Bangladesh's third in a row



October

Bangladesh have ensured a place in the Asia Cup cricket championship to be held in Pakistan next

Superb exhibition of medium-pace bowling by Saiful Islam of GMCC and Jahangir Talukdar Dulu of Mohamme dans helped defending champions Bangladesh to lift the third South East Asian cricket championship with a six-wicket victory over Hong Kong at the Singapore Cricket Club ground yesterday.

Bangladesh, who had won the first two tournaments. held in Dhaka in 1986 and in Hong Kong in 1989, booked Hong Kong for 79 as well as a place alongside Pakistan and Shri Lanka in the fifth Asia Cup to be held in Pakistan.

Bangladesh captain Minhazul Abedin Nannu set the mood for the victors by winning the toss and Hong Kong, the runners up of the last two tournaments, were on the dock right from the word go.

Hong Kong opener P Fordham was the first to go when Athar Ali Khan snapped him up off paceman Saiful Islam for seven, with the total reading 17.

Satful Islam then removed Eames for two and Dulu, the left-arm seamer, got into the act by dismissing Stearns. Foster was clean bowled by Dulu for nought and a Saiful outswinger found the edge of the bat of Davies.

Beaman hung around for some time to score ten. Opener Atkinson was the

top scorer with 23 including two hits to the fence. Tailender R Fotheringam

Becker tunes up

Becker completed his

Wimbledon build-up with a 6-

1, 6-4 victory over Babriel

Markus of Argentina in the

Vaukhall Cup match between

Europe and the Rest of the

LONDON, June 21: Boris

threw his bat around to score a quick 15 with the help of one sixer and one four before holing out to Saiful Islam off Azhar Hossain Shantu.

Saiful Islam had the Magical analysis of four wickets for 14 runs. Dulu also claimed four albeit expensively giving away 31 runs in the process.

Shantu could bowl only five balls as the Hong Kong innings folded for 79 in 39.5 overs.



SAIFUL man-of-match

The Bangladesh batsmen could not have asked for a better gift from their fellow bowlers as they had to score only 80 runs in 50 overs.

Azhar Hossain Shantu and Faruque Ahmed went after the Hong Kong bowling with the latter particularly in a threatening mood.

While Shantu, the Mohammedan opener took some time to find his timing Faruque unleashed a flurry of sweetly-timed strokes. Faruque scored 42 with the

before falling leg before to Although skipper Nannu

help of seven fours and a six

Athar fell cheaply, Bangladesh had the match wrapped up in 23.3 overs, for the loss of four wickets with Bulbul and Akram Khan remaining there at the kill. After Faruque Ahmed opener Azhar Hossain Shantu

was the only other batsmen to reach the double figures apart from ten by Mr Sundries. L Beaman stuck to his gun

manfully claiming two for 12.



Sujanani and Crowe got one apiece among the Hong Kong Saiful Islam, the young

Bangladesh medium pacer was named man-of-the-match for his superb bowling feat.

match and presented Saiful and Jahangir Talukdar Dulu \$100 cheques for their fine show with the leather.

of Bangladesh Cricket Control Board congratulated Bangladesh team over telephone

SCOREBOARD HONG KONG S Atkinson run out P Fordham c Athar Ali b Saiful M Eames c Dulu b Satful

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D Gohel b Dulu R Fotheringham c Saiful b Shantoo Extras: (b-4, w-2, nb-3) Total: (all out in 39.5 overs) 79

Fall of wkts: 1-17; 2-25; 3-43; 4-44; 5-46; 6-58; 7-58; 8-59; 9-59; 10-79. Bowling: Prince Satful Athar Ali Dulu Bulbul

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	G Davies	3	0	8	0
	L Beaman	4.3	1	12	2
	R Sujanani	3	1	6	1
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Mixed showing by Short, Timman



champion Garri Kasparov

21: The two players who will battle for the right

MANILA, June poor form may affect his Timman.

challenge bad but of course it could be chess better," said Timman, who is the underdog in the upcoming next year have shown mixed series against Short.



NIGEL SHORT

form at the 30th World Chess

Nigel Short, a guitar-playing Englishman, has lost three games and won twice while Jan Timman, who wanted to play football for Ajax of Amsterdam, has won three and

lost one in nine games. In comparison, Kasparov has strung up six wins against top ranked opponents, including Ukranian Vassily Ivanchuk and American Gata Kamsky.

"I will play that match against Kasparov," Short declared.

