Tangail lift Suhrawardy Cup Sports Reporter



Tangail DSA emerged as the new under-19 national youth soccer champions to lift the glittering Su-

hrawardy Cup trophy. They outplayed Pabna DSA 2-0 in the final for the eighth Suhrawardy Cup yesterday at Naogaon Stadium.

Playing before a jam-packed stadium, Harunur Rashid Chapal, who has been in a tremendous form, put Tangail ahead in the 36th minute of play by converting a penalty.

Salam Khan of Pabna doubled the margin in the 36th minute of the second session to seal the fate of the match.

On the other hand, though Pabna carried out repeated raids inside Tangails territory, their forwards failed to reduce the margin.

Champions Tangail outplayed Khulna DSA 3-0 while Pabna beat hosts Naogaon DSA 2-1 in their respective semifi-

Tangail had got the better of Chittagong DSA 2-0 while Pabna beat Jhenidah 4-2 in the tie-breaker in their respective group matches of the final round.

Sixteen goals were scored

in the nine matches of the ten-

team final round. Of the sixteen goals, Tangail scored nine while runners-up

Pabna scored only two.

against Khulna 3-0, which was the highest victory margin of the tournament. Harunur Rashid Chapal of

Tangail won the semifinal

the highest scorer. Salam Khan of Tangail was

Tangail with five goals became

adjudged the best player of the tournament. Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman witnessed the

final as the chief guest and gave away the trophies among the winners.

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FIFA dispels W Cup rumours



9: FIFA on Wednesday again denied rumours that 1994 World Cup would be mo-

ved out of the United States or that it even was considering such action, issuing an unusually terse statement to counter two published reports within the last five days, reports AP.

"Contrary to rumours being spread in the international press. FIFA has no reason whatsoever to consider transferring the next World Cup from the USA to another country," soccer's world governing body said from its Zurich, Switzerland headquarters.

"This statement applies to any similar speculative remarks that will be made from now on until the time of the World Cup final competition in 1994.

The first report appeared Saturday in the Boston Globe, which reported that FIFA 'was dissatisfied with World Cup preparations in the United States and has made discreet inquiries into the possibility of move the event to Argentina."

Wednesday's statement by FIFA came following another report in The Times of London, said FIFA Press Officer Guido Tognoni.

"Normally, we don't react", Tognoni said. "But in America people get nervous. This was made for our friends in the United States.'

"These rumours appear before every World Cup", he added. They happened before Mexico (1986) and they happened before Italy (1990). Soccer is more difficult in the United States and, in other countries, they know this (false reports) is normal, but not in the United States."

The United States was chosen 1988 over two other candidates; traditional power Brazil, which has the largest third-world debt, and Morocco, which would have had to build eight stadiums to host the quadrennial event.

Still the announcement of the United States as the host for the 1994 tournament was criticized because it awarded the tournament to a country which has shown little interest in the game.

The first report that the World Cup would be moved was made one day after the 1990 World Cup final in Italy. when former player and now commentator Paul Breitner said the tournament would be

transferred to his native Germany.

Sports Sadeque Hossain, Sc-

cretary of the Bangladesh

Football Federation (BFF)

Harun-ur Rashid and tourna-

ment secretary Sirajul Islam

Bachchu were also present on

sixty teams split into eighth

zones competed in the qua-

lifying round, which began

across the country on De-

Chittagong, Khulna, Pabna,

Comilla, Tangail, Jhenidah,

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and the seventh Suhrawardy

Cup champions Fent and hosts

Naogaon DSAs took part in the

Eight zonal champions -

Organised by the BFF, about

the occasion.

cember 7 last.

"Everything is going fine. We will live with these rumours", Tognoni said. "But we made this statement to ensure everybody in the US."

"These rumours occur every three or four months from every corner of the world and everybody picks it up," Tognoni continued. "But this is such a stupid rumour, one we would like to dispel

"llow can we go to Argentina with all their economic problems?"

