begin next month.

Eight teams from four divisions and Bangladesh Ansars and Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation will take part.

**Nat'l pair bridge Apr 23-24**

The 12th national pair bridge tournament will be held on April 23 and 24 at Hotel Sheraton in the city.

The competition is likely to be inaugurated by PC Goenka, President, Bridge Federation of Asia and Middle East.

Interested players have been requested to send their entries by April 22 to Walit Haque (PH 507920) or Kazi Abdul Halim (PH 240616) or to M A Rouf Miah (PH 500661).

The entry fee is 200 Taka, said a press release.

**Delighted Reynolds' resolve**

RALEIGH, North Carolina, Apr 13: An emotional Harry "Butch" Reynolds vowed to break his world 400 metres record and win Olympic gold after learning on Sunday he could compete while his 1990 suspension is under appeal, reports Reuter.

"I will break the world record, and I will win the gold medal in Barcelona," Reynolds said by telephone from Palo Alto, California.

He was speaking after the Athletics Congress (IAC) voted

**Chess qualifiers**

Sports Reporter

FIDE Master and former champion Syed Tahmidur Rahman and twenty-one other players earned full points in their respective matches at the end of the second day of the 18th national chess championship qualifiers that got underway on Monday, at the chess room.

FIDE Master and the champion of the recently concluded Neptune active chess tournament, Ziaur Rahman sprang a surprise by drawing with Rafiqur Rahman Ronny, on the first day.

Fourteen players out of 108 contestants representing different teams will play in the final round of the nine-round Swiss league tournament.

**Simmons' ton sinks SA**

PORT-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad, Apr 13: Philip Simmons hit his third century in four matches to power the West Indies to victory by seven wickets over South Africa here Sunday, reports AFP.

In the third and final one-day international, South Africa were 189 for six off 50 overs; the West Indies 190 for three wickets off 43 overs.

Before Simmons found his range and launched a vicious assault on the bowling, South Africa were doing well in protecting a moderate total. Their spirits were lifted when Meyrick Pringle bowled Desmond Haynes with the first ball of the innings.

Also, left-hander Brian Lara and Simmons survived a succession of close leg-before-wicket decisions at the start of a second wicket partnership of 78 in 26 overs.

When Lara was beaten by a slower ball from medium-pacer Adrian Kuiper and was caught at mid-off for 35, the West Indies were 78 for two and a close contest seemed in prospect.

Simmons then dramatically changed the course of the match with his aggressive strokeplay.

He needed 103 balls to reach his first 50 but then took 21 runs off fast bowler Tertius Bosch's fifth over — including a six and three fours — and raced to his second 50 from only 32 balls.

The crowd of 12,000 cheered every stroke as a 28-year-old Simmons, a Trinidadian, launched his blistering attacks.

This was Simmons' third century in his last four internationals, following innings of 110 in the first match against South Africa in Jamaica on Tuesday.

He had hit two sixes and 10 fours off 139 balls faced when he skied a catch to deep midwicket off fast bowler Richard Snell with the West Indies only eight runs from their target.

The South Africans were handicapped as Pringle left the field with a pain in the chest after his opening spell of five overs that cost only six runs, and he did not bowl again. None of the others were spared Simmons' flashing bat.

Captain Richie Richardson joined Simmons in a third



PHIL SIMMONS ... 104

wicket partnership of 104 for 90 balls, Richardson finishing on 37 not out.

South Africa's batsmen were again forced to struggle against steady bowling and energized fielding after they were sent in by Richardson. They could not take advantage of a good pitch and fast outfield in hot, sunny weather and a sixth wicket stand of 43 from 38 balls, between Hanste Cronje and wicket keeper David Richardson came too late to lift the total past 200. Cronje made 23 and Richardson 17 not out.

Opens Andrew Hudson, 30, and Mark Rushmere, 29, put on 54 for the first wicket

and captain Kepler Wessels top scored with 45. But the scoring rate was always slow.

The West Indies won the first match in Kingston, Jamaica, last Tuesday by 107 runs and the second here Saturday by 10 wickets.

**SCOREBOARD**

Full scoreboard in the West Indies vs South Africa one-day international played here on Sunday.

