



Andrey Kazakov (R), Mohammedans' Russian striker, taps the ball into an open with an out-of-position PWD custodian, Sohan, looking helplessly on during yesterday's Star Premier Division league match at Dhaka Stadium. The match ended in a one-all draw. — Star photo

## Dhaka Eleven's friendly rained out

The friendly cricket match between the touring Dhaka Eleven and Hyderabad Blues Eleven was not held in Hyderabad due to incessant rain, reports UNB.

All the day's matches of the Mohi-ud-Dowla Gold Cup tournament in Hyderabad were also washed out for the same reason, according to a message received by BCCB here yesterday evening.

The team now visiting India will play their second match today against the Mehboob Nagar District Association 70 kilometres from Hyderabad.

Dhaka Eleven's third and final friendly will be against Vasir Sultan Tabacco (VST) Eleven on Saturday.

## Badminton camp begins Aug 25

A two-week badminton training camp under the auspices of the Bangladesh Women Sports Federation will begin at its gymnasium from August 25, reports BSS.

According to a press release of the Woman Sports Federation, two women players from each district of Dhaka Division will take part in the camp in the first phase.

## Ctg soccer

CHITTAGONG, Aug 17: Chittagong Mohammedan Sporting Club dropped another point in their second match in the CJKP-Elite Paint First Division football league against Regency Club at the Chittagong Stadium here today, reports BSS.

The match ended in a goalless draw. Mohammedans conceded their first point in the league against Friends Club on August 5.

In the other match of the day Friends Club earned full points beating Kollol Sangha by a solitary goal.

## FIFA envisages a new era

ROME, Aug 17: FIFA general secretary Sepp Blatter has told an Italian newspaper that co-ordination between match officials must be improved and he envisaged linking them by two-way radio, reports Reuter.

"Cooperation between the referee and his linesmen needs to be improved," Blatter said in an interview with the La Stampa on Wednesday.

"I don't rule out that soon we will have a solution like in the Swiss league, the three officials given sophisticated two-way radio gadgets so linesmen can pass on everything they regard as important to a referee during a match," he added.

Blatter repeated the idea of settling a future World Cup final with a sudden-death "golden goal" rather than a penalty shoot-out.

But he said penalties would be required if neither team scored at the end of 30 minutes of sudden-death extra time.

"I now that replying the final would be the fairest solution, but the dangerous and the risks (exhausted teams, public order) far outweigh the benefit," Blatter said.

"The solution is sudden-death. Who scores wins. Always, of course, within the 30 minutes of extra time. After that, penalties," he added.

The final between Brazil and Italy last month was won by the Brazilians on penalties after 120 minutes of play had failed to yield any goals. It was the first World Cup final to be decided by a shoot-out.

Blatter added kick-ins may replace throw-ins in 1996. The Bulgarian and Hungarian Second Divisions and an English semi-professional league will test the change this season.

FIFA meets next week to decide the sanction to impose on Diego Maradona after he was expelled from the World Cup for failing a dope test.

## Violence engulfs Dhaka Stadium

# PWD hold Mohammedans

Sports Reporter



Unbridled anarchy and widespread violence gripped the Stadium arena once again as reigning champions Mohammedan Sporting Club dropped their second point of the season when they drew their fifth engagement in this year's Star Premier league 1-1 with Public Works Department (PWD) yesterday.

All hell broke loose when Rumman Bin Wali Shabbir, the Mohammedan captain, was injured in a clash with the PWD custodian for a common ball. The mercurial winger lay prostrate on the ground writhing in excruciating pain as the referee Rafiqul Islam carried on with the game.

Mohammedans, whose players, officials and supporters were quite frustrated at that time as the black and whites had drawn level having been down by a 32nd minute goal took it as the opportunity to pour out their phials of wrath.

