Sonali Bank to sponsor Div II soccer

Sports Reporter

Sonali Bank will sponsor the Second Division soccer league which began on Tuesday last at the Dhaka Stadium under the aegis of the Dhaka Metropolis Football Association (DMFA).

Talking to the press at the DMFA conference room yesterday, the DMFA president Aztzul Huq said that the sponsors would provide three lakh

About one lakh seventy thousand taka will be needed for the one and half month long league.

The National Sports Council (NSC), the governing body of country's sports, has allotted the Dhaka Stadium for football till September 20. If the Dhaka Stadium is not available after that time the Second Division league matches will be held at some other venues.

The DMFA secretary Kazi Mishu informed the newsmen that the Second Division football teams were not willing to play at the Mirpur Stadium due to financial constraints.

The DMFA president said that they had accepted the Bangladesh Football Federation's decision of launching the Premier Division league comprising the top-ten teams from the last year's First Division league but the time frame is yet to be worked out.

A committee has been formed to review the situation which is likely to submit its report within fifteen days, Kaz Mishu added.

The deputy general manager of Sonali Bank Abdus Samad and the Bangladesh Olympic Association Secretary General Bashir Ahmed, who is also an assistant general manager of Sonali Bank, also spoke on the occasion. Meanwhile, the Second

Division league programme remained suspended because DSA by three goals to one in inaugural day's proceedings of the inaugural match. the final phase of Ma-o-Moni under-14 soccer tournament breather. at the Dhaka Stadium.

The league resumes today at the Dhaka Stadium with East End Club playing against BG Press at 3 pm and Dhaka WASA taking on Mahakhali XI at 4:30

Div III soccer results

Sports Reporter

Badda Jagaroni Sangsad beat Power Development Board (PDB) Sporting Club by two goals to nil in the Pragati Insurance Third Division football league at the Outer Stadium yesterday.

Shyamol scored both the goals for the winners.

Earlier in the afternoon, Fire Service Sporting Club shared two goals with Lalmatia

Mozammel Haq put Lalmatia in the lead in the seventh minute while Md Faruk of Fire Service restored parity in the 15th minute.

Munir of Fire Service and Feroj and Mozammel of Laimatia were warned for foul

The other match of the day between Rahmatganj Sporting Club and Purbachel Parishad ended in a goalless draw at the Mahakhali T&T ground.

Rezaul Karim Bachchu and Shahabuddin of Rahmatgani were booked.

TODAY'S MATCHES Matuati JS vs Bashabo TS (3

pm : Outer Stadium) East End Boys vs Aminbazar KS (4:30 pm : Outer Stadium)

Zia leads Foundation chess

Sports Reporter

Runner-up of the 18th national chess championship Ziaur Rahman of Bangladesh Biman with full six points led the table of the first Foundation Open chess competition after the completion of the sixth round of the nine round Swiss league meet at the National Sports Council chess room yesterday.

Zia beat Ziaul Kader Tuhin

in his sixth-round match.

National champion Reefatbin-Satter of Biman also ended the day on winning note bea ting Syed Tahmidur Rahman. Reefat is in the second posi-

tion with five and a half points. Seven players have collected five points each. They are, Khandaker Kayes Hassan, Ahmed Jahangir, Shawkat Hossain, Enayet, Kashem, Kalam

and Tuhin. Tahmid, Neyamul Huq Niru and Shawkat Ali followed them

with four and a half points Meanwhile, a chess coach-

ing programme under the aegis of MM Botvinnik Chess Club will begin soon, says a press release.

Interested players have been asked to contact the Russian Cultural Centre at Dhanmondi by September 2.



A midfield melee in yesterday's Ma-o-Moni Gold Cup under-14 soccer final phase inaugural match between Tangail and Jhenidah at the Dhaka Stadium. Tangail won 3-1. - Star photo

Tangail, Sylhet off to winning starts

Sports Reporter

Tofazzel scored his second Tangail and Sylhct DSAs made goal of the match to seal the fate of the encounter in good beginnings Tangail's favour in the 70th by winning their minute (3-0). respective mat-

> Mozammel Hossain pulled one back for Jhenidah five minutes from time (3-1). Tangail will now play

Gaibandha while Jhenidah will take on Sylhet tomorrow. Sylhet DSA beat Gaibandha, also by three goals to one in

under floodlights. The winners led the first session 2-0.

