

Sport

English misery continues with another defeat

ALBURY, Australia, Jan 16: A six-wicket victory soon after lunch on the final day completed the comprehensive demolition of a dejected England by an understrength New South Wales side here Wednesday, reports AP.

Set 79 runs for victory, New South Wales passed the target four down with two thirds of a day to spare as Michael Bevan cut spinner Phil Tufnell for three runs behind point.

Bevan remained 14 not out, guiding his side home in

partnership with wicketkeeper Phil Emery, unbeaten on 17.

Eddie Hemmings had earlier shown signs of a possible fight-back, reducing New South Wales to 44 for four at one stage.

He claimed 4-29 from 18 overs, accounting for Geoff Milliken (three), Steve Small (eight), Trevor Bayliss (22) and Brad Menamara (two).

But again England were their own worst enemy. New South Wales could have been in

trouble had Bevan not been given two lives on nought by wicketkeeper Alec Stewart during Tufnell's sixth over.

Stewart first missed a difficult stumping that also cost four byes and then dropped a thin edge as Bevan tried to cut.

Homestead captain and former Test fast bowler Geoff Lawson said later that England had probably reached the bottom.

England have now been beaten or outplayed by South Australia, New South Wales, Western Australia and Victoria.

With a tough four-day against a full strength Queensland and two tests still to come, Graham Gooch's side could yet become the first ever England team to go through Australia without winning a first class game.

Lawson, part of the victorious 1989 Australian Ashes side, said he felt the tourists needed more discipline.

"It's tough to come up-country and play and unscheduled game but the wicket was pretty good," Lawson said.

"You really have got to play with a lot more discipline than they did. You have to have lot of pride in every game.

After the Sydney Test, I thought they were on the way up again but this may well be the bottom.

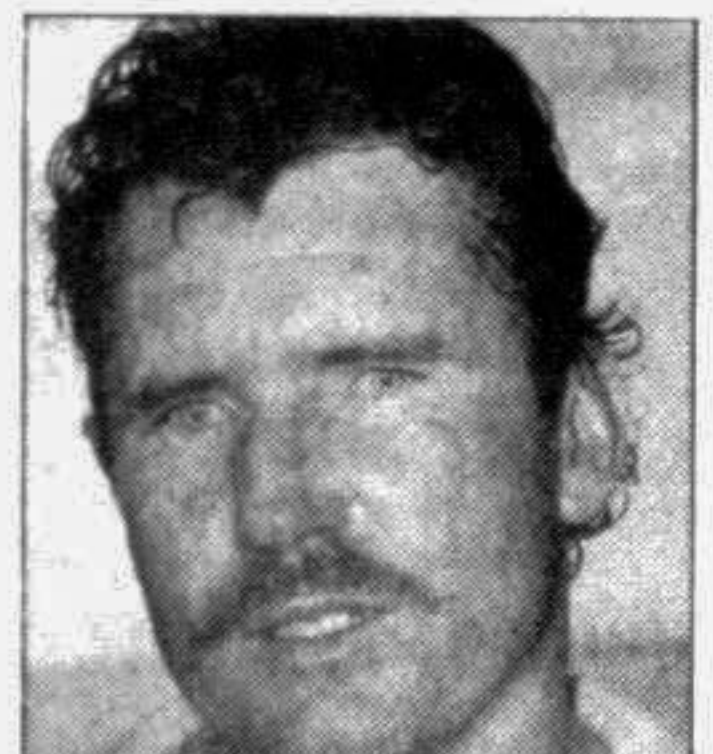
Even more humiliating for England was the fact that New South Wales were not at full strength, missing Mark Taylor and the Waugh twins, Steve and Mark.

Stand-in England captain Allan Lamb said indifferent batting had cost the team victory.

Border adamant on playing Test

MELBOURNE, Jan 16: Allan Border, whose only World Series Cup final action was lifting the trophy Australia won after two victories over New Zealand, expects to be fit for the fourth cricket Test against England, reports Reuter.

The Australian captain missed the one-day final matches with a groin strain but has his sights set firmly on leading his Ashes-winning side in the Test starting in Adelaide on January 25.



ALLAN BORDER game which ends Wednesday, take on Border's Queensland on the Gold Coast's starting on Saturday.

