Pak club side due tomorrow

Sports Reporter

A seventeen-member Kara chi Airport Oymkhana cricket team, including two officials. will arrive in Dhaka on March 29. Monday to play five matches in and outside Dhaka from March 30 to April 6.

According to the players' list given by the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) yesterday, Rashid Khan, the former Pakistani Test pace bowler will lead the side. Rizwan-uz-Zaman, another Test veteran who had a rather undistinguished stint in the international arena, is also there in the team.

The full squad is: Rashid Khan, Rizwan-uz-Zaman, Zahid Ahmed, Astf Mohammad, Jafar Ahmed, Kaisar Rashid, Mohammad Javed, Parvez-ul-Hassan, Shahabuddin, Sajid Riaz, Tahir Nissar, Mohammad Ashraf, Omar Masud, Zulfigar and Shabir Gangat. M Sali mullah and SI Haidar are the two officials accompanying the

The visitors will play their first match against Mohammedan Sporting Club, the runners-up of just-concluded 1992-93 the local league cricket on March 30 at the Dhaka Stadium.

Trinidad-born Lara batted

He was dropped on four by

with a blend of aggression and

sound defence while capitalis-

inzamam-ul-Haq at first slip,

off captain Wasim Akram's sec-

ond ball of the innings, and on

70 by wicket keeper Rashid

Latif off debutant paceman

Nazir, who ended with

three for 43 from good swing

bowling, threatened to halt the

West Indian victory march

with two wickets in consecu-

and Lara appeared to be taking

their side to an easy victory

with a third-wicket partner-

ship that added 64, before

32 and trapped Carl Hooper

leg before, offering no shot,

dent lbw appeal to deny Nazir

his hat-trick but four runs later

the same batsman edged

Akram to Latif and West Indies

fort by Jimmy Adams (15 not

out) helped Lara to steer the

team home with four overs to

Earlier, a sharp shower af-

ter 26 overs of the Pakistani

innings sent the players off for

47 minutes and the game was

subsequently cut from 50 to 45

Pakistan with 87 in the first

one-day match, again made his

team's highest contribution -

newcomer Basit Ali (34) lifted

Pakistan by completing a half-

century stand off eight overs,

providing a timely acceleration

in a fourth-wicket partnership

for 18 as they chased runs

rapidly at the end of their in-

nings, including Akram run out

without scoring after Miandad

refused a single to deep mid-

SCOREBOARD

up the sales volume Saturday

by highlighting the city's

advantages over one of its chief

Rod McGeoch, chief execu-

tive of Sydney Olympics 2,000

Bid Limited, said at a press

conference he felt strongly

about the technical, environ-mental and intangible aspects

of Australia's "Share the Spirit"

Sydney and Beijing appear

to be the favourites to host the

2,000 summer games over

Berlin, Brasilia, Istanbul, and

Manchester, England, the

International Olympic Commi-

ttee will announce the winner

As part of a mounting pub-

licity campaign by all bidders,

McGeoch's visit to this British

colony coincides with Hong

Kong's annual Rugby Sevens

tournament, which draws

hordes of international sports

writers, businessmen and

outspoken in its support for

Beijing, which after all will as-

sume sovereignty of the terri-

tory in 1997. Businessmen and

community leaders have taken

support for their future mas-

"I realize, I'm in my oppo-

Another distinguishing fea-

ture, he said, was the city's

plans to use solar power and

water recycling for the Games.

Such a move has been en-

dorsed by Greenpeace and

Beijing, by contrast, is a

grimy, smoggy city which has

tended to ignore environmen-

tal protection. During a visit

earlier this month by IOC

nent's frontyard," McGeoch

said while trumpeting Sydney's

solid infrastructure and tech-

nical superiority.

other groups.

out full-page ads to drum up reports AFP.

So far Hong Kong has been

sports officials.

in Monte Carlo on Sept 23.

campaign to host the Games.

rivals, Beijing, reports AP.

Scoreboard in the second

Pakistan lost four wickets

that added 62 altogether.

Javed Miandad (41) and

47 off 82 balls in 89 minutes.

