

### BHF short-lists 26 players

Sports Reporter

A Dhaka Eleven, comprising players from the Dhaka Senior Division hockey league, may take part in the Surjett Singh Memorial hockey tournament to be held in Jalandhar, Punjab, in India from November 3 to 13.

The Bangladesh Hockey Federation has reportedly applied for permission of the National Sports Council to send the team.

Meanwhile, the Bangladesh Hockey Federation has short-listed 26 players out of the 31 called to the two-day trials, for the fifth World Youth Under-21 Asia-Oceania zone qualifying tournament to be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from September 8 to 20.

Following is the list of players:

Goalkeepers—Rahmat Ali, Astr, Tushar Kanti Halder, Shamim Ahmed, Md Jahangir; Full-backs: Mamunur Rashid, Irza Quader Gaddu, Kamrul Hassan Ejaz, Mahfuzul Alam;

Wing-backs: Zahirul Islam, Mitul, Khurshid Alam, Rabiuddin Ahmed Rabi and Joubel Lussai;

Midfielders: Mahub Harun, Haider Alam, Abu Zafar Tapan, Md. Sharafat;

Forwards: Abdus Sadeq, Zahid Hossain Raju, Alamgir Alam, Md Akhtar Hossain, Biaka Lussai, Zahid Biswas, Abdur Rashid, Shaiful Alam, Shahid Ahmed and Md Rafiqul Islam Kamal.

The final team will be picked after a month-long residential camp beginning at the BKSP, Savar, from today.

Bangladesh have been placed in Group "A" along with champions Pakistan, hosts Malaysia, Sri Lanka and China, India, South Korea, Japan, Hong Kong, Oman and Chinese Taipei will play in Group B of the competition which is also being dubbed as the Second Asian Youth championship. The top three teams will qualify for the World Youth finals to be held later this year.

Meanwhile, this year's national championship will be held as part of the Fifth Bangladesh Games scheduled for December 18-25 in Dhaka. However, the qualifying tournament to select the 16 teams for the Bangladesh Games will be held sometime on November.

In another development, the International Hockey Federation (FIH) has approved the nominations of three BHF officials for the forthcoming world junior meet Asia-Oceania zone. They are BHF president

Alamgir Md Adel, who will be an assistant technical delegate, Mirza Farid Ahmed as an umpire and Mir Manwar Ali as a judge.

### Hamid elected to Asian body

President of the Bangladesh Handball Federation Lt Col (Retd) M.A Hamid has been elected member of the executive committee of the Asian Handball Council, according to a message received in Dhaka yesterday, reports UNB.

He is the first Bangladeshi to be elected member of the Asian Handball body since official introduction of the game in Bangladesh, in the early Eighties.

Col Hamid, who was not present during the voting, polled 17 votes against six secured by his rival Dr. R.L Ananda, President of the Indian Amateur Handball Federation. The election was held on July 17 at the Spanish city of Barcelona.

Sheikh Ahmed Al-Fahad of Kuwait and Abul Hasan of Pakistan were re-elected President and Secretary General respectively of the 9-member Asian committee of the federation.

A two-member delegation of Bangladesh Handball Federation—Abdur Razzak and Hasanullah Khan Rana—attended the congress of the Asian Handball body held July 16-19 in Barcelona.

### Kabaddi semis on July 22

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The second semifinal of the 1992 schools Kabaddi competition between Maniknagar Primary School and Segunbachia High School will be held on July 22 at 4 pm at the Outer Stadium kabaddi court.

This was decided in a meeting of the tournament committee at the Bangladesh Kabaddi Federation last night.

The match which was scheduled for Saturday ended in a fiasco when a group of rowdy spectators entered the ground.

The victors of the second semifinal will play Bangladesh Rifles High School in the final of the meet, the date of which is yet to be decided.

## President Cup from Jan 8

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The President Gold Cup international football tournament, earlier scheduled for late December, will now begin in Dhaka from January 8, 1993.

This was decided at the executive committee meeting of the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) at its Dhaka Stadium office premises last night.

The meeting, which lasted until ten pm, also approved the nomination of Sajjad Hossain Labu, the young coach of Victoria Sporting Club, to attend an AFC sponsored coaches' training programme to be held at the King Faisal Institute in Saudi Arabia from Sept 4 to 17 next.

