Lucky Dhanmandi win shootout



The local football eason 1991-92 kicked off yesterday with the start of the eleventh Federation Cup tournament. Two matches

were decided on the opening day of the 24-team meet at the Dhaka Stadium with Dhanmandi Club and Wari Club posting contrasting victories in their Group A engagements.

It was a rather indifferent start to the season with barely a couple of thousand spectators come to watch despite the weekly holiday. For their part, none of the four teams in action on the opening day did much by way of impressing anyone with their skills in the

Dhanmandi Club, one of the 16 Dhaka Senior Division sides in the competition, must consider themselves quite lucky scraping their way through to the group final by virtue of a 4-3 margin in the tie-break over fellow Senior Divisioners Shadharan Bima KS in the inaugural match after the regulation period had failed to break a barren, goalless deadlock.

In the second game, under floodlights in the evening, a more assertive Wari Club were duly rewarded with a 2-1 victory over the Rajshahi Divisional selection. Wari led

coach for the second time,

on Thursday, Parreira said he

wanted Mario Zagalo, who led

Dull draws in

Chittagong

CHITTAGONG, Sept 27

Both the matches of CJKP

Elite Paint First Division foot-

ball league at the Chittagong

stadium here this afternoon

ended dull draws, reports BSS.

Port Authority Sports

Association with a one-all

in the second half of the

match. Sontosh scored for

took the lead when two strik-

ers Prasanta and Sontosh en-

tered into the box with wall-

pass and then Sontosh sent

the ball home by a beautiful

Zahid entered into the BCIC

danger zone where BCIC de-

fender Patowary fouled him,

referee pointed to the spot.

Avijit made no mistake to find

day, Steel Mills and Hafiz Jute

Mills split points with a goal-

points from four matches,

while BCIC bagged four and

Port collected three points

from the same number of en-

counters. Hafiz Jute Mills got

only a point so far off their

In the other match of the

Steel Mills collected five

Six minutes later, substitute

BCIC and Aviit for Port.

grounder (1-0).

the mark (1-1).

three matches.

less draw.

BCIC shared points with

Both the goals were scored

In the 42nd minute BCIC

Confirming his appointment

reports Reuter.

Carlos Alberto

Parreira has been

appointed Bra-

by a Kabir goal at the breather. The Dhanmandi-Bima match was conspicuous for the number of missed opportunities with the Dhanmandi forwards being more at fault despite getting some excellent

it was Bima which made the first positive move when the Dhanmandi goalkeeper Tayyeb was called upon to partially parry a thunderous volley from Bima's Badal after Masud had sent a fine cross from the left in the 10th minute of the match. Badal's teammate Lablu, who won possession of the rebound, shot it wide over the post from close.

Dhanmandi should have scored in the 12th minute but Kabir blasted high over the Bima bar. Kabir failed again a minute before the short whistle when he headed wide from a handshaking distance with only the Bima goalie at his mercy after another Faisal

The second session of play was just as indistinguished as the first towards the end both sides showed an inclination to try their luck in the tie-break. In this Dhanmandi proved

The teams tied 3-3 after the marklatory five penalties each, which forced the issue to

Brazil to victory in the 1970

World Cup, as his right-hand

three coaches in the last two

years and the most recent,

Ernesto Paulo, lasted just one

lasted less than one year when

he was first in charge of the

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HUGO MARADONA

national team, said he was not

worried by the daunting task of

restoring the country's shat-

"I can only win because

tered soccer image.

Brazil have gone 'through

But Parreira, who himself

the sudden death shootout. While Badal coolly converted his spot kick Bima's Tipu betrayed his nerves and his feeble shot went straight to Dhanmandi custodian Tayyeb who got a heaven-sent chance to prove his side's hero on the

Dhanmandi's Ata, Biswajeet and Satfu and Bima's Badal, Basu and Mahmud had converted successfully in the tie-

Dhanmandi, who earned a bye in this first-round knockout stage, will meet the winners of the Wari versus BRTC tie in the group final on October 4.

