# Asiad squad leaves today

Smudged with controversy and devoid of expectation a 78-member Bangladeshi contingent boards a Hiroshima bound aircraft this afternoon to take part in the 12th Asian Games, scheduled to begin from Sunday

If no late night additions take place and if what Kamruddin Yahia Khan Majlish a Member of Parliament from the ruling Bangladesh Nationa list Party (BNP) who has been appointed chef de mission. said yesterday in an informal chat with the press on the eve of the team's departure is true. then the amorphous list has finally been laid to rest.

So much have been said an done about the actual number of Bangladeshi representatives in the biggest sports carnival of Asia in the last few days, one never knows whether the Siraigani MP's confirmation will hold or not.

However, the head of the Hiroshima-bound squad ruled out any further inclusion in the list, sounding off "As far as the official list is concerned, the number of delegates is 78."

Assuring, no doubt, for many but considering the Bangladesh Olympic Association's (BOA) mysterious indifference in convening an official press-briefing, which is a conventional practice world wide when it comes to a country's participation in international meets, sceptics' claim that the BOA is still trying to keep its options open cannot be simply laughed off.

With its credibility on the line after incompetent, if not indifferent, role following the abject failure in the 15th Commonwealth Games, one cannot be blamed for smelling a rat in anything and everything the BOA does.

pan, Sept 28:

officials ackno-

wledged on Wed-

nesday the coun-

try did have a drugs problem

but that they were determined

to weed out the cheats, re-

use of drugs by our athletes.

Once they are found we will

handle the cases strictly and

relentlessly and hold their

leaders responsible for it.

Yuan Weimin said after flying

in with more than half the

team of 570 athletes for next

eral of China's Olympic Com-

mittee. admitted the problem

arose at a regional level where

competition for local grants

awarded to successful athletes

"We are tightening controls

Yuan, vice-minister of Chi-

at both regional and national

na's Sports Commission, is

overseeing the campaign as

chairman of the anti-doping

committee which next month

hopes to sign an agreement

with the Australian Sports

Drug Agency which has an in-

ternationally recognised anti-

Bevan bound

for Yorkshire

ralian Michael Bevan, who has

scored four centuries in

consecutive first-class innings

for New South Wales, is set to

join Yorkshire as their over-

seas player for next season,

agreed terms with the county

for a one-year contract and is

expected to confirm his deci-

sion this week after consulta-

Bevan hit his four consecu-

tive hundreds in Sheffield

Shield matches during the

1990-91 season. The world

for the past two years has been

West Indies captain Richie

Richardson. But his contract

was cancelled by mutual con-

sent midway through this sea-

son because of poor health

Yorkshire's overseas signing

record is six in succession.

tion with his advisors.

Left-hander Bevan has

reports Reuter.

LONDON, Sept 28: Aust-

Wei Jizhong, secretary-gen-

week's Asian Games.

was so fierce.

level," he added

"China firmly opposes the

ports AFP.

Chinese sports

The long running controversy over the formulation of a contingent for the Asiad which elimaxed on Sunday when the authorities preferred to leave out soft tennis as furtively as they included the hitherto unheard, unknown sport in the list, surely have done BOA's

The five disfavoured soft tennis players, who launched a justice campaign to protest authorities' eleventh hour decision to leave them out, seem to have ploughed in the sands with no joy emanating till yes-



Some 7,300 competitors week meet.

#### THE CONTINGENT

ruddin Yahia Khan Majlish. Deputy Chef-de-mission - Kazi Abdul Alim, officials - Nazir Ahmed Chowdhury, Sheikh Nizamuddin, Abdur Razzak Howlader, Khairul Anam, Dr Golam Shawkat Hossain and A N Ishtiaq Ahmed.

