Majumder snooker title goes to Gonsalves

Sports Reporter

Adrian Gonsalves clinched the second F H Majumder memorial snooker title by beating national champion Narayan Chandra Ghosh in the final at the Narayangani Club billiards room yesterday.

For Gonsalves, it was a kind of revenge for his loss to the national champion in the national snooker championship earlier this year.

Gonsalves, who represented the Chittagong Catholic Club. had a somewhat easy access to the title scoring seven frames to Ghosh's two in the best-of-thirteen final.

In the semifinal Wednesday, the eventual champion had beaten Mofazzal Hossain of Gulshan Club while N C Ghosh of the host club triumphed over Frederick Randolph, clubmate Gonsalves.

Thirty-two participants from six invited clubs of the country took part in the six-day meet organised by the Narayangonj Club. The meet is sponsored by the Majumder Group of Companies of which late FH Majumder, himself, a keen snooker enthusiast, was the founder.

Nat'l booters win again

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh national squad beat Rajshahi district eleven 2-1 in an exhibition match held at the Rajshahi Stadium, according to a telephonic message received in Dhaka yesterday.

Raqib and Swapon scored once each for the national team while Shamim reduced the margin for the local team.

Earlier, the national team defeated Rajshahi Football Players' Association by two goals to nil in the first exhibition match Wednesday in their two-match Rajshahi tour to prepare for next month's SAF Games in Dhaka.

Ansars move into h'ball final

Sports Reporter Bangladesh Ansars moved into the final of the 1993 handball competition with a victory in their last league match at the Outer Stadium handball court yesterday.

Ansars overpowered Victoria Sporting Club 23-4.

Khaleg and Enamul top scored with four goals each for

the winners. They will now take on Bangladesh Rifles in the final on Nov 14.

Abahani cricket committee formed Sports Reporter

A H M Mustafa Kamal and Ershadul Hug were elected chairman and vice chairman respectively of the 32-member cricket committee of Abahani Limited, according to a club press release issued yesterday.

Tanvir Mazhar Islam Tanna. Syed Ashraful Huq. Ahmed Faizur Rahman and Ali Asghar Loby will act as the advisors in the newly-constituted body.

Jalal Younus was elected the general secretary while G S Hassan Tamim was appointed the coach.

Austria hold Sweden

VIENNA. Nov 11: Austria held European Group Six leaders Sweden to a 1-1 draw in the final World Cup qualifying tie for both teams on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

The outcome was largely irrelevant as Sweden had already clinched their place in next year's finals in the United States while Austria's hopes vanished months ago after an uninspired campaign.

USA plan to warm up well

MISSION VIEJO, California. Nov 11: Norway, Russia and Switzerland will all feature in friendly matches against the US side in the run-up to the World Cup finals next year, reports

Norway and Russia have already qualified for the 1994 finals while the Swiss are still in the running.

The US will host Norway on January 15 at Tempe in Arizona, followed by a clash against the Swiss at Fullerton, South Carolina, a week later.

The game against Russia will be staged at Seattle. Oregon on January 29.

Div II hockey

Sports Reporter

Victoria Sporting Club and Tejgaon Agragami recorded solitary goal victories in the Green Delta Second Division hockey super league matches at the Hockey Stadium yesterday.

In the first match of the the day. Raqibul field goal earned

Victoria full points. In the other match of the day. Tejgaon got their winner from Belal in the 49th minute.



Mohammedan Sporting Club skipper Aminul Islam Bulbul through with an off-drive during yesterday's Navana Premier Division cricket league match against Victoria Sporting Club at the Dhaka Stadium. Bulbul scored 40 to pave the path for his side's hefty 85-run victory.

Quite predictable cricket

Sports Reporter

Lalu took two for 35 and Titu Title-aspirants claimed one for 38. Mohammedan Mohammedans' left arm Sporting Club recorded their third

last year's teammate and Indian consecutive win in Test discard Sanjeev Sharma a predictable, quspoke highly, gave Victoria iet day's cricket of this year's openers a torrid time when the single-league Navana Premier unfancied team started their Division at the Dhaka Stadium theoretical chase in the after-In one of the three matches

> On a slow wicket, this rangy left arm medium fast bowler kept the batsmen guessing with fine turn of sped and occasional movement off the wicket. Unfortunately his better deliveries either missed the stumps narrowly or when edged were badly floored by the callous hands of cruel fielders. The main culprit was a listless Samarasekara who dropped one batsman

Although Suman had to be against the touring Zimbabwe satisfied with one wicket. Athar recently when he nicked a ball Ali captured three wickets to from hard working lqbal to stall Victoria for a total of 100 Kamu behind the stumps for a for five wickets in 45 overs.

twice at the gully.

