

# Farashganj, Victoria in group finals

Sports Reporter

Shimu's brilliant hat-trick enabled Farashganj Sporting Club to rout Dhaka Division 4-0 in their first round match of the eleventh Federation Cup football tournament last evening at the flood-lit Dhaka Stadium.



Actions from first of yesterday's Fed Cup 1st round matches between Victoria SC and Rahmatganj MFS at Dhaka Stadium. Victoria won 1-0.

Earlier in the afternoon match, Victoria Sporting Club moved into the Group 'C' final defeating Rahmatganj Muslim Friends' Society by a solitary goal netted by right winger Shankar midway into the second half.

Farashganj's all the new recruits - midfielder Shimu and goal keeper Lito from Victoria, Dilip Das and Nurul Islam from Brothers, Hira from S. Bima and defender Salauddin from Dhaka Mohammedans - lived up to the expectations with quite satisfactory performances.

Dhaka Division, who reached the group semifinal edging past BJMC in a tie-breaker on September 30, found the Farashganj side a more seasoned opponent who were not willing to take anything easy. The constant torments by Farashganj front liners always kept Dhaka Division defenders on their toes.

Farashganj shot into the lead in the 13th minutes of the match when Shimu winning the ball at the right flank dribble past a couple of defenders

to unleash a powerful grounder which gave Dhaka's goalkeeper Babul no chance to block (1-0).

Farashganj pressed hard for more goals thus leaving gaps in their defence and ten minutes from short whistle Dhaka strikers Munir made an unpardonable mistake when he shot straight to Farashganj goalie Lito from hardly five yards from the goalpost.

Twelve minutes into the second half, Farashganj's Nurul Islam sent a curling corner

kick and Shimu rising over the Dhaka defenders no did past a bemused Babul (2-0).

Shimu completed his hat-trick in the 71st minutes of proceedings with a superbly taken free kick from just outside the box.

The referee awarded the free kick to Farashganj when goalie Babul collected the ball outside the box.

Skipper Nantoo sealed the fate of the match when he raced down to collect a Nurul

Islam through pass which he placed smartly past the diving goalkeeper (4-0). Shimu's hat-trick, was the second of this tournament on Monday brilliant Army striker, Mujib Rahman blasted six goals past a weak Police team.

Farashganj will now take on the national champions Bangladesh Army in the final of Group 'D' on Saturday at 6 pm.

**VICTORIA ROMP HOME**

Victoria moved into the Group 'C' final beating Rahmatganj 1-0 in the afternoon match.

They will play against Youngmen's Fakirpool Club on October 5 at 4 pm.

Victoria dominated the proceeding but some tight markings and stubbornness by Rahmatganj defenders did not allow their forwards to penetrate deep into the defence.

