Border confident

COLOMBO, Aug 27: Aus-

of winning series

tralian skipper Allan Bordes

said Thursday he was confi-

dent of winning the Test

series against Shri Lanka, re-

to make a comeback in the

series having come perilously

close to winning the first

game," Border told reporters

on the eve of the second

by 16 runs last Saturday, after

losing a one-day international

on Aug 15. The tour consist of

three Test matches and three

one-day internationals in addi

on the Indian subcontinent

and their victory over a fledg-

ing Shri Lanka team at Kandy

in 1983 remains their only

Test victory in India, Pakistan

or Shri Lanka prior to this

Australia have a poor record

tion to two three-day games.

Australia won the first Test

"Shri Lanka will find it hard

ports AP.

cricket Test.

Sports Reporter

Defending women's team champion Bangladesh Biman and title aspirants Bangladesh Ansars have made the semifinals of the 17th national table tennis championships.

Biman beat Jessore DSA while Ansars beat Patuakhalt in their respective quarterfinal encounters.

Both the semifinalists produced straight set victories. Biman will play Narail while Ansars will take on Gaibandha in the two semifinals today at 10 am and 11:30 am respectively.

The final will be held today at 7 pm. reigning champions Biman and last year's runners-up

Bangladesh Textile Mills Corporation made the quarter Both Biman and BTMC

recorded straight-set victories over Noakhali and Bogra respectively. Earlier, Biman beat Sat-

khira and BTMC outplayed Panchagar in the first round encounters.

Defending boys' team champions Bangladesh Ansars and fancted BTMC qualified for the quarterfinals by beating Barguna and Comilla DSAs re spectively.

Apart from the women's team finals, boys' team and men's team semifinals will also be held today.

Zia shares point with Reefat

Sports Reporter

Ziaur Rahman of Bangladesh Biman found his friend teammate, and rival national champion Reefat-bin-Sattar hard to beat and finally settled for a draw in his seventhround match of the first Foundation Open chess tourat the National Sports Council chess room yesterday. However, Zia still remained

at the top of the points table with six and a half points.

Reefat now shares the second place with Khandaker Kayes Hassan and Kalam with six points.

Kayes and Kalam won their respective seventh-round matches yesterday.

Ma-o-Moni results Sports Reporter

Satkhira and Natore DSAs registered easy victories in the eight-team, final round of the Ma-o-Moni Gold Cup na under-14 soccer tour nament at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Satkhira outplayed Munshiganj by four goals to nil in the day's first match.

Sheikh Azadul Huq, Rafiqul Islam, Faruk Hossain and Md Humayun were the scorers.

Natore recorded an emphatic 3-0 victory over Feni in the other match of the day.

Organised by the Bangladesh Football Federation the final round began on Wednesday last.

TODAY'S MATCHES Tangail vs Gaibandha (6 pm:

Dhaka Stadium)

Sylhet vs Jhenidah (7:30 pm: Dhaka Stadium).

BSWA discusses country's sports

Speakers at a discussion meeting held in the city yesterday urged for pragmatic approach in developing sports in the country, reports UNB.

Organised by the Bangladesh Sports Writers' Association (BSWA), the discussion titled "Olympics and Bangladesh', was presided by the association president Abdul Towhid.

It was participated by the Secretary General of the Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA) Bashir Ahmed, Dy Secretary General Zafar Imam, Member Abdul Hamid, athleties coach of the Bangladesh Olympic Squad Abdul Mannan and General Secretary of BSWA Mahmood Hossain Khan Dulal.

They listed a series of sug gestions for upgrading sports in the country. Among the suggestions are selection of particular games and sportsmen for long term training, ar rangement of round-the-year games, induction of sports in the school curricula and creation of a national feeling among the sportsmen by providing them with adequate fa-

cilities. Participating in the meeting, members of the Bangladesh squad in the Barcelona Olympic Games explained their experiences and performances at the Games.

Earlier, in his speech, the BSWA President expressed dissatisfaction at the absence of the main speakers in the meeting. State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain, Olympic Association President Gias Kamal Chowdhury, the NSC Secretary and Directer Sports of the NSC were scheduled to address the meeting.



