today.

Nat'l snooker

final today

Sports Reporter

Narayanganj Club faces Adrian

Gonzalez of Chittagong Catholic

Club in the final of the ninth

national snooker champi-

onship at the Chittagong Club

Club marker Mufazzal by 6

frames to nil in their best-of-

eleven semifinal while

Gonzalez took care of N A T

Rouf 6-3 in the other semifi

ruddin Khan will give away

prizes among the participants

after the final, which is sched

not guilty

Diego Maradona went before a

judge Wednesday and denied

he ran four stoplights while

driving his Persche through

this southern Spanish city,

who plays for Sevilla in Spain's

first division, was arrested for

reckless driving while head

sion of his driver's licence.

ing to practice last week

The 32-year-old Maradona,

He faces a fine and suspen

"I haven't killed anyone

why did they take away my

driver's licence?" Maradona

told the Spanish state news

was racing there," Maradona

said. "I wasn't going 150 kph

(93 mph), because I have two

Ferraris and I've never had any

trouble anywhere, much less

chased Maradona for 1.5 kilo-

metres (1 mile) before he

pulled over. The officers re-

portedly drew their guns

while detaining the 1986

immediate decision in the

Saudis move into

next round

19: Host Saudi Arabia on

Tuesday deseated Kuwait 2-0,

drawing wild applause from

the audience as they secured

their place in the second

round of the World Cup qualifi-

cation tournament. Half-time

It was the last of the Asia

score was 1-0, reports AP.

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia, May

The judge did not issue an

World Cup hero.

Press reports say police

since I've been in Seville."

"It's a stupid rumour that I

agency EFE after his hearing.

reports AP.

SEVILLE, Spain, May 19:

uled for a 11 am start.

Planning Minister Zahi-

Ghosh outplayed Gulshan

Narayan Chandra Ghosh of

Reefat surges further ahead

Sports Reporter

Reigning national champion Reefat-bin-Sattar singularly led the points table in the 19th national chess championship when he won his 'deferred' match against Amjad Mintu a the chess room of the National Sports Council yesterday.

The young title holder, who could not earlier take part in his scheduled first round match because of hts delayed return from a meet in Iran, yesterday needed 22 moves to beat Mintu. Playing with black pieces Biman's Reefat was never in trouble against his unfancied opponent. The match was played in Morshed anti-King's Indian defence sys-

On a day marked by the holding of almost all the adjourned matches of the inchoate meet, Reefat's teammate Rezaul Huq beat Rafiqui Islam of Chittagong to capture the second position in the points table. His collection now stands at five and a half points.

Khandaker Kayes Hassan of Ansars also had a fruitful day of cerebral exercise. He beat Abul Kashem Bhutyan of Bangladesh Textile Mills Corporation (BTMC) to advance to the third position with four and a half points. Kayes, who played with black pieces, needed 22 moves in a match of Ruy Lopez varia-

In another fourth-round adjourned match Rant Hamid of Biman won to up her tally to three and a half points.

The eighth round of the meet will be played today at the same venue.

Day without a goal at Hockey Stadium

Sports Reporter

Both the matches of the Green Delta First Division hockey league ended in goalless draws at the Hockey Stadium yesterday.

Sadharan Bima Krira Sangstha, who began their league campaign with a 5-1 triumph over Bangladesh Sporting Club, dominated the match against Police AC and earned ten penalty corners but failed to utilize any of them.

With this draw Bima upped their tally to five points from three matches while Police's collection stood at three from as many outings.

In the other match Wart settled for a draw with Dhaka Wanderers Club to take their points tally to four from three encounters.

Dhaka Wanderers earned their first point in three league matches.

Reigning champions Mohammedan Sporting Club meet Sonali Bank while Dhaka Ansars take on Bachelors Club in today's matches.

Lineker helps Grampus Eight win

TOKYO, May 19: Former England international Gary Lineker helped Nagoya Grampus Eight win their first match in the new Japanese professional league on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

Grampus beat Urawa Reds 3-0 in an away match with Lineker playing a role in two goals fired home by fellow striker Yasuyuki Moriyama. Midfielder Taro Goto scored the third.

"Of course, I want to score but the result for the team is most important. Moriyama very well," said played Lineker.

Grampus opened the scoring after 30 minutes when Lineker pressured Argentine defender Marcelo Trivisonno into misheading the ball. Moriyama made no mistake with a shot from the edge of the penalty area.

In the 48th minute Lineker ran on to a through ball and set up Moriyama to slide home from close range.

