

Drawn matches at Dhaka Stadium

Both the matches of the Star Premier and First Division leagues ended in goalless draws at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday, reports BSS.

Rahmatganj Muslim Friends Society played the first division draw with Victoria Sporting Club in the Premier league while the First Division encounter between BRIC and Adamjee Sports Club also failed to produce any goal.

Schools b'ball from September

Sixteen schools will take part in the first ever school basketball championship scheduled to be held in September this year.

The schools meet will be preceded by Federation Cup scheduled for a start from this month. Organisers the Bangladesh Amateur Basketball Federation are also planning to start the Senior Division league immediately after the Federation Cup. When the league comes to an end the stage will be set for the national championship.

Four-a-side soccer

Green have moved into the semifinals of the inter-friends four-a-side football tournament.

They registered a solitary goal victory over Blue at the Azampur ground yesterday to raise their collections to five points from three matches.

Skipper Shipon scored the all-important goal for the winners.

Green take on favourites Red in their last league encounter today.

Ctg soccer

CHITTAGONG, July 31: Agrabad Pioneers and Alosri earned full points beating their opponents in separate encounters of Straj Metropolitan juvenile football league at the Dampara Police Line ground this afternoon, reports BNA.

In the first encounter Agrabad Pioneers defeated Madarbari Muktakantha 3-1. All the goals were scored within the first fifteen minutes. Bakhtyar, Junaid and Javed scored once each for the winners and Kanu reduced the margin.

In the other match Alosri thrashed Sunflower by six goals to nil. Narayan notched up a hat-trick while Sohad found the mark twice and Mamun once.

Earlier on Friday, Sonamoni and Nabajatrik won their respective matches to earn full points.

Sonamoni defeated Paharati Ekadaah 4-0 after leading 3-0 at the first half. Shahjada score twice while Zakir and Afear once each.

In the other match Nabajatrik beat Golden Mishuk 1-0. Rahman scored the winner in the second half.

Ctg karate

CHITTAGONG, July 31: National karate belt qualifying competition '93 was held at Friends Club compound yesterday, reports BNA.

Among 36 participants, 35 were qualified in Green, Purple, Brown and Black belt categories. Arranged under the aegis of Shaolin Karate and Kuglu School. The competition was managed by the host club.

Reinstadler stuns Sukova

STRATTON MOUNTAIN, Vermont, July 31: Unseeded Beate Reinstadler of Austria topped third seeded Helena Sukova of the Czech Republic 7-6 (7-3), 6-3 for the biggest upset of her career on Friday to reach the semifinals of the 375,000 dollar women's hard-court tennis tournament, reports Reuter.

Reinstadler, ranked 162 in the world, scored repeatedly with passing shots to frustrate the number 12-ranked Sukova, a former US Open finalist.

"I'm just so happy, it is almost my dream come true," said Reinstadler, 26, after the one hour, 44 minute victory that was interrupted for more than three hours by rain after the first game of the match.

"She passed very well, but mostly because my approach shots were not very good," Sukova said.

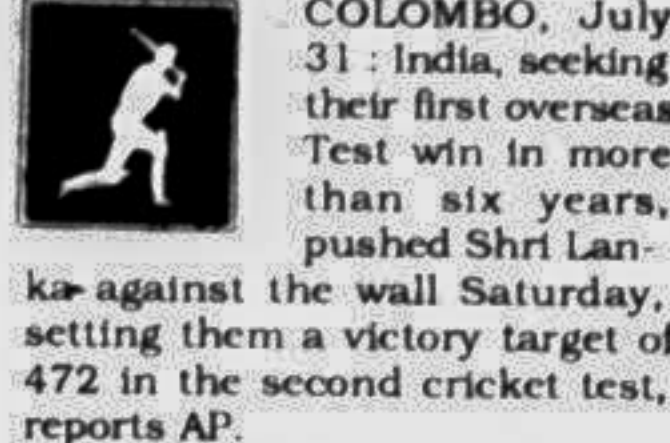
This year Reinstadler had won just 9,462 dollars. She already is assured of collecting 15,000 dollars as a semifinalist. The champions' purse at this week-long tournament is 70,000 dollars.

Reinstadler will next play fifth-seeded Zina Garrison-Jackson.

