Sports Reporter

Gandaria Cricketers won their

respective matches of the

Second Division super league

ground, Gandaria Cricketers

beat Young Pegasus Club A by

ground, Wari Krira Chakra

registered an emphatic six-

wicket victory against

Put into bat, Three Star

were all out for 194 in 39.3

overs with Tipu topscoring

with 64 and Santosh making

conceding 29 runs while Bipul,

Mizan and Sohel got a wicket

home and dry making 195 in

36.2 overs with six wickets in

unconquered on 86 off 82

balls, an innings inclusive of as

many as eleven boundaries and

made 33, 21 and 20 respec-

TODAY'S MATCHES

PFA's way paying

tribute to Moore

fessional Footballers' Asso-

ciation (PFA) is to name its fair

play award The Bobby Moore

Trophy, after England's World

Cup-winning captain who died

of cancer last week, reports

special tribute to one of the

finest members of our profes-

sion," PFA chief executive

sented at the end of this sea-

son to the team with the best

The trophy will be pre-

The award, which the PFA

introduced five years ago, has

been won three times by

Liverpool and once each by

Nottingham Forest and Ports-

Pioneer soccer

Sports Reporter

of Badshah Smriti Sangha

helped them edge past

Azimpur Kishore Sangha by

four goals to three in the

Janata Bank Pioneer football

league at the Outer Stadium

goal for Badshah Smriti

Sangsad while Akhteruzzaman

netted twice and Rezaul Karim

one for Azimpur Kishore

beat Lalbagh Tarun Sangha by

two goals to nil in the other

match at the venue.

were the scorers.

by five goals to nil.

two goals to one.

K R Boys Sporting Club

Saifu. Islam and Strajuddin

At the Khilgaon High School

ground, Muktijoddha Sangsad

Jrs trounced Srijoni Sangsad

nan, Firoz and Azam were the

Akramuzzaman, Azhar, Man

At the Bashabo ground,

Shamsuddin scored both

Mugda Samaj Kallyan and Krira

Sangha beat Ek Jhak Paira by

goals for the winners while

Azizul Hug scored the other

A hattrick from Ruhul Amin

Gordon Taylor said.

disciplinary record.

"We wanted to pay our own

LONDON, Mar 6: The Pro-

wicket each for Three Star.

Shahid, Sohel and Firoz

Nasir and Ibrahim took one

Monju claimed four wickets

Wari Krira Chakra were

Skipper Nantu remained

26 and Ibrahim 17.

apiece.

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Reuter.

mouth.

yesterday.

Sangha.

scorers.

Kathalbagan Three Star Club.

At the Mirpur Pallabi

At the Dhanmondi Club

yesterday.

four wickets.

Wari Krira Chakra and

No more comebacks for Ben



PARIS. Mar 6: No more gold medals No more world records

What's more, no more comebacks. Sprint star Ben Johnson is staring at a ban for life from track and field after he was caught as a drug cheat for the

second time, reports AP. He'd already served a twoyear suspension after a doping scandal at the Olympics in Seoul in 1988, when he was stripped of the gold medal and a world record for a positive test for steroids.

A doping commission of track's world governing body, the International Amateur Athletic Federation, has ruled he is guilty again. This time it was an excess of steroid-related testosterone at a meet in Montreal, Jan 17.

According to the IAAF, the only punishment is suspension for life for the 31-year-old Canadian. The disgraced former world record holder has shamed his sport a second time and should never compete again.

But the IAAF has given Johnson the chance to explain why his testosterone level was at 10.3 times the regular level. Even a 6-1 ratio is suspiciously high but just acceptable, said Istvan Gyulai, the IAAF's general secretary.

RALEIGH, North

Carolina, Mar 6:

Carl Lewis said

that by getting

caught for using

banned drugs ag-

ain. Ben Johnson could ulti-

mately help clean up athletics,

but another American track

star, Edwin Moses, says it is

just another black eye for the

and the man who replaced the

Canadian as 1988 Olympic 100

metres champion and world

record holder, is hopeful that

Johnson's lifetime ban will

CARL LEWIS

other athletes from using

drugs," Lewis said on Friday.

