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Column One

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COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

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✓ Tick the Correct Answers

Competition closes 8 pm,

Feb 28, '97

1 Who finished runners-up in the Premier Division cricket league?
Biman Kalabagan Brothers

2 In the ICC Trophy, Bangladesh will be led by
Bulbul Nannu Akram

3 The eighth SAF Games will be held in
Nepal Bhutan Sri Lanka

4 Where was Martina Hingis born?
Switzerland Hungary Czech Republic

5 Name the skipper of the Zimbabwe cricket team.
A Flower Campbell Houghton

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SPORTS TALK



Carlos Moya

(Spanish tennis player)
"I learnt a lot more today in the last two weeks when I was winning."

After his loss to Pete Sampras in the Australian Open final.

SA Bowrey's choice

JOHANNESBURG, Feb 20: Australian Fed Cup captain Leslie Bowrey Wednesday tipped South Africa as the favourites for a World Group II Fed Cup tie at Westbridge Park in the eastern port city of Durban next month, reports AFP.

Bowrey, who will lead a team comprising Annabel Ellwood, Rachel McQuillan, Kerry-Anne Guse and Kristine Radford, said the inclusion of world number two Amanda Coetzer in the South African squad is a major obstacle for Australia.

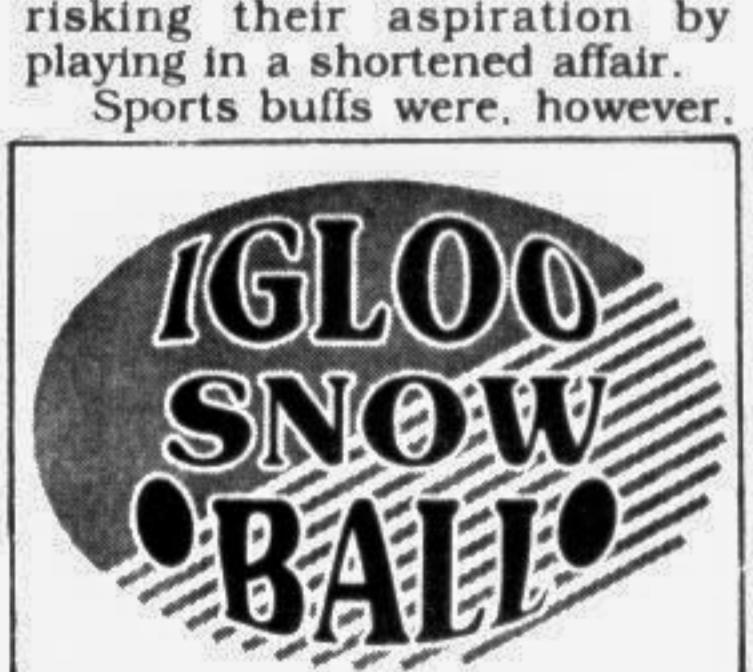


FUTILE FIRE: In a desperate attempt to dry the wet patches, a mischief done by Wednesday night's unexpected drizzle, the authorities made fire at different places of the Dhaka Stadium so that day's scheduled match of the third SAARC cricket tourney between holders India A and Sri Lanka A could start, albeit belatedly. It proved an essay in futility as those patches proved too wet and too many for play to begin at all. With elements gumming up the works, organisers had no way but to award a point each to the teams.

—Star photo

India, Lanka share points

Sports Reporter



risking their aspiration by playing in a shortened affair.

Sports buffs were, however,

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taken aback seeing a sad end of a match in the face of such light drizzle. Some opined that the authorities could have easily saved the match had they taken proper precautionary measures to shield the surface. The

canopy that covered the danger area including the pitch was too small to protect the infiltration of the rain.

Meanwhile, the dejected thousands who bought tickets for the match braving the unfriendly weather are still in a dilemma as the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) is yet to make any clear decision whether they would be able to have free entry in the next match or it would be treated as forfeited.

The unfortunate spectators might get some sort of solace that BCB president Saber Hossain Chowdhury MP was the worst-affected among the victims. It was learnt that the cricket boss bought no less than thousand tickets for reasons best known to him.

Mixed bag on 'A'

Sports Reporter

The approach that the participating Indian team has taken in selecting their side for the third SAARC cricket tournament has prompted questions concerning the objectives and usage of the concept of having an "A" team.

