

NBL badminton inaugurated

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

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.

Swimming coaches' course begins today

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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.

DU soccer, B' ball

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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 yesterday.

JU soccer

Sports Reporter
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.

Juvenile soccer

Sports Reporter
The first Ali Sports Cup juvenile 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.



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.

Fischer fails to wrap it up

BEGRAD, Nov 1: US chess legend 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.

"This move is new, but not 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 game."

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

BEGRAD, Nov 1: Bobby Fischer again sought the clinching victory Sunday in his 28th game with Boris Spassky, who repeated an opening that helped him win the 12th game, reports AP.

Sept 30 game by commentators who considered Fischer's response of the time - Ne7 - too passive. On move 15 Sunday, when Spassky chose a queen-side castle, Yugoslav grandmaster Svetozar Gligoric commented that, "White has some initiative but there are chances for both sides."

Krabbe may again escape ban

LONDON, Nov 1: Katrin Krabbe's chances of escaping 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.

Medical Commission, pointed out on Saturday that Clenbuterol had not been banned by the IOC when the two weightlifters had taken the drug.

the underground steroid handbook notes that elite track and field athletes have also used Clenbuterol for several years.



KATRIN KRABBE into Germany and the Krabbe, Breuer and Derr cases. Clenbuterol has been used as a stimulant to treat asthma but it has also been used as anabolic steroid, where it has been particularly effective in producing muscle bulk in cattle.

And while sports officials in Britain assimilated the full impact of the decision, Beckett said in a television interview: "Of course, this will spill over into Germany and the Krabbe, Breuer and Derr cases."

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.

Indonesians upstage hosts

SHANGHAI, Nov 1: Indonesia clinched three titles to upstage hosts China who had to be content with gold in the women's singles on the final day of the China Open badminton championships here Sunday, reports AFP.

Razif and Jalani Sidek of Malaysia in a close fought match. The tenacious Malaysians clawed back a seven point deficit in the first set to level at 14-14, only for Subagda and Mainaky to take the tie breaker 3-1.

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 Pan Li.

Hermawan Susanto wore down China's Wu Wenkai to take the men's singles in straight sets 18-13, 15-9. Despite racking up an 8-4 lead in the first set, Wu failed to keep his momentum and allowed Susanto back into the match which he then dominated with a marvelous display of power and timing.

After a four-hour meeting the British Amateur Weight Lifters' Association said no action should be taken against the pair. The association gave no reason for its decision but the fear of litigation must have been an influence.

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:

Indonesia's first girls went 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, 17-16.

China were assured of the women's singles title as Yao Yan took on compatriot Shen Lianfeng in a match which saw Yao run out the eventual winner 11-7, 11-8.

In the men's doubles, Indonesia's Ricky Subagda and Resy Mainaky took on brothers



Players and officials of the Dhaka Hockey Eleven who left for Jalandhar to take part in the ninth All India Surjeet Singh memorial hockey tournament scheduled for Nov 3 to 13.

Imran against tobacco in sports

KARACHI, Nov 1: Imran Khan, who led Pakistan to victory in cricket's Benson and Hedges World Cup earlier this year, wants tobacco firms banned from sport, reports AFP.

"Tobacco companies should be banned from sponsoring sports as smoking adversely affects human health," he was reported as saying after launching a cricket clinic on Saturday.

Hockey squad off to India

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A 21-member Dhaka Hockey Eleven team left the city last evening for Calcutta en route to Jalandhar, Punjab to take part in the ninth All India Surjeet Singh memorial tournament scheduled for November 3 to 13.

Although named as the Dhaka Hockey Eleven, the team is virtually the Bangladesh 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 over India.

The tourney is expected to feature many Indian and Pakistani inter-national hockey stars. The Dhaka Hockey Eleven, which has been placed directly in the robin league, is expected to play its first match against an as yet unknown opponent on Saturday, November 7.

Veteran centre-forward Jamil Parvez Lulu of Dhaka Mariners Young Club, who finished 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 vice-captain.

Govt Muslim High School lift Sigma Hockey title

CHITTAGONG, Nov 1: Government Muslim High School became champions in the Sigma hockey league beating Chittagong Municipal Model High School by a solitary goal at Nastrabad High School ground here this afternoon, reports BSS.

