

Sport

Column One

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

THAT there was once a quip that the basic difference between football in Spain and England was that in England the police stand facing the crowd, in Spain they face the field.

Things have not changed much. British football fans are among the rowdiest in the world. Police in any European city are on full alert and apprehensive to a degree whenever the British are on town. Now, they have policemen and dogs watching them. From before the beginning of a match till after, their every move is monitored on close-circuit television. There are police in front of them, police behind them, police to the left of them, police to the right of them. After all, when the British football fans get going, they can charge as did the light brigade.

SPORTS TALK



Primo Nebiolo

(President of the International Amateur Athletic Federation, the governing body of world athletics)

"Soft? We ban an athlete for two years — is that soft?" (On allegations that the IAAF is soft on drug offenders)

Sports WHIZZ KID COMPETITION FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN The rules are published every Saturday.

Sports WHIZZ KID competition-14

Tick the correct answer (Competition closes: 8 p.m. Nov 24, 1995)

Table with 5 questions and multiple choice options for the Sports Whizz Kid competition.

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Local karatekas reap rich

Bangladesh won three golds, two silvers and 12 bronzes in the first invitational international karate competition held in Pune, India from November 14 to 16, a press release of the National Sports Council said here yesterday, reports BSS.

About 450 competitors from six countries took part in the competition. The countries were Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Iran, Bhutan and Sri Lanka.

Today's fixtures

- 16th Damal Summer Cricket: Mohammedan SC vs Agrani Bank (Dhaka Stadium), Biman vs Eskaton SS (Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium), Wari Club vs S Bima (City Club ground), Thal-Bangla men's Satellite Circuit tennis: Venue: Rajshahi Tennis Complex, Singles final - 2.30 pm, First Division Chess league (15th round): Venue: BCF Chess room



Enamul Hossain Rajib (L) of Mohammedan Sporting Club ponders, his next move against Syed Ruhul Kabir of BTMC during their First Division chess league encounter at Bangladesh Chess Federation yesterday. — Star photo

GMCC glides to 2nd round

Sports Reporter

BRIEF SCORES

DHAKA WANDERERS: 74 in 28.4 overs (Asif 17, Mizanur Rahman 3/15, Morshed 3/16) GMCC: 75 for one in 27.3 overs (Javed Omar Belim 41 not out, Sadek 20 not out)



The Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club (GMCC) sauntered into the elusive six-team second round of the 16th Damal Summer Cricket tournament with a thumping nine-wicket win over Dhaka Wanderers Club at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Fresh after a nine-day recess due to inclement weather and a week-long tour of the West Indies Under-19 team, GMCC, a mediocre team in the Dhaka cricket, made light work of the newly-promotees for an easy passage to the second round.

With this win GMCC joined defending champions Abahani Kira Chakra and last year's losing semifinalists Brothers Union in one group of the six-team second round, to be played in round-robin league.

However, on the resuming day and appearing in the first match at the Dhaka Stadium of this season GMCC, after winning the toss and electing to use the cherry, bunched out their lowly counterpart of the Premier Division to a

meager 74 in 28.4 overs of the 50-over-a-side match.

In reply, the Mymensingh cricketers rattled up the required 75 in 27.3 overs with opener Javed Omar Belim Golla and one-down Ahmed Sadek putting on 68 run for the unbroken second wicket stand.

After a shaky start with the other opener Iftekher Hossain (6) departing cheaply, Javed, the right-hand national opener who scored a brilliant 79 against the visiting Caribbean youth in the first exhibition match at this very venue on Tuesday last, found a wily partner in Sadek to propel his side to a facile victory without further damage.

Javed remained unbeaten on a polished 41 off 76 balls embellished with only two hits to the fence while a doughty Sadek scored a painstaking 20 off 80 deliveries.

Earlier, the GMCC pace trio of skipper Mizanur Rahman Babul, former national new-ball bowler Morshed Chowdhury and a recently-blooded Monzurul Islam, ran out over a helpless top and middle order Wanderers batsmen capturing eight wickets with only 45 runs on board.

Mizanur Rahman and left-arm seamer Morshed Chowdhury, who were particularly hostile with a new-ball, took three wickets apiece. Babul gave only 15 runs in his nine overs while Morshed, who bowled with venom, finished

with a telling analysis of 9-3-16-3.

