NOWGONG, Sept 7: Indian Border Security Force, Jullundhur, lifted the Independence Day Cup football trophy thrashing Abahani Krira Chakra of Bangladesh 3-0 at the Nurul Amin Stadium here today, reports PTI.

BSF led by a brace at half It was a vastly improved display by BSF who completely dominated the match while the Bangladesh players were

Striker Darbara Singh for BSF scored two goals, while the third was netted by Avtar

sluggish on the field.

Abahani got a walkover in the semifinal play off against Nagaland Police when the latter refused to play on Sunday. The semi-final match between them had ended in a goalless draw on Saturday last.

Abahani will now proceed to Guahati, Assam, today (Tuesday) to participate in the Lokapriya Bordoloi Memorial tournament.

#### Hockey squad off to KL Sports Reporter

A 19-member Bangladesh national junior hockey team left for Kuala Lumpur yesterday to participate in the Junior Asia Cup hockey championship, to be held in the Malaysian capital September 11-23.

Twelve teams, in two groups, will take part in the competition.

Bangladesh is placed in Group B along with India. South Korea, Shri Lanka, China, and Singapore, while Pakistan, Malaysia, Japan, Chinese Taipei, Oman, and Macao comprise Group A.

Bangladesh will play their first group league fixture against China on September 11, the opening day of the meet. They will take on South Korea on September 13, Shri Lanka Sept 15, Singapore Sept . 17 and India on Sept 18.

The Bangladesh squad is: Manager-Ibrahim Saber: Assistant Manager-M Monwar Hossain: Coach-Ehicsham Sultan; Players: Rahmat Ali Asir (Captain), Jahangir Alam, Rabiuddin Ahmed, Khwaja Irteza Quader Guddu, Mamunur Rashid, Zahirul Islam Mitul, Khurshid Alam, Mahfuzul Alam Nixon, Kazi Abu Zafar Tapan, Mahboob Haroon, Haider Alam, Mohammed Sadek, Alamgir Alam, Abdur Rashid, Akhter Hossain and Zahid Biswas.

Bangladesh Hockey Federation (BHF) chief Alamgir Mohammed Adel also left for Kuala Lumpur yesterday. He's been made an assistant technical delegate of the tournament

Mirza Farid Ahmed and Mir Monwar Ali have also accompanied the team as umpire and judge respectively.

Bangladesh reached the semi-finals of the inaugural Junior Asia Cup held in New Delhi in 1988 and finished fourth after a 1-2 defeat to South Korea.

#### Reefat, Pallab suffer reversals in Asian chess

Sports Reporter The fifth has so far been the

cruellest round for Bangladesh in the Asian Junior chess championship now being held in Doha, Qatar Two Bangladeshis, national

champion Reefat-bin-Sattar and Shawkat Hossain Pallab, the junior national champion, suffered defeats on Sunday. Reefat lost to his Mongolian opponent in the under-20 category while Shawkat Hossain Pallab, who is taking part in the under-16 category, lost to Abu Bakar Nuruddin of Indonesia, also in the fifth

Pallab has so far collected two points after having played five matches. Amanatov of Kazakhatan is leading the points table with four and half points from five matches. Pallab was playing Abdullah Abdul Rahman of the United Arab Emirates in the sixth round when reports last came

The defeat forced Reefat to stay put at three points, his tally at the end of the fifth

V Katchev of Kazakhstan

was in the leading position with four and half points.

The sixth round match between Reefat and Kau Sang of Vietnam was in progress, according to the faxed message received here in Dhaka.

### DIV II LEAGUE

Meanwhile, in the Second Division chess league, Narayanganj Chess Club retained their lead with eighteen and half

In the sixth round they were enjoying a two-nil lead against Kamalapur Samajkalyan Sangstha till the writing of this

Champion defeated Arbachin by 2.5-1.5 while Bantanagar outplayed Mohammad-

pur College 3.5-.5. Antrban Sangha had a comfortable 3-1 victory against Anirban Samaj Unnayan while Choukash Disposed of Chaitali Club by an identical margin.