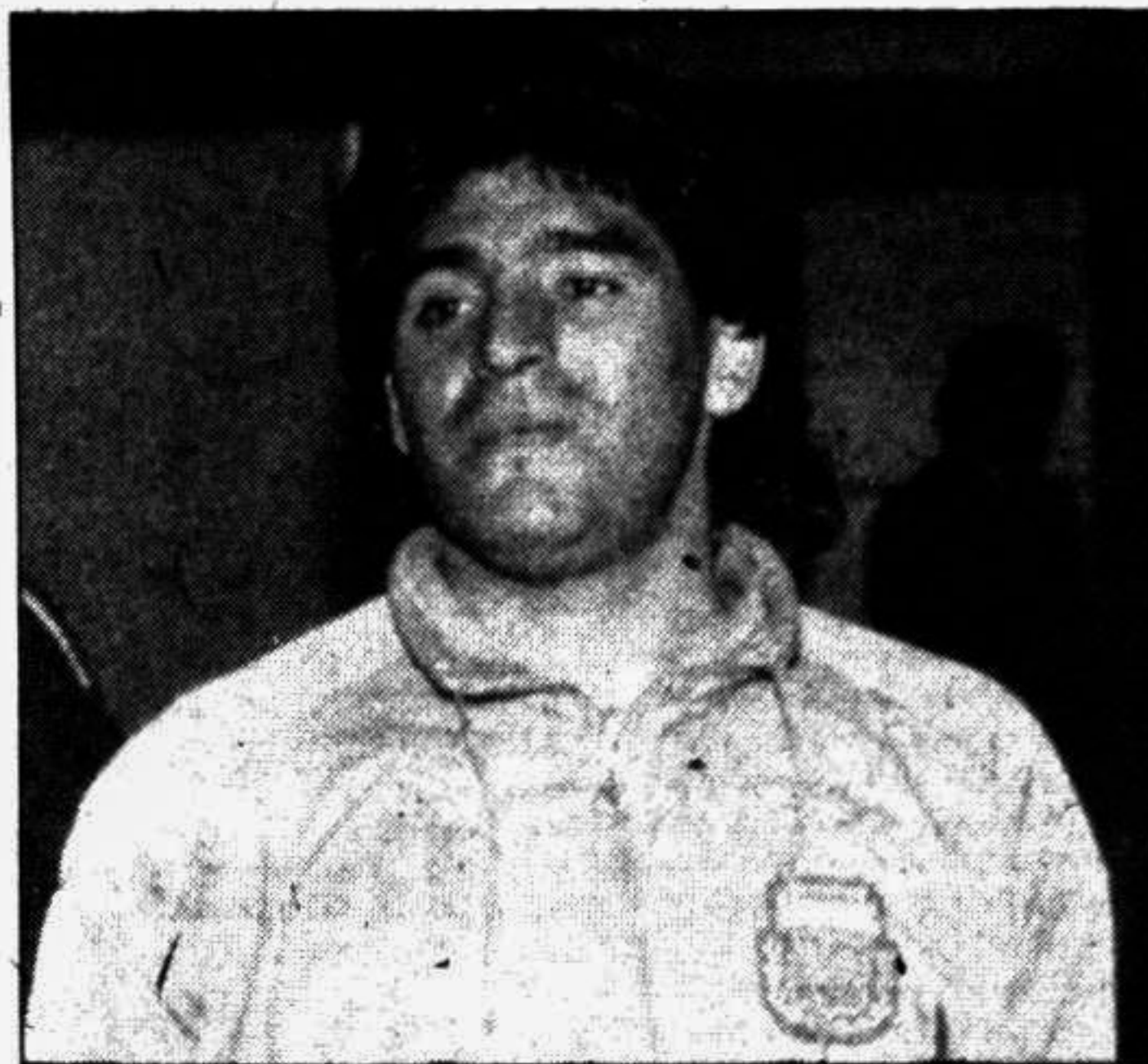
Shankar scored the all important goal with a spectacular header off a curling lob by Karim in the 57th minute of the play.

Zakir of Rahmatganj was shown red card when he fouled goalkeeper had to be Aslam carried away in a stretcher in the 48th minute of the play. Today will be the rest day before the group finals.

Dhanmond Club will take on BRTC in Group 'A' match tomorrow at 4 pm while in tomorrow's second match PWD will face Dhaka Wanderers in Group 'B' final.

# US club boss off to Argentina

**SAN DIEGO, Oct 2:** The manager of a US indoor soccer club flew to Buenos Aires on Tuesday to hold exploratory talks with representatives of disgraced Argentine star Maradona, the club announced, reports Reuter.



DIEGO MARADONA

Oscar Anclra, manager of the San Diego Sockers of the major Soccer League, planned to meet representatives of Maradona to discuss opportunities in the United States for the former Napoli player once his world suspension for cocaine use expires in the summer of 1992, a Sockers spokesman said.

Tim Latta, marketing director for the Sockers, denied that the Sockers planned to sign Maradona.

Latta said the club had met representatives of Maradona

earlier this year but broke off the talks when FIFA, the world ruling body of soccer, made it clear he could not play with a club until his suspension ended.

Since then FIFA has said Maradona could practice with the Sockers, and so Anclra had decided to fly to Argentina. "Oscar is going to Argentina, not as a representative of the Sockers, but as a member of the soccer community to discuss his availability to play soccer one day in the future," Latta said.

He suggested that Maradona might visit the United States someday "as a friend of soccer, or as a player to maybe play some games with our team, or to appear in All-Star teams."

However, Latta insisted that Anclra would not make any proposals during his visit. "He's proposing nothing," Latta said.

## Ctg Mohammedans keep winning

**CHITTAGONG, Oct 2:** Sult's two goals enabled Chittagong Mohammedans to continue their winning spree in the CJKP Elite First Division football league at the Chittagong Stadium here this afternoon, reports BSS.

It was Mohammedans' fifth successive win in the league beating City Corporations 2-0. Sult scored one each in the first and the second half of the match.

## Richardson to follow pattern

**BRIDGETOWN, Oct 2:** West Indies' newly appointed captain Richie Richardson aims to follow the pattern that has made the team such a dominant force in world cricket during the last 12 years, reports Reuter.

Antigua-born Richardson, 29, whose appointment in succession to Viv Richards was announced on Sunday, said: "We have done very well over the years and I wouldn't want to change the pattern that much."

"I have to work along with the selectors and see how things go. The team is going through a transition period and it's going to be a lot of hard work."

