

Damal Summer resumes today

Sports Reporter
The 14th Damal Summer cricket resumes today after a two-day break for inclement weather.

Mustafiz won't attend ACC meet

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A S M Mustafizur Rahman, the president of the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board, will not be able to attend the Asian Cricket Conference (ACC) meeting to be held in Pakistan today, because of unavoidable circumstances.

Violence mars DU soccer tie

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Violence marred the match between Department of International Relations and Department of Pali and Sanskrit in the Dhaka University inter-department football tournament at the University playground yesterday.

Even two teachers of International Relations — Shahiduzzaman and acting chairman Chowdhury Rafiqul Abrar — could not escape the wrath of supporters.

The supporters of Pali and Sanskrit, sitting in the galleries invaded the field and chased and attacked the IR players about 20 minutes into the second half following a foul by an IR player despite the fact that the students of the dead languages were leading by a goal scored in the first session from a penalty, eye witnesses said.

They attacked the IR teachers who had entered the field to bring situation under control.

The Games Secretary of the DUCSU Syed Hasan Kanan also became a victim of these students' misbehaviour.

Police rushed to the ground and rescued the hapless, besieged teachers and IR supporters.

The department of International Relations is likely to lodge a protest with the tournament committee asking for the suspension of Pali and Sanskrit Department from the competition.

BOA to meet federations on BD Games

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The executive committee of the Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA) will meet the 21 national sports federations separately to work out the details of the fifth Bangladesh Games to be held in the city from December 18 to 25.

This was decided in a meeting of the BOA officials with the representatives of the national federations with the BOA chief Otas Kamal Chowdhury in the chair yesterday.

The BOA will start the process with a discussion with the Bangladesh Swimming Federation tomorrow.

Spassky takes his last 'time out'

BELOGRADE, Oct 22: The 24th chess match between Bobby Fischer and Boris Spassky has been postponed because Spassky has been suffering from a cold, the Tanjug agency announced Thursday, reports AFP.

Spassky's doctor made the announcement to explain the third — and last permitted — 'time out' called by the former Russian Grandmaster, now a naturalised Frenchman, in his duel with American Grandmaster Fischer.

The 24th round of the five million dollar tournament, carried out in breach of United Nations sanctions against Serbia and Montenegro, was expected to start next Saturday, with Spassky due to play whites.

Fischer, who is leading by eight victories to four, with eleven draws, needs two more wins to clinch the match. The American has been threatened with prosecution when he returns to the states for breaching the UN embargo.

Zia earns another IM norm

Sports Reporter
FIDE Master Ziaur Rahman, the former national champion, has come of age. The scraggy sop yesterday beat compatriot Rani Hamid in the

national champion of 1988 resorted to a king side attack that had Rani at her wit's end and after 33 moves the International Women Master gave up with the writing too clear on the wall. Zia's closest rival for this

compatriot Atanu Lahiri. In the French defence opening match Lahiri accepted defeat after 35 moves. IM Arun Vaidya, the oldest of the Indian contingent, recorded a win against Hameed Mansour Qadhi, the



Ziaur Rahman (R) and IWM Rani Hamid, the national women's champion, during their thirteenth round match of the Dr Q M Hossain International Masters' chess competition at the NSC conference room yesterday. Zia won the match to earn his third IM Norm.

thirteenth round of the ninth Q M Hussain International Masters chess tournament to raise his collection to ten-and-a-half — the required mark for the mantle of the second International Master from Bangladesh.

Ziaur Rahman Champak, one of the participants of this tournament, was the only second Bangladeshi recipient of the IM title back in 1990, after Neaz Morshed who went to become a Grandmaster.

Although predictability is not one of the hallmarks of this cerebral game Zia, with a hyped up campaign for his third and final norm was always the favourite against a hapless Rani Hamid. The jovial young man with a rating of 2380 yesterday opted for a Sicilian defence of the Taimanov variation. Playing with black Zia, who won his first norm in the 30th Chess Olympiad held earlier this year in Manila, placed c5 to counter Rani's opening e4 move. Later

year's Q M Hussain title Indian IM Krishnamuathy Murugan drew with Bangladesh IM Ziaur Rahman Champak to make his point tally to nine from twelve matches. Murugan, who has an edge over defending champion Mahmud Lodhi, yesterday settled for draw after 13 rounds only.

Lodhi, the Pakistani IM, yesterday won his match against Saifuddin Labu. Playing with white pieces Lodhi needed 29 moves to post a win in the match that was played in the Queen Pawn declined system.

