

Sahara Millennium Cup results

NEW DELHI, Jan 18 (AFP): Results from the Sahara Millennium Cup football tournament on Wednesday...

Khagrachhari football

From Our Correspondent KHAGRACHHARI, Jan 18: Bhai Bone Chihara Jubo Sangha earned full points out-playing Hill Star Club 6-0 in a Group B match...

Green Delta jr hockey

Uttara Hockey Club came from behind to register an emphatic 6-1 victory over Raktim Sangha in the Green Delta Metropolitan Junior Division hockey league at the Moulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday...

Again it's

Table with 5 columns: Player, O, M, R, W. Lists players like Melmud b A Kamal, Azam c Selim b A Kamal, Ehsanul c Rana b Nahidul...

SL solace

sixth and final limited-overs international between South Africa and Sri Lanka at the Wanderers Stadium on Wednesday...

Gilchrist plays it down



ADAM GILCHRIST

SYDNEY, Jan 18: Australia were steamrolling to a comfortable victory and were under no threat from a classic Brian Lara innings in Wednesday's abandoned one-day match here...

"I didn't really feel under too much pressure there at any stage where I really needed to pull some sort of magic out of my hat and get a breakthrough."



ADAM GILCHRIST

The Duckworth-Lewis system, devised by a pair of English academics, takes wickets lost into account when determining the revised score needed for a team to win in a washout...

"But it seems the Duckworth-Lewis system, from talking to teams and players over the few years it's been in, is one of the fairer ways of deciding a match."

BAGC Siddik climbs atop

Sports Reporter Siddikur Rahman moved to the top of the leaderboard on the second day of the Partex 16th Bangladesh Amateur Golf Championship at the Kurmitola Golf Club yesterday...

LEADERBOARD (Second day's play) Siddikur Rahman 148 (+4), Sadiq Quddus 151 (+7), Mohd Hossain 152 (+8), Raiyan Rab 158 (+14), Mohd Milon 159 (+15), Shawkat uz Zaman 160 (+16), Yelamber S Adhikari 160 (+16), Arslin Haider 161 (+17), Chuda B Bhandary 161 (+17), Rahib Bashir 162 (+18)

Indian crusaders fall



MELBOURNE, Jan 18: India's Leander Paes and Mahesh Bhupathi were appointed the logical successors to the Woodies...

getting back together before last year's US Open they have found it tough going. Their latest setback came Thursday when they were knocked out of the Australian Open at the first hurdle by a pair of unknown Australians Joshua Eagle and Andrew Florent.

They would do whatever it takes to get back on top of the doubles pile. "If it means going back to satellite tournaments with miserable prize money, they'll do it."



COPY-CATS? Indians Leander Paes (L) and Mahesh Bhupathi wipe their faces during their men's doubles second round encounter against Joshua Eagle and Andrew Florent of Australia in the Australian Open yesterday. - AFP photo

'Threat' Lee to Zimbabwe



BRETT LEE

MELBOURNE, Jan 18: Fery Brett Lee, Australia's fastest bowler, is set to confront Zimbabwe when the two sides meet here Sunday - for the first time this summer - in the Carlton tri-nation one-day cricket series, reports AFP.

captured 1-40 off seven overs with a performance that lacked sharp edge. He is expected to produce more bite in his second outing.

added to the squad only after regular captain Steve Waugh was sidelined with injury. A clean-sweep is looming this summer for Australia, who after thrashing the West Indies 5-0 in the Test series, have now beaten the Windies three times so far in the one-day series.

Rajshahi cricket

From Our Correspondent RAJSHAHI, Jan 18: Diganta Proshery Sangha earned a one-wicket victory over Town Club in the Rajshahi Premier Division cricket league at the Shaheed A H M Qamruzzaman Divisional Stadium today.

United Sporting Club defeated Avijatri Club by five wickets in the First Division cricket league at the local district stadium today. Winning the toss, Avijatri batted first and were shot out for 122 runs in 40.3 overs.

She's the one

MELBOURNE, Jan 18: Jelena Dokic turned up for her doubles match Thursday and the once hostile crowd welcomed her warmly, reports AFP.

In contrast to the jeers and boos that were meted out on Monday during her singles loss to Lindsay Davenport, Dokic was applauded and her relief was evident. She beamed, and went about the business of what she does best - playing tennis.

AUSSIE OPEN NOTEBOOK

MELBOURNE, Jan 18 (AFP): Australian Open notebook for day four, Thursday: Venus Williams must be getting serious about the Australian Open...

Did the fact that South Africa's Amanda Coetzer was wearing an identical dress on an adjacent court explain the mid-match change?

"I don't think many players are up to five sets of singles there coming out to play doubles. I know if I knew I had a chance to win singles tournaments I wouldn't play doubles."

