Inter-div eves' h'ball May 22-24

Sports Reporter

The inter-division women's handball championship organised by Bangladesh Women Sports Federation will be held at the Sultana Kamal Women Sports Complex at Dhanmondi from May 22 to 24, says a press release.

Top two teams from the qualifying rounds held in five divisions will participate in the

Cricketers honoured in Noakhali

The ICC Trophy champions Bangladesh team was accorded a reception in Noakhali yesterday, reports UNB.

State Minister Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader attended the reception as chief guest while BCB president Saber Hossain Chowdhury MP was pre-

sent as special guest.
All the members of the squad were awarded a gold chain, stereo set, colour TV and wrist watch.

Biman take a firm grip on Dhaka

Sumon, Rafique run riot

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commanding 309 before being all out in 97.1 overs. To win the match Dhaka will have to meet a near-impossible task when play resumes today, the last day



SUMON . . . 78 of the three-day match. The Dhaka outfit need to bowl Biman out after taking a convinc-

ing lead in their second innings

The huge Biman total was built around a dazzling 78 by Habibul Bahser Sumon and a rapid-fire 46 from national left-arm spinner Mohammad Rafique.

Sumon, unbeaten on 18 at stumps on the first day, clubbed eleven fours in his 161-ball vigil at the crease. The young right-hander and a firm contender for a slot in Bangladesh's Asia Cup squad shared 50 runs for the second wicket with opener Athar Ali Khan before the latter departed for a patient 75-ball 22. After the dismissal of Athar,

former national skipper Faruque Ahmed then joined forces with Sumon to keep the Biman wheel in full-swing, putting on 68 runs for the third wicket.

Faruque clobbered five hits across the rope in his 69-ball 37 before being castled by Rafiqul Islam who then went on to end Sumon's nearly four-hour domination at the crease. With the departure of Sumon Biman suffered a quick blow when they lost their middle-order batsman Halim Shah, who returned for a duck. Wicketkeeper Atiar and Zi-



RAFIQUE . blitzkrieg

auddin Ahmed Shovon, then combined together to ensure Biman cross the 200-mark featuring 40 odd runs for the sixth wicket. Atiar made a sedate yet useful 30 while Shovon, one of the outstanding performers in the domestic season last year. contributed an invaluable 44 off 85 balls inclusive of five

But it was a marauding Mohammad Rafique whose pyrotechnics throttled Biman cross the 300-mark. The hardhitting left-handed batsmen, coming into bat at number ten plundered 46 runs off only 38 balls. His little gem of a knock included three huge sixes and a quartet of fours. Besides, Mofizur Rahman Munna, who played the perfect foil at the other end, chipped in with 27.

Among the Dhaka bowlers, skipper Selim Shahed returned most successful with four for 57 in his 21.1 overs. While Rafigul, the most expensive of the lot, gave away 105 runs in 28 overs for his three scalps.

National right-arm seamer

and Japan to win the 2002

World Cup was the bitterest in

FIFA's history and left the ex-

both sides going to unacceptable

limits to win the vote and they

were angered by the millions of

dollars spent by both sides in

Joao Havelange made no secret

of his support for Japan and

who should get the showpiece

tournament neared it was clear

that the Korean bid, led by their

FIFA executive vice-president

Chung Moog Joon, was gather-

iating defeat for Japan, sud-

denly reversed his stance and

agreed but since their historic

vote several members have pri-

vately voiced fears that they

we should have agreed on co-

hosting. We blundered and I am

worried at what the price will

be," said one member recently.

"Looking back I do not think

But Chung and his Japanese

counter-parts are determined to

prove the critics wrong. Chung

recently pushed to have

Japanese J-league president

Saburo Kawabuchi voted onto

His bid failed, Kawabuchi

the FIFA executive committee

losing out to Thailand's Worai

Makudi, but new elections next

year before the World Cup in

France gives Kawabuchi an-

other chance to get on to the ex-

ecutive committee and he is

strongly tipped to win his place.

sit down together here on Tues-

day, the FIFA committee will be

hoping the progress report will

show progress with a capital 'p'.

When Chung and Kawabuchi

as one of the Asian members.

decided to support co-hosting.

