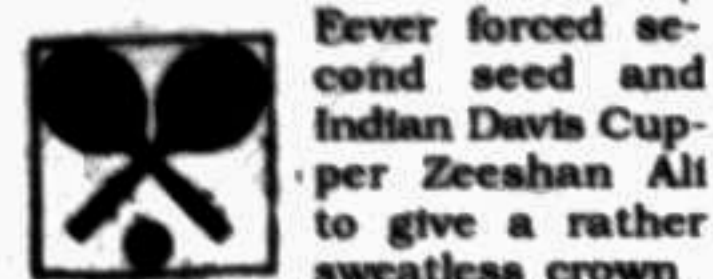


ITF satellite Bangladesh circuit ends

Ricar reaps rich by default

Sports Reporter



Ever forced second seed and Indian Davis Cupper Zeeshan Ali to give a rather sweatless crown

of the Dhaka leg of the ITF satellite circuit tennis at the Ramna Tennis Complex yesterday.

Zeeshan, who ran high temperature, opted out of the final and the German southpaw emerged as the champion in a tournament marked by upsets.

However, Karoly Gyorgy of Hungary and Robert Kraus of Germany salvaged some sanity of an otherwise topsy-turvy tournament by winning the doubles championship to repeat their performance in Rajshahi at the first leg of the four-phased meet.

Gyorgy and Kraus defeated Japanese pair of Gakuji Okada and Dajji Morii 6-3, 6-4.

In a match that lasted seventy minutes the winning pair earned two break points, one in each set.

After having won the toss the European pair started with a long as they took the first game at 50-0. The break came in the eighth game with Morii serving. The ninth game, ultimately won by the winners, saw three deuces.

The Japanese pair muffed up their chance when the European duo took the first game of the second set that saw ten games.

After the match Kraus and Gyorgy, while giving vent to their feelings, said "we are happy. But we did not enjoy it because the opponents were very weak."

The mood was not any different for Paul Ricar of Germany, the ineffectual winner of the singles tournament. He said "The true sensation of victory is missing. Zeeshan is such a fine player and I played him once in Malaysia and beat him there. I wish I could repeat that here."

The 20-year-old German, whose father is a professor of music, may quit tennis if he cannot improve his rating within a year. The blond German may either choose the career of a teacher or a pianist.

An admirer of McEnroe, Ricar blasted women's tennis as a 'joke'. "Apart from the top five or six players the rest do not merit the name of tennis players", growled the genial German.

"Mixed doubles can be retained for the sake of entertainment," added the outspoken German.

Paul Ricar earlier disposed of pre-tournament and defending champion Laurence Tieleman of Italy 7-5, 6-4, in the semifinal on Saturday.

In the doubles semifinals, the champion pair of Gyorgy and Kraus beat the top seeded pair Tieleman and Sean Cole 6-4, 6-3, while Gakuji and

Morii got the better of Palahang of the Philippines and Takeshi Murakami of Japan 6-2, 6-3.

Singles champion Ricar earned 21 ATP points and a cash award of \$12,500 US dollars while Zeeshan got 15 ATP points and \$6,250 dollars.

The doubles champion pair were richer by 15 ATP points and \$9,375 dollars.

The runner-up pair received ten ATP points and \$2,625 dollars.

Zeeshan, son of renowned Indian tennis coach Akhtar Ali, came to the playing arena to report sick. He was not present at the award-giving ceremony.

The organisers tried to offset the disappointment of the singles final by arranging an exhibition match between Ricar and Thomas Winkler, another German before the doubles final.

Agricultural Secretary ANM Yusuf distributed the prizes as chief guest.

The first leg of the tournament began in Rajshahi on October 5 and concluded on 11. The second leg began in Dhaka on October 12. The circuit now goes to Pakistan where the remaining two phases will be played.

The first of the two phases in Pakistan will be held in Lahore from October 19 to 25. The final round of the meet known as the Masters, will be held in Karachi from Oct 26 to 30.



Paul Ricar, the left-handed German, makes a forehand return in an exhibition match against compatriot Thomas Winkler at the Ramna NTC yesterday. Ricar won the ITF satellite circuit second leg men's singles title without hitting a ball as his opponent Zeeshan Ali of India failed to show up in the final owing to illness. — Star photo

Spirited start by Zimbabwe



HARARE, Oct 18: Newcomers Zimbabwe made a spirited entry into Test cricket, making 188 for three on the opening day of the one-off Test against India here today, reports AFP.

Ejecting to bat first on a slow wicket that offered little assistance to the six-man Indian attack, the Zimbabwean batsmen showed no signs of nerves in their first foray into the big league.

Opener Grant Flower led the way with a defiant 82 after compiling a 100-run stand for the first wicket with Kevin Arnott (40).