Neela of Gaibandha DSA is about to make a forehand drive while her partner Iti looks on in the quarterfinals of the women's doubles of the 17th national TT championship at the NSC gymnasium yesterday. Gaibandha made it to the semis beating Rajshahi DSA in straight Star photo sets.

every day from 5 pm to 7.30

pm. The transfer hours will be

extended by half an hour on

The meeting, held on last

Wednesday, also underlined

the stipulation about the

foreign players. All the clubs

have been asked to register

their foreign players before the

onset of the Premier and

Milnars leagues. Participating

foreign players will have to

seek the Board's permission to

take part in any matches

outside Dhaka. One team can

sign a maximum of four players

with only two being eligible to

Div II soccer

Sports Reporter

East End Club by a solitary goal

in the Sonali Bank Second

Division football league at the

Dhaka Stadium yesterday

decider in the 39th minute.

BG Press S&R Club beat

Mazharul Hug scored the

Mohakhali XI shared points

with Dhaka WASA football team

in a goalless draw at the same

venue in the other match of

TODAY'S MATCHES

pm: Dhaka Stadium)

Chalantika KC vs Azad SC (3

Lalbagh SC vs City Club

take part in a match.

BCCB calls up 27

the last day.

The Bangladesh Cricket Control (BCCB) Board announced a 27 member prelimi nary squad for

the forthcoming Asia Cup to be held in Pakistan in October next year

The following players have been asked to report to the BCCB joint secretary Golam Faruq Apu on September 4 at 8 pm at the BCCB office.

Minhazul Abedin Nannu, Golam Nawsher Prince, Aminul Islam Bulbul, Akram Khan, Athar Ali Khan, Azhar Hossain Shantu, Zahid Razzak Masum, Enamul Hug Moni, Nasir Ahmed Nasu, Jahangir Alam, Saiful Islam, Mahbubur Rahman Selim, Farooq Ahmed Selim Shahed, Shahnawaz Shaheed Shanu, Nurul Abedin Nobel, Jahangir Alam Talukdar Dulu, Rahman Abu Hamid Piyal, Anisur Rahman Anis, Zakir Hossain, Sharfuddowla Ibne Shahid Saikat, Javed Omar Belim Golla, Habibul Bashar Suman, Saidul Anam Effee, Zakaria, Sujan and Barooah.

Meanwhile, the date and timing for players' transfers has also been fixed by the BCCB. From September 18 to 22 Premier and Milnars First Division cricket players will be able to change their allegiance,

SCARBOROUGH, England. day, reports Reuter.

Cowdrey's wish fulfilled

BANGALORE, India, Aug 27: Former England cricket player Sir Colin Cowdrey fulfilled a dream when he visited Bangalore and took time off for a nostalgic tour of the hospital where he was born almost 60 years ago, reports AFP.

committee meeting.

(4:30 pm: Dhaka Stadium) Bid to revive Indo-Pak tests



NEW DELHI, Aug 27: Arch rivals India and Pakis tan propose to resume the tradition of playing

hockey Tests in an attempt to revive Asian skills and end European domination of the game, reports AFP.

matches on neutral ground in Abu Dhabi in October or November and follow up with a Pakistan tour of India early next year -- provided their governments give the green

Ranghuandan Prasad, president of the Indian Hockey Federation, told the Press Trust of India Wednesday he had asked the government for permission to resume the tradition of Tests with Pakistan

broken off in 1988. There should not be any problem," he said.

FPWA donation for Shaheen

Sports Reporter

The Football Players' Welfare Association (FPWA) yesterday handed over a cheque for one lakh taka for Shaheen who recently had his leg amputated and is now under treatment at the National Orthopaedic Hospital at Sher-Bangla Nagar.

Yousuf and Badal Roy, the president and general secretary respectively of the FPWA. were at the bedside of the unfortunate BRTC booter to hand over the cheque on behalf of the association.

In a press release issued yesterday, the FPWA pledged its all out support for Shaheen and made a plea to the Ministry of Sports to make arrangements to send him abroad for better treatment.

