# MSC to play in Asian Club meet, Abahani in Cup Winners' Cup



Moh am madan Sporting Club will represent Banglain the eleventh Asian Club soccer cham

-pionship while Abahani Krira Chakra will represent the country in the second Asian Cup Winners' Cup, according to a Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) press release issued yesterday.

The BFF, in an emergency meeting decided that the champions and runners-up of the Independence Day soccer championship will represent Bangladesh in the two championships.

Previously, as per BFF decision, the winners of Federation Cup used to represent Bangladesh in the Asian Club tournament.

But as the deadline for the BFF to send the Bangladesh teams' entries to AFC was by September 15 and since this year's Federation Cup football tournament is scheduled to begin from the third week of September.

So in order to meet the deadline, the BFF in a hurried meeting yesterday decided to send the winners and runnersup of Independence Day soccer championship in the AFC's two club championships.

This year's Federation Cup champions and runners-up will represent Bangladesh in next year's Asian Club Cup and Cup Winners Cup respectively.

Sports Reporter Dhaka Mohammadans won the Independence Day soccer championship beating their arch-rivals Abahani KC 4-3 in

a tie breaker last April. Mohammedans will meet Pakistan champion club team in a home-away basis ties.

Mohammedans will meet Pakistan club team on October 11 in Dhaka and for their return match on October 18, they will travel to Pakistan. If Mohammedans come out winners against the Pakistani team, then they will play in the second round matches on November 1 and November 8.

The final round of the Asian Club championship will begin from November 22.

The reigning NBL league champions and runners-up of Independence Day soccer tourney Abahani Krira Chakra who will represent Bangladesh in Asian Cup Winner Cup will meet the Indian club champions in a home-away basis. Monsoon cycling

Sports Reporter A day-long second monsoon

cycling competition organised by the Bangladesh Cyclists' Welfare Association was held yesterday at the Shere-Bangla

About a hundred cyclists participated in two events : 100-km road race for seniors and a 36-km road race for ju-

State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadeq Hossain Khoka

#### A canter for Jansher



KUALA LUMPUR. Aug 30: World number one Jansher Khan cruised dismissively into the semifi-

nals of the Malaysian Open squash tournament on Thursday, reports Reuter.

The Pakistani virtually treated his 15-5,17-14,15-9 victory over Jason Nicolle as a training session, having turned down his option to claim a walkover when the Englishman arrived late.

The seventh seeded Englishman was given the run-around by Jansher and had a tough time retrieving his shots and may have wished he had not bothered to turn up at

"I could have asked for a walkover when Jason came 10 minutes late but I didn't want to disappoint the fans," Jansher said.

Now, for the second successive week, two Australians stand between the top seed

and another squash title. Last week he beat Tristan Nancarrow and Chris Robertson in the semifinal and final respectively to win the Singapore Open, and faces

Second seeded Brett Martin faces compatriot Nancarrow in the other, all-Australian semi-

Rodney Eyles in Friday's semi-

Fourth seed Eyles warded off a strong challenge by Englishman Chris Walker, seeded eight, and was taken to five games before winning 6-15.15-14,15-9,12-15,15-14.

Martin ousted Scotland's Stuart Hailstone and third seed Nancarrow comfortably disposed of Australian Anthony

England's Cassandra Jackman is the only non-Australian in the women's semifinals, and plays second seeded Australian Robyn Lambourne. Michelle Martin meets Danielle Drady in the other all-Australian match.

Abahani will take on Indian team in Dhaka between November 1 to 3 and will travel to India for their return match scheduled to be held on November 8 to 10.

#### Vinnie Jones joins Chelsea

LONDON, Aug 30: Toughtackling English soccer midfielder Vinnie Jones was transferred from Sheffield to Chelsea on Thursday for 575,000 pounds sterling (970,000 dollars), reports Reuter.

The transfer was agreed between the two first division clubs on the day Jones was charged by the Football Association with misconductand just hours after a police officer told a referee to warn him about swearing at a lines-

The misconduct charge arose after Jones aimed what he later said was a playful kick at West Ham's Mitchell Thomas at the end of their 1-1 draw at Bramall Lane a week

On Wednesday, a police officer called the attention of referee after alleging Jones swore at a linesman during Sheffield United's 3-1 defeat at Coventry.

Jones, 26, will be available to make his Chelsea debut against Luton at Stamford Bridge on Saturday.