World Cup USA 1994, the American organizers of the event, is behind schedule. It initially said it would announce its 12 sites to be used for the 1994 tournament by December 1991. That was later revised to February 1992 and now it is not expected before late February or early March.

FIFA also was reportedly dissatisfied with Chuck Calc as the head of world Cup USA 1994 and moved him aside to a largely ceremonial position.

Calc, who last year was named as chief executive offi cer and co-chairman of the or ganizing committee, was given

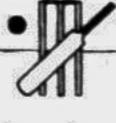
the title of vice-chairman.

Action from one of the Pioneer league matches held at the

Outer Stadium. —Star photo

Kalabagan beat Wari

Sports Reporter



Kalabagan Krira Chakra earned two vital points in Navana Premier Division cricket league

when they beat Wari Club a member of the same rocking boat facing the possibilities of relegation, by four wickets at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. Wari Club managed 151 for

nine wickets from their quota of 45 overs. Opener Sumon emerged as

the highest scorer with 41 before being dismissed by Pappu. Rafique with an unbeaten 26 and Kamran with 16 were the other notable scorers. Left-arm spinner James

bowled extremely well to pick up three wickets for 23 runs from eight overs. Pappu backed him up well with two Ishtiaque led the Kalabagan

victory chase with a bright 31 made with the help of two fours and one six.

Pilot with three fours scored 26 and with Dipu, Sri Lankan Sujit and skipper Tamim contributing usefully, Kalabagan cantered past the Wari total in the penultimate

SCOREBOARD WARI CLUB

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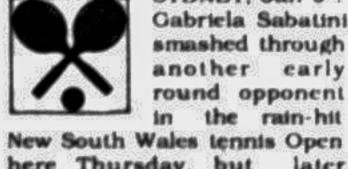
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TODAY'S MATCHES Biman vs Surja Tarun (DCS) Brothers Union vs Gulshan Youth (Dhaka Stadium)

Second serve worries Sabatini SYDNEY, Jan 9: beat Monica, to mix it up, not meeting with German 17-year-



here Thursday, but later spoke of psychological problems with her second serve, reports AFP. Sabatini, the world number

three and top seed here, out classed German Sabtne Hack, 6-1, 6-0 to reach the quarterfinals of her debut Sydney tournament. Reshaping her game under

the tutelage of Brazilian Carlos Kirmayr to counter the allround games of Monica Seles and Steffi Graf, Sabatini has dropped just two games in her two wins this week. Kirmayr took over the

coaching of the 21-year-old Sabatini around the 1990 Wimbledon, and in a matter of months she won her first Grand Slam title, a two-set triumph over Graf in the US "Carlos was a very smart

player on the court when he used to play and he was an attacking player. He used to come to the net a lot, and that's what I needed," Sabatini told a post-match press con-

"He explained to me that I should do that and he gave me the confidence to do that that's what I needed the most."

That's the kind of game to Seles puts on neck brace as

a precaution SYDNEY, Jan 9: World num ber one Monica Seles said Thursday she was wearing a brace as a precaution for a pulled neck muscle before the Australian Open which gets under way in Melbourne next

week, reports AFP. The Florida-based Yugoslav told a press conference in Melbourne on Thursday that the injury was improving daily.

The neck brace was just a precaution," she said. "I had a stiff neck probably by sleeping the wrong way on the long flight out here.

"I heard it crack a little bit and pulled the muscle while I was serving during practice on Wednesday and the doctor gave me the brace which I wore for just one day."

Gabriela Sabatini play the same way and do dif- old Anke Huber with a straight ferent things all the time.

But Sabatini admits she has to overcome psychological problems with her second scrvice, which she is working on with Kirmayr.

On Thursday the work appeared to be paying dividends. Her second service against Hack was averaging 76 percent, although her first serve was down to a moderate 58

Rain again played havoc with the scheduling on the forth day, although all the women's third round singles matches were completed by early evening with two men's



GABRIELA SABATINI

quarter-finals matches to be completed

Sabatini's quarter-final opponent will be American Gigi Fernandez, who had a battle to oust seventh seeded compatriot Zina Garrison, 7-6 (7-5), 5-7, 6-3.