Former star striker Kazi Salahuddin and ex-Abahani star Abdus Sadeq were the other candidates for the course.

The meeting also approved a budget of Taka seven lakh sixty-six thousand four hundred

for the Ma-o-Moni under-14 Gold Cup tournament beginning from Aug 10. Sponsors of the meet, Expanded Programme on Immunisation (EPI), a Unicef project, will bear Taka four lakh of the total costs.

Meanwhile, the committee decided not to send the under-16 team, which has qualified for the Asian under-16 meet finals to be held in Saudi Arabia from September 5 to 12, to Malaysia for a warm-up tour. The invitation was extended to the BFF by Paul Moni Samuel, the Secretary of the Malaysian Football Association when he was here in connection with the FIFA World Football Development Programme earlier this month.

Hasanuzzaman Babu the coach of the under-16 squad, advised against sending the boys on an exacting trip so close to the Saudi Arabian finals. It was also resolved in the meeting that henceforth all banking transactions of the

federation will be only with nationalised commercial banks. This follows the chastening experience of the BFF following the collapse of Bangladesh Commerce and Investment (BCI), a sum of over 55 lakh taka being stuck with the private company which went bust last April.

However, part of that money has been recovered, in two instalments of Taka 15 lakh and Taka 20 lakhs, through Rupali Insurance Company which had given covering notes for the BFF's account in the BCI. The remaining instalment, worth slightly over taka 20 lakh, is due on July 30.

The more pressing issue of whether to start a Premier League by taking the top ten teams of last season's 20-team First Division league, has been deferred until the next meeting. The issue of inter-club transfers of players for the coming soccer season was also put on hold.

## Germans clinch Federation Cup

FRANKFURT, July 19: Wimbledon champion Steffi Graf beat Arantxa Sanchez Vicario 6-4, 6-2 to deliver the Federation Cup to Germany for the second time Sunday, reports AP.

Earlier, Anke Huber ousted Conchita Martinez 6-3, 6-7 (0-7), 6-1 and by sweeping the singles, top-seeded Germany made sure of taking the title away from Spain.

The doubles will not change the final outcome. Spain, last year's winner, was seeded second.

Graf, the No 2 in the world which also carried Germany to its only previous title in 1987, did not lose a single set during the week-long tournament and she was in devastating form against Sanchez Vicario, No 5 in the world.

The Spaniard, one of the most accomplished clay court players, dropped her first service game to fall behind 2-0. She immediately broke back to

level the score. Graf, gained another break to go up 5-3 but a double-fault and a forehand into the net allowed Sanchez Vicario to save the set.

Serving to level the score, the Spaniard fell behind 30-40, and a cross-court winner by Graf gave the set to the German.

The second set went with serve until the sixth game.

Making a rare venture to the net, Graf scored on a blistering volley to the corner. When Sanchez Vicario rushed to the net on the next point, Graf passed her to gain two break points. A backhand to the net by the Spaniard gave Graf the vital break and a 4-2 lead.

Graf held her serve and gained two match points as Vicario Sanchez served to stay in the contest. Another unreturnable cross-court winner by Graf converted the first match point and gave her the victory in 57 minutes.

Huber had to battle for two

hours and 19 minutes in the hot midday sun to overcome Martinez, who is ranked eighth in the world, two places above the German.

The German broke Martinez in the opening game to go ahead. Martinez saved three set points before dropping serve again as Huber took the first set.

Each player lost serve four times in the second set, Martinez wasting a chance to win it when she was broken in the 12th game.

But the Spaniard rolled through the tiebreaker without losing a point.

The 17-year-old German had too much power for Martinez in the decisive set. She broke Martinez twice for a 4-1 lead, held for 5-1 and after wasting two match points on the Spaniard's serve, Huber clinched the match with a soft volley that Martinez could not reach.

## Medvedev's big day



Andrei Medvedev, 17, of the Ukraine returns a ball to his Austrian opponent Thomas Muster during their semifinal match of the ATP tennis tournament at Stuttgart's Weissenhof Club Saturday. Medvedev won the title defeating South Africa's Wayne Ferreira in final yesterday. —AFP photo

STUTTGART, Germany, July 19: Ukrainian teenager Andrei Medvedev defeated South Africa's Wayne Ferreira 6-1, 6-4, 6-7, 2-6, 6-1 on Sunday, winning the dir 1.04 million Stuttgart Grand Prix men's tennis tournament, reports AP.

