

Tieleman, Casey coast into semis

Sports Reporter

Top seed Laurence Tieleman of Italy continued his uninterrupted march in the inaugural ITF Bangladesh-Pakistan satellite circuit tennis by reaching the men's singles semifinals at the

Ramna Tennis Complex yesterday. Second seed Owen Casey of Ireland also made the last four stage, as did fifth seeded Joost Wijnhoud of the Netherlands and unseeded Mark Avedikian of the United States. Tournament favourite Tie-



Number two seed Owen Casey of Ireland executes a backhand during his singles quarter final against Rashid Malik of Pakistan yesterday at the Ramna Tennis Complex. Casey won 6-0, 6-2 to move into today's semifinals of the Gold Leaf ITF Satellite Circuit tennis tournament. — Star photo

Egypt to take part in Bangladesh junior tennis

Egypt will take part in the sixth Bangladesh Open international junior tennis championships, beginning at the National Tennis Complex in Dhaka on November 18, reports BSS.

Earlier, nine countries sent entries to the seven-day meet. They are: India, Pakistan, Germany, Poland, Austria, Saudi Arabia, the Soviet Union, Thailand, South Korea and hosts Bangladesh.

Egypt will send two boys and two girls for the boys' singles and doubles and girls' singles and doubles.

The team: A.M.R Ghoneim, Bassel Issa, Yasmin Atia, Alla El Shishini and Sallah Yehya (manager).

Agassi, Sampras to play singles in Davis Cup final

LOS ANGELES, Nov 6: Andre Agassi, the hero of America's semifinal victory over Germany, and Pete Sampras will play singles for the United States in the Davis Cup final against France, it was reported Wednesday, reports AP.

According to the Los Angeles Times, US Davis Cup captain Tom Gorman has decided to skip over veteran John McEnroe, who has lobbied for a spot on the team that will play in Lyon, France, from Nov 29 to Dec 1.

McEnroe, who has played and won more Davis Cup matches than any other US player, was bypassed in favour of Sampras, the 1990 US Open champion who will be making his Davis Cup debut. Sampras is ranked seventh in the world.

McEnroe, who has fallen to No. 28 in the rankings, lost last week in Paris in an early round on an indoor carpet, the same surface that will be used for the Davis Cup final. Sampras is 15-3 on carpet this year.

In the Davis Cup semifinals against Germany, Agassi, currently ranked eighth in the world, crushed Wimbledon champion Michael Stich, then clinched the victory for the United States by downing Carl-Uwe Steeb in the decisive fifth match.

The French team has not been announced, although Guy Forget, ranked sixth in the world, will head the squad.

Squash upset

KIEL, Germany, Nov 6: Simon Frenz produced the best win of his career to dismiss world junior champion Simon Parke of England in the first round of the inaugural Kiel Open squash tournament on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

leman, with an ATP computer ranking of 429, needed little over an hour to defeat American eighth seed Kenneth Lee in straight sets 6-4, 6-3. Owen Casey eliminated Pakistani giant-killer Rashid Malik 6-0, 6-2. They young Pakistani Davis Cupper had

shocked number seven seed Yoric Hidenreich of Germany in the first round on Monday. Mark Avedikian took his place in today's semifinals opposite top seed Tieleman by beating Italian sixth seed Alessandro Fornaro 2-6, 6-4, 6-2 in the most keenly contested of the quarterfinals.

Dutchman Joost Wijnhoud struggled to take the first set 7-5 against his Italian opponent Sylvano Simone but was more authoritative in the second set, clinching the issue with a relatively easy 6-2 win. Wijnhoud faces Casey in the semifinals, which start at 10.30 this morning.

Simone had some consolation yesterday when in partnership with Tieleman he moved into the semifinals of the doubles event, their opponents Mario Pablo of the United States and Anand Vandendoren of Belgium conceding the match when tied 1-1 in the first set after Vandendoren suddenly suffered stomach pains.

In the semifinals, Tieleman and Simone will now face the Pakistani pair of Mushaf Zia and Mohammad Khalid who beat Mohammad Azeem of Pakistan and expatriate Anand Bhupathi of Qatar 6-1, 6-2.

