

## Jewel-Mushtaq cricket from today

Sports Reporter

The newly-introduced Shaheed Jewel-Mushtaq memorial cricket tournament begins today at the Dhanmendi Cricket Stadium with Surja Tarun Club taking on Gulshan Youth Club.

Treasurer of the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board Reza-e-Karim will inaugurate the meet at 9:15 am as chief guest.

Seven teams will participate in the over-limit knockout tournament. They are Surja Tarun, Gulshan Youth, Bangladesh Biman, Victoria Sporting Club, Public Works Department (PWD), Kalabagan Kria Chakra and Uddi Club.

However, the final of the Shaheed Jewel-Mushtaq tournament will be of two days' duration with each side playing a maximum of 80 overs.

The final will be held on December 22 and 23.

Victory will take on PWD in tomorrow's match.

### V-DAY CRICKET

Meanwhile, the 1992 Victory Day cricket tournament will begin from December 19 at the Dhaka Stadium.

Four teams will participate in the 80-over-a-side knockout tournament.

The teams are holders and the 14th Damal Summer Cricket champions Abahani Kria Chakra, last year's runners-up Mohammedan Sporting Club, Brothers Union and the Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club (GMCC).

Abahani will play GMCC in the inaugural match to be held on December 19 and 20.

### Fate of V-Day b'ball uncertain

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Amidst uncertainty the Victory Day basketball tournament enters the semifinal stage today with Army (Reds) meeting First Division league champions Azad Boys Club at 8:30 am in the first of the twin semifinals.

Navy take on Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) in the second encounter scheduled to start at 10:00 am.

Although the tournament committee appears to have solved the crisis that developed on Sunday following an unfinished encounter that ended in a fiasco the ultimate fate of the meet still remains uncertain.

Azad Boys Club were leading a crucial encounter against Josephites Club 82-52 when players of both teams refused to continue because of poor supervision by Rafiq, one of the two referees of that match.

Referee Rafiq's poor handling allowed the players to get away with cynical fouls and at one stage Junayed, an Azad player, was hit on the chin by a Josephite cager. Scuffle broke out among the rival players and with just 32 seconds to go players of both teams walked off in protest of bad refereeing.

Yesterday, in a meeting, the tournament committee decided to award Azad Boys full points because they were in an unassailable position when the match came to an abrupt halt.

Three Azad players — Australian Kim, Junayed and Gazi Shahinul Haq — have been suspended.

Australian player Kim was suspended for not having necessary permission to take part for any local club.

The suspension of Syed Shafiqat Kabir Junayed, a national player, drew loud protests from Azad Boys Club.

The irked cager termed the charges of misbehavior labelled against him as 'baseless' and begged justice from the federation's jury of appeal.

Shafiqat Kabir urged the jury to identify and take adequate measure against the conspiring quartet.

Azad Boys Club also spelled it out that unless the decision of Junayed's suspension is reversed they would not take part in the rest of the tournament.

Meanwhile, an official of Army (Reds), Azad's opponents in today's semifinal, told The Daily Star that his team would not take part in any controversial match.

**Top guns threaten boycott**

LONDON, Dec 15: Eight top English squash players have threatened to boycott the National Championships next month, reports AFP.

But England number one Peter Marshall, Del Harris, Chris Walker, Jason Nicol, Phil Whitlock, Simon Parke, Tony Hands and Stephen Meads have demanded increased prize money for the event being funded by the Squash Rackets Association (SRA) because there is no sponsor.

But they have in turn been warned by the SRA that they face a ban from the England team if they miss the championships. That would mean England fielding a second rate team at the World Championships in Pakistan next year.

## Double crowns for Faisal, Saathi



Faisal Huq and Saathi clinched double crowns in the 1992 national junior age groups tennis championships which concluded at the Ramna Tennis Complex.

### Zia's double

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Zia Hossain won double crowns in the Agrani Bank Victory Day under-16 open badminton championships at the wooden-floor gymnasium yesterday.