## Bahrain blank Bangladesh 6-2 Sports Reporter

leading the Group B table till

the filing of this report late

and China were to play Qatar

Thatland were to meet UAE

last night. football tournament, now Although Bahrain enjoyed being held in Riyadh, Saudi absolute supremacy over Bangladesh in the match, the Bangladesh boys tried hard to come back into the game. At one stage, both teams were level 2-2

Bahrain shot into the lead in the 22nd minute (0-1). A couple of minutes later Hiru drew level for Bangladesh (1-

Bangladesh were deprived of two sure goals when their forwards failed to find the end towards the end of the first

Bahrain once again went ahead in the fourth minute of the second half (1-2).

Defender Biplab Marma was sent off in the 10th minute of the second session when he intercepted the ball with his

Stuttering starts for AC, Juventus

hands inside the box. However, Bahrain failed to scored from

the ensuing penalty. The Bangladesh boys pulled up their socks and restored parity in the 20th minute when Nayan scored from close

But Bahrain got their third goal in the 25th minute [2-3]. Bangladesh soon ran out of gas and Bahrain scored their fourth, fifth and sixth goals in

the last ten minutes of play. One of these three goals came from a penalty. Bangladesh will play hosts Saudi Arabia in their last group

match today. Meanwhile, Shah Abul Kasem reportedly had "satisfactory talks" with the representatives Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Kuwait regarding the President Cup football tournament, scheduled to be held in

The representatives report edly showed interest to participate in the meet.

Dhaka next January.

#### Juventus fielded German Andy Moeller in place of Englishman David Platt as their third foreign player but found no rhythm at Cagliart.

Gianluca Vialli, who joined Juventus from Sampdoria in a world record 20-million deal, had few chances as the Turin side were shut out.

Napoli's Brazilian striker Careca missed a first-half penalty against Brescia and then headed wide when presented with a gilt-edged chance in the last minute.

Sampdoria were given an early lead when Lazio mid fielder Diego Fuser put through his won goal.

But two goals in three min utes from striker Giuseppe Signori put Lazio ahead.

Former Red Star Belgrade midsielder Vladimir Jugovic shot Sampdoria level direct from a free kick before halftime and captain Roberto Mancini put the 1991 champi ons ahead for the second time with a second half penalty.

But Lazio grabbed a draw courtesy of an own goal from young Sampdoria forward Re-

Heats of some other events will also be held today.

of the summer meet will be held Thursday at 5 pm.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadeq Hossain Khoka will give away the trophies as chief guest.



A cager of defending champions Angels Club is caught in the pose of a lay up against Hornets Sporting Club on the inaugural day of the Partex First Division basketball league at the wooden-floor gymnasium - Star photo

#### Summer athletics from today

Sports Reporter

The three-day inaugural Power summer athletic meet under the aegis of the Bangladesh Amateur Athletic Federation (BABF) begins this morning at the Army Stadium, Banani.

Minister Communications Col (Retd) Dis Ahmed will formally inaugurate the meet as chief guest.

Former fastest man and woman of the country - Sadur Rahman Don and Mahmuda Begum respectively - will ignite the Olympic torch at \$00

Mujibur Rahman of Bangladesh Army and Lovely Begum of Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation (BJMC) will take the oath on behalf of the participants.

Two hundred athletes representing nine teams will take part in 34 disciplines - 22 for men and 12 for the women.

The teams are: Bangladesh Army, Bangladesh Navy, Bangladesh Air Force, BUMC, Bangladesh Ansars, Bangladesh Textile Mills Corporation (BTMC), Dhaka Division, Bangladesh Customs and Rajshahi Division.

Two lakh taka has been carmarked for the holding of the meet. The sponsor Bata Shoe Co Bangladesh Lid will provide seventy-five thousand taka. In addition, Bata will bear the expenditure for decoration and medals.

Except for the athletes of the services teams, each competitor be receive actual travel expenses and a per diem of Tk

The male athletes will put up at the National Sports Council rest house while the women will be staying at the Dhanmondi Women's Complex. One hundred and twenty judges will be paid Tk 100

Eight events - five in the morning and three in the afternoon session - will be finalised on the opening day to-

The men's 1500 m run, women's long jump, women's shot put, women's 800 m run, and the hammer throw will be finalised in the morning ses-

The afternoon session will see the finals of men's 110 m hurdles, shot put and 10,000

The prize-giving ceremony

report agencies.

