

### ITF tennis results

Sports Reporter

Matthias Boelson of Germany and Cohen Dean of the USA moved into the men's doubles final of the ITF Thailand-Bangladesh Satellite Circuit tennis tournament, according to a faxed message received in Dhaka yesterday.

In the first semifinal, the Boelson and Cohen pair beat Yonatan Rom of RSA and Glenn Wilson of New Zealand 7-6 (0), 1-7 (5), 6-5, 6-4.

The other match between D. Andrea of Brazil and Furosho of Japan versus Baily and Co wan of Britain was abandoned in the second set by the match referee.

Earlier in the men's singles quarter-final matches, Barry Cowan of Great Britain beat Frank Ofori of Ghana 4-6, 6-3, 6-2; Boelson beat Adam Skrzypczak of Poland 7-6, 6-4; Henderson of GBR beat his compatriot James Fox 7-5, 6-1 and Martijn Belgraven of Netherlands beat Tom Spinks of GBR in straight 6-2, 6-4.

Today, Cowan of Britain takes on Boelson of Germany while Belgraven of Netherlands faces Henderson of Britain in the men's singles semifinals.

### Div III soccer

Sports Reporter

A hat-trick by Didarul Alam helped Maghbar Kishalaya Sangha trounce Dilkusha Sporting Club 4-0 in one of the three Progoti Insurance Third Division football league matches at the T & T ground yesterday.

Kishalaya dominated the match throughout. Suranjit Das scored the other goal.

In another tie at the Outer Stadium, Jaan-e-Alam put the ball twice into the net to earn Bashabo Tarun Sangha an easy 3-0 win over East End Boys Club. Monirul slotted home the other goal.

Matuall Jubo Sangha beat Little Friends Club 2-1 in the other match of the day.

Mintu and Shaifur netted once each for Matuall while Zainul reduced the margin.

### Div II hockey

Sports Reporter

Victoria Sporting Club and Farashganj Sporting Club may have to play each other again to decide who win the Green Delta Second Division hockey league crown after their crucial super league tie ended goalless at the Hockey Stadium yesterday.

Both Victoria and Farashganj have one game in hand and are expected to win against weaker opponents. If things go as they are expected to, the joint leaders will battle it out in a play-off on November 22, a day after their last super league outings.

Although the match was closely fought, statistically Farashganj played better for they earned three penalty corners, one more than Victoria. But in the end it meant nothing as both failed to capitalise on these opportunities.

The other match at the same venue was played in a quite contrary fashion with Combined Sporting racing away to a hefty 5-0 triumph over Cantonian Sporting.

Mohammad scored twice while Reaz, Anwar and Shahabuddin sounded the board once each.

### Army hockey from today

JESSORE, Nov 19: The annual hockey championship of the Bangladesh Army will start at the Jessore Cantonment from tomorrow, reports BSS.

Ten teams will take part in the robin league matches of the eleven day meet.

In the opening match Bogra Area will take on Dhaka Engineers.

Local area commander Major General Muhammad Mustafizur Rahman, Bir Bikram, will inaugurate the meet as chief guest.

### Recipients of BSJWC award announced

The Bangladesh Sports Journalists and Writers Community (BSJWC) announced the names of four footballers for its sports award-1993, reports UNB.

The newly formed organisation decided at a meeting to distribute its first ever award for the best booters and highest scorers of this year's Premier and First Division Football leagues.

The recipients are: Best player — Syed Rumman Wali Bin Shabbir (Mohammedan SC) and highest scorer — Alexander Jivot Nikov (Mohammedan) for the Premier League.

Best player — Zulfikhar Mahmood Mintoo (Sadharan Bima) and highest scorer — Mahmudul Hoq Liton (East End Club) for the First Division League.

The awards will be distributed among the booters in a ceremony to be held soon.

## Biman overcome brave BU

Sports Reporter



Brothers Union went down fighting to their second defeat in this year's Navana Premier Division cricket league when they lost to Bangladesh Biman by eight runs on a day marked by some splendid batting at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Young Habibul Bashar Suman notched his highest score of the season and Shoeb sparked in the semi-darkness of a brumal afternoon but failed to catch Biman that got off the ground mainly because of a delightful 74 made off only 73 balls by Indian Bhaskar Pillai.

After a sluggish start, Brothers braced themselves for a heady finish with Suman hitting 83 in 128 balls before holding out of Babul off the bowling of left-arm spinner Enamul Haq Moni. The quiet right-hander helped Brothers to recover an early slouch of losing Zahid Razzak Masum in the first over. The flamboyant opener started, halted then started again and the throw came from midwicket to leave the batsman stranded at the bowler's end.

Masum's partner Nobeel left the same away with the score on 66 in the 20th over after a painstaking 47 for 17.

