# Brothers shock Abahani

Sports Reporter



Title aspirants Brothers Union yesterday handed a rude shock to the reigning NBL Senior Division football league

champions Abahani Krira Chakra to notch a well-deserved 2-1 victory in the Group 'B' championship deciding match of the round robin league of the eleventh Federation Cup football tournament at the floodlit Dhaka Stadium.

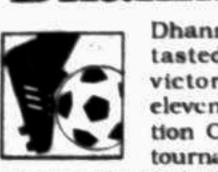
The Gopibagh boys led 1-0 at the breather through their ace medio Waseem lqbal's 37th minute goal.

Abahanf's shock defeat means the last year's runnersup will face the defending and Group 'A' champions Mohammedan Sporting Club in



WASEEM IQBAL

### Dhanmondi blank Army



Dhanmondi Club tasted its first victory in the eleventh Federation Cup football tournament outplaying Bangladesh Army 3-0 in the first of yesterday's

engagements at the Dhaka Stadium. Dhanmondi were placed third in the Group B securing two points. They lost their first two matches against Abahani

KC and Brothers Union respectively by a goal cach. For both Dhanmondi and Army it was their last group ties in the round robin league tournament being played at the

Dhaka Stadium. Dhanmondi led the first half

In the absence of their first eleven, the national champions Bangladesh Army lost all their three matches to finish last in the group. Iqbal put Dhanmondi ahead

the first semifinal scheduled for tomorrow at 5 pm at the Mirpur Stadium. It also means that one of the two giants of Dhaka soccer will not make it



## in the 23rd minute of the first

half with a header following a corner kick by Saidur (1-0). Khabir doubled the margin

with a nice shot off a Faisal pass five minutes before the breather (2-0). Faisal completed the tally with a power-packed volley

Dhanmondi dominated the match all through and fully deserved their comfortable vic-

from a goalmouth melee in the

20th minute of the second half

#### TEAMS

DHANMONDI CLUB: Tayeb (Ratan), Atiq, Ata, Igbal, Pans, Saifu, Mustafa Babu, Halim, Khabir, Salahuddin (Siddique) and Faisal.

BANGLADESH ARMY Ramzan (Latif), Quasem, Mubarak, Manoj, Hemayet (Shamim), Shahab Ali, Prodil, Alim, Saifur, Aziz and Alauddin. Referee - Rafiqul Islam.

On the other hand, Brothers Union, by virtue of finishing top of Group 'B', will face tre Group 'A' runners-up complete disarray. Fakirerpool Youngmen's Club in the second semifinal



PIJUSH... quick thinking scheduled for Tuesday (October 15) also at 5 pm at the Mirpur Stadium. And unless there in another upset, Brothers should be assured of a place in Friday's final.

Coming into the match needing a victory in order to finish top of group and thereby avoiding a clash with the dechampions lending Mohammedans in the semifinals, Brothers Union played

#### Ctg Div I soccer postponed till Oct 18

CHITTAGONG, Oct 12: The Elite Paint First Division football league being held at Chittagong Stadium here has been postponed till October 18 due to Durga Puja, reports BSS.

CJKP football committee took this decision at a meeting held last night.

The league will resume on October 19 and Chittagong Mohammedan Sporting will take on Chittagong Brothers Union on the day.

# Connors won't give up



NEW YORK, Oct 12: Jimmy Connors would play on a senior circuit — il it's his circuit. And if it's somewhere deep in the future, reports AP. For now, Cormors wants to stay in the major leagues, and his tournament

schedule for 1992 will be his busiest in years. "I've got a full schedule next year," Connors said Thursday. "I'm going to Lyon, Stockholm, Paris and London through November, then if I can play 16-17-18

tournaments and all the Grand Slams next year, it would be great. "I always thought I would play until I'm 26 or 27, then try to be a lawyer, which was what really wanted to do when I was growing up. But tennis has kept me going, more money came

into it and it enabled me to do what I want to do. What the 39-year-old Connors wants to do - still - is play ball with the big boys. And his performance at the US Open, getting to the semifinals and upending a bunch of much

younger players in spectacular fashion along the way, has confirmed to Connors he still "I wanted to get back into the top 100 by the end of this year and the only way to do that was play more tennis," said Connors, now ranked 55th after entering the Open at No 174. "I

needed more wins and I did that during the summer and with my finish at the Open this "I was close to never playing again due to my injury. A lot of people thought I walked away from the game. They should know me better than that.'

"Most people are lucky to have a first shot and here I am having a second shot." Of course, the picture is not entirely positive. Unusual and unattractive proposals, such as a winner-take-all meeting with top-ranked woman Monica Seles, get mixed in with the enticing

and legitimate.

"We had some discussions with the guy," Connors said. "Would it be fun to play her? Probably.... in six or seven years from now.