Mohammedan manager Badal Roy, a former national footballer inspected the wallowing Shabbir and flew off the handle triggering off a gang attack on the man in black. While Shabbir was stretched off the ground, Vitally Bredgave, one of the three Russian footballers playing for Mohammedans this season, felled the scared referee with a flying kick. Then his teammate Zahid felled the fallen supervisor's bid to be up on his feet with a vicious punch and Rehan, better known for his temperament than footballing skills, joined the fray.

Members of the law enforcing agency, who had to beetle off to stop a flood of Mohammedan supporters, breaking in inlets of the north-western gallery, branched to rescue the mauled Rafiqul Islam.

Galleries by then had become a moving panorama of panicky people running pell mell for safety as teargas canisters, lobbed by the more active and roused section of policemen started emanating in the terraces. While the innocuous football buffs including pressmen battled the twin menaces of the batons, gas canisters of the policemen and the flying missiles by the

## Asiad football in jeopardy

HIROSHIMA, Japan, Aug 17: Withdrawals are threatening to play havoc with the schedule for the Hiroshima Asian Games football tournament, reports AFP.

But the organisers are reluctant to hold a new draw as they do not want to change the Games for Japan, whose matches are all sold out.

Brunel have already pulled out, Mongolia are certain to follow and Yemen and India are on the verge of quitting.

A first draw of the 22 teams entered into five preliminary groups was held in June. The organisers have been consulting the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) since on whether to hold a new draw, since Brunel's withdrawal in July.

Brunel had been drawn in Group E with Japan, Qatar and Burma, while Mongolia and India were in group B with three other nations and Yemen in another five-team Group A.

According to AFC rules, organisers should draw again if more than two teams pull out.

But Hiroshima Organising Committee announced Wednesday it was against holding a new draw and that it hoped to replace a few teams among the five groups.

The organisers are strongly against changing the Japanese team's schedule as all the tickets for their games are gone.

rival supporters, vandals got out of the stadium to indulge in their familiar orgy of anarchy smashing every reachable piece of glass and some of them setting fire to a few parked vehicles.

It was a night of dear payment for Mohammedans, who are yet to win a title this year. Their Russian striker Inataev Gearmann, who had served a two-match suspension for receiving a red card in the opening match against Bangladesh Boys, got a marching order again when he punched opposition defender Kakan, a former Mohammedan player who too was sent off for retaliating.

While Gearmann's loss at least for two matches will definitely weaken Mohammedans' strike force, the loss of Shabbir, which seems to be prolonged one, will definitely be a killer blow to the title aspirants since the little winger is their main schemer. Unconfirmed reports attributing family sources said Shabbir may not play again this season.

PWD's Bulbul, who caught the football buffs' eyes the other day during PWD's goalless encounter with Abahani, the other giants put the workmen ahead in the 32nd minute.

A bad lapse by veteran Mohammedan central defender Kaiser Hamid, who missed a simple header to a midfield lob, only managing to glance it on the path of a lurking Bulbul who rounded off Mohammedan custodian Lahul to stun the black and white supporters.

Earlier with the match barely five minutes old, Bulbul was poised to score but the Mohammedan custodian tripped him from behind, denying the forward a sure goal but the referee turned a blind eye.

Mohammedans played well in the second half and created quite a few chances but inconsistent refereeing and got the equaliser six minutes into the

second half when Shabbir from an apparently off-side position latched on to a Vitally through and floated a cross leaving Kazakov to notch his sixth goal in the Premier league.

Mohammedans increased pressure after the equaliser but with the referee proving indecisive and inconsistent, robbing them of a penalty midway through the second half when a well-placed Kazakov was brought down inside the box, the black and whites' second draw looked a certainty.

The PWD custodian thwarted a Shabbir shot at the fag end and Nurul Haq Manik's on the rebound effort sailed over the bar. Shortly after that Shabbir got injured and the pandemonium was on.

The match was held up for 50 minutes and after some sort of order was restored nervous Rafiqul Islam blew off the whistle after a highly subjective version of loss time.

