

## Asiad party leaves

### Sports Reporter

A 76-member Bangladesh contingent headed by Kamruddin Yahia Khan Majlish left Dhaka yesterday for Tokyo to take part in the 12th Asian Games scheduled to begin in the Japanese city of Hiroshima from October 2.

Kamruddin, a Member of Parliament of the ruling Bangladesh Nationalist Party, who was appointed chef-de-mission led the party in Asia's paramount sporting meet involving some 7,300 sportsmen and women from 43 countries.

Bangladesh, taking part in eight disciplines — athletics, swimming, boxing, shooting, kabaddi, hockey, wrestling and weightlifting — are represented by 55 athletes and 23 officials in the two-week meet scheduled to close on October 16.

## BFF president resigns

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Communications Minister Oli Ahmed has resigned from the post of Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) president.

The decision was conveyed through a government handout yesterday.

Ahmed, a Member of the Parliament of the ruling Bangladesh Nationalist Party attributed his resignation to increasing ministerial responsibilities, a fact that had been hindering him from doing justice to the onus as the BFF president.

## Maradona won't sue FIFA

BUENOS AIRES, Sept 29: Diego Maradona, who had threatened to sue FIFA to reduce his 15-month drug suspension, has decided against that course of action, his agent said Wednesday, reports AP.

Marcos Franchi also said an Argentine government appeal to FIFA was unsuccessful, local news agency Noticias Argentinas reported.

Argentina's Minister for Sports, Livio Forneris, will make another appeal to FIFA when Maradona has completed half the suspension, the news agency reported.

Maradona, 33, was suspended indefinitely after testing positive for the banned stimulant ephedrine during the World Cup in June.

Last month, FIFA set the suspension, his second for a doping offense, at 15 months.

He has since said he will not play competitively again, and has started working as a volunteer assistant coach with Argentine league team Boca Juniors.

## AB Bank TT

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It was yet another day of one way traffic at the Dharmodi gymnasium as Brothers Union, Wari Junior and Armanitola Junior recorded a facile 3-0 win over their opponents on their way to the sixth consecutive win in the AB Bank Metropolis table tennis league.

Title aspirants Brothers Union had a straight set win over Bangladesh Bank while Armanitola Junior beat Mariner and Wari Juniors overwhelmed Purbachal Parishad by similar fashion.

In the other match of the day, Swamibagh TTS also countered to a three set to nil win over Cynthia Sporting Club.

## M A Khan memorial h'ball

Bangladesh Police and Bangladesh Navy enjoyed easy wins in the Rear Admiral M A Khan memorial handball tournament at the handball ground yesterday, reports UNB.

Shahiduzzaman of Police scored 16 goals in the 31-10 rout of Progati Boys Club.

In the other match Navy beat Shadid Nabi Club by 20-12 goals.

## Sao Paulo advance

SAO PAULO, Brazil, Sept 29: Palhinha scored a 78th-minute tying goal to lift Sao Paulo to a 1-1 draw with Colombia's Athletico Nacional Wednesday night, and into the second round of the South American Supercup, reports AP.

Sao Paulo won the first leg in Medellin 3-0 a week ago and advanced on a 4-1 aggregate score. In the second round they will play Colo Colo of Chile, who drew 1-1 with Argentinos Junior on Wednesday and advanced on a 5-2 aggregate score.

In the only other game Wednesday night, Argentina's Boca Juniors beat Penarol of Uruguay 4-1 to advance on a 4-2 aggregate score.

In Sao Paulo, midfielder Senna gave Nacional the lead in the opening minute. Five seconds after the opening kickoff, Ceballos was knocked to the ground in front of the Sao Paulo net and Senna converted the penalty.



Members of the Bangladeshi contingent for the twelfth Asian seek divine blessings prior to boarding the aircraft bound for the Japanese city of Hiroshima where the two-week paramount sporting meet of Asia begins from October 2.

