



FIFA instructor Klaus Diter Trapp shows local coaches attending the FIFA-Coca Cola world football development programme 1991-93 the finer points of dribbling at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. —Star photo

**President Cup date re-fixed**

Sports Reporter

The President Cup international soccer tournament under the aegis of the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF), is likely to be held in the second week of next January instead of Dec 20, this year as scheduled earlier, said a BFF Official. The change in the schedule is necessitated because of the fifth Bangladesh Games which will be held from December 18 to 25 in the city.

**BD Games from Dec 18**

Sports Reporter

The Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA) has at last finalised the date for the fifth Bangladesh Games. The Games will be held from December 18 to 25 in Dhaka, according to a BOA press release yesterday.

Although the release did not elaborate, it is learnt that twenty-two events will be staged in the meet.

**BHF delegates off to London**

A two-member delegation of Bangladesh Handball Federation (BHF) leaves for London today to participate in the seminar and congress of the Commonwealth Handball Association (CHA) to be held in Manchester from July 11 to 17, reports UNB.

Vice President of Bangladesh Handball Federation (BHF) Abdur Razzak will represent Bangladesh in the seminar while BHF member Hasanullah Khan Rana will participate in the congress.

Soon after completion of the Commonwealth congress, Abdur Razzak and Hasanullah Rana will fly to Barcelona in Spain to attend the congress and council of the Asian Handball Federation to be held there on July 16-20.

President of Bangladesh Handball Federation Col (Retd) MA Hamid is expected to be a candidate for the membership of the Asian body.

Both the Bangladeshi delegates will also attend the 24th congress of the International Handball Association (IHA) to be held in the Spanish city from July 20-24.

**TT coaching camp from July 15**

Twelve junior players have been picked by the Bangladesh Table Tennis Federation (BTTF) for a 17-day coaching programme under a Chinese coach which will begin from July 15.

Following players have been asked to report to the BTTF at the Dhaka Stadium at 5 pm on July 15.

Manash (Pirojpur), Mahbud (Bangladesh Biman), Hamlet (Bangladesh Ansars), Shaon (Biman), Rubel (Ansars), Sagar (Pirojpur), Mahid (Biman), Selim (Ansars), Milton (Narail), Monir (Dhaka), Qamruzzaman (Gaibandha) and Abid (Ahmed Bawany School).

**Fleet Club cruise along**

Sports Reporter

Title aspirants Fleet Club crossed their biggest obstacle with astonishing ease when they outclassed Kurmitola Appollo Club 100-66 in a rather one-sided affair of the Second Division basketball league fixtures played at the Outer Stadium wooden floor gymnasium yesterday.

Fleet Club, who now need only a win to clinch the title, led the first half 51-26.

Faisal topped the winners tally with 27 points followed by

Bablu and Mohsin who scored 22 points each.

For the losers Straj notched 18 points.

Meanwhile, the other match of the day saw Mitford Friends Club beating Thunders Club 53-41 in a comparatively competitive but low-scoring encounter.

Khairul and Nahid scored 22 points each for the winners while Ajit scored 24 points for the losers.

Fleet Club now leads the points table with 14 points

while Kurmitola Appollo Club, who tasted their first defeat yesterday, have 11 points from 6 outings.

On the other hand, Mitford Friends Club and Thunders Club struggle at the bottom of the points tally with seven and six points respectively from six matches.

**TODAY'S MATCHES**  
Kurmitola Young Stars' Club vs MCCC Club (4-30 pm)  
St. Joseph's Jazz Club vs Flame Boys' Club (5-30 pm)

**Holyfield prepares to defend title**



LONDON, July 8: Evander Holyfield is prepared to travel to London to defend his world heavyweight boxing title against Lennox Lewis, provided the two fighters win their next contests, reports AP.

Holyfield is lined up to defend against either Riddick Bowe or South African Pierre Coetzee in Las Vegas Nov. 13 while Lewis' handlers announced Wednesday the 1988 Olympic titlist will meet Donovan "Razor" Ruddock in a final eliminator at London's Earls Court Oct. 31.

According to Holyfield's promoter, Dan Duva, that could set up a world title clash in London early next year.

"It's all about the dollars Lewis can generate," Duva said. "We will be keeping an eye on what he draws against Ruddock. If it looks good, Holyfield could come to London to fight."

"Lewis has been too good for the amount of money he has generated. That's why he hasn't had his world chance earlier."

"If he beats Ruddock — and I think he will knock him out — his marketability will match

his talent," Duva said.

London-born Lewis won the Olympic super-heavyweight title fighting in Canada's colors although he now is regarded as British. Jamaican-born Ruddock, who twice lost to former world titlist Mike Tyson, fought most of early fights in Canada and has a home there.

