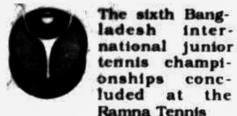


Thai players sweep the titles

Chotiyawong's fine double



Sports Reporter

The sixth Bangladesh international junior tennis championships concluded at the Ramna Tennis Complex yesterday with players from Thailand making a clean sweep of the four titles on offer in the six-day meet.

Barring a shared doubles win for Atip Chotiyawong, the top-seeded boy in the meet who went on to complete a fine double by clinching the singles title yesterday, his compatriots shut out the rest of the competitors from the title chase.

Girls' number one seed Chatsurhipun Sudsopee annexed the singles trophy beating fellow Thai Tamarine Tanasugarn 7-5, 6-3 in yesterday afternoon's final.

For her part, Tanasugarn refused to be denied entirely and in partnership with compatriot Pimpisamai Kansuthi picked up the girls' doubles title outclassing South Koreans Seok Eun-Sah and Gi-Jung Chung in the morning final.

Atip Chotiyawong, who Friday won the boys' doubles with his Indian partner Vasudeva Reddy against Pakistani Hassan Mehmod and Khalique Siddiky, lived up to his top billing as the tournament favourite by beating yet another Pakistani, the second seeded Asim Shafiq, in yesterday's singles final.

A 15-year-old student of the Bangkok Satit Kasatit University who last year became his country's under-14

champion, Atip Chotiyawong (his name also spelt as Chotiyawon in the official result sheet yesterday) displayed a wide range of strokes and keen court sense to beat his Pakistani challenger 7-5, 6-3 before a full house.

Ranked 97th among juniors by the International Tennis



ATIP CHOTIYAWONG ...

double crowns. Federation (ITF) with more than 150 singles matches behind him at home and abroad, the unassuming Thai goes back from this Group Four category tournament richer by 70 ranking points. His singles win fetched him 40 points and his doubles triumph another 30 points to give him a career total over 370 international ranking points.

Runner-up Asim Shafiq collected 30 points for his efforts. Sudsopee also didn't let the tournament committee and their seeding rationale down by posting a similar win in the girls' singles which fetched her a similar 40 ranking points. Had it not been for the poor service of her Indian doubles partner Arthi Ponappa which let the pair down in the doubles semifinals Friday, Sudsopee may also have had a double cause to celebrate.

However she can take solace in the fact that her compatriots Tanasugarn and Kansuthi enriched their points tallies by 30 each.

For the record, Bangladesh's Shafiqul Islam beat his compatriot Asfuzzamn in the boys' consolation singles final yesterday. The girls' consolation titles were won by South Korea's Seok Eun-Sah and Arthi Ponappa.

Chairman of the National Sports Council Maj General Mahbubur Rahman gave away the trophies as chief guest.

The ITF-rated tourney for boys and girls under 18 years of age, which began Nov 18, was to have featured a sixty-plus field from as many as 13 countries including the hosts. But several late withdrawals didn't help to raise the standard of competition in the meet which this year was upgraded from a Group Five classification.

Organisers Bangladesh Tennis Federation had drawn up a budget of over 15 lakh for the meet, which ended a day before its original Nov 24 conclusion.



Top seed Chatsurhipun Sudsopee of Thailand won the girls' singles title of the sixth Bangladesh international junior tennis championships defeating her compatriot Tamarine Tanasugarn 7-5, 6-3 in yesterday's final at the Ramna Tennis Complex. — Star photo

Pak-Windies decider today

FAISALABAD, Nov 23: Pakistan and the West Indies will play their third and deciding one-day international here Sunday, following the dramatic last ball run out that drew their second match in Lahore, reports AFP.

West Indies won the first game at Karachi last Wednesday by 24 runs. A second victory in Faisalabad will clinch the series for them, while a loss will leave the two sides sharing the honours.

Pakistan's captain Imran Khan, whose fine innings of 51 at Lahore nearly won the match for his side, said he was disappointed at the failure of his batting line-up in both matches.

"Our batting let us down, we should have won the match after having come so near and so close, I hope we do better in the final game," he said.

Despite the failure of his batsmen, Pakistan are likely to

retain the same side for the final game. Equally disappointed were the West Indians who came so near to settling the series ahead of Sunday's game.

Pakistan, chasing 186 in 39 overs, had required ten runs off the last over and made eight of them in the first five balls.

Off the last ball, Mustaq Ahmed took a single to level the scores, but was run out going for the second.

Under the rules for the series agreed beforehand, run rate and wickets lost are not taken into consideration in the case of a tie.

West Indian manager Derryck Murray said, "Obviously we are all disappointed that we did not win, but at the end of the day what matters is that the crowd got their money's worth. (The match) has lifted the billing of the game."