## Sport

## BCCP to look into betting allegations

KARACHI, Pakistan, Sept 29: Pakistani cricket authorities have decided to look into charges that members of the national team have been betting on games involving them, cricket officials said on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

But they said no formal inquiry was planned because the authorities did not give much credence to the charges, which they said were levelled by unidentified person, after Pakistan's tour of Sri Lanka last month.

"We are not holding an inquiry but merely looking into the allegations," said Arif Ali Abbasi, one of the three members of an ad-hoc committee running the Board of Control for Cricket in Pakistan (BCCP) since the board management was suspended last January.

He said he and other committee members had received telephone calls from anonymous callers during Pakistan's Sri Lanka tour accusing some Test stars of betting and being in League with bookies.

The allegation surfaced after Pakistan lost a one-day international to Sri Lanka during the tour. Pakistani cricketers have also been accused of betting on games played by them in Sharjah, a happy hunting ground for bookmakers from India.

Some cricket sources speculated that Pakistani Test players may be barred from carrying mobile telephones, an easy link with the bookies, with them in dressing rooms during the current Test series with Australia.

## Crowe will go to SA instead

WELLINGTON, Sept 29: New Zealand Cricket officials said today New Zealand master batsman Martin Crowe will miss New Zealand's tour to India in October but join the team for the South African leg of the tour, reports Reuter.

Crowe, New Zealand's premier batsman, had asked for more time to recuperate from an operation on his knee.

New Zealand are due to play four one-day matches in India in late October en route for a full tour of South Africa.

Crowe limped through New Zealand's recent tour of England.

On previous tours to the Indian subcontinent Crowe has been very susceptible to illness.

The rest of the team will be named on Tuesday.

## Anand, Kamsky a point away

LINARES, Spain, Sept 29: Results in the Professional Chess Association (PCA) World Championship 10-game semi-final eliminators in Linares on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

Michael Adams (Britain), playing white, drew against Viswanathan Anand (India) after 36 moves in three hours 10 minutes. Anand now has five points to the Briton's one and needs only another half point to qualify for the finals.

Each Navana team is provisioned to register four foreigners, only two of whom can play in a match.

The other notable signing of the day was off spinner Sheikh Salahuddin one of the twenty pool players. With each team allowed to register a maximum of four pool players.

Salahuddin had to opt for the unfancied Wari from last year's runners-up, Mohammedans.

Who have already exhausted their pool quota with skipper Aminul Islam, Selim Shahed, Nurul Abedin and Sajjad Mansur.

Also changed allegiance on the day was Brothers' experienced new-ball operator Subrata Chowdhury who went back to Railways, a team known as the launching pad for players from Chittagong. So quite a homecoming for the Chittagong.

The six-day, transfers which began on September 25 close today.

S. SHARMA

lowing a highly successful first year with Mohammedan Sporting Club.

Besides Sharma, Biman are almost certain to retain the services of Pakistani World Cupper Wasim Haider, albeit later in the season. The tall PIA all-rounder will aid Biman in some of the crucial matches of the Navana Premier league.

However, Sharma is likely to be there from the very outset.

Damal Summer cricket tour.

Pierce, who replaced four-times Leipzig winner Steffi Graf as top seed after the German pulled out injured, produced groundstrokes reminiscent of the world number one to demolish Werdel 6-1.

Second seed Jana Novotna also hit form against Swedish Qualifier Asa Carlsson to move a step closer to the final which will take place on Sunday her 26th birthday.

Novotna clearly felt that, with Graf absent, the omens were good.

"Three times in succession I've only lost here in the final to Steffi Graf," she said. "1994 is my year."

Pierce will play seventh-seeded Dutchwoman Brenda Schultz, who beat Germany's Christina Singer 7-5, 6-2.

Syed Masud edged out clubmate KP Akbar by 5-4 frames in a marathon snooker final, lasting six hours, ultimately decided with the pink ball.