Damal Summer tourney from today Wari face Tarun in opener

Sports Reporter

The curtain rises on the local 1991-92 cricket season with the start of the 13th Damal Summer tournament.

Surjo Tarun Club will take on Wari Club in the inaugural tie of this year's 22-team tourney which was originally scheduled to commence Nov 1 but was put back by a week at the request of some of the participating teams who appealed for more time to prepare.

The opening match is scheduled for a 9:30 am start at the Dhaka Stadium. State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadeque Hossain will inaugurate the meet.

A dozen Navana Premier Division and another ten Milnars First Division league sides are competing in this year's tournament, split in four groups.

The matches will be limited to 45 overs a side. Defending champions Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club — who have the enviable record of having reached the final on all 12 previous occasions, along with last year's runners-up the Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club (GMCC) and the two beaten semifinalists Brothers Union

and Dhaka Wanderers have been made the seeded sides to head the four separate groups. Mohammedans head Group A which also includes Surjo Tarun Club, Kalabagn Krira Chakra, Wari Club, Uddy Club and Milnars league newcomers Eskaton Sabuj Sangha.

Group B is made up of GMCC, Young Pegasus, Victoria Sporting Club, Lalmitia Club, Agrani Bank and City Club.

Group C has last year's Navana Premier Division champions Brothers Union, Rupali Bank, Gulshan Youth, Sha-

dhan Bima and Bangladesh Railway.

Group D comprises the relatively weaker Dhaka Wanderers, title-aspirants Abahani Crira Chakra and Bangladesh Biman, and PWD SC and Ajax Sporting Club.

After the first round group matches, which are expected to run until Nov 18, the two top finishers of each group will qualify for the quarterfinals.

The format for the quarterfinals will be thus: Champion of Group A versus the runners-up of Group D; champion D versus runners-up A; champion B versus runners-up C; and champion C versus runners-up B.

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Soccer results

TOKYO, Nov 6: Japan's Nissan FC beat Singapore's Geyland International FC 6-0 (halftime 3-0) in their first leg, first round soccer match in the Asian Cup Winners' Cup on Tuesday night, reports Reuter.

Scorers were Takuya Jinno (Third and 14th minutes) Tetsuji Hashiratani (16th, 81st) and Keitichi Zaizen (55th, 64th).

A total of 18 cup-winning teams from Asia are taking part in the event, which is held on a home-and-away basis and will continue until February.

Nissan will take on Geyland again next Wednesday in Singapore.

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Abahani leave for Calcutta today

A 25-member Abahani KC football team leaves Dhaka today for Calcutta to participate in the return leg match of the Second Asia Cup Winners Cup tournament there, reports UNB.

Abahani will meet Calcutta league champions East Bengal Club next Saturday at the Jubo Bharati (Salt Lake) Stadium.

The first leg match between the sides ended in a goalless draw at the Dhaka National Stadium last Sunday.

Abahani KC need at least a 1-1 draw in the match to reach the second round of the championship. The winners of Abahani-East Bengal will take on the winners of Japan-Singapore ties in the second round.

The Abahani squad includes six officials and 19 players.

They are: Team leader: Tanveer Mazharul Islam Tanna; Coach: Abdul Gaffar, Assistant Coach: Sheikh Ashraf Hossain; officials: Dr Musa Kaderi, Nayeem Firoz and Shah Alam Chowdhury. Players: Mohsin, Selim, Masud Mamun, Aatur, Ranjit, Alamgir, Rehan, Masud Rana, Munna, Yousuf, Manik, Gaus, Rumi, Rubel, Nira, Wasim, Zakir, Aslam and Mamun Joarder.

Nov 7 soccer

An exhibition football match between the National Sports Council Eleven and a Bangladesh Football Federation Eleven will be held today at the National Stadium at 4:30 pm to mark the observance of the National Revolution and Solidarity Day, reports BSS.

State Minister for Youth and Sports, Sadeq Hossain will be present on the occasion as the chief guest.

Hafiz made AFC representative

Major (Retd) Hafizuddin Ahmed, MP, vice president of the Asian Football Confederation (AFC), has been made AFC representative to the World Club Cup football final to be held in Tokyo on December 8.

