

# Mohammedans top Group A

Sports Reporter

Defending champions Mohammedan Sporting Club recorded an impressive 4-1 victory over the bottom placed Muktiyoddha Sangshad to finish the Group 'A' champions in the round robin league of the eleventh Federation Cup football tournament yesterday at the floodlit Dhaka Stadium.

The champions led 2-0 at the breather.

Mohammedans, by virtue of this victory, have finished their robin league engagements unbeaten with full six points from three matches.

They defeated Fakirerpool Club by a solitary goal and beat Dhaka Wanderers 3-0 in their earlier robin league ties.

In yesterday's first match, Fakirerpool Youngmen's Club joined Mohammedans in the semifinals as runners-up of the same group with four points from three outings.

The reigning Federation Cup champions will have to wait to be aware of the semifinal opponents as the Group 'B' top place will be decided today after the match between title aspirants Abahani KC and Brothers Union.

Mohammedans will meet the Group 'B' runners-up in the

first semifinal tomorrow at 5 pm. In the second semifinal scheduled to be held a day after (Monday), Group 'A' runners-up Fakirerpool will take on Group 'B' champions.

Mohammedans came in the match with a very relaxed mood.

They dropped their five regular players — goalkeeper Syeed Hasan Kanan, right back Montu, medios Roxy and Tito and striker Mizan from yesterday's line-up.

Stopper back Jewel Rana was forced to miss yesterday's encounter as he received a red floated a fine cross which teammate Reaz failed to tap in

from a close range.

Three minutes later, Shabbir's header off left back Johnny's cross card in their last tie against Wanderers Club.

The champions started with a very positive approach. Striker Shabbir just went wide.

Mohammedans pressed hard for next twenty minutes with striker Naquib spotting three easy scoring chances.

Mohammedans shot in to the lead in the 41st minute when their new recruit mid-fielder Chandan nicely netted off a Reaz pass 1-0.

One minute from the short whistle, Kaiser's minus was slotted home by opportunistic striker Naquib (2-0).

Fifteen minutes into the second half, Shabbir's powerful shot was half parried by Muktiyoddha goalie Sultan, but the fast moving Naquib again raced in to complete the formality of scoring (3-0).

Shabbir completed the tally in the 75th when he received a through pass from Johnny and dodged past a couple of defenders to score a gem of a goal (4-0).

Five minutes from time, Muktiyoddha medio Fatz Babu reduced the margin after taking full opportunity of relaxed Mohammedan defence (1-4).



Imtiaz Sultan Johnny (R) fails to beat Muktiyoddha Sangshad custodian Selim Sultan in yesterday's robin league match of the 11th Federation Cup football tournament at the Dhaka Stadium. Mohammedans won 4-1. — Star photo

## Fakirerpool in semifinals

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Fakirerpool Youngmen's Club moved into the semifinals of the eleventh Federation Cup football tournament when they managed to finish as the runners-up of Group 'A' after beating Dhaka Wanderers Club by 2-1 goals yesterday afternoon at the Dhaka Stadium.

The first half ended goalless.

Fakirerpool rightwinger Mehdi floated a dangerous cross three minutes into the second half when Wanderers defender Bhutto, in a bid to clear, handled the fall inside the danger zone. Referee M R Mukul awarded the penalty in favour of Fakirerpool which was nicely converted by stopper back Swapan (1-0).

Wanderers skipper Mustaqim equalised in the

68th minute when he out-paced a couple of defenders to beat the onrushing Fakirerpool goalkeeper Dhanu with a neat grounder (1-1). Wanderers pressed hard for more goals leaving a yawning gap in their defence.

Fakirerpool medio Bhola Roy took full advantage of the situation when he chipped over the advancing Wanderers

goalkeeper Arun who bewilderedly saw the ball sailing over his head inside the far corner of the net nine minutes from the final whistle (2-1).

Yousuf of Wanderers left the field with injury three minutes before the final whistle.

