

BCCB beat Oxford Blues

Sports Reporter

The touring Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) Eleven defeated the local Oxford Blues outfit by 50 runs in a two-day limited overs exhibition match which concluded in the Indian city of Hyderabad yesterday.

The Bangladesh outfit bowled out the local team for 255 runs in 81.3 overs to round-off a comfortable win.

Earlier the visitors had scored 305 runs for the loss of nine wickets in their stipulated 90 overs on Thursday.

During the day's play, held on the matting wicket of the Parade Ground, medium pacers Anisur Rahman and Khaled Mahmud Sujon and left-arm spinner Enamul Haq Moni picked up two wickets each to guide the virtual Bangladesh national team to victory.

Athar Alim Khan and Mohammed Rafique took one apiece while two Oxfordians were run-out.

For the locals, B Reddy scored 67 while P. Reddy piled up 51 in their efforts to make a competition out of the encounter.

Earlier on Thursday, opener Javed Omar Belim missed out on a century when he was out for 98 while Zakaria Intiaz made 53 to guide the BCCB Eleven to a fighting total of 305 for 9 in 90 overs.

The Bangladesh outfit are scheduled to take part in the Buchi Babu cricket tournament which is to begin in Madras today. They had earlier crashed out of the Molin-ud-Dowla Gold Cup invitational event held in Hyderabad.

Knight shines for Warwick

LONDON, Sept 15: Opener Nick Knight hit a career-best 174 at Canterbury on Thursday to boost Warwickshire's chances of landing a second successive county championship title, reports Reuter.

While luckless Middlesex had to sit and watch their chance of catching the champions fading in the rain at Taunton, Warwickshire reached 309 for three from 89.4 overs before bad light ended play nine overs early.

The three batting points they claimed pushed them 18 points clear of Middlesex. Knight, overlooked for England's winter tour to South Africa after playing twice against West Indies this summer, produced an innings full of crisp strokes as he topped his previous highest score of 162, made for his former county Essex.

It was the eighth championship hundred of his career and came in three hours 10 minutes off 163 balls. His innings included 21 fours and a six before he was caught by Matthew Walker at point, cutting at medium pacer Mark Eelham.

Knight figured in two century stands — 148 for the first wicket with Wasim Khan (51) and 134 for the third wicket with Roger Twose (54 not out).

Steady drizzle kept Middlesex from starting their four-day match against Somerset but they can draw some comfort from the fact they have won five championship matches inside three days this season.

Tyson on free TV

NEW YORK, Sept 15: Eight months after his release from jail, US boxing fans will see Mike Tyson for free.

Tyson's Nov 4 fight with Buster Mathis Jr will air on the Fox network — one fight too late for American who paid 49.95 dollars for the 89-second Peter McNeeley fiasco, but perfectly timed to deplete the pay-per-view audience for the Riddick Bowe-Evander Holyfield fight that same night, reports AP.

It will be the first major heavyweight fight on free TV since Muhammad Ali-Leon Spinks in 1978.

The announcement Thursday means the fight card for Nov 4 now includes three bouts: Tyson vs Mathis on Fox, Bowe vs Holyfield on cable, and the night's real grudge match — Showtime vs Time Warner Sports.

Time Warner is airing the Bowe-Holyfield rubber match at \$39.95 Showtime, which has exclusive rights to Tyson's fights, abandoned pay-per-view plans for the Mathis fight and approved the Fox deal.

But Tyson promoter Don King said the move to Fox was not aimed at hurting Time Warner, his long-term nemesis. King said the idea was a spiritual revelation that came to him and Tyson 35,000 feet up (10,500 metres) during a Concorde flight.

Jalal Youngmen's saviour

Sports Reporter



A late second half strike from substitute striker Jalal denied spirited Arambagh Krija Sangha a deserving win yesterday evening when Youngmen's Club Fakirerpool pulled off a late saving 1-1 draw in their Lifebuoy Premier Division football league encounter at the flood-lit Dhaka Stadium.