On the game's umpiring, Murray said, "There is always

ifs and buts in a game so close."

Murray said he was happy with his team's effort: "It would be unfair to comment on any individual, but the good thing is that the boys are blending in together."

The West Indies are also likely to retain the same team as in the second one day.

SQUADS:

PAKISTAN: Ramiz Raja, Aamir Sohail, Inzamamul Haq, Salim Malik, Ijaz Ahmed, Imran Khan (capt), Moin Khan, Wasim Akram, Waqar Younis, Aqib Javed, Mushtaq Ahmed, Zahid Fazal, Javed Miandad, Akram Raza, Ata-Ur-Rehman.  
WEST INDIES: D L Haynes, P A Wallace, R B Richardson (capt), B C Lara, C L Hoper, K L Arthurton, D Williams, C L Ambrose, P B Patterson, M D Marshall, I R Bishop, H Anthony, A Cummins, C Best. Umpires: Khizar Hayat, Athar Zaidi.

Tendulkar rescues India

LISMORE, Australia, Nov 23: Sachin Tendulkar saved India from a humiliating collapse with a classy half-century against New South Wales at the Oaks Oval here today, reports AFP.

The teenage sensation cracked a superb 82 to rescue the visitors from a disastrous 13 for three after being sent in to bat on a damp wicket.

The Indians were, however, bowled out for 209, their lowest ever score against New South Wales.

Lala Amarnath's tourists in 1947-48 had made six runs more.

New South Wales ended the opening day of the four-day match at 22 for no loss in ten overs.

Test opener Mark Taylor, who took four catches in India's innings, was batting on eight, with fellow left-hander Steve Small on 11.

India, looking for batting practice before the first Test gets under way in Brisbane next Friday, were destroyed by pacemen Wayne Holdsworth and Mike Whitney.



SACHIN TENDULKAR

Holdsworth, 23, improved his chances of making the Australian team this season with haul of 4 for 28.

Left-armier Whitney, also in the reckoning for a Test berth, took 3 for 45.

India, who were struggling at 100 for six, were helped by a defiant 67-run stand for the seventh wicket between Tendulkar and wicket-keeper Kiran More.

More's contribution was only nine runs after batting for 86 minutes in his first appearance on the tour.

Both batsmen fell four balls apart with the score on 167, but Jagavall Srinath (24) and Subroto Banerjee (12) took India beyond the 200-run mark.

Tendulkar edged Holdsworth while attempting his sixth boundary and was easily taken by the alert Taylor in the slips.

More was trapped leg before by off-spinner Greg Matthews in the next over.

New South Wales skipper Geoff Lawson's decision to field first met with immediate success as India lost three quick wickets in the space of ten balls.

India were dealt another blow seven balls later when Holdsworth had Sanjay Manjrekar caught for two.

Scoreboard on Saturday, opening day of the four-day cricket match between India and the New South Wales state team:

INDIA, 1st Innings:  
Srikkanth c Emery b Holdsworth 5  
Prabhakar lbw Whitney 5  
Manjrekar c Taylor b Holdsworth 2  
Vengarkar c Taylor b Steve Waugh 17  
Azharruddin b S Waugh 23  
Tendulkar c Taylor b Holdsworth 82  
Ganguly c Bevan b Holdsworth 30  
More lbw Matthews 9  
Srinath c Taylor b Whitney 24  
Banerjee c Emery b Whitney 12

Hirwani not out 6  
Extras (lb 3) 4  
Total: 209  
Fall of wickets: 11, 11, 13, 47, 56, 100, 167, 167, 202, 209.

Bowling O M R W  
Whitney 19.3 4 45 3  
Holdsworth 17 2 38 4  
Lawson 14 3 23 0  
Waugh 13 6 24 2  
Matthews 18 4 56 1  
Waugh 7 2 19 0

Batting time: 346 mins.  
Overs: 88.3  
NEW SOUTH WALES, 1st Innings:  
Small not out 11  
Taylor not out 8  
Extras (lb 2nb) 3  
Total: 22 for no wicket

Bowling O M R W  
Prabhakar 5 1 100 (2nb) 0  
Srinath 5 1 11 0  
Batting time: 38 mins.  
Overs: 10.  
Crowd: 1600.

Sabatini faces Seles in semis

NEW YORK, Nov 23: Third seed Gabriela Sabatini dominated an unusually error-prone Jennifer Capriati 6-1, 6-4 on Friday to set up a semifinal showdown with top-seeded, defending champion Monica Seles at the three million dollar Virginia Slims championships, reports Reuter.

