

Sonali Bank to sponsor Div II soccer

Sports Reporter
Sonali Bank will sponsor the Second Division soccer league which began on Tuesday last at the Dhaka Stadium under the aegis of the Dhaka Metropolitan Football Association (DMFA).

Talking to the press at the DMFA conference room yesterday, the DMFA president Azizul Haq said that the sponsors would provide three lakh taka.

About one lakh seventy thousand taka will be needed for the one and half month long league.

The National Sports Council (NSC), the governing body of country's sports, has allotted the Dhaka Stadium for football till September 20. If the Dhaka Stadium is not available after that time the Second Division league matches will be held at some other venues.

The DMFA secretary Kazi Mishu informed the newsmen that the Second Division football teams were not willing to play at the Mirpur Stadium due to financial constraints.

The DMFA president said that they had accepted the Bangladesh Football Federation's decision of launching the Premier Division league comprising the top-ten teams from the last year's First Division league but the time frame is yet to be worked out.

A committee has been formed to review the situation which is likely to submit its report within fifteen days, Kaz Mishu added.

The deputy general manager of Sonali Bank Abdus Samad and the Bangladesh Olympic Association Secretary General Bashir Ahmed, who is also an assistant general manager of Sonali Bank, also spoke on the occasion.

Meanwhile, the Second Division league programme remained suspended because inaugural day's proceedings of the final phase of Ma-o-Moni under-14 soccer tournament at the Dhaka Stadium.

The league resumes today at the Dhaka Stadium with East End Club playing against BG Press at 3 pm and Dhaka WASA taking on Mahakhali XI at 4:30 pm.

Div III soccer results

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Badda Jagaroni Sangsad beat Power Development Board (PDB) Sporting Club by two goals to nil in the Pragati Insurance Third Division football league at the Outer Stadium yesterday.

Shyamol scored both the goals for the winners. Earlier in the afternoon, Fire Service Sporting Club shared two goals with Lalmitia Club.

Mozammel Haq put Lalmitia in the lead in the seventh minute while Md Faruk of Fire Service restored parity in the 15th minute.

Munir of Fire Service and Feroj and Mozammel of Lalmitia were warned for foul play.

The other match of the day between Rahmatganj Sporting Club and Purbachal Parishad ended in a goalless draw at the Mahakhali T&T ground.

Rezaul Karim Bachchu and Shahabuddin of Rahmatganj were booked.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Matuul JS vs Bashabo TS (3 pm: Outer Stadium)
East End Boys vs Aminbazar KS (4:30 pm: Outer Stadium)

Zia leads Foundation chess

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Runner-up of the 18th national chess championship Ziaur Rahman of Bangladesh Biman with full six points led the table of the first Foundation Open chess competition after the completion of the sixth round of the nine-round Swiss league meet at the National Sports Council chess room yesterday.

Zia beat Ziaul Kader Tuhin in his sixth-round match.

National champion Reefat-bin-Satter of Biman also ended the day on winning note beating Syed Tahmidur Rahman. Reefat is in the second position with five and a half points.

Seven players have collected five points each. They are, Khandaker Kayes Hassan, Ahmed Jahangir, Shawkat Hossain, Enayet, Kashem, Kalam and Tuhin.

Tahmid, Neyamul Haq Niru and Shawkat Ali followed them with four and a half points each.

Meanwhile, a chess coaching programme under the aegis of MM Botvinnik Chess Club will begin soon, says a press release.

Interested players have been asked to contact the Russian Cultural Centre at Dhanmondi by September 2.



A midfield melee in yesterday's Ma-o-Moni Gold Cup under-14 soccer final phase inaugural match between Tangail and Jhenidah at the Dhaka Stadium. Tangail won 3-1. — Star photo

Tangail, Sylhet off to winning starts

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Tangail and Sylhet DSAs made good beginnings by winning their respective matches of the Ma-o-Moni Gold Cup national under-14 soccer finals which started at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Foreign Minister A S M Mustafizur Rahman inaugurated the eight-day final round as chief guest. State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain Khoka was also present.

Tangail DSA beat Jhenidah DSA by three goals to one in the inaugural match. Tangail led 2-0 at the breather.

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Tofazzel scored his second goal of the match to seal the fate of the encounter in Tangail's favour in the 70th minute (3-0).

Mozammel Hossain pulled one back for Jhenidah five minutes from time (3-1).

