



Organisers and sponsors of the last two phases of the Bangladesh-Thailand ITF men's satellite tennis tournament brief newsmen regarding local preparation at a press conference held at a local hotel yesterday.

— Star photo

Saleh's hat-trick powers Wari

Sports Reporter

A devastating spell of spin bowling from Saleh Ahmed, which earned him five wickets including four in consecutive deliveries, paved the path for a eight-wicket Wari Club victory over Dhaka Wanderers Club in one of the 25th Damal Summer cricket tournament matches at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

In tandem with Pakistani Aamer Wasim, who joined Wari after being rejected by Brothers Union, Ahmad simply ran through the Wanderers batting order, restricting old town neighbours to 99 in 38.5 overs.

Ahmed returned flattering figures of five for 20 in eight overs while the Pakistani left-arm was equally impressive, conceding only nine runs in 6.5 overs for his three scalps.

In their turn, Wari reached the victory target of 100 in 27.3 overs, thanks to a 53-run unbroken stand between Khondker Sajad Qadir and Halim Shah.

Qadir, who earlier had a wonderful time behind the stumps effecting four dismissals, top-scored with 30 while Halim notched up 20.

In the other match at the Mirpur Pallabi ground, a 99-run partnership for the third wicket between skipper AIS Anwar and SI Kiran laid the bulwark for a facile 65-run victory for Sadharan Bima over Uddity Club.

Kiran hit the highest individual score of 68 and Anwar scored 48 as Bima rattled up an impressive 228 for six in the stipulated 45 overs.

Despite a 102-run third wicket stand between Ferdous Azam and A K M Nazir, Uddity fell well short of the winning target, making 63 for six when overs ran out.

DMFA ceremony held

Sports Reporter

The absence of the State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadeque Hossain was sorely felt in the prize-giving ceremony of the Dhaka Metropolitan Football Association (DMFA) where the organisers pleaded for an elected body in DMFA before the next football season.

In the absence of the chief guest Sadeque Hossain, who is also the chairman of the National Sports Council (NSC), the DMFA secretary Kazi Mishu appealed for an election in DMFA amidst resounding applause.

The ceremonial, which was scheduled for a 7 pm start was delayed by an hour for the chief guest, reportedly engaged in the ongoing Jatiya Sangsad session.

In his inaugural speech, Kazi Mishu said, "I want to see the next general secretary emerge through an election."

Terming the present ad-hoc body a weak one regarding implementation of any decision, Kazi Mishu said an elected body would contribute more to the development of football in this country.

"We have successfully completed three calendars of the Dhaka football league but we could not stop, fixed matches, increasing alarmingly," added a dejected Kazi Mishu in his speech.

He rounded off his speech soliciting help from the concerned authorities for the full control of the Outer Stadium.

Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA) President Gias Kamal Chowdhury made up for the absence for the state minister while State Minister for Finance Mojibur Rahman distributed prizes among the recipients.

Ranatunga retained

COLOMBO, Nov 15: Sri Lanka's selectors retained veteran cricketer Arjuna Ranatunga as captain for next month's four-nation limited over tournament in South Africa, the cricket board announced today, reports AFP.

ITF masters' leg from Dec 5

Sports Reporter

The masters leg of the Gold Leaf Thailand-Bangladesh satellite tennis tournament will be held in Dhaka next month.

The four-part tournament, which hopped off in the Thai capital Bangkok Monday, will have its last phase enacted at the Ramna Tennis Complex from December 5 to 11.

However, the circuit will have entered Bangladesh a bit earlier with Rajshahi, the divisional headquarters of northern Bangladesh, slated to stage the penultimate phase.

Although officials put the number of expected participants in this semi-pro engagement at a rather staggering 199, the final figure, it was learnt, is far from being confirmed.

At a press conference arranged at a local hotel yesterday, BTFF officials led by organising committee chairman Faizur Razzak Chowdhury sounded "all systems go" sort of condition as regards the hosting of the two legs of the

tourney in Bangladesh. Ironically, the Rajshahi organisers were missing in the conference reportedly in protest of not being formally invited.

The officials disclosed name of the officials who will supervise the two phases in Bangladesh. Jim Moor of New Zealand will be the match referee while Dutch Laurence de Wal, a familiar figure to the tennis buffs here, will do the duty of chair umpire.



Bangladesh Tobacco Company, the regular local sponsors of the meet since its beginning in 1991, will this time pay Taka eight lakh with 4.5 lakh allocated for the concluding part in Dhaka and the

rest for Rajshahi. The lucrative prize package for the complete tournament, a 25,000 dirr purse, will be provided by the International Tennis Federation (ITF) Grand Slam Development Fund.

