Shimul's hattrick

Sports Reporter

Eleven still find it hard to

justify their name, being

players once again, they

Bangladesh Sporting's Shimul

ample scope to notch up a fine

hattrick in yesterday's Delta

Life Second Division hockey

super league at the Hockey

match against Raktim Sangha

Thursday had to be called off

by the umpires after they were

reduced to just six players and

had conceded four goals

against one in only 37 minutes,

yesterday managed to last the

regulation period but not be-

Shimul scored the first

three, in the 15th, 20th and

24th minutes while Ehtesham

added the other two to com-

plete Shishu Kishore's misery.

super league programme with

action commencing tomorrow.

on Combined Sporting and

Agrani Bank meet Shishu

Kishore in the day's two

Handball results

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the handball super league yes-

terday at the Outer Stadium

Narinda Union Samaj Kalyan

Parishad and Jagoron Sanskriti

Sangha fought tooth and nail to

a 15-15 all draw. Jagoron led

was the topscorer for Narinda

while Swapan with four goals

was the leading scorer for

recorded an exciting 14-11

victory over Kurmitola Apollo

Club in the other game on the

goals for Moishundi while Babu

TODAY'S MATCHES

Arunayaton vs Farashgani

West Jatrabari vs Nicecop

Exciting win for

Mansur Sporting

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exciting 4-3 victory over

Nawabpur Sporting Club in the

inaugural Akhter Mian

Memorial Silver Cup football

tournament match at the

Shyampur Alibohur ground

for Mansur Sporting with Arif

and Nasir adding one each

while Subir with two goals and

Babi with one were the

Rochi, Hamlet

clinch Milon

TT titles

Sports Reporter

champions in the men's and

boys singles respectively in the

inaugural Shaheed Dr. Milon

memorial table tennis compe-

tition which concluded yester-

day at the National Coaching

Rochi tamed Kislu 21-17, 12-

overcome stiff resistance from

Rubel in the boys final. After

leading 2-0 sets Hamlet lost

the next two sets and the

match stood at 2-2 all 21-17,

21-13, 16-21, 21-13 when the

gruelling fifth and deciding set

started. Both the players

fought equally for the first ten

points, but Hamlet eventually

truimphed winning the set 21-

Rahman, Chairman of the

National Sports Council, wit-

nessed the finals as the chief

Major General Mahbubur

21, 21-13 and 21-19.

in the men's singles final,

Hamlet had to toil hard to

Rochi and Hamlet emerged

Mohsin banged two goals

Mansur Sporting scored an

slotted six goals for Kurmitola.

Shahid and Abu netted four

Junior Moishundi United

Mukesh with seven goals

Two matches were held in

In the day's first encounter.

Today is a rest day in the

Bangladesh Sporting take

fore swallowing five goals.

Shishu Kishore, whose

forced to play

nevertheless

Stadium.

matches.

handball court.

9-7 at the breather.

Jagoron.

(2:30 pm)

(3:30 pm.)

yesterday.

Centre.

While Shishu Kishore

with seven

provided

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JAHANGIR ALAM

Surjo Tarun's 218 for nine in

75 overs made on Thursday,

counter. The victory gave

ons, a flying start to their

day, which ended at the Dhaka

Stadium, reigning champions

Abahani Krira Chakra posted

their second win of the season

beating Lalmatia by 65 runs.

Laimatia, who were 61 for one

overnight, were all out for 194

in 72.5 of the stipulated overs

in reply to Abahani's 259 for

of one wicket, young Jahangir

Alam, who was 21 not out

overnight, batted with author-

ity, treating the Tarun bowlers

with scant respect. His 178-

ball innings was punctuated

Div II cricket

from Jan 25

Sports Reporter

Division cricket league will

commence from January 25 at

the Dhanmondi Club ground,

according to a BCKB press re-

England 'A' tour is over

vice given by the foregn office.

would be safe for the tour to

take place in the political cir-

istan we have been in costant

touch with the foreign office in

London and Bob Bennett, the

tour manager, has been in

regular contact with the Bri-

tish High Commission in ei-

ther Islamabad or Lahore and

the Pakistan ministry for the

been made against the team as

a whole or any player individu-

ally, and they are not consid-

ered to be in any physical

denger, the British High

Commission in Islamabad and

the Pakistan ministry for the

interior both advised on

Wednesday that the mood in-

side the country might change

if hostilities broke out in the

Gulf and that in the fvent of

that happening it would be

prudent for the team to with-

"Although no threats have

cumstances existing at the

"Since their arrival in Pak-

"They advised us that it

lease yesterday.

by January 22nd.

