

### BFF names u-16 national squad

Sports Reporter

The Bangladesh Football Federation has selected twenty players to represent Bangladesh in the forthcoming Asian youth championship, scheduled to be held from September 4 to 13 in the Saudi Arabian capital of Riyadh.

Earlier, the BFF picked twenty-nine under-16 booters for a coaching camp in Mirpur. Four players were immediately ruled out of the camp.

Bangladesh will launch their Asian youth championship campaign on the inaugural day, playing against DPR Korea.

Bangladesh — placed in Group A — will play Bahrain on September 6 and the hosts on September 8.

The other group comprises the UAE, Qatar, Thailand and China.

The top two in each group will play in the semifinals.

Bangladesh qualified for the final round by emerging unbeaten champions in the Group F qualifiers held in Rajshahi last June. India, Pakistan, Nepal and the Maldives were the other teams in the fray.

The selected players are: Nazir, Tipu, Hossain, Emdadul, Arman, Ujjal, Ruhul Amin, Azur, Masud, Paritosh, Nayin, Nazimuddin, Salahuddin, Naheed, Shoad, Manruz-zaman, Mozammel Huq Chowdhury, Rapon, Hiru, and Jahangir.

The BFF has also announced the names of the officials who will accompany the team. The manager of the team is Shaheb Ali with Shamsuddoha Majlish as his deputy.

### 2-2 DRAW

Meanwhile, the national youth team took part in a warm-up match against the defending First Division league champions Abahani Krira Chakra at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday afternoon.

The match ended in a two-all draw.

### Libya blast UN

TRIPOLI, Libya, Aug 25: Moammar Gadhafi met Libya's national soccer team Monday in an apparent attempt to support a claim that his country will not be able to participate in the African Nations Cup because of UN air sanctions against it, reports AP.

But a list of qualifying groups and matches compiled by the African Confederation never mentioned Libya as a participant in the championship.

The official Libyan news agency JANA said the Libyan leader met the players after their return from Tunis but gave no further details.

The agency said the team could not travel to Morocco to play in the qualifying matches because of the air ban.

It charged that "the baseless resolution imposed by the (UN) Security Council which imposed tyrannical measures on the Great Jamahiriya (Libya)" prevented the team from participating.

The Africa Cup is a biennial event and will next be held in January 1994 in Tunisia.

On Sunday, a Libyan sports official, who refused to give his name, said his country had withdrawn from the championship because it did not want to play against Arab teams to avoid "creating unnecessary sensitivity between the nations of the region."

The official said the Libyan team received instructions to withdraw while in the Tunisian capital Tunis en route to Morocco. He said the Libyans were scheduled to play Morocco Aug 29 in a qualifying game.

Libya's claims appeared to be a manoeuvre on their part to show they were suffering under the air ban and to patch up their relations with other Arab countries that have been strained because of the Arab world's observance of the UN sanctions.

Libya have been under air, arms and diplomatic sanctions since April 15 because of their refusal to hand over to the United States or Britain two men suspected of blowing up Pan Am 103 plane in 1988. The explosion killed 270 people.

### OTB Open result

SCHENECTADY, New York, Aug 25: Australian Mark Woodforde used an aggressive serve and volley attack to upset second-seeded Spanish baseliner Carlos Costa in the first round of the 255,000 OTB international tennis open on Monday, reports Reuter.

Woodforde played a nearly flawless game against the Spanish rising star, who is now ranked 10th in the world, to score an easy 6-2, 6-3 win.

"He probably had the same trouble with me today on hardcourt that I'd have with him on clay," said Woodforde, ranked 54th in the world but second in doubles.

## Prantik win Div II opener

Sports Reporter



The Second Division football league got off to a smooth start yesterday at the Dhaka Stadium.

On the opening day, Prantik Krira Chakra defeated Rayerbazar Athletic Club by a solitary

helpless Farooq (1-0). In a keenly-contested match, Ashish of Muslim Institute netted the equaliser from a goalmouth melee in the 30th minute (1-1).

