

**Div I hockey**

Sports Reporter

Blaka Lusal struck twice to lead Dhaka Mariner Youngs Club to a facile 4-0 triumph over Dhaka Wanderers Club in the Green Delta First Division hockey league at the Hockey Stadium yesterday.

The victors led the first half through a field goal by Blaka Lusal in the 20th minute.

Mukti doubled the margin in the 40th minute with another field goal.

Munna made the score 3-0 in the 50th minute through yet another field goal.

Blaka Lusal scored the fourth field goal of the match in the 61st minute to complete the tally.

In the other engagement of the day, Wari Club and Public Works Department (PWD) Sporting Club fought for a goalless draw.

**TODAY'S MATCHES**

Ajax SC vs Police AC  
Usha KC vs Azad AC

**Nat'l w'lifting**

from June 17

Sports Reporter

The two-day 18th national weightlifting championships, organised by the Dinajpur District Sports Association and patronised by the Bangladesh Weightlifting Federation, will get underway on June 17 at the Dinajpur indoor gymnasium.

Member of the Parliament Khurshid Jahan Huq will inaugurate the competition as chief guest.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain will distribute prizes among the winners as chief guest on the concluding day.

**Div II cricket**

Sports Reporter

Four matches of the second division cricket qualifying tournament were held yesterday at the different venues across the capital.

Bashabo Tarun Sangha added by a quickfire 43 from Rana, registered a convincing 33-run victory over Amateur Cricket Club at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium (east).

Having won the toss Bashabo Tarun Sangha batted first and amassed 127 runs losing eight wickets in the stipulated 30 overs.

Rana's 43 came off only 22 deliveries with only one shot to the fence.

Among others Alam contributed 20.

Setu bowled well to capture two wickets giving away 13 for Amateur Cricket Club.

In reply, Amateur Cricket Club were bundled out for 94 with Partha topscoring with 19 followed by Subrota with 17.

For the winners Alam, Russel and Ferdous picked up two wickets each.

At the Jagannath Hall ground of the Dhaka University, Mirpur Nabin Krira Chakra posted a massive 129-run triumph over Sachetan Goshti.

Batting first, Mirpur Nabin KC piled up 183 for eight wickets from their quota of 26 overs.

Mantu topscored with a hurricane 50 off only 37 balls including six hits to the fence and a huge six.

Among others Faruq contributed 22 while Mithu and Munna made 21 each.

For Sachetan Goshti, Sazzad and Asad bagged two wickets each.

Chasing 184 to win Sachetan Goshti were dismissed for only 54 in 22.1 overs.

Rayel and Mantu pocketed three wickets each at the cost of 12 and 15 runs respectively while Rokon took two wickets.

The match between Mohammadpur Club and Trital Shilpi Goshti was tied at 109 at the Mirpur Pallabi ground.

Trital Shilpi Goshti were declared winners for having lost fewer wickets.

Mohammadpur Club batted first to be all out for 28.4 overs with Mahfuz making 22.

For Trital Sanjit rounded up four wickets for 15 runs while Tariqul captured three wickets for 20.

In reply, Tariqul scored an undefeated 46 to lead the Trital charge. Trital reached 109 losing nine of their men.

For Mohammadpur Club Rahul bagged three wickets giving away 21 runs and Asif claimed two for 25.

At the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium (west), Gopibagh Friends' Association crushed Barnok by seven wickets.

Gopibagh Friends' Association scored 76 for three in 14.5 overs in reply to Barnok's 74 all out in 21 overs.

**Summer cricket**

coaching for

girls from June 21

Sports Reporter

A summer cricket coaching for girls in different age categories will be launched from June 21 under the aegis of the Bangladesh Women's Sports Federation at the Dhanmondi Women's Sports Complex ground.

Interested girls have been requested to contact the federation office for necessary details everyday from 10 am to 5 pm.