The Rank- Xerox Second

Resuming at 50 for the loss

In another match on the

the first day of the two-day en-

Biman, former league champi-

1990-91 campaign.

nine on Thursday.

A magnificent century by Biman opener Jahangir Alam gave his team a facile eightwicket win over Surjo Tarun in the Navana Premier Division cricket league yesterday at the Dhanmandi Cricket Stadium.

Jahangir's unbeaten 138. first century of the season, helped Biman to 222 for the loss of two wickets in reply to

Bima crash yet again

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh PWD registered their fourth victory in seven games when they sent Shadharan Bima to their third consecutive defeat in the Milnars First Division cricket league yesterday at the Mirpur Pallabi ground.

Bima, who were once leading the ten-team league table, also have four wins from outings. From yesterday's performance it appeared Bima had forgotten the winning habit that looked so evident in their first four

Bima, batting first, were skittled out for a paltry 99 in only 36.4 of their alloted 45 overs with Manju, who calimed four for eight runs off his 6.4 overs, doing most of the damage. Shamim and Khokon picked up two Bima wickets each for 16 and 15 runs respectively. Only Nakib with 18, Kallol 17, Shaheen 13, Rabi and Kishore with ten each reached double figures for the insurance men.

In reply, PWD, rattle up 100 for the loss of six wickets in 32 overs to win by four wick-

Happy remained unbeaten of 23, Khokon made 18, Nayan 13, Abtr 12 and Didar 10 for

Shamim, two wickets for 13 and Kallol, two for 22, were the successful Bima bowlers.

TODAY'S MATCH B.Railway vs Udity Club (Mirpur)

LONDON, Jan 18: The

England A tour of Pakistan has

been cancelled following the

outbreak of war in the Gulf, the

Test and County Cricket Board

announced here in Thursday.

scheduled for Lahore today.

has been abandoned and Eng-

land's touring party will fly out

three-Tests" against Pakistan A

before going to Sri Lanka for a

tour, which began on January

7. will now continue in Sri

Lanka with a hastily rearranged

itinerary containing three

istan was taken as a precau-

tionary measure Tim Lab. The

TCCB cricket secretary, com-

mented,"It has to be empha-

sized that at no stage was the

tour party in any immediate

for the tour over the last few

months before the team de-

parted, we were guided by ad-

"In making the preparations

The decision to leave Pak-

Their scheduled nine-week

final fortnight in February.

The team were due to play

A oneday international.

reports Reuter.

"Tests".

for Colombo at night.

with as many as 13 boundaries and three huge sixes. Jahangir, who also keeps

wickets and was a member of the Bangladesh squad in the last Asian youth championships held in Dhaka in 1989, put on 104 runs in 30 overs with former Biman skipper Ahmed Iqbal Bacchu whose own contribution to the partnership was a mere 33 runs. Jahangir then teamed up with Sumon, who remained 15 not out, to add 69 runs for the unfinished third wicket stand. Such was Jahangir's presence at the crease that the other Biman batsmen were glad to play second fiddle. The other notable scorer for Biman was Tariguzzaman Munir who had

made 24 the day before. For Surjo Tarun, Hadi had made 42, Suppi 36 and Roquibul 32 with Biman spinners Anwarul Amin Azhar and Aminul Islam Bulbul picking up two wickets apiece for 19 and 32 runs respectively.

Abahani, who looked in some danger after Lalmatia had raced to 61 for one in only 16 overs on Thursday night, kept things under control yesterday with their bowlers bowling a steady line.

Sanjeeva Ranatunga and Ali Ahsan Babu picked up three Lalmatia wickets each conceding 19 and 53 runs respectively while Ehsan finished with tidy figures of two for ten runs off his eleven overs. Nishanta Ranatunga got one for

Jahangir top scored for Lalmatia with 51, Shaon made 25 the other Sanjeeva 24, Uttam 16 and Raj 15. There were as many as 40 sundries that added respectability to the Lalmatia total.

Abahani had earlier beaten Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club in their opening league fixture last November. It was Lalmatia's first outing.

TODAY'S MATCHES Mohammedan S.C vs

All the affiliated clubs have been asked to complete their Kalabagan (Dhaka Stadium) entry and affiliation formalities Rupali Bank vs Gulshan Youth (Dhanmandi C.S.)

> vice and are grateful to the British High Commission and the Pakistan cricket authorities for the way they have looked after the interests of the tour party during their brief stay in Pak-

> "We are also extremely grateful to the Sri Lanka cricketing authorities for their cooperation and their swift response after we put our contingency plans to them.

