Jatiya Press Club win Medinova opener

Sports Reporter

The Bangladesh Jatiya Press Club team recorded a thumping six-wicket victory in their opening round-robin match of the Medinova inter-press club cricket tournament when they comprehensively crushed last year's runners-up Bangalore Press Club vesterday, according to a message received here from Calcutta last night.

Afzal H Khan, wicketkeeper cum opening batsman, with a masterly half-century containing three sixes and five hits to the fence, was responsible for Bangaiore's downfall.

Earlier, National Press Club skipper Partha Tanvir Naved won the toss and put the opponents in to bat. Bangalore could only make 134 for nine.

Obayed Zaman, who made a polished 35 with three fours and a towering six, was the other notable scorer in their innings.

Faruque to lead nat'l side in Kenya

Sports Reporter

Faruque Ahmed has been made captain of the Bangladesh national cricket team for the forthcoming ICC trophy, which is scheduled to be held in Kenya next year, according to a BCCB press release issued yesterday.

Sadek off to Kuwait

State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain left Dhaka yesterday as the head of a three-member Bangladesh delegation to attend a meeting of the Olympic Council of Asia in Kuwait, reports BSS.

The OCA meeting will be held in Kuwait City today.

The other members of the delegation are Bangladesh Olympic Association president Gias Kamal Chowdhury and secretary general Bashir Ahmed. The State Minister will return home on December 2.

Warnapura named Lankan manager

COLOMBO. Nov 30: Former Shri Lanka Test captain Bandula Warnapura has been name as manager of the Shri Lanka cricket team for the West Indies tour which starts here Wednesday, reports AFP.

Warnapura, the first Test captain of Shri Lanka, will replace TB Kehelgamuwa who was manager of the national squad on their disastrous oneday tours of Sharjah and India.

Muted dissent within the ranks of the players was downplayed as the Shri Lanka Cricket Board denied that Kehelgamuwa had been sacked from his post.

"He was unable to continue as manager due to personal and work commitments," said a spokesman for the board.

Warnapura's appointment has come as a surprise. He led Shri Lanka briefly after the country achieved Test status in 1981, before being banned for leading a 'rebel' squad to South Africa in 1982

A stylish opening batsman, Warnapura was banned for 25 years. This stringent punishment was lifted in 1990, and since then he has made a comeback into the cricketing aclministration.

Warnapura's appointment means that Shri Lanka have now had three managers within the space of two months.

Duleep Mendis - a teammate of Warnapura - who was cricket manager when Shri Lanka swept to a historic win over England in March this year, was unaccountably removed from his post after the tour of South Africa in September.

I don't know why we have had so many changes," said Shri Lanka captain, Arjuna Ranatunga, who criticised the board for not keeping the players informed about behind-the-

scene activity.
"We are the last people to hear about anything. When Mendis was removed. I read about that in the newspapers. think the board should at least have the courtesy to tell us what is happening," said Ranatunga.

"I'm very surprised at what has happened. But my job is to play cricket and not to get involved in petty politics," added

Ranatunga. Ranatunga admitted that the morale of his side was at rockbottom after humiliating per-

formances in Sharjah and

india.
Everything went wrong for us ... our batting, our bowling and most disappointingly, our

fielding. "I hope we can pick it up and give the West Indians a compet-

itive tour," he added. The West Indies will commence their short tour with a one-day international. Wednesday. The tourists will play a total of three one-day matches. a three day game and a one-off

Mohammedans bounce back

Mohammedan Sporting Club bou

nced back after a shocking defeat in their previous match against Bang-

ladesh Biman, in the Navana Fremier First Division cricket league, as they beat minnows Dhanmondi Club by 76 runs at Ground, Pallabi. the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. Mohammedans' big win

their batting line up. It was another bad day for MSC's Shri Lankan recruit Samarasakera as he was run

against Dhanmondi Club still

showed lack of confidence in

out for only 9. Shipon, the architect of Mohammedan innings, contributed 58 runs.