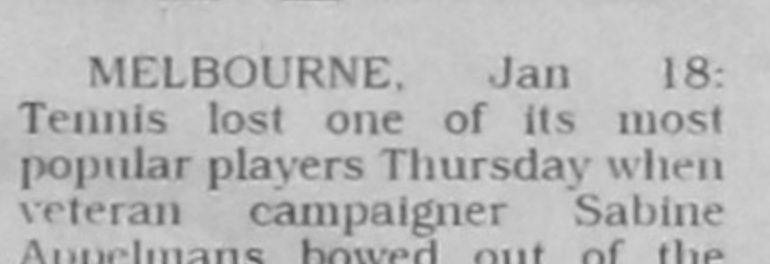
Kafelnikov's passing shot

MELBOURNE, Jan 18: Yevgeny Kafelnikov says he's speaking for others when he calls for more prize-money for underpaid tennis players, reports AFP.

Kafelnikov, who has career earnings of more than 18 million dollars, says some tournament winnings on the tennis circuit are ridiculous when compared to prizemoney on the US golf tour.

The 26-year-old Russian straight-shooter says he's not talking from his hip pocket, but on behalf of other lesser-paid peers who are not in his privileged position.

Appelmans quits tennis



left-arm speedster Nathan Bracken, who took 2-21 Wednesday, out of the starting eleven.

Western Australian left-hand batsman Simon Katich is in the running for a place in the Australian middle order. He was

presented) and I'd like to have a family and enjoy life." Her love of Australia convinced her to retire after the first Grand Slam of the year rather than at the end of last season.

"I've had really good results here and I really like this country," she said after losing to Denisa Chladkova of the Czech Republic in the second round of her 12th straight Australian Open.

Women's v'ball in Ctg starts today

From Our Correspondent CHITTAGONG, Jan 18: The two-day Divisional women's volleyball competition begins at the gymnasium adjacent to the M A Aziz Stadium tomorrow.

Chittagong Mayor A B M Mohiuddin Chowdhury is expected to inaugurate the meet at 9:30 in the morning. Ten teams from Chittagong, Cox's Bazar, Rangamati, Khagrachhari, Bandarban, Noakhali, Laxmipur, Comilla, Brahmanbaria and Chandpur districts are to take part in the tournament.

AGASSI LIKES THEM TIGHT

Andre Agassi has made his own unique contribution to the development of tennis fashion over the years. But the Las Vegas, who pioneered baggy shorts on the men's circuit, appears to favour more classical attire now that he has turned 30. The reason? "I got fed up wriggling around in my shorts looking for my balls."

CHOOSE ME

Anna Kournikova's legions of young male fans are nothing if not optimistic. One diehard admirer turned up at her doubles match Thursday dressed in full ice hockey kit and carrying a placard bearing the slogan: "I'm better, choose me."

CRYPTOQUIP

HYD ZNDDGYXWAD XRGDN REBB JNXSCSBV SD YCJJV RYDG YEA SWAEGDAA ZXDA HX JXH. Yesterday's Cryptquip: DID YOU KNOW THAT I RECENTLY TOOK A COURSE ON SNAKES? IT WAS CALLED HISS-TORY. Today's Cryptquip: S equals B

Philippoussis back next month

MELBOURNE, Jan 18: Mark Philippoussis says he expects to resume playing on the men's tour next month in the United States, reports AFP.

The 24-year-old Australian, known as the Scud for his missile-speed, serves, missed his country's Open after minor knee surgery. But he said Thursday he was working towards being fit to play in the ATP tournament at Memphis, Tennessee, in mid-February.

Milo U-13

From page 13 Khulna Tigers: 92 all out in 17.3 overs (Rabi 32, Rubel 6/39, Faruque 4/52)



Result: Chittagong Karaphul won by nine wickets. Metro Blues v Barisal Maroons: Metro Blues: 261 all out in 45 overs (Chayan 88, Ayub 49, Sharfar 3/39)

Barisal Maroons: 207 for 9 in 45 overs (Ovi 41, Faisal 21, Ferdous 3/31)

Result: Metro Blues won by 54 runs. Khulna Rupsha v Chittagong Titans: Khulna Rupsha: 101 all out in 28.3 overs (Rezwanaul 38, Haider 4/13)

Chittagong Titans: 104 for 4 in 22 overs (Shawkat 38, Imam 2/25)

Result: Chittagong Titans won by six wickets.

Hingis breezes

From page 13 (5) Ninth seed Juan Carlos Ferrero is the only other man to depart.

Stars who fared better included French favourite Mary Pierce who ousted Argentina's Mariana Diaz-Oliva 6-2, 6-2.

Gritty South African Amanda Coetzer also progressed.

After crushing steady Croat Silijka Talaja 6-1, 6-3 for a third round match-up with Germany's Marlene Weingartner, Coetzer, 29, said she drew more inspiration from the younger players than the old brigade.

"It's inspiring to play with them, to practice with them," she said.

"They play with a lot of energy and I relate to some of the younger players more than some of the players my own age."

"I enjoy being around them, practicing with them, playing them."

One of those youngsters who struggled Thursday was ninth seed Elena Dementieva of Russia.

She was pushed to three sets, recovering from a set down and match point to oust German qualifier Andrea Glass 2-6, 7-6 (8/6), 6-3.

She blamed her indifferent form on a change of racquet. "I feel like I need more time to get used to it," she said.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for ACROSS and DOWN. Includes a solution key for the crossword puzzle.

Cryptquip puzzle grid and solution key. Includes a note: "The Cryptquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error."