WARI'S WIN

Warl Club made a more auspicious debut in their season's first outing when they were gifted a penalty in the very third minute of their match against Rajshahi Division. Referee R. Alam had no hesitation when Rajshahi defender Lablu brought down Wart for-

tackle inside the box. Kabir earned the distinction of scoring the first goal of the meet by netting the resulting penalty to put Wari 1-0 ahead.

ward Sudhir with a crunching

Wari doubled the margin in the 15th minute of the second half when Tutul completed a

things can't get worse than

of the World Cup, were

knocked out of the 1990 tour-

nament in Italy in the second

round after scoring just four

goals in four games and have

won only five of their 16

South American title this year

and in their most recent

match were humbled by Wales.

spite their troubles Brazil were

"still on the same level as

England and Germany."

They failed to retain their

But Parreira said that de-

Former coaches Sebastiao

matches since then.

Brazil, three times winners

they already are," he said.

fine solo dash from midpitch to give Rajshahi goalkeeper Bakul no chance (2-0).

Rajshahi won some consolation when Selim converted a penalty after Wart's Partha handled the ball in the 77th

Wari will now meet BRTC on October 1

Earlier, State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadeq Hossain Khoka inaugurated the meet organised by the Football Bangladesh Federation. The Minister was introduced to the players of the two teams playing the first

Sixteen Dhaka teams, three Divisional teams and national champions Bangladesh Army are taking part in the knockout phase.

The our group leaders, who will be joined in the second round robin league by reigning Dhaka champions Mohammedan Sporting, last year's runners-up Abahani Krira Chakra and the two beaten semifinalists Brothers Union and Muktijoddha Sangsad.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Agrani Bank vs Eskaton Sabuj Sangha (4:00 pm). Arambagh KS vs Dhaka Wanderers Club (6:00 pm).

One Maradona isn't enough for Japanese

United Arab Emirates in the 1990 competition and Saudi Arabia in the qualifying matches for the 1990 finals.

His first 'stint with Brazil was in 1983. But his record of five wins, seven draws and two defeats was not good enough for the demanding Brazilian public and his reign ended when his team were knocked out of the South American championship by Uruguay.

Germany must beat Wales to sustain hopes

BONN, Sept 27 : Welsh Manager Terry Yorath has resumed his verbal attack on German soccer ahead of the team's key European Championship qualifier next month by blaming coach Berti Vogts for a decline in the world champions' form, reports Reuter.

Yorath, who accused Vogts' team of being soccer's biggest actors before the Welsh upset Germany 1-0 in Cardiff in June, was quoted on Wednesday as saying that last year's departure of World Cup coach Franz Beckenbauer had hurt the Germans.

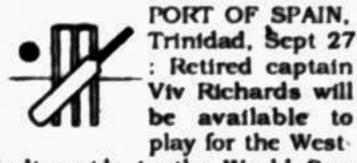
"The Germans have lost a lot because of the change. You can see that from the results in the qualifying."

The unheralded Welsh top Group Five with seven points from four games while Germany, with a game in hand, trail by three points.

Nuremberg on October 16 to keep alive their chances of reaching next year's finals in Sweden.

Richards to lead in World Cup

State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadeq Hossain Khoka being introduced to the players at the start of the 11th



Federation Cup football tournament at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

National chess

Action begins

today

Sports Reporter

the seventeenth national chess championship will be-

gin today at the National

State Minister for Textile, was

present during the draw of the

players held yesterday at the

are taking part on a round

robin league. The players are

Moinuddin Mamoon, 2.

Riffat-bin-Sattar, 3. Younus

Hasan, 4. Rezaul Haque, 5

Khondokar Kayes Hasan, 7

Shamsul Kabir Chowdhury, 8.

Shahabuddin Qureshi, 9. Rani

Hamid, 10. Ziaul Kader Tuhin, 11. Shabana Parveen Nipa, 12.