Other winners Sunday were defending champion and second seed Stefan Edberg, No 4 Michael Chang, No 12 Wyane Ferreira of South Africa, No 15 Richard Krajicek of the Netherlands and Spain's Emilio Sanchez.

In women's singles, advancing into the quarterfinals on Sunday were top-seeded and defending champion Monica Seles, No 4 Gabriela Sabatini, No 7 Mary Joe Fernandez and Patricia Hy of Canada, who pulled off her second consecu tive shocker, eliminating No 13 Helena Sukova 6-1, 7-6 (7-

World number one Scles

Second seed Edberg extended his perfect record over countryman Jonas Svensson to 8-0 with a 6-4, 6-2, 6-2 third round win in which he seemed to grow stronger with each winning volley. Edberg next faces 15th

# Angels off to flying start

Sports Reporter

Champions Angels Club made an auspicious start in the 1992 Partex First Division basketball league with a cosy 94-51 victory against babes Hornets Sporting Club, at the wooden-floor gym yesterday. The winners led the first

Dulal of Angels was the highest scorer with 27 points. He was followed by Siddique 21 and James 16. Tarun with 11 and Julian

half 49-22.

ers for the losers. Eleven teams split into two groups are taking part in this

with ten were the main scor-

year's championship. The top three teams from each group will play in the six-

team league. Professor Earlier Rashiduddin Ahmed, president of Bangladesh Amateur

wooden-floor gym.

Basketball Federation inaugurated the twelve-day league. Dhaka Winners Club, last year's fortunate runners-up. will take on Back Stroke Boys Club today at 4:00 pm at the

Still, Sabatini said, she was worried before this tourna-"I did not play too many department, making 93 per

tournaments before coming into the Open," she said. " only played one (after Wimbledon). It was in San Diego and I lost in the second round, so I didn't get to play too many matches. I was playing good tennis. I wasn't wor ried about that. But mentally, wasn't sure about that."

Svelte Gabriela Sabatini in action against Belgium's Sabine Appelmans. The Argentine star

won the fourth round match of the US open at National Tennis Centre, New York on

Sabatini is better than ever

reason for her to doubt herself.

Straight-set victories over Linda Harvey-Wild and Julie Halard in the first two rounds restored Sabatini's confidence that she had shed any rust accumulated from a 52-day, post-Wimbledon layoff. Since then, though, it has hardly been a cakewalk.

She needed more than two hours and three sets to eliminate Natalia Zvereva 6-4, 5-7, 6-4, and then had some troubling moments against Appelmans, whose serve consistently was 20 mph (32 kph) faster than Sabatini's.

"I just tried to put the first

serve in and make sure that it was," she said. 'Just try to put

- Star TV photo

She was successful in that cent of her first serves compared to 63 per cent for Appelmans. She also won 59 per cent of her first serve

Still, though, Sabatini did not rush the net as much as she once did. When she got there, it was profitable. She won points on 19 of her 24 approaches. "In the second set, I started

to come to the net a little bit more," she said. In the second thought she had problems making passing shots. "Probably, I am going to have to do that a little bit more in the next matches." I am playing very good

tennis. I am hitting the ball very well and mentally I feel very good. It is good that I had some tough matches, especially the one before this one. I am ready to have big matches." Sounds like she's still trying

to convince herself.

# Favourites fare well at US Open

Both of last year's winners

But seventh seed Boris

have rumbled through without

Becker, the 1989 champion,

had a much tougher time dis-

posing of countryman Carl

Uwe-Steeb to set up a com-

pelling fourth-round encounter

with three-time Open winner

Wimbledon champion seemed

to be battling himself as much

as his good friend and practice

partner, Steeb. But Becker

found his Wimbledon form in

taking the epic 77-minute

third set by dominating the

tiebreak 7-1 with an array of

The only unseeded player to

reach the fourth round on

Sunday was Spaniard Emilio

Sanchez, first-round con-

queror of sixth-seeded French

epic with brother Javier 5-7,

6-1, 6-7, 7-6, 6-4 to set up a

fourth-round meeting with

12th-seeded South African

Wayne Ferreira, who picked off

Australian Wally Masur 6-4, 6-

former French Open cham-

pion, continued his superlative

form by beating Frenchman

Arnaud Boetsch 6-3, 6-3, 6-1

Chang, the fourth-seeded

Sanchez survived a five-set

Open Runner-up Petr Korda.