Div III soccer

Sports Reporter East End Boys Club beat Aminbazar Krira Chakra by a lone goal in the Pragati Insurance Third Division football league at the Outer

Stadium yesterday. The other match of the day between Matuail Juba Sangha and Bashabo Tarun Sangha ended in a goalless draw.

TODAY'S MATCHES PDB SC vs Lalmatta Club (3

pm: Outer Stadium) Dhaka SC vs Jagarani Sangsad (4:30 pm: Outer

Stadium) Moghbazar KC vs Gandaria Famous SC (4 pm: T&T ground).

Pakistan 253 for 6

Aug 27: Pakistan were 253 for six declared (Shoaib Mohammad 105 not out) at the close of play on the second day of their three-day cricket match against a World XI to-

"My 90-year-old mother will

be delighted to see this one, he said after posting for a photograph at the gate of the Lady Curzon and Bowring Hospital. Sir Colin also drove to St

Mark's cathedral, took a look at his birth and Baptism records, prayed briefly and amused onlookers with an imitation of a bawling baby.

The legendary former cricketer, who later left for Colombo, said he had always dreamed of revisiting the southern Indian city but never had the chance. He finally came here as a special invitee to the Board of Control for Cricket in India's working

Decisions concerning sport



ing ties between the two neighbours, often at political and diplomatic odds with each other, are usually made after a painful process with every proposal vetted by the Interior

and Foreign Ministries. Abdul Hamid, secretary of the Pakistan Hockey Federa-They propose to play two tion, is here for talks with Prasad and will go back home to seek the approval of authori-

ties in Islamabad, PTI said. The proposal comes at a time when India are demoralised after matching their worst-ever Olympic performance by finishing seventh in Barcelona under the stewardship of coach Balkishen Singh.

While eight-time Olympic Fischer may have violated US law

WASHINGTON, Aug 27: US chess master Bobby Fischer may have violated US law by going to Yugoslavia to play a rematch of his 1972 championship game with Russian Boris Spassky, a treasury department spokesman said on

Wednesday, reports Reuter. "Whether he wins any prize money or not, by his going there he will be in violation of our regulations pursuant to trading with the enemy," treasury department spokesman Bob Levine said

"We have notified his lawyers ... The people at the foreign actions control take this very seriously ... There will probably be a court action; Levine added.

champions India failed miscrably trying to adapt to Singh's total hockey -- a concept borrowed from European teams.

gold medalists, lost to Ger

But Hamid, a four-time Olympian, said he saw no virtue in the European style. "There was nothing more satisfying than a game of traditional hockey between India and Pakistan and Asian skills should be preserved," he told the Times of India.

"The Europeans have otherwise changed everything, from surface to equipment, and they will not allow us to revert to the good old days of the game on natural turf," he

"Synthetic surfaces have led to increased injuries and lowered the career span of players," said Hamid.

"Some of our predecessors played into the hands of the Europeans and it will be difficult to force any changes of the turf and equipment," he said.

trying to ape European tactical play which he called India's undoing at the Olympics.

Pakistan stuck to traditional Asian positional play and won South Asia's only medal -- a

The Pakistanis, three-time many in extra time of the semifinal for their only defeat in Barcelona. Germany beat Australia in the final to ensure the Olympic title stayed in Eu-

Hamid saw no use in India

"Unless they stick to the traditional Asian style, I cannot see India coming back."

the second cricket Test against Australia starting tomorrow, reports Reuter. Shri Lanka controlled most of the first Test but lost a gripping match by just 16 runs when their batting crumbled

Jayasuriya, who replaces Marvan Atapattu, was Shri Lanka's most successful batsman in their last series in Pakistan, averaging 79.33 against the world's best pace

He is named in a 15-man squad which includes Pramodaya Wickremasinghe although the fast bowler will be lucky to play

Crowe to sign 5-yr contract

WELLINGTON, Aug 27: New Zealand cricket captain Martin Crowe is to sign next week a 300,000 New Zealand dollar (161,520 US) five-year contract with New Zealand Cricket, the Evening Post reported here today, reports

turnaround for Crowe.

series against England, on selector asked the player to quit at the beginning of the year.

