

## BCCB XI win once more

Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) Eleven, now in India to participate in the Moin-ul-Dowlah Gold Cup international cricket tournament, beat the Indian AIPSSCB team by ten runs in their second exhibition match in Hyderabad yesterday, reports UNB.

BCCB Eleven also defeated Hyderabad Cricket Association Juniors by eight wickets in the first exhibition match on Wednesday.

Yesterday BCCB Eleven batted first and scored 137 for 9 wickets with hard-hitting Akram Khan scoring 63 and Habibul Bashir Sumon 49.

S Sudan of AIPSSCB took two wickets for 26 while Manindar Singh and A Wasson claimed one each giving away 21 and 27 runs respectively.

Replying to Bangladesh score, the AIPSSCB were dismissed for 127 runs with Nandan contributing an unbeaten 48.

Gulam Nowsher Prince and Atahar Ali were successful with the ball for the Bangladesh side each returning figures of three for 19.

Saiful Islam Khan and Enamul Haq Moni claimed one wicket each for 18 and 20 runs respectively.

BCCB Eleven will take on the Hyderabad Cricket Association President Eleven on Saturday in their first match and will meet the Chemplast team on Wednesday in their Moin-ul-Dowlah Gold Cup tournament encounter.

## BHF delegates leave for KL today

A two-member delegation of the Bangladesh Handball Federation leaves Dhaka for Kuala Lumpur today to attend a meeting of the Asian member countries of the Commonwealth, reports UNB.

Wasim Khan and Captain Monir Iqbal will represent Bangladesh in the meeting due in the Malaysian capital from September 4-6.

The meeting will finalise the programmes on handball clinic and competitions to be held later this year in the Asian countries.

It will also discuss the handball competition of 1994 Commonwealth Games scheduled to be held in the Canadian city of Victoria.

## Ctg chess ends

CHITTAGONG, Sept 2: Chittagong Daba Ghar and Friends Club emerged champions and runners-up in the Chittagong Metropolitan chess championship '93, reports UNB.

Daba Ghar topped the list with 23.5 points while Friends Club followed with 21 points in the championship concluded last Wednesday. Chittagong University and Abahani Krifa Chakra finished third and fourth respectively.

Chittagong Police Commissioner Osman Ali Khan distributed prizes among the winners at a function held at the Dampara Shooting Club.

Sponsored by the Ruhul Amin Brothers, 112 players representing 19 teams took part in the 9-day Swiss league. National champion Rezaul Karim, Ziaul Karim, Rafiqul Alam and Tanima Parveen participated in the league.

## M United march

LONDON, Sept 2: Manchester United gave another irresistible display of attacking football to beat West Ham 3-0 and cement a three-point lead at the top of the English Premier League on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

Lee Sharpe continued his push for an England place against Poland next week with his fourth goal in three games. Frenchman Eric Cantona added a penalty and Steve Bruce headed a third two minutes from time to seal United's fifth win in six matches.

Liverpool had a much less happy evening, beaten 1-0 at Coventry, who rose to fourth in the table.

The only goal came from Phil Babb in the 21st minute and Liverpool then had England full-back Rob Jones sent off for the first time in his career.

Arsenal, Manchester United's nearest challengers, were grateful for a 1-1 draw at Blackburn Rovers.

Kevin Campbell scored the London side's equaliser 15 minutes from the end, leaving them alone in second place.

Norwich staged a great fight-back from 3-0 down to snatch a 3-3 draw with Sheffield Wednesday, but Tottenham had to rely on a hotly-contested late penalty by Teddy Sheringham to draw 1-1 with Chelsea.

Manchester City's first match under new manager Brian Horton ended satisfactorily when they beat beleaguered Swindon 3-1, all three goals coming in the last 16 minutes after their goalkeeper Tony Cotton had saved a penalty.

In Scotland, an extra-time goal from Ian Ferguson gave Rangers a 2-1 victory over Aberdeen and propelled them into the League Cup semifinals.

# SA quickies torment SL



COLOMBO, Sept 2: Western province all-rounder Brian McMillan took three wickets for 12 runs, hit his highest one-day score and held three catches as South Africa beat Sri Lanka by 124 runs in their second one-day international today, reports Reuter.