Hasan scored the all-important goal in the second half. Four Schools - Government Collegiate High, Government Muslim High, Government Nastrabad High and Chittagong Municipal Model High - participated in the league which was organised by Hockey Kendra, an organisation for hockey coaching.

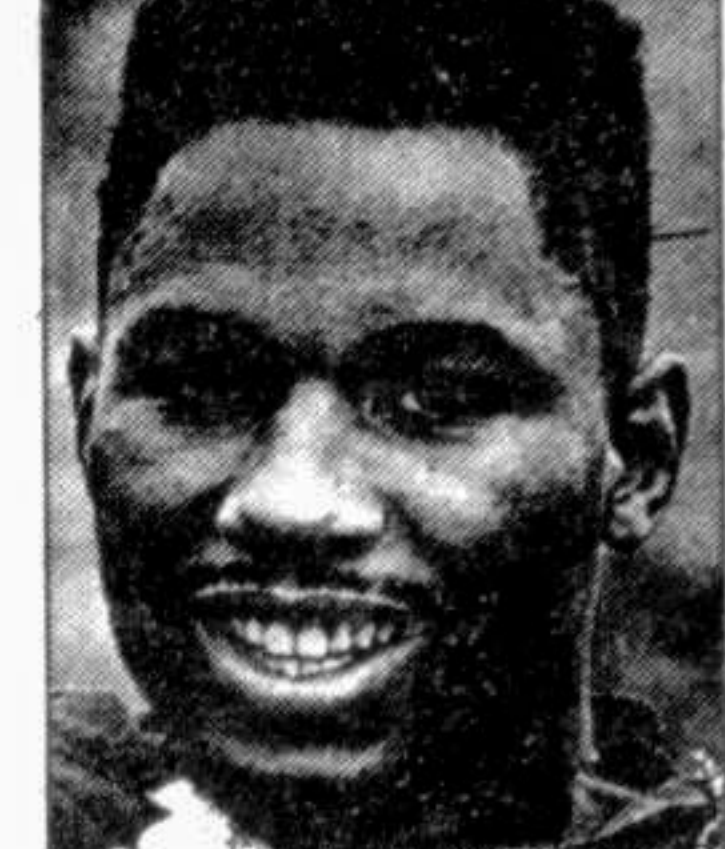
Sumon of Government Collegiate High School was adjudged the best player-of-the-league. Ataul Hakim, president of Chittagong Press Club distributed prizes among the winners as chief guest.

Lewis catches Ruddock cold

LONDON, Nov 1: Lennox Lewis floored Donovan "Razor" Ruddock once in the first round and then twice in the second to score a fast knockout victory Saturday and guarantee a world title fight, reports AP.

would do in the later rounds against the champion," Patterson added. "The world title is still wide open."

The 1988 Olympic super-heavyweight champion dropped the Canadian seven seconds before the end of the first round with a right hand flush on the chin. Ruddock was up by the time the bell sounded.



LENNOX LEWIS

Fifteen seconds into the second, Lewis hit Ruddock with a combination and floored him in a corner. Ruddock got up again, started swinging wildly and was caught again by another left-right combination 46-seconds into the round.

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.

"The main thing was to go nervous. But I kept my cool and I was very focused. 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 Championship.

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

"I don't mind who it is but I 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 nervous. But I kept my cool and I was very focused. 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 Championship.

Pina Acevedo has presided over the organisation since it was founded in 1988. Torres has written newspaper columns and authored a controversial book on former heavyweight champion Mike Tyson.

Espana stops Taylor for title

LONDON, Nov 1: Crisanto Espana 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.

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

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.

When he landed several good combinations, after what appeared 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.

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 defenses both lasted 12 rounds.

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

So in he went, landing combinations from the first round while Taylor waited for his chance. Espana didn't give him one. Taylor made an impression in only one round - the fifth, when he landed several good combinations, after what appeared to be a warning from his corner to go for the kill.

"The fight was for his family and his son," Sharon Espana said. "He's been training hard for 10 weeks now. He hasn't really had a social life."

Leeds avert home defeat

LONDON, Nov 1: A hotly-contested goal by Zimbabwean winger Peter Ndlovu on Saturday came within 15 seconds of inflicting the first home league defeat on English champions Leeds for 30 matches, reports Reuter.

United were even more disappointing, scarcely managing a shot on target before conceding the only goal of the match to Wimbledon's Lawrie Sanchez 10 minutes from time.

To add to Leeds' discomfort, 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.

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