Kashima beat Yokohama Fluels 3-2 despite losing Brazilian Zico in the 18th minute when he had to leave the field with a torn muscle in his right leg.

German Pierre Littbarski scored his first goal for Ichthara Jef United in their 2-

l win over Kawasaki Verdy. Shizimu S-Pulse beat Hiroshima San Freece 1-0, while Yokohama Marinos overcame Osaka Gamba 1-0, the sudden-death winning goal coming in the 112th minute from David Carlos Visconti.

PSG cruise to French Cup semis

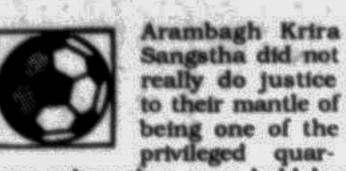
PARIS, May 19: Paris St Germain cruised into the semifinals of the French Cup on Tuesday with a problemfree 2-0 victory over Bordeaux, reports Reuter.

Goals from midfielder Laurent Fournier and Liberian striker George Weah in the opening 19 minutes knocked the heart out of Bordeaux, whose best chance came early on when Brazilian striker Valdeir hit the bar.

St Etienne reached the semifinals last week by beating European Cup finalists Marseille 2-1 after extra time.

Rahmatganj hold Arambagh

Sports Reporter



tets when they were held by Rahmatgani Muslim Friends Society in a goalless draw in the lone round robin league match of DMFA Cup match held at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

One of the top four finishers in last year's Star First Division football league, Arambagh got first-round bye in the ongoing soccer tournament along with Mohammedans, Abahani, and Brothers Union.

Shaken by sporadic Rahmatganj sorties interspersed throughout the first half, Arambagh reorganised themselves in the second half but poor finishing by their forwards forced them to begin their DMFA Cup campaign with just one point.

Unlike the scoreline the match itself was not really bereft of life as both teams, undaunted by the unfailing failures of their goal-getters, launched offensives.

Rahmatgani, the senior of

The first Biman

Independence

Day invitational

gymnastics meet

begins at the Na-

The two-day meet, sched-

Sponsored for the first time

uled for a 5 pm start, will be

participated by 60 competitors

by Biman, the national airlines,

the meet will feature two

evenly distributed groups of

gymnasts vying for the 18

At a press conference held

at the conference room of the

National Sports Council, State

Minister for Establishment M

Nurul Huda, who is also the

president of the Bangladesh

Gymnastics Federation, re-

vealed that the sponsors have

paid Taka 50 thousand for this

meet - a good seven thousand

more than 43,000 budget

carmarked for the meet by the

for the anachronistic arrange-

ment of the meet - the

Sounding rather apologetic

neil gymnasium today.

from allover the country.

golds up for the grabs.

tional Sports Cou-

Independence Day

meet begins today

Sports Reporter

the two outfits in their trade green and vellow combination drew the first blood in the 42nd minute of the first half when striker Angur, who scored a hattrick against Pioneer Coaching Eleven in his side's first match, headed a cross by Pappu but Arambagh defender Sohel beat the goalbound ball back in the nick of

If Sohel, the Arambagh defender, earned a pat on the back for his timely interception his namesake Sohel, the Rahmatganj forward had the misfortune of being robbed of a sure goal when Arambag custodian Bijoy parried his stinging shot to safety after a defence-splitting through set the forward on a telling run right down the heart of the Arambagh defence.

Arambagh dead-lifted themselves ten minutes into the second half when Towhid, the left winger, spectacularly curled in a free-kick at the Rahmatganj goal but Milon, the Rahmatgani goalkeeper, rose to the occasion by tipping the ball over for a corner.

Often dubbed as the junior Mohammedans for their black

Independence Day being

March 26, far away from May

20 - the federation president

resorted to the much used

adage of better late than never,

saying that the spirit of inde-

pendence is ever existent and

not chained to any particular

Throwing light on federa-

tion's future plans Huda ap-

prised that the national junior

gymnastics meet will be held

in July. The organisers are

hoping to stage an invitational

tourney sometime in

September while another meet

is likely to be held late this

year to mark the Victory Day

launched this year at

Mymensingh, Barisal and

Chittagong to hone the talents

of the young gymnasts of the

Abdul Muyeed Chowdhury,

the Managing Director of

sponsors Biman and Selim

Nazrul Hug, the vice president

Coaching camps will be

date or time frame.

on December 16.

country.

the occasion.

and white combination, Arambagh came storming ten minutes later when Aziz Babu joined Towhid in a brief comedy of error that left their

teammates in anguish. Right back Dablu, so conspicuous for his long hairs, accelerated down the right flank to float in a lovely cross but the two aforesaid Arambagh forwards leaped and groped in their bid to guide the ball into an empty net with Milon, the Rahmatganj custodian at their

Rahmatgani looked far from being exhausted even midway through the second half after a rather indifferent session of midfield confrontation when Ranjan, the outside left, was beautifully poised for a goal but the lanky winger hit too much under the ball to make it sail over an empty net with Bijoy beaten hollow.