Lewis will warm up for the Ruddock fight with a non-title contest in Atlantic City Aug. 11

although no opponent has so far been named.

Looking ahead he said he would rather fight Holyfield than Bowe, whom he beat on the way to the Olympic title.

"But it doesn't matter as long as I'm fighting the world champion," he said.

"I'm not going to fail, having come this far, I'm going to take the edge off Razor."

**Prapruet Asian snooker champ**

Sports Reporter

That national champion Prapruet Chaitanasakul, the second seed, staged a superb fightback at the cost of top seed Chuchart Trairatnapanadit to clinch the fifth Nescafe Asian Snooker championship in Bangkok, according to faxed message received here yesterday.

Chuchart, the snooker hall manager of Bangkok Palace Hotel, started in style by winning the first three frames quite easily. He took the first at 123-0, the second at 73-59 and the third at 78-1.

A dramatic turnaround saw Prapruet returning parity by winning the next three frames in a row. The eventual champion and the fifth Thai to win the prestigious tournament, went ahead by winning the seventh frame 75-26.

Chuchart levelled the margin by winning the eighth to make it four-all.

The second session began with Prapruet winning the ninth frame, an in-off this time proving dear for Chuchart.

The top seed then won the tenth frame at 73-29 to make the score 5-5.

Prapruet sitting comfortably at 31-22 in the eleventh frame threw away the advantage to trail his rival at 5-6.

In a nerve-wracking display of safety shots Prapruet won the twelfth frame at 61-52 to draw level.

Prapruet won the 14th frame at 75-41 to make it 7-7. He then won the deciding frame at 79-44 to pocket the coveted trophy.

**Chang moves up in Swiss Open**

GSTAAD, Switzerland, July 8: Second-seeded Michael Chang of the United States breezed past Spain's Javier Sanchez 6-4, 6-1 in the first round of the dlr 330,000 Swiss Open clay-court tournament Tuesday, reports AP.

Chang's second-round opponent is Cedric Pioline of France, who defeated countryman Frederic Fontang 6-4, 6-0 in his opening-round match.

The 20-year-old American, the youngest French Open champion in history in 1989, is the seventh-ranked player worldwide, 46 spots higher than Pioline.

Chang sported glasses Tuesday because of problems with his contact lenses.

Frenchman Fabrice Santoro defeated fast-serving Swiss Davis Cup team player Marc Rosset in a match interrupted by rain Monday, 6-4, 4-6, 7-5.

Rain delays again played havoc with the schedule Tuesday.

Seventh-seeded Alberto Mancini of Argentina was tied 3-3 with unseeded countryman Gabriel Markus in the decisive third set when darkness forced postponement of the match to Wednesday.

**Agassi ascends astral heights**



LAS VEGAS, July 8: Andre Agassi took Wimbledon by storm, then came home to do the same to the glitz capital of the world, reports AP.

In his hometown, marquee and billboards scream Agassi's accomplishment. He's on television and radio and in newspaper headlines.

A crowd gathered at the airport when he arrived home Monday. At the Mirage Hotel-and-Casino where he met the press Tuesday, at least 50 kids and adults burst into applause when he arrived for a news conference. The 22-year-old Agassi, who had lost in three previous Grand Slam finals, won tennis, most coveted title when he beat Goran Ivanisevic of Croatia 6-7 (8-10), 6-4, 6-4, 1-6, 6-4 on Sunday.

"I guarantee if I can do it at Wimbledon, I can do it again anywhere — anywhere in the world," Agassi said.

"I think more people spent time doubting me than I did myself, but I went through stages where I did myself and I don't think I'll ever see that again," Agassi said. "I really believe accomplishing that the way I did, not necessarily getting lucky but being the best... I'll never look at myself with a question again. No matter what I go through, I'll always know that it's there. It's just a question of finding it. So I'm a different person now."

According to Agassi, "winning is a question of which side of the line the ball bounces on." When you get as close as he was to the top, "you have to commit yourself to taking chances. It paid off for me."

Agassi, with his long hair and traditional earring, has not

always been the darling of tennis and he's certainly been no media darling, although he does feel it's helped build his character. His high visibility as a camera spokesman with the slogan "Image is everything" has further dented the public's view of him, he said.

"I am somebody who never wanted to change anything, just to add to it. I am somebody who didn't want to steal the show, just be a part of it," he said. He encouraged people to "take a closer look at him."

For now, though, he's just plain proud of what he's done—

for himself and for those around him. "It's those that love you the most that want the most for you. And it's those that love you the most that you want the most for them. The people I felt best for were the ones that wanted it the most for me because of their motives. Their motive wasn't the trophy. Their motive was my happiness."

