



Bangladesh wicketkeeper takes a spectacular diving catch in yesterday's match between the hosts and Sri Lanka A at the Dhaka Stadium. —Star photo

### WTA tour awardees

STAMFORD, Connecticut, Feb 21 (Reuters): Finalists for the WTA Tour's 1996 annual awards, to be awarded on March 19 at a gala in Miami, Florida: **Player-of-the-year:** Martina Hingis and Steffi Graf. **Doubles team-of-the-year:** Martina Hingis/Helena Sukova, Lindsay Davenport/Mary Joe Fernandez, Jana Novotna/Arantxa Sanchez Vicario. **Most improved player-of-the-year:** Irina Spilrea, Karina Habsudova, Martina Hingis. **Most impressive newcomer-of-the-year:** Petty Schnyder, Henrieta Nagyova, Anna Kournikova. **Comeback player-of-the-year:** Meredith McGrath, Barbara Paulus, Jennifer Capriati. **Karen Krentzke sportsman-ship award:** Sabine Appelmans, Amy Frazier, Yayuk Basuki. **Player service award:** Marian de Swardt, Marianne Werdel Witmeyer, Katrina Adams. **Aces ward:** Gabriela Sabatini, Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, Monica Seles.

### Ben's vain attempt

MONTE CARLO, Feb 22: Ben Johnson's attempts to race competitively again were dismissed as "strange" by the International Amateur Athletic Federation on Thursday, reports Reuters. The 35-year-old Canadian sprinter, banned for life after a second positive drug test in 1993, was said by his manager Morris Chriobotek to have made a request this week for reinstatement, but IAAF spokesman Giorgio Reineri denied any formal application had been received.

### Chang in semis

MEMPHIS, Tennessee, Feb 22: Top seed Michael Chang and third seed Todd Martin advanced to a semifinal showdown in the \$25,000 dollars St. Jude tournament with victories Friday, reports Reuters. Thirteenth seed Jonas Bjorkman of Sweden and eighth seed Todd Woodbridge of Australia will meet in the other semi.

## Aussies limber up well



DURBAN, South Africa, Feb 22: Australia warmed up for next week's first cricket Test against South Africa with a confident boosting eight-wicket win over Natal here Saturday, reports AP.

The visitors took just 12 minutes after tea on the third to pocket their second first-class victory. In fact it was their fourth win in as many outings at the start of the nine-week tour. This is Australia's last major outing before the Feb. 28 first Test in Johannesburg at the start of a three Test series. Once again left-arm Michael Bevan proved his value as an improving wrist-spinner with four wickets as Natal — the domestic championship leaders — were skittled out for 112 in the second innings.

Left to make 78 runs to win, Australia did it hard after losing the two openers of just nine runs. Ian Healy and Matthew Elliott scored an unbeaten 41 and 35 runs respectively in an unfinished 72 run stand to steer the side through.

Bevan will form a hard to beat spin combination with leg spinner Shane Warne after his seven-wicket 'match haul' has assured him a Test place.

It was Warne who did the early damages picking up the wickets of openers Doug Watson and Mark Bruyns before leaving the field with a jarred left knee.

Replacing Warne, Bevan had Natal struggling in the post lunch session claiming four for 35 in 10 overs.

Bevan has 10 wickets in two first class outings on the tour. The home side lost their last seven wickets for 57 with Test hopeful Jonty Rhodes unable to bat because he collapsed from dehydration.

Australia's workmanlike win in this four-day game was overshadowed by minor injury scares to key players.

Warne bowled just 11 overs and appeared briefly during the Natal second innings while Steve Waugh was nursing a sprained ankle.

Waugh stepped on a ball during the side's training before

play and rolled an ankle. According to skipper Mark Taylor, both players are expected to be fit for the first Test.

No 3 batsman Errol Stewart top scored for the home side with an undefeated 49 while the rest capitulated around him.

