

Column One

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

THAT cricket is more than 450 years old. The first definite record of cricket being played in England was circa 1550, at the Royal Grammar School, Guildford, Surrey.

The first record of the game being played outside England was in Abtich in 1676 when crewmen of the HMS Assistance registered their game in the log ship's logbook.

By 1730, the Artillery Ground, Finsbury, London was being used for cricket, as it still is today, and soon crowds of up to 10,000 were watching matches.

The rest is history.



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Tick the Correct Answers

Competition closes : 8 pm October 11, 1996

- 1. How many Tests has Wasim Akram played to capture 300 wkts?
 - 80
 - 70
 - 60
- 2. The man-of-the-series in the Sahara Cup was
 - Kumble
 - Mushtaq
 - Srinath
- 3. The final round of the Meril U-16 national football championship will be held in
 - Natore
 - Bogra
 - Pabna
- 4. The new Indian cricket coach is
 - Madan Lal
 - Arun Lal
 - Gavaskar
- 5. The captain of Bangladesh hockey team is
 - Harun
 - Sadeq
 - Alamgir

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SPORTS TALK



Gary Kirsten

(South African cricketer)
The reason for my success is my determination to play well. Everyone wants to succeed in all walks of life. I do that in cricket. I am always determined to do well. I never thought of myself as technically the best player around but if you have a strong will to do well, then you can.

Describing his way of thinking

TT champ seeks Aussie asylum

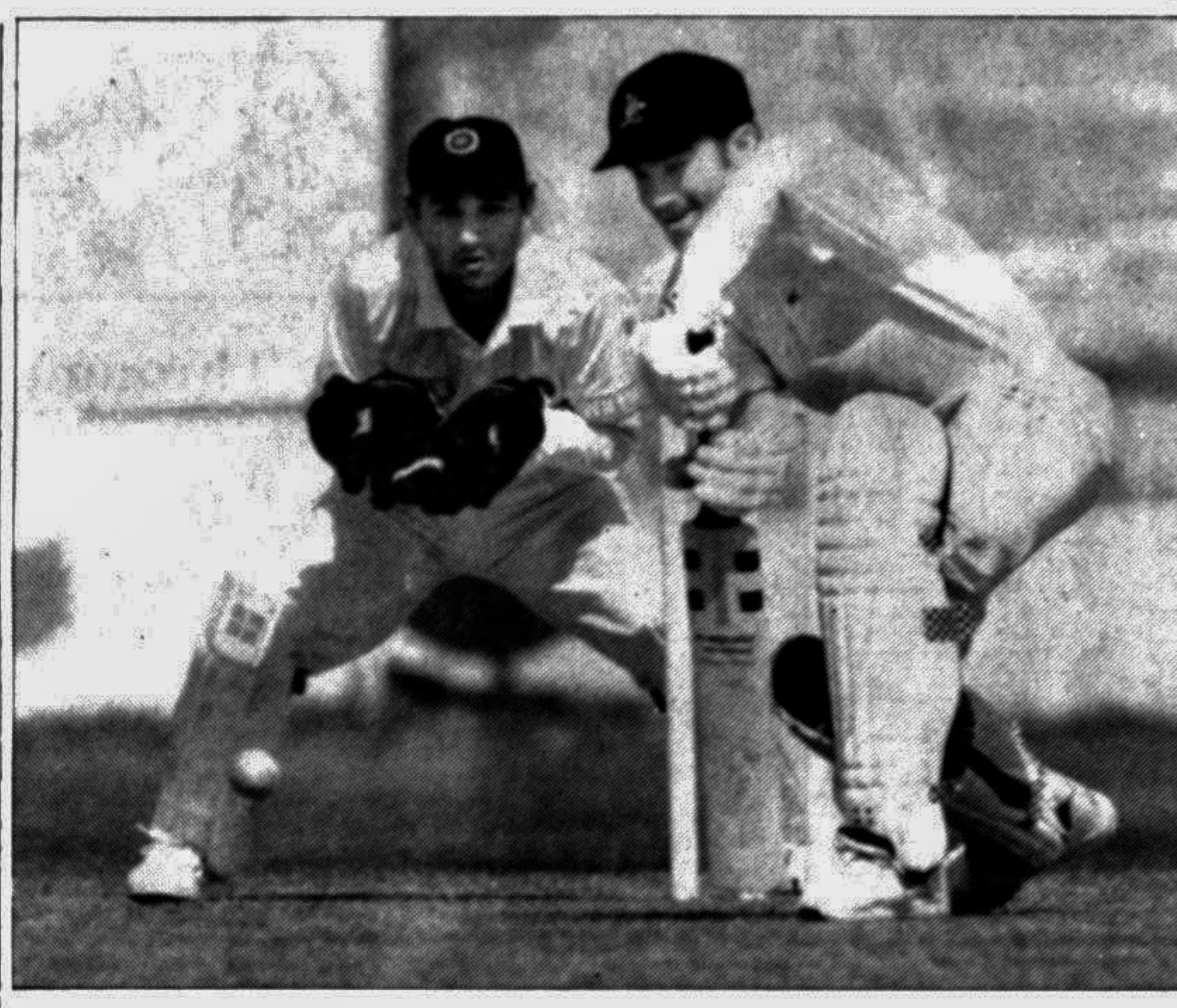
SYDNEY, Oct 10: A Vietnamese table tennis champion is seeking asylum in Australia after leaving her team during the recent World Championships in Sydney, her lawyer said today, reports AFP.