The 21-year-old Flower, younger brother of the team's vice-captain Andrew, struck 13 boundaries during his 355-minute stand before being caught behind off Javagal Srinath in the day's last over.

Left-handed Alistair Campbell boosted Zimbabwe's run-rate with a polished 45 which included six boundaries, three in one over from Kapil Dev.

But the experienced Kapil who began the Test 31 wickets behind Richard Hadlee's record tally of 431, beat Campbell with an inc-cutter to trap him leg-before 30 minutes before the close.

At stumps, Andy Pycroft was batting on six while Mark Barmester was on two.

The two quick wickets in the final session brought relief to the Indian bowlers who



GRANT FLOWER ... 82

kept the runs in check but struggled to make inroads into Zimbabwe's innings.

The Indians paid the penalty for a sluggish display in the field, letting off Flower before he had settled in.

The batsman was on 21 in a team score of 45 for no loss when he edged left-arm spinner Venkatapathy Raju, but Manoj Prabhakar at slip put him down after getting his

hands to the ball. To add to India's misery, umpire Kanjee Kantilal turned down a confident leg before appeal against Arnott who was then on two.

Arnott and Flower inched their way to 57 in 34 overs before lunch and added another 19 in the first 15 overs after the break.

But once settled in, both batsmen became adventurous and hit flowing boundaries on both sides of the wicket.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the opening day of the cricket Test between India and Zimbabwe at the Harare Sports Club here today.

ZIMBABWE: First Innings

K J Arnott c Raman	
b Kumble	40
G W Flower c More	
b Srinath	82
A D Campbell lbw b Kapil	45
A Pycroft batting	6
M Barmester batting	2
Extras : (b1, lb8, nb4)	13
Total: (3 wickets)	188

Fall of wickets : 1-100: 2-175: 3-186

Bowling :

O	M	R	W
Kapil Dev	18	6	32
Prabhakar	16	3	32
Srinath	17	5	42
Raju	25	14	34
Kumble	14	5	31
Shastri	6	2	8

Bangladesh Boys champions

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Boys Club have earned promotion to the First Division league by emerging as the champions of the Sonali Bank Second Division football league yesterday.

Although the name of the league champions is known, the runners-up — who will also play in the First Division next year — will be decided through a play-off match between Dhaka WASA and East End Club tomorrow at 4:30 pm at the Mirpur Stadium.

WASA and former First Division side East End Club had ended their eight-team super league campaign with 10 points from seven matches each.

Bangladesh Boys Club, who had made their debut in Dhaka football through the Pioneer league in 1980, moved into the Third Division league in 1982.

After stagnating for six years in the Third Division, they earned promotion to the Second Division league in 1988.

In yesterday's first match, Bangladesh Boys Club beat

Shantinagar Club by two goals to nil.

The champions scored both goals in the first session.

Kazi Mustafizur Rahman Mintu, the highest scorer of the league with 10 goals, put Bangladesh Boys in the lead in the 18th minute with a measured shot (1-0).

Mintu confirmed his team's victory with a nice header from inside the Shantinagar box in the 28th minute (2-0).

Bangladesh Boys, who finished unbeaten in the super league, had lost to Bangladesh Government Press 0-1 in the 16-team first round of the league.

Bangladesh Boys have collected 11 points from their seven super league encounters.

In yesterday's other match — the last of the league — Prantik Krira Chakra got the better of City Club 3-1 to place themselves one step ahead of Shantinagar Club in the points table.

Prantik have collected four points while Shantinagar have three points.

City Club managed six points. Rezaul Karim scored twice

while Neyamat Ali got the other for Prantik Krira Chakra.

Mehdi Hasan Khan pulled one back for City Club.

Sixteen teams in two groups participated in the first round with the top four of each group moving into the super league.

The super league teams were Shantinagar Club, Muslim Institute, City Club and Prantik Krira Chakra from Group A and Bangladesh Boys Club, Jurat Janata Club, East End Club and Dhaka WASA from Group B.

Former First Division Club Chalanika Krira Chakra, who had finished last in Group A, will play in the Third Division league next year along with East Bengal Club, the bottom finishers in Group B.

FINAL TABLE

Following is the points table of the Second Division super league:

	M	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Bangladesh Boys	7	4	3	0	4	4	11
Dhaka WASA	7	5	0	2	15	7	10
East End Club	7	4	2	1	12	5	10
Jurat Janata	7	2	3	2	6	9	7
City Club	7	2	3	3	7	9	6
Muslim Ins	7	1	3	3	10	15	5
Prantik KC	7	1	2	4	6	13	4
Shantinagar	7	0	3	4	2	7	3

Navratilova's happy birthday

FILDERSTADT, Germany. Oct 18: Martina Navratilova gave herself a present on her 36th birthday Sunday, beating Gabriela Sabatini 7-6, 6-3 to earn her 161st career in the dls 350,000 Porsche Grand Prix, reports AP.

