Victory Day volleyball March 2-8

Sports Reporter

The third Victory Day international volleyball tournament, organised by the Bangladesh Volleyball Federation, is scheduled for Dhaka March

According to tournament committee sources, five coun tries -- China, India, Myannmar (Burma), Saudi Arabia and Iran -- have reportedly confirmed their participation so far. Besides, the organisers expeet Sri Lanka to send a team.

Bangladesh will be represented in the meet by two seections.

However, according to another source, the dates for the meet may change in view of the political situation in the following the country elections.

Milon TT begins

Sports Reporter.

The Shaheed Dr. Milon memorial table-tennis tourna ment began Yesterday of the National Coaching Centre under the auspices of the Armanitola Jubo Sangha. The tournament was inau-

gurated by the late Dr. Milon's mother. Dr. Mustafa Jalal Mohiuddin, General Secretary of the Bangladesh Medical Assoclation (BMA), was present as the chief guest.

Only boys' and men's singles competitions will be held in the tournament. Players from Jessore and Khulna along with 57 boys and 18 men from Dhaka are empeting in the

On the opening day, 20 boys, and eight men's matches were decided but the detailed mesultx were unavailable at the time of waiting this report.

Play resumes at 2:30 this afternoon.

MSC make short work of Gulshan

Sports Reporter



Divi cricket league match against Gulshan Youth by winning their two-day fixture within a day with nine wickets

and plenty of overs to spare. The fixture, postponed on three previous ovasions owing to one reason or another, finally got underway at the

Dhaka Stadium yesterday only to turn out to be a no-contest. Gulshan batted first, but thanks to a remarkable spell by Mohammedans Sri Lankan paceman Gamagec, soon found their innings in a total shambles. The tall, lean and lithe Lankan, who served Wart Club so well over years past, was almost unplayable yesterday, a fact clearly relected in his fig-

ures of five for 32. Rubel, Se-

lim Shahed and Wahid spun

a wicket each for eight, nine

and 27 runs respectively. Only Rome stood among Gulshan's ruins with a defiant 43. None of the other Gulshan batsmen managed to find their feet and the side was dismissed for 106 in only 54.5

Mohammedans were hardly bothered in hitting up the few runs required for victory and the way their openers Nurul Abedin Novel and Azhar Hossain Shantoo started a tenwicket victory always looked a distinct possibility. But Novel, going for his shots, was a trifle unlucky against Ashique, who

got the only Mohammedan wicket to fall at a personal cost of 16 runs. Novel had made 32 - dan with the help of half a dozen

> fours off just 45 balls. When victory came with Mohammedans making 110 for one in a mere 22.5 overs Shantoo was unbeaten on 34 and Sclim Shahed on 22.

Amarjyoti lose yet again

Sports Reporter

Hapless Amarjoyoti Club slid closer to relegation to Division Two next season following their six-wicket loss to Young Pegasus in yesterday's Milnars First Division cricket league tie at the Mirpur Pallabi ground.

It was Amarjyoti's sixth defeat in seven games and they are now tied at the bottom of the ten-team league table with Dhaka Wanderers with just two points from one solitary win Put in to bat, Amarjyoti could do no better than make 87 before being all out in 27.2 the ball appreciably to pick up of their alloted 45 overs. They never quite recovered from a disastrous start that at one stage had them reeling at 15

> Masud with 28 and Partha with 20 seored more than half their side's total.

For Pegasus. Zia took three wickets for 25. Babul two for 15 and Babu two for 10. Pegasus needed only 25.2

overs to score the 88 runs needed for victory at the loss of just four wickets. Biplob made 23. Renny 18 and Shahtnoor an unbeaten 17. Partha bagged two of the

four Pegasus wickets at a cost of 30 runs.

Delta hockey

Sports Reporter Bornat Samaj registered a comfortable 2-0 win over Farashgani Sporting Club in the Delta Life Second Division super league hockey match yesterday at the hockey sta-

After a barren first half Jahangir Alam banged both goals, one in the 38th minute and the other in the 55th after retaining the Ashes. reports AFP. minute from a penalty corner.

