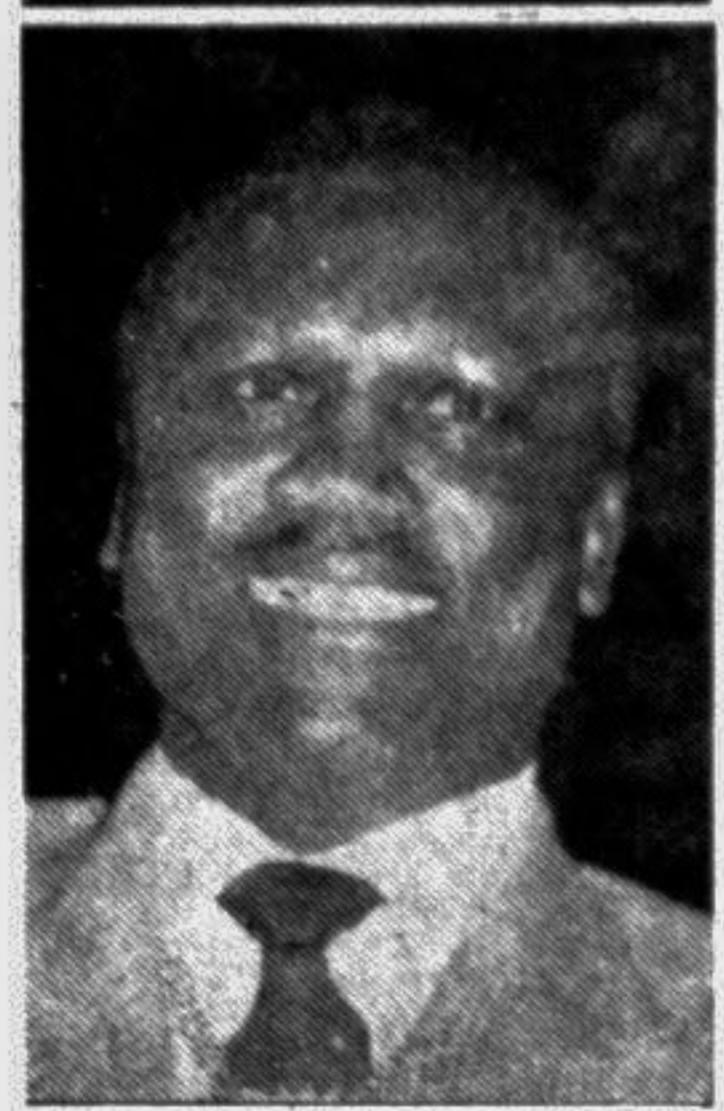


## Column One

## SPORTS TALK



Joe Frazier

(Former heavyweight boxing champion)

"It was a slap in the face for boxing. He was a draft dodger. He hasn't done that much for the sport. All of what he said was against America."

While complaining about Muhammad Ali being allowed to light the Olympic flame.

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(Competition closes: 8 p.m. August 30, 1996)		
1.	The new Zimbabwean cricket captain is	Dekker Whittle Campbell
2.	Number of centuries scored in the Headingley Test between Pakistan and England were	Three Four Five
3.	Australian Michael Bevan plays county cricket for	Lancashire Kent Yorkshire
4.	The new football skipper of Muktijodha Sangsad is	Nabu Gaus Basod Rana
5.	What was the position Brothers Union Club in last year's Premier Division football league?	Fourth Sixth Eighth

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PSV win big

AMSTERDAM, Aug 26: Belgian international Luc Nilis scored twice on Sunday as PSV Eindhoven came from behind to beat Groningen 4-1 in Eindhoven, reports Reuter.

PSV and Vitesse Arnhem are the only unbeaten teams after two rounds of the Dutch league. Defending champions Ajax Amsterdam were defeated 2-0 loss away to Heerenveen on Saturday.

Groningen took the lead in the seventh minute when Dean Gorre intercepted a back pass from Ernest Faber to goalkeeper Ronald Waterreus and shot home. Faber made amends in the 32nd minute when he headed in a corner to score the equaliser.

PSV took control in the second half but could not score until Groningen striker Romano Sion was sent off in the 58th minute.

Five minutes after his dismissal, Nilis gave PSV the lead and in the final 15 minutes he added another as did Zeljko Petrovic.

