

No soccer till tomorrow

Sports Reporter
The Dhaka Metropolitan Football Association (DMFA) has suspended the ongoing Lifebuoy Senior Division football leagues till August 15 due to unplayable ground conditions caused by heavy down-pour observed in the capital for the last few days.

Victor enrolled

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Panchiko Victor has been registered with the BFF late Sunday night as a player of Mohammedan Sporting Club.

Pioneer soccer

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An early strike from Kamruzzaman enabled Golden Future Sporting Club earn a lone goal win over Surya Shikha Sangsad in one of Pioneer Division football league engagements billed at different city venues yesterday.

At the Mirpur Outer Stadium, Kamruzzaman scored in the 24th minute as Golden Future, who were later reduced to ten-man, reached home with a squeaky win.

Malay referees arrive Aug 19

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Three Malaysian referees accompanied by the general secretary of the Football Association of Malaysia (FAM) Paul Moni is expected to reach the capital on August 19.

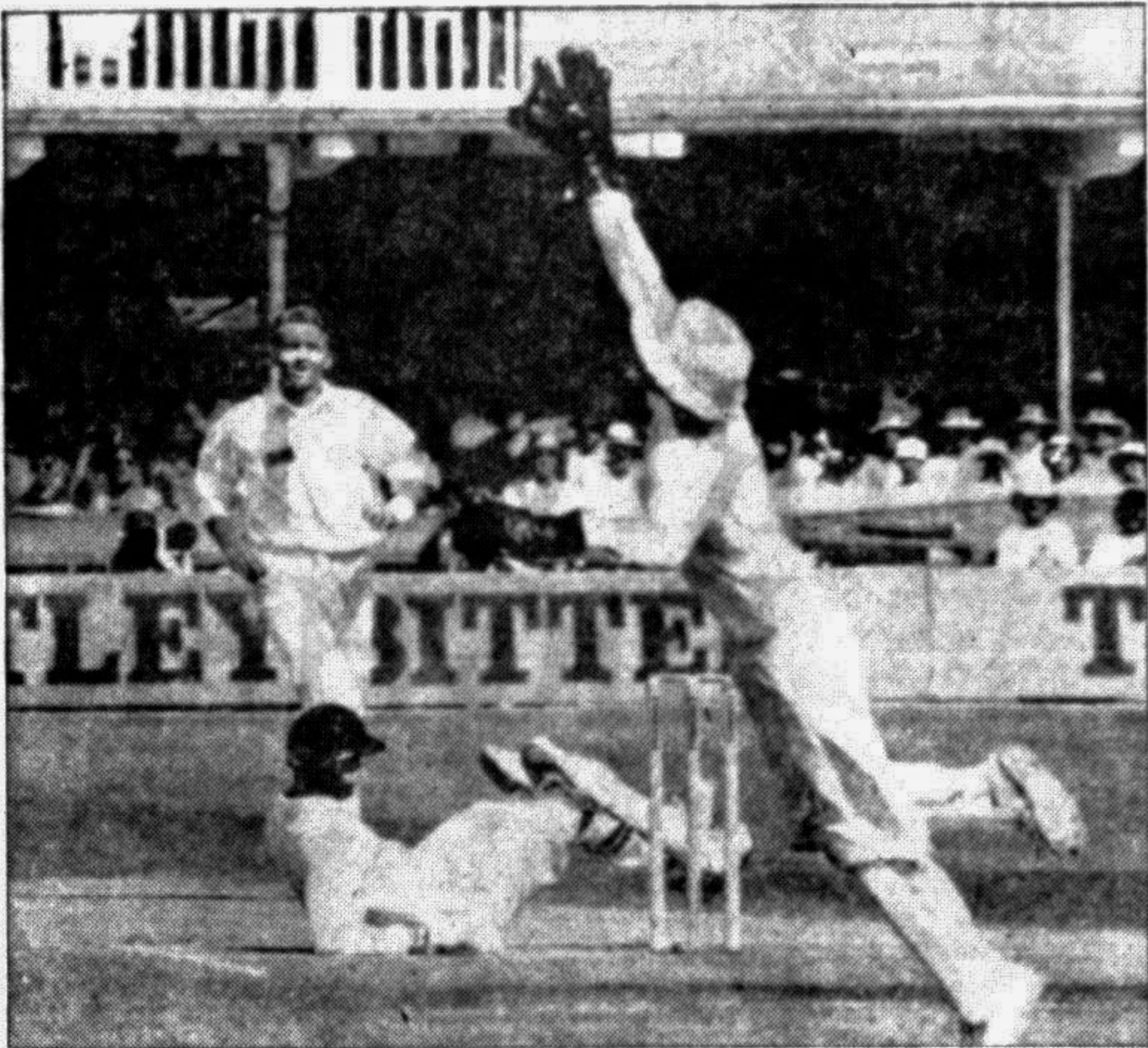
The referees will officiate the Senior Division football leagues, including Premier, which have been dogged by controversial whistling by local referees, and the FAM general secretary will perform the duty of an instructor in the 'Futuro FIFA-Coca Cola World Development Programme' to be held in Dhaka from August 21-26.

Mohsin Cup b'ball on

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Rising Force defeated Teen Wolves Club 50-32 in the inaugural match of the Mohsin Cup Second Division basketball league at the Dhanmondi Gymnasium yesterday. At half time the winners were leading 22-11.