Played in two hours, 47 minutes under a blazing sun, it was a hard-fought match for both players.

Medvedev showed power, cleverness and patience in the first two sets, and Ferreira looked uncertain how to handle his 17-year-old opponent. But the Ukrainian qualifier

tired in the third set, which he lost to seventh-seeded Ferreira in a 5-7 tie-break.

Ferreira sent his young opponent all over the court in the fourth set, which the South African quickly won.

But Medvedev — who sat perfectly still in the pauses between sets to relax himself — came back with the same strong serves and poise he showed early in the match. He won the last on his second matchball.

Medvedev took everyone by surprise at the Stuttgart tournament, upsetting top-seeded Stefan Edberg of Sweden and Thomas Muster of Austria en route to winning dir 1,040,000 final prize.

## Capriati, Seles in final

MAHWAH, New Jersey, July 19: Jennifer Capriati will get a chance to defend her title against top-seeded Monica Seles, thanks to a comeback on Saturday that put her into the championship round of the dir 150,000 Pat-Hark Tennis Classic, reports AP.

Capriati, the second seed, was behind by a set and a service break before rallying to defeat sixth-seeded Tammi Whitlinger, 2-6, 6-3, 6-4 in a semifinal Saturday at the Crossroads Corporate Center.

Capriati is ranked sixth in the world, and Whitlinger is No. 72. The finals will take place Sunday.

Seles rolled to a 6-0, 6-3 victory Saturday night over seventh-seed Audra Keller in a 47-minute semifinal to earn another shot at Capriati, who pulled a 6-3, 7-5 surprise in the final of this exhibition event last year.

Seles was on fire in the first set against Keller. She dropped only 12 points as she wrapped up the 21-minute set with an overhead for her third successive break.

## Taiwan turn down China's offer

TAIPEI, July 19: Taiwan rejected today a Chinese proposal to co-sponsor a joint bid for the 2000 Olympics in Beijing, with a top official saying it would give a false sense of unity between the rivals, reports AFP.

"It is unlikely that we will co-sponsor the Olympics ... Because by jointly holding the Games, the communists are able to create a false impression that the two sides of the Taiwan strait have united," said Kao Koong-Lian, vice-chairman of the cabinet-level Mainland Affairs Council.

China only wanted the island to provide the money but not the "name" for the Games, Kao added.

He said China had previously blocked Taiwan's bid to sponsor the Asian Games.

Beijing, which views Taiwan as a renegade province after defeating the nationalist forces in a civil war on the mainland and driving them to the island in 1949, has warned other countries not to forge ties with the government in Taipei.

## Everest costlier to conquer

KATMANDU, July 19: The Nepalese government said Sunday it will charge dir 50,000 for each expedition to Mount Everest, the world's loftiest peak, reports AP.

The price was hiked from dir 10,000 as part of a series of measures to conserve the environment of the Himalayas by lessening the number of climbers.

The new fee will be applicable from autumn of 1993. The government has also cut down on the size of an expedition to a maximum of five members to climb the 8,848-meter (29,028-ft.) high peak. However, a team may add two more members, after paying an additional dir 20,000.

Since Everest was conquered for the first time by Sir Edmund Hillary and Sherpa Tenzing Norgay in 1953, the mountain has been scaled more than 300 times by alpinists from different parts of the world. And there is still a rush on the mountain.

Last spring, 12 teams had operated on its slopes.

Of them, eight teams had put altogether 53 men and two women atop Everest, creating a record in alpine history.

But this brought criticism from environmentalists who were worried about the garbage left behind.

From 1993 only one team will be allowed to operate at one time along a single route. There is no restriction now. There are six different routes to climb Everest from the Nepalese side.



The Barcelona Olympics bound Bangladesh contingent members pose in their team blazers with State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadeq Hossain Khoka at the NSC yesterday evening. From left: Shah Jalal Mobin, athletics coach Abdul Mannan, Shahanuddin Chowdhury, chef de mission Sadeq Hossain Khoka, manager Ateequr Rahman, shooter Kazi Shahana Parveen, Swimmer Mukhlesur Rahman, Mehdi Hassan and Golam Ambia. Mobin, Shahanuddin, Mehdi and Ambia are the four athletes who will run in the sprints and relays. —Star photo

## Olympians leave tomorrow

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The eight-member Bangladesh Olympic contingent leaves for London enroute to Barcelona by British Airways tomorrow at eight in the evening.