Marsh said he expected Border to miss that match. "Allan would be crazy to play and risk injury. I think the break would do him the world of good. He's played a lot of cricket and had a lot of pressure in him as captain."

Stand-in captain Geoff Marsh said after Tuesday's seven-wicket win over New Zealand: "He is still pretty sore but has a week to get fit."

"I can't see him missing the Test even if we have to prop him up in the slips and take it easy running between the wickets. He would have to lose his leg not to play in a test match."

England, facing defeat by new South Wales in four-day

Wright choice

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan 16: Brazilian soccer referee Jose Roberto Wright, voted the best in the world on Monday, has described the level of refereeing in his own country as weak, reports Reuter.

Wright 46, was named as last year's top referee by the World Referee's Federation based in Germany.

He said in an interview on Tuesday: "There are no courses for referees (in Brazil) and they are given guidebooks that are eight, nine or 10 years old."

"I hope this award leads to some positive thinking on the part of Brazilian directors and reminds them that the referee is a fundamental part of the spectacle."

NSC Chairman hails Niaz

Chairman of the National Sports Council (NSC) Major General Mahbubur Rahman has congratulated Grandmaster Niaz Morshed for his heroic win in the second Goodricke international chess tournament in Calcutta, reports BSS.

In a message to Niaz Morshed Tuesday night, the NSC Chairman said, "It is rare honour for Bangladesh and for you". Niaz had earned his Grandmaster title at the same venue-Gorky Sadan.

The Bangladesh chess pride, seeded tenth in the tournament, won the first prize of Rs. 35,000.

DU chess

DU Correspondent

Krishnapada Biswas yesterday led the field with five and a half points after the sixth round of the Dhaka University annual chess competition, now being held at the DUCSU cafeteria.

Six others - Enayet Hosain, Shahid Ahmed, Wahidul Habib, Amirul Islam Shovon, Kayes Hasan and Zakia Sultana were tied in second position with five points each.

Seventy students, both boys and girls, are competing in the nine-round Swiss league competition which began Jan 11.

Handball results

Sports Reporter

Junior Moishundi United and Christian Youth Club recorded victories in the handball super league yesterday at the Outer Stadium handball court.

Junior Moishundi United outplayed Nieceop 19-17, in an evenly contested match. The score at the breather was tied six-all.

In the second half Moishundi got the better of their opponents and netted and netted 13 while Nieceop resisted throughout, scoring another 11 goals. Rashedul of Moishundi, was the highest scorer with eight goals.

Mukhesh and Apu both netted in six each for Nieceop.

In the day's other match, Christian Youth Club trounced Farashganj Sporting Club 25-11.

The first half saw Christian Youth leading with 13 goals to their credit while Farashganj were yet to open their account.

However, pulling their act together in a match that was clearly out of their league, Farashganj managed to score 11 goals with Iqbal getting nine of them.

Nissan tennis from Jan 31

Sports Reporter

The Nissan Cup tennis tournament, organised by the Gulshan club, will begin at the club courts from January 31.

Competition will be held in four categories - boys' singles (under 16), men's singles and doubles and women's doubles. Attractive cash prizes will be awarded to the top finishers in every event.

Entries, accompanied by a fee of Taka 30 per player, except for the boys who need pay no fees, must reach the organisers by 6.00 pm on Wednesday, Jan 29 at Road 50, Gulshan.

DU cricket

Sports Reporter

In the inaugural match of the Dhaka University inter-department cricket competition yesterday, Zoology made a grand start, thrashing Psychology Department by nine wickets at the Jagganath Hall ground.

Thirty nine departments are talking part in the competition.

Pro-Vice Chancellor Professor Wakil Ahmed inaugurated the competition in the morning.

Brief scores:

Psychology: 99 for six wickets; Zoology: 102 for two wickets.



Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof. Waki Ahmed yesterday inaugurated the Dhaka University inter-department cricket.

Top seeds brook no nonsense

MELBOURNE, Jan 16: With the minimum of drama and the loss of just 11 games between them, Steffi Graf, Boris Becker and Gabriela Sabatini eased into the third round in the Australian Open tennis championships today, reports Reuter.

Two women's seeds, Laura Gildemeister of Peru and



BORIS BECKER Austria's Barbara Paulus, were knocked out as a blustering wind became hard to handle on the third day of the championships.

But the top players were not on court long enough to be bothered by the conditions, although Becker had to ignore

the distraction of a woman baring her breasts on centre court.

