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Mohammedans in Asian Club Cup second round

Sports Reporter
Last year's Federation Cup champions Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club moved into the second round of the Asian Club Cup football championship when they had a goalless draw with the Pakistan Wapda in their return-leg match in Lahore yesterday afternoon...

East Bengal now arrives this afternoon

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The 25-member East Bengal Club soccer team, which was scheduled to arrive in Dhaka yesterday (Friday), will now be in the city this afternoon. The Calcutta Super Division champions will play against Dhaka Senior Division league champions Abahani Krira Chakra in the second leg of the Asian Cup Winners Cup tournament...

Bhola faces Sohel in today's Fed Cup squash final

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National number one Bhola Lal Chauhan will meet title aspirant Sohel Hamid in today's final of the inaugural Federation Cup squash tournament, organised by the Bangladesh Squash Rackets Federation, at the Dhaka Club squash court. Bhola Lal defeated Ram Jagdish in straight 9-3, 9-1 and 9-3 sets in the first semifinal yesterday afternoon...

Flamengo threatens to retaliate

RIO DE JANEIRO, Nov 1: Flamengo on Thursday threatened action against FIFA for banning the Brazilian club from international soccer, reports Reuter. "FIFA will pay heavily because nobody punishes Flamengo and gets away with it", Flamengo president Marcio Braga said. "FIFA world soccer's governing body, on Wednesday banned Flamengo indefinitely from international soccer for not withdrawing a lawsuit against the re-election in July of Brazilian Football Federation (CBF) president Ricardo Teixeira. FIFA rules ban members from taking disputes to a court of law. Braga said he would not withdraw the lawsuit. "We will not withdraw until the illegal re-election of the CBF president has been judged," he said. Teixeira, son-in-law of FIFA president Joao Havelange, was re-elected unopposed for four more years by the heads of the country's 27 regional federations. But opponents said he brought the election forward to escape a planned change in the law which would have allowed the top 84 clubs the right to vote as well. Flamengo said they went to court because they did not believe they would get a fair hearing from a CBF tribunal.

Monaco's hopes dented

PARIS, Nov 1: Monaco's championship hopes suffered another blow on Thursday when they were held to a 1-1 draw at Auxerre, reports AFP. The more side opened the scoring through Christophe Cocard after just eight minutes but Monaco's George Weah, the first division's top-scorer, salvaged a point for the visitors with his 13th goal of the season seven minutes from time. The result leaves Monaco on 21 points — one point behind pace setters Marseille who have a game in hand.

Satellite Circuit meet from today



The first leg of the Gold Leaf ITF Men's Satellite Circuit tennis commences today at the Ramna National Tennis Complex. The 25,000 US dollar four-leg championship will be inaugurated by the State Minister for Youth and Sports, Sadeq Hossain Khoka at nine in the morning. Many of the participating foreign players are already in the city. Three American players — Kenneth Lee, Thomas Pablo, Sooh Vowels — and two Dutch players — Yeroen Heinzhof and Every Yan Hulshof — arrived on Tuesday while two Italian players — Mario Carnevale, ranking 557 in the ITF junior and Fabrizio Bertani reached Dhaka on Wednesday night. Five Pakistani players Rashid Malik, Hamidul Haq, Mushaf Zia, Mohammed Azim and Muhammad Khaled arrived in the city last night. The remaining foreign participants are expected to reach sometimes today. International referee Peter

