Sports Reporter



Nomi of Sunrisc Sporting Club set a fine example of brilliance at the Dhaka Stadium as his team and five other won in vesterday's quali fying round competition for next year's Second Division

cricket league. At the Dhaka Stadium, Sunrise Sporting Club scored 138 for four wickets to record a six-wicket victory against Sachetan Goshthi, who had earlier used up their 35-over quota to make 137 for six wickets

Nomi of Sunrise claimed five of the six wickets to fall in the Sachetan innings for only 22 runs. He then rounded off his fine show with the leather with an unbeaten innings of 41 Rafiq with an unbeaten 36 bore Nomi a helping hand in overtaking the opposition score in time.

At Mirpur, Amateur Cricket Club edged past GNCC by one wicket. Sent in to bat, GNCC collected 155 for eight wick ets from their stipulated 35 overs, GR Ratan topscoring with 30. Pappu 29 and wicketkeeper Nantu were the other notable scorers.

Sohag took two for 34 while Shahin, and Dulal picked up one apiece.

Mithu with a responsible innings of 40 laid the foundation for an Amateur victory. Shahin 24, Dulal 26 and Alim with 15 were the other notable scorers.

Anup of GNCC took four wickets for 18 runs only. Selim captured two for 17 and Ratan three for 24 but their collective efforts were not good enough to stop the Amateurs.

A cracking 94 by opener Shahid helped Kalindi pile up a huge 234 for seven - the highest team total so far against Lalbagh KMKC at the eastern ground of Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium. Mokhles with 49 was the other prominent

as prospects. Raiu with four for 33 bowled admirably in adverse

scorer apart from extras which

contributed 38 additional runs

to swell Kalindi's total as well

Lalbagh, in their turn, could manage only 141 for nine with Russel making a patient 45. Zakir took three for

Adarsha Shishu Kishore Sangha registered an exciting one-wicket victory against Maghbazar Youth Club at the

Osmani Stadium, Narayanganj. Batting first, Maghbazar, aided by 40 extras, 24 from Tuhin, 20 from Rupon and 13 not out from Babu mustered

Sagar of Adarsha had four victims for 23 runs while Durjoy took three for 16.

Durjoy then did one better to guide Adarsha to victory with a fine innings of 47 as Adarsha made 148 for nine in 33.4 overs.

Farid of Maghbazar bowled well to take three for 32 while his teammate Rupon claimed three for 43. Sujon bagged two

After the match Maghbazar lodged a protest with the authorities alleging that Durjoy had already played for Shantinagar in Second Division

At the western portion of Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, Young Star Club won against

Bantanagar Jubo Sangha by

three wickets. Put in to bat, Banianagar managed 124 with Nipu top scoring with 41 and Pankaj chipping in with 21. Young Star skipper Munna claimed

two for 22. Munna then shone with the bat to score an unbeaten 26 as Young Star were home and dry in 26 overs, scoring 130 for seven. Mushtag was the other run getter with 24. Nipu took two for 26 and Minku two for 30 for the losers.

At the Mahakhali T & T ground Pallabi Club won by 58 runs after having set their opponents a daunting target of 225 in 35 overs for victory.

Batting first, Pallabi made 224 for five with Imran hitting an excellent 71. Zahid remained unbeaten on 37 while wicketkeeper Baten made 28. Chapal of Raktim Sangha

Raktim Sangha, never in the race finished on 166 for nine wickets when the overs

took two wickets for 34 runs.

Rashed 30, Mamun 23 and Shawkat 23 were the notable

scorers. Shimul two for 27, Zahir two for 18 and Kamrul with two for 38 facilitated the path of Pallabi's victory.

TODAY'S MATCHES Holidayers Cricket Club vs Malibagh Bright Cricket Club (Narayangang) Crescent Association vs

Avengers Cricket Club (DCS, West) Evergreen Club vs Anirban

Sangha (Mirpur) Badda Jagarani vs Kalpataru (DCS, East)

Duranta Durbar vs Lalkuthi (Mahakhali T&T)

Shooters bound for Europe



A seven-member Bangladesh shooting team leaves for Munich tomorrow, Tuesday to take part in two

UIT World Cup Championships being held in Germany and Italy, reports UNB.