Zia outplayed Zakaria 15-4, 15-4 to clinch the boys' singles title and then went on to win the doubles in tandem with Mokhelesur Rahman. He and Mokhelesur beat Ramzan and Sarwar Jahan 15-5 and 15-10.

On Monday Sharmin Ahmed Momo beat Konika Adhikary to annex the girls' singles title. Konika and Noori had earlier won the doubles title beating Momo and Liza.

One hundred and twenty-two shuttlers took part in this six-day long competition organised by the Bangladesh Badminton Federation.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain gave away the prizes as chief guest. In the ongoing 17th badminton championships, seventeen more players advanced to the second round in the boys' singles category. They are Atiq, Mukul and Afzar of BRTC, Khurshid, Mahbub, Shakil and Sarwar of Bangladesh Biman, Wahid, Rashed and Tinku of Rangpur, Russel of Sylhet, Hamid and Romel and Rinku of Ansars, Helal of Bogra, Khurshid and Manzoor of Pabna.

### Cricket call

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Champions of the qualifying meet for the Second Division cricket league Dhanmendi Pragati Sangha will select players for the upcoming league, says a press release.

Interested players have been asked to contact the Islamic Pharmacy at 158/1 Elephant Road by tomorrow, Thursday.

Tennis complex in the city yesterday.

Faisal beat his doubles partner Ruman 2-6, 6-4, 6-2 to win the coveted boys under-18 singles while Saathi also outplayed her doubles partner Urmi 6-1, 6-2 in the girls' under-18 singles final yesterday, afternoon.

Earlier Faisal, teaming up with Ruman, got the better of Jhilan and Bijoy 6-1, 6-4 to win the boys' under-18 doubles title.

Saathi, pairing with Urmi, clinched the girls' under-18 doubles title on last Monday, subduing Chaiti and Lucky 6-4, 6-2.

In the boys' under-14 singles final Tofazzat defeated Omar 6-1, 6-4. In the girls' version of this event Lucky clinched the title beating Chaiti 6-3, 6-1 on Monday.

In the boys' under-14 doubles Dipu and Manik beat Rumi and James 6-3, 6-3 also on Monday.

One hundred and four players including 14 girls took part in the five-day meet organised by the Bangladesh Tennis Federation.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain Khoka distributed the prizes as chief guest later in the evening.

The function was rounded off with a dinner.



Saathi makes a backhand return during her under-18 singles final against Urmi at the Ramna Tennis Complex yesterday. Saathi won 6-1, 6-2 to add to her doubles title.

— Star photo

## Miandad critical of Pak schedule



SYDNEY, Dec 15: An unfair schedule is making it difficult for Pakistan to be successful on their cricket tour of Australia and New Zealand, team captain Javed Miandad said Tuesday, reports AP.

Pakistan will play three one-day matches against New Zealand from Dec. 26 and a one-off Test from Jan. 2-6 before returning to Australia to complete the second-leg of the triangular World Series Tournament against Australia and the West Indies.

Indies will play two Test matches during the same period.

"We are going to play in different climate on different pitches, then we have to come back to Australia and get used to conditions here all over again," Javed said.

"We have to win three of our last four World Series matches to make the finals and that won't be easy after going to New Zealand."

Javed said he questioned the logic of swapping from the World Series to playing Queensland in a four-day match in Brisbane and then reverting to one-dayers against

New Zealand.

"I think we should have had a practice game in New Zealand instead of a four-day game in Brisbane," Javed said.

"But the players have no say — it's done between the two boards."

Javed said top-order batsman Rameez Raja and Salim Malik would be fit to play against the West Indies in a World Series game in Sydney on Thursday.

Both sustained injuries last weekend.

"Malik just hurt his ankle and Rameez had a sore hamstring, but they will be OK," Javed said.

## Windies commit hara-kiri



MELBOURNE, Dec 15: Cricket brinkmanship was taken to new limits here Tuesday as the West Indies lost their nerve against a resurgent Australia in a pulsating finish to the World Series Cup cricket one-dayer, reports AFP.