"We have to stop drug use in

Lewis had-ne sympathy for

"I'm not terribly surprised,"

Lewis said. "Ben had to start

running better or start looking

for a job. If he used drugs I'm

Athletic Federation on Friday

ruled that Johnson tested pos-

itive for an unacceptably high

The International Amateur

"I hope this discourages

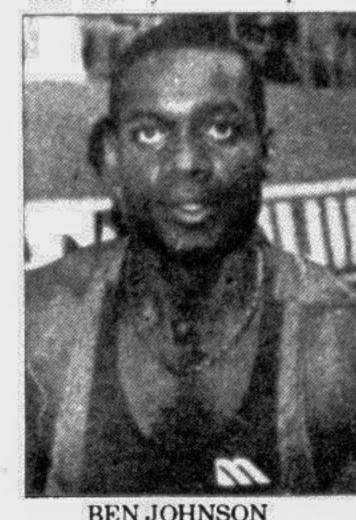
Lewis, Johnson's bitter rival

sport, reports Reuter.

have a positive effect.

Under the rules, the athlete will be ineligible for life for the second doping offense, pending a hearing before the respective national athletics federation," Gyulai said.

But he believed Johnson was unlikely to come up with



BEN JOHNSON

an adequate explanation. "If, after the hearing, there is no new evidence, no new circumstances, then this doping offense is confirmed and he's ineligible for life," Gyulai

Another IAAF source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said it was unlikely that Johnson would appeal. "He's finished," the source

Lewis sees the bright side of it

level of testosterone following

a January meeting in Montreal.

Seoul Olympics in disgrace af-

ter testing positive for

steroids, was automatically

banned for life for a second

world record holder and

Olympic gold medalist Moses

said the public will be turned

off by the new cheating inci-

time a top name is caught it

gives the public more room for

speculation is someone using

the sport," added Moses, who

has played a leading role in the

development of drug testing

procedures by the US Athletics

Federation and the US Olym-

International Olympic Commi-

tee athletes commission,

also strongly disagreed with an

OC decision last year to raise

the level of testosterone for

which it would review a test

Previously, any ratio of

testosterone to epitestos-

terone of 6 to 1 or higher re-

sulted in an automatic suspen-

sion. The normal level is con-

sidered to be 1:1. Under cur-

rent guidelines, a ratio be-

tween 6:1 and 10:1 would be

reviewed before an athlete

Canadian athletics officials

Moses said the change sent

"If I had been an athlete

who was going to use drugs,

that would have been green

revealed that Johnson's Ja-

nuary 17 test produced a ratio

the wrong signal to athletes.

could be suspended.

of 10.3:1.

before suspending an athlete.

Moses, a member of the

pic Committee.

'It's definitely not good for

"I've always said that any

Former 400-metre hurdles

drug offence.

Johnson, who left the 1988

Johnson was tested three times in a six-day period in January. Two of the tests were negative but the Montreal sample showed a marked increase in the level of testosterone, which aids strenuous

training. "I have been doing this job for some time and I cannot ever remember such a high level of testosterone being detected," said Bryan Wotton, who checked the dope-testing procedure in Canada.

Johnson has denied any wrong doing in a statement released through his lawyer.

"Mr Johnson stands by his earlier statement that he has taken no prohibited substances and has engaged in no improper practices," Terrence O'Sullivan said in a news re-

While Johnson and his lawyers prepared their defence, others reacted strongly to the fact that he had been found guilty again.

"I'm not going to take my foot and drop-kick him while he's down," said rival sprinter Carly Lewis, who won the Olympic title in 1984 and was awarded the 1988 gold after Johnson's disqualification.

light," said the former two

time Olympic champion and

testosterone would be the drug

of choice, and most likely it

is." Moses said. "This is not

the first case where super high

is going to have to catch up

Joe Douglas, agreed with Lewis

that something good can

come out of Johnson's suspen-

sends a strong message. After

EDWIN MOSES

1988, the goal was to encour-

age all federations to develop

better drug testing It appears

"If you get on drugs, you've

"If you play the sport of

Douglas also said it was

"We have to clap down on

to be working," Douglas said.

drugs, you've got to get

necessary to find ways to pun-

ish the coaches and doctors

who provide doping sub-

stances to athletes.

team," he said.

got to pay," added Douglas.

"The scientific community

Lewis's business manager,

'If anything, I hope this

levels have been detected."

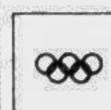
"I predicted in 1989 that

anti-drug crusader.

with the athletes."

