



Action from the opening match of the Green Delta First Division league between defending champions Mohammedans and Victoria SC at the National Hockey Stadium yesterday. The holders won 5-0. — Star photo

Abahani accords reception today

Sports Reporter
Abahani will accord a reception to the members of the Bangladesh national team, winners of the sixth ICC Trophy, in the city tonight.
The reception, which will be followed by a dinner, will begin at the Abahani Club premises at 7 pm.
Meanwhile, residents of Gandaria area in the city have arranged a reception to Aminul Islam Bulbul and Zakir Hossain at the Bangladesh Bank Colony ground today at 5 pm.
UMB adds: Kulaura Samity in Dhaka will accord a reception to Hasibul Hossain Shanto on Thursday at the BARC auditorium.

Duplicate bridge at American Club

Sports Reporter
The American Club of Dhaka has organised a weekly duplicate bridge competition at its premises in north Gulshan every Tuesday night from 6:45 pm to 10 pm, says a press release.
Interested Bangladeshi and expatriate players, who are not the members of the club, may join the competition any week.

Mohammedans maul Victoria

Sports Reporter



Defending champions Mohammedans Sporting Club by five goals to nil in their opening encounter at the National Hockey Stadium yesterday.
Forward Siam-E-Noor netted twice while Yusuf, Rony and veteran Zahid Biswas, who led the side in the absence of their skipper Nixon, added one goal each.
* On the inaugural day of the 16-team league, the champions dominated the proceedings from the start and duly took a 3-0 lead in the first session.
Siam put the black and whites ahead in the 15th minute after receiving a neat pass from the left flank. Midfielder Yusuf doubled the margin two minutes later with another brilliant field goal and defender Hasan Rony ended the first half converting from a penalty corner in the 29th minute.
Mohammedans maintained the momentum adding two more goals inside the first four minutes of the second.

Zahid Biswas scored the fourth in the 56th minute. The dark and tall former national centre-forward, struck from a close distance capitalising on a Siam move from the right.
After three minutes Siam combined with Yusuf to grab his second goal of the game.
In their next match on May 3, Mohammedans will take on Dhaka Ansars.
Earlier, Ar Bhuiyan, the additional Managing Director of sponsoring Green Delta Insurance Company, inaugurated the single-leg meet.

TEAMS
MOHAMMEDAN SC: Mohammad Zaved (Ahmedul), Rony, Miraj, Khokon, Mitul, Yusuf, Ashique, Sharafat, Zahid Biswas, Siam-E-Noor and Chapal (Jamal).
VICTORIA SC: Shahidullah (Karim), Shamsuddin (Al-Ma-

WC qualifier
Canada, Jamaica split points

BURNABY, Canada, Apr 28: CONCACAF World Cup qualifier result here on Sunday, reports AFP.
Canada 0, Jamaica 0.

mun), Faruque, Ramjan, Latif, Mozammel, Fazlur Rahman, Syed Mozammel (Noor), Kamal (Karim), Sadeq (Saleg) and Rashid.
Umpires: Maksudur Rahman and Aslam Belim.

AZAD WIN
In the day's second match, Azad Sporting Club registered a 2-1 win over Sadharan Bima Kirra Sangstha. Rajib and Rana scored one goal each for the winners while substitute Aminul reduced the margin for Bima.

Two-year ban on 4 Sino swimmers

BEIJING, Apr 28: Four Chinese swimmers have been suspended for two years after they tested positive to performance-enhancing drugs, the China Swimming Association said today, reports AFP.
The four, all mid-level swimmers competing at national and provincial levels, tested positive in January 1996, a spokeswoman for the association said.

ATP Tour's top twenty

MONACO, Apr 28 (Reuters): Current rankings (in points) issued by the ATP Tour here today:
1. Pete Sampras 5,118
2. Michael Chang 3,716
3. Thomas Muster 3,309
4. Yevgeny Kafelnikov 3,147
5. Richard Krajicek 2,885
6. Goran Ivanisevic 2,710
7. Carlos Moya 2,343
8. Marcelo Rios 2,240
9. Thomas Enqvist 2,176
10. Wayne Ferreira 1,935
11. Albert Costa 1,855
12. Boris Becker 1,851
13. Alex Corretja 1,792
14. Todd Martin 1,673
15. Felix Mantilla 1,640
16. Tim Henman 1,546
17. Alberto Berasategui 1,532
18. Stefan Edberg 1,510
19. Sergi Bruguera 1,458
20. Marc Rosset 1,444

Women's cricket WC in India from Dec 5

JAMSHEDPUR, Apr 27: The women's World Cup cricket tournament, scheduled to be participated by 12 countries including India, would be inaugurated in Delhi on December 5 this year, the joint secretary of women's cricket association of India, Tarun Kumar Bose, said here today, reports PTI.

