Sports Reporter

The inaugural ceremony of the 1992 National Bank First Division badminton league was held at the Outer Stadium wooden-floor gymnasium yes-

Deputy Managing Director of National Bank Ltd declared the meet open as chief guest. Actual action of the league

will begin from tomorrow. Eight teams - Mohammedan Sporting Club, Bangladesh Biman, Surja Tarun, Sheltech Club, Sputnik International, Dhaka Badminton Club, Dilkusha Sporting Club and Renaissance Club - are taking part in the league organised by the Bangladesh Badminton Federation.

The men's events will be decided through best-of-five sets - three singles and two doubles - while the women's contests will be settled in best-of-three sets — two singles and one doubles match.

Meanwhile, the entry date for the women's division of the badminton league has been extended till November 6.

BOA boss off to Acapulco

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The president of the Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA) Gias Kamal Chowdhury left for Acapulco, Mexico yesterday to take part in the eighth general assembly of the Association of National Olympic Committee (ANOC) to be held there from November 4 to 6.

BOA secretary general Bashir Ahmed and deputy secretary general Zafar Imam will leave today to attend the congress.

Swimming coaches' course begins today

Sports Reporter An 11-day IOC sponsored

Olympic Solidarity swimming coaches' clinic for Bangladesh begins today at the National Sports Council conference room at 4 in the afternoon.

John Verrier, the IOC swimming coach of Great Britain will conduct the programme.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain Khoka will inaugurate the clinic as chief guest.

Twenty-five swimming coaches from all over the country will take part in the course organised by the Bangladesh Olympic Association.

The International Olympic Committee will bear all expenses of the programme.

DU soccer, B' ball

Sports Reporter Department of Public

Administration got the better of Department of Finance by four goals to two in the Dhaka University inter-department football tournament at the University playground yester-

at the breather.

Meanwhile, Department of Management trounced Department of Statistics by 46 points to one in a one-sided affair of the DU inter-department basketball competition at the University gymnasium yesterday.

Both teams were locked 1-1

Kazi Abdullah with 20 points was the highest scorer for Management Department while Aminul chipped in with 10 points.

Institute of Business Administration received a walk-over against Department of Library Science in the other match of the day.

JU soccer

Mathematics Department defeated Pharmacy by 2-1 goals in the inter-department football tournament of Jahangir Nagar University at the university central playground yesterday, reports UNB.

After a barren first half Akhter put Mathematics Department ahead ten minutes after the breather while Mahboob doubled the margin by adding a goal in the following minute.

Mokarram of Pharmacy reduced the margin in the 17th minute of the second

Botany Department will on Philosophy

Department today.

Juvenile soccer Sports Reporter

The first Ali Sports Cup juventle football tournament will begin from November 4 at the Hazaribagh Park ground with Ganaktuli Kishore XI (Red) taking on Lalbagh Noor Sporting Club, says a press release.

Sixteen teams in four groups will take part in the tourney. The officials of the participating teams have been asked

to collect the fixtures and byelaws of the competition from Kamal Sports at the Outer Stadium by tomorrow.



Bobby Fischer makes his first move for the 27th Game of the match for their world chess championship' against Boris Spassky in Belgrade on Saturday. Fischer leads 9-5. - AFP photo

Fischer fails to wrap it up

end Bobby Fischer missed another chance to snatch the 3.5 million dollar purse for his replay with former world championship rival Boris

Spassky on Saturday, when their 27th game ended in a lacklustre draw, reports Reuter. Despite playing white and

needing only one more win to clinch the series, Fischer opted for the exchange version of the Ruy Lopez opening notorious for leading to a draw. A queenless end game was

created after only nine moves. Fischer, thanks to the early opening strategy of doubling black's queenside pawns, enjoyed superior pawn structure, but surprised spectators by

Yugoslav Grandmaster Drautin Sahovic criticised Fischer's 12th move, Rd2, which he said made the draw inevitable.