Sheikh Anwar Hossain, 14

Anisur Rahman, 15. Jamilur

Rahman and Shawkat Hossain

TODAY'S MATCHES

Moinuddin Mamoon vs

Riffat-bin-Sattar vs Jamilur

Younus Hasan vs Anisur

Rezaul Haque vs Anwar

Shahinoor vs Tahmidur

Kayes Hasan vs Shabana

Shamsul Kabir vs Ziaul

Rani Hamid vs S Qureshi

Tahmidur Rahman,

Shawkat Hossain

Rahman

Rahman

Hossain

Rahman

Parveen

Kader

Shahinoor Hossain.

Major (retd) Abdul Mannan,

Altogether sixteen players

Sports Council chess room.

chess room.

placed as following:

The final round matches of

Indies side in the World Cup tournament in Australia and New Zealand next year, an official of the West Indies Cricket Board of Control (WICBC) said on Thursday, reports Reuter.

The 39-year-old Richards announced his retirement following the West Indies' tour of Britain last month. But WICBC Secretary Steve Camacho said Richards had informed the Board of his availability for next year's World Cup.

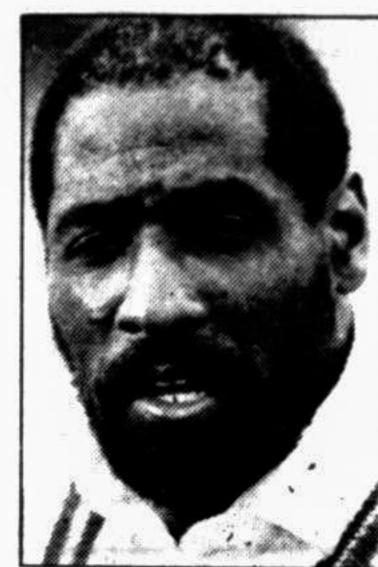
In addition to Richards, leading fastbowler lan Bishop of Trinidad, who missed a series against Australia and the tour of Britain because of a spine injury, said he was fit and hoping to gain selection to the Caribbean side.

The WICBC is expected to name a successor to Richards as West Indies captain during its two-day meeting in Barbados beginning on Saturday as well as select teams for the World Cricket Series in Australia, the World Cup and tours of Canada and Sharjah in the United Arab

Hard-hitting batsman Richie Richardson of Antigua is considered a leading candidate to succeed Richards.

Camacho also said the Board was expected to vote on whether to support South Africa's bid to participate in the World Cup.

At the International Cricket Conference in London earlier this year, the West Indies abstained from a vote to readmit South Africa into the ICC.



VIV RICHARDS

Ansars face Fire Service in today's kabaddi final

- Star photo

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Ansars face Bangladesh Fire Service in today's final of the Uttara Motors eighteenth national kabaddi championship at the Outer Stadium kabaddi court this afternoon.

Fire Service should start today's final confident following their convincing showing against Khulna DSA in yesterday's semifinal.

The firefighters gave an excellent performance, totally outplaying the men from Khulna 19 points to seven.

On the other hand, Bangladesh Ansars, too, have given a consistent account of themselves in the meet so far. In the other semifinal yesterday Ansars beat off a spirited challenge from Tangail DSA to book their berth in the final with a 20-11 scoreline.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadeq Hossain Khoka will witness the final and give away the trophies as chief guest.

Nine teams took part in the final round of the nationals which began on Thursday last under the aegis of the Bangladesh Kabaddi Federation.

about the Australians a second

wicket of the summer came

when opener Darrin Ramshaw

snicked a chance to keeper

Stephenson, deputising for

broken finger victim Derek

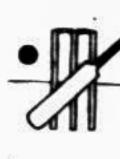
Pringle, removed Weyne

Phillips lbw, then Childs and

Foster's 102nd and final

New ball partner John

Heavens open up for Victoria CHELMSFORD, the 12,000 winners prize as by clipping the edge of Paul Jackson's bat before setting



England, Sept 27 An English downpour saved Victoria from a

severe here on Thursday and robbed Essex of 9,500 pounds,

reports AFP. The Australian champions were 56 for eight in their second innings - still 119 runs behind after following on when a violent thunder storm

struck. Within minutes Chelmsford's country ground was under water and the visitors escaped with a draw and 2,500 pounds.

