

# Fakirerpool, Army in robin league

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Youngmen's Club of Fakirerpool and national champions Bangladesh Army moved into the second round robin league phase of the eleventh Federation Cup football tournament after winning their respective group finals yesterday at Dhaka Stadium.

Fakirerpool, playing confidently, had no difficulty in beating Victoria Sporting Club 3-1 in the day's first match to finish top of the Group 'C' while Bangladesh Army, trailing 0-1 at the breather, disposed of the luckless Farashganj Sporting Club 3-2 in the tie-breakers after both teams finished 1-1 in the scheduled time to finish as the Group 'D' champions.

Fakirerpool have been placed in Group One of the round robin league along with the defending champions Mohammedan Sporting Club, Muktiyoddha Sangshad and Dhaka Wanderers Club.

Group Two consists of last year's runners-up Abahani Krira Chakra, Brothers Union, Dhanmondi Club and Bangladesh Army.

The round robin league will start from tomorrow with the reigning champions Mohammedans taking on Fakirerpool in the first encounter at 4 pm while Muktiyoddha Sangshad will meet Dhaka Wanderers Club in the second match of the day at 6 pm.

Abahani play their first robin league match against Dhanmondi Club on October 8 at 4 pm while in the second match on the same day Brothers Union will face Bangladesh Army at 6 pm.

## Bagan in Gov's Cup semifinals

**GANGTOK, Oct 5:** Mohun Bagan gave some lessons on football to the Tata Football Academy boys as the glamour outfit of Calcutta won by two goals to nil to enter the semi-final of the 13th All India Governor's Football tournament here today, reports PTI.

Four-time champions Mohun Bagan, who played their first match today, never gave the TFA boys any chance to settle as they got down to the serious business of attack after attack to completely unsettle the Jamshedpur boys.

The winners forged ahead in the 21st minute through a goal by their Nigerian star, Chima Okorie, while medio Sanjib Dutta made it 2-0 before the half-time.

Mohun Bagan will now take on Royal Nepal Airlines of Kathmandu in the first semi-final match to be played on October 7.

## Pak probables for Sharjah

**KARACHI, Oct 5:** Pakistan cricket authorities on Friday named 23 probables from whom they will select their side for the Sharjah Cup championship one-day cricket tournament at Sharjah later this month, reports Reuter.

All Rounder Imran Khan will lead the team against West Indies and India.

A 14-man squad from the probables will be named on October 11 after a training camp at Lahore.

Probables: Mushtaq Ahmed, Akram Raza, Wasim Akram, Waqar Younis, Aaqib Javed, Aia-ur-Rahman, Salim Jafar, Moiz Khan, Wasim Ilyder, Ejaz Ahmed, Saeed Anwar, Imran Khan, Salim Malik, Javed Miandad, Inzamamul Haq, Zahid Fazal, Aamer Sohail, Rameez Raja, Ghulam Ali, Sejid Ali, Asif Mujtaba, Aamer Iftikhar and Rizwanuzzaman.

## Nelson defence in February

**SYDNEY, Oct 5:** Azumah Nelson of Ghana will defend his World Boxing Council super-featherweight title against Australian Jeff Fenech in Melbourne in February, promoter Bill Mordey announced Friday, reports AP.

Mordey said the Fenech-Nelson rematch had been switched from November to February at the request of the Champion and to meet the demands of American cable television network showtime.

Nelson and Fenech fought to a controversial 12-round draw in Las Vegas on June 28 this year. Many observers believed unbeaten Fenech deserved to win.

Mordey said the bout would be held at an open-air venue in Melbourne still to be decided. He would co-promote with American promoter Don King.

Meanwhile, Mordey said he was negotiating for Australian Jeff Harding to defend his WBC light-heavyweight title against compatriot Guy Waters in December.

If Harding faces Waters the bout would be the first all-Australian world title fight.

Both Fakirerpool and Victoria took time to settle down a rain-soaked Dhaka Stadium pitch yesterday.

The first notable move from any side came in the 20th minute when Fakirerpool striker Babu shot wide from a close range.

Fakirerpool shot into the lead in the 28th minute of the match when Masud, showing his class and skill, avoided an offside trap to sprint down and chip the ball over the advancing Victorian goalkeeper Aslam's head into the far corner of the net (1-0).

Eight minutes later, Fakirerpool doubled the margin. Midfielder Montu's long throw found his teammate Mehdi in an unmarked area and the later had no difficulty in

placing the ball past the outstretched hands of a perplexed Victorian goalkeeper.