The burly McMillan hit a useful 35 off 41 balls to help South Africa to a total of 222 for seven off 50 overs after they had won the toss and batted first in the day-night match.

McMillan's all-round efforts then helped dismiss Sri Lanka for 98 in 34 overs to inflict their biggest home defeat in a one-day international.

Sri Lanka were left reeling by a deadly burst of seam

were extras with 24, 16 of them wides, while Hashan Tillekeratne made 20.

South Africa made good use of winning the toss after opener Kepler Wessels and Andrew Hudson put on 90 for the first wicket.

Left-arm spinner Jayasuriya, who had the best figures of four for 53, eventually had Wessels caught off the leading edge by Tillekeratne for 28.

Hudson made 48 off 76 balls and South Africa were kept on course for a total exceeding 200 by worthy contributions from Jonty Rhodes (43) and McMillan.

The third and final one-day international will be a day-night match on Saturday. The first was abandoned due to rain.

## SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the second

overs) 222  
Fall of wickets: 1-90; 2-92; 3-102; 4-138; 5-174; 6-198; 7-214

Did not bat: A Donald, B Schultz.  
Bowling: Wickremasinghe 7 0 28 1; Hathurusinghe 3 0 14 0; De Silva 4 1 14 0; Kalpage 10 1 42 1; Muralidharan 6 0 28 0; Jayasuriya 10 0 53 4; Ranatunga 10 1 31 1

## SHRI LANKA:

Mahanama c Richardson b De Villiers 11  
b De Villiers c McMillan b Hathurusinghe c McMillan b Donald 10  
Jayasuriya lbw b McMillan De Silva c Richardson b McMillan 8  
Ranatunga c De Villiers b McMillan 6



South African Jonty Rhodes, who scored a match-saving 102 not out to haul his side out of danger in the drawn first Test in Moratuwa on Monday, swings one off Ruwan Kalpage only to be caught by Roshan Mahanama in the second one-dayer at the Khetarama Stadium yesterday. South Africans won the match by a thumping 124 runs. — AFP photo

bowling which brought man-of-the-match McMillan the wickets of Sanath Jayasuriya, Aravinda de Silva and Arjuna Ranatunga.

In addition, he held three fine catches at second slip, one of them a brilliant one-handed effort diving to his left to dismiss the injured Asanka Gurusinha, who batted with a runner after straining a groin muscle while fielding.

None of the Sri Lankan batsmen was at ease against the pace of Allan Donald, Fanie de Villiers, Richard Snell and McMillan who maintained a consistent line and length which forced the Sri Lankan batsmen into many errors.

Top scorers for Sri Lanka

one day international between Sri Lanka and South Africa on Thursday:

## SOUTH AFRICA:

Wessels c Tillekeratne b Jayasuriya 28  
Hudson c Mahanama b Ranatunga 48  
Cullinan st Dassanayake b Jayasuriya 5  
Rhodes c Mahanama b Kalpage 43  
Cook c Dassanayake b Wickremasinghe 15  
McMillan c Tillekeratne b Jayasuriya 35  
Symcox c Mahanama b Jayasuriya 12  
Snell not out 12  
Richardson not out 23  
Extras: (lb-12, nb-3, w-8) 23  
Total: (for seven wickets, 50

Gurusinha c McMillan b Snell 1  
Tillekeratne c Richardson b De Villiers 20  
Kalpage c Richardson b Symcox 0  
Dassanayake c McMillan b Donald 11  
Wickremasinghe b De Villiers 4  
Muralidharan not out 0  
Extras: (lb-7, nb-1, w-16) 24  
Total: (all out 34 overs) 98

Fall of wickets: 1-24; 2-24; 3-39; 4-39; 5-43; 6-52; 7-90; 8-92; 9-98.  
Bowling: O M R W  
Donald 7 1 18 2  
De Villiers 10 4 15 3  
Snell 5 0 15 1  
McMillan 5 1 12 3  
Symcox 5 0 20 1  
Wessels 2 0 11 0

# Kusuma clings to slim hopes



NEW DELHI, Sept 2: Badminton's world number two Allan Budi Kusuma won his first match in the World Cup men's singles here Thursday, but remained of making the semi-finals, reports AFP.

The 25-year-old Indonesian, a shock loser to Malaysia's Ong Ewe Hock on the opening day Wednesday, made amends with an easy 15-7, 15-3 win over Thailand's Sompol Kookasemkit Thursday.