De Silva on

PALMERSTON NORTH. New Zealand, Jan 18: Sri Lanka, in response to New Zealand's Emerging Players Xi's first innings score of 213 for six declared, were 354 for seven at the close on the second day of their three-day

Scores: Emerging Players Xi 213 for six (R Mcleod 73, A. Ranatunga two for 33), Sri Lanka 354 for seven (A De Silva 174, A Gurusinha 79, H

We have acted on that ad-

defeats to Torino and Lecce has seen them slip from top to fifth place, welcome back Somidfielder Alexei Mikhailichenko and Ivano Bonetti against Lazio but are still without striker Roberto

quest and gave away the prises among the winners. The meet was organised by Armanitola Jubo Sangha.

Seventy-two players, including 17 men and 55 boys, took part in the competition which commenced last Tuesday.

Becker wins epic thriller

MELBOURNE, Jan 18 Boris Becker triumphed 14-12 in a nerve-tingling final set to win the longest match in Australian Open history on Friday. beating Italy's Omar Camporese 7-6, 7-6, 0-6, 4-6, 14-12 in the third round, reports Reuter.

Becker, the world number two, played well below his best in winning the first two sets, constantly cursing himself and his racquet in a leaden-footed performance.

Camporese came out blazing in the third set, not allowing the German a single game and carried his form into the fourth set as Becker went through yet another Melborne nightmare.

In five previous Australian Opens, Becker has failed to progress further than the quarter-finals and Camporese. ranked 45th in the world, smelt another upset.

The final set was a titanic struggle with Becker's serve volley game only firing in fits



BORIS BECKER

and starts, and Campurese playing like a man possessed.

The two fought to 10-10 before Becker earned the first breakpoint of the set. He greeted his backhand winner on the next point as if he had just scored a vital goal in the World Cup Final, racing to the sidelines to acclaim his fans.

Becker charged to a 40-0 lead in the next game and it looked all over for Camporese. But the Italian saved three match points to peg Becker back to duece before winning the next two points to break back to 11-11.

As the players tired, and the light dimmed, they exchanged five successive breaks of serve before Becker, at 13-12, earned his fourth match point with an ace on his second serve.

He won the match with another ace and climbed over the net to clasp Camporese's hand and commiserate as the enraptured fans gave both players a lengthy standing ovation.

The final set lasted over two hours and the whole match

Steffi Graf set up a fourth

round appointment with Ka-

rina Habsudova of Czechoslo-

Australian Nicole Provis.

Dechaume 6-2, 6-4.

of the United States.

vakia with a 6-4, 6-2 win over

And eighth seed Zina Garri-

son of the United States had

no difficulty getting past

Frenchwoman Alexia

Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario made

By contrast, sixth seed

311 minutes, 12 minutes longer than a first round match between Americans Pete Sampras and Tim Mayotte last year.

Until Friday, none of the men's games big three - Stefan Edberg, Becker and Ivan

Lendl- had dropped a set. Steffi Graf, the women's number one, and fourth seed Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina won in straight sets again to join ninth seed Jana Novotna

Sanchez Vicario in the last 16. Patrick McEnroe's defeat of 12th seed Jay Berger guarantees an unseeded player will make the semifinal in Becker's half of the draw.

and sixth seed Arantxa

McEnroe continued his new career as a singles player in impressive fashion beating Berger 6-1, 7-5, 7-5 while 19year-old South African qualifier Wayne Ferreira reached the last 16 in only his second Grand Prix tournament, beating Jacco Eltingh of the

Sabatini seeks stiffer stuff



MELBOURNE Jan 18: Fourth seeded Gabriela Sabatini was hoping for tougher opposition after

reaching the fourth round of the Australian Open here today with a 6-1, 6-1 defeat of Czechoslovakian Andrea Strnadova, reports AFP.

Sabatini, who has conceded only eight games in three rounds, said, " you never get bored from a match .

to have some tough matches, to get tougher mentally. That's what I need to be ready for a big match."

year's US Open, said, " I think I'm ready to win any tournament now."

She said she had " the game to win on any surface " and added, " I'm much stronger mentally than I was two years ago" when she reached the semi-finals in her first Australian Open.

In the next round, Sabatini will play either Stacey Scefflin of the United States or Australian Rachel McQuillan. Title-holder and top seed

But she admitted, " it's time

Sabatini, winner of last

Sanchez-Vicario won 6-4, 3-6, 6-0 and goes on to meet 13th seed Amy Frazier, who also needed three sets to best fellow American Carrie Cun-

ningham. Sanchez-Vicario, who came close to defeat in her secondround match with Briton Monique Javer, insisted that her concerntration was good. "That match against Mnique

helped me a lot," she said. "I serve better and I pressure better when I have the chance... also I concentrate really well.