Defending champion Jana Novotna set up a quarter-final

Spanish siblings rate Olympic gold above all

SYDNEY, Jan 9 : Spain's Emilio Sanchez and his younger sister Arantxa would prefer to win an Olympic gold medal in front of their home crowd this year than a Grand Slam tennis title, reports Reuter.

"I would chose a gold medal above a Grand Slam title as my aim for this year," Emilio, 26, told reporters on Wednesday Emilio, ranked among the

at the New South Wales Open. top 20 players in the world, won a silver medal in the doubles at the Seoul Olympics

sets win over France's Julic

Huber, who just finished school last year, accounted for American Tami Whitlinger 6-3,

Also in the bottom half of

the draw, Conchita Maritinez and last year's runner-up Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario set up an all-Spanish quarter-final their first tour meeting with straight set victories. Sanchez-Vicario took out

German Barbara Rittner, 7-5, 6-0, while her Federation Cup partner, Martinez, beat Amc rican Amy Frazier, 6-4, 6-4. In the men's section, de-

fending champion Guy Forget wrapped up his quarter-final with successive aces in a 6-1, 6-4, canter over American base-liner Aaron Krickstein. Forget, who topped last

year's Association of Tennis Professionals' (ATP) aces list with 611 in his 82 singles matches, served up another 11 Thursday to confirm himself as favourite for the title.

Spaniard Emilio Sanchez is the second of three seeds still in contention Saturday's title. He beat big-serving Austrian Thomas Muster, 6-3, 6-3.

Sanchez's opponent will be either Swede Christian Bergstrom or Italian Omar Camporesc, who early Thursday upset fifth seeded Swede Magunus Gustafsson, 6-3, 7-6 (7-3).

At nightfall, Bergstom, the beaten finalist to Goran Ivanisevie in last Sunday's Australian Hardcourt championship in Adelaide, was leading 7-6 (7-3) when the match was put over until Friday

Grand Slam Cup champion David Wheaton, the two million dollar man-of-tennis, won through to a semi-final meeting with Forget after subduing in-form Swiss Jakob Hlasek 3-6, 6-1, 7-5 in a rain-delayed match that finished under

Wheaton, the eight seed, trafled early in the match, but crucially broke Hlasek in the 11th game of the final set with two backhand passing shots. Hlasek came to Sydney as a

member of Swizterland's winning Hopman cup team in Perth and stayed true to form with two effortless wins over German Carl-Uwe Steeb and Dutchman Richard Krajicek in the opening rounds of the NSW Open.

Rain spoils WSC match Australia, Jan 9

Persistent drizzle curtailed the West Indies innings in their World Series match against Australia

after 47 overs with the score on seven for 160 here today. reports, AFP. Australia did not bat and each side was awarded one

Having elected to bat on an overcast afternoon, the West Indies got off to a brisk start with Philo Wallace and Desmond Haynes, who put on 33 together.

A second wicket stand of 64 from 99 deliveries between Haynes and Brian Lara continued the early pace before two run-outs altered the picture half way through the innings.

Wallace went for his shots from the start, taking nine from Mike Whitney's fourth over. On 17 he was dropped off a difficult chance to Dean Jones at wide mid-wicket as he tried to flick Whitney.

Jones did well to get his right hand to it but after juggling failed to hold on to the ball. But two overs later Steve Waugh at square leg picked up an ankle-level catch from Wallace off a Craig McDermott delivery with the score on 33.

Tom Moody's superb throw from the long leg boundary brought Australia their second wicket with the score on 97 when Lara, going for a second run, failed to make his ground at the wicket keeper's end.

