



International Master Reefat-bin-Sattar makes a move against Sumon during their fourth round match of the 21st national championship at the chess room of the National Sports Council yesterday. — Star photo

Four Nepalese booters for East End

Sports Reporter
East End Club have registered four Nepalese booters with the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) last night for the coming Senior Division football leagues.

East End, a First Division outfit in the two-tier leagues, have signed Umesh Proddhan, Raja Shyaka Rajesh Manadhar and Dipak Amattya in a bid to shape themselves up for a promotion in the elite group — the Premier Division next year.

Inter-varsity h'ball from June 25

MYMENSINGH, June 17: The week-long inter-university handball competition will begin at the Bangladesh Agriculture University (BAU) Stadium from June 25, reports UNB.

Vice Chancellor Dr Shah Mohammad Farooq will inaugurate the competition at 3 pm on the day.

Dhaka University, Islamic University, Chittagong University, Rajshahi University, Jahangirnagar University, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology, Shahjalal University of Science and Technology, and the host BAU will take part in the competition.

The final match will be held on June 30, says a press release.

O'Brien's fourth

SACRAMENTO, California, June 17: World record holder Dan O'Brien probably will retire from the decathlon after the 1997 World Championships, but don't expect him to leave the sport, reports Reuter.

"Ultimately I would like to slide into other events," the 28-year-old O'Brien said Friday, the day after surviving horrible weather conditions to win his fourth US Championship with 8,682 points.

"I'd like to pole vault, long jump or run the high hurdles," O'Brien said. "I think I could be a 19-foot (5.79 metres) vaulter in a matter of one and a half or two years."

Without the winds and rain here the two-time world champion quite likely would have achieved another goal, his coach, Mike Keller, said.

"The window was there to score 9,000 points," Keller said. "There is no doubt about it."

The magical number has been O'Brien's goal since lifting the world record to 8,891 points in 1992.

But, as he noted, "as soon as it starts raining here, there goes the high heights in the high jump and pole vault. The two events I need to score big in."

So after clearing 4.80 metres (15 feet 9 inches), 20 cms (7 3/4 inches) off the vault of 5.00 metres (15 feet, 4 3/4 inches) in his world record performance, O'Brien stopped vaulting.

"It looked like a good thing to make the team and get out of there," he said. "I was ready to score 9,000 points here, but it's momentum thing."

A momentum he hopes to build on at August's World Championships in Sweden.

"If I can win a World Championship this year, I would take it through the '96 Olympics and into '97 and maybe a fourth World Championship," O'Brien said.

"He's been talking to me about wanting to do World Indoor Championships and the World Outdoor Championships that year," Keller said. "Even then O'Brien probably will do only five to seven more decathlons in his career, his coach said."

Reefat takes solo lead

Sports Reporter

International Master Reefat-bin-Sattar took the solo lead in the 21st national championship

collecting full points on completion of the fourth round at the chess room of the National Sports Council yesterday.

Reefat, the Biman contender, who shared the lead along with Khandaker Kayas Hassan at the end of the third round on Friday, extended his winning streak to four when he beat Sumon Malik of Jahangirnagar University in his round match.

Last year's runner-up Reefat, opting to play the Apalin variation, broke Sumon's Sicilian defence quite comfortably and cornered his opponent in only 33 moves.

Khandaker Kayas Hassan of Ansars was in a precarious position against Toyabur Rahman of Khulna University during his fourth round engagement. The match was yet to be decided till reports last came in.

Meanwhile, Reefat's arch-rival and defending champion IM Ziaur Rahman, who made a disappointing start conceding a stunning defeat at the

Jr TT from June 20

The metropolis junior table tennis league, organised by the Bangladesh Table Tennis Federation, will begin on June 20 at the NSC wooden floor gymnasium, reports UNB.

Ten teams — Armanitola Juniors, Wari Club, Kalpataru Club, Swamibagh TTS, Victoria SC, Swamibagh Boys, Cynthia Sporting, Lalmatia Club, Gulshan Club and Udayachal Club — will take part in the single league basis competition.

Five matches will be held on the inaugural day.

