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Shovon Jamaly, Goodyear win double crowns

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Shovon Jamaly stayed the country's best male tennis player by winning both the men's singles and doubles titles in the national championships which concluded yesterday at the Ramna Tennis Complex.

In a thrilling, hot, mid-March afternoon final the younger Shovon prevailed over Sarder Iftekhar, winning a two-hour battle 4-6, 6-2, 11-9. But the former five-times national champion Sarder Iftekhar was not to be denied a winner's trophy after such a wonderful showing this year and he got his due when Shovon teamed up with him later in the day to win the men's doubles against Byzid Rashid and Hira Lal.

It was a highly rewarding meet for another player, one Ms Goodyear (unfortunately, despite six days of competition no one at the Bangladesh Tennis Federation could furnish the lady's first name) who added the women's singles crown to the doubles title she won Thursday in partnership with Yanie (again, we can't tell you if its her first name or the

surname). In the final yesterday, Goodyear defeated Hosne Ara Begum Rina 6-4, 7-6 (8-6). It was a near epic clash in the men's singles final with both Shovon and Sarder matching each other shot for shot, not with-standing the final scoreline.

The left-handed Sarder started the match with a bang, serving and volleying with power and punch. Realising that Shovon is basically an attacking player who loves to rush the net Sarder changed his strategy and managed to take the net away from Shovon, rushing at everything except Shovon's first serve. Sarder's style was in sharp contrast to those he employed in his previous matches in the quarterfinal against Hira Lal and Maroof where he had shown an inclination for defensive play.

Sarder's changed tactics seemed to have unsettled Shovon who lost the first set. The second set saw Shovon scoring with his serve with telling effect. Sarder seemed to have relaxed a bit but perhaps more importantly, Shovon had adapted his own game well to draw level by

winning 6-2. The third and deciding set was played as a long set without the tie-break which Shovon claimed 11-9. Sarder raced to a 5-3 lead. Shovon made it 5-4. Then Sarder was serving for the match when at 30-all a let cord went against the bespectacled left-hander.

Sarder again broke Shovon with two scizzing passing shots down the line off either forehand and backhand. Once again Sarder served for the match at 6-5 but Shovon broke him back.

Games went with the serve until the 20th when Sarder saved three match points before losing out eventually.

Throughout the encounter, while Shovon's service served him well, Sarder displayed remarkable anticipation at the net and some of his volleys were really excellent. It's been quite some time since Dhaka tennis watchers got a chance to see such accurate and effective volleying.

Although Shovon was the deserving winner, Sarder, the seventh seed, must be given all credit for not only proving the seedings wrong but also for the

tremendous determination he showed throughout the competition, having had a rather tough draw that forced him to play the third, second and top seeded players on successive days.