Athletes: Golam Ambia. Bimal Chandra Tarafdar, Abdul Rahim Naim, Bani Amin, Firosa Khatoon and Nilufar Yasmin. Officials: Lutfunnesa Huq Bakul,

Shah Alam. Boxers: Ruhul Amin Howlader, Kazi Shahadat Hossain, Mohammad Aslam, Md Delwar Hossain, Md Harunur Rashid and Md Alauddin. Officials: A K M Shahjahan and S M Alam.

Shooters: Ateegur Rahman. Golam Mohiuddin Haider, Saiful Alam, Syed Ashbab Ali, Haider Ali, Asif Hossain, Tow figur Rahman. Kazi Shahana Parveen, Fouzia Karim, Razia Nowshad Jewel, Sarbina Sultana. Nastruddin and Faridul Yousuf. Officials: Ansar Ali, Lee-Fu-Cheng, Shahidul

Haq and Shahidur Rahman. Rabaddi players: Tariqui Islam. Faroque, Talukdar, Hafizur Rahman, Mir Julhash, Abdur Rauf, Abdul Hakim, Shah Alam. Zahirul Haq. Ashraful Alam and Ali Asgar. Officials: A K M Habibur Rahman and Subimal Chandra Das.

Hockey Players: Shamim Ahmed, Jahangir Alam, Mamunur Rashid, Kawja Irtiza Quader, Mahfuz Alam Nixon, Rabiuddin Ahmed, Zahirul Islam Mitul. Haider Alam. Mahboob Harun, Musa Miah. Abu Zafar Tapan, Zahid Hossain Raju. Alamgir Alam, Mohammad Sadeque, Rafiqul Islam Kamal and G H Zahid Biswash. Officials: Brig. Ali Hasan and Ehtesham Sultan.

Wrestling: Jamaluddin (player) and Tabibur Rahman (official).

Weightlifting: Harunur Rashid (player) and Faroque Kazal Sharker (official).

Swimming: Qarar Mizanur Rahman. Moniruzzaman and Mosharruf Hossain (official).

Youth. After three days of hectic

## Four referees

Sports Reporter

Four local referees, headed by Z Alam, leave for India tomorrow to officiate a fifth Asian Cup Winners' Cup match between East Bengal Club of India and Toto Club of Thailand in Calcutta on October 1.

Bangladesh Referees Board. was appointed the match commissioner by the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) while Sheikh Badruddin, Rafigul Islam and Mozaffar Hossain will conduct the match.

#### Hughes left out

LONDON, Sept 28: Wales marksman Mark Hughes is to miss their European Championship qualifier against Moldavia in Kishinen next month because he is not insured. reports Reuter.

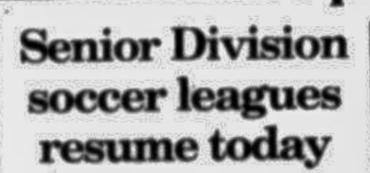
lier this month.

cluded as (he) is still unable to train and therefore cannot be insured against any injury sustained while representing Association spokesman.

With striker Dean Saunders still suspended, manager Mike Smith will choose between Sheffield United's Nathan Blake, who won the vote last time, and Leicester's Iwan



THE NOTICE IS THERE BUT WHO CARES? Despite DMFA's pronounced appeal to public



Sports Reporter The Senior Division football

leagues begin today after a twoday unscheduled recess with defending champions Mohammedan Sporting Club taking on traditional giantslayers Wari Club in the only Star Premier Division football league encounter at the Dhaka Stadium.

Three Malaysian referees -Kamruddin Mohammed Diah. M. Saminathan and Lum Seew Bah - who arrived in the capital vesterday, are expected to conduct the match, scheduled for a 6:30 pm start.

Two Star First Division football league matches are also billed for the day.

East End Club will take on Sadharan Bima KS in the first match at the Dhaka Stadium from 4:30 onwards while the only match at the Mirpur Stadium will be played between Eskaton Sabuj Sangha and Shantinagar Club, with the kick-off there scheduled at 6

#### Heat wears off in cricketers'

bourse Sports Reporter

Nineteen players submitted tokens on the fourth day of cricketers' inter-club transfer marked by no big names at the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) yesterday.