Victoria's first important move came in the 40th minute of the proceedings when Fakirerpool goalie Dhanu dived to his right to punch away a powerful angular shot by striker Shankar off a Babul cross at the cost of a corner.

Victoria came back in the second half with some determination and within five minutes, midfielder Sujit's powerful 35-yarder hit the cross-piece with the Fakirerpool custodian completely beaten.

Midway into the second half, Mamunul Karim reduced the margin for Victoria with a fine solo effort.

Victoria pressed hard for the equaliser, leaving yawning



Action from the first of yesterday's Fed Cup first round matches between Fakirerpool YMC and Victoria SC at the Dhaka Stadium. Fakirerpool won 3-1 to move into the second round.

gaps in their own defence.

Mehdi scored his second goal for Fakirerpool when he availed full opportunity of the slack Victorian defence to chip the ball over the onrushing goalkeeper.

**LUCKY SOLDIERS**  
The Army men came from behind to like for another day when they beat Farashganj 3-2 on penalty kicks after both sides failed to break a 1-1 deadlock during the regulation time.

The match between Army and Farashganj was marred by rough play by both sides.

The match had been stopped for twenty minutes when the electricity went off in the 35th minute of the first half. The game was also stopped when the crowd reacted angrily over a decision by the referee appearing to favour Bangladesh Army.

The incident occurred when Farashganj's medio Shimu, in a frantic bid to score, clashed with the Army goalkeeper Bihbas Kanti. Some of the Army players specially defender Ershad, manhandled Shimu and the referee Najir Hossain, to everyone's surprise and dismay, showed Ershad only a yellow card when a sending off should have been the answer.

Farashganj shot into the lead when Shimu's cross saw skipper Nantu brilliantly volkayed into the far corner of the net in the 32nd minute.

Army had to wait for a long time for the equaliser. In the 58th minute Sadul, with a brilliant header off teammate Khudrham's cross, drew level for Army.

In the tie-breaker, Asghar, Ershad and Mujbar scored for Army while Nantu and Raj netted for Farashganj.

**Liverpool sign up Jones, Alexander**

**LONDON, Oct 5:** Liverpool signed Crewe Alexandra and England youth team defender Rob Jones in a 600,000-pounds-sterling (1.05 million dollars) deal on Friday, reports Reuter.

The 19-year-old Jones will make his debut for the injury hit former champions in Sunday's First Division match against unbeaten league leaders Manchester United at Old Trafford.

"This is a great chance for him," said Liverpool manager Graeme Souness. "We have been looking for a right-sided player for some time and we have watched him closely."

Manchester United winger Lee Sharpe, out of action all season because of a groin injury, will undergo surgery on Monday, manager Alex Ferguson announced.

**Chiburdanidze takes lead**

**MANILA, Oct 5:** Maya Chiburdanidze of the Soviet Union defeated challenger Xie Jun of China late Friday to take a one-point lead after the fifth game in the women's world Chess Championship being held here, reports AFP.

Chiburdanidze defeated Xie in 42 moves of a Ruy Lopez opening for a 3-2 lead going into Sunday's game where the Chinese challenger will have her turn at playing white.

Xie made a bad move in a lost position on the 42nd move, missing an attack from Chiburdanidze's Rook that cost the Chinese her queen.

Xie got a slight advantage against the Steinitz defense that Chiburdanidze chose but an ill-considered move on the 21st put Xie on the defensive.

**Crowe Kiwi hero**

**ADELAIDE, Oct 5:** New Zealand beat South Australia B by 47 runs in a one-day cricket match on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Scores: New Zealand 213 for nine-50 overs (M Crowe 71).

South Australia B 166 for six-50 overs (M Faulk 40).

**Moseley to play in SA**

**BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, Oct 5:** Discarded West Indies fast bowler Ezra Moseley has signed a one-year contract to play cricket for northern Transval in the Currie Cup in South Africa. The Nation newspaper said on Friday, reports Reuter.

The Barbados-born Moseley, 33, played in South Africa for Eastern Province as a rebel cricketer in the 1984-85 season and represented an unofficial West Indies team in the republic in 1983 and 1984.

He was banned from West Indies cricket until 1989 and after his return made his Test debut against England.

Moseley who has played two Tests and nine one-day internationals for West Indies, is the fourth West Indian to move to south Africa this season following the country's re-admission to international cricket in July, the newspaper said.

It said former Barbados all-rounder Franklin Stephenson would be representing Orange Free State, ex-Test all-rounder Eldine Baptiste would play for Eastern Province and Barbadian Allison Johnson was joining a league club in Cape Town.