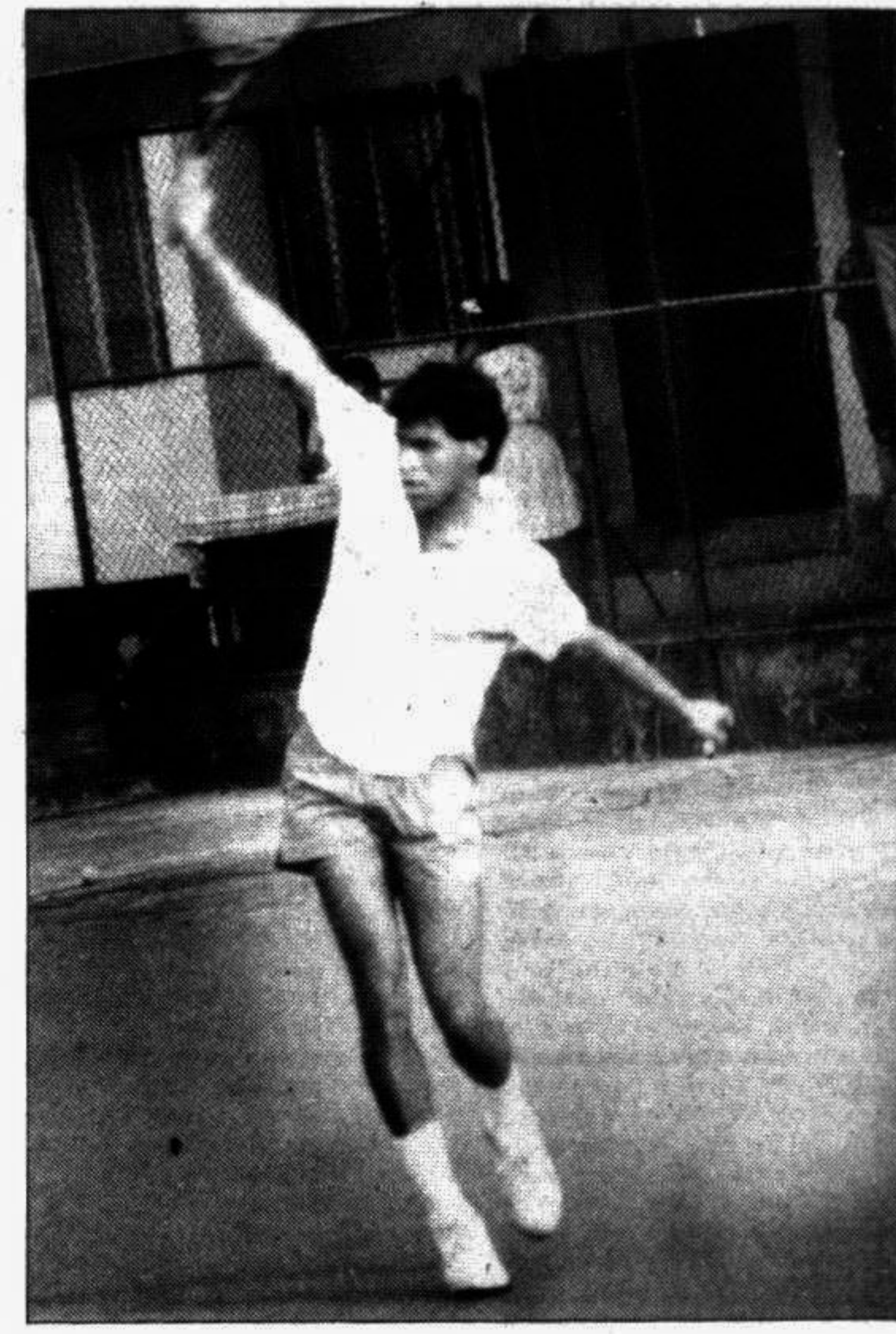
Shovon won the title in 1988 and 1989 while Sarder's five national trophies were won between 1981 and 1986.

The men's doubles was more of an anti-climax with Shovon and Sarder defeating Byzid Rashid and Hira Lal fairly easily 7-6(7-4), 6-4. The games revolved mainly around Shovon's service, Sarder's return of service and the unforced errors of an off-colour Byzid.

Earlier, Thursday, Ms. Goodyear and Yanie had lifted the women's doubles title beating Mehri Asaf and Saathi Sarker 6-1, 6-0 in a one-sided affair.

Eighty six players including a dozen women took part in the meet.

Cabinet Secretary Siddiqur Rahman gave away the trophies as chief guest. The concluding ceremony was also attended by BTFC chief Health and Family Welfare Secretary Khandker Asaduzzaman.



Shovon Jamaly retained the national men's singles tennis title beating Sarder Iftekhar in yesterday's final at the Ramna Tennis Complex.

Abahani-MSC clash today

Sports Reporter

In a match shorn of championship interest, reigning champions Abahani Krira Chakra will take on their traditional rivals Mohammedan Sporting Club in the Navana Premier Division cricket league fixture starting at the Dhaka Stadium today.

Although both Abahani and Mohammedan are virtually out of this year's title race yet their ardent supporters will no doubt flock to the ground in great numbers to cheer their respective sides in this prestige clash.

Abahani have already lost two games while Mohammedans have suffered three defeats and both are now well behind league leaders Brothers Union and Bangladesh Biman who have suffered one defeat each.

In another match starting today at the Dhanmndi Cricket Stadium, Brothers Union face Lalmitia Club.

Victoria outplay Orient S.C

Sports Reporter

Victoria Sporting Club outplayed Orient S.C by a big 125 run margin in the second phase match of the Rank-Xerox Second Division cricket league match yesterday at the Mirpur Pallabi ground.

Victoria Sporting, electing to bat, scored a healthy 196 runs for the loss of nine wickets in their stipulated 40 overs.

Sadiq top-scored with a punishing 47 runs. Saiful, 21, Noor, 20, Iqbal, 20, Sawkat, 16 and Halim Babu with 26 not out were the other notable Victorian batsmen.

Pappu and Shaheen captured two wickets each for 30 and 26 runs respectively.

Orient S.C, in reply, were skittled out for a meagre 71 runs in 22.5 overs.