Tran Mai Trinh, 18, applied for asylum on September 27, two days before her team flew back to Hanoi, said the lawyer, who declined to be named.

"Her father has been in prison in Vietnam for four years, since they were returned from a refugee camp in Thailand," the lawyer said.

Eton school cricket

By Staff Correspondent
The two-week long first-ever inter-class cricket tournament of the Eton International School began at the school premises in the city yesterday. A total of five teams of different classes are participating in the competition.



Australian opener Michael Slater plays a defensive shot during the one-off Test against India at the Feroze Shah Kotla ground yesterday. — AFP/UNB photo

Indian spin sinks Aussies

NEW DELHI, Oct 10: India's three-man spin attack carved through Australia's batting to take early control of the one-off cricket Test here on Thursday, reports AFP.

Vice-captain Anil Kumble grabbed four wickets and Sunil Joshi and Aashish Kapoor too each an Australia, electing to take first strike on a difficult wicket, were shot out for 182 soon after tea on the opening day.

The Indians, capitalising on the absence of Australian star spinner Shane Warne, replied with 57 for one by the close.

Vikram Rathore was the one man out, caught at short mid-wicket off seamer Paul Reiffel for five. Makeshift opener Nayan Mongia and Sourav Ganguly comfortably dealt with spinners Peter McIntyre and Brad Hogg to set out the session.

With both bowlers finding sharp turn, Australian captain Mark Taylor must have rued the absence of Warne, who opted out of the tour following his slow recovery from surgery on his bowling hand.

The Australians, playing their Test in India for 10 years, were soon struggling on a difficult Kotla wicket, the ball both turning sharply and keeping low.

Opener Michael Slater top-scored with 44, but none of the other batsmen managed to get past 30 against the accurate Indian spinners.

Taylor can, however, console himself with the fact that India will have to bat last on a deteriorating wicket.

There was no hint of the ball dominating the bat when Australia reached 81 for one by the last over of the morning session.

But the Indians grabbed three wickets either side of the lunch interval and, despite a 49-run stand between Mark Waugh and Michael Bevan, dominated the batting thereafter.

Off-spinner Kapoor, preferred to leggie Narendra Hirwani, sparked the slump by bowling Ricky Ponting off the last delivery before lunch.

Slater and Steve Waugh followed in successive overs when play resumed. Slater added 10 runs to his lunch score of 34 before driving early at leg-spinner Kumble who accepted a low return catch.

In the next over, Kapoor had the experienced Steve Waugh caught behind by Nayan Mongia for a duck as the batsman attempted to cut a ball turning into him.

Mark Waugh and Bevan hinted a fight back, each scoring 26, before left-armed Joshi removed both within the space of one run.

leg off a top-edged pull. Kumble, who took eight wickets against Zimbabwe when a Test was last played at the Kotla in 1993, polished off the tail by claiming three of the final four wickets.

In the morning, Taylor and Slater put on 47 for the first wicket before the skipper departed for 27, offering no stroke to an in-cutter from seamer Venkatesh Prasad.

