Bangladesh basted again

JAKARTA, Nov 15: Results of men's Asian basketball championship matches played on Sunday and Monday, reports Reuter.

Group D: North Korea beat Bangladesh 123-58 Group A:

Saudi Arabia beat China 74-

Jordan beat Pakistan 69-57 Group B: Korea beat Philippines 80-75

United Arab Emirates beat Singapore 77-49 Group C:

Iran beat Japan 98-88 Group A: Thailand beat Saudi Arabia

Group C: Japan beat Hong Kong 106-

Iran beat Indonesia 81-71.

History crush Fine Arts

Sports Reporter

Department of History beat Institute of Fine Arts by nine wickets in the Dhaka University inter-department cricket championship at the Jagannath Hall ground vesterday. The Institute of Fine Arts

batted first and were bundled out for 111 in 29.3 overs. Chanchal and Tipu were the top scorers with 34 and 16 re-

spectively. Among the History bowlers Shawkat claimed three for 21 and Hassan two for 24.

History made 112 for one in 18.3 overs to waltz away with a huge nine-wicket victory.

Shawkat played a magnificent innings making unbeaten 70 runs.

Imran took the only wicket of history innings giving away 27

ITF tennis results

RAJSHAHI. Nov 15: The qualifying round of third-leg ITF Gold Leaf Thailand-Bangladesh Satellite Circuit tennis tournament, being held at Rajshahi Tennis Complex, ended today, reports BSS

The main draw of the tournament begin from tomorrow. Eight players from the qualifying round will play in the

main draw. Besides, twenty selected and four wildcards two each from Bangladesh and Thailand will also play in the main draw.

Larsen of Denmark beat Guillow of USA 6-0, 6-1; Belgraven of Netherlands beat Nicholias of Australia 6-7, 6-1, 6-3; Henderson of Britain beat 'Aarron of USA 6-1, 6-0; Spinks of Britain beat Lacoste of Sweden 6-3, 6-2; Boelsen of Germany beat compatriot Egerer 6-3, 6-2; Baily of Britain beat Bloneel of Belgium 6-2, 6-0: Booras of USA beat Chadas of Germany 6-1, 7-6, Cohan of USA beat Belihart of Germany 6-4. 6-2 in the qualifying singles played today.

Div III soccer

Sports Reporter

Sunrise Sporting Club and Kadamtala Club won their respective matches in the Progoti Insurance Third Division football league while day's other encounter between Little Friends Club and Bashabo Tarun Sangha ended in a goalless At the Outer Stadium, Little

Friends Club drew with Bashabo Tarun Sangha 0-0. Later, Sunrise Sporting Club beat Aminbazar Krira Sangstha 1-0 at the same venue.

Siddique scored the decider in the 17th minute.

In another tie of the day Kadamtala Club recorded a narrow 1-0 win over East End Boys Club at the Mohakhali T &T

ground: Gulam Sharif sealed the fate of the match with a goal in the 20th minute of the match

US spikers in

PARIS, Nov 15: The United States booked their place in the 1994 men's volleyball World Championships in Greece after beating France 3-0 in the Group C qualifying tournament here on Sunday, reports AFP.

USA 3 France 0 (15-10, 15-10, 15-8).

T & T games conclude

The five-day indoor games of the Bangladesh Telegraph and Telephone (T & T) Board concluded here at the board's Telecom Training Centre yester-

day, reports UNB: T & T Chairman Fazlur Rahman was present at the closing ceremony as chief guest and distributed prizes among the winners.

A hundred and thirty competitors, from different regions of the board, took part in eightevent competition.

T & T Board member M H Chowdhury formally inaugurated the competition on Wednesday.

Foreigners to the fore

7 Foreigners held

the centre stage vesterday in the Navana Premier Division cricket league as Mohammedan Sporting Club, Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club (GMCC) and Wari Club regis-

Wenues. Mohammedans maintained a clean slate, beating Surjo Tarun by 40 runs at the Dhaka Stadium while at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, GMCC had to struggle a little before etching out a three-wicket win but Wari went through a real tough test to record a narrow ten-run victory over Kalabagan at the

Mirpur Pallabi ground, their

tered victories in their respec-

the matches at different city

second on a trot. Aminul Islam Bulbul, captaining Mohammedans for the first time this year after Minhazul Abedin Nannu left the camp for Abahani, marked the beginning of yet another successful day for his side by winning the toss.