Haynes played an excellent innings of 56 from 107 balls. hitting three fours and a six over mid-wicket off Moody. He played the cut with per-

fully on either side of the wicket. But after his departure, a seemingly casual approach to batting brought about a collapse in the West Indian in

fect timing and drove power

Richardson was run out from a direct hit of Mark Waugh, then Carl Hooper, Malcolm Marshall and Curtly Ambrose followed in quick

When rain brought an end to their innings and to the

day's play with three overs re-

maining from the allotted 50,

the visitors were 160 for seven after having lost their last six wickets for just 62. SCOREBOARD Scoreboard at the end of

the West Indies innings in their World Series match with Australia at the Melbourne Cricket Ground here today. WEST INDIES Haynes c S Waugh b Taylor 56

Wallace c S Waugh b McDermott Lara run out Richardson run out Hooper b Taylor Arthurton not out Marshall c Healy b Whitney Ambrose b McDermott Cummins not out Extras (5b, 9lb, 1 lw, 1nb)

Total (for seven wickets) 160 Fall: 1-33, 2-97, 3-113, 4 128, 5-137, 6-144, 7-159 Bowling: 9 0 25 McDermott 0 28 Whitney 0 28 0 28 Taylor 0 Batting time: 183 mins,

Aussies name W Cup squad

MELBOURNE, Jan 9 : Australia named here today an initial 20-man squad for the World Cup, which begins February 22, reports AFP.

The Australian Cricket Board said in a statement 14 would ultimately be selected to compete in the Cup to be held in Australia and New Zealand. Squad : Allan Border, Geoff

Marsh, Michael Bevin, David Boon, Dean Jones, lan Healy, Mery Hughes, Craig McDermott, Greg Matthews, Tom Moody, Simon O'Donnell, Bruce Reid, Paul Reiffel, Joe Scudert, Mark Taylor, Peter Taylor, Mark Waugh, Steve Waugh, Mike Whitney and Tim Zoehrer.

Star league from today



The country's most expensive and engaging footballing progra-

mme, the Senior Di-vision League, kicks off this afternoon at the Mirpur National Stadium.

Abahani Krira Chakra, who had won the title when the league was last held a couple of seasons ago under the name and style of the NBL Senior Division, will take on newcomers Bangladesh Police in the inaugural match scheduled to start at 4:00 pm. In another opening day fixture. Rahmatgani Muslim Friends' Society will face Sadharan Bima. That match, to be played under floodlights, kicks off at six in the evening.

Earlier in the afternoon, at 3:45 pm to be precise, State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadeq Hossain Khoka will formally declare the 20-team league open.

The organisers of the competition, the recently revived Dhaka Metropolis Football Association, have found a new sponsor in Bangladesh Tobacco Company who, at the cost of a Taka 17 lakhs outlay for the initial year of a three-year deal. have named the competition as the Star First Division League. after one of their popular brands of cigarettes.

Bima beat Agrani in Milnars league Sports Reporter

Sadharan Bima Krira Sangstha walked away with a 46-run victory over Agrani Bank in yesterday's Milnars First Division cricket league match the Mirpur City Club ground.

Sadharan Bima batted first to score 156 for nine with Pear top scoring with 44, inclusive of five boundaries. Irfan struck three fours and

a six in his 31 while Nakib

chipped in with a useful 20 that contained two hits to the Kallol with two for 22 and Nasim with two for 35 were

the most successful among the Bank bowlers. Bank, in their reply, were all-out for 110.

Atique with three fours and one six was the highest scorer with 41 for the bankers. Chapal, Sohel and Quader were the other notable scorers with 17, 16 and 13 respectively. Paceman Nakib ran through

the Agrani Bank batting with figures of three for 12. Ripon was the other principal wicket-taker with three for

Inter joins the chase for Papin

ROME: Jan 9: Inter Milan have joined the chase for France's Jean-Pierre Papin the European Footballer-of-theyear, after rivals AC Milan pulled out, reports AFP. The Italian media reported

the interest and quoted a fee of about four million pounds for the prolific Olympique Marseille striker. German imports Andreas Brehme, Lothar Matthaus and Jurgen Klinsmann are all expected to leave inter at the end of the

Sports Reporter

The other debutantes in this year's league are Eskaton Sabuj Sangha who have made it from the Second Division. The teams are: Abahani KC.