Fast bowler Jason Gillespie, pressing for a Test place, bowled outstandingly just before lunch picking up two for 14 in 10 overs.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard Saturday at the

### Kallis, Rhodes recalled

DURBAN, Feb 22: South Africa recalled batsmen Jacques Kallis and Jonty Rhodes in the 12 players named for the first cricket Test against Australia starting on Feb 28 in Johannesburg, reports AP. Rhodes, a veteran of 28 Tests, had been overlooked for Test selection since the first Test against India at Ahmedabad in November 1996.

Kallis, who played two Tests against England 14 months ago, will return to the side and bat at the troubled No 3 spot. Rhodes, who is also a brilliant fielder, forced his way back into the injury-plagued South Africa line up with three consecutive centuries in the domestic first-class championship.

Brian McMillan is the only omission from the side that played against India in the third and final Test at the Wanderers in January.

McMillan, one of the foremost all rounders in world cricket, has been sidelined by a chronic inflammation of ligaments behind his left ankle. Despite the slowness of the Wanderers' pitch the selectors have included just one spinner — left-arm Paul Adams.

Adams too is suffering from a mysterious illness but Pollock is happy with his fitness. **The squad:** Hansie Cronje (captain), Gary Kirsten (vice captain), Andrew Hudson, Adams, Bacher, Jacques Kallis, Darryl Cullinan, Jonty Rhodes, Shaun Pollock, Lance Klusener, Dave Richardson, Allan Donald and Paul Adams.

end of the four day match between Australia and Natal here at Kingsmead.

**NATAL:** First innings 335

**AUSTRALIA:** First innings 370

**NATAL:** Second innings (overnight 21 for no loss)

Doug Watson st Healy b Warne 9

Mark Bruyns c Healy b Warne 20

Errol Stewart not out 49

Derek Crookes c Warne b Gillespie 5

Neil Johnson c Elliott b Gillespie 0

Dale Bankenstein c sub b Bevan 8

Keith Forde c Healy b Bevan 4

Pat Symcox lbw b Bevan 6

Gary Guler c M Waugh b Bevan 4

Tertius Bosch c McGrath 1

Jonty Rhodes absent ill

Extras: (1 b, 3 lb, 1 nb, 1 w) 6

Total: (all out) 112

Fall of wickets: 1-29; 2-36; 3-

55; 4-65; 5-80; 6-84; 7-90; 8-109;

9-112.

**Bowling:** O M R W

McGrath 18.2 8 33 1

Gillespie 0 6 14 2

Warne 13 6 25 2

M Waugh 1 0 1 0

Bevan 10 1 35 4

**AUSTRALIA:** Second in-

nings

Taylor c Johnson b Symcox 1

Hayden c Bruyns b Gilder 41

Healy not out 35

Elliott not out 36

Extras: 35

Total: (for two wickets) 81

Fall of wickets: 1-1; 2-9

**Bowling:** O M R W

Gilder 4.0 4 0 0

Symcox 9 1 34 1

Crookes 6 0 32 0

Watson 0.3 0 6 0

**Result:** Australia won by eight wickets.

### England-NZ 2nd ODI today

Sports Reporter

The second one-day international between England and New Zealand will be played at Eden Park in Auckland today. England skipper Mike Atherton will be looking for a 2-0 cushion in the five-match series before setting off for Napier on February 26 for the third game. The tourists won the first match in Christchurch on Thursday by four wickets.

### Arjuna upbeat ahead of Kiwi tour

COLOMBO, Feb 22: Sri Lankan cricket captain Arjuna Ranatunga said Saturday his team had the batting power to win overseas, but would have to pull together to overcome bowling weaknesses during their upcoming trip to New Zealand, reports AP.

"We can handle any team with our superior batting strength, and all it takes for a good performance is team effort," he said.

But he acknowledged Sri Lanka's lack of "quality" bowling pair. "I am sure we'll come out on top in the Tests and also get back the winning habit in the one-day series," the Sri Lankan captain said.