However, Shipon once again failed to live up to expectation and fell for a cheap 11 after he, along with Shri Lankan Test discard Athula Samarasekara had opened the innings. But an early breakthrough did not quite go Tarun's way as the next batsman to walk in. Athar Ali, was determined to ensure that nothing went wrong.

Athar, who skippered the national squad on its Shri Lankan tour, and Samarasekara took the total from 35 for one to 110 before the Lankan unusually subdued, fell to Sohel caught by Nittu for 57. His 87-ball knock featured one six and a four.

Ten runs later Athar followed Samarasekara's tracks after scoring a sedate 74-ball 31 with the help of two shots across the fence. Bulbul, who came in at number four, held one end up till the end of the allocated 45 overs with a steady-54-ball 39. inclusive of a sixer and a four.

In the process, the nimble unassuming allrounder shared a 62-run fourth-wicket partner ship with Selim Shahed, who made a useful 27.

Mohammedans lost wickets in the final over, one on the fourth delivery and the other on the last, but that did not really matter as the score was already 200-plus. The Mohammedan batsmen finished as 206 for

Sanjeev Sharma, Mohammedans' most consistent performer last year, bowled with a vengeance to finish with excellent figures of three for 22 from

The Tarun batsmen were never in the chase. Although Sharma, the Delhi-born Test discard, came up with a rapidfire 46 off 51 balls and compa-

Compton and

Miller epitomised

it and so did

Constantine of an

- earlier generation

of cricketers, but it was David

Gower who carried the torch

trio, Gower has enriched the

game with a grace, style and

joyous spirit that remains the

abiding image of an outstanding

18-year-career which he ended

less zest and enthusiasm made

him a compelling figure in the

formative years of West Indian

cricket, and Dennis Compton

and Keity Miler were charis-

battles of the 1950s.

matic performers in the Ashes

his first ball in Test cricket for

four at Edgebaston 15 years

ago, Gower was similarly des-

charm and batting artistry.

Gower played on the game

tined to captivate spectators.

From the moment he pulled

All golden curls, boyish

Leari Constantine's bound-

on Saturday.

Like that distinguished Test

into the 1990s, reports Reuter.

Sports Reporter triot Rainer Singh made 31, the

fate of the match was sealed half way through.

The Dhaka Stadium crowd would remember Sharma's knock for many more days to come. The allrounder played with remarkable ease and had the scoreboard rolling quite briskly. He hit three successive sixes off Salahuddin but Tarun managed only 160 for seven for their stipulated 45 overs.

Moni, the opening batsmen, with 20 and Mashuk with 30 were Tarun's other notable

Ashoka de Silva and Waheedul Ghani claimed two wickets apiece, to pave the path for Mohammedans' fourth win in a

At the DCS, Dhanmondi



RAMAN LAMBA ... 60 skipper, Jahangir Shah Badshah, won the toss, decided to bat but ended up on the losing side proving that morning always does not show the day.

The Dhanmondi innings got off to a miserable start. Five top order batsmen were already in the dressing room with the score placed precariously on 60.

Anyway, thanks to some responsible batting from Dulu, Mithu and the skipper himself, Dhanmondi reached a respectable 140 for nine in their quota of 45 overs. Mithu, who 'opens the

with a 33-ball 30 with the help of an over boundary followed by Dulu, with 25. Badshah made a useful 23. Zakir, who wrecked the Dhanmondi top order with commendable new ball bowling,

Dhanmondi attack, topscored

three for 22 in nine overs. Plabon, however, was the most economical of the lot giving away 20 runs in nine overs

finished with fantastic figures of

and its was partly his ability to

communicate his joy to the

public that won him a special

place in the hearts of cricket fol-

could excite and frustrate in

equal measure, often entrancing

spectators with the sheer

artistry of his batsmanship only

to play an indiscreet shot that

Such characteristics have

turned a prospective master-

contributed to only spasmodic

Test appearances in recent

years, but the England selectors

may have wasted a precious

talent. Gower's infamous flight

in a light aircraft over the

ground where England were

playing an up-country game on

their 1990-91 tour of Australia

also kept him off the interna-

man, yet Gower has always in-

sisted his relaxed attitude, be-

and has the Test figures to un-

lies a deep inner determination

A statistical record showing

The incident personified the

tional stage for 17 months.

piece into a mere cameo.