Fakirerpool captain Raquib was cautioned with yellow card for wasting time.

### TEAMS

**Fakirerpool YC:** Dhanu, Gobinda, Raquib, Swapan, Montu, Shahabuddin, Bhola, Mosh (Matu), Bhutto, Babu (Firoz) and Mehdi.

**Wanderers Club:** Arun, Mansoor, Bhutto, Tuhin, Yousuf (Rashid), Moib, Nipu, Dolan, Ujjal (Motale), Belal and Mustaqim.

Referee: M R Mukul.

**TODAY'S MATCHES**

Army vs Dhanomdi (4 pm).  
Abahani vs Brothers (6 pm).

### Jesus Gil fined

MADRID, Oct 11: Atletico Madrid's flamboyant chairman Jesus Gil was fined 30,000 dollars by Spain's sporting disciplinary committee on Wednesday for telling a referee he needed psychiatric treatment, reports Reuters.

Referee Juan Brito sent off four Atletico players in a friendly last August between Gil's side and Newell's old boys of Argentina.

## France meet Spain today

SEVILLE, Spain, Oct 11: Michel Platini's resurgent French side have the chance to clinch a place in next summer's European Championship finals when they meet Spain tomorrow, reports Reuters.

France, unbeaten in 17 games, need only a point from their two remaining Group One matches to qualify for the finals in Sweden next year.

They have garnered a maximum 12 points from six group one games but Platini is leaving nothing to chance.

"We will play this match seriously as we always do in international," he said. "But I would settle for a draw right now."

A point should be well within France's scope against a Spanish team in deep depression after a miserable qualifying campaign.

Home wins over Iceland and Albania were cancelled out by away losses to France and Czechoslovakia and the final nail was hammered into their coffin in a disastrous 2-0 defeat by Iceland in Reykjavik last month.

Further confusion was piled on to the home camp by press reports — later denied — that the Spanish Football Federation was considering dumping team coach Vicente Miera after only two games in charges because he has not made wholesale changes after the Iceland debacle.

Real Madrid midfielder Michel Gonzalez was the one sacrificial lamb, dropped after 58 internationals while other veterans such as goalkeeper Andoni Zubizarreta and striker Emilio Butragueno retained their places.

The Spanish coach was forced to replace the injured Juan Goicoechea with midfielder Miguel Soler.

Spain can at least take comfort from their record in international matches played in Seville.

They have not lost in 27 matches in the Andalusian capital, have been held to a draw only three times and have never conceded more than one goal.

For France, Seville holds darker memories of a 1982 World Cup semifinal they lost

to West Germany on penalties after leading 3-1.

Neither team is likely to welcome the heavy rain which has fallen all over Spain for the past two days and is bound to produce a heavy and slippery pitch.

Platini has brought back striker Eric Cantona, who missed France's 2-1 win over Czechoslovakia in Bratislava last month through injury.

Midfielder Franck Sauze is the only first choice player to miss Saturday's match. He hurt a thigh in a league game earlier this month and is replaced by Remi Garde of Lyon.

Probable teams:

Spain — Andoni Zubizarreta, Cristobal Parralo, Manuel Sanchez, Roberto Solzabal, Abelardo Fernandez, Rafael Martin Vasquez, Juan Vizcaino, Miguel Soler, Fernando Hierro, Emilio Butragueno, Manolo Sanchez.

France — Bruno Martini, Manuel Amoros, Laurent Blanc, Basile Boli, Bernard Casoni, Didier Deschamps, Luis Fernandez, Remi Garde, Christian Perez, Eric Cantona, Jean-Pierre Papin.

## Fresh polls in Bagan ordered

CALCUTTA, Oct 11: The Calcutta High Court today ordered holding of fresh election in city's premier Mohan Bagan Athletic Club by March 31, 1992, following complaints of gross irregularities in ballot papers during the last election in the club, reports PTI.

The club's executive committee has also been superseded.