the day's second match played

Sylhet shot into the lead in the 15th minute when Wadood found the net (1-0). Manna doubled the margin in the' 33rd minute (2-0). Rubel reduced the margin

a surprise 39th minute lead

through Mark Walter, but

Jason Dozzell headed a 56th

ledon also finished all square

at 2-2, United manager Dave

Bassett thus failing at the fifth

attempt to put one over his old

changed when ex-Wimbledon

winger Glyn Hodges shot the

blades into a 2-1 lead, but

Inter confirm

Matthaeus'

transfer

transfer of Germany's World

Cup winning captain Lothar

Matthaeus to Bayern Munich

from Internazionale Milan

was confirmed by the Italian

club on Tuesday, reports Reu-

Inter, who bought Mattha-

eus from Bayern in 1988, said

in a statement the midfielder

wanted to return to Germany

The statement gave no fi-

nancial details of the transfer

which was first announced by

Bayern vice-president Franz

ANSA said Inter would receive

6.3 million dollar for 31 year-

old Matthaeus who has been

out of action since tearing a

ligament in his right knee in

ld footballer of 1990 after

leading Germany to the World

man Bundeslinga five times

between 1985 and 1990 have

struggled in the past two years.

They finished in 10th place

Players trying to lift the balance in their favour during yesterday's sixth round matches of

Cup title.

Matthaeus was named wor-

Bayern, who won the Ger-

The Italian news agency

Beckenbauer last weekend.

for 'personal reasons."

MILAN, Italy, Aug 26: The

It seemed his luck had

Sheffield United and Wimb-

minute equaliser.

ahead in the very ninth minute for Gaibandha in the 52nd of play (1-0). Faridullah made minute (2-1). it 2-0 in the 58th minute. Riaz completed the tally for Cantona's hattrick sinks Spurs

ches of the Ma-o-

Moni Gold Cup national under-

14 soccer finals which started

at thé Dhaka Stadium

Mustafizur Rahman inaugu-

rated the eight-day final round

as chief guest. State Minister

for Youth and Sports Sadek

Hossain Khoka was also pre-

Tangail DSA beat Jhenidah

Tangail led 2-0 at the

Tofazzel Hossain put Tangail

LONDON, Aug 26:

Eric Cantona,

axed by France

with Brazil on

Wednesday, res-

for their friendly

ponded with a sparkling hat-

trick for Leeds on Tuesday as

the English champions

crushed Tottenham 5-0 at

season saw Howard Wilkinson's

men bounce back from their

shock 4-1 drubbing at

Middlesbrough last Saturday

and leave Spurs still looking

for their first Premier League

In fact, Cantona had a part

in all five goals, although the

first owed much to the contro-

versial back pass rule, with

Rod Wallace nipping in front of

Norweigian international Eric

Thorstvedit to score from an

That was the cue for the

Frenchman to take charge

with goals in the 26th, 31st

and 47th minutes, before he

turned goalmaker again to put

Lee Chapman in for Leeds' fifth

also still looking for their first

Premier League triumph after

a stunning Mo Johnston strike

two minutes from time gave

Everton a 1-0 home win over

Chris Kiwomya - in the dying

seconds - earned Ipswich a 2-

2 home draw with Liverpool in

a game which ended with ref-

eree Bob Hamer requiring a

He had awarded Liverpool a

controversial penalty in the

70th minute, which Danish

midfielder Jan Molby blasted

home to put the Merseysiders

Earlier, Liverpool snatched

the Foundation Open at the NSC chess room.

An even later goal from

Aston Villa, like Spurs, are

in the 66th minute.

Ron Atkinson' side.

police escort.

2-1 in front.

acute angle.

His second treble of the

Elland Road, reports AFP.

Foreign Minister A S M

yesterday.

Sylhet in the 52nd minute (3-

Eight teams, who finished as their respective zonal champions in the qualifying round held from August 8 to 17 at eight different venues across the country, are participating in the final round on a two-group league basis.

The teams are Tangail, Sylhet, Gaibandha and Jhenidah in Group A and Munshiganj, Satkhira, Natore and Feni in Group B

A record number of sixty two DSAs out of 64 of the country took part in the knockout qualifiers. Organised by the Bangla-

desh Football Federation, the Expanded Programme on Immunisation (EPI) is sponsoring the meet.