Other presents followed: \$70,000 for the victory, plus a pink Porsche sports car traditionally given to the winner by the tournament sponsors.

"After last week's defeat against Steffi Graf in the Zurich final, I felt really badly



M NAVRATILOVA

at the start of the week," Navratilova said. "But then I felt better from day to day and today came the crowning."

The crowd was solidly behind Navratilova and gave her a standing ovation after her victory.

"Maybe they felt compassion for an old lady," Navratilova said.

DU soccer

Sports Reporter

Department of Social Welfare beat Department of Journalism 6-5 in the tiebreakers at the Dhaka University playground yesterday to move into the second round of the inter-department soccer championship after the scheduled period ended in a 1-1 draw.

Dipu scored for Social Welfare while for Journalism it was Kasher who found the net. Both the goals were scored in the first half.

The tournament kicked off yesterday with history going down to Marketing 2-4.

Forty departments and institutes are taking part in the meet.

BU lose to Wahaib Club

Sports Reporter

As expected, Brothers Union lost their 'away' match of the 12th Asian Cup Championship to Wahaib Club of Pakistan in Lahore yesterday, according to a message received by the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) last night in Dhaka.

Earlier, on October 10, Brothers Union, the local Federation Cup champions, were held to goalless draw by Wahaib Club Mirpur Stadium, Dhaka in the 'home' match.

With this win the Pakistani club enters the eight-team final round the venue of which has not been known yet.

Damal cricket resumes tomorrow

Sports Reporter

The suspended 14th Damal Summer cricket tournament will resume tomorrow with Surja Tarun playing Dhanmondi Club at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium and Victoria Sporting Club taking on Sadharan Bima Krira Sangatha at the Dhaka stadium.

The Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) had suspended engagements of the curtain-raiser of the domestic cricket season because of persistent inclement weather over the past few days.

The new schedule accommodates matches upto October 26. The complete fixture for the week is as follows:

October 20: Surja Tarun vs Dhanmondi (DCS)

Victoria vs Sadharan Bima (Dhaka Stadium)

October 21: Udit Club vs Eskaton Sabuj (DCS)

Kalabagan KC vs Agrani Bank (Dhaka Stadium)

October 22: PWD vs Lalmitia Club (DCS)

Abahani vs Evergreen (Dhaka Stadium)

October 23: Mohammedan vs Surja Tarun (Dhaka Stadium)

Gulshan vs Sadharan Bima (DCS)

October 24: GMCC vs Udit Club (Dhaka Stadium)

Victoria SC vs Wari Club (DCS)

October 25: Brothers Union vs Kalabagan (Dhaka Stadium)

Bangladesh Biman vs PWD (DCS)

October 26: Victoria vs Gulshan Youth (Dhaka Stadium)

Sadharan Bima vs Wari Club (DCS)

Sher-e-Bangla zonals begin

Sports Reporter

The qualifying round of the 17th national football championship for the Sher-e-Bangla Cup got underway simultaneously at three zonal venues of the country yesterday.

Bangladesh Police beat Bangladesh Air Force in a match of the Services zone at the Banani Naval Complex in the city while Cox's Bazar beat Feni at Bandarban and Sunamganj beat Habiganj at Sunamganj on the inaugural day.

A record 75 teams including 64 districts, five university teams and as many services and office teams are taking part in the meet organised by the Bangladesh Football Federation.

Defending champions Bangladesh Army and hosts of the final round Mymensingh DSA will directly play in the finals with the ten zonal champions.

That phase is scheduled to begin from November 4.

POLICE BEAT BAF

Yesterday, at the Banani Naval Complex, Police beat Air Force 3-2 in the tie-breaker.

Both teams were locked 1-1 after regulation time.

Khokon put Police ahead in the 33rd minute while Mahtab

Hossain drew level for Air Force in the 55th minute.

Khokon, Moneah Chandra and Selim Hossain scored for Police and Mahtab and Arif Raza for Air Force in the penalty shoot-out.

The match, which was marked by rough play and indiscipline, saw Kamal Azad of Air Force receiving the red card.

In addition, Faruk and Mahtab of Air Force and Anwar Hossain, Khokon and Avijit of Police received yellow cards.

Police will now play Bangladesh Customs in the zonal semifinals tomorrow.

COX'S BAZAR WIN

At Bandarban, Cox's Bazar beat Feni by two goals to nil.

Abul Kashem opened the account for Feni in the 29th minute.

Khyatimol Barua completed the tally for the winners in the 72nd minute.

Siddique Ahmed of Cox's Bazar received the yellow card for unsporting play.

Cox's Bazar will now play the winners of tomorrow's match between Chittagong and Laxmipur in zonal semifinals.

The Bandarban zonal final will be held on October 25.

