

Tenth Asian Club Cup Championship

Rates of tickets announced

Sports Reporter

The rates of the tickets for the Asian Club Cup championship, scheduled to begin in Dhaka for July 19-22, was announced by the Bangladesh Football Federation in a press release issued yesterday.

Eight champion teams of Asia will be competing in the 11-day tournament, to be hosted by the BFF under the aegis of the Asian Football Confederation (AFC).

The teams have been divided into two groups with Al-

Nasser Club of Oman, P S Pelita Jaya of Indonesia, Al-Ramatha of Jordan and Liaoning FC of China being clustered into Group A and Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club, Isteghal SC of Iran, Bangkok Bank Club of Thailand, APR 25 of North Korea making up Group B.

Two matches will be held everyday.

The rate of the gallery tickets for robin league will be Taka 20. The rate of tickets for each semifinal will be Taka 20 with the third place play-off and final tickets costing Taka

25. The VIP Gate Number 1 and season ticket will cost Taka 400 and Taka 35 for club officials. VIP Gate No-2 will be sold at Taka 300 and 250 for club officials.

VIP Gate No-3A will cost Taka 250 and Taka 200 for club officials. VIP Gate No-3B will be of Taka 200 and 150 for club officials.

The season tickets for Gate No-21 for players will cost Taka 100 each. All galleries' season tickets will be sold at Taka 100.

AFC have appointed Mr Chandra Sen (Malaysia) as its chief representative in the tourney. Mr A R Khalid of India will be the chairman of the disciplinary committee.

The AFC has also released name of the referees who will be conducting the Club Cup matches. They are: Rustom Baquer (Qatar, incharge of referees), Sayeed Salem (UAE), Yousuf Ahmed (Bahrain), Y Abewapansa (Sri Lanka), Rajamanhika (Singapore), Subramanian (Malaysia) and Sham Shrestha (Nepal).

The BFF will provide the conducting referees with free tickets, first class hotel lodging, laundry and transport facilities. Referees will receive daily fifty US dollars each as pocket allowance and another 50-US-dollar for conducting each match.

The participating seven foreign teams will stay in Hotel Purban, while the foreign referees will be staying at Sundarban Hotel.

The AFC's representatives will be staying at the Sheraton Hotel.

The BFF also announced the budget of the tournament which will be of Taka 44 lakh.



Super novas of Dhaka film Babita and Champa along with fellow stars waving to the enthusiastic spectators just before kick-off of yesterday's charity bazaar at Dhaka Stadium. —Star photo

Film artistes win charity tie

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A charity football match between Bangladesh Film Artistes Association and Bangladesh Football Players Welfare Association was held at Dhaka Stadium yesterday in aid of the April 29 cyclone victims of the country.

Stage Minister for Information Md Nurul Huda and State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadeq Hossain were present and met the players before the kick-off.

The renowned film artistes of the country took part in the match.

The Film Artistes defeated football players by 5-3 goals.

The match was followed by a colourful variety show.

E Bengal, Cal. MSC clash today

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East Bengal and Calcutta Mohammedan Sporting will meet each other today in the Calcutta Super Division football league match.

The match will kick-off at 4.30 pm (BST).

Kaiser Hamid, Intiaz Sultan Johnny, Manik, Kanan and Rehan, the five Bangladeshi players are already in Calcutta, and most of them are expected to play for Calcutta Mohammedans today.

Munna, Aslam and Rumi are already playing for East Bengal and probably be playing today in this crucial encounter.

Lot of interests have been generated among the Dhaka crowd, with the Abahani fans supporting East Bengal as their club stars are playing for them while Dhaka Mohammedan fans will be supporting Calcutta Mohammedan as their favourite booters will be playing for them.

East Bengal are yet to drop a point while Mohammedans have drawn a match.

Dahari dead

KUALA LIMPUR, July 12: Mokhtar Dahari, a leading Asian soccer forward in the 1970s, died Thursday at the Subang Jaya Medical Center. He was 39, reports AP.

Family members said Mokhtar had been suffering since 1988 from a disease that caused deterioration of the muscles, and was admitted to the center Wednesday when his condition worsened.

Mokhtar began playing for Selangor state in 1972 when he was 19, and won the nickname "Supermokh."

He last represented Malaysia in 1985 in World Cup qualifying rounds in Seoul, South Korea.

Mokhtar is survived by his wife, Tengku Zarina Tengku Ibrahim, and three children.

UEFA changes Cup venues

GENEVA, July 12: European football's government body, UEFA, made the following venue changes to the Cup draws announced earlier on Thursday, reports AFP.

