

# Tarun beat Lalmatia

Sports Reporter

Surja Tarun Club defeated Lalmatia Club by three wickets in the Navana Premier Division relegation league yesterday at the Dhaka Stadium.

Tarun skipper Shri Lankan Priyalal Rodrigo won the toss and put Lalmatia in under-cast conditions. In discretion and lack of understanding, however, caused Lalmatia more trouble than the atmosphere conducive to swing bowling as three of their batsmen were run out to make the score board look a sticky 57 for four.

Sanjeewa Weerasinghe, the Shri Lankan allrounder who had represented his country in Test cricket, found a willing partner in Shahid and they batted sensibly to take their side to relative safety. Weerasinghe scored 25 while Shahid made a useful 43. Later Rome scored 35 to help his side reach 173 for seven wickets of 45 overs.

Tarun's young left-arm spinner Saikat bowled with his usual economy to capture two for 22 from his allotted nine overs. Khokon and Rodrigo, the medium pacers, picked up one wicket each.

Nurul Hadi, the seasoned Tarun opener, gave his side a good start in harness with Robi. The pair put on 43 runs before Kaiser sent back Robi. Aruna Silva, the bearded Shri Lankan batsman of Tarun, dug in after Hadi and Golla had departed for respective scores of 29 and 14.

Silva made 28. Shobchipped in with 15 but it took a captain's knock of 38 not out from Rodrigo to take Tarun home as the side made 175 for seven in 44.3 overs. Rodrigo made 38 off 41 balls with the help of two fours and a sixer.

Sanjeewa Weerasinghe, with his right-arm leg-breaks, bowled well to take three Tarun wickets for 38 runs. Kaiser and Atiq took one wicket apiece.

### TODAY'S MATCHES

Navana Super League: Mohammedans vs GMCC (D Stadium)  
Relegation league: Kalabagan vs Rupali Bank (DCS)

### Karate camp

Sports Reporter

The visiting four-member Japanese karate delegation gave a demonstration yesterday at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium indoor gymnasium adjacent to the Abahani Club.

The master karatekas from Japan, whose visit to Bangladesh has been arranged with the help of the Japanese embassy in Dhaka, also began a coaching camp for the local karatekas at the save venue.

The programme was inaugurated by the Japanese Ambassador to Bangladesh Toshio Saiki.

Forty karatekas including five women are taking part in the camp which will conclude tomorrow.



Two Japanese karatekas giving a demonstration at the Dhanmondi indoor gym yesterday. —Star photo

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With this hard-earned victory Usha's points tally rose to ten while Wari have seven points, from ten outings each.

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Faisal netted the winner in the 46th minute to seal the fate of the match in Usha's favour.

Both Usha and Wari earned three penalty corners on the day.

In the other match of the day, Dhaka Mariner Youngs Club, one of the four unbeaten sides in the league — the after three being reigning champions Abahani Krira Chakra, title aspirants Mohammedan Sporting Club and former

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The winners led the first session 2-0.

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# Seles storms into final



INDIAN WELLS, Calif. Mar 1: Top-seeded Monica Seles won her 23rd consecutive match Saturday, defeating fourth-seeded Katerina Maleeva of Bulgaria at the Evert Cup tennis tournament, reports AP.

The world's top player needed one hour to win 6-1, 6-0 and reach Sunday's final of the \$350,000 tournament at the Grand Champions Resort.

"This is the longest 6-1, 6-0 match I have ever played," Seles said. "I go out every match thinking this could be the day I might lose. I try to win. It's a part of the game. I still play for the fun of it."

The last time Seles lost was in November 1991 at the Virginia Slims to defending Evert Cup champion Martina Navratilova, who was forced out of the tournament because

of the flu.

Seles, a Yugoslav-born 18-year-old who now lives in the United States, will play third-seeded Conchita Martinez of Spain for a \$70,000 top prize. The runner-up will get \$35,000.

Martinez advanced after taking one hour and 20 minutes to eliminate unseeded Ann Grossman, 6-3, 6-1.

"I think I'm playing very well," Martinez said after beating Grossman, a 21-year-old American. "This is my first \$350,000 tournament final. I'll try to make best."

Asked if she worried about taking on Seles, Martinez said: "Yes, I am. But I think I have a chance. You have to play a perfect match to beat her."

Sunday's showdown will mark Seles' 21st consecutive final appearance. Former No 1 world player Steffi Graf also has made 21 finals. Navratilova holds the record with 23 final appearances.

Asked how she felt about reaching a historic mark, Seles said: "As long as I win as many tournaments as I can, that's all I care about. I know (Navratilova's) record is going to get broken."

Maleeva said she was disappointed with the loss, but thought Seles just played too good of a game.

"She never gave me too many chances," Maleeva said. "You always have to hit very good shots to make a point against her. I think today she only made four or five unforced errors."

Asked if Seles could be beaten Maleeva said: "Yes, she's a human being. She can have an off day."

"She feels more pressure than the others. It's definitely not 100 per cent sure she can win every match," Maleeva said. "I think she is more consistent than she used to be."

