

Abahani win 2-1 in Assam

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Abahani Krira Chakra, the reigning Dhaka First Division football league champions, have moved into the quarter-finals of the Indian Independence Day Cup tournament...



The champion trio: The victors of the different singles event of the 17th national Danish table tennis championship which concluded at the NSC gymnasium yesterday.

Rochi extends reign

Musaddiq-ul-Huq Rochi, the trim, cool paddler with a receding hairline, retained his men's singles title yesterday, the concluding day of 17th national table tennis championships...

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Zulekha started in a rip-roaring fashion, taking the first two sets at 21-9 and 21-11 with a remarkably nervy Linu unable to justice to her fame. Champions always have something up their sleeves to justify their rating and Linu did just that from third set onwards.

Reefat, Pallab post wins in Asian jr chess

By M.I. Khan Tojo
Bangladesh national champion Reefat bin-Sattar won his opening match of the Asian Junior championship in Qatar yesterday beating Mohsen Gorbani of Iran...

Twenty-four participants are competing in this under-20 tournament being hosted by the Qatar Chess Association. V. Tkachev of Kazakhstan, who has a FIDE rating of 2430, is the top seed in the meet.

Div II soccer

Lalbagh Sporting Club and City Club won their respective matches of the Second Division league at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. Lalbagh edged past Rayerbazar AC 1-0 in the day's first match.

Div III Soccer

Both matches of the Pragati Insurance Third Division football league ended in a goalless draw at the Outer Stadium yesterday. Maghbazar Krira Chakra shared points with Badda Jagarani Sangha in the day's first match.

Div II chess on

Narayanganj Chess Club, Golden Chess Club, South Kamalapur Chess Club, Jahangirnagar University, Notre Dame Chess Club and Arunayatan Sangha made a good beginning by winning their respective first round matches of the Second Division chess league that began yesterday at the National Sports Council chess room.

Schools soccer

Shahjahanpur Railway Govt High School became champions in the Mottijheel Thana inter-school football tournament beating Mottijheel Govt Boys School 2-1 in the final in the city yesterday, reports BSS. 12 schools took part in the tournament.

Collegian runs Courier close



NEW YORK, Sept 1: Two aces beat the wild card as top pro Jim Courier barely edged top collegian Alex O'Brien at the US Open on Monday night in a four-set showdown, report agencies. For most of the 3-hour, 18-minute match, there was little difference between them except Courier's cap. The same size and similar in style, Courier came from the school of hard groundstrokes, and O'Brien from Stanford to meet before 20,000 fans in a packed stadium.

winning the NCAA championship. He and Courier, a finalist here last year and a double Grand Slam winner this year, share the same coach and manager.



MONICA SELES

added that she was feeling better every day. "My cold is almost gone, so I am feeling a lot better."



JIM COURIER

"My shoulder has been really fine for the past week now, without any problems at all," Graf said of a chronic injury to her right shoulder which forced her out of the Canadian Open two weeks ago. Graf, who is seeded second here, blamed three weeks of playing on clay courts at the Federation Cup and the Olympics for the soreness. "We'd play on the baseline, run each other ragged," Courier said. That's about the way they played Monday, except that O'Brien showed a clever and adroit use of touch volleys that Courier has never mastered.

"I had no idea what he's ranked," Courier said. "He's a better player than that." Courier recalled playing O'Brien often in juniors when they were young teens. "I wasn't thrilled at the prospect of drawing Courier in the first round," O'Brien said. "Then again, it is a great opportunity. It's a great match to play because I have nothing to lose."

Former Wimbledon champion Michael Stich also got off to a good start by posting a 6-4, 6-3, 6-4 win over Frenchman Olivier Delaitre in the first Centre Court match of the two-week tournament. Stich was broken in the first game but the 11th-seeded German won four successive games after trailing Delaitre 4-2 to capture the opening set on his way to a routine victory. The 23-year-old Stich, who was ranked as high as number three in 1991 following his Wimbledon triumph and finished the year rated fourth in

Coaching for Pioneer booters starts Sept 6

The intensive coaching programme for selected footballers of the Pioneer league is expected to begin from September 6 at the Dhaka Stadium. The government has sanctioned Taka 3,98,000 for the talent spotting programme which will be conducted in three phases. In the first phase, 250 players of the 85 Pioneer clubs will participate in a three-week long preliminary coaching session to be conducted at five different zones in the city.

Birthday favour for Connors

NEW YORK, Sept 1: The US Open is throwing a 40th birthday party for Jimmy Connors by scheduling his opening match for Wednesday, but the tournament referee denies the first round was stretched to a third day for his benefit, reports Reuter. The new format, which schedules first-round play past Tuesday for the first time, comes at an opportune time for Connors, who withdrew from a tournament last week with a leg injury.