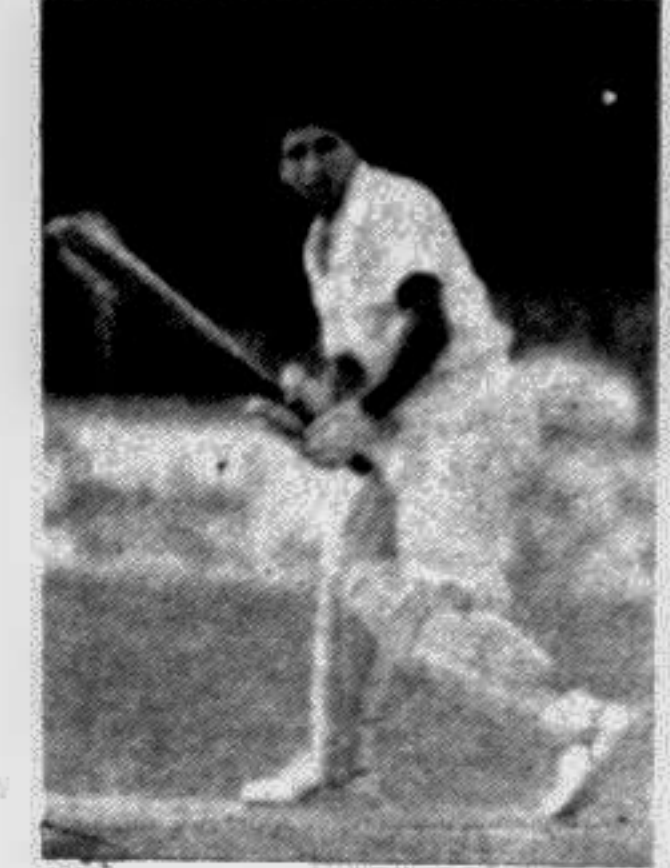
The American veteran beat 12th-seeded Claudia Porwank of Germany 6-3, 7-6 (6-6), wrapping up the win on her third match point in the tie-breaker.

Garrison-Jackson, the 1990 Wimbledon finalist, reached her third semifinal this year.

India poised for a victory



TENDULKAR... 104 n.o



SIDHU... 104

COLOMBO, July 31: India, seeking their first overseas Test win in more than six years, pushed Shri Lanka against the wall Saturday, setting them a victory target of 472 in the second cricket test, reports AP.

A stumps on the fourth day, the Shri Lankans were struggling at 86 for two in the second innings. The battle resumes on the final day Sunday when Shri Lanka hopes to make 386 more in a minimum of 90 overs while India strive to grab the remaining eight wickets.

The Indians, who have played 26 Tests abroad without a victory since beating England in 1986, showed their displeasure on the field when numerous appeals were turned down against the Shri Lankan batsmen.

At one stage, Indian scamer Manoj Prabhakar exchanged hot words with opener Chandika Hathursinghe after a leg before appeal was rejected, forcing Indian captain Mohammad Azharuddin to intervene and cool tempers.

But Prabhakar later claimed Hathursinghe, forcing an edge to an outswinger that landed in the hands of Azharuddin at second slip. The gallant opener made 43.

Despite the waist-high clean

catch, the Indians kept appealing to umpire J. Anandappa to protest against their earlier calls being turned down.

The first to go, however, was Roshan Mahanama, who had three leg before and one bat-pad appeals turned down during a scratchy knock of nine. He went at the score of 44 when Kapil Dev trapped him leg before with a sharp in-cutter.

It was Kapil Dev's 422nd Test wicket, which puts the 34-year-old allrounder just nine behind Richard Hadlee's world record of 431 wickets.

At stumps, left-hander Asanka Gurusinha was batting on 19 while Aravinda de Silva was on 10, both batsmen having survived anxious moments against leg spinner Anil Kumble.

Earlier, India added 154 runs to their overnight score before skipper Mohammad Azharuddin declared the second innings closed at 359 for four an hour after lunch.

Both overnight batsmen, Navjot Sidhu and vice captain Sachin Tendulkar, recorded centuries—104 each—as the Indian batsmen revealed against the listless Shri Lankan attack.

Sidhu, 85 overnight, struck seven boundaries in his fourth Test century before being caught of Hathursinghe, a part time seamer.

Azharuddin contributed 21 before being out in the last over before lunch, but the 20-year-old Tendulkar remained unbeaten on 104 — his sixth century in 27 Tests.

