

Lipu denies Prince his day

Sports Reporter

A deadly spell by Golam Nawshar Prince brought Victoria right back into an apparently hopeless game only to be fizzled out later as Abahani skipper Gazi Ashraf Lipu saw his side through to a four-wicket win in the 14th Damal Summer cricket tournament at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

In an inscrutably low-scoring match Victoria, sent in to bat first by Lipu, were skittled out for a paltry 117 in 39.4 overs.

Opening batsman Sajid, who opened along with his father, former national captain

Roquibul Hassan, top scored with a defiant knock of 26 as the rest of the Victoria batting struggled against a not-so-hot Abahani pace attack.

Babu captured two for 24. The tall Samarasekera had one in his kitty with his medium-pace. Gazi Ashraf Hussain Lipu bagged two while



Gazi Ashraf Hussain Lipu (L) and Ziauddin Ahmed Chowdhury Shovon return to the pavilion after seeing Abahani Krija Chakra through to a four-wicket win over Victoria Sporting Club at The Dhaka Stadium yesterday. The two featured in an unbeaten 52-run seventh wicket partnership with Lipu making 32 and Shovon 23.

The rot started with Victoria skipper Roquibul whom Abahani's left-arm pacesman Anis bowled for just one with the scoreboard reading three.

Selim Shahed nicked one behind the stumps to Ziauddin Shovon off Khairuzzaman Babu for nought and Wahid was sent back at 10, bowled by Babu for four.

The onfall of the Abahani new-ball bowlers continued unabated when Anis won a leg-before verdict against Calcuttan Gautam Some, Victoria's main middle-order hope in the absence of Raja Venkat, the West Bengal Ranji player who had flown back to Calcutta following an ailment.

Gautam, who was distinctly dogged by hard luck yesterday, had to return to the pavilion for a duck.

Imran Hamid Partha, the jazzy, Afro-haired left-handed batsman battled hard for his 13 before being bowled by Shri Lankan Test player Athula Samarasekera.

Sajid, the top scorer of the Victoria innings, was the sixth man out, bowled by Sujon for a patient 26 off 84 balls, featuring two hits to the fence.

Lipu chipped in with two wickets to rule out any possibility of tail-wagging although Prince was resourceful enough to make 11.

Victoria's ultimate score of 117 was largely indebted to some erratic bowling by the Abahani seamers who gave away as many as 21 wides out of a staggering sum of 33 sundries.

Anis was the pick of the Abahani bowlers with figures of three for 26.



PRINCE... 4 for 30

Sujon spent 15 runs in his two overs for his one victim.

If it was Dulu's turn to pour the vial of wrath against Mohammedans on Friday Prince had everything going right yesterday afternoon.

Working up lively pace, the national opening bowler had Jahangir Alam caught by Gautam Some for six with the score on 16.

Faruq was smartly snapped up in the gully Sajid off an angled delivery from the tall left-arm pacesman for ten.

Abahani were really down in the mouth when one-drop Samarasekera, the tall Sri Lankan batsman playing his first match for Abahani, mis-

flow Prince had Abahani reeling at 45 for four when Akram was caught by Gautam off the pacesman who was released by Abahani only this year as the reigning champs had too many 'pool' players in their ranks.

Gautam Some, who held two fine catches, had the mortification of seeing wicket-keeper Dalim floor an easy chance off a miscued book by Sujon who made 12 before Shahed's off-spin accounted for him.

Skipper Gazi Ashraf Hussain Lipu, who held himself back for a possible collapse, as it might seem in the hindsight, sprang in time.

Ashoka de Silva, meanwhile, left for five caught by Partha off left-arm spin.

Lipu found a cautious partner in Shovon together with whom he added 52 runs that saved Abahani from death throes. Lipu was there at the kill with 32 off 85 balls including one boundary.

Shovon was a bit more adventurous, may be from a fit of nerves, in his unconquered knock of 23 off 53 balls, also having one four.

Prince was superb as his four-wicket haul off nine overs for his 30 runs would suggest. Gautam, who could have been much better off than his final, rather depressing figures of none for 27, had his fielders been a more little more alert.

Sajkat was mean with his excellent analysis of nine overs, three maidens and one wicket for 16. Selim Shahed took one for 22.

TODAY'S MATCH
GMCC vs B Biman (Dhaka Stadium)

Sher-e-Bangla Cup final round from November 4

The final round of the Sher-e-Bangla Cup national football championship begins at the Mymensingh Stadium on November 4, reports BSS.

Twelve teams including hosts Mymensingh will take part in the 13-day competition in two groups. The group champions and runners-up will play in the semifinals on November 13 and 14.

