

# Satellite circuit in Dhaka Nov 2-8

Sports Reporter

Satellite circuit tennis comes to Bangladesh next month. The first leg of the inaugural Bangladesh-Pakistan satellite tennis circuit begins in the city November 2 and runs until Nov 8 at the Ramna Tennis Complex.

The second leg of the Bangladesh tour commences in Rajshahi on Nov 10 and runs until Nov 16. The third round is slated for Nov 18-23 at Lahore and the last and master round is scheduled for Karachi Nov 24-30.

The International Tennis Federation (ITF) sanctioned meet, titled the Gold Leaf ITF Bangladesh-Pakistan Men's Satellite Circuit Tournament, jointly organised by the Bangladesh and Pakistani federations, will bring together 20 seeded professional players from seven countries.

These 20 seeds will play in the main draw, along with four players — two each from Bangladesh and Pakistan — who will get wild cards for the different legs. The remaining eight slots in the 32-man main draw will be filled up from the qualifying round. The main draw competition begins from Nov 4.

Fifty-two players—18 from Bangladesh, six from Pakistan and the remaining 28 from nine other countries — will be taking part in the qualifying round matches in Dhaka Nov 2 and 3. Competition will be held in the men's singles and doubles. In the main draw, every men's singles player and the

The men's singles champion will receive a purse of \$12,500 US dollars and the runner-up \$6,250 dollars. The semifinalists will each receive 300 dollars and the quarter-finalists 181.25 dollars. The doubles champions will share 393.75 dollars and the runners-up 265.25 dollars.



Khandaker Asaduzzaman, President, Bangladesh Tennis Federation, addressing a press conference yesterday in connection with Gold Leaf ITF Satellite Tennis Tournament which begins in Dhaka Nov 2.

while the semifinalists and quarter-finalists will collect 162.52 and 112.50 dollars respectively. The ITF will provide from its Grand Slam Development Fund a total prize-money of 25,000 dollars — \$6,250 for each of the four legs of the main draw competitions.

The 20 seeded players who will compete in Dhaka include eight from the United States, five from Italy, two each from Germany and Japan, and one each from Ireland, Switzerland and the Netherlands. All have come through the qualifying phase.

Peter Malik, a well-known international referee from India and chair-umpire Laurens de Wals of the Netherlands are scheduled to arrive here Nov 1 to conduct the two-leg Bangladesh part of the circuit.

Leif Dahlgren, development administrator of the ITF, will also come to assess Bangladesh's capacity to host professional tournaments.

These and other details were outlined at a press conference in the city yesterday by Bangladesh Tennis Federation President Khandaker Asaduzzaman. Tournament Director Atiqur Rahman also addressed the newsmen. Mr Habib Sattar, Marketing Manager and Jahangir Kabir of Bangladesh Tobacco Company, who will bear all expenses for the Dhaka leg of the meet, also attended.

## Soviet Himalayan expedition team's doctor killed

KATMANDU, Nepal, Oct 27: A doctor with a Soviet mountain expedition was killed by a falling rock while descending from Mount Cho Oyu, Nepal Tourism Ministry said Sunday, reports AP.

Dr. Yuri Grebenyuk, 40, from Yevsk, was killed last Monday while descending from the 8,153-meter (26,904-foot) mountain, the Ministry said.

Grebenyuk was accompanied by four team members who had conquered the peak on Oct 20.

The 16-member USSR Himalayan expedition was led by Sergey Epimov, 47, a scientist from Sverdlovsk.

The Ministry did not say whether Grebenyuk would be buried in the Himalayas or if his body would be brought back to Katmandu.

At least six mountaineers have lost their lives while scaling various Himalayan peaks during the autumn climbing season that lasts from September to November.



Keen competition marked yesterday's matches of the metropolis Second Division chess league now being held at National Sports Council's chess room. — Star photo

## Bhagyashree maintains her lead in Asian women's meet

### Shabana holds defending champ Gokhale

BHOPAL, Oct 27: National women's champion Bhagyashree Thipsay maintained her half-point lead over Ning Chun Hong of China at the end of the eighth round of the fifth Asian women's chess championship being held here, reports PTI.

Bhagyashree played the Austrian attack against Imasanti's (Indonesia) modern defence and gained a clear positional advantage. Imasanti lost a pawn in the opening. Bhagyashree played aggressively and opened up Imasanti's castled king side with a Thematic F5 break. She won an exchange and forced Imasanti to resign on 44th move.