But Kusuma's hopes of making the semi-final from Group C were unsure as Sweden's Jens Ilsson defeated Hock Thursday to record his second win in the preliminary league.

Olsson, ranked 20 in the world, beat Hock 15-8, 7-15, 15-8 in a hotly-contested encounter to set up a vital clash against Kusuma on Friday.

A win for Olsson would take him to the semi-finals, but a three-way tie will emerge if

Kusuma wins and Hock defeats Kookasemkit in the last league matches.

According to tournament rules, the winner of a tie will be decided by the number of games won, failing which the number of points won will be taken into account.

Olsson has so far won four games and lost one while Kusuma and Hock have won three games each. Kusuma, however, has lost two games to Hock's one.

The action went on expected lines in the other three groups of the men's singles.

In group A, world champion Joko Suprianto of Indonesia and Park Sung-Soo of South Korea won their second straight matches to set up Friday's decider for the semi-finals.

Suprianto proved too good for Finland's Pontus Janitti dropping just four points in each game. Sung-Soo defeated Malaysia's Pang Chen 15-12, 15-3.

Veteran Rashid Sidek of

Malaysia became the first player to reach the semi-finals with a second win in Group B, truncated by the withdrawal Thursday of injured Chinese number one Wu Wenkel.

Wenkel opted out of the tournament after the injury on his left wrist worsened after Wednesday's match against India's Gopi Chand.

Group D will see a clash between Hermawan Susanto of Indonesia and Liu Jun of China for a place in the last four after both players won their second matches in the league Thursday.

Susanto, runners-up to Suprianto in the World Championships in June, defeated Kim Hak-Kyuan of South Korea 15-7, 15-9 while Liu Jun routed Anders Nielsen of England 15-2, 15-1.

World champion Susi Susanti began her campaign in the women's singles with an emphatic 11-2, 12-11 win over England's Joanne Muggeridge in Group A.



Chilean Dante Poli jumps over Ghanaian defender Emmanuel Opoku during the semifinal of the World Under-17 Football Championship in Tokyo on Wednesday. Ghana romped into the final with a 3-0 triumph. — AFP photo

## Bruguera's bete noire

NEW YORK, Sept 2: So far, French Open champion Sergi Bruguera has found two things he doesn't like about the US Open — the food and the courts. They added up to an early exit Wednesday, reports AP.

Bruguera, a clay-court specialist seeded fifth on the hardcourts of Flushing Meadows, was eliminated in the first round by fellow Spaniard Javier Sanchez 7-6 (7-5), 6-3, 6-4.

Since beating Jim Courier for the title at Paris in June, Bruguera has not exactly enshrined himself in the Grand Slam Hall of Fame. He skipped Wimbledon, saying he was too tired to handle the fast grass courts, and then became the latest victim of the Sanchez clan on the New York cement. He blamed his latest failure on fatigue, too, this time caused by diarrhoea.

"The food here is not very good for me," he said. "I was very tired the whole match."

Bruguera's season has been spent almost entirely on the slow European clay surfaces he favours, and his tuneup for the U.S. Open consisted of just one hardcourt tournament. The change in surfaces contributed to his defeat, he acknowledged.

"It is difficult for me to play on this surface," he said. "Even when I am better than the other player, I have to fight so much if I am not playing very good, on clay I can still win, because you have more weapons and you can fight. Here, if you are not playing very well and the other is attacking all the time, everything is going fast and it is much more difficult."

"I have to get in better shape, and I think I have to improve a little bit more by serve and my attack."

## Hick's show hacks rumours

LONDON, Sept 2: Graeme Hick hit a high-class 91 for Worcestershire on Wednesday after denying rumours he planned to join a new county next season, reports Reuter.

The Zimbabwean-born Test batsman made his runs off only 150 balls against Lancashire and insisted he would be staying at the club who have employed him for 10 seasons.

Two of Hick's erstwhile England teammates were in sparkling form as the Test selectors prepare to name their squad to tour the Caribbean next year.

The discarded all-rounder Chris Lewis smashed a career best 197 not out from 309 balls, with 30 fours and a six, as Nottinghamshire piled up 508 for six against Durham at Chester-le-Street.