Rafigul Islam Ripon. promising off-spinning all rounder whose association with champions Abahani Krira Chakra only helped him accrue rust on his talent took a wise decision to part with passive glamour for some active grind. He signed for Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club (GMCC).

Surja Tarun who lost a bunch of youthful mettlesome cricketers lost Mashuqur Rahman yesterday to Gulshan

activities by the club officials of the Navana Premier league, the Milnars recruiters held the show yesterday.

## India bound

Z Alam, the president of the

Manchester United striker to pull out when Wales launched their qualifying campaign with a 2-0 win against Albania ear-

Now Hughes is absent for the Group Seven game on October 12, even though he is playing for his club in today's European Champions' league clash against Galatasary in

Roberts to partner lan Rush.



Mark, the younger of the Waugh twins of Australia, tucks a delivery from the Pakistani leggie Mushtaq Ahmad on the onside during the second day's play of the first Test in Karachi yesterday. Australia were 325 for seven at close. - AFP photo

## Australians 325 for seven on Day One

Aamir Sohail took a brilliant

left-handed catch in the covers

off Mushtag to dismiss Bevan

MICHAEL BEVAN . . . 82

who batted for 169 minutes

and hit the fence a dozen

Cricket Academy product from

Adelaide who made his first

class debut with a century for

South Australia against

Western Australia, displayed

tremendous temperament and

played handsomely in trying

circumstances to drive his way

65 runs in 69 minutes for the

sixth wicket. Playing for New

South Wales, in 1990-91.

Bevan had made four succes-

pensions are due to expire on

August 23, 1995, 12 days after

the next World Champion-

No date has been set to

hear the suit, which was filed

with the Bavarian state court in

WTA confirms

Capriati's inability

Sept 28: The WTA Tour has

confirmed that troubled teen

ager Jennifer Capriati's return

to pro tennis will be delayed,

drug rehabilitation programme

after being charged with mari

juana possession last May, had

entered the European indoors

a report in Monday's New York

Times that Capriati had suf-

fered a groin injury and would

ward to playing next week in

Zurich and returning to the

WTA Tour," Capriati said in the

statement. "I am confident I

Roqibul on

APSU executive

committee

Sports Reporter

dent of the Bangladesh Sports

Writers' Association (BSWA)

who is now in the South

Korean capital of Seoul to at-

tend the eighth annual

congress of the Asian Sports

Press Union (APSU), has been

elected a member of the exec-

gan in Seoul on Monday, said a

The three-day congress be-

utive committee.

BSWA press release.

Rogibul Hassan, the presi-

will be playing again soon.

"I was really looking for-

A WTA statement confirmed

in Zurich next week.

Capriati, who underwent a

reports AFP.

not compete.

ST PETERSBURG, Florida

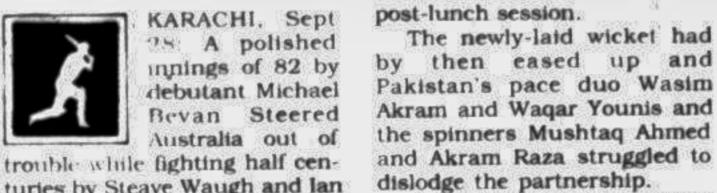
IAAF to take up

Krabbe's challenge

With Healy he had put on

Bevan, 24, an Australian

# Bevan's brilliant debut



turies by Steave Waugh and Ian Healy enabled them to pile up 325 for seven on the opening day of their first Test here Wednesday, reports AFP.

After having won the toss the tourists batted first but were reduced to 95 for four before lunch. But they recovered in the second session and finished the day in a rather strong position.

The Australian wicket keeper lan Healy was still there batting with 64 and his partner Shane Warne was out 22 after contributing 44 runs for the seventh wicket. He was out on the fourth ball of the day's last over.

