Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman, president of the sixth SAF Games organising committee, chaired the first meeting of the committee at the National Economic Council conference room at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar yesterday. On his right are Planning Minister A M Zahiruddin Khan, and Bangladesh Olympic Association president Gias Kamal Chowdhury while organising secretary of the committee M Azizul Huq and State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain are on the left. - Star photo

Mascot, logo of SAF Games chosen

Royal Bengal tiger has been chosen as mascot of the sixth South Asian Federation (SAF) Games at the first meeting of the Games organising committee held at the National Economic Council conference room yesterday with its chairman Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman in the chair, reports

The sixth SAF Games will be held in Dhaka from December 20 to December 31.

Planning Minister A M Zhiruddin Khan, State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain, Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA) president Gias Kamal Chowdhury and a good number of parliament members, high officials and reputed sports organisers were present in the meeting.

The committee also approved the Games logo, designed by Mostafa Monwar and Quayum Chowdhury with the motif that merged country's six seasons, the Bengali number six and the sixth SAF Games symbol - red sun of the national flag at the top and symbol of track at the bottom.

UNB adds: Eleven disciplines - athletics, swimming, shooting, kabaddi, football, volleyball, tennis, table tennis, wrestling, boxing and judo will feature in the Games.

The meeting was informed that four Chinese coaches will take charge of the athletics, swimming, shooting and table tennis squads later this month.

German football coach Peter Stubbe will arrive in the city on July 10 to groom the Bangladesh football team and will remain in the city till the end of SAF Games.

A stx-member Chinese team comprising three calisthenics experts, one musician, one designer and an interpreter is likely to arrive in the city in the second week of July to help the Bangladeshi boys and girls prepare for the opening and closing ceremonies.

Financial arrangements for the Games were also in the agenda and it was revealed that the total budget of Tk 18.14 crore will be managed in due time. The government will provide Tk 10 crore in two instalments.

Div 1 hockey

Sports Reporter

Nagib struck twice to lead Sadharan Bima Krira Sangstha to a 3-1 victory over Bachelors Club in the Green Delta First Division hockey league at the Hockey Stadium yesterday. The winners led the first

half 1-0 through a 22nd minute field goal from Bappi. Bachelors drew level in the

52nd minute when Babu made no mistake in sounding the board from a penalty stroke. With the match tied one

all-Nagib took over. He scored his first goal in the 58th minute from a penalty corner and settled the match two minutes later with another one. In the other match of the

day Police Athletics Club and Bangladesh Ansars drew goal-

Dhaka Wanderers Club will take on Bangladesh Sporting Club while Usha Krira Chakra face Bangladesh Railway today.

Div II B'ball prize ceremonial held Sports Reporter

The prize giving ceremony of the BGIC Second Division basketball league was held at the National Sports Council conference room yesterday.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain Khoka distributed the prizes as chief

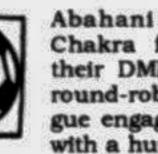
Dhaka Mariner Youngs Club, who finished unbeaten champions in the league, received three thousands taka besides the championship trophy while Rangers Club pocketed Tk 2,000 with the runners up

Iftekhar Hossain Zahedi of Young Angels Club was adjudged the player of the league while his team was named to

the most disciplined outfit of the meet. Sajtul Islam got the highest scorer's award:

Stylish win for Abahani

Sports Reporter



Abahani Krira Chakra finished their DMFA Cup round-robin league engagements with a hundred

percent winning record when they registered a stylish 4-1 victory over Arambagh Krira Sangstha in the last match of Group One at the floodlit Dhaka Stadium last night.

Despite the loss Arambagh, who finished fourth in the Star First Division league, made it to the last four for having better goal difference than Rahmatganj Muslim Friends Society and Wari Club. All three of them earned two points each from three encounters.

