Agrani Bank, Victoria in group final

Agrant Bank SC and Victoria SC moved into the group final of the Nirma DMFA Cup football tournament winning their respective matches on the opening day at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

They will meet in the Group A final on Sunday.

In the first match, Victoria SC defeated Badda Jagarani Sangsad 3-2 in the tie-breaker after the regulation 90 minutes ended goalless.

Tajuddin, Sumon and Faiz Babu converted Victoria while Abu Zahed and Zakir netted for Badda Jagarani in the penalty shoot-out.

In the other encounter Agrani Bank beat Dhanmondi Club 4-2 also in the tiebreaker, at the same venue in the evening. The match was locked 0-0 in the stipulated period.

Tutul, Moin, Nayan and Raj scored for Agrani while Dabloo and Narayan netted for Dhanmondi.

Earlier, Kabir Ahmed, a booter celebrated yesteryear, inaugurated the traditional curtain-raiser-meet of the metropolis, organised by the Dhaka Metropolis Football Association (DMFA) TODAY'S MATCHES

Wari vs Little Friends (7 pm, DS)

PWD vs Eskaton (5 pm, DS)

Surjadoy Cute h'ball champs

Surjadoy Krira Chakra emerged unbeaten champions in the metropolis Cute premier handball league dethroning seven times title holders Bangladesh Rifles by 20-17 goals at the Hockey Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

The winners were trailing 6-9 during the first session. The last league match be-

ween them was abandoned due to a fiasco last Wednesday in the 26th minute when Rifles were leading by 7-3. Two Indian players - Saad-

vinder with nine and Rajesh with 7 goals respectively were leading scorers for the winners while Rafigul netted 11 for the losers. Surjadoy KC, is the only

team, who clinched the prestigious league crown for the first time, overcoming Rifles supremacy since its inception in 1984.

Bangladesh Rifles, however finished runners up in the sixteam fray.

SAF swimming championship on May 3

The Second SAF (South Asian Federation) Swimming Championship, organised by the Bangladesh Swimming Federation, will begin here on May 3 at the Mirpur National Swimming Complex, reports

About 80 natants from six of the seven SAARC countries -India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Nepal. Maldives and host Bangladesh - are expected to participate in the three-day

A large number of officials, including the presidents of FINA and Asian Amateur Swimming Federation, will be in Dhaka on the occasion.



Former celebrity Kabir Khan introduces himself with players of the curtain-raiser meet of the Nirma DMFA Cup football tourney at the Dhaka Stadium green-top yesterday. - Star photo

Crucial Euro Championship qualifiers today

Do or die for Czechs, Dutch

The Czech Republic and the Netherlands will be missing key players for their

European Championship Group Five qualifier on Wednesday a game both sides need to win. reports Reuter. The Dutch are second in

the group, two points behind Norway and three ahead of the Czechs, who have a game in

"We know that if we want to play in next year's championship in England, we must win this game," Czech coach Dusan Uhrin said.

The Czechs are without goalkeeper Pavel Srnicek, of English Premier League Newcastle, who has a back injury. He will be replaced by Sparts Prague's Petr Kouba, making his 21st international appearance.

Despite the loss of Smicek, Uhrin is able to rely on an experienced attack

Genoa striker Tomas Skuhravy, capped 46 times. will be joined by Slavia Prague's Patrik Uebrger who has netted five goals in his seven internationals. Dutch striker Dennis

Bergkamp: who missed the 0-0 draw when the sides met in Roterdam in November with a groin strain, is out again, with a stomach bug.

He will be replaced by Ajax Amsterdam's Patrick Kluivert who has had a remarkable first league season, scoring 18

Dutch coach Guus Hiddink has also left out winger Eric

FIFA names culprit five

DOHA, Apr 25: The world governing soccer body FIFA named on Sunday the five people deported from Qatar for allegedly trying to bribe players taking part in the World Youth

Championship, reports Reuter. FIFA said they were Malaysian Kim Tee Teo, believed to be the ringleader, Pravit Limapongpas, from Thailand, Indonesian Sui Song Tjong and two Malaysian prostitutes, Geok Choo Tan and Wong Chwee May.

The five, who were deported on Friday, were implicated in trying to bribe players with money and sexual favours. but FIFA said none of the players had accepted the offers.