Cruising at 158 for two in the chase after 199 for victory, the West Indies collapsed under mounting pressure, losing their last eight wickets for 36, dismissed for 194 off the final ball to go down by four runs.

Man-of-the-match Mark Waugh precipitated the dramatic crash, claiming 5-24 off just six composed overs, on top of his 57 off 69 balls in Australia's 198 for eight.

The West Indian rupture bewildered skipper Richie Richardson, who along with opener Brian Lara had crafted the Caribbean tourists into a seemingly impregnable position with a 92-run partnership for the third wicket off 115 deliveries.

Lara was rock solid scoring 74, before he was bowled by Mark Waugh, while Richardson clouted two sixes in his impetuous innings of 62 off 73 balls before he fell to an acrobatic catch close to the wicket by counterpart Mark Taylor, his seventh of the competition.

Urged on by a chanting 74,450 crowd, the Australians steadily cranked up the pressure on the West Indians, who buckled under the strain.

"We had the match, but we just gave it away... I can't believe it," Richardson said afterwards.

"We were cruising and there was no need to go for the big shots, we just needed to take it easy and go along steadily at four runs an over."

"We had it won, but we messed it up."

Richardson couldn't hide his disgust at some of his fellow batsmen, notably Carl Hooper, who took to the long handle even after being cautioned by Richardson in between overs.

"I told him there was no need to lash out, but he just gave it away," Richardson said

of Hooper's reckless 6. Vice-captain Gus Logie was run out without facing a ball and the tailenders panicked as their target dwindled from 35 runs off 35 balls down to five runs off the last ball.

With the momentum right behind the rampant Australians, No 10 Anderson Cummins tried to emulate Pakistani Asif Mujtaba's final ball six to tie with Australia last week, only to hole out to Craig McDermott at long off handing Mark Waugh his fifth wicket.

The euphoric win pitches Australia three points clear on the WSC standings ahead of



M WAUGH ... 57 and 5 for 24

the West Indies on four points, and world champion Pakistan on three.

Earlier, Taylor had won the toss and decided to bat on the recently resurfaced Melbourne pitch.

A sandy outfield made scoring difficult, especially boundaries and Australia was in trouble at 86 for four before Mark Waugh and Damien Martyn (40 off 48 balls) put on 74 for the fifth wicket to increase Australia's scoring tempo to 3.96 per over.

The redoubtable Curtly Ambrose once again finished the best of the West Indian bowlers appreciating unpredictable bounce off the wicket to finish with 3-25 off his 10 overs.

The West Indies get their chance to atone against Pakistan in Sydney on Thursday, in a match that now

has taken on extra significance with Australia one and a half games clear in the lead and only five preliminary games left until the best of three finals next month.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the World Series Cup one-day cricket match between Australia and the West Indies here today:

AUSTRALIA				
MA Taylor c Hooper	b Simmons	10		
D C Boon c Haynes	b Ambrose	4		
D M Jones c Artherton	b Cummins	22		
S R Waugh run out	b Cummins	34		
M E Waugh c Hooper	b Ambrose	57		
D R Martyn c Murray	b Ambrose	40		
I A Healy c Haynes b Hooper	b Hooper	13		
G R Matthews run out	b P R Reffel	6		
P R Reffel run out	b P R Reffel	0		
C J McDermott run out	b P R Reffel	0		
Extras (lb 5, w 6, nb 1)		12		
Total: (8 wks, in 50 overs)		198		
Did not bat: M R Whitney				
Fall of wickets: 1-13, 2-17; 3-63; 4-86; 5-160; 6-186; 7-192; 8-197.				
Bowling				
	O	M	R	W
Ambrose	10	3	25	3
Simmons	10	3	31	1
Walsh	10	1	42	0
Cummins	10	0	45	1

### WEST INDIES

Lara b M Waugh	74			
Haynes c Taylor b Whitney	4			
Simmons c Healy b Reffel	24			
Richardson c Taylor b M Waugh	61			
Hooper c Martyn b S Waugh	6			
Logie run out	0			
Artherton c Jones b M Waugh	9			
Murray c b M Waugh	5			
Ambrose run out	0			
Cummins c McDermott	2			
b M Waugh	0			
Walsh run out	0			
Extras (lb-9)	9			
Total:	194			
Fall of wickets: 1-18, 2-66; 3-158; 4-173; 5-178; 6-178; 7-187; 8-192; 9-192.				
Bowling				
	O	M	R	W
McDermott	7	1	27	0
Whitney	10	1	27	1
Reffel	10	1	45	1
Matthews	7	0	24	0
S Waugh	10	0	38	1
M Waugh	6	0	24	5
Result: Australia won by four runs.				