On the other hand the first change Monzurul Islam and spinner Abul Faisal evenly shared the remaining four Wanderers wickets.

For Wanderers only Asif Iqbal (17) and Islam with an unbeaten 14 could offer some sort of resistance with the willow.

Meanwhile, in the other match of the day, an insignificant affair at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, Dhanmondi Club recorded a three-wicket win over City Club.

Sent into bat first, City Club scored an unhealthy total of 133 for nine in the reduced 45-over-a-side match with middle-order-bat Monwaruzzaman contributing highest 23 runs for the eventual losers.

Among the Dhanmondi bowlers Sajjadul Alam, Pappu and Nazir took two wickets apiece.

In reply, Dhanmondi, chasing less than 3.5 runs per over, posted their winning score 134 for seven with 14 balls to spare.

Thanks to a vital 64 run stand for sixth wicket between Nahid Hossain and Ullash which deadlifted Dhanmondi from a precarious 36 for five in 17.2 over to a comfortable 110 in the 38th over.

Nahid remained unbeaten on a gritty 44 off 90-ball as Dhanmondi reached the victory in 42.4 overs while Ullash hammered a quick-fire 35 off 52 balls including two fours.

Scenario same at NSC

Sports Reporter

Title aspirants leaders Mohammedan Sporting Club continued their monotonous winning spree in the First Division chess league while nearest rivals Bangladesh Biman dropped an unfortunate half point to fall further behind during the 14th round's play of the meet at the Bangladesh Chess Federation chessroom yesterday.

Mohammedans, overcrowded with a platoon of Grand Masters (GM) from home and abroad, blanked a hapless Bangladesh Textile Mills Corporation (BTMC) outfit 4-0 to improve their tally to 49 points from thirteen engagements. Their now familiar onslaught was led by Russian GM Mikhail Krausnikov who masterly manoeuvred his black pieces in applying the Pelican Variation of the Sicilian Defence successfully to overcome a trail challenge from Saifuddin Lavlu in 36 moves.

Armenian GM Ashot Anashtesian followed suit when he used the Anti Benoni strategy to overcome Hasibul Hasan Hanif also in 36 moves. Local GM Niaz Murshed and young sensation Enamul Hossain Rajib also posted impressive

victories — the latter discarding former national sub-junior champion Ruhul Kabir Shiplu in only 19 moves. Biman, on the other hand, provided Mohammedans a bit more of a breathing space when they defeated Fire Service and Civil Defence 3.5 points to 0.5 to increase their tally to 46. They now

Soccer for deaf begins

Sports Reporter

A football tournament for the deaf, second of its kind, has begun at the Rajuk ground adjacent to the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

On the inaugural day host Dhaka Association of the Deaf dumped ERPH Centre 8-0 while Gazipur Badhir Unayan Sangha and Dhaka Badhir High School, the two other organisations for the disabled featuring in the tourney, played to a goalless draw in the second match of the day.

Earlier, noted sports journalist and commentator Tawfiq Aziz Khan inaugurated the meet, organised by the Dhaka Association of the Deaf.

trail the leaders by full three points.

Fide Master Syed Tahmidur Rahman lost the half point, which may prove crucial in deciding the championship, when he drew with Noor-e-Alam in 46 moves. Otherwise it was smooth sailing for the airline team with both their International Masters (IM) Ziaur Rahman and Refaat-bin-Sattar along with Khondokar Kayes Hassan posted easy victories.

Leonine Chess Club held on to their third position when they defeated Dhaka University 3.5-0.5. They have played one match more than the top two teams and there seems to be very little chance left for them to seriously threaten the title contenders.

POINTS TALLY

- 49 points - Mohammedans 46 - Biman 43 - Leonine, 36.5 - BTMC, 32.5 - Ansar 31 - Dhaka University 28.5 - Sheikh Russel, 22.5 - N'ganj Chess Club, Anushilun, 22 - Farashganj 20.5 - Prodirp Sangha 19 - Genitus, Konika 18.5 - N'ganj Moshgul 16 - Fire Service 15.5 - Portraj 6 - Brothers Union



Prior to the start of the second soccer tourney for the deaf at the Outer Stadium yesterday, booters and officials pose for photograph alongwith noted sports journalist and commentator Tawfiq Aziz Khan (C), M Ali Hossain (left to Khan), president, Dhaka Association of the Deaf, is also seen. — Star photo

ITF Satellite tennis Casey, Hromec in final

Sports Reporter

Owen Casey of Ireland and Martin Hromec of Slovakia will contest the men's singles final of the third leg of ITF Thailand-Bangladesh Satellite Circuit tennis tournament this afternoon (2:30 pm) at the Rajshahi Tennis Complex.