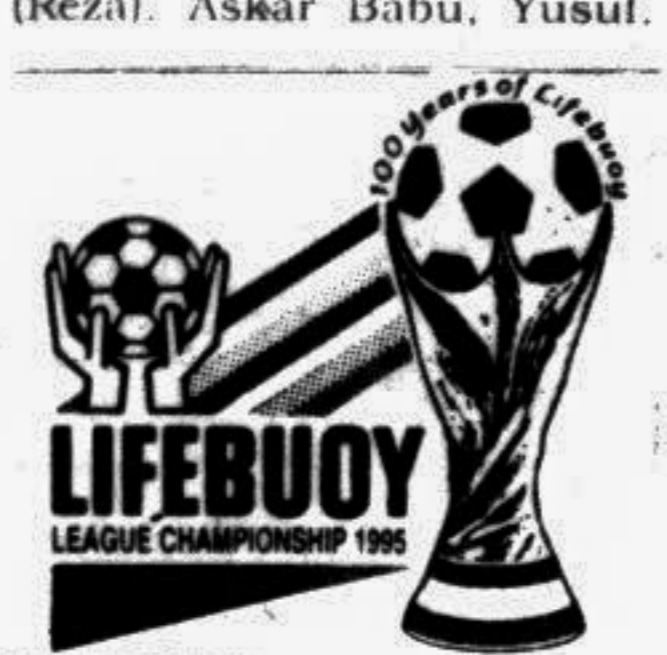
In a rather lack lustre return leg match considering reigning champions Abahani's 6-1 thrashing of Wari which included a brilliant hat-trick by ace striker Aslam on the previous night, Arambagh, who were only five minutes away from only their fourth league win, saw their hopes disappear by a close range shot from Fakirerpool forward Jalal.

Earlier, Arambagh, who staged superb comeback in the league race winning three of their six return leg matches which included a 2-1 upset victory over giants Muktiyoddha Sangsad and a hard-fought 1-1 draw with reigning champions Abahani, took the lead in the very first minute of the second half with their skipper Roxy blasting home after a well coordinated one-two with Russian forward Matviev.

With yesterday's draw, Arambagh earned 18 points from 16 matches and joined Agrani Bank in fifth place in the standings seven points adrift of fourth placed Fakirerpool who have 25 points.

Yellow cards: Tony and Pradeep (Arambagh)

TEAMS:
YMC FAKIRERPOOL: Bijan, Gobinda, Masum, Apu, Montu (Kanchan), Ibrahim, Mamun (Reza), Askar Babu, Yusuf.



AMIN RANA AND JALALUDDIN (Jalal)

ARABAGH KS: Tony, Pradeep, Chhoton, Faisal, Anwar, Yusuf, Tushar, Roxy, Jahangir, Matviev and Shoeb (Sattar).

Referee: Kamruddin (Malaysia)

FARASHGANJ WIN

Earlier in the day's first match, Farashganj Sporting Club beat Agrani Bank Sporting Club 2-1 in a seemingly pre-arranged affair.

Substitute forward Alamgir scored both the goals for Arambagh in the 44th and 58th minute while bank booter Akhter reduced the margin in the 77th minute.

With yesterday's win, Farashganj have almost averted the danger of relegation adding three valuable points to their account. The old Dhaka outfit earned 13 points from 16 matches and moved further ahead of bottom sides Rahmatganj MFS and Wari Club who have eight and six points respectively to their name. The Bankers earned 18 points.

ESKATON'S THRIF

Meanwhile, in the lone Lifebuoy First Division football league encounter held yesterday afternoon at the Mirpur Stadium, Eskaton Sabuj Sangha registered their third league win beating Shantinagar Club by a solitary goal.

Tipu netted the all-important match winner 31 minutes into the first half.

The result didn't have any bearing on 60th teams who remained rooted to the bottom of the table with Eskaton having 15 points and Shantinagar 12 points from 16 matches apiece.

Tillekeratne stands tall in Lankan ruins

Pakistan 43 for one at close



FAISALABAD, Sept 15: Hashan Tillekeratne scored a defiant 115 as Sri Lanka were skittled out by Pakistan for a poor 223 in the first innings of the opening day of the second Test here today, reports AFP.