Indian Gautam Some was the topscorer with an unbeaten 29, followed by Adil, the twice

dropped opener who made 20. Athar gave away 16 runs from nine overs for his three wickets while the impressive Suman spent 19 from his on-atrot nine overs. Off spinner Salahuddin, who bowled three overs only, took the other wicket.

BIMAN WIN

Thirty-five extras and a sedate innings of 47 by Zakaria helped Bangladesh Biman overcome rejuvenated Surja Tarun by five wickets at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

Chasing 152 for a win in 45 overs. Biman reached their target in 40.2 overs for the loss of five wickets with all their frontline batsmen including Indian Bhaskar Pillai getting dismissed cheaply, on an easy-paced wicket.

lobal was rewarded well for his perseverance with figures of Only Imtiaz Zakaria applied

himself to his task to compile a patient 47 off 94 balls before being bowled by Tarun's Indian

paceman Suman, of whom his alrounder Rajinder Singh. Skipper Enamul Huq Moni, now an integral part of Bangladesh national team, remained unbeaten on 19 to guide his side to its third successive win.

Earlier put into bat on moist wicket. Tarun struggled all the way to reach 151 for all their wickets in 44.5 overs.

Tarun's Moni topscored with 42 followed by Indian Sanjeev Sharma and Sajal, both of whom made 22 each.

Moni's left arm spin earned him figures of four for 52 while his fellow left arm seamer Rafiq took two for 26.

YOUTH BOUNCE BACK

Enterprising batting by Indi ans - Ashok Malhotra and Arun Lal — brought Gulshan Youth back on to the winning ways when they beat back-tothe-wall Udity by 94 runs at the Mirpur Pallabi ground.

Malhotra played 76 balls and hit a sixer and a four to topscore with 58 while Arun played six balls less and for his knock of 55 studded with three fours and a sixer.

Skipper Rafiqul Alam, who switched to Gulshan from Mohammedan this year, scored a useful 31 not out off 27 balls as Gulshan innings gathered momentum for a grand total of 214 for five wickets.

Nahid, Sayeed and Tinku took one wicket apiece among the Udity bowlers.

Udity were all out for 120 in their turn in 40.5 overs with skipper Munir making 30. Opener Ashique was the other notable run-getter with 29.

Pival bagged three wickets for Gulshan giving away 18

Ehsan, Arun and Rafiq bagged two wickets apiece to seal Udity's fate. Reuter.

India, Pakistan in semis played, win, loss, draw, goals last time, will play silver win-



three for 36.

yesterday.

a 85-run win.

use of the wicket.

duck.

billed for the day, Moha-

mmedans batted poorly against

the lowly Victoria yet managed

Bangladesh international

Aminul Islam Bulbul who is

leading Mohammedan this year,

won the toss in the morning

and decided to make the first

Sajjad Mansur Shipon con-

tinued to add fuel to posthu-

mous criticism regarding his

inclusion in the national squad

Both Selim Shahed and Shri

Lankan Athula Samarasekara

appeared rusty and did not stay

long, leaving it to the skipper to

Far below his fluent best.

Bulbul teamed up with Lankan

southpaw Ashoka de Silva and

set about repairing the damage

topscored with 40 before being

smartly caught and bowled by

Iqbal and De Silva fell four

short of his skipper's knock,

helping himself to four bound-

the tail barring 13 from wicket-

keeper Khaled Masud Pilot and

paceman Morshedul Alam

Chowdhury who remained un-

beaten on 10 as the Mo-

185 for nine from 45 overs.

hammedan collection stood at

There was little wagging of

aries in his 50-ball venture.

The dark, dapper Bulbul

raise a moderate total.

circumspectly.

11: Defending champions Pakistan and runnersup India finished top in their pre-

liminary groups here Thursday. moving a step closer towards a possible final encounter at the Asian Cup hockey tournament. reports AFP.

Pakistan breezed past Malaysia 8-2 to score their third straight win, beating the Malaysians into second place in the four-team men's Group A competition.

China took third below Malaysia with one win against two losses after beating winless Thailand 12-0 earlier in the

In the day's last game, India demolished Japan 6-2 for their second win against two draws to finish atop Group B. wresting the host country's seat in the play-offs precipitating them into very bottom among the nine men's teams.

Being determined to finish atop the preliminary to elude Pakistan in the semifinals. Imranul Haq fired a quicksilver field goal in the first minute to give India flying start and then Mukesh Kumar made it 3-0 in the 29th and 32nd minutes.