In the first semifinal, Casey beat Robert Kokavec of Canada 4-6, 7-6, 6-1 while Hromec won the other semi 7-6, 4-6, 6-3 against Yugoslavia Neboja Djordjevic.

The winner will receive 812 dollars as prize money while the loser will be richer by 562 dollars.

In the doubles, Robert Kokavec and Robichaud of Canada clinched the title after they beat Blumaver of Austria and Owen Casey of Ireland in the final 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 which was also held yesterday at the same venue.

ITF masters' leg begins tomorrow

Sports Reporter

The masters' leg of the ITF Thailand-Bangladesh Satellite Circuit tennis tournament 1995 will begin in the capital tomorrow. The Bangladesh Tennis Federation President A M Zahrudin Khan will inaugurate the meet at 9am at the Ramna National Tennis Complex.

Twenty-four players from 12 countries, who have qualified based on their results of the first two legs in Thailand and the third one in Rajshahi, will take part in the singles and doubles competitions of the five-day tournament jointly sponsored by Saudi Arabia-Bangladesh Investment Company (SABINCO) and Kader Synthetic Fibres Limited.

ITF referee Tom Johnston of Australia and two chair umpires Paul Davies and Ales Yeo, who are scheduled to be assisted by two local referees Maruf Ahmed and Faze Rabbi, will conduct the tournament, an event of the international Tennis Federation (ITF) Grand Slam Development Fund which is providing 25,000 dollars as prize money.

The winner of the singles will earn 31 ITF points and 800 dollars cash while the runner up will get 23 points and 600 dollars. The prize money for the doubles is 375 dollar they will earn 16 ITF points each.

The following 24 players will participate in the tournament: Blumaver Georg (Aut), N Srichaphan (Tha), Buscaglione Cyril (Fra), Owen Casey (Irl), P Srichaphan (Tha), Castrichella Gabrio (Ita), Djordjevic Neboja (Yug), Cobelli Stefano (Ita), T Srichaphan (Tha), Falenti Rainer (Aut).

Martin Hromec (Svk), Bhee Witoonpanich (Tha), Robert Kokavec (Can), Patrik Landvardt (Den), Oren Motevassel (USA), Marcus Nacke (Ger), Thomas Perchtold (Aut), Vladimir Platenik (Svk), Jocelyn Robichaud (Can), Davide Scala (Ita), Vladimir Sever (Cro), Davide Selva (Ita), Sylvano Simone (USA), and Scholy (Ita).

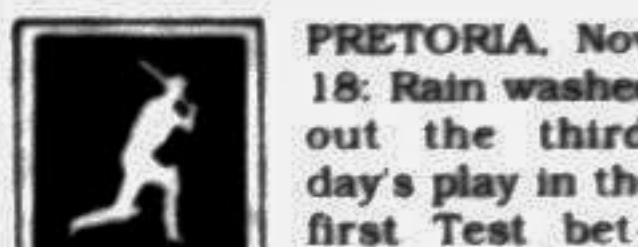
Dynamo plan for a plea

KIEV, Nov 18: Dynamo Kiev will appeal to UEFA for a reduction in their three-year European ban, reports Reuter.

"We feel insulted by an unfair decision and will prove that we are fully in the right," club spokesman Olexy Semenenko said on Monday.

"We do not want this matter to be re-examined, we are asking for the suspension to be reduced from three years to one. We intend to make our appeal in the spring so that next autumn we will be able take part in European competitions."

Rain reigns Day Three



PRETORIA, Nov 18: Rain washed out the third day's play in the first Test between England and South Africa at Centurion Park on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Earlier on Friday, a huge teatime thunderstorm brought a premature end to the second day's play after Eng-

land's batsmen had once again frustrated the home side.

A gritty innings of 141 from Graeme Hick and good support from Robin Smith (43) and Jack Russell (50 not out) ensured England ended a shortened day on top to the frustration of the home attack.