Tangail will now play Gaibandha while Jhenidah will take on Sylhet tomorrow.

Sylhet DSA beat Gaibandha, also by three goals to one in the day's second match played under floodlights.

The winners led the first session 2-0. Sylhet shot into the lead in the 15th minute when Wadood found the net (1-0). Manna doubled the margin in the 33rd minute (2-0).

Rubel reduced the margin for Gaibandha in the 52nd minute (2-1). Riaz completed the tally for

Sylhet in the 52nd minute (3-1).

Eight teams, who finished as their respective zonal champions in the qualifying round held from August 8 to 17 at eight different venues across the country, are participating in the final round on a two-group league basis.

The teams are Tangail, Sylhet, Gaibandha and Jhenidah in Group A and Munshiganj, Satkhira, Natore and Feni in Group B.

A record number of sixty-two DSAs out of 64 of the country took part in the knockout qualifiers.

Organised by the Bangladesh Football Federation, the Expanded Programme on Immunisation (EPI) is sponsoring the meet.

Two matches will be played today. Munshiganj will take on

Satkhira at 6pm while Natore will clash with Feni at 7:30 pm at the Dhaka Stadium.

Broad, Hemmings to leave Notts

NOTTINGHAM, England, Aug 26: Former England Test stars Chris Broad and Eddie Hemmings will leave Nottinghamshire at the end of the season as part of a shock clearance by the county, reports AFP.

Broad, the 34-year-old opening batsman and Hemmings, the 43-year-old off-spinner, have not been offered new contracts for next season neither has paceman Kevin Cooper who has been plagued by back trouble for two years.

Team manager Mike Hendrick, the one-time England seamer, explained the sackings on the county's need to find openings for their younger players.

Broad, who played 25 Tests for England before going to the so-called "rebel" tour to South Africa in 1989, has scored more than 12,000 first class runs for Notts since joining the county eight years ago from Gloucestershire.

Hemmings, who I played 16 Tests between 1982 and 1991, is an even longer servant. He switched from Warwickshire to Trent Bridge in 1979 and has captured more than 600 wickets for Notts.

Boca Juniors not concerned about Maradona's return

PARMA, Italy, Aug 26: Boca Juniors president Antonio Alegre said Wednesday that Diego Maradona's immediate return to the Argentine team appeared out of question, reports AP.

"At the moment I can't see how Maradona can return to Boca," Alegre was quoted by the Italian news agency ANSA. "His return to action is a problem which must be solved by his Italian team, Napoli."

Alegre, who is on a business trip in Italy and met with officials of Italian dairy giant Parmalat here, was commenting on published reports that Maradona may rejoin Boca Juniors since his transfer to Seville of Spain or to another European club was being opposed by Napoli.

The Italian First-Division club, who has Maradona under contract through June 1993, wants the 1986 World Cup hero to return to Italy.

Maradona, which has completed in June a 15-month international suspension for testing positive for cocaine, has said he does not want to return to Naples and said in recent interviews added that he would like to join Seville before ending his career with Boca Juniors, where he began his professional career.

"The important point is that Maradona can play again, no matter with which team. I hope that Napoli can find the way to take back to action the last great talent of world soccer," Alegre said.

Maradona was suspended by Italian soccer authorities after testing positive following a league game in March 1991.

Derr's confession

DARMSTADT, Germany, Aug 26: Manuela Derr, a teammate of disgraced double world sprint champion Katrin Krabbe, has also admitted taking the banned drug Clenbuterol, reports Reuter.

Derr, a member of the victorious East German women's 4X400 relay team at the 1990 European Championships, runs for Krabbe's East German club Neubrandenburg.

Lamb joins the scuffing row



LONDON, Aug 26: England batsman Allan Lamb said on Wednesday he had told the umpires that the Pakistani bowlers were tampering with the ball during the fourth one-day cricket international on Sunday, reports Reuter.

Officials changed the ball during England's innings at Lord's but as yet the International Cricket Council (ICC) has not given a reason for the switch.

"I blew the whistle on Pakistan's ball tampering tricks on Sunday," Lamb said in an article in Wednesday's Daily Mirror newspaper.