India went into the match without frontline seamer Jagav Srinath, who failed a fitness test on a sore shoulder just before the toss.

His absence enabled Karnataka team-mate David Johnson to make his Test debut. But Johnson sent down just four overs before the spinners took over in the ninth over.

Knowing the bone-dry wicket would deteriorate, Australia followed India's plan of playing three spinners by drafting rookie left-armed Hogg ahead of seamer Jason Gillespie.

SCOREBOARD

AUSTRALIA: First innings: Slater c and b Kumble 44; Taylor lbw Prasad 42; Ponting b Kapoor 14; M Waugh c Dravid b Joshi 26; B Bevan lbw Joshi 26; Healy b Kumble 17; Hogg c Rathore b Kumble 1; Reiffel c Dravid b Kumble 1; McIntyre not out 6; McGrath run out 6; Extras (b-4, lb-3, nb-1) 8; Total: (all out, 73 overs) 182

INDIA: First innings: Rathore c Ponting b Reiffel 5; Mongia not out 26; Ganguly not out 19; Extras (b-4, nb-3) 7; Total: (for one wicket, 21 overs) 57

Bowling

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Prasad	12	4	34	1
Johnson	4	1	12	0
Joshi	23	7	36	2
Kumble	24	7	63	4
Kapoor	10	3	30	2

Team: Arjuna Ranatunga (Captain), Aravinda de Silva, Romesh Kaluwithrana (wicket keeper), Sanath Jayasuriya, Roshan Mahanama, Hashan Tillekaratne, Asanka Gurusinghe, Kumar Dharmasena, Muttiah Muralitharan, Upul Chandana, Chaminda Vaas, Ravindra Pushpakumara and Sajeeva de Silva.

fitness royale

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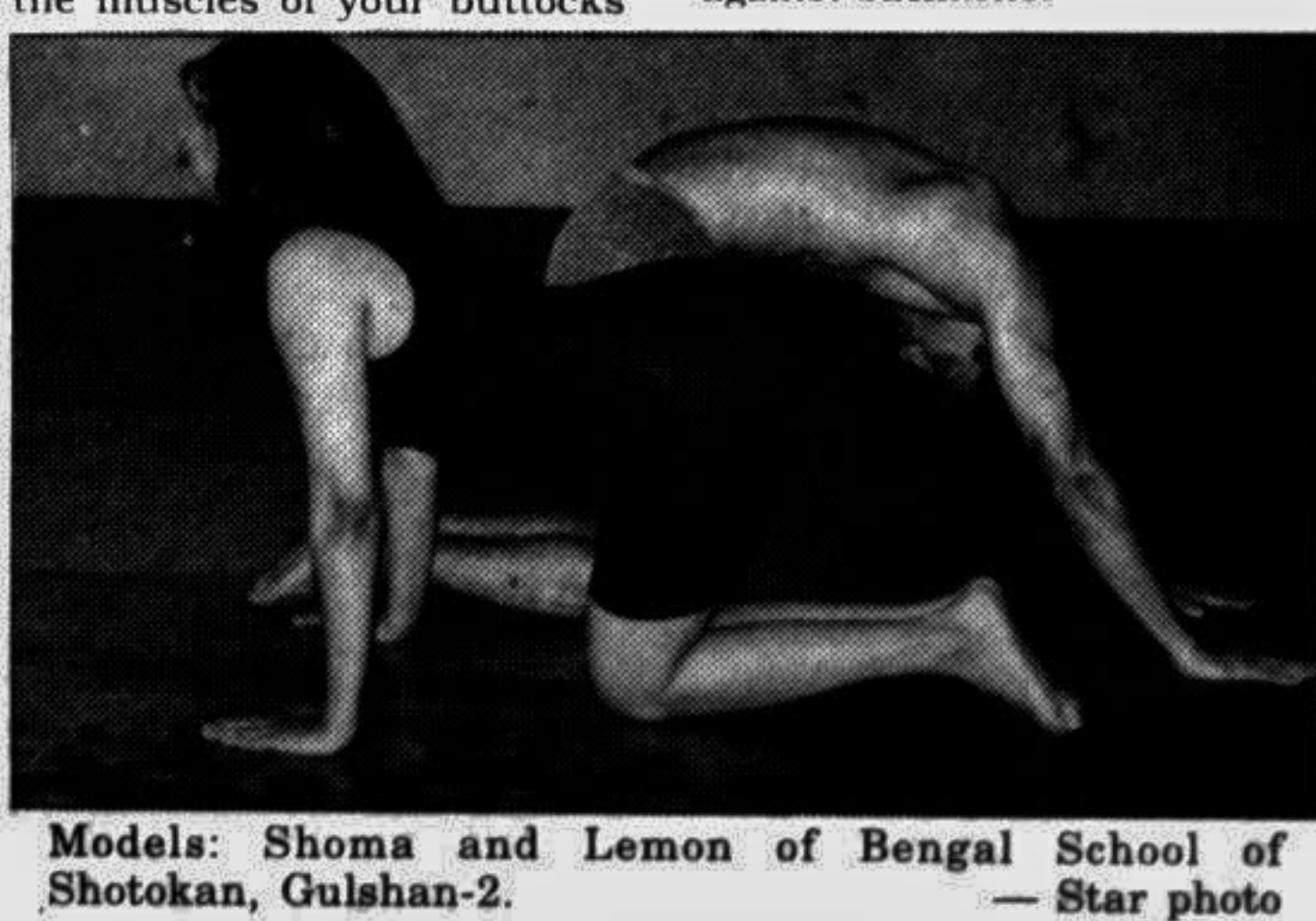
Exercise alone will not make you lose weight. But, coupled with a calorie-controlled diet, it will help you keep fit and tone any sagging flabby muscles.