The South African bowlers, without Brett Shultz-

who had to go to hospital for an X-ray on a strained buttock, enjoyed a good afternoon session when they picked up four wickets but by the time the rain arrived England had reached 381 for nine.

Hick began the day on 105 and batted through the morning and 37 minutes into the afternoon session before he was plumb lbw to Shaun Pollock.

Unlike Thursday, though, when he was after the bowling with relish, Hick adopted the anchor role.

Dropped on 67 on Thursday he had another let-off when he reached 125. Sharp lifting delivery from Allan Donald took the shoulder of the bat and flew high to Brian McMillan at slip. He did well to parry the ball into the air but he was unable to cling on as it dropped behind him.

Hick's dogged innings - a true contrast in styles - lasted 393 minutes and 278 balls and included 25 sweetly-struck boundaries.

He shared a good partnership with Robin Smith who passed 4000 runs in Test cricket when he had made 18.

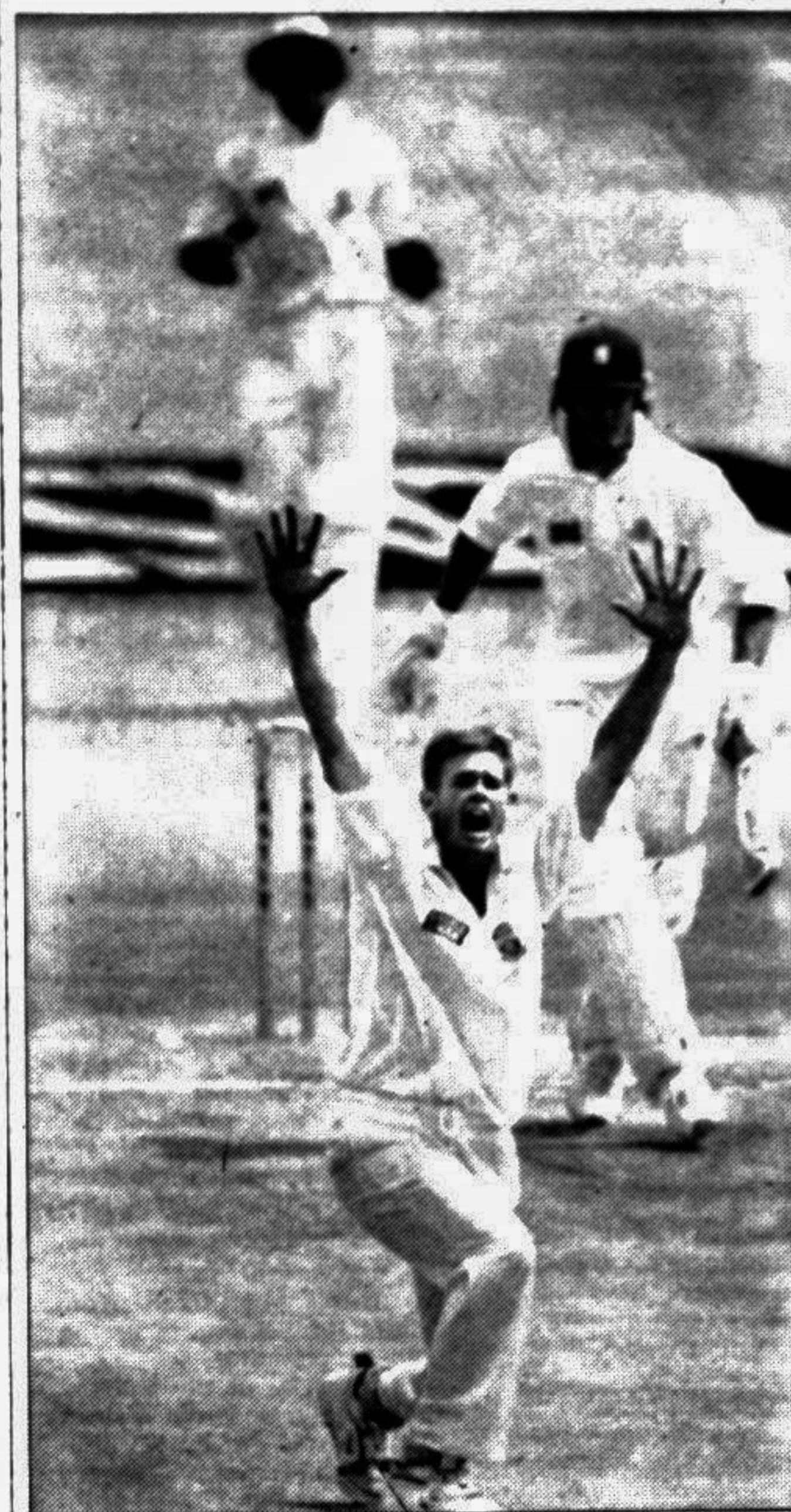
His shot of the morning was an uppercut six over backward point off Pollock and he added six boundaries in his pugnacious innings of 43.

