

### MSC, Usha win hockey ties

**Sports Reporter**  
Reigning league champions Mohammedan Sporting Club got off to an impressive start in the Independence Day hockey tournament when they recorded a narrow one-nil victory against Sonali Bank yesterday.

Sadek scored late in the second half from a penalty corner to give the popular club an unimpressive victory.

Mohammedans, who were supposed to play this match on April 5, had made a plea to the Hockey Federation to defer the schedule.

In the other match, or the scheduled match of the day according to the original fixture, Usha Kriya Chakra registered a 2-0 victory against Bachelors Sporting Club.

Rafiqul Islam scored both the goals for the winners within the space of three minutes in the second half.

Rafiqul opened the account with a field goal in the 62nd minute and then doubled the margin in the same manner three minutes later.

### Swimming fed in a limbo

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The Bangladesh Swimming Federation (BSF) has apparently become inactive following the dual resignations of its president and a vice-president.

Brojen Das, the famous Channel swimmer and a BSF vice-president, resigned his post last February and it was reportedly accepted by the BSF chief Asafuddin, the Irrigation Secretary. However, the federation president himself submitted his resignation to the concerned authorities some time ago expressing his inability to continue in his post.

Moreover, the BSF executive members have reportedly asked the National Sports Council to remove the federation treasurer Shahabuddin for having allegedly embezzled the federation's funds.

But since the BSF is one of the few elected sports bodies of the country, the NSC cannot so easily revamp it, an NSC official told The Daily Star yesterday.

"If it were an ad hoc committee like most other sports federations of the country we could have reconstituted it by consulting the federation president," the official explained.

However, the government has not yet accepted the resignation of Mr Asafuddin which has further confounded the NSC's dilemma as well as rendered the federation virtually inactive, the NSC executive said.

Observers felt that with the sixth SAF Games due in the city next December, the government should understand the serious need to rectify the situation since swimming is one of the few areas where Bangladesh can win some medals, including golds.

### Schools handball final tomorrow

**Sports Reporter**  
Reigning champions Narinda Govt High School failed to make the final of the fifth Bata schools handball tournament when they lost to last year's runners-up Shaheed Nabi High School 13-24 in yesterday's second semifinal at the Outer Stadium handball court.

Title-aspirants Shaheed Nabi School will play Bangladesh Ansars and VDP School in the final tomorrow while Narinda School meet Rajarbagh Police Lines High School in today's third-place deciding match.

In yesterday's second semifinal, both Shaheed Nabi and Narinda School were locked 8-8 at the breather.

Priyotosh netted eight goals while Satter and Yusuf got six and five respectively for the winners. Rabhani and Saiful scored four and three goals respectively for the vanquished.

In the first semifinal held earlier in the afternoon, Ansars and VDP School beat Police Lines High School by 15 goals to 11.

Ansars School led the keenly-contested first session 7-6.

Abu Zafar, Delwar and Aziz scored six, four and two goals respectively for the victors while Amin and Bimal got four each for the losers.

### Corrigendum

In a report published in our yesterday's issue titled "Government considers revamping BKSP" it was inadvertently mentioned that the Irrigation Secretary Asafuddin was the chairman of the BKSP governing body. In fact, State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain holds that post and the Irrigation Secretary is the chairman of the committee formed to review the BKSP situation and recommend necessary measures.

We regret the mistakes and inconvenience caused to our valued readers.

## 7 more reach zonal finals



Seven districts — Dhaka, Kushtia, Faridpur, Bagerhat, Dinajpur, Noakhali and Dhaka University moved into the finals of their respective zones following wins at different venues across the country in the 19th Gold Leaf national cricket championship yesterday.

Dhaka DSA outplayed Manikganj by eight wickets at the Mymensingh Stadium. The losers won the toss and batted first but hostile bowling by Mohammed Ali, the Kalabagan medium-pace, and Shabbir restricted them to a lowly 135 for nine.

Manikganj's Shabbir, who retired hurt, emerged as the topscorer with a defiant 53. Sudev with 14 was the only other batsman to reach double figures.

