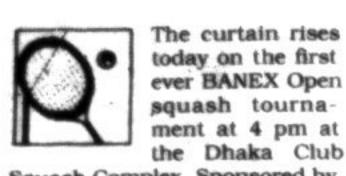
BANEX Open begins today

A window of opportunity



Squash Complex. Sponsored by angladesh Express Co Ltd the ocal agent of the international courier agency, Federal Express, the tournament will carry a total prize money of Tk 20,000.

Eighty players will participate in the week-long competition. National champion, Bhola Lal Chauhan of Sonargaon hotel, who has been dominating the local squash scene for the last eight years, is the favourite to clinch the title, while Sohail Hamid, younger brother of former national football captain Kaiser Hamid, will be hoping to reverse his earlier setbacks and upset Bhola Lal.

The holding of such a tournament will help to focus attention on the plight of squash in the country which has remained fairly stagnant over the last decade or so. Earlier. spoke to Tanveer Madar. Managing Director of the sponsoring company and himself a keen squash enthusiast and former general secretary of the Guash Federation. I asked him what his company's objectives were in sponsoring the event.

second test has

supported a dop-

ing accusation

against Sylvia Ge-

rasch of Germany

a gold medalist at the recent

European sprint swimming

championships, the sports

agency SID said on Monday, re-

Federation (DSV) said it was ex-

onerating another disgraced ex-

world champion, Astrid Stra-

uss, after tests showed her own

positive dope test could have

revealed excessively high levels

of the stimulant Caffeine in a

urine sample taken at this

month's championships in

the result and ensured that

Gerasch, a former world cham-

pion, would be barred from this

week's world short-course

mampionships in Palma.

said he expected the case to be

dealt with by the federation's

disciplinary commissioner be-

fore the end of the week.

DSV president Klaus Henter

"It means a ban of between

Only hours before, Henter

three months and two years for

had delightedly told reporters

that the DSV was preparing to

honour the now-retired Strauss

at a ceremony next March after

supervised tests showed that a

dope test she had failed in

a first-time offender." he said.

The second, B-test confirmed

Gateshead, England.

Gerasch's A-test last week

But the German Swimming

ports Reuter.

been wrong.

by Sohel Kasem

"Basically, our prime objective is to promote the development of squash on the local scene. Unfortunately because of fund constraints it is very difficult for the federation to hold tournaments on their own and they need to turn to sponsors. We have decided to hold this tournament on an annual basis for the next five years and we will be looking for youngsters to participate and gain big-time exposure. Squash needs new blood and as sponsors, we will be delighted if it generates a lot of enthusiasm."

The development of squash is also hindered by the lack of enough playing spots in the city and in the country. Dhaka Club remains the only suitable venue. As a matter fact Dhaka Club has recently converted its second court to a wooden floor court and now needs a seethrough fibre glass back wall to bring it up to international standards.

Mahboobur Rahman Joinal. convenor, outdoor sports (squash) sub-committee of Dhaka-Club, commented on the lack of adequate squash playing facilities in the city. "You see, being a private club, we are unable to allow non-members to use our courts. What the Squash Federation needs is its own complex and 8-10 squash

Mixed luck for German duo

March 1992 could have been

innocent and we believe her."

uss was forced out of the

German Championships and an

18-month ban kept her out of

But Henter assisted Strauss.

who retired in June, in taking

supervised tests to help prove

her contention that a heavy

drinking session had produced

the high levels of the hormone

testosterone in her body which

in Utrecht suggested Strauss

could have been telling the

Almsick skips

out

Swimming star Franziska van

Almsick pulled out of next mon-

th's World short-course cham-

pionships here on Monday.

four gold medals at the Barce-

lona Olympics and six Euro-

pean titles this year, said she

would not ready to compete at

the event in Palma, Malorca on

December 2-5 after missing

three weeks training following a

tyle short-course world records

over 50m, 100m and 200m.

Van Almsick holds the frees-

The 15-year-old, who won

reports AFP.

BONN, Nov 30: German

The results from a laboratory

"I believe that Astrid Strauss

normally point to steriod use.

the Barcelona Olympics.

Henter told a news conference.