Japan fought back to stay in contention to end the first half 2-3, but Sanjeev Kumar en larged the lead in the 38th and 43rd minutes, and Haq ham mered the nails into the Japanese coffin to strike home number six in the 52nd.

South Korea, bronze medalists in the previous event, ran out 4-0 winners over Kaza khstæn to score the same win loss record as India but were placed second due to a goal differential.

With the results, India will meet Malaysia and Pakistan will fight South Korea in the semifinals Saturday.

Defending women's champions China, top finishers in Group B, will take on India in the semifinals Friday, while South Korea, bronze medalists ners Japan in the other semifi-

STANDINGS

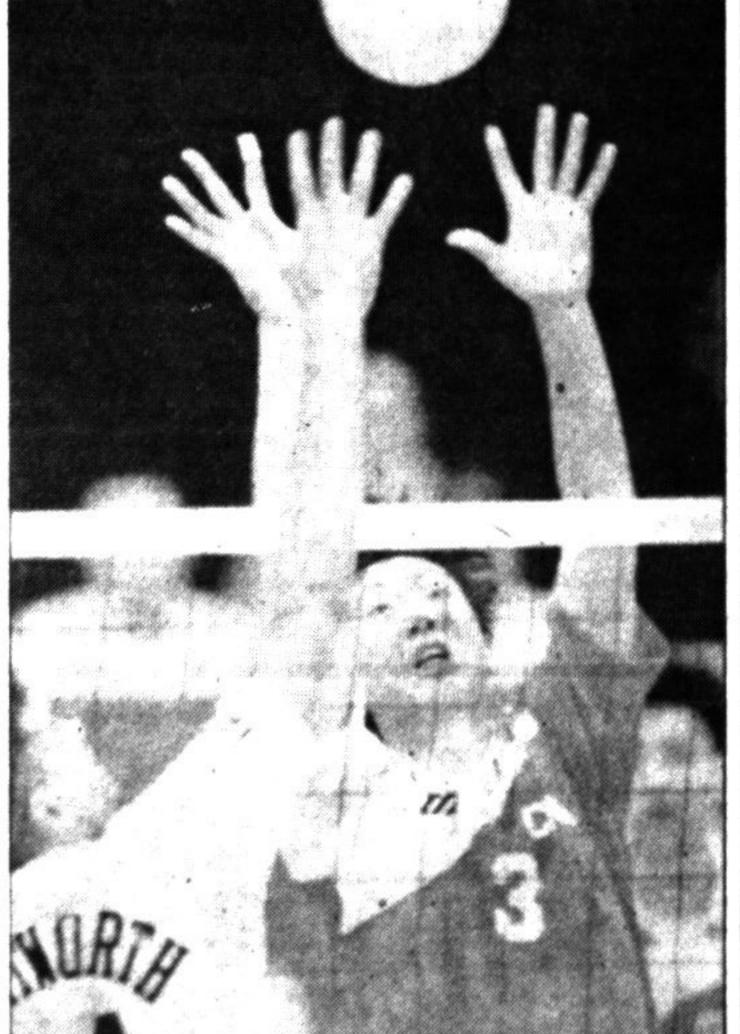
Standings after the preliminary round in the Asia Cup hockey tournament here Thursday.

MEN: Group A:

Standings (tabulate under

for, goals against): Pakistan 3 3 0 0 33 Malaysia 3 2 1 0 27 8 3 1 2 0 12 10 China Thailand 3 0 3 0 0 52 Group B:





Haiyun Li Haiyun of China (R) and Russell Wentworth of Australia compete for the ball during the final match of the World Volleyball Championships qualifying tournament in Sydney yesterday. China defeated Australia 3-0 (15-13, 15-5, - AFP photo

Wade may play in Buenos Aires

SANTIAGO, Nov 11: Australian captain Paul Wade is recovering from an ankle injury and should be fit enough to play against Argentina in the second-leg of their World Cup qualifying play-off next week. reports Reuter.

Coach Eddie Thomson said: "He is recovering slowly and will probably re-start his training on Sunday."

Wade, who marked Diego Maradona in the first leg of the qualifier, was detailed to mark the Argentine star again in the second-leg, but that plan was put into doubt after Wade injured his ankle during a practice on Sunday.

Australia and Argentina drew the first leg 1-1 11 days ago. The second-leg is in Buenos Aires next Wednesday.