Robin Smith batted in similar vein for Hampshire against Surrey at the Oval, making 127 in 145 balls as his side reached 297 for three in reply to the home side's 320. David Gower, considering retirement from first-class cricket if he fails to win a tour place this winter, made just 13.

## Lineker soon to buckle down

TOKYO, Sept 2: Former England sharp shooter Gary Lineker is due to make an earlier-than-expected comeback after being sidelined for three months with a broken foot, his Japanese club said today, reports Reuter.

Lineker had been expected to remain out of action until October. But an official of Nagoya Grampus Eight said his condition had improved and he would be in the squad for Friday's game against Hiroshima San-Freco.

A final decision on whether he plays would be made just before the game, she said.

Lineker had been practising with the team for the past few weeks but was still feeling pain in his right big toe, the official said.

## Marseille move closer to top

PARIS, Sept 2: Marseille romped to a 3-1 victory over Saint-Etienne to move closer to the top of the French league on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

The trouble-hit French champions, who face a UEFA ban for alleged match-rigging, move up from a disappointing 10th place to third, one point behind Bordeaux and Cannes.

Bordeaux went top of the table when they beat bottom-ranked Toulouse 2-0 with two goals from Zinedine Zidane and Stephane Paille on Tuesday.

The 1987 French champions enjoy the lead over Cannes, thanks to a superior goal difference.

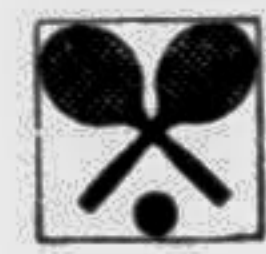
Marseille delighted the 35,000 home crowd by scoring three times for the first time of the season, with German striker Rudi Voeller striking twice.

Paris Saint-Germain drew 1-1 at Angers in a match placed under high surveillance after the weekend Parc des Princes incidents.



Argentine Gabriela Sabatini rejoices after a facile 6-3, 6-0 second-round win over Canadian Rene Simpson-Alter in the women's singles at the US Open yesterday. — AFP photo

# Seeds fall incessantly



NEW YORK, Sept 2: With seeds falling out of the US Open at every turn, Boris Becker was probably relieved to be saved by the rain.

If the fourth-seeded Becker finally can win his first-round match against Andrei Cherkasov when the two return to the court Thursday, he'll find his way to the quarter-finals greatly eased by a record number of departed seeds.

Gone are Ivan Lendl, Becker's possible fourth-round opponent, and Sergi Bruguera, the reigning French Open champion that Becker was slated to meet in the quarters.

On Wednesday, the fifth-seeded Bruguera was upset by fellow Spaniard Javier Sanchez, while Lendl, a three-time US Open winner retired with an injured knee in the third set of his match against Australia's Neil Bowrick.

That brought to five the number of men's seeds who have failed to make it through the opening round, a record thinning of the ranks in the Open era. The previous US Open mark for seeded men eliminated in the first round was three, set in 1986 and equalled in 1991.

The combined total of six seeds eliminated in the men's and women's singles — including No. 7 Jennifer Capriati but not No. 6 Mary Joe Fernandez, who withdrew — equals the Open era record set in 1976.

This year's Open started without Monica Seles, John McEnroe and Jimmy Connors.

and the Marfue names that entered are disappearing fast.

Manuela Maleeva-Fragniere of Switzerland, the women's 11th seed, won her second round match early in the day, then suffered a torn tendon in the little finger of her left hand while warming up for a doubles match. She and her sister, Magdalena Maleeva of Bulgaria, withdrew from doubles, but she will not make a decision about the singles until her third-round match against Sabine Hack.

Becker and Cherkasov barely got their feet wet Wednesday night when the rains came. They played only two points before scurrying off the court.

While Becker made a cameo appearance, Goran Ivanisevic and Mats Wilander worked overtime to post victories.

The 11th-seeded Ivanisevic closed out a straight-set victory over Canada's Daniel Nestor with a record-breaking 20-18 third-set tiebreak. It was the longest tiebreak in US Open men's singles history, and the longest in men's singles since Bjorn Borg and Premjit Lal of India played a 20-18 tiebreak in the first round at Wimbledon in 1973.

"That was the best tiebreaker I've ever played," the hard-hitting Ivanisevic said. "It was the longest one and the best one."

