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Green Delta Insurance First Division hockey

Iqbal Singh spreads his wing

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Sporting Club. aided by a brilliant hat trick from their Indian recruit Iqbal Singh, got off to a flying start in the Green Delta Insurance First Division hockey league with a 9-0 washout of promotees Can-

Leicestershire in the lead

LONDON, Sept 5: Leicestershire stepped up their bid for a second English county championship title in three years as they went top for the first time this season after a 73-run win over Brian Lara's Warwickshire on Friday, reports AFP.

Warwickshire made a valiant attempt to chase a daunting 405 for victory, but they were eventually dismissed for 331 at Edgbaston. Leicestershire wrapped up

their sixth win in seven championship games to leapfrog Alec Stewart's Surrey, who were defeated by Yorkshire.

Warwickshire's hopes of an unlikely victory vanished when West Indian skipper Lara flopped for the second time in the match, falling to paceman David Millns.

Surrey's title hopes, meanwhile, took a dive as they were crushed by 164 runs by Yorkshire at Headingley.

Only budding England allrounder Ben Hollioake offered any resistance as Surrey, set 300 to win, were bowled out for 135. Hollioake hit 60, 52 of them in boundaries.

tonian Sporting Club at the Moulana Bhasani Stadium

yesterday. Iqbal, the Calcutta-based lanky forward, scored three field goals in the space of 17 minutes in the first-half to enable the old-towners to record an unassailable 5-0 lead at the

breather. Athough Iqbal stole the limelight on the day, it was his compatriot Devinder Singh who set the tone of the one-way traffic by converting a penalty stroke in the very third minute.

lqbal, one of the four Indian recruits of Bangladesh Sporting, then unearthed his magic to bulldoze through the Cantonian defence. He blasted the board thrice in the 11th, 19th and 28th minutes. Khaja Taleb then sealed the first half with · yet another field goal in the 34th minute.

Bangladesh Sporting kept up the pressure in the second-half and pumped in four more goals in the last 22 minutes with Rubel, Devinder, Christopher and Taleb scoring once apiece.

Bangladesh Sporting will take on Bachelors Sporting in their next match on September

Meanwhile, in the second match of the day Wari Club recorded a lone-goal win over Bachelors Club.

In an up-and-down affair, Rubel Ahmed Nannu scored the all-important goal eight minutes into the second-half helping Wari to run away with the slender margin.

who were officially classed as

strikers, were the four World

Cup players on Luxemburgo's

tility would be a hallmark of

his teams. 'Versatility is one of

the principal things the athlete

needs to have today," he said.

"To be able to change your tac-

tics without changing the play-

ers is a very interesting sce-

main worries was to find some

top level players for the right-

back position, where Cafu has

had a virtual monopoly for the

Brazilian football. There is no

great name for this position at

national team level. One of our

main points is to find a right

back for Brazil, apart from

city of Sao Luis, will be Yu-

goslavia's fourth visit to Brazil

for a friendly in the last 12

years and the second after the

country broke up. Brazil have

won three and the fourth was

SQUAD

nacional). Rogerio Ceni (Sao

Goalkeepers: Andre (Inter-

Defenders: Cafu, Antonio

Carlos (both AS Roma), Felipe,

Odvan (Vasco da Gama), Cris

(Corinthians), Cleber (Palmei-

Midfielders: Vampeta (Cor-

inthians). Emerson Ferreira

(Bayer Leverkusen), Alex. Roge-

rio (both Palmeiras), Pedrinho

(Vasco da Gama), Marcos

Strikers: Muller, Fabio Ju-

Assuncao (Flamengo), Ale-

nior (both Cruzeiro). Denilson

(Real Betis), Christian (Interna-

cional), Rivaldo (Barcelona)

Marcelinho Carioca (Corin-

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ras), Serginho (Sao Paulo)

The match, in the northern

"This is a real problem in

Luxemburgo said one of his

Luxemburgo said that versa-

TODAY'S MATCHES

(Moulana Bhasani Stadium) Bangladesh Railway v Dhaka Ansars (2:30 pm) Sonali Bank v Victoria SC (4:15 pm)

Tiger Cup S'pore's

HANOI, Sept 5: R Sasi Kumar scored in the 70th minute and Singapore withstood a desperate Vietnamese attack while a man short for the last 13 minutes to win the 80,000-dollar first prize in the Tiger Cup soccer tournament Saturday night 1-0, reports AP.