Earlier, Khadeja Islam, wife of the president of Gulshan Club inaugurated the finals.

## Aussie spin pins hosts

KARACHI, Pakistan, Sept 29: Pakistan suffered a middle-order collapse against tenacious Australian spin bowling and were reduced to 209 for seven in their first innings at the close of the second day of the first cricket Test against Australia on Thursday, reports Reuter.

The Australians, dismissed for 337 in the morning, fought back through their spinning duo of Shane Warne and Tim May to hold the advantage.

Pakistan produced a brisk opening stand of 90 runs through Sohail, he put on 63 for the second wicket with Zahid Fazal, in the process hitting the first six of the match by hitting Warne over long-on.

But after their departure they lost four quick wickets for just 28 to intelligent bowling

reputation, finishing the day with three for 49 off 20 overs while off-spinner May took for 55, also from 20 overs.

The two spinners pose a great threat to some vulnerable Pakistan batting, bearing in mind the home team will have to do in last.

At Thursday's close, Wasim Akram was on 12 and Akram Raza on one with a lot to do.

Anwar batted magnificently and his entertaining knock looked like the basis of a solid Pakistan score.

After sharing 90 runs with Sohail, he put on 63 for the second wicket with Zahid Fazal, in the process hitting the first six of the match by hitting Warne over long-on.

But after tea the tide turned. Fazal was caught brilliantly by David Boon at short

quick blows in successive overs, dismissing Inzamamul Haq for nine and Rashid Latif for two. Both went to catches by skipper Mark Taylor in the slips.

With the pitch likely to take turn from the third day, a daunting task is ahead of Pakistan.

But they have not lost a Test at Karachi's National Stadium for 35 years, winning 14 and drawing 16 of the 30 games played.

Australia, who resumed at 325 for seven overnight, were dismissed 12 runs later as Pakistani pacemen Waqar Younis and Wasim Akram polished off the tail in 35 minutes, both finishing with figures of three for 75.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the second day of the first cricket Test between Australia and Pakistan today:

#### AUSTRALIA: First innings

Slater lbw b Wasim Akram	36
Taylor c and b Wasim Akram	0
Boon b Mushtaq Ahmed	19
M Waugh c Zahid Fazal	19
b Mushtaq Ahmed	20
Bevan c Aamer Sohail	20
b Mushtaq Ahmed	82
S Waugh b Waqar Younis	73
Healy c Rashid Latif b	57
Waqar Younis	57
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Aamer Sohail	22
Angel b Wasim Akram	5
May not out	1
McGrath b Waqar Younis	0
Extras: (b-2, lb-12, nb-8)	22
Total: (all out, 88.2 overs)	337
Fall of wickets: 1-12; 2-41; 3-75; 4-495; 5-218; 6-281; 7-325; 8-335; 9-335	

#### Bowling

Wastim Akram	25	4	75	3
Waqar Younis	19	2	75	3
Mushtaq Ahmed	24	2	97	3
Akram Raza	14	1	50	0
Aamer Sohail	5	2	19	1
Salim Malik	1	0	7	0

