Sports Reporter

Agrani Bank and Arambagh Krira Sangha split points as the Premier Division football league match between the two teams ended in a goalless draw at the Mirpur Stadium yester-

In a sullen second match of the day, both teams appeared to be contented in remaining at their own half and quite expectedly finished the match without scoring.

bankers raised their points tally to six from as many matches while Arambagh remained just ahead of tail-enders having collected four points on completion of their sixth match.

recorded their third victory in the First Division defeating East End Club 2-1. With yesterday's win. Mirpur

Chalantika joined East End at the third spot of the ten-team league with each having musmatches.

Boys Club at 2:30 pm while leaders BRTC, who have 14 points from six matches, will pit against trailers Shantina-gar Club in the other match.

## Div III cricket qualifiers

Dilkusha Sporting Club, Islampur Cricket Club, Golapbagh Jubo Sangha and Abu Taher Smriti Sangha won their respective Lotus-Kamal Third Division cricket league qualifiers held at different city venues yesterday.

MILL BARRACK CC: 52 all out in 22 overs (Extras 25. Pasha 15; Sumon 3/16, Babu 3/19, Mithu 2/5)

ISLAMPUR CC: 167 all out in 32 overs (Extras 50, Tawfig 22, Rubel 19, Prince 19; Tuhin

Result: Islampur CC won

by 58 runs at the Mahakhali

GOLAPBAGH JS: 189 all out in 34.3 overs (Asit 48,

28. Mainul 19. Enamul 18: **Bipul 2/4)** 

ABU TAHER SS: 129 all out in 34.2 overs (Sumon 32, extras 32, Imon 18, Shoib 15 Munna 3/17, Nasim 3/28)

3/14, Parvez 3/30) Result: Abu Taher Smriti

Sangha won by 15 runs at the Uttara Friends Club ground.

In the second match, Mohammedan Sporting Club defeated Cosmos Sporting Club by a solitary goal.

# Agrani, Arambagh BCB cancels NZ tour share points

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) cancelled the New

Zealand tour of the national team yesterday in the wake of a visa hassle by the High Commission office of the host country in New Delhi.

In an emergency meeting at the BCB office last night, the board president Saber Hossain Chowdhury took the sad-yetjust decision following the New Zealand High Commission's refusal to grant visas to three members of Bangladesh team including the tour manager Lutfar Rahman Makhan. Lutfar, who is also the chief selector, was declared persona non grata by the highly unfriendly New Zealand authorities along with seamer Monjurul Islam and batsman Azam Iqbal, the two young cricketers who were called up for the first time in the national team.

The New Zealand High Commission, which had been stalling the issuance of visa to the 21-member. Bangladesh team for the last seven days. took the ungodly step for some unknown reasons. Although the New Zealand Cricket (NZC) sent the formal invitation letter and others necessary docu-

#### Strang signs for Notts NOTTINGHAM, Nov 12: Zimbabwe leg-spinner Paul

Strang on Tuesday changed his allegiance from Kent to English county rivals Nottinghamshire. reports AFP.

The 27-year-old Test player put pen to paper on a two-year deal after flying over to England to sort out final contract details with Notts, who turned to Strang after failing to lure Australian ace Shane Warne.

Strang enjoyed a hugely successful season with Kent, for whom Carl Hooper returns as overseas player, and claimed 63 first class wickets and scored more than 500 runs.

### Shamsunnahar Hall sports

**Sports Reporter** 

The annual athletic championships f Shamsunnahar Hall of DI ka University will be held at the university's central sports ground on November

Interested athletes of the hall have been asked to contact sports secretary Farhad Jesmin

SYDNEY, Nov 12

(AFP. AP): Aus-

tralian cricket

vice-captain Steve

Waugh is looking

Liti by November 16.

Sports Reporter

ments to the BCB, but those papers proved meaningless to the haughty HC officials in New

Monjurul Haque, the representative of the cricket board who went to the Indian capital on Wednesday last to complete the visa formalities, experienced a bitter reality of having a green passport as the steadfast immigration personnel offered all sorts of noncooperation in issuing visas to a team which was officially invited to tour their country. Initially the High Commission offered visas to only eleven players and had been giving priority to those who have the experience of travelling abroad earlier.

