Davis Cup

Bangladesh 2nd

in Group-3

second position in the Davis"

Cup Asia/Oceania Zone Group

Three (B) grabbing four points.

according to a press release of

the Bangladesh Tennis Federa

tion (BTF) here vesterday, re-

group held at Dubat from April

only defeat to Saudi Arabia.

who became unbeaten group

champions with five full points

and qualified for the Group

group were: Pacific Oceania

ithird). Lebanon (fourth), Jor-

dan (fifth) and hosts UAE

Shovon Jamaly played in the

first and second singles while

Sved Waliullah Jhelan and

Nawaz Amin Rumon in the

In Group Three (A).

Bahrain qualified for the Group

Two next year as unbeaten

champtons. Seven teams took

Singapore (second). Kuwaif

(third). Syria (fourth). Oman

(lifth). Kazakhstan (sixth) and

in the last year's Davis Cup

Asia/Oceania Zone Group

Frazier replaces

Davenport

Apr 19: Amy Frazier, fresh

from her victory at the Japan

Open, has been selected by

captain Billie Jean King to re-

place ailing Lindsay Davenport

on the United States Fed Cup

team, the US Tennis Associa-

tion announced on Tuesday.

to 16th in the world after

claiming her fifth career title.

joins Mary Joe-Fernandez and

doubles team Martina

Navratilova and Gigi Fernandez

for the first-round tie against

Austria this weekend in Aven-

withdrew from the team after

contracting food poisoning

following a bout of pneumonia.

the USTA said in a news re-

lected Amy because she is cur-

rently the third highest-

ranked American behind Mary

Joe and Lindsay and last week

had a fantastic win over

eighth-ranked Kimiko Date in

the final of the Japan Open."

said US Fed Cup committee

"Billie Jean and I have se-

The sixth-ranked Davenport

Frazier, whose ranking rose

reports Reuter.

tura, Florida.

WHITE PLAINS, New York.

Bangladesh finished third

Brunei (seventh).

The other countries were:

part in the Group Three (A).

Bangladesh's Hira Lal and

The other countries of the

Two in next year's Davis Cup,

Six teams took part in the

Bangladesh suffered their

ports BSS

10 to 16.

(sixth).

Bangladesh secured the



Players and officials of the BKSP cricket team who retained the Beximco national youth championship title for the second successive year beating Dhaka DSA in the final at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. Star photo

## clinch TT doubles crown

Linu and Julekha clinched the women's doubles title of the 20th Karnaphuli national table tennis tournament beating Shamima and Rinu 21-15. 21-12, 21-18 at the BSC wooden floor gymnasium vesterday, reports UNB.

Earlier, on their way to fi nal, Linu and Zulekha eliminated Sheila and Sharmin 21-1. 21-8 while Shamima and Rinu beat Neela and Etee 21 18, 21-16.

### BSJA workshop

The Bangladesh Sports Jo urnalists' Association (BSJA) vesterday arranged a day-long workshop on football to brief the sports journalists about the latest laws and technique of the game, reports UNB.

A large number of local sports journalists representing national dailies and news agencies took part in the workshop held at the BSJA office with its president Manjurul Hoq in the chair.

Five experts deliberated different aspects of the game and sports reporting.

Dr Omar Fårook spoke on "sports medicine" while AFC referees' instructor Z Alam discussed the latest "laws of football". Alam was assisted by Ataul Haq Mallick, a former FIFA referee.

Two noted sports journalists - Masud Ahmed Rumi and Jalal Ahmed Chowdhury spoke on the language of sports journalism and application of the football laws in reporting.

Later, an open discussion was held between the participants and the speakers.

#### BBF's show cause on 16

The Bangladesh Badminton Federation (BBF) has issued show cause notices upon the 16 shuttlers, who have been boycotting the federation's programmes, including the national camp for the Beijing ABC Championship, reports

Disclosing this at a press conference vesterday the BBF president, State Minister for Finance M Mojibur Rahman, strongly criticised the players for their "illegal activities" for the last two months.

The rebel shuttlers decided not to join the national camp and trial session for the Beijing ABC Championship which incidentally concluded last month, demanding inclusion of more players for the meet.