Havelange, fearing a humil-

The executive committee

ing more and more votes.

had created a monster.

openly canvassed for them.

Outgoing FIFA president

But as last June's vote for

Members complained about

ecutive committee reeling.

their campaigns.

Khaled Mahmood Sujon, who opened the Dhaka attack, finished with two for 49 in his 21 economic overs.

Co-hosting put to the test



ZURICH, May 5: South Korean and Japanese football officials will have their first real chance to prove

they are capable of successfully co-hosting the 2002 World Cup when they meet here on Tuesday, reports AFP.

Ever since FIFA's executive committee staged a dramatic Uturn last year by suddenly agreeing to co-hosting, there have been rumblings that the showpiece of world football is heading for a humiliating disaster.

FIFA's outspoken secretary general Sepp Blatter warned late last year of an impending nightmare - claiming the two sides were not even talking to each other.

"The countries are not coming closer, its quite the opposite. They are moving further apart. This is not the marriage

we want," he complained. His remarks angered both the Koreans and Japanese but Tuesdays' meeting with the FIFA planning committee set up to deal with 2002, is their opportunity to show that not only are they talking but they are working together.

> Stoltenberg stoops to Filippini

The battle between Korea

DULUTH, Georgia, May 5: Marcelo Filippini used the wind and a big advantage on first serves to beat Jason Stoltenberg 7-6 (7-2), 6-4 for the ATandT Challenge championship Sunday, reports AP. The victory was worth

43,000 dollars for Filippini, who had earned only 38,655 dollars this year and wasn't seeded in the 32-player field. With winds gusting to 20 mph (30 kph) at the Atlanta

Athletic Club, the Uruguayan seemed to have the wind at his back at the most crucial times. Down 6-5 with Stoltenberg serving for the first set, Filip-

pini used a tricky crosswind to

break serve and send the first

set into a tiebreaker. Tied 4-4 in the second set, Filippini again had the favorable crosswind when he broke serve to lead 5-4. He ended the match one game later, beating the No. 7 seed on the second

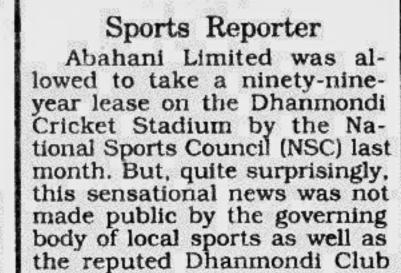
serve of triple match point. "I had the wind with me," Filippini said, after winning for the fourth time in his career. but only the first in the United States.

Stoltenberg was good on only 28 of 43 first serves. That allowed Filippini to take charge on both ends of the court. "I played well until it was 6-5

(in the first set)." Stoltenberg said. "That's when I lost my concentration. "I was having a little trouble

with the wind on my serve. When you tossed the ball up, it blew away from you. We both had the same wind, but he handled it a little better than I did.'

Filippini, who entered the match ranked 92nd on the ATP Tour, sensed his opponent was losing his concentration in the difficult conditions.



NSC's bizarre

lease!

till to date. The Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, one of the few venues of the NSC in the capital which is widely used for holding cricket matches round the year, is located beside Abahani Club tent. With the facilities of a onestoried gallery at the southern end, the big meadow can accommodate two matches at the same time.

While contacted, A S M Ali Kabir, the secretary of the NSC, confirmed the news but failed to provide any detail on the agreement.

However, the decision to allocate the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium to any club is quite unprecedented and apparently contrary to the policy that the NSC used to practice. Although the governing body had earlier allocated space to different clubs in the city hubs to build club tents, but this was for the first time that NSC showed surprisingly liberal attitude by leasing a whole venue to a club. Moreover, the question is that what makes NSC to keep the issue in the dark?

The decision, however, will enable Abahani, one of the two giants in the domestic sports circuit, to enjoy an exclusive privilege to have a giant city venue of its own.

It was learnt that the governing body of Abahani Limited is now busy in contemplating plans to modernise the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium. But under the existing rules, space allocated by the NSC to any club, can not be used for commercial purpose.