Tillekeratne's century off 175, his third in Test cricket, included 20 hits to the boundary. He stayed at the wicket for 226 minutes.

Pakistan, one up in the three match series with a thumping innings win in the first Test, were 43 for one in reply at the close.

Three frontline Sri Lankan batsmen — captain Arjuna Ranatunga, Aravinda de Silva and Roshan Mahanama — were out for a duck on a pitch considered a batsmen's paradise.

Chandika Hathurusinghe was the only other Sri Lankan batsman to reach a respectable score, contributing a valuable 47 in a fifth wicket partnership with Tillekeratne.

Pakistan's 18-year-old spinner Saqlain Mushtaq, who made his debut bagging four wickets in the first Test at Peshawar, captured three wickets. Aaqub Javed claimed three wickets.

After Sri Lanka were put in to bat this morning by Pakistan captain Rameez Raja after winning the toss, they lost their first wicket in the opening over when Wasim Akram trapped Roshan Mahanama lbw for no score.

Asanka Gurusinha was next to go with the total on 32. He was caught by Wasim Akram off Aaqub Javed's second over after making nine runs.

Saqlain Mushtaq struck a major blow when he took the crucial wicket of Aravinda de Silva, catching him off his own ball for a duck. Mushtaq got another prized wicket when Arjuna Ranatunga was caught by Ijaz (Jr) without adding any runs.

Two more wickets fell when Sri Lanka were 117. Hathurusinghe giving a catch to Saeed Anwar and Kumara Dharmasena getting himself run out for a duck.

With the tourists on 149, Chamara Dunusinghe was trapped lbw at 12 by Wasim Akram but earned the distinction of hitting the first six of the series. Chaminda Vaas was out at 21 while Pramodya Wickremasinghe could make only one.

At stumps, Pakistan's Saerid Anwar was batting on 21 and nightwatchman Saqlain Mushtaq, who came after

the dismissal of Aamir Sohail by Muttiah Muralidharan at 20, was yet to open his account.

SCOREBOARD

Scorecard at the close of first day's play in the second Test between Pakistan and Sri Lanka in Faisalabad on Friday.

SRI LANKA: First Innings
 Mahanama lbw Wasim Akram 0
 Hathurusinghe c Saeed b M. Akram 47
 Gurusinha c W. Akram b A. Javed 9
 Tillekeratne c Moin b S. Mushtaq 115
 De Silva c and b S. Mushtaq 0
 A. Ranatunga c Ijaz Jr b S. Mushtaq 0
 Dharmasena run out 0
 Dunusinghe lbw W. Akram 12
 Vaas c Ijaz Jr b A. Javed 21
 Wickremasinghe c M. Khan b A. Javed 1
 Muralidharan not out 8
 Extras: (b-3, lb-1, nb-6) 10
 Total: (All out in 70 overs) 223

Fall of wickets: 1-0: 2-32; 3-33; 4-34; 5-117; 6-117; 7-149; 8-213; 9-213; 10-223.

Bowling: O M R W
 Wasim Akram 13 63 1 2
 Saqlain Mushtaq 20 374 3
 Muhammad Akram 14 44 2 1
 Aaqub Javed 13 534 3
 Aamir Sohail 7 228 0
 Shoeb Mohammad 3 210 0

PAKISTAN: First Innings
 Saeed Anwar (not out) 21
 Sohail b M. Muralidharan 20
 Saqlain Mushtaq not out 0
 Extras: (lb-1, nb-1) 2
 Total: (For one wicket) 43

Fall of wicket: 1-42
 (To bat: (Captain) Rameez Raja, Inzamam ul-Haq, Shoeb Mohammad, Ijaz Ahmed Jr, Wasim Akram, Moin Khan, Aaqub Javed and Mohammad Akram).

Bowling: O M R W
 Wickremasinghe 6 121 0
 Vaas 6 29 0
 Gurusinha 1 0 5 0
 De Silva 3 0 7 0
 Muralidharan 2 2 0 1



TILLEKERATNE ... 115

No headway in 'Big Apple'



NEW YORK, Sept 15: Garri Kasparov fought off a fierce attack Thursday from Viswanathan Anand in the third game of the world championship leaving the challenger to concede a draw after 36 moves, reports AP.