In a Mohammedans total of 160 runs all out, the other batsmen to score in double figures, were Selim Shahed 22, Atahar Ali 14, and Ashoka de Silva 10.

Billu captured four important Mohammedans wickets giving away only 22 runs while Imdu took 3 for 12.

Chasing a target of 161 runs to win, Dhanmondi found it very tough going all the way and were bundled out for a paltry 84 runs.

Dhanmondi lost their first three wickets when their collection was only three.

For Dhanmondi Bishal (37) and Azam (19) top scored. Five batsmen were shot out for duck.

Ashoka and Prince bagged two wickets each while Morshed and Atahar Ali took one each for

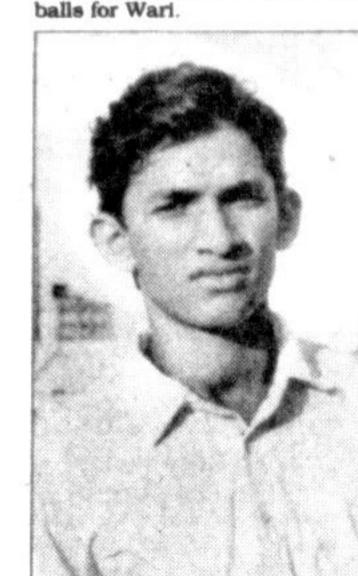
Sports Reporter Mohammedans.

Mohammedans stayed two points behind holders Abahani along with Biman.

GMCC WIN

GMCC beat Wari Club by five wickets in the other match of the day at the City Club

Wari batted first and were all out for 101 in 40.4 overs Opener Sarad hit 35 runs from 81 deliveries while tailender Timir made 18 from only 28



SHIPON ... 58

Plabon snatched four wickets giving away only 14 runs. R P Singh took 3 wickets for 30 for GMCC

A good start by GMCC

openers indian R P Singh and Gulla paved their team's win.

Gulla was bowled by Karman when he was on 34. R P Singh remained not out on 33.

Raman Lamba, GMCC captain, was caught and bowled by Karman when he was on 1. GMCC made 105 runs in 34.4 overs to register their easy

five-wicket victory.

TODAY'S MATCHES Abahani vs Biman (Dhaka

Stadium) Surjo Tarun vs Udity (DCS)

Zoology win in DU cricket

Sports Reporter

An allround performance by Smaran helped the Department of Zoology record a four-wicket victory over the Department of Pharmacy in the Dhaka University inter-department cricket competition at the Jagannath Hall Cricket Ground yesterday. Pharmacy battled first and

were bundle out in 110 runs in the stipulated 30 overs. Ashraf top scored with 40 and Rashid with 13 respec-

Smaran claimed four wickets for 26 runs while Milon took two for 19.

Zoology reached their target scoring 115 runs in 28.4 overs losing six wickets.

Smaran scored 32 runs. Tareq captured two wickets giving away 23 runs for the Pharmacy Department

Richardson speaks out



COLOMBO. Nov 30: West Indian cricket captain Richie Richardson said Tuesday it was unfair for host countries to prepare pitches to

suit their bowlers as it was a form of "cheating," reports AFP. Richardson, who arrived here Monday from India, said it was sad that more and more countries prepared pitches to accommodate their own bowling

strengths. "That is like cheating and is unfair to me. When you're playing cricket, you should not create conditions to suit yourselves. You should just prepare a normal wicket and play the game like gentlemen," Richard-

son said. "If we wanted to, we would prepare the fastest pitches back home and that would suit us perfectly. But we don't do that."

Richardson will be leading the West Indies on a short tour

World AIDS Day tennis meet begins today

Sports Reporter different venues in Dhaka, ac-

release gineers Club, and Gulshan

The finals of all the events will be held on December 3 at the Dhaka Club tennis court, in

MANILA. Nov 30:

Chinese discus

thrower Cao Qi

wrapped up the

first of her coun-

try's many certain

gold medals on the opening day

of the Asian Athletics Cham-

pionships on Tuesday but it

was a Saudi Arabian steep-

lechaser who grabbed the glory.