Van de Luer of Roda JC Kerkrade in favour of teammate Johan de Kock

Hiddink may also change his normal 4-3-3 formation to a more conventional 4-4-2 line-up to accommodate Bryan

The striker has indicated he prefers the more central role he adopts with his English Premier League club Nottingham Forest to being on the wing for his country. TEAMS

CZECH REPUBLIC (from): Petr Kouba, Jan Stejskal, Miroslav Madlec, Jan Suchoparek, Tomas Repka, Pavel Hapal, Jiri Nemec, Radoslav Latal, Vaclav Nemecek, Patrik Berger, Daniel Smejkal, Martin Frydek Pavel Nedved, Pavel Kuka Tomas Skuhravy. Horst Siegl, Radek Drulak.

NETHERLANDS (probable) Ed de Goey, Stan Valckx. Danny Blind, Frank de Boer. Wim Jonk, Aron Winter, Ronald de Boer, Clarence Seedorf, Marc Overmars, Peter van Vossen, Patrick Kluivert or Bryan Roy.

SWEDES IN STRIFE

Meanwhile, injuries, suspensions and a lost passport were among Sweden's problems before their testing qualifier against Hungary on Wednesday.

missing after a serious ankle injury, Martin Dahlin and Joakim Bjorklund are both suspended and Henrik Larsson is another injury victim.

Goalkeeper Thomas Ravelli was also in trouble when he

arrived at Budapest Airport and found he had lost his passport

It look the intervention of Hungary's Interior Minister Gabor Kuncze before officials would let him into the country. by which time he had missed the first training session.

But there was some good news for the Swedes with the return to the squad of Klas Ingesson after seven months out injured.

Sweden are currently third in Group Three with six points from four games, four behind leaders Switzerland and one adrift of second-placed Turkey Hungary have two points from three games. They have squandered

points against Turkey and Switzerland, being 2-0 up on both occasions before being held to draws.

Leading scorer Jozsef Kiprich should be fit after injury but national manager Karoly Meszoly will be without veteran defender Emil Lorincz, who picked up an injury while playing for his Belgian club Molenbeek.

PROBABLE TEAMS

HUNGARY : Zsolt Petry Geza Meszoly, Jozsef Csabi Peter Lipcsei, Mihaly Mracsko, Gabor Halmai, Bela Illes, Istvan Sallii, Istvan Kozma, Istvan Vincze, Jozsef Kiprich.

sson, Pontus Kamark, Roger Ljung, Niclas Alexandersson, Jonas Thern. Per Zetterberg. Stefan Schwarz, Klas Ingesson, Kennet Andersson.

Taylor looks forward to Kingston Test

PORT OF SPAIN. Trinidad. Apr 25: Australian captain Mark Taylor on Monday urged his players to put the crushing third Test defeat behind them as they prepared to fly to Kingston for the deciding fourth Test against West Indies, reports Reuter.

Australia went from a position of strength to the brink of disaster in 15 balls on Sunday with the West Indies pacemen picking up five wickets for only two runs and the last seven for the addition of only 20 runs.

We lost two sessions of cricket," Taylor said. "We haven't lost the series yet and we have a good chance of winning it if we play the way we have been up until those few hours." Both Taylor and West Indies

skipper Richie Richardson were critical of the Queen's Park Oval pitch, which was drastically underprepared.

Taylor expected Kingston's Sabina Park strip to be more batsman-friendly

"I think we'll see more of a typical Caribbean wicket in Jamaica and that will suit us. If we are going to win we need a good hard flat wicket, that's generally how we play our best cricket.

The final Test starts in Kingston on Saturday with the series level 1-1.

Schools girls h'ball from today

The sixth schools girls handball tournament, organised by the Bangladesh Handball Federation (BHF), begins today at the Dhanmondi Women's Sports Complex, reports UNB.

Holders Vigarunnissa Noon School will meet Bangladesh Rifles School in the opening

At a press conference yesterday at the NSC conference room, BHF president M A Hamid said that Canadian High Commissioner in Dhaka Jon Scott will inaugurate the 11day competition at 4 pm. Nine schools of the metro-

polis, split into two groups. will take part in the tournament, to be played initially on league basis. Following are the teams:

Group A — Vigarunnissa Noon School, T&T High School Lalmatia Girls High School, Lake Circus Girls' High School and Bangladesh Rifles School. Group B — Dhanmondi Govt

Girls' High School, Udavan School, Rajarbagh Police Lines High School and Maghbazar Girls' High School.