"She used to start a match with a lot of angles and has a lot of confidence," Maleeva added. "The biggest change in her game is that she doesn't make unforced errors like she used to. Everything goes her way."

# Jansher-Dittmar final



MADRID, Mar 1: Jansher Khan beat struggling world squash champion Rodney Martin to set up a second final in a week against Australia's Chris Dittmar in the Spanish Open on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Jansher, who beat world number three Dittmar in the Welsh Classic final last Monday, disposed of Martin 15-8, 15-6, 15-5 in just 33 minutes in their semifinal.

Dittmar was made to fight harder before overcoming England's unseeded Chris Walker 15-13, 15-10, 13-15, 15-10.

World number two Jansher remorselessly exploited Martin's lack of speed as the Australian struggled with the pace in only his second tournament since tearing ankle ligaments in October.

Martin badly jarred his suspect ankle towards the end of the match when the result was a foregone conclusion and ran gingerly during the rest of his time on court.

Dittmar had a fight on his hands against Walker, who was playing his first semifinal on the international circuit.

Craftily varying his game and relying heavily on drops and lobs, Walker who is ranked 15 in the world, subjected Dittmar to a lot of running and stretching.

They were level 13-13 in the opener before Dittmar clinched it with two winners and level again at 13-13 in the third which Dittmar lost following two errors.

Ken Rosewall and Stan Smith beat Tom Gorman and Dennis Ralston, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3.

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# Li pips Olympic champ Hunger



PALMA DE MALORCA, Spain, Mar 1: Germany's women swimmers took the spotlight on Saturday on the second day of the World Cup finals, winning four of their seven events at one of the last big meetings before the Barcelona Olympics, reports Reuter.

European long-course champion Simone Oaygus won the 50 metres freestyle from fellow German Daniela Hunger by a comfortable margin of 0.22 seconds, clocking 25.34.

Hunger also had to settle for second place in the 200 metres individual medley behind world champion Li Lin of China.

Li, triple gold medalist at last year's World Student Games, touched in 2:10.86 to beat reigning Olympic champion Hunger by over a second.

Manuela Stellmach, bronze medalist at the 1988 Seoul Olympics, and Peggy Hartung took the honours in the 200 metres freestyle and 100 metres breaststroke respectively.

Dagmar Hase, world championship silver medalist, capped a happy day for the German women with a com-

fortable victory in the 200 metres backstroke.

The German men also produced two winners with Silko Mike Fibbens, and Thilo Haase the 50 butterfly.

The Dutch flag was flying high with three victories — two for Ron Dekker, in the 50 metres breaststroke and 100 metres individual medley, and one for Ellen Elzerman in the 50 metres backstroke.

Dekker was only three-hundredths of a second off the world best for the 100 individual medley with a time 55.34 seconds after being pushed all the way by Germany's Josef Hladky.

Canada's Mark Tewksbury scored a clearcut victory in the 100 metres backstroke, beating Spanish European champion Martin Lopez Zubero by more than half a second to win in 52.67.

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# Nelson retains WBC title



MELBOURNE, Mar 1: Azumah Nelson fought the fight of his life Sunday to score a dramatic eighth round technical knockout win over Australian challenger Jeff Fenech and retain his World Boxing Council super-featherweight title, reports AP.

Nelson sent previously unbeaten Fenech to the canvas three times before referee Arthur Mercante waved the fight off at 2:20 of the eighth as Nelson was raining blows on Fenech's face.

The champion from Ghana had vowed to knock Fenech out in seven rounds. It took him one round more, but he fought coolly and clinically to out-box Fenech, the pre-fight favourite.

Nelson hit harder than Fenech and his timing was far superior.

He troubled Fenech with the power of his rights and never allowed the Australian to work to the body.

Nelson improved his record to 35-2-1 and has lost only once in the past 10 years.

He wrecked Fenech's bid to join Sugar Ray Leonard, Thomas Hearns and Roberto Duran as boxing's only four di-

vision champions.

Fenech, 27, previously held the IBF bantamweight and WBC super-bantamweight and featherweight titles, relinquishing all three unbeaten.

The Australian's record dripped to 26-1-1. The only previous blemish on his record was the draw he fought against Nelson in Las Vegas on June 28 last year.

Nelson said he was suffering from malaria 10 days before that first fight and had an elbow injury. True to his word, he outboxed Fenech in the rematch before a rain-drenched Australian record boxing crowd of 38,000 at the Princes Park football ground.

"When I told people about the problems I had before the first fight, they didn't believe me," Nelson said.

"I proved today that I am the best in the world."

Fenech said the African had deserved his victory.

"I did my best, but he was the better fighter. I have no excuses," said Fenech. "He's a truly great fighter."

"I didn't do the right things early. I had my head up and I got hit."

# Delhi to host Asian TT

TOKYO, Mar 1: The 11th Asian table tennis championships will be held in New Delhi in November, the Asian Table Tennis Union said Saturday, reports Xinhua.