"It has been a good Olympiad, but my score has not been so good," he added, dismissing suggestions his



JAN TIMMAN

Olympiad in Manila, reports less than spectacular play, saying they would have had better results if both players were not preparing for their

match next January. Questions about Short's current form were fuelled by losses to Georgia's Zurab Azmaiparashvili, a second of Kasparov, and Italy's Carlos Palermo Garcia, who is rated

> But nobody is dismissing. Short's chances despite his showing here, especially after he defeated former world champion Anatoly Karpov 6-4 in a 10-game series in the Spanish town of Linares this year to qualify for the finals of the candidates series.

"Nigel Short is going to win that match," declared Mikhail Podgajec, a second of Karpov and the captain of the Ukraine women's team in the Olympiad. Kasparov is looking forward

to a clash with 27-year-old Short rather than with the 40year-old Dutchman because it would herald a sharp departure from his usual routine of tangling with the older generation of players like Karpov and Timman.

"It would be more interesting if the challenger is younger. I think it would be more interesting if I play Short in Los Angeles," Kasparov said.

"I prefer Short. His victory over Karpov meant progress for chess. Five matches against Karpov is enough, " he added.

Timman, a loner who

learned the game by poring

over chess books in his father's library, is unfazed by the odds. "When you play chess, you'll

receive no help from any other person. It is a (solitary) fight and a struggle," he stated. Timman also won his own 10-game series against Russia's

Artur Yusupov, 6-4 to earn the

right to battle Short, and the Dutchan expects a tremendous battle at the World Championships in Los Angeles. The victor will get 700,000 dollar put up by German computer company for becoming the first Western player to challenge for the world title

since the American legend Bobby Fischer dethroned Boris Spassky of the Soviet Union in

Karatekas shine in Kathmandu

KATHMANDU, June 21: The Bangladesh karate team became runners-up in the second South Asian karate competition held in Kathmandu from 17 to 20 June, reports BSS.

Nepal, Bangladesh, India. Pakistan and Bhutan partici pated in the competition. The 29-member Bangladesh

team won two gold, two silver and ten bronze medals. Nepal became the champi-

ons, India third and Pakistan fourth in the competition. Gold medal winners from

tradhar. The Bangladesh team was accorded a warm reception at the embassy on their well-deserved victory.

Bangladesh were Miss Khuku

Moni and Kartik Chandra Su-

Schools TT from today

Sports Reporter

The four-day Green Delta Schools table tennts tournament gets under way this afternoon at the National Sports Council gymnasium.

State Minister for Textiles Major (Rtd) MA Mannan will inaugurate the competition.

Organised by the Bangladesh Table Tennis Federation, 146 participants including 20 girls of a record number of 33 schools will be taking part in the meet

The prize-giving ceremony will be held on June 25.

Div II basketball from tomorrow

Sports Reporter

The 1992 Second Division basketball league under the aegis of the Bangladesh Amateur Basketball Federation will get under way tomorrow, Tuesday at the Outer Stadium wooden floor gymnasium.

The ten teams are taking part in this year's league. They are, Kurmitola Young Star Club, Mitford Friends Club, Rising Force SC, MCCD Club, Thunders Club, Saint Joseph's Jazz Club, Fleet Club, Flame Boys Club, Kurmttola Appolo Club and Boxy Bazar Club.

On the opening day, Kurmitola Young Star Club will take Mitford Friends Club at 4:30 pm while Flame Boys Club will play Kurmitola Appolo Club and Boxy Bazar Club will clash with Rising Force on June 24 at 4:30 and 5:30 pm respec-

Seles prefers to be a Y'slav

LONDON, June 21: Monica Seles will be listed as a Yugoslav at Wimbledon after all, reports Reuter.

Tournament referee Alan Mills said on Saturday the organtsers had been told Seles had changed her mind about a request to be listed from Sarasota, Forida, rather than her native Yugoslavia. We have now heard she wants to be listed as Yugoslav, so that's it," Mills said.

Georgina Clark, senior tour director of the Women's Tennis Association, said earlier this week that Seles asked for the listing in Florida, where she lives, to avoid political controversy.

A Croatian diplomat in London has warned of possible demonstrations if Seles plays as a Yugoslav.

A dramatic day's play at Lord's

Pace pair earns Pak win



LONDON, June 21: Pakistan defeated England by two wickets in the second cricket Test at Lor-

d's Sunday, after a thriling and tense day in which 17 wicket fell and bowlers dominated,

reports AP. It was, quite simply, an

amazing day's cricket. Pakistan first demolished England's second innings then, with victory seemingly assured, crumbled before an under-strength English attack before a ninth-wicket rally snatched victory with a day to

Toward the end it was more like the two nations's World Cup one-day final at the Melbourne Cricket Ground in February than the fourth day of a Test at Lord's.