The German three-time

Woodforde.

Edberg said.

dropping a set.

Ivan Lendi

winning volleys.



Sunday.

Ivan Lendl reached fourth round of the US Open for the 13th consec-

NEW YORK, Sept

Over and over,

Gabriela Sabatini

says she's a better

day than she was

tennis player to-

two years ago when she won

the US Open. And she was

It's almost as if she's trying

"I have improved very

much," she said. "Especially

mentally. I am more mature on

the court. That makes a differ-

been a problem for Sabatini.

who advanced to the quarterfi-

nals of the Open on Sunday

with a 6-1, 6-3 victory over

championships this year - ac-

complished with final-round

victories over Martina

Navratilova in Tokyo, Conchita

Martinez at Hilton Head, Steffi

Graf at Amelia Island and

Monica Seles in the Italian

Open - there was no reason

for her to Monica Seles in the

Italian Open - there was no

With four tournament

Self-confidence has never

pretty good then, reports AP.

to convince herself."

Sabine Appelmans.

utive year by stopping Chuck Adams 2-6, 6-4, 6-3, 6-4,

Lendl's fourth-round opponent will be another former US Open winner, seventhseeded Boris Becker, who advanced with a 6-1, 4-6, 7-6 (7-6-3 victory over fellow German Carl-Uwe Steeb.

steamrolled US Olympic doubles champion Gigi Fernandez 6-1, 6-2 in 53 minutes to take her expected place in the quarterfinals.

> for his third successive straight-set victory.

4, 6-2.

Sabatini became the first player to reach the quarter-finals on Sunday with an unim-

#### McEnroe awaits the main event

NEW YORK, Sept 7: For John McEnroe, the preliminaries are over in the US Open. Now comes the main event, the first one in what could be the final Grand Slam tournament of his career, re-

Having disposed of Michiel Schapers, Diego' Nargiso and Richard Fromberg, McEnroe faces Jim Courier, the No1 seed and No 1 ranked player in the world, in the quarterfi-

McEnroe is fond of saying that he wants to be a factor in this tournament. Beat Courier and he becomes more than that. He becomes a legitimate threat, a contender and not a pretender.

McEnroe knows that history won't help him against Courier. And he knows he can't play anything, but his best to get past No 1.

"It is like starting over," McEnroe said. "I feel like I've gotten to where I'm supposed

pressive 6-1, 6-3 win over seeded Dutchman Richard overmatched Belgian Sabine Krajicek, a straight sets win-Appelmans. ner over Australian Mark

The Argentine never ap-'He always going to be danproached the form that brought her the 1990 Open gerous with the serve he has. He hits as hard as anybody," crown and will have to raise her level of play in the next

> Mary Joe Fernandez, who beat 16th seed Mary Pierce of France 6-0, 6-4. Fernandez said the 17-yearold Pierce hits as hard as top women's players Seles and

round, where she will face

seventh seeded American

Steffi Graf but lacks consis-"She hits it very hard. When she is on a groove, it is hard to keep up her pace," said Fernandez. "Monica and Steffi are more consistent and that is

Despite the outcome, even Lendl admitted he was shaky to begin his third-round match. His shots repeatedly were sailing long, and when he eased up a bit in order to keep the ball in the court, Adams was cracking the short ball for

why they are (number) one and

The top-ranked junior in the United States in 1988-89, Adams, of Pacific Palisades, Calif, used his quickness to run down a lot of balls, then went for and found every line painted on the Grandstand Court. Lendl stayed on the baseline, hitting his groundstrokes tentatively.