SCOREBOARD
 Scoreboard on the fourth day of the second cricket Test between Shri Lanka and India today:
INDIA: First innings 366 (V Kamble 125, N Sidhu 82)
SHRI LANKA: First innings 254 (A. Ranatunga 88, A Kumble 5-87, M Prabhakar 3-43)
INDIA: Second innings (overnight 205-4) Prabhakar c Tilkekeratne

b Kalpage	95
Sidhu c Ashley de Silva	
b Hathursinghe	104
Kambl c Ashley de Silva	
b Warnaweera	04
Tendulkar not out	104
Azharuddin c Tilkekeratne	
b Kalpage	21
Amre not out	15
Extras (b-5, lb-1, nb-8, w-2)	16
Total: (For four wickets declared)	359
Fall of wickets: 1-171; 2-176; 3-263; 4-376.	

SHRI LANKA: Second innings				
Mahanama lbw b Kapil Dev	9			
Hathursinghe c Azharuddin b Prabhakar	43			
Gurusinha not out	19			
De Silva not out	10			
Extras: (lb-2, nb-1, w-2)	5			
Total (For two wickets)	86			
Fall of wickets: 1-44; 2-59.				

Bowling:	O	M	R	W
Wickremasinghe	22	4	58	0
Liyana	10	2	31	0
Warnaweera	20	1	86	1
Gurusinha	7	0	24	0
Hathursinghe	12	1	35	1
Kalpage	38	3	97	2
Ranatunga	2	1	5	0
Pramodaya de Silva	7	0	17	0

Bowling:	O	M	R	W
Kapil Dev	14	6	24	1
Prabhakar	11	3	26	1
Srinath	7	2	23	0
Kumble	10	4	9	0
Chauhan	1	0	2	0

Points shared in Div I hockey

Sadharan Bima Krira Sangstha split points with Dhaka Ansars in a two-all draw in one of the two matches of the Green Delta First Division hockey league match at the Hockey Stadium yesterday.

Sadharan Bima led the first half 2-1.

Masud Rana sounded the Bima board twice while Moni and Murad scored once for the Ansamers.

In the other match of the day, Bachelors Sporting Club and Bangladesh Police Athletic Club battled it for one-all draw.

After a goalless first half, Fatyaz took Bachelors ahead in the 43rd minute but ten minutes from the final whistle Mahmudul Huq, capitalising on a penalty corner, restored parity.

TODAY'S MATCHES
 Wanderers vs PWD SC (2:15)
 Mariners vs Usha KC (4:30)

Gelfand leads

BIENNE, Switzerland, July 31: Boris Gelfand of Belarus retained a 0.5 point lead Friday as the Bienne International Grandmasters tournament headed into the final round, reports AP.

Gelfand tied his 12th round match against Russia's Vladimir Kramnik to give him 8.5 points. Kramnik and six other players are in joint second place.

Thursday night's competition dashed the hopes of Vassily Ivanchuk of Ukraine, ranked 4th in the world, and Alexei Shirov of Latvia, ranked 6th, of advancing to the World Championships.

Shirov lost against Israel's Leonid Yudasin and Ivanchuk only managed a tie against Mikhail Gurevich of Belgium. The results pushed the two men well out of the top ten placings necessary to qualify for the World Championships.

Viktor Korchnof of Switzerland, the tournament's oldest competitor, also dropped down the rankings after losing to Viswanathan Anand of India, No. 2 in the world.

Chinese spikers retain title

SHANGHAI, July 31: Five-time world, Olympic and World Cup winners China retained the Asian women's volleyball championship title here today, reports AP.

China used their taller players to mount an effective blocking defence, beating the Japanese spikers 15-5, 15-9, 16-9.

China whitewashed Chinese Taipei, while Japan beat South Korea on Friday to reach the grand final.

Gazza's caprice

LONDON, July 31: Paul Gascoigne's self-imposed silence in Italy was expanded to include the rest of the world Friday as he snubbed the promoters of an exhibition tournament this weekend, reports AP.

Gascoigne, arriving in London with his Italian team Lazio, was scheduled to be the star attraction at a pre-tournament news conference. Instead, the England midfielder turned around at the door and announced he was going to lunch.

"We asked him to come, but he won't do it," tournament promoter Dennis Roach said. "Paul has got a 12-month ban on speaking to the press. He told me originally it was the Italian press, but now it's everyone."

