

Mashuk becomes Dhaka Club tennis champ

Sports Reporter
Shamsur Rahman Mashuk became champion in the Dhaka Club Foundation Day tennis competition when he beat Bakhtiar in the men's singles final at the club tennis court yesterday.

Mashuk, playing a better blend of tennis than his opponent, received very little resistance on his way to clinching the best-of-three final 6-2, 6-2.

Mashuk will go for a double when he teams up with Dr Rashid today to take on Major Ahmad and Alamgir in the men's doubles final.

Deaf soccer

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The final of the first Deaf football competition '93 will be held tomorrow at the Dhaka Outer Stadium at 4 in the afternoon.

A K Rafiquddin Ahmed, president of Rotary Club of Dhaka North-West will witness the match as chief guest and give away the prizes after the final.

The meet is organised by the Dhaka Deaf Association with assistance from the Rotary Club of Dhaka North-West.

Gazipur soccer

From Our Correspondent
GAZIPUR, Aug 18: Gazipur Mohammedan Sporting Club advanced to the semifinal of the Gazipur Deputy Commissioner Cup football tournament beating Dhaka Lalbagh Muslim Institute in quarterfinals at the local stadium today.

Babu scored the match-winner.

Mouchak Club will take on Pagla Football Federation tomorrow.

Sixteen teams are taking part in the competition which began on August 5.

Fed Cup b'ball from tomorrow

The 6th Federation Cup basketball championship, organised by the Bangladesh Amateur Basketball Federation (BABF), begins tomorrow at the wooden floor gymnasium adjacent to the Dhaka Stadium, reports UNB.

BABF President Prof Dr Rashiduddin Ahmed will inaugurate the six-team competition at 4.30 pm.

The teams are: Angels Club, Eagles Club, Khulna Abahani KC, Jessore Customs Club, Rajshahi Resham Patti Boys Club and Barisal Cadet College.

A meeting of the team managers will be held today at 6 pm at the federation office.

Bangladesh to take part in Asian v'ball

Bangladesh will participate in the 7th Asian Men's Volleyball Championship to be held in Bangkok from September 11 to 20, reports UNB.

Bangladesh have been placed in Group D along with top seeds China, Australia, Qatar and the Philippines.

Eighteen teams, divided in four groups, will take part in the prestigious competition.

On the opening day of the meet, Bangladesh will take on China at 11 am. They will meet Australia on the following day (Sept 12), the Philippines on Sept 13 and play the last group match against Qatar on Sept 15.

The 17-member Bangladesh squad, including 12 spikers and five officials, is expected to leave Dhaka for Bangkok on Sept 8. Bangladesh will compete in the Asia meet for the second time.

Bangladesh team has a plan to visit China for one and a half months to play some preparatory matches there to groom the national spikers for the 6th SAF Games to be held December 20-27 in Dhaka.

Meanwhile, the Bangladesh Volleyball Federation is yet to arrange necessary fund of about 30 lakh taka for both the programmes.

The China tour will, however, depend on the availability of sufficient funds, a federation official said yesterday.

Asprilla pays for arrogance

BOGOTA, Aug 18: The tumultuous career of Colombia's brilliant but controversial striker Faustino Asprilla has taken another twist with his expulsion from his country's national team squad, reports Reuter.

The Colombian Soccer Federation (FCF) expelled Asprilla on Monday night after he had left the team hotel without permission the previous evening, apparently in disgust at being left on the bench for Sunday's World Cup qualifier against Argentina.

"We will not permit any breach of discipline," FCF president Juan Jose Bellini said on Tuesday. "It appears that Mr Asprilla does not like being a reserve."

Radiant, no push-overs

Sports Reporter



New Radiant Club of Maldives will give Mohammedans a tough fight when the two sides meet in the first-leg encounter of the second round of the fourth Asian Cup Winners' Cup football championship on August 21, Saturday at the Dhaka Stadium.

In a press conference held at the conference room of the Bangladesh Football Federation, the British coach of the undefeated but fast improving football team expressed his optimism yesterday.

Ken Morton accompanied the 27-member team which arrived in the city on Tuesday to play the away match of the second round of the club meet. The team from the Indian Ocean girt island will play their 'home' match on August 28.

Morton, a former player of famous English Club side Manchester United and a peer

of Bobby Charlton, a member of the World Cup winning England in 1966, took over the charge of the club recently and is likely to carry on for six more months.