Mintoo with 18 and Tutul with 12 runs were the two Orient batsmen to reach double figures.

Paplu with three wickets for 16, Iqbal with three wickets for 20 and Halim Babu with two wickets for five runs were the leading Victorian bowlers.

TODAY'S MATCHES
Azad Boys Club vs Nabin Sangha (Mohakhali)
Gandaria OC vs Eskaton Sabuj (T&T)

Egypt evicts Ethiopian booters

CAIRO, Mar 15: Fifteen young Ethiopian footballers who had requests for political asylum rejected by the Egyptian authorities, had to be dragged kicking from buses to a plane waiting to take them home, witnesses said, reports AFP.

The fifteen, all aged 19, were in Cairo for the African junior football championships. They left on Wednesday night.

According to the witnesses, it took several hours for police to get them from a bus at the airport to a special Ethiopian plane that was to take them back to Addis Ababa.

Alvarez wins WBA crown

TOKYO, Mar 15: Elvis Alvarez of Colombia won the World Boxing Association fly-weight crown on Thursday, gaining a unanimous points decision over champion Yukihiro Tanakuma of Japan, reports Reuter.

Booters boycott V-Day meet

Sports Reporter

Football players belonging to different clubs of Dhaka have decided not to participate in the forthcoming Victory Day football tournament, organised by Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF).

Football Players Welfare Association (FPWA), in a press conference yesterday at the NSC's conference room, disclosed that the players have decided that they would boycott any tournament for any club before the completion of the clearance and transfer of

the football players for this year. They complained that they have been playing for the clubs for the last two years with the same old clearance and this has deprived them financially.

FPWA's spokesman further narrated that the talks between Club Association and also with BFF could break the deadlock. BFF has set the clearance and transfer date by the end of July which the players have asked the BFF to complete immediately.

They also complained against BFF for not regularising the football calendar year. The bindings over the new players for playing for three years in a club is too taxing for the young players. They have urged BFF to allow a player to participate in two leagues in a year.

Football players are willing to play for the national team but not for any clubs before the transfers.

Yousuf, Badal Roy, Manik, Johnny, Wasim, Jamrul, Munna and Joshi spoke for FPWA.

Japan Cup judo begins today

Sports Reporter

The ninth Japan Cup Judo competition, organised by the Bangladesh Judo and Karate Federation in co-operation with the Japanese Embassy, begins today at the National Coaching Centre.

National Sports Council Chairman Major General Mahabubur Rahman will inaugurate the two-day meet at 11 am.

Eighty-six judokas including 17 women from 11 teams will participate in the meet for the titles of eight men's, four women's and four boy's events.

Tohsho Saiki, Ambassador designate of Japan will be chief guest in the closing function at 5 pm tomorrow.

Eleven teams - Kushtia, Khulna, Chuadanga, Bagura, Village Defence Party (VDP), Rangpur, Narail, Ansar, Bangladesh Rifles (BDR), Bangladesh Police, and BTMC - are participating in the two day meet.

Edberg named ATP tour player '90

MIAMI, Mar 15: Stefan Edberg of Sweden, who won a career-high seven singles titles including Wimbledon, was named 1990 ATP tour player of the year at the ATP awards gala on Thursday, reports Reuter.

Edberg, 25, who became the number one player in the world last year, was 16-7 against top-10 competition and reached the finals of the Australian Open and the season ending ATP championships in addition to claiming his second Wimbledon singles title.

American Pete Sampras, Austrian Thomas Muster and South Africans Pieter Aldrich and Danie Visser also received ATP awards on Thursday.

Sampras was named most improved player of the year after a meteoric rise from 81st to fifth in the world culminating in the 19-year-old becoming the youngest male ever to win the US Open singles.

Muster, who suffered serious injuries in a freak car accident that put him out of action for most of 1989, was named comeback player of the year. Muster, a French Open semi-finalist and winner of three singles titles, finished 1990 ranked seventh in the world.

Australian and US Open doubles champions Aldrich and Visser were selected doubles team of the year and 18-year-old Fabrice Santoro of France was named newcomer of the year after climbing from 235 to 62nd on the rankings

Ansars emerge champions

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Ansars' weight lifters became champions on the concluding day of the sixteenth national weightlifting championships.

Ansars' lifters captured five gold, four silver and one bronze medals.

BTMC's weightlifters, despite winning two gold medals in record breaking lifts on the concluding day, had to be satisfied with the runners-up trophy. They bagged three golds and three silvers.