On an unpredictable wicket. Australia lost quick wickets. Captain Mark Taylor led the slide with a duck when the total was 12. David Boon scored 19, Mark Waugh went on 20 and Michael Slater hammered 36 in the face of Pakistani spin and pace attack.

With 95 runs on the board and four batsmen back in the pavilion, Michael Bevan and Steve Waugh added 121 runs in their fifth-wicket stand. Steve Waugh's off stump was uprooted by a swinging delivery by Wager Younis when he had scored 73 valuable runs. He bated for 110 minutes, hitting 13 boundaries.

But Bevan and Ian Healy remained unseparated at tea with Australia on 249 for five having added 139 runs in the

MONTE CARLO.

Monaco, Sept 28:

The International

Amateur Athletic

Federation said

Wednesday it wo-

uld stand firm against a law

suit filed by German sprinter

champion Krabbe, serving a

two-year suspension for bring-

ing the sport into disrepute

after an earlier drug ban was

overturned, filed the suit

against both the IAAF and

German Track and Field

Federation(DLV) earlier this

SID reported that Krabbe was

asking for damages amounting

to 4 million marks (dlrs 2.6

federation ruling defending

Miss Krabbe, she nonetheless

did take a four-year banned

substance - clenbuterol," IAAF

spokesman Christopher Win-

ner said. "On that basis alone,

the current two-year ban for

bringing the sport into

disrepute remains a sound de-

cision, and one the IAAF will

200 metre champion in 1991.

was suspended along with fel-

low Germans Grit Breuer and

Manuela Derr after the three

failed an out-of-competition

The DLV later overturned

the ban, questioning its

authority under German law to

conduct random tests. It

instead suspended the runners

for one year for unsports-

manlike conduct. The IAAF.

wanting a more strict pu-

another two years.

nishment, extended it for

Krabbe, Breuer and Derr will

resume training next month in

southern France. Their sus-

SID also reported that

test in South Africa in 1992.

Krabbe, the world 100 and

The German news agency

"Despite last year's German

month.

million).

Former double world

Katrin Krabbe, reports AP.

for a debut hundred when he

Healy and Warne, both capable of wielding their willows. then anchored themselves to the crease to take Australia to 325 before another wicket fell. Healy had struck five boundaries in his 50 scored in 121

"I am satisfied with my debut." Bevan said after the match. However, he said, "It is disappointing that I got out when so near to a century."

"After I had reached my first 50 in Test, I thought could go for a ton," he added.

#### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the opening day of the first cricket Test between Australia and Pakistan on Wednesday. **AUSTRALIA:** First innings

Slater lbw b Wasim Akram Taylor c and b Wasim Akram 0 Boon b Mushtaq Ahmed M Waugh c Zahid Fazal b Mushtag Ahmed Bevan c Aamir Sohail b Mushtaq Ahmed S Waugh b Wagar Younis I Healy not out S Warne c Rashid Latif b Aamir Sohail Extras: (lb-12, nb-7) Total: (for seven wickets, 81.2

overs) Fall of wickets: 1-12; 2 41; 3-75; 4-95; 5-216; 6-281; 7-

To bat: Tim May, Glen McGrath, Jo

0	M	R	W
22	3	69	2
16	1	71	1
24	2	97	3
14	1	50	C
4.2	0	19	1
1	0	7	C
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## AB Bank TT

Sports Reporter

Reigning champions Bangladesh Biman registered their sixth consecutive victory in the AB Bank metropolis table tennis league at the Dhanmondi gymnasium yesterday and so did Armanitola Jubo Sangha, Wari Club and Inter Sports.

Of the four winners, only Inter Sports lost one match and that too for the absence of former junior champion Akhlaque which resulted in a walk-over for Swamibagh Boys' Russel.

Biman, Armanitola and Wari posted similar 3-0 wins over Ajax Sports Club, Combined Sporting Club and Lalmatia respectively.

