

The qualifying competition for the Second Division cricket league begins today in the city.

Foreign Minister ASM Mustafizur Rahman is expected to inaugurate the meet at the Dhaka Stadium

Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) have planned a grand rally of the participating teams to mark the inaugura-

Only one match will be played on the inaugural day with Kalabagan Krira Chakra B taking on Rangdhanu Sporting Club at 9.30 am at the Dhaka Stadturn.

Seventy-four teams divided into eight groups will take part in an elimination league followed by another knock out round involving the eight group champions. The matches will be restricted to 35 overs a side.

Only the champions and runners-up will qualify for the Second Division cricket league next season.

Three city venues -Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, the Mirpur Pallabi ground and the Mahakhali T&T ground and the Narayanganj Osmani Stadtum will be used for the smooth running of the first round which is scheduled to finish by June 6.

Last year forty teams took part in the qualifying meet with Evergreen and Western club earning promotion to

30 years, reports AFP.

LONDON, May 19

ericketers are to

tour England in

1994 after an ab-

sence of almost

Plans for a three-Test series

and two one-day internationals

were finalised on Monday,

**BOA** picks 8

for Barcelona

**Olympics** 

Association (BOA) yesterday

announced an eight-member

team for the 25th Olympic

Games beginning in the

Spanish city of Barcelona on

Rahman, who had earned the

country's first gold in shooting

in the 14th Commonwealth

Games in Auckland in 1990

and two golds in the Colombo

SAF Games last December, has

been made manager of the

secretary of Bangladesh

Amateur Athletic Federation

Abdul Hannan has been made

coach of the four -member

athletic team. The athletes are:

Golam Ambia, Shahanuddin

Chowdhury, Shah Jalal Mobin

and Mehdi Hasan. Bangladesh

will take part in the 100m.

200m and 4x100m relay, a

collected a gold medal in

shooting in the last SAF Games

and earned Olympic qualifying

mark in a meet in Seoul last

year, will compete in shooting

while SAF Games gold medalist

Mukhlesur Rahman will take

part in the swimming events -

Bangladesh contingent will be

announced later, the source

Body-building

meet

Sports Reporter

building competition begins today at the National Coaching

Centre.

heavyweight.

ing at 6 pm.

The trials for the Bata body-

Eighty competitors from 18

teams will be taking part in

this competition featuring five

categories - bantamweight.

light-weight, welter-weight,

middle-weight, and light-

tion will be held at the same

venue tomorrow. May 21 start-

Zafar leaves

for Seoul today

the Bangladesh Football

Federation (BFF) and General

Secretary of the Rajshahi

Divisional Sports Association.

leaves Dhaka today for Seoul,

match commissioner by the

Asian Football Confederation

(AFC) to supervise the Group 5

matches of the Asian youth un-

der-19 football championship,

to be held in Seoul May 23/27.

Bangladesh national nominated

by the AFC for such an

honourable job. Earlier, former

president of the BFF Major

(Retd) Haftzuddin Ahmed MP.

former FIFA referees Munir

Hossain and Z Alam performed

similar assignments.

Zafar Imam is the fourth

He has been nominated

the South Korean capital.

Zafar Imam, a member of

The finals of the competi-

The chief de mission of the

100m and 200m prestyle.

Kazi Shahana Parveen, who

BOA source said yesterday.

National coach and joint

Bangladesh contingent.

Ace shooter Ateequr

July 25, reports BSS.

The Bangladesh Olympic

South Africa's

Sports Reporter

Division Two. Following is the break -up of the 74 teams in the eight

Group A: Maghbazar Youth Club, Malibagh Bright Star Cricket Club, Holidayers Cricket Club, Adarsha Shishu kishore, Rampura Juba Sangha, Greater Sylhet Jalalabad Cricket Club, Demra Samaj Group E matches will be Kalyan Sangsad, Maghbazar Sangsad. Kishalay

Notredamian. Matches involving the teams from Group A will be played at the Narayanganj

Group B: Nayapaltan Cricketers, Cricket Association, Young Star Cricket Club, Avengers Cricket Club, Banianagar Jubo Sangha, Matuail Cricket Club, Baishakhi Krira Chakra, Sachetan Goshthi, Dhaniya Sporting Club, Lekha Chhere Maath.

Group B matches will be played at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium (West).