As officials tried to persuade her to stop making so much noise, she lifted her t-shirt to roars from the crowd.

"I guess she had a bit much (to drink) but I think she had a good time," said Becker. "It doesn't happen that often, hopefully next time it will be a woman of 25."

Graf, the top women's seed, did what was strictly necessary and no more to beat Maya Kidowaki of Japan 6-1, 6-0 while fourth seed Sabatini also played no-nonsense baseline tennis to down Sweden's Maria Ekstrand 6-1, 6-1.

"It doesn't happen too often that it's as easy as this," said Graf, who conceded just three games in the first round. "If things go this well I'm not really unhappy about it."

Becker had a small score to settle with Czechoslovakia's Marian Vajda, who beat the world number two in their only previous meeting in Monte Carlo in 1988.

Honour was satisfied as Becker won 6-4, 6-1, 6-3. "It's feeling pretty good at this stage and I hope I feel good for the next 12 days," he said.

Australians Liz Smylie and Rachel McQuillan showed great staying power to down Gildemeister, the number 15 seed, and 12th seed Paulus, both in three sets. The 16 women's seeds all survived the first round without losing a set.

Arantxa Sanchez Vicario of Spain nearly followed her brother Emilio out of the tournament, escaping from 6-4, 4-1 down to beat Britain's Monique Javier 4-6, 6-4, 6-2.

McQuillan lost some heart

after Paulus won the second set tiebreak 9-7 on her third set points.

The Australian won just one point in the first three games of the deciding set but, with a mixture of looping shots to the baseline and thunderous double-handed backhands to the corners, she reeled off the next five games to take a 5-3 lead and finally won 6-4, 4-7, 6-4 on her first match point.

McQuillan, ranked 44 in the world, said she had practised with Paulus and knew the Australian's game held few fears for her.

"It was a big mistake to let her get away from me a little bit in the third set. I had to dig deep," she said.

Smylie served for victory over Gildemeister at 5-3 in the third set but was broken. But Gildemeister hit two cross-court forehands long to give Smylie victory 6-3, 2-6, 9-7.

Five Swedes lost in the men's singles with Peter Lundgren's five-set defeat by American Glenn Layendecker the unusual.

Layendecker, a lucky loser entry to the main draw after a defeat in pre-qualifying, trailed by two sets, 5-4 and 40-0 on Lundgren's serve.

But Lundgren's game fell to pieces after he wasted three match points. The Californian reached his first Grand Slam third round, winning 3-6, 1-6, 7-5, 6-3, 6-4.

The other McEnroe, John's younger brother Patrick, completed his best Grand Slam performance by reaching the third round with a 6-3, 6-3, 5-7, 6-1 defeat of Australian Johana Anderson.

McEnroe played extremely tight tennis and could trouble

12th seed and compatriot Jay Berger in the next round. Berger beat compatriot Todd Witsken 6-1, 6-3, 6-0.

Tenth seed Guy Forget of France was not happy with his form, dropping his first set in two tournaments before beating German Alexander Mronz 6-7, 6-4, 6-2.

"That match made me re-



GABRIELA SABATINI alise I was overconfident. I thought I could win it in straight sets," said Forget, victor in the New South Wales Open last week.

"I did not put my game together. If he had played all the time like in the first set I could have gone down."

1990 no longer haunts Graf

MELBOURNE, Jan 16: Steffi Graf raced into the third round of the Australian Open Tennis tournament on Wednesday, happy to find winning easy after the turmoil of 1990, reports Reuter.

Graf, who dropped only three games in her first-round dismissal of American Jennifer Santrock, overwhelmed Japan's Maya Kidowaki 6-1, 6-0 in another brief encounter in her pursuit of a fourth successive Australian Open crown.

The German top seed dropped her only game - making errors in her haste - when Kidowaki, 88th in the world rankings, broke her service in the third game.

Otherwise it was a procession, with Graf through to the last 32 in barely three quarter of an hour, clinching the match in a service game in which she could afford two double-faults.

"It doesn't happen too often," Graf said, dismissing the idea it might be boring to

win so easily.

"If things go this well I'm not really unhappy about it. In the early rounds it can happen. But the further you go, it won't any more."

Last year was a trial for Graf, with the Australian Open here only Grand Slam title and, off court, the distress of newspaper allegations about her father's private life.

