

## MSC to play in Winners' Cup

**Sports Reporter**  
Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club, last year's Federation Cup and Senior Division football league runners up will participate in the Asian Cup Winners' Cup competition. The Bangladesh club will face a Vietnamese club side on October 16 in Dhaka in the 'home' match. The 'away' leg will be played in Vietnam, most likely in Hanoi, on October 24.

Earlier, uncertainty prevailed over Mohammedans' participation in the competition because of monetary constraints of the club. The decision to take part in the competition was taken in a meeting of the club officials with chairman of the governing body, Textiles Minister Major (Retd) M A Mannan in the chair.

Meanwhile, Mohammedans have forwarded written requests to league champions Abahani Krira Chakra for the services of three of their footballers in this competition. Mohammedans are borrowing mid-fielders Zakir and Alamgir, and defender Masud Rana.

Mohammedans had asked for star Abahani defender Monem Munna also but Abahani officials refused to lend the star national player to their arch-rivals.

## Damal cricket from tomorrow

The 14th Damal Summer cricket tournament, organised by the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board, begins at the National Stadium on October 9, reports BSS.

Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman, who is also chief of the BCCB, will inaugurate the tournament as chief guest. State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain will be present as a special guest.

Nineteen teams will take part in six groups.

The participating teams are: Defending champions: Abahani Krira Chakra, last year's runners-up Mohammedan Sporting Club, Brothers Union, Bangladesh PWD, the Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club (GMCC), Bangladesh Bi-man, Surja Tarun Club, Gulshan Youth, Kalabangla Krira Chakra, Victoria Sporting Club, Uddity Club, Lalmita Club, Warf Club, City Club, Eskaton Sabuj Sangha, Sadharan Bha. Evergreen Sports Club, Dhyanmond Club and Agrani Bank.

On the opening day, Abahani will take on newcomers City Club at 9 am at the National Stadium.

## Bangladesh to take part in Asian jr boxing

**Sports Reporter**  
Bangladesh will take part in the Asian junior under-19 boxing championship to be held in Ahmedabad, India under the aegis of Indian Amateur Boxing Federation from December 7 to 12.

The six-day long competition will feature eleven weight classes. They are light flyweight, flyweight, bantamweight, featherweight, light welterweight, light middleweight, middleweight, light heavyweight and heavyweight.

Interested boxers have been asked to report to national boxing coach Md Mateen at the BABF by October 10 for the open trial preceding the selection. Medical and weigh-in of the boxers will be conducted on October 12 and the trial will run up to October 14.

## SAF swimming from Nov 5

The first South Asian Federation (SAF) swimming championship will be held on November 5-8 in the Indian city of Calcutta, reports UNB.

A 30-member squad including a water polo team are expected to represent Bangladesh, in the meet. Bangladesh has already sent its concurrence to the invitation extended by the Indian swimming authorities.

**Undesirable club official**  
**Sports Reporter**  
Ferdous Iqbal Kajar, an East Bengal SC official, has been declared 'persona non-grata' by the Sonali Bank Second Division football league disciplinary committee for his alleged rude behaviour with the acting general secretary of the league committee and the referee of his team's match against Avijatrik Malibagh on August 18 at the Dhaka Stadium.

Kajar was punished for abusing and manhandling the referee and linesmen.

This directive, effective from October 6 until December 31, 1992, bars Kajar from entering the match venues of the Second Division league and the league committee offices.

## ITF satellite circuit in Rajshahi

# Zeeshan sent packing

From Ahmed Ahasanuzzaman



**RAJSHAHI, Oct 7:** Indian Davis Cupper Zeeshan Ali, the second seed, crashed at the first hurdle of the Gold Leaf ITF satellite men's tennis championship when he suffered a shocking loss at the hands of Karolyi Gyorgy of Hungary at the Rajshahi Tennis Complex courts this morning.

Zeeshan, ranked 360 on the ATP computer was overwhelmed by the unseeded Hungarian 4-6, 5-7 in the first round of the 32-man main draw which began today.