Smith was bowled by McMillan before lunch and the burly all-rounder returned to remove Dominic Cork (13) and Darren Gough (nought) to record figures of three for 50. Pollock, again the pick of the bowlers, had three for 98.

Donald, who had seen a second catch spilled off his bowling when Daryll Cullinan grassed a chance from Cork, was rewarded with the scalp of Richard Illingworth, also bowled for a duck.

Russell continued his good tour form, holding the tail together with a plucky half-century which came off 119 balls and included 10 fours.

The Gloucestershire wicket keeper declined the umpires offer of bad light before tea, but the decision to bring the players off regardless was vindicated by the storm which swamped the ground three minutes later.



South African paceman Shaun Pollock, son of former Test bowler Peter and nephew of the great Graeme Hick during the second day of the first Test against England in Pretoria on Nov 17. Hick was lbw for 141. — AFP/UNB photo

Pakistan, England in final

CAIRO, Nov 18: Titleholders Pakistan came back from the dead to upset the favourites Australia 2-1 and reach the world team final here on Friday night, in a bad-tempered and controversial showdown, reports AFP.

Mir Zaman Gul won the decisive match against Anthony Hill after having been two games down, and 2-7 down in third game - in which he also saved match points at 6-8 and 7-8.

The match was an ugly sequel to that at the British Open 19 months ago, when Mir was disqualified for head-butting Hill and subsequently banned for four months from the circuit.

This time, Hill completely lost control of his emotions when he had not only virtually secured the match but the whole semifinal won.

He was warned for pushing his opponent in the rest between the third and the fourth games, was docked a penalty point for pushing his opponent to the ground at 7-4 in the fourth game, and docked another penalty point for hurling his racket about even before the fifth game began.

Referee Tony Parker of England only narrowly avoided becoming involved in a riot as the whole Pakistani

bench was in an uproar at one stage, with appeals for lets and points and punishments being made en masse.

In the end, the outcome of Mir's extraordinary victory by 9-10, 3-9, 10-9, 9-4, 9-3, was that the holders go through to play England in the final and that the fractious incidents will be reported to the World Squash Federation.

Earlier, Brett Martin appeared to have saved the semifinal for Australia by coming back from match point down at 5-8 in the fifth game to beat Zarak Johan Khan 7-9, 9-10, 9-0, 10-8.

However, World Open champion Jansher Khan beat world number two Rodney Eyles in four games and then came the astonishing turnaround at third string between Mir and Hill.

England came through to the final with a 3-0 victory over hosts Egypt, in which the only doubts about the outcome occurred in the opening contest.

World junior champion Ahmed Barada had two points to go two games up against

world number seven Chris Walker but lost in four games. Del Harris and Mark Chaloner were England's other winners.

Euro '96 seedings

GENEVA, Nov 18: England, Denmark, Germany and Spain have been seeded for next year's European soccer championships finals, UEFA said on Friday, reports Reuter.

England and Denmark were seeded automatically as hosts and title-holders. Germany and Spain received the status by virtue of their records in the last World Cup and European Championship qualifiers.

The 15 qualifiers to date are: England, Romania, France, Spain, Denmark, Switzerland, Turkey, Croatia, Italy, Czech Republic, Portugal, Bulgaria, Germany, Russia, Scotland.

The winner of the play-off between Ireland and the Netherlands at Liverpool on December 13, completes the finalists.

UEFA said on Friday the Dutch-Irish game would be decided by sudden-death in extra time if the two teams were level at the end of normal time. Failing a goal in extra time, the match will go to a penalty shoot-out.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer and CRYPTOQUIP puzzle with solutions.