

Delwar U-13 champion

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Delwar Hossain became champion in the under-13 event of the Modern Builders Open Tennis Competition beating Ula Mong 6-4, 6-3 at the National Tennis Complex in Ramna yesterday.

In the men's event, Amol Roy, Alamgir, Dilip Pasia and Hirial moved into the semifinals beating their respective rivals. Amol defeated Akhter 6-0, 6-1, Alamgir beat Yousuf 6-2, 6-2, Dilip overcame Dipu 7-6, 6-2, and Hirial outplayed Pritul 6-0, 6-1.

Saurav can't

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side, but they have not won against us at home," said Ganguly, who has won 13 of his 32 Tests as captain.

Ganguly left for Australia on Tuesday for a week-long advertising shoot for the Indian team's sponsors.



PHOTO: STAR

Action from the Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League encounter between Sonali Bank and Wari Club at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday.

Becker in more tax trouble



AFP, Munich

German tennis legend Boris Becker faces a fresh battle with tax officials, after authorities in Munich said Monday that he owed them back taxes from his winnings.

A newspaper report put the amount he supposedly owes, which dates back to the 1990s, as high as 660,000 euros (746,000 dollars).

A spokesman for the Munich financial authority confirmed that Becker was being asked to pay up. He said the figure was lower than 660,000 euros but refused to give an exact amount due to tax privacy laws.

Becker is said not to have paid a trade tax for which he was liable as a professional tennis player in the 1990s. His lawyer confirmed the demand from the Munich city authority, but insisted it was unjustified.

Last year Becker was found guilty on four counts of tax evasion and two of attempted tax evasion after failing to pay more than one million euros in tax between 1991 and 1993.

He had failed to declare an apartment in Munich, where he was taxable.

He was given a suspended two-year jail sentence and ordered to pay a total of 500,000 euros.

Becker, who won his first Wimbledon title in 1985 aged just 17, is credited along with his female contemporary Steffi Graf with spurring tennis in Germany to unprecedented heights.

However, he has been in the newspapers since then for other reasons -- his marriage and later divorce, his tax problems and a hotel linen-room encounter with a model that produced a daughter.

They are all set to provide rich material for a forthcoming autobiography, due out in time for the Christmas gifts market.

Inzy back in contention



AFP, Lahore

Discarded batsman Inzamamul Haq is back in reckoning for Pakistan's home cricket season after his inclusion by selectors Tuesday in the 20 probables for the series against Bangladesh.

"We never dropped Inzamam but gave him rest and hope that this rest will do a world of good to him in the coming home season," said chief selector Aamir Sohail.

Inzamam was one of eight players dumped after Pakistan's first round exit from the World Cup in Africa in February and March this year.

But there is no place for former Pakistan captain Waqar Younis, who recently said he still wants to play for the country.

"We are focusing on players who we have used in the last four months in our transition phase," said Sohail.

Pakistan takes on Test minnows Bangladesh in the first of three Tests in Karachi from August 20.

The Test series will be followed by five one-day internationals before Pakistan hosts South Africa in three Tests and as many one-day games in September and October.

Pakistan will also play New Zealand in five one-day games in November.

Pakistan had faced a frontline players' drought for the series against Bangladesh after express pacer Shoaib Akhtar, all-rounder Azhar Mahmood and batsman

Younis Khan were allowed to skip the series.

Fast bowler Mohammad Sami was ruled out due to ankle injury which forced the selectors to call Shoaib from England where he is playing for Durham.

"We had to call Shoaib from England where he was playing county cricket to cover Sami's injury but this is wrong that we are taking Bangladesh lightly," said Sohail.

Inzamam said he was delighted to be back in the reckoning.

"I was a bit disappointed on being out of the team but now I am ready for the home season," said Inzamam, who has scored 6,214 runs in 85 Tests and 8,957 in 290 one-day games for Pakistan.

His last Test innings on home soil produced Pakistan's second highest score of 329 made against New Zealand in Lahore last year but he could manage just 19 runs in six World Cup games a phase he described as the worst of his career.

"Never in this phase I thought of leaving cricket, I have a lot of it left in me," he said.

Uncapped batsman Farhan Adil from Karachi is tipped to make his debut in the first Test while two other uncapped players selected are left arm pacer Mohammad Khalil and left arm spinner Abdul Sattar.

The 12 for the first Test will be announced on August 16.

PROBABLES

Mohammad Hafeez, Taufeeq Umer, Yasir Hameed, Inzamamul Haq, Yousuf Youhana, Misbahul Haq, Farhan Adil, Hasan Raza, Rashid Latif, Shoaib Malik, Abdul Razzaq,

Umer Gul, Shoaib Akhtar, Shabbir Ahmed, Mohammad Khalil, Najaf Shah, Danish Kaneria, Abdul Sattar, Kamran Akmal and Jaffer Nazir.

GOUGH AT A GLANCE

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India at end of 2001. Gough was then left out of the tour to New Zealand but played in the one-dayers where he injured his knee cartilage.

May 2002, ruled out of home series v Sri Lanka with the injury but did play in ODI tournament against India and Sri Lanka.

