

## Sports world pays homage to Diana

UNDATED, Sept 7: From the IOC meeting in Lausanne, Switzerland, to the Notre Dame opener in South Bend, Indiana, sports paid their respects to Princess Diana on the day of her funeral, reports AP.

In some places there was a moment of silence Saturday, at others, athletes and officials also wore black ribbons or armbands.

The IOC this morning paid tribute to Lady Di, the Princess of Wales, and also to Mother Teresa for their humanitarian activities. IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch said after the close of the IOC session that selected Athens as the host of the 2004 Olympic Games.

Princess Anne, Diana's former sister-in-law and a British member of the IOC, called off her trip to the meeting.

Before the kickoff of the Notre Dame-Georgia Tech American football game, there was a moment of silence for Princess Diana and Mother Teresa, who died Friday.

In New York, British tennis star Greg Rusedski wore a black ribbon on his shirt in the US Open semifinal against Sweden's Jonas Bjorkman as a mark of respect to Princess Diana. He had worn it since he heard of her death in a road accident in Paris on Sunday.

At Monza, Italy, Formula One drivers in racing overalls paid respect to Diana, standing pensive in front of the pits for one minute shortly before the start of official qualifying for the Italian Grand Prix Saturday.

Two British drivers, reigning world champion Damon Hill and Johnny Herbert, wore black armbands.

Two British gold medal-winning rowing crews, led by Olympic stars Steve Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent, wore black ribbons and bowed their heads on the podium at the World Championship at Chambery, France, when they heard the anthem played after they collected their medals. The British flag was held at half-mast.

All were somber during the playing of "God Save the Queen" as the Union Jack went up the flag pole at half-mast, below the flags of the second and third placed teams.

"We want everyone at home to know how sympathetic we are and how much we have been thinking about it," said Elisabeth Henshaw, a member of the winning women's team.

The Irish soccer team, many of whom were born in England of Irish parentage, wore black armbands during their 4-2 World Cup win over Iceland in Reykjavik.

## Kabadi course

### Sports Reporter

A nine-week long kabadi training course, organised by Bangladesh Kabadi Federation (BKF) for the Dhaka based school students, will begin at the kabadi court near Dhaka Stadium next Thursday.

The course will be held on every Thursday and Friday under the supervision of national coach Abdul Jalil.

The BKF yesterday named 42 school students to attend the course. The boys were selected by the training committee of the federation on Saturday based on their performance in the schools kabadi tournament last month.

The selected boys are: Mahfuz Alam, Abu Bakar Siddique and Azimuddin on Nawabpur Govt High School, Khairul, Abdul Razzaq and Ataur Rahman of Ansar and VDP High School, Shariful Islam, Barkatullah and Mofazzal Hossain of AK High School, Ashish Kumar, Abu Hossain and Suruj Miah of Dolapinar High School, Shafiqul Islam, Nazrul and Shafiqul Islam of Sharmin Textiles Mills Model High School, Delwar Hossain, Mobarak Hossain and Russell of Maniknagar Govt Primary School, Matiur Rahman, Ali Kawsar, Mahmudul Hasan, Nur Nabi and Shahabuddin of BDR School and College, Dini Islam, Tarique Salam and Masumur Rahman of Razgarbagh Police Lines High School, Jewel Rana, Shariful Islam, Mustafizur Rahman and Akbar Hossain of Shaheed Nabi High School, Noor Hossain and Hasan of Haider Ali School and College, Iftikharuddin, Imran and Raihanul Islam of Motijheel Govt High School, Farhad, Bappi and Hannan of Millat High School, Dildarul Haque and Faisal of Maniknagar model High School, Juder Alam of Tamizuddin High School and Abu Sultana of Bhashantek High School.

The latest to fall foul of the clash of interests is Zimbabwean striker Peter Ndlovu, twice voted his country's star-of-the-year by a panel of sports writers and now a forward with the English team Coventry City.

Accusations of big-headedness and lack of patriotism are being heaped on "the flying elephant" for his refusal to play in a World Cup match against Togo.

"He thinks he is a god" said a furious Vincent Pamire, vice-chairman of the Zimbabwe Football Association (ZIFA). "Peter showed us that he no longer has a heart for his country. He has let down us many times before, but this time we are stretched to the limit."

Ironically, Ndlovu was in Zimbabwe at the time, attending the annual youth tournament he founded in 1995 with the aim of developing soccer in the townships.

His presence in the country made Pamire even angrier. He says the association was led to believe the 24-year-old striker was committed to his British team. "When in fact he was hiding in Bulawayo, doing his own business."

"He should know that the nation comes first and his youth tournament comes later."

Although the match was of little importance since Zimbabwe had already been knocked out of the Cup, many fans say the striker should make it clear whether he gives priority to his career with Coventry and his own enterprises or whether he remains a commitment to Zimbabwe's national team.

Zimbabwean newspapers depict Ndlovu as an arrogant young man who deserted his country when it needed him. But there is another side to the story.