LONDON, Nov 1:

Katrin Krabbe's

ping a drugs ban

on a technicality

for the second

time this year

have been boosted by a

decision this weekend to clear

two British weightlifters of

drug offences, reports Reuter.

champion plans to challenge

the German athletics authori-

ties this year over a proposed

four-year ban for taking

Federation (DLV) recom-

mended on September 11 that

Krabbe, Grit Breuer and

Manuela Derr be banned for

weightlifters Andrew Davies

and Andrew Saxton, sent home

from the Barcelona Olympics

after testing positive for

Clenbuterol, were cleared to

the British Amateur Weight

Lifters' Association said no ac-

tion should be taken against

son for its decision but the fear

of litigation must have been an

member of the International

Olympic Committee's (IOC)

gold in the women's singles on

the final day of the China Open

badminton championships

down China's Wu Wenkai to

take the men's singles in

lead in the first set, Wu failed

to keep his momentum and

allowed Susanto back into the

match which he then domi-

nated with a marvelous display

to the mixed doubles pairing of

Aryono and Eliza who came

from behind in the third and

deciding set to take their final

against China's Chen Xingdong

and Sun Man 15-8, 9-15, 17-

women's singles title as Yao

Yan took on compatriot Shen

Lianseng in a match which saw

In the men's doubles

Indonesia's Ricky Subagda and

Rexy Mainaky took on brothers

Yao run out the eventual win-

ner 11-7, 11-8.

China were assured of the

Indonesia's first golds went

Despite racking up an 8-4

Hermawan Susanto wore

here Sunday, reports AFP.

straight sets 18-13, 15-9.

of power and timing.

The association gave no rea-

Professor Arnold Beckett, a

SHANGHAL Nov

1: Indonesia clin-

ched three titles

to upstage hosts

China who had to

be content with

After a four-hour meeting

resume their careers.

But on Saturday British

The German Athletics

Clenbuterol.

four years.

the pair.

influence.

The double world sprint

chances of esca-

agreen to a draw after six

"This move is new, but not 1: US chess leg- good," he said. "After this, black has two bishops and is maybe a little better off. Much better would have been Bg3, which would have given the chance to make a complicated

Fischer, who beat Spassky

in a legendary World Championship match in 1972, leads 9-5 in the series which will

end after one player takes 10

games. Under tournament

rules, the best Spassky can

hope for is a 9-9 draw. Their next game is Sunday.

Spassky plays white in 28th

BELGRADE, Nov 1: Bobby Fischer again sought the clinching victory Sunday in his dlrs 5 million chess rematch with Boris Spassky, who repeated an opening that helped him win the 12th game, reports AP.

Playing white in Game 28 Sunday, the Russian-born Spassky opened with a pawn to queen 4. Fischer responded with the Samisch Variation of the King's Indian Defence.

The opening nine moves Sunday were the same as in game 12, when Spassky hammered Fischer. But this time Fischer played Nd4 on the 10th move, as suggested in the

Medical Commission, pointed

out on Saturday that

Clenbuterol had not been

banned by the IOC when the

two weightlifters had taken

Britain assimilated the full im-

pact of the decision, Beckett

said in a television interview:

"Of course, this will spill over

KATRIN KRABBE

into Germany and the Krabbe,

stimulant to treat asthma but it

has also been used as an an-

abolic steroid, where it has

been particularly effective in

producing muscle bulk in cat-

using it since 1988 at least and

Razif and Jalani Sidek of

Malaysia in a close fought

clawed back a seven point

deficit in the first set to level

at 14-14, only for Subagda and

Mainaky to take the tie

really recovered and the

Indonesian pair raced to a 9-2

lead in the final set which they

The Sidek brothers never

breaker 3-1.

The tenacious Malaysians

Body builders have been

Clenbuterol has used as a

Breuer and Derr cases".