Yet the enigmatic Gower

lowers all over the world.

for his two scalps. Saikat and Indian Raman Lamba chipped in with one wicket each.

In reply, the GMCC batsmen were far from being impressive in their chase of the moderate total. Apart from Javed Omar Belim Golla, who played for the national under-19 squad, an Indian Test-reject Raman Lamba, none could come up with anything.

Lamba and Golla shared a 76-run partnership for the second-wicket after GMCC had lost their first wicket for only 23. The pair, who laid the bulwark of the GMCC win, was separated when Golla sent down the wicket to swirig at Billu only to miss the line and Atiar, the Dhanmondi wicketkeeper. whipped the bails off. Golla knocked only one boundary in his marathon 101-ball stay.

Lamba, skippering GMCC this year, did not let up and played with his usual cautious aggressiveness. He left on 131 for 60, made off 95 balls with the help of three fours and a

GMCC lost two more wickets on their way to surpassing 140 to end at 141 for seven in 444

Left-arm spinner Billu was by far the best Dhanmondi bowler, accounting for four GMCC batsmen for 31 runs in seven overs.

At the Pallabi ground, Pakistani Kaiser Rashi blazed with a quickfire 53 but still wound up at the losers' end as Wari squeezed to a ten-run win. Batting first, Wari managed

154 before being all out in 44.1 overs with Opi notching up a fine half century. Opi stayed at the wicket for

90 balls and hit three shots to the fence for his 51. Four Wari batsmen score double digit scores ranging from ten to 19. Shri Lankan Gamagee,

Bobby, Pappu, and Montu

dismissed two batsmen each. Kalabagan began their chase of the fairly reachable target not so badly but lost their way in the middle. Although Kaiser and Mohammad steadied the innings with a 64-run stand for the fifth wicket, the Kalabagan innings lost the direction towards the end and finished ten runs short of the total required

to win to the second ball of the last over. Kaiser, playing in the local league cricket for the first time. once again came up with an aggressive knock, hitting 53 in 59 balls with the help of five fours and a six. Ishtiaq, former national opener, followed him with a useful 29 while Mohammad managed 16.

Carman bowled a fine spell of 8.2 overs to end with four for

TODAY'S MATCH Gulshan Youth vs Brothers Union (Dhaka Stadium).

in city Gower, grace epitomised 8,231 runs at an average of

est batsmen. He also captained his country on 32 occasions, leading England to an Ashes victory in 1985. "I admit to not taking either cricket or life seriously enough at times," he wrote in his recent autobiography. "But, while this has occasionally found me out,

44.25 guarantees Gower his

place among the world's great-

I would like to think my warts are mostly friendly ones. "I do get bored easily and hard graft has never come naturally, but nothing annoys me more than hearing that I fell short of some peoples expectations because I appeared to find the game too easy. I have never

Now, Gower is to put his bat aside and take up his pen as cricket writer for a British Sunday newspaper.

found cricket easy."

"Certainly at some stage will come the task of adapting to new challenges in new fields." he said last year. "When that remain the same: 'Enjoy it'."

happens, the motto will have to

Jahangir packing ABU DHABI, Nov 15: Se

Martin sends

cond-seeded Rodney Martin o Australia ousted world top player Jahangir Khan of Pakistan 15-11, 15-6, 15-12 in a second round match at a dollars 135,000 international squash tournament in Doha, Qatar on Sunday, reports Xinhua.

According to reports reaching here, Martin spent 22 minutes before overcoming Jahangir's excellent court skills in the first game, but Jahangir seemed to lose his concentration in the second and allowed Martin win in just 10 minutes.

In their third and final game, the two bitter rivals scored seesawed points until Martin brought out at 6-6 and surged to 12-6 ahead. At 14-9, Jahangir, who was off the circuit for almost nine months for back injuries, rallied briefly. As he needed two points to equalise, the Australian put the ball away for a winner.