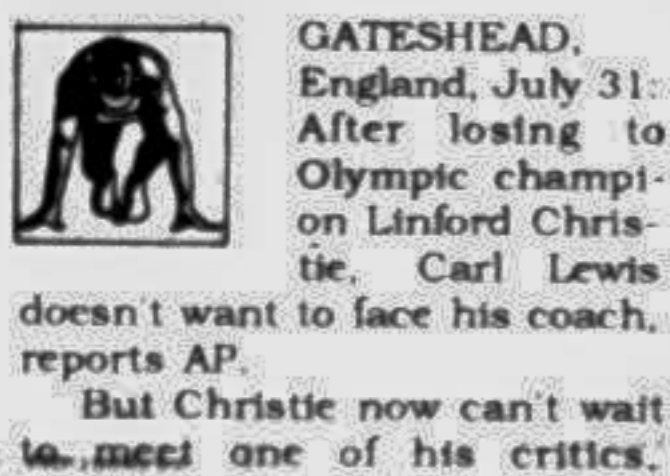
Obviously we are embarrassed that we are unable to persuade the star player to appear," said co-promoter David Shapland.

Earlier this month, Gascoigne stopped speaking to the press in Italy after articles accused him of putting on weight during the summer.

Lazio coach Dino Zoff defended his player's absence.

Gascoigne will face his old team Tottenham Saturday at White Hart Lane. The tournament, which concludes Sunday, also includes Ajax Amsterdam from the Netherlands and English club Chelsea.

Christie proves his worth



LINFORD CHRISTIE

GATESHEAD, England, July 31: After losing to Olympic champion Linford Christie, Carl Lewis doesn't want to face his coach, reports AP.

But Christie now can't wait to meet one of his critics, Andre Cason, whom he hopes to meet in a race at Cologne, Germany, on Sunday.

In a long-awaited showdown between the Olympic and world champions, Lewis and Christie met for the first time in two years Friday and shared \$300,000 in appearance money.

Christie raced to victory in 10.08 seconds and Lewis wound up third in 10.22 behind countryman Jon Drummond, who had 10.12.

Lewis said he wasn't especially bothered about losing to Christie. It was the way he lost.

"My coach, Tom Tellez, is coming over here next week and I don't really want to face him after this," said Lewis, who plans to race next in Zurich on Wednesday.

"I just didn't do anything out of the blocks. I didn't slip, but, at the same time, I didn't do what I wanted to do."

Three weeks before he defends his world 100 metre title at Stuttgart, Germany, Lewis produced a performance he would rather forget.

He was slow out of the blocks and never found that familiar mid-race surge that

sometimes gets him out of trouble. While Christie chased after fast-starter Drummond, Lewis was left trailing.

"The most important thing for me is knowing how I can run in Stuttgart, where I expect to run at my best," Lewis said.

"I have been in this situation before. Before the last World Championship I finished second and fifth and look what happened there," the world champion said.

Victory was a sweet moment for Christie, who won the Olympic title in the absence of Lewis in Barcelona last year. It upheld his belief that he would have beaten Lewis anyway.

But he stressed that Friday's race at the Gateshead International Stadium was just a stepping stone to Stuttgart. That's the event that matters, he said, although he may have some business to sort out with Cason in Cologne.

Christie believes that Cason is among a group of sprinters who don't respect him for being Olympic champion.

"When I look in my cabinet at home and see my Olympic gold medal I see that something that people like Andre haven't got," Christie said. "I have got what they want."