Mr Ahmed is expected to leave here on December 5 for Tokyo.

Pioneer league begins in Dec

The Metropolitan Pioneer Football League, organised by Dhaka Metropolitan Football Association (DMFA) will begin from the second week of December, reports UNB.

In a press release today, DMFA advised the interested teams to send their entries by November 20 after depositing Taka 100 as entry fee.

The registration of the players will begin from November 22, the press release added.

Ctg soccer

CHITTAGONG, Nov 6: Land Customs beat Kollol Sangha by a solitary goal in the CJKP Elite First Division football league at the Chittagong Stadium here this afternoon, reports BSS.

Nowjoan and Brothers split points in the other match of the day.

Faruque scored the match winner for Customs in the 64th minute with a spectacular shot (1-0).

Land-Customs collected nine points from ten matches while Kollol bagged seven points from the same number of encounters.

Nowjoan got 11 points from ten matches and Brothers bagged three points from nine outings.

Shock defeats for Korda, Mayotte

MOSCOW, Nov 6: Unseeded Australian Mark Woodforde upset second-seeded Petr Korda of Czechoslovakia 0-6, 6-2, 6-3 on Tuesday in the first round of the dhrs 330,000 Kremlin Cup, reports AP.

American Jim Grabb downed his countryman and last year's Kremlin Cup finalist Tim Mayotte 3-6, 7-5, 7-5 in a close serve-and-volley duel on the second day of first round play.

Other victors included defending champion Andrei Cherkasov, who beat qualifier Florian Krummy 6-3, 6-4 in an easy contest, and first seed Karel Novacek of Czechoslovakia, who defeated German Udo Riglewski 7-6, 6-2.

Another top Soviet star, sixth-seeded Andrei Chesnokov, dropped out on Sunday after he broke a finger during a doubles qualifying match.

Birthday win for Rehe

OAKLAND, California, Nov 6: Stephanie Rehe of the United States, ranked 146th in the world, celebrated her 22nd birthday with a 6-2, 6-3 win over fourth-seeded American Zina Garrison in the second round of the 350,000 dollar Virginia Slims of California Women's tennis tournament on Tuesday, reports Reuter.



Clive Rice, captain of the South African cricket team that leaves on a short tour of India later this week, gets some practice. This will be the first official cricket tour by the South Africans since 1970. — AFP photo

Indian batting may awe Springboks

NEW DELHI, Nov 6: The visiting South Africans will face neither lethal speedsters nor the magic of spin bowling in which India once excelled, reports AP.

India's strength today lies in a formidable batting lineup, one of the strongest in the world. With the batsmen in great form, chasing a target against South Africa may be more a question of temperament and nerves.

South Africa returns to international cricket after a 21-year absence when it plays three 50-over one-day internationals against India beginning Sunday in the eastern port city of Calcutta.

India, a nation of 844 million people, is crazy about cricket, a game bought to this Asian nation by the British who ruled the subcontinent for more than 200 years.

The British left in 1947, but the legacy that they left is not only a national cricket passion out also a money spinner.

What is worrying the Indian side is that most of the 14 members of the South African team are totally unknown to Indian players.

"We know Allan Doland is South Africa's quickest bowler," said Navin Kohli, a cricket official.

The visiting team's strength

It's now Gwalior for Jalandhar

NEW DELHI, Nov 6: Indian organisers have dropped Jalandhar as the venue for one of the three one-day matches. South Africa will play next week on their return to international cricket after 21 years of sporting isolation, reports AP.

In the first controversy over the Springbok tour, C Nagaraj, secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), said the second match of the tour will be played in Gwalior on November 12 instead of Jalandhar, in Punjab province where Sikh separatists are active.

Gwalior, in central India, is the home own and political constituency of BCCI president and Federal Minister Madhav Rao Scindia.

"We have been guided by the recommendations of the government which advised us not to hold the match in Jalandhar for security reasons," Nagaraj said.

But the Punjab Cricket Association was upset at the change of venue.

IS Bindra, president of the association, accused Scindia of

treating the BCCI as his "personal fiefdom."

The Springboks begin the historic tour on November 10 at the 90,000 capacity Eden Gardens in Calcutta.