Hira and Kamal of Arambagh and Badal of Rahmatganj were shown the yellow card for botsterous play.

TODAY'S MATCHES Brothers Union vs Agrani

Bank (4:30 pm) Mohammedans vs Victoria (6:30 pm)

Baishaki h'ball results

Sports Reporter

court yesterday.

The winners, led by fine a slender 11-8 first half lead. Razzaque and Raju netted

ing 17-15 triumph aver Progati Bays Club. The keenly-contested first

With thin victory Victoria finished third in the championship.

by Akul with five. of the federation also spoke on

Jansher game's other Croesus



organisers.

RIO DE JANE-IRO, May 19: Jansher Khan, who won his 50th ma-

jor squash title on Monday, is on course to become the second millionaire in the sport,

reports Reuter. His victory over Australian Chris Dittmar in the final of the Brazilian Classic keeps him dogging the wealthy footsteps of fellow Pakistani Jahangir

It is a remarkable change of fortune for the 23-year-old from Peshawar, who was unable to obtain sponsorship of any kind four years ago because of problems in his personal life and disciplinary upheavals with

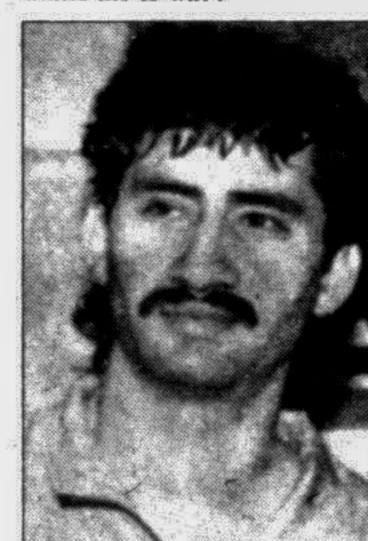
the game's ruling body. He was fined and warned twice for non-appearance at a sponsors' function and not trying in a major final.

In the 1989 World Open final in Toulose, France, he played with sticking plaster over manufacturers' names on

"I was young and did some things that were wrong," admits Jansher. "Sponsors did not want to know me. I was winning titles, I was world number one and world champion, but for all the effort I was making no money.

"But since then I have learned. I am married and have two children and I am a more responsible person now. "I am an ambassador for

squash and for my country. Since Jahangir stopped playing in tournaments all Pakistan wants me to win.



JANSHER KHAN

Since his last defeat in a major final, by Rodney Martin in the Australian Open in August last year, Jansher has picked up about 200,000 US dollar in winning eight titles around the world - including retaining his World Open crown in Johannesburg. But the real money comes

from endorsements. He has lucrative deals with manufacturers for his kit and for rackets. There are numerous other arrangements - in-

cluding a proposed worldwide

He wore a headband with their name prominent at the British Open in London in

Jansher can also pick and choose from a host of invitations to exhibition tournaments and functions.

And now he is conquering a new world in Brazil after winning the first major squash event in South America.

Jansher, in demand everywhere, is the figure who has aroused the interest and enthusiasm for a new sport in a

country where soccer rules. He has been beaten by just eight players since he entered the world circuit as a 17-yearold in 1987. His score against Jahangir stands at 18 wins

Dittmar has beaten him twice, Chris Robertson twice, Rodney Martin six times — five of those in Australia - and he has been beaten once each by South African Stuart Hailstone, Australian Rodney Eyles and English players Bryan Beeson and Simon Parke.

Match drawn

OXFORD, England, May 19: The three-day cricket between Oxford University and Northamptonshire ended in a draw in Tuesday, reports Reuter.

Scores: Northamptonshire 334-5 declared and 89-3 declared (D Ripley 50 not out). Oxford University 180 (C Keey 111) and 147-6.