Bose told reporters that the 12 countries would be divided into two groups, England, Australia, South Africa, Pakistan, Ireland and Denmark were placed Group 'A' while Group 'B' comprised of Netherlands, New Zealand, West Indies, Canada, Japan and hosts India.
Canada, Japan and Pakistan would make their debut in women's World Cup cricket arena.

The finals would be played at the Eden Gardens in Calcutta. Bihar would host two quarter-final matches.
Bose, who is also the vice-president of Bihar women's Cricket Association, told PTI that while the first quarter-final match would be played at Keenan Stadium here on December 22, the other match would be held the next day at Patna.

Graf's comeback on May 12

BERLIN, Apr 28: After a three-month pause to heal an injured knee, Germany's top woman tennis player, Steffi Graf, will take part in a May 12-18 WTA tournament in Berlin, tournament director Eberhard Wensky said Monday, reports AP.

Graf, 27, was forced to withdraw with a left-knee tendon infection at the Toray Pan Pacific Open in Tokyo on Feb 2, where she was to have faced Swiss 16-year-old Martina Hingis in the final.
The infection also prevented Graf from playing in the Fed Cup, where Germany lost to the Czech Republic the beginning of March and tournaments at Indian Wells, California, and Key Biscayne, Florida, and one starting Tuesday in Hamburg, Germany.

Hingis, who overtook Graf as the World No 1 player on March 30, won't play in Berlin. She is out with a knee injury after a horse-riding spill a week ago and said she hopes to be fit for the French Open starting May 26.

Army hockey

JESSORE, Apr 28: My-mensingh area Air Defence Artillery Bogra area and Chittagong area moved into semi-finals of Bangladesh Army hockey championship at Jessore Cantonment today, reports UNB.

My-mensingh will take on Air Defence Artillery and Bogra will meet Chittagong area tomorrow.
In the day's other matches, Rangpur area defeated Dhaka Engineers 3-0, Savar area beat Chittagong area by a solitary goal while Comilla area drew 2-2 with My-mensingh area and Air Defence Artillery tied 1-1 with Bogra area.

Injury worries Pakistan Lanka firmly in control



COLOMBO, Apr 28: Sri Lanka took command of the second cricket Test here today as injury-stricken Pakistan struggled to field 11 fit men during the third day's play, reports AFP.
The hosts bowled out Pakistan for 292 by tea to lead by 39 runs on the first innings and then built on the advantage by making 102 for no loss in their second knock by stumps.
With an overall lead of 141 and all 10 wickets in hand Sri Lanka are well placed to force a win over the next two days in the final Test of the short series. The first ended in a draw.

Pakistan, already without the injured pace duo of Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis, also lost their second-line new ball bowlers Muhammad Zahid and Shahid Nazir in Sri Lanka's second knock.
A hip injury laid low Zahid, while Nazir was head-ridden with a severe headache after being struck on the head while batting in the nets before the start of play.

Team manager Nasimul Ghani said Nazir was ruled out for the rest of the match, while Zahid may be able to bowl by Tuesday afternoon.
To compound Pakistan's

first innings, gave another sound start before stumps were drawn four overs early due to bad light.

Jayasuriya followed his 72 in the first innings with an unbeaten 61, while Arnold was 29 not out.

But the day's hero was Moin Khan who missed his fourth Test century by just two runs as Pakistan recovered from a shaky 147 for five to post 292 before being all out just before tea.

Coming to bat in the day's first over, Moin cracked 98 of the 129 runs Pakistan scored while he was at the crease.

But his dismissal midway through the afternoon session caused a lower order slump as the last four wickets fell for the addition of just 16 runs.

Moin hit nine boundaries and lofted left-arm spinner Jayanthia de Silva for three sixes in his hurricane 109-ball knock which ended with a catch to point of the same bowler.

