

AKC acquire Caribbean trio

Sports Reporter
Abahani Krira Chakra, one of the two most crowd-pulling clubs of the nation, has ensured the services of three West Indians, including the all-time great fielder Gus Logie, for the ongoing Damal Summer cricket tournament.

According to Mostafa Kamal, Cricket chairman of Abahani, fast bowler Reon King, leg-spinning all-rounder Mahendra Nagamootoo and Logie will play for the leading club in the rest of their Damal Summer matches. Logie however will leave the city on November 28.

Gus Logie, currently visiting the country as coach of the West Indies under-19 team — King and Nagamootoo are members of which — confirmed reports of the signing of the two youngsters and himself for a local club but did not mention the name of the team.

MSC VERSION
According to a highly-placed official of Mohammedan Sporting Club, Logie while talking to him yesterday said, "I've not committed to anyone (about playing in Dhaka)."

"I've seen a lot of talk in the newspaper. Till today, I've given ten interviews."

Kabaddi squad off to Calcutta

A 19-member Bangladesh national kabaddi team left for Calcutta last night to take part in some exhibition matches there, reports UNB.

The team, comprising 14 players and five officials visiting the Indian city as part of their preparation for the seventh SAF Games scheduled to begin in Madras on December 18.

The team members are: Monir Hossain (manager), SM Habibur Rahman (asst manager), Abdul Hakim Miah (coach), Golam Hafiz (referee), M Yousuf Ali (observer).

The players are: Abdul Jalil (captain), Tariqul Islam, Abdul Hakim, Abdur Rouf, Faroque Talukder, Meer Julhash, Ashrafur Alam, Abdul Quayum, Zahidul Islam Ziaur Rahman, Badsha Miah, Hafizur Rahman, SM Siddique Hossain and M Quamruzzaman.

Ctg soccer

CHITTAGONG, Nov 13: Chittagong Port Authority (CPA) Club beat Agrabad Nowjoan Club 3-1 in the CJKP First Division football league at the Chittagong Stadium here today, reports BSS.

CPA led the first half 2-0. Mannan scored twice for the winners while Belal booted the other. Sohel netted the lone goal for Nowjoan.

In the 19th minute, CPA took the lead through Mannan who netted the ball off a pass from Belal (1-0). Mannan increased the margin in the 37th minute (2-0). Belal completed the scoring in the 42nd minute (3-0).

Nowjoan reduced the margin in the last minute through Sohel who netted the ball off a freekick from outside the box (3-1).

CPA earned eight points from five matches and Nowjoan got six points from as many encounters.

The other match of the day between Bakalia Krira Sangstha and power Development Board (PDB) Club ended in 1-1 draw.

PDB took the lead in the 10th minute through Javed who scored the goal dodging past three defenders (1-0).

'Justice' goes Warne's way
Aussies abase Pakistan



BRISBANE, Australia, Nov 13: Australia crushed Pakistan at an innings and 126 runs in the first Test on Monday, and spinner Shane Warne claimed justice was done when he dismissed former Pakistan captain Salim Malik for a duck, reports Reuter.

It was Warne's first confrontation with Malik at the wicket since the Australian bowler accused Malik of offering bribes to throw away matches in a 1994 tour of Pakistan — a charge that was strenuously denied by Malik and rejected by Pakistan Cricket authorities.

"I really enjoyed taking his wicket for obvious reasons," said Warne, one of Malik's three Australian accusers. "I think the dismissal shows there is justice in the game."

Leg-spinner Warne, who took seven wickets in the first innings, notched up another four in the second as Australia wrapped up a massive victory before lunch with almost two days to spare at the Gabba in Brisbane.

Pakistan were dismissed for 240, having been forced to follow on after collapsing for a paltry 97 in reply to Australia's 463.

Immediately after the match, Australia announced an unchanged side for the second Test, starting in Hobart on Friday.

Malik, who did not bat during the first innings because of a cut hand, survived only four balls before lofting a Warne delivery to fast bowler Craig McDermott at mid-off.