And while sports officials in

the drug.

tors who considered Fischer's response of the time — Ne7 too passive. On move 15 Sunday, when

Sept 30 game by commenta-

Spassky chose a queen-side castle, Yugoslav grandmaster Svetozar Gligoric commented that, "White has some initia tive but there are chances for both sides." Fischer castled on the fifth move. After 20 moves, another

Yugoslav Grandmaster Dragutin Sahovic, said Spassky stood better. Officials on Saturday re-

ported that Fischer was planning to stay in Yugoslavia for awhile after the match against Spassky is over. Krabbe may again escape ban

vice-captain. The other 14 players are: the underground steroid Jahangir Alam, Rabiuddin handbook notes that elite Ahmed, Khwaja Irteza Quader track and field athletes have Guddu, Mamunur Rashid, also used Clenbuterol for sev-Zahurul Islam Mitul, Khurshid Alam, Mahfuzul Alam, Mahbub Despite its reputation Harun, M Sadek, Alamgir

Krabbe's lawyers have claimed Alam, Akhter Hossain, Zahid they have scientific evidence it Biswas, Zahid Hossain Raju and is not a steroid. Haider Alam. "I think the argument is very strong," Krabbe's lawyer the squad as team leader while Peter Woessner said. "I have a Nurul Amin is the manager.

doctors dispute the classification of the drug." Saturday's decision will give Krabbe's lawyers extra ammu-

scientific report where two

Krabbe has admitted taking Clenbuterol but has argued that she did not know the drug was banned and Saturday's decision in London may well sway the DLV when it meets sometime before the end of the year.

The former East German has already evaded a four-year ban this year for manipulating a doping sample when the International Amateur Athletic Federation found the German authorities had no provision in their constitution for conducting random tests.

Krabbe has indicated she has no intention of giving up her fight to defend her world 100 and 200 metres titles in Stuttgart next year.

"I want to run again and will do everything I can to do so, she said recently.

Indonesians upstage hosts

finally took 15-11.

In the all-Chinese women's doubles final, World Cup champions Yao Fen and Lin Yanfen took on Wu Yuhong and

After a close first set which Yao and Fen took 17-14, Wu and Pan fell away in the second which the more experienced pair won 15-4. An earlier report said:



Players and officials of the Dhaka Hockey Eleven who left for Jallandhar to take part in the ninth 'All India Surject Singh memorial hockey tournament' scheduled for Nov 3 to 13. Star photo

Imran against tobacco in

sports

Khan, who led Pakistan to vic-

tory in cricket's Benson and

Hedges World Cup earlier this

year, wants tobacco firms

against tobacco sponsorship.

off to India

Sports Reporter

ckey Eleven team left the city

last evening for Calcutta en

route to Jallandhar, Punjab to

take part in the ninth All India

Surject Singh memorial tour-

nament scheduled for Novem-

Dhaka Hockey Eleven, the

team is virtually the Bangla-

desh national squad. Three

other foreign teams - Iqbal

Hockey Club of Lahore and

Afghan Sports Club of Baha-

walpur from Pakistan and the

Andizhan City Sports Club of

Moscow, Russia - will be

competing in the top grade

club championship along with

some premier teams from all

feature many Indian and

Pakistani inter-national hockey

which has been placed directly

in the robin league, is ex-

pected to play its first match

against an as yet unknown op-

ponent on Saturday, Novem-

Veteran centre-forward

Jamil Parvez Lulu of Dhaka

Mariners Young Club, who fin-

ished third in the last league

behind Mohammedan Sporting

Club and Abahani Krira Chakra,

has been made the captain

while the Abahani custodian

Rahmat Ali Asir, who captained

the Bangladesh national youth

under-21 team in Kuala

Lumpur last September, is the

S A Karim is accompanying

Monwar Hossain is the assis-

tant manager and Pratap

Shankar Hazra the coach with

Hossain Imam Chowdhury as

Another two or three offi-

cials of the Bangladesh Hockey

Federation (BHF) are accom-

panying the team on their own

Bari is expected to join the

Govt Muslim High

School lift Sigma

Hockey title

Government Muslim High

School became champions in

the Sigma hockey league beat-

ing Chittagong Municipal

Model High School by a soli-

tary goal at Nasirabad High

School ground here this after-

tant goal in the second half.