Essex earned the same amount after looking set for John Childs and Peter Such spun them towards victory. Both claimed three wickets

each as Victoria found no one to stand up to a turning ball on a well-worn pitch. Most were dispatched playing back when they should have been forward. Fast bowler Neil Foster had

led the way for Essex by closing Victoria's first innings in 50 minutes during the morning and completing 100 firstthe second time in his career.

He took only five deliveries

ingly edging a catch behind. And Foster wrapped up

class wickets in a season for

on Thursday to reach the century as Damien Fleming oblig-

Victoria's first innings for 168

Dean Jones failed to halt opened.

Mike Garnham.

Such took charge.

the slide until the heavens Merv Hughes was left un-

beaten on 12 - top scorer again following his first innings 60 not out.

The team of the principality are now two points ahead of

Palace pay £1.8m for Gabbiadini

ONDON, Sept 27: English First Division Crystal Palace

been Second Division Sunderland's top scorer every season since he joined them four years ago, replaces lan Wright. Palace sold England striker Wright to First Division

lars) on Monday. Gabbiadini hopes to form a successful partnership with

"I've got to try to take up Ian Wright's job. Palace have a good direct style, which hopefully will suit me, " he said.

ADRID, Sept 27: Spain's footballing world was in tatters on Thursday with commentators predicting wholesale changes in the national squad after their shock 2-0 defeat by

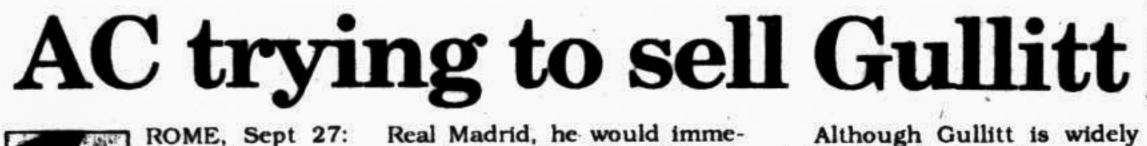
"Horrific" and "Spain's blackest night" were two descriptions on sports pages of the humiliation which confirmed Spain's exclusion from the 1992 European Championship finals in Sweden. "This defeat is a disgrace which could take a long time to shake off," disgusted Spanish coach Vicente

sports media were on Thursday doing his thinking for him aloud.

Commentators on state radio predicted the international careers of several veteran players were over, including striker Emilio Butragueno and midfielder Michel Gonzalez, who between them have won 121 caps.

on like this."

The paper compared Wednesday's disaster to Spain's 1969- 2-1 loss to Finland in a World Cup qualifier which resulted in the resignation of the three- man national coaching





AC Milan are currently negof Dutch star Ruud Gullit to

Spanish side Real Madrid, according to a report in Thursday's Rome daily, "La Republica," reports Reuter. Although the paper does

not disclose a likely purchase

RUUD GULLIT

price for Gullitt, it claims that negotiations between AC Milan president Silvio Belusconi and Madrid counterpart Ramon Mendoza ar already well ad-

Gullitt, 29, has played in less than half of Milan's league games over the last three seasons because of problems related to his right knee, on which he has had three opera-

Speculation that Gullit might find himself under pressure to hold his team place heightened two weeks ago when AC Milan coach Fabio Capello first dropped but later re-instated him prior to the team's away game against Junentus.

Were Gullit to be sold to

Real Madrid, he would immediately be replaced by 22-yearold Avonimir Boban, a Croatian bought this summer from Dinamo Zagreb.

Under Italian Federation rules, a new foreign player may be registered from November 4-14, when the player market is temporarily reopened. Gullitt joined AC Milan in

the summer of 1987 at a cost of 8.5 million sterling. His best year with the club was undoubtedly his first,

when he inspired the team to win the 1988 Italian title.

believed to have made a complete recovery from three years of injury, most commentators argue that he has failed to regain his previous high standard of play. * During Sunday's 1-1 home

of the Milan crowd booed Gullitt because of his perfor-If Gullit refuses to move to

draw with Firoentina, sections

Real Madrid, then Milan will have to "park" Boban with another club, Italian or otherwise.

