

Runner Group Open tennis from today

UNB, Dhaka

The Runner Group Open tennis tournament will begin today at the Ramna National Tennis Complex.

Bangladesh tennis Federation president AMM Nasir Uddin Prothman will inaugurate the seven-day meet as chief guest at 4 pm.

A total of 268 participants are taking part in seven events: men's singles and doubles, women's singles and doubles, boys' singles (U-14), boys/girls singles (U-12) and Domny Tennis group. Foreign players, now living in Bangladesh, will also get the scope to compete.

Sponsors Runner Group of Companies Limited will bear the entire expenses of the meet, estimated at Tk 2,00,000 out of which Tk 1,18,800 will be distributed as prize money.

BTTF general secretary Sanaul Haq disclosed the details at a press conference at the federation office yesterday. Runner Group director Mohammad Ali Din was also present.

NZ bring in 2 rookies

AFP, Wellington

International debutants Trent Boult and Brendon Diamanti were named Thursday in New Zealand's 14-man squad for the five-match Chappell-Hadlee one-day international series in Australia next month.

Teenage quick bowler Boult and all-rounder Diamanti are joined in the squad by batsman Peter Fulton, who returns to the national team after performing strongly in domestic first-class cricket.

SQUAD

Daniel Vettori (captain), Brendon McCullum, Jesse Ryder, Martin Guptill, Ross Taylor, Peter Fulton, Neil Broom, Grant Elliott, Brendon Diamanti, Tim Southee, Kyle Mills, Jeetan Patel, Iain O'Brien, Trent Boult.



Did U Know?

Hamid Mohammad of Pakistan holds the record for batting for longest period in a single Test match with his marathon knock of 337 in 970 minutes against West Indies at Bridgetown in 1957-58.



Graeme Smith

(South Africa cricket captain)
"He likes fishing, horror movies, all the gory stuff, you know. I think it comes out in his bowling sometimes."

About Dale Steyn.

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By Eugene Sheffer

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