The Union's officials said that New Delhi was chosen at an executive committee meeting of the Union Friday in Niigata, north of Tokyo, where Olympic qualifying matches for the Asian zone were being held.

The officials said the exact date of the New Delhi tournament would be fixed later.

The Union also decided that the inaugural Asian Cup team tournament will be held either in Shanghai or Beijing in December.

# Police defuse bomb from near soccer stadium

LONDON, Mar 1: An explosives expert defused a bomb in a north London train station only hours before thousands of fans were expected to arrive for a soccer match Sunday, Scotland Yard said, reports AP.

It was the third device planted in London since Friday.

# 'Baby Ben' announces arrival



GENOA, Italy, Mar 1: Jason Livingstone, a 20-year-old Londoner, followed in the footsteps of Linford Christie on Saturday when he won the European men's indoor 60 metres title, reports Reuter.

Livingstone, who has vowed to take over from fellow Briton Christie as Europe's premier sprinter, overhauled Vitaly Savin from the commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) over the final few metres to win in 6.53 seconds on the second day of the three-day championships.

France's Christian Plaziat, the European decathlon champion, improved his own indoor decathlon world record to 6,418 points after needing to beat only two minutes 52 seconds in the 1,000 metres to break his 27-day-old mark.

Plaziat finished fifth in 2:40.17, gaining 872 points to help him better his old mark by 129 points. It was the first time that combined events have been held at the European indoor championships.

After Zhanna Tarnopolskaya from the CIS had won the women's 60 metres title, Livingstone and Savin walked slowly on to the track at Genoa's sports place for Saturday's showpiece event.

Livingstone, who as a teenager modelled himself on Canadian Ben Johnson to the extent that he was known as "Baby Ben," appeared to get the better start.

But Savin, anchorman for the Soviet Union 4X100 relay quartet who won the 1988 Seoul Olympic title, surged ahead and appeared to have the race won 10 metres from the finish.

Livingstone, with palpable determination and concentra-

tion, came back and crossed the finish line just one-hundredth of a second ahead of Savin.

Livingstone, a compact, muscular figure, stood tensely watching the replay on the stadium's giant video screen, then leaped with elation when he realised he had won.

"I feel very good," he said. "I have fought very hard. The whole winter has gone well."

"I'm only 20 years old and I'm the European champion and that is just the start."

The morning had not gone quite as smoothly for Livingstone, who made a dreadful start in his first round heat but still pulled back to finish second and qualify for the semifinals.

Livingstone then found to his consternation that officials had misread the photo finish and placed him sixth out of seven. An immediate British protest saw him restored among the qualifiers and he comfortably won his semifinal.

"I ran badly in the heats," Livingstone acknowledged. "After all the work I had done I didn't want to run stupidly here."

Plaziat, a 28-year-old Lyon postal worker, has promised more than he has produced in the past with the exception of his 1990 European decathlon title.

He disappointed again in last year's Tokyo World Championships, finishing only ninth, but has enjoyed something of a renaissance on the indoor circuit this year.

He certainly seemed pleased with his performance over the past two days, telling reporters: "It was a great joy and exceptionally marvellous."

Tokyo was a difficult experience which I will never forget."

Plaziat excelled in the pole vault, clearing 5.20 metres and sounded a warning to his rivals at the Barcelona Olympics when he said: "The pole vault is the only discipline at which I feel I'm at the level I want to be."

The women's high jump proved the most riveting contest of the championships so far with two world record holders in Heike Henkel and Stefka Kostadinova alternately raising the stakes like big-money poker players.

Germany's Henkel, the world champion and world indoor record holder, did not enter the competition until the bar had reached 1.91 metres.

She then watched impassively as the Bulgarian, her predecessor as world champion and the world outdoor record holder, failed once at two metres, giving Henkel the advantage if the competition came to a countback.

Kostadinova succeeded with her second attempt at two metres, then cleared 2.02 metres, putting the pressure back on Henkel.

Henkel also succeeded with her attempt at 2.02, leaving Kostadinova to clear 2.04 if she wished to take the title.

The 26-year-old Bulgarian, who has struggled with injury since the 1987 Rome World Championships, jumped first but brought the bar down three times.

Henkel also failed with her first two attempts but knew she had the event won when she made a final abortive effort at 2.04.

The CIS continued to dominate the competition on Saturday, taking five of the eight gold medals at stake. They now have six of the 11 titles already decided here.

# Shahid sets nat'l cycling record

Sports Reporter

Shahidur Rahman of Bangladesh Textile Mills Corporation (BTMC) set a new national record yesterday as his team-mates continued to dominate the 17th national cycling championships and the inaugural junior cycling championships now being held at the Rajarbagh Police Lines ground.

The national record was set when Shahidur Rahman took six minutes 53.20 seconds for the men's 4000m point race.

Following the conclusion of yesterday's events, BTMC riders stopped the medals table by claiming another four golds, three silvers and two bronzes to add to their three golds, two silvers and a bronze on the opening day of the three-day meet.

Bangladesh Rifles, who have collected three golds and as many silvers, were placed a poor second at the end of Day Two.

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