A good catch at long on by Rafiq sent back Rokon cheaply and the Sri Lankan Amal Dalugoda was beaten by a squarer for a duck.

At 78 for four, it seemed Brothers were nowhere nearer to their victory target of 213 in 45 overs than they were at the outset of their innings. But in came Fernando and in a stormy 18-ball innings the dark Sri Lankan set the tune for an exciting finish. He hit three beefy fours before slamming one down to Rafiq's throat at long-off and the fielder, who had earlier made a challenging catch look fairly simple, accepted the offer in an assured manner.

Suman, who hit five fours and a sweetly timed sixer — a neatly picked delivery from medium pacer Jahangir Talukdar Dulu that went sailing over the longest boundary between long on and midwicket, left at 168 shortly after Fernando and all seemed lost with Brothers.

But young Shoeb, who was in Gulshan Youth last year, proved his worth with some brave hitting under enormous pressure. He swung Dulu for a near six in one bounce, then executed the best stroke of the day, when he hit Biman skipper Moni with the spin for a sixer over deep extra cover. He was bowled for 18 trying a mighty heave of the bowler in the same over.

Azhar Hossain Shantu and wicketkeeper Didar gave their all but just did not have it in them to pull off a victory and Brothers finished on 204 for nine at the end of their quota of 45 overs.

Moni emerged the best Biman bowler with figures of four for 42. New ball bowler Mizanur Rahman Babul did his job

commendably, giving away only 17 runs for one wicket from his quota of nine overs. Rafiq, who perhaps prompted by the lifelessness of the wicket, has switched to spin from left-arm pace took one and so did veteran offie Anwarul Amin Azhar.

Earlier put into bat, Biman piled up 212 for eight, thanks to a freewheeling 74 from Indian Bhaskar Pillai. The dark Delhi batsman rode on his luck twice to remain unbeaten after coming in as the number five batsman with Biman rather unpromisingly placed at 73 for three. He hit five boundaries and two sixes with young Al Shahrari Rokon, whose two overs cost him 23 runs, suffering most at the hand of the big right hander. Pillai hit two sixes in Rokon's one over both flying over the midwicket re-

gion with the first one particularly spectacular for its sheer horizontal and vertical components of flight.

Opener Jahangir with 34 and Zakaria with 20 were the other notable Biman scorers.

Thirty-one extras were conceded by the erratic Brothers bowlers and fielders. Sri Lankan left arm spinner Amal Dalugoda was their best bowler taking three for 34. Paceman Rahul, who was a bit unlucky, was the most impressive taking one for 30.

Suman, who later shone with the bat, took two for 34 with his off spinners.

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## Dramatic end to 'cheating war'



LONDON, Nov 19: Former Pakistan Test cricketer Sarfraz Nawaz withdrew a libel action against Allan Lamb, once England's captain, on Thursday to bring the latest episode in a six-year "cheating war" to a dramatic end, reports Reuter.

Both men claimed victory after the High Court case which contained damaging allegations from English players and umpires that tampering with the ball to achieve deadly swing was an integral part of the armoury of Pakistan's quick bowlers.

Lamb, flanked by former England teammates Ian Botham and Robin Smith, said he stood by a newspaper article last year which claimed

that Sarfraz showed him how to tamper with the ball to achieve swing.

He had also accused the 1992 touring Pakistanis, who beat England 2-1 in the Test series, of using Sarfraz's tactics.

Sarfraz's counsel Jonathan Crystal said the claim had been withdrawn because Lamb had acknowledged that, in the games he played with his former Northamptonshire colleague, Sarfraz had not cheated and Lamb had never suggested otherwise.

Sarfraz said he was delighted, "I think it's the greatest victory in my life. I have never cheated in my life," he said.

Both men will have to pay their share of the costs of the four-day hearing, estimated by

legal sources at around 100,000 pounds (150,000). "I'm glad to pay what it has cost me to clear my name and to be known as an honest sportsman," Sarfraz said.

The case was the biggest cricket legal action since cricket authorities failed to stop Australian Kerry Packer setting up an unofficial cricket circus in 1977.

Its sudden end came just before Botham, England's greatest all-rounder was to give evidence in support of his friend Lamb.

There has been great mistrust between Pakistan and England team since 1987 when England captain Gatting furiously disagreed with Pakistani umpire Shakoor Rana. Gatting believed Rana was lacking in impartiality.



Bulgarian midfielder Krassimir Balakov (R) evades a desperate tackle by French midfielder Reynald Pedros during their World Cup qualifying match in Paris on Nov 17. Bulgaria beat France 2-1 to book their tickets to the finals in USA next year. — AFP photo

### Crowe to miss rest of the tour

WELLINGTON, Nov 19: New Zealand cricket captain Martin Crowe will miss the rest of his country's tour of Australia after undergoing knee surgery on Friday, his surgeon said, reports Reuter.

