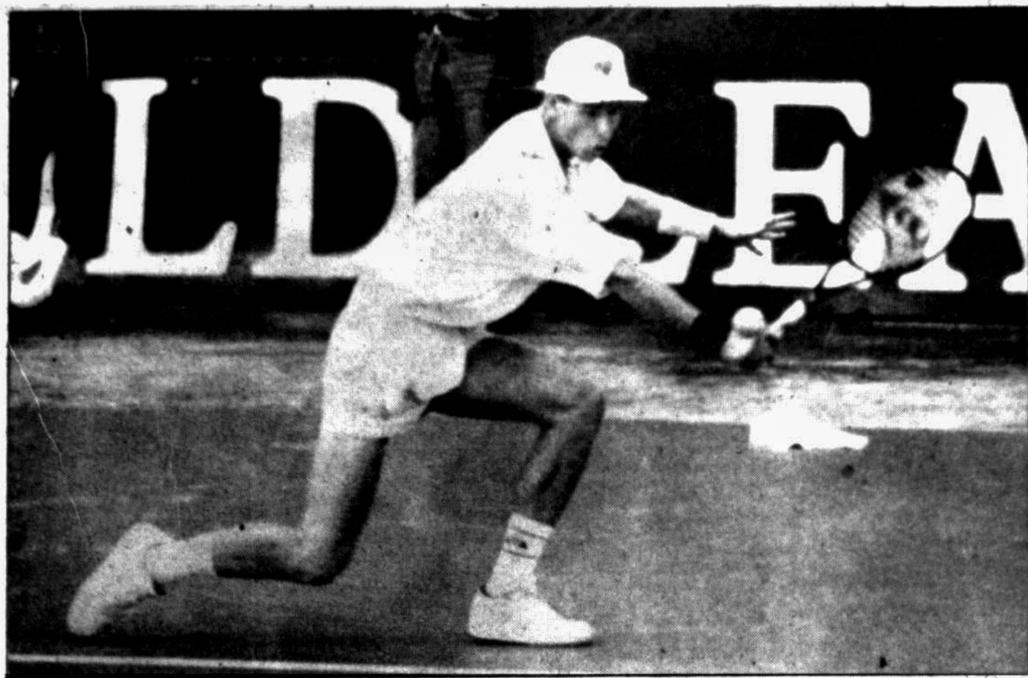


Sport



Dutchman Eric Brummer makes a backhand return in his second round qualifying match against Pavan Kapoor of India at the Ramna Tennis Complex yesterday. Brummer made it to the main draw beating Kapoor 6-3, 7-5. — Star photo

ABC march on

Sports Reporter
Star-Studded Azad Boys Club thoroughly outclassed lowly Panthers Sporting Club 54-52 to top the points table of the Partex First Division basketball super league at the Outer Stadium wooden-floor gymnasium yesterday.

Azad Boys, who have won all their three super league encounters, now have six points. Defending champions Angels Club have four points from two outings.

Last year's runners-up Dhaka Winners Club have also four points but from three matches.

Greg's Club have three points while Panthers and Dhumketu Club have so far managed two points each.

In yesterday's match, Azad Boys led 47-23 at the breather.

Zahir and Asgar with 32 and 20 points respectively were the main scorers for the winners while Asif caged 18 points for the losers.

Dhumketu Club will play Greg's Club in today's only match at 4 pm.

POINTS TABLE

Team	M	W	L	Pts
Azad Boys	3	3	0	6
Angels	2	2	0	4
Winners	3	1	2	4
Greg's	2	1	1	3
Panthers	2	0	2	2
Dhumketu	2	0	2	2

Rain prevents Damal cricket

Sports Reporter
The two matches of the 14th Damal Summer cricket tournament fell through because of unplayable ground conditions and inclement weather.

The two fixtures — Victoria Sporting vs Sadharan Bima at the Dhaka Stadium and Surja Tarun vs Dhanmondi Club scheduled to be held at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium — will now be held on October 17, according to the revised fixture of the tournament that began on October 9.

So far eight matches have been completed.

BFF grant for BU

Sports Reporter
The Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) will grant a sum of Taka one lakh to Brothers Union for their away match of the 12th Asian Cup championship Central Zone tie to be held in Lahore, Pakistan next week.

This was decided at a meeting of the executive body of the BFF at its conference room late last night.

Brothers, in a letter to the BFF, had appealed for five lakh Taka last week.