"I had a little trouble with my timing today," Lendl said. "Chuck started really well, and started awful. It took me awhile to get my rhythm, especially my backhand."

After grabbing the first set, Adams took a 4-2 lead in the second, up a break, and appeared heading for an upset victory. Lendl, however, had other ideas.

Adams had a point for yet another break before Lendl won the next three points, closing out the seventh game with an acc. That made it 4-3, Adams, but Lendl was just beginning a four-game run that was helped immensely by Adams in the 10th game when he double-faulted three times,

the final one on set point. The only question left then was how many games Adams would win. It wasn't enough.

"Three out of five, one set doesn't mean anything," said Lendl, a three-time US Open champion. "Two sets doesn't mean everything either. It means a lot, but not everything. Why should I get really rattled with one set?" The final third-round

match, between No 14 Malivai Washington and Frenchman Henri Leconte was suspended because of rain and will be completed Monday. Washington was leading 6-4, 6-7 (2-7), 6-4, 4-3 when the match was stopped by rain for the second time. The suspension was announced minutes later.

Bangladesh lost to Bahrain 2-6 in their second group match of the fifth Asian youth under-16

Arabia, on Sunday night. according to a faxed message sent by the team leader Shah Abul Kasem, a joint secretary' of the Bangladesh Football Federation, yesterday. With this victory, Bahrain

jointly led the Group A points table along with DPR Korea. Both teams have collected three points from two matches

Hosts Saudi Arabia, who drew with Korea on Sunday following their earlier drawn affair against Bahrain on the inaugural day, now have two

The UAE and China, who won their matches against Qutar and Thailand on September 5, were jointly

Sunday, reports Reuter.

home to Brescia.

season, were held to a 0-0

draw at Cagliari while Napoli,

another side expected to chal-

lenge for the title, could man-

age only a scoreless draw at

out the most exciting game of

the day, sharing six goals in a

see-saw struggle featuring an

for Lazio's local rivals Roma

who slumped to a shock 1-0

defeat at home to Pescara, an-

other team who have just come

past Foggia on the final day of

last season, found the going

the 59th minute when Foggia

Milan, who put eight goals

The match was settled in

MADRID, Spain,

Sept 7: Croatian

forward Davor Su-

ker scored three

goals Sunday to

give Seville a 4-3

win over Albacete in the

Atletico de Madrid downed

Tenerife 3-2 on a pair of goals

in the final 10 minutes by

Mexican striker Luis Garcia, a

game that also saw German

carded for rough play.

Osasuna drew 0-0.

mance in the game.

Seville a 3-1 lead.

midsielder Bernd Schuster red

pair of goals from Gavril Balint

in the 49th and 86th minutes

to beat Real Sociedad 4-0. In

other games, Athletic Bilbao

defeated Cadiz 1-0; Zaragoza

beat Espanol 2-1; Deportivo La

Coruna defeated Celta 2-0:

Logrones edged Oviedo 1-0;

and Sporting de Gijon and

ing champion FC Barcelona

beat perennial rival Real

Madrid 2-1, and Valencia won

1-0 over promoted Rayo Valle-

In Saville, Suker's position

in the team seemed in doubt at

the season's start but was

strengthened by his perfor-

Albacete took the lead on a

goal by Francisco Javier Catali

in the sixth, but Suker, nick-

named "Sukerman" by broad

casters, tied it on a penalty in

the 26th, and added goals in

the 47th and 53rd to give

Uruguan Jose Luis Zalazar

Div II soccer

Sports Reporter

edged past Chalantika Krira

Chakra by two goals to one in

the Sonali Bank Second Divi-

sion football league at the

The winners led 1-0 at the

Md Raja put Lalbagh ahead

Sanaullah doubled the mar-

Alamgir Kabir reduced the

Kamrul Islam of Lalbagh re-

Shantinagar Club shared

Zakir Hossain of Shantina-

gar invited the yellow card for

TODAY'S MATCHES

Abhijatrik (3 pm: Dhaka Sta-

East End Club vs Malibagh

Dhaka WASA vs Bangladesh

Boys (4:30 pm: Dhaka Stadium)

points with Rayerbazar AC in a

goalless draw in the other

margin for Chalantika six min-

Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

in the 22nd minute (1-0).

utes from time (2-1).

ceived the yellow card.

match of the day.

rough play.

gin in the 51st minute (2-0).

breather.