Meanwhile, in the first match of the day, another Premier Division league fixture, Wari Club recorded their first victory when they defeated babes Bangladesh Boys Club in their fifth match by the odd goal in three.

The first half was locked 1-1.

Yousuf opened the Wari account in the 18th minute while Badal Das of Bangladesh Boys Club neutralised the margin in the 40th minute.

Razzak scored the match-winning goal for Wari from a spot-kick three minutes into the second half.

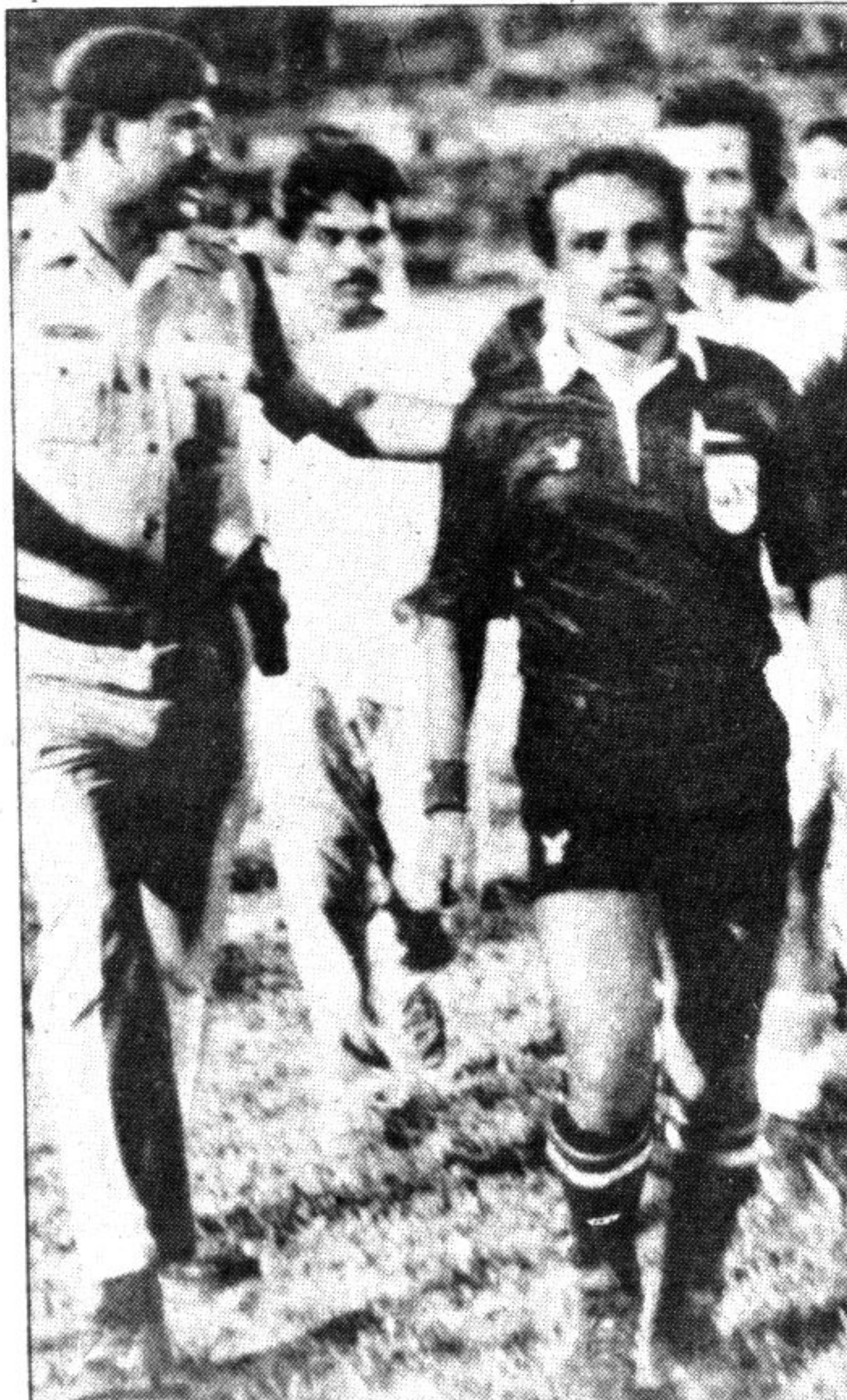
Razzak and Kabir of Wari Club and Prince of Bangladesh Boys Club received yellow cards.