The teams are:
Group A — Bangladesh Army, Chandpur, Rajshahi, Netrakona, Khulna and Narayanganj.

Group B — Dhaka University, Nilphamari, Bangladesh Customs, Bandarban, Jessore and Mymensingh.

On the opening day, Rajshahi will take on Netrakona at 2-30 pm.

Becker bites dust

STOCKHOLM, Oct 31: Goran Ivanisevic, powering 14 aces, inflicted a straight sets defeat on defending champion Boris Becker in the Stockholm Open indoor tennis quarter-finals on Friday, reports Reuter.

Croatian fourth seed Ivanisevic beat the sixth-seeded German 7-5, 6-4 to set up a semifinal clash with Stefan Edberg, who ousted Frenchman Arnaud Boetsch 7-5, 7-6.

Ivanisevic said: "Everybody says I can only serve, but I can also return. You saw me break his serve twice today."

Boetsch fought well and managed to pass Edberg on occasions but the Swede secured his place in the last four day taking the second set tie-break 7-5.

"I had to work hard today. I had to give it my all," Edberg said.

Sweden's Henrik Holm, conqueror of world number one Jim Courier in the third round, appeared on his way to collecting another notable scalp when he served for the match against eighth-seeded Guy Forget.

But he lost that game and the resulting tie-break 7-2 as the Frenchman wrapped up their quarter-final 7-5, 6-7, 7-6.

"The match could have gone either way. Tie-break in the third set is like Russian roulette," said Forget, who will meet American Pete Sampras in the semifinals.

World number two Sampras beat Petr Korda of Czechoslovakia 7-6, 5-7, 6-3.

Tennis players to be tested for drugs at Stockholm Open

STOCKHOLM, Oct 31: All 84 players at the Stockholm Open will have been tested by the end of the tournament on Sunday, tennis tour officials said on Friday, reports Reuter.

They said it was the first time that all players at one tournament had been tested.

"Although it is normal procedure to test approximately 20 to 30 players at any given event, here in Stockholm we have decided to test all main draw singles and doubles players," the officials said in a statement.

The name of any player who tests positive for anabolic steroids, diuretics or masking agents will be made public and the player will also lose his ATP tour computer ranking points and prize money earned that week and face a nine-month suspension.

Div I b'ball match postponed

Sports Reporter
The Partex First Division Basketball super league tie between star-studded Azad Boys Club and Gregs Club could not be held due to power failure. The match will now be played on November 2.

Kiwis beat Zimbabweans

BULAWAYO, Zimbabwe, Oct 31: In their first one-day international against Zimbabwe on Saturday, New Zealand snatched a convincing 22-run victory, reports AP.

In the limited-over match here in the second city of Bulawayo, Zimbabwe only managed 222 all out in reply to New Zealand's 244 for seven.

But the man of the day was Zimbabwe's Mark Decker, a young Bulawayan playing in his first international. He hit a solid 79 runs.

New Zealand's Martin Crowe, out of action because of a virus infection since the Kiwis arrived Oct 22, scored 40 off the lacklustre Zimbabwe bowling in his first innings of the tour.

He was ably supported by Rod Latham (45) and Andrew Jones (68).

New Zealand off-spinner Dipak Patel took 3 wickets for 26.

The visitors met Zimbabwe in Bulawayo Sunday for the first day of their first five-day Test in Zimbabwe.

An earlier report said: A thoroughly professional top and middle order batting display by New Zealand, with Andrew Jones topscoring with 68, saw the Kiwis make 244 for seven from their allotted 50 overs in the one-day international against Zimbabwe here Saturday.

However, with Zimbabwe hurrying through their overs in just above three hours and fielding tightly, the home side will be satisfied they restricted the Kiwis to under 250.

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Combined Bowl XI 224 for 9 against India

JOHANNESBURG, Oct 31: Michael Cann scored 94 runs Saturday and carried South Africa's Combined Bowl XI to a respectable 224 for nine wickets as they opened their first official first class game against India's powerful cricketers, reports AP.

Cann, who emigrated to South Africa two years ago, faced 277 balls and hit 10 fours. Opening the innings with Neil Snyman, the left-hander was still at the wicket during the tea break four hours later.

Cann reached 50 off 153 balls and was hurt by lack of support from the inexperienced South African players, who were barred from international cricket for two decades because of apartheid.

South Africa marked their return to the sport with a visit to India last year for three one-day matches.

The most successful of India's seven bowlers Saturday were Subrata Banerjee with 3 for 41 and Chetan Sharma with 51. The visitors made the most of the soft opposition, with all but four players getting a turn with the ball.

