

DSA Cup football

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, *Khulna*

Winners Club had to wait until the 69th minute before scoring a 1-0 win against Town Club in the quarterfinals of the Meghna Cement 14th DSA Cup Football Tournament at the Khulna Stadium on Friday.

CJKS TT

CU CORRESPONDENT

Shaheed Shahjahan Sangha, Elite Paint RC, Nobin Mela and Bakolia Ekadash Junior yesterday registered victories in the CJKS Sinmin Mineral Water Table Tennis League 2002 at the MAAziz Stadium.

Siraj soccer

CU CORRESPONDENT

Blue Star Club stormed into the semifinals of the Siraj Mahanagari Kishore Football League yesterday.

They recorded an emphatic 6-0 victory against Amra Tarun at the Dampara Police Lines ground.

Hannan and Ehsan Kabir scored two goals each while Iqbal Hossain and Golam Morshed completed the rout.

CJKS chess

MSC atop

CU CORRESPONDENT

Mohammedan Sporting Club were leading the table after the sixth round of the CJKS-Progati Insurance Chess League 2002 at the MA Aziz Stadium's Gymnasium Auditorium yesterday.

They defeated MH Sporting 4-0 to earn 22 points.

POINTS TABLE: Mohammedan-22, City Corporation-20.5, Friends Club-15.5, Nowjoan-14, Panchlaih-11.5, Rising Star-10, Jalalabad-10, Muktiyoddha-9.5, Bakolia-8, Shaheed Shahjahan-6, Nobin Mela-4.

Maleeva upset

AFP, *Quebec City*

Switzerland's Marie-Gaïaneh Mikaelian continued her impressive run at the 170,000-dollar Bell Challenge on Thursday, surprising third seed Magdalena Maleeva of Bulgaria 6-1, 6-1, to reach the semifinals.

Mashud for more

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"We've got a nice little trip planned for a few days and I think the rest should do us good. When we come out we hope we can do our best in the semi-final."

Australian fast bowler Jason Gillespie said he had been keenly looking forward to playing against Sri Lanka.

"I'm certainly looking forward to the challenge of facing Sri Lanka, but I think it will be hard to beat them," said Gillespie, named man of the match for his superb 3-20 effort off 10 overs against Bangladesh.

"I'm looking forward to doing nothing in the Maldives ... getting a tan, good swimming. But we've plenty of time to prepare when we get back," he said.

Unready BD

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option now since we have made the entry. If we don't go now we might face another FIFA suspension or a huge fine. And we don't want to experience any one of those since we already survived a ban early this year," said Mishu.

Meanwhile, there was a last minute change in the team because of the injuries of midfielder Bidyut and forward Moni. Faisal Mahmud and Saiful Islam have replaced them.

Squad: Afaz Ahmed (captain), Biplob Bhattachariya, Apel, Tito, Papal Mahmud, Sujon, Hasan, Rajani, Shuvro, Monwar Hossain, Matiur Munna, Arman, Joy, Parvez Babu, Faisal, Kanchan, Saiful, Liton, Bulbul and Ritu

Becker in the dock

Tennis

REUTERS, *Berlin*

Three-times Wimbledon champion Boris Becker will stand trial next month on tax evasion charges, the state prosecutor investigating the case said.

"The charges have been admitted to court without modifications," Munich prosecutor Matthias Musiol told the news agency, denying earlier reports in the German press that Becker had agreed a settlement and would pay back taxes to avoid prosecution.

Prosecutors accuse Becker of withholding taxes from German authorities between 1991 and 1993. They allege that early in his career he told them his residence was in Monaco, a tax heaven, while he was in fact living in Munich.

Becker's lawyers said last year that the Munich tax inspectors has asked their client to pay 12 million euros.

The 34-year-old Becker faces a suspended jail term of up to two years if convicted. His trial is scheduled to take place from October 23 to 25 in Munich.

The former world number one has been through hard times since retiring from competitive tennis three years ago.