India undecided on jt. W Cup bid

BANGALORE, India, Aug 27: The Indian Cricket Board on Wednesday said it had yet to decide whether to make a joint bid with Pakistan to stage the next World Cup, reports

staged outside England.

Reuter. Chandappa Nagaraj, the sider various aspects involved India and Pakistan jointly hosted the World Cup in 1987

The WASA goalkeeper makes a spectacular save in yesterday's goalless match of the Second Division football league between Dhaka WASA and Mohakhali XI at the Dhaka - Star photo Stadium.

Pakistanis infuriated by charge

The statement said that at

no time during their interna-

tional, domestic or English

county careers, had "any um-

pire, official or administrator

had cause to allege we have

cally given a job of making

sure that the rules are obeyed

and they have never accused

us of doing anything wrong,"

the bowlers' statement said.

'It is significant that these al-

legations are only now being

made after we have beaten

England in a Test series.

When we have been on the los-

ing side in county or Test

cricket nothing has been said.

blame the fatlure of the

English players' batting tech-

niques on us. The simple

truth is that we have both

bowled extremely profes-

sionally throughout the last

media of being prejudiced to-

ward Islam - the religion of

choice in Pakistan - and of

behaving like a pompous colo-

"The British press is hos-

tile toward Islam and suffers

from the Raj complex," Imran

said. "Wasim Akram and Waqar

Younis have developed the art

of swinging the old ball be-

cause of condition of wickets

in Pakistan. The strips here

have low bounce and the

bowlers who cannot swing the

the same ball and let's see i

they can swing it in the same

despite dispatching Sussex for

a moderate total as paceman

Mark Illott took five for 60 on

130 for eight, the leaders were

checked by wicketkeeper

Peter Moores, who struck 11

fours and a six before being

last out for 73 - the eighth

tance, Essex batsman Nasser

Hussain broke a finger while

trying to stop a snick through

Allan Lamb, fined and sus

pended by the county for two

matches following his unautho-

rised newspaper article alleg-

ing Pakistan ball-doctoring in

the Test and one-day series, a

least had the satisfaction of

seeing his side rout Middlesex.

Taylor took five for 24 as Mid-

dlesex crashed for 95 - third

lowest total of the season -at

Left-arm paceman Pau

Northamptonshire captain

the slips by Tony Pigott.

During the tailend resis-

Having reduced Sussex to

the rain-hit opening day.

and final lbw victim.

*Give the English bowlers

ball are finished.

way," Imran added.

Walsh wrecks Kent hopes

Imran accused the British

series against England.*

nial power.

"It is very convenient to

"These people are specifi-

done anything illegal."



LONDON, Aug 27: for damages are fully served," the statement said. Pakistan's crick-"We categorically deny that eters reacted angrily Thursday to we have ever cheated or tam-English accusapered illegally with any match ball in any game during our tions of ball tamcareers.

pering, accusing the British media of prejudice and indicating they may take legal action over the claims, reports

England batsman Allan Lamb, who made the latest allegations Wednesday in London's Daily Mirror newspaper, was awaiting disciplinary action Thursday from English cricket's governing Test and County Cricket Board. He may never play for England again.

The International Cricket Council, the sport's world governing body, was expected to issue a statement on the controversy late Thursday after maintaining a strict but damaging stience for almost a week.

Wagar after Pakistan victories

during the Test series, won

In Karachi, Pakistan's vic-

torious World Cup captain Im-

charges as absurd, and said

the only way to silence the

In London, Akram and

Waqar issued a statement

through their lawyers, warn-

ing the "damage which has

been caused to us by these ar-

ticles is an extremely serious

"We are taking details, legal

LONDON, Aug 27:

West Indian fast

bowler Courtney

Walsh dented

Kent's county ch-

ampionship cha-

advice and our rights to sue

llenge by capturing English

first-class cricket, reports

80 wickets for Gloucester-

shire, sent Kent plunging from

150 for three to 189 all out on

the first day of their four-day

Second-placed Kent are

seeking to close a 24-point gap

on champions and leaders Es-

sex, who have a game in hand

but endured mixed fortunes

against Sussex at Hove where

they dismissed the home side

sharing the top bowling spot

with Middlesex and England

off-spinner John Emburey on

75 wickets, undermined Kent

the second session.