The meeting also approved the by-laws for the forthcoming national soccer championship for the Sher-e-Bangla Cup. The zonal rounds begin across the country Oct 18.

The BFF members also reached an accord regarding the holding of the proposed school-level football.

Details of the schools soccer programme will be worked out soon.

Nat'l volleyball

Sports Reporter
The regional qualifiers of the national volleyball championships will be held at different zones in the first week of December while the final leg is scheduled for the second week in Dhaka, says a Bangladesh Volleyball Federation press release.

Interested teams have been asked to complete their entry formalities before October 20.

ITF satellite circuit championships

Rain spoils show at Ramna

Sports Reporter
It was once again rain which hindered the progress of the third day's programmes of the week-long second leg of the Gold Leaf-ITF Satellite circuit tennis championships for Bangladesh and Pakistan at the Ramna Tennis Complex yesterday.

Heavy showers had ruined the afternoon session's proceedings on Tuesday.

Incessant showers had also caused the postponement of the inaugural day's schedules of the first leg in Rajshahi on October 5.

The third day of the second leg which promised 16 men's singles matches of the main draw, only saw two qualifying matches — carried over from Tuesday — being completed.

Raffael Chajdas, and Christoph Lagneau of Germany were lucky to have their battle ended in the morning.

But Erik Brummer of Netherlands and Pawan Kapoor of India had to wait until late afternoon for completion of the match.

The second round qualifying match between Brummer and Kapoor started in the morning, at about 9.15, but was interrupted several times because of inclement weather.

When the match was finally over, the players seemed happy and relieved, regardless of the result.

Brummer won the contest 6-3, 7-5 to qualify for the main draw.

Chajdas of Germany had little problem in beating his compatriot Lagneau 6-2, 6-2 to book a berth in the main draw.

Six players who qualified for the main draw on Tuesday were Thomas Walter and Thomas Winkler of Germany, Arno Ottermann of the Netherlands, Michael Gaglardi of the USA, Dennis Van Uffelen

Tyson doing great

PLAINFIELD, Ind., Oct 14: The man who invited Mike Tyson to make his fateful journey to Indianapolis last year said the former heavyweight boxing champion is doing great in prison, reports AP.

"He understands what he has to do. He's making the best of the opportunity to find himself as an individual, not as Mike Tyson the boxer," the Rev Charles Williams said this week.

It was Williams who invited Tyson to Indianapolis in July of 1991 to attend Indiana Black Expo, which Williams heads. While there, Tyson raped a contestant in the Miss Black America pageant.

Now, six months after being sentenced for rape, Tyson has settled into a routine of work and reading at the Indiana Youth Center, a pattern broken only by the stream of visitors.

Tyson spends much of his time when he's not working in the prison's recreation area reading books about black history and issues.

"He's never had the time to read," said Williams.

The Tyson reading list includes books by black poet Maya Angelou; Frances Cress-Welsing, who writes about the origins of racism, and Arthur Thomas, who writes about black leaders.

"I don't see any rebellion in him," Williams said. "I think he has used this as an opportunity to look within himself and toward the future — without a crowd of advisers — to make some definite decisions."

Williams said he didn't know whether those decisions included a return to boxing.

UNESCO award for Ashe

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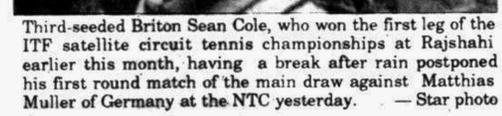
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Third-seeded Briton Sean Cole, who won the first leg of the ITF satellite circuit tennis championships at Rajshahi earlier this month, having a break after rain postponed his first round match of the main draw against Matthias Muller of Germany at the NTC yesterday. — Star photo



Ali of India, third seed and the Rajshahi leg champion Sean Cole of Great Britain, fourth seed Rashed Malik of Pakistan, fifth seed Robert Kraus of Germany, sixth seed and the runner-up in Rajshahi Jeroen Heinhuis of the Netherlands, seventh seed Sofronio Palahang of the Philippines, eighth seed Gaurav Natekar of India and Sandeep Kirtane (Ind), Daiji Morii (Jpn), Mohammed Khalid (Pak), Gakuji Okada (Jpn), Mathias Muller (Ger), Paul Ricar (Ger), Jason Giavara (USA), Takeshi Murakami (Jpn), Bernd Haberleitner (Aut), Karoly Gyorgy of Hungary and Christopher Sieber of Switzerland.

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Tieleman and Hira Lal will take on players from the qualifying round to be decided on a draw at this morning.