Two matches will be played today. Munshiganj will take on

Wimbledon bounced back with

an equaliser 16 minutes from

time from new striker Dean

ahead in the 34th minute

through Warren Barton's 25-

yard freekick, only for United

to level 14 minutes later via

Paul Beesley's 20-yard

League game ended in a draw

as well, Paul Williams securing

a 1-1 draw for Sheffield

Wednesday at Crystal Palace af-

ter Eric Young had nudged the

Charlton striker Robert Lee

scored a goal and had a hand

in two others as the leaders

maintained their 100 per cent

record with a 4-1 rout of

celebrated his first start of the

season by guiding St Johns-

tone into their first SKOL Cup

semifinal since 1969 with a 3-

success at First Division

The 30-year-old striker set

up the opening goal for

Incelander Gudni Torfason in

the 51st minute and scored

the second himself after 68

Witherspoon wins

26 : Former heavyweight cha-

mpion Tim Witherspoon won a

10-round unantmous decision

over Tony Willis at Harrah's

Marino Hotel Casino on

from a July 21 loss to Everett

Martin, was forced to win a

fast-paced bout. The 205-

pound (93-kilo) Willis, 21-5,

with 16 knockouts, constantly

pressed the 232-pound (105-

- Star photo

kilo) Witherspoon.

Witherspoon, rebounding

Tuesday night, reports AP.

ATLANTIC CITY, N J, Aug

In Scotland Steve Maskrey

Bristol Rovers at Upto Park.

In Division One highly rated

London club ahead.

Kilmarnock.

The night's other Premier

Earlier, Wimbledon swept

Holdsworth.

pilcdriver.

Satkhira at 6pm while Natore will clash with Feni at 7:30 pm at the Dhaka Stadium.

Broad, Hemmings to leave Notts

NOTTINGHAM, England, Aug 26: Former England Test stars Chris Broad and Eddie Hemmings will leave Nottinghamshire at the end of the season as part of a shock clearour by the country, reports

Broad, the 34-year-old opening batsman and Hemmings, the 43-year-old offspinner, have not been offered new contracts for next season neither has paceman Kevin Cooper who has been plagued by back trouble for two years.

Team manager Mike Hendirick, the one-time England seamer, explained the sackings on the county's need to find openings for their younger players.

Broad, who played 25 Tests for England before going I on the so called "rebel" tour to South Africa in 1989, has scored more than 12,000 first class runs for Notts since joining the county eight years ago from Gloucestershire.

Hemmings, who I played 16 Tests between 1982 and 1991 is an even longer servant. He switched from Warwickshire to Trent Bridge in 1979 and has captured more than 600 wickets for Notts

Boca Juniors not concerned about Maradona's return

PARMA, Italy, Aug 26: Boca Juniors president Antonio Alegre said Wednesday that Diego Maradona's immediate return to the Argentine team appeared out of question, reports

"At the moment I can't see how Maradona can return to Boca," Alegre was quoted by the Italian news agency ANSA. "His return to action is a problem which must be solved by

his Italian team, Napoli." Alegre, who is on a business trip in Italy and met with offictals of Italian dairy giant Parmalat here, was commenting on published reports that Maradona may rejoin Boca Juniors since his transfer to Seville of Spain or to another European club was being op-

posed by Napoli. The Italian First-Division club, who has Maradona under contract through June 1993, wants the 1986 World Cup hero to return to Italy.

Maradona, which has completed in June a 15-month international suspension for test ing positive for cocaine, has said he does not want to return to Naples and said in recent interviews added that he would like to join Seville before ending his career with Boca Juniors, where he began his professional career.

"The important point is that Maradona can play again, no matter with which team. hope that Napoli can find the last great talent of world soccer," Alegre said.

Maradona was suspended by testing positive following a league game in March 1991.

Derr's confession

DARMSTADT, Germany, Aug 26 : Manuela Derr. a teammate of disgraced double world sprint champion Katrin Krabbe, has also admitted taking the banned drug Clenbuterol, reports Reuter. Derr, a member of the vie-

torious East German women's 4X400 relay team at the 1990 European Champtonships, runs for Krabbe's East German club Neubrandenburg.

Lamb joins the scuffing row



England batsman Allan Lamb said on Wednesday he had told the umpires that the

bowlers Pakistani tampering with the ball during the fourth one-day cricket international on Sunday, reports Reuter. Officials changed the ball

during England's Innings at Lord's but as yet the International Cricket Council (ICC) has not given a reason for the "I blew the whistle on Pak

istan's ball tampering tricks on Sunday's," Lamb said in an article in Wednesday's Daily Mirror newspaper.