It was the third consecutive deadlock in the 20-game Professional Chess Association championship, leaving the scores tied 1 1/2 to 1 1/2. A half point is awarded to each player for a draw.

Kasparov, playing black, was on the defensive throughout the game as Anand pressed hard to capture the first victory. Indeed, many experts said Anand, playing with the advantage of the white pieces, may have missed a winning sequence to rip open Kasparov's defenses on the 20th move.

They said a bishop sacrifice by Anand in the delicately-balanced middle game could have given him a dangerous attack on the black king with his queen and a knight, but the Indian player decided not to risk it.

"I supposed it was very dangerous," Kasparov, 32, told a news conference after the game, which lasted a little more than three hours. "I didn't like my position very much. I didn't feel comfortable."

The opening of the game mirrored their first encounter Monday until Anand broke away on move 12 and

maneuvered his queen to attack Kasparov's king.

By move 19, Anand broke open the centre, but after missing his opportunity Kasparov was able to trade off Anand's dangerous pieces and reach a draw.

Kasparov said he wasn't too surprised by the even

start to the match with the 25-year-old Anand, of India.

Asked whether the three consecutive draws would cause the public to lose interest in the five-week match, Kasparov referred to the recent blink-of-an-eye boxing match between Mike Tyson and Peter McNeeley.



Niklas Alexanderson (L) of Swedish club Halmstad and Simeon Chilibonov of Bulgarian club Lokomotiv Sofia tussle for the ball during a European Cup Winners Cup match in Sofia on September 14.

Host shuttlers roll on

JAKARTA, Sept 15: Fifteen-year-old Mia Audina needed only 14 minutes to rout South Korean Lee Joo Hyun 11-0, 11-3 on Thursday, continuing the host country's domination of the badminton World Cup, reports AP.

Playing before a crowd of 3,000 Audina, who helped Indonesia to last year's Uber Cup team title, Audina led another perfect day for the host competitors, which won all 10 of their matches Thursday. Audina will face Camille Martin of Denmark on Thursday to determine the Group D winner and who will advance to the semifinals.

The first round singles is a round-robin competition in which only the four group winners advance to the semifinals. In doubles, two pair from each group advance.

In men's singles, Olympic titlist and 1993 champion Alan Budikusuma, paved his way to the semifinals by eliminating South Korean Ahn Jae Chang 15-2, 15-0.

Two other former champions and Budi Kusuma's fellow Indonesians, Ardi B. Wiranata and Joko Suprianto, also continued their winning streaks. Wiranata beating Jeppe Olsson of Sweden, 14-15, 15-6, 15-12, and Suprianto winning 11-15, 15-5, 15-4 over Jeroen van Dijk of the Netherlands.

Chinese men also won a pair of singles matches. Chen Gang defeated Lee Kwang-jin, South Korea of 15-2, 15-8 and Dong Jiong routed Peter Rasmussen of Denmark 15-12, 15-2.

Elsewhere in women's singles, top-ranked Han Jingna of China had to rally from a first set loss before eliminating Thai Somharuthai Jarensiri 3-11, 11-5, 11-2.

Qu, Sakirin pull out from Asian meet

JAKARTA, Sept 15: Two star athletes set to take part in next week's 11th Asian Athletic Championships in Jakarta have pulled out for unexplained reasons, organisers said today, reports Reuter.

The holder of the women's 1,500 metre world record, Qu Junxia of China, and Asian triplejump record holder Oleg Sakirin of Uzbekistan did not explain their decisions to withdraw. Nia Sarinastiti, an organising committee member, told Reuters.

This means only one holder of a world record, China's Wang Junxia, the world women's champion at 10,000 metres, will be among the more than 550 athletes who will take part, she said.

"Wang Junxia will be among the athletes from 35 countries who will take part in the championships, which start on September 20 through 24," Sarinastiti said.

They said 554 athletes had confirmed their participation in the championship, first held in Seoul in 1975, which will be opened by Indonesia's President Suharto on Wednesday.