## TODAY'S MATCHES

Victoria SC vs Sadharan Bima KS 6 pm (Mirpur Stadium)

Brothers Union vs Bangladesh Boys 4:30 pm (Dhaka Stadium)

Abahani KS vs Muktijoddha Sangsad 6:30 pm (Dhaka Stadium)



THE MAN OF THE NIGHT ... Rafiqul Islam, who officiated the violence-stricken Star Premier Division football league match between holders Mohammedan Sporting Club and PWD SC at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday, is being escorted by a policeman off the pitch after he was severely manhandled by the Mohammedan players. — Star photo

## \$40,000 bail for Maradona

BUENOS AIRES, Aug 17: Fallen soccer star Diego Maradona, indicted for firing an air rifle at reporters last February, was set 40,000 dollars bail on Tuesday, local television said, reports Reuter.

The charges date back to February 2 when Maradona, only hours after being sacked by local club Newell's Old Boys, took pot shots at reporters besieging his country home.

The former Argentine captain was to face charges of bodily harm in the attack in which four reporters were injured. The charges carry a maximum sentence of two years in prison.

Maradona 33, was suspended from world soccer in June after failing a doping test. He is due to appear this month before the FIFA world soccer governing body to hear whether he will be allowed to play again.

Local television quoted court sources as saying Maradona would have to request special permission to leave the country to attend the FIFA hearing, scheduled for August 24.

## Kapil is back

NEW DELHI, Aug 17: Cricket selectors on Wednesday recalled India's best known fast bowler Kapil Dev into the team that will take part in a four-nation limited over cricket tournament in Sri Lanka in September, reports AP.

Australia, Pakistan and host Sri Lanka will play in the Sept. 4-17 tournament for the Singer trophy.

The selectors retained Mohammed Azharuddin as captain and gave him four fast bowlers to choose from to sharpen the Indian attack.

Besides Kapil Dev, fast bowlers Manoj Prabhakar, Jagavallu Srinath and Prashanta Vaidya were also named.

Kapil Dev, one of the best all-rounders in the world, was rested in the last cricket season. But selectors recalled him in view of lack of promising pace bowlers.

The team: Mohammed Azharuddin (Capt), Sachin Tendulkar (Vice-Capt), Navjot Singh Sidhu, Manoj Prabhakar, Ajay Jadeja, Vinod Kambli, Atul Bedade, Nayan Mongia, Kapil Dev, Jagavallu Srinath, Prashanta Vaidya, Venkatesh Prasad, Anil Kumble, Rajesh Chauhan and Venkatapathi Raju.

## Benfica complete Canigga deal

LISBON, Aug 17: Argentine World Cup striker Claudio Canigga signed for Portuguese champions Benfica on Tuesday for one season, a Benfica spokesman said, reports Reuter.

"Benfica won't regret giving me a contract... I won't disappoint them," the 27-year-old player said on arrival in Lisbon. The transfer fee has not been disclosed but is believed to be between 3.8 and 4.4 million dollars.

Canigga did not play for his former club AS Roma after he tested positive for cocaine near the end of the 1992-93 season and received a 13-month ban.

The Portuguese soccer season begins on August 21.

## Lendl, Gilbert don't buy it

NEW HAVEN, Conn, Aug 17: Tennis veterans Brad Gilbert and Ivan Lendl object to the notion that the sport they've each been playing professionally for more than a decade is dying.

Lendl, who turned pro in 1978, and Gilbert, a pro since 1982, addressed the issue Tuesday during post-match interviews in the Volvo International.