Richardson, who has played in 62 Tests and 137 one-day internationals, anticipates great pressure as a new captain coping with a succession of one-day tournaments over the next six months during which West Indies visit Sharjah, Canada, Pakistan and Australia.

"One-day cricket is very hectic and you have to think very fast. Time is very limited. It will be a lot of pressure but I'm sure I'll be able to handle it," he said.

The new captain says he is not worried about the future of West Indian cricket.

"The future of West Indies cricket looks very bright. We have some young batsmen and

fast bowlers around and I don't think we have anything to worry about," he said.

## S. AFRICANS OPPOSED

Meanwhile, another report from Bridgetown said: West Indies cricket authorities have come out against South Africa taking part in the World Cup in Australia and New Zealand next February and March.

West Indies Cricket Board of Control (WICBC) were re-

after their annual meeting here, WICBC noted that at the International Cricket Council (ICC) meeting in London last July there was agreement that South Africa should not be included if a formal application was made.

"As no new factors have arisen which will affect this decision, the West Indies Cricket Board of Control is therefore not in a position to support the application of South Africa to participate in the World Cup," said the statement.

The WICBC said it had been approached by the UCBSA concerning future ties after the ICC decided to re-admit South Africa at its July meeting.

West Indies abstained from voting on the re-admission of South Africa, saying the matter had not been discussed by its Board.

WICBC also announced here that it would "respond positively" to an initiative by the UCBSA regarding the establishment of an exchange programme at administrative level.

Australia and co-hosts New Zealand last month welcomed South Africa's late bid to enter the World Cup, while Pakistan have already voted against allowing South Africa to play in the competition.

The limited overs tournament currently involves the seven Test-playing countries and Zimbabwe.



RICHIE RICHARDSON

sponding on Tuesday to last month's decision by the United Cricket Board of South Africa (UCBSA) to apply for inclusion in the Cup.

In a statement on South Africa and the World Cup made

## Riffat extends lead

Sports Reporter

Title aspirants Riffat Bin Sattar of Bangladesh Biman consolidated at the top of the points table earning full five points after the completion of the fifth round matches of the seventeenth national chess championship yesterday at the National Sport Council's chess room.

Riffat, a student of Notre Dame College in Dhaka kept up his challenge for the title when he defeated teammate Fide Master Rezaul Haque in the 32nd move of their match.

Riffat, playing with black pieces, put up an attacking game from the beginning which forced his senior rival to quickly give in. He will meet Shahinor Hossain of Dhaka Metropolis in today's encounter.

Four players - reigning champion Syed Tahmidur Rahman, International Womanmaster Rani Hamid, Shahinor Hossain and Anisur Rahman were jointly placed in the second position with three and a half points each.

Syed Tahmidur Rahman drew with Rani Hamid. Shahinor Hossain beat

Moinuddin Mamon and Anisur Rahman defeated Shamsul Kabir Chowdhury of Dhaka metropolis.

Ziaul Kader Tuhin's match against Shabana Parveen Nipa of Faridpur was going on till filing of this report: Tuhin held on advantageous position and if he wins the match he will also join the others in the second position with three and a half points.

Last year's runner-up Younus Hasan also won his match against Shahadat Hossain. Shahabuddin Qureshi defeated Anwar Hossain. Kayes Hossain drew with Jamilur Rahman.

## TODAY'S MATCHES

Sheikh Shahadat Hossain vs Shabana Parveen Nipa.  
Syed Tahmidur Rahman vs Ziaul Kader Tuhin.  
Sheikh Anwar Hossain vs Rani Hamid.

Anisur Rahman vs Shahabuddin Ahmed Qureshi.  
Jamilur Rahman vs Shamsul Kabir Chowdhury.  
Moinuddin Mamon vs Khandakar Kayes Hossain.

Riffat Bin Sattar vs Shahinor Hossain.  
Younus Hasan vs Rezaul Haq.



Shabana Parveen Nipa (R) ponders her next move against Ziaul Kader Tuhin in their fifth round match of the 17th national chess championship yesterday.

## Border rejects racism charge

**ADELAIDE, Oct 2:** Australian cricketers will be warned to keep their mouths shut this season after allegations of abuse and racist remarks in recent Test series, reports Reuter.

Claims of racism were raised by Sri Lanka during a tour here two years ago and former West Indies captain Viv Richards also criticised the Australians after this year's series in the Caribbean.

Captain Allan Border, in Adelaide for a pre-season training camp, rejected the

allegations of abuse and racist remarks in recent Test series, reports Reuter.

there are no dramas between the sides because of just a couple of silly things that might be misconstrued, especially if we're playing the Indians, Pakistanis or West Indians," Border told reporters.