JIMMY CONNORS

occasion of Connors' milestone had entered the officials' thinking. "We wanted to do something for his birthday and I think the fans expected us to do something for him," he said. The new format looked like a coup for tournament publicity and for television. The tournament is guaranteed a Stadium Court birthday celebration before an expected full house and a huge television audience for the match between Connors and Brazilian Jaime Oncins. While Connors said the left thigh injury which forced him

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Feni, Tangail in Ma-o-Moni final

Tangail DSA will play Feni DSA in the final of the 1992 Ma-o-Moni Gold Cup national youth under-14 football tournament tomorrow at the Dhaka Stadium. Tangail beat Satkhira 3-2 in the first semifinal while Feni outplayed Sylhet 3-1 in the other semifinal at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Abdullah-Al-Baki of Jhenidah against Sylhet in one of the Group A league match on August 28. Sylhet, who made the semifinals as the Group A runners-up with only three points, were no match for Feni, who got the better of their opponents in all departments. Inspired by thousands of fans, Lenin put Feni in the lead in the 32nd minute of the first half (1-0). He made it 2-0 in the 18th minute of the second half (2-0). Limon reduced the margin for Sylhet in the 30th minute, much against the run of play (2-1). Lenin completed his hat-trick to consolidate Feni's position two minutes from time (3-1). Anwar of Feni and Limon of Sylhet received the yellow cards from referee Abdul Aziz for rough play.

gail beat Satkhira by three goals to two. The match was a keenly-contested one with attacks and counter attacks. Tangail, who enjoyed slight supremacy, led 2-0 at the breather. Rana put Tangail in the lead in the ninth minute (1-0). Hanif Pradhan doubled the margin in the 14th minute (2-0). Satkhira, who made the semifinals from Group B by virtue of a better goal difference, were not ready to give up the hopes of qualifying for the final and they came back in the game when Humayun Kabir scored in the sixth minute of the second half (2-1). But promising striker Hanif Pradhan got his second goal of the match to shatter Satkhira's dreams in the ninth minute (3-1). Yet the Satkhira boys fought back to make the semifinal an enjoyable affair. Satkhira intensified their pressure and Iqbal Kabir Khan once again reduced the margin in the 28th minute (3-2). Satkhira tried their level best but failed to score during the remaining 12 minutes of play. The final between Tangail and Feni will be held tomorrow Thursday at 5:30 pm. Works Minister Rafiqul Islam Mia will witness the match as chief guest and give away the trophies among the winners.

Shah soccer semis

Kashmitola Shaheen Smriti Sangsad face Lalbagh Tarun Sangha at 3 p.m today in the first semifinal of the Shah Sports Cup soccer tournament at the Hazaribagh Park ground. The second semifinal of the meet, organised by the Ganakutly Kishore Football XI, will be played between Gulam Mustafa Lane Kishore Sangha and Swadesh Samajkalyan Sangha on Friday at the same venue.

BDR soccer

Rangpur sector emerged champions in the Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) inter-sector football tournament beating Dinajpur sector 3-0 Tuesday at the Dinajpur Sector ground, reports UNB. Sepoy Shaiful Islam of Rangpur was adjudged the best-player-of-the-competition. Nine sector teams participated in the week long meet. Deputy Director General of BDR Brig TUM Iftekharul Basher witnessed the final as chief guest and distributed prizes.

New body for Skating Fed



The National Sports Council yesterday announced a 21-member adhoc committee for the Bangladesh Roller Skating Federation with A K A Firoz Noon as president, reports BSS. The other members of the committee are: Vice Presidents - Major (Retd) Mehdi Ali Imam and S M A Karim. General Secretary - Qamrul Islam; Joint Secretaries - Luthfur Rahman and Jumunon Raj. Treasurer - Nazimuddin Chowdhury; Members - Mosharraf Hossain, Lailun Nahar Ershad, K M A Hai, Ruhul Amin Majumder, Nasiruddin Ahmed, Col A R Mollick, Syed Ziad Rahman, M H Chowdhury, Mushtaq Ahmed, Miraj Hossain, Ferdous Ahmed, M Yousuf Mian, A S M Obaidul Huq and a representative of the Ministry of Youth and Sports.

Poland top Group A in bridge Olympiad. SALSMAGGIORE, Italy, Sept 1: Poland climbed into the top four of their group Monday in round-robin play at the World Contract Bridge Team Olympiad, reports AP. Their play made the team a strong candidate for a qualifying berth in Wednesday's quarter-finals. Poland held a 22-point lead over fifth place in Group A; the first four teams in each group qualify. Austria, Denmark and Israel held the remaining top three places, but Egypt, Hong Kong and Great Britain all were within range of fourth place. In Group B the picture was clearer. The Netherlands, United States and Turkey were in good position to qualify. France, in fourth place, was only 13 points ahead of Sweden. No other teams were within range. In the Woman's Olympiad, Germany clinched a qualifying berth, pulling far ahead of the field in Group A. Austria, China and Netherlands also appeared to be certain qualifiers since fifth-place United States is 25 points out of fourth with only two matches to go. Canada still had an outside chance in Group B but was 18 points behind fourth-place Denmark. Great Britain, Sweden, France and Denmark appeared to be likely qualifiers.