#### Maradona may play in Japan

TOKYO, Aug 30: Argentine football star Diego Maradona, now under suspension by the International Football Association (FIFA) for drug use, may play in Japan after the suspension is lifted, his agent said Thursday, reports AFP.

The agent told the press in Hamatsu, southwest of Tokyo, that the Argentine, star is in terested in playing in Japan, but a decision would come only after his contract with Italy's Napoli expires in May 1993.

He said that three Japanese teams- including Hamamatsu-based PMJ, of Japan's first division- have been keen on securing Maradona.

Maradona was indicted by Argentine authorities on charges of possessing cocaine earlier this year, and was suspended until June 1992 by the FIFA.

He is now on bail in Argentina and has been receiving treatment to overcome his drug problem, his agent said.

TOKYO, Aug 30: would last forever. Mike Powell soa-

red from the shadows to stardom with one huge leap on Friday to shatter the oldest world record in the

books and hand Carl Lewis his first defeat in a decade, reports Reuter. Powell's 8.95-metre efforts in the long jump at the World Athletics Championships

added five cms to fellow-

American Bob Beamon's "leap

into the 21st century" at the

Mexico Olympics in 1968, a

mark which some thought

His incredible jump capped a riveting battle of the giants with Lewis on a momentous day of athletics which saw Katrin Krabbe take gold from Merlene Ottey for the second time and American Dan O'Brien come close to a decathlon world record.

American Mike Powell jumps a world record shattering 8.95 m long jump in the 3rd World

Athletics Championships in Tokyo yesterday. Powell erased a 23-year-old mark set by fellow

American Bob Beamon of 8.90m in the rarefied atmosphere of Mexico City during the 1968

Olympics. It was the longest standing record in the annals of track and field. - AFP photo

But the Powell-Lewis duel topped all else, two great competitors producing the best series of jumps ever on a warm evening with winds whipped up by the approach of typhoon Harry. Lewis, who smashed the

Beamon's mark than the 27year-old Olympic medallist who has lived for so long in the shadow of the great champion. Rising to the big occasion as

world 100 metres record only

five days earlier, had looked

more likely to threaten

Longest-standing world record takes a beating at long last

always, Lewis conjured up the four longest jumps of his career, all over 8.80 metres, including a wind-assisted 8.91 metres with his fourth lead.

Though that would not have counted as a record, for a few minutes it was the longest jump ever seen. But Powell,

Sailing Powell assails Beamon's mark who had been foot-faulted on an equally big leap, just before, decided to whip up his own storm on his fifth attempt.

He launched himself down the runway like a rocket, hurled himself towards the nine-metre mark in the sandpit, then leapt up to his feet with anticipation and excitement, punching the air when the distance appeared on the electronic scoreboard.

"It was the perfect situation, the perfect track at a big meet," he said. "I have always felt I could do what I needed to do to break the world record."

The normally unruffled Lewis, unbeaten in 6.5 long jump competitions since 1981 began to look decidedly flustered. He put everything into his

last two jumps, going tantalisingly close first with 8.87 and then 8.84 metres. But, for once, the champion did his supreme best and still

got licked. Lewis hung his

head in shock and disappointment. "It was probably the best series ever," Lewis said "But Mike had that one great jump. He was better prepared for

this meet and that was the

difference," Lewis said. "I treated it like a heavywight fight, said Powell, bubbling over with satisfaction. "If you are going to beat the champion, you don't do it by a split decision, you have got to

knock the champion out." "I always thought he could come from behind, deep down, I felt he could come and jump nine metres."

Powell's huge jump came as the gusts died down, his tailwind of 0.3 metres per second will inside the world record

In the most exciting long jump duel ever witnessed, Carl Lewis nearly delivered his own knock out punch on his fifth attempt. Aided by a strong wind on

his back, the Santa Monica Track Club star, looking for his third successive world title, managed 8.91 metres to break Beamon's 8.90m record.

But before the cheering crowd had time to settle down again Powell powered off the board and landed on the 8.95m mark. And that was without wind

assistance. The crowd went into a

frenzy. Fe people had honestly expected Beamon's record to fall. But for it to be beaten twice in the same event assured this final a place in the history books.

"All it took was one great jump and that is what it was, a great jump," said Lewis afterwards, still not fully able to understand how he could have beaten the Mexico City record and still only end up with a sil-

As Powell began his celebrations under the stands the threatened rains began to pour





1968 - Star file photo.

was perfect timing for a long jump final that was a watershed for the sport.