**SOUTH AFRICA**

Hudson c Williams b Harper	30
Rushmere c and b Harper	29
Wessels b Benjamin	45
Kirsten c Harper b Benjamin	28
Kuiper c Richardson b Patterson	2
Cronje run out	23
Richardson not out	17
Van Zyl not out	3
Extras: (lb8, nb1, w3)	12
Total: (6 wks, 50 overs)	189
Fall of wickets: 1-54, 2-67, 3-135, 4-139, 5-142, 6-185.	
Did not bat: R P Snell, M P Pringle, T Bosch	

**Bowling:**

O	M	R	W	
Ambrose	10	1	39	0
Patterson	10	2	35	1
Benjamin	10	1	37	2
Cummins	10	0	39	0
Harper	10	0	31	2

**WEST INDIES**

Haynes b Pringle	0
Lara c Pringle b Kuiper	35
Simmons c Cronje b Snell	104
Richardson not out	37
Arthurson not out	1
Extras: (lb7, w4, nb2)	13
Total: (3 wks, 43 overs)	190
Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-78, 3-182.	

**Bowling:**

O	M	R	W	
Pringle	5	3	6	1
Bosch	6	0	47	0
Snell	10	2	45	1
Van Zyl	10	0	40	0
Kuiper	7	0	28	1
Kirsten	5	0	17	0

West Indies beat South Africa by seven wickets, winning the three-match series 3-0.

**Tendulkar gets BCCI clearance**

BOMBAY, Apr 13: Indian teenage Test star Sachin Tendulkar may join Yorkshire sooner than expected after local cricket authorities cleared him to leave for the English County whenever he liked, reports Reuter.

Tendulkar, 18, signed by Yorkshire nine days ago as both their first overseas and non-white player, was not expected to arrive until the end of April because of contractual obligations.

But officials said the Indian cricket authorities had cleared him to join Yorkshire as soon as he wished.

"In the next two days, I will speak to (Yorkshire's chief executive) Chris Hassell to set a date", Tendulkar said.

Tendulkar said he was excited by the prospect of playing in England and that it was a "great honour" to be chosen by Yorkshire. "I shall be playing cricket seven days a week. It will be a great experience".

Tendulkar was signed by Yorkshire after Australian fast bowler Craig McDermott pulled out because of injury.

The English Sunday league starts this week with the first county fixtures beginning on April 25.

**Bogra reach zonal final**

Sports Reporter

An all-round performance by Mehdi and sensible batting by Nitul helped Bogra move into the Pabna zonal final of the Siraj memorial national youth cricket championship yesterday.

Bogra posted a convincing 77-run victory over Thakurgaon at Pabna Stadium in the first zonal semifinal.

Bogra, winners the toss, made first use of the pitch and were all out for 187 in 44.4 of the stipulated 45 overs.

Nitul top scored with 55 and Mehdi and Rumel made 34 and 28 respectively while sundries contributed a useful 30.

Lenin with three wickets from 20 runs was the pick of the Thakurgaon bowlers while Khokon and Raju captured two wickets each.

Thakurgaon could muster only 110 in 32.3 overs before being all out.

Sundries top scored with 35 while Labanya made 34 for Thakurgaon.

Ujjal took three wickets while Mehdi and Rana two each for Bogra.

Bogra will now take on the winners of tomorrow's semifinals between Rajshahi and Gaibandha on April 16.

At Jessore, Bhola DSA made the zonal semifinals beating Jhalakathi by five wickets.

Batting first, Jhalakathi were bundled out for a poor 111 in 38.2 overs, with Apu making 33 and Dewan 22.

Mizan ran through the Jhalakathi batting claiming five wickets from 26, while Bashu with four for 16 lent him able support.

Bhola needed only 32.3 overs to make 114 with five wickets to spare.

**E Bengal, Bagan in final**

CALCUTTA, Apr 13: Arch rivals Mohun Bagan and East Bengal set up a title clash in the seventh All Airlines gold Cup football tournament edging out BSF and Mohammedan Sporting respectively by an identical 2-1 score in the semi-finals at the Salt Lake Stadium here yesterday reports PTI.

**Qadir may go to England**

KARACHI, Apr 13: Imran Khan, 39, skipper of Pakistan's World Cup winning cricket team, said Sunday if leg-spinner Abdul Qadir was fit he would certainly be touring England this summer, reports AFP.