Action from yesterday's Green Delta First Division hockey league match between Sadharan Bima Krira Sangstha and Police Athletic Club at the Hockey Stadium yesterday. The match ended goalless. - Star photo

Surjodoy Boys Club advanced to the final of the Baishakhi handball championship when they trounced Mansur Sporting Club 21-11 at the Outer Stadium handball

The winners will take on Dhaka Mariner Youngs Club in the final tomorrow.

marksmanship of Jewel (10) led the Surjodoy's and Babu who netted five times, enjoyed For Mansur Sporting Club

seven and two goals respec-In the other match Victoria Sporting Club posted a nail-bit-

half was tied at 6-6.

Badsha topsecored with six goals for the winners followed

For the losers Swapan and Shahid scored six and four goals respectively.

Group E qualifying matches played Sunday and Tuesday at the King Fahd International Stadium. Saced al-Owairan scored in the 23rd minute with a beauti-

ful header, and Majed Abdullah finished off Kuwait's fight in the 89th minute with a gem of Abdullah collected a long ball from his own half and

then had a super one-two with Mansour al-Moena, who released the ball into the box. Majed rounded the defence and cut past the charging goalkeeper Hussain al-Mukaimi to slip in a superb angular shot

The crowd broke into cheers with Majed's strike andcelebrations began even before the match had ended, further discouraging the Kuwaitis.

Earlier, Malaysia blasted Macau 5-0.

Malaysia led 2-0 at half-time and moved on to score three more goals against hapless Macau, already shaken by their 8-0 defeat against Kuwait two days earlier.

Aznan Adnan struck Macau twice in the ninth and 43rd minutes. Aziz Abu Hanifa scored the third goal in the 74th minute.

Three minutes later, substitute P. Ravindran, who came in for Yeo See Hock in the 69th minute, netted the fourth goal and was at hand to blast in a crisp centre from Shaireen Abdul-Majeed in the 85th minute.

> **STANDINGS** PWDLFAP

Saudi Arabia 6 4 2 0 20 1 10 6 3 2 1 21 4 8 6 2 2 2 16 7 6 0 6 1 46 0 Macau

Persson shown way out

GOTHENBURG, Sweden, May 19: Defending champion Jorgen Persson was toppled by French Qualifier Patrick Chila in a sensational start of the singles at the world table tennis championships on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

Persson, who helped Sweden retain the men's team title on Monday, crashed to a 21-14, 21-4, 21-17 first round defeat.

Fellow Swede Peter Karisson also tumbled out in the opening round, beaten 16-21, 21-11, 21-11, 21-16 by Vladimir Samsonov of Belarus. Chila played an adventurous game and it paid off as fourth seed Persson produced a wretched performance.

I had no chance. I wasn't in the match at all, Persson said. It's difficult to play against a player who is going for every half chance. I can count 100 things that I did wrong but it's too late now.



England captain Graham Gooch and his Aussie counterpart Allan Border share a joke during net-practice on Tuesday before the start of the first of the three-match Texaco one-day - AFP photo

series at Old Trafford. Thriller sees Aussies one up



MANCHESTER, May 19: Australia beat England by four runs in the first one-day (55 cricket international at Old Trafford

today, reports Reuter. Scores: Australia 258-9 in 55 overs. England 254 all out in 54.5 overs.

An earlier AP report said: Richard Illingworth captured three wickets in a 19-ball spell shortly after lunch Wednesday to salvage England's chances as Australia ended their 55 overs at 258 for nine. Opener Mark Taylor and

Australian batsman Mark Taylor plays off the bowling of

Paul Jarvis during the first one-dayer between England and

Australia at Old Trafford yesterday. Taylor made 79 in the

Border wants it his way

Warne.

carve their own niche.

"The young blokes have

done fantastically well so far

and the preparation could

have been picked for this tour

but among the newcomers are

richly-talented batsmen Mat-

thew Hayden, Michael Slater

and Damien Martyn, plus

Only eight of the 1989 party

hardly have gone better."

Aussie total of 258 for nine in 55 overs.

MANCHESTER,

England, May 19:

Australian captain

Allan Border is

determined to

bow out on a high

note on his last Ashes trip,

But he can only blame him-

self if he has a lot to live up to

- for it was under his cap-

taincy that the Aussies crushed

the first one-day international

against Graham Gooch's men:

"It is my last trip to England

and I would love to go out on a

high note. I've always enjoyed

touring here and I want to

make the most of my final few

-1989 come flooding back as

we travel around the country,

but this is 1993 and a new op-

portunity for a new team to

Aussie cagers

beat Russia

May 19: Australia came from

six points down at halftime to

beat Russian 93-78 and take a

2-0 lead in the best-of-six in-

ternational basketball series

here Tuesday night, reports

Australia won the first test

Australian Andrew Gaze,

82-78 in Adelaide on Monday

who once played in the

American College System with

Seton Hall, recorded just six

points in the first half but

added 10 more for a game-

high 16 points.