A Division Bench of the High Court, comprising Mr Justice Ajit Kumar Sengupta and Mr Justice K M Yousuf, appointed joint administrators for taking over possession of the property of the club and for making arrangement for the election.

Casagrande has surgery

MILAN, Oct 11: Walter Casagrande, Torino's Brazilian forward, underwent a surgery to remove some cartilage from his left knee, the Italian major league club reported Wednesday, reports AP.

## SOCCER SCENARIO

### Spurs worried of hooliganism

LONDON, Oct 11: Fears of hooliganism have left Tottenham Hotspur at home for the first leg of their European Cup Winners' Cup match against FC Porto despite originally being drawn away, reports Reuters.

The second round tie will be staged in London on October 23 to avoid a clash with Arsenal's European Cup visit to Benfica.

Although the two Portuguese clubs are hundreds of kilometres apart, worries about rival fans travelling to the same country at the same time left English soccer authorities no alternative but to heed police advice.

Two other English sides, Manchester United and Liverpool, play at Atletico Madrid and Auxerre of France respectively on the same night.

Spurs had to make the switch, rather than north London neighbours Arsenal, because the European Cup is the senior competition.

### Austrian coach Riedl resign

VIENNA, Oct 11: The coach of the Austrian national squad, Alfred Riedl, resigned on Thursday after his team's 3-0 defeat by Denmark in the European Championship qualifiers on Wednesday night, reports AFP.

For the remaining Group 4 matches, against northern Ireland on October 16 and Yugoslavia on November 13, the team will be managed by Austria's Olympic football coach, Dietmar Constantin.

The move comes barely a year after Josef Hickersberger was sacked as team coach, following their shock defeat by the Faroe Islands in September 1990.

### Wild brawl at amateur league

SYDNEY, Australia, Oct 11: Three players have been charged with assault after a wild brawl during an amateur league soccer match, police said Thursday, reports AP.

The three men, whose names were not released, were charged after police watched an amateur video recording of the match, which was played Sunday in the normally genteel grounds of Sundeu University.

Police said the trio, all of whom play for the same team, are charged with indictable assault and assault occasioning bodily harm. All three could face jail terms if convicted.

The men will appear in court again on October 31. No further details of the case were immediately available.

### Dishari Institute champions

JHENNAH, Oct 11: The Dishari Residential Institute won the Ma-o-Moni Cup Football tournament defeating Kanchannagar Club 1-0 in the final at the local stadium on Wednesday, reports UNB.

Striker Awal of the Dishari Institute scored the all-important goal at 26 minute of the first half.

Deputy Commissioner of Jhenidah MM Al-Faruque gave away the trophy as chief guest after the final.

## England beef-up

LONDON, Oct 11: England soccer manager Graham Taylor has called four more players into his squad for the European Championship qualifier against Turkey next Wednesday, reports Reuters.

Tottenham's Gary Mabbutt, Oldham defender Earl Barrett and Richard Robson and Manchester City goalkeeper Tony Coton were added on Thursday as cover in case of injuries.