27 from 16 overs.

in an unchanged spell through

stage took four for seven in 33

deliveries, and his total after-

noon stint brought him five for

Essex suffered frustration

The West Indian at one

Walsh, who began the day

match at Canterbury.

Walsh, who took his tally to

ran Khan dismissed

British press was to lose.

by Pakistan 2-1.

series, since Bill Lawry's 1969 Lamb accused Pakistan pace team beat India 3-1. bowlers Wasim Akram and According to Border, all-Wagar Younis of doctoring the rounder Tony Dodemaide will ball during the fourth one-day replace the injured leg-spinmatch at the Lord's ground in ner Shane Warne, the only London last Sunday. Pakistan change for the second Test. won the game but lost the one-Warne nursed an inflammed day series 4-1. arch on his right foot during Similar allegations were the three-day, tourist game in made against Akram and

Thursday. Dodemaide bowled impressively against Southern Districts XI in Matara making a strong Test claim picking up

Matara and was rested during

the tourists' net session on

five wickets. Meanwhile the Shri Lankan selectors named uncapped off spinner Muttiah Muralidharan and recalled veteran leg spinner Asoka de Silva in the 15member squad announced for the second Test.

Dropped from the first Test squad are batsman Marvan Atapattu and off spinner Ranjith Madurushinghe.

Jayasuriya replaces Atapattu

COLOMBO, Aug 27: Shri Lanka have recalled Sanath Jayasuriya to their squad in an effort to bolster the batting for

in the final session.

attack.

The deal marks a major

After an appalling Test

Board's secretary, said a committee had been set up to conin bidding for the tournament. - the first time it had been

West Indies fast bowler Curtly Ambrose, with two for 24, and all-rounder Kevin Curran, who took two for 15, completed the demolition.

champion who failed to make KOBLENZ, Gerthe US Barcelona team in many, Aug Britain's Olympic sprints. Adeniken finished third beson, who has beaten Canadian

Northampton.



for 204.

champion Linford Christie Wednesday suffered his second defeat at the

Adeniken since the Barcelona Games, reports Reuter. The 32-year-old Briton, beaten by Adeniken at the Cologne Grand Prix 10 days ago, watched the Nigerian power through in the final 20 metres to dip ahead at the line

in 10.18 seconds at the

Koblenz international athletics

hands of Nigerian Olapade

meeting. Second-placed Christie, the oldest man to win the prestigious Olympic sprint title, was given the same time as Adeniken, 23, who was sick at the time of the Olympic final. Ghanaian Emmanuel Tuffour was third in 10.36.

The second part of the race was almost a carbon copy of Christie's defeat in Cologne. After two false starts, the second of which saw Christie stumble awkwardly, the two sprinters were neck and neck at halfway.

But Christie, who beat a top-class field including four Barcelona finalists at the Berlin Grand Prix last Friday, strug gled again to find an extra gear in the last 50 metres. Adeniken, racing his sec-

ond 100 metres in 24 hours,

turned on the speed and was

visibly ahead when the two

sprinters dipped at the finish. Immediately after the race, the Jamaican-born Christie needed treatment on his left hand which he hurt in the second false start stumble. The hand was bandaged but did not seem to be badly hurt.

on American world champion Carl Lewis since the Olympics despite Lewis' challenges to a Wednesday's result suggested the Briton would have

real fight on his hands to beat

the American former Olympic

hind American Olympic bronze medalist Dennis Mitchell and

Jackson, who has looked invincible since his disastrous performance at the Olympics, was involved in a dead-heat

Kiptanui's bid world record

BRUSSELS, Aug 27: Olympic steeplechase bronze medalist William Mutwol will pace fellow Kenyan Moses Kiptanui in his bid to break the 5,000 metres world record at the Brussels Athletics Grand Prix on Friday, repots Reuter.

Kiptanui, who set world records in the 3,000 metres steeplechase and 3,000 metres flat within four days earlier this month, is determined to break Moroccan Said Aouita's five-year-old 5,000

"Kiptanui's going to try (to break the record) and asked his friend Mutwol to be his hare (pace-setter)," Brussels organiser Wilfried Meert said on Wednesday.