Aamir Sohail, top scorer for

llowever, a level-headed ef-

He yorked Richardson for

Gus Logie survived a confi-

Nazir struck a double blow.

with the total 133.

were 137 for five.

Captain Richie Richardsn

ing on two slices of luck.

Aamir Nazir.

tive deliveries.

The Pakistani club side will then go to Sylhet to play the second of the five limited over matches against the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board President's Eleven on April 1. The local side will be led by Faruque Ahmed, a national player who plays for league champions Abahani Krira Chakra. The other members of the BCCB President's Eleven are Nurul Abedin Nobel, Harun-ur-Rashid Liton, Athar Ali Khan Sanwar Hossain, Habibul Bashar Suman, Azhar Hossain Shantoo, Debashis Barua, Asif Omar Belim, Golam Nawsher Prince, Jahangir Alam, Joydeve Basak, Javed Omar Beltm Golla and Naimur Rahman Durjoy.

Abahani Krira Chakra will take on the touring team at the Dhaka Stadium on April 2.

Gymkhana will play the BCCB Under-25 selection in Khulna on April 4. Aminul Islam Bubul, Mohammedan's national cricketer, will lead the local youngsters. The other 13 players of the squad announced by the BCCB are: Jahangir Alam, Sajjad Ahmed Shipon, Akram Khan, Khaled Mahmud Sajon, Sheikh Salahuddin, Al-Shahriar, Khaled Masud, Sharfuddowla Ibne Shaheed Saikat, Saiful Islam, Zakir Hassan, Naimur Rashid, Mizanur Rahman and Sajid Hassan.

The visitors' last match is scheduled on April 6 with a Navana Eleven - a medley of local and foreign players who played in the Navana Premier Division league.

Booters in Qatar

Sports Reporter

A 22-member Bangladesh football team left Dhaka for Doha on March 25, Thursday, to play an exhibition match scheduled for yesterday.

The match was arranged by Al-Arabi Club to mark the retirement of Qatari national footballer Abdullah Saad. The Bangladeshi team was accompanied by five officials. Nabi Chowdhury, a local football supremo, went as the chef de mission. The other officials were: manager !ftekharul |slam Titon, observer Modabber Hossain, coach Kazi Salahuddin and assistant coach Mala.

The 22-players are: Sayeed lassan Kanan, Mohsin, Kaisar Hamid (captain), Arif Hossain Moon, Ataur Rahman Khan, Rana, Masud Rana, Pijush Nandi, Rezaul Karim Rehan, Rumman Bin-Wali Shabbir, Arman Zakir Hossain, Saiful Bari Titu, Satyajit Das Rupu, Rumi Rizvi Karim, Golam Gaus, Mamun Joarder, Imtiaz Ahmed Nakib, Rakib Hossain, Alamgir and Barun Bikash Dewan.

The squad is expected to return by tomorrow. The same team will leave for Japan on April 5 - with some new offigials taking over - for the first leg matches of Bangladesh's Asian Zone qualifiers for the 1994 World Cup.

Soccer result Sports Reporter

Padmanidhi Samaj Kalyan Sanghstha peat Pratyasha Madak Biroshi Sangathan by a solitary goal in an exhibition soccer match at the Outer Stadium on March 26 to mark the Independence Day

Munna scored the all-important goal from a penalty in the 24th minute of the second

Nat'l TT May 2-7 Sports Reporter

The eighteenth national table tennis championships will be held in Jessore from May 2 to 7.

Interested DSA's have been requested to complete entry formalities by April 25 to take part in the six-day tournament.

Windies prove too good for Pakistan

Lara again calls the shots



Inzamamul Huq pulls a Courtney Walsh delivery during the second one-dayer between Pakistan and the West Indies at the Queen's Park Oval, Trinidad on March 26. The West Indies won the match to lead the five-match series 2-0. - Star TV photo



B LARA ... going strong

one-day cricket international between West Indies and Pakistan at Queen's Park Oval on Friday: PAKISTAN:

Rameez Raja c Richardson 15 b Bishop Aamir Sohail c Richardson

members, for instance, foreign

media reported that some res-

idents were denied heat from

coal-burning boilers to reduce

lack is enthusiasm. But Mc

Geoch suggested Beijing ran

the risk of going overboard by

beautifying the drab city and

ordering taxi drivers to place

"Betjing 2,000" décals on their

press activity... and I think

Beijing went the other way."