The player who became the youngest Wimbledon's men's champion in 1985, aged 17 years seven months, has lost much of his fortune following a costly divorce, a settlement to a pregnant lover and a string of failed businesses.

Becker, who remains popular in Germany despite his setbacks, has

said his personal life spun into crisis after his father, Karl-Heinz, died in 1999.

After playing Wimbledon one last time that year, Becker tried his luck in sports marketing and advertising. He attracted unwanted publicity when he divorced his wife of seven years, the German-American Barbara Feltus, and agreed to a multi-million dollar settlement.



BORIS BECKER

Becker then admitted fathering a baby girl in London with Russian model Angela Ermakova and promised to support the child.

The winner of 49 career titles, including six grand slams, Becker topped the men's rankings for a short spell in 1991.

After bursting into the limelight with his first Wimbledon triumph, he won two more titles at the All

triot and long-time rival Michael Stich, who had upset him in the 1991 Wimbledon final.

Stich stepped down as Germany's Davis Cup captain last week after his plan to pick Becker to play doubles in a world group qualifier against Venezuela this weekend in Karlsruhe was met by withdrawal threats from Tommy Haas and Rainer Schuettler.

Serena, Jelena in semis

Tennis

REUTERS, *Tokyo*

World number one Serena Williams was in ruthless form as she swept aside Australian Nicole Pratt 6-1, 6-0 to reach the Toyota Princess Cup semifinals.

Defending champion Jelena Dokic also booked her place in the last four of the 585,000 dollars event, the second seed crushing

Tamarine Tanasugarn of Thailand 6-3, 6-1 in sweltering conditions at Tokyo's Ariake Colosseum.

Williams, aiming for back-to-back titles after beating sister Venus in the U.S. Open final, fired down seven aces and a succession of stinging service returns as the American completed a centre court demolition job in just 39 minutes.

The 20-year-old, who won here on her only previous appearance in 2000, suffered a momentary lapse when she dropped her serve in the fifth game of the first set but normal

service was quickly resumed.

There was also some guile to go with the power and Williams closed out with a delicate backhand lob on her first match point to set up a semi-final against her compatriot Amy Frazier on Saturday.

"I'm starting to get focused. I'm almost where I want to be for the first tournament after the U.S. Open," said Williams, who has won six WTA titles this season, including the last three grand slams.

"It's really hard to get re-focused after such a big win but I'm getting there."

Dokic, chasing her third title of the season, raced out to a 3-0 lead against seventh seed Tanasugarn before the 19-year-old Yugoslav eventually took the opening set 6-3.

The world number four dominated completely thereafter, breaking for 3-0 after a lunging forehand pass down the line.

But she then surprisingly dropped her serve after being two points from completing a second set whitewash.

It proved to be a temporary blip, however, as Dokic completed victory after 64 minutes on her first match point with a backhand passing shot that clipped the net and landed on the baseline.

"I lost to her in the Hopman Cup two years ago but today I felt comfortable and I was dictating most of the points," said Dokic, who has played most tournaments unaccompanied by father and coach Damir Dokic over the past 18 months.

"I've grown up a lot. Winning here last year was a big experience and gave me a lot of confidence. I'm more independent now and that has helped me deal with things on and off the court."

Frazier recovered from a shaky start to beat sixth seed Tatiana Panova of Russia 2-6 6-1, 6-4 in the day's first quarterfinal.

Tyson hits taxman for \$6m

INTERNET REPORT, *undated*

Mike Tyson has started legal action against the US tax authorities in a bid to reclaim almost six million dollars.

Tyson shelled out 5.8 million dollars in local tax in 1995 and 1996 when he owned a house in Southington, 50km from Cleveland, Ohio.

But he is now trying to get that sum back, arguing that this was only his secondary residence with his main address in Las Vegas.

He sold his Ohio house in 1999. Thomas Zaino, representing the Ohio tax department, has already rejected Tyson's case and the matter is due to hit the courts in Columbus on September 25.