National champion Reefat bin Sattar beat compatriot Jamilur Rahman, a former national champion. The FIDE Master, who played with white, achieved victory in 36 moves. Jamil resorted to a Karokan defence.

Indian rated player Rahul Shetty drove another nail in the coffin of his homesick

International Master from Yemen, in another thirteenth round match.

Playing with white Vaidya wrung out submission from his opponent after 42 moves in the Benoni system game.

Khandaker Kayes Hassan of Bangladesh and PDS Girinath of India, a rated play, drew in another match after only eleven moves.

The result of the match between Lanka Ravi, the Indian IM and FIDE Master Syed Tahmidur Rahman could not be known till the time of writing this report. Zia has ten and half points at the end of the thirteenth round. Murugan has nine. Lodhi, Reefat and Shetty have eight and half points each. Vaidya and Girinath have seven. Hameed Qadhi has six and half points. Jamil has six. Champak has five and half points. Kayes has five. Labu and Atanu have three and half each while Rani has just one.

Nat'l age-group championships

REB boys to the fore

Sports Reporter
Saiful Islam of Rajshahi Education Board (REB) set the first new national record on the inaugural day of the 12th national age-group swimming champi-

Mizanur Rahman of Rajshahi DSA settled for the bronze. The 200m freestyle gold belonged to Nur Khan Alam of REB, who won two golds on the opening day. The silver of the boys' 15 to 17 years category contest went to Abu Bakr

the silver, while Alamgir Hossain of Pabna finished with the bronze. Nur Khan Alam of REB was the winner of the 100m freestyle in the 15 to 17-year age group. Mahbubur Rahman of Pabna DSA got the silver while Abu Zafar Haider of REB got the bronze.

Monirul Islam of Kushtia DSA won the gold in the 50m breaststroke for ten-year-old swimmers. Ashraf Ali of REB settled for the silver and Jahangir Alam of the same team got the bronze.

Nayeb Ali of REB snatched the gold in the 100m breaststroke for boys within 11 and 12.

Moon Moon Ahmed of Chapainawabganj DSA took the silver and Sharif Ali Hira got the bronze. Gold in the 50m freestyle event for ten-year-olds went to Monirul Islam of Kushtia. Ashraf Ali of REB bagged the silver while his peer Jahangir Alam picked up the bronze.

Golam Faruq of the Pabna DSA took the gold in the 50m freestyle for boys between 11 and 12. Nayeb Ali of REB took the silver and Abu Sayeed Haider of REB got the bronze.

Abdul Hamid Ripon of Pabna DSA won the gold in the 100m freestyle for boys within the age group of 13 and 14 years. Alamgir of the same team won the silver while Masud Rana of REB got the bronze.

onships at the Dhanmanti Women's Sports Complex pool yesterday. Rajshahi Education Board, the top team in the 11th championship held last year, made their intentions clear on the very first day of the meet by leading the medals table with five golds, followed by Pabna DSA, last year's runners-up, with four golds.

Eleven events were settled yesterday. Saiful Islam, who created a new record in boys' (13-14 yrs age group) 200m breaststroke rewrote the feat by timing three minutes 2.81 seconds. Saiful took three minutes 5.54 seconds. Niaz of the REB was the silver medal winner followed by Abdus Samad of Pabna DSA, last year's runners-up.

Md Noor Khan of REB picked up the gold gong in the 400m back medley for boys' in the 15 to 17-year age group. Saiful Islam of the same team won the silver and

Reynolds sues IAAF

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Oct 22: Harry Butch Reynolds is suing the International Amateur Athletic Federation for 25 million dollars in lost earnings since he was suspended for failing a drugs test in 1990, reports AFP.

The scheduled period ended in a 1-1 deadlock. Akhter scored for Mathematics 19 minutes into the game and a same-side goal in the second half levelled the score for English. Earlier, Professor M Sallimullah, the chairman of the university sports committee, inaugurated the meet.

Pakistan to face SA in 3-nation opener

KARACHI, Oct 22: World Champions Pakistan will face hosts South Africa in Durban February 9 in the opening match of the triangular one-day limited overs series, cricket officials said here Thursday, reports AFP.

During the three-week tournament, which includes the West Indies, each team will play six one-day, 50-over matches from February 9 to 27, they said.

The final will be played on February 27 at the wanderers ground in Johannesburg. Shahid Rafi, secretary of the Board for Control of Cricket in Pakistan (BCCP), described the forthcoming series as 'good thing for the game,' and promised 'exciting cricket in South Africa which has proved itself to be rich in talent.'