Sarinastiti said Thailand would field the largest team with 56 athletes followed by Indonesia with 53.

Mohammad (Bob) Hasan, chairman of Indonesia's Athletic Association and also chairman of Asian Amateur Athletic Association, told a news conference on Wednesday Indonesia did not have any ambitious medal target for the championships.

"Indonesia regards the event as a stimulant for local athletics. We may get one or two medals but surely they will not be gold," he said.

Hiccups hurt Harare Games

HARARE, Sept 15: South Africa, Kenya and Egypt grabbed the bulk of medals at the All-Africa Games, in Zimbabwe on Tuesday but the second day of competition was marred by breakdowns in organisation, reports Reuter.

Organisers said they had problems with timing devices and most times were treated as unofficial until late in the day.

"On one says exactly what the problem is. What we know is that times are not being posted as fast as they should, or in some cases have not been posted at all," said one senior organising official.

Most of Africa's top stars, particularly in the distance events, have stayed away from the Games but Nigeria's sprint team redeemed the day with some impressive performances.

They were in dominant mood in the national stadium in Harare, breezing through to the finals of the 100 and 400, although Mary Onyiah, who won her semifinal in 11.50, was among those crit-

ical of Games organisers. She complained the track was poor and that semifinal competitors were allowed only three minutes to warm-up.

"Organisation is terrible. These champs don't appear to realise that this is an international meet. It is too haphazard," Onyiah said.

She predicted a clean sweep of the sprints by the Nigerians.

South Africa, taking part for the first time following the scrapping of apartheid last year, won gold in the men's 20 km walk and men's hammer for a total tally of six medals.

Kenya, criticised for sending what amounted to a third-string contingent to the Games, ended the day with four medals and answered their critics by getting three athletes through to the finals of the men's 800 metres.

Egypt also have four medals and, even in the absence of Olympic 10,000 metres champion Derartu Tulu, Ethiopia opened their campaign with gold thanks to a women's 1,500 metres victory for Kutre Dulech in 4:18.32.

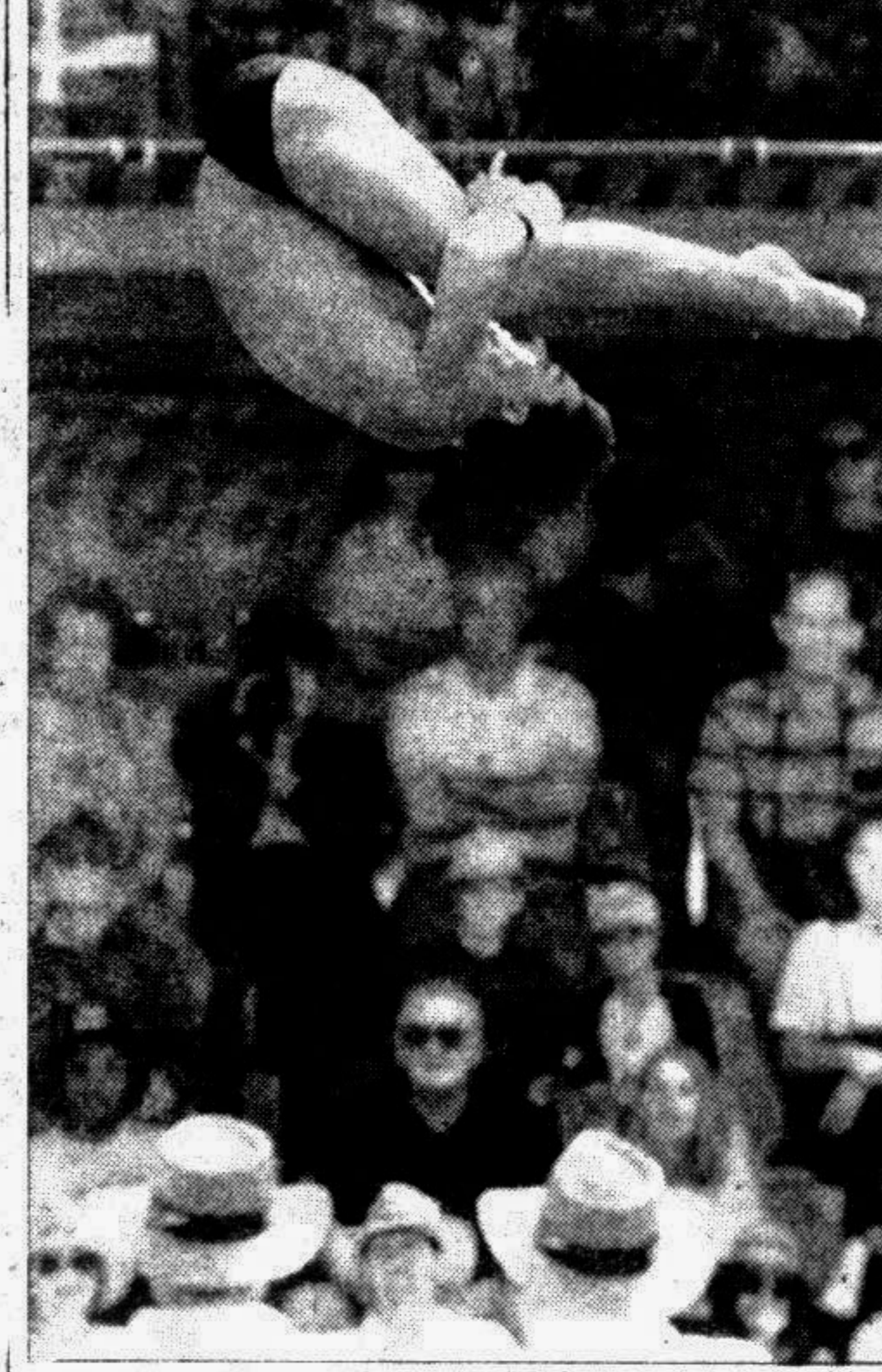
Tunisia's Monia Karl won the women's discus with a throw of 54.26 metres, a new Games record, and Eunice Barbera of Sierra Leone won the long jump gold with a jump of 6.70 metres.