Although there is not even the remotest chance of seeing any local players in the final phase since wild card entries are not permitted in the masters leg, two Bangladeshis — local number one Hira Lal and Sheikh Moinuddin Jhilon — are away in Thailand to take part in the first leg.

The expected participants will be from: Austria, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Croatia, Spain, Great Britain, Germany, Hungary, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, South Korea, the Netherlands, Poland, Russia, Switzerland, Slovak, USA, Yugoslavia, Sweden, Mexico, China, Hong Kong, Nigeria, Romania, San Marino, Czech Republic, Ukraine, Iran, Thailand and Bangladesh.

Slater carves NSW victory



NEWCASTLE, Nov 15: Test opener Michael Slater scored 94 and New South Wales survived a middle order collapse Tuesday to beat England by four wickets in their four-day cricket match, reports AP.

Chasing 208 from 70 overs for victory, New South Wales was cruising at 162 for two before slumping to 184 for six against the pace of fast bowler Devon Malcolm and the wiles of spinner Phil Tufnell.

Allrounder Neil Maxwell steered New South Wales home with an unbeaten 21 and wicketkeeper Craig Glasscock made 15. Both players have, ironically, been dropped for the Sheffield Shield match against Queensland this weekend.

Slater was supported by his captain Mark Taylor, who made 47, while Michael Bevan added 20.

England earlier lost five wickets for 44 to be all out for 244 in their second innings.

Former skipper Mike Gatting made a monumental error to spark the collapse.

Gatting was inexplicably stumped off the bowling of rookie spinner Tony Kershler for 33, without the tourists making any addition to their overnight total.

Gatting's departure sparked a steady slide and it was a strangely reckless piece of play from a 37-year-old player struggling against the challenge of John Crawley for the No 6 spot in the team for the first Test, which starts in Brisbane on Nov 25.

Off-spinner Gavin Robertson subsequently had Phil DeFreitas caught at silly point by Mark Waugh for 11. Allrounder Craig White and spinner Shaun Udal took the score to 237 before Taylor finally called for the new ball eight overs late.

Speedster Wayne Holdsworth then took just two deliveries to strike, having Udal caught at mid-off by Kershler for nine.

White hammered two balls from Gavin Robertson for lofted fours over mid-wicket in the next over to pass captain Mike Atherton (37) as top scorer, but Holdsworth bowled him for 46.

Kershler took three for 41 from 20 overs in his second match for the state, while Robertson had two for 53 from 10 overs.

Tennistown leaves for Islamabad today

A four-member Bangladesh tennis team leaves today for Islamabad to take part in the Pakistan International junior tennis championships, scheduled to begin on November 20, reports BSS.

The players are: Shameem Ahsan Ronny, Saathi Sarkar, and Yasmin Ahmed Urmil.

England next face an Australian XI in Hobart from Friday in their final warm-up game before the first Test.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard Tuesday, fourth and final day of the cricket match between England at the New South Wales state team:

ENGLAND: 1st Innings 328
NEW SOUTH WALES: 1st Innings 365

ENGLAND: 2nd Innings				
Rhodes lbw Lee	16			
Atherton c Taylor	37			
b Robertson	12			
Hick b Holdsworth	12			
Thorpe c Lee b Kershler	27			
Gatting st Glasscock	33			
b Kershler	14			
Crawley c and b Kershler	46			
White b Holdsworth	11			
DeFreitas c Waugh	9			
b Robertson	5			
Udal c Kershler	0			
b Holdsworth	0			
Malcolm b McNamara	0			
Tufnell not out	34			
Extras:	244			
Total:	244			

Fall of wickets: 1-20; 2-48; 3-102; 4-125; 5-149; 6-200; 7-215; 8-237; 9-244; 10-244.

Bowling				
Holdsworth	15	4	30	3
Lee	11	3	50	1
McNamara	10	2	18	1
Robertson	23	13	53	2
Mark Waugh	6	1	15	0
Bevan	1	1	0	0
Kershler	20	9	41	3
Maxwell	10	4	8	0

Batting time: 352 minutes.

Overs: 96.2.

NEW SOUTH WALES: 2nd Innings

Slater c and b Tufnell	94			
Taylor c Rhodes b Tufnell	47			
Mark Waugh c and b Udal	0			
Bevan lbw Tufnell	20			
McNamara lbw Malcolm	0			
Lee b Malcolm	9			
Maxwell not out	21			
Glasscock not out	15			
Extras:	5			
Total: (for six wickets)	211			

Fall of wickets: 1-94; 2-97; 3-162; 4-165; 5-169; 6-184.