**Twin league sees light today**

Sports Reporter

The newly laid out Star Senior Division football league, cleft in two for the first time in its vicenary history begins this afternoon at 4-30 at the Dhaka Stadium with reigning champions Abahani Krira Chakra, Mohammedan Sporting Club, Brothers Union, Arambagh Krira Sangstha, Rahmatganj Muslim Friends' Society, Agrani Bank Sporting

Club, Victoria Sporting Club, Wari Club, Muktiyoddha Sangsad, PWD Sporting Club.

Star First Division league features last eight teams of the previous league and the two new entrants who won promotion to Senior Division from Second Division, Fakirerpool Youngmen's Club, Farashganj Sporting Club, Dhanmondi Club, Dhaka Wanderers Club, BRTC Sporting Club, Eskaton Sabuj Sangha, Adamjee, Sadharan Bima Krira Sangstha, and the two babes - Bangladesh Boys and East End Club - form the pool of less glamorous group of ten.

The last two teams of Premier Division points table will be relegated to First Division league while two top clubs of that tier will win promotion to next year's Premier league in a reciprocal balancing system.

For the first time a Fair Play trophy has been announced with the most disciplined of the

twenty teams destined to be its claimants.

The longest domestic football engagement will be played on a return leg basis with each team getting a second chance to improve their record against their familiar first-leg opponents. Each team is allowed to register four foreign players with maximum three allowed to take the field on a match day.

Sponsors Bangladesh Tobacco Company, who have been sponsoring the league since last year, will pay organisers Dhaka Metropolitan Football Association (DMFA) Taka 18 lakhs.

Meanwhile, the league committee has announced the rates of daily as well as season tickets. Taka 15 has been fixed for the galleries. Season tickets have been fixed at Taka 750 for VIP Gate No-1, 500 for 3A, 400 for 3B and 250 for players' enclosure.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain will kick off the league at 4 pm.

**Border gets his touch back**

BIRMINGHAM, June 10: Skipper Allan Border hit his highest first-class score of the tour on Wednesday as Australia made up for lost time on a rain-hit day against Warwickshire at Edgbaston.

Border had not passed the 50 mark since his first innings of the tour against Somerset at Taunton.

But he looked in confident form with a flowing 66 off 120 balls with 11 fours as Australia reached 263 for four.

Border shared in a four-wicket stand of 147 in 35 overs with Damien Martyn, who continued his impressive run.

Martyn moved past 50 for the third successive innings and by the close had reached 86 made off 153 deliveries with 11 fours.

Rain caused two stoppages during the opening session of the three-day match when Gladstone Small and Tim Munton were rewarded for impressive spells with a wicket apiece.

Munton trapped Matthew Hayden lbw for 10 and Mark Waugh was bowled by Small for eight with a delivery which cut

back sharply. Michael Slater then reaffirmed his current form with 64 - his seventh score of 50 or more in 10 innings.

Warwickshire's South African pacesman Allan Donald experienced another miserable day, conceding 67 runs in 10 overs.

**SCOREBOARD**

Scoreboard on the first day of the three-day cricket match between Warwickshire and Australia at Edgbaston on Wednesday:

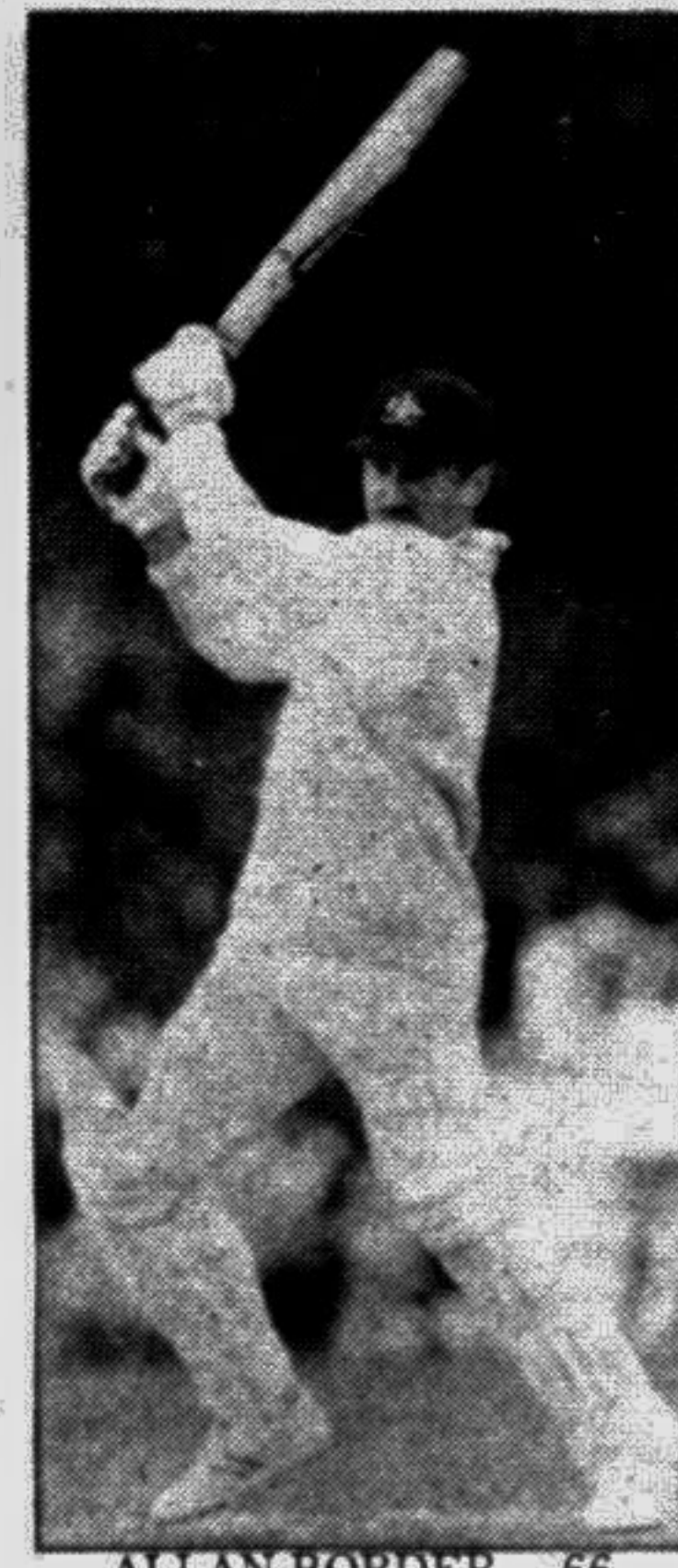
**AUSTRALIA:** First Innings  
M Hayden lbw b Munton 10  
M Slater c Twose b Reeve 64  
M Waugh b Small 8  
D Martyn not out 86  
A Border b Smith 66  
T Zocher not out 3

Extras: (b-1, lb-14, w-1, nb-10) 26  
Total: (for four wickets) 263  
Fall of wickets: 1-36; 2-53; 3-108; 4-255.

To bat: I Healy, B Julian, P Reiffel, T May, W Holdsworth.

**Bowling:** O M R W  
Donald 10 0 67 0  
Small 13 3 40 1  
Munton 18 3 52 1  
Reeve 17 5 38 1  
Smith 8 2 24 1  
Twose 8 3 27 0

**WARWICKSHIRE:** A Moles, J Ratcliffe, R Twose, D Ostler, T Penney, D Reeve (captain), M Burns, N Smith, G Small, A Donald, T Munton.



ALLAN BORDER ... 66

**Fredericks outsprints Johnson**

ROME, June 10: Nambian Frankie Fredericks handed world champion Michael Johnson an early season defeat in a top class 200 metres at the Golden Gala IAAF Grand Prix meeting on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

The Olympic silver medalist overhauled the American over the final 50 metres to record his third successive win over the distance at the Golden Gala and repeat his 1992 win here over Johnson.

Fredericks clocked 20.18 seconds while Johnson, who astonishingly failed to make the Olympic final in Barcelona last year, had to be content with 20.33 in ideal, warm conditions.