Mohammed Ali returned flattering figures of three for 19 while Shabbir bagged another three for 24 runs.

Dhaka wrapped up the match in 21.2 overs posting 136 for two wickets with Tito hammering an unbeaten 69 not out. Mohammed Ali, promoted in the batting order, scored a free-wheeling 32.

### CORNEL KUSHTIA'S HERO

An incisive spell of five for 16 by Cornel helped Kushtia enter the Group C final as the northern district registered a 22-run victory against neighbours Meherpur at the Jessore Stadium.

Kushtia batted first to muster 168 for eight wickets with Apon making 52.

Chasing an easy target of 169 for victory Meherpur were skittled out for 142 with Cornel proving their wrecker-in-chief.

Salam offered some resistance with 36, as Cornel dismissed five Meherpur batsmen for 16 runs only.

Kallol gave Cornel fine support by taking three for 28.

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### FARIDPUR EASY WINNERS

Star-studded Faridpur stormed in the Group D final with a huge ten-wicket victory against Naogaon at Jhenidah.

Battling first Naogaon found the going tough against some testing bowling by Khaled Mahmud Sujan and Saidul Anam Effee, regular members of league champions Abahani Kriya Chakra.

Effee and Sujan bagged three wickets each as Naogaon were shot out for 133.

Towhid with 69 not out and Javed Omar Belim Golla with an unbeaten 50 made short work of Naogaon's feeble challenge.

### BAGERHAT BEAT BARISAL

Unlike Faridpur, Bagerhat had to really pitch themselves in for a 20-run win against Barisal in a Group E semifinal encounter.

A splendid 72 not out by Arif was the cornerstone of Bagerhat's total of 176 for nine.

Barisal were all out for 156 in 38.5 overs. Moim and Musa scored 29 each as the chasers fell short of the target by 20 runs.

Rupu and Raki bagged three wickets each to help Bagerhat reach the group final.

### DINAJPUR IN FINAL

Dinajpur reached the final of Group F when they edged past Pabna by two wickets in an exciting match at Thakurgaon.

Battling first Pabna rattled up an impressive 218 for eight with a number of their batsmen starting with useful scores.

Gautam topscored with 62. Hanif made 46, Thanda 32 and Ashok 29.

An excellent 69 by Suman, backed by 33 not out by Babu, guided Dinajpur to a two-wicket victory as the winners posted 221 for eight with

three balls to spare.

### NOAKHALI'S NARROW IN

Noakhali advanced to the final of Group A when they beat Narasingdi by 11 runs in Sylhet.

Noakhali batted first to score 152 for eight and then restricted their opponents to 140 for nine.

### DU BEAT JU

Former champions Dhaka University reached the Group G final with a big 101-run victory against Jahangirnagar University at the Dhaka Stadium.

Fancied Dhaka University batted first to amass an almost unassailable score of 253 for six wickets from their quota of 45 overs with Rupam hitting the highest of 60. He was followed by Sohel who made a rapid 41, Mamun 30 and Rownakul Islam Tutul 29.

Sanwar bagged three wickets for JU. Tmir and Kamrul took one each.

Sanwar who batted impressively for GMCC in the recently-concluded 1992-93 Navana League shone with the bat also. However, his 63 off 87 balls was not good enough to give even a semblance of a chance to his side who were all out for 152 in 40.4 overs.

Joydev good enough to find a regular place in the Bangladesh team as a medium-pace, took three for 18. Selim Shahed, the captain, used his offspin intelligently to take three for 14 as DU cantered to a 101-run victory.

### Zoehrer aims to regain Test spot

PERTH, Apr 8: Veteran Tim Zoehrer has abandoned his flirtation with spin bowling and said Thursday he was ready to regain his place on Australia's Test cricket team, reports AP.

Zoehrer, 31, will be in competition with incumbent wicket-keeper Ian Healy during Australia's upcoming Ashes tour to England.

