

Sport



Action from yesterday's Star First Division football league match between Dhanmondi Club and East End Club at the Hockey Stadium. Dhanmondi recorded an emphatic 3-1 victory.

— Star photo

BABF picks 29

The Bangladesh Amateur Basketball Federation yesterday picked 29 players for the Bangladesh team to take part in the forthcoming 17th Asian basketball championship to be held in Jakarta.

The 29 players are: Sirajul Islam, Nurul Huda, Faruq Ahmed, Nazrul Islam, PK Goswami, Wasif Ali, Ayub Ali, Sulip Barua, Ashraque Hug, Rowshanul Islam, Sohel Faruqi and Shahidul Huq (Bangladesh Navy); Selim Reza, Shafiqul Islam, Nurul Amin, Aminul Islam, Iqbal Hossain, Khairul Islam, Humayun Reza (Army); Ayub Hossain, Jahangir Alam, Feroze Alam Manju, Sushanta Gomes (BDR); M Ali, Sultan (BAP); Michael Madhu, Touqiful Islam (DU); Ishfaq Ahmed (Rajshahi); Vivekananda (Eagles).

Schools b'ball

Sports Reporter

Nabakumar Institute, BAF Shaheen College and School, St. Gregory's and Udayan won their respective matches in the National King Fan school basketball championship at the Outer Stadium wooden-floor gymnasium yesterday.

Nabakumar beat Rifles High 45-15, BAF Shaheen beat Mirpur Siddhyanta High 52-14, St Gregory's beat Jubilee 44-17 and Udayan beat Rifles Public 25-20.

Rummon on winning run

Newaz Amin Rummon beat Hir Lal 4-6, 7-6, 7-5 in the second leg of the SAF Games tennis training tournament played at the National Tennis Complex in Dhaka yesterday, reports BSS.

Earlier, Rummon defeated first leg champion Syed Waliullah Jhulan 6-3, 6-3 on the opening day of the second leg on Thursday. He now has full four points from two matches.

In another match of day, Faisal Syed Hug beat Shovon Jamaly 6-4, 7-5. Faisal, who beat Shamim Ahsan Roni 6-2, 6-1 on Thursday, have also secured full four points from two outings.

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The third day matches start today at 3 pm.

Karpov-Timman Game 7 drawn

AMSTERDAM, Sept 17: Anatoly Karpov and Jan Timman agreed to a draw Friday after a brief and lacklustre seventh game of their FIDE International chess federation championship match, reports AP.

World champion Karpov, now leads Dutch Grandmaster Timman by 4 points to 3. The winner is the first player to reach 12½ points.

Timman, who told reporters he felt "uncomfortable" Friday, offered the draw to Karpov on move 21, after just under two hours of the scheduled seven-hour playing session.

Playing white, Timman arrived for the game one minute late to find his chess clock had already been started by Amsterdam mayor Ed van Thijn. After that, he never completely recovered his concentration.

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Facile win for Dhanmondi

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Dhanmondi Club recorded a facile win over East End Club in one of the two Star First Division football league encounters at the Hockey Stadium yesterday.

They beat the promoted 3-1 after having taken a one-nil lead at first half.

Salahuddin, who made his mark this year with a remarkable feat of scoring five goals in

Nantes forced to a draw

NANTES, Sept 17: French club Nantes drew 1-1 with Valencia of Spain despite dominating most of their UEFA Cup first round, first leg match on Thursday, reports Reuter.

A powerful shot from Nicolas Quedec put the young Nantes team in front after 13 minutes.

But they showed lack of experience when they let Montenegrin Pedrag Mijatovic equalise two minutes later from a brilliant pass by Ljuboslav Penev.

Olympics: A wake-up call for China from history's nightmare



BEIJING, Sept 17: China said on Sunday awarding it the Olympics would be a symbol of regeneration of the Chinese race from poverty and decades of imperialist humiliation and the realisation of a dream of Chinese all over the world, reports Reuter.

The People's Daily made the comments in an emotional report on the nationally televised opening ceremony of the seventh national games in Beijing on Saturday night in front of 12 members of the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

In what was intended as a dress rehearsal for the opening of a Beijing Olympics, 10,000 soldiers, students and dancers put on a spectacular performance, including a go-board, the size of a soccer pitch, in front of an excited capacity crowd of 80,000.