Malik of India and umpire Laurens De Wals from the Netherlands have reached Dhaka on the eve of the seven-day tournament. The two-day qualifying competition begins today and the 32-man main draw programme starts Nov 4 and runs until Nov 8. The two-leg Bangladesh part of the inaugural satellite circuit then moves to Rajshahi from Nov 10. After that the circuit moves to Pakistan, with the first leg scheduled for Lahore and the final leg in Karachi later next month. Besides, Leif Dahlgren, development officer of the International Tennis Federation, is likely to reach the city today to assess Bangladesh's capabilities to host international tennis tournaments. The ITF-sanctioned ranking satellite circuit in Bangladesh and Pakistan is being held with funds provided by the Grand Slam Trust Development Fund, which will provide the total prize money of 25,000 dollars for the four-leg meet. Bangladesh Tobacco Company Limited are sponsor-

ing the Dhaka tournament, paying for the entire expenses of running the competition. The satellite tourney is the biggest thing to happen to Bangladesh tennis today and will for the first time bring together professional players for the ATP ranking competitions in the men's singles and doubles events. Top 20 seeds will play in the main draw along with four players — two each from Bangladesh and Pakistan — who will get wild cards for different legs. The remaining eight slots in the 32-man draw will be filled from the qualifying round. Fifty-two players — 18 from Bangladesh, six from Pakistan and the remaining 28 from nine other countries play in the qualifiers. PRIZE MONEY The men's singles champion of the four legs will receive 812.50 US dollars each. The semifinalists will get 300 dollars each and the quarter-finalist 181.25 dollars each. The doubles champions will

share 393.75 dollars and the runners-up 265.25 while the doubles semifinalists and the quarter-finalists will collect 162.50 and 112.50 dollars respectively. The ITF has earmarked 6250 US dollars for each of the four legs of the main draw competition. Meanwhile, the Bangladesh Tennis Federation has already announced the names of eighteen local players who will represent the country in the meet. The players are: Faiz Ahmed, Imtiaz Ahmed, Al-Khushid, Hiralal, Moin Chishti, Arun Kumar, Mustafa Sarwar, Abu Saleh Rabbi, Masoodur Rahman, Byazid Rashid, Khwaja Suja, Mohammed Towfiqul, Mohammed Babu, L Kashem, Samiur Razaq, Sukumar Roy, Kawser Shaheen and Abul Morshid. TICKETS RATES Tickets for the meet are already on sale. VIP season tickets are priced at Taka 300 each, Western Gallery season tickets at Taka 50 each and daily tickets for stands at Taka 10 each.



Action from yesterday's Green Delta Second Division hockey league match between Tejgaon Agragami and Wari Club at the Hockey Stadium. Tejgaon won 2-0. — Star photo

Women's TT from tomorrow

The women's AB Bank table tennis league competition will begin Sunday at the National Sports Training Centre, reports UNB. Seven teams will participate in the competition to be held on a robin league points system along with the on-going men's super league. The participating teams are: Bangladesh Ansars, Village Defence Party, Victoria Sporting, Dhaka Mariners, Lalmita Club, Swamibag TTS and Jume Express.

Sabatini for NSW Open

SYDNEY, Nov 1: World number three Gabriela Sabatini has earmarked the leap up New South Wales (NSW) Open to boost her patchy record in next January's Australian Tennis Open, reports AFP. Organisers announced today that the 21-year-old Argentine would play in the 620,000-dollar (484,530 US) NSW Open here from January 6-12, the week before next year's first Grand Slam tournament in Melbourne.

Jhenidah soccer

JHENIDAH, Nov 1: Kushtia Eleven emerged champions in the Kutchandpur Gold Cup Football Tournament '91 beating Jessore Eleven by 2-0 goals played at Kutchandpur High School ground Wednesday, reports UNB. Rejaul and Helal of Kushtia scored the two goals in first half. Yunus of Kushtia team was declared man of the match. A total of eight teams participated in the tournament organised by the Kutchandpur Bank Samity. It was inaugurated on August 14. Meanwhile Jessore Shakhath Tarun Sanga Eleven qualified for the semi final of Kalganj Football Tournament-91 beating Pabna Mid Town Eleven by solitary goal.