McGeoch said. "It's an oppor-

tunity to promote your bid, but

"I'm not sure it's an opportu-

nity, really, to gain the sup-

by way of Promotion."

port of the Olympic Committee

supported Beijing "in at least

making sure that the Games

come to the Asia-Pacific region

Don't take it

for granted

SYDNEY, Mar 27: Football's

governing body FIFA has de-

cided to restrict the numbers

phers at next year's World Cup

in the United States and may

later charge them to attend

FIFA media chief Guido Tog-

"It's our intention to make

Tognoni, in Australia for

the World Cup a top event for

the media and we'll be asking

national bodies to eliminate

this month's World Youth

Championships, said FIFA had

imposed a limit of 5,000 me-

dia for next year's World Cup -

2,300 television reporters and

crew, 2,200 print journalists

off figure of 2,300 we were

looking at people without

feeling for the game and who

just wanted free tickets," he

"We felt that after the cut-

and 500 photographers.

the media tourists," he said.

noni said here Wednesday,

of reporters and photogra-

rather than... to Europe."

Even so, McGeoch said he

"We discouraged any type of

calling IOC members "God,

One thing Beijing doesn't

the city's pollution.

b Simmons

Sydney's latest trick

KONG

Mar 27: The head

of Sydney's bid to

win the 2,000

Summer Olympic

Games pumped

Inzamam-ul-Hag run out Javed Miandad c Simmons b Hooper Basit Ali c Hooper b Walsh 34 Wasim Akram run out Rashid Latif run out Wagar Younis not out Mushtag Ahmed not out Extras: (b-1, lb-6, w-20, nb - 5) Total: seven wickets, 45 overs

of wickets: 1-56; 2-85; 3-108; 4-170; 5-170; 6-187;

Did not bat: Aamir Nazir, Ata-Ur-Rehman Bowling Ambrose Bishop Simmons Hooper WEST INDIES: D Haynes c sub (Mujtaba) b Nazir

B Lara not out P Simmons c Latti b Wagar R Richardson b Nazir C Hooper Ibw b Nazir A Logie c Latif b Akram J Adams not out Extras: (lb-11, w-9, nb-9) [Five wickets, 41 Total: overs) Fall of wickets: 1-35; 2-69; 3-133; 4-133; 5-137

Did not bat: J Murray, C Ambrose, C Walsh, I Bishop BOWLING: OMRW Wasim Akram Waqar Younis Aamir Nazir Ata-Ur-Rehman Mushtag Ahmed 5 0 25 0

Result: West Indies won by five wickets Man-of-the-match: Brian

Smith to have an

operation

batsman Robin Smith is to

have a shoulder operation but

still hopes to be fit for the

forthcoming Ashes Series

against Australia, reports Reu-

The long-standing injury

grew steadily worse on the

recent tour of India and, by the

time England reached Shri

Lanka, Smith was unable to

hrow overarm.

LONDON, Mar 27: England

Windies rattle up 259 for 4

Sports Reporter

The West Indies were on course to taking a winning 3-0 lead over the touring Pakistanis in their five match one day series when they made 259 for four in 45 overs in the third match at the Queen's Park Oval, Trinidad Saturday night when reports last came in.

Unlike in the first two games. Richie Richardson chose to bat after winning the

Despite the early departure of the brilliant in form Brian Lara for just five-caught by keeper Rashid Latif off the new pace bowler Aamir Nazir-the home team flayed the tired 'akistani attack to post the biggest total of the series so

Desmond Haynes batted confidently to score 68 while skipper Richie Richardson made a murderous 46 off only 28 balls to take the game away from the Pakistanis who had initially bowled tidily to keep a check on the scoring rate. Phil Simmons remained unbeaten on 81 while Carl Hooper made 34. There were 25 extras.