#### Medals table

table after the sixth day of the competition in the World Athletic Championships on Friday (tabulate gold, silver, bronze

Soviet Union Britain Finland Zambia Poland Canada Romania Hungary Cuba Sweden Vamibia Netherlands

#### Abahani win

Sports Reporter

Abahani Krira Chakra scored an impressive 2-0 win

Reza and Samrat scored one goal each for Abahani in the

#### Last year's big losers could be winners this year tycoons, the Turin club finteam and of the national squad, without Maradona, and it's not Rudi Voeller, Ruggiero



Last season's big losers could turn into big winners in the new Italian First Division sca-

son, which kicks off Sunday, reports AP. AC Milan and Juventus of

Turin, both being kept out of the European club tournaments - although for different reasons - will have to concentrate on the Italian League season, where the target will be defending champion Samdoria.

Observers-believe AC Milan and Juventus will benefit from the lack of distraction.

"Big teams which are not engaged in the cups are more rested and face fewer injuries and less stress. It can be an important advantage," Italian national team coach Azeglio Vicini said.

After one of its worst seasons ever, Juventus, Italy's most popular and successful club, acquired two members of Germany's world champion squad, Stefan Reuter and Juergen Kohler, to strengthen a shaky desence.

Owned and richly financed by the Agenelli family of auto

#### Bahrain finish fifth in Asian handball

HIROSHIMA, Japan, Aug 30: Bahrain descated United Aran Emirates 24-22 (11-13,13-9) to take fifth place in the men's competition at the Asian Handball Championships here

Thursday, reports AFP. Taiwan took seventh spot, beating Kuwait, and North Korea outclassed Saudi Arabia to finish ninth, followed by Iran who edged Syria in an 11th place playoff. In the semifinals Friday,

South Korea will take on Qatar and China will meet Japan. There was no women's game Thursday.

Thursday's results: 5th place play-off: Bahrain bt United Arab Emirates 24-22 (11-13, 13-9) 7th place: Taiwan bt Kuwait

28-24 (12-10, 16-14) 9th place North Korea bt Saudi Arabia 37-36 (15-13, 15-17, extension 4-1, 3-5) 11th place Iran bt Syria 26-25 (16-12, 10-13)

ished seventh last season and missed qualifying for the European cups for the first time in decades.

The restoration of Juventus. as tycoon Gianni Agnelli put it, includes the return of coach Giovanni Trapattoni. A long-time supporter of

tight defensive tactics. Trapattoni left Milan's Internationale after five seasons and rejoined the Turin team by signing a million-dollar-a-year contract. Milan's most visible changes

are new coach Fabio Capello and some Italian newcomers such as Aldo Serena, who transferred from crosstown rival Inter, and youngsters Diego Fuser, Enzo Gambaro and Giovanni Cornacchini. Dutch stars Ruud Gullit, re-

covered from the latest knee injury, Marco Van Basten and Frank Rijkaard are again expected to be the key players on a Milan team experimenting big changes in its tactics.

Milan has adopted a manto-man defence under Capello following the departure of Arrigo Sacchi, the exponent of zone desence. "We can now play a less expensive soccer and the new tactics should payin long and tiring competitions such as the Italian league," Gullit said.

The 18-team, 34-game Italian league ends on May 24, and Milan is restricted to domestic action after being banned by UEFA from the European competitions for one year after it walked off the field during a Champions' Cup game against Olympique

Sampdoria, which finished five points ahead of Milan and Inter to win its first Italian league title last season, will be hard pressed to repeat - the last league champion to successfully defend its crown was

Juventus in 1981-82. Yugoslav coach Vujadín Boskov hopes to guide Sampdoria to its first European Champions Cup title.

La Samp made a few changes from last season, signing Brazilian midfielder Paulo Silas as a replacement for Soviet Alexei Mikhailichenko, who moved to Scotland's Glasgow Rangers.

Roberto Mancini and GianLuca Vialli, the long-time twin strikers of the Genoese

will form the heart of the offence with Brazilian veteran Toninho Cerezo and Yugoslav Srecko Katanec.

Inter has made few changes

while extending the contracts of its German trio of Lothar Matthaus, Jurgen Klinsmann and Andreas Brehme. The only newcomer to inter

is coach Corrado Orrico, who arrives from the Second Division to make his major league debut.

first season in seven years without its Argentine star forward Diego Maradona.

easy. He was the lights of the team play and the man who could produce the winning move in every game," said coach Claudio Ranieri, who transferred from Cagliari.