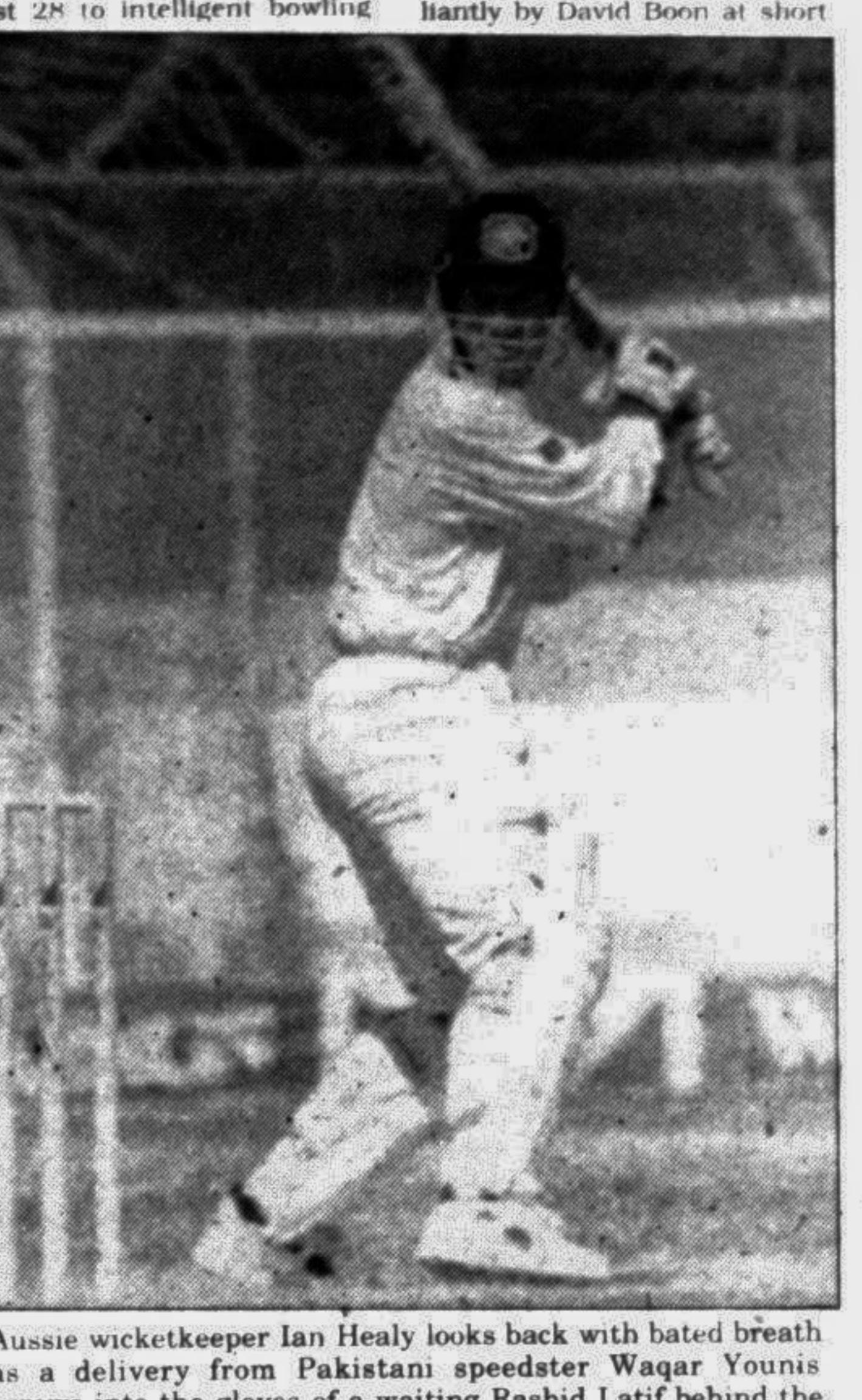
#### PAKISTAN: First innings

Saeed Anwar c Mark	85
Waugh b May	36
Aamer Sohail c Bevan b	27
Warne	26
Zahid Fazal c Boon b May	27
Salim Malik lbw b Angel	26
Basti Ali c Bevan b McGrath	0
Inzamamul Haq c Taylor	9
Rashid Latif c Taylor b Warne	2
Wasim Akram not out	12
Akram Raza not out	1
Extras: (b-7, nb-4)	11
Total: (for seven wickets, 71 overs)	209
Fall of wickets: 1-90; 2-153; 3-154; 4-157; 5-175; 6-181; 7-200.	

To bat: Waqar Younis, Mushtaq Ahmed.

#### Bowling

McGrath	17	4	37	1
Angel	12	0	52	1
May	20	5	55	2
Warne	20	7	49	3
Steve Waugh	2	0	9	0



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