The tax office believes its evidence is enough to KO Tyson.

"We've got excellent proof that he was living in Ohio during this time," a spokesman for the state public prosecutor claimed.

Tyson last appeared in the ring in June when his reward for being knocked out in the eighth round by Britain's Lennox Lewis was a fee of 17 million dollars, the bulk of which went to settling old debts.

He is now seeking a rematch against the heavyweight champion.

Buchanan goes to war-torn Jaffna

REUTERS, *Colombo*

Australia coach John Buchanan will take time off from his team's Champions Trophy schedule to coach youngsters in Sri Lanka's war-torn northern Jaffna peninsula.

Buchanan, whose side have reached the semi-finals of the 12-team event, will join his deputy Tim Neilson to hold coaching sessions on Friday for Jaffna's under-18 side and other school children.

"We see this visit as an opportunity to help promote the development of cricket in Jaffna, which has been isolated from national competition in recent years as a result of Sri Lanka's ethnic conflict," said a statement from the Australian High Commission, which has organised the trip.

The Jaffna peninsula had for the past two decades been cut off from the rest of the country because of a bloody ethnic conflict that has claimed tens of thousands of lives.

The situation has improved following a recent cease-fire agreement between the government and the separatist Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) which led to peace talks held this week.

Earlier this month, thousands of cricket-starved fans flocked to see Sri Lankan off-spinner Muralitharan when he made a rare trip to Jaffna town to play an exhibition match.

Over 15,000 people gathered at a field by a college partly destroyed by bombs to cheer on Muralitharan, a Tamil who is one of the most popular people in the country.

He has captured 430 Test wickets and single-handedly led his team to victory in numerous one-day games.

Gibbs toys with

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and then on 61 when let off by Brijal Patel off leg-spinner Collins Obuya.

Smith struck six fours in his 77-ball knock before being adjudged stumped off Odumbe by TV umpire David Shepherd of England.

South Africa made three changes from the team that beat the West Indies by two wickets, including Dale Benkenstein, Makhaya Ntini and Justin Ontong in place of pacesman Allan Donald, batsman Jonty Rhodes and spinner Nicky Boje.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard after South Africa's innings against Kenya in a day-night match of the Champions Trophy cricket tournament at the Premadasa Stadium on Friday:

SOUTH AFRICA
Smith st D. Obuya b Odumbe 69
Gibbs c D. Obuya b Kamande 116
Kallis st D. Obuya b Tikolo 60
Dippenaar st D. Obuya c C. Obuya 31
Benkenstein c M. Suji b C. Obuya 7
Klusener not out 18
Ontong not out 4
Extras: (b4, lb-1, nb=4, w-2) 11
Total: (For five wickets in 50 overs) 316
Fall of wickets: 1-159, 2-214, 3-287, 4-291, 5-299
Bowler: O M R W
M. Suji 8 2 42 0
Odoyo 7 0 42 0
T. Suji 3 0 19 0
Odumbe 10 0 52 1
Obuya 10 0 77 2
Tikolo 10 1 54 1
Kamande 2 0 25 1
Toss: South Africa
Umpires: Daryl Harper (Aus) and Srinivas Venkataraghavan (Ind)
TV umpire: David Shepherd (Eng)
Match-referee: Gundappa Viswanath (Ind)

Lord's turf

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Cricket lovers were offered the chance to buy pieces of the turf, some of which dates back to 1787 and the first Lord's ground at nearby Dorset Square, for 10 pounds per square foot.

Each piece was despatched in a special box, accompanied by a certificate of authenticity.

The MCC hopes to raise enough money through turf sales to cover the 1.25m pounds cost of the project.

The sale two years ago of around 30,000 chunks of turf from Wembley, the scene of England's 1966 football World Cup triumph, raised thousands of pounds for sporting clubs and charities.

Patel spins

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most sporting Test venue in India with a wicket that aids fast bowlers willing to bend their backs.