Vicini's dilemma ROME, Sept 27:



and worshipped footballing heroes returned home howling criticism on Friday after sufering their second in-

Italy's wealthy

ternational defeat, 2-1 by Bulgaria, reports AFP. The defeat increased pressure on national coach Azeglio Vicini who had no excuses to offer for the sorry perfor-

mances in Sofia on Wednesday "Anyone can lose, but Italy has never played so badly in the 53 matches I have been in

charge," he admitted. There are no excuses. That was my seventh deeat but it was the most painful."

Two of the three players sent off in the rough and tuble match were Bulgarian, but the home side still went two ahead before the Italians started fighting back. Kostadinov put Bulgaria

ahead, but his team were re-

duced to 10 men three min-

utes later when Penev elbowed

Italian

Midfilder Massino

Crippa in the face. Ivanov of Bulgaria and Italy's Gianluca Vialli were sent off in the final minute. Bulgaria packed their de-

fence, but five minutes into the second half Italy's substitute goalkeeper Gianluca Pagliuca brought down Bulgarian striker Sirakov. Barcelona's Hristo Stoichkov drove home the penalty. In the 55thminute, Giuseppe Giannini pulled one goal back for the Italians, and they returned home to a, mauling from the Itlalian sports press.

Though the Soviet Union's 2-2 home draw with Hungary in the European Championship Group Three qualifying match means Italy can still make it to the finals in Sweden next year, they must win in Moscow on October 12 to keep their slim hopes alive.

Vicini's job has been on the line since Norway beat Italy 2-I in a qualifying match in June. Italy are fourth in group three, four points behind the Soviet Union with six points .They have three games to play and the Soviets two.

Perreira needs Zagalo's help TOKYO, Sept 27: Hugo Maradona, Diego's brother, is coming to Japan to play Futures, but that doesn't mean

giving up its quest to get his more famous and brilliant sibling, reports AP. PJM Futures had been courting Diego since the World Cup last year with offers reportedly in the tens of millions of dollars, but it introduced Hugo to the media on

the obscure Japanese team is

player to a three-year deal. "It was not cheap, but it was not outrageous, either," said PJM Futures chief executive. Still, getting Diego Maradona, who led Argentina to a World Cup title in 1986, the finals in 1990 and Napoli

mains a desire. "Our feelings regarding Diego have not changed," Arita said we would ideally like to have both Maradonas play for

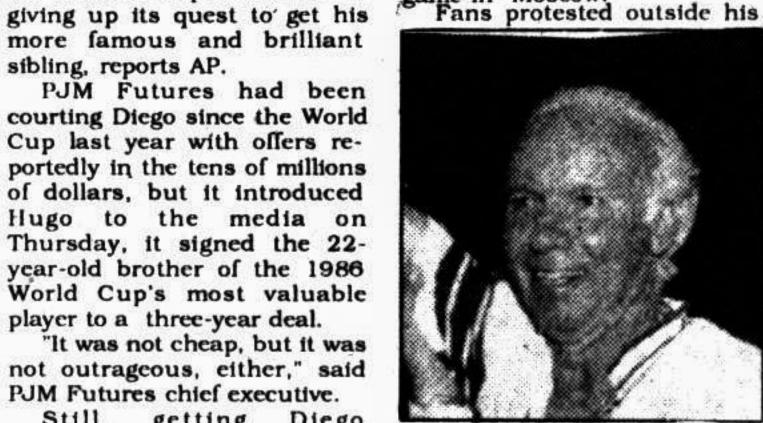
to an Italian League title, re-

Arita, whose company is the exclusive Japanese agent of the Waco, Texas-based self improvement firm Success Motivation International, first approached the Diego Maradona at the World Cup in Rome last year.

Maradona was having troubles with club officials, fans, and the media. He made comments during the World Cup that were intrepreted as trying to divide the fans of northern and southern Italy.