Spurred on by the impressive wins in their previous two games, Abahani readily went into the offensive and had the Arambagh booters at the receiving end from the very first

Rumi Rizvi Karim, the Abahani captain who scored a brilliant treble against Ramatganj in the previous match, shone again scoring twice and orchestrating an-

The defending Star First Division league champions shot into the lead in the 12th minute of the game when Rumi dodged past several Arambagh defenders to provide Gaus with a perfect ball which the agile Abahani striker made no mistake in pushing into the net (1-0).

> Four minutes later Rehan nodded home from a long Alamgir cross (2-0).

Rumi got the first of his two goals in the 18th minute when the Abahani skipper led the ball into the Arambagh goal from a neat Zakir cross (3-0). Having conceded three

goals in the space of 18 minutes and with their semifinal berth at stake Arambagh became desperate and launched two attempts at the Abahani goal that forced goalkeeper Mohsin into action. In the 22nd minute Mohsin

parried off a power-packed long-range drive from Kamal and three minutes later he was tested again, this time by even a fiercer Kamal shot which nearly beat the Abahani goalie.

Abahani got their fourth goal two minutes from the short whistle through Rumi

with the athletic Abahani captain unleashing an angular drive after receiving a pass with enough space to juggle (4-0).

second half Rumi failed to complete his treble. Rumi would have had the distinction of scoring two con-

Eighteen minutes into the

secutive trebles if he could head home eighteen minutes into the second half. Rumi's header flew over the bar.

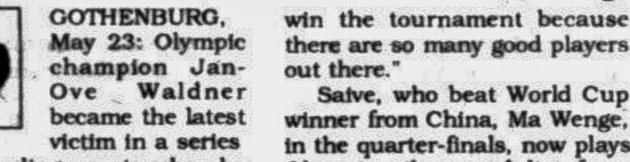
Arambagh, kept busy almost throughout the match by the Abahani strikers, got the goal that ensured their semifinal berth in the dying minutes. Rabbani, substituting Towhid, headed home from a long cross two minutes from the long whistle (4-1).

In the other match of the day in the afternoon, Wari Club and Rahmatgani battled for a goalless draw.

Of the two, Wart Club were obviously the better side and they could have joined Abahani in the semifinals had their forwards been a bit keener.

TODAY'S MATCHES Victoria SC vs Agrani Bank Mohammedans vs Brothers

Saive stuns weary Waldner



of astounding upsets when he was beaten in straight games in the world table tennis championships here on Saturday, reports AFP. The top-seeded Swede lost

21-17, 25-23, 21-16 in the semifinals to Jean-Michel Saive, the seventh-seeded European silver medalist from Belgium - only five days after leading the home country to the world team title.

Waldner had revealed sings of frailty in the last sixteen when he trailed 11-14 in the final game against unseeded Russian Dmitri Mazunov, and showed them again when he led 20-14 in the second game against Saive.

The favourite seemed unable to serve short enough to keep out Saive's brilliant forehand loop attack - arguably the best in the world - and amazingly Waldner could not capitalise on any of his eight game points.

After losing that crucial second game, he advanced to a lead of 14-10 in the third, but was once again swamped by a wave of adrenaline-fuelled forehand attacks from Saive. sometimes from outrageous positions wide on the backhand side.

"If you can't serve short to keep him out, you are better making long serves than to miss serves," said Waldner. "I

am not angry with myself. "He was better today. I

know that if you are not quite a

hundred per cent you cannot

there are so many good players Saive, who beat World Cup

winner from China, Ma Wenge, in the quarter-finals, now plays Olympic silver medalist from France, Jean-Philippe Gatien in the final.

row Gatien won a tough battle in five games, this time coming from two games to one down to overcome the Croatian Zoran Primorac. The score was 11-21, 21-

16, 17-21, 21-16, 21-11, and Gatien's survival depended heavily on a good start to the fourth after his trusty forehand topspin attack had briefly failed him at the end of the

He got to 9-6 on his serve and, after winning three points against Primorac's serve, started to get on top in a battle that often involved "loop the loop" topspin attacking rallies.