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Brothers lose their benefit

Sports Reporter
Mohammedan Sporting Club beat the Federation Cup champions Brothers Union by a solitary goal in an exhibition soccer match at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday.

Syed Rumman bin-Wali Shabbir scored the decider in the 30th minute of the second half with a spectacular free kick.

The match was organised to raise funds for Brothers, who will play Wahaib Club in their away match of the 12th Asian Cup meet in Lahore, Pakistan next week.

Brothers drew with Wahaib Club in the home leg match on October 10 at the Mirpur Stadium.

Meanwhile, the prized winger of the country Shabbir will join Brothers Union on their trip to Lahore.

Shabbir was allowed to play for Brothers following the withdrawal of Mohammedans from the third Asian Cup Winners' Cup tournament.

Mohammedans were to play Danang Club of Vietnam in the home leg match tomorrow.

BSWA indoors

The annual indoor sports meet of the Bangladesh Sports Writers' Association (BSWA) will be held from October 23 to 30 in the city, says a press release.

Interested members have been asked to contact the BSWA at the Dhaka Stadium by this evening for details.

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Kirti Azad to play for Kalabagan

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Former Indian Test cricketer Kirti Azad is now in Dhaka to play for Kalabagan Krira Chakra.

Yesterday the Delhi cricketer signed for the Dhaka club along with Joydev Mukherjee, an all-rounder from Calcutta.

Joydev is no newcomer here, having played for Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club in the local league way back in 1986. For Kirti Azad who was a member of the Indian cricket team that won the World Cup in 1983 it is the first visit to Bangladesh. Azad, son of a former Indian cabinet minister Bhagwat Jha Azad, is a dashing right hand batsman and off-spin bowler.

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Edberg, Ivanisevic on course



STEFAN EDBERG

TOKYO, Oct 14: Stefan Edberg, anxious to regain the world number one slot, and big-serving Goran Ivanisevic hammered their way into the third round of the Seiko indoor tennis tournament on Wednesday with straight sets wins, reports Reuter.

The 26-year-old Swede, who dropped to number three in the world rankings last week, said his aim was to end the year on top again, overtaking Americans Jim Courier and Pete Sampras.

Edberg meets unseeded American Patrick McEnroe in the third round. McEnroe beat 15th-seeded compatriot David Wheaton 6-1, 2-6, 6-4.

Wimbledon runner-up Ivanisevic produced 13 aces and 15 service winners to overpower American Reneberg. Setting up a third round tie against Swedish qualifier Niclas Kroon, ranked 244th in the world.

Japan's Shuzo Matsuoka, backed by a partisan crowd, defeated ninth seed Emilio Sanchez 7-6 (7-3), 4-6, 6-3.

Qualifier Kenny Thorne, the 273rd-ranked American, scored an upset when he demolished 34th-ranked Javier Sanchez of Spain, 10th seed, 6-3, 6-2.

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Lloyd gets a new assignment

LONDON, Oct 14: Former West Indies skipper Clive Lloyd and former England player MJK Mike Smith will be the independent match referees for the Indian cricket tour of South Africa next month, reports PTI.

The Indian team is to play four Tests in South Africa from November 18 to January six. For the one-off Test between India and Zimbabwe, Peter Van

Der Merwe of South Africa has been named as the match referee. The Test will be played from October 18 to 22.

The twin series will also have independent umpires for the Test matches. They are Dickie Bird (England) for the Zimbabwe vs India and Steve Bucknor (West Indies) and David Shepherd (England).

Independent umpires and match referees for the Test matches during the Indian tour of South Africa and Zimbabwe and the New Zealand tour of Zimbabwe have been sponsored by a British electricity company.

This was announced by Sir Colin Cowdrey, chairman of the International Cricket Council (ICC) at a press conference at Lord's here today.

Sir Cowdrey said the umpires and match referees for one-day internationals would be provided by the host country.

Sabatini, Huber reach Porsche GP second round

FILDERSTADT, Germany, Oct 14: Top-seeded Gabriela Sabatini swept past German qualifier Karin Kschwendt 6-4, 6-2 to move into the second round of the dhrs 3,50,000 Porsche Grand Prix women's tennis tournament Tuesday, reports AP.

"I am very pleased with my performance," said Sabatini, the No 3 in the world, after her easy victory.

"I feel I am capable of winning this tournament," said the Argentine, who won the title in 1989.