"What I will say is this: If he Amarjyoti vs Nirman XI used drugs, I'm glad he got (Mirpur Pallabi) caught. I don't think anything Bangladesh Boys vs is that important in life." Wanderers (DCG)

IOC inspection team in Beijing Div II cricket



clauming

band, pre-arranged crowds, flowers and miles of banners pro "Beijing 2000" greeted an Olympic inspec-

BEIJING, Mar 6:

A children's brass

Their limousines — all sporting "Beijing 2000" licence plates - swept in from the airport down avenues emptied of all traffic, past throngs of workers let out of factories to greet China's most important visitors in recent mem-



He Zhenliang (C), president of the Chinese Olympic Committee, presides over the first meeting of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) inspection team and Beijing Olympic Bidding Committee (OBICO) in Beijing yesterday. Gunner Ericsson (L), head of the IOC delegation and Cheng Xitong, the Communist Party chief and chairman of OBICO (R) are also seen in the picture. - AFP photo

tion team in the freshlyscrubbed Chinese capital on

Beijing, hoping for a thumbs-up from International Olympic Committee for its 2000 bid, laid on an extravagant welcome for the

Along the route were baton-

twirling drum majorettes and women performing ballroom dance steps as they waved bal-

communist country has

named Doubles Team of the

year-old from the Ukraine, re-

ceived the Newcomer of the

Year for his three tour victo-

Andrei Medvedev, an 18-

Saturday, reports Reuter.

12 inspectors.

a group of middle-aged The world's last major

Courier honoured Woodbridge of Australia were



Calif. Mar 6: Jim Courier, only the 10th player to be ranked No 1 in the 21-year his-

tory of the ATP Tour rankings. was selected 1992 Player of the Year Friday night, reports

He was honoured at the annual IBM-ATP Tour awards gala, which was dedicated to Arthur Ashe.

Ashe, who died Feb 6 of AIDS-related complications, was named Humanitarian of the Year His wife, Jeanne, was

to accept the award. Courier won five events, including the Australian and

French Opens, last year. Courier and Stefan Edberg engaged in a yearlong race for

No 1 in 1992, and the lead changed hands five times. Edberg is a past player of

the year. He received the Sportsmanship Award as voted by the tour players.

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36 Club

hill-

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Fernandez

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pride

3 Musical

prince

5 Police

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book

6 Stupid,

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clumsy

7 Presents

4 Drunkard

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40 Large

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45 Migno-

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47 Swampy

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ries and risc to No 24 at the end of 1992.

JIM COURIER

Frenchman Henri Leconte. who rebounded from major back surgery to conclude the year at No 61, was named Comeback Player of the Year.

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spruced up its image for the

occasion. It sees the 2000 Olympics as a chance to proclaim its arrival in the 21st century as a

friendly economic superpower. And it is desperate to erase memories in the west that link Beijing and Tiananmen Square with the brutal military crackdown on pro-democracy

student demonstrators there

in 1989.

"A more open China awaits 2000 Olympics" is one of the slogans daubed in bold letters all over Beijing. *Peace and progress for a better world" is another.

Workers with buckets and sponges have been swabbing down street railings. Billboard artists have plastered the city with futuristic images of urban life. Even the white road markings have been given a fresh coat of paint.

"We still have cold weather," Chen Xitong, the head of China's Olympic bid committee. told Gunner Ericsson, the Swedish delegation head, at Beijing airport. "However all the residents of Beijing and all the Chinese people feel warm at heart."

The inspectors looked surprised and amused when a school band dressed in white suits with red and yellow capes struck up a raucous symphony when they stepped off the

Each inspector has been assigned an attractive female companion for the three-day visit. The women were waiting in the arrival hall with bouquets of flowers, dressed like flight attendants in blue skirts and black high-heeled shoes.

"We regard International Olympic Committee as a god, and what it ways is a command to us," Xinhua news agency quoted Chen as saying in an interview with a Hong Kong magazine on the eve of the visit. "It is man who endeavours

but it is heaven who decides," the former Beijing mayor

The inspectors have visited Sydney - Widely regarded as Beijing's leading rival - ahead of Manchester, Istanbul, Brasilia, Milan and Berlin. A decision will be made at an IOC meeting in Monte Carlo on September 23.