Warne, the man-of-the-match, was immediately swamped by jubilant teammates as Malik, batting down the order at number eight because of his injury, walked dejectedly off the pitch.

Warne and two other Australian Test players — off-spinner Tim May and Mark Waugh — accused Malik of offering them money to play poorly during their tour to Pakistan last year.

Warne, who has publicly stood by his version of events, took four for 54 in

the second innings to finish with a match figure of 11 for 77, the best by an Australian bowler on home soil against Pakistan.

"Shane came into the Test match with controversy surrounding him, and other people, and he handled it very well," Australia captain Mark Taylor told reporters afterwards.



WARNE ... man-of-match

"I believe Shane has been a great bowler for the past three years and it's obviously nice to win the first Test after playing so well."

Pakistan counterpart Wasim Akram said the defeat was a distressing result in his first Test since being recalled as captain. "We made some mistakes in the game ... but we will definitely come back stronger and fitter in Hobart," he said.

Resuming on 197 for three and still needing to score 169 to make Australia bat again, Pakistan lost their last seven wickets for 43 runs in just under one hour.

Inzamamul Haq, who began the day on 56, added six runs before he attempted to loft a ball from Mark Waugh's

slower delivery straight down the ground, only to be caught by McDermott at mid-off.

Fast bowler Glenn McGrath inflicted most of the early damage in Pakistan's second innings, taking four for 76, including the prized wicket of opener Aamir Sohail for 99 on Saturday.

Warne took seven for 23 in Pakistan's first innings as the tourists slumped to their fourth lowest total in Test history.

Steve Waugh scored an undefeated century in Australia's innings, which was bolstered by half-centuries by captain Mark Taylor, Mark Waugh, Greg Blewett and David Boon.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard on the fourth day of the first Test between Australia and Pakistan on Monday:

AUSTRALIA: First innings 463 (Steve Waugh 112 not out)
PAKISTAN: First innings 97 (Shane Warne seven for 23)

PAKISTAN: Second innings (overnight 197 for three)
Elahi c Healy b McGrath 2
Sohail b McGrath 99
Rameez c Healy b McGrath 16
Inzamam c McDermott b M Waugh 62
Basit lbw b McGrath 26
Moin c Healy b Reffel 9
Wasim c Slater b Warne 6
Malik c McDermott b Warne 0
Saqain not out 2
Waqr lbw b Warne 0
M Akram lbw b Warne 0
Extras: (b-7, nb-11) 18
Total: (85.5 overs) 240

Fall of wickets: 1-30; 2-88; 3-167; 4-217; 5-218; 6-233; 7-233; 8-239; 9-240.
Bowling: O M R W
McDermott 11 0 47 0
McGrath 25 7 76 4
Reffel 15 4 47 1
Warne 27 5 10 54 4
S Waugh 2 1 3 0
M Waugh 5 2 6 1

Result: Australia won by an innings and 126 runs.
Shane Warne: Man-of-the-match.

Second Test in Hobart, Tasmania, on Friday.
Third and final Test in Sydney on Nov 30.

Euphoric Enqvist

STOCKHOLM, Nov 13: Swede Thomas Enqvist tuned up for a debut appearance at next week's ATP Tour finale by beating France's Arnaud Boetsch 7-5, 6-4 Sunday at the 825,000 dollars Stockholm Open to earn his fifth title of the year, reports AFP.

Enqvist, the second seed, will maintain a Swedish presence which stretches back to 1982 at the season-ender beginning with round-robin play Tuesday in Frankfurt.

The 21-year-old world No 8 ran his prize money total to nearly 900,000 for the year, and set the stage for what could be a challenge from an outsider in the eight-man Frankfurt field.

"This victory is going to help me a lot next week," he said. "I played five good matches here and I'm going in with a lot of confidence."

Enqvist wrapped up the one-hour, 22-minute win over Boetsch as he produced his 14th ace of the afternoon at the Kungliga Tennis Hall.

He then secured victory with a forehand winner past Boetsch, who has been playing and winning all week after the Monday birth of his first child, a son, in Geneva.