Imran's remarks came as Qadir, 36, went jogging to prove his fitness in Lahore. "I feel very good and will continue this for another two or three days." Then he would see

the pillars of the Pakistani bowling, Imran said "He definitely has a place if he is fit, despite the wonderful performance of Musthaq Ahmed in the World Cup."

"We consider both of them as attacking bowlers and not utility bowlers," said Imran, adding that "Pakistan's squad for England would have room for specialists for one-day and the Tests."

Qadir, the only Pakistani spinner with more than 200 Test wickets to his credit, was



Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif (C) and Pakistan cricket team captain Imran Khan (C-R) hold the World Cup trophy during a reception in honour of the World Cup champions at the prime minister's house in Islamabad on April 11. Earlier the team was given a tumultuous welcome by thousands of people in nearby Rawalpindi upon their arrival from Lahore.

his doctor, and, if all was well, over to sprints, he said.

"I am fully fit and satisfied with today's jogging exercise and will be glad to join the camp if cricket authorities asked me to do so," said Qadir, who ruptured his Achilles tendon during a charity match in England last autumn.

Describing Qadir as one of

match-winners and have that capacity," he said.

But the 39-year-old all-rounder was also undecided about his own participation in the tour because of a shoulder injury.

He said the tour's one-day internationals would be of special interest after Pakistan's victory in the World Cup in Australia.

They will also play 15 first class matches and eight one-day games against counties, a match against a World XI and a two-day fixture against England's minor counties.

This will be the first Pakistan-England test clash since the infamous series which included the Mike Gatting-Shakoor Rana incident at Faisalabad in 1987-1988.

Meanwhile, Pakistan's fast bowler Waqar Younis, 21, who last week became the 10th Pakistani to be named among Wisden's five cricketers of the year, said, "I am almost fit and by the time the Pakistan side leaves for England I will be fully fit."

Shahid Rafi, Secretary of the Board of Control of Cricket in Pakistan, had announced Thursday that Younis would be flown to England soon for treatment or, if needed, for surgery of his stress fracture.

Waqar suffered the fracture during this winter's home series against Sri Lanka. Because of it he missed the World Cup in Australia, although he was initially included in the Pakistan squad.

Younis made his Test debut against India at Karachi in 1989-90. In 1990 he captured 29 wickets against New Zealand and 16 against West Indies to end with 45 wickets in just six Test matches.

Last season, he became only the third Pakistani bowler to capture more than 100 wickets in an England season.

The world champions will play 35 matches during their tour of England, which begins May 3, including five Tests and five one-day internationals.

**Procter's concern**

PORT OF SPAIN, Apr 13: South Africa's cricketers have been urged not to let the political success of their first West Indies tour become submerged by another sub-standard performance in next weekend's Test match, reports Reuter.

Coach Mike Procter reacted to his team's 3-0 one-day series drubbing by allowing his players a day off on Monday to visit the island beach paradise of Tobago.

But Procter, whose team have been thumped by wide margins in every match in the Caribbean, is anxious to quell suggestions that his country's return to Test cricket after 22 years, starting in Barbados on Saturday, might last considerably less than five days.

"We're obviously a little bit down but the spirit is still there, even though we took a bit of a pounding," Procter said.

"From now on the priority is going to be all about occupying the crease and playing straight. The batsmen in particular must get mentally tough".

A few years of racially based protests against the presence of the South African team have proved groundless in both Jamaica and Trinidad.

The players have been enthusiastically welcomed on both islands by locals who never imagined less than a year ago they would be watching a team from the republic in the Caribbean.

But the political requirements of the visit have made life tough for the players, pitched into a demanding short tour at short notice.

"Overall we weren't prepared to play a one-day series here", said Procter.

"To arrive and play a one-day international after two or three days' practice is just not on."

"In most ways the tour has been a huge success. The way people have responded to us has been brilliant but, so far, we have been completely outplayed on the field".

The Test is South Africa's last chance to at one but Procter knows West Indies are in no mood to show much generosity.

"It is going to be tough because West Indies have not lost there since 1935 and we haven't played five-day cricket for 22 years.

"It's a huge occasion for us, we have got guys capable of scoring the runs and hopefully we can win. But West Indies must start favourites."