The controversy first arose a couple of days after the Indian "A" side was announced. In an interview given to noted cricket personality Harsha Bhogle that was aired on ESPN, former Indian skipper Bishan Bedi and new-blood Abey Kuruvilla expressed their dissatisfaction at the team selection. Both said they were surprised at the non-selection of players like Sanjay Manjrekar, Vinod Kambli, David Johnson and Venkatesh Raju. Kuruvilla went to the

extent of claiming that the team is well below the level of India's second string eleven. But we ask, is not an "A" team supposed to be just that — a second-string eleven?

If we were to go by this we were to go by this accepted definition of an "A" team, the Indian selection certainly does not fit the mold. With players like Kambli, Manjrekar, Raju, Johnson, Pankaj Dharmani and Aashish Kapoor left behind, the touring Indians could hardly claim to be the under-study of Tendulkar and Co.

Another basis of forming an "A" team is to give a taste of international cricket, and an opportunity to claim a full national cap, to players who are on the brink of making the Test side. Even then, India fails to look a Test prospect, at least in the foreseeable future. And, barring a small minority, neither do most of the rest. On the other hand, players like Manjrekar, Raju and Ankola can easily claim Test spots.

Another curious move was to leave out the players who had been sent home from South Africa. Their quick transition from Test prospects to not-so-much-a-test-prospect came as a surprise to all.

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Nat'l jr snooker from Feb 24

Sports Reporter

The Ashok Leyland second national junior (U-21) snooker championship begins from Feb 24 at the Dhaka Club billiards room, says a press release.

The five-day event will be sponsored by Ifad Autos Limited.

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BEXIMCO tennis

Stage set for Thais

Sports Reporter

Top seed Udomchoka Danai of Thailand set the stage for a delightful double in the BEXIMCO eleventh international junior tennis championships when he made it to both the boys' singles and doubles finals at the Ramna Tennis Complex yesterday.

The Thai youngster defeated Y Sandeep of India in the second semifinal by 5-7, 6-2, 6-1 to set up a final clash with another Indian Manoj Mahadevan, who eliminated A Phoemphon of Thailand in the other semifinal 6-2, 6-2.

Besides in the doubles, Danai paired with Phoemphon to beat Indians Sandeep and Ravishankar 6-3, 6-1 in a semifinal. The pair now face H Y Junko and Y Y Lee of South Korea, winners over Mahadevan and M Ghouse of India in the second semifinal, in the final.

Meanwhile, in the girls' section, Danai's compatriot Viratprasert had also made it to the final of both the singles and doubles.

Viratprasert earned a cake-walk 6-2, 6-2 win over Y Y Chang in a singles semifinal. She will take on Hee Jin Kim of South Korea in the final, to be held tomorrow evening. Kim moved into the final defeating W Pirada 6-4, 7-5 in the other semifinal.

—Star photo



Players of the India A team with skipper Ajay Sharma at the centre making the most of a weather-forced injunction on action at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

—Star photo

Niaz loses opener

Sports Reporter

Niaz Murshed got off on the wrong foot in the third United Insurance Grand Masters' chess tournament as the lone Bangladeshi Grand Master (GM) lost his opener to British GM Jim Plaskett at the National Sports Council (NSC) conference room yesterday.

On the inaugural day of the two-week meet involving 14 players including five Grand Masters, Niaz, the first GM from the sub-continent who played with black pieces and adopted modern defence against an attacking Plaskett, remained at the receiving end throughout the proceeding and surrendered after 20 moves.

While Niaz frustrated the organisers with his poor performance, IM Ziaur Rahman and IM Reeftab-Sattar, the two most seasoned campaigners after the vanquished, were off to a flying start winning their respective opening round boards.

Zia, the national champion, edged past IM Dmitry Kalimov from Uzbekistan after a marathon spell of 64 moves which took almost seven hours to complete. On the other hand, Reeftab took only 24 moves to beat his local counterpart Saidul Loviu.

Indian IM Parveen Thipsay also won his first round clash against Kayes Hasan of Bangladesh. Playing with whites, Thipsay checkmated Kayes in 34 moves.

Besides, three other Grand Masters participating in the tournament — Sergei Tivakov, Peter Szekely of Hungary and Lithuanian Vidmantas Malisauskas — did not have a good start as they were forced to withdraw.

Tivakov, the top seed of the 14-player tournament, was forced to a draw by his Indian counterpart IM Devaki Prasad. Playing with white pieces against the Sicilian defence of Prasad, Tivakov accepted the draw after a marathon six and a half hours of play.

On the other hand, Szekely

BUET badminton, TT trials

Sports Reporter

The Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) will participate in the forthcoming inter-university badminton and table tennis championships, scheduled to be held at the Mymensingh Agricultural University gymnasium next month.