Lalbagh Sporting Club

In games Saturday, defend-

Elsewhere, Burgos got a

opening round of the Spanish

First Division soccer season,

reports AP.

own goal for each side.

into the First Division.

much harder this time.

Sampdoria and Lazio fought

There was disappointment

beat Dutch striker Marco van ROME, Sept 7: Champions AC Basten to a cross from Milan substitute Daniele Massaro but Milan needed an could only turn the ball into his own net. 1-0 win over

Foggia while city Milan fielded French stririvals Internazionale crashed ker Jean-Pierre Papin alongside Van Basten with fellow 2-1 at newly-promoted Udin-Dutchman Frank Rijkaard as ese on the opening day of the their third permitted foreign Italian soccer season on Juventus, runners-up last

But Papin, a close season signing from Marseille, looked out of sorts and was replaced by Massaro. Internazionale, who failed to qualify for European com-

petition for the first time since

1975 last season, got off to a dreadful start in the new cam-They had captain Giuseppe Bergomi sent off early in the second half for a professional foul and went a goal behind when Argentine striker Abel Balbo netted in the 69th

minute.

tore Schillaci slotted home his first goal for inter with a penalty in the 76th minute but veteran Udinese defender Renzo Contratto scored the winner just four minutes from desender Gualtiero Grandini time.

the but Juan Antonio Andrades

restored the two-goal advan-

1-1. Garcia considered the

league's most promising for-

eigner since Hugo Sanchez,

81st minute and then insur-

ance in the first minute of in-

minute later for Tenerife. Ar-

gentine Juan Antonio Pizzi

fourth minute on a penalty, but

Roberto Solozabal tied the

Calderon stadium took place

announced this week he would

charge media fees between 2

million pesetas (dlrs 20,000)

and 35 million pesetas (dlrs

350,000) for permission in

Div III soccer

Sports Reporter

Club, Lalmatia Club and Rah-

matganj Sporting Club won

their respective matches of

the Pragati Insurance Third

Division football league yester-

the Outer Stadium, Gandaria

Famous beat Fire Service by

goals for the winners while

Aminul Huq Mila pulled one

Jagarani Sangsad also by two

goals to one at the same venue.

Islam Suman scored for Lalma-

tia while Zahidul Islam re-

duced the margin for Jagarani

and Asadullah of Lalmatia and

Golam Mohammad of Jagarani

Sangsad were booked by the

ground, Rahmatganj Sporting

Club got the better of Power

Development Board (PDB)

the lead in the 10th minute

while Harun completed the

Anwar Hossain of Rahmat-

ganj and Masud Kamal of PDB

were cautioned with the yellow

TODAY'S MATCHES

SC (3:00 pm: Outer Stadium)

(4:30 pm: Outer Stadium)

TS (4:00pm: T &T ground)

Aminbazar KS vs Dilkusha

Matuail JS vs Kadamtala

Maghbazar KS vs Bashabo

tally in the 34th minute.

At the Mohakhali T&T

Maksud put Rahmatganj in

Alt Masud, Lutfor Rahman

two goals to one.

referee.

Sporting Club.

back for Fire Service.

In the day's first match at

Babu Das scored both the

Lalmatia Club beat Badda

Sajjadul Islam and Aminul

Gandaria Famous Sporting

Many reporters who tried

Action at Atletico's Vicente

Atletico President Jesus Gil

game in the 31st.

off the field as well.

cover Atletico games.

to close out the scoring.

Former Italy striker Salva-

Suker's hattrick for Seville

for regular tickets and cover telephones were expelled from confiscated, according to news

to avoid the charge by paying ing the game with portable the stadium and their phones

brought Albacete within one in tage in the 83rd. Zalazar added a final goal in the 90th minute In Madrid, with the score gave Atletico the lead in the Italian forward Pier Luigi Cherubino Loggi scored a gave Tenerife the lead in the

yesterday.