The squad, comprises four athletes — Golam Ambia, Shah Jalal Mobin, Shahanuddin Chowdhury and Mehdi Hassan, swimmer.

Mukhlesur Rahman and rifle shooter Kazi Shahana Parveen — and two officials. They will be joined in Barcelona around the 26th or 27th of this month by State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadeq Hossain Khoka, the chef de mission, who is having to delay his departure in view of the current budget session of the Jatiya Sangsad.

Members of the contingent, including team manager Ateequr Rahman and athletics coach Abdul Mannan, met the minister, who is also the National Sports Council, Chairman, at his NSC office last night for final briefing.

The team blazers were distributed on the occasion.

## Gooch agrees to tour India

LONDON, July 19: Graham Gooch has agreed to lead England during its winter cricket tour of India in December, delaying his retirement to play his 100th Test, reports AP.

Gooch turns 39 Thursday on the first day of his 98th Test, against Pakistan at Headingley. If he played the fifth Pakistan Test, Gooch would then make his 100th appearance in Calcutta in January.

"After a lot of soul-searching, I've told (chairman of selectors) Ted Dexter I'll make one last tour — if they want me," Gooch told the News of the World newspaper.

England team manager Mickey Stewart retires after the Pakistan series and will be replaced by Keith Fletcher in India.

"Keith Fletcher is the overriding reason I want to go", Gooch said. "He's my mentor, the only official captain I've ever had at Essex. He has been the biggest influence on my career."

"India will be his first tour as team manager and I think I'd regret it afterwards if I didn't go with him. But this is definitely my last trip."

## Cricket match disrupted

LONDON, July 19: Anti-apartheid demonstrators briefly interrupted play Sunday in a cricket match between South African province Transvaal and the MCC at the Lord's ground, reports AP.

Police said seven people were detained at London's Paddington Green police station. They would be held until the match ended, but no charges would be made.

Police said they did not want to give the demonstrators any publicity that might arise from a court appearance.

The protesters ran onto the field after one ball had been bowled by West Indian Joel Garner, playing for the Marylebone Cricket Club composite team. After grabbing a stump, the protesters were taken from the field by police and Lord's security staff.

The match resumed after a three-minute delay.

## Palace beat Chiefs 3-2

JOHANNESBURG, July 19: England's Crystal Palace, powered by two goals from Mark Bright defeated South African League champions Kaizer Chiefs 3-2 on Saturday in the first match featuring a foreign club side for nearly 30 years, reports Reuter.

Chiefs, based in the black township of Soweto, led 2-1 at half time in a thrilling match played before 50,000 chanting and foot-stamping fans.

The last English club to tour South Africa was Tottenham Hotspur in 1963.

## Pakistan concede 19-run lead

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Derbyshire were 182 for four wickets, a lead of 201, at close on the second day of their three-day match against Pakistan at Derby yesterday, according to BBC monitored in Dhaka last night.

Earlier, resuming at their overnight score of 98 for three in reply to Derbyshire's first innings total of 216 all out, the tourists conceded a lead of 19 runs after being dismissed for 197.

Only Inzamamul Haq offered any resistance, top scoring with 43.

An earlier report said: Fast bowler Wasim Akram grabbed another five-wicket haul to shatter Derbyshire on Saturday and put Pakistan well in sight of a 50,000 pound sterling (97,500 US dollar) bonus.

With Waqar Younis also weighing in with two wickets, the fast bowling duo sent Derby crashing from 188 for three to 216 all out in the space of 10 overs.

By the close of the first day of the three-day match, Pakistan had responded by reaching 98 for three and were well on the way to reaching the bonus target set by a sponsor of winning eight of their matches against county sides.

Having achieved seven victories already from nine matches, Pakistan need only one more win to clinch the prize with three games, including this one, remaining.

Akram finished with five for 59 and Waqar two for 30.

Derbyshire fast bowler Devon Malcolm, hoping to be named today in England's squad for the fourth Test at Headingley, redressed the balance a little by removing Amir Sohail for two and fellow opener Ramiz Raja also fell cheaply for seven.