Italian soccer officials in April through June 1992 after testing positive for cocaine.

foreigner roster spot with French defender Laurent Blanc, in addition to Brazilians Antonio Careca and Alemao.

Rizzitelli and Andrea Carnevale being sidelined with injuries and suspensions.

> most expensive transfer campaign of the season, adding Argentine striker Gabriel Batistuta, Brazilian Lomar Mazinho and Italian midfielder lire (dlrs 25 million)

Torino, which reshaped its forward line signing Brazilian Walter Casagrande and Belgian midsielder Vicenzo Sciso, could be the surprise team of

#### by Martyn, Pearson

CHELMSFORD, England, Aug 30: Damien Martyn, the Australian captain, and England off-spinner Richard Pearson produced marathon performances in the second Under-19 Test here on

Martyn batted throughout the day to take his score to 181 out of a second innings total of 338 for three. Pearson bowled unchanged after sending down the first over of the

He reached the close with figures of 61-19-103-2, one over having been sent down on Wednesday, and his accuracy, plus that of left-arm spinner Mark Bainbridge restricted the tourists' progress.

48 overs, 45 of them yesterday, at a cost of 97, but netther he nor Pearson was able to tempt. Martyn into a rash stroke or disturb his concentration. His innings, which has so

far lasted seven hours 19 minutes, included 22 fours and follows his 179 in the first test at Leicester. In between periods of

Kevin Roberts provided him with his chief support, scoring 65 out of a third-wicket stand of 166.

At the close Australia, who won the opening Test by ten wickets, had carved out an

Lazio, which has worked ou a deal for Paul Gascoigne but will not have the services of the English midfielder until 1992, opens with the German duo of Thomas Doll and Karlheinz Riedle and Uruguayan Ruben Sosa.

team is coached by former national team goalie Dino Zoff.

million) including his six-year contract, is still recovering from torn knee ligaments suf fered in the English league against Tottenham and is not expected to play for the Italian club until next year.

lineup signing Yugoslav star Dragan Stojkovic from Olympique Marseille and Romanian forward Florin Raducioiu from Bari. Bari, whose expensive

transfer campaign was only

second to Fiorentina, will rely English players have a his-

turns out to be an exception. ROK cagers in

KOBE, Japan, Aug 30: South Korea breezed past hosts Japan and became the first tcam to make a semifinal berth in the men's Asian Basketball Championships here Thursday,

their second win in the fourteam group II competition. Philippines edged, past North Korea 87-86 [49-42,38-

South Korea on Friday to advance to the semifinals.

44) and now they must beat

In the Group I tournament, top-favourite China overpowered Jordan 99-57 (51-27, 48-30) for their second win against no defeats.





down as "Harry" approached. It

TOKYO, Aug 30: Medals

United States

over Rajshahi KSS in the Coca-Cola Rajshahi First Division super league match yesterday at the Rajshahi Stadium.

second half.

### SOCCER SCENARIO



25,427.

ERONA, Italy, Aug 29: Promoted Verona have appealed against a sixmatch suspension on Yugoslav midfielder Dragan Stojkovic, sent off for dissent in a friendly soccer match, the club said on Wednesday, reports Reuter. The Italian League disciplinary committee

came down hard on players sent off in pre-

season friendlies, also imposing a three-

match ban on Monday on Napoli's Brazilian Dragan Stojkovic midfielder Alemao and two on A C Milan's Italy defender Paolo Maldini. Stojkovic, who was injured for most of last season at Marsetlle, was shown the red card after protesting against a booking and was recommended for harsh treatment for insulting the referee as he left the field during

the friendly against Reggina on August' 18. Alemao also insulted a referee while Maldini butted Juventus striker Pierluigi Casiraghi.

#### Americans stun Romania 2-0

UCHAREST, Aug 2 9: United States national football team beat Romania 2-0 in a friendly played on the Brasov City Stadium on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

The Americans, who played in the last World Cup and will be the hosts of the 1994 World Cup, led the half time 1-0. Meanwhile in Oslo, the Soviet Union defeated Norway 1-0 (halftime 0-0) in a European Championship Group Three soccer qualifying match also on Wednesday. Scorer: Alexandr Mostovoi (74th minute); attendance:

#### Jhenidah Eleven win

Jhenidah Eleven beat Pabna Eleven by 3-1 goals in the DC Gold Cup football tournament '91 held at Jhenidah Stadium Wednesday, reports UNB.