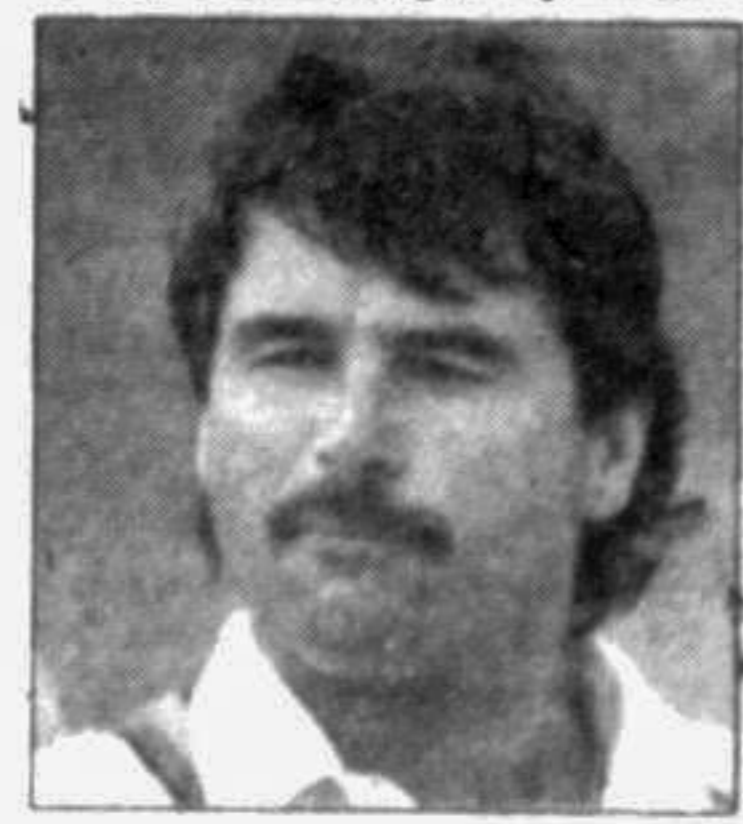
"And I did it because Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis have been getting away with murder all summer."

"They have repeatedly tampered with the ball to produce the murderous late swing that has won them the Test series."

Pakistan team manager Intikhab Alam reacted angrily to Lamb's claims, calling them a "cowardly attack."

"I think this is a very cowardly attack," Intikhab said in a radio interview.

"I am quite used to these things by now. But if he wanted to say something, why didn't he say something before?"



Asked what had been the difference between Pakistan's and England's bowling attacks, Intikhab replied: "We have far better bowlers. Everybody accepts that. These stories are all rubbish."

In the article Lamb said the Pakistanis used their thumb-nails to make scuff marks on the ball.

"As the bowlers work in it, the scar becomes deeper and wider with every sneaky scratch altering the aerodynamics."

"The effect achieves what we players call reverse swing. It changes the normal behaviour pattern of a ball so that the one you expect to move away actually comes racing into you at 90 mph (145 kph)."

"And towards the end of each over — when the bowlers know the ball is most likely to be inspected by the umpires — the new gouges are disguised by rubbing sweat on to the roughened surface."

"That causes the red leather of the ball to run enough to cover all the marks — but it is all cosmetic. As soon as the next over starts, the work begins all over again."

Batting practice is what Aussies get



MATARA, Sri Lanka, Aug 26: Australia's three-day match against Sri Lanka's Southern Districts XI ended in a draw Wednesday as the visitors opted for batting practice on the final day, reports AP.

Australia continuing from their overnight total of 40 for the loss of two wickets, batted until tea when were all out for 204. Australian Shane Warne, who was injured Tuesday, did not bat. The Australian batsman struggled for the second time in the game to come to terms with the slow wicket.

Only opener David Boon, skipper Allan Border, Mark Waugh and Ian Healy got to double figures.

The Sri Lankans who needed 353 runs to win in the final session, closed on 34 for two wickets.

Leg spinner Asoka de Silva and off spinner Ruwan Kalpage troubled the Australian batsmen all day and were richly rewarded with four and two wickets respectively.

Boon and Border produced the most productive batting on the final day with a 77-run fourth wicket stand, while the rest of the Australian team offered little resistance.

Boon was more circumspect in his approach and batted for 207 minutes for his 57 runs, including six boundaries, made off 141 balls.

Mark Waugh impressed with 38, which included three

hits to the fence, while skipper Border posted his highest score of the tour — 46 runs in 101 minutes before falling to a



ARAVINDA DE SILVA ... 4 for 42

catch at short leg, off De Silva. Border hit six boundaries.