Armanitola Juniors vs Udayachal Club, Wari Club vs Gulshan Club, Kalpataru Club vs Lalmatia Club, Swamibagh TTS vs Cynthia Sporting and Victoria SC vs Swamibagh Boys on the day.

hands of young Enamul Hosain Raib, found his Rhythm when he recorded a third successive victory defeating Arman Monir of Kishoreganj.

Zia using an English opening named Arman in the 39th move.

With this win, Zia along with Ali Amjad Mintu, Raib Saifuddin Lablu trailed the label leader by one point, all collecting three points each.

Rajib of the Bobby Fischer Club, youngest player on the block, beat his more illustrious clubmate Ziaul Kader Tuhi in this round for his third win after a creditable victory over Ziaur Rahman in their opener of the fifteen-round Swiss league meet.

Rajib playing with white piece needed only 29 moves to force Tuhi into conceding the match.

Meanwhile, Ali Amjad Mintu, another player of the Bobby Fischer Club, defeated Abdullah-al Rakib of Narayanganj while Saifuddin Lablu of BTMC had to struggle to beat Ataur Rahman of Railway for his third win.

Forget outguns Ivanisevic

LONDON, June 17: Goran Ivanisevic learned the truth of his own words on Friday, that you need more than a big serve to succeed on grass, reports Reuter.

The lanky Croatian with a booming service was upset 6-3, 7-6 by Guy Forget of France in the quarterfinals of the London grass court championships at Queen's Club, and conceded he had been outplayed — and out-returned — by the Frenchman.

Despite producing 17 aces — six in a row during the second set — the third-seed could not match the better all-court play of Forget, who is looking up as one of the most dangerous floaters at Wimbledon in 10 days time because he is unlikely to be seeded.

Ivanisevic was beaten in the Wimbledon finals in 1992 and 1994 but said after the third round on Thursday that it took more than his big serve to get him that far.

"To reach the final twice you need more than a service. You need to return and volley well too," he said.

On Friday, the 11th-seeded Forget's serve was more consistent though he produced seven aces less and his returns were also better, notably two in succession in the tie-break which turned the match his way.

Forget, who won the tiebreak 7-3, avenged a loss to Ivanisevic at Wimbledon last year during the early stages of a comeback from serious knee surgery in 1993.

In today's semifinals Forget will face second-seeded German Boris Becker, the three-time Wimbledon champion who is chasing a fourth Queen's Club title.

Becker clubbed 10th-seeded Australian Jason Stoltenberg 6-4, 6-1 in 54 minutes and said he had no problems with a minor calf injury that required on-court treatment on Thursday.

"I had treatment last night and today. I was a little worried after a few games that it was okay and I could play 100 per cent," he said.

Top-seeded Pete Sampras needed just 53 minutes to defeat 301st-ranked Australian Sandon Stolle 6-2, 6-3 and will face German Marc Goellner, who won a match of unseeded players 7-5, 6-4 over American Derrick Rostagno.

Forget currently ranked 50th, was delighted with his victory after a disappointing French Open when he lost in the second round to Spaniard Alex Corretja.

"My game has come back quickly on grass, which is my best surface. I wish I was born in England," he said.

"So do we," a reporter replied.

"Sometimes on Goran's serve you have to guess where it is going. I guessed right twice in the tie-break and hit two good returns, Forget said.

Forget, a quarter-finalist in his last three Wimbledon, said he could not expect to be seeded this year even though his ranking will shoot up this week.

"But I do think I am one of the best 16 players on grass," he said. The seedings will be announced on Monday.

Ivanisevic who has lost in the first round of the last three Grand Slam events since his appearance in last year's Wimbledon final, shrugged off the defeat.

My service rhythm wasn't right, he said. "But I have 10 days to practice and it will be right for Wimbledon."

He said that despite his own purple patch of serving in the ninth and 11th games of the second set, Forget had served better.

"I never felt I had a chance against it and in the tie-break he put all his first serves in. That was the difference," he said.

Becker, whose victories at Queen's were in 1985, 1987 and 1988, said "this is the first time I have been in the semifinals in a while."