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### Maradona banned for two matches

MADRID, Apr 8: Diego Maradona was banned for two games by the Spanish Soccer Federation on Wednesday for his part in a mass brawl during a league match last month, reports Reuter.

The ban for unsportsmanlike conduct follows incidents at the end of Sevilla's game against Cadiz when players from both sides traded blows after a Cadiz player was alleged to have insulted Maradona about his previous drug problems.

Sevilla's other Argentine star Diego Simeone, Juan Martagon and Ignacio Conte, and Cadiz's Carmelo Navarro and Igor Stimac all received one-match suspensions.

Maradona received a similar ban earlier in the season which was later reduced to a fine. He has also run into trouble with his club for going to Argentina for international matches without their permission.

Last Sunday Maradona stormed out of a post-match press conference saying he would kill anyone who touched his family after sections of the crowd shouted insults about his wife and daughters.

### Transvaal win B & H trophy

DURBAN, Apr 8: Transvaal won South Africa's Benson and Hedges one-day cricket trophy by the narrowest of margins on Wednesday when Natal tailender Derek Crookes failed to hit a boundary off the final ball, reports Reuter.

Crookes managed to score only two runs off the last delivery which left Transvaal winners by just one run after a nailbiting finish.

Natal restricted Transvaal to 193 for seven in their 45 overs but then managing only 192 for eight in reply.

Transvaal, who lost the toss, owed their total mainly to opener Mandy Yachad (86) and Jimmy Cook (50) who came in after Brad White was dismissed for a duck.

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### Kirsten out, Cook in

DURBAN, Apr 8: Former captain Jimmy Cook was recalled on Wednesday for South Africa's tour of Sri Lanka beginning in August but veteran Peter Kirsten was omitted and could have reached the end of his international career, reports Reuter.

Opener Cook was dropped after failing to make any impact during India's recent tour of South Africa and left out of the following triangular one-day tournament which also included West Indies.

But a successful season in domestic cricket has forced the selectors to give Cook another chance in an attempt to strengthen their batting which has relied too heavily on captain Kepler Wessels.

But it could well be the end of the road for 37-year-old Kirsten, like Cook a former captain during South Africa's rebel cricket years. He was dropped after averaging less than 13 in four Tests against India.

The selectors named two spinners in Clive Eksteen and Pat Symcox to complement the pace attack of Allan Donald, Richard Snell Brett Schultz and Fanie de Villiers.

But there was no place in the 15-man squad for veteran spinner Omar Henry, the first non-white to have played for South Africa.

All-rounder Brian McMillan was named in the squad on condition that he passes a fitness test. He has been suffering from a back injury and the selectors named Dave Callaghan as Standby.

Steven Palfraam, 22, was named as reserve wicket-keeper to Dave Richardson.

South Africa will play nine matches, including three Tests and three limited overs internationals in the five-week tour.

### Logie to play club cricket Down Under

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, Apr 8: West Indian Gus Logie, who announced his retirement from international cricket last weekend, will play club cricket in Australia later this year, reports Reuter.

Logie, 32, said on Wednesday he was expected in Australia in the first week of July to take up a one-year contract with the Prospect District Club in Adelaide.

It will be Logie's second club cricket stint in Australia following four months with the Peatriegully Club in Adelaide in 1982.

## Milan march into Euro Cup final



PARIS, Apr 8: AC Milan made it to the final of the European Champions Cup on Wednesday by extending their record number of consecutive wins in the competition to nine against IFK Gothenburg, reports AFP.

Milan had to soak up plenty of pressure before Massaro finished a 70th minute counter-attack with a fierce shot past Gothenburg goalkeeper Thomas Ravelli.

Massaro set up the move, sending Gianluigi Lentini down the left wing. After shrugging off two chasers, he crossed to Massaro whose close-range shot went straight in the goal.

With five wins from five matches, Milan cannot now be caught at the top of Group B.

Gothenburg started the stronger of the two sides. In the 35th minute, Milan goalkeeper Sebastiano Rossi did well to save a 20-yard free kick by Mikael Nilsson.