He missed practices and

games for his Italian club team Napoli, . intensifying criticism of him. One of the most publicized incidents involved his refusal to travel and play with Napoli in a second-round European Champions Cup game in Moscow.



MARIO ZAGALO house and Maradona eventually

relented and followed his teammates to Moscow in his But the incident, along with

others, sparked Napoli to sue its famous striker, saying he had damaged their reputation. The series of events helped lead Maradona to write in a newspaper column that he was considering playing in Japan as a "longer-term possi-

But PJM's courtship sourcd when Maradona tested positive for cocaine after an Italian League game in March and subsequently was suspended from soccer for 15 months. It worsened a month later, when, upon returning to his native Argentina, he was arrested on cocaine possession charges.

"We felt that it would be

very important to get a showcase athlete," Arita said "Unfortunately, the drug incident made it impossible for us to bring Diego here."

Even so, PJM Futures is still interested in attaining Maradona "once everything is worked out," Arita said. PJM, a four-year-old club

based in central Japan, plays in a local industrial league and was unable to earn one of the 10 slots in Japan's first pro soccer league, scheduled to begin in 1993. It hopes to joint the league in its planned expansion in 1995.

attract players like Maradona, including his brother. Hugo, who plays for Rapid Vienna, will join PJM in September 1992 for next sea-

Part of that plan will be to

However, he says that for the time being he is looking forward to pursuing his career

here alone. "I am proud they chose me," he said. "I plan to play

hard for the fans. Like many teams, PJM hopes imported stars will draw

crowds, and badly needed ticket revenues. Attendance at games in the top industrial league now is generally in the low thousands. Sports officials are also hoping that foreigners will inspire

higher level of play, a necessity if Japan is to win its bid to host the World Cup in 2002. The biggest name come to

their Japanese teammates to a

play in Japan is Brazilian World Cup star Zico, who has a threeyear contract with Sumitomó Metals for a reported dirs 1.5 million.

SOCCER SCENARIO

French leaders Monaco stumble ARIS, Sept 27: Leaders Monaco suffered their second de feat of the season when they lost 1-0 at Cacn in the French soccer league on Thursday, reports Reuter. Midfielder Xavier Gravelaine scored the only goal of the

game after 60 minutes. champions Marseille, who play today at Auxierre.

paid a club record 1.8 million pounds sterling (3.1 million dollars) for Sunderland striker Marco Gabbiadini on Thursday, reports Reuter. England under 21 and B marksman Gabbiadini, who has

champions Arsenal for 2.5 million pounds (4.3 million dol-Wright's former striking partner, Mark Bright.

Spanish veterans face axe

Iceland in Reykjavík on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

Miera told reporters after the game. Asked if he would make changes in the team as a consequence, Miera would say only: "I'll think about it." Spain's

The newspaper El Pais quoted Rafael Cortes Elvira, director of the supreme sports council, as saying: "This defeat has to mean the end of an era for the national squad. We can't go

Lazaroni and Paulo Roberto Falcao were accused of abandoning the traditional Brazilian flair for a more European style

based on marking and hard running. "We do not have the players we had in 1970," Parreira said "But we should always respect the fundamental characteristics of our game." Parreira said his biggest

and foreign-based players. of the country's top players are with European Lazaroni relied mainly on the latter and often saw his plans decimated when the

players' clubs refused to re-

headache was to find a balance

between Brazil's home-based

lease them. Falcao began his reign using only home-based players and went a record six games without a win.

gotiated but he intended to

stay until the 1994 World Cup

and he wanted Zagalo as his assistant.

Parreira said final details of his contract had not been ne-

The job is his fifth in charge of an international side. He coached Kuwait at the 1982 World Cup finals, the

Germany must win in

Cruyff castigates FIFA's new rules MADRID, Sept 27: World football ruling body, FIFA, is fraying tempers in Spain with

its new rule about giving red cards to goalkeepers who bring down strikers, reports The rule is designed to make the game more enter-

taining, and clubs have been hiring top referees to teach players about the rule.