When Pakistan's eighth wicket fell late Sunday, they needed 43 runs for victory but had only 10 overs to wrap up the result without having to continue Monday The pace bowling pair of

Wagar Younis and Wasim Akram, despite several half chances, put together a 46-run partnership to hit the winning run with just five balls to spare.

England have not won a Test against Pakistan since the 1982 Test at Headingley Pakistan have a 1-0 lead in the current five-Test series after the drawn first Test at Edgbaston.

Former Australian captain Richie Benaud, now a television commentator, put it correctly: "It's been a bowlers" match."

At stumps on the first day Thursday, Pakistan appeared set for victory after dismissing England for just 255 with pace bowler Wagar Younis taking five for 91 in his return to international competition after four months out with a stress fracture of the back.

Friday was largely lost to rain, but when Pakistan re-

sumed their first inning Saturday England's attack broke through to bowl them out for 293- a lead of 38.

Sunday, with Alec Stewart and nightwatchman lan Salisbury resuming at 48 for one, England looked comfort-

able. It was not to be. Left-arm all-rounder Wastm Akram removed Salisbury,



WASIM AKRAM ... Pak hero

then Mushtag Ahmed's wily leg-spin dismissed top order batsmen Graeme Hick for 11. Robin Smith for eight and Allan Lamb for 12 in the space

of 22 deliveries before lunch. Younis grabbed the wickets of lan Botham for six and Chris Lewis for 15 in quick succession beofre Akram finished off the tail with three wickets in four balls.

England were all out for 175 and Pakistan needed just 138 runs for victory.

Stewart carried his bat the first man to do so in a Test at Lord's for 23 years - to finish 69 not out and receive a standing ovation from the crowd

Pakistan's target looked easily achievable in the remaining play, especially with England bowlers Philip De-Freitas and Ian Botham unable to bowl with injuries



Pakistan's Salim Malik is caught by Smith for 55 in the third day of the second Test at Lord's on Saturday.

- AFP photo.

Wimbledon begins today: Courier, Seles must justify top billing



21: It would be difficult to imagine Jim Courier's 'American Marine' face wearing

a grin any larger than the one which flashed around the world when he pocketed this year's Australian and French Open titles to reach the halfway stage of the Grand Slam, reports AFP. But with Wimbledon, the

third of the season's major championships, looming on Monday, the 21-year-old world number-one is having a pretty good stab at it. And the reason is that most

of his major rivals are having problems. Three-times champion lenge." Boris Becker has lost the only match he has played since his

month-long convalescence after a hamstring injury. And he opens his ninth campaign at the All England Club without a coach after splitting with former Czech Davis Cup player Tomas Smid. Smid. Smid was Becker's third

coach in 17 moths. However, the 24-year-old, who staged the nearest thing to a nervous breakdown in public when he argued and cursed himself to defeat against compatriot Michael Stich in last year's final, was happy to be back.

Savchenko-Neiland of Latvia, *Each time I come back warmed up for Wimbledon here I feel something special. with a 6-3, 6-0 victory over It's like coming back home. Americans Mary Joe Fernandez This is where I was born in

LONDON, June terms of tennis," said Becker who won his first Wimbledon as a 17-year-old in 1985. Stefan Edberg, who has tri-

umphed twice at the world's most famous tournament, appears to have lost the killer touch and has got into the habit of failing to finish off groggy opponents. It happened at the French Open.., and it happened again at Queen's, where he crashed to Japan's unheralded Shuzo Matsuoka in three sets after failing to con-

vert six match points. Tony Pickard, the 26-yearold London-based Swede's British coach of nine years, admitted: "These past few months have provided Stefan and me with our biggest chal-

year since winning the mostcoveted crown in tennis refusing to speak to the German press because they "hounded" his girlfriend. He has won only one event - a warm-up grass-court tour-

Stich has spent most of the

nament at Rosmalen in the Netherlands last week. It was a meagre harvest for the serious 6 ft 4 in German after a relatively disappointing season. But at least he should have an easy first-round clash

His Italian opponent Stefano Pescosolido has played only one match at Wimbledon, losing a five-setter to Aaron Krickstein in the first round last year. Andre Agassi was able to

on Monday.

their seats even before he hit the ball 12 months - thanks to the rain and the spun-out unveiling of his "all white" strip after threats of disqualification if he wore his usual garish colours. But the 12th seed, who

charged through to the quarter-finals in 1991, needs to throw-off the lingering doubts after his humiliating straightsets execution by Courier in



JIM COURIER

the semi-final in Paris earlier this month. Pete Sampras, seeded fifth,

has the strokes and style to be a problem but not always the stamina to survive early-round clashes. Goran Ivanisevic, the fast-

serving Croat who stormed into the semi-finals here in 1990 and flashy Frenchman Henri Leconte, whose semi-final run thrilled the Parisians,

can always be dangerous. However, a big question mark hangs over their stamina and consistency.