Hasan scored the all-impor-

Four Schools - Government

Collegiate High, Government

Muslim High, Government

Nasirabad High and Chittagong

Municipal Model High - par-

ticipated in the league which

was organised by Hockey

Kendra, an organisation for

Collegiate High School was ad-

judged the best- player-of-the

Ataul Hakim, president of

Chittagong Press Club dis-

winners as chief guest.

Sumon of Government

noon, reports BSS.

hockey coaching.

league.

CHITTAGONG, Nov 1:

squad on November 8.

The BHF secretary Shamsul

deputy coach.

expenses.

The tourney is expected to

The Dhaka Hockey Eleven,

Although named as the

A 21-member Dhaka Ho-

Saturday.

ber 3 to 13.

over India.

KARACHI, Nov 1: Imran

twice in the second to score a fast knockout victory Saturday

banned from sport, reports The 1988 Olympic superheavyweight champion dro-"Tobacco companies should pped the Canadian seven be banned from sponsoring seconds before the end of the sports as smoking adversely af first round with a right hand fects human health," he was flush on the chin. Ruddock was reported as saying after up by the time the bell launching a cricket clinic on sounded.

fight, reports AP.

Fifteen seconds into the The 40-year-old former second, Lewis hit Ruddock Pakistan skipper said he would with a combination and floored be launching a campaign him in a corner. Ruddock got up again, started swinging wildly and was caught again by Hockey squad another left-right combination

46-seconds into the round. This time Puerto Rican referee Joe Cortez counted him

The fight, scheduled for 12 rounds at Earls Court, was a final eliminator for the world title and Lewis, now unbeaten in 22 pro fights, has guaranteed a clash with the winner of the Nov 13 contest in Las Vegas between holder Evander Holyfield and Riddick Bowe.

would like it to be Holyfield because I'd like to be the first to beat him," Lewis said. "The main thing was to go

"I don't mind who it is but I

nervous. But I kept my cool and I was very focussed. "The first couple of right

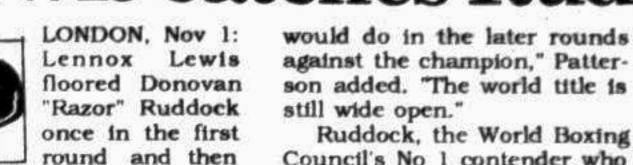
hands I threw were a bit rushed but then I settled down. The main thing after the first knockdown was for me-to stay composed," said Lewis, who retained his Commonwealth title as well as lining up a shot at a world Champion-

"But the longer I'm in there, the more chances I'm taking. I think Ruddock was more surprised than me it finished so early." Former world heavyweight

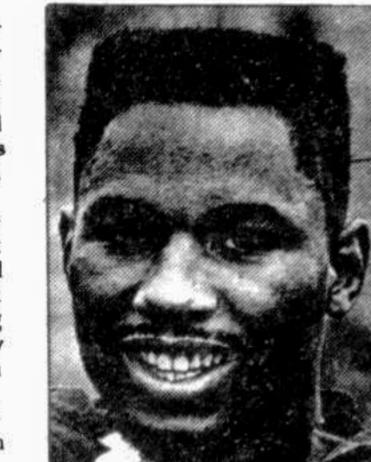
champion Floyd Patterson, one of Ruddock's trainers, said the Canadian had been caught cold.

"Next Lewis will fight Holyfield," Patterson said. "Yes, he's capable of beating him, but what you saw tonight was just a punching thing, no skills, no weaving." "You didn't see how Lewis

Lewis catches Ruddock cold The British fighter, who would do in the later rounds



Ruddock, the World Boxing Council's No 1 contender who lost twice to former world champion Mike Tyson, slipped to his fourth defeat against 27 and guarantee a world title



LENNOX LEWIS

victories and one draw. At 6-feet-5, Lewis had a two-inch height advantage over Ruddock but, at 227 1-2 pounds, was four pounds lighter.

When the two fighters went into their first clinch, Ruddock buried his head into Lewis' stomach and the British fighter wound up sitting on the bottom rope.

It was the nearest Ruddock got to Lewis.