Any exercise is better than none whether taken in the form of jogging, walking, digging in the garden, playing sport, dancing, keep fit, or swimming. But if you are the lazy type you may have been tempted to try passive exercise, such as an electric muscle toner. These machines are quite beneficial to those who are not fit enough to take regular exercise.

Personally, I feel one should not depend on machines. You will benefit far more by doing simple exercises. It is a complete waste of money because most of the people buy them and might use it initially or on occasions. Its like a consolation prize. Unless it is used regularly, it is useless.

If you are healthy and overweight, simply eat less. All you need is a large dose of will power and some self-restraint.

So, before spending money on slimming aids, machines and all those gimmicks of losing inches in hours, always bear in mind that nothing is going to work miracles. To lose weight you must re-train your eating habits and set a realistic target.



Models: Shoma and Lemon of Bengal School of Shotkan, Gulshan-2. — Star photo

Meril U-16 soccer final round on

From Our Correspondent
PABNA, Oct 10: Hosts Pabna District Sports Association (DSA) stormed into the semifinals of Meril U-16 national football championship with a thumping 4-1 win over Lalmonirhat in the inaugural match of the final round at the local stadium here today.

Anwar Faisal, who opened the winners' account in the 19th minute for a lone-goal lead at the break, added the second shortly after the lemon break before medio Abu Sayeed made it 3-0 with a strike in the 47th minute.

The hapless Lalmonirhat, however, reduced the margin in the 56th minute when their defender Zahedul stepped up to convert a 12-yarder. But their hopes of attaining respectability evaporated when Kamrul Hassan sealed the fate of a rather one-sided affair scoring the fourth goal for the elated homieside four minutes from the final whistle.

Pabna, the lone automatic qualifier in the fray as hosts, will feature in the first semifinal on October 15 against the winners of the match between Narayanganj and Jhenidah.

Bagerhat will take on Gazipur tomorrow (Friday). Earlier, State Minister for Information, Prof Abu Sayeed declared the nine-team finals open amidst great enthusiasm of the local organisers, who are for the first time holding such a meet.

Anjan Chowdhury Pintu, who is a vice president of BFF, and Harunur Rashid MP, the BFF general secretary were also present on the occasion.

QM chess draw

Sports Reporter
The numbers draw and the inaugural ceremony of the 13th Beximco QM Hossain International Masters chess tournament was held at the conference room of the NSC yesterday.

The tournament proper involving five overseas players and 12 locals will commence from today. Four of the foreign players are from India and the other is Pakistani IM (International Master) Mahmud Ahmed Khan Lodhi, a familiar figure in the local chess arena.

The four Indian players are IM Sudhakar Babu, IM Niroj Kumar, Mishra, IM Vishal Sharin and Vorgosh Koshi.