DU Chess Club champions

Sports Reporter
Dhaka University Chess Club lifted the Second Division league crown finishing top the points' table after the completion of the seventh and final round yesterday at National Sports Council's chess room. They accumulated 20 points in the seven-round meet. Noor-e-Alam Khan

Memorial Chess Sangsad, who led at the end of the fourth, fifth and sixth rounds, had to be satisfied being the runners-up with 19 point at the end of seventh round. Both champions and runners-up, Dhaka University Chess Club and Noor-e-Alam Khan Memorial Chess Club have qualified to play in next year's Metropolis First Division league.

Champion Chess Club (Alpha) and Narayanganj Chess Club finished at third and fourth positions respectively with 18 points each. The third and the fourth places were decided yesterday using Buschwoit method. As many as twenty-six teams from different city areas participated in the seven-day long meet which began on October 26.

DOHS leads the karate movement in Bangladesh

Sports Reporter
The Defence Officers Housing Society (DOHS) Karate-do Club won three gold medals at the just-concluded Dhaka Metropolis Judo and Karate League. Founded in 1982 with Imran Rahman as the instructor, the DOHS Karate-do Club won the highest number of gold medals by a single club at the tournament. Delwar won the gold in the —50 kg group while Pervaz won two golds in the — 65 kg category and the open weight category. Since 1982, the club has bagged a total of nine gold medals in different national and club tournaments, which remains the highest gold

medal tally by a single club till date. The DOHS Karate-do Club also won the Mohammedan-A B Enterprise Cup karate championships in 1989 by beating a strong Mohammedan Sporting Club side. Selim of DOHS Club was adjudged the best player of the championship. Selim, who regularly represents the DOHS side in club tournaments, won the Indo-Bangla international karate-do championships organised by the Uttar Pradesh Karate-do Association in Modinagar, UP, in April 1989 while representing the Bangladesh Ansars team.

Apart from participating in various tournaments, the DOHS Karate-do Club also organises weekly karate coaching classes at the DOHS Community Centre. Meanwhile, the certificate awarding ceremony of the Royal School of Martial Arts was held recently in the city. State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadeq Hossain was the chief guest at the function. During the ceremony, A K Euri was made the chief instructor of the school by Bando grand master Khimong Jhi, who popularised bando and karate in many countries around the world.

Top seeds fall by the wayside

PARIS, Nov 1: The form-book was turned upside down at the Paris Open on Thursday when the world's top three players failed to reach the quarter-finals of the two million dollar event, reports AFP. Stefan Edberg went down in three sets to the player who him defeated for the French Open title in 1989-Michael Chang. Jim Courier, who learned that he will become the world number-two from Monday, dropped serve only once but it was enough to enable unseeded Italian-opponent Omar Camporese to score a straight-sets victory. And Boris Becker was beaten by Ytu. The big German had to scratch from his match against Jonas Svensson of Sweden after being taken ill. Elsewhere the day belonged to Pete Sampras, last year's United States open champion, and to Croatian players Goran Ivanisevic and Goran Prpic. Sampras staked his claim for a singles place alongside Andre Agassi in the United States team for next month's Davis Cup final against France with a magnificent three-set victory over Ivanisevic. And Ivanisevic and Prpic launched an emotional appeal to the world media to help Croatia in its fight for "Independence, peace and recognition". Edberg started like a steam train but then went off the boil against Chang and after revealing that he has been carrying a knee injury in recent weeks, admitted that he had been "playing a lot of tennis lately". The warning signs were clearly there to be seen when the 25-year-old Swede, who had beaten Chang in ten of their previous twelve encounters, laboured to a difficult three set win over 150th-ranked compatriot Thomas Hogstedt in the previous round. Clearly the effect of 105 ATP tournament matches this season and a strenuous five-set final against Boris Becker in Stockholm on Sunday have taken their toll. Edberg, who came to the French capital having won six and been a finalist in two of his last eight tournaments, was suddenly upset by a change of tactics by Chang.