The Indian cricket board, worried by the slow tracks at home, hired experts from the New Zealand Turf Sports Institute (TSI) in May to relay wickets at major international venues across the country.

Patel is one of the four new faces in India's selection committee along with former Test players Kiran More, Kirti Azad and Pranab Roy.

Sanjay Jagdale, a former first-class cricketer, is the lone survivor of the previous panel which was headed by Chandu Borde.

The West Indies will play three Tests and seven one-day internationals on the seven-week tour starting on October 4.

Aussies take control

Tennis

REUTERS, *Adelaide*

World number one Lleyton Hewitt and Wayne Arthurs gave Australia a 2-0 lead over India in their Davis Cup world group qualifier, but they had to work a bit harder than expected.

Australia now have an excellent chance of securing a place in next year's 16-nation World Group and relegating India to the second tier when Hewitt and Todd Woodbridge team up in Saturday's doubles match.

Hewitt and Woodbridge will play Indian veteran Leander Paes and newcomer Vishal Uppal at Memorial Drive.

Hewitt eased past Harsh Mankad 6-1, 7-6, 6-1 in just 99 minutes in the first singles rubber. The strong-serving Arthurs then surprisingly dropped a set against Paes but never looked in serious trouble as he secured a 6-4, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 victory.

Hewitt looked on course for a crushing win against the lowly ranked Mankad as the Wimbledon champion raced through the first set in 26 minutes.

But Mankad improved in the second set, drawing the Australian into rallies. Hewitt also made an uncharacteristic 26 unforced errors, most of them in the second set.

Hewitt quickly snapped back into gear to win the second set tie-break 7-2 and then wrapped up the final set on his second match point in only 24 minutes.

Mankad, 22, improved his world ranking by 417 places to No. 831 last week but was only included in the Indian team after the country's top player, U.S. Open doubles champion Mahesh Bhupathi, pulled out with a shoulder injury.

Australia, without semi-retired Pat Rafter and injured Mark Philippoussis, gave Arthurs another singles chance after he lost the



World No. 1 Lleyton Hewitt urges himself on after winning a point during his Davis Cup match against Harsh Mankad of India in Adelaide yesterday.

deciding rubber in Australia's Davis Cup final against France in December.

Arthurs, ranked 51st in the world, started strongly and finished in the same fashion despite dropping the second set against the experienced Paes.

The lanky left-hander peeled off four aces in the final game of the

fourth set to keep Australia on course for an easy win.

Mankad, best known as the grandson of Vinoo Mankad, the cricketer who famously ran out Australian Bill Brown from the bowler's end in 1947, had played Hewitt once before as a junior in England five years ago, lost in straight sets.

'Bullet' Bob no more

REUTERS, *Jacksonville*

'Bullet' Bob Hayes, the former Olympic gold medal sprinter and star Dallas Cowboys receiver who was once known as the fastest man alive, died in his hometown of Jacksonville, a hospital spokeswoman said Thursday. He was 59.

Hayes, who won two Olympic gold medals at the 1964 Tokyo Games and whose blazing speed reshaped professional football's passing game, died of complications from his battles with prostate cancer as well as liver and kidney ailments, the Cowboys' website said.

"He passed away yesterday (Wednesday) evening at 11:15," Shands Jacksonville hospital spokeswoman Joanna Norris said.

Born Dec. 20, 1942, in Jacksonville, Hayes gained a reputation as a speedster at his elementary school before moving on to a sterling track career in high school and at Florida A&M University, where he was also a football star.

He was dubbed "the fastest man alive" when he won the 100 metres in Tokyo, with a world record time of 10 seconds flat in a performance at the Olympics that was the highlight of his track career.

Six days after winning the gold standard of speed in the 100 metres, his contribution to the men's 4x100m relay was equally spectacular.

After some poor baton exchanges, the United States was

ahead of the Polish runner in second place.

That was his final track race. The following year, the Cowboys took a chance in drafting the sprint champion even though he had limited football experience.

