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New nat'l stadium in Khilgaon

The fourth national stadium with a 25,000-seat capacity wil be constructed at Khilgaon in the capital, report agencies.

The stadium, which will be built on 6.72 acres, is expected to be opened by June next year.

The proposed stadium being built as pledged by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will have floodlights, three-storied pavilion and spacious car parking

Dhaka Works Directorate yesterday formally handed over the land to the National Sports Council at a simple ceremony held at the Ministry of Housing and Works.

Housing and Works Minister Engineer Mosharraf Hossain, State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader, Deputy Minister for LGRD Saber Hossain Chowdhury and Housing and Works Secretary Quamrul Islam Siddiqui were present on the occasion.

Housing and Public Works Minister and State Minister for Youth and Sports exchanged possession letter of the land and token cheque at the func-

SA meet SL today

Sports Reporter South Africa take on hosts Sri Lanka in their return match of the Singer Cup triangular one-day series at the Premadasa Stadium in Colombo

A win in the match will ensure the Proteas a place in the July 14 final. Sri Lanka have already qualified for the final after winning their first three games - two against Pakistan. the third team in meet, and the

other against the Africans. Sony Max television will show the match from 10:00 am

Column One Must-win match for hosts

Favourites Iraq stay relaxed

From Hasan Masood

RAJSHAHI, July 10: Bangladesh are left with an favourites Iraq to qualify for the 32nd Asian Youth (Under-19) Championship from Group Four when the decisive match starts here tomorrow.

The match kicks off at 6 pm with both the state-run media --Bangladesh Television and Bangladesh Betar -- covering the proceedings live from the Rajshahi Stadium.

Maldives and Nepal, who are already out of the race suffering two successive defeats each, will face each other in the day's first match at 4:15 pm.

It's however a must-win match for Bangladesh albeit they finished at par with Iraq on the ladder-head of the fourteam qualifying round. Although both teams have collected six points each, Iraqis are enjoying an astonishing edge of goal aggregate over the

In two matches, Bangladesh have scored six goals and conceded one while Iraq have remained unconquered so far netting 13 goals against Maldives and Nepal. Only a draw in tomorrow's match will suffice to make the four-time Asian Youth champions' cause.

Bangladesh, who never qualified for the final round, held a team meeting at their hotel in morning today where coach Abu Yusuf and manager Badal Roy discussed at length about their tactics for tomorrow.

Talking to the reporters after the meeting, coach Abu Yusuf said it was a do or die situation for his team and he wanted his boys to 'do it and not

"We have no other option other than going for a victory And we are hoping for the boys to make it," said the under-19 coach.

"I know they played badly against Maldives in the first half yesterday (Sunday). But you have also seen how they came back in the second session. That's indeed very encouraging because they have started learning from the mistakes gruon estille yes excisi

The Bangladesh

Under-17 team

warmed up well

the day before

they depart for

Pakistan to take part in ACC

144-run defeat on Balochistan

Cricket Academy in an exhibi-

tion match at the Bangabandhu

contest as the visitors, chasing

a commanding total of 207 for

six in the stipulated 30 overs,

were bundled out for 63 in 20

built around two half-centuries

from Shariful and Saiful. Both

batsmen scored 60 runs. After

the good work of the middle-or-

der pair, the bowlers led by off-

Zealander John Reid on

Monday, saying he should be

removed from the

international panel of match

referees because of his bias

against Pakistani players,

istan Cricket Board chairman

General Tauqir Zia said a day

after Reid slapped an unprece-

dented one-match suspension

national Cricket Council (ICC)

saying it should either remove

Reid from the panel or not

make him a match referee for

Pakistan's matches." an angry

TAUQIR ZIA

"I have written to the Inter-

for tampering with the ball.

"I don't trust the man," Pak-

reports AFP.

The Bangladesh total was

The match turned into a no-

National Stadium yesterday.

They inflicted a crushing

Youth Championship.

Tomorrow, we will not allow them (Iraq) to replay their

games against Nepal and Maldives. If we can restrict their uphill task of beating hot movements, we have a good chance to win because the crowd

ASIAN YOUTH

will be behind us." Yusuf said, adding that he would not change his formation of 3-5-2. He would however change his tactics to beef up the strength of defence. "That does

not mean that we will not go

U19 CHAMPIONSHIP 2000

field the same eleven that played against Nepal on Sun-

attack," he said.

While Bangladesh coach looked pretty concerned, his opposite number was found in a relaxed mood. A draw would be good enough for his team to get the ticket for finals in September, reminded Tahir Jassam Homi wryly.

all-out. All of my boys are hun-

dred per cent fit and they are

trained to launch quick counter

Bangladesh are likely to

"I have two targets. One is to win and the other is to draw. All I can say is that we will play positive football as we did in the last two matches," said the Iraq coach. "Bangladesh have a great advantage of having home crowd behind them. But I think they will be under pressure. That is what my team will look

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Save Rajshahi soccer

From Sports Reporter

RAJSHAHI, July 10: Zafar Imam, the general secretary of Rajshahi District Sports Association (DSA), has been urged to give more time for the betterment of local football here.