The British coach said that his side would adopt 4-4-2 system against Mohammedans who will have the advantage of playing in familiar conditions in front of partisan crowd. The system might appear magnanimous but if his side can score on fast breaks or counter attacks the local side may be in for some unpleasant surprises.

Radiant stormed to the second round of the competition with impressive wins against Youth League of Pakistan.

Hassan Manik, the manager of Radiant Club while dwelling on the domestic set up of football in his country told that they have already switched to professional football. The bulk of football economics hinges on the gate receipts. Radiant apart Valencia is the other crowd pulling team in domestic soccer

of Maldives.

However, Radiant seem to be the most powerful outfit in Maldives with eleven of the 18 players accompanying the team being national footballers. There are two Sri Lankan players in the side who will be donning number 10 and 13 jerseys.

The press conference was attended among others by Sheikh Akhal Hossain, general secretary of the Bangladesh Football Federation, Ahmed Wais, president of Radiant Club and Ibrahim Umar, reporter of Voice of Maldives.

The full squad is: Ibrahim Rashid, Ismail Nahid, Ahmed Irfan, Mohammad Nadeem, Hassan Nahid, Ahmed Shaheen, Md Kaleem (captain), Mohammad Ali, Mohammad Ibrahim, Jagath Rohana, Adam Naseer, Ibrahim Rashid (vice captain), R. Miskin, Mohammed Fayaz, Aslam Abdul Raheem, Ali Azim Ibrahim Hameed, Yusuf Azeem, and Md Nishan Naseer.

Dexter critical of county cricket standard

LONDON, Aug 18: Ted Dexter has condemned the standard of English county cricket in his final report as chairman of selectors, reports Reuter.

The departing Dexter, who resigned as England went 4-0 down to Australia in the Ashes series earlier this month, suggested on Tuesday the English team's poor recent record merely reflected a shrinking pool of available talent.

"There is a huge gap between domestic first-class cricket and Test cricket in this country — perhaps greater than in any other Test-playing country," he said.

Dexter made a plea from the heart for county clubs to ask themselves whether they are "18 centres of excellence they should be. In my view it is difficult for them to say they are."

He subsequently received a "warm and generous round of applause" for his efforts since 1989 from the gathering of 18 county chairmen at Lord's.

Dexter will not be replaced until December at the earliest.

A special meeting of the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) in October will discuss a successor and whether the roles of England committee chairman and cricket committee chairman should be combined.

But no decisions are likely until the December board meeting and the process could even drag on until March.

"Today's meeting hasn't resolved to do nothing — it's resolved to do plenty," insisted TCCB chief executive Alan Smith. "Getting it right is more important than making hasty decisions."

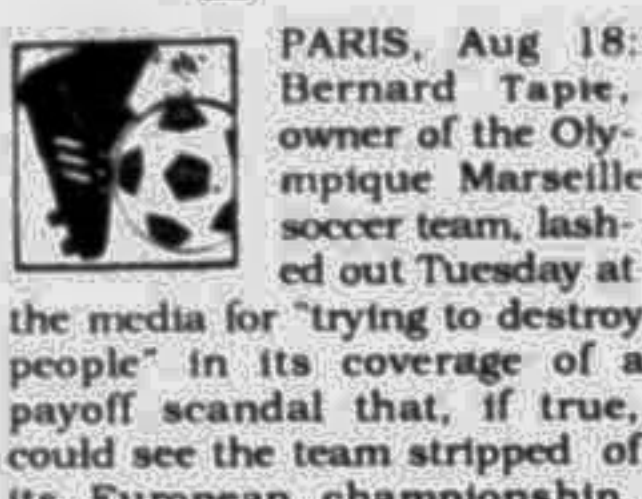
"There was a sense of unity and recognition that there are problems. But it was not a fractious or argumentative meeting — people were not slugging each other off."

Dexter's last job before he finishes on August 31 will be to appoint a captain for England's tour of West Indies starting next January, current skipper Mike Atherton seems certain to get the job.



