

## Sport

## Int'l junior tennis ends

RAJSHAH, Feb 22: England's Mark Weaver became champion both in boys' singles and doubles beating his rivals from Taiwan and Thailand at the international junior tennis competition that concluded here on Sunday, reports UNB.

In the single event, the Briton outplayed Taipei's Chang Hean Yang 6-4, 6-2.

In the doubles, he, banded with Pakistan's Ahmed Wala, defeated Thailand's Tientawi Promjamrat and Piek Tiewanomkit couple 6-1, 6-3.

Besides, Taipei's Chau Hau won girls' single match defeating Gautam Sital of India, who clinched the champions trophy last year, 6-4, 1-6 and 6-4.

After the final day's play, State Minister for Women and Children Affairs Prof Zinatunnesa Talukder distributed the trophies among the winners as chief guest.

## Zoloft taking its toll?

LAS VEGAS, Feb 22 (AP): Mike Tyson had been taken off an antidepressant drug at the direction of a jail physician two days before he became enraged and threw a television set against some bars in a Maryland jail, a source close to the fighter told The Associated Press.

The incident prompted jail officials to lock Tyson in an isolation cell at the Montgomery County Detention Centre, and could lead to anything from a reprimand to further jail time for the former heavyweight champion.

A source close to Tyson said jail officials had stopped giving him the antidepressant Zoloft two days before the Friday afternoon incident. The medication was stopped after Tyson refused to let a prison psychologist examine him.

Tyson refused on the grounds he had already undergone extensive psychological examinations by doctors at Massachusetts General Hospital in October and was under the continuing care of Dr Richard Goldberg, who heads the psychiatric programme at Georgetown University, the source said.

Tyson had been taking Zoloft on a daily basis for the past four months, except for the week prior to his January 16 fight with Francois Botha. Tyson was weaned gradually from the drug during that week, and began taking it again the day after the fight, the source, who asked not to be identified, told the AP.

Neither jail officials nor Goldberg could be reached for comment. A call to the home of Tyson's Washington DC, attorney, Paul Kemp, was not returned.

Tyson was in a common area with other prisoners on Friday and was talking on the phone when a guard came in an hung the phone up, the source said.

The action enraged Tyson, who picked up the television set and threw it against some bars.

Doctors at Massachusetts General testified at Tyson's licensing hearing before the Nevada Athletic Commission in October that the former heavyweight champion was often depressed but that his mood swings could be controlled if he took the proper medication.

On the medication, Tyson was cheerful and cooperative in interviews with reporters when training for the Botha fight in Phoenix in December. The week of the fight, though, he was combative at times and engaged in a profanity-laced tirade against a New York television reporter four days before the fight.

Tyson was being held in an 8-by-5-foot isolation cell pending a hearing either Monday or Tuesday on a citation for destruction of county property in the jail in the Washington suburb.



Carolina Domenec leads her fellow match officials onto the ground to referee the encounter between Espanyol and Deportivo de la Coruna of the Spanish Primera Liga on February 21. Carolina became the first woman in history to officiate a First Division soccer match.

—AFP photo

## Latin football scene

RIO DE JANEIRO, Feb 22 (Reuters/Internet): Palmeiras coach Luiz Felipe Scolari claimed his team were overweight after watching them struggle to a 3-1 win against unrated Sao Raimundo in the Copa Brasil on Sunday.

For the second weekend running, a players' strike prevented any play in the Argentine championship while the South American Libertadores Cup kicked off with Liga de Quito hammering Emelec 4-1 in an all-Ecuadorian tie.

## BRAZIL

Palmeiras, who kick off their Libertadores Cup campaign on Friday, struggled to overcome modest opponents from the Amazon rainforest on Sunday and their lacklustre form was put down to excess Quito hammering Emelec 4-1 in an all-Ecuadorian tie.

The players are not in top condition. They are two and three kilos too heavy and if you add that up it makes our team 15 to 20 kilos overweight," said the abrasive Palmeiras boss, popularly known as Felipao (Big Phil).

To prove his point, the club headed media representatives a list of the players with their current weights and ideal weights. The biggest offender, according to the list, was midfielder Rogerio at 4.5 kilos overweight.

"When they come back from Carnival, they think it's acceptable because it's Carnival. Then it's Easter, they eat a lot of chocolate and they think that's alright as well," Scolari said.

The Copa Brasil is a nationwide knockout contest that in the early stages pits top clubs such as Palmeiras against opponents from the remotest parts of the country.

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## ECUADOR

Although the national championship has yet to begin, the local clubs, Liga de Quito and Emelec kicked off the South American Libertadores Cup with a group five match.

Liga de Quito, who beat Emelec 7-1 in last year's championship final, handed out another hammering to the same opponents as they won 4-1 at home with Colombian Ricardo Perez scoring twice.

Emelec have lost the services of striker Ivan Kaviedes, who has been sold to Italian soccer after scoring 43 goals last year.

Bolivian clubs Wilstermann and Blooming make up the group with the top three teams qualify.

## ARGENTINA

A players' strike, which is approaching the end of its second week, prevented any action in the Clausura (Closing) championship, which had been due to start the previous weekend.

The players are protesting over a court order which has suspended the second and third divisions because of repeated crowd trouble.

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