By the fifth game Primorac's attack had blown itself out, and by his second sequence of serves he was already five points down.

The Croatian gave up as Gatien's serve and quick attack strategy secured another notable scalp.

Gatien said: "I've lost two major finals to Waldner and, although this will still be a tough match, it could be lucky for me I'm playing Saive this Time."

Waldner's defeat may hit attendances for today's finals, with the two other members of Sweden's world title winning team, defending singles champion Jorgen Persson and previously unbeaten Peter Karlsson, both going out in the first round to qualifiers.

Both the two top seeds from China, defending champion Deng Yaping and former

world champion Qiao Hong,

went out early in the women's singles. It was also the first time in forty years there has been no Asian semifinalists in the men's singles. It is the first For the third match in a

time since 1977 there is no Chinese winner of either singles event. Gatien joked he hoped the French-Belgian final would

have the same result as the last European Cup match between Marseille and Brugges. But he predicted a tough fi-

nal match against Saive. "I was surprised to hear he had beaten Waldner 3-0. But he will be a tough opponent for

"I lost 3-0 in the European Championships in Stuttgart last year to Saive, and he is a

very good player. "But the fact I have won so many close matches has given me a lot of confidence. "I was a game and 15-11 down to Hungary's Karoly Nemeth in the second round, I was 14-11 down to Kim Song-Hui in the fifth game in the third round and I trailed in the fourth game against Vladimir Samsonov in the fourth round.

"I have not been playing well in this tournament. I don't think I have really played well till the fifth game against Primorac.

"Primorac likes my speed, so I tried to slow the game down against him, and it worked at the end.

"I cannot imagine what it would feel like to win the world singles title, but maybe I will tell you tomorrow."



Players of BGIC Second Division basketball league champions Dhaka Mariner Youngs Club hold aloft the championship trophy during the prize-giving ceremony at the National Sports Council conference room yesterday. State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain distributed prizes as chief guest in the ceremony. — Star photo

Chess results Sports Reporter

Defending champion Reefat-bin-Satter maintained the solo lead in the 19th national chess championship of when he defeated Abdullah-Al-Rakib of Dhaka Metropolis in the eleventh round at the National Sports Council chess room yesterday.

Reefat of Biman forced his opponent to resign in the 15th move to up his points tally to

Former national champion International Woman Master Rani Hamid of Biman took care of Khandakar Kayes Hasan of Ansars after 25 moves. Earlier, the tenth-round match between Rani Hamid and Kaltmullah Khan Kalam of Ansars was adjourned.

Niyamul Huq Niru of Ansars lost to ANM Ruhul Quddus of Dhaka Metropolis. Ruhul Quddus earlier beat former champion Rezaul Hug of Biman in the tenth round.

Abdul Khaleque of Dhaka Metropolis and teammate Ali Amjad Mintu recorded victorics over Omar Khaled of Chittagong and Abul Kashem Bhutyan of BTMC respectively.

Kalimullah Khan Kalam of Ansars outmaneuvered Rezaul Huq of Biman in the 51st move.

The match between Ziaul Qader Tuhin of Dhaka Metropolis and Saifuddin Labloo was in progress when this report was filed.

Taylor stands in for Border

LONDON, May 23: Mark Taylor replaced injured Allan Border as Australia's team captain when the tourists faced England Sunday in the third one-day cricket international at Lord's, reports AP.

Border, who scored an unbeaten 82 in the victory at Edgbaston on Friday, has a foot injury.

Already two up the threeseries, the Australians brought in Damien Martyn as Border's replacement in the batting lineup and Brendon Julian came in for bowler Paul Reiffel, who is struggling to find his form.

With all-rounder Chris Lewis suffering from a groin strain, England, who won the toss and put Australia in to bat, called up Dermot Reeve and also included spinner Richard Illingworth instead of medium pace bowler Derek Pringle.