Earlier Sunday, Zarak Jahan Khan became the second Pakistani player to move to the quarterfinals, after saving two match points to edge England's number eight seed Chris Walker.

Pakistan's reigning champion Jansher Khan had already gained a berth in the quartersnals after a 15-11, 12-15, 5-15, 15-11, 15-14 second round victory over fourth seed Peter Marshall of England.

Div II hockey

Sports Reporter

Farashgani Sporting Club maintained their unbeaten run in the Green Delta Second Division hockey super league when they outplayed East End Green Club 4-0 in their fourth match at the Hockey Stadium vesterday.

East End Green Club have lost all their four super league matches.

The winners led the first half 3-0. Saidul scored twice in the

11th and 29th minutes, and Shamim and Sirajul added two more goals to the tally in the 13th and 40th minutes. All were field goals. Farashgani SC heads the

points table jointly with Victoria SC securing 12 points from four outings. East End Club are yet to open their account. In another encounter.

Combined Sporting Club registered their first victory in the super league beating Agrani Bank Club by a solitary goal at the same venue. Anwar Karim sealed the fate

of the match with a 57th minute field goal.

Combined have collected three points and Agrani Bank two points respectively from four matches each.

ITF official

Peter Malik, supervisor of

International Tennis Federation (ITF) arrived here vesterday to supervise the third-leg and masters-leg of the Gold Leaf ITF Satellite Circuit tennis tournament at Raishahi and Dhaka respectively, reports BSS.

He will leave Dhaka for Rajshahi today for the third-leg, which began vesterday.

Becker's fall from grace

PARIS, Nov 15: Boris Becker has dropped out of the top ten tennis rankings for the first time since 1985 when he won Wimbledon as a 17-year-old, reports AFP.

The German was beaten in the semifinals at Antwerp by Sweden's Magnus Gustafsson last week

Gustafsson, who also beat Michael Stich in Antwerp. moves up to 14th.

Pete Sampras cannot lose his number one ranking before the Australian Open in January after beating Gustafsson in the Antwerp final for his eighth tournament this year.

ATP rankings: 1. Pete Sampras (USA) 3,917 pts, 2. Jim Courier (USA) 3,390, 3. Michael Stich (Germany) 3,003, 4. Sergi Bruguera (Spain) 2,590, 5. Stefan Edberg (Sweden) 2,571, 6. Andrei Medvedev (Ukraine) 2,399, 7. Michael Chang (USA) 2,154, 8. Goran Invanisevic (Croatia) 2,088, 9. Thomas Muster (Austria) 2,033, 10. Cedric Pioline (France) 2,012, 11. Boris Becker (Germany) 1,958, 12. Petr Korda (Czech) 1,742, 13. Todd Martin (USA) 1,695, 14. Magnus Gustafsson (Sweden) 1,586, 15. Richard Krajicek (Holland) 1,572, 16. Marc Rosset (Switzerland) 1,485, 17. Karel Novacek (Czech) 1,412, 18. Alexander Volkov (Russia) 1,382, 19. Ivan Lendl (USA) 1,362, 20. Arnaud Boetsch (France) 1,344. 21. Wally Masur (Australia) 1, 328, 22. Wayne Ferreira (S. Africa) 1,278, 23. Malivai Washington (USA) 1,173, 24. Andre Agassi (USA) 1,172, 25. Amos Mansdorf (Israel), 1,153, 26. Carlos Costa (Spain) 1,144, 27. Andrei Chesnokov (Russia) 1,094, 28.



New Zealand off-spinner Dipak Patel (not in picture) on the fourth day of first cricket Test between Australia and New Zealand at the WACA ground in Perth yesterday. Slater was eventually out for 99 runs.

Controversy marks Day 4



here Monday, reports AFP. The trouble was sparked by a controversial umpiring decision at the WACA Ground by Tony McQuillan, a 42-year Queensland school teacher

standing in his first Test. The Kiwis were incensed when Mcquillan rejected an appal for a catch by their first innings century-maker. Andrew Jones, which they believed had dismissed Australian vice-captain and opening batsman Mark

Taylor. Australia, who trailed by 21 runs on the first innings, were 1-218 at stumps on the fourth day of the five-day game, hold ing an overall lead of 197.