Aamir Nazir claimed two wickets for 52 off eight overs while Wagar Younis took one for 50 from his ten overs Aamir Sohail picked up the wicket of Richardson in the only over that he bowled giving away ten runs. Wasim Akram gave away 62 runs from his ten overs while Ataur Rahman's ten overs cost him 32 runs.

Windies cricket faces financial problems

BRIDGETOWN, Mar 27 West Indies cricket could face serious financial problems within four years unless it implements swift reforms, a Barbados newspaper said on Friday, reports Reuter.

The Weekend Nation. quoted by the Caribbean news agency CANA, said a special committee appointed by the West Indies Cricket Board of Control (WICBC) warned of the problems in a confidential report last September.

*Forecast deficits generated by home international series and interterritorial competitions and the high probability of the emergence of sustained negative reserves threaten the stability and well being of West Indies cricket," the newspaper quoted the report as say-

The committee considers a fundamental weakness in the administration and management of the financial affairs of the WICBC to be the practice of operating from year to year, from tour to tour, with little regard being taken of the impact that decision taken today will have on the longer term viability and solvency of the board.

The report forecast the WICBC would suffer losses of 140,000 dollar in 1996 and 425,000 in 1997 unless the board changed its business policy.

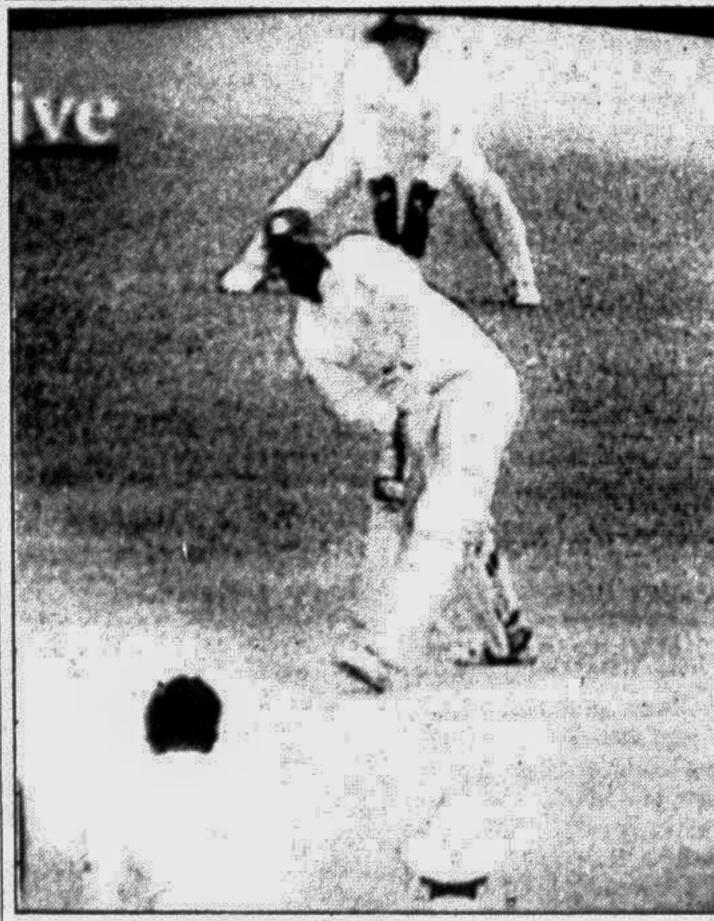
The Weekend Nation said the report recommended the WICBC should be run like a commercial enterprise.

Another recommendation called for a reduction in the cost of the annual red stripe cup regional competition.

Cricket entries

The qualifying competition for next year's Second Division cricket league will begin at the fag end of April next.

Interested teams have been requested to deposit Taka 1500 as entry fee at the BCCB office by April 10.

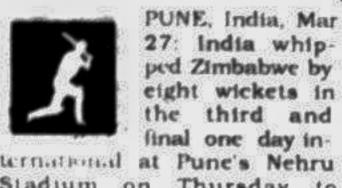


Phil Simmons, the right-handed West Indian one-down batsman, plays a perfect defensive stroke against Pakistani medium-pace bowler Ataur Rehman during the third of the five-match one-day series at the Queen's Park Oval, Port of Spain, Trinidad yesterday. - Star TV photo



Pakistani skipper Wasim Akram is way out of his crease as West Indian paceman Courtney Walsh whips the bails off after Javed Miandad send him back during the second one-dayer at the Queen's Park Oval on March 26. The West Indies won the match by five wickets.