South African old-timer Peter de Vaal interrupted the regular fall of wickets by helping Cann to put on 54 for the seventh wicket. De Vaal, who was in the South African team when sanctions were imposed in 1971, scored 27 off 96 balls.

India selected most of their batting stars for the four-day match, including 10 who took part in an 80-run victory over South Africa in a one-day social match last week.

JU cricket

SAVAR, Oct 31: Inter-Department cricket tournament of Jahangirnagar University will begin on November 5, reports UNB.

Chairman of the Krija Parishad of the university Prof M Salimullah Khan will inaugurate the tournament.

Mathematics Department will take on Bengali Department in the opening match.

BOA chief goes to Acapulco today

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA) president Gias Kamal Chowdhury and deputy secretary general of the BOA Zafar Imam will leave Dhaka today for Acapulco, Mexico to attend the eight general assembly of the Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC) from November 4 to 6.

BOA Secretary General Bashir Ahmed will leave Dhaka on Monday to complete the trio of Bangladeshi representatives in the congress.

Newsman leaves for Nigeria today



Sports Reporter
Farhad Mannan Tito, the sports editor of daily Bhorer Kaganj and organising secretary of the Bangladesh Sports Writers' Association (BSWA) will leave Dhaka today for Nigeria to represent Bangladesh in Seminar for Sports Journalists to be held in Nigerian capital Abuja on November 5 and 6.

Organised by the African Sports Journalists Union under the patronage of IOC the seminar will be participated by journalists from many other countries.

Selected by the Bangladesh Olympic Association BOA and BSWA Tito will have his entire expenditure borne by the organisers.

Reefat surrenders his lead

Sports Reporter

Fortunes fluctuated rather too quickly for national champion and FIDE Master (FM) Reefat bin-Sattar as Yemeni International Master (IM) Hamed Mansour Qadhi beat him to come to the fore of the points table of the Second Prantik International Masters chess tournament, along with two other foreigners, at the chess room of the National Sports Council (NSC) yesterday.

Qadhi, Pakistani IM Mahmood Ahmed Lodhi and Indian rated player Swapan Kumar Mitra formed a trio of toppers with three and half points each at the end of the fourth round.

TT coaching camp ends in JU

JU Correspondent

A week-long table tennis coaching programme, organised by the Bangladesh Sports Directorate, ended at the Jahangir Nagar University central gymnasium yesterday.

Sixteen boys from Jahangir Nagar University School and Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre School took part in the programme.

DU intra-murals

Sports Reporter

Department of Botany beat Geography 2-1 in the inter-department football competition of the Dhaka University at the central playground yesterday.

Shaftiq and Mustafiz scored for the winners while Imtiaz pulled one back for the losers.

In the DU inter-department basketball championship, Finance had an extravagant 86-20 win against Physics.

Imon alone slamdunked 35 points, followed by Rafiz with 22 Rathan and Wazid scored eight each for the victors.

Rashid was the lone notable scorer for Physics with 14.

Meanwhile, the DU inter-department cricket competition begins from today at the Jagannath Hall ground.

Reggi bows out

CAP DAGDE, France, Oct 31: Defending champion Raffaella Reggi of Italy could make little impression against the steady baseline tennis of Mary Joe Fernandez of the United States here on Friday and she bowed out of the Women's Trophy event after a straight-sets defeat, reports AP.

Qadhi, not known for his aggressive style, started with whites in a game of French Opening. Reefat surrendered after 34 moves.

Lodhi needed two moves less to get past Bangladeshi Rezaul Huq.

Swapan Mitra of Calcutta beat Ruhul Kabir Shiplu of Bangladesh to share a place at the top.

In the other fourth round matches, Sahu the Indian IM, beat Kalam of Bangladesh while his compatriot rated player Vishal Sareen defeated Hanif, also of Bangladesh.

In the following break up involving all Bangladeshi players, IM Zillur Rahman Champak beat Khaleq, Saifuddin Lablu outwitted Shabbir, Amir circumvented Niamul Huq Niru, Pallab got past Khadaker Kayes, Ziaul Kader Tuhi checkedmate Faruq, Tatyab romped home against Mamunur, Rony outdid Taimur, Ruhul Qudus snatched Afroza Khanam Bablee while Arif disposed of Shawkat.

The Indian quartet of IM Shekar Sahu, IM Neraj Mishra, rated players Atanu Lahiri and Vishal Sareen followed the Bangladeshi foursome of IM Champak, FM Reefat, Saifuddin Lablu, and Amir Hossain stayed at the second position in the points table with three points while Rezaul Huq, Ruhul Kabir Shiplu and Shawkat Hossain, all from Bangladesh, have two and a half points each.