The sixteen players are: Mahboob Rab, Khurshid, Rana. Hasib, Sarwar, Kochi, Sumon, Amir, Hamid, Shakeel, Elina, Jyoti, Kanika, Momo, Liza and

#### Euro booters axed from SA squad

JOHANNESBURG, Apr 19: South African coach Clive Barker has omitted the country's contingent of Europeanbased players from a 20-man squad to meet Lesotho in a friendly soccer international next week, reports Reuter.

Barker named four uncapped players in the squad today for the match in Aseru on April 26, designed as a warm-up encounter ahead of South Africa's game against Argentina in Johannesburg in

The team shows five changes from South Africa's last international outing in a four-nation tournament against Cameroon; Ghana and the Ivory

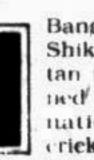
Coast last December. Returning to the team are

goalkeeper Roger de Sa and striker Grant Young, back home after an unsuccessful spell with Belgian First Division club Ghent, while midfielder Clinton Larsen gets his first call-up.

Barker said he intended recalling seven foreign-based players for the match against Argentina, including giant forward Phil Masinga, who plays for Leeds Unitéd in the English Premier League.

# Linu, Julekha BKSP's second in a row

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Bangladesh Krira Shiksha Protishtan (BKSP) retained the Beximco national youth cricket champi-

onship title with a convincing five-wicket win over Dhaka District Sports Association (DSA) in the firm of the 15th edition at the Dhaka Stadium vesterday.

incidentally, it was at the same stage last year that BKSP beat Dhaka to win the title for the second successive year since they clincked the cham- for nine in the allotted 45 pionship for the first time in

in the day's final, Morshed Alam hammered a brilliant unbeaten 85 as BKSP, set to score a modest 176 in the stipulated 45 overs galloped to victory with more than 11

overs to spare. Morshed, who was later declared the men-of-the final for his outstanding contribu-

> six fours in his enterprising 94-ball knock. as a left-arm spinner, with a sedate but useful 74-Ball 48 was the other notable run-

tion with the willow, clubbed

geter for the winners. Earlier, electing to use the wicket first last year's defeated linalists Dhaka, scored a fighting but not a safe total of 175

ezan with a patient 40 was the op willow-wielder for Dhaka followed by Rashid and skipper Zakir Hossain, who contributed 22 and 20 respec-

Sajal Chowdhury, who made

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1992-93	Dhaka DSA
1993-94	BKSP
1994-95	BKSP

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a brief appearance in the Bangladesh national team, was the wrecker-in-chief for the Savar outfit claiming three wickets for only 38 runs in his quota of nine overs.

The young new-ball bowler Sohail Islam, better known was ably supported by Sohail. Shaon and Pavel, who took one wicket apiece.

> Among them, Pavel virtually pinned the batsmen down in his four overs conceding only seven runs for his one wicket.

### B Bank sports

The four-day inter-office sports competition of the Bangladesh Bank concluded in Chittagong on Tuesday, reports The head office team

scored 80 points and became champions while the Khulna office became runners-up with 54 points, said a bank press release yesterday. Kazi Saidur Rahman and

Delwar Hossam of the head of fice team became joint champions in the men's individual event while Anjuman Ara of the Sylhet office secured the women's title Five hundred and fifty par-

ticipants from different offices of the bank took part in the competition.

Deputy Governor of the Bangladesh Bank, Mahbubur Rahman Khan, later distributed prizes among the winners as the chief guest.

## Pepsi national championship

# Dhaka DSA in last eight



Dhaka DSA moved into the quarterfinals of the 21st Pepsi national cricket cha-

mpionship after eliminating their neighbours Narayangani... by four wickets at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium vesterday. Electing to bat in the

morning. Narayangani, who were at one stage cruising along at 118 for three capitulated for 156 in 40.4 overs in the 45 over a-side match.

Azhar Hossain Shantoo. who was responsible for a dramatic middle order collapse of the Narayangani batting, started the rot removing opener Shahriar Hossain Biddyut for 54.

The young opener, who steadied the Narayangani innings sharing 79 runs for the third wicket with Zakaria Intiaz, fell for a 79-ball 54 which included five hits to the rope.

Zakaria soon followed him

#### 4 Aussie hockey WC veterans dropped SYDNEY, Apr 19: Four

members of Australia's bronzemedal World Cup team were today axed from next month's six-match home field hockey series with England, reports

Selectors discarded Ashley Carey, Greg Corbitt, David Wansbrough 'and Lindsay Woods in shake-up of the national team.