When the smoke cleared in the 6-4, 7-6 (7-5), 7-6 (20-18) battle, Ivanisevic had 19 aces, Nestor 14. Ivanisevic had six double-faults, Nestor eight.

And in the game-winning tiebreak, Ivanisevic cashed in his seventh match point while Nestor failed to convert seven

set points. "Every time I had match point, he played unbelievable," said Ivanisevic, who finally closed out the match with a ferocious forehand passing shot that ticked off the end of Nestor's racket.

"I'd rather win easier, but it is OK," the Croatian said. "It doesn't matter. A win is a win."

Wilander, who won this hardcourt Grand Slam tournament in 1988, won his first-round match over Jaime Oncins 7-5, 7-6 (7-2), 7-6 (18-16).

Not all of the seeds tumbled on Wednesday. Besides Ivanisevic, other winners in the men's draw included No. 8 Andrei Medvedev and No. 10 Richard Krajicek.

The top women didn't have any trouble at all, with straight-set victories coming from No. 1 Steffi Graf, No. 4 Conchita Martinez, No. 5 Gabriela Sabatini, No. 8 Jana Novotna, No. 9 Anke Huber, No. 11 Maleeva-Fragniere, No. 13 Mary Pierce and No. 15 Amanda Coetzer.

Lendl retired while trailing Australian Neil Bowrick 4-6, 6-3, 3-1.

"I came in with a bad knee and it started getting worse," Lendl said. "It was a bit painful to push off. I had no strength to push off, so I didn't see any point of playing."

He injured the knee two days earlier, straining or tearing a tendon. And while he now has lost in the first round for the sixth time in his last 10 Grand Slam tournaments, Lendl intends to go on.

"This has definitely nothing to do with the future," he said. "As far as next year goes, yeah."

# Umpires, men behind curtain



NEW YORK, Sept 2: They're a faceless crowd, the umpires at the US Open who peer at lines and perch on

high chairs intoning, "First serve" and "Game, set, match..." It's a job that offers little money or glamour the only time to enjoy the spotlight is when a player targets them for argument, reports AP.

But the 340 umpires working long hours at this year's Open don't seem to care. They flew and drove from all over the United States. At least 30 of them travelled to New York's borough of queens from other countries—including Australia and Japan—many of them paying their own way.

No one personality defines the umpires. They include an ex-CIA agent, two ex-FBI agents, a banker, real estate agents and retirees.

"It's all over the board, all kinds of folks," says Jay Snyder, chief umpire at the Open, who runs the operation from a small office tucked beneath the Stadium Court stands.

To become umpires for the

Grand Slam event, they study and pass multiple choice exams set up by the United States Tennis Association.

The best of them have weathered a three-day academy run twice a year in Little Rock, Ark. They umpire matches between local players who challenge calls, pretend they have injuries, use illegal rackets and clothing and get illegal coaching from the sidelines.

One of the worst scenarios Snyder had witnessed as an umpire was in Davis Cup matches in Paraguay in the mid-1980s. At one point, Snyder was hit on the head by a "chunk of Coke bottle."

And he was also around when a boisterous Paraguayan crowd burst onto the court and roughed up a couple of French players. In the stands, guards patrolled with machine guns.

But at most tournaments, umpires have to worry more about the players and their emotions. They often take on the role of therapist—and target.

"You have to let them get their frustration out, but their remarks can't be derogatory," said Kathy LeBlanc, 47, of

Brandon, Fla. "You have to bite your tongue, we all have egos."

Hiro Yabuta, a full-time tennis umpire from Japan, has played college tennis in California, coached, and managed a sports club. He loves umpiring because he loves tennis.

"Tennis is the most difficult sport compared to other sports officiating," he said. "We can't throw the players out, whereas in football and soccer, you just give the player the red card. It's very tough to control sometimes."

The umpires agree players have been behaving better over the years. Part of the reason, they say, is because umpires can default players on a third warning, instead of penalizing them a game.

John McEnroe learned the tougher rules when he was ousted from the fourth round of the Australian Open in 1990. He had stared at a lineswoman, sworn at the umpire and cracked a racket.

Lawrence McArthur, who lives outside London and spends up to 30 weeks a year umpiring, says some players may try to intimidate court officials to upset their opponents.