"I don't buy it, not for one second," Lendl said. "I think there's some problems, but all sports have problems, and to single out tennis is unfair."

Gilbert was a little more outspoken than Lendl, targeting his criticism at a cover story in Sports Illustrated magazine in May. The story was promoted with the question "Is Tennis Dying?" written over a tennis ball on the front cover.

"Unfortunately, maybe it's such a negative thing that it will have a positive effect," Gilbert said. "Maybe we'll be able to do things. But I still don't see the sport being nearly in the shape that she (the writer) played it out to be."

Gilbert, the 12th-seeded player in the Volvo, was beaten Monday by Wayne Black, who is ranked 507th in the world.

Gilbert seemed a bit more accepting than Lendl of the bold changes being introduced this week. Lendl didn't mind the music being played during changeovers, but said it shouldn't be played during player introductions.

"You go out on the court and you want to get rhythm," Lendl said.



Mohammedan skipper Rumman bin Wali Shabbir writhes in pain while officials attend the mercurial playmaker after he sustained an injury on his right knee, following a physical contact with the PWD custodian during a tussle over a common ball in yesterday's Star Premier Division match. Shabbir, who was carried off the pitch, later underwent a surgery in a local clinic. Hospital sources said the brilliant Mohammedan medio, who is certain to miss the rest of the league, may not return to the field at all. — Star photo

## England-SA final Test begins today

# Change, order of the day



LONDON, Aug 17: As England recycle their team in yet another permutation in their quest for a winning side South Africa look likely to make their first change of the series for the third and final Test starting at the Oval on Thursday, reports Reuter.

Opener Andrew Hudson, who scored the first century for South Africa on their return to Test cricket in 1992 and has played in every Test since then, has been in miserable form on this tour and looks likely to be dropped.

He has scored only 266 runs in 18 innings, an average of 15.64 and his Test record is even worse with just 30 runs in four innings.

"It is very sad but Andrew has had every opportunity and hasn't made the runs," coach Mike Procter said. "If he was still confident mentally then he would probably be given another chance but his confidence is very low and the string of low scores has obviously affected him."

Daryl Cullinan, an aggressive middle-order batsman looks set to replace him with the likelihood of Peter Kirsten moving up to open the innings with half-brother Gary.

Procter said Kirsten was happy to open the innings but added there was also the possibility of Hansie Cronje moving up from number three.

Fast bowler Allan Donald, regarded as doubtful after being sidelined during the second Test because of a painful cyst on his big toe, now looks almost certain to play although Procter said, he would have to pass a fitness test.

"Allan must go flat out on

Wednesday morning in order to prove his fitness, otherwise we cannot consider him for a five-day Test. He wasn't fit in the second Test and we suffered as a result," Procter said.

South Africa, 1-0 ahead in the series, had looked in some

and 37 year-old former captain Mike Gatting.

Malcolm takes the place of Angus Fraser, whose lethargic performance this season has created doubts about his inclusion in England's squad for the Ashes Series against Australia later this year.

Gatting was recalled as cover for the even older former England captain Graham Gooch. But with Gooch on Tuesday announcing himself recovered from a hamstring injury sustained in the second Test, Gatting could well be left out of the 13 man squad.

It does, however, mean he is well in contention for a place on the Australian tour.

With The Oval pitch expected to favour the pacemen, the other likely omission is left-arm spinner Phil Tufnell, which leaves Illingworth's, two-spinners plan in tatters and the only man left in the team able to turn the ball being Graeme Hick with his off-spinners.

Gooch will find himself in the unusual position of being on trial.

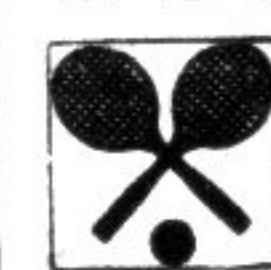
Since starting the international season with a double century against New Zealand at Trent Bridge, he has scored just 111 runs in seven Test innings.