They had won the first final, The other match of the day. by six wickets, in Sydney on between Agrant Bank and Combined S.C. ended in a goalless draw.

Handball results

Sports Reporter Two matches were held in the handball super league yes-

terday at the Outer Stadium

handball court. West Jatrabari K.C sailed comfortably, beating Kurmitola Appollo Club 22-10 in the first match of the day while Jagaron Sanskrity Sangha scored a thrilling 19-18 victory over Arunayatan Club in the other.

TODAY'S MATCHES Nicecop vs. Junior Moishundi (2:30 pm) Farashganj S.C vs Christian Youth (3: 30 pm)

BOF sports held

GAZIPUR, Jan 15: The twoday annual sports meet of the Bangladesh Ordnance Factory (BOF) concluded at the factory ground in the Gazipur Cantonment yesterday, an ISPR press release said, reports

The SAA Department emerged champions while the Administration Department became runners-up among the five participating teams comprising different groups of the

Sheikh Taju of the Administration Department was adjudged the best athlete of the

Aussies wrap up WSC



Jan 15: Austrwon the Series Cup when they

defeated fight. Zcaland by Their star batsman and capseven wickets in the second final here today, only a week

Australia were determined not to be taken to a third match, mainly because their players have a number of minor injuries and two Tests remaining against England.

They then set off to play five Tests and five one-day internationals against West Indies in a

World

tour being publicised as "the unofficial world champi-

As it turned out the New Zcalanders, who won the toss and batted, hardly put up a

tain Martin Crowe was bowled for six and although Richard Reid-specially selected for the trip to add aggression to the opening partnership - hit 64 in 94 balls, New Zealand could muster only 208.

Andrew Jones again hit freely for 51 and Ken Rutherford offered good support with 37 but the New Zealand total was never going to be enough to trouble the inform Australians

Australia's reply began dra-

ALBURY (Australia), Jan 15: New South Wales state is poised for victory over England's touring cricket team at stumps on the third day of a four-day match at the Lavington Sports Ground, reports AP.

The Sheffield Shield national champions dismissed England shortly before stumps for 235, leaving only 79 runs required for victory.

At stumps, the Blues had scored three runs with the loss of no wicket. Only England opener Mike

Atherton offered any resistance with a strong 114 runs. New South Wales spinners Greg Matthews and Adrian Tucker picked up four wickets each while Mike Whitney claimed 28-2.

An earlier Reuter report said: England's beleaguered cricketers followed up a dismal batting performance with an error-ridden day in the field Monday. New South Wales. 73 for

one overnight, ended the day

on 311 for nine in reply to England's first innings total of

Reserve New South Wales opener Geoff Milliken scored 107, enjoying three reprieves late on in his 342 minute innings.

Milliken, who stands in when Mark Taylor is on international duty. offered Alec Stewart a stumping chance on 99 and shortly afterwards saw two catches dropped --- all off the bowling of Phil Tufnell.

Tufnell, who totled manfully in blistering heat alongside fellow-spinner Eddie Hemmings. also had Mike Whitney dropped late in the day by Martin Bicknell at long off. Tufnell and Hemmings sent

down 62 overs between them during the day, returning figures of four for 97 and four for 85 respectively. At the close wicketkeeper

Phil Emery was on 49 and Wayne Holdsworth had yet to score after Whitney fell for 19 in the last over of the day.

matically when Geoff Marsh. captain again in place of the injured Allan Border, was out in the second over.