"It seems Astrid Strauss was

After her positive test Stra-

courts to allow free access to anyone interested in playing

squash."

According to Rashed Chowdhury, joint secretary of the Squash Federation, lack of squash courts and lack of training facilities are contributory factors to the slow progress of the game. "We would like to hold a training camp conducted by a foreign and/or a local coach for a month for promising players. But the absence of our own complex and resource constraints make our task very difficult. The government has allotted some land for us near the Mirpur Stadium and we are in the process of drawing up engineering plans and arranging for funds. However, we are definitely the 'poor cousins' compared to tennis, cricket or football and we need more support

The BANEX Open squash tournament will bring together the best talents in the country and although it is unlikely that they will be able to match the feats of the leading players like in the recently concluded World Open in Karachi, it still promises to be a week-long feast not to be missed.

to achieve our objectives."

Sohel Kasem is an Executive Committee member and Treasurer of the Bangladesh Squash Rackets Federation.

did not take any banned sub-

stances," said Hans Kuno Kley.

the doctor who kept Strauss in

guaranteed drug-free quaran-

another Gateshead gold medal-

ist, Steffen Smollich, who is

Like Strauss, Gerasch and

tine to provide the samples.

techniques.

AITA chief hits back

NEW DELHI, Nov 30: President of the All India Tennis Association (AITA) Raj Kumar Khanna last night described as "unfortunate" Ramesh Krishnan's decision to retire from Davis Cup, reports PTI.

"It was rather unfortunate." Khanna told PTI when asked to comment on the Krishnan's de-

"But he has only one more year of tennis left (for Davis Cup) even according to him. the AlTA president said.

"I think instead of taking this decision, he should have replied to our letter. But he has not so far." Khanna said.

About Krishnan's charges against AITA officials and ask ing Khanna to quit, the AITA president said :"I have nothing to say now.

"If there anything for me to say," Khanna countered when asked about Krishnan's charges against AITA.

He said he has nothing more to say than what he had done through a press statement issued in Bombay last week after the AITA meeting.

IBF rankings

LONDON, Nov 30: Leading World Grand Prix rankings issued by the International Badminton Federation (IBF) on Monday:

MEN:

Thomas Stuer-Lauridsen 1.935 points (Denmark) Heryanto Arbi 1.770 (Indonesia) Poul Erik Hoyer-Larsen (Denmark) Joko Suprianto (Indonesia) 1,540 5. Ardy B Wiranata 1.435 (Indonesia) Allan Budi Kusuma (Indonesia) 1,045 Hermawan Susanto 1,020 (Indonesia) Sompol Kukasemkij 770 (Thailand)

awaiting the result of a B-test for high caffeine levels, say they Kim Hak-Kyun (South are victims of deficient testing Korea) Fung Permadi Gerasch won the 100 metres (Indonesia) breaststroke gold at the Women: Susi Susanti

(Indonesia)

Lim Xiaoqing

(Sweden)

(Sweden)

(Denmark)

(Indonesia)

(Indonesia)

(Thailand)

Korea)

Ye Zhaoying (China)

Christine Magnusson

Camilla Martin

Yuliani Santoso

Minarti Timur

Zarinah Abdullah

(Singapore)

ment, reports AP.

Bang Soo-Hyun (South

Somharuthai Jaroensiri

Tomba knows

all about it

Alberto Tomba nodded his head

and allowed that, yes, he un-

derstood the pressures that

drove Michael Jordan to retire-

PARK CITY, Utah, Nov 30:

The crowds, the media and

"He's a big star, probably the

the crush of business outside of the athletic arena are familiar to

biggest in America the last five years," Tomba said of the Chicago Bulls star who shocked pro-basketball by retiring before

the start of the season. It is the

Then the charismatic Italian

"Maybe he should come to

America, at least that part of

Tomba was a headliner in

Tomba wasn't the only star

on display, although the others were somewhat relegated to the shadows by the three-time

each race, although he won neither. He finished a mere 0.02 seconds behind Austria's Guenther Mader in Saturday's giant slalom, and his spill in the first run of Sunday's slalom opened the way for Austria's Thomas Stangassinger to win

Italy to play basketball and I

should come to America to ski,"

it which welcomes snow in win-

ter would love to have Tomba around. He was the central figure of a weekend called America's Opening, during which men's World Cup giant slalom and slalom races were

same for me in Italy."

he said with a wink.

contested.

that event.

skiing star had an idea.