**Lithuanian runners for Fifth Avenue mile**

**NEW YORK, Oct 5:** Lithuanian Laima Paikaukaske, who earned an Olympic silver medal for the Soviet Union in the 1,500 metres in 1988, will run in the Fifth Avenue mile on October 19, race organisers said on Thursday, reports Reuter.

**Muktis march on**

**CHITTAGONG, Oct 5:** Muktiyoddha Krira Chakra earned full points beating Agrabad Nowjoan Club 2-1 in their CJPK Elite Paint First Division football league match at the Chittagong Stadium here yesterday afternoon, reports ISS.

The winners led the first half 1-0. Mahabub and Ratan scored for Muktiyoddha while Montu reduced the margin for Nowjoans.

In the 15th minute Muktiyoddha took the lead through their brilliant striker Mahabub off a left side lob from speedy Ratan in the 15th minute of the proceedings Mahabub sent the ball home by a spectacular header (1-0). In the 63rd minute Nawjoans equalised when medio Saifull gave a ball to teammate Montu into the Mukti box, who netted the ball brilliantly (1-1). Three minutes later Ratan, scored Muktiyoddha winning goal off a Mahabub cross (2-1).

Muktiyoddha earned eight points out of six matches while Nawjoans bagged six points from five outings.

Sea-Customs defeated Rising Star also by 2-1 in the other

match of the day. The first half of the match ended in one all draw. Masum and Salauddin scored for Customs while Ashraf scored the lone goal for Rising Star.

Defender Masum opened the score for Customs in the 21st minute, off a corner lob from Bacchu. Kamal received the ball into the Rising box and gave it to free Masum, who made no mistake to send it home (1-0).

In 33rd minute Ashraf of Rising levelled the margin by a spectacular header off a left-side lob from Shakhawat (1-1).

Three minutes before the long whistle, Customs managed the winning goal through substitute Salauddin (2-1). The goal of Salauddin came through ground.

Sea-Customs collected seven points from five matches.

**Baltics granted FIVB membership**

**TOKYO, Oct 5:** The Baltic republics of Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia have been provisionally admitted to the International Volleyball Federation (FIVB), FIVB president Ruben Acosta said on Tuesday, reports Reuter.



Defending Federation Cup champions Mohammedan Sporting Club take the field in this year's tournament tomorrow against Fakirerpool in the robin league at the Dhaka Stadium. Our picture shows the champions going through the paces during a regular practice session at the Dhaka University ground.

# Enticing Euro Cup ties lie ahead

**LONDON, Oct 5:** English soccer champions Arsenal were drawn against Benfica, one of the legendary giants of European soccer, on Friday in the glamour tie of the second round of the European Cup, reports Reuter.

Benfica, twice European champions in the 1960s and finalists in two of the last four years, will provide a severe test for Arsenal and English soccer, absent from the European Cup for six years.

Liverpool, whose fans rioting at the 1985 European Cup final led to English clubs being banned from Europe, were drawn against French side Auxerre in the second round of the UEFA Cup.

European Cup champions Red Star Belgrade received the simplest of second round ties against Cypriots Apollon Limassol, surprise first round victors over Romania's University Craiova.

Last year's losing finalists Marseille play Sparta Prague, the Czechoslovak side who knocked out Scottish champions Glasgow Rangers.

Another enticing tie sees Barcelona paired against German champions Kaiserslautern.

England's two representatives in the European Cup Winners' Cup both face tough ties against in form opposition.

Holders Manchester United, who head the English league but struggled to reach the second round meet Spanish league leaders Atletico Madrid, while Tottenham Hotspur pace Portugal's pacesetters FC Porto.

Arsenal, unseeded in the European Cup draw, are looking forward to what will be their biggest games in Europe since they lost the final of the Cup Winners Cup on penalties

to Valencia in 1980.

They have the advantage of playing the first leg away as they bid to reach the lucrative experimental round-robin quarter-final stage awaiting second-round winners of the European Cup.

Arsenal vice-chairman David Dean said: "This is a very exciting draw for us. Portuguese sides are very strong in European Club football so we can look forward to two great games."

Benfica president Joao Santos said: "To pick a club like Arsenal which is a household name in Portugal when they talk about English clubs is a great pleasure for us."

All ties are due to be played on October 23 and November 6.

**Rush return boosts Wales**

**LONDON, Oct 5:** Wales have been given a boost ahead of their crucial European championship soccer qualifier against Germany on October 16 with the return of striker Ian Rush and defenders Eric Young and Dave Phillips, reports Reuter.

Rush and Phillips rejoin the squad named on Friday after missing Wales's 1-0 win over Brazil in a friendly last month while Young is back after a six-month injury absence.