"I have played well this week. The real season started for me here," he said.

Jackson suffers a jolt

NUREMBERG, Germany, June 17: Britain's world champion high hurdler Colin Jackson suffered a surprise early-season defeat against an all-German field at the Nuremberg international athletics meeting on Thursday, report agencies.

The Welsh world record holder was pushed into third place by European silver medalist Florian Schwarhoff and Mike Fenner over 110 metres at the meeting, a qualifying event for the German team for the World Championships in August.

Jackson looked in control of the early part of the race, but the towering Schwarhoff came through strongly over the last three hurdles to finish in 13.19 seconds against a head wind of 0.5 metres per second.

Fenner, who recently set new German record of 13.06

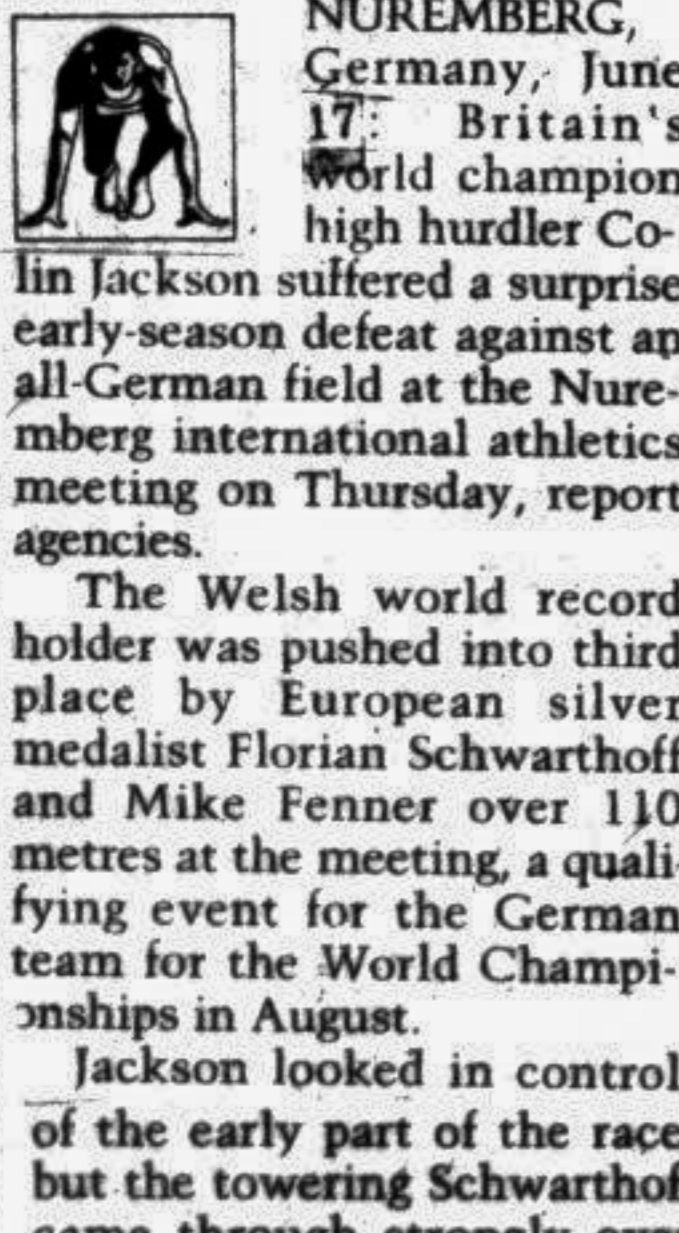
Jackson beat Schwarhoff into fourth place when he won his opening race of the season in 13.18 in Rome on June 8. But the 28-year-old Welshman went into the Nuremberg meeting with a slight cold.

It was Jackson's first defeat outdoors in 31 races.

The Welshman said the lunchtime news about the death of good friend Linford Christie's mother had affected him.

"I was with Linford in the hotel room when he took the call," said Jackson. "It was very sad. When a close friend hears news like that it's bound to get to you too."

World and Olympic 100-metres British world champion Christie arrived back in Britain from Germany following the death of his mother.