"I'm happy to be going home to see my family," he said. Boetsch admitted that he had been carrying a slight leg injury, which many have made the difference in the match.

"I was not as efficient on serve as I was in the past few matches and I missed more forehands than before," he said.

Silva, Lorupe win NY City marathon

NEW YORK, Nov 13: Mexico's German Silva and Kenya's Tegla Lorupe won their second consecutive New York City Marathon crowns here Sunday, each dedicating their triumphs to family members who died earlier this year, reports AFP.

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Win eases Graf's grief

PHILADELPHIA, Nov 13: Steffi Graf survived a strong challenge from unseeded Lori McNeil to win the 800,000 Advanta Championships on Sunday 6-1, 4-6, 6-3, reports Reuter.

The victory gave the top-seeded Graf eight tournament titles in 1995, more than any woman player. She has won every final she has played in, cult circumstances this year.

Graf won despite losing her serve four times to McNeil, including twice in a row at the end of the second set when the 63-ranked McNeil rallied from 3-4 to win the set. Graf had faced only one break-point in her previous two matches, wins against Zina Garrison-Jackson and Meredith McGrath.

McNeil had defeated Graf the last two times the two had



World number one Steffi Graf holds her Advanta Open trophy after beating Lori McNeil in the final in Philadelphia on Nov 12. The trouble-torn gritty German overcame McNeil 6-1, 4-6, 6-3.

including the French Open, Wimbledon and the US Open.

"It's the best year I've ever had, even better than '88 when I won the Grand Slam," said Graf, who is seeded number one in this week's WTA Tour Championships in New York. "The competition is better now. There were difficult tournaments, diffi-

played, at Wimbledon in 1994 and at the 1992 Virginia Slims Championships."

"She has always been at the top of my list of opponents who give me trouble," Graf said. "There aren't that many players that come in to the net constantly, keep the ball low and force you to pass them."

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Charlton, almost certain to end his nine-and-a-half year reign in charge if Ireland's qualification hopes crash in Lisbon, said: "Townsend and Steve Staunton will definitely play if they prove their fitness after injuries, and that being the case I'll stick with Jeff Kenna in the midfield anchor role."

A Sino sweep
BEIJING, Nov 13: China swept all five titles at stake in the 1995 China Open badminton tournament in the southwest Chinese city of Chengdu, reports AFP.

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Graf received 148,000 dollars for her victory and McNeil received 66,500 dollars.

Steeb clinches Kremlin Cup

MOSCOW, Nov 13: Carli-Uwe Steeb, the German former Davis Cup player now ranked a lowly 107th in the world, beat Daniel Vacek of the Czech Republic to win the 1.2-million dollar Kremlin Cup on Sunday, reports Reuter.

Steeb, whose career has been disrupted by injury, put up a smooth, tactical performance from the baseline to squeeze past his tall, big-serving opponent 7-6, 3-6, 7-6.

The German was quick to acknowledge how narrow a victory it was. "Daniel played very well. When it's 7-6 in the third you know it's always luck," said Steeb, who won the third-set tie-break 8-6.

Vacek had broken the hearts of the partisan crowds at the Olympic Stadium this week, putting out Russians Andrei Chesnokov and Alexander Volkov before beating local hero and top seed Yevgeny Kafelnikov in Saturday's semifinal.

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The official Algerian news agency APS said Boulmerka, 27, was met by applause and cheers in Annaba Theatre.

The Algerian athlete, who in 1991 became the first African woman to win a world title, appealed to Annaba's voters to support Zeroual, who is seeking election against three other contenders.

FIFA firmly behind Nigeria

PRAGUE, Nov 13: FIFA president Joao Havelange said on Sunday he would not let politics affect his promise to award the 1997 World Youth Soccer Championships to Nigeria, reports Reuter.

The execution in Nigeria of nine dissidents on Friday provoked an international outcry with the European Union and the United States withdrawing their ambassadors and Nigeria being suspended from the British Commonwealth.