Ning Chun Hong (China) also had an easy time today playing the early Pelikan variation against Bangladesh's national women's champion Tanina Parveen's E4 opening.

Game 15 is set for Tuesday, with Xie playing the white pieces. To be able to retain the title she won in 1978, Chiburdanidze must win two straight games.

She gained a clear positional advantage due to the latter's passive play. Hong won a pawn on 23rd move and the game on 33rd move.

L Widjyanti of Indonesia was rather lucky to score over International Woman Master and former national women's champion I N Saritha. Widjyanti gained a slight space advantage against Saritha's dragon variation but played planlessly and allowed Saritha to gain initiative.

Saritha played in a masterly style to win a pawn on the queen's side. Widjyanti offered another pawn in despair and to her surprise Saritha made a decisive blunder on 36th move. After a few mistakes by both the players, Saritha blundered her queen and resigned on 39th move.

Defending champion Anupama Gokhale was held to a draw by the Bangladesh's Shabana Parveen. Anupama

gained an advantage when Shabana gave up her good bishop for a knight.

However, Anupama could not exploit the organic weakness in Shabana's position — typical of the white side of the King's Indian defence — and the game was drawn in 27 moves.

International Woman Master T Battsetseg of Mongolia scored a crushing victory over local star Kiran Agrawal. Kiran played an antipositional seventh move in the Maroczy bind system of accelerated dragon variation of the Sicilian defence and could not recover thereafter.

Battsetseg conducted the game in a grand style and won a pawn on 33rd move. Kiran dragged on the struggle till 59th move and resigned.

Tomorrow is a rest day and the last round will be played on October 29. Point position after the

penultimate round : Bhagyashree Thipsay 7, Ning Chun Hong (PRC) 6.5, L Widjyanti (Indonesia) 5.5, Shabana Parveen (Bangladesh) and I N Saritha 4.5, Anupama Gokhale 4, T Battsetseg (Mongolia) 3.5, Tanina Parveen (Bangladesh) and K Agrawal 2, Imasanti 1.

An earlier report said : Bhagyashree Thipsay yesterday continued her winning spree by defeating Bangladesh's national women's champion Tanima Parveen and maintained her lead with six points at the end of seventh round in the fifth Asian Women's chess championship being held here, reports PTI.

In the adjourned game, Bhagyashree picked up the advantage and registered an emphatic win over her rival.

In another adjourned game, defending champion Anupama Gokhale was held to a draw by L Widjyanti of Indonesia.

## Xie on verge of becoming new queen

MANILA, Oct 27: Challenger Xie Jun of China drew closer Sunday to winning the Women's World's Chess championships by drawing game 14 with defending titleholder Maya Chiburdanidze of the Soviet Union, reports AP.

The draw allowed Miss Xie to reach 8 points, a comfortable 2 points ahead of Miss Chiburdanidze. The 20-year-old challenger from Beijing only has to draw one of the remaining two games to snatch the title that Miss Chiburdanidze has held since 1978.

The 31-year-old Georgian must win the last two games to tie Miss Xie. Under tournament rules, Miss Chiburdanidze retains the title in case the 16-game series ends in a tie.

A victory is worth one point and a draw earns one-half

point for each player. Both players agreed to a



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draw after 61 moves in six hours of play. It was the longest game in terms of moves and time in the series

so far. Miss Chiburdanidze opened with a queen pawn and Miss Xie responded by using the Gruenfeld Defense.

By move 9, Miss Xie offered an exchange of queens, apparently to put the game into an early draw, said Buenaventura Villamayor, the tournament's official analyst.

After a series of exchange, Miss Chiburdanidze was able to gain an open a-file and an active bishop on the white square.

In her eagerness to attack, Miss Chiburdanidze overlooked a simple pawn-sacrifice by Miss Xie which led her to lose her bishop which was defending the black squares, Villamayor said.

Visiting English grandmaster Anthony Miles, who analyzed the game for reporters, said it was a mistake to give up the bishop when Miss Chiburdanidze was enjoying a positional advantage.

Miss Xie offered the draw after failing to break through Miss Chiburdanidze's five-pawn phalanx on the kingside.

Game 15 is set for Tuesday, with Miss Xie enjoying the advantage of making the first move with the white pieces.

AFP adds: Xie offered the draw after making her 61st move which Chiburdanidze accepted in their Gruenfeld defense duel, enabling Xie to retain a two-point lead of 8-6.

The Chinese woman Grandmaster, a sports student was playing black and was a piece up but Chiburdanidze had three pawns more in exchange, however, the world champion was unable to mobilise her pawn mass in the kingside.