MELBOURNE, Australia,

"The happy memories of

Border said on the eve of

England 4-0 four years ago.

reports Reuter.

months.

161 for one after 36 overs at the break, but a mid-order col lapse saw four wickets fall in the first nine overs after play resumed. England won the toss and

Mark Waugh led Australia to

put Australia to bat under overcast skies at Old Trafford. After an opening stand of 60, the first wicket fell when newcomer Hayden, on 29, flicked a Chris Lewis delivery back to wicketkeeper Alec Stewart.

Mark Waugh kept up the pace and helped Taylor to a second wicket stand of 108 before hooking a Paul Jarvis offering to Neil Fairbrother.

Boon was Illingworth's first victim when he was caught by Fairbrother in the gully for Taylor, hitting his first halfcentury against England, was next to succumb to the Worcestershire bowler when

Waugh, out on 56, faced 63

Waugh's replacement, David

balls and htt five fours.

Fairbrother his third catch of the day. Taylor hit six fours and faced 126 balls, finishing Illingworth then felled captain Allan Border on four to

he top-edged a sweep and gave

finish with three wickets for Steve Waugh, with 27, and lan Healy and Merv Hughes, each with 20 contributed to a

late Australia rally. England began their reply with opening batsmen Alec Stewart and captain Graham Gooch.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in the first oneday cricket international between England and Australia at Old Trafford on Wednesday: AUSTRALIA:

M Hayden c Stewart b Lewis M Taylor c Fairbrother b Illingworth M Waugh c Fairbrother b Jarvis D Boon c Fairbrother b Illingworth A Border c Lewis b. Illingworth S Waugh c and b Lewis I Healy c Thorpe b Caddick 20 M Hughes b Lewis P Reiffel run out C McDermott not out I May not out Extras: (b-1; lb-8; w-2;

nb-4) Total: (for nine wickets -55 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-60; 2-168; 3-171: 4-178: 5-186: 6-219: 7-237; 8-254; 9-255.

Bowling: 50 Caddick 36 Pringle 54 cwis 55 Illingworth

WI cricket board under fire

The West Indies cricket board were attacked by English county Derbyshire here on Wednesday after fast bowler Ian Bishop was ruled out of the

colourful leg-spinner Shane While Border's youngsters have won rare reviews during the opening weeks of the tour, the skipper has been earning the wrong type of headlines.

- AFP photo

He took an angry swipe at his stumps at Lord's was heard swearing at fast bowler Craig McDermott on the Taunton outfield, and then savaged British journalists in general when asked for a TV interview at Hove.

"What you see is what you get with me - I can't apologise for that," said a distinctly ungrumpy Border.

"I take my cricket very seriously and occasionally I have my moments. But I am genuinely looking forward to the summer." Like opposite number and

former Essex team-mate Graham Gooch, Border sees this week's three-match Texaco Trophy series as the entree to the main course. "If I could guarantee winning the Ashes and losing the

one-dayers I'd take that any

time. But that doesn't mean we

won't be trying our best to win these three games. "Four years ago we got a huge lift out of winning the final Texaco match at Lord's. It set us up for the Test series."

DERBY, England, May 19:

game for a year, reports AFP. The 25-year-old from Trinidad has a stress fracture in his lower back and has been ordered by a specialist there to take a complete rest, forcing him out of the Test series against England later in the

Bishop, who has had back trouble for more than two years, broke down during last months second Test against Pakistan in Barbados, but the problem was diagnosed as muscular. Bob Lark, chief executive of

Derbyshire, who now face the rest of the season without an overscas player, said: "We find it hard to understand how such a serious injury could be diagnosed as an inflamed muscle. Having seen the scan, we feel the problem has been foisted on tours.

"We shall be writing to the West Indies board expressing our dismay at the way this has been handled.

Christie to run in Pearl European Relays

LONDON, May 19: Olympte 100-meter champton Linford Christie will make his European debut of 1993 in the Pearl European Relays at Portsmouth on June 5, organizers said Wednesday, reports

Christic, 33, who has resumed training but is still undergoing treatment for a back injury, will run the 100-metre leg of a special medicy relay