The South China Morning Post in Hong Kong, where the inspectors stopped off on the way to Beijing, on Saturday quoted Ericsson as saying he did not think the Tiananmen massacre would influence the outcome.

"What we are after and what we are looking for is the facilities, the transport and the security. That is our main concern," he said.

Traffic in Beijing has been snared for months by bulldozers and cranes working feverishly two iden roads and build new spurs to the subway to impress the inspectors. Beijing plans seven new stadiums and gymnasiums and estimates the Games will cost one billion dollars. The drab, grimy city -

emerging from a bleak winter of dust storms and choking coal poliution - was looking as attractive as it ever can on Saturday. Under blue skies, a gentle

breeze stirred tens of thousands of multi-coloured *Beijing 2000* banners struing from street lights and telephone poles.

Jansher in final

MADRID, Mar 6: Jansher Khan reached his 13th successive squash tournament final when he crushed Sami Elopuro 15-6, 15-10, 15-5 in the Spanish Open on Saturday,

reports Reuter. The execution took just 40 minutes as Jansher ruthlessly cut down the Finn

Elopuro, ranked world number nine, could not be accused of lack of effort. But his best shots, which would have gained points against most players, were returned with interest by Jansher.

Former world champion Ross Norman of New Zealand was forced to withdraw from the other semifinal against Australian Chris Dittmar with a back injury.

Fifth seed Norman felt a sudden pain in his back during his five-game quarter-final against German Hansi Wiens on Friday.

Clubs Assoc meet Sports Reporter

An emergency meeting of the Dhaka Metropolis Clubs Association will be held today at 5:00 pm at the Arambagh Club pavilion in Motifheel, says a press release. All members of the associa-

tion have been asked to attend on time.

Changpai cricket Sports Reporter Kishore Sandhani Club

moved into the semifinals of the Changpai Cup ericket tournament beating Winners' Club by 48 runs at the Golapbagh ground, says a press release. Batting first, Sandhani Club amassed exactly 200 for the

loss of eight wickets in the stipulated 35 overs with Quddus topscoring with 52 and Rana and Niaz making 33 and 32 respectively. Monu claimed three wickets for 45 and Pavel and Palash

took two wickets each for Winners' Club. Winners' Club were skittled out for 152 in 29 overs with

Russel remaining unbeaten on 48 and Palash scoring 34. Niaz bagged three wickets for 33 while Liton and Rana

got two scalps each.

Judo-karate anniversary The 32nd anniversary of

introduction of jude and karate in Bangladesh was observed yesterday at the conference room of the National Sports Council, reports UNB.

The day's programme included a convocation, seminar and reception, organised jointly by the Bangladesh Judo and Karate Federation and the Judo and Karate trainers' and players' associations.

Farida Ismat, wife of Shaheed judoka Lt Col AFM Motnul Ahsan, formally inaugurated the programme in the monning.

Three sports personalities - State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain, federation vice-president Hasanuzzaman Moni and general secretary Awlad Hossain - were accorded a reception for their contribution to game and

sports.

Labour and Manpower Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan was the chief guest at the closing function and distributed certificates among the judokas and karatekas and the federation crest among the three sports personalities.

A strange match for Graf



our sport."

his great rival

glad he got caught."

DELRAY BEACH, Fla. Mar 6: Stefft Graf took command at the start, won five consecutive games in the

second set, reached match point five times and still almost lost to Zina Garrison-Jackson, reports AP.

After two hours and 15

35 swimmers called to camp Sports Reporter

The Bangladesh Swimming Federation has preliminarily selected 35 swimmers for the sixth South Asian Federation (SAF) Games training camp.

The selected swimmers are Hav Shamsul Islam, Hav Yaseen Ali, Hav Harun-ur-Rashid, L Nk Takbir Hossain, Nk Asaduzzaman, Hav Abdus Salam, L Nk Osman Gant, L Nk Younus Ali Sikder, L Nk Majid Dewan, L Nk Masudur Rahman of Bangladesh Army: Mukhlesur Rahman, Elias Hossain, Bazlur Rahman, Mahbubur Rahman, Din Amin, Kawser Ahmed Mizanur Rahman, Selim Miah, Nazmul Kabir, Din Islam and Golam Kibria of Bangladesh Navy: Mizanur Rahman, Mohammad Moniruzzaman Shahadat Hossain and Faruk Ahmed of BKSP; Shaheen Hossain, Masud Rana, Abul Bashir and Noor Khan Alam of Rajshahi Education Board; Rahanuddin Ahmed of BJMC; Mohammad Hossain of Brahmanbaria; Siddigur Rahman of Madaripur, Nurul Islam of Gopalganj; Shahidul Islam of Kishoreganj and Abdul

The first phase coaching programme will begin from the first day of next month. The selected players have been asked to report to the

federation office on March 31.