"There's not anything there I want to forget. There are things there I don't like about it. But it happened. I try to learn from it, and I think I did."

"It has been difficult to work with people and it has been difficult at certain times to be with people."

"It's the kind of year that, many things, I had to deal with by myself. It's really difficult to talk with someone about it, to discuss it. I knew I had to do it by myself."

On court, she said 1990 had had been "just a terrible time." Among the top good moments were the Tokyo Pan-Pacific Open immediately after last January's Australian Open.



STEFFI GRAF

"I especially enjoyed Tokyo. I played unbelievably. That was the week I probably had most fun. I played best and enjoyed (it) most."

Peru's Laura Gildemeister became the first women's seed to perish, the tournament's 15th-ranked player succumbing to Australian Liz Smylie 6-

3, 2-6, 9-7.

Glenn Layendecker, playing as a lucky loser from the qualifiers following injury to Finland's Veli Paloheimo, reached a Grand Slam third round for the first time.

The American, ranked 146th in the world, pulled back from the brink of defeat to beat Sweden's Peter Lundgren 3-6, 7-5, 3-6, 6-1.

The Netherlands, a nation more renowned for footballers than tennis players, registered a 100 per cent first-round winning record but sustained their first casualty on Wednesday.

Starting with five players in the main draw, the Dutch acquired a sixth when Michiel Schapers replaced injured American Richey Reneberg.

Hard-serving Richard Krajicek, 113th in the world, reached the third round by beating higher-ranked Czechoslovak Petr Rorda 4-6, 7-6, 6-3, 6-4 but fellow Dutchman Paul Haarhuis, erstwhile conqueror of John McEnroe, lost 7-5, 7-5, 3-6, 6-3 to Italy's Omar Camporese.

Johnson faces assault rap

TORONTO, Jan 16: Disgraced Canadian sprinter Ben Johnson has been charged with assault after a complaint by a former team-mate, reports AFP.



BEN JOHNSON ... fresh controversy

steroids under Francis' insistence before the Seoul Olympics.

Johnson, who returned to competition after a two-year



suspension last Friday in Hamilton, Ontario, will run in an indoor invitation meeting in Los Angeles this coming Friday.

Johnson, who will appear in court in Toronto on January 24, went voluntarily to a city police station on Monday and was charged with the offence, which allegedly took place last month, he was released on bail.

Long jumper Chryl Thibedeau, like Johnson a former member of the Mazda Optimist Track Club run by banned trainer Charlie Francis, lodged a complaint with police last month, claiming she had been assaulted by Johnson during a training session at Toronto's York University indoor track.

Like Johnson, Thibedeau admitted in front of the Royal Canadian Commission of Inquiry into drugs in sport that she had taken anabolic

Wiranata, Frost clash on card

TOKYO, Jan 16: Top seeded Ardy B. Wiranata of Indonesia coasted into the second round of the Japan Open here Wednesday and stayed on course for a possible quarter final clash against Moraten Frost of Denmark, reports AFP.

Wiranata, winner of the Indonesian Open last season, needed just 20 minutes to beat Nreshan Wijekoon of Sri Lanka 15-4, 15-9 in his opening match.

Frost, the defending champion who is joint fifth seed, completed outclassed Bryan Blunshard of Canada 15-3, 15-3.

Second seeded Wu Wenkai

of China, the World Cup holder, moved into the second round with a walk over and joint third seed Poul Eric Hoyer Larsen of Denmark eliminated Takahiro Suka of Japan 15-4, 15-8.

Foo Kok Keong of Malaysia, also seeded three, breezed past Japan's Akihiro Kishida 15-1, 15-11, while fifth seeded Indonesian Joko Suprianto Fung Permaid, and Arab Budi Kusuma safely moved into the second round.

Suprianto overcame Lee Kwang Jin of South Korea 15-11, 15-12. Permaid beat Phonsak Thewarangsee of Thailand 15-1, 15-9 and Kusuma triumphed over Tse Bun of Hong Kong 15-10, 15-12.

winner included Erica Van De Heuvel and Eline Coene of the Netherlands, Somharuthai Jaroensiri and Pornsawan Plungwech of Thailand, Ye Zhaoqing of China, Denyse Julien of Canada, Japan's National champion Hisako Mizui and her compatriot Kazue Kanai.