Wales seek victory in the Group five match in Nuremberg to guarantee a place in next year's finals in Sweden.

The return on centre-back Young, who has not played for Wales since March, is a major lift for the side, while a fit-again Rush should allow Mark Hughes to drop back into an attacking midfield role.

Phillips will be a candidate for the right-back spot after recovering from ankle problems.

**them against a French side who are in mid-table.**

Liverpool, four times European champions, cruised past Finland's Kuusysi Lahiti 6-1, although were beaten 1-0 away.

Liverpool, chief executive Peter Robinson said: "We have not played Auxerre before but it could certainly be a tough game in the first leg away."

Two of six former European champions in the UEFA Cup, Real Madrid and Bayern Munich, were drawn away in their first-leg rounds against significantly weaker opposition.

Bayern travel to Copenhagen, surprise first-round conquerors of Scotland's Aberdeen, and Real play FC Utrecht, currently mid-table in the Dutch league.

Torino, one of two Italian clubs remaining in the UEFA Cup, will not relish their tie against Boavista, the Portuguese side who knocked out holders Inter Milan after holding them to a 0-0 draw in Italy.

UEFA officials said later no changes were expected in the draw announced for the European Cup.

In the Cup Winner's Cup, however, the return leg in London of the FC Porto v Tottenham tie would be moved forward back by one day.

In the UEFA Cup, the ties between Dynamo Moscow and Cannes and Aek Athens and Spartak Moscow will have their away legs played first.

The return legs of the Sigma Olomoc-Torpedo Moscow and Genoa-Dynamo Bucharest ties were also expected to be changed.

Neuchatel Auxax was hoping to bring forward by one day its home tie against Glasgow Celtic.

**Walker came off the substitutes, bench to play an emergency attacking role in the closing stages of forest's 2-2 home draw with West Ham last Saturday.**

Another manager with injury worries is Sheffield Wednesday's Trevor Francis, whose American World Cup defender John Harkes has joined the casualty list with Achilles tendon trouble.

Wednesday, level on points with third-placed Arsenal and opponents Crystal Palace, are already without England striker David Hirst, Ireland midfielder John Sheridan and defender Steve McCall.

Graham Ilyde, the man most likely to replace Harkes, is doubtful for today's home game with a thigh strain.

# Liverpool languish with injury lists

**LONDON, Oct 5:** Liverpool's injury crisis is so dire that the 11 players in the treatment room would arguably be a stronger team than the one which actually plays English Soccer League leaders Manchester United on Sunday, reports Reuter.

The growing list of incapacitated players is largely blamed for Liverpool's poor start to the season which, after nine games, sees them languishing in both place, 11 points behind Manchester United.

Defeat in Sunday's televised game at Old Trafford, together with long-term injuries to such key figures as internationals John Barnes, Ronnie Whelan, and Mark Wright, could seriously damage Liverpool's championship aspirations.

Belagured Liverpool manager Graeme Souness now fears that record 2.9 million pounds sterling (4.9 million dollars) signing Dean Saunders and England B Defender David Burrows might also miss the clash with United, the only remaining unbeaten First Division side.

Striker Saunders, along with Wright's understudy Nick Tanner, both missed Wednesday's UEFA Cup defeat in Finland, while Burrows limped off after just 22 minutes.

United, whose determination to win the championship 25 years after their last triumph has taken them six points clear at the top, have probably never had a better chance of beating their fierce rivals.

The game also provides the perfect opportunity for two United players to impress England Manager Graham Taylor, whose side for this month's European Championship qualifier against Turkey is also depleted by injuries.

Former captain Bryan Robson, rejected by Taylor this year, and Paul Parker want to stake their claims for international recalls.

Parker, set to replace injured Gary Pallister, has not played since damaging a hamstring in England's defeat by Germany last month but United manager Alex Ferguson rates his chances of being included on Sunday as pretty good.

Robson's international career looked over when Taylor jettisoned him after the 1-1 draw with Ireland in March but, with his squad wrecked by injuries, Taylor is thought to be tempted to bring back Robson to inspire the goal-rush England need against the

**Foreman returns to ring Dec 7**

**NEW YORK, Oct 5:** George Foreman will return to the ring for the first time since losing to heavyweight champion Evander Holyfield when he takes on Jimmy Ellis on December 7, promoters said on Thursday, reports Reuter.

The 42-year-old Foreman will take on Ellis in a 10-round bout

Turks.

Ferguson admits he does not care if Robson never plays for England again. He is happy to see him devoting his still-considerable energies, even at 34, to United's title-chasing cause.