Ratan of Jhenidah netted two goals while Ashraful the other. Nayan, who scored the consolation goal for Pabna Eleven

was adjudged the man of the match.

taken place Aug 21.

Faridpur will face Ishwardi in today's (Friday) fixtures. Mexican no-show upsets Romanian Fed UCHAREST, Romanta, Aug 30: The Romantan Soccer Federation is demanding dirs 100,000 in compensation from its Mexican counterpart for cancelling a match between

the countries' national squads, reports AP. The Mexican team, which also was to play in Poland and Austria, cancelled its European tour without explanation in a said Romanian Soccer Federation spokesman loan Kasai. The match in Bucharest was to have

Kasai said the compensation would cover the cost of "all the preparations made for the game," but gave no details on how that figure was calculated. The game was to be held in Bucharest's 40,000-seat

National Stadium. The highest-priced tickets were to cost about 150 lei (about 75 cents). Kasai did not say how many tickets had been sold. Romania will play the US national team on Aug 28 in Bucharest.

#### Elsewhere, Napoli starts its Roma will rely mostly on newly-acquired German for ward Thomas Hassler early in "We are learning to play the season due to key forwards



NEW DELHI, Aug 30: India wants Pakistan to play a one-day cricket

match this winter to raise funds for a charitable foundation named after slain former Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, reports

tary of the Board of Control for Cricket in India, said he would approach Pakistan soon to finalise the match which has been approved by the Indian government. Proceeds from the game

will go to a foundation named

after Gandhi, who was killed by

Jagmohan Dalmiya, secre-

a suicide-bomber in southern Indian May 21, Dalmiya said. He said the proposed match would be in addition to the five-match series between the two rivals to be played in India October 27-November 7.

Madras, Gwaltor and Jalandhar will be venues of the five internationals, whose dates are yet to be fixed. indian umpires will supervise the matches which will be

played with indian balls,

He said Bombay, Calcutta,

Dalmiya added. The short tour has been squeezed in between the Champions' Cup in Sharjah to be contested by India, Pakistan and the West Indies October 17-25 and India's tour of Australia starting November

late call-up Richard Staple, who contributed an entertain-The series follows the dising 56.

Maradona was suspended by

Napoli filled Maradona's

Indo-Pak charity ties proposed ruption of cricketing ties between the two countries in

> fused to play the Asia Cup and a five-Test series due to Hindu-Muslim rioting in India. "This tour is definitely on," Dalmiya said. "The custodians of the law and order will ensure that it goes on smoothly."

> > Windies in

January, when Pakistan re-

driving seat **6CARBOROUGH**, England, Aug 30: An unbeaten 90 from Richie Richardson put West indies in a strong position at the end of the second day of their three-day cricket match against a Rest Of The World XI

turned bowling figures of five for 94 as The World XI were dismissed for 375 to hand West Indies a 48-run lead. Pakistan's Javed Miandad was top scorer with 88 while West Indian Winston Davis contributed a blockbusting un-

beaten 54 in the invitation

side's batting effort.

All-rounder Carl Hooper re-

on Thursday, reports Reuter.

But by the end of play West Indies had increased their lead to 264 for the loss of five wickets with Richardson in ominous form. West Indies were on 216 for five at close of Richardson share an excit-

ing 120-run partnership with

Fiorentina carried out the

Pietro Maiellaro for 30 billion

## the season. Marathon stint

Thursday, reports AFP.

morning.

Bairibridge has sent down

watchful defence Martyn, who has already played in the Sheffield Shield for Western Australia, drove and cut with authority.

overall lead of 400 with one day remaining.

The unpredictable Roman Gascoigne, who cost Lazio nearly 20 billion lire (dlrs 16

Verona strengthened its

heavily upon newly-acquired British forward David Platt and Australian striker Frank Farina. tory of fathures in the Italian league. Barl could surge among the league powerhouses if the

former player of Aston Villa Asian semifinals

reports AFP. The South Koreans, three consecutive times runners up in the event, ran out 92-79 (47-39,45-40) winners for

If they lose, the Philippines, North Korea and Japan will end up with identical single wins against two defeats and Japan will take the semifinal place with a better points av-

against one loss.

Jordan stood at one win

# ver medal.