The Sunday Times of London was one publication that pulled no punches in its condemnation of Havelange.

In the football column, Peter Wilson wrote: "Joao Havelange continues what appears to be a one-man campaign to bring world football into disrepute. While shock and anger have been expressed over the hangings ... the FIFA president was in the African state sucking up to their military leaders."

But speaking on the eve of a symposium of soccer's world governing body in the Czech capital of Prague, Havelange said that sport and politics should not be mixed and it was not FIFA's job to

influence the course of world politics.

Havelange was in Nigeria amid the turmoil surrounding the execution of human rights campaigner Ken Saro-Wiwa and eight of his colleagues.

After talks with Nigerian military leader General Sani Abacha, Havelange said that Nigeria may be given the 1997 youth finals due to be held in Malaysia with the Asian country holding them in 1999.

Because of the offer, Nigeria honoured Havelange with a traditional chieftainship on Thursday.

He declined to comment on his meeting with General Abacha, saying it was the role of the FIFA boss to promote soccer, not interfere in politics.

"If in a certain country I am taken to see the head of state, out of education and respect I do it, it's my function and my obligation ... I'd go and see the Pope," Havelange said.

"If FIFA started to get involved in political questions it would disappear," he added.

Recently a journalist asked me about French nuclear tests ... and I said you should go to New York and

ask the secretary of the United Nations because there they do politics and here we do sport. And now I respond in the same way," he told a news conference.

During his stay in Nigeria last week, Havelange also apologised for FIFA's last minute decision to prevent the African country from holding the World Youth Championships in March, after being informed there were outbreaks of cholera and meningitis at two of the venues due to stage matches.

Jansher's next assignment

CAIRO, Nov 13: Seventime world open champion Jansher Khan of Pakistan leads his country in defence of the world team squash title this week but organisers say they face an uphill battle against Australia and England, reports Reuter.

Pakistan, unhappy at their second seeding beneath former champions Australia, are due to play third-ranked England in the opening match of the 32-nation tournament on Monday.

But the Egyptian hosts said neither team had submitted their order of play and it was not clear whether Jansher would face a rematch of his World Open final defeat of England's Del Harris in Cyprus on Saturday.

"Pakistan are not so strong now, their number two and three are not strong enough to support Jansher," said Mahmoud Barada, director of the Egyptian Squash Federation. "England and Australia are the strongest teams."

Pakistan, weakened by the retirement of six-times champion Jahangir Khan since they beat the Australians in Karachi two years ago, will also play Sweden and hosts Egypt in their opening Pool B matches.

Australia face New Zealand in their opening match on Monday in Pool A, which also includes Finland and Germany.

BDR v'ball

KUSHTIA, Nov 13: Chittagong Sector have become champions and Khulna runners-up in the Bangladesh Rifles inter-sector volleyball competition, reports UNB.

At Kushtia, Chittagong Sector defeated Khulna by 3-2 sets in the final.

Constable Mahabur Rahman of Dinajpur Sector was adjudged man-of-the-tournament.

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Townsend's hope against hope

VUBLIN, Nov 13: Andy Townsend collected Ireland's footballer of the year award here on Sunday — and plans to celebrate by leading the Republic into the European Championship finals with a victory in Portugal on Wednesday night, reports AFP.

The Aston Villa midfielder and Ireland captain beat teammate Paul McGrath and Tranmere striker John Aldridge for the accolade awarded by Ireland's soccer writers.

But he must now overcome an instep injury before taking his place in Jack Charlton's team against the Group 6 leaders in Lisbon's famous Stadium of Light.

Only a win will guarantee Ireland a place in the last 16 in England next summer. But if Northern Ireland beat third-placed Austria in Belfast the same night, the Republic can still make it even if they lose their last qualifying match to the Portuguese.

It will be a slide-rule mathematician's delight on the night. Ireland, one point ahead of Austria, will win the group and qualify automatically if they beat Portugal.

But by finishing second with a result as good as or better than Austria achieve in Belfast, they are likely to face

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