Ex-champ Torres new WBO boss

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, Nov 1: Former world light heavyweight champion Jose Torres was elected president of the World Boxing Organisation on Saturday, reports

Torres, once head of the New York Athletic Commission, was elected 23-2 over Humberto Silie Gaton of the Dominican Republic at the WBO convention. He replaced Ramon Pina Acevedo of the Dominican Republic. Pina Acevedo has presided

over the organisation since it was founded in 1988. Torres has written newspa-

per columns and authored a controversial book on former heavyweight champion Mike

won the Olympic title while a Canadian citizen, flashed out

jabs that found the target while the few punches that Ruddock threw were out of reach. Lewis looked in control and after scoring with a right, un-

leashed the right hander that sent Ruddock to the floor for the first time. It was too late in the round

for Lewis to follow it up but he wasted no time in the second.

With some 10,000 British fight fans roaring him on, Lewis powered more combinations into Ruddock's face and the Canadian found nothing in

Lewis trapped Ruddock in a corner and another cluster of punches had the 28-year-old Canadian down again.

He was up at six and began flinging huge left and rights that were well off target. Lewis stayed cool and caught him with a combination that finished the fight and served nos tice on Holyfield and Bowe that Britain may, at last, have a see rious title contender.

the title. Although Lewis trains: in the United States, he counts himself as British. out and prove myself. There-

of them."

Describing the first right hand that put Ruddock down, he said: "It just fired like a

"Before the fight even started I could see Razor was a

Sotogrande

season, reports AP. Lyle, who held a one-stroke

lead after three rounds, shot a 73 Sunday, while Montgomerie fired a 2-under par 69 on the 6,920 vard Valderra Club course. Sunday's sudden-death

playoff was to begin on the 10th hole.

Espana stops Taylor for title



of Venezuela won the World Boxing Association world welterweight title Saturday, stopping title-

holder Meldrick Taylor of the United States in the eighth round, reports AP. Espana took the fight to Taylor from the opening bell, and after 2:11 of the eighth the British referee John Coyle

ruled Taylor unable to continue. With a cut over the right eye, and still staggering from a knock-down which produced a mandatory eight count, Taylor was leaning against the ropes

when the fight was stopped. Espana, a farmer's son from the small Venezuelan village of La Flor near Ciudad Boltvar, is now based in Belfast, Northern

He took the fight to the champion from the bell, moving close in an attempt to neutralize the champion's known speed. Taylor was noted for his

stamina too — his two previous title defences both lasted 12 rounds. But Espana wasn't lacking

stamina and speed either - his connections claimed before the fight that the Venezuelan once ran a full marathon in an impressive two hours, 17 min-So in he went, landing

combinations from the first round while Taylor waited for his chance. Espana didn't give Taylor made an impression

in only one round - the fifth,

peared to be a warning from his corner to go for the kill. Espana was warned by Coyle

for a low punch, and had a point deducted, but came back to land several combinations. But even during the fifth Espana's promoter, Northern Irishman Barney Eastwood

While Taylor seemed content to stay back and wait for an opportunity, Espana moved in, chasing the champion around the ring.

was yelling "this is easy".

Eastwood appeared to have a

The tactic paid dividends. In the third Espana landed a combination which staggered Taylor and could, to ringside observers, have deserved an eight count.

By the seventh Espana, ranked the WBA No 1 contender and now unbeaten in 28 professional bouts, was obviously in control. Taylor, making his third ti-

tle defense with a record of 27-21-1, has now lost two bouts in a row. He was hoping for a victory

to set up a grudge rematch against Mexico's Julio Cesar Chavez, who took Philadelphian Taylor's International Boxing Federation junior welterweight title under controversial circumstances in Las Vegas in March 1990.

Eastwood, who took Espana

under his wing five years ago, hopes to set up a title defence in Belfast as soon as possible.

"The intention is to give him two or three title defences, then move up a weight division," Eastwood said.

