

# Army, Dhaka DSA in final

Sports Reporter

Firm favourites Bangladesh Army will meet Dhaka DSA in tomorrow's final of the Bashundhara fourteenth national hockey championship.

In yesterday's semifinals at the Hockey Stadium, last year's runners-up Army exacted sweet revenge by defeating defending champions Bangladesh Krira Shikkhya Protisthan (BKSP) by a solitary goal in the first match of the afternoon while star-studded Dhaka DSA, boasting several national stars in their ranks, triumphed 3-1 in the tie-breakers after the regulation seventy minutes and another 30 minutes of extra time in their game against Dhaka University failed to settle the issue.

On a hot, humid afternoon, the fitter, stronger soldiers of Bangladesh Army proved more than a match for the younger BKSP students who had scored a shock win in last year's final. Army also managed to retain the services of their ace striker Havilder Jahangir despite the fact that he had been shown the red card by the umpire in Army's quarter-final win over Dhaka Education Board last Friday. This was possible because umpire Masood, who had shown the red card to both Jahangir and the Army skipper goalie Osman Ghani, later retracted in his match report, saying that he had only shown a yellow card to Jahangir, thus making the veteran striker eligible for the semifinal clash.

And once again Jahangir proved Army's trump card, banging in the only goal of the match in the 34th minutes of play, his seventh goal of the meet.

Army dominated the proceedings through out and should have scored at least on three other occasions. They forced five penalty corners to



Action from yesterday's national hockey semifinal match between Bangladesh Army and BKSP at the Hockey Stadium. Army won 1-0 and moved into tomorrow's final. —Star photo



HAVILDER JAHANGIR goal-bearing. DDSA BEAT DU

four by BKSP, but not one was rather lucky to scrape into the final at Dhaka University's cost despite the fact that the university lads, led by national star Lulu, appeared to enjoy the better share of the exchanges. After a barren full hundred minutes DDSA won the tie-break, Sadeq, Abdullah Piru and Malek Chunnu converting the penalty strokes while Dhaka University's only successful conversion came from the stick of Syeduzzaman.

Dhaka University's stick-work and teamwork were far superior to that of DSA's who initially looked a ragged, disorganised bunch.

However, DDSA nevertheless had their better moments when first Chapal and then Fazal wasted two golden scoring chances in the first half.

Tomorrow's final is scheduled for a 4:15 pm start.

LORD and Cooperatives Minister Abdus Salam Talukder will give away the trophies as chief guest.

### THE TEAMS

**Bangladesh Army** — Bazu, Ramiz, Swapan, Sanjit, Ali, Alfaz, Shaif, Kaahem (Akram), Jahangir, Shaiful and Amin.

**BKSP** — Tushar, Mamun, Mahfuz, Khurshid, Sadek, Haider, Zahid, Aminus Samad (Gias), Alamgir, Rashid and Akhtar.

**Dhaka DSA** — Asir, Guddu, Malek Chunnu, Tapan, Zamal Haider, Abdullah Piru, Fazal, Kismat, Sadeq, Kanchan (Mittul) and Chapal.

**Dhaka University** — Shahin, Rezwana, Tarek, Munna (Qamrul Hasan), Syeduzzaman, Omar Farooq, Ejaz, Zishan, Waz, Jamil Parvez Lulu, Qamrul Ahsan (Faisal).

## BAAF chief off to Tokyo

President of Bangladesh Amateur Athletic Federation Brigadier M Ahsanullah left Dhaka yesterday for Tokyo to attend the congress of the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF), reports BSS.

The 38th IAAF congress will be held in the Japanese capital from August 19 to 21.

Besides, a three-member Bangladesh Athletic team led by the federation's General Secretary Abdul Wadud Khan leaves Dhaka on Tuesday to participate in the nine-day World Athletic Championships in Tokyo beginning on August 24.

The other members of the team are: Sprinters Golam Ambia and Firoza Khatun.



The Dhaka DSA versus DU semifinal match of the 14th national hockey championship in progress at the Hockey Stadium yesterday. —Star photo

## Chandra suffers broken leg

BANGALORE, Aug 18: Chandrasekhar, one of the all-time great leg-spinners, may have bowled his last googly, doctors said today, reports Reuter.