The Pakistani vice captain playing his 26th Test, added 91 for the sixth wicket with Asif Mujtaba (49) in which his own contribution was 68.

Pakistan, starting the day at 146 for four were in trouble when Inzamam-ul Haq was dismissed second ball with only a run added.

Left arm seamer Sajeewa de Silva, who claimed the last three wickets, finished with five for 85 in only his second Test, new ball partner Chaminda Vaas took four for 60.

SCOREBOARD

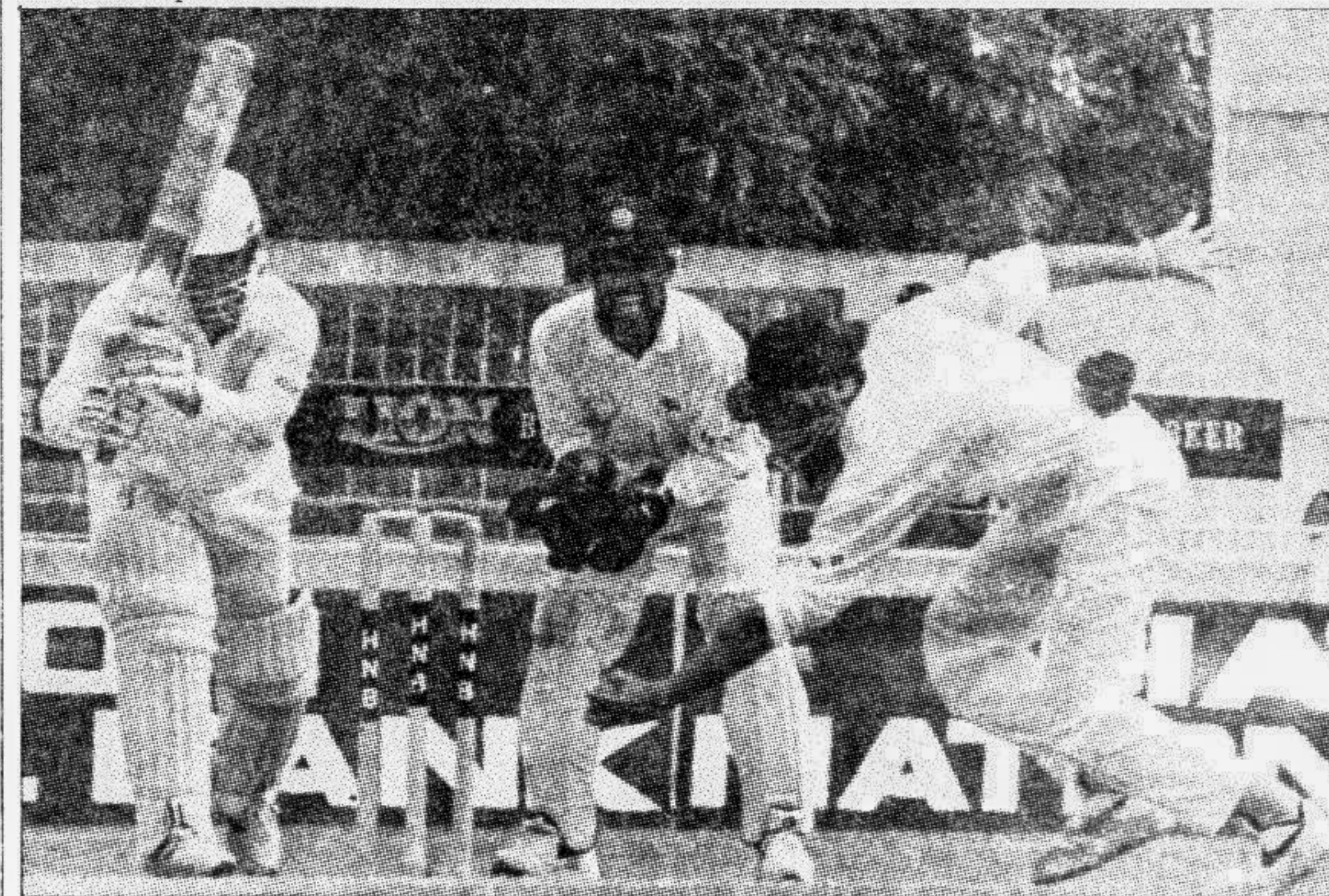
Scoreboard at stumps on the third day of the second and final cricket Test between Pakistan and Sri Lanka on Monday:

SRI LANKA: First innings 331 (A de Silva 138 not out, S Jayasuriya 72; Saqlain Mush-taq 4-115, Mushtaq Ahmed 2-90)

PAKISTAN: First innings (overnight 146-4)
S Elahi c Tillekeratne b Vaas 0
Raza c Arnold b Vaas 36
Ijaz c Arnold b Vaas 4
Malik c Ranatunga b S de Silva 24
Inzamam c Kaluwitharana b Vaas 43
Mujtaba c A de Silva b Vaas 49
Moin Khan c Atapattu b J Silva 98
Saqlain b S de Silva 23
Mushtaq c Atapattu b S de Silva 1
Zahid c Kaluwitharana b S de Silva 0
Nazir not out 0
Extras: (lb-4, nb-6, w-4) 14
Total: 292

Fall of wickets: 1-0; 2-13; 3-59; 4-83; 5-147; 6-238; 7-276; 8-283; 9-283.

Bowling: Vaas O M R W 27 7 60 4



Sri Lanka's Marvan Atapattu (R) stops a powerful off-drive by Pakistani Asif Mujtaba while wicketkeeper Ramesh Kaluwitharana looks on during the third day's play of the second and final Test in Colombo yesterday. — AFP/UNB photo

problems wicketkeeper Moin Khan left the field in the final session with a swollen right toe, forcing Asif Mujtaba — a regular bowler — to don the gloves.

With all his three reserves on the field, Pakistani coach Mushtaq Mohammad assured the role of 12th man, placing water bottles around the boundary for his fielders.

The depleted attack, with just two regular bowlers in Saqlain Mushtaq and Mushtaq Ahmed and a makeshift opening attack of brothers-in-law Salim Malik and Ijaz Ahmed failed to keep the Sri Lankan batsmen in check.
Sanath Jayasuriya and Russell Arnold who put on 95 in the

But Moin and Mujtaba battled for the rest of the morning session to take Pakistan to 236 for five by lunch.

Left-handed Mujtaba, who batted for 138 minutes on Sunday to score 31, added only 18 more runs before being dismissed in the second over after lunch one short of a half-century.

He hoped Chaminda Vaas to fine leg where Aravinda de Silva dived in front to hold a low catch.

Moin found a useful ally in Saqlain Mushtaq (23) with whom he added 38 for the seventh wicket, but after Moin's dismissal at 276, Pakistan's innings terminated quickly.

S de Silva 24.2 5 35 5
J Silva 25 5 91 1
Khalpage 23 8 42 0
Ranatunga 4.1 1 8 0
Arnold 5 3 2 0

(Note: S de Silva was injured after bowling five balls of his 13th over on Sunday Arjuna Ranatunga completed the unfinished over).

SRI LANKA: Second innings
Jayasuriya not out 61
Arnold not out 29
Extras: (b-6, nb-6) 12
Total: (for no loss) 102

Bowling: O M R W
Malik 7 2 13 0
Ijaz 5 0 18 0
Saqlain 14 3 33 0
Mushtaq 12 3 26 0

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Ministry of Education Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka Notice

No. S13/1-11(Research)/97/89-Education. Dated: 27.3.97
Sub: Regarding Monbusho Post Graduate Research Scholarship 1998 offered by Government of Japan
Applications are invited from Bangladesh nationals for offering merit basis scholarships to study in the undermentioned subjects/branches under Monbusho Post Graduate Research Scholarship offered by the Government of Japan during 1998 academic year.

| | |
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| (1) Agriculture | (2) Fisheries |
| (3) Medical Science (Surgery/Medicine) | (4) Dentistry |
| (5) Engineering (all branches) | (6) Economics |
| (7) Social Science | (8) Social Welfare |
| (9) Physics | (10) Applied Physics |
| (11) Chemistry | (12) Bio Chemistry |
| (13) Pharmacy | (14) Commerce (all branches) |