Britain's Olympic 100 metres champion Linford Christie, making his first individual appearance of the summer after back problems, managed only 21.16 and finished second last.

"I feel decent, but you can never be 100 per cent happy if you don't win," Johnson said.

"My goal this season is to be consistent," added the Texan, who defends his world title in Stuttgart in August.

"This is the fastest I've ever started a season," she said. "I wanted to run 54 seconds, it felt good, it felt smooth."

There were three 1993 world best times in middle distance events.

Ezekiel Bitok posted a 1993 best when he clocked 13:10.66 in the 5,000 metres. Jonah Joch and Kifeyo Kororia completed a Kenyan sweep of the first three places.

Mohammed Sulaiman of Qatar, who won a bronze in Barcelona, had the best time this year in the 1,500, running 3:35.22.

The home spectators in a crowd of more than 30,000 had something to cheer when Italian Alessandro Lambroschini charged to victory in the 3,000 metres steeplechase.

He posted 8:17.54 - another best in his young career.

Olympic champion Matthew Birir of Kenya finished a disappointing 10th.

**Hosts humiliate England in US Cup**

FOXBORO, Massachusetts, June 10: The United States beat England 2-0 here Wednesday in the US Cup '93 four-nation football tournament, reports AFP.

Thomas Dooley opened the scoring in the 42nd minute when he headed home a cross from American veteran Tab Ramos.

Substitute Alexi Lalas finished the humiliation of England when he connected a 71st minute Ramos cross.

Game to someone, death to others

LONDON, June 10: A German motorcyclist at the annual Isle of Man TT motorcycle race ploughed into spectators, killing two of them and bringing to nine the number of deaths among visitors this year, island officials said on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

A doctor and his girlfriend in their 20s were killed when they were hit by German motorcyclist Max Winckler, 30. He was slightly hurt and was arrested on a charge of causing death by reckless driving.

The traditional races, when motorcyclists speed round a course down country lanes on the small island between Britain and Ireland, have a history of fatal accidents.

**Grampus Eight don't miss Lineker much**

TOKYO, June 10: Nagoya Grampus Eight made light of the absence of the injured Gary Lineker to beat Verdy Kawasaki 3-1 in the Japanese professional league on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

The victory put Nagoya on eight points with five other teams, all of them four points behind the top two, Kashima Antlers and Horoshima San Frece, who both won.

Captain Shigeo Sawatri netted twice in the 15th and 39th minutes, first with a well-placed header to the top corner of the net and the other a goalmouth scramble after a sloppy clearance from Kawasaki goalkeeper Takayuki Fujikawa.

Midfielder Makoto Yonekura added Nagoya's third in the 59th minute with a 30-metre shot.

Former England captain Lineker, highest paid star in the league, will be out of action for at least six weeks with a broken toe.

Brazilian Alcindo, the league's top scorer, took his tally to seven with one of Kashima's goals in the 3-1 win over bottom team Urawa Reds.

Compatriot Menon scored one minute from time to give Yokohama Flugels a 1-0 win over JEF Ichihara.

**Gooch gets the other half too**

Sports Reporter

LONDON, June 10: Graham Gooch has convinced the selectors that he should keep the England captaincy throughout the Ashes series against Australia, reports Reuter.

They had planned a mid-season review after appointing the 39-year-old Gooch as skipper only for the first three Tests. Their change of heart was announced by chairman of selectors Ted Dexter just 48 hours after England, led by Gooch, lost the first Test at Old Trafford by 179 runs.

"Despite the disappointment that England's rearguard action at Old Trafford, led by Gooch, narrowly failed, the personal contribution and the determination of the captain was clearly outstanding," Dexter said on Wednesday.

"It is now up to the rest of the team to learn from his example and give full support in the second Test at Lord's and for the remainder of the series."

Gooch, who said he was delighted to accept the offer, showed his heart was still very much in the job with scores of 65 and 133 in the first Test.

While Gooch was at the crease, England looked capable of earning a draw.