Singapore's strategy of sending in long balls probing for a defensive weakness and seeking to take advantage of a height advantage seemed futile for most of the match. But Vietnam goalie Tien

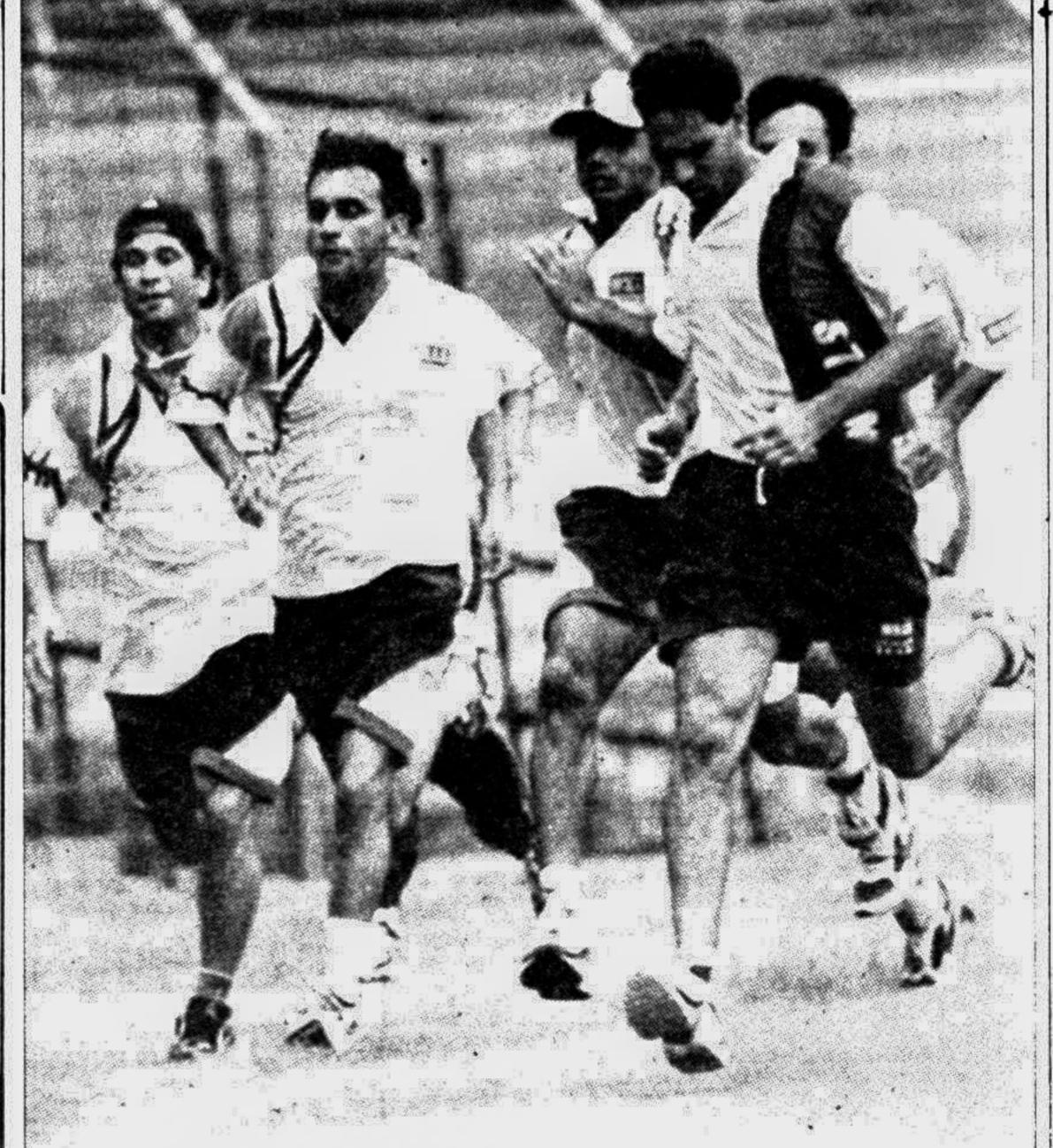
Anh, who played so well in the semifinal and the first half, finally made a mistake. He missed when he went up to punch out a long pass right in

front of the goal, and Kumar

easily rammed it home as the

boisterous capacity crowd fell

Singapore's Latiff Ahmad was sent off with his second yellow card with 13 minutes left. but Vietnam was unable to finish despite several excellent opportunities.