The South Africans plan to fly to Barbados on Wednesday and will not name their team until the eve of the Test.

That will allow time for skipper Kepler Wessels, seamer Meyrick Pringle and batsman-felder Jonty Rhodes to receive full treatment for an assortment of aches and pains.

**Sabatini denies Graf title**

AMELIA ISLAM, Fla. Apr 13: It doesn't seem to matter where they play, Gabriela Sabatini almost always finds a way to beat Steffi Graf in Florida, reports AP.

The world's third-ranked player extended her recent domination of Graf to eight consecutive matches in the Sunshine State when she successfully defended her title in the Bausch and Lomb Championships on Sunday.

The streak dates back to a victory over Graf at Boca Raton in 1988. And while Graf still leads their series 21-11, she's lost seven of the last eight and has beaten Sabatini only once in Florida (1987).

powering during the middle portion of the match, and Sabatini came on strong again at the end.

Sabatini, successful early by using a wide selection of shots to move Graf all over the court,



GABRIELA SABATINI

**Costa wins again**

BARCELONA, Apr 13: Unseeded Spaniard Carlos Costa won his second tennis tournament in succession when he beat Swede Magnus Gustafsson in straight sets in the final of the 800,000 dollar Spanish Open on Sunday, reports Reuter.

Costa, who won the Estoril ATP tournament in Portugal a week ago, beat the eight-seeded Gustafsson 6-4, 7-6, 6-4.

became the aggressor again in the third set. The momentum shifted in her favour for good when she held serve for a 3-2 lead, then broke Graf to go up 4-2.

"I was tired, but I thought she could be tired too," Sabatini said. "When I had the opportunity I wanted to attack."

Graf, who earned \$18,280,000, reached the final here for the fourth consecutive year and sixth time by beating Arantxa Sanchez Vicario 6-7, 6-4, 6-3 in the semifinals.

Meanwhile, Sabatini defeated Conchita Martinez 6-3, 6-3 in a re-match of last week's Family Circle Cup final at Hilton Head, SC.

**Jansher in final**

LONDON, Apr 13: Top seed Jansher Khan reached the final of the British Open squash tournament after a fluctuating battle with Australian world champion Rodney Martin on Sunday, reports Reuter.

Martin, who beat Jansher on his way to winning the world title in Adelaide in August, took the Pakistani to five games but finally succumbed 5-9, 9-1, 9-5, 4-9, 9-4.

Jansher is attempting to win his first British Open title in the absence of injured compatriot Jahangir Khan, winner of the title for the last 10 years.



Portuguese runner Antonio Pinto holds his trophy and a bottle of champagne after winning a thrilling finish to the 1992 London marathon on April 12, beating Poland's Jan Haruk by just five seconds after the Pole made a desperate late surge. Pinto clocked 2 hrs 10 mins and 2 secs.



BUTCH REYNOLDS

Then IAAF suspended Reynolds for two years in November 1990 after he tested positive for the banned anabolic steroid Nandrolone.

Last October a TAC panel said it had found fault with the test procedures and recommended Reynolds be reinstated. The TAC then appealed on Reynolds' behalf.

Reynolds said he would run his first race on Saturday at Stanford University near San Francisco and would compete in 400 metre races in Iowa, and California while awaiting the ruling by the IAAF arbitra-

tion panel.

"My coach, Brooks Johnson, and I are talking about running 42.6 seconds this year," said Reynolds, who set the world record of 43.29 seconds in 1988.

Reynolds, 27, has raced only once since his suspension, finishing seventh in 47.40 seconds in a preliminary race at the US Championships last June after a US arbitrator said he could compete.

Since then he has moved to California to train seriously again.

"I've never trained so hard. I've never lifted so much weight in training," Reynolds said in the interview.

He maintained again on Sunday that he had never taken steroids, and said he expected to be cleared at the arbitration hearing in London, which he plans to attend.

Reynolds said his three-year-old marriage, although remaining strong, "has gone through hell" because of the suspension. He said he had spent more than \$200,000 attempting to clear his name.

"I have exhausted my savings," Reynolds said. "I can't pay my attorneys and my doctors any more right now, but they have stuck by me and saved my life."

"Now it's up to Butch Reynolds to do what he does best — that's win races."