According to a press release issued yesterday, interested BUET students have been requested to be present during the trials at the BUET gymnasium tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 pm.

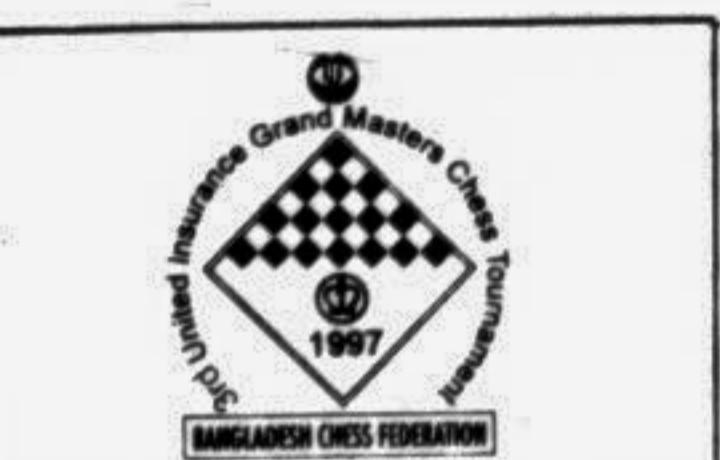
Swimming trials for SAF Games

Sports Reporter

The first phase of the swimming camp for the eighth SAF Games to be held in Nepal latter this year, began at the National Swimming Pool yesterday.

A total of 37 swimmers including 16 girls joined this phase of the training organised by Bangladesh Swimming Federation (BSF).

and Malisauskas shared points with IM Nguyen Anh Dung of Vietnam and IM Iuldashev



Saidul of Uzbekistan respectively.

The second round will start at the same venue this afternoon at 2 pm.

Today's matches: Saidul vs Loviu, Reeftab vs Prasad, Zia vs Tivakov, Nguyen vs Kalimov, Niaz vs Szekely, Kayes vs Plaskett and Malisauskas vs Thipsay.

Shuttle leave for Colombo today

Sports Reporter

A 14-member Bangladeshi badminton team will be off to Colombo today to participate in the third SAARC badminton tournament scheduled to start in the Sri Lankan capital next week.

Total six countries — Pakistan, India, Bangladesh, Nepal and Maldives and hosts Sir Lanka — will compete in the five events of the meet.

The following are the members of the Bangladeshi badminton team: Russel Kabir Sumon, Mahbubul Rab, Sarwar Hossain, Rashed Yusuf, Khurshid Alam, Nurul Ahsan, Maruf Ahmed, Elina Begum, Ayesha Khutun, Sharmin Ahmed Mawno, Konika Rani Adhikari, Zahir Ahmed (team leader), Jahanur Rahman (coach) and Rashida Yasmeen (coach).

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Memo No-199

Dated: 4/2/97

Tender Notice

No. 52/96-97

- 1 Tenders in BD Form No-2911 under sealed cover are hereby invited from Public Works Directorate enlisted special first class and first class electrical/mechanical contractors, and Chittagong Public Works Zone, Chittagong enlisted second class electrical/mechanical contractors for the undermentioned work. The said tenders will be received by the undersigned, the Executive Engineer, Public Works Division-3/4, Agrabad, Chittagong and the Executive Engineer, Public Works Division, Bandarban up to 12:00 Noon of 3-3-97 and will be opened on the same day at 12:15 PM in presence of the interested tenderers (who may be interested to be present). Attested copy of Value Added Registration certificate of the Value Added Tax Department should be attached with the tender and attested copy of A,B,C licence (as per financial ability) should be submitted with the tender. Tender should be submitted by superscribing the name of work on the cover.
- 2 Name of work : Construction of Cox's Bazar District Jail: (Sub-head: Internal electrification work of classified Prisoners' Barrack Building). Year—1996-97.
- 3 Estimated cost : Tk 1,82,324/-
- 4 Earnest money : Tk 3,647/-
- 5 Time limit for completion of work : 120 (one hundred twenty) days from the date of issuing work order.
- 6 Contractors can see and purchase BD Form No 2911, additional terms & conditions of tender etc. at the usual price from the office of the undersigned, Executive Engineer, Public Works Division-3/4, Agrabad, Chittagong, Executive Engineer, Public Works Division, Bandarban on or before 1-3-97. Tender can be purchased by the contractor himself or his authorised representative.
- 7 Contractors shall be bound to pay VAT at the rate decided by the Ministry of Finance/National Board of Revenue for collection of VAT against class basis work. Final settlement/payment of the bill will not be made until VAT registration & VAT clearance at prescribed rate by the contractor.
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