India's Commonwealth Games and Sahara Cup team members training at the conditioning - AP/UNB photo camp in Madras on September 4.

Rain washes out C'wealth prep match

Yet Bangladesh get the boost

Sports Reporter



Heavy rain washed out yesterday Bangladesh's only practice match scheduled against Malaysia in Kuala

Lumpur as part of the national team's preparation for the 16th Commonwealth Games cricket competition, starting in the Malaysian capital from September 9. According to a telephone

message received here last night, Bangladesh skipper Akram Khan won the toss and invited the home-side to bat at the Rubber Research Institute ground, the venue where Bangladesh pulled of their historic win against Holland in the 6th ICC Trophy last year.

Akram's decision to chase proved worthy when the Malaysians could manage only 146 for six in the stipulated 50 overs in the face of some disciplined bowling from the tweaker-duo of Mohammad Rafique and Sabbir Khan, who evenly shared four wickets.

Rafique, the left arm spinner, finished with two for 22 from his nine overs, while debutante off-spinner Sabbir gave away 43 runs in his ten overs for the two wickets. Medium-pacers Khaled Mahmud and Shafiuddin Ahmed took one wicket apiece conceding 21 and 23 runs respectively. Bangladesh, in their chase,

raced on to 72 for one in just 19.2 overs before heav, fin halted play much to the relief of the home-side.

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 5

Britain's new bread of sprinters

have been laying waste all

championships challenges this

season and they are ready to do

the same in the 16th Common-

week, reports AFP.

wealth Games which start next

Opener Azam Iqbal was undefeated on 35 and one-down Faruque Ahmed was not out on 27 when Bangladesh were forced to quit the chase due to the rainy intervention, a phenomenon common in this part of the world. Shahriar Hossain, the other opener, was the only casualty in the run chase. The young right-hand batsman. picked up for the C'wealth Games as a replacement for

Athar Ali Khan, scored only 9. Bangladesh, pencilled in group C for the first round of the 16-team Commonwealth Games cricket competition along with South Africa, Barbados and Ireland, will take on Barbados in their first match on September

Gloucester wants more of Courtney

LONDON, Sept 5: West Indies veteran Courtney Walsh has been offered a new two-year contract with English county Gloucestershire, reports AFP. The 35-year-old strike bowler, however, will only be able to accept the deal if he is

not selected for next year's

and I didn't have to really work

at it but now I realise that if you

don't train hard then you will

wind up in the could have been

class, and that is not something

I want as an epitaph," Campbell

flirted with a career in profes-

sional football although he

would have had to settle for

Plymouth Argyle while Mal-

colm had an offer from Not-

tingham Forest, may not have

to take on the injured world

record holder Donovan Bailey

of Canada in the 100 metres but

he will still have Frankie Fred-

who is a dual Olympic silver

medalist in the 100 metres, is

forsaking his defence of the

Commonwealth 200 metres title

to concentrate on the 100.

which he dominated in the

Grand Prix earlier in the sea-

Trinidadian world 200 metres

champion Ato Boldon take to

the line for the 100 it will give

Campbell a further insight into

his progress, particularly in the

humid conditions in which he

didn't encounter before, then

Malcolm will be relieved that

the Namibian will not be taking

him on in the 200.

If Fredericks and perhaps

The 30-year-old Namibian.

ericks to contend with.

Campbell, who like Malcolm

World Cup. Walsh's Gloucestershire career began in 1984. He has taken 98 first-class wickets this season at 18.17 a piece, giving his side a real chance to win the county championship.

Brits' time to prove

Brazil boss rings the changes

nario.'

last three years.

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Paulo).

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RIO DE JANEIRO. Sept 5 (Reuters/ Internet): New Brazil coach Vanderley Luxemburgo named 11 uncapped players in his first

against Yugoslavia on September 23 included three other players who have made fleeting appearances as substitutes. Only four World Cup squad members survived for Brazil's

His 22 for a home friendly

first game since they lost 3-0 to France in the July final. Striker Ronaldo, full-back

Roberto Carlos, goalkeeper Taffarel and midfielder Cesar Sampaio have all been rested. Luxemburgo has given belated chances to Marcelinho

Carioca, goalkeeper Andre and veteran striker Muller, all considered unlucky to be overlooked by his predecessor Mario Zagallo. Some of the country's

brightest talents, such as Vasco da Gama pair Felipe and Pedrinho, gain their chance. Luxemburgo's surprises are Vasco da Gama defender Odvan and midfielders Alexandre (Sao Paulo) and Rogerio (Palmeiras). The call-up of Corinthians

striker Marcelinho Carioca. nicknamed "Angel Feet" and the top scorer in the Brazilian championship with nine goals in as many games, had been the most eagerly awaited. Despite his outrageous tal-

ents, Marcelinho has been restricted to one brief appearance as 'a substitute, ironically against Yuogoslavia just under four years ago.