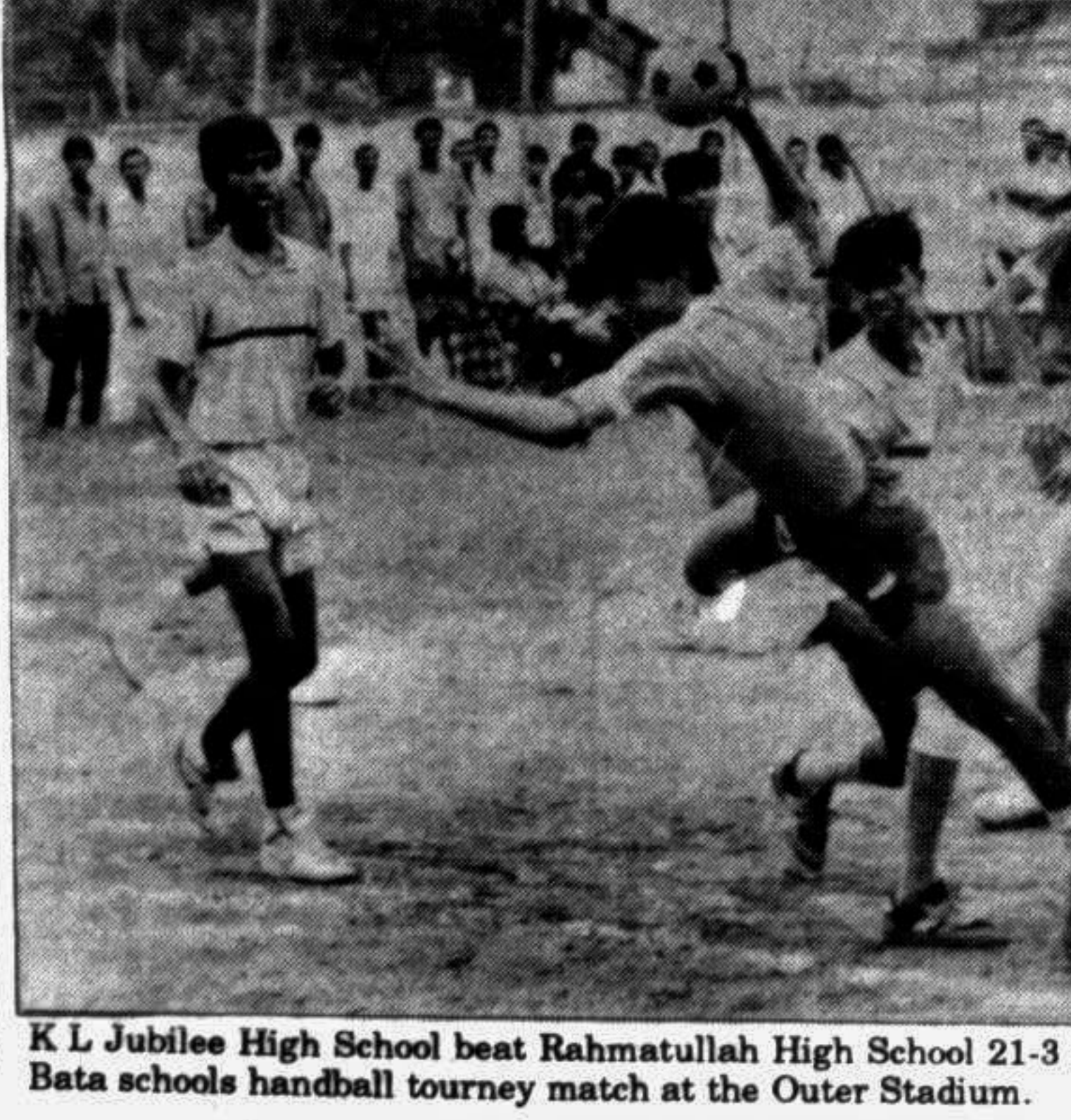
No players have officially withdrawn yet but Manchester United centre half Gary Pallister will probably be ruled out today, along with Sheffield Wednesday striker David Hirst.

Arsenal pair Tony Adams and Ian Wright will arrive for duty carrying injuries.

Goalkeeper Chris Woods had to return to Scotland, where his daughter was in hospital.

### Parreira to use home-based players

RIO DE JANEIRO, Oct 11: New Brazil coach Carlos Alberto Parreira said on Wednesday he intended to use only home-based players for his first match in charge, a friendly at home to Yugoslavia on October 30, reports Reuters.



K.L. Jubilee High School beat Rahmatullah High School 21-3 in yesterday afternoon's fourth Bata schools handball tourney match at the Outer Stadium. — Star photo

## Ctg Steel Mills win CJKP tie

CHITTAGONG, Oct 11: Steel Mills Club defeated PDB Club by a solitary goal in their CJKP Elite Paint First Division football league match at the Chittagong Stadium here this afternoon, reports BSS.