After he was omitted from the national squad for an Africa Cup of Nations qualifier against Ghana in July, his brother Madinda said that Peter could no longer play for Zimbabwe because ZIFA had "secretly" withdrawn insurance cover for him.

Said Madinda: "My brother has asked me to put the record straight. When he got injured during one of Zimbabwe's World Cup campaigns, he was shocked to discover that the insurance

## Booters suffer setback

KATHMANDU, Sept 7: Bangladeshi booters virtually went out of the race for first South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Championship after they suffered a 0-3 defeat against India in a vital Group B match at the Dasarath Stadium here today, reports UNB.

But they have a slim chance to reach the semifinals if India beat the Maldives 4-0.

Bangladeshi booters were in the driving seat for most of the match but India earned a comfortable victory in the end.

After struggling for 74 minutes, famed winger IM Vijayan scored twice in a span of three minutes and Bhaichaung Bhutia netted the other.

After the 74th minute goal, Bangladesh lost their rhythm.

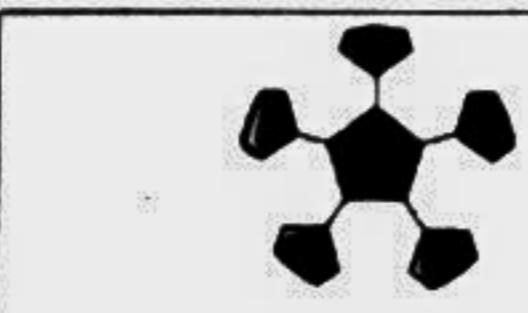
Vijayan neat doubled the margin with a placing shot

from close range.

Later, Vijayan was adjudged man-of-the-match by the local daily Gorkha Patria.

Indian wonder boy Bhutia headed the third goal two minutes before the final whistle.

Bangladesh started in an attacking mode and managed three close attempts during the



**SAFF Championship '97**

### Kushtia DSA budget okayed

#### From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, Sept 7: The annual general meeting of the local District Sports Association was held here on Saturday with Deputy Commissioner AFM Serajul Islam in the chair. The meeting unanimously passed the association's budget for the 1997-98 fiscal.

first-half, but Nakib, Alfaz and Arman spoiled the chances.

Bangladesh coach Otto Pfister said, "The first Indian goal was lucky one which changed the course of the game. Our boys have no physical problems, but they lost concentration in the last moment."

Yellow cards: Jewel Rana (Ban) and Tusher Rakshit (India)

### TEAMS

**BANGLADESH:** Biplob, Hasan Al Mamun, Jewel Rana, Rajani, Prodip, Masud Rana, Arman, Iqbal, Rakib, Alfaz (Jahangir), and Nakib (Tipu).

**INDIA:** Jule Siddi, Roberts Fernandez, Franky Banetto, Jeevan, Mares (Jamil Khalid), KV Dhoneish, JO Paul, Archeni, Carlton Cahman, Bruno Coutinho (Amit Das), Bhaichaung Bhutia, IM Vijayan (Tusher Rakshit).

**Referee:** Talib Osman (Malaysia).

**Monday's match:** Sri Lanka vs Nepal.

### GROUP B STANDING

Team	M	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
India	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Maldives	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Bangladesh	2	0	1	1	3	1	1

### BAF basketball

TANGAIL, Sept 7: BAF Base Bashar defeated Air Headquarters Unit 83-69 in the inaugural match of the Bangladesh Air Force inter-base basketball championship which got underway at the BAF base Paharkanchapur here today. says a press release.

In another game BAF base Matiur Rahman beat the hosts 74-37.

## Intra-Global school chess

### Sports Reporter

Roni Rahman of Dhaka Collegiate School and Jaijal Abdin of Vedarganj High School were leading the Intra-Global school chess tournament table jointly with four points each at the end of the fourth round at the NSC chess room yesterday.

In Sunday's round, Roni defeated Sabuj of Agh Khan High School while Jaijal earned a walkover against Abul Hayat Manik.

Sabbi Ahmed Senu of Narayanganj High School was trailing the leaders by half a point.

Besides, six players — Nazr Salehin, Reza, Mehdi, Imam, Manik and Mian, were at the crowded third place with three points each on completion of the fourth round.

### Cute Div I h'ball

#### Sports Reporter

West Jatrabari Kishore Sangha and Satirtha Club shared points as the lone Cut First Division handball league encounter ended in a 26-26 draw at the handball court adjacent to the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

In a see-saw match, West Jatrabari led the first half 12-11.

Kanak of West Jatrabari and Satirtha Club's Saidul netted nine goals each.

In today's match at the same venue, Bangladesh Air Force will take on Dhaka Mariner Youngs Club at 4:30 pm.

### Vogts turns to Thon, Linke

BERLIN, Sept 7: German team boss Berti Vogts today summoned Schalke defenders Olaf Thon and Thomas Linke to join his 18-man squad for Wednesday's World Cup qualifier against Armenia in Dortmund, reports Reuter.

Vogts badly needed new defenders after Stefan Reuter hurt a stomach muscle in Saturday's 1-1 draw with Portugal in Berlin and Juergen Kohler received his second yellow card in the competition which means he will be suspended.