Cao's best throw of 61.58

metres, well below her personal

best, blitzed the filed and put

her nearly four metres ahead of

the track where Saudi runner

Sa'ad Mozzae grabbed his coun-

try's first-ever championship

gold medal with a blistering last

lap to finish with a time of eight

Emirates' Ahmer Muhammad

left the 1991 champion, wan's

start of the last lap and looked

set to battle it out to the finish

Sa'ad produced a stunning

burst of speed and won with

English, his teammates said he

was ecstatic about his win and

they expected him to be hand-

somely rewarded by the Saudi

was the form of Chinese runner

Sun Ripeng, who was struggling

to keep up the pace from the

start and finished the race

nearly half a lap from the other

The biggest disappointment

But 200 metres from home

Though Sa'ad spoke no

Hamid Sadjadi, behind at the

Sa'ad and the United Arab

minutes 32.08 seconds.

of the 3,000 metre race.

government.

But the excitement was on

compatriot Zhao Yonghua.

reports Reuter.

of Shri Lanka, starting Wednesday with a one-day interna-

The West Indians, winners of a limited overs tournament in Sharjah earlier this month. were comprehensively beaten in the Hero Cup final by India Saturday. Their powerful batting was completely at sea against the Indian slow bowlers on a spinning Eden Garden

"We were completely outplayed," said Richardson. But he warned Shri Lanka his side would bounce back, stronger than ever, for the short tour comprising of a one-off Test, three one-day internationals

But the master-batsman was disappointed that only one Test would be played.

should have at least three

Tests," said Richardson. It is the first time that the West Indies will be playing Shri more Tests in the future.

than that I have to struggle with their names. But we are taking this tour very seriously.....

Div II soccer

Sports Reporter Division football league matches

Azad Sporting Club drew with Badda Jagoroni Sangsad 0-0 at the same venue.

backmarkers.

Games in Beijing.

wintry chill of Beijing.

(because) if we lose the Test, we won't get another chance to atone that defeat for quite sometime," he added.

West Indies squad: Richie Richardson (eap), Desmond Haynes, Brian Lara, Curtley Ambrose, Jimmy Adams, Keith Arthurton, Kenneth Benjamin, Winston Benjamin, Anderson Cummins, Roger Harper, Carl Hooper, Courtney Walsh, Phil Simmons, Junior Murray, Roland Holder. Coach: Rohan Kanhai.

Assenmacher not welcome

ZURICH, Switzerland, Nov 30: German referee Karl-Josef Assenmacher, whose handling of the vital Netherlands v England match last month was surrounded by controversy, was left off the list for next year's World Cup finals on Monday, reports Reuter.

Assenmacher was excluded when FIFA drew up a shortlist of 30 referees and 25 linesmen for the United States tourna-

FIFA, angered by Assenmacher's failure to follow its directive on professional fouls. earlier withdrew the referee's assignment for a Belgium v Czechoslovakia World Cup

The referee failed to send off Dutch defender Ronald Koeman for a professional foul on England forward David Platt and Koeman scored shortly afterwards as the Netherlands won 2-0 to help send England out of the competition.

The 55 shortlisted officials will take part in a seminar and fitness tests from March 13 to 18 in Dallas next year after which the final list of 22 referees and 22 linesmen for the tournament will be announced.

Abdul Rahim Nayeem and Solaiman Majumder qualified for the finals of men's 400 metres hurdles in the Asian Track and field Championships on the opening day, in Manila according to a message received in

Bangladeshi

sprinters shine

in Manila

Dhaka yesterday, reports BSS. Nayeem finished second in

the semi-final with a time of 52.53 seconds in Group "B" Sulaiman Majumder clocked 53.59 seconds to finish fourth in Group "A". But Majumder qualified for the finals with a better time for the seventh and eighth position in the finals. The top three of each group have qualified directly.