On the other hand, among the local players two are IMs. They are defending champions Rezaul-bin Sattar and his boon companion Ziaur Rahman.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader declared the meet open. Also present among others was Salman F Rahman, chairman of the sponsors Beximco Limited.

The fixture of the first day: Mishra (2390) vs Hanif (2120); Lodhi (2355) vs Rakib (2250); Sharin (2270) vs Zia (2460); Sudhakar (2415) vs Lablu (230); Koshi (2375) vs Kayes (2220).

AB Bank TT Biman, Wari win

Sports Reporter
Bangladesh Biman and Wari Club got off to a flying start in the AB Bank Senior Division table tennis super league winning their respective opening matches at the wooden-floor gymnasium yesterday.

Biman, the first round leaders, kept their championship hopes alive with a 3-1 win over Brothers Union club while in the day's other match, Wari Club trounced Inter Sports 3-0.

In the First Division league held at the same venue yesterday, Mariner Youngs outplayed Purbachal Parisdas 3-0. Biman Juniors tamed Mohammadpur Boys 3-0. Uttara Eden Club outlasted Angels Club 3-0. Young Pegasus Club edged past Mansoor Sporting Club 3-0 while Cynthia Sporting Club beat Combined Sporting Club 3-2.

Besides the league, Biman outmastered Cynthia Sporting Club 3-0. Biman Juniors trounced Swambagh TTS 3-0 while Brothers Union registered a 3-1 victory over Combined Sporting Club.

U-19 squad Seoul-bound

Sports Reporter
A 25-member Bangladesh under-19 football team left the capital for Bangkok yesterday to participate in the 30th Asian Youth football (under-19) championship scheduled to kick off in the South Korean capital city of Seoul on October 17.

In the ten-team final round, Bangladesh have been put in Group A along with Iran, UAE, Thailand and hosts South Korea while India, Japan, China, Syria and Qatar are placed in Group B.

In their opening match, Bangladesh, led by promising defender Hasan Ali Mamun, will take on UAE on October 17.

Turner's vision

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, Oct 10: American media magnate Ted Turner hopes to set up a new Goodwill Games event for winter sports by the end of the century, reports Reuter.

Officials from Turner's company told the International Olympic Committee (IOC) on Thursday about their hopes of staging the event in the 1999-2000 winter.

The idea of Goodwill Summer Games between the east and west was conceived during the cold war when international sport was marred by political boycotts of the 1980 and 1984 Olympics.

Turner has continued to back the event, however, after the political changes in the last decade.



Work on laying a pitch going on in full swing at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. — Star photo

Cricketers' transfer

Following is the remaining players' list published yesterday:

136. Kiran	Wanderers	Kulabagan	202. Ashur Hossain Shantu	Victoria	Lalmatin
137. Sajjadul Hasan Setu	Biman	Kulabagan	203. Nahid	Victoria	Lalmatin
138. Mohbul Hasan	Western CC	Gopibagh Friends	204. Mohammad Ali	Gulshan Youth	Lalmatin
139. Sohail Anwar Dear	Surjo Tarun	Ekaton SS	205. Anop Kumar	Abahani	Lalmatin
140. Abu Sama Dighal	Surjo Tarun	Ekaton SS	206. Morsheed Chowdhury	GMCC	Lalmatin
141. Mukhtar Siddique	Utara SC	Aad SC	207. Araf Iqbal	Wanderers	Lalmatin
142. Iqram Mustafiz	Utara SC	Aad SC	208. Behan Rashid	Udayshal Club	Lalmatin
143. Moheter Billah	Basabo TS	Ekaton SS	209. Harun-ur-Rashid Liton	Abahani	Kalabagan
144. Ferdous Alam	Lalmatin	S Bima	210. Nasim Ahmed	B Boys	Aad SC
145. Zafuul Ehsan	Wari Club	Ekaton SS	211. Helaluddin	Young Pegasus-A	Dhanmondi
146. Rowkan Islam	Wanderers	Surjo Tarun	212. Anirudho Aich	Wanderers	Utara SC
147. Nuruzzaman Tuhin	Victoria SC	Surjo Tarun	213. Pakhrul Alam	Dhanmondi	Utara SC
148. Narayan Chandra Saha	City Club	Utara SC	214. Abu Sayeed Khan	Gopibagh Friends	Wanderers
149. Jahangir Alam	S Bima	Utara SC	215. Saiful Islam	Lalmatin	Wanderers
150. Emdadul Haque	Lalmatin	Gopibagh Friends	216. Mahmunnur Rahman	Maner Youngs	Wanderers
151. Anuzzaman	Wari Club	Ekaton SS	217. Adil Hasan	Victoria	Wari Club
152. Reekar Habib	B Boys	Gopibagh Friends	218. Ripon Kumar	City Club	Agas SC
153. Koushik Chandra Tukun	Spread Eagles	Gopibagh Friends	219. Moniruzzaman Muri	Abahani	Surjo Tarun
154. Rabul Islam	B Boys	B Boys	220. Alikun Anam	City Club	Surjo Tarun
155. Azimuddin	Railway Club	Gopibagh Friends	221. Ataul Hakim	Young Pegasus-B	B Boys
156. Bakil Bilal Himel	Ekaton SS	Gopibagh Friends	222. Shahidul Rahman	Gopibagh Friends	B Boys
157. Bappi	Abahani	Wari Club	223. Shahidul Alam	Biman	Utara SC
158. Rafiqul Islam	Wanderers	Surjo Tarun	224. Masudul Hasan	Ekaton SS	Ekaton SS
159. Saifuddin Ahmed	Gulshan Youth	Wari Club	225. Delwar Hossain	Western CC	Ekaton SS
160. Shahiduzzaman	Gulshan Youth	Wari Club	226. Towfiq Hasan Rupu	Agant Bank	Gopibagh Friends
161. Intiaz Ahmed	East End Club	Wari Club	227. Abhijit Dutt	Kalabagan	Gopibagh Friends
162. Shaheer Omar Bablu	Gulshan Youth	Wari Club	228. Mir Mohsinur Rahman	Rayer Bazar SC	Ekaton SS
163. Samkur Rahman Usad	B Boys	Wari Club	229. Shamun Islam	Biman	Surjo Tarun
164. Akhtaruddin Ahmed	BU	Wari Club	230. Alad Hossain	Lalmatin	Lalmatin
165. Syed Zahid Ahmed	Kalabagan	BU	231. Zahid Razzak Masum	Rupali Bank	Ekaton SS
166. Saiful Islam Effez	Kalabagan	BU	232. Jaigam Azad	Lalmatin	Gulshan Youth
167. Wahidul Islam	Kalabagan	BU	233. Irat Jahan Tinu	Spread Eagles	Gulshan Youth
168. Zaved Hossain	Ekaton SS	Utara SC	234. Intiaz Masud	East End Club	Gulshan Youth
169. Yasir Arif	Gulshan Youth	Wari Club	235. Shaker Chowdhury	Uddi Club	Gulshan Youth
170. Shaheer Hasan Tuhin	Gopibagh Friends	Wari Club	236. Tanabur Hasan	DOHS	Gulshan Youth
171. Mehrab Hossain Opi	Victoria	Wari Club	237. Kamrul Islam	B Boys	Gulshan Youth
172. Tashreequl Islam	Wanderers	Wari Club	238. Tanveer Ahmed	Kathalban	Gulshan Youth
173. Intiaz Sarkar	Ekaton SS	Wari Club	239. Azuh Samsad	Young Pegasus-A	Gulshan Youth
174. Sarwar Inam	Ekaton SS	City Club	240. Shanchett Kumar	Spread Eagles	Gulshan Youth
175. Masud Karim	Dhanmondi	City Club	241. Abul Kalam Azad	Lancashire	Gulshan Youth
176. Golam Mortaza	Aad Boys	City Club	242. Zakir Rahman	Langshah Union	City Club
177. Zulfikar Hossain	Aad Boys	City Club	243. Syed Shahiduzzaman	Kelabagh	Aad SC
178. Bilal Hossain	Aad Boys	City Club	244. Ayes Ahmed Pappu	Udayshal	Gulshan Youth
179. Ehsanul Haque	S Bima	Wanderers	245. Atiq Ahmed	Lalmatin	Surjo Tarun
180. A Hallin	Ekaton SS	Wanderers	246. Zakir Hossain	Lalmatin	Surjo Tarun
181. Jashimuddin	Aad SC	Wanderers	247. Samir Kumar	Nirman Eleven	BU
182. Hannan Sarkar	Amariyoti	S Bima	248. Aniruddhan Pika	Dhanmondi	Lalmatin
183. Zahidul Islam	Aad Boys	Gulshan Youth	249. Gonul Rasul	Dhanmondi	Lalmatin
184. Mousal Haque	Bimam	Gulshan Youth	250. Ziaul Hasan	Surjo Tarun	Lalmatin
185. Akhter Mahmud	Abahani	Gulshan Youth	251. Ziajan Hanto	Wanderers	Lalmatin
186. Sohail Mohammad	Railway	Gulshan Youth	252. Bardis Iqbal	Kalabagan	Gulshan Youth
187. Hasan Tareq Khan	Dhanmondi	Gulshan Youth	253. Inilij Ahmed	Surjo Tarun	Gulshan Youth
188. Ershadul Haque	Shantinaragar	Gulshan Youth	254. Ziad Shahn	Abahani	Gulshan Youth
189. Sharif Islam	Ekaton SS	Gulshan Youth	255. Sohel Hossain	B Boys	Victoria
190. Muniruzzaman	City Club	Gulshan Youth	256. Fayez Ahmed	Spread Eagles	B Boys
191. Al-Nazir	Dhanmondi	Gulshan Youth	257. Fayez Hossain	Kalabagan	Aad SC
192. Ferdous Alam	S Bima	GMCC	258. Ahmed Didar	Victoria	Lalmatin
193. Tapash Sarkar	Aad Boys	Wanderers	259. Shakil Ahmed	Kelabagh	City Club
194. Asiful Haque	Aad SC	Wanderers	260. Nadeem Hossain	Lalmatin	GMCC
195. Saiful Islam	Aad SC	Wanderers	261. Mashurul Kader	Kelabagh	Aad SC
196. Arif Hossain	Aad SC	Wanderers	262. Zahid Ahmed	Ekaton SS	S Bima
197. Masud Parvez	Aad SC	Wanderers	263. Sarwar Hossain	Lalmatin	Lalmatin
198. Zakir Hasan Rupom	Uddi Club	Wanderers	264. Niaz Morsheed	Utara SC	Lalmatin
199. Mashur Rahman	Gandaria	Cricketers	265. Abul Taher Nasim	Ekaton SS	Lalmatin
200. Nurul Azeem Nobel	Kalabagan	Lalmatin	266. Ariful Haque Sajal	Gulshan Youth	Aad SC
201. Mir Zauddin	BU	Lalmatin	267. Zahidul Kabir	Surjo Tarun	Wanderers
			268. Haim Babu	A Bank	