His main rivals for the captaincy, Mike Gatting, Alec Stewart and Mike Atherton, failed to produce the individual contributions needed to ensure their places in the team for the rest of the six-match series.

SLOA resents changes in SAF Games

Sports Reporter

The Sri Lankan Olympic Association has expressed its resentment over some adjustments in the list of events in the forthcoming sixth South Asian Federation Games to be held in Dhaka next December.

In a letter written to his counterpart, Prema Pinnawala, the general secretary of Sri Lankan Olympic Association (SLOA) conveyed his objection to the deletion of two items in women's athletics.

Local organisers have decided to do away with women's 3000m and javelin throw in the sixth SAF Games.

The SLOA official expressed dissatisfaction over the exclusion of two women's piston events while welcoming a new entry like skeet shooting. The displeasure of Sri Lankan Olympic Association official was understandable as the female athletes and shooters of the Emerald Island have always had impressive records in the finals of the Games.

Barcelona, Real in dead-heat

Sports Reporter

MADRID, June 10: Title rivals Real Madrid and Barcelona drew 1-1 in a Spanish Cup semifinal first leg on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

Barcelona, just one point behind Real with two championship games remaining, struck first in the 30th minute.

Bulgarian Iristo Stoichkov swung the ball past four Real Madrid defenders to the feet of Jose Bakero, who calmly tapped it home from close-in.

But the hosts were back on terms 10 minutes later, a fine header from Chilean Ivan Zamorano sailing over goalkeeper Andoni Zubizarreta.



GM Niaz Murshed moves king's pawn in his match against Varugese Koshy on the second day of the play-off meet of the qualifying round for zone eleven of the world chess championship at the NSC conference room yesterday.

**Buenos dias for local fans**

Sports Reporter

Both Niaz and Dibyendu have full one point each in this week-long meet designed to determine the single qualifier for the next round to be played in Switzerland. Niaz, Varugese and Dibyendu finished atop the points table in the main eleven-point meet held in the Iranian city of Isfahan in last May, forcing the organisers to call for a play-off meet to cull the lone qualifier.

Playing with white Niaz started by pushing up the queen's pawn. Koshy adopted Modern Defence with the black pieces.

A poor tenth move by Koshy allowed Niaz to wrest the initiative by advancing his king's bishop in the 12th move. Niaz further put the dead wood on his opponent by retaining one more pawn than Koshy. After the exchange of queens Niaz's pawn advantage proved decisive.

After almost five hours Niaz secured another pawn to drive the nail in Koshy's coffin. Exhausted and at his wit's end the tall bearded Koshy accepted defeat on the 51st move.

After the second day of the meet Niaz and Dibyendu, the co-vals are atop the points table with one point each while Koshy is yet to open his account. Dibyendu will play Koshy with white pieces today.

**Bad start for Pete Sampras**

Sports Reporter

LONDON, June 10: Pete Sampras' preparations for Wimbledon got off to a disastrous start Wednesday

when he lost his first match at the Queens grass court tournament to South Africa's Grant Stafford, reports AFP.

Stafford, ranked 109th in the world, beat the world number one and top seed 5-7, 7-5, 6-4 in their second-round match. Sampras had a first round bye.

The American, who also failed to live up to his seeding last week in the French Open when he lost in the quarter-finals to eventual winner Sergi Bruguera, saved a set point before winning the first.

But even with that advantage, poor service returns and lack of speed around the court sealed his fate and dented his credibility as a serious challenger to win Wimbledon, which starts June 21.

"I played like an idiot," he

stormed after a slack backhand gave Stafford a place in the third round after two hours and 21 minutes. "I just felt tired and a little lethargic on court."

A five-week campaign in Europe, which has also seen him reach the Italian Open semifinals, has taken its toll on Sampras.

"I feel more comfortable in the States," he admitted. "A lot of American guys dread coming to Europe, but it's not an excuse."

Stafford, who lost in the semifinals at Beckenham last week to Britain's Chris Bailey, said: "I had a feeling I would win when I woke up today."

"I am surprised because of the difference in our rankings, but I have played well through the year."

