

NSC budget revealed

The National Sports Council (NSC) yesterday approved its revenue budget of Tk 25.31 crore for fiscal 1993-94 with a deficit of Tk 5.22 crore, reports UNB.

State Minister for Sports and Youth and the chairman of NSC Sadek Hossain chaired the budget session held at the NSC building last evening.

The total earning was shown as Tk 20 crore 8 lakh and 91,000. Of this, Tk 8.95 crore (44.55 per cent) will come from government grant while Tk 11.13 crore (55.45 per cent) from NSC's own income and other sources.

Of the government grant, Tk five crore will be spent for training and other related expenses of the 6th SAF Games to be held in Dhaka December 20-27.

Under the Annual Development Programme 1993-94, government has proposed a grant of Tk 34.45 crore for the development programmes of the council.

The budget proposed 8.92 per cent of the total expenditure as administrative and establishment cost while 89.95 per cent as grants to different sports organisations, distribution of sports requisites and maintenance of sports complexes.

Army v'ball

COMILLA, Sept 20: The annual volleyball championship of the Bangladesh Army starts at the Comilla cantonment tomorrow, an ISPR press release said, reports BSS.

Twelve teams will take part in the round robin league meet. Savar Area will take on hosts Comilla Area in the opening match.

Sabatini set to overcome bad patch

TOKYO, Sept 20: In the absence of defending champion Monica Seles, Argentina's Gabriela Sabatini is looking to win her first title in 16 months at the 375,000-dollar Nichirei women's tennis tournament this week, reports AP.

Sabatini downed the American-based Yugoslav 7-5, 6-4 to win the Italian Open in May last year, but has failed to grab any titles since.

Sabatini failed to defend all five titles she won last season, while Seles has been out of the game since April 30 when she suffered a stab wound during a tournament in Germany.

However, the second-seeded Argentine has some tough competition to overcome, with top-seeded Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario of Spain awaiting her in the other half of the draw and third-seeded Japanese ace Kimiko Date also a threat.

Local favourite Date, who advanced to the US Open quarter-finals earlier this month, has posted wins over Sabatini in Los Angeles two years ago and Sanchez-Vicario in Tokyo last year.

Sabatini meets Li Fang of China in the first round, then either Marianne Werdel of the United States or a qualifier in the second before a probable quarter-final meeting with eighth-seeded Julie Haldor of France.

In the upper-half with Sanchez-Vicario are fourth-seed Amanda Coetzer of South Africa, seventh seed Naoko Sawamatsu of Japan and fifth seed Katerina Maleeva of Bulgaria, who faces a tough first-round match against hard-hitting American Amy Frazer Tuesday.

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BCCB XI go down fighting

Sports Reporter



Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) XI went down fighting to powerful Tata Eleven by 28 runs in their last tour match at the Brabourne Stadium, Bombay, yesterday, according to a faxed message received at the BCCB office last night.

After having restricted Tata, a star-studded team inclusive of some past, present and probable Test players, for 190 in the allotted 50 overs, the Bangladeshi team was all out for 162 thus falling short of the target by 28 runs.

Tata, which has celebrated names like captain Dilip Vengsarkar, Sanjay Manjrekar, Ravi Kulkarni, had an unlikely batting hero in young Paranjpe. The young batsman top scored with 61.

Dilip tipped as future Test prospect was the second major scorer with 39. The classy Sanjay Manjrekar presently out of selectors' favour chipped in 33. Manoj Joglekar with 21 was the notable scorer

for Tata.

Saiful Islam, the young Bangladeshi quickie who sent the local hopes soaring by clean bowling former India international Laihanda Rajput, finished with the best bowling figures. Bowling with pace and accuracy he returned to cut short the slogging ambition and finally finished with highly commendable figures of four for 28 off his quota of ten overs.

Jahangir Talukdar Dulu, the left arm pacer bagged two for 45. Bulbul took one for 20 as Tata managed 190 for eight wickets from their stipulated quota.

However Athar Ali, the tall, upright batsman seemed to have reconciled with his new identity as an opener top scored with 59. Jahangir Talukdar Dulu in his inimitable unorthodox manner got 21 runs as the BCCB XI were all out for 162 in 45 overs.

BCCB XI team is expected to return to home shortly to mark an end to the first part of Bangladesh's preparation for the ICC trophy to be held in Kenya in February next.

Selim's treble in East End's goal rush

Sports Reporter

Abu Bakr Selim scored a hat-trick to help East End Club inflict a humiliating 7-0 defeat on Adamjee Sports Club in the Star First Division football league at the Hockey Stadium yesterday.

East End's win yesterday was by the biggest margin in the league so far surpassing Dharmont's 6-0 triumph in the return leg.

With the victory, East End lined themselves up for one of the two Premier League places next year. They have till now collected 19 points from 16 matches, one point adrift of league leaders Pakirkirpool Youngmen's Club.

Apart from Selim, Liton netted twice, Koushik and Mamun Babu struck once each for the winners, who led the first half by four goals to nil.