## Vilas in Connors's footsteps

serving the Sweden's short-

lived comeback attempt last

match in Monte Carle under

the microscopic scrutiny of

match? Vilas asked . "It would

have meant nothing. He lacked

match play. You have to play

tournament after tournament

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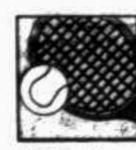
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comeback.



Florida, Oct 12: Guillermo Vilas is on the comeback trail, complete with his familiar

1970s long hair and headband and looping topspin strokes, but he says he's not following the path of look-alike Bjorn Borg but of boxer George Foreman and the inspirational Jimmy Connors, reports Reuter.

The 39-year-old Argentine won his first match in more than two years this week after being forced into tennis limbo in 1989 because of a severe elbow injury.

Since returning to the circuit in July, Vilas lost four first-round matches in minor ATP Tour matches in Brazil and Colombia. But on Wednesday Vilas, ranked 852nd in the world, beat 135th-ranked American Brad Pearce 6-2, 6-2 at the Pembroke Pines championship, a new 75,000-dollar ATP tournament.

He lost his next match, a tough three-setter to 24-yearold German Karsten Braasch, but Vilas is encouraged.

"I'm playing better every time," said Vilas, who was inducted into the tennis hall of fame in Newport, Rhode island, this summer." Two years is not such a long time but when you don't play tennis completely you forget everything."

With five home around the world, Vilas said money was not the reason for his return.

"I want to retire when I don't want to play anymore, not because of an injury," Vilas said. " I still enjoy to play and that's the number one reason. I have nothing to prove to anybody but myself that I can still compete."

Vilas was the top player in the world in 1977, winning the French Open and them beating Connors to win the US Open. He won 21 tournaments and 140 matches that year. He has won 61 titles in all and was ranked in the top 10 from 1974/83.

Vilas said he was emulating Foreman, not Borg, after ob-

could do it." April. Borg lost a first-round

Vilas also draws inspiration from Connors, another 39year-old Greybeard, whose recent semifinal finish at the US Open brought him world-wide acclaim.

"Now I don't have to answer all the questions with the way Jimmy played, " Vilas said. Stefan Edberg won the tournament but Connors is on the cover of sports illustrated (magazine). It's great for tennis not to lose the old champions."

The next stop for Vilas is Sao Paulo, Brazil.



GUILLERMO VILAS IN ACTION

with determination and according to a well-planned strategy which left the overconfident Abahani side in

Star-studded Abahani's weaknesses were fully exposed and exploited by the cool footballers from Gopibagh. Their midfielders Waseem Igbal, Manik and Uttam - the fleetfooted youngster from Tangail - reduced Abahani's highly overrated defence into a shambles and indeed it was a pity to watch the most expensive player of the South Asian region Abul Monem Munna and his colleague Rehan failing time and again to thwart the repeated Brothers onslaughts.

Two other Abahani defenders, leftback Alamgir and rightback Masud Rana, appeared overenthusiastic, leaving yawning gaps in the defence whenever they overlapped to help their forwards.

The Brothers desence manned by Iqbal, Rouf Babu, Pitush and Parvez, performed ably and hardly allowed any space to the famed Abahani strikers - Aslam, Rumi and Ghaus - who had such a heyday against the Bangladesh Army Thursday.

Uttam, Manik and Rupu controlled the midfield, reducing the Abahani medios Mamun Joardar and Zakir into playing second fiddle.

Abahani came into the match on a very confident note by employing most of their men up front in order to neutralise their opponents' 5-3-2 combination.

Brothers, on the other hand, banked mostly on sporadic breakaway moves which in the end proved most effective in the end. Both teams took time to settle down. Most of the initial attacks by either side fizzled out well before the rival goalmouths.

The Abahani defence, trying too many offside traps, almost paid a heavy price in the 20th minute when Brothers Union's Ahmed Alí and Waseem — who left Abahani this season smartly evaded the trap to race down, leaving Munna and Rehan helpless, goalkeeper Mohsin came out of the box, fouled Ahmed and thereby fouled the move.

Mohsin must consider himself lucky to have received only a yellow card from the referce for his act.

Five minutes later, Brothers were again unlucky not to have gone ahead when Waseem shot wide with Mohsin out of his position. Manik had brilliantly dodged past Munna, only to be foiled by an onrushing Abahani goalie and, on the rebound. Waseem drove wide.

In an identical move in the 37th minute, Mohsin succeeded in partially blocking another dangerous. Manik move, only to see Waseem slotting the ball into an empty net (1-0).

Abahani equalised in the third minute of the second half. Rouf Babu handled the ball inside the danger zone and Abahani's young left-back Masud Rana smartly converted the penalty (1-1).

Immediately afterwards, Rumi's quickly-taken shot was well saved by Brothers goalkeeper Ponir.