Mohammed Anwar again put Shantinagar ahead nine minutes into the second half

groups are taking part in this year's Second Division championship. Eight top teams — four from each group — will form the super league and the league champions and runners-up will win promotion to the First Division league next year.



The Rayerbazar AC custodian leaps to thwart a Prantik Krira Chakra move in yesterday's Second Division football league's inaugural match at the Dhaka Stadium. Prantik won 1-0. — Star photo

goal. Monir netted the match winner in the eleventh minute of the game.

Shantinagar Sporting Club and Muslim Institute shared points in the day's second match.

Ziaul Islam gave Shantinagar an early lead when he slammed the ball in past a

(2-1). S K Noor of Muslim Institute restored parity two minutes before time following a lapse in the Shantinagar defence (2-2).

Earlier, State Minister for Sports and Youth Sadek Hossain Khoka inaugurated the league.

Sixteen teams split into two

Meanwhile, there will be no match today on account of the inauguration of the final round of the Ma-o-Moni under-14 football competition. The Second Division League will resume from tomorrow at the same venue with East End Club playing BG Press at 3 pm and Dhaka Wasa taking on Mahakhali Eleven at 4.30 pm.

## Ma-o-Moni finals from today

Sports Reporter

The final round of the 1992 Ma-o-Moni national under-14 football competition begins today at the Dhaka Stadium.

Foreign Minister A S M Mustafizur Rahman will grace the inaugural ceremony as chief guest. State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain Khoka will be present as a special guest.

Tangail will play Jhenidah at 4:30 pm while Sylhet will take on Gaibandha at 6:30 pm today.

Eight teams — in two groups — will compete in the final round with the top two teams in each cluster moving into the semifinals.

The teams are Tangail, Sylhet, Gaibandha and Jhenidah in Group A and Munshiganj,

Satkhira, Natore and Feni in Group B.

The two semifinals will be held on September 1 while the final is scheduled for September 3.

However, from tomorrow, both matches will be held in the evening starting at 6:30 and 8:30 pm at the Dhaka Stadium.

The eight finalists emerged champions in their respective zones. The qualifying meet was held at eight different venues across the country from August 8 to 17.

A record number of 62 district sports associations out of the 64 districts of the country took part in the qualifiers.

Munshiganj finished as the Faridpur zonal champions by beating Rajbari while hosts Tangail made the finals by out-playing Mymensingh.

Satkhira and Jhenidah qualified for the final round by emerging as the Khulna and Jhenidah zonal champions respectively. Satkhira beat Khulna while Jhenidah beat Meherpur in their respective finals.

Hosts Feni got the better of Chittagong and Sylhet beat Comilla to move into the finals at Feni and Sylhet respectively.

Hosts Natore beat Rajshahi in the Natore zonal final while Gaibandha outplayed Nilphamari in the Nilphamari zonal final to fill up the other two berths.

The Expanded Programme on Immunisation (EPI) — a Bangladesh government health project — is sponsoring this under-14 tournament.

Munshiganj will play Satkhira and Natore will take on Feni in tomorrow's two fixtures.

## TT nationals begin today

The seventeenth national table tennis championships begin today at the National Sports Council gymnasium.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain Khoka will inaugurate the meet as chief guest.

A record number of 290 players representing 37 teams will take part in ten events. These are the men's team, women's team, boys' team, men's singles, women's singles, boys' singles, men's doubles, women's doubles, boys' doubles and mixed doubles.

The first round matches will be decided in best-of-three sets while the second round matches will be best-of-five sets affairs.

The men's team and boys' team finals will be held on August 29 while the women's team final is scheduled for next Friday.

Besides, the city-based players are likely to clinch all the singles and doubles titles. For the out-station teams and players, the biggest table tennis competition of the country is once again likely to be an experience-earning event.

Biman, who bagged the men's and women's team titles of the 16th nationals, definitely start as the favourites.

The Biman men's team includes the defending singles champion Musaddedul Haq Rochi, last year's runner-up Saidul Haq Saadi, former champion Nasimul Hassan Kochi, Syed Bakhtiar Uddin and Mahmud Sohel.