The Bangladeshi shooters will take part in the UIT World Cup Championship in Munich May 26-31 and then fly to Italy for another UIT World Cup Championship to be held in Milan between May 31 and June 7.

The team comprises experienced and promising shooters Ateegur Rahman, Haider Ali, 'Faridul Yusuf Mohsin, Nasiruddin Johnny, Imran

go into the French Open on

Monday with every chance on

landing their third men's

singles title in four years.

JIM COURIER

strongest American squad in

years to mount an assault on

the prized crown in the

seemed that no US player

would ever be able to boast of

becoming French Open cham-

pion on the slow clay courts of

Roland Garros, so ill-suited to

the classic north American at-

But the shock victory of the

Wiesner wins

Strasbourg title

24: Judith Wiesner of Austria

won the dirs 150,000 Stras-

bourg Open tennis tournament

Sunday by dowing Noako

Sawamatsu of Japan, 6-1, 6-3,

picked up dlrs 27,000 for the

title. It was her second ap-

Sandra Cecchini in 1988.

pearance in the final, losing to

It was the third tourna-

ment title that Wiesner has

won in France. She previously

won at Arcachon in 1989 and

Aix-en-Provence in 1988.

Wiesner is ranked 22nd in the

dlrs 13,500 for the runnerup

Sawamatsu, fifth seed, won

The second-seeded Wiesner

STRASROURG, France, May

Gone are the days when it

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reports AP.

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World Number one, de-

reports Reuter.

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finally banished,

Chowdhury, Imrul Kayes and Kazi Arif Hassan. Faridul Yusuf Mohsin will lead the team.

Commonwealth and SAF Games gold winning shooter Atiqur Rahman and Haider Ali and Imrul Kayes will contest the air pistol event while Farid Mohsin, Nasiruddin and Imran Chowdhury compete in the free-rifles events. Kazi Arif will participate in the air rifles In the Munich World Cup.

the events of the Bangladeshi shooters will start on May 28 while in Milan, their events begin from the opening day, May 31.

After the two World Cup championships, they will proceed to London for higher

training during more than two months of stay there.

Kazi Selim, General Secretary of the National Shooting Federation told UNB that the shooters' participation in the World Cup champi onships and training in London would be afforded by themselves with a view to gathering experiences of international competition as part of their preparation for the next SAF Games to be held in Dhaka in December next year.

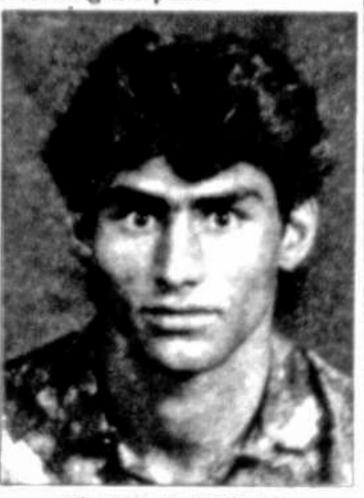
gold winning shooter of the last SAF Games, who had earlier achieved the qualifying score for the Olympies, will participate in the Barcelona Olympic Games this year.

Kazi Shahana Parveen, a

join Pak squad KARACHI, May 24: Right

arm fast bowler Ataur Rahman. 17, left here Sunday for London to reinforce Pakistan's depleted pace attack due to injuries, reports AFP.

"I'll do my best for the team," said Rahman before boarding the plane.



ATAUR RAHMAN

Rahman, who plays for Lahore Cricket Association (LCA) and Pakistan Automobile Corporation (PACO), was told to stand by by the Board of Control of Cricket in Pakistan (BCCP) after Naveed Anjum was injured in a match in

Pakistan, who were relying on their pace attack during the current 117 day tour suffered a further setback when left-arm bowler and hard hitting bats man Wasim Akram ended up with his left ankle in plaster, while speedster Waqar Younis is still struggling with a stress fracture.

Both Akram and Younis have been ruled out of the first Test and doubts are being expressed about their availability for the whole series

Rahman has played 17 first class matches and was rated 39th in the national bowling average this season with eight wickets for 87 runs against Pakistan Universities as his

He previously toured England with the under 19 side in 1990 as well as Zimbabwe and Sri Lanka in 1990-1991 and 1991-1992.