SCOREBOARD

AUSTRALIA: First Innings 312 for nine declared (Damien Martyn 61, Mark Waugh 118, Ian Healy 78 not out, Kapla Wijegunawardene four for 58).

SOUTHERN DISTRICTS XI: First Innings 164 (Michael Whitney four for 34)

AUSTRALIA: Second Innings (overnight 40 for two continued)

	O	M	R	W
De Silva	14	2	42	2
Wijegunawardene	10	0	45	0
Ranatunga	6	1	20	1
Kalpage	26.3	11	47	2
De Silva	19	4	42	4

SOUTHERN DISTRICTS XI:

Second Innings

	O	M	R	W
C Mendis	4	0	4	0
McDermott	4	0	4	0
K De Silva	6	0	4	0
Dodemaide	10	0	4	0
H Tillakaratne	10	0	4	0
S Jayasuriya	13	0	4	0
Extras: (nb 1)	1	0	4	0
Total: (for two wickets)	34	0	4	0

Bowling:

	O	M	R	W
McDermott	8	2	19	0
Dodemaide	10	5	11	1
Boon	3	0	4	0

Result: Draw

A false start gives Mitchell the edge over Lewis



COPENHAGEN, Aug 26: Dennis Mitchell ran a scoring 9.92sec to win the 100m ahead of Carl Lewis at the BT Games her on Tuesday night — but his performance was marred by what appeared to be a false start, reports AFP.

Mitchell was booed by the 12,000 crowd as he crossed the line ahead of Lewis, who ran 9.95, his best of the season, for it was clearly felt he had got an unfair advantage.

Video replays later showed that Mitchell was out of the blocks before the gun, but the Olympic bronze medalist insisted tersely: "I got a perfect start."

But Lewis, never one to eschew controversy, was adamant. "The crowd saw the false start as clearly as I didn't," he said.

Lewis added: "That sort of thing should never be allowed to happen again, the man who

makes the false start should be punished."

The other big race of the



DENNIS MITCHELL evening proved to be something of a non-event.

Kenya's Richard Chelimo and Khalid Skah of Morocco renewed their distance rivalry in the 5,000m, following the controversial Olympic 10,000m in which Skah won the gold, was disqualified and later reinstated on appeal.

But neither man seemed to have the appetite for the challenge over the shorter race, and it was a third man, Kenya's Paul Bitok, who won in 13min 16.26 sec, with Skah second in 13:19.51.

Chelimo hardly even figured, trailing in seventh in 13:26.42.

Elsewhere, the two 200 m Olympic champions both had the tables turned on them.

Mike Marsh was well beaten into second place by Namibia's Frankie Fredericks, the Barcelona silver medalist, who won tonight in 20.21 sec, while Marsh timed 20.28.

And Gwen Torrence was similarly humbled by Irina Privalova of the CIS, who won in 21.93 to Torrence's 22.02.

Top players for Kent Classic



BEIJING, Aug 26: hitting the ball very well now and I want to win the event," said the 23-year-old Hendry who rewrote the record books again last season by becoming the first player to win nine major titles.

The Kent Classic, which carries a first prize of 25,000 pounds, is a major tournament that the world's top eight have been included for the first time in China.

No less than five world professional champions will be featured in the 16 man line-up. They are Henry (1990 and 1992), Steve Davis of England (1980, 1981, 1984, 1988, 1989), John Parrott of England (1991), Dennis Taylor of North Ireland (1985) and Terry Griffiths of Wales (1979).

Other players included in the lineup are world no 3 Jimmy White of England, world no 5 Neal Foulds of England, world no 7 James Watson of Thailand, world no 8 Gary Wilkinson of England,

World no 15 Willie Thorne of England, Asian champion Rom Surin of Thailand, Hong Kong no 1 Kenny Kwok Chi Ho, and four Chinese players Guo Hua, Zhang Kai, Lao Yongqiang and Cen Hutian.

There will be live coverage on CCTV for the four days of the competition starting tomorrow. And the event will also be seen in more than 50 countries world-wide.

The matches in the first round are best of seven frames with the quarterfinals and semifinals best of nine frames and the final being held over 11 frames.

The prize money for the runner-up will be 15,000 pounds and for the each semifinalist is 10,000 pounds.

The event's sponsor Kent, a British-American tobacco's best selling international cigarette brand, has supported snooker in the far east, including China for many years.



Players trying to lift the balance in their favour during yesterday's sixth round matches of the Foundation Open at the NSC chess room. — Star photo