The present and past football players of Rajshahi made the plea at a press conference today. Chaired by former ace striker of Abahani Krira Chakra Shamsul Islam Shamsu, former national custodian and Rajshahi Abahani captain Saidur Rahman, Dhaka Mohammedan midfielder Rashedul Hasan Shamim, Rajshahi Sonali Atit Club's general secretary and member of 1973 national team Firoz Kabir were also present at the brief-

Speaking to the Dhakabased sports reporters, they alleged that the Rajshahi DSA leaders were not taking care of football properly.

"We are yet to finish the First Division football league that began last year. There is also no relegation phase in the league as we don't have the Sec-

Sports Reporter

ripped through the frail Baloch

resistance with an unbeaten 39.

later today to participate in the

ten-nation event from July 15-

make it into the final of the

championship," said the Un-

der-17 coach Golam Faruque

Nepal, Kuwait, Maldives and

hosts, Bangladesh should enter

the semifinals. The Pool B

comprises Sri Lanka, United

The 14-member team, led by

Arab Emirates, Malaysia and

Nafees Iqbal, will play their

first match against Pakistan at

the Karachi National Stadium

PCB boss blasts Reid

"I am not saying this because

he took action against a Pak-

istani player. But the way he

went about it shows he is biased

bowler to be banned for tamper-

ing with the ball when he was

shown picking the seam on

on fast bowler Waqar Younis against Sri Lanka last month. tralia earlier this year, overrul-

Zia, who is here to witness

"When television showed

"Umpires Ashoka de Silva

"Reid, however, went ahead

and penalised Waqar on his

"The rules of the game

clearly state that the ball

should be changed if it was

tampered with. It was not

when Reid came down heavily

Zia spelt out other instances

changed by the umpires."

the tri-series, said the sequence

of events proved Reid did not

have a sound case for suspend-

Waqar fiddling with the ball.

Reid asked the on-field umpires

over walkie-talkie to examine

the ball and report back to

and Peter Manual, who are on

pires, saw the ball and told Reid

they found nothing wrong with

the international panel of um-

cent of his match fees.

ing Wagar.

him," he said.

the hosts and fined him 50 per actions.

Wagar became the first

against our cricketers," he said.

COLOMBO, July Zia told this news agency in an on Pakistani players, including

television during Saturday's Shoaib's action, why did Reid

Reid, who had earlier instated by former ICC presi-

warned Waqar for a similar of- dent Jagmohan Dalmiya of In-

fence during the Kandy Test dia for the tri-series in Aus-

threw the bowler out of Sun- ing the recommendations of the

day's day-night game against ICC's own committee on illegal

Singer Cup match against report him on his own."

Placed in Pool A along with

Only Aurangzeb put up any

The colts leave for Karachi

" We are looking forward to

batting

Chowdhury.

spinner Ali Arman Rajon on the opening day. They will

10: Pakistan's cri- interview here.

cket chief laun-

ched a scathing

ond Division League," said Shamsu, who formed the famous attack of seventies partnering Kazi Salauddin.

Idris Ali meanwhile alleged that it was only for Zafar Imam football in Rajshahi had been suffering so badly. He claimed that Imam preferred to spend his talent and time for achieving international and national posts, ignoring the need for the development of football in his own district. The high-flying sports official holds the posts of secretary general of Bangladesh Olympic Association and vicepresident of Bangladesh Football Federation.

Imam, who is also the secretary of Rajshahi Division Sports Association, convenor of Divisional Sports Organisers Forum and president of Rajshahi Sonali Atit Club, does not visit Rajshahi more than he goes abroad, they alleged.

The DSA should immediately begin the Juvenile and Second Division League other wise there would be no competi tion in the First Division League, they cautioned. Under-17s get a boost

take on Nepal on July 19 and

Maldives the following day.

Their last group fixture is

group will play in the semifi-

nals, to be held on July 23. The

scheduled to play a couple of

warm up matches before of

tournament starts in the port

SQUAD

Nasiruddin Faruq, Shafiul

Alam, Ashraful, Shariful Is-

lam. Ali Arman Rajon, Kuntal

Chanda, Anwar Hossain (wk),

Prosenjit Bosh, Monjurul Is-

lam, Sabuj Islam, Mahabubul

Alam, Sharif, Talha Zubair,

Golam Faruque Chowdhury

(coach) and Sailab Hossain

the suspension of another fast

bowler Shoaib Akhtar for

throwing in Australia last year.

any Australian umpire, yet Reid

ensured the bowler was removed

from international cricket by

reporting his action to the ICC.

there was nothing wrong with

"Shoaib was never called by

"If the umpires believed

Shoaib was subsequently re-

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Nafees Iqbal (captain).