The elegant 20-year-old Zeeshan, who relies on his serve-and-volley game, couldn't find the answers to the power-packed game of Gyorgy who kept the Indian pinned to the baseline. Zeeshan, looking tired and exhausted, left the court in haste without talking to reporters.

Topseeded defending champion Laurence Tieleman of Italy, too, had a fight on his hands, struggling to beat Dennis Van Uffelen of Belgium 1-6, 6-4, 6-4 on his way to the

round of sixteen. Talking to this correspondent, Tieleman blamed his poor preparations for the unconvincing performance. "I reached Rajshahi only yesterday and practised for just two hours, which wasn't quite enough."

Fourth seed Rashid Malik of Pakistan registered a straight sets victory of Paul Ricar of Germany, the 13th seed, 6-3, 6-3.

Eighth seed Sosronio Palahang of the Philippines earned a rather fortuitous passage into the second round when his German opponent Matthias Muller limped off with cramped muscles.

A similar stroke of fortune came India's Gaurav Natekar's way when his Belgian opponent Eric Brummer conceded the match at 6-2, 2-1.

Dimitri Tondour of Belgium beat Pawan Kapoor of India 6-1, 4-6, 6-3 while Kapoor's compatriot Sandeep Kirtane beat Arno Otterman of the Netherlands, 6-4, 7-5.

Rafael Chajsdas of the FRG lost to sixth seed Dutchman

Joeren Heinhuis 3-6, 6-3, 6-1. D Murakami of Japan, one of the lucky losers to have made the main draw from the qualifying meet, beat Thomas Gyorgy, the younger brother of Karolyi, 7-6, (8-6), 7-6 (7-1).

Fifth seeded Robert Kraus of Germany outclassed eleventh seeded Pakistani Mohammad Khalid 6-1, 6-1 while number 12 seed Gakugi Okada of Japan was let through when his American opponent Jason Giavarrá defaulted because of an injury. Okada was leading 6-4, 2-0.

Third seeded Sean Cole of Britain trounced local wild carder Shafiqul Islam Mukta 6-0, 6-0 while the other Rajshahi wild carder Zahirul Islam Manik fared no better at the hands of T Winkler of Germany.

Hiralal, the other Bangladeshi to have received a wild card, made it to the next round with a 6-2, 7-6 (8-6) victory over Christoph Lagneau of Germany.

Besides, four doubles matches were also decided on the day.

## Wheaton left out in the cold



**SYDNEY, Oct 7:** Australia's Neil Borwick, a little-known wild-card entry ranked 214th in the world, ousted 11th-seeded David Wheaton from the Sydney Indoor tennis tournament 6-0, 3-6, 6-4 Wednesday, reports AP.

No. 10 Derrick Rostagno of the United States and No. 16 Shuzo Matsuoka of Japan also lost their second-round matches, while fourth-seeded Ivan Lendl struggled with New Zealand's Brett Steven before advancing to the final 16.

Top-seeded Stefan Edberg, the defending champion, and No. 3 Andre Agassi were to play their first matches later Wednesday. The top eight seeds had first-round byes in the 1.1 million event.

Wheaton, an American who climbed as high as 12th in the world rankings last year before slipping to his current No. 49, double-faulted twice in the first game, setting the tone. He fought back to take the second set, then double-faulted at 4-5 in the third set to give Borwick three match points. Wheaton saved two before slapping a shot wide.

"It's probably one of my best wins," said Borwick, playing before a partisan crowd. "In a tournament this size, it's definitely my best win in Australia."

Byron Black of Zimbabwe, ranked 149th in the world, ended Rostagno's run with a hard-fought 7-6 (9-7), 6-7 (5-7), 6-4 victory. He will face seventh-seeded John McEnroe in the third round.

Matsuoka fell 7-5, 7-6 (7-1) to Cristo Van Rensburg of South Africa, while Wally Masur, the No. 8 seed, beat fellow Australian Jamie Morgan 6-4, 6-3. No. 9 Paul Haarhuis of the Netherlands swept past Grant Doyle of Australia 6-1, 6-3.