They said the 45-year-old former Test star, injured in a traffic accident in the South Indian city of Bangalore on Tuesday, suffered multiple fractures to his left leg and was unlikely to bowl again.

Bhagwat Subrahmanya Chandrasekhar, more commonly known as Chandra, had been playing club cricket since his retirement from Test matches more than a decade ago.

He had played both at home and abroad and had recently signed a contract with a club in Victoria, Australia.

He took 242 wickets in 56 Tests with googlies, top-spinners and leg-breaks bowled close to medium pace. Chandrasekhar also had the dubious distinction of taking more wickets in Tests than he scored runs.

## Malik has Northants on a spin

LONDON, Aug 18: Essex stepped up their challenge for the county championship title when they grabbed 19 Northamptonshire wickets on Saturday to get within sight of an innings victory at Colchester, reports Reuter.

After England reject Allan Lamb failed for the second time in the match, Pakistan's Salim Malik, normally a seamer, turned to leg spin and ripped out three batsmen in the space of four runs to end any hopes of a Northants recovery.

Left-arm spinner John Childs, who celebrated his 40th birthday earlier in the week, produced his season's best figures of six for 61 as Northants were dismissed for 172 in their first innings after Essex declared at their overnight 403 for eight.

Only a resolute 56 by Robin Bailey in the second innings prevented Essex completing a win within two days but he finally fell to Salim Malik and the close Northants were 202 for nine, still 29 runs adrift.

Victory would take Essex, who will still have one game in hand, to only 13 points behind table leaders Warwickshire who are not playing in the current round of matches.

Indian Test batsman



SALIM MALIK

Mohammad Azharuddin maintained Derbyshire's late bid for the title with an elegant century, against Lancashire at Derby.

Azharuddin scored an unbeaten 160 and together with Peter Bowler, who made 104 not out, shared an unbroken stand of 240 for the fourth wicket.

The pair enabled Derbyshire to declare at 300 for three, 47 runs behind Lancashire's first innings.

At the close, Lancashire were 81 for two in their second innings.

Graeme Hick's terrible summer showed a marked improvement at Worcester where he hammered 145, his 60th first-class century, with 20 fours and a six against Surrey.

It enabled Worcestershire to declare at 401 for nine after they had dismissed Surrey for 185 on the opening day. Surrey finished on 132 for two in their second innings.

## Rebel SA athletes join IAAF congress

JOHANNESBURG, Aug 18: A delegation of South African athletes left for Tokyo on Saturday to plead their case for re-entry to international competition at next week's International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) congress, reports Reuter.

The athletes decided to go their own way after local officials turned down an IAAF invitation to send a team to the World Championships starting next weekend.

The athletes told a news

conference they wanted to put their case to the IAAF independently of officials representing the South African Amateur Athletics Association (SAAAA), whose internal squabbling is holding up a Springbok return.

The SAAAA, formed to spearhead non-racial unity, has been torn into rival factions who disagree over the timing of South Africa's return to world sport after nearly two decades of apartheid isolation.

The in-fighting put an end to early hopes that South Africa would send a team to the championships.

Signs of the split were evi-

dent at the airport. Officials representing a hardline faction who want to maintain South Africa's isolation until all vestiges of apartheid have disappeared, stoop grim-faced as the athletes prepared to leave.

"The IAAF meeting in Tokyo is being hijacked," said Harry Hendricks, spokesman for the hardliners.

Athletes' spokesman Brian De Lacy said the Tokyo trip was not a last-minute attempt for entry to the World Championships, but a bid to persuade the athletes' delegation includes Marat der Merwe and Elana Meyer, the world's fastest woman this year over 3,000 metres. They were not travelling on Saturday -- they will be flying to the Far east later.

A separate delegation of SAAAA officials will also be in Japan, bidding to smooth the ruffled feathers of the IAAF after rejecting the invitation to the Tokyo championships.

The IAAF has the power to block a Springbok entry to Barcelona, but South African officials are confident that the world ruling body will be sympathetic to South Africa's internal problems and give the green light for Spain.