## ACB versus ACA

### Dispute yet to be dissolved

MELBOURNE, Nov 12: Player payments remained the crucial barrier in a dispute with the Australian Cricket Board on Wednesday, as both sides admitted major issues were left unresolved by a seven-hour meeting, reports AP. The Australian Cricketers'

Association and the ACB met following a three-week stand-

However, the issues of player payments and ACA representation on the ACB will be dis-

cussed Thursday. "We've only played the first nine (holes)," said ACA adviser James Erskine. "The big issue is going to be the money. They're taking a reasonably hard line on the money and so is the ACA, so if there is a clash tomorrow

there is a clash." Erskine said the ACA had still not ruled out strike action but said if the ACB was as cooperative tomorrow on the financial issues as they were on

the non-financial issues, then such action would be avoided. The major breakthrough Wednesday was the ACB allowing players to have a say in match schedules, while agreement was also struck over pension insurance, class of travel

for matches and player career training. ACA president Tim May was pleased his association would be involved in programming and said the board now had a

better understanding of the ACA's role. "I think we've clarified our stance today and they took that in good faith," May said.

"We are deeply shocked the way the High Commission treated us and strongly condemned its sinister act," said Ashraful Haque, a vice-president of the BCB, immediately

after his meeting with Saber. "The BCB considers it is a sheer insult to the Bangladeshis and thereby have decided to cancel the proposed tour. We do not want to blame the NZC for the hitch, but we are strongly protesting the handling by the immigration authorities. We have decided against there so that such sad incident never happens in future.

"We will put forward the matter to the ICC (International Cricket Council) in which BCB will seek an explanation and ask for an apology for the has-

Saber however promptly sent a letter to the chairman of NZC stating that Bangladesh would not avail the tour even if the whole team members are al-

lowed. " It has been a very sensitive issue indeed and we are very much embarrassed the way we were treated." Saber is reported to have mentioned it in his faxed message last night. Bangladesh was scheduled to

leave toady for a month-long tour to feature in a series of first class matches against different local selections. The first of which was slated for November

#### Nat'l TT Dec 18 Sports Reporter

The six-day long United Commercial Bank Limited (UCBL) 22nd national table tennis championships, organised by Bangladesh Table Tennis Federation (BTTF), will begin in the capital from Decem-

ber 18, says a press release.
Interested districts and other organisations have been asked to complete their entry

#### formalities by December 10.

IU cricket From IU Correspondent KUSHTIA, Nov 12: Dawah and Islamic Studies and Applied Science and Technology departments won their respec-

tive inter-department cricket tournament matches of the Islamic University here today. Department of Dawah and Islamic Studies registered a 3-

wicket victory over Al-Quran

Ashes series against England.

Waugh, with 11 Test hundreds,

can emerge from the slumps

provided he does not allow it to

can say, it's just a matter of tak-

ing that pressure off yourself

and not taking it so seriously,"

prey on his mind.

Taylor said.

Taylor believes 32-year-old

There's no one thing anyone

In the other match, Applied Science and Technology beat Arabic Language and Literature Department by 12 runs.

and Islamic Studies.

#### Saudis book WC berth

Sports Reporter

Saudi Arabia joined South Korea on road to France as the Arabians qualified for their second consecutive appearance in the World Cup finals.

The ticket to France '98 for the desert kingdom was confirmed yesterday when they beat hosts Qatar by a lone goal to emerge Asian Zone Group A champions in Doha.

Substitute Al-Shirwani struck the glorious goal early in the second half to help the Saudis record their fourth win and take an unassailable lead in the group with highest 14 points from eight matches.

The result left second placed Iran to lock their horns for a play-off match against Japan in Malaysia on November 16. The winners will earn the third available berth from Asia for the 32-team finals.

**GROUP A STANDINGS** M W D L OF GAPts Saudi Arabia 8 4 2 2 8 6 14 8 3 3 2 13 8 12 8 3 2 3 7 10 11 8 3 1 4 11 14 10 8 2 2 4 7 8 8

#### Inter-college & hall women's h'ball from today Sports Reporter

Shamsunnahar Hall of Dhaka University take on Badrunnissa College in the inaugural match as the Delta Life Insurance inter-college and hall women's handball tournament begins at the Sultana-Kamal Women Sports Complex in Dhanmondi this afternoon under the auspices of Bangladesh Handball Federation (BHF).

A total of 16 teams, split into four groups for the first round, are participating in the meet sponsored by Green Delta In-

surance Company. The winners of each group will qualify for the semifinals scheduled for November 20 with the final for the following day.

