

Goals galore in nat'l youth hockey

Sports Reporter

Narayanganj, Jessore and Krira Proshikkhan Kendra of Rajshahi moved into the quarterfinals of the 12th national youth hockey championship, on a day marked for cheap scoring.

Narayanganj DSA made mockery of a contest yesterday as they pumped in nine field goals against Comilla DSA.

Sheikh Mohammed Abdullah four, Salman Kader two, Shamsuddin, Biplob and Shabbir Ahmed scored one goal each for Narayanganj.

The winners led the first half 2-0.

After the match Comilla lodged a protest with the hockey federation aluding that four Narayanganj players — Abdullah, Shamsuddin, Salman Kader, Biplob and Wasim — were overaged.

Rajshahi dumped Gazipur



ABDULLAH ... 4 goals



Comilla DSA custodian Zakir looks on helplessly after failing to thwart another goal-bound attempt in Narayanganj DSA's goal glut during yesterday's 12th national youth championship at the Hockey Stadium. Narayanganj ran up a 9-0 score. — Star photo

six nil to advance to the second round.

Three goals by Mahfuz Reza, two by Mobarak Ali and one by Riaz Ali bade farewell to Gazipur in the 16 team championships.

The victors had sealed the fate of the match in first half with a comfy two goal lead.

Jessore DSA had Pirojpur groveling as they romped to the quarter final club with an emphatic five nil victory.

The winners enjoyed a one goal lead at first half with Towfiq Islam being on target. After the breather Bashir

Hossain scored twice while Raj Parvez and Ashiquzaman scored one each.

Hilarity reached its zenith in the match between Sports Training Centre of Rajshahi and Chittagong DSA.

The standard of competition was exemplified by glaring misses in the tiebreaker session as the two outstation teams wrestled in an ungainly manner to break the deadlock.

Of the first five hits each team could find the cage only once and only in the sudden death phase the Rajshahi team

found the target to advance to the quarter final.

There will no match today due to a dawn to dusk harital call given by the opposition.

Meanwhile, Chittagong Hockey Players Association (CHPA) expressed their concern about the alleged uncertainty prevailing over the visit of the Bangladesh national youth team to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia to take part in the Asian Youth hockey championship due to the stated financial crisis of the National Sports Council.

For Dhaka DSA, it's never too late

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Defending champions Dhaka DSA finally named their squad for the ongoing 12th national youth hockey championship yesterday.

The team, which starts its title-defence campaign tomorrow against the Krira Proshikkhan Kendra of Rajshahi, for some unknown reasons took too long to be formed.

The eighteen-member squad includes two officials and 16 players. The players are: Md Imtiaz, Khwaja Fayaz, Md Habibullah, Khwaza Danesh Kamal, Ezaz Ahmed, Md Ehtesham, Shahidullah Khokon, Saidur Rahman Sohel, Lubraj Alam, Tahirul Islam, Nasir Ahmed, Md Hossain, Tarek A Adel, Md Javed, Shahab Khayer and Md Selim. Shamsul Arefin Mukul and Abdul Malek Chinnu have been made manager and coach respectively.



State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain Khoka yesterday handed over a cheque for Tk 50,000 to young footballer Shaheen of BRTC whose leg had to be amputated following an injury sustained during a soccer match in Narayanganj.

Khoka's donation for Shaheen

State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain Khoka yesterday visited ailing footballer Shaheen of BRTC and donated a sum of Taka 50,000 for his treatment, reports BSS.

The right leg of Shaheen had to be amputated recently at the Sher-e-Banglanagar Orthopaedic Hospital due to gangrene following an injury received in a football match at Narayanganj a few weeks ago.

The sports minister assured him of a pension of Taka 1,500 every month.

The Additional Secretary in-charge of the Ministry of Youth and Sports Nazrul Islam was present on the occasion.

The Bangladesh Football Federation at its meeting Tuesday also decided to donate a sum of Taka 20,000 to Shaheen.

NSC meet off

The annual general meeting and the award-giving ceremony of the National Sports Council, scheduled for today, has been called off, owing to unavoidable circumstances.

According to Spanish news reports Sevilla would be prepared to pay him about three million dollars for a two-season contract while sponsors would pick up a dollar 15 million tab for his transfer.

The southern Spanish club are managed by Carlos Bilardo who took Argentina to World Cup victory in Mexico in 1986 with Maradona as captain.

At FIFA headquarters in Zurich spokesman Andreas Herren said no approach had yet been made by French.

"In any case we cannot entertain such requests from private persons," he said. "As it appears from reports that Sevilla is interested in Maradona joining them the matter should be raised formally by them through the Spanish Football Federation."