"And I did it because Wasim Akram and Wagar Younis have been getting away with murder all summer. They have repeatedly tam-

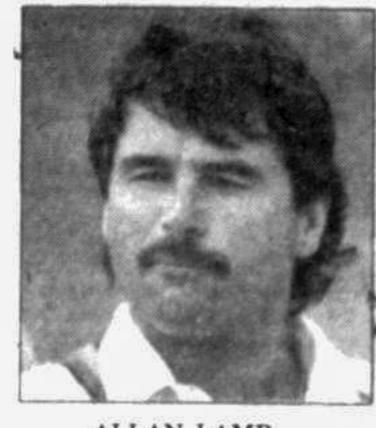
pered with the ball to produce the murderous late swing that has won them the Test series." Pakistan team manager Intikhab Alam reacted angrily to

Lamb's claims, calling them a

"cowardly attack." "I think this is a very cow-

ardly attack," Intikhab said in a radio interview.

"I am quite used to these things by now. But if he wanted to say something, why didn't



ALLAN LAMB

he say something before ?" There is something behind this. I don't have to spell it out it's very obvious."

Intikhab said umpires Ken Palmer and John Hampshire had made the change under a law which allows a ball to be replaced if it loses its shape or goes soft.

Asked what had been the

difference between Pakistan's and England's bowling attacks, Intikhab replied: "We have far better bowlers. Everybody ac-

cepts that. These stories are all rubbish." In the article Lamb said the Pakistanis used their thumb-

nails to make scuff marks on the ball. "As the bowlers work in it, the scar becomes deeper and wider with every sneaky scratch altering the aerody-

namics. The effect achieves what we players call reverse swing. It changes the normal behaviour pattern of a ball so that the one you expect to move away actually comes racing into

you at 90 mph(145 kph)." "And towards the end of each over - when the bowlers know the ball is most likely to be inspected by the umpires the new gouges are disguised by rubbing sweat on to the roughened surface.

"That causes the red leather of the ball to run enough to cover all the marks - but it is all cosmetic. As soon as the next over starts, the work begins all over again."

Boon c Kaluwirthana b

Martyn c Kaluwirthana

Jones c Jayasuriya b

Border c Kumudu de

Dodemaide lbw De Silva

Waugh c Kaluwirthana

Moody c Jayasurtya b

De Silva

Liyanage

Liyanage

b Ranatunga

Sílva b De Sílva

Batting practice is what Aussies get

hits to the fence, while skip-

per Border posted his highest

score of the tour - 46 runs in

101 minutes before falling to a



MATARA, Shri Lanka, Aug 26 Australia's threeday match against Shri Lanka's Southern Districts XI

ended in a draw Wednesday as the visitors opted for batting practice on the final day. reports AP.

Australia continuing from their overnight total of 40 for the loss of two wickets, batted until tea when were all out for 204. Australian Shane Warne. who was injured Tuesday, did not bat. The Australian batsman struggled for the second time in the game to come to terms with the slow wicket.

Only opener David Boon, skipper Allan Border, Mark Waugh and Ian Healy got to double figures. The Shri Lankans who

needed 353 runs to win in the final session, closed on 34 for two wickets. Leg spinner Asoka de Silva

and off spinner Ruwan Kalpage troubled the Australian bats men all day and were richly rewarded with four and two wickets respectively. Boon and Border produced

the most productive batting on the final day with a 77-run fourth wicket stand, while the rest of the Australian team offered little resistance. Boon was more circumspect

in his approach and batted for 207 minutes for his 57 runs, including six boundaries, made off 141 balls.

Mark Waugh impressed with 38, which included three

ARAVINDA DE SILVA for 42

catch at short leg, off De Silva. Border hit six boundaries.

SCOREBOARD

AUSTRALIA : First innings 312 for nine declared (Damien Martyn 61, Mark Waugh 118, lan Healy 78 not out, Kapila Wijegunawardene four for 58).