Mohammedan SC, Brothers Union, PWD SC, Muktijoddha Sangsad, Fakirerpool Youngmen's Club, Arambagh KS, Sadharan Bima KS, BRIC SC,

Pioneer soccer results

Sports Reporter T&T Recreation Club trounced Painadi Agragati Juba Sangha 5-1 in the one sided affair of the Group B encounter (Central Zone) of the 1991 Janata Bank Pioneer football league, held yesterday at the Khilgaon High School ground.

The highlight of the match was a brilliant hat-trick by T&T's striker Sarwar Parvez. He scored four goals for the winners.

Mahbubur Rashid scored the other one for T&T Club. Amjad Hossain reduced the

marking for Painadi. Following are the results of the other matches of the day played at the different venues around the city:

Outer Stadium Lalbagh Tarun Sangha -0 Azimpur Heroes Club -0 (Group - B, West)

KR Boys SC-1 Imamgani Juba Sangha -0 (Group - B, West) (Jagannath University College ground)

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Matuail Udayan Sangsad - 0 Ek Jhak Paira - 0 (Group -A, Central Zone) (Banani ground) Mirpur Nabarun SC - 1

ground)

Sangha - 0 (Group - B, North). Satisfying year for Anand

Kawran Bazar Progati

CALCUTTA, Jan 9 : Grand master Vishwanathan Anand described his recent victory at the Reggio Emilia chess tournament in Italy as the most significant achievement of his career till now, reports

Anand, who came straight here last evening from Italy to participate in the third Goodrick International chess tournament, told newsmen, This was the strongest tournament that I ever won and it was doubly satisfying that I beat world champion, Gary Kasparov there."

lle further said that after 1987 when he won the world junior chess title and earned the Grandmaster title, the year 1991 was the most satisfying during which he qualified for the quarter final of the candidate's competition after beating GM Alexei Dreev and then the year finally culminated with the victory at Reggio Emilia though it happened in the first week of January this

Anand, who will be playing in Calcutta after 1986, will lead a field of eleven Grandmasters and 12 international Masters in the Goodrick chess which started today.

Wari Club, Dhanmondi Club, Farashgani SC, Rahmatgani MFS, Victoria SC, Agrani Bank, Adamjee SCC, BJMC SC and

Dhaka Wanderers Club. The league with a total of 195 matches will conclude on April 18. The last match will be played between the traditional contenders - Abahani

There will be two matches everyday - at 3 pm and 5 pm. except on the opening day.

and Mohammedans.

Green Delta hockey league begins today

Sports Reporter The Green Delta First Division hockey league starts at the hockey Stadium today.

Nasir Ahmed Chowdhury, Managing Director of Green Delta Insurance Company who have been sponsoring the league for the past four years. will inaugurate the 16-team programme at 2.45 in the afternoon.

Defending champions Abahani Krira Chakra will take on newcomers Bangladesh Sporting in the opening encounter.

Bangladesh Sporting earned promotion to this year's First Division league following their Second Division league triumph in the 1989-90 season. The teams taking part are:

Abahani Krira Chakra, Mohammedan SC, Ajax SC, Dhaka Mariner Young's Club, Sonali Bank SRC, Sadharan Bima Krira Sangstha, Bachelor SC. Victoria SC, Wart Club, Dhaka Wanderers, Azad Sporting Club, Bangladesh Railway SC, Police SC, Dhaka Ansar, Usha Krira Chakra and Bangladesh Sporting Club.