COLIN JACKSON just managed to dip ahead of Jackson in 13.41. The Briton clocked 13.43.

Elements play foul at Dhaka Stadium

Sports Reporter

The second semifinal of the Beximco 13th Federation Cup football tournament between Mohammodan Sporting Club and Brothers Union, scheduled to be held yesterday, fell through due to inclement weather prevailing in the country for the last 24 hours.

The decision to call off the match came after the ground sub-committee had recommended the pitch unplayable.

According to the revised schedule the match will now be held tomorrow while the final will be played on June 21.

Moody takes over at Worcester

WORCESTER, England, June 17: Australian Test batsman Tom Moody will captain Worcestershire for the rest of the season, the country announced here on Friday, reports AFP.

But the former Warwickshire player must decide where his future lies before any permanent appointment is made in September.

Moody succeeds Tim Curtis, who resigned the captaincy on Thursday but the Western Australian has already stated that he no longer wants to play cricket for 12 months of the year.

Worcestershire's cricket committee chairman John Chadd said: "Tom doesn't know quite whether to carry on playing in Australia or over here — but I don't think he sees himself doing both."

Vice-captain Steve Roodes ruled himself out because of the demands of wicketkeeping and his England ambitions.

Graeme Hick and Richard Illingworth were also candidates but they are expected to be on England duty for most of the summer.

Reaction of two losers

SACRAMENTO, California, June 17: The 1995 outdoor athletics season may be over for 100-metre world record holder Leroy Burrell, but eight-time Olympic champion Carl Lewis says he is far from finished as a sprinter, reports Reuter.

"If you want to judge me by today's performance, then you're crazy," Lewis said after he finished sixth in 10.32 seconds in the 100-metre final at the US championships on Friday.

"This isn't going to be how I'll end it," said the 33-year-old Lewis, who so far has made the American sprint team for August's World Championship only as a 400-metre relay alternate.

But Friday's race could well be the season for Burrell, who also missed the US 100-metre team after finishing fifth in 10.31 seconds.

"It's quite possible I'll just go home and rest the remainder of the season," said Burrell, who has been hampered by tendon problems in his left foot since setting the world record of 9.85 seconds last year.

The World Championships were my goal this year, and I did not achieve it.

"I felt like I reacted to the gun really well," Burrell said. "But I looked up and I was a mile behind. I couldn't believe it."

Notts ploughs in sands

LONDON, June 17: Northamptonshire consolidated their championship lead at Luton on Friday by beating Essex inside two days, reports AFP.

Discarded Test batsman Allan Lamb guided his county to victory. Chasing a target of 189 after 30 wickets fell on the first day, Lamb hit an unbeaten half century.

Northants stuttered at 56 for four and 161 for eight but Indian Test star Anil Kumble (17 not out) kept his captain company in an unbroken ninth-wicket stand of 31.

Former England seamer Mark Ilett followed his first day nine for 19 by grabbing five for 86, but still failed to prevent Northants marching to their sixth championship win in seven games.

"Mark bowled very well," conceded Lamb, but so did Paul Taylor and David Capel for us.

There were only two scores over 50 in the match and that shows how difficult it was for the batsmen."

Kiwi all-rounder Chris Cairns fell one short of his first championship century of the season as Nottinghamshire also came up just short of Leicestershire's first innings 381 at Leicester. Notts conceded a first innings deficit of 17.

Lancashire face an uphill battle to defend their unbeaten championship record after a run blitz from Graeme Hick (152) and Tom Moody (110) at New Road.

New Worcestershire skipper Moody declared at 487 for nine, a massive first innings lead of 281. Lancashire, reached 32 for one by the close.

Hick and Moody plundered 215 in the morning session with Hick scoring 117 before lunch, Stuart Lampit then shared in stands of 57.

Yorkshire had earlier reached 462 for seven. Captain Martyn Moxon was unbeaten on 203.

England pair Alec Stewart (150) and Graham Thorpe (110) made hay out of the Sussex attack at Horsham. They helped turn a first innings deficit of 127 into an overall lead of 267.