American Michael Chang is seen in action during his Paris Open match against French opponent Rodolphe Gilbert on Oct 30. Chang won 7-6 (9/7), 3-6, 7-6 (7/1) to face Sweden's Stefan Edberg. —AFP photo. After being blown off court on the baseline in the first set, the Chinese-American threw all caution to the wind and charged the net at every opportunity. The tactics, helped by some superb returns of serve, paid handsome dividends in the two and a quarter hour showdown, and Chang surged into a clash with ninth-seeded Czech Petr Korda with a 2-6, 6-2, 6-4 win. Korda, currently in form and having beaten Chang in their only previous clash on clay in Munich last year, put out seventh seeded Spaniard Sergi Bruguera. The 6ft 3in 23-year-old from Prague, a finalist in Berlin, semi-finalist in Vienna and quarter-finalist in Stockholm in his last three tournaments, raced to a remarkably one-sided 6-2, 6-4 win. Jim Courier celebrated his imminent new status as world number-two by crashing out of the tournament and spoiling his chances of a Davis Cup place. The curly-haired American, who lost a baseline slogging match to the remarkable Camporese 6-7(4/7), 3-6

The 20-year-old American showed superb calm and control throughout and his classy win more than erased the memory of his shock second-round defeat in last year's tournament here by French qualifier Guillaume Raoux. The hard-serving, left-handed Ivanisevic needed to be fitted with a supporting girde for a back injury early in the match. But it did not stop him firing down 26 aces. He also had a bigger percentage of his first serves on target throughout the match — but it was Sampras who snatched the important points. Just before the showdown, sitting alongside compatriot Goran Prpic, Ivanisevic, who comes from Split, issued his appeal for Croatia. He admitted: "Obviously it is tough concentrating on our match with all that is going on at home. We worry about our families. I call home every day. You never know what might happen." The present situation is so dramatic — mass slaughter, hundreds of civilians forced to move away from their homes — we are compelled, to cry out for help". Ivanisevic, who, like Prpic, has been wearing tee-shirts and track-suits with slogans demanding an end to hostilities in Croatia all week, also got tournament organisers to remove "Yugoslavia" from after his name on the giant electronic scoreboards hanging over the court. "I want them to put Croatia or nothing," he said. Prpic, beaten in straight-sets in the first round by Jonas Svensson of Sweden, said: "I live in Zagreb and you can have no idea what it is like there at the moment. I cannot train because the courts are closed and come under bombardment, and we are living in shelters — except for my father. He is too sick to go down to them and we live on the eighth floor. I had hoped to make the "top-ten" this year after I made a very good start to the season. But that chance has gone now because of all the troubles. Korda was not the only Czech to reach the last-eight. Karel Novacek ended the giant-killing run of Swedes in qualifier Niclas Kulti 6-3, 6-2. Novacek now plays another Swede-Becker's would-be opponent Jonas Svensson.

Kalmadi hopeful

NEW DELHI, Nov 1: Suresh Kalmadi, chairman of the Afro-Asian Games Organising Committee, expressed the hope on Wednesday that the government will "very soon" give its clearance for holding the Games here next year, reports Xinhua. Kalmadi expressed confidence about staging the Games after presenting the case before the Cabinet Committee on Political Affairs (CCPA) here on Wednesday. Kalmadi, along with Indian Olympic Association Secretary Randhir Singh, made a 20-minute presentation before the CCPA which was chaired by Prime Minister Narasimha Rao. The two officials were reportedly questioned by the ministers on how they would be able to raise the entire money for the Games without at any stage approaching the government for help. They tried to convince the ministers that they could easily raise about 200 million rupees (7.85 million US dollars) though they had scaled down the Games' budget to around 130 million rupees (5 million US dollars). Kalmadi told reporters: "I am hopeful that the Cabinet will now approve the plan to host the Games at the earliest," adding "We have just four months to prepare for the Games." This was the second time the CCPA took up the issue after the full cabinet had discussed it twice and could not come to a decision on the feasibility and necessity of the Games at this juncture when the country was in fiscal difficulties.