English booters fined

LONDON, Jan 9: Arsenal

and England internationals lan

Wright and Paul Merson were fined on Wednesday for incidents during an English League match in November reports Reuter. A Football Association

commission fined striker

Wright 1,500 pounds sterling

(2,700 dollars) for allegedly spitting at a spectator during the 1-1 draw at Oldham. Merson, a forward, pleaded guilty and was fined 500

pounds (900 dollars) for gcsturing at fans. Both players were warned

England reserve goalkeeper David Seaman, charged along with Wright of improper conduct, was cleared. The case arose after police

complained about the players'

to behave in future.

behaviour during the match, in which Wright scored a late equaliser. Wright claimed he had spat at the floor while Seaman, who was alleged to have pushed a

for his behaviour that satisfied the commission. Last season, Arsenal were fined 50,000 pounds (87,500 dollars) and docked two points after a brawl during a match against Manchester United at

Old Trafford.

policeman, gave an explanation

Tyson jury to be sequestered



INDIANAPOLIS. Jan 9: For at least two weeks, and perhaps longer. the 12 jurors and

alternates

fined to hotel rooms during off-duty hours with few links to the outside world, reports AP. Marion Superior Court Judge Patricia J Gifford, who will preside at Tyson's trial scheduled to begin Jan 27. said Wednesday she will soon

issue an order calling for the

chosen for boxer Mike

Tyson's rape trial will be con-

tury to be sequestered. The panel will be housed in a downtown hotel and allowed no contact with anyone other than court batliffs. Jurors may not talk on the phone to family members or see them except for short Sunday gatherings among all jurors and their families. Letters home first will be

read by bailiffs. Local juries rarely are sequestered except in murder cases, but heavy media attention the Tyson case has received is believed to have prompted the plan to sequester.

Nearly 120 local, national

and foreign media organiza-

tions have requested credentials to cover the trial, according to Joseph L Champion, a law clerk for Gifford. Tyson, 25, was indicated by a country grand jury on one count of rape, two counts of criminal deviate conduct and one count of confinement for an alleged attack on an 18-

year-old Miss Black America

Extra precautions will be taken to prevent jurors from talking about the case with anyone or seeing or hearing

contestant last July.

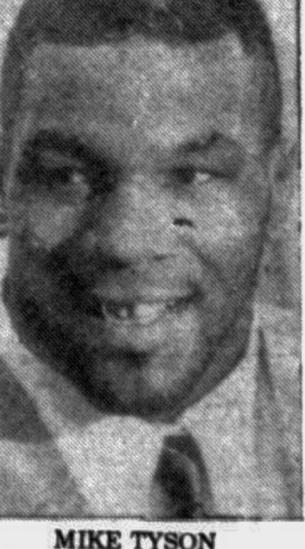


MIKE TYSON media reports said court bailiff Ed Atwood. The steps are needed, he said, to avoid the possibility of a mistrial. "It's going to be real tight,"

have to dig in and make sure nobody talks to them". Jury selection is expected to take several days, or possi-

bly more than a week. If jurors want to check on their families, bailiffs will call their homes and report back to them. Jurors may not listen to radios, and newspapers will be censored to remove news

When they go to a restaurant to eat, they will sit in a



he said. "We're just going to

of the Tyson trial.

group in a banquet room away from other customers. A female and male bailtff will stay with them at the hotel, and a sheriff's deputy will be on duty there during sleeping

Meanwhile, attorneys for two FBI agents have asked Judge Gifford to forbid defense lawyers from questioning their clients. Assistant US Attorney Larry A Mackey said Tyson's lawyers

Tyson's defense team Vincent J Fuller and James H Voyles contend the FBI violated its own policy in interviewing at least 22 potential witnesses in 12 states. The attorneys said Tyson

want to exclude evidence

gathered by agents Ronald

Hawley and James Rice.

federal law, and the FBI should not have been brought in by the local prosecutor. Judge Gifford scheduled a hearing Jan 21 on the issues concerning the FBI's partici-

wasn't accused of violating a

Japanese offer for Duran

PANAMA CITY, Jan 9 : Former boxing great Roberto Duran says he has been offered 4.5 million dollars by Japanese promoters for three bouts against full-contact karate fighters in Tokyo in March, reports AFP.

The 40 year old, who from

1972 to 1989 held world titles at lightweight, welter, light middle and middleweight, hung up his boxing gloves after a first round knock-out last March. Duran, known as. "hands of stone" at his peak, would not

reveal the identities of his opponents. He apparently did not know either whether he would fight in gloves as former heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali did when he took on a sumo wrestler in 1979.