Johnny Ekstrom also threatened Milan several times carving his way through the Italian defence several times. Rossi was also tested by a 20-metre shot from Stefan Rehn.

But Milan kept their cool and Ruud Gullit and Frank Rijkaard set up more and more counter-attacks as the Swedes tired in the second half.

The night's two other Champions League games were of no importance to the identity of the finalists.

In Group B, Dutch title holders, PSV Eindhoven fell to their fourth defeat in the group 1-0 at home to FC Porto.

The Portuguese claimed victory through a 71st minute penalty scored by Brazilian Jose Carlos after Dutch goalkeeper Hans van Breukelen pulled down an opponent.

PSV Eindhoven now find themselves at the bottom of the group with just a single point as they prepare for their last match—away to Milan.

Just 3,000 people turned up in Berlin to see Bruges best Russian army side CSKA Moscow 2-1 in Group A.

Bruges came back from an early Oleg Sergeyev goal to win through strikes by Marc Schaccsens and, in the dying minutes, Gert Verheyen.

The Belgians could still play a key role in the tournament as their next match is against Marseille. The last European opponent to win at Bruges was AC Milan in 1989.



Antwerp's Nico Broecknaert (R) takes the ball away from an attacking Spartak Moscow player in the first leg of the semifinal of the European Cup played in Moscow on April 7. Spartak won the first leg 1-0. — AFP photo

A spectacular Daniele Massaro goal in the 70th minute gave Milan a 1-0 win over the Swedes and assured them of top place in the Champions League Group B with a match to play.

The other group will only be decided with the last matches, after Olympique Marseille drew 1-1 with Scottish Rivals Glasgow Rangers. Marseille must win at FC Bruges in two weeks to get the other place for the final at the Munich Olympic Stadium

goals," said Durrant, "and on top of that it was in a crucial game."

Rangers coach Walter praised his players for the new fightback. But he said Marseille were now favourites to win Group A. His team can only hope the French lose and the Scots beat CSKA Moscow.

"I am proud of the way they played tonight," said Smith. "But Marseille are best placed to go through. Even at home I don't think Bruges are strong enough to beat Marseille."

## Stark shows Courier way out



TOKYO, Apr 8: World number one Jim Courier failed to hold onto his Japan Open title when he lost to fellow American Jonathan Stark in the third round here today, reports AP.

Top-seeded Courier, who claimed poor umpiring "killed his spirit," lost in straight sets 4-6, 2-6 to the man with whom he won the 1987 French Open junior doubles trophy.

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Courier lost the point with a backhand error and needed a few minutes to calm himself down. Even so he failed to hold the game when Stark hit a lightning service return winner to go 3-2 up.

The second upset came in the following game when Stark unleashed an ace at deuce, which lineaman called "out" but chair umpire Michel Rice overruled the call, giving Stark an advantage point.

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"[It was a] pretty bad linecall," he said afterwards. "But I was already losing the match, anyway, it just killed my spirit."

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"My heart and my head are somewhere else," he added "I don't know where, but they are not in Asia."

Stark said, "I played him a month ago in Memphis and lost a tight match after I had a match point. It's really satisfying to come back after that loss."

"I think he may be missed a

few more balls today. He got kind of upset on a call when he was serving in the second set. It's a kind of throw-off, but I don't think I made a lot of mistakes, which made the difference.

"My first serve is always my weapon and I always work hard on my serve, because that's the basis of my game."

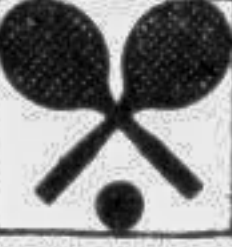
With the win, Stark tied his head-to-head record to one-against the current French and Australian Open title-holder, who was knocked out of Osaka tournament semifinals five days ago.

"It obviously gave me a lot of confidence. I had a chance to beat (Andre) Agassi, Jim and Michael Chang earlier in the year and I lost matches against all three of them. I learned from my losses and I realised I could compete with the top players in the world."

