

Sport



Housing and Public Works Minister Barrister Rafiqul Islam Miah is seen among the winners and organisers of the Gold Leaf ITF Thailand-Bangladesh Satellite Circuit tennis tournament at the Ramna Tennis Complex yesterday.

Masters' leg Veerasingham's

Selvam Veerasingham pulled off the biggest upset in the Gold Leaf ITF Thailand-Bangladesh Satellite Circuit tennis championships when he clinched the singles title of the Masters' leg in an entertaining final against top seed Bok Martijn at the Ramna Tennis Complex yesterday.

tournament favourites Martijn before a full house on the concluding day. Martijn, the second and the third leg singles winner of the four-leg circuit, seem to have tired after a gruelling first set and lost his way against a spirited Veerasingham for the next two sets.



Islam Miah, who witnessed the final as chief guest, gave away prizes among the winners. Marketing manager of Bangladesh Tobacco Company (BTC), the sponsors, Francois Gillet, vice-president of the Bangladesh Tennis Federation (BTF) Prof Rashiduddin Ahmed were also present on the concluding day of the week-long meet.

Orient Bread kabaddi

Bangladesh Bank Club beat Anirban Sangskritik Sangsad 40-12 in the Orient Bread Kabaddi league at the kabaddi court yesterday, reports UNB.

Veerasingham, who had earlier defeated second seed Van Scheepingen of the Netherlands, the first leg winner, on his way to the final, earned 40 circuit points as well as a cash award of 800 US dollars provided by the Grand Slam Development Fund.

The only consolation for Bok is that he collected the highest 47 circuit points from the meet and was richer for 600 US dollars by virtue of finishing runner-up.



Selvam Veerasingham of Malaysia makes a backhand return against top-seed Bok Martijn of the Netherlands in the final of the Masters' tournament of the Gold Leaf ITF Thailand-Bangladesh Satellite Circuit at the Ramna Tennis Complex yesterday. Veerasingham upset the former book with a 6-7, 6-3, 6-4 win.

Shearer sinks Southampton

LONDON, Dec 11: England marksman Alan Shearer fired his 18th and 19th goals of the season as Premier league leaders Blackburn beat Southampton 3-2 on Saturday to stay a point clear of champions Manchester United, reports Reuter.

drove them to success over London club Rangers. Scholes equalised in the 34th minute, England forward Les Ferdinand having put Rangers ahead, and scored his second two minutes after half-time.

the early-season league pace-makers with some fluent and free-scoring football, were put on the road to revival by striker Stan Collymore's fourth minute goal.

DU football

The Department of Bio-Chemistry defeated Applied Chemistry 5-4 in tie-breaker in the Dhaka University inter-department football tournament at the university ground yesterday, reports UNB.

B Bank v'ball

Bangladesh Bank inter-department volleyball championship began at the court here yesterday, reports UNB.

Nat'l booters fare badly

The Bangladesh Football Federation received a body blow yesterday when a selection booters, currently undergoing punishing training session at the BKSP for the 8th President Gold Cup football tournament, fared pathetically in their first venture against a Comilla XI.

Rameez Raja to lead Pakistan in SAARC cricket

Test discard Rameez Raja will lead a 14-member Pakistan team in the forthcoming SAARC cricket tournament beginning in the capital from December 22.

Anjum for Abahani

Retiring champion Abahani Limited signed Pakistani Naveed Anjum for this season's Navana Premier Division cricket league, which begins today, on the concluding day of the foreign players' registration at the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) yesterday, casting a cloud over Indian Test discard Raman Lamba's future with the Dhanmondi outfit rather uncertain.

Biman Open squash today

The second Biman Open squash tournament, organised by the Bangladesh Squash Rackets Federation, begins at the Gulshan Club squash court today, reports UNB.

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Adams slams career-best ton Sound start by Indians

CHANDIGARH, Dec 11: West Indian bowlers failed to penetrate India's defences in the third Test here Sunday after a career-best 174 not out from Jimmy Adams gave the tourists their highest score in the series so far, reports AFP.

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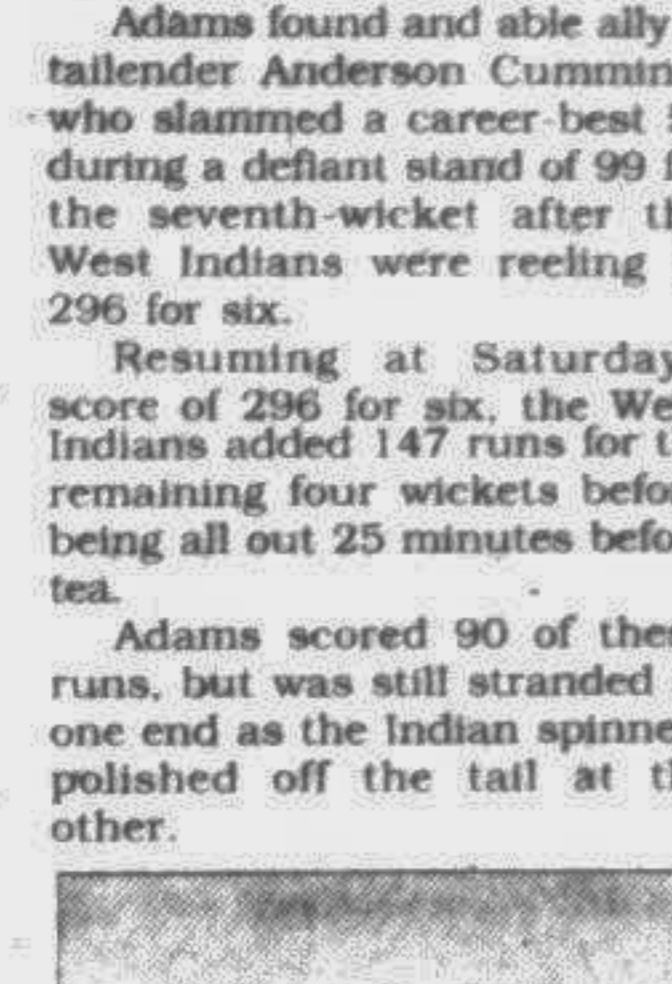
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19 boundaries while rescuing his team from the depths of 220 for five. It was Adams' third Test century in 12 matches and the second in successive games against India.



JIMMY ADAMS ... 174 n.o

Scoreboard table showing West Indies vs India match statistics including runs, wickets, and extras.

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Manchester United's Paul Ince (R) gets to the ball while QPR's Trevor Sinclair appears to make do with a balloon during their English Premier league match at Loftus Road in London on Dec 10.