BDR judo results

Rajshahi sector emerged champions in the Bangladesh Rifles inter-sector judo competition held at the Mymensingh sector ground yesterday, reports UNB.

Rajshahi sector clinched the title securing eight points while Mymensingh sector became runners-up with seven

Ataur flies to Pakistan poised for victory

Sports Reporter

The Leicestershire innings was one of fits and starts, with the best partnership being 68

the second day of their three-day cricket match against Pakistan at Leicester yesterday, according to BBC monitored in Dhaka last night. Pakistan, who began the day on 87 for one, declared their

first innings at 393 for eight wickets in reply to the county side's first innings total of 256 all out. Pakistan immediately declared after Mujtaba was caught by David Millns off Alan

Leicestershire.

137 behind on

were 84 for four

at close of play on

the first innings.

Mullally just five runs short of his century. Ramez Raja hit a confident 65 before falling to a catch off the bowling of Robert Gofton. while teen batsman Inzamamul-Haq with 57 and bowler Naveed Anjum with 56

reached their half-centuries. Anjum took three quick Leicestershire second inning wickets in remaining play Sunday, as the home team slumped to four for 79, still 58 runs behind.

Scoreboard after Sunday's second-day of play in the three-day cricket match between Pakistan and English country Leicestershire:

An earlier report said:

Leg-spinner Mushtaq Ahmed provided a ray of sunshine for Pakistan on another day of gloom by returning his second five-wicket haul of their English tour against Leicestireshire here on Saturday,

As star all-rounder Wasim Akram contemplated the possibility of missing the whole five-Test series and 17year-old quick bowler Ataur Rahman prepared to join the injury-hit tourists. Ahmed snapped up five for 49 in 20.1 overs to help skittle Leichestershire for 256.

The stocky spinner has now taken 21 wickets in six first-class innings since the tour began to underline that he is ready to shoulder the burden of the Pakistan attack for next month's first Test at Edgbaston

Leicestershire found him difficult to tame, although deputy wicketkeeper Paul Nixon managed a career-best

Ramprakash stakes claim LONDON, May 24: Mark

Ramprakash hit an unbeaten 193 for Middlesex on Saturday to underline his claim for a place in the first Test against Pakistan next month, reports Reuter.

Ramprakash was in the England squad for this week's one-day matches, but Robin Smith was preferred in both He jogged selectors with a

380-minute marathon at Lord's against county champion local rivals Surrey. Middlesex declared on 407

for five after Paul Weeks struck a no-nonsense 72 that helped add 156 in 39 overs. A stunning 120 from ex-England man John Morris

plus 155 by prolific Peter Bowler put Derbyshire firmly in command against championship leaders Nottinghamshire. Bowler took his tally in the

last 10 days to more than 500, but it was Morris who lit up the day as Derbyshire reached 417 for five. He ravaged a wayward attack with two sixes and 22 fours. England all-rounder Chris Lewis arrived 50-minutes late

after a roadworks delay and looked a listless figure throughout another warm day. England reject David Ngo-

wer hit 74 in 95 balls as Hamshire moved into a good position in their clash with Lancashire. Gower, at the centre of a

recent public row with England captain Graham Gooch who questioned his commitment, reminded the selectors of his talent, striking 13

Hampshire declared at 349 for five and Lancashire replied with 39 for one.

Australia qualify UTRECHT, Netherlands, May 24: Ned Selic scored his second goal with two minutes remaining in extra time to rally Australia to a surprising 2-2 draw with the Netherlands on Sunday and became the 16th and final team to qualify for the Olympic soccer tournament, reports AP.

After a 1-1 draw a week ago

in Sydney, Selic's goal ad vanced Australia on away goals (2-1). Australia played a physical style that appeared to wear on the Dutch. Australia will play in Group

D in the first round at Barcelona along with Denmark, Mexico and Ghana. The draw was held last week in Barce-

Holland were reinforced by four players dropped from the European Championship squad, played attractive, open soccer but fell behind just before halftime when Selic hit a low, powerful drive from 30 meters.

unbeaten 49 after being dropped by Inzamam-ul-Huq off Tanvir Mehdi when he had made 11.