In the wake of Warren Birmingham's retirement last week after 200 games for his country, 176-game forward Mark Hager has been appointed captain with Stephen Davies, a veteran of 130 games, his vice-captain.

Carey and Wansbrough were also not included in the Australian hockey squad for this year.

Australia's series with England commences in Perth on May 10, with further games in Adelaide (twice), Hobart, Melbourne and Brisbane.

The team named today will also play in the Oceania Cup in Auckland, New Zealand, which they must win to automatically qualify for next year's Atlanta Olympics.

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after scoring a polished 45. And with the departure of the voung middle order bat. Narawangani's hopes of a big score simply evaporated.

Shantoo, the former national opener and a very useful off-spinner then ripped

#### Berasategui, Ivanisevic withdraw

NICÉ. France, Apr 19: Holder Alberto Berasategui and third seed Goran Ivanisevic pulled out of the Nice Open on Tuesday because of injury, reports Reuter.

Second seed Berasategui was involved in a close first round battle with fellow-Spaniard Alberto Costa when he retired with cramp in both legs. He had won a hard-fought first set tiebreak 10-8 and was trailing 4-0 in the second set tiebreak.

through the lower order to finish with four for 29 in his nine

In reply, Dhaka made a disastrous start losing their first five wickets for only 59 runs before an ever agile Khaled Mahmud Sujon steered his side home scoring an unbeaten 48 off 69 balls.

Veteran Rafigul Alam, who had earlier took two wickets. rounded off a superb all-round performance hammering an entertaining 35 off only 37 balls embellished with four

Rafique was run out in the 27th over leaving the scoreboard reading 124 for six while Sujon, who kept his cool at the other end, guided his side home without further

He then shared the required 32 runs for the undefeated seventh wicket with Mizanur Rahman Babul as Dhaka reached 157 for six in 32.2 overs.

chairman Carole Graebner. Czech Republic on a roll

> LA MANGA, Spain, Apr 19: The Czech Republic defeated Britain 3-0 in the second day of the Europe-Africa regional qualifying matches for the 1996 Federation Cup women's tennis championship, reports

World No 20 Helena Sukova started the day for the Czech team by defeating Britain's Shirli-Ann Siddall 6-3, 6-2.

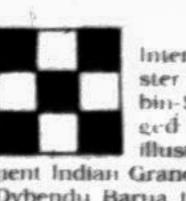
World No 5 Jana Novotna then drubbed Britain's Claire Wood 6-2, 6-2. Novotna and Sukova teamed

up in doubles to defeat Wood and Jo Durie by two sets to The win followed the

Czechs' 3-0 win over other Pool A team Poland on the first day of play Monday and left the Czech team ahead in the

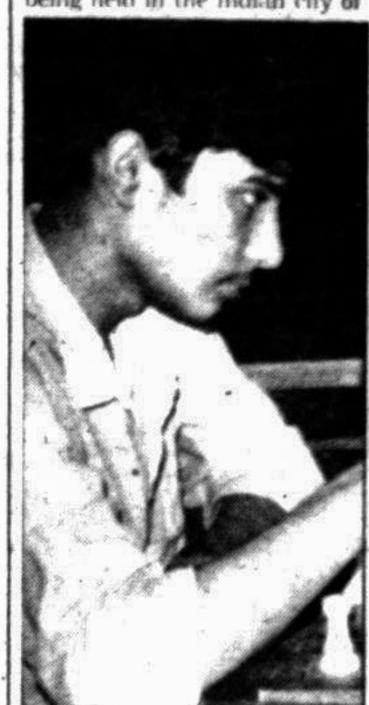
Slovenia, which beat Britain 2-1 on Monday, downed Poland by the same score Tuesday.

# Reefat beats Barua



International Master (IM) Reefatbin-Sattar upstaged his more illustrious oppo-

nent Indian Grandmaster (GM) Dybendu Barua to maintain a solo lead full three points in the qualifying rounds of the World Championships, now being held in the Indian city of



REEFAT-BIN-SATTAR

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Madras. Pitted in the Asian Zonal (Zone 3.1) fray involving ten nations. Reefat, who had earlier won his first two engagements, relieved a sensation on Tuesday defeating the Indian GM in a very entertaining match, said a press release issued here in Dhaka by the Bangladesh Chess Federation (BCF) yesterday.