European Cup Winners Cup: Eisenhutenstadt (German Bundesliga) V Galatasaray Istanbul (Turkey UEFA Cup).

Steaia Bucharest (Romania) V Anorthosis Samagust (Cyprus) Ossauna Pamplona (Spain) V Slavia Sofia (Bulgaria); VAC Izzo (Hungary) Dynamo Moscow (USSR); Real Madrid (Spain) V Slovan Bratislava (Czech).

Marseille triumph

PARIS, July 12: French champions Olympique Marseille won the Paris exhibition tournament here on Thursday night, beating Flamengo of Brazil 1-0.

Paris St. Germain took third place with a 2-1 victory over Portugal's Sporting Club.

Navy sail into final

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The reigning national champions Bangladesh Navy outgunned Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) by 86-65 points to cruise into final of the BGIC Cup 15th national basketball championship yesterday at the wooden-floor basketball gymnasium.

In yesterday's first semifinal, Bangladesh Navy came up with a swashbuckling style to shoot out the free-flowing riflemen.

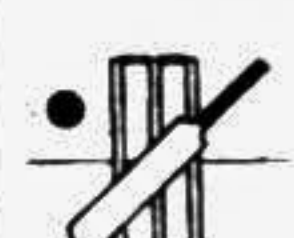
Navy led 42-33 at half-time. BDR, last year's runners-up and one of the most consistent teams of this tournament, looked a rugged out from the beginning of their semifinal

encounter. Aminur, one of the BDR's prolific scorers, was tightly marked by Navy's defence thus cutting BDR half into size.

The six-footer Ghoshwami, the leading scorer for Navy in the previous matches, once again proved his mettle by dunking 36 points. He was followed by another six-footer Seraj with 24 points. Ayub with 24 and Aminul with 20 points were the prominent BDR scorers.

Favourites Bangladesh Army will take on inter-university champions Dhaka University in the second semifinal today at 4 pm.

SA left out of '92 World Cup



LONDON, July 12: South Africa will not be included in next year's World Cup of cricket because

that nation's readmission to world cricket has come too late to allow proper scheduling, reports AP.

The International Cricket Council, which a day earlier had welcomed South Africa back to international play after a 21-year absence, said Thursday it would be impossible to make wholesale changes less than a year before the tournament.

The World Cup will be held in Australia and New Zealand

in February and March.

"There would be very significant logistical difficulties," said Dave Richards, chief executive of the Australia Cricket Board. "It would have meant moving heaven and earth."

The ICC also voted Thursday to continue a five-year ban against 16 English Cricket players who toured South Africa on a 'rebel tour' last winter.

The world cricket body said it would review the ban against the players next July.

One-time English cricket captain Mike Gatting and 15 other players were paid up to dirrs 160,000 apiece for the 1990 tour, which was cut short by protests in South Africa.

The cricketers who went on the tour were told in advance that they would be banned for five years if they made the trip, outlawed at the time by the ICC.

Earlier report said, one day after its return to the Olympic movement, South Africa was readmitted Wednesday to international play in one of its most popular sports — cricket.

ICC Chairman Colin

months for South Africa's return to international cricket.

"Steve and the ANC have inspired us to bury our differences and he will go down in history as one of the true statesmen of world cricket," Bacher said.

Reaction among South African cricketers, many of whom play for English clubs, was ecstatic.

"I am going to find a bottle of champagne," said Allan Donald, who plays for Warwickshire. "I thought we might be readmitted in two or three years time, but I'm delighted that it has come so soon."

"It's what I have been waiting for and what every young South African cricketer has been waiting for."

Ali Bacher, managing director of the UCBSA and the captain of the South African national team when the international ban was first imposed in 1970, said "this is the happiest day of my life".

The news today will be a great motivating factor, in stimulating cricket in all sections of our society," said Bacher, who thanked South African President FW de Klerk and representatives of the African National Congress for making the ICC readmission possible.

Steve Tshweite, the ANC official in charge of sports matters, actively lobbied in recent

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reached 233 for nine off 60 overs against unfenced Glamorgan in the Natwest Trophy second round on Thursday, reports Reuter.

Zimbabwe-born Hick, who has made just 55 runs from his first five Test innings, fell for 10.

His misery was compounded when he dropped a Hugh Morris off the bowling of Neil Redford at second slip.

Glamorgan were 19 for two in reply when bad light and rain ended play early.

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Pakistan leads Asia-Middle East bridge meet

Bangladesh beat S Arabia

NEW DELHI, July 12: Unbeaten Pakistan maintained its position on top with 168 victory points after eight rounds in the open team event of the Gold Flake Asia and Middle East bridge championship here yesterday, reports PTI.