In the next five deliveries Dean Jones missed his first ball from Richard Petric, survived an appeal for a catch off

the second and almost played on to the third. Mark Taylor, dropped in Chris Pringle's first over, went

on to make 71 in a stand of 118 with Jones. Jones also played a range of shots, hitting six fours and a straight six. He was out with ten runs still needed, which resulted in a drab finish as the

leg byes and a no-ball.

last four runs came from three

SCOREBOARD New Zealand: M Crowe b Reid Real c Jones b P Taylor Wright c P. Taylor b O' Donnell Jones Ibw b Reid Rutherford c P. Taylor b O'Donnell 37 Young c Jones b O'Donnell Pringle not out Extras (lb8. w1. nb 1) Total (6 wkts. 50 overs) Faft: 1-14: 2-51: 3-102; 4-171; 5-177; 6

Bowling OMRW 7-1-21-0 10-3-35-2 O'Donnell 9-0-43-3 S Waugh 9-1-37-0

P Taylor 9-0-40-1 M. Waugh 6-0-24-0 Australia M Taylor c Rutherford b Jones Marsh c Young b Petrie Jones b Pringle Boon not out . M Waugh not out Extras (bl. LB 12, W2, NB 4) Total (3Wkts. 45.3 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-2: 2-120; 3-199. OMRW

9.3-1-30-1. 9-0-51-1. Morrison 9-0-40-0. 10-2-32-0. Chowe 2-0-15-0. 6-0-28-1.

Australia won by seven wickets. They win

its kind in the country, has been set up at the Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protisthan (BKSP) gymnastum at Savar, reports BSS.

Presidential Adviser for Youth and Sports Alamgir M A Kabir commissioned the mat as chief guest in the afternoon.

BKSP gets new

non-skid mat

A multi-purpose non-skid

synthetic floor mat, the first of

The German-made 18,000 sq. ft. mat, set up at a cost of Taka 36 lakh, will be used for six disciplines --- basketball. volleyball, handball, badminton, tennis and table ten-

The eighth Asian Cup table tennis championships, to be organised by the Bangladesh Table Tennis Federation, will be held in the international standard BKSP gymnasium from March 6 to 9.

The inaugural ceremony was attended by the Chairman of the National Sports Council Major General Mahbubur Ráhman and Additional Secretary in-charge of the Ministry of Youth and Sports Moshfigur Rahman.

NSC names new ad-hoc bodies

The National Sports Council Tuesday announced an 11member ad-hoc committee for the Bangladesh Boxing Federation with Brigadier Faruq Ahmed Chowdhury as presi-

Saidur Rahman have been named general secretary and treasurer respectively. On Monday the NSC an-

nounced the names of the 11member interim committee for the Bangladesh Judo and

"It's better when you go on

Sabatini bounced lightly on

her feet as she skippd rope

Edberg overcomes starting jinx



MELBOURN E. Jan 15: World number one Stovereame a Grand Slam jinx

today beating Soviet qualifier Dimitry Poliakov 6-1, 7-6, (8-6), 6-2 in the first round but not before saving a set point in the second set. The Swede was beaten in

the first round of the 1990 French and US opens, the last two Grand Slam tournaments in which he was seeded number one. For 30 minutes during the

Edberg was repeatedly passed at the net by Poliakov and saw his serve treated with scant respect, it appeared another shock could be one the cards for the number one seed. But the Wimbledon

champion came back from 4-2. 0-40 down, saved a set point at 6-5 in the tiebreak and won the set after Poliakov served a double fault at 6-7. The third set was a

formality but Edberg, who retired from last year's Open final against Ivan Lendl with a stomach injury, acknowledged he was glad to have crossed the first hurdle safely.

"I am always a bit nervous when I walk into the first round of a Grand Slam," Edberg said. " It wasn't easy but I did a job and I won in straight

"I knew about (the jinx).



STEFAN EDBERG

That's why it's important to win today."

Three-time Open champion Mats Wilander, beaten by Edberg in last year's semifinals, overcame a blustery wind to beat local junior Heath Den-

man 7-6 (7-5), 6-3, 6-4. Ranked a lowly 47th in the world, Wilander also needed time to find his rhythm, muttering dark thoughts to himself after his serve was droken by Denman in the seventh game.