Tejgaon Agragami keep winning

Sports Reporter
Tejgaon Agragami Club and Barnak Samaj scored identical 2-0 wins over their respective opponents yesterday at the Hockey Stadium. Title contenders Tejgaon Agragami, who started their league programme with a thumping 5-0 victory over Rayer Bazar SC last Monday, continued their winning spree with a convincing 2-0 victory over Dhaka Hockey Club in the first match of the day. Asgar Ali opened the account for Tejgaon when he converted a penalty corner into a goal (1-0) in the 18th minute of the proceedings. Eight minutes later, Serajul Islam slammed Tejgaon's second goal. Barnak Samaj recorded their first win this year when they pulled off an upset on title aspirants Shantinagar SC in the other encounter of the day. They won 2-0 with Dilip Kumar Mishu brilliantly slamming both the goals. TODAY'S MATCHES Mukta Bihanga vs PWD SC (2.00 pm) Raktim Sangha vs East End Club (3.30 pm)

Ikangaa, Hussein to renew rivalry

NEW YORK, Nov 1: The long lasting rivalry between past champions Juma Ikangaa of Tanzania and Ibrahim Hussein of Kenya is set to resume in the New York city marathon on Sunday, reports Reuter. Hussein, the 1987 champion, and Ikangaa, who won here in 1989 but has finished second to Hussein twice in the Boston marathon, head the men's field for what promises to be a fast-paced showdown in the 22nd running of the New York event. "I know that if we are both in good shape we will run at a fast pace, and we don't need a rabbit," said the 31-year-old Hussein, whose career best two hours eight minutes 43 second in the 1988 Boston marathon gave him a thrilling one-second victory over Ikangaa. The Tanzania's best effort of 2:08:01 brought him the laurel wreath in New York two years ago and stands as the record for the course that winds through New York's five boroughs and ends in Central Park. Other top contenders include Dutchman Gerard Nijboer, four-time winner of the Amsterdam marathon, Tanzanian John Burra, winner of his last two marathons in Madrid and Moscow, and last year's second place finisher Salvador Garcia of Mexico. One runner fan will watch with interest and curiosity is world indoor mile record holder Eamonn Coghlan of Ireland. Coghlan, who has enjoyed great success over the years in New York running the mile, but will be tested at 26 times that distance in his marathon debut. Former Olympic champion Joan Benoit Samuelson of the US heads the women's field for the race in which over 25,000 runners are taking part. "There is no way an American man could possibly be the winner," said race director Fred Lebow. "But I think Joan can win. She is the most experienced of the three top women runners and it is high time that we had an American winner." No American woman has won in New York since 1977. Lebow believes Samuelson's main competition will come from Australian Lisa Ondieki and Briton Liz McColgan. Ondieki, former Lylisa Martin, is the 1988 Olympic silver medalist and two-time runner-up in New York. McColgan, the world 10,000-metre champion, will be running her first marathon and believes she can beat the fastest time set by a woman on her debut at the distance. Canadian Sylvia Ruegger clocked 2:30:37 on her first attempt at the distance in 1984 but McColgan said: "I'm in shape to run 2:24 if I have to." The women's world record for the marathon is 2:21:06, set by Ingrid Kristiansen of Norway six years ago. "I have no qualms about running 26 miles after running it time and again in training," said the 27-year-old McColgan. "I feel I can win." Despite the determined competition, Samuelson is more confident than she has been in years. "The last six months have been my most consistent training in a long time," said the 34-year-old Samuelson, winner of the 1984 Olympic marathon. "I've been training hard and I'm doing the things that I did in the 1980s which brought me success." The winners will receive 20,000 dollars and a luxury car. There is a 100,000-dollar bonus for a world record.



State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadeq Hossain Khoka gave away the medals at the certificate-awarding ceremony of the Royal School of Martial Arts held in the city last Saturday.