Ghana, Oman in youth World Cup soccer semis

QUITO, Ecuador, Aug 13: Ghana defeated Portugal 2-0 and Oman downed defending champions Nigeria 2-1 in the quarterfinals of soccer's youth World Cup on Saturday, reports AP.



A lifting delivery from England pacesman Dominic Cork unsettles West Indies opener Sherwin Campbell (on the ground) while wicket keeper Jack Russell jumps his left to catch the ball during third day of the fifth Test at Trent Bridge on August 12.

Fifth Test heads a draw

NOTTINGHAM, Aug 13: England were 111 for two wickets in their second innings at close of play, a lead of 134, on the fourth day of the fifth Test against West Indies at Trent Bridge today, reports Reuter.

careless strokes. He also appeared fortunate to survive an lbw appeal after leaving alone a ball from pacesman Dominic Cork which hit him on the knee.

Richardson went on the attack right from the start of his innings, blasting a rapid 40 in a third wicket partnership of 56 with Lara but then inexplicably dabbled a simple catch into the hands of Graeme Hick at slip off Illingworth.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard on the fourth day of the fifth Test between England and West Indies at Trent Bridge today. ENGLAND: First innings 440 (G Hick 118 not out, M Atherton 113, N Knight 57, K Benjamin 5-105)

SA, SL lock in a draw

COLOMBO, Aug 13: The first Test between the under-24 teams of South Africa and Sri Lanka petered out into a draw here today with only two innings being completed in the four-day match, reports AFP.

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Thackeray the thuggee

BOMBAY, Aug 13: A Hindu extremist leader here has warned that he will not allow Pakistani cricketers to play in India, reports AFP.

"Not only in Bombay, but in all of India the Pakistan team will not be allowed," said Bal Thackeray, chief of the Hindu militant Shiv Sena party.

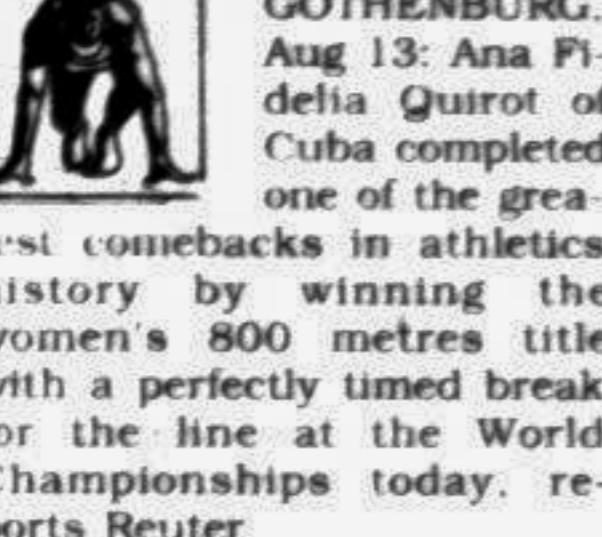
A Pakistani cricket team's visit to Bombay was cancelled last year after Thackeray warned of trouble.

Schools chess Rakib's 3rd in a row

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Abdullah al-Rakib clinched the national schools chess championship title for the third successive year but in a worst possible way at the NSC chess room yesterday.

Meanwhile, a senior Pakistani cricket official in Islamabad today dismissed the warning by the Indian Hindu militant party leader.

Quid pro quo for Quirot



GOTHENBURG, Aug 13: Ana Fidel Quirot of Cuba completed one of the greatest comebacks in athletics history by winning the women's 800 metres title with a perfectly timed break for the line at the World Championships today, reports Reuter.

250 metres to go but Quirot hung back before striking as they went into the home straight. The outcome might have been different if defending champion Maria Mutola of Mozambique had been running but her 45-pace winning streak ended with disqualification in Friday's semifinals.

Barcelona in March, shares the same manager as Morcelli and looms as a long-term threat to Morcelli's world number one ranking. He clocked 3:35.28 with Niyongabo third in 3:35.56.

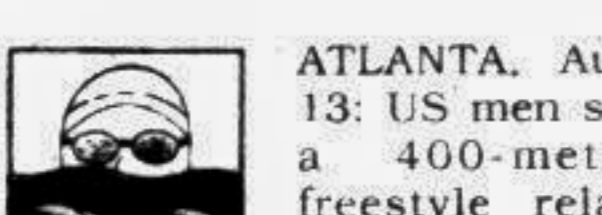


ANA QUIROT... incredible comeback

Moroccan friend Hicham el Guerrouj, who just pipped Venuste Niyongabo of Burundi for the silver. El Guerrouj, 20, who won the world indoor title in

Though the first two Canadian baton changes were smooth, Bailey had to slow down slightly and glance behind before taking the baton from Surin to run the anchor leg.

Bennett bags the second.



ATLANTA, Aug 13: US men set a 400-metre freestyle relay world record and schoolgirl Brooke Bennett, the newest American distance star, won her second gold medal on Saturday at the Pan Pacific Swimming Championships, reports Reuter.

3:16.53 set at the 1988 Seoul Olympics by Chris Jacobs, Troy Dalbey, Tom Jager and Matt Biondi.

Missing from the field was four-time Pan Pac 400 champion Janet Evans, the world record holder in the event.

Akram admirals Lancs

LONDON, Aug 13: Wasim Akram enhanced Lancashire's County Championship challenge with an irresistible all round performance to secure victory over Leicestershire with a day to spare on Saturday, reports Reuter.



AKRAM... allround show

England duty, lashed 11 fours as he struck his half-century off 35 balls to speed Lancashire to their target.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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