Australia won the first game at Old Trafford by four runs and then beat England by six wickets at Edgbaston.

H'ball coaches course ends Sports Reporter

A 16-day training course for the women handball coaches concluded yesterday at the Dhanmondi Women's Sports Complex, says a press release.

The course, jointly sponsored by the Bangladesh Handball Federation and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) with assistance from the National Sports Council, Bangladesh Volleyball Federation and the Bangladesh Women's Sports Association, was designed with a view to familiarising the trainees with the modern techniques and tactics of the game in order to upgrade the standard in this country.

Yuki Mozaki, a volunteer under the Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCV) programme and currently associated with the Physical Education College, Rajshahi and M Hasanullah Khan Rana a member of the BHF, conducted the course.

Hironodo Suzuki, the resident representative of JICA, distributed certificates among the participants. Twenty-five female coaches

from different clubs participated in the course.

China clobber Pakistan

IRBID, Jordan, May 23: Wei Kexing scored three goals Saturday to lead China's 5-0 rout of Pakistan and take the lead after the first day of Asian Group A first-round qualifying for the 1994 World Cup, reports AP.

In an earlier game Yemen tied Jordan 1-1.

After Hao Haidong opened scoring for China in the 37th minute amid chants from the crowd of 2,000, China took control in the second half, getting goal by Wei in the 55th and 59th minutes.

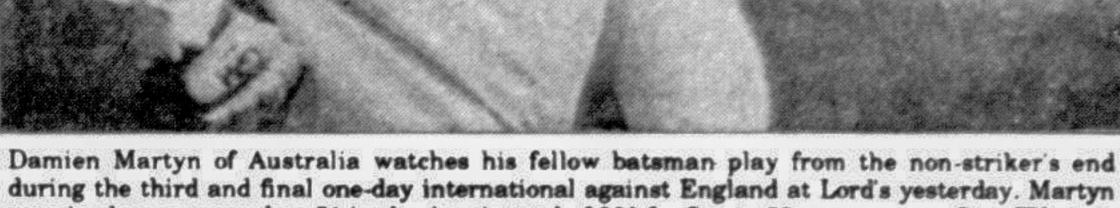
Zhai Biao added the fourth in the 72nd minute and Wei finished the scoring in the 83rd minute. In the first game, Jamal

Nadeem scored off a header with a minute remaining to give Yemen the draw. Subhi Suleiman gave Jordan in the lead in the 64th

minute, blasting a 20-yard

shot to the right of Yemeni keeper Amin Sinini. Yemen increased their attack for the remainder of the forcing Jordanian keeper Ahmed Abu Nasouh to

make two dramatic saves.



remained unconquered on 51 in the Aussie total of 230 for five in 55 overs. - Star TV photo

Aussies make a clean sweep But they faced England at



ted a Texaco Trophy whitewash of England at Lord's here today by str-

olling to a 19-run victory, reports AFP England looked to be on

target to end their six-match losing sequence in one-day internationals after an opening stand of 96 between Graham Gooch (42) and Alec Stewart (74), but they collapsed from 159 for three to 211 all out. Australia won the first two