People have been writing him off for years and even we have sat down more than once and thought about finding a replacement for him. But he just keeps on going and proving everybody wrong, said Ferguson.

Des Walker, the Nottingham Forest central defender who has been out with a damaged hamstring since the first game of the season, could be back against Queen's Park Rangers today, just in time to be named in the England squad.

# Soccer Scenario

**Ekata FC champions**

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Ekata Football Club of Ghorashal Power Development Centre became champions in Maishair-Baghoon open football cup tournament defeating tournament's hot favourites Kagajitla Club of Dhaka City by 3-2 in final on Friday.

The tournament, the biggest held every year in Kaliganj, was staged at the Maishair football ground at Kaliganj, Gazipur.

Dr. Ayubur Rahman Bhuiyan, Professor of Economics Department of Dhaka University distributed prizes as chief guest among the winners.

**Checking violence in amicable way**

**MILAN, Italy, Oct 5:** Italian soccer fans are to be asked to compose soothing messages which can be flashed up on stadium screens in a bid to dampen crowd violence, reports Reuter.

From Sunday, 22 newspapers will regularly publish coupons on which fans can compose their peaceful slogans.

The best will be selected for use in a campaign against violence backed by the Ministry of Tourism, Milan city authorities and Italian League officials, organisers said on Friday.

**Ashuganj Fertilizer's title**

**KISHORGANJ, Oct 5:** Ashuganj Fertilizer Club became the champions in Kuliarchar Cold Storage Gold Club football tournament defeating Osmanpur Sporting Club by 2-0 goals, reports UNB.

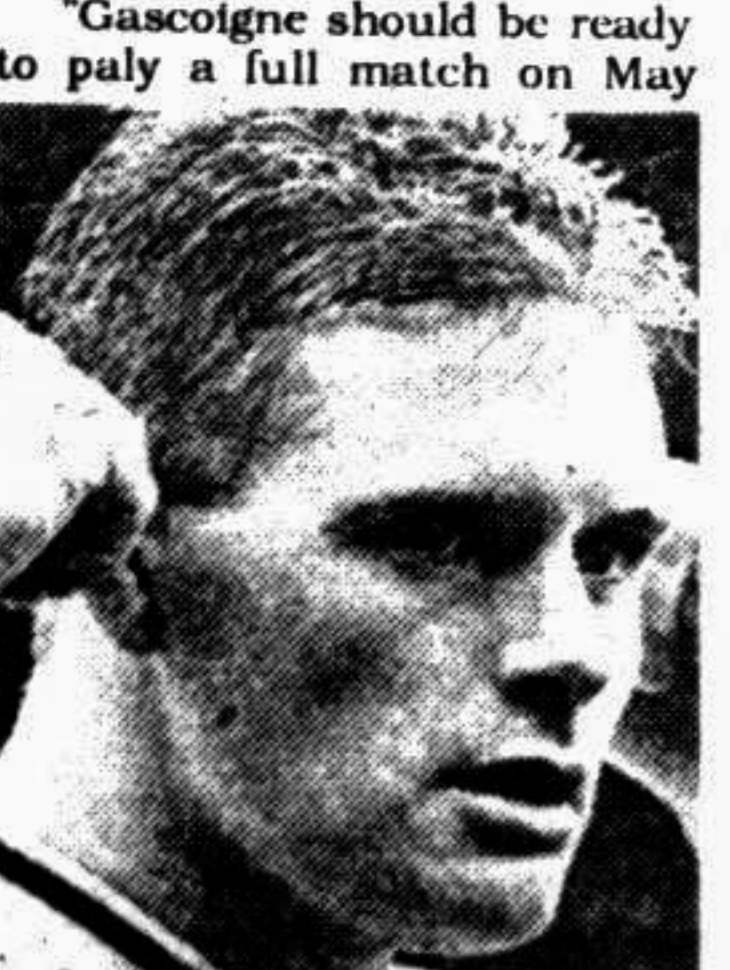
Organised by Shahid Selim Smriti Sangsad, the final match between the two clubs was held at Kuliarchar thana play ground on Thursday.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadeq Hossain Khoks was present as chief guest and distributed the trophy to the winning club.

# Lazio won't accept an unfit Gazza

**ROME, Oct 5:** Paul Gascoigne's 8.8 million dollar transfer to Lazio will be called off unless the player is match-fit by May 30 next year, the Italian club said on Friday, reports Reuter.

"Gascoigne should be ready to play a full match on May 30th and do all the things a player needs to do when playing a soccer match," Lazio director Carlo Regalia said.



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