"It seems to be an undercurrent that everyone thinks it's a racist type situation, when it's not," he added.

Border said Australians would have to temper the sort of aggressive antics that are part and parcel of the Interstate Sheffield Shield competition.

"Our guys play a certain aggressive game in Sheffield Shield cricket, now maybe we've got to target that area and brush up on it a little bit."

"Not so much to be nicer, but instead of ridiculously saying something to a batsman that he might misconstrue, like a racist thing or whatever, just don't say anything, just get on with the job," Border added.

Japan hosts world U-17 soccer in '93

**TOKYO, Oct 2:** Japan will stage the world under-17 soccer championship in 1993, the Japan Soccer Association said on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

The biennial tournament, won by Ghana in Italy in August, will be staged in four Japanese cities

## China, Iceland take early leads

**YOKOHAMA, Japan, Oct 2:** Iceland and China turned in surprise showings Tuesday in the NEC world bridge

Each event has been divided into two fields, and the top four in each group will qualify for the quarterfinals starting Saturday. The Venice Cup champion will be determined a week from Thursday, the Bermuda Bowl winner a week from Friday.

The leaders after six matches in the 14-match qualifying round robin:

Bermuda Bowl: Group A - 1. Brazil, 111. 2. Poland, 109. 3. United States 11, 108. 4. Sweden, 101.

Group B - 1. Iceland, 124.25; 2. Britain, 101; 3. Venezuela, 94; 4. United States 1, 93.5.

Venice Cup: Group A - 1. China, 126; 2. Austrian 120.5 3. United States 1, 97.5 5. Canada, 89. Group B - 1. Netherlands, 100. 2. India, 97; 3.(tie), United States II and Australia, 93.5.



ALLAN BORDER

racism allegations today but said the Australians would do their best to "get on with the job" if any on-field conflict develops.

Australia has a busy season ahead, playing host to India in a five-Test series followed by a triangular one-day Cup tournament which includes the West Indies. It will also be co-hosting the one-day World Cup early next year with New Zealand.

"I just want to make sure

## Goals galore

**LONDON, Oct 2:** German duo Eintracht Frankfurt and Werder Bremen and French Club Monaco went on a goal spree to complete aggregate wins with double figures in the European club soccer competitions on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

Werder, spurred by two early strikes from Stefan Kohn, swept to a 5-0 home victory against Romania's Bacau in their first round, second leg Cup Winners' Cup match, taking the tie 11-0 overall.

Eintracht travelled to Spora Luxembourg for the return leg of their UEFA Cup first round tie with a 6-1 lead and underlined their superiority by trouncing the opposition 5-0 for an 11-1 aggregate success.

Axel Kruse set them on course with a 32nd minute goal and added one more as his side snapped up three

goals in the second half. Monaco, aided by Welsh club Swansea City's two own goals and three other appalling defensive efforts, cruised to an 8-0 home win and took their Cup Winners' Cup first round tie 10-1 on aggregate.

Swansea keeper Mark Kendall and defender Mark Harris put the ball in their own net during the first half, while Gerard Pasi struck two of the Monaco goals to compound the Welsh side's misery.

Spanish giants Real Madrid reached the second round of the UEFA Cup despite conceding a last minute goal to draw 1-1 at home to Czechoslovakia's Slovan Bratislava.

Real seemed to have put the first round tie out of Slovans reach in the 41st minute of the second leg when midfielder Alfonso scored to give Real an aggregate 3-1 lead.

Madrid were content to sit on their advantage.

## Ivanisevic to fund Croatian cause

**SYDNEY, Oct 2:** As fighting rages across Yugoslavia, Goran Ivanisevic, ranked among the world's top 20 tennis players, says he is ready to join and fund the battle for his homeland, the rebel republic of Croatia, reports Reuter.

"If it is necessary I go," Ivanisevic told reporters after cruising to victory in the second round of the Australian indoor tennis championships on Tuesday.

Ivanisevic, 20, said he feared for his own life as an ambassador of sport for Croatia and for the lives of his family, preparing to fight in their hometown of Split for Croatian independence.

"They have a lot of Serbs and Yugoslavs who can disagree with me but I am Croatian. I am supporting freedom of Croatia. (There)

can be some crazy guys who can maybe kill me... I don't know what can happen but... I am always going to say the

for his sister's family who will return to Split from Monte Carlo on Friday.

His family and friends had weapons and were preparing for war, the tennis player said.

He (Ivanisevic's father) is telling me "I am going to fight, you just play tennis so you can help Croatia if you win."