MUSHTAQ 5 for 49

for the fourth wicket between debutant Andrew Roseberyt and Justin Benson, who hit a bright and breezy 45, and 67 for the seventh wicket between Nixon and Peter Hepworth

Aamir Sohali, who took two for 26, followed with a typically flamboyant knock of 24 off 21 balls before being brilliantly caught at third slip by Benson off David Millns.

But Ramiz Raja and Shoaib Mohammad saw Pakistan through to the close without, further loss a 87 for one. It is Pakistan's pace attack

that is the worry, though, rather than their batting, with Akram suffering from a stress fracture of his left ankle. The world's top all-rounder will have his leg in plaster for

eight days and will then be examined by a specialist. A decision on his availability for the series will be taken by the Pakistani management at

that stage. Akram said: "I twisted my leg a couple of weeks ago, but it seemed to be getting better. But now I know that was not the case.""I always seem to get problems with my left leg. I've had three groin operations and also broken a bone in my foot. It's so disappointing."

The uncapped Rahman, who has played only 17 firstclass matches, joints the

tourists today as cover for Akram and fellow injured

paceman Wagar Younis. Pakistan manager Intikhab Alam reported on Saturday that Younis was making reasonable progress from a stress fracture of the back and he would seeing a specialist again

in the next 10 days. The pressure is on for a decision on both Akram and Younis, as the Board of Control of Cricket in Pakistan (BCCP) have been criticised for including injured players in the original squad and then having to send out replacements.

It is still not clear who will be asked to return home from the squad, which is already two more than the approved number.

BCCP secretary Shahid Raft said: We have not yet decided who to recall, but the most important thing is to send Ataur Rahman so that he can get acclimatized to the playing conditions; we have to strengthen our attack."

SCOREBOARD

LEICESTERSHIRE: First in

ning 256 all out. PAKISTAN: First inning (overnight 87-1, Sohail 24) Rameez Raja c Nigel Briers b Robert Gofton Aamir Sohail c Justin Benson b David Millns Shoafb Mohammad c Laurie Potter b Alan Mullally Inzammam-Ul-Haq c Tim Boon b Peter Hepowrth Zahid Fazal c Boon b Millns Asif Mujtaba c Millns b Mullally Naved Anjum c and

b Benson Rashid Latif c Gofton b Benson Mushtaq Ahmed not out Extras: 21 (6 byes, 13 legbyes, 2 wides)

Total: 393 for 8 declared Fall: 1-38; 2-121; 3-123; 4-200; 5-227; 6-317; 7-372; 8-

Did not bat: Tanvir Mehdi. Salim Jaafar Bowling 17.2 66 David Millns 0 23.2 Alan Mullafly 80 107 Robert Gofton 33 Laurie Potter Peter Hepworth 17 55 Justin Benson 8.4 33 2 (Incomplete)

from today Sports Reporter

Nat'l handball

The eighth national handball championship begins today at the Outer Stadtum handbal

Eleven teams, divided into two groups are taking part in

the six-day competition.

The participating teams, which include four services and seven zonal teams, are: Bangladesh Rifles, Dhaka District Sports Association, Bangladesh Airforce, Bangladesh Ansars, Bangladesh Police, Pabna District Sports Association, Natore District Sports Association, Faridpur District Sports Association, Jessore District Sports Association, Kushtia District Sports Association and Narail District Sports Association.

The tournament, named the Sunbal National Handball Championship '91- 92, is being sponsored by Sunman Indus-

State Minister for Textiles and chief patron of the Bangladesh Handball Federation Major (Retd) M A Mannan will inaugurate the championship.