The 45-minute ceremony ended with a fireworks display.

The Games end on September 15, eight days before the IOC votes in Monte Carlo on a host city for 2000 Olympics. The other candidates are Sydney, Berlin, Manchester and

Accolade for Arthur Ashe

VANCOUVER, British Columbia, Sept 17: Arthur Ashe was honoured posthumously by the International Tennis Federation with a special presentation to his widow during the organization's annual congress, reports AP.

Jeanne Ashe received two engraved mementoes from ITF president Brian Tobin — a gold medal and a silver platter — during a 10-minute ceremony Thursday that drew a standing ovation by the 230 delegates from 99 countries.

"I think Arthur was awfully proud to say he was a citizen of the world," Jeanne Ashe said. "The tennis world afforded him that opportunity. He seized it and made all of us quite proud in return."

Ashe died Feb 6 at the age of 49 from pneumonia after AIDS weakened his immune system. It's believed he contacted the virus that causes the disease in 1983 from a contaminated blood transfusion after his second open-heart surgery.

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BCCB XI lose again

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The Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) XI suffered yet another defeat yesterday.

According to a faxed message received by the BCCB office last night the BCCB XI lost to the Cricket Club of India by 38 runs in Bombay yesterday.

Batting first CCI collected 137 for nine from 28 overs in a rain-truncated match. Paranjape and Deyti formed the cornerstones of the CCI innings with two useful knocks of 42 and 41 respectively. Senghi, Marwa and Rohan Gavaskar, the young son of legendary Sunil Gavaskar, were the other notable scorers with 16, 10 and 10 respectively.

Dulu was the most effective of local bowlers with figures of two for 20. Moni had two for 26, Prince one for 21, Babul one for 12 and Waheed one for 31.

The BCCB XI were shot out for 99 only in 26.3 overs. Dulu, who bowled well, headed the list of BCCB XI scorers with 26.

Opener Jahangir made 20, Athar, Selim and Suman were the other batsmen to make it to the double figures with 16, 10 and 10 respectively.

Middlesex in a mess

LONDON, Sept 17: Middlesex, the new English County champions, were shot out for 68 in 110 minutes by Worcestershire at Worcester on Thursday, reports Reuter.

The score equalled the season's lowest first-class total — Nottinghamshire's first innings against Surrey at the Oval on July 30.

Middlesex, who wrapped up the championship three weeks ago, were dismissed in 27.3 overs and now face a tough fight to preserve their unbeaten record this season.

Former England paceman Phil Newport finished with four for 20 and Stuart Lampitt took three for nine.

Worcestershire, fourth in championship table, reached 193 for seven before bad light stopped play 4.4 overs early on the first day of the four-day match.

David Gower delivered the perfect riposte to England's selectors by hitting an unbeaten 95 in Hampshire's 211 for three on a rain-curtailed day against Essex at Chelmsford.

The left hander, overlooked for the tour to the West Indies early next year, hit three sixes and eight fours in the 121 balls he faced.

Another left-hander in the runs was Lancashire skipper Neil Fairbrother, who cracked his first century for 14 months and his first at Old Trafford for six years as his team reached 277 for eight against Northamptonshire.

The former England player hit 110 off 134 balls with a six and 15 fours after Lancashire had slumped to 30 for three.

Bremen blaze

BREMEN, Germany, Sept 17: German international prospect Bernd Hobsch hit a hat-trick in Werder Bremen's 5-2 European Cup first round win over Dynamo Minsk of Belarus on Thursday, reports Reuter.

He was on target in the 26th, 32nd and 60th minutes.

New Zealand international Wynon Rufer completed the Werder scoring with two second-half goals.

Werder goalkeeper Hans-Jurgen Gundelach was caught napping twice in his first full European club match — beaten by serje Gerassimets and Valeri Wieltschow after the interval.

Another Cuban defects

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras, Sept 17: Honduras granted political asylum on Thursday to a Cuban athlete who was taking part in a student tournament, the Interior Ministry said, reports Reuter.

Interior Minister Celin Discua said Jorge Luis Naranjo, a 23-year-old table tennis player and physical education teacher, had asked for asylum on Monday.

The ministry has decided in favour of the asylum request, Discua told reporters.

He maintains that he has never even seen stimulants in his six years of coaching. Not

surprisingly, he has no

qualifications for the job.

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