Edberg, is 9-4 on to win the 265,000 round first prize with Courier and Stich at 11-2 but two of the best bets to cause upsets could be the 1989 French Open champion Michael Chang or South Africa's Wayne Ferreira.

Chang, the 20-year-old Chi nese-American, has tightened



cent months and is player who is never beaten until the final point is lost.

this year's Monte Carlo Open 1987 champion, fits in his dead in its tracks, produced a more serious warning to the elite with his stunning victory at Queen's last weekend.

Ivan Lendl has not been seeded in the top four for the first time since 1983. Despite

being twice a runner-up and a losing semi-finalist six-times, the 32-year-old 10th seed is no longer considered a serious contender for the only major title missing from his collec-

Connors fall into the same cat-But they should give value for money to nostalgic fans · who have cheered and booed

them through their glittering McEnroe, three times champion and the winner of 77 singles titles overall, is def-

40, will not confirm for certain that he will not be back in Connors, whose record 109 victories include eight Grand

Connors, fast approaching

It will be no pushover. The 20-year-old Herrera has lost in the first round of his two previous visits to the All England Club but has beaten both Courier and

clay-court specialist Luiz Matter, 28.

tennis-playing between babysitting and guitar-playing these days. He may also give the im-

presence will make several players in his portion of the draw more than a little appre hensive. Courier, who dropped only one set on his way to his

super-fit and his wild-card

Criticism that his grinding groundstrokes is not effective on grass brings another smile

to Courier's lips. "I'm not regarded as a spe cialist on grass and I accept that. But a grass court has the same dimensions as the rest and I don't think it requires different psychology." He said

"But the more I think about my game and how I feel right now the more I believe that it's going to take a really spe cial effort to beat me. I really

do feel confident." Courier, a workholic who follows Lendl's dedicated approach to the game, has be come a complete player since teaming up with wily Spaniard Jose Higueras and compatriot

libes about his style and effectiveness on grass. If last year's quarter-finalist

wins - he will do it his way And why not: Bjorn Borg confounded the

Then Chris Lewis struck. Ramiz Raja, Asif Mujtaba and captain Javed Miandad all went for ducks as they edged Lewis deliveries to fielders in

the space of only 13 balls. Pakistan had crashed to 18 for three. Lewis then took a sharp bat-pad catch off Test newcomer lan Salisbury to dismiss Salim Malik for 12,

and Pakistan were 41 for four. Inzamamul Haq was run out, Aamir Sohail kicked a Salisbury delivery onto the stumps, Moin Khan went for three and Mushtag for five, and Pakistan were eight for 95. Then Younts joined Akram and the pair secured the victory. Younis was 20 not out, Akram

An earlier AFP report said: England, 52 for one overnight, had begun well, with nightwatchman lan Salisbury giving Alec Stewart unexpected company for more than half an hour against Akram and Wagar Younis.

But when Akram swung in delivery at 73 to trap Salisbury lbw for 12, Ahmed was able to get to work on the brittle England middle order.

First he had Graeme Hick caught behind by Moin Khan for 11 with the score on 108 to leave the Zimbabwe-born batsman's Test future in grave Twelve runs later Ahmed

bowled Robin Smith behind his legs for eight and he completed a fine morning's work by having Allan Lamb lbw for 12 at 137 with a top-spinner that kept very low. Stewart, who passed 50 for the fifth time in as many Test

innings, should have gone in the first over after lunch, but Salim Malik spilled a diving catch at slip off Younis. Chris Lewis was also missed, by Khan off Akram at

SCOREBOARD

England second innings on the fourth day of the second Test with Pakistan at Lord's here on Sunday. ENGLAND: First innings

Wagar Younis 5-91). PAKISTAN: First innings 293 (Aamir Sohail 73, Asif Mujtaba 59, Salim Malik 55). **ENGLAND:** Second Innings

255 (Stewart 74, Gooch 69,

Gooch lbw b Aagib Javed Stewart not out Salisbury lbw b Akram Hick c Moin Khan b Mushtag Ahmed Smith b Mushtaq Ahmed Lamb Ibw b Mushtaq Ahmed Botham lbw b Younis Lewis b Younis Russell b Akram DeFreitas c Inzamam b Akram Malcolm b Akram Extras: (b 5, lb 8, nb15) Total:

Fall of wickets: 1-40, 2-73, 3-108, 4-120, 5-137, 6-148, 7-174, 8-175, 9-175, 10-175. (Incomplete)

Donald, Walsh reap rich

LONDON, June 21: Fast bowlers Allan Donald of South Africa and West Indian Courtney Walsh appeared locked in a private duel as the championship match between Warwickshire Gloucestershire was left evenly poised on Saturday, reports

Donald took five for 44 as Gloucester were ripped out for 199 in their first innings, leaving Warwickshire with a lead

But then Walsh sent back

Reuter.

the first four batsmen in Warwickshire's second innings in a 10-over spell at a cost of It left Warwickshire on 119 for five at the close of the sec-

ond day of the three-day

match, a lead of 173, and the promise of a tightly contested final day on Monday. County champions Essex were in danger of their fourth defeat of the season after being made to follow against

Hampshire at Bournemouth. Essex were shot out for 149 in their first innings with Cardinga Connor and Shaun Udal each taking three wickets and failed by two runs to avoid the follow-on. They fared little better in

their second innings and at the close were 105 for four, still needing another 46 to make Hampshire bat again. Former England captain Mike Gatting hit his fifth championship century of the

season, and his third in suc-

cessive innings, as Middlesex

made a sound reply to Lancashire's first innings 456 for three declared. Gatting hit a chanceless 126 before a bouncer from Stuart Fletcher struck him between the eyes and he was

But Stephen Titchard added an unbeaten 68 and England Test reject Mark Ramprakash made a stylish 69 as Middlesex reached 306 for three at the close.

World at the Roehampton Club on Saturday, reports Reuter. Becker, who had a tough three-set match against Todd Woodbridge of Australia on Thursday, found his rhythm a Not easier against the 22-yearold from Buenos Aires. He coped well with the windy conditions at the private club in west London. -McNeil lifts

EASTBOURNE, June 21: It was too good to last. Linda Harvey-Wild's giant-killing run at the Eastbourne women's grass court tennis tournament ended Saturday with defeat in the final to Texan Lori McNeil 6-4, 6-4, reports AP.

Eastbourne title

defending champion and world No 4 Martina Navratilova in the first round. It was the nine-time Wimbledon champion's first defeat by a player outside the world's top 50 since 1981, and her

Unseeded Harvey-Wild, a

21-year-old from Hawthorn

Woods, III, romped through

the tournament, knocking out

But Harvey-Wild, ranked No 64, was asked to play two -matches in a day Saturday after her semifinal against Rosilyn Fairbank-Nideffer was washed out Friday night.

Although it was straight-

A fall in the third game

sets 6-1, 6-3 victory Harvey-

Wild was obviously suffering in

earliest exit from any tourna-

ment since 1981.

the final.

didn't help either - aggravating an injury to her heavily strapped left knee, damaged at Wimbledon 12 months ago. At the next changeover she

took a three minute injury

break to receive on-court treatment. "My knee started hurting a little and I was glad to get it treated. I was a little scared about it," Harvey-Wild said. "The wind seemed to effect me more than her. She coped with it very well. She was making her first volleys and

covering the court superbly." Trailing one set and Q-5 in the second Harvey-Wild almost made a miraculous comeback as the swirling gale force wind played havoc with McNeil's

For the 28-year-old from

Houston, the victory was the

prefect leadup for Wimbledon, starting Monday. "It's a great feeling," she said. "It has given me a lot of confidence for next week, though I've now got to put Eastbourne behind me and treat Wimbledon as another tournament."

came back in the second set. She started going for her shots and I just tried to stick in there. The conditions were really difficult." Wimbledon doubles favouries Jana Novotna of Czechoslovakia and Larisa

and Zina Garrison.

"I got a few litters when she

FARUQUE ... 42

Bangladesh High Commissioner Giasuddin Ahmed Chowdhury witnessed the

Aminul Huq Moni secretary

chances in the match against "My results so far are not so



Timman shrugged off their

well below the Englishmen.

keep the fans on the edge of

MONICA SELES and tuned up his game in re-

Ferreira, who stopped Bjorn Borg's second come-back at

John McEnroe and Jimmy

initely bowing out at the end of

his 33rd year.

Slam titles, will face Mexican Davis Cup player Luis Herrera.

McEnroe in the past. McEnroe will play Brazilian Pat Cash, Australia's 27-old

pression he has no pretensions on the title. But he remains

French title, is riding the crest of the wave and his confidence is sky-high. game based on hard-hit

ominously.

Brad Stine in Palm Springs. Underneath it all the American probably ignores all the

purists by triumphing against the serve-and-volley brigade

five years running.

forced to retire hurt.