The victory fulfilled a dream for Espana, whose elder brother Ernesto is a former WBA lightweight world cham-"I knew I could win after

the first round because I fell strong," Espana said. "I knew I" was going to win. I was wor ried about the fight five weeks ago but not immediately before. it because by then I knew ! could win."

Espana will take his title belt back to Venezuela to show his parents, who watched the fight on television in Venezu ela. Espana's wife Sharon and his three-months-old soft Crisanto Jnr will go too.

said. "He's been training hard for 10 weeks now. He hasn't really had a social life." Taylor, still in shock after the defeat, said he would re-

turn to Philadelphia and evalua

and his son," Sharon Espana

"The fight was for his family

ate his future. "I'm disappointed, but he was stronger," Taylor said. "I've" got to take time off, evaluate my future. But I've accomis plished a lot from boxing at an early age."

Lou Duva, Taylor's co-pro

eeds avert home defeat



LONDON, Nov 1: A hothy-contested goal by Zimbab winger wean Peter Ndlovu on

the first home league defeat on English champions Leeds for 30 matches, reports Reuter. Ndlovu gave Coventry a 2-1

lead 12 minutes from time amid protests that the goal was offside, but Leeds' defender Chris Fairclough forced in an equaliser in the final minute to keep their precious record in-

fort, England midfielder David Batty was carried off with an ankle injury which could threaten his participation in next week's European Cup tie with Glasgow Rangers.

Blackburn retained their narrow lead on goal difference from Norwich at the top of the Premier League despite an exciting but ultimately goalless visit to Sheffield Wednesday

ings, American John Harkes hit a Blackburn post and Wednesday also had fierce claims for a first-half penalty turned down. Norwich, with the worst

defensive record in the league before start of play, had to rely on a goal four minutes from the final whistle by Dary Sutch to earn a 1-1 home draw with Middlesbourgh. Liverpool and Manchester

United, whose managers were both censured in midweek for their behaviour on the touchline, did nothing to ease that sort of stress with defeats to Tottenham and Wimbledon respectively.

against Spartak Moscow in the Cup Winners' Cup next week, succumbed 2-0 to Spurs, whose second-half goals came from the Moroccan-born Nayim and Neil Ruddock.

to Wimbledon's Lawrie Sanchez 10 minutes from Blackburn and Norwicheach have 27 points from 14 matches, four clear of Queens Park Rangers, Arsenal and Coventry, although the two

pointing, scarcely managing a

shot on target before conced-

ing the only goal of the match

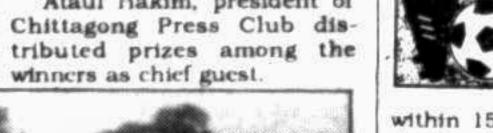
London clubs both have a game in hand. At the bottom, Brian Clough's struggling Nottingham Forest remained rooted to the basement after a 1-0 loss to lpswich. To make matters worse, four of the five sides

immediately above them won. Biggest losers of the day were Everton who succumbed 3-1 at home to Manchester. City, Mike Sheron scoring, twice.

In Scotland, Rangers had a less fraught warm- up for Wednesday's European date, with Leeds, beating Motherwell 4-2.

moter also associated with world heavyweight champion Evander Holifield, has no doubts about what Taylor should do next. That fight now appears un-"I'd recommend he doesn't fight any more," Duva said!" "He's out of his weight class, his reactions and reflexes aren't the same.

In a match of several book-United were even more disap-



Saturday came

within 15 seconds of inflicting

To add to Leeds' discom-

Liverpool, who have to overturn a 4-2 first leg deficit

In front of their own fans at Old Trafford, Manchester

No British fighter since Bob Fitzimmons in 1896 has won

were a lot of unanswered questions about Lennox Lewis, and I believe I answered most

gunshot.

little agitated. He seemed a bit-Deadlock at

SOTOGRANDE, Spain, Nov : Sandy Lyle and fellow Scot Colin Montgomerie tied Sunday at 3-over-par 287 after 72 holes of the Volvo Masters and squared off for a sudden death playoff in the last PGA European Tour event of the

when he anded several good LONDON, Nov 1: combinations, after what ap-Crisanto Espana