Crowe, who flew home after the first Test against Australia earlier this week, was operated on by orthopaedic surgeon Barry Tietjens, who said Crowe would need six weeks to two months to recover before he could start strengthening the damaged knee.

Tietjens said he hoped Crowe would be fit for Pakistan's tour of New Zealand scheduled to begin at the end of January.

"There were bits and pieces of debris around the joint which had made the knee very painful so we flushed those out," Tietjens added.

Tietjens, who played a leading role in the comeback of all black Michael Jones from a knee injury sustained in 1989, said Crowe had further aggravated an earlier diagnosed problem.

The injury means Crowe, New Zealand's best batsman, will miss the rest of the Australian tour and the World Series Cup triangular series between Australia, New Zealand and South Africa in December and January.

Hosts off to a bright start in World Open

KARACHI, Nov 19: Pakistan had cause for celebration on the opening day of the World Open in Karachi on Thursday as three of their players reached the second round — including six-time former champion Jahangir Khan, reports Reuter.

But Jahangir, who last won the title in 1988 and playing only his second tournament in nine months, was hardly impressive as he beat world number 53 Federico Usandizaga of Argentina 15-10, 5-15, 15-12, 15-9.

He looked a shadow of his former self and trailed 11-8 in the third before his opponent ran out of steam. And world number 13 Zarak Jahan Khan had his share of fortune, beating Welshman Adrian Davies 13-15, 15-13, 12-15, 15-3, 15-14 in a sudden death finish after saving three match points.

At the final point Davies insisted he was pushed and remonstrated with the referee, former Pakistani star Gogi Alaudin, for several minutes after Zarak had left the court.

But former top 10 player Mir Zaman Gul, now ranked 39th had a superb win for Pakistan, beating England international and world number 11 Simon Parke 8-15, 17-15, 15-12, 15-12.

Australia also had something to cheer — Fristan Nancarrow not only turned up but also won.

But a leg injury, given as his reason for missing Qatar international last week seemed to have undergone a miraculous recovery as he beat Ireland's Derek Ryan 15-12, 12-15, 15-13, 15-8 in 60 minutes.

Nelson outboxes Thunder

AUCKLAND, Nov 19: Johnny Nelson of Britain overcame a huge weight disadvantage Friday to score a unanimous 12-round points decision over New Zealander Jimmy Thunder and win the World Boxing Federation heavyweight title, reports AP.

Nelson, who moved up from the cruiserweight division for the fight, conceded 10 kilograms (22 pounds) to Thunder but outboxed the holder of the lightly regarded title.

Nelson, a 26-year-old from Sheffield who previously held the WBF cruiserweight title, used the ropes and the ring intelligently, moving constantly and jabbing effectively with his powerful left.

Thunder, 27, tried to bomb his way to victory but his lack of accuracy and speed cost him dearly.

Thunder registered 102.75 kilograms (226 1/2 pounds) at Thursday's weigh-in, while Nelson was 92.65 kilograms (204 1/4 pounds).

Everest Marathon on November 26

KATHMANDU, Nov 19: Seventy-five runners from 13 countries will take in the fourth Everest Marathon to be held on November 26 in the Everest region, reports AP.

The biennial event covers 42 kilometres in the Khumbu region the foothills of Everest.

Besides the host Nepal, runners from Australia, Britain, Bulgaria, the Bahamas, Germany, Italy, Ireland, Japan, New Zealand, Spain, Switzerland and the United States are in the field of 75 which includes 13 women, a Nepal Amateur Athletics Association (NAAA) press release said Friday.

The ten-member Nepalese contingent includes among others Hari Rokya, two-time Olympic marathon runner.



Diego Maradona, Argentine soccer captain, acknowledges the supporters' applause after his side beat Australia 1-0 in Buenos Aires on Nov 17, to win the last berth for the World Cup finals. — AFP photo

## Snell keeps SA on course



GUWAHATI, India, Nov 19: Title aspirants South Africa maintained an unbeaten record in the five-nation Hero Cup with a 78-run demolition of Sri Lanka here Friday, reports AP.

Restricted to 214 for seven in trying batting conditions, South Africa hit back to bowl Sri Lanka out for 136 off just 40.1 overs.

The emphatic victory took South Africa to the top of the round-robin table with five points from three matches. They play hosts India in their final league encounter in Chandigarh on Monday.

The Sri Lankans completed their league engagements with three defeats in four matches, but still find themselves in the running for a semifinal berth.

Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe are currently tied at two points each, but the islanders will go through if Zimbabwe fail to win their last match against the West Indies in Hyderabad on Sunday.

In the event of two teams finishing level on points, the one with a better winning record moves up. Sri Lanka had beaten Zimbabwe in their clash on Monday.