Biddiyut Kumar Roy of Ansars was adjudged the best lifter when he created a new national record in the 82.5-kg

category by lifting a total of 252.5 kgs, breaking both records in the snatch and jerk. Zafar Iman of BTMC took the silver, followed by Birendra of Police with the bronze.

BTMC's Khaliquzaman established a new national record in the 90-kg division with a total lift of 235 kgs. Ansars' Ratan and Shafuluddin of Police took the silver and the bronze respectively.

Motaleb of BTMC broke the existing record in the 100-kg weight division with a lift of 221.5 kgs. Rahmat Ali and Nuruzaman of Ansars finished second and third respectively.

Altogether, five new records in the jerk and four in the snatch were established in the three-day meet.

Fifty lifters from eleven teams took part in ten weight divisions.

The participating teams were: Bangladesh Ansars, BTMC, Bangladesh Army, Bangladesh Police, Rajshahi University, Dinajpur DSA, Kushtia DSA, Mymensingh DSA, Meherpur DSA, Khulna DSA and Gazipur DSA.

MEDAL TALLY

	G	S	B
B. Ansars	5	4	1
BTMC	3	3	0
Police	1	0	3
B. Army	1	0	2
Kushtia	0	1	1
Rajshahi Univ.	0	1	0
Meherpur	0	0	1
Gazipur	0	0	1

Ivanchuk takes title

LINARES(Spain), Mar 15: Victory in the Linares international tournament has firmly established rising Soviet chess star Vasily Ivanchuk as a leading challenger for Garry Kasparov's world championship title, reports Reuter.

Experts said his success in the tournament — which included seven of the current 10 top international players — gave him a real chance of breaking the stranglehold of Kasparov and arch-rival Anatoly Karpov on world chess supremacy.

The 21-year-old Ivanchuk is now the leading light of a group of younger players vying to take over from Kasparov, 27, who retained the world title in a rugged 24-game series against Karpov last year.

Ivanchuk also won the Linares tournament two years ago when Kasparov did not take part, although Karpov, 39, did.

This year he beat both Kasparov and Karpov, as well as world number-three Boris Gelfand, another Soviet Grandmaster, and was the only player undefeated in the tournament which ended on Thursday.

"I cannot remember anyone thrashing Kasparov that way in the last five years," Karpov said after Ivanchuk crushed the world champion in 38 moves in the tournament's first round.

Ivanchuk, from Lvov in Ukraine, told Reuters that his early interest in the game was awakened by his father, a medical doctor and chess enthusiast.

"My father showed me the moves when I was six, and chess became foremost in my life," he said.

To some of his closer associates, Ivanchuk's genius became apparent early on. For his 12th birthday, a friend gave him a book analysing the game of legendary Soviet chess player Vasily Smyslov. The book was inscribed: "To Vasily, future world champion."

Ivanchuk, dubbed the new Bobby Fisher, professes great admiration for the former American world champion. "I've always admired Bobby Fisher. I've never met him, but I learned chess studying his games. He was a genius of chess and I'd like to play as well as he did."

Ivanchuk dedicated his victory to his wife Alisa Gallamova, an 18-year-old Grandmaster sixth-placed in the women's world rankings, whom he married on New Year's eve.

Members of his entourage said Ivanchuk's dedication to chess was total.

"He prepares for games like an athlete," said one. "He doesn't drink, he doesn't smoke, and before an important game he always makes sure he gets a good rest."

Before Linares, Ivanchuk stood fourth in world rankings.

Second-ranked Karpov finished joint sixth in the tournament and Gelfand ended in 12th place.

BSJA awards

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Sports Journalists Association (BSJA) announced the names of the best sportsmen, best umpires/referees, coaches and organisers for the years 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, yesterday.

The association also decided to award special prizes to eight individuals for their outstanding performance in their respective fields.

The award-winners have been requested to send their curriculum vitae to the BSJA office along with two passport size photographs by March 25.

The date of distributions of the awards will be announced soon.