The Biman women's squad includes the reigning singles champion Zaberah Rahman Ltnu, Chaman Ara Jyotana and Shabana Parveen.

Ankhi and Mohsinul Alam Jhinu, will surely look forward to exacting revenge.

BTMC captain Kishu, who has seemed out of touch for quite sometime, expressed guarded optimism about his team's prospects.

"We will leave no stone unturned. Let's see what happens", Kishu told The Daily Star yesterday.

BTMC, who do not have a women's squad, will be heavily relying upon their boys. With the joining of defending singles champion Manash Chowdhury and two of last

### Seles top earner

ST PETERSBURG, Florida, Aug 25: Leading money winners this year on the women's tennis circuit, according to figures issued on Monday by the Women's Tennis Association:

1. Monica Seles (Yugoslavia) 1,232,352 dollar
2. Steffi Graf (Germany) 1,003,026
3. Arantxa Sanchez Vicario (Spain) 818,405
4. Gabriela Sabatini (Argentina) 753,365
5. Natalia Zvereva (CIS) 406,894
6. Martina Navratilova (US) 367,833
7. Mary Joe Fernandez (US) 346,083
8. Conchita Martinez (Spain) 303,843
9. Jana Novotna (Czechoslovakia) 281,584
10. Larisa Savchenko-Neiland (Latvia) 277,727
11. Gigi Fernandez (US) 273,437
12. Lori McNeil (US) 265,916
13. Helena Sukova (Czechoslovakia) 237,537
14. Zina Garrison (US) 221,697
15. Jennifer Capriati (US) 206,751
16. Nathalie Tauziat (France) 188,155
17. Amy Frazier (US) 179,813
18. Katerina Maleeva (Bulgaria) 164,699
19. Nicole Provis (Australia) 153,835
20. Manon Bollegraf (Netherlands) 148,844

year's semifinalists Md Mahub and Emdad Amir Khan Shaon, who finished as champion and runner-up in the 1992 schools table tennis championships held a couple of months ago, the BTMC boys' team is capable of doing anything. Mahid, the other boy, should offer good support to his teammates.

However, BTMC boys' dreams can be shattered if Md Hanif Hamlet, Selim Reza and Golam Mainuddin Rubel of Ansars live up to the high expectations. Hamlet finished runner-up in the boys' singles although the Ansars boys lifted the team title last year.

Hamlet, who will lead the Ansars boys, apart from defending the team title, unlikely to let the prestigious singles' title go out of his possession.

The Ansars men with players like former champion Saidul Haq Siddiqui Happy, Ibrahim Hossain, Khandaker Al Mustafa Billah, Naimul Haq Munnah and Mohammad Ali, is also a strong title contender.

However, Ansars' main hope will centre around their women players. Shamima Tarmeen, Tania Tarmeen, Zulekha Akhter and Noor-Sheba Bachchi are the most widely circulated names in women's table tennis in this country. Zulekha and Shamima finished runner-up and third last year respectively. The Ansars women also finished runners-up in the team event after losing to Biman in the final. They will be looking forward with hope of improving the record.

Limu of Biman obviously starts as the favourite while former champions Zulekha and Shamima of Ansars may prove too good for the top-seed.

As regards the men's singles, Rochi of Biman is the hot-favourite while his teammates Saadi and Kochi, Happy of Ansars and Kishu of BTMC will be trying their best to give it a go.

## Div III soccer

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Magbazar Krira Sangha edged past Little Friends' Club 1-0 in one of the two matches of the Third Division football league at the Outer Stadium yesterday.

Ratan Kumar Das scored the decider in the 38th minute. Kallol Talukder and Mostafa Kamal of Little Friends' received yellow cards.

Kadamtala Sangsad shared points with Bashabo Taran Sangha in a goalless draw at the same venue.

Kalam Murtaza and Khalidur Rahman of Kadamtala and Shyamol Bhowmick and Dulal Mian of Bashabo were booked by the referee for rough play.