- Humanities Arts & Commerce group students should possess minimum three first Divisions up to Post-Graduate examination and other candidates, extraordinary proficiency with 1st Division in all examinations. Medical Science & Dentistry candidates should possess minimum 60% aggregate marks in MBBS/BDS examination & passed as regulars.
- Age of candidate should be below 35 years on 01.04.98 (i.e. those on or after 02.04.1963).
- Candidates earlier finally selected for any other scholarship by the Ministry of Education need not apply.
- One candidate cannot apply for more than one subject.
- Selected candidates should take part in prescribed course of Japanese language.
- Action as per panel code will be taken against any one intentionally furnishing false statement/information.
- Any one selected for scholarship of one country is generally not considered as candidate for any other scholarship. Hence any one practically not interested to enjoy the opportunity of this scholarship is advised to refrain from applying.
- Candidate will be selected on the basis of merit as per score obtained on evaluation of candidates in the undermentioned 100 marks on the basis of marks obtained from SSC to degree/Post-Graduate level. Score calculated in the undermentioned system should be mentioned in the last box of column 'B' in the application form.

- On the basis of marks obtained in SSC examination 20
- On the basis of marks obtained in HSC examination 20
- On the basis of marks obtained in Degree examination 30
- On the basis of marks obtained in Post-Graduate examination 30

Engineering, MBBS & BDS degree holders will be evaluated within 60 marks on the basis of total marks obtained at Degree level instead of Post-Graduate level.

10. The application form will be as follows:-

Application for Monbusho Post-Graduate Scholarship (1998) of Government of Japan
Name of subject prayed for:

- Name of candidate:
- Father's name:
- Present address (including Telegraph office):
- SSC & HSC examinations results:

| Name of examination | Branch/subject | Year of passing | Division obtained | Total marks of examination held | Total marks obtained | Percentage |
|---------------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|------------|
| Secondary | | | | | | |
| Higher Secondary | | | | | | |
| Degree | | | | | | |
| Post-Graduate | | | | | | |
| Others | | | | | | |

Score within 100 marks (total of score)
(E) Content of publication in recognised journal (if any):
(F) Subject of proposed study/research:

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
- (G) Permanent address:
- (H) Date of birth & age on 1.4.98.
- (I) Nationality:

- Such candidates as have obtained grade instead of marks in any examination should render the grade into marks & show calculation in support in a separate sheet and submit attested copy of certificate from the authority concerned in this regard. Otherwise it will not be brought under consideration. MBBS & BDS candidates should show year of passing each part & marks obtained in separate sheet and state the total & aggregate marks in the original application.
- Applicants should reach their application to the office of the undersigned by post or in the wooden box No. 2 at Gate No. 5 of Bangladesh Secretariat by 10.5.97. Incomplete application will be treated as cancelled. 2 sets of application should be submitted together. Certificates of passing all examinations & marksheets attested by gazetted officer should be enclosed with 1 set of application. With the other set of application, only one copy attested photograph should be attached with application form, and the two sets should be clipped together with zem's clip. "Monbusho Post-Graduate Scholarship" & name of branch/subject should be superscribed on the envelope of application.
- List of candidates primarily selected for nomination will be hung on 25.5.97 at the Ministry of Education & National Academy of Education Management (NAEM). No separate correspondence will be made to the candidates. Candidates selected by the Ministry of Education should participate in the viva voce arranged by the Embassy of Japan in Dhaka. Date of the examination will be informed later on. Candidates are advised to maintain continuous contact with the Ministry for this.

- Decision of the authority will be treated as final in selection of candidates.
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Bridge Notes

By An Expert

| Score | Hands from Bermuda Bowl | Board: 63 |
|------------------|-------------------------|------------|
| Pakistan 101 1/2 | ♠ Q 64 | Dir: South |
| USA 154 | ♥ AQ 985 | Vul: N-S |
| | ♦ J 972 | |
| | ♣ 2 | |
| ♠ J 83 | N | ♠ 752 |
| ♥ J | W | ♥ K 6 |
| ♦ A 53 | E | ♦ 10864 |
| ♣ KQJ 854 | S | ♣ A 963 |
| | | ♦ AK 109 |
| | | ♥ 107432 |
| | | ♦ KQ |
| | | ♣ 107 |

| Open Room | NORTH | EAST | SOUTH |
|--------------|------------|----------|---------|
| WEST Solodar | Munir | Levin | Fazli |
| 2 ♠ | 2 ♥ | 3 ♠ | 1 ♠ |
| 4 NT | Pass | 5 ♠ | 4 ♥ |
| All Pass | | | Dbl |
| Closed Room | | | |
| Masood | Meckstroth | Zia | Rodwell |
| 2 ♠ | 2 NT | 3 ♠ | 1 ♥ |
| Pass | 4 ♥ | All Pass | |

The US struck back with a 3-IMP gain when Solodar's decision to sacrifice, barely wrong in theory, turned out to be a small winner when the defenders were unable to untangle their sixth defensive trick.