SA head for India Sunday

JOHANNESBURG, Oct 10: The South Africa cricket side on Sunday head for a gruelling two-month tour of India with some of their best players lost to injury — but the selectors are not too worried, reports AFP.

The squad, chosen with both the Tests and the triangular one-day series with India and Australia in mind, is roughly the same as the one that walked away with the Kenyan Centenary four-nation tournament in Nairobi last week against Pakistan, Sri Lanka and the hosts.

Hansie Cronje has a new vice-captain in Gary Kirsten, who scored a 66 and an unbeaten 118 in Nairobi, bringing his one-day average to close to 50.

He replaces the regular number two, seam bowler Craig Matthews, out with a serious hamstring injury that has probably ended his season.

Also out are all-rounders Jacques Kallis, with a stress fracture, seam bowler Shaun Pollock, recovering from foot surgery, and spin-bowling sensation Paul Adams, suffering from a groin injury.

Peter Pollock, the convener of the board of selectors, has said the side will be revamped in early November for the Test series and there will definitely be some new names on the list.

Selectors say both Adams and Kallis could be added to the squad if they recover, with special emphasis on the 20-year-old Adams whose astonishing "frog-in-a-blender" delivery has stunned batsmen since he erupted on the scene last year.

Adams would bolster the South African lineup's three orthodox spinners — veteran Pat Symcox, newcomer Derek Crookes and left-hander Ricky Boje — who may not be up to par facing the strong Indian lineup.

Another worry is that, with the exception of Kirst