## NZC to introduce TV replays



BLOEMFONTEIN, South Africa, Dec 15: New Zealand Cricket officials want to adopt the television replay system for run-outs in their coming series with Pakistan and Australia, reports Reuters.

The scheme has met with wide approval in South Africa where it is being tried in the Test and one-day series with India.

"We have decided we want to introduce TV replays. We haven't spoken to the Australian and Pakistani boards yet but intend to do so this week," Graham Dowling, New Zealand Cricket's chief executive said on Monday.

"We were interested in the experiment in South Africa and spoke to Ali Bacher, their chief executive this week who was very supportive," he said in a telephone interview from Christchurch.

"He said there was some initial reluctance but it had been an unqualified success. NZ TV have told us they are happy it can be achieved technically."

New Zealand play three one-day matches with Pakistan from December 26 and a Test from January 2 to 6. They then entertain Australia from mid-February for three Tests and five one-day matches.

The experiment, which involves a third umpire judging close decisions on a television monitor, has been well received in South Africa.

After Sunday's international with India Mike Procter, the South African coach, said: "It is a great innovation. It adds to the excitement and does something for the game. You also get the right decision."

Three times in South Africa's innings Wilf Driedicks was called into action. Each time the crowd's expectant hush was palpable as the giant screen replayed the action and they waited for the red or green light to signal the verdict, in or out. The third decision, giving Dave Callaghan out, was very close — "impossible to give by the named eye," according to Bacher.

"It lessens controversy and to say I'm keen would be an understatement."

Clive Lloyd, the match referee, said he would recommend the idea to the International Cricket Council.

"It has worked very well. I think it is a good system," he said. "Normally the umpire would have had to give Callaghan not out."

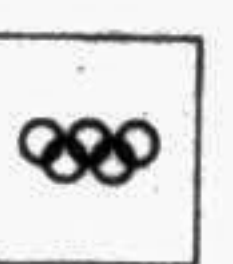
The umpires, after early reluctance, have also come to favour the scheme.

Brian Basson, president of the South African Umpires' Association, said: "I believe it has eliminated one area of mistakes. It is good for the game, especially in one-day matches where there are so many line decisions."

The other South African experiment of rotating the three umpires in Test and first-class matches has been met with less enthusiasm and will not be adopted by New Zealand.

"We are not comfortable with that concept at the moment," Dowling said. "Our players had it in the Test with Zimbabwe and we are watching south Africa before reviewing that."

## Barcelona want Cruyff to stay



LONDON, Dec 15: Barcelona have offered coach Johan Cruyff a two-year extension on his contract, club president Jose Luis Nunez revealed after their side had narrowly lost the World Club title, reports Reuters.

"I've offered him another two years," Nunez said after European Cup holders Barcelona's 2-1 defeat by South American champions Sao Paulo in the Intercontinental cup match in Tokyo on Sunday.

"I want him to stay... So everyone can see I have no doubts about him."

Cruyff, whose current contract expires in mid 1993, said in January he would coach the Netherlands at the 1994 World Cup finals in the United States if they qualified. But Nunez said he believed the Dutchman had changed his mind.

Deportivo la Coruna hammered athletic Bilbao 3-0 and took advantage of Barcelona's absence from the weekend league action to join them on 21 points at the top of the Spanish first division, although the Catalan side have a game in hand.

Barcelona's arch-rivals Real Madrid, third on 20 points, also won, 1-0 at home to Celta. But Real were booed by fans and slammed by commentators after a lacklustre performance.