US-based Even Stewart won the first gold medal of the Games for hosts Zimbabwe with a peerless display on the one-metre springboard.

MEDALS TABLE

Medals table at the end of Day Two of the All-Africa Games on Tuesday. (Tabulate under gold, silver, bronze, total):

South Africa	2	3	1	6
Kenya	1	2	1	4
Egypt	1	1	2	4
Ethiopia	1	0	3	4
Zimbabwe	1	1	0	2
Sierra Leone	1	0	0	1
Tunisia	1	0	0	1
Algeria	0	1	1	2
Mauritius	0	0	1	1



Local diver Evan Stewart is caught in mid-air on his way to spectacularly win the first gold medal of the 6th All-African Games in Harare, Zimbabwe on September 14. Stewart won in the one-metre spring board event.

— AFP/UNB photo

Christie upstages Bailey

Bubka misses world mark



TOKYO, Sept 15: Britain's Linford Christie won the 100 metres even but five-time world champion Sergei Bubka of Ukraine failed to make his 36th world record, at the Tokyo international track and field meet on Friday, reports AFP.

Barcelona Olympic sprint champion Christie, who was sixth in Gothenburg, saved some face by doing the 100m in 10.00, beating Canadians Bruny Surin and world champion Donovan Bailey.

Bubka easily won the pole vault event. He had been struggling to clear the 6.00-metre mark this season and cleared 5.95m to win the event and challenged a new record of 6.15m, one centimetre above his 35th record set in Italy in July last year.

"I thought I could make a new record, considering my condition today, but I waited too long before my jumps and I lost my rhythm," said the 31-year-old Ukrainian after falling this three attempts to disappoint 34,700 spectators at the national stadium.

Radion Gataullin of Russia was second with 5.90m, ahead of American Pat Manson with 5.7 m.

In the 200m, triple world champion Michael Johnson of the United States coasted to an easy victory in 20.06 to beat Gothenburg silver winner Frankie Fredericks of Namibia.

A total of eight world record holders and 19 current world champions took part in the competition, but none could set a new record as it was raining.