Despite the positive outlook for Wade, Australia's star player Ned Zelic, who suffered a ligament injury while playing for his German club Borussia Dortmund, will miss the match

"His leg is in a brace... he will be unable to play for at least six weeks," Thomson said. Australia are due to play a friendly match against Chile's Catolica First Division team to-

Argentina only need to draw 0-0 to qualify on the away goals rule for the World Cup finals in the United States next

Borg promises to play Yeltsin

MOSCOW, Nov 11: Tennis superstar Bjorn Borg didn't fare too well in tournament play in his first visit to Moscow, but he won't leave before playing one more set . this one with President Boris Yeltsin.

Borg told The Associated Press on Wednesday that he would stay in Moscow over the weekend to keep a promise to the Russian President, an ar dent tennis fan, to play a set with him.

In the meantime, Borg will do some sightseeing around the city with his father, and may play ice hockey on Thursday with several tournamen organisers and players against Moscow's Central Army Club

In his first round of singles play in the dlrs 350,000 Krem lin Cup on Tuesday, Borg lost to Russian Alexander Volkov 4-6 6-3, 7-6 (9-7). On Wednesday, he and Russian Andrei Cherkasov lost in first-round doubles play to Bengt-Ove Ped ersen or Norway and Jared Palmer of New York 6-2, 6-2.

Sampras, Stich in ECC qtrs

ANTWERP, Belgium, Nov 11: World number one Pete Sampras cruised into the quarter-finals of the European Community championship with a 6-4, 7-5 win over Javier Sanchez on Wednesday, reports

In the quarter-finals, Sampras meets Swede Nicklas Kulti who beat Frenchman Guillaume Raoux 2-6, 7-5, 6-3. Second-seed Michaels Stich. the world number three, strug-

gled to overcome Swedish doubles specialist Anders Jarryd 6-2, 3-6, 6-4 in a scrappy game. Stich meets another Swede.

Henrik Holm, in the second round. Former world number one Ivan Lendl fell at the first hurdle of a tournament for the 11th

time this year. Eighth-seed Lendl, at 33 the oldest player in the draw, was beaten 6-3, 1-6, 6-1 by New Zealander Brett Steven in what he said afterwards was his final appearance of the year.

Fire Service win well Sports Reporter

Fire Service and CDSC trounced Gandaria Famous Club 3-1 in the Progoti Insurance Third Division football league at the Outer Stadium yesterday.

Refigul was on target twice in the 25th and 31st minutes of the first half while Sheikh Amzad scored the third for the winners.

Mintu reduced the margin in the 49th minute.

The first match between Chalantika Krira Chakra and Rahmatgani Sporting Club ended in a one-all draw of the Chalantika shot into the lead

through a 39th minute goal from Mizan while Awlad scored the equaliser in the 58th In another match of the day. Maghbazar Club scored a nar-

Government Press at the Mahakhali T&T ground. Habib netted the decider in the 69th minute.

row 1-0 victory over Bangladesh

China make it

SYDNEY, Nov 11: China qualified alongside Japan for next year's Volleyball World Championships after scoring a convincing win over Australia in a five-nations Asian regional tournament here Thursday, reports Reuter.

Australia-NZ first Test begins today

Warne's warning for Kiwis



PERTH. Nov 11: Dynamic Australian leg-spinner Shane Warne. who says he has

developed some new tricks, is emerging as the key player in the first cricket Test against New Zealand starting at the WACA ground on Friday, reports Reuter.

Australian captain Allan Border nominated Warne as a potential match winner, while New Zealand captain Martin Crowe vowed his side would take on the young bowlder who almost single-handedly destroyed them in their last encounter.

Warne who also devastated England in the Ashes Test series this year, warned this week he had developed a few "New tricks" which he would deliver in Perth.

"The second time against a country is a lot tougher so you need something up your sleeve." Warne told reporters.

"I've been practising with a couple of new deliveries. One hasn't came out that well but the other one is alright."

Border was confident Warne would be dangerous in Perth despite his poor record in Western Australia. The 24-yearold spinner has failed to take a wicket in three previous first class appearances on the fast, bouncy wicket which traditionally favours a pace attacks.

"I expect Shane to become a very good Perth bowler, Border told reporters on Thursday on

the eve of the opening encounter in the three-Test series between the Trans-Tasman ri-

"He'll have some footmarks to bowl into and I think He's a potential winner even here in

Warne grabbed 34 wickets in helping Australia to a 4-1 Ashes Test series win in England ear-

lier this year. Prior to that, Warne took 17 wickets, at an average of 15, in the 1-1 drawn series against the Kiwis in New Zealand.

Crowe said his batsmen failed to attack the spinner during the New Zealand series and added that Warne's spell had to be broken or he could take this series by the throat.