"Madrid's in a coma," said the leading daily El Pais.

In Italy, AC Milan stretched their lead to six points after a 2-0 win over Ancona, both goals coming from unsettled French striker Jean-Pierre Papin.

Papin denied after wards that he had been in touch with his former boss, Marseille president Bernard Tapie, and wanted to leave Milan because he could not command a regular first team place.

"No, I'm staying with Milan," Papin said. "It's true that I complained about things but that's not the end of the world."

"Any player who does not get his chance to play is an unhappy player. People have to understand me."

While Milan were stretching their unbeaten league run

to 47 games, major rivals Internazionale and Juventus both lost.

Second placed Inter crashed 3-1 away to Lazio, whose president Sergio Cragnotti said: "This win puts us right back in for a UEFA Cup place. It would be a complete failure for both club and team if we failed to achieve this seasonal target."

The biggest surprise was Juventus' 2-1 defeat, their third in a row in the league, at Foggia, mostly a team of young, inexperienced ex-second and Third Division players.

In France, youthful Nantes tamed ambitious Paris St Germain to return to the top of the first division.

"I must admit we were a bit lucky," said Nantes trainer Jean-Claude Suaudeau after a game dominated by Paris.

"I don't like to complain... But the referee was really bad," said Paris deputy chairman Michel Denisot. "We will keep fighting. All we've got to do now is beat Marseille."

Champions Marseille, in fifth place three points behind the leaders, play at Paris on Friday.

In Germany, leaders Bayern Munich went into the two-month Bundesliga winter recess a point ahead of Eintracht Frankfurt.

"Our position is very good. The decisive thing is who comes out of the starting gate better in the second round," Eintracht coach Dragoslav Stankovic said after his side blew their chance of catching Bayern when they were held 3-3 at home by Hamburg.

## Lewis gets what Bowe gaveup



MEXICO CITY, Dec 15: The World Boxing Council (WBC) named Britain's Lennox Lewis world heavyweight champion on Monday, reports Reuters.

The WBC is today officially recognising Lennox Lewis as the WBC heavyweight champion of the world after Riddick Bowe's announcement of today in London... Relinquishing his title, the Mexico City-based WBC said in a statement.

"Lennox Lewis holds now the honour of taking back to his country, England, the heavyweight championship of the world after 110 years."

Bowe, who also holds the World Boxing Association and International Boxing Federation heavyweight titles, said earlier on Monday he was relinquishing his WBC title rather than be forced to fight Lewis as the WBC requires.

He underlined his point at a London news conference by taking the WBC champion's belt out of a briefcase and dumping it in a garbage can.

"The WBC is wrong and I will not be intimidated by the I am the heavyweight champion of the world and today I withdraw my recognition of the WBC," he said.

### N'ganj volleyball

Our Correspondent

NARAYANGANJ, Dec 15: Dredger Directorate, Shastapur Juba Sangad, Local Government Engineering Department and Ahmed Textiles moved into the semifinals of the Victory Day volleyball tournament, organised by the Narayanganj Sadar Kria Sangstha with assistance of the Thana Nirbahi Officer.

Local Government Engineering Department will take on Shastapur JS in the first semifinal on December 17 while Dredger Directorate will be up against Ahmed Textiles the next day in the other semifinal.

"For as long as I am champion I will not recognise or defend this dishonest belt," he added.

The WBC had threatened to strip Bowe of his title if he did not make a mandatory defence against Lewis, winner of a heavyweight title eliminator against Canada's Donovan Razor Ruddock in October.

Bowe won the unified heavyweight title by outpointing then-unbeaten champion Evander Holyfield in Las Vegas last month.

The WBC said Bowe had signed an agreement to fight the winner of the Ruddock-Lewis fight but would now clearly not honour it.

"It is today apparent that Bowe signed his commitment with no desire to comply with it," the WBC statement said.

"No statement can hide that Bowe committed himself in writing to fight Lewis and reneged on it."

Describing statements against the WBC by Bowe and