Windies' squad for England tour

Haynes set for a recall



Trinidad, Apr 25: Veteran Desmond Hay-nes is stro-

dies Test squad for the England tour starting next month after the lack of success of recent opening partner

ngly tipped for a

recall to West In-

West Indies selectors met on Monday but a squad announcement is not expected until later in the week, reports Reuter. However, cricket commen-

tators said the believed Hay nes, who has played in 116 Tests, would be named in the 17-men squad despite the 39year-old opener's pending court action against the West Indies Cricket Board of Control over his exclusion from the current Test series against

That theory was supported by a comment from chairman of selectors David Hollford. who said the court action would not prevent Haynes being considered for the England

Havnes was not considered for the series against Australia because he failed to return from playing provincial cricket in South Africa in time for the start of the West Indies season.

The inclusion of Haynes would bolster the fragile West Indies opening batting and bring much needed experience to the side. In his absence. West Indies

have struggled to find a suit-

able replacement, banishing Phil Simmons after a string of failures and experimenting with youngsters Stuart Williams and Sherwin Campbell on tours to New Zealand and In-Campbell made a good fist

of his first two Tests, hitting 51 and 88 in New Zealand, but Williams struggled, averaging 21 in the six Tests he played

prior to the arrival of the Aus-

Both got a chance in the one-dayers against Australia but neither performed with distinction. Campbell averaging 14.5 in his two appearances. Williams 15.5 in four matches.

The selectors persisted with them for the first Test but Williams, with scores of one and 10, and Campbell (0 and 6) were part of the reason why West Indies lost the match by 10 wickets in under three days.

Campbell was dropped but Williams remained, getting a new opening partner in cap-



DESMOND HAYNES

tain Richie Richardson. Three Tests into the current series. Williams has yet to register a half-century, although a well-struck 42 in Sunday's crushing nine-wicket win over Australia probably saved his Test place and his berth for England. Haynes was in top form in

the four matches he did play in the Caribbean competition this He topped the averages

(67,14), had a highest score of 201 and was the major factor in Barbados' victory in the Red Stripe cup.

The two players left out of the 13-man squad for the third Test, left-handed batsman Shivnarine Chanderpaul and leg-spinner Rajindra Dhanraj are considered near certainties for the demanding four-

month, six-Test English tour. The length of the tour dictates a second wicketkeeper accompany the side and Barbadian Courtney Browne is front runner as Junior Mur-

ray's deputy. Youngster Vasbert Drakes performed well with the ball against Australia in the one-day series, but the medium pacer who also hits hard from the middle order for Barbados may be squeezed out by Ottis Gib-

Gibson, a bowling allrounder who was man-of-thematch for the West Indies Board XI against Australia in St Kitts, was ranked by the Australians as the fastest bowler they had faced in the Caribbean and he also scored a half-century against them.

The final place on the squad would usually be reserved for a newcomer, but a worrying lack of young, quality fast bowlers could prompt a recall for injury-prone lan Bishop.

He returned to domestic cricket this season and after a slow start began to recapture some of his best form. A possible line-up for the

squad, to be managed by former Test fast bowler Wes Hall and coached by another speed demon Andy Roberts, is: Richie Richardson (cap-

tain). Desmond Haynes, Stuart Williams, Brian Lara, Carl Hooper, Jimmy Adams, Keith Arthurton, Junior Murray, Winston Benjamin, Curtly Ambrose, Courtney Walsh, Kenny Benjamin, Shivnarine Chanderpaul. Rajindra Dhanraj, lan Bishop, Courtney Browne, Ottis

Klinsmann's Spurs' days over? The links with Bayern are DUESSELDORF. early despite his success and



Germany, Apr 25: Tottenham's German international striker Juergen Klinsmann con-

firmed on Monday he was considering offers from Bayern Munich and Italian clubs, reports Reuter.

But he said he would now make a decision on where he would play next season until

Asked why he might end

his contract with Tottenham

middle order and Pakistan leg-

spinner Mushtag Ahmed and

seamers Neil Mallender and

Andy Caddick, the bowling has

the guile to bowl sides out

Warwickshire wander in wilderness

Gloucestershire have the weakest side on paper and the loss of west Indian fast bowler Courtney Walsh, who is replaced by Indian seamer Java-

confidence. ' Hampshire have been bolstered by the arrival of Zimbabwean paceman Heath Streak as the overseas player and all-rounder John Stephen-

gal Srinath, will do little to lift

son from Essex. Much will also depend on off-spinner Shaun Udal improving on his tally of 62 wickets last season.