Rafi said Pakistan's second match will be against the West Indies at Johannesburg on February 13.

Subsequent matches will be played on the 15th against South Africa at East London, against the West Indies at Durban on 17th, at Centurion park against the hosts on February 21 while the last match will be at Cape Town against the West Indies.

Pakistan had asked the United Cricket Board of South Africa (UCBSA) to ensure guarantee money of one million dollars. It was not clear if this demand has been met.

Pakistan had wanted to visit South Africa before the World Cup but South Africa had already committed to tour India ahead of the coveted international competition.

A timely ton betters Marsh's recall chance

BRISBANE, Oct 22: Discarded opening batsman Geoff Marsh enhanced his chances of a recall to the Australian Test cricket team this summer, scoring a century here Wednesday, reports AFP.

Marsh, a 50-Test veteran who was passed over for last month's tour to Sri Lanka, put together 121 on the opening day of the domestic Sheffield Shield competition here, as Western Australia compiled 260 for seven at the close against Queensland.

With the continuing failure of Tom Moody, out on Wednesday for four, Marsh's century could not have come at a better time with the West Indies arriving in Australia early next month.

Western Australia looked in a strong position at 225 for three before losing four wickets for 35 in the final session on the first day of the four-day match.

At the close, Damien Martyn was unbeaten on 55. Queensland's Test strike bowler Craig McDermott was wicketless off 25 overs, with Dirk Tazelaar and Rookie paceman Andrew Bichel taking two wickets each.

Scores: Western Australia 260 for seven (G Marsh 121, D Martyn 55 not out, D Tazelaar 2-40, A Bichel 2-46) against Queensland.

Krabbe fights expulsion

BERLIN, Oct 22: Disgraced world sprint champion Katrin Krabbe is fighting a move to expel her from the Neubrandenburg Club she has belonged to all her athletic career, reports AFP.

Inter-club tennis

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The first inter club tennis 1992, organised by the Bangladesh Tennis Federation, begins today at four different venues — Dhaka Officers' Club, Dhaka Club, Engineers' Club and Mymensingh Tennis Club, says a federation press release.

Eight tennis clubs of greater Dhaka, affiliated to the federation are taking part in the meet.

Zimbabwe win their spurs

HARARE, Oct 22: Newcomers Zimbabwe had the consolation of taking a 149-run first innings lead over India as their inaugural Test ended in a tame draw here today, reports AFP.

Starting the fifth and final day's play at 278 for seven in reply to Zimbabwe's 456, India added a further 29 runs before they were all out for 307.

Dapper wicket-keeper Kiran More, on 23 overnight, was the last batsman out for 41 which included a glorious six over long-on against seamer Mark Burmester.

Burmester, bowling with the third new ball, claimed two of the three wickets to return with figures of three for 78.

Veteran off-spinner John Traicos, who did not bowl today, was Zimbabwe's most successful bowler taking five for 86 from 50 overs.

Zimbabwe survived early shocks from Indian star all-rounder Kapil Dev to score 146 for four in their second innings when the stumps were drawn in the one-off Test at the Harare Sports Club.

A fired-up Kapil, chasing Richard Hadlee's world record of 431 wickets, blasted Grant Flower and Alistair Campbell off successive deliveries to take his tally to 404 wickets.

Flower (six) was caught behind by More with the third ball of his sixth over. Campbell was beaten by a superb in-cutter to be bowled first ball.

New batsman Andy Pycroft prevented a hat-trick and then helped opener Kevin Arnott add 77 runs for the third wicket to rescue Zimbabwe

Table with columns: Player, Runs, Wickets. Includes names like Ravi Shastri, Kapil Dev, Mark Burmester, John Traicos, etc.



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The Indians leave for South Africa the next day to play four Tests and seven one-day internationals.

SCOREBOARD
Final scoreboard of the Test between Zimbabwe and India which ended at the Harare Sports Club here today.

INDIA: (overnight 7-278)
First innings: Shastri c Pycroft b

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ZIMBABWE: 1st innings: 456. 2nd innings: K J Arnott not out 32, G W Flower c More b Kapil 6, A D Campbell b Kapil 6, A Pycroft lbw b Shastri 46, D L Houghton not out 41, A Flower not out 1. Extras (b 13, lb 2, nb 5) 20. Total: (for four wickets, 66 overs) 146.

Table with columns: Player, Runs, Wickets. Includes names like Prabhakar, Kapil, Tendulkar, etc.

Result: Match drawn.

