

Adamjee, Khulna sent packing

Sports Reporter

Masih's goal from a second half penalty enabled Youngmen's Fakirerpool Club to reach the Group C final of the Eleventh Federation Cup football championship.

Fakirerpool registered the solitary goal victory over Adamjee Sports and Cultural Club in their first round match yesterday afternoon at Dhaka Stadium.

In the second match of the day, held in the evening, fancied Victoria Sporting Club struggled to beat Khulna Division 7-6 in a sudden-death shoot out when the match ended goalless after the regulation time.

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Action from first of yesterday's Fed Cup first round matches between Fakirerpool YMC and Adamjee SC at Dhaka Stadium. Fakirerpool won 1-0. — Star photo

Indo-Pak one-dayers now from Oct 28

NEW DELHI, Sept 29: Pakistan's upcoming cricket tour of India for a series of five one-day matches has been postponed by a day, it was announced on Saturday, reports AFP.

The first match, originally scheduled for October 27 in Bombay, will now be held the next day at the same venue, Madhavrao Scindia, President

Cricket camp certificates Sports Reporter

The certificates awarding ceremony of the month-long coaching camp for fast bowlers and wicket-keepers, organised by the Dhaka Cricket Players' Association, will be held today at 4:30 pm at the BCCB office at Dhaka stadium.

Raisuddin Ahmed, vice-president of the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board will grace the occasion as chief guest.

Liu's new world mark

DONAUESCHINGEN, Germany, Sept 29: China's Liu Shoubin broke his own world record for the snatch in the bantamweight division on Saturday, reports Reuter.

It was the third record to fall in the opening two days of the World Weightlifting Championships.

Liu lifted 135.0 kgs in the class up to 56 kgs to add 0.5 kg to the previous best he set in the Soviet city of Kemerovo in March 1989.

The Chinese lifter took gold in the event ahead of compatriot Jianming Luo and South

Korean Byung Kwan Chun. Bulgarian Ivan Ivanov and China's Zairong Zhang both broke world records in the flyweight division on the opening days of the 10-day Championships on Friday.

Despite the record, defending champion Li was not able to stop Chun, last year's bronze medalist, from causing an upset in the overall event.

The 23-year-old South Korean lifted a personal best of 165.0 kg in the jerk to total 295.0, ahead of Liu who could manage only 157.5 in the jerk and won silver with an overall 292.5. Luo took the bronze with a total of 277.5.



Shoubin Liu of China sets a new world record in bantam weight weightlifting with a lift of 135 kg in at the World Championships at Donaueschingen, Germany, on Sept 28. — AFP photo

AB Bank TT now from Oct 15 Sports Reporter

The Arab Bangladesh Bank table tennis league, which was originally scheduled to begin from October 10, has been put back by five days.

Now the league will begin from October 15 at the National Coaching Centre.

The table tennis league, organised by the Bangladesh Table Tennis Federation and sponsored by Arab Bangladesh Bank, will have only men's team events in its roster.

The BTTF has requested all the participating teams to send their entries by October 5 along with the entry fee of Taka 500.

Watson still in coma

LONDON, Sept 29: British Doctors treating Watson, 26, said on Saturday he was still in a coma on a life support machine following his defeat by compatriot Chris Eubank in a World Boxing Organisation (WBO) super-middleweight fight.

Wright's hatrick

LONDON, Sept 29: England striker Ian Wright scored a second-half hatrick on his league debut for English champions Arsenal on Saturday while Manchester United stretched their lead with a hard-earned 2-1 win at Tottenham Hotspur, reports Reuter.

Wright, signed from Crystal Palace on Monday for 2.5 million pounds sterling (4.3 million dollars), made another excellent impression with goals in the 48th, 53rd, and 75th minutes to help Arsenal thrash lowly Southampton 4-0 at the Dell.

Wright had also scored in his first game for his new club on Wednesday night in a 1-1 League Cup draw at Leicester.

Scotland striker Gordon Durie, whose appearance had been in doubt after a midweek clash of heads during a League Cup Tie, became only the third player to score against Manchester United, this season with Tottenham's 39th minute equaliser.

Mark Hughes had put United ahead in the 21st minute and Bryan Robson hit the winner four minutes from time.

Spurs were reduced to 10 men in the 75th minute when Paul Stewart was sent off for his second bookable offence.

United moved six points clear at the top of First Division after second-placed Leeds drew 2-2 at Norwich.

Liverpool, runners-up last season, were held to a 1-1 at Anfield by Sheffield Wednesday.

The clash at Tottenham had been expected to the match of the day but Wright stole the headlines after David Rocastle had put Arsenal 1-0 up after 39 minutes.

Three minutes into the second half, Swedish international Anders Limpar, returning from a three-match ban,

Another day of draws in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, Sept 29: Both the matches of the draws today CJKP Elite Paint First Division football league ended in dull at the Chittagong Stadium here, reports BSS.

The matches between Agrabad Nowjoan and Shatadal and Mohammedan Blues and PDB Club ended goalless.

Nowjoan and Mohammedan Blues collected six points each from their four matches while PDB earned five points from five encounters and Shatadal bagged three points from four outings.

Jansher hurts his back

RAWALPINDI, Pakistan, Sept 29: Pakistani squash star Jansher Khan hurt his back when he tripped during a practice match here Saturday, reports AFP.

He could now miss the United States and Canadian Open Championships next month.

Khan has been advised complete rest for at least a week.

Hybl replaces Helmick

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado, Sept 29: The United States Olympic Committee (USOC) said one Saturday it has elected former White House lawyer William Hybl its president through October next year to replace Robert Helmick, who quit under fire for alleged unethical business dealings, reports Reuter.