Vitesse Arnhem upstaged Utrecht 1-0 despite ending the match with only nine men following the dismissal of defenders Raymond Atteveld and Erwin van der Loef.

Gaston Taument scored twice and newly signed Argentine Pablo Sanchez once in Feyenoord Rotterdam's 3-0 victory over Volendam.

## Japs baffle Uruguay

OSAKA, Japan, Aug 26: Top Japanese striker Kazuyoshi Miura scored twice including the deciding goal to lead his national side to a 5-3 victory over South American champions Uruguay in a friendly football match here Sunday, reports Reuter.

After Masayuki Maezono and Alvaro Recoba scored to draw even, Miura finished a passing sequence with Naoko Soma and Maezono with a 26th-minute header to put Japan ahead 2-1.

Miura struck again to put his country out of reach at 4-1 in the 68th minute after Takuya Takagi scored in the 42nd.

Uruguay's Sebastian Abreu pulled on back in the 73rd minute, and Recoba added his second goal in the 77th, but the Japanese side proved unreacheable.

Masayuki Okano completed scoring with an 84th-minute goal.

Cool and overcast condi-

tions kept performances to a modest level.

The competitive highlight was Saka Kasparkova's triple

# Danish Senior leagues resume BFF steps into DMFA's shoes

Sports Reporter

The Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) has taken charge of the on-going Danish Senior Division football leagues after suspending sine die the functioning of the Dhaka Metropolis Football Association (DMFA) last night.

Furthermore, the governing body of local football has also formed a "temporary" 22-member league committee with Abdur Rahim as chairman, Shawkat Ali Khan Jahangir as secretary and representatives from the 20 Senior Division clubs as members.

The sensational decision of freezing DMFA, the organisers of the country's most attractive football leagues, came after an executive committee meeting of the BFF on Monday morning.

"This was decided in a meeting with our president in the chair," said Abdur Rahim at an impromptu crowded press conference at the BFF office last night. Rahim confirmed that the decision was taken at the Dhaka City Corporation office of Mayor Mohammad Hanif, who is also the president of the BFF.

While talking to the reporter BFF member Rahim, also a vice-president of Fakirpore Youngmen's Club, said that the decision was taken in a bid to resume the league, suspended on August 20 after a bloody incident at the Dhaka Stadium during a crucial match between Mohammedans and Brothers Union which left one person dead.

Replying to a query Rahim

said that the suspension of DMFA will not affect the league, which resumes today after a seven-day unscheduled lay-off. Besides, he also said that there would be no legal problem for his new committee to run the two-tier league.

"Actually, after that tragic incident on Tuesday night and the aftermath, we were left with

## MSC again take on Brothers today

Sports Reporter

The postponed Danish Premier Division football league encounter between Aspirante Mohammedan Sporting Club and Brothers Union will be held this evening at 6 pm at the Dhaka Stadium.

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For DMFA, constituted by the National Sports Council way back in 1979, it was for the second time that their activities have been suspended after it's revival in 1991.

Meanwhile, Rahim, who along with the other BFF offi-

cials, had a prolonged session with the representatives of Mohammedans and Brothers Union last night, said that BFF will judge Tuesday's ill-fated incident with all fairness.

Earlier, DMFA's league committee had penalised Mohammedans and Brothers Union by scratching one point each from their accounts and burdening them with a fine of Taka one lakh apiece. But, soon after the DMFA decision was made public, Mohammedans and Brothers jointly threatened last Saturday to boycott the league, leaving the fate of the league in a turmoil.

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We are taking part in the league following assurances from the BFF. We want a fair judgement," said Tanvir who claimed that the measures taken against team were illegal.

"We are going to play against Brothers under protest. If the BFF fail to take a fair judgement we will abstain from the remaining part of the league," said Tanvir who further added that they have already appealed against the decision.

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## One suspect arrested

# Popov now out of danger



MOSCOW, Aug 26: Police have arrested a suspect in connection with the weekend stabbing of Russian double Olympic swimming champion Alexander Popov, who was seriously injured in the attack, authorities said today, reports AFP.

A senior doctor at the City Hospital where Popov was being treated was quoted by the Interfax news agency as saying that the swimmer's injuries were "fairly serious" but he was now "conscious and smiling" after having undergone an emergency operation.

Popov, 24, suffered "knife wounds to the stomach, one of his lungs and one kidney in the attack late Saturday," doctor Rima Maslova told Interfax.