Top two finishers from each

The Bangladesh team is

against Kuwait on July 21.

final is billed for July 25.

BNS belongs to football

Sports Reporter

The Bangabandhu National Stadium (BNS) will once again belong to football from July 15 to September 30. This was confirmed in a cir-

cular issued by the National Sports Council (NSC) yesterday. The all-powerful NSC also gave Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) permission to " remove the topsoil of pitches 5,6,7 for smooth holding of soc-

Naturally the impromptu decision did not satisfy either the football or cricket lords, who are at loggerheads over possession of the big bowl.

Earlier, BFF joint-secretary Badal Roy categorically stated that his organisation would not accept a three-month offer. On the other hand the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) appeared dejected having to remove the topsoil of three pitches.

The BCB is planning to host a triangular series in Novem-

Age-group swimming

N'ganj clinch top slot

Narayanganj clinched the top slot of the Green Delta Age-Group Swimming competition securing seven gold, five silver and one bronze medals at the end of the two-day meet at the Dhanmondi Sultana Kamal Women's Sports Complex yesterday, reports UNB.

Pabna finished second with four gold, one silver and three bronze medals while Kushtia became third bagging three gold, two silver and two bronze.

Helana Khatun of Pabna. who bagged three gold medals in 11-13 age group, was adjudged the best-swimmer-of-the-meet to receive a special award from Jessore Dolphin Swimming

Besides, Nasima Khatun of Kushtia emerged individual champion in the 8-10 age group, Munni Akhter of Narayanganj in the 14-16 age group and Amena Akhter of Tangail in the 17-18 age group.

Managing Director of the meet's sponsor Green Delta Insurance Company, Nasit-el Chowdhury was the chief guest at the closing function and later distributed prizes.

East Bengal McDowell Cup champs

CALCUTTA, July 10: Riding on an Anit Ghosh strike, East Bengal edged out arch-rivals Mohun Bagan 1-0 to win the sixth McDowell Cup football tournament here today, reports

Ghosh scored the all-important goal in the 44th minute of the first half with a snap grounder, which went into the left of Bagan custodian Bivas Ghosh, propelling East Bengal to their third triumph in the IFA-organized tournament.

Schools' chess title Shomak's

Sports Reporter Shomak Palit clinched the

Second Standard Chartered Bank Schools' Chess title vesterday. He secured highest eight points in the nine-round Swiss League meet.

The student of Mitra Institute in Calcutta, defeated compatriot Debayan Majumder in the final round, whereas his challengers Golam Mostafa Bhuiyan of Dhaka and Palaniapon Aravinda could only manage a draw.

Shomak collected winner's purse of 4000 taka.

Mostafa, the former national sub-junior champion, however became runner-up in the progressive score during the tie-break with Aravinda, who captured the third place.

The event turned out to be a successful campaign for students across the border. Earlier, Sheikh Shahid Ahmed, a student of Calcutta's Model School, won the Group B title. Among the girls, Marwa Noor of Sunbeams topped the

list with six points. State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader distributed prizes.



Shomak Palit (L) of Calcutta Mitra Institute receiving the winners prizes from State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader on the concluding day of the 2nd Standard Chartered Bank schools' chess tournament yesterday. -Star photo



THE IDOL AND THE EMULATOR: Roy Emerson (L) and Pete Sampras during a ceremony. -Star file photo

Sampras creates a league of his own



Pete Sampras made history on two counts here Sunday when the American won a record 13th Grand Slam singles crown as well as a record-

equalling seventh Wimbledon men's singles title, reports AFP. Two breaks in the fourth set enabled the defending champion to crush the challenge of Australia's 12th seed Pat Rafter as Sampras won 6-7 (10/12), 7-6 (7/5), 6-4, 6-2 in 2hr 57min in a

match twice interrupted for

rain. It was almost dark by the time the match finished at 8.57 p.m. local time having started an hour late some six hours ear-

The second rain break lasted Sampras, hanwered earlier in the tournament by a shin tendon injury, didn't find his form in the opening set which he conceded on the tiebreak but he gradually cranked up his game and picked Rafter apart once he had held his nerve to

level in the second set tiebreak. The 28-year-old immediately marched into the Centre Court crowd to hug his parents Sam and Georgia, who had flown in especially to watch the serial title-winner here for the

first time ever in his 12th Wimbledon campaign

It was also the first time they had ever watched him win a Grand Slam final as seeing their son play makes them ner-

His girlfriend Bridgette Wilson was also courtside as the mega athlete from Washington DC added to four US Opens and two Australian Opens.