The Swede broke back immediately and was hitting some sweet double-handed backhands by the end of the third set, bringing back memories of the Haleyon days of 1988 when he won three Grand Slam tournaments including the Australian Open.

"It was tough for 1-1/2 scts getting my range and tining," Wilander said. " It's not easy on the outside courts when it's

windy like today. had never heard of denman before. The only way to find out about him was to ask the Australian players, but don't think they would have

told me so I did't bother."

Jakob Illasck of Switzerland became the second men's seed to fall, continuing his poor recored in Grand Slam tournaments by losing in four sets to Jason Stoltenberg.

Seeded 11 here, Illasek destroyed the 20-year-old Australian 6-0 in the first set betore it all went wrong. Stoltenberg, cheered on by a huge crowd, started going for his shots and wore Illasck down to win 0-6,6-4,7-4.

"I started off very slowly and he came out swinging." Stoltenberg said. "At the end of the first I knew something had to change quick and I had to be more aggressive. Once I

held a few serves, I felt more relaxed and that made it a lot easier." in nine years on the tour,

Illasek has yet to reach the quarter-finals in any of the four Grand Slam tournaments France's Guy Forget, who

won the world doubles crown with Illasek last year, carried on where he left off in Sydney last week, beating Astralian Horst Skoff 7-6 (7-5), 6-2, 6-4

Forget, seeded 10, did not lose a set in winning the three new South Wales Open title and has had his serve -clocked at over 200 KPH (120 mph)- broken only twice in his last three tournaments. He feels he could make a big impact at the Open.

"If I play my best like in the past few days. It does not matter who I play," Forget said. There is no time when I play rently bad. I don't go below a certain level during a match."

Now I'm more consistent. I'm getting closer to having a real chance in a Grand Slam."

in the women's draw, Switzerland's Manuela Maleeva-Fragniere, The seventh seed, went two games better than her sister Katerina by beating Jo-Anne Faull of was calmer. I served better Australia 6-2, 6-0 in the first round. Katerina, the fifth seed. lost four games on Monday against Dutch player Brenda

Graf looks leaner and hungrier MELBOURNE.

the series 2-0.



Jan 15: Steffi Graf ran her Au stralian Open victory strak to

opened her bid for a fourth straight title and answered some of the bold talk of her rivals Monday.

Graf sported a shorter hair-

22 as she

cut and a blood-red bandana that gave her a lean and mean look in her 48-minute. 6-3. 6 O hammering of American Jennifer Santrock. Sprinting around the court and showing off a stronger

backhand that she's ever had.

Graf raced to a 4-0 lead before

lesing concentration and making four straight errors in a sevice break. Santrock, ranked 151 but hardly intimidated amid all the reports of Grafs vulnerability. held her next two services with deep, angled shots off her left-handed forehand. But

she could do little once Graf

regained her rhythm and

pounded the ball throughout the second set. "I feel I'm hitting the ball better than at this time last year, " said Graf, who hasn't won a Grand Slam event since winning here a year ago. "In the first set, I tried a little too much. But in the second set, I and concentrated well." Graf's young rivals have

they no longer fear her after her string of defeats in 1990. Never mind that she is still No. 1 or that she's won nine Grand Slam titles. Graf, they say, is ready to be had. "There is a feeling around the locker room nowadays that

you can win (against Graf)."

said Mary Joe Fernandez, a

19-year-old Floridian who ex-

been talking bravely about how

posed weaknesses in Grafs backhand in last year's final here but lost in two sets. "Not long ago players facing Graf were beaten before they went out," said Fernandez, who is seeded No. 3. " I think anyone in the top 10 can win it.