When you have that bond with a few people in your life, it's something you can never lose. Like they can never take away that championship from me, they can't take away the

people that love me and the people I love. If there wasn't friends and loved ones to share this victory with, I'm not sure what the victory would mean to me. I don't think it would mean anything."

Agassi admits he is unlike most athletes because he encountered money and fame before he realized his athletic dream. He knows his ego got in the way on occasion and he has struggled with the grind on the road. But he feels he's growing into it and "I think I still have a lot to offer this sport."



1992 Wimbledon men's singles champion Andre Agassi(L) smiles with the coveted trophy while Goran Ivanisevic ponders what might have been at the presentation ceremony after the final last Sunday. —Star TV photo by Tawfiq Aziz Khan

**Hockey camp from July 20**

The official camp for the World Cup qualifying youth hockey tournament will begin at BKSP from July 20, reports UNB.

The executive committee of Hockey Federation in a meeting took this decision yesterday.

The World Cup qualifying competition is scheduled to begin in Malaysia from September 8 to 20.

Bangladesh has been placed in Group A alongwith Pakistan, Malaysia, China and Sri Lanka.

The participants of Group B are India, Korea, Japan, Hong Kong, Oman and China, Taipei.

The Hockey Federation primarily called 31 players for the camp and 26 players will be finally selected for the Bangladesh squad.

Ehtesam will conduct the camp as coach. He will be assisted by Razzak.

Mir Sabbir was appointed manager while Mir Monwar Ali and Mir Farid Ahmed Milu were nominated judge and umpire respectively.

Hockey Federation will bear the expenses for participation in the tournament. The Bangladesh team is expected to leave Dhaka on September 5.

**Tarango upsets Ferreira**

OSAKA, Japan, July 8: American Jeff Tarango upset second-seeded Wayne Ferreira of South Africa 6-3, 7-6 (7-1) Wednesday in the first round of the Gunze World Tennis, reports AP.

Tarango, putting in 62.5 per cent of his first serves to Ferreira's 47.3 per cent, overcame Ferreira's nine service aces and beat him in 73 minutes on the artificial court of Osaka Municipal Gymnasium.

Gigi Fernandez rallied from behind to beat American compatriot Amy Frazier 2-6, 6-0, 6-3 in 90 minutes in a women's first round match.

Eight men and eight women are competing in the five-day tournament, which moves to Tokyo Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Top-seeded Michael Stich of Germany begins play on Thursday.

**Lendl becomes US citizen**

HARTFORD, Connecticut July 8: Ivan Lendl has ended his long quest to become a United States citizen. The Czechoslovakia native and former No. 1 player on the ATP Tour was sworn in during a private ceremony Tuesday at the Immigration and Naturalization Service in Hartford, reports AP.

Lendl, born in Ostrava but who has lived in Greenwich, Connecticut, since 1984, was administered the oath by US Judge Peter C. Dorsey. The ceremony usually is conducted in open court, but it was private at the request of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Lendl has won the Australian open twice, the French Open three times and the US Open three times.

**B'ball men's Olympic schedule**

ZARAGOZA, Spain, July 8: The draw and schedule for the 1992 men's Olympic basketball field, scheduled to compete at Barcelona from July 26 to August 8, reports AP.

GROUP A: Angola, Brazil, Croatia, Germany, Spain, United States.

GROUP B: Australia, China, Commonwealth of Independent States, Lithuania, Puerto Rico, Venezuela.

SCHEDULE: Opening Round: Sunday, July 26: Group A: United States vs. Angola, Germany vs. Spain, Croatia vs. Brazil.

Group B: Venezuela vs. CIS, China vs. Lithuania, Puerto Rico vs. Australia.

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Brazil vs. Spain. Group B: China vs. Puerto Rico, Venezuela vs. Lithuania, CIS vs. Australia.

Wednesday, July 29: Group A: Brazil vs. Angola, United States vs. Germany, Croatia vs. Spain.

Group B: Venezuela vs. Australia, CIS vs. China, Lithuania vs. Puerto Rico.

Friday, July 31: Group A: Spain vs. Angola, Croatia vs. Germany, United States vs. Brazil.

Group B: Venezuela vs. Puerto Rico, Australia vs. China, Lithuania vs. CIS.

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Tuesday, Aug. 4: Consolation: 5A vs. 6B, 5B vs. 6A.

Quarterfinals: 1A vs. 4B, 1B vs. 4A, 2A vs. 3B, 2B vs. 3A.

Thursday, Aug. 6: Semifinals: 1A-4B winner vs. 2B-3A winner.

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Action from yesterday's schools kabaddi at the Outer Stadium kabaddi court. —Star photo



Farmers protesting the European agriculture policy clear the road to let pass the Tour de France pack in Bordeaux Tuesday. —AFP photo