Two of England's forgotten men pressed their claims for a Test recall at Bristol. For Gloucestershire, Jack Russell made 82 not out while Shaun Udal took six for 65 as Hampshire restricted the home team to 266-9, still 75 behind.

Ex-Derbyshire stalwart Peter Bowler led Somerset's resistance as the west county men had to follow on at Derby. Chasing Derbyshire's 376, they subsided to 189 in their first innings as Dominic Cork took four for 40. At the close, with Bowler unbeaten on 57, Somerset were 125-2 in their second innings.

Johnson going great guns

SACRAMENTO, California, June 17: Michael Johnson completed half of his assignment at the US athletics championships Friday with an awesome display in the 400 metres that produced the fourth fastest time ever in the event, reports Reuter.

Johnson, blazing down the final straightaway before easing up with 15 metres to go, clocked 43.66 seconds — a mere one-hundredth of a second off his personal best — for his 41st consecutive victory at 400 metres.

The last 150 metres were as strong as I've ever felt," said Johnson, who might have challenged Butch Reynolds' world record of 43.29 if he had not spread his arms at the finish.

Now he will attempt to win the 200 metres, beginning with preliminary races today. Friday's 100-metre champion, Mike Marsh, appears to be his biggest challenger.

"I shouldn't have any problem. I think I can run 19 seconds, and I think that will win it," said Johnson, who is bidding to become the first man ever to win the 200 and 400 metres at the same world championships.

Reynolds, thanks to a strong surge in the final 20 metres, claimed second in 44.42 seconds, and world indoor champion Darnell Hall, who clocked 44.55 seconds, was third.

The top three finishers in each final here qualify for the US team for the world championship in Gothenburg, Sweden in August.

Marsh, the 1992 Olympic 200-metre champion, needed a closing burst to edge newcomer Maurice Greene and Olympic 100-metre bronze

medalist Dennis Mitchell in a slow, but highly competitive men's 100-metre final.

All three were timed in 10.23 seconds.

"I am very proud of myself," said Marsh. "I had another crummy start, but I was able to run my own race and nip them at the finish."

World record holder Leroy Burrell was second behind world record holder Mike Powell in qualifying. Powell leaped 8.13 metres (26 feet, 8 1/4 inches) and Lewis bounded 8.00 metres (26 feet, 3 inches) to advance to Sunday's final.

Olympic women's 200-metre champion Gwen Torrence won the women's 100 metres in 11.04 seconds, the third fastest time in the world this year.

And Jackie Joyner-Kersey, a day after her worst heptathlon in a decade, produced the best qualifying mark in the women's long jump.

Sino spikers exact revenge

TOKYO, June 17: China's hopes of securing a finals berth in the World League men's volleyball tournament, were fuelled today when they outclassed Japan in four sets in a Group C match, reports AFP.

The Chinese spikers, who lost twice to the Japanese in home games in Shanghai, used a stirring of blocks to spoil Japan's monotonous attacks and to claim a 3-1 (15-4, 17-15, 6-15, 16-14) victory against.

China have notched up three wins against six defeats, leaving Japan with two wins against seven losses in the tournament preliminary round.

Russia, 3-1 winners over South Korea for their ninth straight win Friday, have already secured a berth in the final stage of the competition, while Korea, with their 4-5 record as well as China and Japan were fighting for the remaining seat.

The top two teams from the three preliminary groups will advance to the final stage to be held in Brazil from July 4.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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15 Michael Jackson's specialty

17 Erstwhile ovum

18 Aardvark's morsel

19 Indivisible

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21 Zeus or Odin

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26 Supply for Seurat

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33 Kitchen appliance

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23 Small amount

24 The whole enchilada

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26 Candy form

27 Von bloke

28 Ostrich's kin

29 Sun.

31 Ever-green

34 Two, in Tijuana

35 Chicks and ducks and geese

37 Greeted the villain

38 False god

39 Nadia's predecessor

40 Apple occupant

41 Tater

42 Sly

43 Lubricates

44 Artist

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46 Bother

47 Felon's flight

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CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: LARGE, OVERWHELMING HORSE SHOW IS THE MANE EVENT.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: B equals W

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error