Nottingham Country manager Neil Warnock turned down bids of 2.5 million pounds from First Division rivals Derby County and Premier League big-spenders Blackburn Rovers last week, but he believes they will return with higher offers.

"I think someone will come back with three million," said Warnock, whose side were relegated last season. "He's that good."

Across the city Nottingham forest have confirmed their determination not to let unsettled striker Teddy Sheringham join Premier League rivals Tottenham for 2.1 million pounds.

Forest assistant manager Ronnie Fenton said: "Teddy is a Nottingham Forest player and he's under contract to us for the next three years. It's as simple as that."

"I think Tottenham have always been his club and when they made a move for him a few weeks ago I obviously appealed to him. But we can't let him go because we don't have a ready replacement."

Double crowns for Mashuk

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Shamsur Rahman Mashuk, fresh from yesterday's triumph, teamed with Dr Zahir to beat Mannan and Habib in the doubles final 6-1, 6-1 thus earning double crowns in the 81st Dhaka Club Foundation Day tennis tournament which concluded yesterday at the club courts.

The winning duo served and volleyed well to outplay their opponents who just could come up with anything against the superior tennis of the victors.

Meanwhile, in the men's Foundation Day squash final, Anisul Huq beat Irshad Hossain by three sets to one to clinch the title.

In the boy's event, Kazi Omar emerged champion outplaying M Russell in straight sets at the club squash court.

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Plan for Indo-Pak hockey series

KARACHI, Aug 19: A Pakistan hockey official plans to visit India next week to discuss a series between the two neighbouring countries, the Pakistan Hockey Federation said on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

Federation secretary Abdul Hamid Hamidi is to leave for New Delhi on Tuesday to have talks on the series, and is also likely to discuss a two-match tournament between Indian and Pakistani teams in Dubai in September or October.

Soccer result

Talibah Tairuri Sangha made the semifinals of the third Shah Sports Cup football tournament by beating Rock Starta Sporting club 4-2 at the Hazaribagh Park ground yesterday, says a press release.

McEnroe named for Davis Cup

NEW HAVEN, Aug 19: John McEnroe received notice early Wednesday he was on the US Davis Cup doubles team in September, just hours after complaining he was tiring of swatting word, reports AP.

Gorman said the confusion stemmed from a July 30 news release that said Jim Courier and Andre Agassi were on the US team and the doubles team would be named later. Gorman said it was always his intention to include McEnroe on the team.

The final member of the team will come from a field of Pete Sampras, Rick Leach and one or two other players, Gorman said. The US team will play Sweden in the Davis Cup semifinals in Minneapolis Sept 25-27.

McEnroe could not be reached for comment early Wednesday.

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Arsenal's second defeat in a row

LONDON, Aug 19: England striker Alan Shearer condemned Premier League favourites Arsenal to their second defeat in two games by firing newly promoted Blackburn Rovers to a 1-0 victory at Ewood Park on Tuesday night, reports AFP.

The 3.6 million pound forward again rewarded manager Kenny Dalglish for his massive outlay by grabbing his third goal in two games in the 85th minute of an untidy match.

He shouldered aside Jimmy Carter to take possession 10 yards inside Arsenal's half and raced on to deliver a thunderous effort from 25 yards, which deflected off David Hillier into the top corner of the net.

To add to Arsenal's problems, they lost new signing John Jensen, the Danish international, with a facial injury.

Wimbledon — without the injured John Fashanu and John Seales, and the unsettled Terry Phelan — were also left looking for their first Premier League point after a 1-0 home defeat at the hands of promoted Ipswich.

Midfielder Gavin Johnson, scored the decider from the best move of an undistinguished match, turning a Lowmicks Stockwell cross past Hans Segers in the 37th minute.

In the First Division former England striker Steve Bull took his goal tally for Wolverhampton to 200 in six years with the first in his side's 3-0 home win over Leicester.

Bull was also involved in the game's flashpoint when Leicester skipper Steve Walsh was sent off in the 23rd minute for striking the Wolves forward with his forearm in an off-the-ball incident.

Leicester had their misery compounded when Andy Mutch drove in Wolves' second goal 15 minutes later and Gary Mills saw his 62nd minute penalty saved by Mike Stowell. Paul Birch showed Mills how it should be done in the last minute.

Charlton, like Wolves, maintained their 100 per cent start to the season with a 1-0 win at Cambridge from an 89th minute goal by midfielder Alan Pardew.