Open Room
Solodar settled for 2♠ on a hand that he often would treat as a weak jump overall. Levin's unpassed hand status playing a role in that decision. Fazli had gotten his side off to a good start already with a classic 1♠. Munir's hand was worth more than its point count and he happily introduced his hearts. Levin raised quietly to 3♠ and Fazli took the most direct route to game. Solodar wanted to save but at the same time he wanted to pave the way for the best defense against 5♥ or even 6♥. He chose 4NT, suggesting values in diamonds as well as length that he wasn't going to be able to deliver. Levin retreated to 5♠ and Fazli took all the pressure off Munir by expressing the opinion that defense rather than offense seemed best from his standpoint.

With Solodar "marked" with great minor suit length, Munir's choice of the 4♥ makes a lot of sense. Unfortunately, this removed a vital entry from his hand. Fazli encouraged and the defenders cashed three rounds of spades. Fazli switched to the 4♠ but Solodar won the 4♠.

drew trumps and led the ♥J. Munir won his ace and led a diamond over to Fazli, but there was no road back to cash the 4♥. Solodar had time to get over to dummy to dispose of his third diamond on the ♥K. Three down only. If Munir had led a low spade, Fazli would have had to switch to diamonds after cashing one or two high spades, not too difficult. That would have set up a 700-point penalty and a 2-IMP gain to Pakistan.

Score: PAKISTAN (N-S) + 500

Closed Room
Meckstroth's 2 NT promised the values for a limit raise; in hearts but he was always going to bid game. He was concerned with 5♠ being a cheap save (or make) and wanted to get pushed to 4♥ and buy it. Rodwell's 3♠ was a "shape" game try (double would have shown extra high card values) and Meckstroth leaped to his intended destination. The Pakistanis didn't sacrifice, the right paper decision. The play ended quickly. The ♠K went to Zia's ♠A and the 7♥ came back, 10♣, jack, queen. The ♥A was cashed and Meckstroth conceded a trump and a diamond Making four.

Score: USA (N-S) + 620
Net Score: USA+120 (3 IMPs)
Score Carried Forward : PAKISTAN 101 1/2 USA 157

Chang claims a fourth



ORLANDO, Florida, Apr 28: Top seed Michael Chang of the United States won the US clay court championships here Sunday, beating Grant Stafford of South Africa 4-6, 6-2, 6-1 in the final of the 264,250 dollars event, report agencies.

Chang, playing on clay for the first time this season, wrapped up his fourth tournament success of the season and will now grab second place in this week's new ATP Tour rankings behind compatriot Pete Sampras but leapfrogging Thomas Muster of Austria.

To win his fourth title of the year and the 30th of his career, Chang had to withstand a spirited early effort from the 25-year-old Stafford.

The unseeded South African, who eliminated eighth-seeded Australian Sandon Stolle, defending champion Fernando Meligeni of Brazil and sixth-seeded American Chris Woodruff en route to the final, matched Chang shot for shot in the first set.

With a one-set lead, Stafford had a chance to increase the pressure on Chang in the second set when he reached break point on the top seed's serve. But Stafford missed his opportunity when he sent a backhand service return into the net.

"That was a big point," said Stafford. "I think if I'd got that break it might have been a different story."

Given a reprieve, Chang abruptly changed the tone of the match, winning 10 of the next 11 points and taking control. After holding serve for a 1-0 advantage, Chang broke Stafford at love with a pair of service return winners, then held again for 3-0. Chang then sailed through the set without much resistance from a discouraged Stafford.

"He definitely picked it up in the second set," Stafford said.



Marcelo Rios of Chile shows off the Monte Carlo Open Trophy. The Chilean clinched the title beating Spaniard Alex Corretja 6-4, 6-3, 6-3 in the final on Apr 27. —AFP/UNB photo