## Nat'l swimming from tomorrow

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The fourteenth national swimming championships, organised by the Bangladesh Swimming Federation, will begin tomorrow at the Dhaka Stadium swimming pool.

Eighty-two swimmers from eleven teams and 172 water-polo players from fourteen teams will be taking part in the four-day meet.

Sadeq Hussain Khoka, the Minister for Youth and Sports, will inaugurate the championship.

Azad SC, Imarat Nirman in quarters

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Azad Sporting Club and Imarat Nirman Sramik Union moved into the quarter finals of the Dhaka Kabaddi league after winning their respective matches yesterday at the Outer Stadium Kabaddi court.

Azad Sporting finished Group 'D' champions when they humiliated Dilkusha Sporting Club 57-11 in their last group match.

This was Azad's third win in as many matches.

Imarat Nirman fought out a 17-9 win over Anirban Sangshad to finish the Group 'D' runners-up.

Imarat earned four points from three matches.

In the Group 'A' match Bangladesh Bank brightened their quarter-finals prospect when they recorded 37-7 point victory over Jhatika Samaj Kalyan.

**TODAY'S MATCHES**

Sonali Bank vs Farooq SS (5.30 pm).

Manda Sangshad vs Jatabari Udayan (6 pm).

## Moore's century saves Sussex

HOVE, England, Aug 18: Wicketkeeper Peter Moores hit his first century of the season to rescue Sussex against Sri Lanka on Saturday, reports Reuter.

The touring team were in good heart at lunch on the opening day of the three-day match, having reduced Sussex to 106 for five.

But it was all toil from then on as Moores added 75 for the seventh wicket with John North and 103 for the eighth with Tony Pigot before being dismissed for 102.

Moores, dropped on 72 at square leg by Sanath Jayasuriya off Muttiah Muralitharan, hit 10 fours in his 200-ball innings.

Sussex were 330 for nine at the close.

Pace bowler Champaka Ramanayake, who dismissed opener David Smith and acting skipper Alan Wells in successive overs in his opening spell, finished with four wickets.

Australia's only black mark

## Aussie youths set to win

LEICESTER, England, Aug 18: A remarkable England collapse left Australia on the verge of a big win in the first under 19 Test here on Saturday, reports AFP.

Facing a daunting total of 525 for seven declared, England disintegrated from 61 for no wicket to 117 all out.

Despite England reaching 61 for one in their second innings after following on, there must be every chance of Australia winning by an innings and plenty today with more than a day to spare.

The slide began once off-spinner David Castle entered the attack after 31 for overs. His first ball spun back to bowler Toby Radford between bat and pad for 26.

That dismissal opened the way for Queensland fast bowler Michael Kasprovic to run through the middle order by taking four wickets in 23 deliveries.

Australia under-19 525-7 dec (D. Martyn 179, M. Foster 132, M. Kasprovic 63 not out, Gilchrist 54).

England under-19 117 and 61 for one.

during that mid-afternoon purple path was a ticking off from the umpires for tramping all over the pitch while celebrating Ben Smith's departure, brilliantly caught at short leg.

They took note, restraining themselves as Kasprovic's fast bowling partner, Simon Cook, polished off the tail after tea with a four for six spell.

England tried a new opening pair second time round, but Castle again made the breakthrough shortly before the close, with Mark Lathwell caught at slip off bat and pad.

Earlier, the Australians plundered a further 92 runs in 53 minutes, with Michael Foster following captain Damien Martyn (179) through to a high-class century. The 18-year-old Victorian's 132 included 19 boundaries.

