

Djokovic gets going

Stosur falls at first hurdle

AP, Melbourne

Novak Djokovic was having an easy time of it in his first-round match at the Australian Open...

Like pretty much anything he does on the tennis court these days, it was an unqualified success. He easily beat Paolo Lorenzi 6-2, 6-0, 6-0 on Tuesday to advance to the second round...

When you're 3-, 4-love up, why not try some other things, something that is not characteristic for your game...

He took them well, winning 21 of 26 points he attempted at the net. While Djokovic looks to extend his Grand Slam success...

The sixth-seeded Stosur was outplayed by Sorana Cirstea 7-6 (2), 6-3. The Romanian later told the crowd that "probably the whole country hates me now."

Serena Williams, a five-time Australian Open champion who lost to Stosur in the US Open final last September...

Williams, who comes into the match with concerns over her left ankle after twisting it at the Brisbane International two weeks ago...

Stosur's first-round loss mirrors that of Petra Kvitova, who went out in the first round of last year's US Open after winning Wimbledon.

Stosur saved three match points while serving to stay in the match, but finally lost it when her looping forehand drifted over the baseline.

Second-ranked Kvitova and No. 4 Maria Sharapova advanced. After surrendering her opening service game with a double-fault...

Sharapova, a former Australian Open and Wimbledon champion, won the first eight games of a 6-0, 6-1 win over Gisela Dulko...

The 2008 champion needed just 58 minutes for the win and the only game she lost was on her own serve.

Other women advancing included No. 7 Vera Zvonareva, who beat Romanian Alexandra Dulgheru 7-6 (4), 6-7 (5), 6-3.

No. 14 Sabine Lisicki, No. 17 Dominika Cibulkova, No. 27 Maria Kirilenko, Canada's Aleksandra Wozniak, Shahar Peer of Israel and 2000 Wimbledon semifinalist Jelena Dokic also advanced.

Joining Djokovic in the second round of the men's draw is



Australia's Samantha Stosur reacts with disappointment after losing a point during her first round loss to Romania's Sorana Cirstea at the Australian Open in Melbourne yesterday.

the player he beat last year in the final here, fourth-seeded Andy Murray, who had a first-set lapse before beating American Ryan Harrison 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-2.

Murray, who has lost in Grand Slam finals three times without taking a set, is attempting to become the first British man since Fred Perry in 1936 to win a major.

Andy Roddick easily defeated Robin Haase of the Netherlands 6-3, 6-4, 6-1 to also move into the second round. The 15th-seeded American broke Haase to go up 3-0 in the final set with a running passing shot down the line that left his opponent hitting his head with his racket.

No. 5-seeded David Ferrer advanced in straight sets, 6-1, 6-4, 6-2, over Rui Machado of Portugal. No. 17 Richard Gasquet, No. 23 Milos Raonic of Canada, No. 24 Kei Nishikori of Japan and No. 32 Alex Bogomolov Jr. of Russia also advanced.

Djokovic started his Australian Open defence wearing a pair of red, white and blue shoes with images of his three major trophies on the sides and a Serbian flag on the heels.

He gave up an early break but immediately broke back at love as he won the next 17 games, saving a break point in the opening game of the second set.

Junaed rejoins A for today's game

SPORTS REPORTER

Junaed Siddiqui will return to the Bangladesh A team for today's fifth and final one-day game against England Lions.

Apart from Junaed, Robiul Islam has also been added to the squad.

Alok Kapali will continue captaining the home side in the match to be held at the Sylhet Divisional Stadium though Mahmudullah Riyad, Rokibul Hasan and Sohrwardi Shuvo have already led the A team in the series.

The tourists will travel to Dhaka to play two Twenty20 games on January 22 and 23.

NSC reluctant over chess stalemate

SPORTS REPORTER

The National Sports Council (NSC) is seemingly reluctant to resolve the ongoing crisis at the Bangladesh Chess Federation as the sports' regulatory body decided not to take any steps to calm down agitated chess players.

A section of chess players on Monday put the BCF office under lock and key in demand of the removal of BCF general secretary Mokaddesh Hossain and joint secretary Masudur Rahman Malik and demanded bringing back two GM Abdullah Rakib and Enamul Hossain Razeed, who have kept themselves away from competitions for two years since the appointment of the ad-hoc committee on September 10, 2009.

When brought to his attention yesterday, State Minister for Yout and Sports Ahad Ali Sarker said, "We are going to hold elections of different federations and the circulations have already been sent. It is not wise to form another ad-hoc committee before the elections."

NSC's sports director Haiul Qayum though could not confirm any details about the election.

Meanwhile, the BCF officials, with the help of police, broke the locks on Monday night and entered the office. BCF general secretary Mokaddesh Hossain also filed a general diary following the incident.

Arambagh up

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adopting a counter-attacking approach. "Sheikh Russel are a good side and we know our limitations and we will adopt a quick counter-attack based game."

Jolly, however, will miss the services of Cameroonian midfielder Kevin Battomen for injury.

LOCAL snippets

Talent hunt 2nd phase in Feb

SPORTS REPORTER

The second-phase training of the National Sports Council's talent hunt programme will get underway in the first week of February in Dhaka.

A total of 630 athletes from 20 disciplines will take part in first two days of training and later the number of athletes will be curtailed to 392 for another 21-day training.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Ahad Ali Sarker disclosed it at a press conference at the NSC Tower conference room yesterday. Youth and Sports secretary Mahbub Ahmed and NSC secretary Shafiq Anwar were among others present.

"After the completion of the second-phase training to be conducted by NSC coaches, the selected players will be trained jointly by the NSC and the respective federations and we have a plan to give them training four times in a year," said Ahad Ali.