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## BDR, Moghbazar Tejgaon schools win

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Bangladesh Rifles School, Moghbazar Girls High School and Tejgaon Girls High School enjoyed double success on the second day of the fourth Bata handball competition for school girls, winning both their respective matches at the Dhanmondi Women's Sports Complex yesterday.

On a day that saw competition being held in two sessions, all three above-mentioned teams won both in the morning and the afternoon sessions.

In the morning, Bangladesh Rifles School girls beat T&T Girls High School 13-4, Moghbazar trounced Lake Circus Girls High School 11-1, and Tejgaon Girls High School thrashed Cosmic International School 10-1.

In the afternoon, BDR School girls swamped Holy Cross School 15-1, Tejgaon prevailed 3-0 in a low-scoring encounter against T&T School while Moghbazar defeated Siddheswari Girls High School 5-2 in a keener contest.

However, Siddheswari had a mixed day yesterday, winning

their earlier clash against Mohammadpur Preparatory School 4-1 in the morning.

Similarly, Bashabo Girls High School who had lost 1-8 to Bottomley Homes School of Tejgaon in the morning, evened the score by beating Cosmic International School 8-3 in the afternoon, handing Cosmic their second defeat of the day.

Lake Circus School was another side that lost both their encounters on the day, going down 2-5 to Dhanmondi Government Girls High School in the afternoon after having lost to Moghbazar in the

morning. T&T Girls High School also lost both their games yesterday.

In the other fixture of the day, Viqarunnessa Girls High School, the defending champions who had won the inaugural match of the tourney beating Dhanmondi Girls High School 8-0 on Saturday, maintained their winning spree outclassing Quamrunnessa Girls High School 17-1 in a thoroughly one-sided affair.

Fourteen city girls' schools are taking part in this year's meet.

## Now, Soviets humiliate India

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, Oct 27: The Soviet Union men's hockey team defeated India 1-0 in the men's final of the Olympic qualifying tournament here today, reports AP.

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Pleshakov had a great chance to collect a second goal in the third minute of the second half, but was wide with his shot.

India, who rarely made forays into the Soviet goal circle in the first half, went close to equalising in the 22nd minute of the second half when awarded successive penalty corners. Twice defender Sos Atropetian managed to clear the ball off the line.

India rallied again in the final few minutes, but the Soviet defence held up.

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keeper on the bench.

Coach Mikhail Osintchev revealed afterwards that one of their key players, left-half Evang Handev, had played the last three matches with badly ripped finger forcing him to change his stick hands.

He was restricted in the number of players he could bring to the tournament by the Soviet Union's National Olympic Committee who were only prepared to pay the return airfares of 15 people.

The party arrived in New Zealand on the day the tournament started, without enough money to pay their food bill.

Osintchev said the people of Auckland who had come to their aid with offers of free meals had played a big part in the team's victory.

"We would like say a very big thank you to them," he said. "They helped us out of a very difficult situation."

Now that the team had qualified for the Olympics, he hopes more funding will be forthcoming.

"We hope to have a full compliment of players at Barcelona," he said.

Of the 13 players brought to Auckland, only seven who would normally make the starting line-up, he said. The other four were currently

### Mountaineering

KATHMANDU, Nepal, Oct 27: Two Swiss have scaled Mount Manaslu, while four Italians have reached the top of Mount Kanguru, the Tourism Ministry said Sunday, reports AP.

Korst Brantschen, 32, and Mauro Ferraris, 41, both of St Niklaus, Switzerland, reached the summit of Mount Manaslu, the world's seventh tallest mountain, on Friday from the northeast face.

## Tennis result

DORADO, Puerto Rico, Oct 27: Amanda Coetzer of South Africa overcame three match points Saturday to defeat third-seed Sabine Appelmans of Belgium 6-2, 3-6, 7-5, and will face Julie Halard of France in the final at the Puerto Rico Open tennis, reports AP.

Halard advanced to Sunday's final by beating French countrywoman Mary Pierce 7-5, 6-1.

Appelmans blew a 5-2 lead and three opportunities

## A Becker-Edberg final

STOCKHOLM, Oct 27: Title-holder Boris Becker, approaching top form after injury, overcame American Jim Courier on Saturday to set up a repeat final clash with world tennis number one Stefan Edberg in the 1.1 - million-dollar Swedish Open, reports Reuter.