#### Kamsky tipped a future world chess champ

LINARES, Spain, Sept 28: American grandmaster Gata Kamsky is thumping Britain's Nigel Short in the Professional Chess Association semifinals and is picked by at least one observer to dethrone world champions Garri Kasparov and Anatoly Karpov, reports AP.

"Kamsky is improving move by move - not game by game, Yugoslav grandmaster and former world No 3 Ljubomir Ljubojevic has said. "He will beat both Karpov and Kas-

Kasparov holds the PCA world title and Karpov has the world title of the rival World Chess Association (FIDE). Kamsky is the only player still alive in both championship cycles - although it's the PCA title that's now the world's most

important. The 20-year-old Kamsky holds a lopsided 4-1 lead over Short entering Wednesday's sixth-round match in the 10game semifinal series in this

southern Spanish city. There was no play Tuesday. No player in World Championship play has come back from the deficit Short faces. Kamsky needs 5.5 points

next year for the right to play

"Considering the season has

and Malaysia. The Japanese team is a much better team, added Thomson, whose team blanked Malaysia 3-0 and drew with Kuwait 0-0 last week in Singapore.

Japan coach, Paulo Roberto Falcao of Brazil said: "It was difficult in the first half, because we were slow to change from the defence to the offence. I think our players couldn't play as usual on the soft, wet ground."

tion, winger Nami Otake fired an equalizer with four minutes left in the match as hosts Japan overcame a two-goal deficit to draw with Australia earlier in the day.

#### Morale booster for Japan

TOKYO, Sept 28: Asian Cup this weekend, reports AFP.

the target. The Japanese rallied in the

up the left from Masaaki Sawanobori and Teruo Iwamoto but neither side managed to break the deadlock. just started and we were lack-

ing in preparation, I was more than happy with the performance of our team," said Australian coach Eddie Thomson. "We played against Kuwait

Japanese captain Tetsuji

Hashiratani expressed disappointment that his side couldn't manage a win. 'I think we were at 75 per cent today. But we are aiming to be a hundred per cent by October 3, when Japan will take on the United Arab Emirates in a tough preliminary match in Hiroshima.

holders Japan held Australia to a goalless draw in the rain at the national stadium here Tuesday in a friendly game in preparation for the Asian Games in Hiroshima starting

Australia were on top for much of the first half, with shots from Tony Vidmar. Stan Lazaridis, Damien Mori and John Markovski, going wide of

second half with some thrusts

In the women's competi-

to clinch the win. Players get one point for a victory and one-half for a tie. The other semifinal is also one-sided with India's Viswanathan Anand holding a 4.5-

0.5 lead over Britain's Michael Kamsky will be the clear favourite against Anand if the two meet as expected early

Kasparov. Kasparov and Short - who founded the PCA last year - met in last year's PCA championship with Kasparov winning. Kamsky's father, Rustam

Kamsky, was barred Monday from the rest of the matches after threatening Short and accusing him of cheating. The elder Kamsky - a former professional boxer -

told Short he would "kill" him but later admitted he had overreacted after the Briton won his only game in the series on Sunday. Short appears to have been

upset by the elder Kamsky. although his play has been consistently weak against Kamsky who has been consistently improving in recent competitions.

#### Top trio book 🔈 their places

NEW YORK, Sept 28: Steffl Graf, Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario and Conchita Martinez, the top three ranked players in the world, are the first qualifiers for the season-ending 3.5 million dollar Virginia Slims Championships, reports AP.

Garden, matches the top 16 singles players and top eight doubles teams. It will be the final career

Nov 14-20 at Madison Square

The tournament, to be held

singles appearance for Martina Navratilova.

#### Danish fans go on rampage COPENHAGEN, Sept 28: Thirty Danish soccer fans were arrested on Friday evening after a surprise outbreak of rioting before, during and after a Premier League game between Copenhagen teams Broendby and FC Copenhagen, police said, reports Reuter. Broendby fans threw coins and bottles on to the pitch at

caused by fatigue.