Striker Akhtar scored the all-important goal in the 42nd minute off a lob from rightwinger Goutam (1-0).

Land Customs and Shatadal shared points in the other match of the day in a one-all drawn encounter.

Shatadal took the lead in the 25th minute when Mang Babut scored with a spectacular angular shot off a lob from teammate Azad from the left wing (1-0).

Land Customs equalised in the 70th minute. Aisar netted the ball dodging past two Shatadal defenders off a Nepal cross (1-1).

## China Asian water polo champions

FUKUOKA, Japan, Oct 11: Defending champions China won the fourth Asian water polo championships, beating Japan 14-10 in the final here Thursday, reports AFP.

Playing at a Fukuoka Prefectural Pool in southern Japan, China led Japan 2-1, 3-2 in the first two periods.

The Chinese lost 3-4 in the third period but came back to beat the Japanese 6-3 in the fourth.

Third spot went to South Koreans.

## KL Jubilee, Narinda schools win convincingly

Narinda Government School High and KL Jubilee High School won their respective matches in the fourth Bata schools handball tournament yesterday at the Outer Stadium handball court.

The Narinda High boys defeated the Shaheed Smriti High boys by 28-6 goals in the first match of the day in the afternoon.

The winners led the first half 17-3.

Leading scorers for Narinda High were Swapan 12, Saiful 10 and Bishnu 4. Altaf netted 3 goals while Altaf, Milan and Faiyaz scored one each for the Shaheed Smriti School.

In the second match of the day, KL Jubilee recorded a convincing 21-3 victory over Rahmatullah Model High School at the same venue.

KL Jubilee dominated by 11-1 goals during the breather. Sharif 8, Sanchit 6 and Zafar 4 were the leading scorers for the winners while Sohail scored 2 and Afzal one for the losers.

Shaheed Nabi High School will take on Bhaneshank High School at 3 pm and Rajarbagh Police Lines School will meet Cosmic International School at 4 pm in their next matches today.

## Special meeting in Sharjah in connection with World Cup

### ICC decides on SA Oct 23

LONDON, Oct 11: The International Cricket Council (ICC) is to hold a special meeting in Sharjah on October 23 to decide whether South Africa can play in next year's World Cup, reports Reuters.

Sharjah has been chosen as the venue because representatives of West Indies, Pakistan, India and Sri Lanka will be in the United Arab Emirates for a limited overs tournament from October 17 to 25.

The need for a special meeting became unavoidable once the three Asian countries and West Indies made it clear they would not accept a unilateral decision from ICC chairman Colin Cowdrey.

Cowdrey has been seeking views from the eight teams already lined up for the World Cup in Australia and New Zealand next February and March since the United Cricket Board of South Africa (UCBSA) applied to take part.

ICC secretary John Stephenson said on Thursday: "A formal application from South Africa to take part in the World Cup was received in September. Since then soundings have been taken and it was hoped a decision could be reached without another meeting."

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"But recently, mainly for constitutional reasons, it has been made clear that a decision on South Africa's participation should be made at a special meeting."

The Sharjah talks offer the prospect of the eight full ICC members — England, Australia, New Zealand, West Indies, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and

## 'The Hill' bulldozed

SYDNEY, Oct 11: A grassy piece of Australia's sporting heritage, the infamous Sydney Cricket Ground Hill, has succumbed to progress, reports AFP.

The notorious Hill's last remaining strip was ploughed under by bulldozers this week preparing to transform the area into seating.

The Hill won a world-wide reputation for witty and raucous barracking long before the days of television and larrikinism threatened its existence.

The most famous barracker of them all, Yabba, alias Stephen Harold Gascoigne, frequented the Hill during the early part of the century, and is best remembered for his stinging barbs during England's 1932-33 bodyline series.

When England captain Douglas Jardine, who perfected a system to curb the run-scoring feats of Australian Don Bradman, attempted to brush off some flies on a hot day at the SCG, Yabba yelled out: "You leave our bloody flies alone, Jardine".