- Star TV photo India complete Zimbabwe's rout



27: India whipped Zimbabwe by eight wickets in the third and final one day international at Pune's Nehru Stadium on Thursday to complete a 3-0 clean sweep

and end the season on a high note, reports AFP. Vinod Kambli drove medium-pace David Brain to the boundary to take India past the 235-run target in 50 overs with 27 balls to spare. Kambli remained 47 not out and Ajay Sharma was unbeaten on a superb 59 off 53 balls.

The foundation for India's victory was laid by openers Woorkeri Raman (67) and Navjot Sidhu (45) after Zimbabwe, choosing to bat first on a wicket full of runs, were all out for 234

Brothers Andy and Grant Flower launched the Zimbabwc innings off to a blistering start with 32 and 50 respectively but the middle-order failed to capitalise on the first-wicket stand. Skipper David Houghton htt 46.

India won the first two one dayers at Faridabad and Guwahati and also beat Zimbabwe in a one-off Test after white-

washing England in a three-Test scries.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in the third and final one-day cricket international between India and Zimbabwe on Thursday:



O Crocker b Kapil Dev D Brain not out J Traicos c Ankola b Srinath 4 Extras: [lb-14, b-2, nb-4,

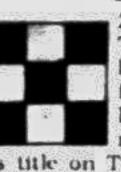
w 14) Total: (49.5 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-58; 2-122; 3-129; 4-154; 5-196; 6-199; 7-212; 8-215, 9-217 Bowling

Kapil Des Srinath Ankola Tendulkar Sharma Kumble INDIA: W V Raman c G Flower

Fall of wickets: 1-114; 2-134 Bowling Brandes Brain G Flower Crocker All Shah

Result: India won by eight

Kasparov stripped of his crown



body FIDE in effect striped world champion Garri Kasparov of his title on Tuesday by ruling

that he and British challenger Nigel Short had forfeited their right to play for the title, reports Reuter. It said it would now ask Dutchman Jan Timman and Jong-time champion Anatoly Karpov of Russia, both elimi-

nated by Short on his way to

the final, to play for the championship instead. FIDE was responding to a bid by Kasparov and Short to stage the title contest outside its auspices to attract more prize money and give players

more say in professional chess. It has set a deadline of Tuesday afternoon for Short and Azeri-born Kasparov, who plays for Russia, to accept its

"The deadline has lapsed. Under FIDE rules Garri Kasparov and Nigel Short have forfeited their rights as world champion and challenger re-

spectively," it said in a state-In the latest round of a decade-long struggle by professionals against the chess establishment, Kasparov, the highest-ranked player in history, and Short triumphantly unveiled four rival bids on

Monday to hold the final. They told a London news conference that they saw no room for compromise with FIDE, which they said had failed to consult them properly over the staging of the championship.

The highest bid, worth 2.97 million dollars from a consortium named the London Chess Group, easily topped the 1.68 million dollars offer which FIDE had initially accepted from the city of Manchester. But FIDE painted a picture

of dithering and disunity among the two chess rebels, who have little personal liking for each other. it said its president, Flo-

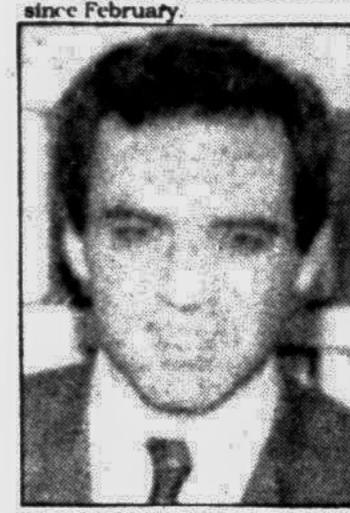
rencio Campomanes, told Kasparov last Friday that Manchester had raised its purse substantially through television rights and Kasparov agreed to try to persuade Short to It also said Kasparov had

Holyfield to fight Stewart

ATLANTA, Mar 27: Former heavyweight champion Evander Holysield will sight Alex Stewart on June 26 in Atlantic City as a warmup to a title match against Riddick Bowe The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported Saturday. reports AP.