The uncapped players are: Goalkeeper Andre, left-backs Felipe and Serginho, central defenders Cris and Odvan, midfielders Alex, Alexandre, Vampeta, Pedrinho and Rogerio and striker Fabio Junior. All are based in Brazil. In addition, goalkeeper

Rogerio Ceni has made just one substitute appearance and striker Christian two. Right-back Cafu. midfielder

Emerson Ferreira and Spainbased Denilson and Rivaldo,

Charity soccer

A charity football match between Munna XI and Sabbir XI will be held today at the Outer

Stadium at 3 pm, reports UNB. Sheikh Russel Krira Chakra has organised the match to raise fund for relief operation among the flood victims.

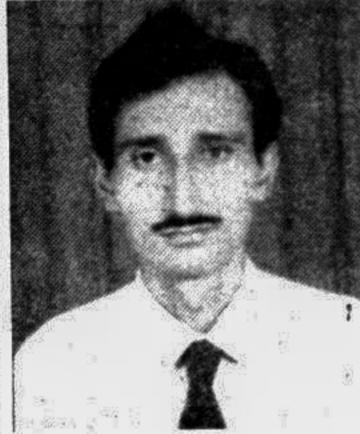
Two former national stars, Monem Munna and Rumman Wali-bin Sabbir will lead the two sides.

The probable teams are: MUNNA XI: Aminul, Dhonu, Ali Monsur, Chanchal, Masum, Monem Munna, Moon, Masud Rana, Govinda, Montu, Zakir, Mizan, Ghaus, Iqbal, Raqib, Shoeb, Liton Khan, Liton, Litu, Amer Khan and Amin Rana.

SABBIR XI: Panir, Sabbir, Humayun, Ruhul Amin, Monwar Munna, Faysal, Jewel Rana, Rajani, Nazrul, Alfaz, Arman, Parvez, Roxy, Don, Joy, Nakib, Titu, Bakhtiar, Parvez, Babu and Milon.

Mahbub Ullah named to raise his finger

Umpire Syed Mahbub Ullah has been selected by the International Cricket Council to its 'panel of umpires' for the forthcoming 16th Commonwealth Games to be held in Malaysia from September 9,



Mahbub, a Grade I umpire, will leave for Kuala Lumpur on September 8. He will officiate a few matches of the 16-nation

Schools chess

to title

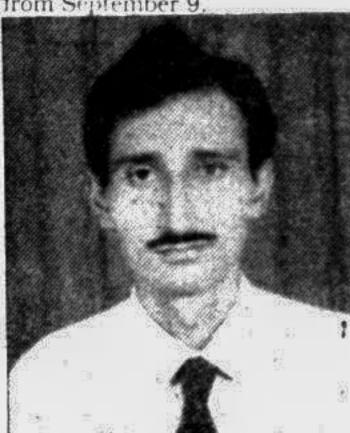
a draw to clinch the title of the 13th Bata schools chess tournament in the ninth and final round today at the NSC chess room, reports UNB.

eighth round, will play the last Mohammad Javed having seven points.

Tanveer Talukder Newton, also points, will meet each other today in the final round encounter which will start at l

for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader will distribute prizes at 5:30 pm.

Sports Reporter



cricket competition.

Royal closest

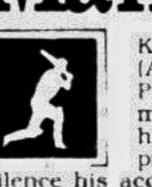
Yanur Rahman Royal needs

Royal of Arafat Scientific School, who tops the table with seven and half points after the round with his nearest rival

Mehdi Hasan, Parag and in the title race securing seven

On completion of the last round matches. State Minister

Malik vows to silence critics KARACHI, Sept 5 Pakistan's image was appointed by the Cricket Board.



(AFP): Recalled Pakistani batsman Salim Malik has said he will pile up runs and silence his accusers who kept him out of the game after seeking to implicate him in match-fixing and betting cases.