Once you see you can beat her, you lose lear. Certainly Graf is no longer feared by No. 2 seed Monica Seles. 17. who beat her in the French Open final, or Gabriela Sabatini, 20 who beat her in the U.S. open final and Virginia slims Championship semifi-

Graf responded to the criticism with her ever-powerful forehand - - perhaps the best

in women's tennis - the im proved backhand and the still impressive serve. In fact, she seemed to enjoy the pressure of having to prove herself



STEFFI GRAF

her step, and relief in her

voice, as she walked away with a victory from the tournament she left last year in a wheelchair.

formances and almost rock-

group tie against Agrentina

Hard times for them

AUSTRALIA, Jan 15: Times have changed for Mats Wilander and Pam Shriver, reports AP



PAM-SHRIVER

Once two of the biggest names in tennis, the pair were relegated to an outside court in their first-round matches at he Australian Open on

And Willander, ranked No. 1 in the world just two years ago. was called 'Willander' on the on-court scoreboard.

The Swede struggled to beat 19-year-old Australian Heath Denman 7-6 (7-5), 6-3, 6-4 on Court 6, while Shriver had trouble early before overpowering French junior Noelle van Lottum 6-3, 6-1 in her

opener on the same court. Australian Open three times and found the outside court a novel experience. Shriver was playing a Grand Slam tourna-

No. 1 ranking in the world. A mystifying slump, followd by his father's death, has seen him struggle to regain his Shriver, winner of 21 Grand Slam doubles titles and a top-

dle of last year. Wilander currently is ranked 47th in the world and Shriver 60th but both say they are enjoying the challenge of

It is a matter of fighting out there." Wilander said. "It is not easy playing on an outside court because it is so windy and the crowds are so

newspaper blowing around the perimeter of the court, but pleased with the way she maintained her concentration. "My game is improving with

Wilander has won the ment as an unseeded player for the first time in a decade.

The Swede, who is only 26.

won three Grand slam titles in

1988, boosting him into the

10 player since 1980, underwent an operation on her ailing right shoulder in the mid-

battling their way back to the

close to you. Shriver was distracted by

each match, and that is all ! can ask for at this stage." Shriver said. "It's hard to even know what my goals should

Shriver said she was nervous before her match. Not nervous about main-

taining my ranking, but ner-



MATS WILANDER vous instead about whether I can play at a certain level," she said. "After nine months out you have to question where you can compete at any reasonable

"At the moment, the mental

hurt is bigger than the physical

hurt. It's challenging, though, and I'm enjoying a different perspective on the game. It's like starting from scratch." Wilander, winner of seven Grand Slam singles titles, says he senses opponents have less

respect for him than they usd

Joint Korean team for World T T

Schultz.

PANMUNJOM (Korea), Jan 15: South Korea agreed Tuesday to a North Korean proposal to field a single team for the 1991 World Table Tennis Championships in Japan, but the two sides differed on details including how

to train athletes, report AP. Sports ministers of the rival Koreas have said they would work toward forming their first ever joint teams for international competitions, including the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona.

Chang Choong-Shik. chief delegate for the South. proposed the two sides immediately begin efforts to field teams for the 41st World Table Tennis Tournament in Japan in April and the 6th world youth soccer championship in Portugal in June. in earlier talks. South Korea

inssisted that regular inter-

Korea sports exchanges should

precede formation of a single team to build mutual confidence. The shift in its position Tuesday was seen as an effort by the South to encourage dia-

logue with the rival North.

Chang suggested players be chosen by open competitions to be held in Seoul and North Korea's capital of Pyongyang. that training take place in both nations and that the team director be from the nation with the most athletes participat-

Re-charged Seles hacks down Hack

MELBOURNE, Jan 15: Monica Scles ripped into the Australian Tennis Open here today leaving battered German opponent Sabine Hack, the fans and the media breathless, reports AFP.



MONICA SELES

Seles, the number two seed, conceded just 14 points and held 13 break points in a 6-0, 6-0 sledgehammer first round win over Hack, all in just 37 withering minutes.

The chirpy 17-year-old Yugoslav, rapidfire in deeds and words, left little doubt that world no. 1 Steffi Graf will have a battle on her hands to win the first Grand Slam title

Although Hack, 53 in the world, was hopelessly outgunned, Seles put on show her impressive double-fisted armoury that ended Graf's 66match winning streak in Berlin and gained another scalp in the French Open final.