August, ruled out of rest of Test series v India and Champions Trophy, for third operation on right knee. "I now have 11 weeks to concentrate on getting myself ready to have one last crack at the Australians in the Ashes this winter."

Flew out with Ashes squad but back home after failed to prove fitness for first Test, ruled out of World Cup.

Ian MacLaurin, outgoing chair of the England and Wales Cricket Board, said: "It looks like it could be the end for him now. Bad legs for fast bowlers are not good news."

November, heads for U.S. to see a specialist. Returns in 2003 and impresses in England's one-day win over Pakistan (five wickets at 22.20 in three matches) and a tournament win over South Africa and Zimbabwe, taking nine wickets at 22.55, before bowling in the first two Tests without success against South Africa. Announces his retirement two days after second Test defeat.

BFF wants BCB's

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Anwarul Haque Helal was already a worried man.

Helal revealed that they had to shift the date of the NFL Super Sixes because of the uncertainty regarding the venue. The final phase was originally scheduled to begin from August 12 but the BFF is now planning to start it from August 18.

"This will also delay the inter-club players transfer which we had planned to hold from August 30 to September 2. It may now start from September 7," said Helal.

Lee-way for

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Australia have already wrapped up the series, winning by eight wickets and nine wickets in the first two matches in Cairns in north Queensland.

While praising Lee for helping the Australians to a series victory, Ponting said the paceman had been given a break for the final match.

"He's bowled fast, he has intimidated their batsmen a little bit and he just hasn't bowled any bad balls," he said.

"I think when someone of his calibre is doing that, it doesn't matter who the opposition are, it's going to be hard work for anybody."

Jason Gillespie returns after missing the second match and is joined by fellow paceman Brad Williams, who gets his first start of the series with Glenn McGrath has surgery on ankle ligaments.

Darren Lehmann, who took 3-16 in the second match, has also been left out of the eleven.

TEAMS

BANGLADESH: Javed Omar, Hannan Sarker, Habibul Bashar, Mohammad Ashraf, Khaled Mahmud (captain), Alok Kapali, Mohammad Rafique, Sanwar Hossain, Mashrafe-bin-Mortuza, Tapas Baisya, Tuskar Imran.

AUSTRALIA: Adam Gilchrist, Matthew Hayden, Ricky Ponting (captain), Damien Martyn, Michael Bevan, Andrew Symonds, Ian Harvey, Brad Hogg, Andrew Bichel, Jason Gillespie, Brad Williams.

Pepsi h'ball final today

UNB, Dhaka

Dhaka District Sports Association and Chittagong Metropolis moved into the final of the women's event in the Pepsi 16th National Handball Championship at the Sylhet Stadium yesterday.

The final will be held today. In the first semifinal, Chittagong Metropolis beat Rangamati DSA 15-12 while Dhaka DSA defeated Sylhet DSA 14-3 in the second semifinal.

Earlier, in the group matches, Chittagong Metropolis outplayed Sylhet DSA 8-1 while Dhaka DSA beat Rangamati 14-8.

Srinath ending?

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I don't want to get back without being fully fit."

Srinath announced his retirement from Tests after the West Indies series in June last year, but was persuaded by captain Saurav Ganguly to return for a series in New Zealand last December and his fourth World Cup earlier this year.

The veteran of 67 Tests said after the World Cup that he was still considering whether to continue with the Indian team or not.

"That (plan) is also there," Srinath said on Tuesday. "I will consider everything before deciding in the next three weeks."

The 36 players named in the "probables" squad for the training camp starting in Bangalore on August 14 were otherwise as expected.

Rahul Dravid, Mohammad Kaif and Yuvraj Singh, who all play in county cricket in England, have been excused from the camp but will play a local Challenger series from September 10-14.

India plays two Tests against New Zealand in October followed by a one-day triangular series also involving Australia.

PROBABLES

Saurav Ganguly, Sachin Tendulkar, Virender Sehwag, Dinesh Mongia, Parthiv Patel, Ashish Nehra, Zaheer Khan, Ajit Agarkar, Anil Kumble, Harbhajan Singh, Sanjay Bangar, Shiv Sundar Das, Gautam Gambhir, Wasim Jaffer, Satyajit Parab, Hemang Badani, Sridharan Sriram, Rohan Gavaskar, Ambati Rayudu, Murali Kartik, Vijay Bharadwaj, Amit Mishra, Amit Bhandari, Lakshminpathy Balaji, Avishkar Salvi, Irfan Pathan Jr, Mithun Minhas, Ajay Ratna, Tilak Naidu, Vangipurappu Laxman, Sairaj Bahutule, Ramesh Powar, Jai Prakash Yadav, Reetinder Singh Sodhi, Sarandeep Singh, Siddharth Trivedi.

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Nepal
- Who won the Pepsi handball title?
Chittagong Narsingdi Bandarban
- Who clinched the CONCACAF Gold Cup?
Brazil USA Mexico
- How many Test tens has Steve

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Participants of a basketball coaches' training course take a photograph with guests at the end of the three-day camp at the wooden-floor

Kamalapur Stadium

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Here also the NSC did not forget to explore the commercial aspect by allocate space for 200 shops.

After its inauguration the stadium's first order of business will be the schools final.