Group C: Mugda Cricketers, Hatkhola Krira Chakra, Gopibagh Krira Chakra, GNCC Amateur Cricket Club, Dakkshin Maishundi, Bangladesh Bank Club, Discipline Boys Club, Kadamtala Sangsad.

Group C matches will be played at the Mirpur Pallabi Group D: YMCC, Pallabi

Club, Rupali Krira Chakra, Pirer Bagh Krira Chakra, Mirpur Nabin Krira Chakra, Raktim Sangha, Anushilan Sangsad, Mohammadpur Cricket Club Lake Boys. S Africa to tour England in '94

ending months of speculation

following South Africa's return

Board chief executive Alan

Smith and Dr Ali Bacher,

managing director of the new

United Cricket Board of South

Africa held preliminary dis-

cussions during the winter

World Cup campaign in

Australia a telephone call yes-

There had been rumours of

But with five Tests and five

a one-off match between the

two countries at Lord's this

one-day internationals against

Pakistan already inked-in, and

an Ashes tour confirmed for

next summer, 1994 was the

first realistic date for a South

with New Zealand who are also

to play three Tests and two

one-day internationals that

South Africa met twice during

the World Cup, they have not

played a Test since August

clinched a 1-0 series triumph

The "D'Oliveria affair" and

mounting political pressure

against apartheid led to

England cancelling their pro-

posed visit to the republic in

for the Springboks.

1968-9.

Then, a draw at the Oval

Although England and

They will share the summer

African visit.

terday confirmed the details.

Test and County Cricket

to the fold last July.

Group D matches will be played at the Mahakhali T&T

Group E: Jagrata Sangsad. Rajabazar Jagarani KC. Antaranga Krira Chakra, Jupiter Krira Chakra, Tejgaon club. Anirban Sangha, Mahakhali Cricket Club. Reliance Club, Evergreen Club.

played at the Mirpur Ground. Group F: Green Fighters. Ibrahim Ekadash, Kalpataru Samai Kalvan Sangsad, Uttara Friends Club, Badda Jagarani Sangsad, DOHS Junior. Ashkana Krira Parishad, Khelaghar Samaj Kalyan Samity, Cute Star.

Group F matches will be played at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium (East).

Group G: Dhaka Cricket Proshikkhan Centre, Azam Waqar Cricket Clinic, Lalbagh KMKC, Kagozitola Social Club, Kalindi Krira Chakra. Sevenstar Sports Club, Abarani Krira Sangstha, Haru Smrity Sangsad, Jinjira Krira Chakra, Azimpur Boys Club.

Group G matches will be played at the Dhanmondt Cricket Stadium (East).

Group H: Mill Barracks Boys Club, Farashgani Sporting Club, Muradpur Ekata Sangha Duranta Durbar Sporting Club, Dhanmondi Progoti Sangha, Rangdhanu Sporting Club. Lalkuthi Eleven, Udity B' Kalabagan KC 'B'.

Group H matches will be played at Mahakhali T&T ground.

Venues and dates for the

1994 matches are still to be

decided but Lord's is sure to

stage one of the Tests, and,

probably, a limited-overs in-

Rank-Xerox

league

table

Sports Reporter

Board at long last announced

the official team standing of

the 1991-92 Second Division

runners-up Dhanmondi Club

won promotion to the First

Division from next season.

Eaglets CC and Dhaka Friends

Union were scratched for hav-

of the 1991-92 Rank-Xerox

Second Division cricket Super

Following is the league table

M W L D Pts

4 4 0 0 8

4 3 1 0 6

M W L D Pts

4 3 1 0

4 2 2 0

4 1 2 1

ing conceded walkovers.

Champions Evergreen and

Bangladesh Cricket Control

ternational as well.

cricket league.

League:

Group A

Evergreen

Three Star

Azad Boys

Gandaria

Group B

Dhanmondi

Rayer Bazar

Orient Club

Amarjyoti

Nirman School

Shantinagar B

#### Bangladeshi booter hurt by soccer fans in W Bengal

Sports Reporter

At least one Bangladeshi player was injured when unruly crowds invaded the pitch and got involved in a free for all during an exhibition match at Baishirhat, West Bengal yesterday between the local side and the Dhaka Mayor's Eleven which is currently touring the east Indian state. According to sources in

Dhaka, a message sent by the private secretary of Dhaka Mayor Mirza Abbas, who is also accompanying the under-16 team as its chef de mission. trouble broke out during the afternoon match at the Baishirhat district stadium, ad joining Khulna district in Bangladesh, when rival players fouled each other. At one stage the crowed attacked the Bangladeshi boys and at least one player - midfielder Paritosh Dewan - was injured seriously enough to need how pitalisation.