KP Susantha of Shri Lanka was the other competitor from a South Asian country, finishing last in 60.72 seconds in Group

In women's 800 metres Lubna Mahamud also qualified for the finals clocking two mins 18.12 seconds from Group "A".

Shri Lanka's Dhammika Meinke qualified for the finals topping Group "B" with two mins 16.10 seconds. India's Shiny Wilson finished third clocking two mins 16.24 seconds and qualified for the fi-

In men's 800 metres Bangladesh's Milzer Hossain finished last in Group "B" with a time of one min 54.82 seconds and was eliminated from the event

Shri Lankan SGR Subasinghe topped Group "B" to qualtfy clocking one min 52.15 seconds. Pakistan's Zafar Igbal and India's Jawant Singh also reached the finals in one minute 51.24 seconds and one minute 51.72 seconds respec-

Div III soccer

Sports Reporter

Basabo Tarun Sangha and Sunrise Sporting Club split points in the only match of the Progoti Insurance Third Division football league when they drew 0-0 at the Outer Stadium yesterday.

lost pride

PARIS, Nov 30: Troubled European champions Marseille regained some self-esteem with a 3-0 win at neighbours Martigues in the French league

Brazilian newcomer Anderson de Silva, on loan from Servette Geneva, put Marseille in front with a header from a Jean-Philippe Durand cross after 20 minutes.

scored five minutes before halftime and again in the 65th minute to give his side a muchneeded win.

Marseille move up to fourth place six points behind runaway leaders Paris St Germain. who beat St Etienne 1-0 at the Parc Des Princes on Saturday.

Flamengo draw with Sao Paulo

RIO DE JANEIRO, Nov 30:

The two teams face each other again in the deciding match scheduled for next week

Rio's huge Maracana Stadium, Sao Paulo's strong attacks seemed to take Flamengo by surprise. The Rio de Janeiro team was at a loss and frequently allowed Sao Paulo to break through their defence

Sao Paulo defenceman Andre swiped the ball away from Flamengo's Charles and crossed it over to midfielder Leonardo. who smashed it into the net for

Leonardo's goal brought out the fighting spirit in Flamengo, which with a much more aggressive game started dominating the match.

In the 35th minute, Fla-

mengo midfielder Marquinhos

dribbled down the middle of the field, and after outmaneuvering two Sao Paulo players near the net tied the game, 1-1, . Flamengo kept the pressure on at the start of the second