During the same Test match, an English player passed the Don an orange juice during a drinks break.

"Make him taste it first, Don," came the shout.

The advent of Kerry Packer's revolutionary day-night World Series cricket games in 1977 led to an upsurge in alcohol-related violence on the Hill, prompting authorities to call for the area to be turned over to seating.

by December 18 this year (the SCG's first day-night World Series Cup game between Australia and the West Indies) the transformation will be complete.

Despite the changes, SCG Trust general manager Noel Neate said Thursday the area would always be known as "the Hill".

"We have been consciously developing the ground into a comfortable, seated stadium, it's pointless to keep such a little bit, but regardless of what it becomes it will always be known as the Hill," he said.

## Wednesday veterans shine

LONDON, Oct 11: Sheffield Wednesday veterans Viv Anderson and Trevor Francis put the defending champions into the third round of the English League Cup with a 4-1 aggregate win over Leyton Orient on Wednesday, reports Reuters.

But Ron Atkinson, the manager who won the Cup with Wednesday last year, lost his grip on the trophy when his new side, Aston Villa, were damped out of the competition by Second Division Grimsby.

Villa drew 1-1 at home, after a goalless first leg, giving Grimsby victory on the away goals rule and a home tie against Tottenham in the third round.

Atkinson saw his side thwarted by a superb display from 37-year-old goalkeeper Steve Sherwood, who pulled off a string of splendid saves.

Grimsby scored after 52 minutes when Shaun Cunningham was brought down in the penalty area by Gordon Cowans and David Gilbert converted the spot kick.

Villa equalised in the 70th minute when Steve Staunton's free kick found central defender Shaun Teale who headed home.

Sheffield Wednesday had also seen a first-leg without goals but on the return they went 1-0, up in the 11th minute with a header from 34-year old fullback Anderson.

Paul Williams made it 2-0 in the 22nd minute and then player-manager Trevor Francis showed he still had plenty to offer at 36 by scoring twice to kill off Third Division Orient's plucky fightback.

First Division leaders Manchester United, 3-0 up from the first leg, made it 4-0 only two minutes into the return tie at Second Division Cambridge with a goal from Brian McClair.

Dion Dublin pulled a goal back for Cambridge: two minutes from time.

United's central defence Gary Pallister went off with a recurrence of a groin injury late in the match and manager Alex Ferguson said it was doubtful he would be fit for England's European Championship clash with Turkey next Wednesday.

London clubs Tottenham and Queen's Park Rangers both won 5-1 at home in their second-leg matches.

Tottenham won 5-2 on aggregate against Third Division Swansea while Rangers, who scored three of their goals within four minutes in the first half, beat Hull City 8-1 on aggregate.

In Scotland, Hearts returned to the top of the Premier Division thanks to a 1-0 victory over challengers Aberdeen, the goal coming from Scott Crabbe in the 10th minute.

## Danes blank Austrians

VIENNA, Oct 11: Austrian manager Alfred Riedl said he would offer his resignation after watching his side stumble to a 3-0 home defeat by Denmark in a European soccer championship qualifier on Wednesday, reports Reuters.

The three goals — all in the first half — lifted Denmark above Yugoslavia to the top of Group Four.

They have 11 points from seven matches, one more than the Yugoslavs who have played six games to Denmark's seven.

Austria, who have won only one of their six qualifying matches, never recovered from conceding an own goal in the 10th minute.

Peter Artnr tried to block a shot from Bent Christensen but succeeded only in turning the ball beyond goalkeeper Otto Konrad.

Six minutes later Flemming Grece equalised in the 74th minute.

## Finns dent Greek hopes

HELSINKI, Oct 11: Greece's hopes of mounting a late challenge to qualify for the European soccer championship finals took a knock when they were held 1-1 by Finland on Wednesday, reports Reuters.

Kari Ukkonen put the Finns ahead in the 50th minute, credited with a goal direct from a corner in a match played in thick fog.

Greece equalised in the 74th minute.