Ivanisevic said he tried to put aside his worries about his family while he played tennis. The lanky left-hander, ranked 19th in the world, secured a comfortable 6-4, 6-3 victory over Australian Simon Youl on Tuesday.

Ivanisevic, who said he lives in Monte Carlo for tax purposes, said he was prepared to give financial support to the Croatian cause.

"My father is already giving some money and I'm going to give more for sure, going to support, with money, whatever I can, freedom of Croatia."



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## Lazio dismiss doubts about Gascoigne

**ROME, Oct 2:** Italian soccer club Lazio on Tuesday dismissed reports that injured England midfielder Paul Gascoigne would not be joining them after his latest injury, reports Reuter.

Doubts had been raised over Gascoigne's future in Italy after he underwent further surgery on his injured knee following a nightclub scuffle in his home town Newcastle on Sunday.

A club spokesman called the media reports mere speculation but said club president Gianmarco Calchi and team manager Carlo Regalia would meet on Tuesday to examine medical statements from London on the Tottenham Hotspur player's condition.

Gascoigne, due to join the

Roma club for 8.8 million dollars next year, first injured his knee last season in the English F.A Cup final against Nottingham Forest.

Lazio contacted John Browell, the London surgeon who operated on Gascoigne, at the Princess Grace Hospital on Monday and asked for full details about the latest operation.

For now, there's nothing to talk about (with Tottenham)," said Regalia on Monday. "Everything depends on the medical on May 30th. If Gascoigne is fully fit and okay on that day, then he will become a Lazio player."

The transfer depends on Gascoigne passing a medical examination by Lazio doctors on May 30th 1992.

Calchi and Regalia are expected to travel to London on Thursday to obtain more information.

## Tyson faces palimony suit

**LOS ANGELES, Oct 2:** Former world heavy-weight boxing champion Mike Tyson was sued for 11 million dollars on Tuesday by a woman who claims he is the father of her 16-month-old son, reports Reuter.

Boxing promoter Don King was named as a co-defendant in the so-called "palimony" suit brought in a Los Angeles court by attorney Marvin Mitchelson, who has gained a reputation as a palimony lawyer.

Mitchelson told reporters that Tyson promised to pay his client, 26-year-old Natalie Fears, 20,000 dollars a month in child support and to set up a five million dollar trust fund for the child, D'Amato Tyson. The late boxing trainer Cus D'Amato was an early mentor of Tyson's.

King was named in the suit, Mitchelson said, because Tyson backed down on his promise after King advised him it would damage his career.

Mitchelson said Fears and Tyson had a two-year relationship. "Mike professed his love to Natalie. Natalie professed her love to Mike."

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Several other multi-million

## Nigerian official rejects calls for banning boxing

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Doctors said Gbadegestn, the second Nigerian in nine years to die in boxing, had suffered brain damage.

Calls for a ban were also heard last week after British boxer Michael Watson collapsed at the end of a World Boxing Organisation (WBO) middleweight bout in London.

## Helmick's man loses seat

**ATLANTA, Oct 2:** The recent resignation of Robert Helmick as president of the US Olympic Committee has forced New York Yankees owner George Steinbrenner to ouster from Atlanta's 1996 Summer Olympics committee, reports Reuter.

Lawyers for the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games say Steinbrenner lost his seat as a USOC appointee to the local committee when Helmick resigned last month.

Helmick had served in a dual capacity on the ACOG board, both as USOC president and an international Olympic Committee member. Helmick retains his ACOG seat by virtue of his IOC membership.

But Steinbrenner loses his seat because room must be made on ACOG for interim USOC president William J. Hybl.

major league baseball team last year in an agreement with the commissioner. Steinbrenner made payments to an admitted gambler for information about star player Dave Winfield.

He has been one of base-

sons. Reuter adds: Banned New York Yankee owner George Steinbrenner has lost his seat on the Atlanta Organising Committee for the 1996 Olympics on a technicality, just two months after he had been appointed.

A spokesman for the Atlanta Committee, BOB Brennan, said Helmick only had authority to appoint Steinbrenner because Helmick was, in effect, occupying two seats on the Atlanta board.

"When that situation ceases to exist, one of those seats has to be made available to the new USOC president," Billy Payne, president of the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games said on Tuesday. "As soon as Bill Hybl is confirmed, he will have that seat."

"It was not a decision against George," Payne said. "There was no decision to be made. It was simply a matter of going back and checking what our corporate bylaws indicate."



ROBERT HELMICK

ball's most controversial figures over the past two decades. He is best known for firing 18 managers in 18 sea-