In the 70th minute Cambridge had been reduced to 10 men when captain Danny O'Shea was sent off by his sec-

Pak-England third one-dayer today

Accusations annoy Akram

LONDON, Aug 19: Wasim Akram, one of the Pakistan pacemen with the lethal late swing, wants to have the final word on the season's bowling controversy with this message: "We're no cheats," reports Reuter.

Akram, preparing for the

has proved the undoing of England's batsmen. "We've had enough of all this talk," said Akram. "We just want to get on with playing cricket. We won a great victory at the Oval to take the Test series and then we were faced with headlines like 'Champs or Cheats.'"

"Wasim and Waqar are simply two of the finest fast bowlers that we have ever seen in cricket. You English are too slow to recognise greatness. All this talk about cheating has got to stop now."

Akram revealed the constant speculation had backfired on England, saying: "I have tried even harder this summer in an effort to show we are not cheats."

"Both Waqar and I have played a lot of county cricket (for Surrey and Lancashire respectively) and nothing has been said about our bowling until this summer. Why is that?"

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Sub-par Seles still sails smooth

MONTREAL, Aug 19: A below par world number one Monica Seles was still too much for American Marianne Werdel for a 6-2, 6-4 victory in her Canadiana Open debut on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

Seles was bothered by five double faults in the 68 minute second round match and slowed a little by an injury to her left ankle.

"My serve let me down a little, I wasn't finding my rhythm," said Seles, who has lost in the final of her last two tournaments, the most recent on Sunday in Los Angeles to Martina Navratilova.

About her bothersome ankle Seles said, "It hurt a little at a few points but it's only a little sprain. It's not big or I wouldn't have played."

Tournament organisers are happy that the 18-year-old Yugoslav felt up to playing the 550,000 dollar hard court tournament after the late withdrawals last week of the intended top two seeds Steffi Graf and Navratilova.

Joining Seles in the third round were fifth-seeded Katerina Maleeva of Bulgaria and eighth-seeded Lori McNeil of the United States.

Maleeva, the losing finalist here the last two years, beat Noelle van Lottum of France 6-3, 6-3 while McNeil dismissed compatriot Donn Faber 6-2, 6-3.

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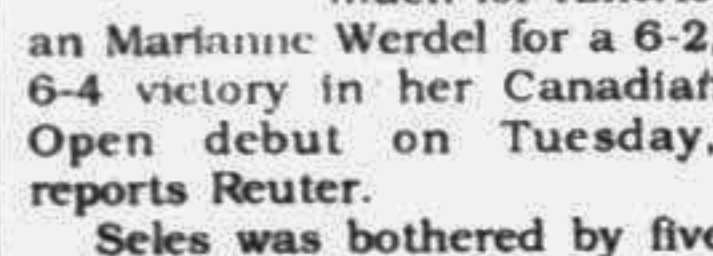
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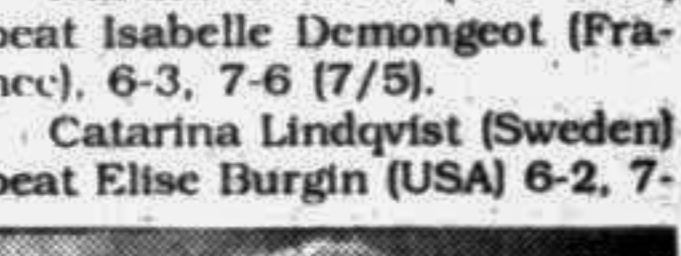
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Connors romps past Dilucia

INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana, Aug 19: Jimmy Connors, the old man of tennis, played like a youngster in romping past David Dilucia 6-1, 6-2 during the opening round of the 1 million dollar RCA Championships tennis tournament on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

Connors, two weeks shy of his 40th birthday, is still having a lot of fun playing in his 21st year on the pro-tour.

"I love what I do, competing against young players," said the 14th-seeded Connors. "Tennis is more of a sideshow for me now considering all the other things (business involvement) have going."

Connors had everything going for him in the match as the 22-year-old Dilucia's finest moment came when he held serve in the first game.

"I'm happy playing like I'm playing," said Connors, ranked

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Foundation chess

The first Foundation Open chess tournament under the aegis of the Dhaka Chess Foundation will now begin tomorrow, at the National Sports Council chess room, says a press release.

Participating players have been asked to be at the inaugural ceremony at 3 pm on the day.

Allahma Gold Cup

SYLHET, Aug 19: Sylhet Power Development Board beat Dhaka Dakshin Degree College 2-1 in the opening match of the second leg of the Mustafa Allahma Gold Cup football tournament at the Dhaka Dakshin School Stadium in Golapganj here Tuesday, reports BSS.

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