The Dhaka Mayor's XI was trailing their opponents by a solitary goal at that stage.

#### Sampdoria coach optimistic

GENOA, Italy, May 19: Sampdoria coach Vujadin Boskov believes his side will have the edge on Barcelona in the European Cup final at Wembley on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

"Compared with Berne, when we were in pieces (because of injuries), this time it is (Johan) Cruyff who has the problems since he will have to replace a key player like (Guillermo) Amor," Boskov said after a practice session.

The wily Serb was thinking back to the European Cup Winners' Cup final in 1989 Barcelona beat Sampdoria 2-0.

Spanish international Amor will miss the final because of suspension, reducing Cruyff's midfield options.

But Boskov, whose side fly to London today, said he did not expect Barcelona to play differently because of Amor's absence.

They'll play as they always do, strong in attack and midfield and a bit exposed in defence," he said.

"There's not much between us and it'll be a very evenly balanced game."

Boskov said he expected about 30,000 Sampdoria fans at Wembley, including about 3,00 from the Italian community in London.

### Barcelona fans urged to behave

BARCELONA, Spain, May 19: Barcelona Club president Josep LLuis Nunez has appealed to the 20,000 fans travelling to London for Wednesday's European Cup final against Italian champions Sampdoria to behave, reports



# Lendl drops from elite ranks

IVAN LENDL ... relegated from the top 10 after 12 years



Ivan Lendl, for the first time in 12 years, was not in the top ten when the ATP rankings were released

Monday, ending a streak of 615 weeks among the elite. reports AP. At one time, Lendl was

ranked No 1 for 156 weeks. He last held the No 1 spot in August 1990.

Lendl was listed 11th in the latest computer rankings, reflecting a string of early-season losses. The most immediate effect of his fall will be that when the three-time French Open champion returns to the tournament for the first time since 1989, he will be an out

French organizers, in contrast to Wimbledon, uses the ATP rankings for its men's seedings without any revisions.

American Jim Courier, the current No 1 and newly crowned Italian Open winner, heads to the dlrs 7.4 million tournament as the top seed, as well as the defending cham

Lendl won in the clay court Grand Slam tournament here in 1984, 1986 and 1987. He will be making his first appearance at Roland Garros since he lost to eventual champion Michael Chang of the United States in a five- set fourth- round match in 1989.

Lendl had an injured hand last year, and passed up the event in 1990 to conceptrate on Wimbledon.

Stefan Edberg of Sweden, who lost to Chang in the 1989 final, will be the second seed this year for the tournament which opens May 25. Former US Open champion

Pete Sampras of the United States was seeded No 3, followed by German Boris Becker, the three-time Wimbledon champion who had to withdraw from the Italian Open last week with an injury.

Becker is not playing in Duesseldorf at the World Team Cup this week. He reportedly had thigh muscle problems in his loss to Michael Stich in the semifinal of the German Open 10 days ago, but hopes to be in shape to play in Paris.

Stich, who beat Becker for the Wimbledon title last year, was No 5 Chang, Guy Forget of France and Czechoslovak Petr Korda completed the top

Croatia's Goran Ivanisevic. Spanish clay- court specialist Carlos Costa, Lendl and American Andre Agassi followed in positions 9-12. Richard Krajicek of the Netherlands, Russian Aleksandr Volkov and American Brad Gilbert were the final four seeds.

Costa lost to Courier in the Italian Open final, but won two previous clay court events while making two other finals and two more semifinals.

on the red clay courts of Roland Garros but had to scramble to become seeded after dropping to 17th in the rankings a few weeks ago. John McEnroe and Jimmy Connors, who have created

Agassi is a two- time finalist

excitement at the French Open over the years, are ranked 36th and 38th by the ATP and risk meeting any of the top seeds in the early

#### Hack ousts Kidowaki

LUCERNE, Switzerland, May 19: Sabine Hack of Germany defeated Maya Kidowaki of Japan 6-2, 6-1 in the first round of the dirs 1,50,000 European Open women's tennis tournament Monday. reports AP.

Katerina Kroupova of Czechoslovakia ousted American Marianne Werdel 6-2, 6-3.