Premier kabaddi gets underway

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Rifles Reds and Bangladesh Ansars 'A' won their respective matches on the opening day of the first Premier kabaddi league which began yesterday at the Outer Stadium kabaddi court.

in the first match, Bangladesh Rifles Reds beat Bangladesh Police 'A' by 22-5 points, BDR Reds, who earned two lonas, led the first half 4-Bangladesh Ansars A

crushed Fire Service A by 28-5 points with two lonas. The winners led the first-half six-Eight services teams, divided in two groups, are taking

petition. The two group champions will meet in the final on May

part in the group league com-

TODAY'S MATCHES

Ansar B vs Fire Service B

Rifles Green vs Police B (5-

Spain win World Team Cup



Germany, May 24: Emilio Sanchez had to rally from a first-set loss but teammate Sergi

Bruguera had little trouble in his match Sunday, leading Spain to a 3-0 victory over Czechoslovakia for the ATP Tour

opening singles match before Bruguera beat Karel Novacek 6-2, 6-4 to ensure the title. Sanchez and Sergio Casal then team to beat Novacek and

doubles to complete the vic-"Of course I'm satisfied with myself, because I played very well," said Bruguera, whose

tournament was his fourth straight win at the event. "But I'm even more satisfied that our team won the World Team Cup tournament here

The Spanish team takes home dlrs 2,17,000. Spain last won the World

tournament in the first year of the tournament, 1978. Czechoslovakia, which won the title in 1981 and 1987.

won dlrs 1,80,000 for its sec ond-place finish. In the opening match's first set, Korda pushed Sanchez to the defensive with an aggressive game and a powerful

backhand to win the set after 44 minutes. But Korda had trouble with his serve in the second set, repeatedly losing points with double faults. Sanchez persevered with strong returns and few errors to easily win the set

in just 32 minutes. In the third set, Sanchez led with 5-1 before Korda got a break and rallied to tie the score at 5-5 and again at 6-6.

Sanchez won the tiebreak, finished with an overhead diagonal forehand after 2 hours

and 10 minutes. "I was really lucky to win this time, because I had my head down a bit after the first set and I didn't really believe I could win," Sanchez said. "But then I said to myself, I've been out here struggling for two hours. Now I have to get the

tiebreak. And then I got lucky with that last shot from the

Bruguera needed less inspiration to beat the slower-moving Novacek, who had lost each of his three previous matches against Bruguera. The Spaniard broke Nov-

set and continued to dominate to win it in 33 minutes, as 7,500 spectators watched. Novacek revived in the second set after a short pause to

acek's first service in the first

nurse a strained right foot and tied the score at 4-4. Bruguera forged ahead again, and the Czech player

shot his opponent's second match point right into the net to give the Spanish team this year's title.

Spain elbow India out on goal difference

MADRID, May 24: India, who needed a win, failed to score against Spain in the final match of the four-nation tournament here on Sunday, allowing the host nation to win the four-nation tournament on goal

difference, reports AFP. Both teams finished with five points from after three games, but Spain's eight tournament goals in two previous matches proved decisive in the

The Spanish team held a slight edge in the play as both sides battled to dominate at midfield in the first half.

India's goalkeeper Ashish Ballal was awarded the palm beach player of the day after his success in shutting down the Spanish attack, while Dhanraj Pillay was the visitors most dangerous weapon, sending the Spanish defense into panic with runs down the left

In the closing minutes, India were within inches of scoring after two penalty corners by Pargat Singh were not properly blocked by Spanish goalkeeper Santiago Grau and the ball had to be cleared off the line by his defense.

With three minutes remaining, a Spanish goal was disallowed after an obvious infringement.

Sunday, Egypt won their match of the tournament with a 3-2 victory over Argentina. An earlier report said A penalty corner goal from Jude Felix one minute from time allowed India to snatch a 3-2 victory over Egypt in their second match in the four-nation tour-

Americans in Paris in full force PARIS, May 24: A then 17-year-old Michael Open, first leg of the Grand tough-looking path through Chang in 1989, ending a seem-

triumph, pumped confidence into a generation of rising young players well able to look after themselves on clay.