While Reefat was cruising, his fellow IM Ziaur Rahman drew with IM D V Prashad of India and had to be satisfied with the second slot collecting two and a half points on completion of the third round.

Niaz Murshed, the lone GM of the country, who made a disappointing start losing his opener of the ten round Swiss league meet, bounced back into the race after recording his second successive win on Tuesday. Niaz beat Ismail of iran in his third round match.

#### Army hockey

Bogra Area will face Chittagong in the final of Bangladesh Army hockey championship at Jessore Cantonment today, reports UNB.

Bogra moved into the final beating Savar Area by a solitary goal and Chittagong Area defeated Jessore 4-1 in tiebreaker, said an ISPR press release.

Cloud over Atherton's captaincy

LONDON. Apr 19: Speculation about Mike Atherton's future as England skipper continued here today as the board of selectors decided to delay their announcement of the captaincy for another 11 days. reports AFP.

Atherton must now wait until April 30 for selectors Ray Illingworth, Fred Titmus and David Graveney to make up the mind.

"We would just like a little longer to discuss it," said chairman Illingworth after meeting his colleagues for the first time this season. "There's no need to hurry over an an-

nouncement. The delay could fuel speculation that Atherton is by no means a unanimous choice following England's disastrous 3l Ashes defeat in Australia.

But a more likely reason is that the selectors want to remind Atherton that, in view of recent results, he should take nothing for granted. It will still be a surprise if

the current skipper is not given at least the first part of this summer's Test series against West Indies to confirm his worth.

Illingworth has already met Athertorf once since the end of the Ashes tour and he said today he would be speaking to him again before April 30.

#### Tyrant coach faces probe CANBERRA, Apr gether at the Australian Instiand if they weighed in too

19: Parents of several Australian lemale gymnasts have accused the country's head coach of mistreating the athletes, prompting the federal government to set up an investigation into the claims, reports

The parents say Chineseborn coach Ju Ping Tian pun-Ished the girls if they put on weight and said the girls were křeked, smacked and forced to run fully clothed in a sauma if they received unsatisfactory competition scores. Federal Sports Minister

John Faulkner announced Wednesday that he would set up an independent inquiry by Hayden Opie, president of the Australian and New Zealand Sports Law Association. Jim Ferguson, executive-di-

Commission, says the accusations may be racially motivated. "I can't comment on anything specific but I believe some of the (allegations) have racist overtones," he said.

rector of the Australian Sports

Ferguson said the claims were related to the Australian Gymnastics Federation's decision that gymnasts selected in the national squad train totute of Sport in Canberra. It is a decision opposed by the Victorian and West Australian state sports institutes.

With the institute since

March 1985, Ju Ping is credited with elevating Australian women's gymnastics from a ranking in the 20s to a high of sixth in the world last year. Ju Ping denied the allega-

tions and said none of the female gymnasts in her programme was unhappy. I am doing my job which is to concentrate on getting together the six best girls to the 1996 Olympics," she said

want the best for Australia." Robert Prosser, whose daughter trains at the West Australian Institute of Sport in Perth, said the girls were forced to make themselves sick in order to maintain their

Wednesday. "My heart is in this

for all Australia - I don't care

where they come from but I

"They were shown how to throw up, that's one of the allegations that's come out." Prosser said. "Other ones were punishing them for not competing well, if they fail a strength test, making them do extra training, given the silent treatment if they don't do well.

heavy pulling them out to the front and calling them fat pigs. Mark Carlton, her former

assistant who resigned in 1989

and is now coaching in Victo-

ria state, said there was considerable pressure on female gymnasts to lose weight under Ju Ping. "Kids who came into the. training hall overweight were told to go and put extra cloth-

ing on, and head off down to the sauna and sweat off a kilo or half a kilo so they'd bring their weight back down to what was then the target weight," he said. But Monique Allen, twotime Olympian and Australia's

highest-ranked female gymnasts, said Ju Ping had been like a second mother to her during her time at the institute, which started in 1984 and ended last year when she retired.

"I think it's very cruel." Allen said of the allegations. "Ju Ping's been like my second

"She is extremely hard but she is also very soft. I have an enormous amount of respect for Ju Ping. It's only because she cares that she is so hard."