In a news release, the USOC said Hybl, chairman of a charitable foundation in the Colorado Springs area, was elected in mail balloting by a majority of its 101 members.

Hybl, 49, has said he would not run for president in the next election scheduled for October 1992.

Helmick resigned as president earlier this month after coming under fire for alleged conflict of interest involving fees he received for representing companies with potential financial interests in the Olympics.

"The USOC has been troubled in recent weeks by adversity and it is time for us to pull together, work together, and commit our resources to our athletes and their needs rather than to other agendas and efforts which do not serve those who will represent this nation at the Games," Hybl was quoted as saying in the news release.

"I will work to ensure, in the next few weeks, that the USOC will commit itself to the highest ethical standards in its membership, volunteer leadership and staff, with increased emphasis on oversight disclosure and accountability," said Hybl, a White House counsel to president Ronald Reagan in 1981.



Laila Noor Milu of BTMC had a fine start in women's 50m freestyle even but she was outshone by Rehana Zaman of Ansars who sliced 1.37 secs off Laila's mark set last year. — Starphoto

Rani, Riffat share lead

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Former national women's champion Rani Hamid and the current national junior number one Riffat

-bin-Sattar shared the lead at the end of the second day's play in the 17th national chess championship at the NSC

International Woman Master Rani Hamid who beat Shahabuddin Qureshi in her opening match of the 16-player, 15-round Swiss league competition Saturday, yesterday disposed of Sheikh Shahadat Hossain Ratna. Rani, playing under the Biman flag, needed just 37 moves to down Shahadat in this game of the

Nimzo Indian opening. Playing black, Riffat beat Mainuddin Mamoon in only 26 moves. Mamoon had opted for a French defence opening.

Four players — last year's runners-up Younus Hassan, Shahinur Hossain, Khandaker Kayes Hassan and Ziaul Kader Tuhin — were jointly tied in second place with one and a half points each.

Younus, who had drawn his opening game Saturday, yesterday beat his Ansars teammate former national champion Jamilur Rahman. Younus, playing black in a game of the Sicilian opening, forced Jamil to suffer his second loss on successive days after 42 moves. Defending champion Syed

Tahmidur Rahman had another bad day yesterday and had to settle for his second draw of the meet in as many games. Yesterday the bespectacled Biman player agreed to a draw after only 17 moves in his game against Khandaker Kayes Hassan of Ansars.

Shabana Parveen Nipa, beaten Saturday by Kayes Hassan, suffered her second successive defeat, this time at the hands of Shamsul Kabir Chowdhury.

Anisur Rahman of Dhaka Metropolis, who had held Younus to a draw Saturday, yesterday earned another half a point by holding Biman's Rezaul Haq to a draw.

Shahinur Hossain of Dhaka Metropolis scored his first win of the meet by beating Sheikh Anwar Hossain of Dhaka DSA in 43 moves in a game of the Petroff variation.

The match between Ziaul Kader Tuhin and Shahabuddin Qureshi was in progress at the time of filing this report.

Tahmidur, Rezaul Haq, Anisur Rahman, Shamsul Kabir Chowdhury and Mainuddin Mamoon all have one point each while Sheikh Anwar Hossain has half a point. Shabana Parveen Nipa still hasn't opened her account.

Brace leads the pack in Berlin

BERLIN, Sept 29: Britain's Steve Brace came off best in a tight finish with American Mark Plaatjes to win the Berlin marathon on Sunday and boost his chances of a ticket to next year's Barcelona Olympics, reports Reuter.

The 30-year-old Welshman burred away from the South African-born Plaatjes in the final 100 metres through the centre of the former West Berlin to finish in two hours 10 minutes 57 seconds.

Los Angeles-based Plaatjes clocked 2:11:01 with Pole Slawomir Gurny third in 2:11:45.

Many of the British athletes viewed the race as a semi-official trial for Britain's Olympic team for Barcelona. British record holder Steve Jones, running his first marathon for a year, was among the favourites. But the 36-year-old Welshman, who now lives in Colorado, was unable to make his mark and lost touch with the leaders in the early stages.

Bridge results

The following are the results of weekly pair duplicate bridge contest of Dhaka Metropolis Bridge Association, held last Friday (Sept 27) at the Bangladesh Bank Club premises, says a press release.

29-Pair Mitchell: North-South — first: Shamsuzzaman Kamal and I R Miah (58.72 per cent); second: Humayun Kabir and A Wahab Howlader (58.46 per cent); third: Razu and Salahuddin (56.03 per cent); East-West-First: Md Shamsul Alam and A K M Azizur Rahman (61.54 per cent); second: M A Wahed and Md Musa (60.37 per cent) and third: N G Saha and Md Abul Hossain (58.86 per cent).

Chiburdanidze forced to accept draw

MANILA, Sept 29: Soviet title holder Maya Chiburdanidze and Chinese challenger Xie Jun fought to a draw on Saturday after 12 moves in the second game of the World Women's Chess Championship in Manila, reports Reuter.

The draw gave the two players a total of one point each after two rounds of their scheduled 16-game series at the Manila Hotel. Their first match on Thursday also ended in a draw.

The champion, playing white, chose the ancient Scotch opening, signifying her attacking intentions. However, Xie set up a possible queen exchange to blunt the strategy. The 20-year-old Chinese challenger, who is seeking to break six decades of Soviet dominance in women's chess, forced the exchange of queens on the 12nd and last move of the game.

The 31-year-old Soviet title holder accepted Xie's draw offer after considering it for about 15 minutes.

The first player to score 8.5 points wins the championship. One win counts for a point and a draw for half a point. Chiburdanidze retains the title in case of an 8-8 tie.