Lendl needed 2 hours and 10 minutes to subdue the quick, well-rounded Steven, ranked 127th in the world.

## Ranking matters little, says Lendl



**SYDNEY, Oct 7:** Ivan Lendl, who once reigned for three consecutive years as world No. 1, claims rankings don't put enough emphasis on winning tennis matches, reports AFP.

Lendl, who successfully launched his Australian Indoor championship bid here Wednesday, feels no pressure to improve his current ninth ranking as he battles back from a restrictive hip injury.

The single-minded Lendl, who may finish 1992 out of the top five for the first time in 12 years, is far from alarmed by his unaccustomed lower standing in the game. "I feel no pressure at all... It doesn't matter if you're sixth or 17th, one or two is a big difference, but 6th-17th is no difference," Lendl said after his 7-5, 7-5 second round win over tenacious New Zealander Brett Steven.

"If I can move two or three spots up it will be better in terms of who I meet in the quarter finals, otherwise it doesn't really mean much."

Lendl, a three-time champion here, credited an improvement in his health. He has been receiving therapy and taking medicine for a six-month bout with tendinitis in his left hip, complicated by a back injury at Wimbledon, and still gets daily treatment.

"It was frustrating," Lendl said of his inability to play up to his exacting standards during the worst of the injury. "My confidence is much higher now."

Lendl said he plans to keep playing "as long as I enjoy it" but that he no longer sets goals for himself. "I just don't like losing," he said. "That's enough for me."

## Borg falters

**TOULOUSE, France, Oct 7:** Lionel Roux, a 19-year-old Frenchman who had to qualify for the Toulouse tournament, on Tuesday beat Bjorn Borg 6-0, 6-4 in his eight comeback match, reports AFP.

Roux, ranked 196th in the world, took only 62 minutes to win the first round match over his once illustrious Swedish opponent who has now sunk to number 797th in the men's world rankings.

Thirty six year old Borg has not won any of his eight matches since returning to the world circuit in April, 1991.

It was also a tough day for Davis Cup heroes Henri Leconte and Jakob Hlasek, Carluwe Steeb of Germany and rated Ukrainian teenager Andrei Medvedev.

Leconte, a member of France's victorious Davis Cup team last year, gave up one set lead to lose 6-2, 3-6, 4-6 to Italian Omar Camporese.

Hlasek, a member of the Swiss side that beat France this year and has qualified for the Davis Cup final, was beaten by Sweden's Christian Bergstrom.

Hlasek, whose 42nd world ranking is 25 above Bergstrom, went down 7-6 (7-5), 6-2.

Steeb lost to Dutchman Jan Siemerink in a match in which every set went to a tiebreak. Siemerink won 6-7 (5-7), 7-6 (8-6), 7-6 (7-2).

Medvedev crashed out in the first round here only a few days after winning the Bordeaux cup on the road. Thomas Gollwitzer of Germany, ranked 677th in the world, won 6-2, 6-7 (9-11), 6-4.

Defending champion Angles Club will take on Dhaka Winners Club at 5 pm in the opening day match.

## B'ball super league begins today

**Sports Reporter**  
The super league of the Partex First Division basketball league begins today at the NSC wood floor gymnasium.

Six teams — Angles Club, Panthers SC, Dhumketu Club, Azad Boy's Club, The Grages Club and Dhaka Winners Club are participating in the super league.

Defending champion Angles Club will take on Dhaka Winners Club at 5 pm in the opening day match.

## BHF calls up one more to camp

**Sports Reporter**  
Khwaja Rahmatullah is the latest player to get a call to the hockey camp now going on at the Bangladesh Krira Shiksha Protishthan (BKSP), Savar for the preparation of the Bangladesh team to take part in the All-India Surjeet Singh Memorial Hockey tournament in Punjab's Jullunder next November 3-13.

This takes the total number of players selected for the preliminary camps to 28.

other guys and the lower ranked players feel they have nothing to lose, only gain."