But a bright innings of 43 from Inzamam-ul Haq and an unbeaten 39 by Asif Mujtaba left Pakistan well placed by the close.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the first day of the three-day cricket match between Derbyshire and Pakistan on Saturday:

DERBYSHIRE: First innings	
P Bowler b Mushtaq	28
A Brown c Mujtaba b Mushtaq	27
J Morris c Moin b Akram	49
T O'Gorman c Miandad b Akram	46
C Adams c Malik b Rehman	51
F Griffith not out	2
K Krikken c Moin b Waqar	4
R Sladdin lbw b Waqar	0
A Warner b Akram	4
D Malcolm b Akram	0

DERBYSHIRE: First innings

PAKISTAN: First innings	
Aamir Sohail c Krikken b Malcolm	2
Ramiz Raja lbw/b Warner	7
Asif Mujtaba not out	39
Inzamam-ul Haq b Griffith	43
Salim Malik not out	5
Extras: (lb-1, nb-1)	2
Total: (for three wickets)	98

To bat: Javed Miandad, Wasim Akram, Moin Khan, Waqar Younis, Mushtaq Ahmed, Ata-ur Rehman.

## England make 4 changes

LONDON, July 19: England dropped wicketkeeper Jack Russell and three bowlers but retained struggling batsman Graeme Hick in their squad for the fourth cricket Test against Pakistan starting Thursday at Headingley, reports AP.

Batsman Mark Ramprakash returns to the Test squad after making a duck in the first Test at Lord's, paceman Neil Mallender is given the chance of a Test debut, and paceman Phil Newport and spinner John Childs return to the squad after lengthy absences.

They replace Russell, spinner Ian Salisbury, pace bowler Devon Malcolm and the injured paceman Phillip DeFreitas.

Ramprakash looks set to play as one of seven frontline batsmen. Former opener Alec Stewart will replace Russell as wicketkeeper, and will likely drop down the order to three or four.

## Jones' third ton heals Durham's wound

LONDON, July 19: Australia's in-form batsman Dean Jones eased Durham's embarrassment at having to follow on when he struck his third century in four innings in their county championship match against Nottinghamshire on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Jones, due to fly home at the end of the month to join up with the Australian side preparing to tour Sri Lanka, added to his two centuries against Pakistan with a dazzling 114 not out in Durham's second innings at Trent Bridge.

He hammered 14 boundaries and hoisted three sixes in his 125-minute innings, reaching his 100 off just 99 deliveries.

Together with opener Wayne Larkins, he steered

Durham to 167 for on in their second innings by the close, a deficit of 117 after they had been forced to follow on after being ripped out for 147.

Nottinghamshire's New Zealand all-rounder Chris Cairns continued his recent good form with four for 41 in Durham's first innings.

Zimbabwe-born Graeme Hick will have helped his chances of retaining his place in the England team for the fourth Test against Pakistan at Headingley starting on Thursday with his third century in as many championship matches.

Hick's sparkling 168, following his century against Sussex and unbeaten 214 against Nottinghamshire, helped Worcestershire to a first innings lead of 144 over Middlesex at Uxbridge. He reached his century off 247 balls, with a six and 11 fours.

England's selectors, who announce the side on Sunday, will have been pleased with the form of captain Graham Gooch, whose 102 helped champions and current leaders Essex to a total of 303 for one declared from only 66 overs in their match against Sussex at Southend.

Gooch was in ruthless mood, producing an imperious array of shots to reach his third century of the season in 93 balls, including 20 fours, four times striking three boundaries in an over.

## H'ball results

Sports Reporter

Nabin Sangha won quite comfortably against Mansur Sporting Club in yesterday's lone Phoenix Insurance monsoon handball competition fixture, played at the Outer Stadium handball court.

Mansur Sporting Club showed true grit in the first half, trailing seven goals to eight but fell apart in the face of a rejuvenated second-half offensive by the Sangha Boys. They lost the game 15-23.

Surya Karajal Club play Nawabpur SC in today's match.



Argentine soccer player Diego Maradona (R) runs away with the ball as an unidentified player tries to intercept him during a charity match to benefit a local children's hospital in De Mayo Saturday. Maradona said he is waiting on word from his Italian team, Napoli, to determine his future soccer career. —AFP photo