# Enqvist enters quarters



HONG KONG, Apr 19: Promising Swede Thomas Enqvist moved a step closer to his

third ATP title of the year today by easing into the quarter-finals of the 328.000 dollars Hong Kong Open, reports Reuter.

> The 21-year-old Enqvist, who defeated Andre Agassi and Michael Chang on his way to victory in Philadelphia in February, continued his form which has lifted him into the world's top 20 with a 6-7 (5-7). 6-1. 6-4 win byer Germany's David Prinosil.

> > "I cannot compare myself with Chang and Agassi, they deserve the attention they receive." said the fourth-seeded Enqvist. "But if I play good tennis I can beat the top play-

and work hard and see how things go.

Top seed and defending champion' Chang had a frustrating wait. His scheduled

Germany was eventually postponed until Thursday because of rain. Chang said after opening his defence of the Hong Kong Open title with a 6-1, 6-3 win over Jakob Hlasek on Tuesday

playing and beating each

## Bradtke's 15th

Fed Cup women's tennis match when Australia takes on Slovakia in a Group One contest this weekend at Royal King's Park, reports AP. Bradkte, at 25 the most

senior member of the Australian team after making her debut in the competition in 1988, will be joined by Rennae Stubbs, Kristine Radford and Rachel McQuillan. Bradtke boasts singles wins

Zrubakova and Katka Studentkova - a straight-sets win at this year's Australian Open but has not played the highly regarded Karina Habsudova. "I've had a good start to the

T've played well in previous Federation Cup matches." She beat Germany's Steffi Graf 6-4, 1-6, 6-1 in the first round of the 1993. Federation

compared to last week in

The 23-year-old Chinese-

American, who is always

mobbed by screaming female

fans after his matches in Hong

Kong, broke his Swiss oppo-

nent three times in the first

set and twice in the second in

a largely one-sided first round

match for me. It's good to be

back on court in Hong Kong,

said Chang. 'I don't feel any

pressure from the fans. Their

support helps me go out and

defeated Chang on his way to

victory in the Japan Open last

week, also had a comfortable

passage into the second round

with a 6-2, 6-4 triumph over

wild card entry Yoon Yong-Il of

"I have not really had time

South Korea, the Asian cham-

to reflect on the win in Japan

but it was good to have beaten

Chang and Agassi back to

back," said the former world

number one, who is seeking

one again, I want to enjoy the

ride back up the rankings, that

Volkov of Russia, who spent

the last few months at home

in freezing weather, was on

the verge of pulling out during

his match with Israel's Ofer

Sela because of the high tem-

games I do not think I could

have lasted," said Volkov, who

went on to win 6-3, 6-3. "I

wanted to play Japan last week

but could not get a visa. Com-

peting there would have

helped me adjust to the con-

"If I had dropped a few

peratures in Hong Kong.

"As for reaching number

Sixth-seeded Alexander

his fourth title of the year.

is the fun part.

The in-form Courier, who

"It was a good opening

encounter.

perform well."

### other." Chang said. "It is a spur. for Pete Sampras, Jim Courier

"I have played well this year and I hope I can keep it going. and I to go out and accomplish bigger and better things. It's will continue to practice hard good for tennis."

Enqvist, who also won in Auckland in January, will meet compatriot Jonas Bjorkman in the last eight. Bjorkman, the fifth seed, played steadily if not spectacularly to oust Canada's Greg Rusedski 7-5, 6-4.

second-round match against qualifier Alex Radulescu of

that he was now inspired by Andre Agassi's rise to world number one. "Andre's rise has motivated me, especially as we grew up

PERTH, Apr. 19: Nicole Bradtke will play in her 15th

over Slovakia's Radka

year so hopefully I can perform well," Bradkte said Wednesday.

Cup.

ditions here. South Africa's Wayne Ferreira, seeded second, had problems with the court conditions during his 7-5, 6-4 win over Jeremy Bates of Britain "It was a little bit difficult

Japan, getting used to the The singles begin on Saturcourt and balls proved troubleday followed by reverse singles some," he said. "But I played and doubles matches on Sun well enough to win.

French soccer star Eric Cantona signs autographs for youngsters from Palau XIII, a team from Southwest France, who watched their hero practice with the reserves before starting his first day of community service at Manchester United's AFP/UNB photo training ground on April 18.