"If the losses counted then they would get a bit tight, they would start playing a bit safe now they just go for it all the way."

"I think it's a bad ranking system... It promotes a lot of guys who go out there when they're half hurt, a lot of them play on unsuitable surfaces... They just go out there and pick up the prize money and the losses don't count."

"The tour doesn't but enough emphasis on winning. It puts a lot of emphasis on getting into the tournaments and winning a couple of matches here and there."



Action from yesterday's Sonali Bank Second Division football super league match between City Club and Bangladesh Boys Club at the Hockey Stadium. The match ended in a goalless draw. — Star photo

## Pak soccer side arrives today

**Sports Reporter**  
Wahab Club, the champion football club of Pakistan, is due in the city today to play the first leg match of the 12th Asian Club Cup football Central Asian zonal final.

Wahab Club would take on Federation Cup champions Brothers Union on October 10 at 6:30 pm. The venue for the match has not yet been finalised.

The 25-member team will be headed by Hafiz Salman Butt, the general secretary of Pakistan Football Federation.

Meanwhile, three AFC-nominated Indian officials who would supervise the match, arrived in Dhaka yesterday. They are Strajuddin, G P Singh and Mamun Koya.

The return leg match will be held in Pakistan on October 17.

The winners will qualify for the eight-team finals to be held from December 19 to 30.

Brothers Union received a walkover against the Nepalese representative to qualify for the Central Asian zonal final while Wahab Club beat a Maldives Club on their way to the final.

## Inter-varsity final today

**Our Correspondent**  
Star-studded defending champions Dhaka University face a daunting task of retaining their hold on the inter-university soccer championship trophy when they meet Jahangir Nagar University in today's final at the latter's Mir Mosharraf Hossain Hall playground in Savar.

The hosts, who will be egged on by a partisan crowd, should give the champions, who have been rather indifferent in their performances leading to the final, quite a run for their money.

The reigning champions, despite the presence of a number of national stars in their ranks, failed to impress in their semifinal against Rajshahi University on Tuesday, eking out a 2-1 victory after having survived some very anxious moments towards the end of the contest. On the other hand, Jahangirnagar University, obviously taking advantage of the home support, beat off Chittagong University's challenge in the other semifinal.

Vice Chancellor, JU, Prof Kazi Saleh Ahmed will give away the trophies as chief guest.

Seven universities took part in this year's meet.

## Soccer results

**Sports Reporter**  
The Hockey Stadium yesterday saw a goalless Second Division super league affair between City Club and Bangladesh Boys Club.

Both City Club, who on Monday defeated Shantinagar, and Bangladesh Boys, 2-0 winners in their last match against East End Club yesterday failed to come up with any goal bearing effort.

Shantinagar Club will take on Jurain Janata Club at 2-30 this afternoon while Muslim Institute will face Prantick KC at 4.00 pm in today's fixtures.

## Division THREE

In yesterday's Third Division super league engagements at the Mirpur Stadium, Gandaria Famos SC and Maghbaria Kishalaya 'Sangha' won their respective matches.



American Andre Agassi in action against compatriot Jim Grabb in the second round of the Australian Indoor tennis championships in Sydney yesterday. Agassi defeated Grabb 6-4, 6-2. — AFP photo

## QM chess matches from today

**Sports Reporter**  
Competition in the ninth Qazi Motahar Hossain International Masters' chess tournament gets underway today with eight matches scheduled for the opening day at the chess room of the National Sports Council.

The draw to decide who plays who was held last night as all the foreign participants — six from India and one each from Pakistan and Yemen — congregated to get the tournament finally off to a belated start.

Originally scheduled to start on October 7, the 15-day competition featuring 16 chess players, including eight locals, touched off a brief but uneasy spell of uncertainty as the local players led by International Master Zillur Rahman Champak threatened a boycott unless their demand for financial allowances were not met by the Bangladesh Chess Federation (BCF).