Shri Lanka's delight at restricting the South Africans was short-lived, as the batting crumbled against the fiery attack on an uneven wicket that was not conducive to stroke-play.

Seamer Richard Snell was South Africa's saviour with four wickets. Hansie Cronje took two for 21 as Sri Lanka lost wickets at regular intervals against tight fielding.

Sanath Jayasuriya, who claimed three wickets for Sri Lanka, also top scored with 27. Ramesh Ratnayake was the only other batsman to touch 20 and five others failed to reach double figures.

In the morning, South African batsmen struggled to force the pace after being given first strike in foggy conditions where the ball moved about in the air.

Skipper Kepler Wessels top-scored with a defiant 53, making the most of two missed

chances before he had reached 17. Darryl Cullinan made 41 off 56 balls.

Wessels and vice-captain Cronje (28) added 62 for the second wicket, the highest partnership in the low-scoring match.

South Africa were in danger of posting less than 200 on the board when the sixth-wicket fell in the 45th over at the score of 171, but allrounder Brian McMillan boosted the score with an unbeaten 34.

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Cronje b Muralidharan 28

Cullinan b Jayasuriya 41

Rhodes c Mahanama b Jayasuriya 16

McMillan not out 31

Symcox b Jayasuriya 4

Snell b Ratnayake 20

Richardson not out 1

Extras: (b-2, lb-5, w-4, nb-4) 15

Total: (for seven wickets, 50 overs) 214

Fall of wickets: 1-18; 2-81; 3-101; 4-132; 5-163; 6-171; 7-212.

Did not bat: De Villiers, Donald

Bowling: O M R N

Wickramasinghe 6 0 29 1

Ratnayake 8 2 24 1

Lyanage 5 1 27 0

Muralidharan 10 1 36 2

Kaipage 10 1 39 0

Jayasuriya 7 0 31 3

De Silva 4 0 21 0

SHRI LANKA: Mahanama c Richardson b Donald 10

Jayasuriya c Richardson b Snell 27

Tillekaratne lbw b Snell 4

De Silva lbw b Snell 2

Ranatunga lbw b Symcox 6

Kaluwrithana c Rhodes b Cronje 17

Kaipage c De Villiers b Cronje 1

Ratnayake run out 22

Lyanage c Cronje b De Villiers 15

Wickramasinghe b Snell 17

Muralidharan not out 0

Extras: lb-5, w-4, nb-6 15

Total: (all out, 40.1 overs) 136

Fall of wickets: 1-25; 2-48; 3-50; 4-59; 5-78; 6-80; 7-81; 8-109; 9-135.

Bowling: O M R W

Donald 8 0 25 1

De Villiers 9 1 17 1

Snell 7 1 22 4

McMillan 5 0 26 0

Cronje 6 1 21 2

Symcox 5 0 30 1

Results: South Africa won by 78 runs

Man-of-the-match: Richard Snell

STANDINGS

League standings after Friday's match (played, won, lost, tie, abandoned, points):

South Africa 3 2 - - 1 5

West Indies 3 2 1 - - 4

India 3 1 1 1 - 3

Sri Lanka 4 1 3 - - 2

Zimbabwe 3 - 1 1 1 2

## Doull, De Groen make a point



ADELAIDE, Nov 19: Medium-pacers Simon Doull and Richard de Groen Friday claimed strong claims for places in the New Zealand cricket team for the second Test against Australia, reports AP.

Doull took six wickets for 55 as South Australia were dismissed for 158 in 50.5 overs on the first day of their four-day match against the tourists.

De Groen was equally economical and took two wickets for 30 off 17 impressive overs.

New Zealand was eight for one in reply after losing opener Blair Pocock for three.

Doull made full use of the green, damp Adelaide Oval pitch to claim his sixth first-class haul of five or more wickets.

With injury-victim Willie Watson almost certainly out of the Test — which starts in Hobart next Friday — Doull and De Groen are the leading candidates to replace him.

The other two wickets to fall Friday went to left-armers Murphy Su'a, but he was far more expensive, conceding 56 runs from his 12 overs.

South Australia did New Zealand two favours when play finally began after morning rain.

Stand-in captain Darren Lehmann decided to bat, then South Australia's batting lacked the required resilience in helpful bowling conditions.

Only opener Geoff Blewett (47) and later allrounder Joe Scuderi (51) were able to make much progress as new captain Ken Rutherford shuffled his three fast-medium bowlers around effectively.

Blewett did a good job for his team. He worked hard through the early stages of the innings and managed some positive strokes in the second hour's batting.

He received useful support from wicketkeeper Tim Nielsen as he put on 56 for the fifth wickets in 76 minutes and South Australia got to tea at 92 for four.