### TODAY'S MATCHES

- Fire Service vs Lalmatia Club (3 pm: Outer Stadium)
- PDB vs Jagarani Sangsad (4:30 pm: Outer Stadium)
- Rahmatganj vs Purbachal (4:30 pm: T&T ground)

## Dublin dividend for Manchester

LONDON, Aug 25: New striker Dion Dublin swept Manchester United out of the Premier League basement when he struck two minutes from the end to score the only goal of the match against Southampton on Monday, reports Reuter.

Dublin, a one million pound sterling (two million dollar) signing from Cambridge and playing his first full match for United, won a free kick wide on the right after a foul by Francis Denali.

Manager's son Darren Ferguson hoisted the ball into the middle. Brian McClair headed the ball down and the tall forward drove home to give United their first win of the season in four matches.

Southampton barely threatened the United goal after keeper Peter Schmeichel bravely pounced at the feet of striker Kerry Dixon in the first minute, and the visitors should have secured victory long before the 88th minute.

That Southampton survived so long was largely due to an impressive debut by defender Ken Monkou, a 750,000 pounds (£1.5 million dollar) signing from Chelsea.

## English booter charged for feigning injury

LONDON, Aug 25: Tottenham striker Gordon Durie was charged with misconduct by the English Football Association (FA) on Tuesday for allegedly feigning injury — the first case of its kind in professional soccer, reports Reuter.

The charge is based on referee Dermot Gallagher's report that Scotland forward Durie tried to get Coventry's Andy Pearce sent off during their Premier League match last Wednesday by pretending that Pearce had head-butted him.

The FA have studied the report and have decided that there is a case to answer. Durie has 14 days to reply and is certain to request a personal hearing.

If found guilty, Durie faces the probability of a long suspension and a massive fine.

FA spokesman David Bloomfield said: "The charges is being brought on the referee's official report of the incident. The allegation that the player feigned injury is the first case of that nature we have dealt with."

## Johnson spent for the season

WACO, Texas, Aug 25: World champion Michael Johnson, eliminated in the Olympic 200m semi-finals when he was suffering from a virus, will not run again this season, reports AFP.

"I'm not in the form I was in June," said the American who still came away from Barcelona with a world record in the 4x400 metres. He was due to run in Koblenz, Germany, on Sunday.



Bidyut Kumar Roy of Bangladesh Ansars makes a successful lift in the 82.5 kg division of the 17th national weightlifting championship which concluded at the NSC gymnasium. Bidyut was adjudged the best lifter of the meet for setting three new records in the snatch, jerk and total of the 82.5 kg class. — Star photo

## Ansars lifters top the table

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The 17th national weightlifting championships concluded yesterday at the NSC gym with Bangladesh Ansars emerging as the team champions. Seven new records were created on the last day giving rise to the total number of new records in the three-day meet to 19.

Competition in three weight categories — (90, 100 and above-110 kgs) were held with the exception of the 110-kg proper because of the absence of participants.

Rahmat Ali of Ansars and Khaliluzzaman of BTMC were the men under the spotlights on the concluding day sharing six of the seven new records between themselves.

In the 100-kg division, Rahmat Ali's lifts of 105 kgs, 126.5 kgs and 231.5 kgs in the snatch, jerk and total respectively erased Motalab Hussain's record in the last nationals. The BTMC lifter could raise only 98 kgs in the snatch, 126 in the jerk and 224 in total.

BTMC's Khaliluzzaman showed no inclination to rest on the laurels he earned in the 16th championships when he lifted a total of 240.5 kgs, shattering his own mark of 235.5 kgs, in the 90-kg category.

His 107.5 kgs in the snatch was a good four kgs more than his previous best of 103 kgs. In the jerk he lifted 133, marginally better than his 132.5 kg record in the 16th nationals.

Sahabuddin Manik of Ansars eclipsed his previous best of 80 kgs by lifting 80.5 kgs in the snatch division of the 110+ category.

Five records were established on the first day when Kajal Dutta of Ansars being the cynosure of all eyes. His teammate Fatik Dutta stole the show on the second day Monday with another seven records going to pieces.