A press briefing was held at the NSC conference room yesterday in this connection. BHF vice president and chairperson of the tournament committee Mrs Hamida Ali. tournament secretary Mousum Ali, BHF general secretary Asaduzzaman Kohinoor and Aza

dur Rahman Khan, vice-presi-

dent of Green Delta Insurance

Company, were present.

#### 33 refs for France '98 ZURICH, Nov 12: The num-

Taylor knows the feeling ber of referees officiating at spect years World Cop will in crease/from 24 in 1994 to 33. FIFA said on Tuesday, reports Reuters. They will handle 64

matches, compared to the 24 officials who were in charge of the 52 games in USA '94. The names of the referees along with 34 linesmen will be

announced on February 2. The final 67 will be chosen from a larger pool of officials currently under observation and will take part in a special World Cup officiating seminar

The FIFA referees' committee also approved the use of a special electronic scoreboard by a fourth official to announce substitutions during World Cup matches.

near Paris in March.

#### WACA left in the lurch PERTH, Nov 12: The curator

(groundsman) at the WACA Ground here dropped a bombshell Tuesday when he walked out only nine days before the second cricket Test between Australia and New Zealand, reports AFP. The resignation of David

Crane, 54, was confirmed by Western Australian Cricket Association (WACA) chief executive Chris Smith, a former England Test batsman. Smith said preparation of the Test pitch would be taken

over by assistant curator Jack Lewis, 51, and another ground staff member, Rowan Matthews, 33, a wicket special-

#### Div II h'ball **Sports Reporter**

West Jatrabari Krira Chakra registered a huge 26-9 victory over Mansoor Sporting Club in one of the two Ashraf Real Estate Second Division handball league matches played at the court adjacent to Dhaka Stadium yesterday. In the other match, Bani-

anagar Sports Club defeated Azampur Samaj Kalyan Sangha 24-12. TODAY'S MATCHES

West Jatrabari KC vs Azampur SKS (3:15 pm) President's Cup

SC (2:15 pm)

#### snooker The Dhaka Club President's

Cup snooker championship reached the quarter-final stage, with four matches being decided yesterday, says a press release. Dhaka Club's Syed Mahboob comprehensively outplayed his teammate J Karim Shipar 4-1.

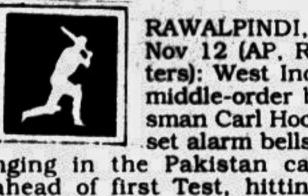
A B Chowdhury of Engineers Club defeated young A A K Chowdhury of Dhaka Billiards Centre 4-2. A M Chowdhury of the hosts

turned in a vintage performance to outplay clubmate Yakub Sattar 4-1, while M Rahman of Gulshan Club faced few problems in negotiating Narayanganj Club's Prince 4-1.



Mrs Hamida Ali, vice president of Bangladesh Handball Federation, speaking at a press conference yesterday at the NSC conference room in connection with the Delta Life Insurance inter-college and hall women's tournament. -Star photo

# Carl hits silky century



Nov 12 (AP, Reuters): West Indies middle-order batsman Carl Hooper set alarm bells ringing in the Pakistan camp ahead of first Test, hitting a magnificent unbeaten 146 against Dr Abdul Qadeer Khan XI on the second day of the four-

day warm-up match in Rawalpindi on Wednesday. Hooper, leading the Caribbeans in this match, helped West Indies to amass 464 in their first innings against a helpless home side bowling.

At stumps Dr A Q Khan XI, needing 315 to avoid the followon, were well placed at 142 for one. Opener Babar Zaman was beaten on 63 while Bazid Khan was not out on 23. Mervyn Dillon captured a wicket with his first ball when he had Naveed Qureshi leg before for 38.



Earlier, it was Hooper, who

took the centre stage. The dashing right-handed batsman resumed the innings at the overnight total of 265 for six with Rawl Lewis. Hooper, who was 22

overnight, toyed with all the

bowlers and raced on to complete his century before lunch off 130 balls, hitting 11 fours and two sixes. The overnight West Indian pair added 132 in the first ses-

sion off 28 overs with Hooper contributing 89 of them. Dr A Q Khan XI's captain Naseer Ahmed brought relief for his side when he took a spectacular diving catch at first slip off Lewis' (41) outside edge to

break the 162-run seventh

wicket stand. Except for lan Bishop's quick fire 22 off 29 balls, the last two West Indian batsmen failed to open their accounts.

Hooper's classic unbeaten 146 included 19 fours and two big sixes as he consumed only 168 balls during his 254 minutes of stay at the wicket. Razzaq took three late wick-

ets but gave away 117 runs off his 19.2 overs. Naeem Akhtar (3-88) and left-arm spinner Shakil Ahmed (2-122) were the other main wicket-takers for the local selection.

#### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the second day of the four-day cricket match between Pakistan's Abdul Qadeer Khan XI and West Indies on Wednesday:

WEST INDIES: First innings (overnight 265-6) Williams Ibw b Shakil Campbell c Bazid b Naeem Wallace b Naeem Chanderpaul b Naeem Holder Ibw b Murtaza Simmons c Babar b Shakil Hopper not out Lewis c Naseer b Razzaq Bishop lbw b Jaffar Rose Ibw b Razzaq Dillon c and b Razzaq Extras: (b-11, lb-7, w-1, nb-7) Total: (all out in 132.2 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-67; 2-77; 3-119; 4-124; 5-221; 6-257; 7-419; 8-453; 9-454; 10-464. Bowling: 1 117 Razzag Jaffar 6 122 Shakil

Naeem

Murtaza

A Q KHAN XI: First innings Babar not out Naveed lbw b Dillon Bazid not out Extras: (b-7, lb-4, nb-8) Total: (for one wicket in 31 overs) Fall of wicket: 1-68. Bowling (to date) O

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Dillon Lewis bat: Nazir Ahmed (captain) Iftikhar Hussain. Wasim Yousafi, Abdul Razzaq, Jaffar Nazir, Murtaza Hussain, Shakil Ahmed, Naeem Akhtar.



#### **Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority** 222, New Eskaton Road

Dhaka-1000

Dated: 02.11.1997

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Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA) invites offer for supplying sweet water in Chittagong EPZ for Industrial/Commercial/ Domestic consumption from internationally reputed companies having similar experience in supplying sweet water. The company shall finance, design, abstract, test, commission, operate and maintain the plant at their own cost on BUILD OWN AND OPERATE (BOO) basis. BEPZA will purchase in bulk and pay in Bangladeshi taka for the water supplied by the company on a single metering system. Interested companies shall quote a single rate for supplying water to CEPZ in their proposal. The source of water may be underground or

surface which will require necessary treatment to ensure the quality as per standard mentioned in the schedule and specification. The plant may be installed within or outside EPZ and all expenses construction, procurement equipments/machineries, transmission pipe lines (if necessary) and treatment/desalinisation shall be borne by the company. The capacity of the plant for supplying water will be about 2.5 million gallons (±10%) per day. The quantity may increase in due course for which provisions for future expansion of the plant should be kept. Full commercial operation for supplying water

should commence within one year from the date of execution of the contract agreement.

The initial contract of supplying water shall be for a period of 15 years commencing from commercial operation date which is extendable on mutual agreement.

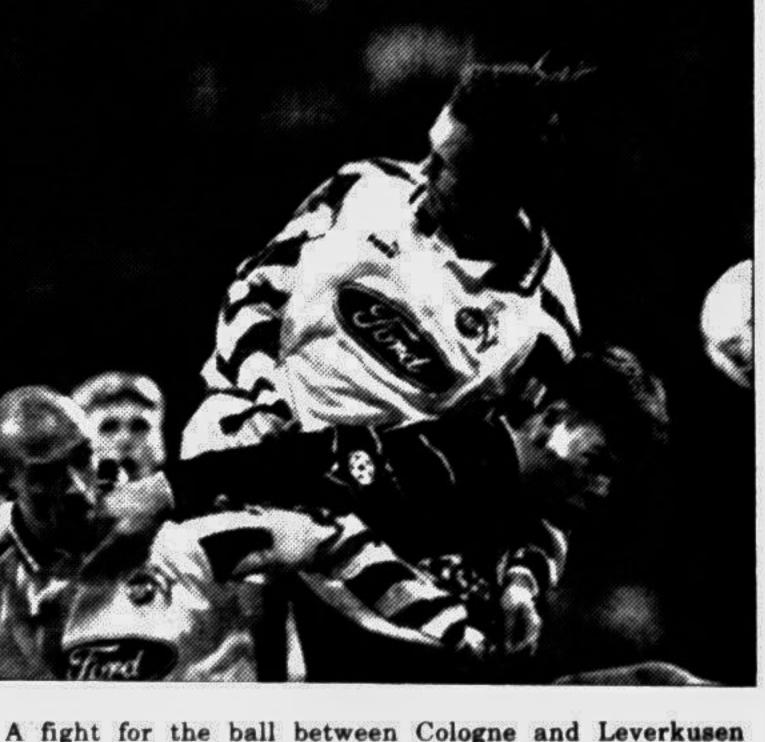
Complete documents covering terms and conditions of the offer may be obtained from BEPZA Executive Office, 222, New Eskaton Road, Dhaka-1000 on payment of Tk 5,000./= (five thousand) only (non-refundable) up to 30th November, 1997. The offer in sealed cover with company's brochure, job experience and other relevant documents shall be received in the tender box kept in the office of the undersigned in the aforesaid address within 30th December, 1997 up to 12.00 Noon which will be opened on the same day at 1.00 PM in presence of company representatives (if any).