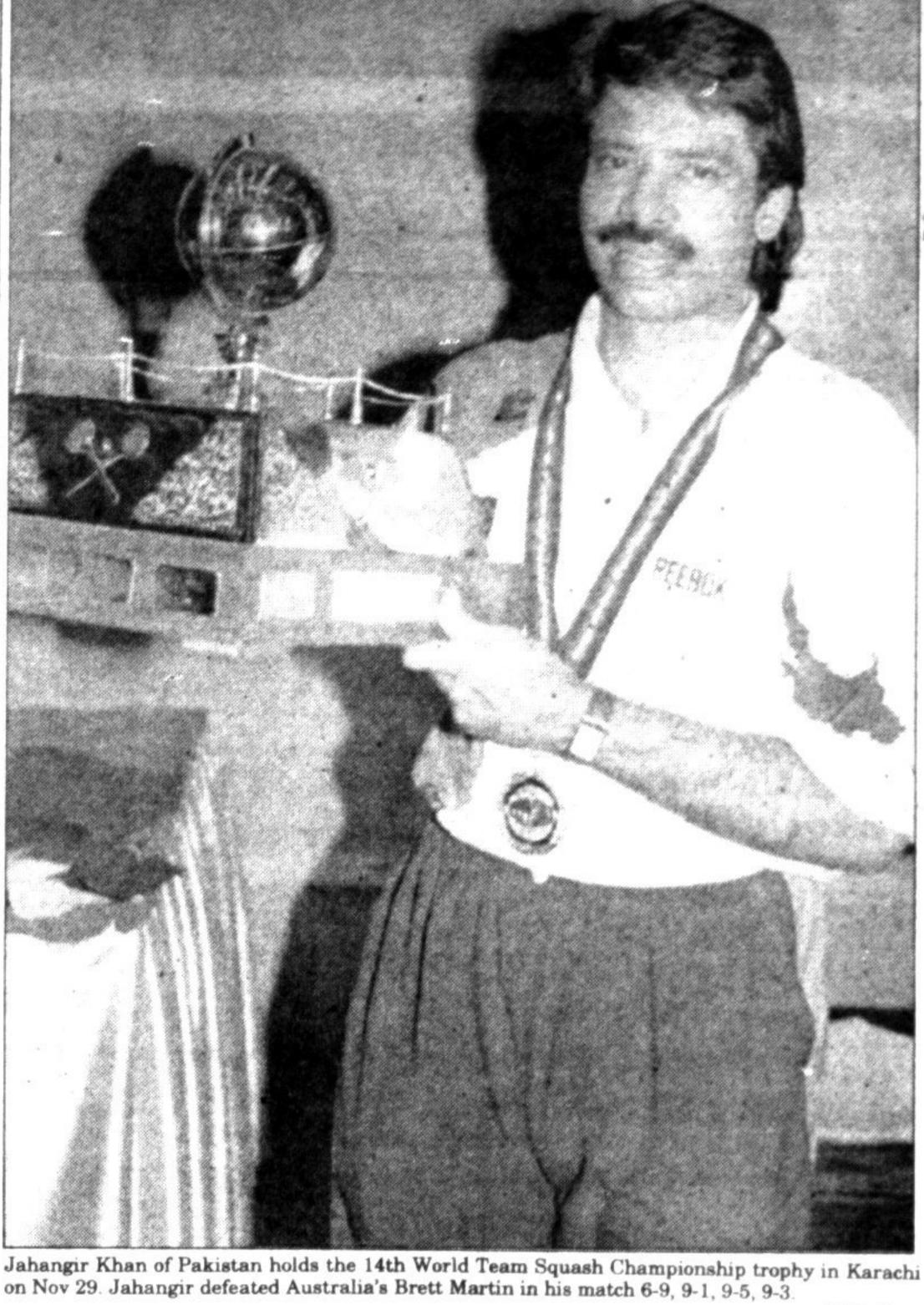
made it 2-1. At this point, Sao Paulo picked up steam, tightened their defence and started dominating the game with swift at-

A power failure knocked out part of Maracana's lighting in the 75th minute and the game was suspended for 20 minutes.

Sao Paulo returned deter-

tacks and counterattacks.

mined to pick up at least one might retire. more goal. In the 86th minute



on Nov 29. Jahangir defeated Australia's Brett Martin in his match 6-9, 9-1, 9-5, 9-3.

- AFP photo

Germans face Aussies in Davis Cup final

Stich has a point to prove from the number-two spot in Pilic's other option is to play



hoping to cap his phenomenally successful season by leading Germany to triumph in the Davis Cup final against Australia next weekend, doesn't smile easily or often, reports

Germany, Nov 30:

Michael Stich

Nor does he always bother to put on kid gloves when handling officialdom or the world's

But there has been a major transformation in the 25-yearold German in recent weeks.

The scowl has disappeared and the 6-ft 4-inch 1991 Wimbledon champion has looked totally relaxed and serene during his strenuous training sessions inside Dusseldorf's Trade Fair Centre where he and his teammates will be bidding for their country's third Davis Cup victory next weekend.

And one of the main reasons for Stich's new-found composure could be that he has finally climbed out from behind the shadow of compatriot Boris Becker.