Bowling				
DeFreitas	8	2	14	0
Malcolm	9	1	34	2
White	4	0	14	0
Udal	14	5	69	1
Tufnell	23	5	67	3
Hick	4	1	10	0

Batting time: 245 minutes.

Overs: 62.5.

New South Wales won by four wickets.

NEW ZEALAND Cricket (NZC) spokesman said Jones, 35, had made himself available for all international cricket, including the World Cup in 1996 and New Zealand's tour of West Indies immediately afterwards.

"New Zealand Cricket is delighted that Andrew has decided to reverse his earlier decision to retire. He has been one of our outstanding batsmen over recent years," said NZC spokesman Graham Dowling.

New Zealand are currently touring South Africa, but Jones is not expected to make his comeback until the domestic programme next year which includes Tests against West Indies, South Africa and Sri Lanka as well as a one-day tournament.

The announcement had been largely expected, as Jones and the NZC had been discussing the terms of a contract for the last month.

Batting mostly at number three, Jones scored 2,898 Test runs at an average of 46 despite an unorthodox and often criticised technique.

He made his highest Test score of 186 against Sri Lanka in 1990-91 in a world record third-wicket partnership of 467 with Martin Crowe.

Windies-Board President's XI match drawn

BANGALORE, Nov 15: West Indies drew their three-day match with an Indian Cricket Board President's XI on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

Scores: Board XI 238 and 234-7. West Indies 403.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the final day of a three-day cricket match between the West Indies and an Indian Board President's XI on Tuesday:

INDIAN BOARD XI: First Innings 238

WEST INDIES: First Innings (overnight 371-4)

Simmons b Bahutule	91			
Williams b Kapoor	46			
Chanderpaul c David	7			
b Kapoor	22			
Lara b Kapoor	22			
Adams c David b Siddiqui	95			
Arthurton c A Vaidya	104			
b P Vaidya	0			
Murray st A Vaidya b Kapoor	0			
Dhanraj c Bahutule b Kapoor	5			
Cuffy c Rathore b Siddiqui	0			
Benjamin st A Vaidya	0			
b Kapoor	0			
Browne not out	1			

Extras (nb-18, b-5, lb-7, w-2) 32

Total: (all out in 125.2 overs) 403

Fall of wickets: 1-94; 2-107; 3-143; 4-196; 5-384; 6-389; 7-396; 8-396; 9-397.

Bowling				
Siddiqui	15	5	67	2
P Vaidya	24	6	62	1
Chatterjee	22	2	88	0
Kapoor	41.2	11	102	6
Bahutule	22	2	72	1

BOARD PRESIDENT'S XI: Second Innings

Rathore lbw b Benjamin	27			
Manjrekar lbw b Benjamin	14			
David c Adams b Benjamin	1			
Amre c Benjamin b Dhanraj	90			
Samshad c Benjamin	9			
b Dhanraj	25			
A Vaidya c Adams b Dhanraj	9			
Kapoor c Lara b Benjamin	19			
Chatterjee not out	8			
Bahutule not out	8			
Extras: (b-14, lb-6, nb-13)	33			
Total: (for seven wickets)	234			

Fall of wickets: 1-39; 2-48; 3-63; 4-110; 5-170; 6-202; 7-212.

Bowling				
Cuffy	4	0	16	0
Benjamin	18	6	49	4
Dhanraj	21	2	93	3
Browne	4	0	38	0
Chanderpaul	6	1	18	0

Result: match drawn.

Next match: First Test, Bombay, November 18-22.

Div 1 chess

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Biman gained on current leaders Brothers Union with a 4-0 victory over the Dhaka University chess team in the eighth round of the First Division chess league at the National Sports Council chess room yesterday. Brothers, who are at the top of the table with 21 points from seven rounds, had a day off.

Dr Q M Hossain International Masters' chess champion Reefat bin Sattar, fellow IM Ziaur Rahman, Rezaul Huq and former national woman champion Rani Hamid had wins in their respective matches against lowly DU opponents.

A point adrift from Biman in the third place were Bangladesh Textile Mills Corporation (BTMC), who also had a 4-0 rout of Parijat Chess Club.

Prices for athletic events will range from 6 to 250 dollars, and every sport will have at least one session with tickets available at 25 dollars or less.

The date of the sale will be officially announced next week, but Billy Payne, head of the local organisers, let it slip last week at Olympic meetings in Nashville, Tenn.

Kelly said the FA was charged with two offences:

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