But the German faces the toughest of tasks in his bid to repeat his 1990 final win over Edberg, who cruised to a simple 6-2, 6-2 victory over Aaron Krickstein in the other semifinal.

Becker dropped the first set, losing a tie-break 7-4, and struggled to hold service early in the second set before beating French Open champion Courier 6-7, 6-3, 6-4.

US Open champion Edberg is enjoying the form of his life after winning 21 matches and three tournaments in a row. "Becker is a very difficult opponent on this fast indoor court. But I would relish revenge for last year's final," he said.

Becker humiliated the Swede 6-4, 6-0, 6-3 last year but was sidelined for more than a month nursing a back injury after his exit in the US Open last August. His only other tournament since the US Open was earlier this month in Tokyo where he lost in the quarterfinals.

Becker broke for 5-3 in the second set against Courier and moved 3-0 up in the third with two more service breaks. Courier broke back once but could not prevent the world number two from serving out to love to clinch the match.

"I was in 100 per cent shape at the beginning of this week but now I feel pain everywhere," Becker said with a smile. "But I'll do my best against Stefan."

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The metropolis judo and karate league in progress yesterday at National Coaching Centre. — Star photo

## Man United lose lead

LONDON, Oct 27: Substitute Nigel Jemson scored twice as Sheffield Wednesday inflicted the first League defeat of the season on Manchester United on Saturday, reports Reuter.

The 3-2 defeat toppled United from the top spot in the English First Division and rounded off a miserable week for the side, beaten by Atletico Madrid in the European Cup Winners' Cup on Wednesday.

Leeds gleefully grabbed a one-point First Division lead thanks to a 1-0 win over Oldham which came from an own goal by Brian Kilcline.

Manchester United had not been beaten in 12 league matches and looked safe when Brian McClair scored twice within five minutes of the first half, after a 15th-minute

header by David Hirst had put Sheffield 1-0 up at Hillsborough.

But then, in the second half, the home side brought on striker Jemson in place of midfielder Nigel Worthington and the Sheffield Wednesday jinx struck United again.

In 1985, United were top of the League with a 15-match unbeaten run when they went to Wednesday. They lost and finished the season fourth.

Jemson's equaliser for 2-2 in the 69th minute brought United manager Alex Ferguson to his feet on the touchline.

Ferguson was struck on the head by an object thrown from the stands and police waded into the crowd to try to find the culprit.

Moments later another Jemson shot was just tipped over the bar by United goalkeeper Peter Schmeichel but

the striker refused to give up.

He took the winner in the 80th minute when he headed home a corner cross from Phil King.

Leeds had not been top of the First Division since 1974 but their return owed much to luck.

Kilcline hit the Leeds' woodwork in the first half, before his 55th minute own goal, and early in the second half Leeds goalkeeper John Lukie only just saved a fierce shot by Mike Milligan.

Manchester City held on to third place with a scrappy 3-2 home win over Sheffield United.

Sheffield's Brian Gayle, formerly the city captain, scored twice in the first half on, his return to Maine Road but his efforts were in vain.

Mike Sheron had put city one ahead in the 22nd minute with his first goal for the team and the score was level at half-time after Gayle's double and a header from Irishman Niall Quinn.

But Quinn's 20-year-old compatriot Michael Hughes had the last word when he pounded the ball home in the 76th minute after a shot by Quinn was blocked.

West Ham's 2-1 victory over London rivals Tottenham ended in virtual chaos.

Tottenham's expensive Scottish striker Gordon Durie was sent off in injury time for collecting a second yellow card and defender Pat Van Den Hauwe was carried off 14 minutes before the end after being injured in a collision with West Ham's Mike Small.

Small had scored West Ham's first goal in the 12th minute, seven minutes after England captain Gary Lineker had struck his 16th goal of the season for Tottenham.

Former Tottenham defender Mitchell Thomas gave West Ham only their second home win of the season when he scored into an empty net on 28 minutes.

Liverpool enjoyed their first league win since September 7 with a 1-0 home triumph over Coventry.

Scottish side Celtic responded well to manager Liam Brady's scall to pick themselves up after a 5-1 mauling by Switzerland's Neuchatel Xamax in the UEFA Cup on Tuesday.

Celtic thrashed St Mirren 5-0 in the Premier Division with Tommy Coyne getting his name on the scoresheet twice.

The result horrified St Mirren manager David Hay, who announced he was withholding his players' wages as punishment. "They won't get paid because they don't deserve it," Hay said. "In my time as a manager I've never been in charge of a team as poor as this."