ATP, WTA put off postponements

Netherlands 6-2, 6-4, 6-2.

MELBOURNE, Jan 18: The association of tennis professionals and the Women's Tennis Association have no plans to postpone tournaments in the wake of the Gulf war but may reexamine security measures, reports AP.

"We only have one event in the war zone and that takes place at the end of the year," said Richard Evans, the ATP's European director of communications. "It would be nonsensical to think about postponing the Tel Aviv tournament at this time, but we will be monitoring the situation. "Security is generally the

responsibility of each individual tournament, but we will be in consultation with anyone who is concerned. The 150,000-U.S. dollar Tel

Aviv tournament is scheduled for Oct. 7-13. Women's Tennis Association

Executive Director General Smith said it was too early to make any firm decisions about future tournaments.

Politics dogs Yugoslav stars

MELBOURNE, Jan 18: Life is confused for Yugoslav teenager Goran Ivanisevic. who's finding it difficult to distance politics from tennis, reports AFP.

Yet again the 19-year old's match at the Australian Open here Thursday became a stage for exported Yugoslav factional-

On a day when American planes bombed Baghdad, Ivanisevic said:" Everybody is fighting, everybody's gone crazy don't know what's happening... But I just play tennis".

lvanisevic, one of the world tour's exciting talents, played in vociferous verbal crossfire between supporters of Serbia and Croatia to wear down stylish Indian Ramesh Krishnan 6-4, 3-6, 4-6, 6-1, 6-2 to move into the third round. As on Tuesday Ivanisevic,

GABRIELA SABATINI



IVANISEVIC the world's number eight and fifth seed here, had to contend

Yugoslav ethnic groups from a country where Croatia and other republics are engaged in breakaway movements from the Serb-dominated east European state.

with the distraction of rival

The atmosphere turned nasty on Thursday when an elderly Yugoslav man was set upon by six youths wearing Croatian T-shirts during Yugoslav Goran Prpic's second round match with. Brazilian Luiz Mattar on an outside court. The man suffered a cut

temple in the scuffle and the youths escaped with a Yugoslav flag out of the National Tennis Centre. "After I saw what happened

this morning I was afraid what

was going to happen in my "It was just like the movies.

They just started to hit people.

it's very bad for Prpic, for me and for Yugoslavia. Ivanisevic said he had no intention of not returning for

future Australian Opens.

"I'm playing for myself and I'm always going to come here

Ivanisevic found the artistic Krishnan a difficult opponent. "He's a little bit old, but he

can be so dangerous, particularly the way he played today." said Ivanisevic. "Everything was so easy for

him. He was playing a bit like (John) McEnroe. He was playing soft and you didn't know where the ball was going."

Woodforde beat John

McEnroe on his way to the

fourth round at Wimbledon in

1988 and last year against

reached the last 16 there only

to go down to American Brad

tournament for some time, and

it's a sweet return for all the

work that I ve put in", said

" I've been focussing on this

Pearce in straight sets.

Private peace fuels Forget



MELBOURNE.Jan 18 : Calming outside influences are behind Frenchman Guy

Forget's climb up

the world tennis ladder, he says, reports AFP. Forget moved into the 4th round of the Australian Open today with a stuttering four-set win over world number 33

Michael Stich of Germany. It's the second time the 26year-old Frenchman has reached the round of 16 at the

Australian Open the previous time back in 1984 his best return at any of the four Grand Forget, who enters 1991 as 13th in the world, his best

standing in his nine-year playing career, points to his settled private life as the reason. "I.ve always had that balance with my parents and now with

"That's what I try to find outside the court and create a good atmosphere." "That may be one of the reasons why I can concentrate

my wife", said Forget. "There

are good people around me."

I've always been surrounded by

good friends."

better on my tennis".

Friday's victory was his third over Stich and followed last weekend's two-set win over the German in the New South Wales Open final in Syd-

"I didn't play that great today", Forget admitted. " I didn't make that many winners as I usually do, I didn't go to the net enough and I didn't work hard enugh on the points"

Forget, who is on course to face second seed Boris Becker in the quarter-finals, said the pressure will be off him should he reach the last eight.

"So far all the players I've played my ranking was better (than theirs) and they had nothing to lose against me, but may be now as we get closer to the quarters I'll be playing players with the same ranking as me".

Now I'll be the one trying to be the better player".