Kiptanui, a 20-year-old sol dier who failed to qualify for the Barcelona Olympics, wanted a strong pace-setter after complaining the pacemaker was too slow for the steeplechase in Zurich last week when he had to run the last 1,000 metres alone.

Christie has refused to take can 100 metres world record holder Leroy Burrell had suffered a hamstring injury dur ing Tuesday's Copenhagen meeting and pulled out of the Brussels event.

son," Meert said.

Former captain Zaheer Abbas said the claims were

'nothing more than a lame excuse to undermine Pakistan's superiority". But Lamb's accusation was more damaging than previous newspaper claims, because match referee Deryck Murray

did order the ball changed after 32 of Pakistan's scheduled 50 overs. Murray refused to say why he ordered the change. Lamb said he had warned the um-

pires of the doctoring. Newspapers in England said the ball was changed under the illegal interference rule, but Pakistan management said the ball was changed after it went soft.

The International Cricket Council is expected late Thursday to issue a statement on the ball change. If it backs the Pakistan version, cricket's administrators should be able to restore relations between the two teams.

But cricketing relations between England and Pakistan are likely to hit rock bottom if the ICC says the ball was doctored.

It won't be the first time. In 1987, then-captain Mike Gatting had a face-to-face confrontation with Pakistan umpire Shakoor Rana on the pitch during England's subcontinent tour. It was five years before England Pakistan again played a Took

Lamb's county Northamphim "the tonshire fined maximum amount" and suspended him for two matches Wednesday because he failed to have the Daily Mirror interviewed authorised. He faces more disciplinary action from the Test and County Cricket Board for the same reason.

Willis' warning for Pakistan

LONDON, Aug 27: Pakistan were advised by former England skipper Bob Willis on Wednesday to improve their behaviour or face being chucked out of world cricket, reports AFP.

unacceptable and urged the international Cricket Council to come down heavily on Javed Miandad's side if they do not They must start behaving

He called their conduct

differently or invitations to tour other countries will be withdrawn," he told the Sun newspaper.

"I'm said to say it, but it could come to them being outcasts. What's the point of playing Pakistan if nobody enjoys

"It's up to the International Cricket Council to spell out to Pakistan that the way they go about their business on the field is not acceptable.

"The whole essence of international cricket is that it should be competitive and enjoyable, but that has simply not been the case against Pakistan

Adeniken beats Christie once again

Lewis in Copenhagen on Tues-Britain's high hurdler Colin

to break 5,000 m

metres mark.

Meert said former Ameri-

"He's put an end to his sea

in recent times.

with compatriot Tony Jarrett in the 110-metres hurdles. European champion Jack-

ished together with world bronze medalist Jarrett on the Both men were given the time of 13.17 seconds and a photograph could not separate

Olympic gold medalist Mark

McKoy three times since the

Games ended on August 9, fin-

The 25-year-old Welshman, who hit a hurdle early on in the Olympic final and finished back in seventh after being a pre-race favourite, seemed to have the Koblenz race under control after 50 metres despite clipping the third hurdle.

challenge Jackson on the line. American Mark Crear was third in 13.36 seconds. Christie did not appear later for the 200 metres where he was due to compete. The

race was won by Brazilian Rob-

But Jarrett, who just missed

out on a medal in fourth place

in Barcelona, stepped up his

pace in the last 30 metres to

son da Silva in 20.50 seconds. Da Silva, who was fourth in the Barcelona Olympics, finished ahead of American Kevin Braunskill, who clocked 20.57 seconds, with Tuffour third in

France's Olympic 400 me-

tres champion Marie-Jose Perec showed her speed over the 200 metres to win in 22.45 seconds. Perec, the 1989 European indoor 200 champion, made her late burst in the final 40 metres look easy as she flowed

to the tape to finish ahead of

German Silke Knoll (22.78),

with Barcelona finalist Grace

Jackson of Jamaica third in

Germany's Olympic 5,000metre champion Dieter Baumann was roared on by the 18,000 crowd as he won the 1,500 metres in three minutes 33.91 seconds.