760

2,080

1,930

1.405

1,010

960

860

845

765

onships in Sheffield last August in addition to her 50 metres title in Gateshead. She won a world title in 1986 when swimming for East Germany. The test result means she

European long-course champi-

will be expelled from the German team for next months inaugural world short-course championships in Palma where she planned to swim the 100 and 200 metres.

SID said Gerasch's B-test. conducted in London, showed a caffeine level of 16 micrograms per mililitre against the permitted 12. The reading coincided with that of the A-test, which had originally been given as

Both Gerasch and Smollich deny taking banned drugs. although Gerasch admits taking medication for a cold and Smollich says he took the permitted drug aspirin.

Henter said Strauss had been a unique case and he was not planning to help Gerasch and Smollich take tests to prove their innocence.

Nov 30: A vice president of Cuba dismissed speculation that many of his athletes and officials at regional championships here would defect, reports AP.

"We don't have any fear whatsoever, we have confidence sibility, in their patriotic spirit," Jose Ramon Fernandez told reporters here last week. Fernanmight go.

He was a bit off: 34 of his people have defected as of late Sunday.

Some of the 34 are scheduled to formally seek US political asylum Monday at the US Immigration and Naturalisation Service office in San Juan. Cuban exiles here say more will leave before the Central American and Caribbean Games conclude on Tuesday.

Two medal-winners ditched

Cubans have left sports teams at other international competitions before, but never in such large numbers as during these games in this Spanish-speaking US common-

wealth. Those interviewed have given poor economic conditions and lack of political freedom in their Communist homeland as their motivations. Tejada told The Associated Press on Sunday that he felt "terrible" about leaving his family behind.

There had been some 900 Cubans, athletes and officials in the delegation.

No defections have been reported among the baseball squad, which has been trailed by major league scouts during the competitions. Cuba's baseballers have won the last 13 international championships, including gold at the 1992 Olympics, and compete against Mexico Monday for the gold medal

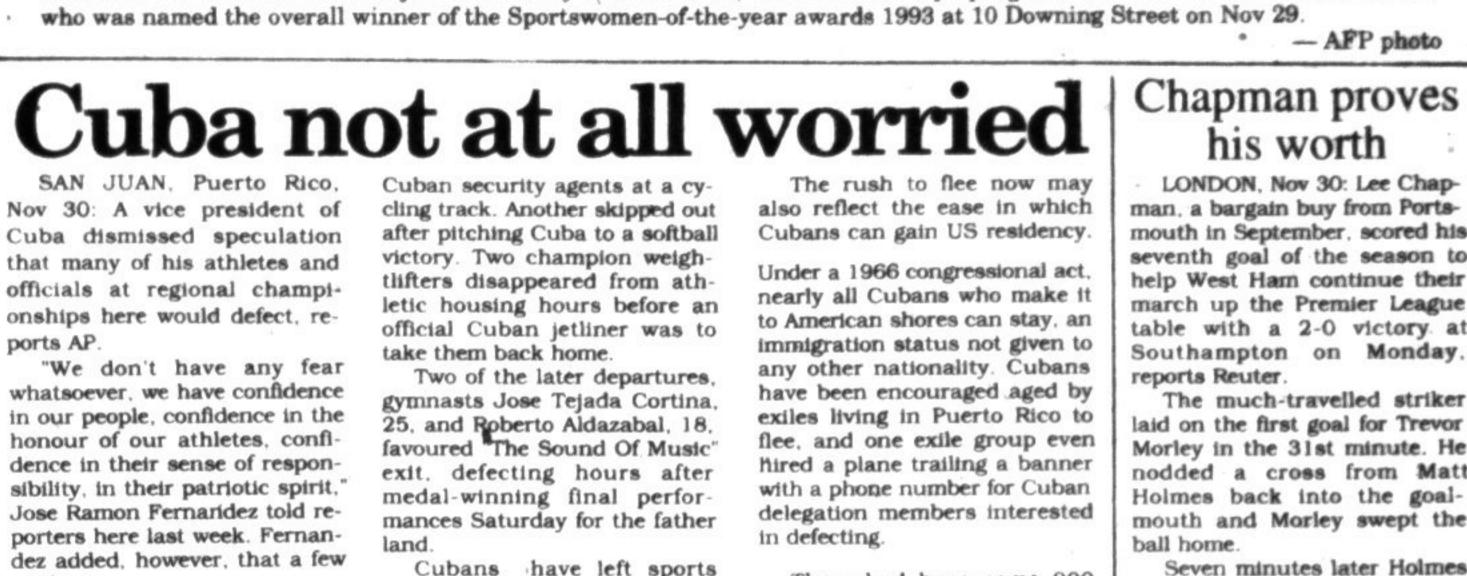
LONDON, Nov 30: Lee Chapmouth in September, scored his seventh goal of the season to help West Ham continue their march up the Premier League table with a 2-0 victory at Southampton on Monday.