Yorkshire will be hoping that Australian Michael Bevan can provide the match-winning innings that his predecessors Richie Richardson and Sachin Tendulkar failed to

produce. Their hopes of landing their first title since 1968 will depend largely on England's star fast bowler Daren Gough, allrounder Craig White and offspinner Richard Stemp.

Worcestershire have a strong middle order which includes Graham Hick and Australian Tom Moody but with an average age of 32, the seam attack led by Neal Radford and Phil Newport lacks menace. Durham have been boosted

by the arrival of local born Mike Roseberry as captain, Indian all-rounder Majob Prabhakar and off-spinner James Boling. But though they have an

impressive new ground at Ch-

esterle Street, the comfort of

their spectators looks a safer bet than the 100-1 odds offered on their winning the championship. Derbyshire, who finished second from the foot of the table last season, will hope that the exciting stroke play of

South African Darryl Cullinan can help them repeat the title success of 1993. In Devon Malcolm, Phil De-Freitas and Dominic Cork, they can boast the most awesome

Glamorgan finished third in 1993 but bottom the following year and the prospects of reversing the decline will fail on the batsmen, who consistently under-achieved last summer.

popularity in England, the 30strong. Franz Beckenbauer was vear-old forward said: "It could be a different situation next season. Things could change. "For sure, it is not ruled out

that I will still be at Spurs next season ... but it is part of my job to consider everything and to listen to ideas from interested clubs. Klinsmann, in Duesselderi preparing for Germany's Euro-

against Wales on Wednesday. said he would sit down with Tottenham first before he made any decision about his fu-The prospect of a longer term contract at Bayern, how-

reach 30. After an outstanding year at Tottenham, Klinsmann's price is high at the moment.

strikers start running out of

He is believed to have an linking up with his former club

"If I come back to the Bundesliga, then only to Bayern But there are also offers from Italy," he said.

coach when Klinsmann steered Germany to their World Cup triumph in 1990. The Bavarians have already

spent money building a new team for next season and they are very keen to sign a German striker. Talks between

deadlocked MANCHESTER, Apr 25: A second round of talks between Eric Cantona and Manchester United has failed to produce-a decision on whether the

French star will remain with

the club next season, reports

Cantona-M United

Cantona, banned worldwide from soccer until October for kicking a Crystal Palace fan during a game in January, met Monday with United chairman Martin Edwards and manager Alex Ferguson.

The talks are expected to resume Friday.

Ferguson said Cantona had made it clear that he would like to stay with the club, but admitted that the Frenchman could suffer provocation both on and off the field if he were to stay in English football. Cantona is currently performing 120 hours of community service after pleading guilty to

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Striker Tomas Brolin is still SWEDEN: Thomas Ravelli, Roland Nilsson, Patrik Ander-

nty championship gets underway on Thursday with Warwickshire facing the prospect of defending . The experience of righttheir title without the runs of arm off-spinner John Emburey West Indian maestro Brian Lara

The English, cou-

and the experience of coach Bob Woolmer, reports Reuter. Lara, who will be touring England with West Indies this summer, broke the 2,000-run mark last season as Warwickshire became the first country

to win three of the season's four competitions. But though his absence leaves a gaping hole in the middle order, the return of South African paceman Allan Donald, who must make way for Lara in 1996, will inject some welcome pace into their

Woolmer has left to coach South Africa and Warwickshire will also be without Tim Munton - last season's top wicket-taker with 81 - due to a slipped disc that will rule him out for at least six weeks. Leicestershire, who fin-

ished a surprising second last

season, have been bolstered by

ageing seam attack.

the arrival of South African Hansie Cronje but will do well to repeat 1994's succèss. With one of the weakest teams on paper, the reliance on the all-round contributions of the team in the absence of any genuine match-winners makes them unlikely title con-

tenders.