Seeded players, led by all England winner Susi Susanti of Indonesia and defending champion Huang Hua of China, received first round byes and make their debuts in the second round.

Women's favourites Susi Susanti of Indonesia and Huang Hua of China swept into the third round but South Korean star Lee Young-Suk had to come from behind before beating Japan's Tajadi Ida.

Top-seeded Susanti, the Grand Prix champion who won the inaugural Taipei Open at the weekend, needed only 15 minutes to beat Shuy Yu-Ling of Taiwan 11-0, 11-7.

Defending champion Huang, the second seed, won 11-7, 11-3 against Taiwan's Chen Sheau-Linh.

Third-seeded Lee, South Korea's top player who finished second in the Grand Prix points table last season, shrugged off a shaky start to beat Ida 4-11, 11-2, 11-2.

In the third round, Lee will take on Christine Magnusson of Sweden, who edged past Denyse Julien of Canada 12-10, 5-11, 11-5.

Susanti will play Somharuthai Jaroensiri of Thailand, and Huang will meet Pornsawan Plungwech, also from Thailand.

Jaroensiri defeated Japan's Hideyo Noguchi 11-0, 11-9, and Plungwech downed Viada Chernyaykusa of the Soviet Union 11-8, 2-11, 11-6.

World Cup holder Sarwendah Kusumawardani of Indonesia, joint third seed, beat Rhonda Cator of Australia 11-3, 11-1, while her compatriot Minarti Timur, seeded fifth, needed three games to beat Zhou Qianmin of China

Dr Milton TT

Sports Reporter

On the second day yesterday of the inaugural Shaheed Dr. Milton table tennis tournament, now being held under the aegis of the Armatola Jubo Sangha at the National Coaching Centre, eight men's and nine boys' singles matches were decided.

In the men's singles league, most of the matches were evenly contested. Saadi, Kishu, Ripon, Badal and Happy were all taken to three sets by their respective opponents. However, Pappu beat Anki in straight sets. Saadi, in another game, wasted little time against Badal while Kishu ensured his victory by resisting Sohei's vain attempts in the second set 21-18.

In the boys' singles second round, the victors took minimum time to overpower their opponents and cruise to the group finals straight-set wins. Sagar, Selim, Musabbir, Tammo, Shamim, Rabbi, Ajit, Aminur and Munna all proceeded with little effort.

The only match that extended to three sets involved Sumon and Mahmudul with the former prevailing 19-21, 21-14 and 21-14.

Play resumes today.

Basketball resumes Jan 28

Sports Reporter

The Partex First Division basketball league, postponed during the stormy days of last November, resumes January 28 at the wooden-floor gymnasium.

A press release of the Bangladesh Amateur Basketball Federation, the organisers of the league, yesterday asked all participating teams to prepare themselves accordingly.

BSWA seminar

Sports Reporter

The Bangladesh Sports Writers' Association (BSWA) will hold a seminar on "Democracy in Sports" today at the National Sports Council conference room.

Presidential Advisor on Youth and Sports Alamgir M. A. Kabir will inaugurate the seminar at three this afternoon.

Meanwhile, the annual general meeting of the association will be held tomorrow, Friday, Jan 18 at the same venue.

All members have been advised to attend.