"That gave me a lot of confidence on the court today. I wasn't nervous, I felt comfortable to play against Jim. It's nice to beat the top player in the world," Stark added.

In the quarter-finals Friday, the former Stanford star, who completed the match with an ace, will play either Doug Flach or Brad Gilbert, both from the United States.

## Mac doesn't want Gorman back



LOS ANGELES, Apr 8: John McEnroe says he's certain Tom Gorman won't be coach of the US Davis Cup team in 1994 following the United States' loss to Australia in a first-round match two weeks ago, reports AP.

"I don't think there's a chance in hell Gorman will be back next year," McEnroe said. "And if there is, it would be the biggest joke of all time. I mean, enough is enough.... Eight years."

His comments were published in Thursday's Los Angeles Times.

McEnroe, 34, last played in the Grand Slam Cup in Munich in December. But he said he was upset by the 4-1 US Davis Cup team loss at Melbourne.

He criticised Gorman for not getting Andre Agassi and Pete Sampras on the team and for choosing No. 47 David Wheaton instead of No. 12 MaliVai Washington to play singles with Brad Gilbert.

"Look at the selections he made," McEnroe said. "Not to give a guy like Washington a chance is completely absurd. And not to pressure a guy like Ivan Lendl to play. Why doesn't Lendl want to play? It's such a joke."

Gorman insisted that Wheaton's grass court experience made him a better choice than Washington. He said Lendl and Michael Chang turned him down and that Agassi and Sampras told him that whether he

was captain or not wouldn't affect their decision to play.

"I was very, very disappointed that neither one of them played. They definitely should have been there. But they made their choice," Gorman said.

Gorman, the winningest US Davis Cup captain with a 17-6 record, said McEnroe did some coaching in Fort Worth, Texas, when the United States defeated Switzerland 3-1 to claim its second Davis Cup title in three years.

"He was invaluable and I felt very comfortable in those situations," Gorman said. "But I think I did a fair amount of coaching myself."

But McEnroe suggested Gorman's tenure may have influenced player decisions to be on the team against Australia.

"Let's put it this way, if I was captain, I wouldn't have gone down there without Agassi and Sampras," he said.

"Gorman got another chance because basically I stepped away from it and said you don't change a guy on a winning note. Even though I was coaching these guys anyway. It wasn't like he was doing anything."

J Howard Frazer, president of the US Tennis Association, which runs the US team, refused comment on Gorman's tenure.

Tom has a contract for 1993, then we'll look at the situation," Frazer said.

But he added: "John has been the greatest contributor to the US Davis Cup team in

recent history and I think he would make a fine captain."

McEnroe said he wasn't sure he wanted the job.

### Pioneer soccer Sports Reporter

Kashattuli Samaj Kallyan Parishad edged past Sabujbagh Muktojjodha Sangsad by two goals to one in the only match of the Janata Bank Pioneer super league at the Outer Stadium yesterday.

Ishaqur Rahman and Md Shakil scored for Kashattuli while Azharul Islam pulled one back for Sabujbagh Muktojjodha.

Jamal of Kashattuli received the yellow card.

### TODAY'S MATCHES

Motijheel T & T vs Kawranbari PS (2:45 pm)  
MSPCC vs Shatadal Sangha (4:15 pm)

### Qualifying chess Sports Reporter

Twenty-one players with full two points jointly led the table after second-round of the nine-round Swiss league meet of the Dhaka Metropolis qualifying chess for the forth coming national championship at the National Sports Council chess room yesterday.

The players who earned two points each were Reza, Khorshed, Ratna, Kashem, Mintu, Abedullah, Alam, Milki, Dhali, Tipu, Arman, Babul, Shakil, Hanif, Morsalin, Faruk, Yameen, Siraj, Russel, Nazrul and Monir.



Action from yesterday's Independence Day hockey tournament match between Mohammedan Sporting Club and Sonali Bank at the Hockey Stadium. Mohammedans beat Sonali Bank 1-0. — Star photo