Becker, three-times Wimble-

don champion and the main architect of Germany's first-ever Davis Cup successes in 1988 and 1989, has always overshadowed his compatriot. Then Stich's 1990 Wimbledon victory was in some ways

won the all-England title as a 17-year-old six years earlier. But ironically this year. Stich, who chose to put his country first, has been the success. He has plundered six titles, won the ATP Champi-

devalued by Becker who first

the world rankings. Becker, who decided to make

himself unavailable for selection

for the Davis Cup in order to concentrate on improving his world ranking, has flopped. He has slumped out of the world's 'top-ten' players, failed to qualify for the ATP finals and is currently away from the ten-

nis scene altogether and concentrating on becoming a father for the first time in the new When Germany hammered Sweden a shock 5-0 away in the semifinals, there were suggest tions that Becker be recalled.

firmly squashed by experienced non-playing captain Niki Pilic. "Having got this far, I think we shall stay as we are," she

But these were quickly and

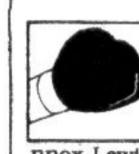
smiled. Apart from Stich's five victories from the six singles he has played this year. Germany's successes in the world group have been based on some inspiring performances by their second-string players - Marc Goellner, Patrik Kuhhen and

Carl-Uwe Steeb. Goellner, 23, who exploded on to the international scene by winning nice in April, and who started a new style in tennis wear by coming out on court wearing his cap back to front. has won all four of the singles

he has played. But the Brazilian-born Goellner, despite shooting up the rankings to 31st, has suffered a sudden loss of form in the late season and has won only one match from half-a dozen tournaments.

Nevertheless Pilic remains confident that Goellner will again rise to the occasion.

onships and ousted Jim Courier Holyfield-Lewis bout unlikely before June



WASHINGTON. Nov 30: A possible unified heavyweight title fight between Evander Holyfield and Lennox Lewis is unlikely to come

sperson for promoter Dan Duva said here Monday, reports AFP. Frank Maloney, manager for World Boxing Council champion Lewis, had set April 22 as a tentative date for a title fight at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas.

The date had been set as the

before next June, a spoke-

next fight for Lewis. Holyfield won the International Boxing Federation and World Boxing Association titles by beating Riddick Bowe earlier this month, but then said he

Kathy Duva, a spokesperson for Duva Promotions, said a decision about whether Holyfield will fight again is expected in about two weeks. After that top-rated challenger. would come negotiations, if

needed, for a title fight against Holyfield's past fight sched-

ule has been a June and November rotation and Duva said there was concern and April bout might not provide enough time for pre-fight publicity.

"We're waiting to talk to Holyfield but he has been known to fight for the last three years in November and June, she said. "In any even, to stage a world pay- per- view fight, it would take us four months to promote it."

Lewis became WBC champion last year after Bowe surrendered the title for not making his first defence against Lewis.

Lewis might yet fight in April, but might hold the bout in Britain.

Possible opponents are Bentt and Oliver McCall, the WBC's

11,000 crowd. Nobody can ever write off Australia. The Australians, winners of the competition 26 times and finalists on 16 occasions, scored their last success in the 1986 final against Sweden in Melbourne. Their main singles hope this

year will be Wally Masur - the

30-year-old from New South

Wales who has been enjoying

84th-ranked Carl-Uwe Steeb as

his second singles player. The

26-year-old left-hander served

his country well in the first-

round when he recovered from

a two-set deficit to beat Russia's

Andrei Cherkasov in Moscow

and help his team to a 4-1 win.

partner in the doubles, is an

almost automatic choice since

he and Stich are unbeaten in

the competition and have

dropped only one set (a tie-

But although the Germans

go into the final as favourites,

they will have to be careful not

to be too overconfident when

they come out on Friday in front

of a packed and partisan

break) in the three matches.