Thon, who last played for Germany in 1993, should play alongside Thomas Helmer in central defence.

Borussia Dortmund's 21-year-old striker Lars Ricken also joins the squad.

Despite playing his eighth international match without a goal in Berlin, captain Juergen Kinsmann should start the game in Dortmund, which will mark his 100th appearance for Germany.

Germany, second in European Group Nine one point behind leaders Ukraine, need to win this match and their final group game, against Albania on October 11 in Hanover, to make sure of a place in next year's World Cup finals in France.

A win and draw should still allow them to qualify on goal difference.

### SQUAD

**Goalkeepers:** Oliver Kahn, Andreas Koepke.

**Defenders:** Markus Babbel, Thomas Helmer, Jens Nowotny, Olaf Thon, Christian Woerner.

**Middlefielders:** Mario Basler, Thomas Haessler, Juergen Heinrich, Michael Tarnat, Dariusz Wosz.

**Strikers:** Oliver Bierhoff, Fredi Bobic, Ulf Kirsten, Juergen Kinsmann, Lars Ricken.

### Sydney learns from Atlanta

LAUSANNE, Sept 7: Olympic chief Juan Antonio Samaranch on Saturday encouraged Cape Town to make another bid to bring the Summer Games to Africa for the first time, saying it had a very strong case, reports Reuter.

Helped by an emotional plea from South African President Nelson Mandela, Cape Town made it through to the penultimate round of Friday's International Olympic Committee (IOC) vote to stage the 2004 Games.

Athens won the fifth and final round of voting in a head-to-head with Rome.

Asked if he thought it was time for Africa to stage the Games, IOC president Samaranch said: "May be yes. It is the only continent never to have had the Games.

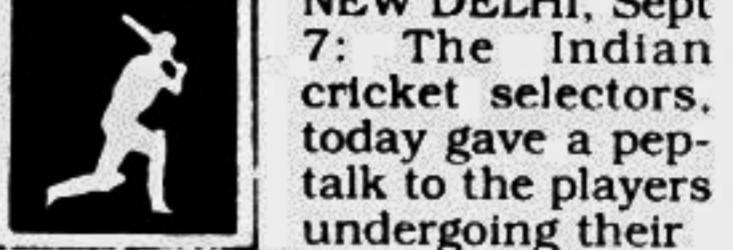
"Yesterday Cape Town got a very good result ... if it runs



Scene from the fourth round of the Intra-Global school chess tournament at the National Sports Council chess room yesterday.

— Star photo

## Bid to buck up Indian boys



### BVF's course

#### Sports Reporter

A four-day course on the rules and regulations of volleyball for the physical and sports instructors of different Dhaka based schools, will begin in the city from September 13 under the auspices of Bangladesh Volleyball Federation (BVF).

This has been organised as part of federation's programme to promote the game.

Anybody interested may enlist their names at the BVF office located at the NSC wooden floor gymnasium direct or through the following telephone number—9556352.

tain Ajay Jadeja was the lone member missing as he was indisposed. The Haryana player had also missed yesterday's session.

The selectors' meeting with the players was reportedly to encourage better communication between the senior and junior players.

The Indian team has undergone a lot of changes in the last couple of tours. Two aspiring all-rounders from Maharashtra's Hrishikesh Kantikar and Punjab's Harvinder Singh are newcomers. Orissa's seamer Debasish Mohanty and Mumbai left-arm spinner Niles Kulkarni have just one tour experience.

The pace attack is again without Jagat Singh, recuperating from the rotator cuff tear he suffered prior to the tour of the West Indies in April, and his Karnataka teammate Venkatesh Prasad looks deplorable. Besides, leg-spinner Anil Kumble has also rested his wicket-taking sharpness.

Abey Kuruvilla and Mohanty are expected to share the new ball with Prasad. Kuruvilla too, despite his experience at the domestic level, is a relative newcomer at the international stage.

The selectors do not normally turn up together at conditioning camps and their presence and pep-talk should bring the players closer to perform collectively.

## Samaranch shows sympathy?



LAUSANNE, Sept 7: Olympic chief Juan Antonio Samaranch on Saturday encouraged Cape Town to make another bid to bring the Summer Games to Africa for the first time, saying it had a very strong case, reports Reuter.

After Friday's decision to bring the Games back to Europe in 2004 following the next Games in Sydney in the year 2000, the 2008 Olympics would be expected to go to a country from outside of Europe.

Cape Town produced one of the best presentations to the IOC on Friday, combining well-made videos with a powerful message that the Olympics in Africa would be "Games of Hope" for millions of people.

In the vote for 2008, which is due to take place in 2001, Cape Town is expected to have an excellent chance of winning.

As one Cape Town official put it in Lausanne: "The difference with our Olympic bid is that it is the only one that can help get kids off the streets. It would provide a huge boost to our economy."

So far only one city — Osaka

of Japan — had said officially that it wants to host the Games.

Samaranch said.

But he added: "I think that in 2008 there will be more than 10 candidates."