In four innings against South Africa, Gooch has posted scores of 20, 28, 23 and 27.

"In some ways that's worse than getting ducks because you feel you've done the hard work," he said.

Two more low scores in the third Test could spell the end, not only for selection for the Australian tour but also for the international career of England's most prolific run scorer.

# Courier wants to cool heels



INDIANAPOLIS, Aug 17: Former world number one Jim Courier is planning a temporary sabbatical from tennis after failing to capture a tournament crown for an entire year, and may skip the US Open beginning late this month, reports Reuter.

The 10th-ranked Courier made his announcement on Tuesday, one day before his 24th birthday and following a disastrous second-round 1-6, 6-4, 6-3 loss to 43rd-ranked Alex Corretja of Spain at the 1.4 million dollar RCA Championships.

"I'm just tired," said the fifth-seeded courier.

"Physically, mentally and emotionally spent, basically."

Courier didn't know when he will be taking to the courts again, even saying that "it is a possibility" that he will skip the US Open, which begins on August 29.

"The rackets are in the bag right now," Courier said.

"They are going to stay there until my heart tells me to pick them up again. I don't know if that is going to be one day, one week, one month, one year, ten years. But they will stay in the bag until I am hungry to come back and play."

It has been a dry season for Courier, who hasn't hoisted a tournament trophy since beating Boris Becker of Germany here a year ago.

Courier will drop out of the top 10 rankings when the new ATP Tour rankings are released he will move into the low tens for the second time this year. He was out of the top 10 for four weeks following Wimbledon.

The only final Courier reached in 1994 was in Nice, France, in April. He tumbled there to another little-known Spaniard Alberto Berasategui in two easy sets.

The problem seems to be

that Courier, once known as a tenacious bulldog on the court, can no longer find his resolve. After winning the first set over the 43rd-ranked Corretja, the American said he "kind of lost interest."

"It was all my doing out there," Courier said. "There is

is going to happen."

Courier is planning on letting things take their own course. "I will have an Epiphany at some point, I am sure."

## Graf breezes

MONTREAL, Aug 17: Top-seeded Steffi Graf won her first match at the 750,000 dollars Canadian Open on Tuesday when she defeated American Sandra Cacic 6-1, 6-2 in the second round, reports Reuter.

Graf will next face 14th seeded Naoko Swamatsu of Japan today in the third round. The top eight seeds all received first-round byes.

Also moving into the third round were second-seeded Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario of Spain, who defeated Asa Carlsson of Sweden 6-4, 6-2, and fifth seeded Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina, a 6-1, 6-3 winner over Sandrine Testud of France.

Other seeded players to win on Tuesday were 13th seed Nathalie Tauziat of France and 17th seed Chanda Rubin of the United States.

Graf, playing in her second tournament since her first round loss at Wimbledon to American Lori McNeil and her semifinal defeat by French woman Mary Pierce at the French Open is still having to explain those setbacks despite winning the Sand Diego tournament two weeks ago.

"I started out the year really well and didn't lose a match until April," said Graf, the defending champion here. The German's match record for the year is now 48-3.

"I just played two players who played great and I didn't play too well (at the French Open and Wimbledon). Sure I lost twice, but give me a break."

At 25, Graf is in her 12th year on the tour. She is beginning to think beyond tennis, as she mentioned after beating the 41st-ranked Cacic in 56 minutes.



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not any problem with the way I am hitting the ball. There is a problem inside and I'm really not sure what it is. The only way to figure it out is to just take a step away and come back when I'm ready."

All Courier knows for sure is that when he is playing "There is no emotion, it is that simple."

The Floridian believes he will rediscover his desire for the game.

"I certainly don't feel like I am ready to walk away from the game," Courier said. "I didn't really have a break last year at the end of the year. I have gone pretty much full throttle without any time off and maybe that is why I need to step away."

"Maybe I will be at the US Open. There is no telling what