The third and final international on November 14 will be a day-night game in New Delhi's Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, the multi-purpose showpiece built during the 1982 Asian Games.

Meanwhile, another message from Johannesburg said: Cricket-starved South Africans will be glued to their television sets from Sunday to watch live broadcasts of the South African cricket team's three one-day matches against India next week.

The state-run Broadcasting Corporation said it would provide live coverage of the Calcutta, Gwalior, New Delhi tour, the first by South Africa since 1965, starting Sunday.

Rival South African pay station, M Net, have secured the rights to the 1992 cricket World Cup in New Zealand and Australia, to which South Africa has been invited following 22 years of international isolation.

Biman win again

Title-aspirants Bangladesh Biman's flight remained smooth as ever when they recorded their fourth consecutive victory, but defending champions Armanitola Jubo Sangha crashed to their third defeat in the super league matches of the Arab Bangladesh Bank table tennis league yesterday at the National Coaching Centre.

Bangladesh Biman, with several national stars like Kochi, Sadi and Rochi in their ranks, continued their brilliant form with yet another convincing 3-0 sets victory over BTMC.

The reigning league champions Armanitola JS continued their wretched form when they bowed down to Wari Club (1-3) in their fourth super league tie.

Azimpur Young Star scored an exciting 3-2 sets victory over Armanitola Junior.

Village Defence Party also posted another thrilling 3-2 sets victory over Bangladesh Ansars.

WOMEN'S TT

Bangladesh Ansars and the Village Defence Party (VDP) recorded their fourth consecutive wins in the women's table tennis league at the National Coaching Centre yesterday.

The Ansars' women beat Dhaka Mariner Youngs Club by straight 3-0 sets while VDP defeated Lalmitia Club, also by the same margin.

Zoom Express registered their first win in the league outplaying Victoria SC 3-0 sets at the same venue.

Clay pigeon shooting meet

Sports Reporter

The fourth clay pigeon shooting competition under the auspices of the National Shooting Federation will be held at Pabna on November 27, according to a NSF press release issued yesterday.

Two shooters, one manager and a coach from each affiliated rifle or shooting club can take part in the competition.

All interested clubs have been requested to send their entries to the National Shooting Federation office by November 16.

Udity blank Muktijoddha 4-0

Sports Reporter

Saroj's brilliant maiden hat-trick of the season enabled Uddy Club to record an emphatic 4-0 win over Muktijoddha Sangshad in the Green Delta Second Division hockey league match yesterday at the hockey stadium.

Saroj Gregory scored the first hat-trick of the league scoring three goals in the 38th, 58th and 59th minutes, all from penalty strike.

Liton netted the other goal in the third minute from a penalty corner.

The other match of the day between Young Star Club and Uttara Hockey Club ended in a goalless draw.

TODAY'S MATCH

PWD SC vs Rayer Bazar SC (2 pm)

Combined SC vs Dilkusha (3.15 pm)

N'ganj soccer

Our Correspondent

NARAYANGANJ, Nov 6: Shuktara Jubo Sangshad and Strajuddowla Club played out a goalless draw in the Muldhara First Division football league match played at the local Osmani Stadium here this afternoon.

In a match characterised by unimaginative play and missed opportunities by either side, Shuktara can consider themselves slightly unlucky not to have won despite the tremendous pressure they brought to bear on their rivals' citadel in the last ten minutes of the proceedings. The Shuktara players suffered the mortification of seeing two of their shots return to play off the Sirajuddowla cross piece.

The supervision of the match by referee Badal left a lot to be desired and taking advantage of his laxity the players of both teams indulged in some rough tackles, halting play several times.

Tipu of Shuktara and Shankar of Strajuddowla Club had to be cautioned with the yellow cards.

Twelve teams, split into two groups, are taking part in this year's league. The top two teams of each group will qualify for the semifinals while the two bottom placed teams in either group will meet in a relegation play-off.

On the opening day Monday defending champions Dockyard outplayed Sonakanda White Club 3-0 while last year's runners-up Mohsin Club were beaten 1-2 by Eastern Club.

TODAY'S MATCH

Jalparbaha Sangshas vs Sher-e-Bangla Club (3:30 pm)