Holyfield defeated Stewart in eight rounds 3 1/2 years

purse" through "continuous meddling" in the bidding process over the last year. And it accused Short of remaining deliberately incommunicado



GARRI KASPAROV Short has said that FIDE will look ridiculous by staging a world title match between two players who are clearly not But FIDE said Kasparov and

Short would also now be banned from taking part in the next three-year championship cycle And it pointedly took note of Kasparov's comments on Monday that he had wanted to wrest the world title from FIDE for years.

Kasparov has never forgotten that Campomanes stopped his 1985 title bout against Karpov on the grounds that the players were exhausted, just at the moment when, at 22, he looked poised to end Karpov's 10-year reign.

If Karpov takes the world title again, which his consistent domination of Timman suggests he will, it will be the second time he has won it by default as the result of a political row. He first became champion

in 1975 when champion Bobby Fischer of the United States refused to defend the title against him after FIDE rejected Fisher's proposals for a new championship system

third round," said Tarver, of

Orlando City, Fla. "I was not

getting my jab in, but is start-

ing working in the third

round. Everything works off

rocked him. That was the best

forward to fighting for the US

team at the 1996 Olympics in

"That last (punch) really

Tarver said he is looking

The Americans had lost ten

The road to redemption BIRMINGHAM, knew I had to pick it up in the

the jab.

Atlanta.

blow of the night.



Ala, Mar 27: A new wave of American boxers began the road to redemption after a dismal showing at the 1992

Olympics, routing a young Russian team Friday night. reports AP. The US squad, comprised of five national champions and one Olympian, won 11 of the 12 bouts for its first victory over the Russians since 1987. The Russians have fallen

from prominence in international boxing since the breakup of the Soviet Union and failed to win a medal as part of the Unified Team at Barcelona. The United States, mean-

while, is trying to restore its boxing reputation, after winning only one gold and three medals overall in last year's Olympics. It was the worst US showing since 1956.

One of the oldest US fighters, Antonio Tarver, was among the most impressive against he Russians

After a lackluster first two rounds, the 178-pound (80.9 kilogram) Tarver turned it on in the third against Igor Kshinin. Using his jab to set up his power punches Tarver rocked the Russian with a se ries of straight left hands

Referee Rich Neves halted the bout twice to allow Kshinin standing eight counts as his knees began to buckle. When action resumed the final time. Tarver moved in quickly, sent Kshinin to the ropes with two more lefts, and Neves halted the bout with just 25 seconds left in the fight.

straight meets to the Russians. who fought as the Commonwealth of Independent States at last year's duels and the Soviet Union in previous years. It is the longest running duel meet in the sport, beginning With nine of its 12 Olympic

boxers turning pro, the Russians brought a young and inexperienced team to the Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Centre: five teen agers and no one over the age of 23. By comparison, the Ame-

ricans had only one teen ager and three other boxers who were older than the oldest Russian That was just fine with Se-

an Gregory, who won his 119pound (54-kilogram) bout with a unanimous decision over Vladimir Isaev "That's the free market,"

Fletcher said "We have a tremendous turnover every Olympic quadrennium but now our young guys are fighting their young guys. The only US loser was

Travis Gregory, who dropped a split decision to Vuychacez Zakharchenko at 112 pounds (50.9 kilograms)

"I started real slow, so !

b Traicos N S Sidhu run out V G Kambli not out A Sharma not out Extras: (lb 8, w 10, nb 3) Total: [for two wickets in 45.3 over) AJAY SHARMA ... 59 n.o. ZIMBABWE: A Flower run out G Flower c Yadav b Kumble A Campbell st Yadav b Kmble D-Houghton b Kapil Dev M Dekker run out G Briant run out Traicos A Shah c Yadav b Kapil Dev E Brandes c Kumble

hindered rather than helped The world chess maintenance of a reasonable the world's best.