Kuhhen, Stich's regular

one of his most successful-ever Masur, a semifinalist at this year's United States Open and a finalist at Rosmalen and Manchester, got Australia off on the right foot in their firstround 4-1 win over the United States by beating Brad Gilbert. And he also looked impressive winning his matches against Leander Paes and Remesh Krishnan in Australia's 5-0

finals. But like Goellner, Masur has suffered a loss of form in recent weeks. And like Goellner, he is hoping that everything will come right on the night.

whitewash of India in the semi-

"Playing in the Davis Cup final is really important to me." he confided. "I really want to do

Wily captain Neale Fraser has recalled Richard Fromberg as his probable second singles

The 40th-ranked, 23-year

old Tasmanian, better-known for his clay-court prowess, showed his metal in Australia's tough 3-2 quarter-final victory over Italy in Florence in July. There, in front of the noisy

home fans, Fromberg won both of his singles — although he needed three tie-breaks to do so. And the 6-ft 3-inch player stayed ice cool under relentless

pressure to clinch the tie by

defeating Stefano Pescosolido 7-

6(7/3), 6-1, 6-4 in the deciding singles The Australians great strength will, as always, be in the doubles.

There the 'Woodies' - Mark Woodforde and Todd Woodbridge, runners-up in the World Championships in Johannesburg last week, will be a formidable obstacle to German hopes.

Test.

he added.

Tennis" organised by the Arthur Ashe foundation for the Defeat of AIDS, begins today at four

Dhaka Club, Officers Club, En-

A three-day "World AIDS Day

cording to a foundation press The preliminary stages of the four categories will be held at

pitch in Calcutta.

and a three-day game.

"I don't believe in playing one Test. What does it prove? Anything can happen ... You can have a bad day and will that prove anything? I think a tour

Lanka in a Test match and Richardson said he hoped for "I know very little about the Shri Lankan cricket team, other

Lalbagh Club edged past Rayerbazar Athletic Club 1-0 in one of the Sonali Bank Second

at the Hockey Stadium yester-In the other match of the day

Sun, with the fastest time

this year of all the competitors,

trailed at nine minutes 29.81

slower than his best this year.

arrived in Manila out of condi-

tion for the biennial champi-

onships after taking a break

from last month's National

The stifling heat also seemed

China's Cao, who is only 20,

to take its toll on Sun after the

also threw below her best and

conceded she could do better.

Ramos opens

Asian athletics

meet

Fidel Ramos of the Philippines

opened an Asian athletics mee-

ting here today, hailing it as a

precursor to a more unified

ceremony of the Asian Amateur

Athletics Association (AAAA)

Championships that it would be

"a showcase for the progress

and development of Asia as a

be forging stronger, more mean-

ingful links with one another."

Ramos told the athletes in his

last until Saturday, have drawn

41 countries and 1.100 ath-

The championships, which

"Your greatest challenge will

Ramos said at the opening

Asia, reports AFP.

speech.

MANILA, Nov 30: President

seconds, more than a minute

Many of the Chinese athletes

China grab gold, not glory

although her winning distance

was far further than the rest of

the fleld. "We have just finished our National Games and we were not able to train for two months," she told reporters.

"I feel very pleased to win the first gold medal for China in these Games," she added. China is bidding to beat its record haul of 24 golds in Kuala Lumpur in 1991, but its officials have admitted their ath-

letes are tired from an intensive

hurdler Han Qing just squeezed

into the finals after finishing

Even their top 400-metre

season.

eighth of the qualifiers in Tuesday's two semifinals. Her time of 59.98 seconds was well below her Asian record of 53.96 seconds Supercoach Ma Junren has said he does not expect any world records from his worldbeating long and middle-distance runners after their spec-

tacular feats in the World

Championships in August and

the National Games in early October. His team of stars being their campaign on the third day of the championships on Thursday with 3,000 metre world-record holder Wang Junxia running in the women's finals.

The highlight of the second day of competition will be the pole-vault featuring Grigory Yegorov, whose republic Kazakhstan is competing in the championships for the first time.

OM restore

on Sunday, reports Reuter.

Defender William Prunier

Flamengo and Sao Paulo tied 2-2 Wednesday in the first game of Supercup soccer tournament finals, a hard-fought and aggressive game played under heavy rain, reports AP.

in Sao Paulo. At the start of the game in

In the 16th minute of play,

the first goal of the evening.

half, and in the 47th minute, Marquinhos once again gained possession near the net and

defencemen Cafu, running with the ball down the right side of the field crossed it over to striker Juninho, who made it 2-