In the other match of the day at the Dhaka Stadium, Sadharan Bima Krira Sangstha drew goalless with Eskaton Sabuj Sangha.

Sadharan Bima have 16 while Eskaton 15 from 16 outings each.

TODAY'S MATCHES

BRITC v B Boys (HS)
Farashganj v Dhanmondi (HS)
Rahmatganj v Victoria (DS)

Israel join UEFA family

GENEVA, Sept 20: European soccer's ruling body, UEFA, made Israel a provisional member on Sunday, reports AP.

The decision by UEFA's executive committee at a meeting in Limassol, Cyprus, must be approved by a congress of all UEFA members. This is considered a formality.

Israel entered its first clubs in the European Cup already last season.

UEFA has 45-member federations, Azerbaijan and Moldavia as associate members and Israel as provisional members.

In another matter, the preliminary round draw for soccer's 1996 European championship was set for next Jan 22 in Manchester, England. UEFA said in a statement sent to the Associated Press in Geneva.

England will host the 1996 tournament.

Trotter puts his crown on line

BRISBANE, Australia, Sept 20: Craig Trotter will put the biggest payday of his boxing career at risk when he defends his Australian middleweight title against Ernesto Artango at Brisbane's Festival Hall on Wednesday night, reports AP.

Trotter has signed a lucrative contract to defend his World Boxing Federation Junior middleweight title against Zaire-born Belgian-based Patrick Vungbo in Belgium on Nov 1.

That bout could fall through, however, if Trotter were to lose against professional rookie Artango.

"It is a risk, but a risk worth taking," said Ray Trotter, father and manager of the fighter.

"Craig can only get back to his peak by spending time in the ring."

Trotter, 27, has not fought for seven months and has undergone two operations to correct a double-vision problem caused by a depressed fracture of the cheekbone.

He has a 22-8 record, while challenger Artango, a six-time Australian amateur champion, has a professional record of 2-1.

Earlier this week, Fraser complained that the venue was unfitting for a major Davis Cup tie because Chandigarh is not a major city and has no international airport, as required by the International Tennis Federation.

But Coach Krishnan says the Australians' successes may work against them.

"When a player is highly ranked, the pressure on him would be tremendous," he said.

It has only two players with broad international experience: Krishnan, who is 32, an Leander Paes, 20. Both are ranked near the 200 mark in world standings.

Rummon downs Faisal

Rummon overwhelmed Faisal 6-1, 6-2 in the second leg of the SAF Games tennis training tournament at the National Tennis Complex yesterday, reports BSS.

In an earlier match, Faisal also lost to Hiru Lal 1-6, 2-6.

Jhelum was declared winner against Roni, who fell sick in the second set when the score was 4-4. Roni won the first set 6-4.

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German defender Ulrich Moissi and goalie Christopher Reitz try to stop Pakistani forward Mohammad Shahbaz during the final of the world junior hockey championship in Barcelona on September 19. Germany won 3-1.

Guayaquil's football fever

GUAYAQUIL, Ecuador, Sept 20: Bolivia celebrated the greatest day in their soccer history when they reached the World Cup finals with a 1-1 draw away to Ecuador in their final qualifier on Sunday, reports Reuter.

The Bolivians have never previously reached the finals through a qualifying tournament, having taken part in the inaugural 1930 World Cup in Uruguay by invitation and reached the 1950 finals in Brazil by walk-over without playing a match.

They needed at least a draw to be sure of their place, although they would have gone through even in defeat provided Uruguay lost to Brazil in Rio de Janeiro.

The home side fought for an equaliser throughout the second half, finally piercing the sound Bolivia defence in the 86th minute when Noriega.

Bolivia duly won South American Group B with a 2-0 victory over the Uruguayans.

Striker William Ramallo put the Bolivians ahead on the stroke of half time and Ecuador, already out of contention, did not manage an equaliser until four minutes from time through centre-back Raul Noriega.

Ecuador took the game to Bolivia, who concentrated on defence in the early stages knowing a point would secure their place in the finals.

In a rare Bolivian counter-attack just before the interval, Ramallo broke away to beat Ecuador's keeper Jacinto Espinoza in first-half injury time.

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Bolivia's dream comes true

Bolivia's goal keeper Carlos Trucco dealt confidently with Ecuador's attacks orchestrated by midfielder Alex Aguinaga as his team paced their game in the intense Guayaquil heat.

TEAMS

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Richard Gomes, Ricardo

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Silva, Rai, Zinho, Bebeto,

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Kanapakis, Jose Batista, Alvaro

Gutierrez, Diego Dorta, Enzo

Francescoli (Adrian Paz 64th),

Daniel Fonseca, Ruben Sosa.

STANDINGS

The final South American

Group B Standings (Tabulate

under played, won, drawn, lost,

goals for, goals against, points).

Brazil 8 5 2 1 20 4 12

Bolivia 8 5 1 2 22 11 11

Uruguay 8 4 2 2 10 7 10

Ecuador 8 1 3 4 7 7 5

Venezuela 8 1 0 7 4 34 2

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