Courier's day of glory followed - in an all-American final with Andre Agassi last

ingly eternal barren spell fol-

lowing Tony Traberts' 1955



ANDRE AGASSI fending champion and title favourite Jim Courier leads the

cess this time.

many bets going against an-

Courier, one of six American seeds in the men's draw, used his Roland Garros victory last year as a stepping stone towards becoming the worlds' number one player, acquiring the coveted position atop the rankings this year

year— and there are not too

other Stars and Stripes suc-



MICHAEL CHANG sports daily L' Equipe in an in-

terview published on Saturday. "Now I'm a bit older. know what it is to be in the world's top 10. I was thee, dropped out and I got back. I know what I have to work for. Thanks to that, I think I can channel the pressure in the

before the French Open this year. Not in her game, but her hair, reports AP. Like Madonna, her pop star idol, Seles seems to change her "look" with her moods. She showed up for a news con-

ference at Roland Garros on Sunday with a new hairdo -

dark, short and wavy. Seles, who used to be blonde, said she made the change just for kicks. "It was a fun idea," she said. "I kind of like it. It's close to

the morning and look at myself in the mirror, I say, "What is Seles said she made an appointment at a Paris salon but

"I'm still getting used to it," she said. "When I wake up in

"Everybody says they love it. But I don't know if they're afraid to tell me to my face that they don't like it." Seles said the public will have a hard time recognizing "I walked down the Champs Elysees without anyone

If he starts the logical

John McEnroe.

not far behind. Chang, now 20, feels he has matured and improved vastly as a player since lifting the trophy on centre court in

favourite, Chang and Agassi are

"When I first won the title I



wasn't ready for all the things that went with it," he told the

right direction. Chang, like Courier, has a after winning the Australian Seles now a brunette

PARIS, May 24: Monica Seles has made a major change

my natural hair color, but it's very different from what I had before."

went to another one by mistake. "I didn't realize it until they had already started. I thought, "I might as well go through with it." I think it turned out OK.

knowing who I was, except for two kids in an ice cream parlor," she said.

the early part of the tourna ment with a first-round match against Dutchman Paul Haarhuis, who beat him in Hamburg earlier this month, followed by

likely encounters with clay

court specialist Omat Campor

ese of Italy and compatriot

Agassi, losing finalist in each of the past two years, has an altogether easier-looking ride and could get into a last-16 tie with Frenchman Guy forget or Emilio Sanchez of Spain without too much diffithe other American

seeds, the most fancied must

be Aaron Krickstein, who

reached the Monte Carlo Open

final on clay last month, demolishing world number three Boris Becker of Germany in straight sets on the way. Third seed Pete Sampras, while not really a clay court player, could go far but only if he can overcome a highly dan-

in the big-hitting Swiss Davis Cup player Marc Rosset. However, Brad Gilbert, the 15th seed, is never happy at Roland Garros and will almost certainly not make much progress.

The biggest Americans

heroes, as far as the Paris

crowd are concerned, will be

one of these. The most raptur-

gerous first-round opponent

ous welcome will be reserved for veterans Jimmy Connors and McEnroe. Fans will cheer themselves hoarse for the 39 year-old-Connors when he takes on Wimbledon champion Michael Stich of Germany in the first round, hoping he can repro-

duce some of the heroics he

showed last year in taking

McEnroe, appearing for the last time, is long past the days when he could realistically expect to win Grand Slam tournaments. India beat

Malaysia 4-0

India trounced Malaysia 4-0 in

the Asian junior women's

hockey championship here to-

KUALA LUMPUR, May 24:

Chang to a fifth set.

day, reports PTI. Playing a superior game after their defeat at the hands of the South Koreans yesterday, the Indian girls put up a creditable performance to win against the hosts.

All the four goals came in the first half.

DUESSELDORF

World Team Cup, reports AP. Sanchez topped Petr Korda 3-6, 6-2, 7-6 (6-2) in the

Cyril Suk, 1-6, 6-4, 6-3 in the

victory in the dlrs 1.4 million

together, because it's a team tournament," he added.



Japanese sporting goods maker Mizuno unveils the lightest track spikes in the world in Osaka, Japan on May 22. The new shoes, which are 29cm and 115g each, were developed to be used by US sprinter Carl Lewis in the 100m dash. Compared with the shoes which he used in the '88 Seoul Olympics, the new shoes are 55g, or 33% AFP photo lighter.

In an earlier match on

nament here on Saturday. A penalty corner strike

from Felix put the Indians ahead at half-time