The circumstances of the attack were still unclear Monday.

According to preliminary investigations cited by Interfax, Popov was returning home with friends after a birthday celebration and was stabbed when an argument broke out between a woman friend who was with him and watermelon vendors in southwestern Moscow.

Earlier Moscow Echo Radio said Popov's injured lung was now functioning again.

Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin said he was outraged by the attack on Popov.

Popov, who has done most of

his training in Australia, holds the world 100 metre record of 48.21 sec. He was world champion for the 50 metres in 1994 and European champion in 1993 and 1995 for the same distance.

Sports officials in Australia said he is likely to apply for Australian citizenship when he resumes his training there in October. "I think we are beginning to realise why he chooses to live in Canberra," John Boulbée, the director of the Australian Institute of Sport, told reporters in Canberra.

He said AIS swimmers and staff were shocked and deeply concerned at the attack on Popov.

"I imagine if they are serious injuries they could have some effect on his career," Boulbée said.

"From what I understand, it's not totally unusual for this sort of thing to happen on Moscow streets these days and if you are a celebrity you have to be a little more careful than otherwise."

Boulbée said Popov had become a popular figure at the AIS since following his coach, Genadij Touretski, to Canberra.

"He's really taken to Australia and he's very Australian now. If you speak to him, he's got a Australian accent and even a touch of the Australian sense of humour."

Pizz, a new signing from Tenerife, collected a through ball and shot home expertly to lift Barcelona into the lead in the 73rd minute and De La Pena then hit a rip-roaring shot into the net.

Sanchez-Vicario looked like she would finish the match early. But by the end of the first set, Date had elevated her game.

"Kimiko was playing very well and playing some very good angles," said Sanchez-Vicario, the WTA Tour's second-ranked player. "I did have my

chances. It's not that I lost, it's that she won."

Sanchez-Vicario has lost in the finals of her last five tournaments.

Since losing the finals of both the French Open and Wimbledon to No. 1, ranked Steffi Graf, Sanchez-Vicario dropped the Olympic final in Atlanta to Lindsay Davenport and the Canadian Open championship to Monica Seles.

Date began slowly, spotting Sanchez-Vicario a quick one-set lead before tuning up her deadly ground game to beat the world's No. 2 ranked player.

She assumed control and dominated in the decisive set, cracking flat, deceptive forehands, sharply angled backhands, powerful overheads and deft drop volleys which kept the cat-like Spaniard off-balance.

"You know it's coming hard but it's the angles that she makes," explained Sanchez-Vicario of Date's lethal ground game. "She plays really close the lines but she makes the wide angles. The ball is sliding even more, so you have to make either a winner on the other side because it leaves the court open for her."

Sanchez-Vicario employed everything in her Arsenal but Japan's top player was unstoppable in third set, delling 15 of her 42 winners, while committing just five of her 32 unforced errors.

"I couldn't go to the net because she was hitting so many winners and so many angles," said the dejected Spaniard. "I have to go for the shots and I make so many unforced errors. But she makes winners, that's her game. Either it can go in or long. Today she made the right moment the good shots."

## FINAL MEDALS TABLE

### Final medals table in the Paralympic Games at the end of competitions here Sunday.

Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
United States	46	46	65	157
Australia	42	37	27	106
Germany	40	58	51	149
Great Britain	39	42	51	122
Spain	39	31	36	106
France	35	29	31	95
Canada	24	21	24	69
Netherlands	17	11	17	45
China	16	13	10	39
Japan	14	10	12	36
Poland	13	14	8	35
South Korea	13	2	15	30
Sweden	12	14	10	36
Italy	11	20	15	46
South Africa	10	8	10	28
Russia	9	7	11	27
Norway	9	7	4	20

Switzerland 9 6 6 21

Iran 9 5 3 17

Egypt 8 11 11 30

Belgium 8 10 7 25

Cuba 8 3 0 11

Denmark 7 17 4 41

Austria 6 6 10 22

Portugal 6 4 4 14

Hong Kong 5 5 5 15

Iceland 5 4 5 14

Hungary 5 2 3 10

Finland 4 5 4 13

Mexico 3 5 4 12

Estonia 3 4 2 9

Belarus 3 3 7 13

Lithuania 3 2 6 11

Nigeria 3 2 3 8

Czech Republic 2 7 1 10

Switzerland 9 6 6 21

Iran 9 5 3 17

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