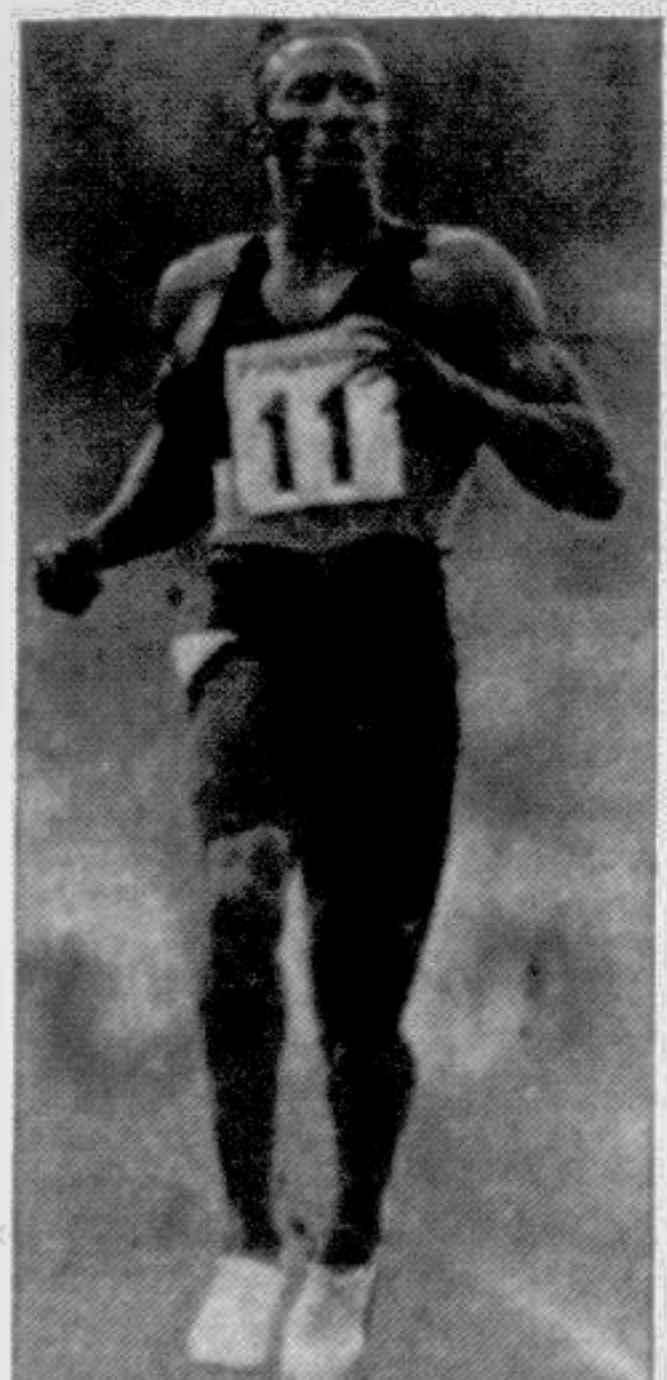
"I am the man. They are the wannabes."

He doesn't include Drummond among the critics and even asked for the former World University Games 200 metre champion to be in the race.

"I wanted him in the race because I knew he had such a past start," Christie said. "I just followed him."

Drummond even got close to an unexpected victory.

"I kept my rhythm and I didn't think that Linford was that close," he said. "But the made it in the last 22 metres. I hung on as long as I could."



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Agassi, Lendl join upset club

MONTREAL, July 31: Americans Andre Agassi and Ivan Lendl were the latest big names to lose at the 1.65 million dollar Players' Ltd International tennis tournament on Friday, reports Reuter.

The 11th seeded Agassi, the defending champion, was the last major player to capitulate, falling to 13th seeded Todd Martin 7-5, 6-3 in an all-American match.

Earlier in the day, the fourth-seeded Lendl fell to sixth-seeded Petr Korda of the Czech Republic 7-6, (7-4), 6-1.

Wimbledon champion and top-seeded Pete Sampras, second-seeded Jim Courier, third-seeded Boris Becker and fifth-seeded Michael Chang all lost.

"I don't think this will happen too often, so it's definitely surprising," said Agassi, the only top player who seemed upset after losing. "I think the circumstances here were tough with the weather. The rain and extreme humidity. That takes its toll."

The 20th-ranked Martin will meet unseeded fellow-American Richey Reneberg and the 11th-ranked Korda will play unseeded Mikael Pernfors of Sweden.

Reneberg captured a 3-6, 6-3, 6-2 quarter-final decision over unseeded Brett Steven of

New Zealand. Pernfors upset eighth-seeded Alexander Volkov of Russia 6-2, 6-1 earlier on Friday.

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Action from yesterday's Green Delta First Division hockey league match between Bachelors Sporting Club and Police AC at the Hockey Stadium. The match ended in a one-all draw

Crawley crafts Aussie bane



MANCHESTER, England, July 31: John Crawley, Lancashire's youngest player, scored a century to spur the English country to a shock five-wicket victory over Australia with just four balls left on Friday, reports Reuter.

The 21-year-old Crawley underlined his potential as an England star of the future with a glorious 109 as Lancashire reached their second-innings victory target of 227 in the last of their 61 overs.