SOUTHERN DISTRICTS XI First innings 164 (Michael Whitney four for 34)

AUSTRALIA : Second innings (overnight 40 for two

continued)

b De Silva Healy c Tillakaratne b Kalpage Whitney not out McDermott c Liyanage b Kalpage Warne did not bat Extras: b 2, lb 6, nb 6. wl Total Fall of wickets: 10, 38, 53, 130, 137, 150, 195, 204, Bowling : 0 14 2 42 Liyanage Wijegunawar dene Ranatunga Kalpage 26.3 47 De Silva SOUTHERN DISTRICTS XI

Second innings C Mendia c Dodemaide b McDermott

K De Silva c Waugh

b Dodemaide

H Tillakaratne not out S Jayasuriya not out Extras: nb 1 Total: (for two wickets) Fall of wickets: 8, 16

Bowling McDermott Dodemaide 10 3 0 Boon Result : Draw

A false start gives Mitchell the edge over Lewis



COPENHAGEN. Aug 26 : Dennis Mitchell ran a scoring 9.92sec to win the 100m

ahead of Carl Lewis at the BT Games her on Tuesday night - but his performance was marred by what appeared to be a false start, reports AFP.

Mitchell was booed by the 12,000 crowd as he crossed the line ahead of Lewis, who ran 9.95, his best of the season, for it was clearly felt he had got an unfair advantage. Video replays later showed

that Mitchell was out of the blocks before the gun, but the Olympic bronze medalist insisted tersely: "I got a perfect

But Lewis, never one to eschew controversy, was adamant. The crowd saw the false start as clearly as didn't," he said

Lewis added: That sort of thing should never be allowed to happen again, the man who

makes the false start should be punished. The other big race of the



evening proved to be some-

Kenya's Richard Chelimo and Khalid Skah of Morocco renewed their distance rivalry in the 5,000m, following the controversial Olympic

DENNIS MITCHELL

10,000m in which Skah won the gold, was disqualified and later reinstated on appeal. But neither man seemed to have the appetite for the chal-

Paul Bitok, who won in 13min 16.26 sec, with Skah second in 13:19.51. Chelimo hardly even fig-

lenge over the shorter race,

and it was a third man, Kenya's

ured, trailing in seventh in 13:26.42.

Elsewhere, the two 200 m Olympic champions both had

the tables turned on them. Mike Marsh was well beaten into second place by Namibia's Frankie Fredericks, the Barcelona silver medalist, who won tonight in 20.21 sec, while

Marsh timed 20.28. And Gwen Torrence was similarly humbled by Irina Privalova of the CIS, who won in 21.93 to Torrence's 22.02.

Top players for Kent Classic

thing of a non-event.



The greatest gathering of worldclass snooker players ever seen in

the sport spearheaded by world champion and global number one Stephen Hendry of Scotland will compete at the Haidian Stadium from August 26 to 30, in the first leg of the 1992 World Series, a global tournament which also takes in four more events - the British Masters, the Humo Masters in Belgium, the Middle East Masters and the Coalite World Matchplay in England.

"I enjoyed my summer holtday but now it's down to five or six hours a day practice. I am

hitting the ball very well now and I want to win the event," said the 23-year-old Hendry who rewrote the record books again last season by becoming major titles.

time in China.

No less than five world professional champions will be featured in the 16 man line-up. They are Henry (1990 and 1992), Steve Davis of England (1980, 1981, 1984, 1988, John ' Parrott of 1989). England (1991). Dennis Taylor of North Ireland (1985) and Terry Oriffiths of Wales (1979).

Other players included in the lineup are world no 3 Jimmy White of England, world no 5 Neal Foulds of England, world no 7 James Watana of Thailand, world no 8 Gary Wilkingson of England,

World no 15 Whillte Thorne of England, Asian champion Rom Surin of Thatland, Hong Kong no 1 Kenny Kwok Chi Ho, and four Chinese players Quo Hua, Cen Hutan.

There will be live coverage on CCTV for the four days of morrow. And the event will also be seen in more than 50 countries world-wide.

The matches in the first round are best of seven frames with the quarterfinals and semificials best of nine frames and the final being held over 11 frames.

The prize money for the runnerup will be 15,000 pounds and for the each semifinalist is 10,000 pounds.

The event's aponsor Kent, a British-American tobacco's best selling international cigarette brand, has supported snooker in the far east, including China for many years.

China took part the first player to win nine Zhang Kai, Lao Yongqiand and in the press conference here way to take back to action the yesterday afternoon for the The Kent Classic, which 100,000 pounds Kent Classic carries a first prize of 25,000 - the first major tournament pounds, is a major tournament of the 1992 1993 season, the competition starting tothat the world's top eight have Italian soccer authorities after reports Xinhua. been included for the first World's top eight masters of