And the media was left

bruised as well. The bubbly

world number two covered in

staccato-style such diverse

topics as Koala bears, Matt

Biondi, the Bareclona Olympics, the Gulf cristsand some tennis. Seles skipped last week's NSW Open in Sydney to rest up in Perth after completing her Hopman Cup engagements

and take in the World Swim-

ming Championships.

She met her long-time idols, Janet Evans and Biondi, cuddled some Koala bears, watched the champion Yugoslav water polo team and did a little practice to maintain her tennts "feel".

it did the trick. Revitalised after her 15-tournament 1990 schedule Seles recovered her motivation to compete as Hack will testify. "I just forgot about tennis

for a while, even if I wasn't

fully prepared for my first,

match, because I was too emo-

tionally and physically down

and out", she said,

"Actually it helped me a lot bad marksmanship. because my motivation came Their best back after watching the opportunity came in the 60th minute when Kim Yong-Gui swimming."

the Soviet Union a surprise 1-0 win over South Korea in the Indira Gandhi men's hokey

ports AFP. The Soviet, held to a 1-1 draw by Kenya in their first match yesterday, raised their game to outwit the formidable Koreans who had routed Poland 5-1 in another match

tournament here today, re-

tournament also being contested by holders India, the Netherlands and Belgium.

while the Koreans were stranded on two from as many matches.

corner. The Koreans too had five penalty corners in an even contest but paid the price for

scoring

Sport Reporter

Habibur Rahman Khan and

Karate Federation with M Sirajuddin as president and Hasanuzzaman Moni as general secretary.

court and feel there is more competition," Graf said. "It's nice to have stronger opponents, for sure."

and gabbed with friends - they don't call her Gaby for nonthing - before her opening An hour later the U.S. Open champion still had spring in

Another chance

for Evernden WELLINGTON, Jan 15: Kelly Everuden, beaten in the opening round of the Australian Open on Monday. was named to New Zealand's Davis Cup tennis squad today despite a string of dismal per-

bottom morale, reports Reuter. Evernden joins Bret Steven. Bruce Derlin, Steve Guy, David Lewis and juntor champion Alistair Hunt in New Zealand's strongest ever Davis Cup lineup for the first round world

next month. Russians surprise Koreans



nation.

Jan 15: Vladí-Antakov shot home five minutes before the end to give

yesterday. It was the only game played on the third day of the seven-

round-robin

The match was originally scheduled to be played Sunday but was postponed due to the late arrival of the Korean team. The win gave the Soviets three points from two matches

Antakov, who had also scored his team's lone goal against Kenya, banged in the match-winner with an indirect hit following the Soviet Union's fifth and last penalty

centred a hard cross from the right, but Kim chua-Hwan failed to connect the ball before an open goal. The Soviet Union take on Belgium while the Korcans

Belgians shock dutch Reuter adds: Unfancied Belgium upset favourites the

clash with India in the next

draw in the round robin of the seven-nation competition. Belgium wasted a penalty stroke, taken in the 28th minute by captain Eric Vandenbed. But Marc Coudron picked up a pass from Eric

vert the four penalty corners it carned in the fast-paced game. The South Koreans,

however, were in formidable form and scored two quick goals in the first 10 minutes through Choi Jeong-lio and Kim Chul-Ilwan before Poland's Mateusz Czarnecki reduced the lead.

Koresi a 3-1 lead at halftime. The Koreans scored two more goals in the second half through Kim Yong-Out and Choi to signal their strength

round of matches tomorrow Netherland by a single goal on Monday, while South Korea

made an impressive start by thrashing Poland 5-1. And Kenya unexpectedly held the Soviet Union to a 1-1

Vandergracht a minute later and scored the decisive goal. In a match played in chilly winds, Belgium muffed three penalty corners, but the young Netherlands side failed to con-

Kim scored another goal in the 27th minute to give South