

Sport

BU march on

Sports Reporter
Hasibul Hassan drew with Arif but Grandmaster Niaz Mureshed, Pakistani International Master Mahmood Ahmed Khan Lodhi and Indian IM Chandra Shekhar Sahu all won their respective matches to give defending champions Brothers Union yet another impressive win in the First Division chess league at the National Sports Council chess room yesterday.

With yesterday's 3.5 points, Brothers surged further ahead at the top of the table with a handsome collection of 28 points from eight rounds.

Bangladesh Biman, who had a day off yesterday, still hold the second position with 22 points from seven rounds.

Bangladesh Ansars reduced the gap with Biman to half a point for the time being, after sculpting out a 3-1 triumph over Konica Sangskrutik Sangha in their seventh round engagements yesterday.

Khandaker Kayes Hassan, Kalimullah Kalam and Niyamul Huq Niru won their respective matches but Almasur Rahman had no such luck against Mainuddin.

In other matches of the day, Dhaka University beat Parijat Chess Club 3-1. Prodig Sangha had a two-all draw with Narayananj Chess Club.

Chalantika Kirra Chakra beat Genius Chess Club 4-0, BTMC defeated Patuakhali District Sports Association 4-0, Noor-e-Atam Daba Sangsad beat Protibha Daba Goshti 2.5-1.5 and Farashganj SC beat Golden Chess Club 2.5-1.5.

Div III soccer

Sports Reporter
Chalantika Kirra Chakra and Dhaka Sporting Club won their respective matches in the Pragati Insurance Third Division football league at the Outer Stadium yesterday.

Manzur scored twice to help Chalantika Kirra Chakra outplay Purbachal Parishad 3-0. The other goal came from Asad.

In another match, Dhaka Sporting edged past East Bengal SC 2-1.

Tipu scored for East Bengal in the 29th minute while Hanif and Belal scored once each in the 34th and 46th minutes respectively for the winners.

Army hockey

Jessore, Nov 27: Jessore, Chittagong, Bogra and Comilla Areas moved into semifinals of the army hockey championship at the Jessore cantonment today, reports BSS.

Jessore Area will meet the Comilla Area while Bogra Area will face Chittagong Area in semifinal matches tomorrow.

Football results

Sports Reporter
Mahakhali Eleven drew with B/G Press 0-0 in the Sonali Bunk Second Division football league at the Hockey Stadium yesterday.

Zico flashes with a free kick

TOKYO, Nov 27: Brazilian veteran Zico scored from a free kick as Kashima Antlers beat Sanfrecce Hiroshima 1-0 away, their fourth successive win, in the J League on Saturday, reports Reuter.

The Antlers, first-stage champions, went ahead in the 22nd minute when Zico rifled home a 20-metre free-kick.

Kashima are in third place on 18 points, eight behind leaders Kawasaki Verdy who beat Yokohama Flugels 2-0 at home. Shimizu S-Pulse are second on 24 after a 2-0 win over Urawa Reds at Tokyo's National Stadium.

Kawasaki scored all their goals in the second half. Brazilian-born forward Ruy Ramos lobbing over Yokohama keeper Atsuhiko Mori in the 54th minute following a pass from Kazuyoshi Miura.

Miura added a penalty in the 78th minute and Brazilian striker Bismarck scored the third five minutes from time.

Akram to Abahani's rescue



Defending champions Abahani Kirra Chakra recorded their eighth consecutive victory in the Navana Premier Division cricket league, outplaying GMCC by 36 runs at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

Winning the toss, Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club (GMCC) invited Abahani to bat first and booked them for 188

all out in 45 overs. Abahani faced a serious batting crisis in the match due to very poor performance by the top order batsmen. But they were rescued by confident batting of Akram Khan and Neil Fairbrother, the English Test cricketer.

Hard-hitting national batsman Akram Khan, who came to bat at number six, hammered 75 runs in 75 balls with four fours and a couple of six.

Fairbrother made 41 runs in 69 balls with three fours. Saikat of GMCC, who bowled splendidly, captured four Abahani wickets for 38 runs in his seven-over spell. Indian RP Singh and Anis took two wickets each for 35 and 45 runs respectively.

In reply, GMCC innings folded on 152 for 6 in 45 overs with Selim scoring 61 runs in 113 balls with two fours while former Indian Test cap Raman Lamba made 51 runs off 95 balls with four boundaries.

Abahani's English cricketer RK Illingworth claimed three wickets for 22 runs with a maiden in his nine-over spell while pacer Saiful took two for 25 in seven overs.

In another Premier league fixture, former champions Brothers Union returned to winning ways after three successive defeats, with a convincing 68-run victory over Wari Club at the Mirpur Pallabi ground.

