

Sport

Reefat draws

Sports Reporter

International Master Reefat bin Sattar drew for the first time in the Rahimuddin Bhasra open chess tournament but still maintained sole lead after the completion of the seventh round at the chess room of the National Sports Council yesterday.

Bin's Reefat who won his previous six matches drew with teammate Fide Master Rezaul Haq in this round to collect six and a half points.

Hasbul Hasan Hanif of Brothers Union, who lost to Reefat in the previous round, bounced back into the championship race, defeating Ali Anjum Mintu of Dhaka Metropolis yesterday.

With this win Hasbul raised his collection to six and shared the second slot with Ziaul Kader Tuhin and Rezaul Haq. Tuhin beat Saifuddin Lablu in this round.

Badminton camp on

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A fortnight-long badminton coaching camp under the auspices of the Bangladesh Women's Sports Federation (BWSF) got underway at the BWSF gymnasium yesterday.

Sixteen women from eight different districts are taking part in the coaching clinic conducted by the national badminton coach Mosheduzzaman Khan.

Schools hockey

Dhaka Nabakumar Institute booked a semifinal berth in the schools hockey tournament eliminating Ahmed Bawany Academy 4-0 at the Hockey Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

The first half score was 2-0.

Selim Hassan scored all the four goals for the winners in the 2nd, 32nd, 52nd and 64th minutes to earn the tournament's third hattrick.

Nabakumar Institute will play against the winners of Armanitola Govt High School and Barisal Zilla School on Sunday, who both got walkovers in their opening matches to reach the quarter-final.

Sohail ticked off

COLOMBO, Aug 25: Pakistan opener Aamir Sohail was warned by match referee Cammie Smith for shouting at the umpire during the final one-day international in Colombo, an official said Thursday reports AP.

Sohail showed his disappointment Wednesday after umpire Udaya Wickremasinghe turned down an appeal for leg-before wicket decision against Sri Lankan batsman Sanjeewa Ranatunga.

The umpires did not file a report to the match referee, said Anura Tennakoon, secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in Sri Lanka.

"Sohail acted on his own after noticing the incident on TV in keeping with the international cricket council player's code of behaviour," he said.

Smith spoke to Sohail about his behaviour and later informed the team's management. Pakistan won the match by 27 runs, to take the five-match series, 4-1.

It's curtains for Tassotti

ZURICH, Aug 25: Italian defender Mauro Tassotti had his appeal against an eight-match international ban rejected by FIFA on Wednesday, almost certainly ending his international career, reports Reuter.

Edberg exits

OMMAK, NY, Aug 25: MaiVai Washington beat second-seed Stefan Edberg and Renzo Furlan defeated defending champion Marc Rosset on Wednesday as unseeded players dominated the second round of the Waldbauers Hamlet Cup, reports AP.

Washington, ranked 31st in the world, beat the fifth-ranked Edberg 6-0, 3-6, 6-3. His first victory over the Swede in six meetings.

Furlan, a foot shorter than Rosset and ranked 31 places lower, eliminated the seventh seed from Switzerland 3-6, 6-4, 6-2. The 6-foot-7 (2.01-metre) Rosset is ranked 15th in the world.

Washington and Furlan, of Italy, advanced to the quarter-finals of this \$13,750 dollar warmup for next week's US Open along with fourth-seeded Todd Martin and sixth-seeded Cedric Pioline of France.

Edberg, down a service break early in the second set, fought back to reach the third set.

"I made too many mistakes and that cost me the match," Edberg said. "It took me time to get into the match, I didn't win enough points off his second serve and I missed chances in the third set."

"I had him down 0-30 in the first game of the third set and missed an easy volley."

Abahani let off the hook

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Lowly Agrani Bank bungled a genuine prospect of pulling off their second giant-killing act in a week as title aspirants Abahani Krira Chakra twice came back from behind to beat them 3-2 in a pulsating Star Premier Division football league encounter at the Dhaka Stadium last evening.

Struggling to avoid relegation to Star First Division, Agrani Bank, who had handed strong Brothers Union their first defeat last Friday, yesterday twice shot into the lead in a goal-strewn first half that saw all the five goals scored in a heady exhibition of some positive, pacy soccer and shabby goalkeeping particularly by the Bank custodian.

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Abahani, who had to

struggle and playing with a nothing-to-lose mentality the Bankers surged ahead once again in the 33rd minute. Ripon's push from a free-kick found an unmarked Jahangir (jr) inside the box and the midfielder took a power-packed grounder that beat Dhanu at the near post.

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