Forget let slip a 4-1 lead before surviving a first-set tiebreak (7/5) and fought off two break points in the ninth game of the following set before edging out stich 8/6 in yet another tie-break.

first serves in than Forget, except in the third set, with the Frenchman making more forehand errors than the German. Forget now meets the winner of Friday night's Jonas

Svensson of Sweden and Austr-

fourth round.

Stich consistently got more

lian tood Woodbridge in the Australian Mark Woodforde made the fourth round for the

GUY FORGET

first time in his national Open with a four-set win over Canada's Grant Connell. Woodforde, who easily beat

appearance in Florida almost

Connell in their only previous

seeded American Jay Berger.

Woodforde, who has battled back from a career-threatening ankle injury suffered here 12 months ago. Woodforde now has a tought assignement against John McEnroe's kid brother Patrick, who continued his great week here with a 6-1, 7-5, 7-5 elimination of 12th

Foo the first to fall



Third-seeded Foo Kok Keong Malaysia became the first major victim in the

men's singles field when he bowed to Thomas Stuer Lauridsen of Denmark in the 100,000-dollar Japan Open badminton championships, reports AFP. The 28-year-old Malaysian,

the Grand Prix points leader last season, watched his early leads and one-point advantage in the setting tumble into 15-17, 11-15 defeat to the unseeded Dane.

Lauridsen's steep, powerful smashes from the height of 191 cm repeatedly caught the Malaysian out of balance and after a 2-2 tie in the second game, the Dane never looked

"I played very well today. I hit a lot of good smashes", said the 19-year-old Dane, the

runner-up in the European Championships, caused another upset beating fifthseeded Aran Bud! Kusuma of Indonesia 17-16, 15-11 in a tough 68-minute tussle. Other seeds Ardy B Wiranata, Fung Permadi and Joko Suprianto of Indonesia,

1988 junior world champion.

Darren Hall of Britain, the

Wu Wenkai of China and Morten Frost of Denmarkcoasted to two-game victories, although joint third seed Poul Eric Hoyer Larsen of Denmark had to come back from behind to beat Taipei Open winner: Harmawan Susanto of Indonesta 11-15, 15-8, 15-13. Top-seeded Wiranata

hoff of Denmark 15-4, 15-4 and now he will face defending champion Frost in the quarterfinals later in the day. Frost, fifth seed, routed

breezed past Jens Peter Nier-

Steve Butler of Britain 15-7.

UNDATED. Jan 18: Although the significance weekend's clash of Spanish soccer giants Barcelona and Real Madrid has been lessened by the champions recent poor form.

The visit to the NOU camp could not have come at a wrose time for Real Madrid following two recent heavy home defeats, but a good performance would help restore their shattered confidence.

the confrontation promises to

be as intense as always, reports

Barcelona, heading the league by four points and eight in front of Real, sense an opportunity to inflict more damage on the ailing champion and kill off any lingring hopes they may still have of retaining their

We will be playing for our lives...if they lose they won's bother us again," said Barcelona's international midfielder Guillermo Amor. Victory is much more im-

portant for us. We must stay on top of the league and eliminate old bugbears," said goalkeeper Andont Zubtzarreta. But Real's Mexican striker Hugo Sanchez was more

phlegmatic. 'It's just a game of football and we should't give it any more importance than that he said.

Italian title challengers AC Milan will be relieved that Marco Van Basten broke his two-month scoring drought in Wednesday's match between the Italian and English League

sides in Naples. The Dutch international opened the scoring in the Italians 3-0 win and will be hoping his touch carries over into their difficult away game on Sunday at fourth-placed Parma

who are a point behind them. Milan, a point off joint leaders Juventus and Internationale but with a game in hand, are at full strength and

DU chess DU Correspondent

Enayet Hossain yesterday led the field with seven points after the eight round of the Dhaka University chess champtonship, now being held at the DUCSU cafeteria.

Seven others-Krishnapada Biswas, Kayos Hassan, Wahidul Habib, Amirul Islam Shovon, Masum, Rakib and Zakia Sultana were tied in second position with six points each.

Six more students were

placed in the third position

with five and half points each.

They are Mangural Haque

Sohel, Hejbul Islam, Shahed

Ahmed, Nastruddin Noman, Aktar and Masud. The final round of the nineround Swiss league tournament will be held today.

a rampage

match today, reports Reuter.

Kember two for 56).

An intense rivalry morale is high after Dutch midfielder Frank Rijkaard signed a new tow-year contract worth 2.7 million dollars.

Sampdoria, whose recent

Winners and participants of the Dr. Milon memorial table tennis meet seen with the guest at the concluding ceremony Yesterday. -Star photo