Sri Lanka have lost three one-day tournaments since their victory over Australia in the finals of the 1996 World Cup.

The team leaves for New Zealand on Sunday for two Tests and three one-dayers.

Former Australian spinner Bruce Yardley, who replaced another Australian, Davenell Watmore as coach in January, will be watched closely by the media, which criticised the cricket board administrators for the early next of the latter.

Sri Lanka's squad includes five fast bowlers and two spinners. Left-hander Asanka Gurusinghe has opted out of the tour and is replaced by Marvan Atapattu.

Spinners Muttiah Muralitharan and Kumar Dharmasena, whose unorthodox actions have caused controversy, are expected to be closely scrutinised by the International Cricket Council referees in New Zealand.

### Annual sports

The annual sports and cultural function of the Ghorasal Noor Mohsin Girls School and College was held at its premises yesterday, reports AP.

Vice-president of Jatiya Press Club Farid Hossain attended the functions as chief guest.

It was also addressed by chairman of Ashfaq-Nafila Foundation Rotarian Ashfaq Ahmed Khan, founder chairman of the college Dr Mohammad Nazrul Islam and its principal Mahbub Kabir.

## Dalmiya ready to roll



BOMBAY, Feb 22: Jagmohan Dalmiya of India, centre of a row last year in the aborted election for chairman of the International Cricket Council (ICC), is to make a second bid for the post, reports Reuters.

Following a meeting of the working committee of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) on Thursday, Dalmiya, secretary of the BCCI, said he had received the board's backing to challenge for the post again this year.

"I have the full support of my board," Dalmiya said. "It means the BCCI is supporting me the whole hog, even if it means making a legal issue of any dispute that may arise on the question of my election."

Dalmiya's bid last year for world cricket's highest position was thwarted by England and Australia with support from New Zealand, South Africa and West Indies.

England and Australia insisted that candidates needed the support of at least two thirds of the ICC's full members, the nine Test-playing countries.

Dalmiya was backed by Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe and also 19 of the 22 associate members. Test-playing countries have two votes against one for associate members.

At last year's poll, Dalmiya

### Haile betters own mark

STOCKHOLM, Feb 22: Haile Gebreselassie smashed his own 5,000 metres indoors world record at an international meeting on Thursday to become the first man to complete the event in less than 13 minutes indoors, reports Reuters.

The happy-go-lucky Ethiopian finished at Stockholm's Globen arena in 12 minutes 59.04 seconds, crushing his own world record by more than 11 seconds in an astonishing performance of pace and power.

Gebreselassie, Olympic 10,000 metre gold medalist at Atlanta, had set the previous indoor world record of 13:10.98 seconds in Germany in January last year.

The brilliant Ethiopian also holds the world 5,000 metres record outdoors at 12:44.39.

### Korda bids bye to Davis Cup

ANTWERP, Belgium, Feb 22: Czech Petr Korda confirmed on Friday that he was no longer available for Davis Cup tennis, reports Reuters.

"Next year I will turn 30. For me it's time to leave the team," Korda said after his straight sets win over Belgian qualifier Dick Norman in the quarterfinals of the European Community Championship.



DALMIYA

obtained 25 votes against 13 for Australia's Malcolm Gray in the first ballot. A third candidate Krish Mackerdhuji from

South Africa withdrew. But at the second ballot, five of the Test-playing nations supported Gray and with South Africa abstaining, Dalmiya was shut out.

The ICC then decided that incumbent chairman Sir Clyde Walcott would continue for another year until July 1997.

Dalmiya has been instrumental in organising two World Cup tournaments in the Indian sub-continent, in 1987 and 1996.

The last World Cup was held in India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

Dalmiya has also been involved in the raising of finances and cricket standards of several associate member countries.

But the unresolved dispute over the required two-thirds majority of full members of the ICC will be a major hurdle in his way.

"Let us see. I hope wiser counsel will prevail this time," Dalmiya said. "If need be, we might make it a legal issue."

### Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer PWD Division, Lakshmipur

### Notice Inviting Tender No (Civil) 49 of 1996-97

- Sealed tenders in B.D Form No. 2911, are hereby invited from special class-I, class-II, civil, sanitary and E/M contractor of PWD, class-II, civil, sanitary & E/M contractor of PWD Zone, Chittagong, should be made consortium with the collaboration of abovementioned civil, sanitary & E/M. contractors for the undermentioned work and will be received by the undersigned, Divisional Commissioner, Ctg. and the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Comilla/B.Baria/Feni/Chandpur/Noakhali in their respective offices up to 12:00 Noon of 2-3-1997 and will be opened on the same day at 12:15 PM in presence of the intending tenderers who may like to remain present. Each tender shall be in sealed cover with the name of work superscribed on it.
- Name of work : Constn. of Dist. Jail at Lakshmipur (Sub-Head: Constn. of single storied male prisoners barrack) during the year 1996-97.
- Estimated cost : Civil portion: Tk. 23,83,796/03  
Sanitary portion: Tk. 1,14,550/11  
Electronic portion: Tk. 1,19,819/25  
Total Tk. 26,18,165/39
- Earnest money : Tk. 53,000/=
- Time for completion of work : 270 (two hundred seventy) days from the date of issue of work order.
- Contract documents consisting of B.D. Form No. 2911, tender notice, schedule of items, additional terms and conditions, plans and drawing etc. can be seen and purchased from the office of the undersigned, Divisional Commissioner, Ctg. and from the other Executive Engineer, under Comilla PWD. Circle during the office hours on all working days up to 1-3-1997 on payment of usual charges of Tk. 750/= per set of schedule & @ Tk. 25/= per sheet Tender Form No. 2911 (all are non-refundable). The tender form may be purchased by the contractor/firm himself/ themselves or his/her representative on production of registration book, documents of consortium and authorised letter bearing the signature of the representative duly attested by the contractor/firm. No tender form will be sold on date of opening of tender. The document of consortium must be submitted along with the tender. Failing which the tender will be summarily rejected. Civil contractor of the consortium should be main member of the consortium and sign in the tender documents in favour of consortium. Above mentioned category one civil, one sanitary & one E/M contractor made only one consortium for this work.
- The contractor/firm shall have to submit VAT registration certificate along with the tender failing which tender will be summarily rejected.
- (a) In case of lowest equal rate the contractor will be selected by drawing lottery. The lottery will be held on 10-3-1997 at 12-0 Noon without further information.

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Executive Engineer  
PWD, Division, Lakshmipur.

### Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer

Facilities Department, Ministry of Education  
Khulna Zone, Khulna

### Tender Notice

No-12/137-Education (Revenue)/FD/KZ/96-97

Dated: 04/02/97

**Name of Project:** Repair & Renovation under head 137-Education-5(12) (D) Technical Education during 1996-97 Financial Year.

Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No 2911 are hereby invited from Facilities Department's enlisted contractors for repair & renovation work of Khulna Polytechnic Institute and Sathkhira VTI under the project 'Repair & Renovation under head 137-Education-5 (12) (D) Technical Education.'

Name of educational institutions and other terms & conditions are as follow:

District	Thana	Gr No	Name of educational institution & description of work	Estimated cost (Taka)	Earnest money (Taka)	Time limit for work	Class of contractor
Khulna	Sadar	01	Repairing & renovation work of the residential hostel of Khulna Polytechnical Institute	5,37,718/-	11,000/-	60 (sixty) days	A-1
"	"	02	Repairing & renovation work of the Administrative Building of Khulna Polytechnical Institute	4,59,249/-	10,000/-	-	A-1
Sathkhira	Sadar	03	Repairing & renovation work of the Administrative Building/Academic Building/boundary wall of Sathkhira Vocational Training Institute	2,14,524/-	5,000/-	-	A-1
"	"	04	Construction work of boundary wall of Sathkhira Vocational Training Institute	1,84,675/-	4,000/-	-	A-1 & A-2

Last date & time of purchasing tender document : 03-03-97 up to office hours.