County cricket roundup LONDON, May 5: Barry

Hyam stood in as Essex wicketkeeper when Robert Rollins was ruled unfit and promptly equalled a club record in the Sunday league defeat of Middlesex at Chelmsford, reports Hyam, 21, held five catches

to equal the most taken by an Essex wicketkeeper in a limited overs match. After reaching 256 in their

40 overs, Essex bowled out Middlesex for 190, Ashley Cowan taking four for 31. Yorkshire, with Darren

Gough, Richard Stemp and Craig White each taking three wickets, crushed Hampshire by 71 runs at Southampton. Hampshire, chasing a mod-

est 227-run target, lost their last nine wickets for 23 in just seven overs to lose by 71 runs. Adam Hollioake's fivewicket haul for Surrey was not enough to save his side from a

12-run defeat by Kent at Can-Kent set the visiting side 193 but Dean Headley's four for 27 helped restrict Surrey to 181 for

Lancashire avenged last week's Benson and Hedges Cup defeat by Derbyshire after Graham Lloyd, with 81 from 74 balls, and Neil Fairbrother had

hammered 128 from 18 overs to

take Lancashire to 262 for

seven at Derby. At Hove, Nottinghamshire beat Sussex by 6 wickets in a match reduced to 28 overs because of rain. Sussex 160-7 in 28 overs (K Greenfield 69 not out, K Evans 4-26). Nottinghamshire 162-4 in 26.5 overs (F Johnson 60, T Robinson 51).

> Czech Open Pioline's

PRAGUE, May 5: Fourth seed Cedric Pioline of France outlasted home favourite and third seed Bohdan Ulihrach of the Czech Republic in three sets Sunday to win the 365,000 dollars Czech Open men's tennis tournament, reports AP.

Pioline needed 2 1-2 hours to beat Ulihrach 6-2, 5-7, 7-6, (7-4). By his victory, the 27year-old Frenchman gained 150 points in the ATP rating and 48,200 dollars.



Action from the Green Delta Insurance First Division encounter between Abahani and Victoria SC at the Hockey Stadium yesterday. - Star photo

Abahani's second on trot

Sports Reporter

remained contained inside

their own half, the Dhanmondi

boys could not make any room

to score in the first session.

However, they had a good op-

portunity to break the deadlock

as early as in the ninth minute

when midfielder Tapan got the

ball unguarded close to the net.

But his powerful hit was bril-

liantly stopped by Victoria cus-

18 minutes early in the second

The match was stopped for

After the unscheduled break.

Jumman Lusai, the former

Abahani began firing all their

four cylinders and kept Victoria

national player and one of the

most senior members in the

side, put Abahani ahead in the

41st minute through a penalty

corner while after four minutes

Lulu doubled the margin capi-

talising on a brilliant Alamgir

62nd minute when he flicked

the ball home from a Haroon

pass and Liton, also a former

national team player, sealed

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Bangladesh Sporting Club in

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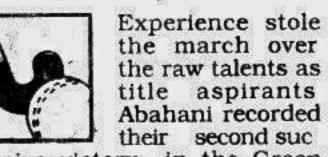
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their second suc cessive victory in the Green Delta Insurance First Division hockey league when they trounced promotees Victoria Sporting Club by four goals to nil in the day's second match at the National Hockey Stadium yesterday.

After a barren first half, veterah defender Jumman Lusai, and forwards Lulu, Khokon and Liton struck one each for the

With yesterday's win, Abahani, who earlier beat Dhaka Ansars 6-0 in their league opener, joined Mohammedan Sporting Club atop the 16-team table with full six points from two matches. On the other hand, it was the second successive defeat for Victoria in as many outings.

In a one-sided affair, Abahani had the ball in their possession throughout but due to a cautious Victoria outfit who

Schools h'ball resumes May 9

Sports Reporter The unfinished 8th Bata

schools handball tournament, which was stopped after the first round midway last month, will resume May 9 with two semifinals at the handball court of Dhaka Stadium. In the first semifinal, Ra-

jarbagh Police Lines High School will take on Shaheed Nabi High School at 2:30 pm while BDR Public School and College will meet Banani Bidyaniketan at 3:30 pm.