Sent in to bat first, Brothers Union scored 202 before being all out in 45 overs with Sumon contributing 51 with four boundaries off 83 balls.

Shri Lankan Sarath of Wari Club claimed three wickets giving away 26 runs.

In reply, Wari Club were dismissed for 134 runs in 43.4 overs with Ripon making an unbeaten 25 with one boundary in 37 balls.

Brothers' Shri Lankan cricketer Fernando captured three wickets for 29 runs while Rokon, Gem and Sumon took two wickets each.

In the third Premier League match of the day at the Dhanmandi Cricket Stadium, Victoria Sporting Club beat Surjo Tarun Club by five wickets.

Surjo Tarun batted first and made 135 runs for 7 in stipulated 45 overs with Indian Test cricketer Sanjeev Sharma contributing 53 runs with two fours and a six off 87 deliveries.

Arup of Victoria bagged three wickets for 27 runs while Adil took two for 23 runs.

In reply, Victoria SC reached their target scoring 136 for five in 42.4 overs.



Akram Khan walks back to the pavilion after a match-saving innings of 75 during Abahani Kirra Chakra's Navana Premier Division cricket league match against Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club (GMCC) at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. Abahani won the match by 36 runs. — Star photo

TODAY'S MATCHES
Mohammedans vs Biman (Dhaka Stadium)
Kalabagan vs Dhanmoudi (DCS)

Lyll doesn't want it either

LONDON, Nov 27: Ipswich manager John Lyall became the latest man to rule himself out of the running for the job of England soccer's caretaker manager following Graham Taylor's resignation on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

"There's no benefit in giving it to me... my priority remains with my club," Lyall said on Friday.

The football association (FA) are looking for a temporary manager for England's friendly against Denmark in March and against Germany the following month.

Lyall, 53, said in a statement: "In view of the speculation I believe that it is important to clarify the situation.

My future in football management can only be short term because of my age. I would do anything to help English football but I do not feel myself being appointed caretaker manager would be of benefit to the game.

FA chairman Sir Bert Millichip has said he wants a caretaker manager to bridge gap before a successor to Graham Taylor is found.

Other suggested managers including Don Howe and Steve Coppell have also ruled themselves out.

Zimbabwe, a bad loser

HARARE, Nov 27: Soccer's governing body ruled Zimbabwe a bad loser in its World Cup qualifying round and banned the coach from training any soccer team for a year, local sports officials said Saturday, reports AP.

The International Federation of Football Associations, FIFA, also fined coach Reinhard Fabisch \$3,000 and imposed a levy of the same amount on ZIFA, its Zimbabwean affiliate, for general misconduct at a World Cup Africa zone qualifying match against Cameroon in Yaounde on Oct 10.

Fabisch, a German, was repeatedly reprimanded by match officials during Zimbabwe's 3-1 defeat by the West Africans. He had stormed onto the field and challenged the referee and players.

That defeat put Zimbabwe out of the running for a place in next year's World Cup finals in the United States.

Local officials expressed surprise Saturday at the severity of FIFA's ruling. Fabisch was unavailable for comment. He was in the southeast African nation of Malawi, where he was reportedly winding up a FIFA-sponsored regional training course.

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India decide to play on grass

NEW DELHI, Nov 27: India have chosen grass as the surface for their Davis Cup World Group first-round match against the United States in March 1994, the president of the All-India Tennis Association (AITA) said on Friday, reports Reuter.

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The party continued into the night as thousands braved the evening chill to roam the streets of the cricket-crazy metropolis, singing and dancing to drum

UEFA plans for major changes

BERN, Nov 27: UEFA, European soccer's governing body, may make its elite club competition even more exclusive by denying national champions an automatic berth, a spokesman said Wednesday, reports AP.

UEFA's executive committee next week will consider admitting only 16 teams to the European Champions' Cup, based on recent club performance, UEFA spokesman Andre Viel said.

All national champions currently can enter the tournament. After preliminary rounds, the last eight play in two groups of four. Each group winners face the other pool's runners-up in semifinal to determine the two finalists.

A proliferation of weak teams from the former Soviet Union, former Yugoslavia and elsewhere, combined with pressure from Western European clubs for more top-draw matches, has increasingly forced UEFA to seek changes to strengthen its top tournament.

The proposal for the Dec 1-2 meeting in Geneva would go a long way toward the "super league" pushed by some of Western Europe's top club owners.

"The aim is to ensure that the great soccer nations are represented," Viel said. He said details of the plan are still under discussion.

Under the plan, the 16 teams reportedly would be broken down into four groups. Each group's top two would advance to a quarterfinal draw and a knockout system would be used from then on.

Kumble reaps fantastic figures as India clinch Hero Cup



CALCUTTA, Nov 27: Hosts India clinched a fitting climax to Bengal's cricket party with a spectacular 102-run win over the West Indies in the Hero Cup final played before a record attendance here today, reports

beats. The win ended a drought of major one-day titles for India, who previous triumph came way back in 1985 in the World Championship of cricket in Melbourne.