For the 21-day training during the first phase of the talent hunt programme, the NSC has allotted Tk 1.41 crore and they will spend Tk 75 lakh for the second phase.

Dhaka lose against Navy

Dhaka lost to Bangladesh Navy by 2-1 goals in their super league encounter of the Trust Bank-ViyellaTex 28th National Hockey Championship at the Maulana Bhasani National Hockey Stadium yesterday.

Mortuza and Shihab scored one goal each for the Navy team, while national player Russell Mahmud Jimmy netted the lone goal for Dhaka. All the goals came in the first half.

In the other match of the day, Bangladesh Army crushed Rajshahi 10-2. Abdul Malek struck twice while Jamal Hossain, Azizul Islam, Sanuar Hossain, Sirajul Islam, Milon Hossain, Sabbir Hossain and Krishna Kumar scored one goal each for the winners.

Bappi and Rubel Kumar scored one goal apiece for the losing side in the second half.

BJMC toy with BRAC

Team BJMC handed BRAC a massive 21-0 defeat in the opening match of the Walton Women's Corporate Football League at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

BJMC's national striker Sabina Khatun struck 11 goals, Bithi scored six, Tithi slammed three and Tumpa netted one goal in the one-way traffic. BJMC comprised of national players, dominated the first half 9-0.

The match was basically confined to the BRAC territory and BJMC struck goals every four minutes as BRAC goalkeeper Rupna Chakma found it hard to grip the ball.

Nonetheless the BRAC players, most of whom school students and members of BRAC Kishori Club, were pleased to take part in the competition.

"The huge defeat is will not demoralise us as we are only learning football. We will win in future," said BRAC captain Dipa Rani Sarkar who is studying in Class IX.

Aussies remain unchanged

Cricket

AFP, Sydney

Australia named an unchanged squad Tuesday for the fourth Test against India in Adelaide, maintaining faith in struggling number three Shaun Marsh.

The Australians are chasing a 4-0 series thrashing of India and are expected to make one change to their starting 11 with spinner Nathan Lyon likely to return at the expense of young pacesman Mitchell Starc.

The injury-plagued Marsh held his spot despite failing to fire in the series, which the Australians lead 3-0 after their innings and 37 runs victory in Perth on Sunday.

Coach Mickey Arthur backed Marsh to come good in Adelaide, and said he saw enough in the left-hander's brief innings in Perth to suggest he had turned the corner.

"The stars have aligned for us the whole series, except for in the number three position," he said.

Marsh, rushed back into the Australian team for the

series after being sidelined by a back problem, made 11 in the home team's only innings at Perth.

That was his best score of the series and he has just 14 runs at 3.50.

SQUAD

David Warner, Ed Cowan, Shaun Marsh, Ricky Ponting, Michael Clarke (captain), Michael Hussey, Brad Haddin, Peter Siddle, Ben Hilfenhaus, Nathan Lyon, Ryan Harris, Mitchell Starc.

Siddikur, Feroz

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the bunker for birdies on the 14th and fifth and converted a 30-footer for birdie on the 16th, for a six-under-par 66 on the opening day.

Vijay Kumar was placed third with four-under-par 68. His round featured five birdies and a bogey. Bangladesh golfers Zamil Hossain Mollah and Mohammad Babu were in joint fourth along with India's Vikrant Chopra with one-under-par 71.

SL reach 266

STAR SPORT DESK

Sri Lanka built on a strong platform set by openers Upul Tharanga and skipper Tillakaratne Dilshan to post a competitive 266 for nine in the third one day international against South Africa at the Chevrolet Park in Bloemfontein yesterday.

The 94-run opening stand between Dilshan (33) and Tharanga (58) promised a near-300 score, but a late fightback from the home team, especially some brilliant fielding, kept the total within manageable proportions.

After the openers fell within eight runs of each other, both to off-spinner Robin Peterson, the batsmen in Sri Lanka's middle order all reached double-digit scores, but failed to carry on to something more meaningful. South Africa fielded brilliantly, effecting two run-outs, that of Kumar Sangakkara (38) and Mahela Jayawardene (15).

Tight bowling ensured that Sri Lanka could only score 33 runs for the loss of three wickets off their last five overs, thanks mainly to a 38-ball 40 from Nuwan Kulasekara.

South Africa lead the five-match series 2-0.

BCB sleeping

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It was learnt that only two weeks back the cricket operations committee got the evaluation marks from head coach Stuart Law while chief selector Akram Khan is yet to give his input, which is one of the reasons behind the delay.

There had been calls to change the current system, which asked the selectors to give the names for the contract, into one that is more focused on players' performance but it had never been implemented till now.

Ajmal puts Eng in a spin

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Bell was then caught behind off a straight delivery from Ajmal.

Pietersen survived a confident lbw appeal but was given out after Pakistan challenged the original decision.

Adnan, who took three catches behind the stumps, fumbled on two occasions, failing to stump Morgan when the batsman was three and dropped Swann on eight -- both off Ajmal.

SCOREBOARD

ENGLAND: First Innings

Table with columns for batsman, runs, balls, fours, sixes, and bowler. Includes players like Strauss, Cook, Adnan, Hafeez, Rehman, Ajmal, and bowlers like Cheema, Hafeez, Rehman, and Swann.

Lecturer Positions at IBA, University of Dhaka. Includes logo of IBA and text about the Institute of Business Administration.

The Institute of Business Administration (IBA), University of Dhaka invites applications in prescribed form for the following positions:

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF A SMALL CHOCOLATE-COATED CANDY COMES FROM A CERTAIN GERMAN CITY, MIGHT IT BE A BONN-BON? Today's Cryptoquip Clue: W equals T