Earlier on Friday, Seles came through on the big points to eliminate seventh-seeded American Mary Joe Fernandez 6-3, 6-2 in a match that was far tighter than the score indicates.

Saturday's other semifinal pits five-time champion Martina Navratilova, the fourth seed, against eighth-seeded Czechoslovak Jana Novotna, who on Thursday sent second seed Steffi Graf to her earliest exit ever from this elite 16-player season finale.

Sabatini, champion in 1988 and runner-up to Seles in an epic five-set final last year, always seems to play extremely well on the blue carpet at Madison Square Garden and Friday night was no exception.

"It is very special to be back here. I'm very happy to be in the semifinals again," said Sabatini, who had lost her last three meetings with Capriati, including a US Open quarter-final.

The 15-year-old sixth seed has been playing with a strained groin muscle and Sabatini tested her early, running Capriati around the court and repeatedly sending her deep into the corners.

The tactic seemed to work, but Capriati said the injury was not her problem. "Mentally I wasn't really there," said Capriati, who finished the year with two titles and a 42-12 match record.

"The whole match she was playing so well. I would hit a great shot and she would just sent it back."

Capriati opened the match with a service break, but failed to win another game in the set. She lost her serve in the second, fourth and sixth games as Sabatini consistently nailed. The lines and corners with deep topspin groundstrokes, while the American teen pushed too many shots wide.

Capriati, who has qualified for the championships in each of her two years as a professional, tightened up her game in the second set, but Sabatini was just too sharp.

"I tried to use the whole court and make her move around. Mentally I was playing each point at my best," said the 21-year-old Argentine.

Capriati came up with the first break of the second set, fighting hard and finally converting her third break point of the game.

But Sabatini easily broke back in the next game. A seventh game service break gave the third seed the edge she would need to end it in straight sets.

Capriati, who aggravated the injury in a final against Seles in Philadelphia last week, said she never thought of pulling out of the tournament.

"It was up to me and I wanted to play," she said. "I was waiting for this the whole year and I didn't want to miss it."

Seles and Fernandez played extremely high quality tennis throughout their quarter-final with few points won easily by either player.

"I think the match was pretty close. It was not 6-7, 6-7, but I had to really work for some great points," said Seles, who this year seized Graf's number one ranking and will eclipse Navratilova's single season earnings mark of 2,173,556 dollars.

Navratilova slams double standard

NEW YORK, Nov 23: Marine Navratilova says she isn't being critical of Magic Johnson. It's just that she is mad about the double standard the public has about sex and the sexes.

Earlier this week, Navratilova told the New York Post that if a "heterosexual woman who had been with 100 or 200 men" revealed that she had contacted AIDS, "they'd call her a whore and a slut and the corporations would drop her like a lead balloon. And she'd never get a job in her life."

"It's a very big-time double standard, and it's frightening because it's happening."

And Navratilova told the newspaper that while it was tragic that the basketball star has contracted AIDS and that he had been promiscuous were "said" and "frightening."

Thursday night, Navratilova said her comments had drawn "very positive" responses.

"A lot of people have been thinking those thoughts, but have not been stupid enough or brave enough to say them."

Borg wants to return to the regular circuit

BRADENTON, Florida, Nov 23: Bjorn Borg, who is to be the new ATP veterans' circuit next year, insists he wants to return to regular tournaments against the world's best, reports AFP.

The 35-year-old Swede has been training five hours a day at Nick Bollettieri's tennis centre in Florida for the past three weeks preparing for his first veterans tournament next February.

But he insisted today that he has rediscovered the pleasure of playing.

Flach-Seguso advance to final

JOHANNESBURG, Nov 23: Ken Flach and Robert Seguso of the United States won two straight tiebreakers Saturday to advance to the final of the durs 1 million ATP Tour World Doubles Finals, reports AP.

The third-seeded team defeated Canadians Grant Connell and Glenn Michibata 7-6 (7-4), 7-6 (7-2) to remain unbeaten in the first major ATP tournament held in South Africa since 1987.

A day of draws

Sports Reporter

PWD SC and Mukta Bihanga scored identical 1-0 wins over their respective rivals in the super league of the Green Delta Second Division hockey league yesterday at the Hockey Stadium.

In the day's first match, Mukta Bihanga beat Dhaka Young Star when Mohammed Hossain slotted home the winner three minutes from the final whistle.

In the other encounter PWC SC defeated Barnak Samaj, also 1-0, when Shoab slammed a beautiful goal in the 40th minute of play.

Ctg soccer

CHIHTAONG, Nov 23: Customs SC and Mohammedan Blues won their respective matches in the Chittagong Elite Points First Division football league today, reports UNIS.