Last date & time of receiving tender document : 04-03-97 up to 1:00 PM.

Date & time of opening tender document : 04-03-97 at 1:30 PM.

Tender document may be purchased on payment of Tk 400/- (four hundred) only (non-refundable) per set of tender document from the office of the Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Khulna, Jessore, Barisal, Patuakhali, Jhenidah and Bagerhat Zone and Office of the Assistant Engineer of Khulna & Sathkhira districts on all working days during office hours and tenders will be received at the said offices up to the prescribed time.

Amount mentioned as earnest money must be submitted with each tender in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of the Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Khulna Zone, Khulna.

The authority reserved the right to accept/reject any/all tenders without assigning any reason.

**Special instructions:**

01) Tender will be cancelled outright if the rate is quoted at more than 5% (five per cent) below the estimated cost stated in the tender.

02) Contractor himself or his authorised representative can purchase tender document by producing registration book and 1995-96 renewal fee deposit challan, VAT registration certificate and photo copies of the same should be submitted with the tender.

Executive Engineer  
Facilities Department  
Khulna Zone, Khulna

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## Niaz wins at last



Sports Reporter

English Grand Master Jim Plaskett continued his impressive form in the third United Insurance Grand Masters' chess tournament winning his third successive match at the NSC conference room yesterday.

In the third round of the 13-round meet, Plaskett, who earlier edged past Grand Master Niaz Mursheed and Kayes Hasan of Bangladesh in the previous rounds respectively, had little trouble in defeating Lithuanian GM Vidmantas Malisauskas.

Playing with black pieces, Plaskett adopted Corokan defence and checkmated his opponent after 56 moves to maintain his perfect record.

With yesterday's win, Plaskett raised his tally to three points from as many outings to keep his solo lead in the 14-player meet.

Plaskett apart, Niaz and IM Devaki Prasad of India also won their respective boards yesterday.

Niaz, who made a sluggish start to the tournament earning only half a point from his previous two rounds, finally came good and beat IM Demitri Kaumov of Uzbekistan. Playing with black and adopting Sicilian defence, Niaz prevailed over Kaumov after a marathon struggle lasting seven hours and 63 moves. On the other hand,

Prasad won his board against local Saifuddin Lovlu.

Besides, the other four matches of the day — IM Ziaur Rahman vs IM Reefat-bin-Sattar, GM Sergei Tivakov of Russia vs IM Nguyen Anh Dung of Vietnam, Kayes Hasan vs GM Peter Szekely of Hungary and IM Saidali of Uzbekistan vs Praveen Thipsay of India — ended in dull draws.

### STANDINGS

Player	Points
Plaskett	3
Zia	2
Reefat	2
Prasad	2
Thipsay	2
Dung	2
Saidali	2
Niaz	1.5
Szekely	1.5
Tivakov	1.5
Malisauskas	0.5
Kayes	0

**Today's matches:** Plaskett vs Saidali, Szekely vs Thipsay, Kaumov vs Malisauskas, Tivakov vs Kayes, Reefat vs Niaz, Lovlu vs Dung, Zia vs Prasad.

### Iva survives a scare

HANOVER, Germany, Feb 22: Third seed Iva Majoli narrowly avoided defeat by France's Anne-Gaelle Sidot at the Hanover Grand Prix on Friday before fighting back to win their quarterfinal 4-6, 7-6, 6-4, reports Reuters.

The other semifinal pits Czech top seed Jana Novotna against Magdalena Maleeva of Bulgaria. Novotna cruised past Yelena Likhovtseva of Russia 6-4, 6-2 and Maleeva beat Sandrine Testud of France 6-1, 6-4.

British GM Jim Plaskett (right) makes a move against Lithuanian GM Malisauskas in one of yesterday's billings in the United Insurance Grand Masters' meet at the conference room of the National Sports Council. —Star photo