The much-travelled striker laid on the first goal for Trevor Morley in the 31st minute. He nodded a cross from Matt mouth and Morley swept the

again crossed from the left and Chapman's left-foot volley was deflected off Southampton full back Francis Benali into the

West Ham's organisation and neat passing always looked likely to win the day against a Southampton side who relied too heavily on skilful striker Matthew Le Tissier.

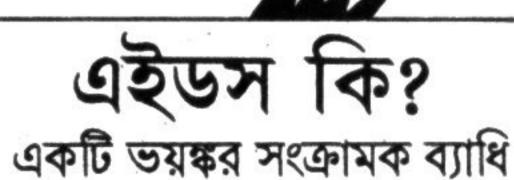
His frustration at being closely marked earned him his first booking of the season.



British Prime Minister John Major toasts Salhy Gunnell MBE, 400m hurdles Olympic gold medalist and world record holder,

नामक मात्राश्वक व्याधि विखात লাভ করার আগেই সতর্ক হোন

বিশ্ব এইডস দিবস উপলক্ষ্যে প্রচারিতব্য এইডস বিষয়ক স্বাস্থ্য বার্তা



বিশ্ব জুড়ে এইডস রোগ মহামারী আকার ধারন করেছে।

- এইডস যক্ষা এবং ক্যান্সারের চেয়েও মারাত্মক রোগ।
 - এইডস একটি মারাত্মক, সংক্রোমক ব্যাধি।
- এ রোগের কোন চিকিৎসা বা টিকা নেই, পরিনাম নিশ্চিত মৃত্যু।
- এইডস আক্রান্ত ব্যক্তির রক্ত শরীরে সঞ্চালনের মাধ্যমে কিংবা আক্রান্ত ব্যক্তির ব্যবহৃত সিরিঞ্জ ও সুঁচ ব্যবহার করলেও এইডস ছড়াতে পারে।







এইডস মুক্ত থাকতে হলে আপনি কি করবেন?

- ধর্মায় অনুশাসন মেনে চলুন। রক্তদান কারীর রক্ত অবশ্যই এইডস জীবানুমুক্ত হতে হবে।
- রক্ত গ্রহণের প্রয়োজন হলে তা নিশ্চিত হউন।
 - এক বার ব্যবহার যোগ্য সিরিঞ্জ ও সুচ দিয়ে ইনজেকশন দিন।

মনে রাখবেন

ধর্মীয় অনুশাসন পালনই এইডস থেকে বেঁচে থাকার সবচেয়ে সহজ পথ।



স্বাস্থ্য শিক্ষা ব্যুরো, স্বাস্থ্য অধিদপ্তর



Olympic champion. Mader, for instance, showed that his experiment with skiing in all events for a team replete with specialists could pay off with the first overall championship for an Austrian man since Karl Schranz in 1970. Mader added a fifth in Sunday's slalom to his GS victory and moved into the lead in the overall standings with 190 points. Kjetil Andre Aamodt of

Norway, who chased Luxembourg's Marc Girardelli to the overall title a year ago, showed that he will again be a force by placing third in the GS and sixth in the slalom. He moved into second overall, 30 points behind Mader.

"I like the chance to ski all the disciplines," Mader said. "Frankly, I find it a little boring to do the same thing all the