"Shane's figures show that he was allowed to bowl pretty much what he wanted." Crowe

"That's where we have to take the initiative back from him and that means putting away the bad balls," he added. Both sides have delayed

naming their sides. Australia seem certain to leave out off-spinner Tim May to make way for Test debutante

fast bowler Glenn McGrath. McGrath is likely to share the pace bowling duties with Paul Reiffel and Craig McDermott, who is making his return to Test cricket following surgery for a Twisted bowel in June.

"It looks as though the wicket may turn later in the game but I think we'll have the

three quickies and one spinner, which is probably Warne."

Border said. New Zealand appear set to go into the match with only five specialists batsmen - openers Mark Greatbatch and Blair Pocock, followed by Andrew Jones. Crowe and Ken

Rutherford. Pacemen Simon Doull and Willie Watson appeared locked in a battle for the final fast bowling berth to join Murphy Su'a, Danny Morrison and Chris Carins.

Crowe said his team was motivated at the prospect of renewing battle with their longtime adversaries. "We want to be competitive. The atmosphere and the emotion of playing against Australia will be positive

for us", he said. The second Test is in Hobart. Tasmania, from November 26 to 30 and he final Test in Brisbane, Queensland, between December 3-7.

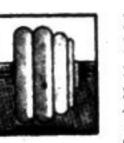
TEAMS

AUSTRALIA (from): Allan Border (captain), Mark Taylor, David Boon, Ian Healy, Craig McDermott, Glenn McGrath, Tim May, Paul Reiffel, Michael Slater, Shane Warne, Mark Waugh, Steve Waugh.

NEW ZEALAND (from): Mark Greatbatch, Blair Pocock, Andrew Jones, Martin Crowe (captain), Ken Rutherford, Chris Cairns, Dipak Patel, Tony Blain, MurphySu's Danny Morrison, Willie Watson, Simon Doull.

Championships of century!

Ivan Ivanov of Bulgaria, who



MELBOURNE. Nov 11: Dual gold medalist Naim Suleymanoglu of Turkey heads an entry of eight

current Olympic champions at the world weigh-tlifting championships, which start Friday at the Melbourne Exhibition Buildings, reports

Billed as "the championships

attracted competitors from a record 73 nations, who will contest in bodyweight divisions introduced this year. The championships will be the first event in which world

of the century", the event has

records can be officially recognized in the new classes. It also is the first time the men's and women's world championships have been held

concurrently. China is expected to dominate the nine women's classes after sweeping the overall golds at the 1992 world championships in Sofia, Bulgaria, but the men's events are much more open. The 10 champions in Barcelona came from 10 dif-

Super-heavyweight champion Alexander Kurlovich of Belarus and 67.5-kilogram champion Israil Militosian of Armenia are the only Olympic gold medalists not in Melbourne. Kurlovich cited political

ferent nations.

uncertainty in his homeland for his absence.

won the European title earlier this year, will be the first of the Olympic champions in action. He will contest the 54-kilogram class on Friday. His closest rival is expected

to be Mutlu Halil of Turkey The opening event of the women's championship - in

expected to be dominated by Guang Hong, the 1992 titlist from China. Many competitors, including Greece's former world champion and current European champion, Maria Christoforidou, be-

the 46-kilogram category— is

virtually unbeatable. "I hope I can win three medals, but I think I must look at second place," said Christoforidou, who will compete in the

lieve the Chinese women are

59-kilogram category. Poland will not be represented at the championships after three of its lifters tested positive to illegal drugs last

Army athletics meet ends

Three new records were set on the concluding day of the Bangladesh Army, annual athletics championship at the Bangladesh Army Stadium vesterday, reports BSS.

month. Russia also had three lifters test positive but has been readmitted to the championship after paying a dlrs 50,000 US

Olympic champions to com-

pete include Ivanov, Chun

Byung-Kwan of South Korea Suleymanoglu, Tudor Kasapu of Moldova, Dimas Pyrros of Greece. Kakhi Kakiachvili of Georgia, Viktor Tregubov of Russia and Ronny Weller of Germany. Organizers have announced

that all medalists and at least three other competitors in each division will undergo drug testing during the event. "The international federation

has a very strict anti-doping policy," said Tamas Alan, Hungarian general-secretary of the International Weightlifting Fed-The Melbourne venue has a

weightlifting competition during the 1956 Melbourne Olympic Games. The championships will follow normal international rules. Competitors must complete two forms of lift, the snatch and the

long-time link with weightlifting

- it was the venue for the

added together to produce a to-The winner is the lifter with the highest total, but medals also are awarded for the two

categories.

clean-and-jerk. The results are