Richie Richardson's decision to bat second misfired badly as the West Indian innings fell

apart under Kumble's magic spell. The tall leg-spinner clean bowled five batsmen and trapped one leg before to finish with six for 12 from 6.1 overs.

The absence of experienced West Indian opener Desmond Haynes, who missed the match due to a stomach ailment, was felt immediately as India struck the first blow with the sixth delivery of the innings.

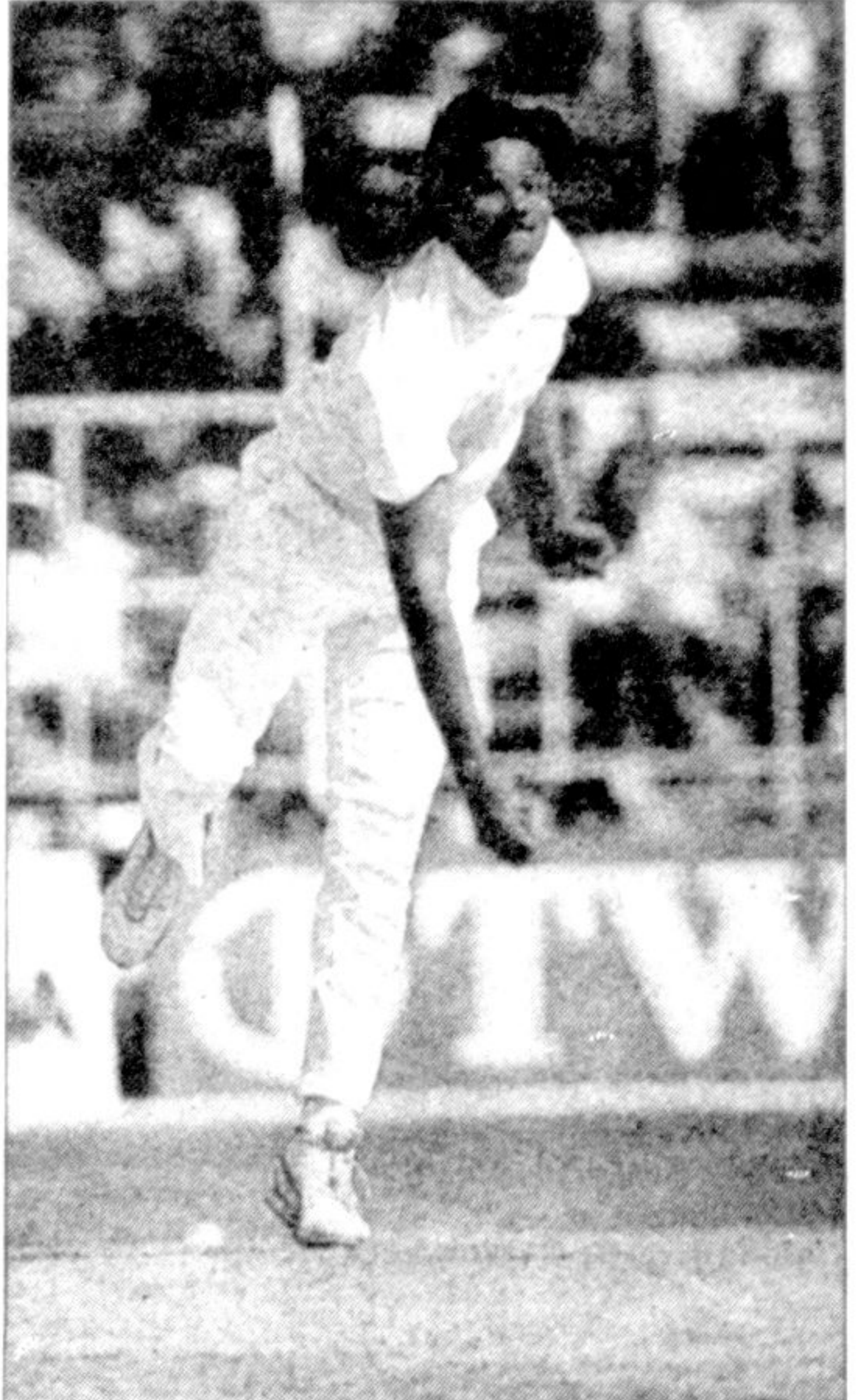
All-rounder Manoj Prabhakar celebrated his 100th one-day by uprooting Phil Simmons' middle stump with a swinging yorker before the batsman had scored.

From 1-1, Brian Lara and Richardson carried the score to 57 before both batsmen fell at the same score to help India regain the initiative.