Hamid Ripon of Pabna.

minutes, the top-seeded Graf finally eliminated a stubborn Garrison-Jackson 6-1, 6-7 (3-7), 6-4 in Friday's quarterfinals at the Virginia Slims of Florida.

"A strange match," Graf

She advanced to Saturday's semifinals against fellow German Anke Huber, the No 5 seed, who beat No 4 Mary Joe Fernandez 6-4, 6-4.



STEFFI GRAF

California high school junior Lindsay Davenport, who upset Gabriela Sabatini on Thursday, was eliminated by No 8 seed Amanda Coetzer of South Africa 6-4, 6-2. Coetzer's opponent Saturday will be No 2 Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, who trounced Barbara Rittner 6-1, Graf's match began to take

odd turns in the second set, when she fell behind 5-1 and then rallied for a 6-5 lead. She had two match points in the 12th game, but an hour later Garrison-Jackson was still bat-

"That's the difference between champions and fill-inthe draw players," said Garrison-Jackson, who was seeded seventh. "I consider myself a very good tennis player, and I'm never going to give up."

serve in the ninth game for a 5-4 lead. Garrison-Jackson survived two more match points but then hit three consecutive errant backhands to give Graf the hard-earned victory.

For the German, it was merely a close call in a tournament she has already won three times. "I'm pretty much over the

match," she said with a shrug. "Right now I'm just hungry." But for Garrison-Jackson, the match meant something

"I'd have to give myself a B-plus," she said. "I was totally out of it in the beginning, but I hung in there." Since 1990, the 29-year-old

Texan has fallen from fourth to 18th in the rankings. She recently hired as her trainer Bob Kersee, husband of Olympic track star Jackie Joyner-Kersee. "I want to be back in the

top 10," Carrison Jackson" said, "and I know it's going to take a lot of hard work. The 16-year-old Davenport, who turned professional just last week, bowed out looking nothing like the baseline slugger who upset Sabatini.

Davenport made 53 unforced

errors against Coetzer, mostly

by hitting ground strokes into

the net.

"I'd hit some good shots, and then I'd space out and hit four fast errors in a row." Davenport said. "I've played a lot of tennis these last two weeks, and I think it caught up with me."

Zahid narrowed the gap for the losers. Kamalapur SKKS beat Ma dartek Chhatra Sangsad, also by two goals to one, in the other match at the venue. Javed and Shah Alam scored for Kamalapur while In the final set, Graf broke Kamrul Hassan pulled one

> back for Madartek At the Mahakhali T& ground, National Football Training Club defeated Badda Jagaroni Sangsad by three goals to one

Bhuban netted twice and Shaft once for the Football Training Club while Kafil re duced the margin for Badda Jagaroni.

At the Mirpur Outer Sta dium, MSPCC edged past Mirpur Kishore XI by a solitary

Fazle Elahi was the scorer At the Banani ground Eskaton Sabuj Sangha (Jrs) de feated Kurmitola Apollo Club by two goals to nil Kader and Mahfuz were the

Swarup Krira Chakra beat Railway Blues, also by two goals Asaduzzaman and Khokon were the scorers.

Ray Shahebbazar Tarun Sangha edged past Abakash Tarun Sangha by a lone goal in the other match at the venuc Jewel being the scorer. At the Jagannath College ground, Nawabpur Sporting

Club, also by a solitary goal. Nazmul was the scorer Spandan Krira Chakra shared points with Uttaran Krira Chakra in a goalless draw at the Lalmatia Housing Society ground and Golam Mostafa Lane Kishore Sangha also

drew scoreless with Lalbagh

Krira Chakra at the Dhanmondt

Club ground in the other two

matches of the day.

Club beat Eastern Football

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NPXVFDNNL FDPJVB ZDOV. Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN RICH BOY'S DAD BUILT HIM HIS OWN TRACK, IT KEPT HIM IN THE

Today's Cryptoquip clue: F equals R

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another, If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

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