The award winners are:

- 1987
Football-Khurshid Alam Babul,
Cricket-Gazi Ashraf Hossain Lipu,
Hockey-Barkatullah Chapal,
Swimming-Abdus Salam and Bazul Rahman
Chess-Zillur Rahman Champak,
Athletics-Late Shah Alam (posthumous)
Tennis-Harunur Rashid and Organisers-Abdus Sattar (Narayanganj), Dulu Afendi (Narayanganj), Kamaluddin Ahmed (Chittagong) and Wazed Gazi (Dhaka).
- 1988
Football-Sheikh Mohammad Aslam and Imtiaz Sultan Johry,
Cricket-Ram Chand Goala,
Hockey-Walut Islam Nasim,
Chess-Ziaur Rahman,
Athletics-Shahanuddin Chowdhury,
Organisers-Shachin Kumar Chaaki (Gaibandha), and Muni:

Ahmed (Chandpur),
Coach-Gazi Salahuddin (Football) and Ehtesham M Sultan (Hockey)

1989
Football-Rummon Bn Wali Sabbir,
Cricket-Ahmed Iqbal Bachchoo,
Hockey-Mohammad Sadeq,
Chess-Rezaul Huq,
Athletics-Shahjalal Bobin,
Swimming-Mukhlisur Rahman,

Organisers-Iqbal Khan (Chittagong) and Brozopal Saha Kalada (Pabna)

1990
Football-Mohammad Monem Munna,
Cricket-Minhazul Abedin Nannu,
Hockey-Jummon Lushat,
Chess-Syed Tahmidur Rahman

Swimming-Shamsul Islam,
Shooting-Ateequr Rahman and Abdus Sattar Nini,
Athletics - Afzal Hossain and Firoza Begum,
Organiser-Azizur Rahman (Dinajpur)
Umpire-Mirzid Milu (Hockey).

Special Awards
Amjad Hossain (Athletics),
Fazul Huq Ukil (Athletics),
Rokeya Begum Khoki (Athletics),
Shamima Sattar Mimu (Athletics),
Mosharraf Hossain Khan (swimming),
Khondakar Wasim Iqbal (Football),
Gafur Balooch (Football coach),
Nirman International Limited (Cricket patron).



ALLAN BORDER

"The win was important not only because it makes us the first side to win a one-day series here, but also because it puts the side in such good heart for the Tests," said Border.

West Indies captain Viv Richards shrugged off the one day defeat though.

"We beat Pakistan here 5-0 two years ago, but the Test series was drawn 1-1. I am sure the Tests will be hard fought," he said.

Border's innings of 79 was described as "his best for years," by former West Indies star Sir Garfield Sobers.

Border and Marsh put on 146 for the third wicket as Australia 283-6 from their 50 overs and set up victory. Marsh made 113 to set an other record with his eighth one day century for the tourists, one better than Dean Jones.

After Border was out Marsh and Mark Waugh put together

Border hails his boys



BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, Mar 15: Allan Border on Thursday hailed his side as the undisputed one day cricket champions of the world after they became the first to win a one day series in the West Indies, reports AFP.

The Australian skipper was in jubilant mood after Australia secured their historic 3-1 winning lead in the five match series with a 37 run victory in the fourth game on Wednesday.

Border, who with century-maker Geoff Marsh led an onslaught on the feared West Indies pace bowlers, described the win in Bridgetown as "a great morale booster."

"We put up a marvellous performance and now, after our World Cup win in India in 1988 and this series, we can claim to be the best one-day side in the world.

Pakistan have as much right as we have to be called the challengers to West Indies in the Test arena but we will have a clearer idea how we stand at the end of the Test series here," he added.

The first of the five Tests between West Indies and Australia was drawn. But the Australians are clearly growing in confidence.

A fourth wicket stand of 93 and Australia totalled 283, their biggest total against West Indies.

The West Indies started typically briskly. Before Phil Simmons was out they had 38 on the board in eight overs, it took only 10 overs for the score to reach 50 and 87 were scored in 15. But wickets kept falling and despite the array of shots no batsman in the top five passed 25.

Steve Waugh cut through the middle order with the wickets of Gordon Greenidge and Viv Richards and although there was a late fight from Jeff Dujon West Indies were all out for 246.

All the Australian victories have been by wide margins in one-day terms which add to the questions being asked about the West Indies ability to win the Tests.

"They have been out-batted and out-bowled and their fielding has been so poor that Viv Richards has been seen standing with his hands on his hips in a gesture of disbelief at standards.

Worst of all the defeat silenced the music that has been such a traditional boost to West Indies morale on this ground.

After complaints by England fans a year ago it was decided to ban instruments like drums, cymbals and trumpets. There was such a howl of protests that the decision was reversed just before the match began and when the West Indies began with such a flourish the music men flooded into the ground and started a victory beat.

But as the West Indies faded so did the drumbeats and there was almost complete quiet as the fans trooped quietly from the ground at the end.



Winners and runners-up of the national tennis championships which concluded yesterday pose with the chief guest Cabinet Secretary Siddiqur Rahman.