BEPZA reserves the right to accept any offer or reject any or all the offers without assigning any reason.

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Abu Reza Khan Chief Engineer

A fight for the ball between Cologne and Leverkusen players during their Bundesliga clash on Nov 11. Leverkusen won 4-0.



- AP/UNB photo





MZX LDUUHDXFRXD UHMXA DXHXDDXR MU ZXDOXVH OVGWZMGAWVK Yesterday's Cryptoquip: ALL THE COPS COMBED THE DISTRICT, HOPING TO LOCATE THE MISSING BARBER.
Today's Cryptoquip clue: D equals R
The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one

letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

With the dour draw, the

Earlier, in the day's first match, Mirpur Chalantika

tered eleven points from seven There will be two First Division matches played today at the same venue. In the first match. Badda Jagarani Sangsad will meet Bangladesh

Sports Reporter

## BRIEF SCORES

DILKUSHA SC: 244 for six in 35 overs (Johny 66, extras 55, Rarish 35, Badshah 21; Sumon 2/46)

Result: Dilkusha won by 192 runs at the Mirpur Outer Stadium.

THE CRICKETERS: 109 all out in 27.4 overs (Extras 39, Elahi 28, Gilman 16; Topu 3/17, Shimu 3/17)

extras 46, Raja 29, Hanif 26, Rafigue 25: Hasan 4/23) SHAPLA BS: 136 all out in 28.2 overs (Extras 37, Bikash

Result: Golapbagh won by 53 runs at the Dhanmondi Club ground.

CHAWKBAZAR YMC: 114 all out in 31.4 overs (Munna 43, extras 22, Apu 17; Rajan

Khulna football KHULNA, Nov 12: Mongla Bandar football team defeated Khulna Town Club 2-0 in the Bullhead Premier Division football league played at the local stadium today, reports BSS

to play on a fourth Ashes tour in 2001. Twin brother Mark is looking for runs against New Zealand to keep his career alive. The two Australian batsmen were ranked No. 1 and No. 2 in

Steve has hung on strongly to the top position, Mark's form has started to wane. Steve released a diary of this year's Ashes tour Wednesday and told reporters that playing again in four years as a 36-year-old would be more a battle of

the world last year and while

Mark's form, which has been in decline over the last 13 months, was accentuated by double failures - three and 17 in the 186-run win over New Zealand clinched in Brisbane

mental toughness over physical

But the Australian team did not hesitate to rally around the stylish out-of-form one-down Skipper Mark Taylor, whose

own position in the team was

Tuesday.

under scrutiny after he endured Two good reasons to buy a National Air Conditioner with air purifying filter.

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a low run of scores, believes Mark could be just one Test innings away from breaking the

run-drought. Taylor, who was named man-of-the-match for his first innings 112 and five catches

admits there are concerns about Mark Waugh's dwindling average, but claims a player of Mark's undoubted talent will

easily overcome them.

tralian cricket's longest and most documented form slump, says Waugh should be left alone

MARK TAYLOR

have a chat to him, but the last thing you need, and always the

think it's only half an hour at the crease away." Taylor, who endured Aus-

to sort out his problems.

"I don't think it's that bad for Mark Waugh," Taylor said. "I

"Like any other player I'll

first thing you get, is everybody throwing their two bobs worth in," Taylor said.

Waugh's last 12 Test innings

have reaped 229 runs at just

19.08 and he averaged just 20.90

in 10 innings in this year's

MARK WAUGH "He should stick with things that have made him play so well for about 12 years of first class cricket and eight years for Australia ... Now's not the time

to change."

good shots.

a bad game."

demoralising form was a worry for Australia. "Everyone's a bit concerned including myself," he said. "He's down a bit on confidence, everyone can see that. But looking at him play he's still producing

Taylor admitted Waugh's

"As I've shown this year, it

can turn around very quickly

and all of a sudden it's not such