Denmark's national soccer arena, Parken, in Central Copenhagen during a Game attended by nearly 17.000 spectators which finished 2-1 to FC Copenhagen. The trouble involving about

2,000 Broendby fans, continued afterwards as stonethrowing fans clashed with police in riot gear.

Sports Reporter

reputation no good terday from the red building. Bangladesh will take part in

eight disciplines - athletics. boxing, hockey, kabaddi, shooting, swimming, weightlifting and wrestling.

and officials representing 43 nations will assemble in the historical city, bearing the mark of the evil science has led mankind to, for the two-

Chef-de-mission: -- Kam-

doping programme.

gold medal in successive years.

science and proper goal-orientated training." champions Wang Junxia and

Qu Yunxia.

Ma feeds his athletes has only a placebo effect.

#### mers admitted last month she Holland, Belgium to jointly host

all set to jointly stage the 2000 European Championship soccer finals, reports Reuter.

bid received by Monday's clo-The application now has to be considered next month by UEFA's European Championship committee with the final decision due to be taken in the

detailed examination of the of the year that it would be happy to accept a proposal

from eight to 16 finalists. England will be the first country to host the enlarged

Yuan made his name in sport in 1984 by coaching the Chinese women's volleyball team to the World Cup. World Championship and Olympic

Ma Junren, whose unorthodox training methods were greeted with sceptism by an unbelieving world when two of his women runners broke three world records in an astonishing week last year, said on Tuesday: "Improvement in athletics can only rely on

International Amateur Athletic Federation officials arrived unannounced in Beijing on Tuesday to test world

previous tests unblemished. Most athletics coaches believe the turtle blood and elixir

They have come through all

# And Canada's Angela Chal-

2000 Euro Finals BERNE. Sept 28: The Netherlands, and Belgium are

UEFA confirmed on Tuesday there had been only one

spring of 1995 following UEFA said at the beginning from two countries to jointly stage the Championship after

it expanded the tournament

China's drug awareness had been too quick to accuse the Chinese of drugtaking after finishing fifth in the World Championship 1,500m won by Liu Dong in Stuttgart, Ger-

> "Now I feel the Chinese performances have made me reset my goals. They have allowed lots of athletes to drop mental barriers," the 30-yearold said after winning the Commonwealth Games 3,000m by running her fastest race

> > American and Australian coaches into lodging a protest, also hope to clear their name. Assistant head coach Zhou

#### "We have always been prepared to co-operate in drugs screening," he said. Pierce returns

China's world record swim-

mers, whose performances in

in style LEIPZIG, Germany, Sept 28: Top-seed Mary Pierce put her recent United States Open disappointment behind her on Tuesday and returned to the tour at the 400,000 dollar Leipzig event with an impres-

win over home player Jana Kandarr, reports AFP. The 18-year-old French player, who missed a semifinal showdown against world number-one Steffi Graff at Flushing Meadow when she was beaten

Novotna, who is seeded for a new clash with Pierce in the

final here next Sunday, over-

sive first-round straight-sets

in the quarterfinals by Jana Novotna, conceded only three games to Kandarr.

came a shaky start to beat Meredith McGrath of the United States. The Czech 1993 Wimbledon finalist scored a 3-6. 6-0. 7-5 win. Other winners included \*third-seeded Anke Huber of Germany and Croatia's rising

teenage star Iva Majoli. But top

Belgians Sabine Applemans

and Dominique Monami were

### the World Championships in Rome two weeks ago stung Ming said they had nothing to

Groin trouble forced the

Istanbul. "Hughes has not been in-

Wales," said a Welsh Football



consciousness, the Outer Stadium, now undergoing development works, is being invaded by - Star photo by Anisur Rahman sorners as the picture would suggest.