Alexia Dechaume of France struggled past Rene Simpson-Alter of Canada 6-4, 6-7 (3-7)... 7-5, while wild eard entry Christelle Fauche of Switzerland routed Federica Bonsignori of Italy 6-0, 6-1.

The seeded players did not play Monday Hack faces top-seeded

Manuela Maleeva-Fragniere of Switzerland, the defending champion, the second round.

The clay- court tournament, a warmup for next week's French Open, had been held for years in Geneva, but is being played in Lucerne for the first time this year.

#### ATP's top 20

MONACO, May 19: Carlos Costa of Spain, losing finalist on Sunday in the Italian Open, moved into the top 10 of the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) rankings for the first time in his career on Monday, reports Reuter.

The Spaniard pushed Ivan Lendl to 11th place, the first time the former number one has been outside the top 10 for well over a decade,

#### LEADING RANKINGS:

0. Emilio Sanchez (Spain)	1,150
9. David Wheaton (US)	1,168
8. Alberto Manchini (Argentina)	1,201
7. Jakob Hlasek (Switzerland)	1,202
6. Brad Gilbert (US)	1,223
5. Alexander Volkov (CIS)	1,247
4. Aaron Krickstein (US)	1,330
3 Richard Krajicek (Netherlands)	1,394
2. Andre Agansi (US)	
1. Ivan Lendi (Czechowlovakia)	1,509
0. Carlos Costa (Spatn)	1,626
Goran Ivanisevic (Croatia)	1,805
Petr Korda (Czechoslovakta)	1,825
Guy Forget (France)	1,877
Michael Chang (US)	2,199
Michael Stich (Germany)	2,626
Borts Becker (Germany)	2,694
Pete Sampras (US)	2,710
Stefan Edberg (Sweden)	3,523
Jtm Courier (US)	3,898
	points

### Wembley — a veritable soccer shrine



LONDON, May 19 The cheering of the crowd rose to a crescendo as a group of Barcelona fans climbed

the steps of Wembley Stadium to raise the silver-trophy, reports Reuter. Then, after capturing the magic moment on video, they handed the Replica Cup to a

among the rows of empty The taped sounds of "We shall not be moved ceased

guide and sat down quietly

abruptly. Whether their club win or

lose the European Cup final on Wednesday night, Sampdoria and Barcelona supporters can always act out their wildest football fantasies at Wembley's illustrious 80,000 scat sta-

For the equivalent of about six dollars, a brief tour offers the chance to look behind the scenes at the stadium which has become known worldwide as the "venue of legends."

Some early arrivals from Spain and Italy have been filling in time before the final by

For the incurably soccercrazy, it can be an emotional experience.

"Italians, when you take

doings just that.

from the woodwork. The goal still produces a

them in there, literally treat it like a shrine," said tour guide Jon Francies. "It does have a real effect on people. Something like two billion people a year see the stadium on television."

The viewing figures reflect the stadium's other use as a venue for rock and charity

An hour before the Barcelona fans arrived, a group of Sampdoria supporters and a large party of Dutch school children had emerged from the players' tunnel at Wembley to go through the same Cupkissing motions.

"Yesterday we went to a religious service at Westminster Abbey, now we are at a different shrine," said a dutch school teacher from Amsterdam. "Next we go to the British Museum." For lovers of everyday trivia,

sporting memorabilia and the startlingly banal, the Wembley tour can be something of a goldmine. In the media interview

room, there is the crossbar from the West German goal in the 1966 World Cup final won by England after a controverstal goal was awarded when Geoff Hurst's shot rebounded

lively debate among the

Outside there are plaques commemorating the 1948 London Olympics with the names of athletes such as Czechoslovak Emile Zatopek and Dutch woman Fanny Blankers-Koen, winner of four gold medals.

There is a highlight inspection of the England team's baths and changing room -"Gary Lineker would have used that bath on Sunday"- with Replica kit laid out neatly on benches.

The south changing room is considered lucky since 75 per cent of F A Cup winners have used it, although England did not in 1966 and this year's cup losers Sunderland did.

Barcelona and Sampdoria will have to toss a coin to see who gets it. Lovers of Trivia are told that

the main bath takes four hours to fill, with attendants beginning the task long before the players have even arrived at the ground for the match.

The tour also visits the stadium hospital where Tottenham Hotspur and England midfielder Paul Gascoigne was taken after seriously injuring his knee in the 1991 F A Cup final. "I always mention Gaza in

the hospital because you can see people's ears perk up,"

said Francies.