Left handed Lara, who made 33, was bowled by Sachin Tendulkar in the 15th over. Richardson, dropped in the slips before he had scored, was on 18 when Kapil Dev accepted a low return catch in the next over.

The veteran allrounder then trapped Keith Arthurton leg before for five to throw open the West Indian middle order at 63 for four in the 20th over.

Bowling a tidy length and line, the 34-year-old Kapil conceded just 18 runs in his 10



ANIL KUMBLE 6 for 12

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Total: 225

Fall of wickets: 1-25; 2-81; 3-161; 4-161; 5-161; 6-207; 7-218.

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Bowling	O	M	R	W
Prabhakar c Adams b Ambrose	10	1	35	2
W Benjamin	10	1	35	0
Kambli run out	10	1	47	1
Azharuddin c Adams b Cummins	10	1	38	3
Tendulkar not out	3	0	42	0
Amre lbw b Cummins	2	0	14	1
K Dev c Hooper b Cummins	24	3	42	0
Yadav b Ambrose	3	0	14	1
Kumble not out	5	0	14	1
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Holder b Kumble	15			
Adams c Azharuddin b Kumble	4			
Cummins b Kumble	1			
W Benjamin b Kumble	3			
Ambrose b Kumble	0			
Benjamin not out	0			
Extras: (lb-12, w-8, nb-1)	21			
Total: (all out—40.1 overs)	123			
Fall of wickets: 1-1; 2-57; 3-57; 4-63; 5-101; 6-113; 7-118; 8-122; 9-122.				

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Rom, Wilson win doubles title



Glenn Wilson of New Zealand and Yonatan Rom of South Africa won the doubles title of the Gold Leaf ITF Satellite Circuit masters leg when they beat the Brazilian-Japanese combination of Luciano D'Andrea and Eduardo Fushuro in the final at the Ramna National Tennis Complex yesterday.

perior baseline game to leave Rom and Wilson completely off-balance. The set spanned nine games.

With a set each under their belts, both the pairs started the third set cautiously, making sure they did not make any unforced errors.

At 5-5, however, D'Andrea and Fushuro lost control, letting Rom and Wilson prevail for the next two sets. The eventual winners made few errors on their way to the crown.

Earlier in the semifinal, Rom and Wilson outplayed Ricardo Rubio of Spain and Mark Tjarda of the United States 6-3, 6-3 while D'Andrea and Fushuro also had an easy ride to the final with a 6-3, 6-2 victory over Booras and Larsen.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain Khoka witnessed the doubles final as chief guest and gave away trophies to the participants.

Meanwhile, second seed Barry Cowan of Great Britain takes on Richard Nicholas of Australia in the singles final, billed for a 2-30 pm start today.

Cowan, the left-handed Briton who won the Rajshahi Leg of the tournament earlier this month, bounced back from 2-4 down in the final set and won four sets on a trot to eliminate fellow countryman Tom Spinks 1-6, 6-2, 6-4 in his semifinal on Friday.

On the other hand, Nicholas, who made a resounding start in this leg with a win over top seed Ghanaian Frank Ofori in the second round, also had a tough time against Thai national number two Northern Srichapan before scraping home a 3-6, 7-6 (7-5), 6-4 winner.

President Abdur Rahman

Biswas is expected to watch the final as chief guest and distribute prizes among the winners.

Bangladesh Television will cover the match live.

Police aquatic meet ends

Rajshahi Range emerged champion in the Bangladesh Police swimming competition held at the Dhaka Stadium swimming pool yesterday, reports UNB.

Hav Abdus Salam of Joypurhat became individual champion in the day-long meet.

One hundred and four swimmers representing 11 police teams took part in the nine events competition.

Inspector General of Police ASM Shahjahan inaugurated the day-long competition while Begum Nilufar Shahjahan distributed prizes among the winners in the afternoon.

Jalil blazes in Doha

DOHA, Nov 27: A three-day international freestyle wrestling competition organised by Al-Ahli Club of Doha concluded here yesterday. Twelve wrestlers from Bangladesh, India, Pakistan and the UK participated, reports BSS.

Bangladesh's lone participant MA Jall knocked out India's Dipak Kumar in the third round on November 25. His second encounter with Gulzar Singh of India ended in a draw. Jall's performance drew the attention of the spectators and organisers.

BSF secy ousted

Sports Reporter
The National Sports Council has decided to relieve Bangladesh Shooting Federation's general secretary Mir Dowlat Hossain with immediate effect, according to an NSC press release issued on Friday.

M M Islam, the federation joint secretary, has been appointed the acting general secretary.



State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain Khoka seen with South African Yonatan Rom and New Zealander Glenn Wilson, who won the Gold Leaf ITF Satellite Circuit masters leg at the National Tennis Complex yesterday. — Star photo