Together were Mark Taylor (94) and David Boon (15). Michael Slater made 99, becoming the 12th Australian to

be dismissed one short of a century in a Test. Taylor was on 16 and Australia 28 without loss in their second innings when a ball from veteran off-spinner Dipak Patel ballooned from

Taylor to Jones, at silly mid-off. The Kiwis went up as one, certain that Taylor had hit the

McQuillan was unmoved. ruling Taylor had not made con-

TV replays did not illustrate conclusively if Taylor was out. As the Kiwis shook their heads in disbelief, Jones angrily hurled the ball into the turf near his feet.

McQuillan and co-umpire Darrell Hair reported Jones for 'obvious dissent.'

The Western Australian Cricket Association chief executive, Chris Smith, said on Monday night the case had been heard by match referee, Srinivas Venkataraghavan, the

former Indian Test player, who had severely reprimanded

The McQuillan "not out" verdict came as the last straw for the Kiwis, reduced to three fit recognised bowlers and still smarting over an unfavourable decision at the other end a little earlier.

Taylor had made three when fast bowler Danny Morrison made an impassioned plea to Hair for an lbw decision, but the Sydney man was unimpressed. TV replays showed Morrison,

who had himself been ruled out lbw earlier in the day, was very unlucky. To add to the Kiwis' agony. 'skipper Martin Crowe, at slip, dropped the Australian left-

hander, off Patel, when he was New Zealand went into the field without fast-medium bowler Willie Watson, who tore his left hamstring when sprint-

the Kiwi first innings. The injury was so, painful Watson was unable to stand. and Crow closed his side's innings immediately.

Fast bowler Chris Cairns. who took four wickets in Australia's first innings and completed an excellent 78 runs on Monday, was restricted to a single over because of severe bruising of his left heel.

The Watson injury is a major concern to New Zealand.

Team manager Michael Sandlant said his condition would be monitored closely over the next 48 hours, and the tam management would talk to selectors in New Zealand about the possibility of a replacement.

With such limited bowling resources, Crowe took the unusual step of using Patel in an opening role and was even compelled to ask opening batsman Blair Pocock to send down two overs of medium pace.

Th threadbare attack allowed Slater and Taylor to score al-

most at will once thy had overcome early traumas.

They hammered 198 in 243 minutes before Patel finally struck, snaring Slater for 99 the 12th Australian to be dismissed one short of a century in Test ranks.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the fourth day of the first cricket Test between Australia and New

Zealand today. AUSTRALIA: First innings 398 (I. Healy 113 not out, M.

Taylor 64, P. Reiffel 51, C. Cairns 4-113) **NEW ZEALAND:** First innings (overnight 390 for six) Pocock c Boon b McDermott 34

Gratbatch c Healy b McGrath Jones c Healy b M. Waugh 143 Crowe c Taylor b Reiffel Rutherford c Healy McDrmott

78

218

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Patel c S Waugh b Reiffel Cairns b Warne Blain lbw b McDermott ing for a quick run at the end of Su'a not out Morrison lbw b McGrath Watson not out

Extras: (nb-10, lb-6, b-1) Total: (for nine wickets declared) Fall of wickets: 1-25; 2-100; 3-

199; 4-239; 5-275; 6-292; 7-394; 8-413; 9-418. Bowling: OMRW 10 127 McDermott McGrath 12 92 Reiffel 2 75 6 90 M. Waugh 13 18 10 0 S. Waugh 0

AUSTRALIA: Second innings Taylor not out Slater c Blain b Patel Boon not out Extras: (lb-2, nb-8) Total: (for one wicket)

Pocock

Fall of wickets: 1-198 Bowling (to date): O M 18 5 38 0 Morrison 29 4 104 1 Patel 0 12 0 Cairns 16 0 52 0 Su'a

Sampras clinches ECC title



Germany.