President of the International Olympic Committee Juan Antonio Samaranch (C) shares a laugh with IOC members Kevin Gospar (2nd L) and Berthold Beitz (R), the president of German Olympic Committee Walther Troeger (L) and Berlin mayor Eberhard Diepgen (2nd R), during the visit to the Berlin Olympic Stadium on Aug 16. Berlin applied to host the Summer Games in the year 2000. — AFP photo

Tapie tired of being pushed



PARIS, Aug 18: Bernard Tapie, owner of the Olympic Marseille soccer team, lashed out Tuesday at the media for "trying to destroy people" in its coverage of a payoff scandal that, if true, could see the team stripped of its European championship, reports AP.

Investigators continuing their relentless inquiry, meanwhile, detained the top aide of former fellow Cabinet minister Jacques Mellick, the fifth Mellick aide taken in for questioning.

Mellick, a lawmaker like Tapie, has corroborated the GM owner's claim that they met on the afternoon of June 17, providing an alibi for allegations that Tapie offered incentives to Valenciennes coach Boro Primorac to take the blame in the payoff scandal.

Jean-Pierre Bernes, former manager of Tapie's team, is fighting charges he bought off two players of the Valenciennes team to go easy in a pre-championship match. Two of the Valenciennes players and one of their wives also are charged.

Marseille defeated Valenciennes and went on six days later to clinch France's first European soccer title when it edged AC Milan 1-0 on May 26.

"You're in the process of destroying people, but you won't destroy me because I'm used to it," Tapie told TFI television in an interview on his boat in the Mediterranean.

He said his son was under medical observation, his brother

suffering a depression and Mellick, maritime minister in the former Socialist government, was being "dishonoured."

"Mr Mellick is not an alibi. He is a deputy and mayor," Tapie said. "I don't need an alibi. Since I'm accused of nothing, I don't have to create an alibi."

The scandal has provided daily fodder for the French media throughout the summer with journalists reporting every angle, leak and nuance in the affair.

"That card, it is available to members of my Cabinet and my direct co-workers who don't have a card," Mellick said in an interview on France-Info radio. "It's not my car; it's not my chauffeur."

Mellick's version of events earlier came under question when reporters showed it would be difficult for him to have met with Tapie at the hour he said, they showed up at a reception in Bethune an hour-and-a-half later. Several reporters made the 170-kilometer (105-mile) drive to test the timing.

Tapie also criticized judicial proceedings in the affair, complaining of leaks and alluding to people held for questioning and "attached to radiators with handcuffs."

Such methods "do not correspond to a normal state of law in a modern democracy," Tapie said.

Tapie's lawyer, Francis Sepiner, said he sent a letter of complaint to the Justice Ministry about a reported meeting with journalists called Monday by Examining Magistrate Bernard Befly, in charge of the investigation.

held overnight for questioning, came amid reports of an apparently new hole in Mellick's contention that he and Tapie met at the time in question.

French papers were emboldened with headlines that a credit card receipt form a gas station, apparently from Mellick's chauffeur, had been uncovered, used around the time Mellick says he met Tapie. The station is in the northern French town of Bethune, where Mellick is deputy mayor.

"Except for the Gulf War, it is 40 years since any event, be it criminal, judicial or political, has been covered with such importance," Tapie heatedly contended.

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short-pitched delivery, and will need at least one solid innings at The Oval to persuade the selectors he is worth including in the squad for the Caribbean.

Many home supporters would have preferred a return for left-hander David Gower, England's most prolific run scorer, but once again he has been ignored and his test career, at the age of 36, would seem to be ended.

Ted Dexter, standing down as chairman of selectors at the end of the month following England's dismal run of nine defeats in 10 Tests, said Gower had been mentioned "but we took the view that the people we have picked represent the future. We are investing in youth."

The England bowling attack, void of penetration throughout the series, will have something of a new look about it. Fast bowler Devon Malcolm and seamer Steve Watkins, both omitted from the original squad for the Edgbaston Test, appear likely to be included this time.

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Gunners give up on Sinton

LONDON, Aug 18: English double cup winners Arsenal pulled out of the 2.75 million pound race for Queens Park Rangers winger Andy Sinton on Tuesday leaving the way open for Premiership rivals Sheffield Wednesday, reports AFP.

Gunners manager George Graham has had enough for the England international's delaying tactics after agreeing a fee with QPR for him.

"He's had enough time," Graham stormed. "He's not given us an answer, so the deal is off. I thought he wanted to join Arsenal and was surprised when he asked for time to think about our offer."

"I'm not prepared to wait any longer. This club is not going to be messed about. I like to think that any player I buy is committed to the club and wants to wear an Arsenal shirt."