The 34-year-old was named to the Pakistan squad for the Sahara Cup in Toronto, Canada, starting September 12. He was kept in limbo for a year by the Pakistan Cricket Board. citing his "attitude problem" as the reason.

want to forget the Shane Warne saga and other demons that haunted my career," Malik told the news agency. "Now I am a happy man, and me and my friends will have a party time. The Australian spinning duo of Shane Warne and Tim May

alleged that he offered them \$50,000 to bowl badly in the Karachi Test of 1994-95 series. Pakistan beat Australia by one wicket after a close finish in that match. Later Malik was absolved of the charges by a

former Supreme Court Judge

KIEV, Sept 5 (Reuters/Inter-

net). The Russian soccer team

fell victim to the country's fi-

nancial crisis when they were

held up at a Moscow airport in a

row over money before they

could fly to Ukraine for Satur-

day's European championship

moured car laden with hard

cash from the state gas

monopoly Gazprom, which

supports the national squad.

for officials at Vnukovo airport

to let the team leave for Kiev on

Friday aboard a plane owned by

Russian coach Anatoly Bysho-

vets said. "I wouldn't have

imagined it in a nightmare."

"It was a complete mess,"

It took the arrival of an ar-

match.

Gazprom.

Malik last played for Pakistan in the Sahara Cup in He scored 89 and 62 and took

four wickets in the trial matches for the Sahara Cup to force his recall and looked in good shape. "I think I have enough cricket left in me," he declared.

"Now I will let my bat to do the talking for me, and this will be a sweet revenge for me." Malik has scored most runs. after Javed Miandad, in Tests and one-day internationals for Pakistan. His tally in 268 limited over games is 6,882, only

one-day run-getters. He has scored 5,528 runs in 96 Tests. "I was under tremendous pressure, because I was accused of things I didn't do," Malik said. "I was desperate to come

the sixth in the all-time list of

back in the game I love so much. "I always have a bad day when someone talks about Shane Warne and his accusation. I wish he would have come to Pakistan with the Aus-

Soccer starving for rouble

It took his squad four hours

instead of one to reach Kiev.

where they face a tough opening

encounter in qualifying group

four which also includes world

paper Kommersant-Daily,

whose correspondent was trav-

elling with the team, said the

airport management insisted

that Gazprom, Russia's biggest

company and the largest natu-

ral gas firm in the world, pay up

front for the fuel and servicing

tem paralysed following the

collapse of government fi-

nances last month and the rou-

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tralians.

stained after the bribery allegations. Former captain Wasim Akram was also implicated in the issue last year.

"I have always said that the matter should be buried once and for all," he said. "I am ready to face any inquiry; enough is enough. They are baseless alle-

gations. Malik asked Pakistani cricket fans to learn to accept

Three different bodies are inquiring into the match-fixing and betting allegations. Mailk missed 23 one-day internationals since he was

dropped from the team in September last year. "I think the loss was not mine alone; it is Pakistan's loss," he said. "By now, I would have played 100 Tests and scored 8,000 runs in one-day-

ers," Malik said. He aims to play the 1999 World Cup in England. "I am an experienced batsman, and the team needs me,' he said. "I seek the support of

cricket fans who I know still

tor Chernomyrdin, who used to

be the head of Gazprom, out-

lined a policy on Friday that

many analysts said could see

the rouble lose even more than

the two-thirds of its value it has

two hours was the last problem

the Ukrainian-born Byshovets

needed in the run-up to his first

competitive game in charge of

Russia since the Soviet Union

broke up seven years ago. Kiev

papers are calling it "The Game

of the Century" and 82,000 fans

will pack the Olympic Stadium

to see their team try to make

amends for three centuries of

Ukraine have never played

The hold-up of more than

lost in the past three weeks.

Russia.

want to see me in action."

KUALA LUMPUR 98

Darren Campbell's win in the European Championships 100m and Christian Malcolm's stunning double in the world junior 100 and 200 metres may not add up to much when they faced the Americans on the Grand Prix circuit but in the opinion of two former Olympic champions they are the coming men in world athletics.