ANTWERP, Belgium, Nov 15: American Pete Sampras crushed Swede Magnus Gustafsson 6-1, 6-4 in the final of the European

eighth tournament victory this year, reports Reuter. Sampras's win within just 53 minutes guaranteed the American the coveted 1993 yearending world number one

Community tennis champion-

ship on Sunday to collect his

ranking, ATP officials said. Sampras, who earlier described the end-of-year top spot as "the icing on the cake," can no longer be overhauled by world number two Jim Courier in next week's season-ending ATP Tour finals in Frankfurt,

Sampras, whose 1993 titles include the Wimbledon and US Open Grand Slam events, stormed to a 5-0 lead in the first set with three service games to love and two breaks.

At 5-0 the first whistles could be heard from a disappointed crowd, which had not expected such a one-sided af-The 22-year-old Sampras

seeded Gustafsson before, took the first set in barely 18 min utes and continued the onslaught in the second set. He broke Gustafsson's serve for a 4-2 lead and was only

who had never played the un-

briefly in trouble in the eighth game when the Swede wasted two breakpoints.

Sampras, who had been on the brink of defeat in his semi final against Frenchman Cedric Pioline on Saturday, played much more accurately than in earlier matches here and kept Gustafsson, often considered more of a clay-court specialist,

Gustafsson, ranked 19th in the world, beat second seed Michael Stich and third seed Boris Becker in the quarter-finals and semifinals respectively.

glue to the baseline.

"It's been an unbelievable year," Sampras said. "My tennis has gotten better and better... I've won the two biggest Grand Slams," he said.

was pretty much in control I never really allowed him to get into his rhythm," he said. The crowd greeted the end

Sampras said his game plan

had worked very well.

"Throughout the match I felt I

the match, with a mixture of applause and whistles. "I'd like to thank Pete for the

lesson I learned today. I'm sorry it was such a short final, Gustafsson told the crowd. Sampras won a 155,000 dollars cheque and held the di-

amond-studded golden trophy

shaped like a racket, which is on offer to anyone who wins the tournament three times in five

Ivan Lendl won a similar trophy, valued at nearly 1 mtllion dollar, in 1985.

For whom the bell tolls Italy, winners in 1934, 1938 LONDON, Nov 15: Switzerland are also vying for

Wednesday as 16 teams battle for the last nine places in the finals on one of the most tense and frenetic nights ever of European international soccer, reports

Sixteen months of qualifying competition have produced only four of Europe's 12 finalists. but the destiny of the other eight spots will be decided in a coordinated feast of footballing

drama. And the last of the 24 finalists will be known a few hours later when Argentina and Australia come head-to-head in the second episode of their twoleg playoff in Buenos Aires. The first-leg was a 1-1 draw.

The 1994 World Cup jigsaw will be completed on

essentially as an entertainer 117 Test appearances and

derline it

Argentina are one of three former World Cup winners still fighting to qualify for next year's historic finals in the United States - the first staged outside Europe or South and Central America.

and 1982, and England, winners in 1966, are the other two with England likely to become the second former world

champions to miss out. Two-time winners Urguguay have already failed to qualify at the expense of Bolivia, who joined another of the former world champions Brazil and Colombia from South America.

England's slim chances of being in next month's World Cup draw in the gambling resort of Las Vegas rests on beating minnows San Marino by seven goals in Bologna and Poland delivering an unlikely victory over the Netherlands in Poznan.

Taylor is clinging positively to their outside chance. "Everybody has a dream and mine is obviously qualification. It is now a very distant dream but it's not over," he said. Italy have an easier task to claim their American ticket.

needing a draw at home to

Portugal in Group One where

England manager Graham

their first trip to the finals since

enough depending on the other match result. European champions Den-

If Denmark win, and they are unbeaten in their previous ll qualifying games, then a draw would also see the Irish in their second successive finals. The most complicated of Wednesday's permutations is in

Belgium need a draw at home to Czechoslovakia, while a point for Romania in Wales would be enough for them. I (Peru) 980.

Switzerland require a victory by two goals over Estonia to be certain, although 1-0 could be

mark are also in danger of failing to qualify, needing a draw against Spain in the hot bed of Seville to deny their opponents a place - unless the Republic of Ireland fail to win in neighbouring Northern Ireland.

Group Four where four teams - leaders Belgium, Romania, Czechoslovakia and Wales --are still in contention for the two place.

Mark Woodforde (Australia)

1,062, 29. Richey Reneberg

(USA) 997, 30. Jaime Yzaga