Sampras moved ahead of Australia's Roy Emerson to take sole possession of the record for Grand Slam singles titles and he also equalled William Renshaw's mark of seven titles at Wimbledon. Renshaw achieved the feat in 1889 in the days when champions ing. only had to play a challenge round.

Sampras, who fired down 27 aces -- though he also made 12 double faults in a tense en-"I wouldn't be here if it wasn't ken. for my parents. They gave me

great game," he added. "As you get older you want ular pleasure. your family around. They've

me my independence. "I told myself if I got to the final here I wanted them to be

Sampras said he wasn't sure where they were sitting at first. "It took me a while to find them. When I did it was a great moment

Asked about the significance of beating Emerson's record Sampras said it would take some time to sink in. "Time will tell if it will be

broken. I think in the modern game it will be difficult. The next person might be eight years old hitting in a park somewhere. "As the years go by I'll look

back at these two weeks as the most difficult, the most satisfy-"I never looked at breaking

the record as pressure. I looked It means so much to me, my at it as an opportunity It really is amazing how this tournaparents were here today. They can share this with me," said ment has panned out for me," he Swiss-based Emerson had said before the match that

Records are there to be bro-Sampras said winning in the opportunity to play this what has become his personal

kingdom was a source of partic-"I love Wimbledon. This is always been very supportive, the best court in the world. This

very loving. They always gave is a great moment of my life. said the 28-year-old after tak-See page 15

Williams' double act LONDON, July 10: There was no sign of placard-waving

Richard Williams but that didn't stop daughters Venus and Serena winning the women's doubles crown at Wimbledon on Monday as Venus added to her singles trophy, reports AFP. Mr Williams, who had al-

ready left for Miami earlier in the day, had joked before Venus singles win over Lindsay Davenport on Saturday that the event was his daughter's party and no one else was invited. But the doubles provided a

good excuse for a party sequel -and this time Serena was invited too as the US pair, playing as wildcard entrants' here, won 6-3, 6-2 in 1hr 10min. Serena, beaten by Venus in

the singles semifinal, finished it off with an ace as she bounced back into the limelight. Venus said she was delighted

to complete the double but admitted: "The worst part was we couldn't both have won the sin-

they were coming off a late night having gone to bed around 2 a.m. following the champions' "Venus took over as parent -told me immediately to go to

Such was the winners' dom-

inance they did not look as if

bed," joked Serena, who was full of praise for the fans here. "The people here really sup-

port the sport. The stadium is packed to the last day -- not like in America."

Death toll rises to 13

HARARE, July 10: At least 13 people are now known to have died in a stampede after police fired tear gas into the crowd at a football match in Zimbabwe on Sunday, state ZBC television reported Monday, reports AFP. Four children, including an

Twelve people were declared dead Sunday, crushed when a section of the 60,000 crowd stampeded to get out of the National Stadium when police let

the Zimbabwe-South Africa World Cup qualifying match. Police and hospital officials were not immediately available to confirm the additional

Williams sisters, Venus (L) and Serena, holding the trophy of the women's doubles after the final against Japanese Ai Sugiyama and Julie Halard-Decugis of France at the Wimbledon yesterday. -AFP photo

Stampede kills at least 12

Horror in Harare HARARE, July 10: At least 12 Cup qualifying match. people, including three chil-Senegalese referee Falla

dren, were killed and many more injured Sunday when rioting crowds stampeded out of the National Stadium here after police fired teargas during a Zimbabwe-South Africa soccer match, medical officials told

Gore Muchemenye, doctor on duty at Harare's main Parirenyatwa hospital told AFP: "We have 12 confirmed dead bodies but in terms of injuries I don't have statistics." An AFP reporter was able to count eight bodies at the hospi-

tims had died from "mainly internal injuries from the pressure of the stampede." A senior mursing sister at the Avenues Clinic, another central hospital, said she could not give

Muchemenye said the vic-

cause she had "lost count." Spectators stampeded out of the stadium after police fired teargas onto the pitch and into the 60,000 crowd who had flung bottles, cans and blocks of ice onto the pitch after South Africa striker Delron Buckley scored his country's second goal in the 83rd minute of the World

2002

Ndove abandoned the match

and the stadium emptied in five

minutes, spectators said.

KOREA APAN any figures for the injured be-

canister to the fans, the fans re-

FIFA WORLD CUP eight-year old boy, were among the dead, ZBC reported. Eyewitness Bernard Mugunbate, 22, waiting at Parireny atwa hospital for his uncle who had collapsed from after breathing in teargas, described the scene: "The police threw a

taliated. See page 14

off tear gas after fans threw bottles on to the pitch during

death.