## Merson's late charge saves Arsenal

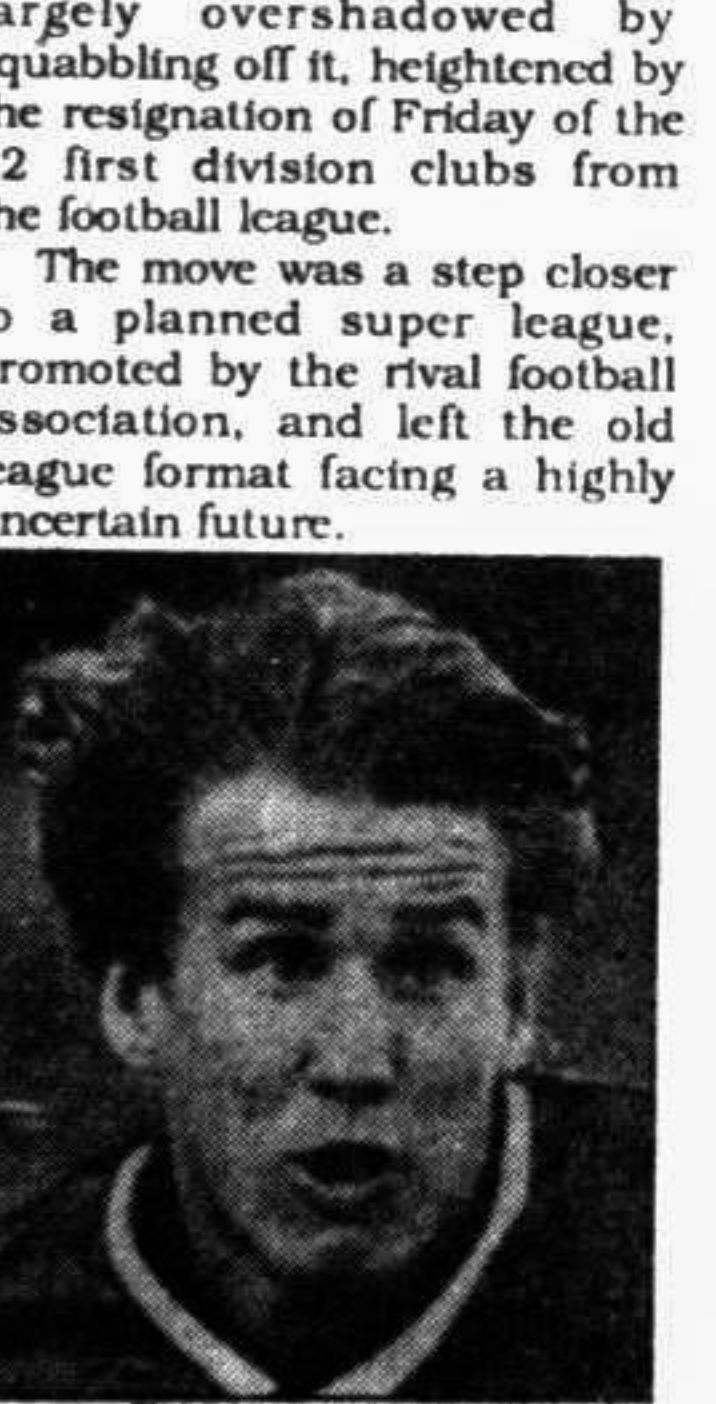
LONDON, Aug 18: Champions Arsenal, beaten just once in the English soccer league last season, came within seconds of defeat in their opening match at home on Saturday, reports Reuter.

A last-minute goal by Paul Merson earned them a 1-1 draw and saved manager George Graham's blushes against Queens Park Rangers, who had led from the 15th minute through new signing Dennis Bailey.

Mighty Liverpool, runners-up last season and the big spenders of the close season on Saturday, were sent off before the break. First division Manchester City and Coventry had four men booked in the first six minutes.

Nottingham Forest's England international defender Des Walker suffered the most disastrous start of any player, limping off with what looked like a pulled hamstring after just seven minutes of their home match against Everton.

England teammate and club



PAUL MERSON

captain Stuart Pearce compounded the agony by scoring an own goal in the 37th minute.

But Nigel Clough, son of Forest manager Brian Clough, saved the day with a 60th minute equaliser and Nigel Jenson marked his return to the team with an 87th minute goal to make it 2-1.

Other big England names were also on the scoresheet, with striker Gary Lineker grabbing two in Tottenham Hotspur's impressive 3-2 victory at Southampton.

Scotland international Gordon Dure, playing his first match for Spurs since leaving Chelsea this week, also scored.

Former England captain Bryan Robson, who had looked a doubtful starter earlier in the week, scored a 57th minute goal for Manchester United after Welsh international Mark Hughes had put the team ahead with a 40th minute strike.

Villa Manager Atkinson had the most hostile reception of the day but walked away later with his head held high.