Mohammedan Blues defeated Chittagong Port Authority by 2-1 goals in the day's first match at the local stadium.

Shafi put Mohammedan Blues ahead in the sixth minute with a solo effort (1-0). Zahid of Port Authority neutralised the margin four minutes later with a fine shot from a goalmouth melee following a corner kick.

Akhter scored the match winner one minute before the final whistle.



Boys and girls' singles winners Atip Chotiyawong (L) and his compatriot Chatsurhipun Sudsopee (R) hold aloft their trophies of the sixth Bangladesh international juniors tennis championships at the Ramna Tennis Complex yesterday. — Star photo

GMCC reach semis

Sports Reporter

Last year's runners-up Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club moved into the semifinals of the 13th Damal Summer cricket tourney when they forced reigning Navana Premier Division league champions Brothers Union to bow out by 13 runs in their quarter-final match yesterday at the Dhaka Stadium.

GMCC scored 150 for eight wickets in their allotted 42 overs.

Brothers, in reply, struggled throughout to finish on 137 all out in 41.2 overs.

In a replay of last year's final, GMCC will meet the defending champions Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club tomorrow (Monday) in the first semifinal at the Dhaka Stadium.

Brothers skipper Athar Ali asked GMCC to bat first after winning the toss. Athar's decision backfired and very soon GMCC were cruising at 107 for the loss of two wickets — those of openers Liton for 37 and Selim for eight. However, the dismissals skipper Gazi Ashraf Lipu for 37 runs and the consistent Sri Lankan recruit Duminda Pereira for 22 in quick succession put the brakes on the GMCC scoring rate. They struggled to finish on 150 for eight wickets when their 42 overs ran out.

Pika with 13 was the other notable GMCC batsman.

Brothers' Sri Lankan all-rounder TL Fernando returned figures of three wickets for 36 runs.

Their West Bengal recruit Arup Bhattacharya claimed two for 29 while Tanjeb Ahsan Saad got one for 17 and Ashfaq one for 22.

Brothers started disastrously by losing their first three wickets for only nine runs.

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for one and nought respectively while Zakir, who bowled an immaculate line and length, forced Shovon to snick behind after having made just one.

Nurul Abedin Nobel and Halim Shah then put their heads down and defended resolutely. The pair put on 31 sedate runs for the fourth wicket in 16 overs.

Novel was out for 12 and Halim Shah committed harakiri by being run out for 20.

Arup and Nadir Shah again tried to salvage the innings, all the while the asking rate going higher and higher with every ball.

Arup, who was batting confidently, was brilliantly stumped by wicketkeeper Nasu off Rubel for 31 runs which included one towering six.

Nadir Shah, with some adventurous shots, fell for 35 runs off 47 balls. His knock included four fours.

The later order Brothers batsmen tried to accelerate but wickets fell too regularly. Saad, who was superbly caught on the mid-wicket boundary by Selim off Duminda, created some confusion among the Brothers officials by claiming it was a six. Umpire Jahangir smartly raced to the spot and confirmed that Selim's catch was a clean one.

In the last over, Brothers needed 15 runs to win with only one wicket in hand. Rubel, bowling the last over, captured Ashfaq's scalp for nine runs.

Rubel, with three wickets for 32, Saiful two for 15, Duminda two for 33, Zakir one for nine and Golo one for 24 were the successful GMCC bowlers.

TODAY'S MATCH  
Victoria SC vs Gulshan Youth (Dhaka Stadium)

Div One chess  
Sports Reporter

Chalantika Krira Chakra were leading the table with twelve points defeating Anushilan Daba Krira Chakra in the fourth round of the First Division chess league at the NSC chess room yesterday.

Chalantika obtained full four points from yesterday's encounter.

Last year's runners-up Bangladesh Ansars remained second, close on Chalantika's heels with eleven points. They clinched full four points from their games against Genius Chess Club.

BTMC are third with ten points from four rounds. They defeated Farashganj Sporting Club 3-1 in yesterday's match.

Defending champions Bangladesh Biman had a rest day yesterday. Biman have obtained ten points from three encounters so far.

Brothers Union tied their matches 2-2 with Pony Electronics. Free Birds International took 3.5 points out of four, giving their opponents Tilak Chess Club half a point.

Mohakhali Prodip Sangha defeated Protibha Daba Gosthi

Griffin takes first gold for USA

SYDNEY, Nov 23: Light-flyweight Eric Griffin, disqualified from competing in the 1988 Seoul Olympics after testing positive for cocaine prior to the games, won the first gold medal of the World Amateur Boxing Championships on Friday, reports Reuter.

Griffin defeated Rogelio Marcelo 36-18 on points for his second world title and his fourth victory over the Cuban in the past two years.

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