Customs in Sher-e-Bangla Cup finals

Sports Reporter
At Sunamganj, Chandpur made the final by edging past Comilla 6-5 in the tie-breaker after regulation period failed to resolve the issue which ended goalless.

Chandpur will play Sunamganj in the final tomorrow.

At Khulna, Barisal qualified for the zonal semifinals by beating Barguna 5-3 also in the penalty shoot-out.

Both teams were locked 2-2 after the scheduled time. Munshiganj registered a convincing 7-1 victory over Shariatpur to move into the semifinals at Madartpur.

Zakir Hossain netted thrice while Nazrul and Milon got two each for Munshiganj. Akhter Hossain scored the lone goal for Shariatpur.

At Natrakona, Jamalpur beat Gazipur by a solitary goal. Maqsood Amin scored the decider in the 23rd minute.

At Joyrhat, Naogaon beat Chapainawabganj also by a solitary goal to move into the zonal semifinals.

Tipu Sultan got the winner in the 73rd minute. Gaibandha recorded yet another lone goal victory against Thakurgaon at Nilphamari.

Harun-ur-Rashid netted the all-important goal for the winners in the 72nd minute. Gaibandha will play the winners of today's match between Dinajpur and Kurigram in the semifinals on October 25.

Meanwhile, the local disciplinary committee has scratched Lalmonirhat from the competition for fielding an illegal player against Rangpur on Thursday last.

The committee declared Rangpur winner in the match. One zonal final will be held today at the Mirpur Stadium at 2:30 pm.

The 16th Sher-e-Bangla Cup runners-up Dhaka University will take on Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) in the match.

The victors will qualify for the final round.

Woodbridge sends Stich home

HONG KONG, Oct 22: A badly disturbed Michael Stich of Germany was beaten by Australian Todd Woodbridge in the 640,000 US dollars Marlboro Championships here Wednesday, reports AFP.

The former Wimbledon champion lost 2-6, 6-3, 6-4 in the preliminary round robin Group Two which also comprised Czech-born American Ivan Lendl and Martin Damm of Czechoslovakia.

Woodbridge's win over his more illustrious opponent left Lendl the clear favourite to emerge at the top of the group and progress into the semifinals.

Lendl scored his second successive straight sets victory Wednesday, defeating Damm 6-1, 6-4 after his 6-1, 6-2 win over Woodbridge Tuesday.

The 32-year-old Lendl's final group opponent is Stich — a player he has beaten on every occasion they have met.

Stich, the 1991 Wimbledon champion, looked untroubled early in the match against

he was not concentrating hard enough on his game," said a relieved Woodbridge.

Woodbridge's doubles partner and fellow countryman Mark Woodforde was also victorious, scoring a 6-0, 6-2 win over Indian Leander Paes.

A former Wimbledon and US Open junior champion, Paes was clearly out of depth as he struggled to keep his service.

The 19-year-old held serve only twice in the entire match which lasted less than an hour.

Group Three favourite Richard Krajicek of the Netherlands overcame an initial setback before rebounding to a 6-7, 6-2, 6-4 victory over Spain's Javier Sanchez.

In the same group, Russian Alexander Volkov swept to a 7-5, 6-4 win over Briton Jeremy Beates.

Chang beats Xia

HONG KONG, Oct 22: They are both Chinese, but the stark difference between Michael Chang and Xia Jiping was highlighted at the 640,000 US dollars Marlboro Championships Thursday, reports AFP.

Chinese-American Chang, 20, vanquished mainland China's Xia in a lopsided contest, winning 6-0, 6-2, in a Group One match in the preliminary stages of the 16-man tournament.

Chang's victory showed the wide gap existing between him and a player coming from one of the lesser developed nations in tennis.

Chang, a high-profile multi-millionaire backed by lucrative sponsorship, is currently the world number four, who so far this year has won more than 800,000 US dollars in prize money.

Facing him across the net was little-known Xia, 23, a player whose biggest moment was being involved in China's Davis Cup triumph over Indonesia in 1990.

Sampras makes a good start in Lyon

LYON, France, Oct 22: Pete Sampras made his return to Lyon a winning one as he beat Jeff Tarango, 7-6 (7-5), 6-3 in the first round of the dlr 600,000 Lyon Open tennis tournament Wednesday.

Last December Sampras lost both of his singles matches in the Davis Cup final against France. Sampras won this tournament last year and is top seeded but he is known more for his defeats that gave the French team its first Davis Cup title in 59 years.



Swimmers between 11 to 12 years about to dive into the pool in quest of the 50m breaststroke medals at the Dhanmanti Women's Complex yesterday.