"I would have liked a positive response from Andy Sinton, but that hasn't been forthcoming."

Wednesday manager Trevor Francis is now attempting to raise enough money to finance a deal for Sinton.

He is trying to agree a fee for

million pound rated American midfielder John Harkes, who joined First Division Derby on Tuesday, and is expected to sell defender Peter Shirliff to First Division Wolverhampton for 250,000 pounds.

"I'm working on it. I can't say more than that at this stage," said the Wednesday boss.

Harkes' decision marked Manchester City's third failure in the transfer market on Tuesday.

Liverpool striker Paul Stewart was regarded as too expensive by City chief Peter Reid, while Ipswich warned Reid off striker Chris Kiwomya.

Liverpool want to re-coup most of the 2.2 million pounds (3.3 million dollars) they paid to Tottenham for Stewart a little over a year ago but Reid is reluctant to bid over one and a half million pounds.

He said: "It does not look like I'll be getting the funds together and the deal appears to have died a death."

That is the fee Reid is also said to be planning for Kiwomya, but Ipswich general manager John Lyall insists that at that price they will be wasting their time.

He said: "City haven't come

on to me with any bid and if they had the answer would be 'no sale'. Chris isn't going anywhere because we're trying to build a team; not dismantle it."

During the close season City lost out on Republic of Ireland powerhouse Andy Townsend, who joined Aston Villa, and ex-England midfielder Geoff Thomas, who moved to First Division Wolverhampton.

Meanwhile, QPR are poised to sign centre-back Steve Yates from Bristol Rovers after agreeing a million-pound fee with Second Division side for him.

Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson is ready to sell his 21-year-old son Darren, a Scottish under-21 international, who has played 24 league games for the England champions.

"He finds it difficult at Old Trafford because I'm his father and as a manager I can fully understand his position," said the United boss.

"I've decided to listen to offers. He's done very well here and would probably get into most team."

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TORONTO, Aug 18: Steffi Graf's debut at the 7,500,000 Canadian Open was a performance she would rather forget but it was still good enough for a 7-5, 6-3 win over South African Rosalyn Nideffer on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

Fifth seed Jana Novotna of the Czech Republic, sixth-seeded American Jennifer Capriati and unseeded Tracy Austin of the United States all won without losing a set in the 56-player event, which gives first-round byes to the top eight seeds.

Graf, the world number one, moved her career head-to-head record with the 66th-ranked Nideffer to 6-0 with her victory, but she was clearly upset with her standard of play.

"Yes, please," was her quick response to a question about whether it was the kind of match she would prefer to forget.

The 24-year-old German made 30 unforced errors against the 32-year-old Nideffer.

"I didn't get enough first serves in and I didn't play patiently enough," she said.

Austin, a two-time US Open champion who was not played regularly on the circuit since

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the spring of 1983, performed more consistently than qualifier Audra Keller of the United States and won their first-round match 7-5, 6-2. She will meet 12th seeded Nathalie Tauziat of France in the second round.

Now 30 and recently married, Austin is playing her fourth tournament since beginning the comeback in March after a series of injuries and a serious car accident. Ranked 159th, she claims she has set no target for herself — certainly not regaining the number one ranking she reached in April, 1980.

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NEW HAVEN, Conn. Aug 18: Andre Agassi made quick work of Kelly Evernden 6-0, 6-3 in the first round of the Volvo International, perhaps a little too quickly in the opinion of new coach Pancho Segura, reports AP.

Segura would have preferred Agassi take advantage of the easy match to work on parts of his game like the serve and volley. Instead Agassi battered Evernden into submission from the baseline, winning the first eight games in a match that lasted only 46 minutes — plus a brief 10-minute rain delay.

"I wanted him to come in behind the ball more and serve and volley. Today he did that only once. He needs to do more of that," Segura said.

Agassi, who fell from the top 20 in the international rankings for the first time in five years because of a wrist injury in the

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Five seeded players were beaten Tuesday. No. 9 Arnaud Boetsch, No. 12 Marc Goellner, No. 14 Richard Fromberg, No. 15 Jan Sieremink and No. 16 Carl-Uwe Steeb. Aside from No. 10 Agassi, the only seeded players to advance were No. 11



Scenes from the second round matches of the schools chess tournament at the National Sports Council chess room yesterday. — Star photo