State Minister for Youth and

Sports Sadek Hossain Khoka declared the Bandarban zonal qualifiers open as chief guest.

SUNAMGANJ WIN

Hosts Sunamganj got the better of Habiganj 2-0 at the Sunamganj stadium in yesterday's other match.

Lutfur Rahman Nayan put Sunamganj in the lead in the 50th minute while Kazi Nazimuddin confirmed their victory in the 78th minute.

Sunamganj will now take on the victors of today's match between Sylhet and Moulvibazar in the semifinals on October 21.

The Sunamganj zonal final will be held on October 24.

Meanwhile, the matches at three other zonal venues will begin today.

At Khulna, hosts will take on Bhola while at Jessore, Jessore will meet Narail.

At the Mirpur Stadium, Jahangirnagar University will face the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) in the inaugural match of the university zone.

The Jyopurhat and Nilphamari zonal qualifying rounds will begin tomorrow while the matches at the two remaining venues — Madaripur and Netrakona — will start on October 21.

Lendl lifts his 4th Seiko Super

TOKYO, Oct 18:

Ivan Lendl ended a 14-month drought Sunday, bouncing back from a 2-5 first set deficit for a 7-6 (9-7), 6-4 victory over hot-serving Swede Henrik Holm in the dls 1.1 million Seiko Super Tennis, reports AP.

Holm slammed in 18 service aces but had nine double faults. He let two set points slip away in the first set's eighth game.

Lendl, a native of Czechoslovakia, received dls 135,000 for his first championship since becoming an American citizen in July. The 24-year-old Holm, who beat the third, sixth and eighth seeds on his way to the final, received dls 72,600.

"It's nice to win. It was a tough game," said Lendl, at 32 the oldest player in the tournament. He last won a tournament in August 1991 in Long Island, but now has won the Seiko Super four times.

"The [Holm] served very well so it was important to get the ball back preferably low to put pressure on him," said Lendl, who held the top world ranking in men's tennis in 1985, 1986, 1987 and 1989 but

ninth game.

"I missed a drop shot. I tried not think not think of it in the ninth game," Holm said of the set points.

In the tiebreak, Lendl and Holm were tied seven times before Lendl slammed in a service ace and Holm hit a volley wide.

The second set went with service until Lendl broke in the 10th game, closing the one-hour, 45-minute match with a lob and a forehand passing shot.

It was also sweet revenge for Lendl, who lost to the same opponent in their first encounter in the quarter-finals of the National Bank Classic in Washington.

In the next Ranking list to be issued Monday, Holm is expected to move up to a career high of around 20th, while Lendl will move up to eighth, the organiser said.

The winning pair took home dls 54,750 and the runners-up dls 29,400.

since has slipped to ninth. Holm said, "I was not disappointed. It's good experience for me as I played very good baseline rally's against one of the best baseline players in the world."

Holm, whose world ranking has shot up to 35th from 129th at the start of this year, broke service at love in the sixth game as Lendl hit a lob and a passing shot wide.

But he couldn't hold a 40-15 lead at 5-2. Lendl held service and broke back in the

Shooting fed revamped

Sports Reporter

The National Sports Council yesterday revamped the executive committee of the National Shooting Federation, Bangladesh with Jute Minister Brig (Retd) Hannan Shah retaining his post of president.

There are two vice-presidents, a secretary, two joint-secretaries, a treasurer and 24 members in the 31-member executive body.

Deputy Minister Strajuel Huq and Biman Managing Director Abdul Mueyed Chowdhury are the two vice-presidents while Mr Dowlat Hossain is the new secretary of the reconstituted committee.

NBL badminton

Sports Reporter

The National Bank badminton league will commence from November 1 at the wooden-floor gymnasium.

Eight teams divided into two groups will take part in this competition.

Mohammedan Sporting Club, Surja Tarun, Sheltech and Biman Bangladesh Airlines will form one group while Sputnik International, Dhaka Badminton Club, Dilkusha Club, Renaissance Club (made up of only women) will comprise Group B.

Participating teams have been requested to contact the Badminton Federation by October 24.



The prize winners of the ITF satellite circuit tournament which concluded yesterday at the National Tennis Complex.

Rise of a new Beckenbauer

BONN, Oct 18:

Stefan Beckenbauer, son of former World Cup coach Franz Beckenbauer, helped promoted Saarbruecken take a point from his father's club Bayern Munich in a 1-1 draw in the German First Division on Saturday, reports Reuter.

The 23-year-old Stefan returned from injury to make only his fourth Bundesliga appearance in his side's home game against league leaders Bayern, where his father is a vice-president.

In front of a capacity 35,000 crowd, Beckenbauer junior helped the Saarbruecken defence hold off Bayern, who needed a 51st minute equaliser from defender Oliver Kreuzer to avoid defeat after a header by Thomas Kristl put Saarbruecken in front in the 27th minute.