The final is billed for May

their next match scheduled on May 8. TEAMS ABAHANI: Asir, Shamim, Mamun, Shipu, Jumman, Ha-

> Liton, Lulu, Raju, Khokon, Ramij, Rabi and Álamgir. VICTORIA SC: Saidullah. Shamsuddin, Faruque, Al-Mamun, Ramjan, Latif, Mozammel, Fazlu, Mozammel Danesh, Sadeq, Rashid, Rakib, Noor Mohammad and Tuhin. Umpires: Mir Monwar Ali

Earlier, in the day's first

and Maksudur Rahman. WARI WIN

match, Wari Club registered their first victory handing neighbours Azad Sporting Club a 2-3 defeat.

After a goalless first half, Rubel, Shamim and Taleb netted one each for the winners while Kabir and Rajib reduced the margin for Azad.

With yesterday's win, Wari Club, who earlier in their first match shared points with Railway in a 2-2 draw, raised their tally to four points from two matches. On the other hand, the defeat kept Azad glued to their previous collection of three

Int'l ladies' Karate Cup in July

Bengal School of Shotokan will represent Bangladesh in the second International Ladies' Karate Cup competition to be held in Tokyo in July this year, reports UNB.

The meet will bring together the national champions from 30 countries to participate in the preliminary rounds to select a new world champion.

The Dhaka-based Bengal School of Shotokan is the only school from Bangladesh to be invited to the prestigious com-

petition. TODAY'S MATCHES 23rd National Cricket Championship:

(Semifinals) Dhaka vs Biman (DCS) Chittagong vs Dhaka University (DS)

Green Delta First Division Hockey League: (Venue: Hockey Stadium) Sonali Bank vs Farashganj

SC (2:15 pm) (3:45 pm).

Usha KC vs Bangladesh SC

ATP top thirty PARIS, May 5 (AFP): Leading

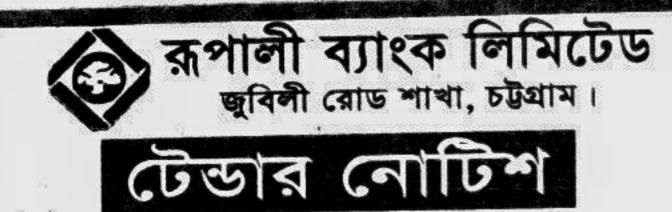
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১। দরপত্রের সাথে রূপালী ব্যাংক জুবিলী রোড শাখার অনুকূলে গৃহীত যে কোন তপসীল বাণিজ্যিক ব্যাংক থেকে ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে অর্ডার মারফত আর্নেষ্ট মানি দরপত্রে উল্লেখিত টাকার ৫% হারে জমা দিতে হবে। অন্যথায় টেভার বিবেচিত হবে ना।

উল্লেখিত মালামাল সংশ্লিষ্ট শাখা ব্যবস্থাপকের সাথে যোগাযোগ করে পরিদর্শন করা যাবে।

৩। সীলমোহরকৃত দরপত্র ১৪/৫/৯৭ তারিখে বেলা ১-০০ টা পর্যন্ত জুবিলী রোড শাখায় রক্ষিত টেভার বাক্সে গ্রহণ করা হবে এবং ঐ দিনই বেলা ৩-০০ টার সময় দরপত্রদাতাদের সমুখে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) খোলা হবে।

উল্লেখিত মালামালের লিম ওয়ারী/ঋণ ওয়ারী আলাদাভাবে টাকার উল্লেখ পূর্বক দরপত্র দাখিল করতে হবে।

ে। টেভার কমিটি কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকেই যে কোন বা সকল টেভার গ্রহণ অথবা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন। ৬। অকতকার্য দরপত্রদাতাদের আর্নেষ্ট মানি সময়মত ফেরত দেয়া হবে।

৭। দরপত্র গৃহীত হওয়ার পর দরপত্র দাতাকে সম্পূর্ণ মূল্য পরিশোধ করে ১৫ দিনের মধ্যে মালামাল খালাস করতে হবে, অন্যথায় আর্নেষ্ট মানি বাজেয়াও বলে গন্য হবে।