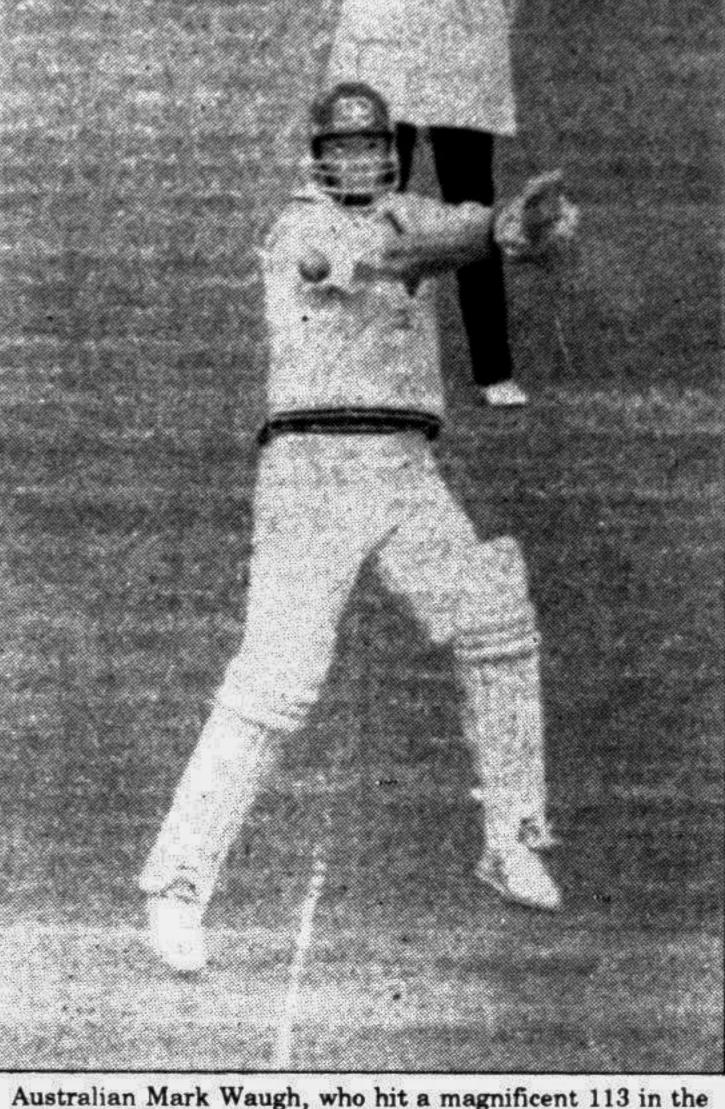
games in the three-match series by four runs at Manchester

LONDON, May 23: last Wednesday and by six Australia comple- wickets at Birmingham last Friday.

Earlier, David Boon, Mark Taylor and Damien Martyn all scored half centuries but Australia laboured to a modest 230 for five.

Boon hit 73, Taylor 57 and Martyn was unbeaten on 51 when the innings ended after 55 overs.

Australia already have won the one-day series, having triumphed at Old Trafford, Manchester, by four runs on Wednesday and at Edgbaston, Birmingham, by six wickets on Friday.



previous match, cuts England paceman Andrew Caddick square off the wicket during the third and final one-dayer at the Lord's yesterday. Waugh made 14 in Australia's 230 - AFP photo for five in 55 overs.

most table tennis observers

thought one of the Chinese

women, with five of the top

eight seeds, would claim the

matches 3-0 to take the team

event gold medal in the

women, and neither Deng, nor

second seed Qiao Hong, had

third round, and China failed

to win the women's singles ti-

tle for the first time since Pak

Yung-Sun won for North Korea

in Birmingham, England, 16

And as if that wasn't

enough, overwhelming favo-

urite and a rare millionaire in

the sport, Jan-Ove Waldner of

Sweden was beaten 3-0 by an

inspired seventh seed Jean-

Michel Saive of Belgium in the

seed from Croatia, created an-

other shock to reach the semi-

finals, and even led France's

second seed Jean-Philippe

Gatien by 2-1, before the

mental strength of Gatien told

China, who have, by their stan-

dards, had a poor champi-

The last mention must go to

But just to remind the

world they are still the major

force in table tennts, they won

all three doubles events -

men's, women's and mixed -

and even had both finalists in

the men's and women's dou-

on top of the medals table.

China's four golds put them

Zoran Primorac, the 14th

But Qiao also lost in the

China won 11 straight

singles title.