Crawley, who has followed in the footsteps of new England skipper Mike Atherton from Manchester Grammar School and Cambridge University to Lancashire, stayed 194 minutes, faced 180 balls and hit 11 fours.

He shared an opening stand of 81 with Gahan Mendis (24) after Australian struggled to 194 for eight before declaring their second innings. Left-arm spinner Alex Barnett took four for 83.

Spinners Shane Warne and Tim May bowled superbly to induce a bout of Lancashire jitters

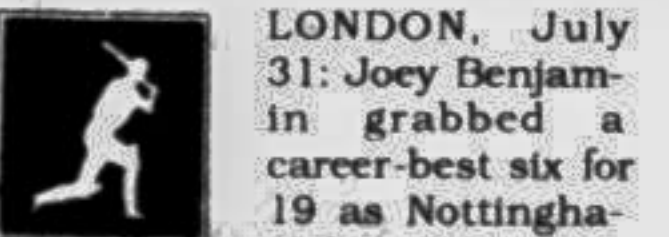
Total: (Eight wickets declared) 194
 Fall of wickets: 1-7; 2-47; 3-65; 4-104; 5-160; 6-169; 7-187; 8-188.

Bowling: O M R W
 Defrettas 14 4 46 2
 Martin 12 2 36 1
 Barnett 24 5 83 4
 Walkinson 8 1 28 1

LANCASHIRE: Second innings
 G. Mendis c Taylor b Warne 24
 J. Crawley c Slater b May 109
 S. Titchard run out 11
 N. Speak not out 39
 G. Lloyd run out 6
 J. Gallian c Hayden b May 0
 M. Watkinson not out 74
 Extras: (b-15, lb-4, nb-6) 25
 Total: (For five wickets) 228
 Fall of wickets: 1-81, 2-134, 3-194, 4-206, 5-211.
 Did not bat: P. Defrettas, W. Hegg, P. Martin, A. Barnett.

Bowling: O M R W
 Hughes 6 1 20 0
 Holdsworth 2 0 11 0
 M. Waugh 2 0 13 0
 May 25.2 3 99 2
 A. Warne 24 7 61 1
 S. Waugh 1 0 5 0
 Next tour match: Australia v Glamorgan, July 31-August 2.

Benjamins' baffle batsmen



LONDON, July 31: Joey Benjamin grabbed a career-best six for 19 as Nottinghamshire were skittled out on Friday for just 68 by Surrey at the Oval — their lowest championship score for five years, reports Reuter.

The other Benjamin, who is being replaced next season at Leicestershire by fellow-West Indian Phil Simmons, produced a spell of four for 14 in 11 overs after lunch to rip out Kent's middle order.

He sent them sliding from 159 for four to 182 for eight before pulling a stomach muscle. Kent took advantage with a ninth-wicket stand of 94 by Mark Ealham (59) and Dean Headley (28) which helped them to 291 and a first innings lead of 42.

Leicestershire were 35 for one in their second innings.

Robin Smith warmed up for next week's fifth Test by hitting 131 for Hampshire against Warwickshire.

Smith's third century and crucial stand of 151 for the sixth wicket with wicketkeeper Adrian Aymes (74) led Hampshire to 294 and a first

innings lead of 104 after they were struggling at 106 for five.

Devon Malcolm gave his England prospects a boost by grabbing four for 77 in front of England manager Keith Fletcher as Gloucestershire were bowled out for 139 in reply to Derbyshire's imposing first innings 521.

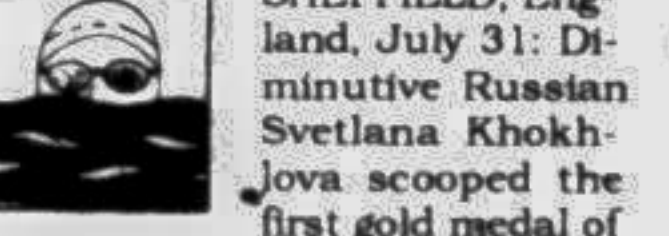
Gloucestershire, following on, were 136 for two.

Sussex opener Neil Lenham followed his 88 with a career-best four for 13 in 15 overs to put the skids under Durham who reached 279 for seven in reply to Sussex's 440.

Wayne Larkins hammered a superb 106 for Durham and put on 177 with Paul Parker (65) for the second wicket.