There is a reminder to be have in the police control room, with banks of television screens linked to cameras capable of focussing on single scats and also monitoring road traffic conditions up to 20 kms

A notice board has the "score" from a recent international. England 2 Brazil O. The figures are for total arrests during the day.

But the main attraction comes when the tour reaches the tunnel. A switch is flicked, the cheers start and the visifors begin the short walk out into the sunshine of the sta-

This, for many, is a time for serious thoughts with entire teams from England and abroad sometimes turning out to line up and march out as if they were about to play a

"We get loads of football teams, even from America and Holland, and sometimes they bring their own Cups as well so they can have their team photo in the Royal Box," said Francies.

"Most people get into it, particularly the crowd noise," he said, after locking the Replica Cup away beneath the Royal Box.

European team formed by

British male athletes and

German female athletes, a sec-

ond European team of other

nationalities, a team from the

For the first time in the

World Cup, women would

compete in the triple jump

World Cup would be easier to

American Games, when Havana

was host to more than 5,000

Japan to meet

athletes from 39 nations.

organise than last year's Pan-

He added the athletics

Americas and teams from

Africa, Asia and Oceania.

event, Fernandez said.

Coca Cola's sponsorship of Havana World Cup

## US embargo may leave them thirsty



IIAVANA, Cuba, May 19: Coca-Cola Co an official sponsor of the 1992 athletics World Cup in Havana, has said it will not be able to

supply soft drinks for the event because of a US trade against the embargo Communist-ruled island, senior Cuban officials said on Monday, reports Reuter. Cuban vice-president Jose

Ramon Fernandez and other members of the local organising committee for the September 25-27 World Cup told a news conference in Havana negotiations were under way to try to resolve the problem.

Fernandez said the Mexican subsidiary of Coca-Cola, which was to have supplied soft drinks, T-shirts, sun shades and other promotional items, had informed the organisers they could not deliver these products because of US trade finance restrictions against Cuba.

sorship on behalf of the International Amateur Athletics Federation (IAAF), to try to seek alternatives.

The US multinational Coca-Cola Co was one of 12 designated sponsors for the Havana World Cup, which will include eight international teams from

company oranising the spon-

#### Dutch booters for Euro meet

ROTTERDAM, May 19: Dutch coach Rinus Michels named the following 20-man squad today for next month's European soccer championship in Sweden, reports Goalkeepers - Hans Van

Breukelen, Stanley Menzo. Defenders - Danny Blind, Frank de Boer, Berry Van

Aerle, Adri Van Tiggelen, Frank Rijkaard, Ronald Koeman. Midfielders - Ruud Gullit, Wim Jonk, Aron Winter, Peter five continents.

Alberto Juantorena, vicepresident of the Cuban National Sports Institute (Inder), said Cuba was demanding the right to receive the same sponsorship benefits as any other nation hosting international sports events.

"Once again the US blockade is knocking on the door of Cuban sport," he said.

Fernandez said the United States, which broke diplomatic relations with Cuba in 1961 had previously blocked supplies of US made sports equipment and publicity payments by US companies to the island during preparations for the August 1991 Pan-American Games in Havana.

But he praised the US Olympic Committee for supporting the participation of US athletes in the Games, which went ahead despite growing economic problems in Cuba.

The United States would be one of eight 55-member teams competing in the athletics World Cup in Cuba next September.

The other seven would be a

Juventus in August TOKYO, May 19: Japan will meet top Italian club Juventus for two friendly matches in August as part of the Japanese

They said Juventus had promised to bring Italian internationals Roberto Baggio and Salvator Schillaci.

buildup for the 1994 World

Cup qualifiers, organisers said

today, reports Reuter.

The matches will be staged in Kobe on August 14 and in Tokyo on August 17.

Bosz, Jan Wouters. "But all the doors are not Forwards - Dennis closed," he added. The Cuban Bergkamp, Bryan Roy, John government was continuing joint team of Van't Schip, Wim Kieft, Marco Werder Bremen's captain Mirko Votava exults with joy holding the Cup after his team's 2-0 Commonwealth discussions with IS-L Van Basten, Richard Witschge, victory over Monaco in the Cup Winners' Cup final in Lisbon on May 6. Star file photo Marketing A G, a Swiss-based Independent States, a joint Peter Van Vossen.