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Linford Christie, who coaches Campbell and manages Malcolm, is convinced that the European champion, who ran an eye catching 10.04 seconds in the final, is the man to watch out for - provided the 24-yearold improves in three areas. "His start, the pick-up and

his arm movement, apart from that he is excellent," the 38year-old former Olympic and world champion said. Campbell, who was picked out by Christie before the 1992

accompany him round Barcelona, readily admits that the tag of being the next 'Linford' has taken time for him to use to a positive degree. "I thought that was enough

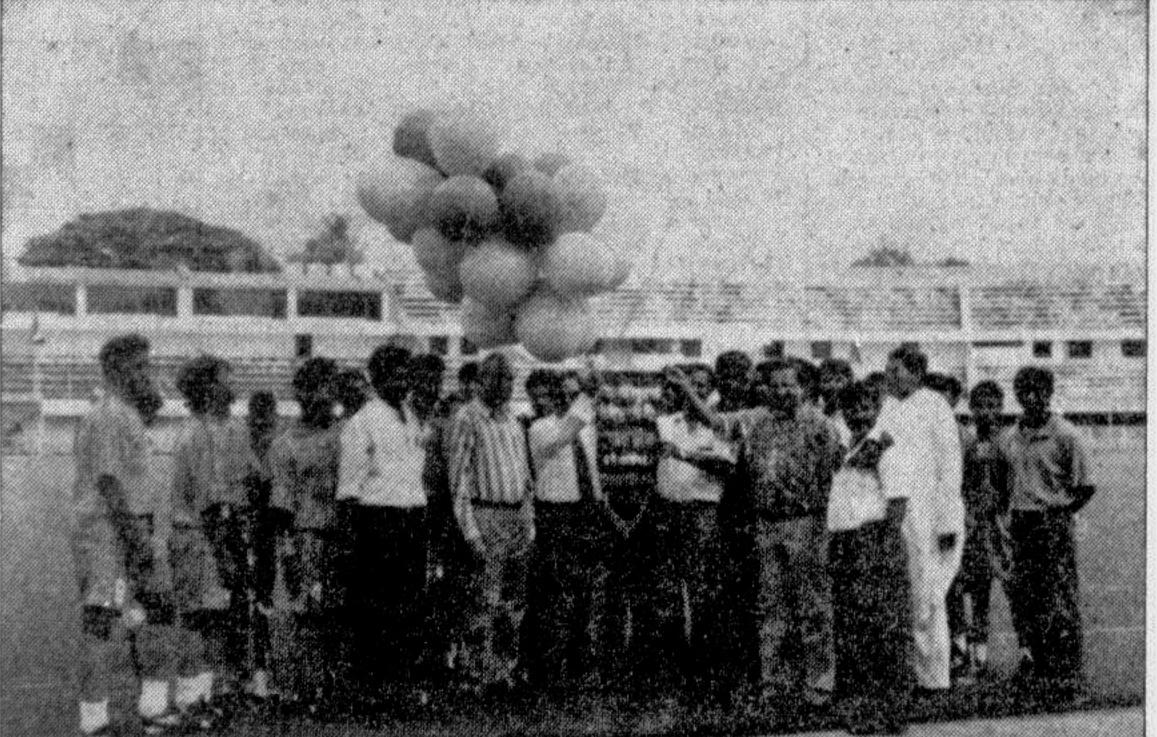
Olympics and was allowed to

Latif going to **Kuala Lumpur** Lt Col (retd) MA Latif Khan,

vice-president of Bangladesh Boxing Federation and former DG of BKSP, will leave for Kuala Lumpur tomorrow to act as a technical official in the 16th Commonwealth Games, reports

Latif, a qualified referee and judge of the International Amateur Boxing Association, is going to Malaysia on invitation of the Commonwealth Games Organising Committee.

He had performed the duties of a boxing referee and judge during the 12th Asian Games held in the Japanese city of Hiroshima in 1994.



Additional managing director of sponsor Green Delta Insurance Company A R Bhuiyan (C) inaugurating the First Division hockey league at the Moulana Bhasani Stadium yesterday.

Cricketers team up to help the flood-affected

Sports Reporter Around fifty donors, mostly

cricketers, donated blood yesterday in a programme organ-ised by the Cricketers' Forum in co-operation with Shandhani at the National Sports Council (NSC) conference room. This was an expression of their support and compassion for the flood-affected people.

'Apart from the blood donation, the forum, led by former national captain Roquibul Hassan, also handed over 500 kgs of rice and other food grains to ASM Ali Kabir, the membersecretary of the Krirangan Tran Committee, as part of their contribution for those distressed due to the devastating flood.

Lt Gen Mahbubur Rahman (retd), president of Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA), was present on the occasion.



A blood donation programme to help out the flood affected people was organised by the newly formed Cricketers' Forum at the National Sports Council yesterday.