Egypt continued to hold the second spot with 154 victory points (VPs) while Bangladesh was third with 136 VPs. Hosts India were placed fifth with 114 points.

Beginning the day with a 21-9 win against Bangladesh, the Pakistan squad whizzed past defending champion Egypt 18-12 in the post-lunch session.

Egypt, however, recovered from that setback to thrash Mauritius 20-10.

Bangladesh, riding the crest of a vastly improved display this year, made light of a 9-21 reverse against Pakistan, defeating Saudi Arabia 20-10 in the noon session.

Reunion Island fell back having tasted two consecutive

defeats against Sri Lanka (4-25) and Mauritius (8-22). Mauritius moved up to the

Skah to skip 5,000 metres at Tokyo

ATHENS, July 12: Moroccan Khalid Skah, beaten by compatriot Ibrahim Boutayeb in the Mediterranean Games 5,000 metres final, said on Thursday he would not take part in the event in next month's World Championships in Tokyo, reports Reuter.

He said he had aimed to win both the 5,000 and 10,000 titles a feat yet to be achieved at the World Championships.

"I think it's better if I play it safe and go for the longer race," the world cross-country champion said.

"My form can still improve but I feel I don't quite have the finishing kick, much needed for the 5,000 metres."

fourth place by virtue of a significant 22-8 win against Reunion.

India, smarting under a shock 3-25 defeat at the hands of leaders Pakistan, went down 8-22 against Saudi Arabia in the morning. The team, however, made up lost ground by downing Jordan 25-1 to take the fifth spot.

Egypt continued to reign supreme in the ladies event at the end of the fifth round with 97 VPs. The leaders thrashed Sri Lanka 25-4.

Indian women took the second spot with 80 VPs following their drawn game (15-15) against Pakistan. Sri Lanka trailed in the third place with 53 VPs.

Points tally after the eighth round:

Pakistan — 168 VPs; Egypt — 154 VPs; Bangladesh — 136 VPs; Mauritius — 115 VPs; India — 114 VPs; Saudi Arabia — 113 VPs; Reunion — 108 VPs; Sri Lanka — 87 VPs; Jordan — 85 VPs.

Brazil, Colombia fail to win

VINA DEL MAR, Chile, July 12: Defending South American soccer champion Brazil on Thursday was held to a 1-1 tie by Uruguay in a hard-fought America Cup match, reports AP.

In the first game of the doubleheader, the surprising young Bolivia team tied 1-1 with favourite Colombia.

Joao Paulo, a fast winger who plays for Bari of the Italian league, scored at 39 minutes on a pass from Renato to put Brazil (2-0-0) ahead.

But Peter Mendez, who plays for Defensor, a small club of Montevideo, scored the equalizer for Uruguay (0-0-3) at 66 minutes.

Brazil, displaying its traditionally brilliant game, easily dominated the Uruguayans during the first half. But it was unable to increase its advantage against Uruguay's tight defense, led by veteran Felipe Revelez, 31, who plays for Nacional of Montevideo.

In the second half, the Uruguayans took control and kept the pressure over the Brazilian defense and goalkeeper Taffare, who stars for

steadfastly refused to call them, saying he wants to prepare a team "with what we have at home" to seek a spot among the 24 finalists in the 1994 World Cup in the United States.

Head coach Luis Cubilla

Chang struggles

TOKYO, July 12: Michael Chang of the United States raced to a 6-0, 6-3 victory, but needed extra effort

at the final moment to beat Luis Herrera of Mexico in the first round of the 250,000-dollar Gunze world tennis tournament here Thursday, reports AFP.

The 19-year-old Chinese American, who became the youngest-ever-French Open champion two years ago, completely dominated the first set, giving only seven points to Herrera, and went on to take a commanding 5-2 lead in the second.

But the Mexican, a surprise winner over current French Open champion Jim Courier in

the Davis Cup meet in March, suddenly came alive, firing two service winners and an ace to hold the eighth game at love and led 40-15 in the following game.

The two players fought point for point with Herrera missing nine break points and Chang six match points until finally the American's powerful forehand shot just landed on the Mexican's left-hand corner for a clean winner.

"This one is probably the longest-ever game I had," said Chang. "Luis is one of the up-and-coming players and he's done quite well this year. He started playing better and better as the match went on."

"It's always difficult when you serve for the match.

Seles mystery may end at Mahwah



ST PETERSBURG, July 12: The Monica Seles mystery may not be resolved until next week, reports AP.