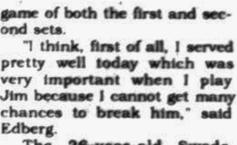
Anke Huber of Germany, last year's winner, advanced to the second round with a 6-4, 6-0 victory over Nathalie Herremann of France. Huber, who was unseeded last year, is No 5 this time.

Mary-Joe Fernandez, the fourth seed from the United States, needed one hour and 54 minutes to outlast Brenda Schultz of the Netherlands 6-2, 3-6, 6-3. Russian Natalia Zvereva beat American veteran Pam Shriver 6-3, 6-2.

Another American bowed out when Andrea Temesvari of Hungary upset eighth-seeded Lori McNeil 6-7, 6-3, 7-5.

In a match between two Czechoslovakas, Helena Sukova defeated Karina Habsudova 6-1, 6-3.

Aussie pair's world record



CLIVE LLOYD

SYDNEY, Oct 14: Two Australian teenagers are claiming a world record for an astonishing partnership of 446 runs in a limited overs cricket match played in the northern state of Queensland at the weekend, reports Reuter.

Openers Matthew Mott, 19, and Andrew Symonds, 17, retired unbeaten after scoring the runs in only 36 overs for the Gold Coast Cricket Club in a Queensland Cricket Association colts match.

Australia's leading Test statistician Charlie Wat said he could find no higher partnership in recognised limited overs competition anywhere in the world.

"It's astounding, particularly as they made the score in only 36 over," Wat told Reuter on Wednesday. The team's final score after 50 overs was 585 for three wickets.

Symonds belted 220 runs off 99 deliveries, including 27 fours and 14 sixes, while captain Mott hit 208 runs off 117 balls, with 20 boundaries and 14 sixes.

Club president Alan McGilivray said the pair had retired to let other players have a bat. "It's not something new to these Guys, their record is

outstanding," he said. Opponents Souths could only muster 157 for four wickets in reply after 50 overs.

According to Wat, the previous highest partnership in a recognised one-day competition was a third-wicket stand of 303 in a match between South African province Natal and a South African XI in 1975-76.

Voeller's last

DRESDEN, Germany, Oct 14: Rudi Voeller winds his 85th and last cap when he makes farewells appearance for Germany in a friendly international against Mexico here on Wednesday, reports AFP.

The 32-year-old striker, who broke in arm against the Commonwealth of Independent States in his last outing for Germany in the European Championship finals in June, has decided to retire from international football.

World Cup winning captain Lothar Matthaus makes his comeback after missing the European Championships because of a knee injury.

The dynamic midfielder is back with Bayern Munich after being floored by Inter Milan this summer.

NSF likely to be revamped

National Sports Council (NSC) is likely to reorganise the present ad-hoc committee of the National Shooting Federation (NSF) very soon with some major changes in some vital posts, reports UNB.

According to a reliable source, the present general secretary Kazi Selim would be replaced by Mir' Daulat Hossain, former joint secretary of the federation and the general secretary of Rajdhani Shooting Club.

Managing Director of Bangladesh Biman Abdul Mueed Chowdhury would be made vice-president in place of SM Anwar Ali.

However, federation president and Jute Minister ASM Hannan Shah, vice-president and Deputy Minister for Health and Family Welfare Sirajul Haque are likely to continue to hold their posts.

Besides, some changes might occur in the posts of treasurer and members.

Graf to play in Virginia Slims

PHILADELPHIA, Oct 14: Wimbledon champion Steffi Graf said Wednesday she plans to join the 28-player field for the dhrs 3,50,000 Virginia Slims of Philadelphia next month, reports AP.

She will compete against rivals Gabriela Sabatini, Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, Jennifer Capriati, Mary Joe Fernandez, Conchita Martinez and Manuela Maleeva-Fragniere.

Graf, currently ranked No 2 in the world, defeated Monica Seles to defend her Wimbledon title this year. She has 11 Grand Slam titles among 67 career singles victories and was a medalist at the 1988 and 1992 Olympics.

Graf said she hoped to take in some of Philadelphia's historic sites during her visit.

The tournament will be Nov 9-15 at the Philadelphia Civic center.

DIV III soccer

Sports Reporter
Maghbazur Kishalay beat Gandaria Famous three-nil to capture the third position in the Pragati Insurance Third Division football league at the Hockey Stadium yesterday.

Alauddin scored twice while Sirajul added one to complete the tally for the winners who finished their super league engagements with nine points.

Gandaria, who finished fourth, collected seven points from as many encounters.