Atkinson, who joined Villa after leading the Sheffield team back into the top division last season, emerged from the tunnel to chants of "judas" from the enraged Wednesday fans.

Despite continued booing before the kick-off, he stood impassive on the touch line before shaking hands with Trevor Francis, the man who replaced him at Hillsborough.

Within three minutes David Hirst had put Wednesday

## Qualifying cricket

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Evergreen Club and Kathalagan S C won their respective qualifying matches for the Second Division cricket league yesterday at different city venues.

Evergreen Club registered a comfortable five-wicket win over Crescent Association at the Mahakhal T and T ground.

Crescent batting first scored 75 for the loss of nine wickets in their allotted 22 overs.

In reply, Evergreen sailed to victory scoring 79 for the loss of five wickets.

In other matches of the day held at the City Club ground, Mirpur, Kathalagan S C thrashed South Moishundi K C by 93 runs.

Put into bat, Kathalagan scored a healthy 145 runs off 27 overs and in reply, South Moishundi were bundled out for a paltry 52.

## Soccer results

TOKYO, Aug 18: North Korea blanked Singapore 2-0 and the Maldives whipped Nepal 1-0 on the second day of the Group E Asian football preliminaries for the Barcelona Olympics in Pyongyang, the Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) reported today, reports AFP.

## Short, Ivanchuk score victories

BRUSSELS, Aug 18: England's Nigel Short beat Boris Gelfand of the Soviet Union and Vassily Ivanchuk defeated fellow Soviet Artur Yusupov in the fifth round of the World Chess Championship quarter-finals in Brussels on Saturday, reports Reuter.

The only game to adjourn in the fifth round was between former world champion Anatoly Karpov and the 21-year-old Indian Viswanathan Anand.

Ivanchuk, playing white, and Yusupov followed their now familiar English opening but things went badly for Yusupov. Well behind on the clock after only nine moves, Yugoslav grandmaster Lubomir Ljubojevic described the position as all over.

Yusupov played brilliantly to nearly equalise the game but

under immense time pressure he blundered on his 26th move and resigned two moves later.

Gelfand, playing black in his game against Short, surprised spectators by playing the Berlin variation of the Spanish.

Queens were exchanged after eight moves, and Short proceeded to outmanoeuvre his opponent before exuding a combination leaving him a winning situation on move 31.

Viktor Korchnoi, the Swiss ex-Soviet, desperately needed to win to close the two-point gap between him and Jan Timman of the Netherlands.

He played the dragon variation of the Sicilian, and Timman responded with a sacrificial line that left Korchnoi a pawn up but with a position experts described as disastrous.

The game between Karpov, playing black, and Anand was a closely fought battle in the

## Metro bridge league Aug 22

Metropolis Bridge League 1991, organised by Dhaka Metropolis Bridge Association commences on August 22 at 5 pm at the Bangladesh Bank Club premises at Motjheel, says a press release.

The league championship will be open to the bridge teams of Dhaka city and Narayanganj only and the matches will be played only on Thursdays and closed holidays.

Interested teams have been asked to confirm entries by August 20 with the requisite fee of Tk 200.00 only per team at the office of chief tournament director Kazi A. Halim at 6/A Motjheel.



An exciting scene from Azad Sporting v/s Dilkusha Club match in the Dhaka kabaddi league yesterday. Azad won 57-11 and moved into the quarter-finals. —Star photo

## Mashuq, Zameer win doubles title

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Mashuq and Zameer won the doubles title of the Dhaka Club Foundation Day tennis tournament beating Syed Wahed and Mannan 2-1 sets in yesterday's final at the club courts.

In a keen contest, Mashuq and Zameer took the first set 6-4 but Wahed and Mannan clawed back into contention by taking the second set 7-6. In the deciding third set it was yet another close finish with Mashuq and Zameer prevailing to clinch the tie-break for a 7-6 win.

Mashuq is in line for double crowns. In today's singles final he takes on Syed Wahed, the match starting at five in the afternoon.



Zameer and Mashuq (1st and 2nd from left) beat Syed Wahed and Mannan to lift the doubles title of the Dhaka Club Foundation Day tennis tournament at the club courts yesterday. —Star photo