Somerset leg-spinner Mushtaq Ahmed took his 50th wicket of the season with three for 47 as Yorkshire reached 101 for three in their second innings, a lead of 110.

Khokhlova scoops first gold



SHEFFIELD, England, July 31: Diving's Russian Svetlana Khokhlova scooped the first gold medal of the European Swimming Championships with a bold win in the women's platform diving final on Friday, reports Reuter.

Khokhlova stormed into the lead with a magnificent effort in the sixth round of the eight-dive final and ripped the heart out of the challenge of her rivals.

The 20-year-old Russian earned 73.08 points from that superb backward piked dive with 2-1/2 somersaults and moved on to win the title ahead of former champion Ute Wetzig of Germany and top qualifier Elena Jupina of Ukraine.

Khokhlova, ninth of the 12 finalists after an indifferent opening dive, clawed her way back to third on the fifth and never faltered after she forged ahead on the sixth.

Second in the World Cup in Beijing in May, she amassed 434.25 points. Wetzig, who captured gold for East Germany in Bonn in 1989 and bronze for United Germany in Athens in 1991, completing her European medal set with a Sheffield silver and 425.61 points.

Jupina, silver medalist behind Wetzig in the European Cup in Vienna April, took the bronze with 411.81.

Nobody else was in real contention in the last three rounds, 1983 European champion Alla Tarasova Lobankina faltering and finishing in fourth place more than 80 points behind fellow Russian Khokhlova.

Khokhlova said she had not expected to win the title. "But I thought I might win a medal."

Wetzig said: "During the preliminary dives I was a bit nervous but then I settled down and concentrated on doing my best to win the gold."

Immediately after Khokhlova's 73.08 neither Wetzig nor Jupina could manage 60, and the Russian did not allow them another chance.

Ukraine's Irina Pissareva had initially looked the most likely threat to Wetzig and Jupina until she completely botched her fifth dive, finishing in a crumpled heap on a difficult inward 3-1/2 somersaults which destroyed her hopes of a medal.

Andrej Semenuk, gold medalist for the Soviet Union two years ago, made an encouraging start to his defence of the men's one-metre springboard title by leading qualifiers in the preliminary round.

Semenuk, now representing Belarus, scored 363.54 points from his seven dives to move straight into today's semifinals with Briton Robert Morgan and Germans Peter Boehler, the 1991 silver medalist, and Borris Lietzow.

Evans steps into record book

AUSTIN, Texas, July 31: Two-time Olympian Janet Evans won her third event of the US national swimming championships on Friday, reports Reuter.

Evans, 22, won the 1500-metre free-style in 15 minutes, 59.44 seconds. Evans is the world record holder in the event at 15:52.10. She also won the 400 and 800 metre free-style events and finished third in the 200 metre free-style during the five-day meet.

Friday night's victory was also her 36th national title, moving her to a second-place tie with Johnny Weismuller on the all-time national title list. American Tracy Caulkins leads with 48.

Evans has won four gold medals at two Olympics. At the 1988 Olympics in Seoul she was the only American swimmer to win gold medals. She won the 400-metre individual medley, 400-metre free-style and 800-metre free-style.

At the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona, she won a gold medal in the 800 metre free-style. The women's 1500-metre free-style is not an Olympic event.

"I'm swimming faster than ever since I've relaxed my approach to swimming," Evans said. "The way I am swimming I feel I can swim even faster."

Malaysia win on opening day

KUALALUMPUR, July 31: Malaysia started off on a winning note when they edged the United States 2-1 on the opening day of the fifth world Junior Women's squash championships team event here Saturday, reports AP.

In other Pool A action, New Zealand and Scotland both scored easy 3-0 victories over South Africa and Hong Kong respectively, the national news agency Bernama reported.

New Zealand, South Africa, Africa, Scotland, Hong Kong, Malaysia, United States, Germany, Singapore, Canada, Switzerland, Egypt and Ireland are participating in the team event which are divided into two pools. The final will be played on Aug. 7.

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DMFA GIMMICK: The controversial notice of the Dhaka Metropolitan Football Association preventing free access of the lensmen into the stadium during the match hours is seen hanging at gate Number-1 of the Dhaka Stadium. Photographers can of course go in but they have to put on DMFA prescribed aprons. The decision has led to a wrangle and subsequent deadlock with the photographers deciding to boycott the Senior Division league matches. — Star photo