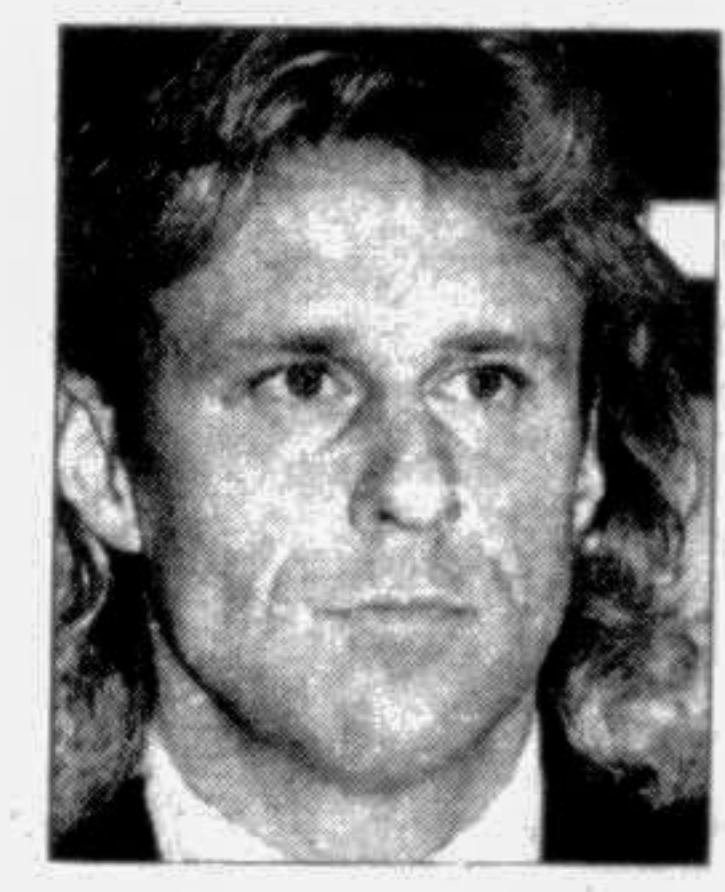
Wilander on Borg return

MELBOURNE, Jan 16: Former tennis star Mats Wilander waned fellow Swede Bjorn Borg yesterday it was unrealistic to think he could make an impact if he returned to professional tennis, reports Reuter.

"I don't think it's realistic - winning a tour match or winning a Grand Slam, that's unrealistic for sure," Wilander told reporters at the Australian Open championships.

"He can maybe survive a game of tennis but as for winning prize money, he's not Borg like Borg in '78."

Borg, winner of six French Open titles and five Wimbledon titles, retired from tennis in 1981. Now 34, the Swede is



BJORN BORG

training for a possible comeback to professional tennis.

"I haven't seen him play," said Wilander, who was world number one in 1988 after winning three of the four Grand Slam tournaments. "It's very hard if you have taken such a long time off, but hopefully he is pretty fit and healthy."

"I guess he's played quite a lot of tennis in the last year, that's the only chance he's got. But the hard part is mentally when you have to play 13 or 14 tournaments a year."

"You have to (play that many) otherwise you are never going to get back. You need to play a lot of matches and in the beginning you are going to have a few first round losses and that's the hard part."

Japanese take to tennis

MELBOURNE, Australia: They have taken on golf, long-distance running and auto racing. Now, Japanese athletes are starting to mount a major assault on the women's tennis circuit of the first time, reports AP.

Six qualified for the main

draw of the Australian Open and many observers believe teen-ager Naoko Sawamatsu is poised to become Japan's first tennis superstar.

Sawamatsu, a bubbly, confident 17-year-old who won last year's Singapore Open, is currently the highest ranked Japanese player at 30th.

Other Japanese players who have proved successful over the past two years include Akiko Kijimuta, Maya Kidowaki, Nana Miyagi, Kimiko Date and Tamaka Takagi.

Date, a 20-year-old from Amagasaki city who made the fourth round of last year's Australian Open believes competition between the Japanese players helps them all progress.

"Because there is a group of us, that prevents us from getting lonely or suffering from cultural problems," she said. "We are all aware there are big opportunities for the first Japanese player to become a major international success."

The recently-retired

Etsuko Inoue, who reached 26th in 1988, is the highest-ranked Japanese player in recent times, although Sawamatsu's mother Junko and aunt Kuzuko reached the Wimbledon doubles quarterfinals in 1970 and she has tennis in her blood.

Exhibition soccer

Sports Reporter

An exhibition football match between "Sonali Atti" players of yester-years and the visiting West Bengal under-14 side will be held tomorrow, Friday at the Outer Stadium.

Chuni Goswami, an Indian Olympian of great fame, who is accompanying the West Bengal tourists, is likely to don the colours of his side.

Several former stars of the 1950s, '60s and early '70s make up Sonali Atti. Of course, these are some who played competitive soccer even until the other day.

Sports seminar cum clinic

Sports Reporter

A seminar-cum-clinic on "Sports Medicine and Nutrition" organised by the Dhaka Cricket Players' Association, will be held on Friday, Jan 18 at the Dhaka Stadium.

Dr. P.K. Gupta, MD and physiotherapist A.H. Sarkar will jointly conduct the seminar-clinic starting at 4.30 pm.

All cricket players of the Navana, Minars and Second Division leagues, as well as umpires and coaches have been requested to attend on time.