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A tournament of upsets

GOTHENBURG. Sweden, May 23: The 42nd world table tennis championships, which finish here on

Sunday, will be remembered as a tournament of upsets, reports AFP. Europe's increasing

strength in both men's and women's singles events, the failure of both China and Sweden in the men's singles, and the first ever South Korean women's champion -Hyun Jung-Hwa, stick in the

In the men, Asia had no representative in the singles semifinals for the first time in 40 years. No Chinese player made the last four for the first time since 1975.

But the early downfall of the world's best players was even more remarkable.

French qualifier Patrick Chila will always be remembered as the man who beat world champion Jorgen Persson 3-0, the second game was even 21-4, in the very first round.

Just two days earlier, Persson had been a national hero as Sweden beat China 3-1 to take the team event gold, to put Chila's incredible victory into its rightful perspective.

Singapore's Jun Hong-Jing created the greatest upset of all to beat Olympic and world champion Deng Yaping in the third round, when many would have bet their house on the favourite of favourites defending her title.

And even when she lost,

batting lineup. The Andrew Caddick-Alex Stewart combination collected England's first two wickets. Opener Matthew Hayden had made only four when a lifting delivery from the New Zealand-born paceman was judged to have struck him on the hand and wicket keeper Stewart dived to take the catch. The score had moved on to 31 when Mark Waugh, who had made 14, thin-edged a catch to Stewart off the same

Lord's without team captain

Allan Border, who was side-

lined with a foot injury, and

Martyn took his place in the

bowler. That brought in Boon to join Taylor, who replaced Border as Australia's team captain. Although pinned down by some accurate bowling they

took Australia to 139. But Dermot Reeve, replacing groin injury victim Chris Lewis in the English team, found the edge of Taylor's bat

and he went for 57. Boon was twice dropped by Graham Thorpe off Reeve's bowling but he was finally out for 73 when he tried to sweep left-arm spinner Richard Illingworth and the ball his leg

Steve Waugh skied a catch to England captain Graham Gooch off Caddick's bowling after scoring eight.

But Martyn, who had helped Boon put on 54 off only 55 deliveries, moved smoothly on to his half century, achieved with a two off Caddick off the last ball of the innings.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the third and final one-day (55 overs) international between England and Australia at Lord's on Sunday.

AUSTRALIA:

M Hayden c Stewart b Caddick M Taylor c Stewart b Reeve M Waugh c Stewart b Caddick D Boon b Illingworth D Martyn not out S Waugh c Gooch b Caddick I Healy not out Extras (lb-3, w-6, nb-2) Total :(For five wickets-55 overs)

Fall of wickets: 1-12; 2-31; 3-139; 4-193; 5-209 Did not bat: Hughes, Julian, McDermott, I May

BOWLING: 51 Jarvis 3 39 Caddick 2 24 Cork 0 46 Illingworth 50 Reeve 0 Hick ENGLAND:

Gooch c Hughes b May Stewart c M Waugh b Julian 74 Smith st Healy b May Hick b Julian Fairbrother c Boon b Julian 18 Thorpe c Healy b S Waugh 22 Reeve run out Cork b Hughes Illingworth c Healy b Huges 9 Jarvis c Hayden b McDermott 3 Caddick not out Extras: (lb6, 28, nb1)

Fall of wickets: 1-96, 2-115, 3-129, 4-159, 5-160, 6-169, 7-195, 8-201, 9-208 Bowling:

Total: (53.1 overs)

McDermott 10.1 Hughes 0 41 Julian S Waugh

Belgium beat Faroe Islands

211

1 36

50

Belgium beat the Faroe Islands 3-0 (halftime 1-0) in their World Cup soccer European Group Four qualifier here on Saturday, reports Xinhua.

Marc Wilmots scored at the

tively while Enzo Scilo completed Belgium's victory on a penalty at the 49th minute before more than 20,000 specta-

BRUSSELS, May 23:

33rd and 75th minute respec-