Sampras was the third major seed to fall after Goran Ivanisevic and fifth-seeded American Ivan Lendl went out Tuesday.

But 1991 Wimbledon champion Michael Stich of Germany came through on Wednesday, serving nine aces to defeat Britain's Jeremy Bates 6-3, 6-2.

It is not a good start to my grass court season. It would have been nice to get another couple of matches under my belt for Wimbledon."

Martina's dream now a fantasy

Sports Reporter

BIRMINGHAM, England, June 10: Martina Navratilova's dream of tenth Wimbledon titles was left looking like pure fantasy after she was dumped out of a warm-up tournament by Australia's Kristine Radford on Wednesday, reports AFP.

Navratilova, who has built her season entirely around preparing for Wimbledon, will have to rethink her preparation after being beaten 2-6, 6-4, 6-3 by the unknown qualifier, who is ranked 119 in the world.

The 36-year-old had opted to play here rather than at Estbourne to avoid playing the week before Wimbledon. Now she will have to reconsider or risk being short of match sharpness going into what could be a farewell appearance at the All-England Championships.

It was not the first time Radford had troubled Navratilova. Four years ago at Wimbledon she led the

to play here rather than at Estbourne to avoid playing the week before Wimbledon. Now she will have to reconsider or risk being short of match sharpness going into what could be a farewell appearance at the All-England Championships.

It'd be tough for Agassi

Sports Reporter

LONDON, June 10: Wimbledon champion Andre Agassi looks to be facing a losing battle to defend his title later this month, reports AFP.

The 23-year-old American, sidelined for eight weeks with tendinitis in his right wrist, has been ordered not to pick up a racket until Saturday.

That would give the world number 13 just nine days to prepare for his title defence. He is due to open Centre-Court proceedings at 2 pm on Monday June 21.

Agassi had cortisone injections on Monday and his personal physician Dr Richard Westbrook said: "We are letting it settle this week."

"If the pain has gone away we are going to progress his activities and see if he can play."

He added: "In effect he has not hit a ball since Barcelona and I have not let him go on court. It will be Saturday at the earliest before he is allowed on court."

Agassi is entered for the grass court tournament in Halle, Germany, next week, but a decision on whether he plays will be delayed until the draw is made on Saturday.

**Norway need 3 more points**

Sports Reporter

ROTTERDAM, Netherlands, June 10: Norway took a huge step towards qualifying for the World Cup finals next year by holding Holland to a goalless draw in their Group 2 match here Wednesday, reports AFP.

Without star striker Marco van Basten, who underwent cartilage surgery earlier in the day, Holland were disappointing after their initial onslaught failed to break down the solid Norwegian defence.

Norway are now three points clear of England and Holland at the top of the group. Having taken three out of four points off both England and Holland, they appear to have done most of the hard work already.

Three points from their last three matches - home and away against Poland and away to Turkey - would probably be enough to ensure Norway make the trip to the United States.

Swiss to bid for 2004 Euro Cup

Sports Reporter

BERNE, June 10: Switzerland will bid to stage the 2004 European Soccer Championship finals, the Swiss Football Association (SFV) said on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

An SFV statement said the suggestion had come from FIFA, the world governing body, and UEFA, responsible for European soccer, who celebrate their 100th and 50th anniversaries respectively that year.

England will stage the next European Championship finals in 1996.



Indonesia's Rachmad Darmawan (R) and Vietnam's Nguyen Van Long duel for the ball during a Group A soccer match of the 17th South East Asian (SEA) Games in Singapore on June 9. Indonesia won 1-0.

— AFP photo

**Jansher hopeful of Pak success**

Sports Reporter

ISLAMABAD, June 10: World squash champion Jansher Khan Wednesday expressed his determination to win the world team title for Pakistan in November, reports AFP.

"We have lost the last two championships, but this time we hope to regain the lost title," Jansher said in an interview with the Associated Press of Pakistan.

The world team championship will be held in Karachi this year when Australia will defend their title.

"We hope to field a strong team this