উল্লেখিত পণ্যের বিবরণ ব্যাংকের রেকর্ড অনুযায়ী দেয়া হয়েছে। এ ব্যাপারে ব্যাংকের কোন দায় দায়িত্ব নাই। টেভার দাতাগণকে টেভার দাখিলের পূবে পণ্যের পরিমাণ, গুণাগুন ও ওজন সম্পর্কে নিশ্চিত হয়ে টেভারে অংশগ্রহণ করতে বলা হচ্ছে। এ ব্যাপারে দরপত্র দাতাগণের কোন অভিযোগ বা আপত্তি ব্যাংক কর্তৃক গৃহীত হবে না। মোঃ হাবিবুর রহমান



South Korean team, which clinched the Asian women's basketball championship title, pose with the trophy after the final against Japan in Bangkok on May 5. The Koreans defeated Japan 74-61 to become champions for the 10th times and first since 1988. - AFP/UNB photo

Bangladesh Biof the 23rd national cricket

man took an almost unassailable 96-run first innings lead in the first semifinal championship against Dhaka DSA on completion of the second day's play at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium

BRIEF SCORES

yesterday.

DHAKA DSA: First innings 213 all out (Mehrab 94, Sujon 31; Rafique 3/49, Plabon 3/50)

BIMAN: First innings 309 all out (Sumon 78, Rafique 46, Shovon 44; S Shahed 4/57, Rafiqul 3/105.

Resuming with the overnight score of 38/1 in reply to a modest Dhaka total of 213, the strong Biman outfit piled up a

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Invitation of Poster Designs on the Occasion of World **Environment Day**

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The Directorate of Environment is inviting competitive "Poster Designs" on the occasion of World Environment Day (June 5, 1997) this year on the motto fixed by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). The motto is: "For Life on Earth" (জীবনের জন্য ধরিত্রী).

Students of the Institute of Fine Arts, painters and advertising firms are requested to submit their respected designs on abovementioned subject along with applications stating name, address and Telephone (if any) to the office of the undersigned within office hours by May 15, 1997.

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16, Abdul Ghani Road, Dhaka-1000 Memo No PD/EEC-IVALA/Cons-131/97/147 Dated: 30 April, 1997 Letter of Invitation for Short-**Listing of Local Consultants**

Government of the People's

The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a grant from the European Union in European Currency Unit towards the cost of Improvement of Local Food Grain Storage Depots (Project No. ALA/88/16), and it is intended that part of the proceeds of this grant will be applied, through the Project Director, EEC-II Project, Directorate General of Food, to eligible payments under the

contract for procurement of a Local Consultancy Firm. The Project Director, EEC-II Project, Directorate General of Food, 16, Abdul Ghani Road, Dhaka-1000 now invites sealed applications from experienced and interested Architectural and Engineering (A&E) Firms having experience in rendering consulting services for construction/ rehabilitation of food godown and building projects under Government and Semi-Government organisations for the purpose of short-listing of local consulting firms. The services include, but are not limited to, inventory, soil investigation, survey, architectural and engineering design and drawings, documentation, tendering, construction supervision, quality control of the works, monitoring and management of works for the implementation of the project spread over 20-40 sites in Rajshahi, Khulna and Barisal regions.

Interested eligible A&E Firms may obtain short-listing questionnaire forms and additional information from the Accounts Officer, Project Management Unit (PMU), (Room No. 505, Khadya Bhaban, 16, Abdul Ghani Road, Dhaka-1000) during office hours upon the submission of a written application and payment of Tk. 500.00 (Taka five hundred) payable in cash or by Pay Order/Bank Draft (non-refundable) in favour of the Project Director, EEC-II Project, Directorate General of Food up to 14 May, 1997.

After reviewing the information furnished, a short-list of qualified A&E Firms will be finalised from whom technical and financial proposals will be invited. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all short-listing applications submitted by the A&E Firms

All information/data in response to the short-listing

questionnaire must reach the office of the undersigned in

duplicate not later than 12.00 Noon on the 28 May, 1997.

without assigning any reason whatsoever. Abdur Rouf DFP-10695-4/5 Project Director, PMU G-1296