Millns took more than 50 wickets. Nottinghamshire have been one of the most consistent performers in the championship in recent seasons and their hopes of securing a fourth title can only have been improved by the return of Chris Cairns, the explosive

Last season only Nigel Bri-

ers scored in excess of 1,000

runs and only seamer David

Notts were the only to side beat Warwickshire in a fourday game last season but their chances of honours may well depend on the ability of phlegmatic captain Tim Robinson to lift morale in an oftenmoody changing-room. Middlesex, who finished

fourth last season, face an

uncertain future without open-

ers Desmons Haynes and Mike

But the arrival of Dion Nash,

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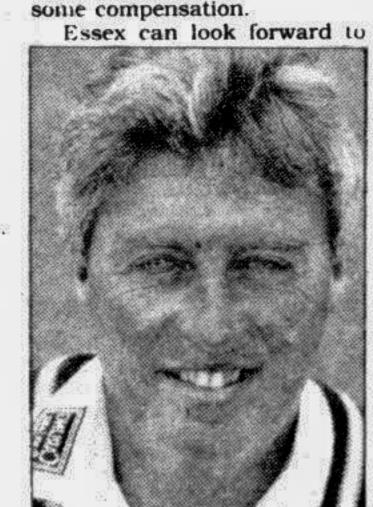
New Zealand all-rounder.

New Zealand's swash-buckling all-rounder, will give the 12time champions a wag in the tail of their innings as well as providing some spark to a bowling attack led by the tireless Angus Fraser.

and the match-turning qualities of left-armer Phil Tufnell contplete a well-balanced bowling attack. Northamptonshire's hopes of giving Allan Lamb a triumphand farewell in his last season as captain have been reduced

brose, who will be touring with the West Indies. The arrival of Indian legspinner Anil Kumble will be

by the absence of Curtly Am-



BOB WOOLMER

the return of Australian star Mark Waugh to strengthen a batting line-up led by Graham Gooch, who is available for the whole season following his retirement from the international scene.

Paceman Neil Williams has

arrived from Middlesex to

team up with left-arm seamer

Mark flott but the departure of John Stephenson, Nick Knight and Nadeem Shahid leaves the squad looking short of depth. Leg-spinning all-rounder Shahid has moved to Surrey. who have also brought in veteran Australian paceman Carl

Rackemann at the last minute

for the injured Pakistan star

Wagar Younis.

Rackemann is unavailable until June and following the departures of spinners James Boiling to Durham and Neil Kendrick to Glamorgan, Surrey's bowling attack is looking over-reliant on the accuracy of

former England seamer Joey Benjamin and Martin Bicknell. The batting line-up again

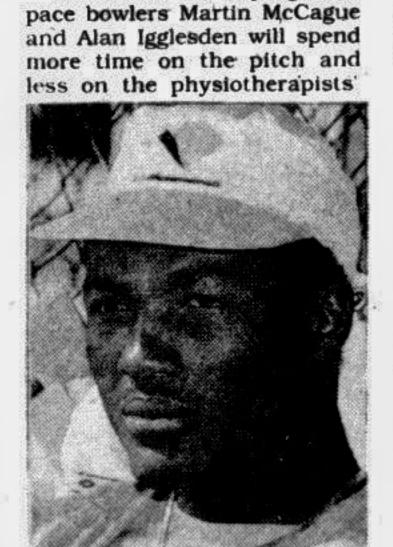
looks strong but the likely ab-

sence of Alec Stewart and Graham Thorpe on England duty will dilute its potency. If Sussex could bat like they did in 1993 and bowl like they did in 1994, they would stand some chance of winning their

first ever championship. With Paul Jarvis, a fast bowler of genuine pace and class as well as veteran offspinner Eddie Hemmings and England 'A' leg-spinner lan Salisbury, the bowling attack is

Kent will be hoping that

well-balanced and varied.



BRIAN LARA treatment table as they seek to

secure their first title since

Lancashire finished tenth

last season but would have come third but for a dubious 25-point penalty for an unfit Much is expected of promising batsman Jason Gal-

ian and fast bowler Glen

Chapple, both so impressive on

the England 'A' tour of India.

But their batting strength could be hit by the absence of Mike Atherton and John Crawley on England duty. Somerset finished 11th last season but with Andy Hayhurst,

Mark Lathwell and Richard

Harden all topping 1,000 runs seam attack in the country. last season and opener Marcus Trescothick falling just short of the fourth-figure mark in his first season, they could turn out to be the surprise package. Peter Bowler has arrived from Deroyshire to bolster the

pean championship qualifier

ever, may prove too attractive to the German who knows

time at the top when they

opt-out clause in his contract with the English Premier League club which runs until 1996. Klinsmann said he would only consider Bayern if he was to return to Germany. ruling out the possibility of

Borussia Dortmund.

assault for the fan attack.

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