State Minister for Sports and Youth Sadek Hossain Khoka distributed the prizes as the chief guest.

### MEDAL TABLE

The final medal tally:

	G	S	B	Total
Ansars	5	4	2	11
Army	2	2	3	7
BTMC	2	1	1	4
Kuahitia	0	1	1	2
Rajshahi University	0	1	0	1
Dhaka City Corporation	0	0	1	1

### YOUTH HOCKEY FINAL TODAY

Sports Reporter

Defending champions Dhaka DSA will once again try to stave off Faridpur DSA's charge towards the title when they face the Faridpur Boys in the final of the twelfth national youth under-18-hockey championship at the Hockey Stadium today at 3.45 pm.

Home Secretary Manzurul Karim, a former president of the Bangladesh Hockey Federation, will grace the final as chief guest and give away prizes among the winners.

Dhaka DSA beat Jessore DSA 2-0 in their semifinal Monday while Faridpur DSA marched into the final in style with a convincing 6-0 victory in the second semifinal on the same day.

Sixteen teams — split into two groups — participated in the ten-day long tournament which began on August 17. Later, two teams withdrew their names just before the tournament's start.

### AGM postponed

Sports Reporter

The annual general meeting and election of Dhanmondi Club will now be held on September 18 at 3 pm at the Club premises, says a press release.

The programme was earlier scheduled for tomorrow, Thursday.

## Volvo must avoid glitches for survival

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Aug 25: Volvo International must avoid major glitches next year or lose its credibility with fans and players, the tournament director said Monday, reports AP.

"I think we'll have one more chance to do it right. We have to deliver," Jim Westhall said. "We just have to do it right for the players and the fans."

Westhall declined to speculate as to what would happen if there were major problems in 1993.

This year the tournament was plagued with problems before it even got under way, starting with the withdrawal of Andre Agassi, the player the tournament had been using as its marquee name, three days before it started.

The tournament then had two days of rain during qualifying and a day of rain on the opening day. The tournament then had to postpone play Tuesday night and Wednesday when the stadium court had to be scraped off and resurfaced because of holes.

The tournament hit its low point during a mid-week news conference when Westhall and John DeStefano, executive director of the Tennis Foundation of Connecticut, which is the landlord of the facility, got into a finger pointing dispute over the court problems.

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Lendl, a Greenwich resident, described the court problems as embarrassing and said he thinks people will remember.

"I don't think they've forgotten and I don't think they should," Lendl said. "If it happened to something I was a fan of, I would be very disappointed and I would think twice about going again."

"But I assume that the people who came out here are big tennis fans, they like to see tennis and they're seeing a lot of good tennis. They probably have forgiven because things like that happen. It shouldn't happen, but it did happen."

## Gonzalez wins WBC title

MEXICO CITY, Aug 25: Mexico's Miguel Angel Gonzalez won the vacant World Boxing Council (WBC) lightweight title on Monday when he stopped Wilfredo Rocha of Colombia after nine rounds of their scheduled 12-round fight, reports Reuter.

Referee Tony Perez of Puerto Rico stopped the fight between rounds after Rocha suffered a heavy cut to the left eyebrow in a rumbustious attack from Gonzalez in the ninth.

The title was left vacant when Fernel Whitaker of the United States moved up to the super light weight division.

Gonzalez, who scored his 26th win in 26 professional fights, is now scheduled to defend his title against Darryl Tyson of the United States on October 12. It was a victory for stamina on Gonzalez's part after Rocha, a fearsome puncher, floored him two minutes into the second round.

Cheered on by a fiercely partisan hometown crowd of some 5,000 Gonzalez found fire in his belly to take the fight back to the Colombian in the fourth and fifth rounds, decking Rocha twice with lefts to the head.

Struggling to overcome a badly bloodied nose sustained in his second round knock-down, Gonzalez was nevertheless in constant danger.

The Colombian mauled him severely in the fifth round, trapping him twice against the ropes and once in a neutral corner to belabour him with stinging uppercuts.

The two fighters evenly matched at exactly 61 kg, shared the sixth and seventh rounds

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