Hayes retired in 1976 with the honour of being the only athlete to win an Olympic gold medal and Super Bowl ring. But off the field troubles with drugs and alcohol, as well as a stint in prison, kept him from earning a spot in the NFL Hall of Fame.

In 1979, Hayes was sentenced to a 10-month prison sentence on drug charges and was in and out of drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs up until his death.

"His once-in-a-lifetime athletic talent was a gift from above - for all of us to enjoy and remember," said Cowboys owner Jerry Jones. "He handled the triumphs and the setbacks with the same grace and humility."

Hayes was enshrined last year into the Cowboys "Ring of Honour," which celebrates the greatest players in franchise history.

"I'm thrilled, I'm grateful, I'm blessed," Hayes said at his induction ceremony.



BOB HAYES

in fifth place, trailing France by almost three metres when Hayes started his anchor leg.

In what track watchers said was one of the most astonishing displays of sprinting ever seen at the Olympics, Hayes took the lead after a third of his leg and crossed the finish line a good three metres

The loyal Australian

Cricket

REUTERS, *Colombo*

Australian leg-spinner Shane Warne is still fully committed to his international career after being named as English county Hampshire's new captain.

Warne has reached an agreement to lead the southern county for two years starting in 2003, but only when international commitments allow.

"I'll be working around the international schedule and whenever it allows me to play for Hampshire, I will," Warne told the news agency in an interview on Wednesday.

"My number one priority is Australian cricket, it always has been, and I don't think anyone can question my devotion to Australian cricket over the years," he said.

"I'm happy to play on for Australia as long as I'm enjoying it because if you enjoy what you're doing you keep doing it and if not then you should go and do something else."

"I enjoyed my time with Hampshire and I'm enjoying my international cricket, so why not both?" added Warne, currently in Colombo with the Australian side for the Champions Trophy.

"Statistically, I've just had my best ever year at international level so I want to keep my form going."

"I don't know when that form will finish or someone comes and taps me on the shoulder and says my time is up, but for now it's a matter of me making sure I've got security and building a relationship with Hampshire."

"It's a long-term thing when I've finished playing international cricket, making sure I don't come in cold five or six years after I first played there."

"I want to keep my association with the club, it's like a second home

to me, and the club are happy with that," said Warne.

The 33-year-old leg-spinner, who has 450 Test and 283 one-day international wickets, also played down the risk of burn-out or injury from the large amount of cricket he could be playing over the next two years.

Warne, who finished his previous season with Hampshire in 2000 requiring knee surgery, faces up to 12 Tests and a maximum of 32 one-

day internationals, plus playing for his state side Victoria, who he will also captain in 2002-03.

After that, he will have only around six weeks of county cricket from the start of June 2003 before Australia play Bangladesh in Test and one-day series.

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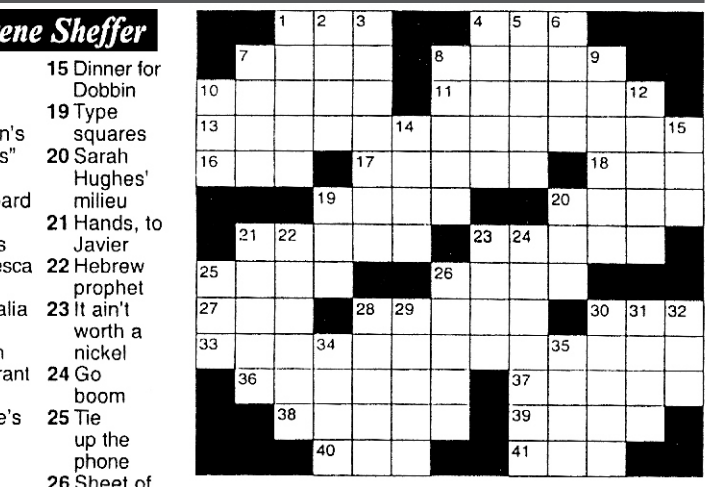
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