Three women champions — Inessa Kravet of Ukraine, Stefka Kostadinova of Bulgaria and Fernanda Ribeiro of Portugal — were beaten.

Kravets, who betted an old triple jump record last month by 41 centimetres for 15.50m to win the women's world title, bowed to Gothenburg bronze medalist Anna Biryukova of Russia.

Biryukova marked 14.74m, 42cm longer than Kravets and 1.02 longer than Ivan Prandzheva of Bulgaria.

Kostadinova, who surprised the world by retaining the world title after giving birth to a boy baby in January, lost to bronze medalist Inga Babakova of Ukraine, who got past 2.05, 7cm higher than the Bulgarian.

Ribeiro clocked 15:10.12 in the 5000m for runner-up place, far slower than world champion Sonia O'Sullivan of Ireland in 15:10.12.

In the men's events, Allen Johnson timed 13.07 to beat fellow American Mark Crear and world record holder Colin Jackson of Britain to win the 110m hurdles.

Haile Gebrselassie of Ethiopia raced to an easy victory in the 5,000m in 13:13.99. Jan Zelezný of the Czech Republic marked 92.12m to win the Javelin throw, and Javier Sotomayor of Cuba cleared 2.30m to win the high jump.

Zola pulls Parma thru'



LONDON, Sept 15: Gianfranco Zola saved Parma—UEFA Cup champions and among the favourites to win the Italian First Division this season — with two goals in the final eight minutes for a 2-0 win at Albanian side Teuta as Cup Winners' Cup play opened Thursday, reports AP.

The diminutive Italian international scored for Parma — Cup Winners' Cup champions in 1992-93 — in the 82nd and 86th minutes.

Parma, who failed to take advantage of several good chances in the first half by Alessandro Melli, saw their talented attack stymied throughout the game by a steady downpour and the Teuta defence.

It was a more solid start for defending champions Real Zaragoza of Spain, easy 2-0 winners at Inter Bratislava in their first-round, first-leg match. But fellow Spanish side Deportivo de La Coruna had to settle for a scoreless draw at the semi-pro side Apol of Cyprus.

Zaragoza had little trouble out-classing Bratislava in a match played in a steady rain. Fernando Morientes made it

1-0 on a rebound in the 43rd minute, and the second came from Oscar Luis Celada on a 10-metre goal in the 60th minute.

Deportivo's players, labouring without two of the club's Brazilian-born stars — Bebeto and Donato, were clearly upset by the scoreless draw. They hurried to the dressing room and skipped a cup presentation by the Cypriot Parliament speaker Alexis Gajanos.

Paris Saint Germain also had trouble with a side of part-timers until striker Julio Cesar Dely Valdes came to the rescue with six minutes left for a 3-2 victory in Oslo over Molde of Norway.

After a scoreless first half, Ole Gunnar Solskjaer put the Norwegian part-timers ahead in the 56th minute. Paul Le Guen tied it in the 76th and, two minutes later, Youri Djorkaeff made it 2-1 for the French team.

Molde's Arild Stavrum tied the match in the 81st, putting the heat on Saint Germain.

when Daniel Amokachi scored the winner in the 88th minute.

Midfielder John Ebbrell put Everton up 1-0 in the 22nd minute, but Mihajlo Biberic scored on a 36th minute penalty to draw the match even. David Unsworth then notched a penalty in the 57th for Everton, only to have Biberic equalise moments later on another penalty.

The hottest hand in the 16-game schedule was 25-year-old midfielder Pedro Barbosa of Sporting of Lisbon. Barbosa scored a hat-trick in Sporting's 4-0 victory at home over Israel's Maccabi Haifa. Sporting other strike came from Ricardo Sa Pinto with three minutes to play.

The most lopsided match was Feyenoord of Rotterdam's 7-0 whitewash of Latvian side Liepaja.

German side Moenchengladbach, second in this season's Bundesliga were easy 3-0 winners over Sileks Kratovo with goals by Stefan Effenberg, Karlheinz Pilipien and Michael Klitzert. Moenchengladbach, who held two UEFA Cup titles, returned to European play after an eight-year absence.