In a press conference called on October 5, Monday the BCF made its intention clear to leave Zillur Rahman Champak out of the eight-member Bangladeshi squad, only to buckle under the players' pressure the very next day.

Champak had demanded Taka 8000 as his appearance fee. The clouds of discontentment disappeared when the BCF agreed to pay Taka 6000 to Champak and Taka 150 each daily to all the rated local players.

With the pecuniary problems over, the full Bangladesh contingent now stands like this: IM Zillur Rahman Champak (2350), FM Ziaur Rahman (2380), FM Reefat Bin Sattar (2335), FM Tahmidur Rahman (2265), Saifuddin Lavlu (2315), IWM Rani Hamid, Jamilur Rahman and Kayes Hassan.

The six member Indian team consists of IM Lanka Ravi, IM Krishnamurthy Murugan, IM Arun Vaidya, PDS Girinath, Rahul Shetty and Atanu Lahiri.

IM Mahmood Ahmed Khan Lodhi and IM Hameed Mansoor Qazi are the lone representatives from Pakistan and Yemen respectively.

Today, Saifuddin Lavlu of Bangladesh would play against compatriot Kayes Hassan. FIDE Master and former national champion Syed Tahmidur Rahman is pitted against

Indian IM Krishnamurthy Murugan in the second match. The third match will be played between Yemeni International Master Hameed Mansoor Qazi and Bangladeshi IM Zillur Rahman Champak. Atanu Lahiri of India, a rated player, would face defending champion Pakistani IM Lodhi, in another match. Indian IM Lanka Ravi faces Jamilur Rahman, like Jamil a former national champion, will take on Indian IM Arun Vaidya at another board.

Two Indians, PDS Girinath and Rahul Shetty, will battle it out at another board in the same room while national women's champion Rani Hamid and men's champion Reefat Bin Sattar will feature in the only man-woman cerebral contests of the day.

The 12-year-old tournament was first launched in 1980 in memory of Dr Qazi Motahar Hossain, National Professor and the founder of the BCF. The tournament has commenced nine times so far as internal problems and shortage of fund accounted for the lapse of three years.

Information Minister Nazmul Huda formally inaugurated the meet on October 6,

## Mac envisages a better world



**SYDNEY, Oct 7:** John McEnroe says he would be willing to donate a percentage of his tennis prize money to help the world's needy, reports AFP.

A philosophical McEnroe spoke from the heart after coming from a set down to eliminate Russian Andrei Olhovskiy in the Australian Indoor Championships here Tuesday night.

SuperMac, winding down his fabulous 17-year career, overcame Olhovskiy, the conqueror of world no. 1 Jim Courier at this year's Wimbledon, to win his second round encounter 1-6, 6-2, 6-0.

He said he believed the apparently recession-proof sport of tennis could do a more to help those in need.

"Tennis can do a lot more, a helluva lot more," he said. "The people that are struggling are those who aren't there (at the stadiums), and the wealthy (people) are there — that's when you feel that tennis still has a way to go as far as reaching out to everyone."

do you start? "The people starving in Africa, the AIDS situation, people dying of cancer, homelessness in America... There are so many places to go that I

money to help the world's needy, reports AFP.

McEnroe was staring down the gun after match-toughened Olhovskiy hit the ground running Tuesday night.

Olhovskiy, ranked 115 in the world, broke shell-shocked McEnroe three times to take the opening set in 27 minutes.

"Olhovskiy came through three wins in the qualifying and beat Simon Youl in the first round, but he's playing a different player when he steps onto the court against me and I felt once I was able to play my best I was able to take control," said McEnroe.

McEnroe has the incredible record at this event of four singles titles from as many visits (1980-83) and Tuesday night was the first time he had dropped a set in 45 consecutive sets.

Olhovskiy, who earned a total of 16 break points against SuperMac, only held serve twice in his remaining seven service games as McEnroe steamed home in 95 minutes to set up a round of 16 meeting against either American 10th seed Derrick Rostagno or Zimbabwean Byron Black.



JOHN McENROE