Mohsin who yesterday looked quite vulnerable, paid heavily when he unnecessarily rushed out of his post to punch an Ahmed Ali cross at the top of the box. The ball landed near the Brothers rightback Pijush who displayed a fine presence of mind to instantly take a powerful 40 yarder shot at the Abahani goal before Mohsin had time to get back, giving Brothers the winner in the 69th minute of play.

Abahani again pressed hard for the equaliser - which would have left them top of the group on goal difference after their flattering 7-0 win over Army last Thursday — but all their efforts came to no effect.

Parvez and Ata of Brothers Union and Masud Rana and Mohsin of Abahani were shown the yellow cards.

#### THE TEAMS

Brothers Union: Ponir, Pijush, Iqbal, Rouf Babu, Parvez, Uttam, Manik, Rupu, Waseem (Jilani), Ata and Ahmed.

Abahani KC: Mohsin, Alamgir, Munna, Rehan, Masud Rana, Mamun Joardar, Zakir, Rubel, Aslam, Rumi and Ghaus (Ranjit).

### Giggs' glory

LONDON, Oct 12 Manchester United's 17-yearold winger Ryan Giggs, who could make his debut for Wales against Germany this week, was named as the Barclays Young Eagle of the month for September on Saturday, reports AFP. The teenager has set the

English First Division alight with some tremendous displays as his side have shot to the top of the league.

He is expected to be among the substitutes when Wales take on world champions Germany in their European Championship clash in Nuremberg on Wednesday.

#### Maradona wants to settle in US

**BUENOS AIRES, Oct 12** Banned soccer star Diego Maradona said on Friday he was fed up with continual harassment by the Argentine media and wanted to quit his hom-eland to live in the United States, reports Reuter.

"They (reporters and photographers) mount guard outside my house and hassle me all day long. I can't take it any longer.. I want to settle in the United States, he said the disgraced star in brief remarks to a local television network.



DIEGO MARADONA

month representative of indoor club San Diego Sockers of the Major Soccer League flew to Buenos Aires 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.

Maradona, awaiting trial in Argentina on cocaine possession charges after his arrest on April 26, said there were people in Argentina who bore him ill

"I was out of the country for nine years and now there are people who can't stand me, perhaps because I made a lot of money. I might have made mistakes but my family should't have to pay for them ..... I just want to be left in peace," he added.

Maradona, who led Argentina to their 1986 World Cup triumph, said he would have to obtain special permission to leave the country from the judge in charge of his case.

## Tiggelen called up

AMSTERDAM, Oct 12 : Dutch coach Rinus Michels has recalled experienced defender Andri Van Tiggelen for next week's potentially decisive European Soccer Championship qualifier against Potugal in Rotterdam, reports Reuter.

Van Tiggelen, 34, a member of the 1988 championshipwinning side and World Cup team, has not played for the Netherlands since October 17. 1990, when they lost their opening Group six qualifying game in Portugal

The tall defender moved from Belgian club Anderlecht to PSV Eindhoven at the beginning of this season but has played only a few matches since recovering from a broken foot.

AC Milan midfielder Frank Rijkaard also returns to the squad for his first major international after quitting the national team following a disappointing 1990 World Cup.

Rijkaard, who played in last month's friendly against Poland, a 1-1 draw, links up with his club mates Ruud Gullit and Marco Van Basten.

Michels left out Ajax winger Bryan Roy, who has played only half a game since recovering from injury.

Average gates this season at United's Old Trafford ground are averaging over 45,000 for league matches with pre-sold season tickets and executive

CLIVE ALLEN

In the year to July, the club, which in May became the fourth British team to be floated on the Stock Exchange, made pre-tax profit of 5.38 million pounds (9.3 million dollars) against losses of 2.8 million, on turnover which grew from 11.6 million pounds

gate and TV revenues by United's success in Europe, the club's finances benefitted from a fall in net transfer fees to 801,000 pounds, down from the 5.2 million the club splashed out the previous year.

for the first time since 1967, Chairman Sir Roland Smith said the club expected to "improve revenues, especially from television and sponsorseason upgrading its grounds

# Sharjah Cup from Oct 17

SHARJAH (UAE),

Oct 12: Pakistan

will meet the

West Indies on

the opening day

of the Wills

Cricket Trophy international

tournament here on Oct 17,

rivals India and Pakistan face

off giving their fans here and

back home a high pressure

India take on the West Indies.

The teams then play each

other again after a day's break

on Sunday, Oct 20, and the

two top teams after the six

matches will play for the win-

ners' purse of 30,000 dollars.

The losers will get half that

The final will be played on

With the three countries in-

volved in the Sharjah tourna-

ment fine-tuning their act for

the World Cup early next year,

it is quite likely that their

World Cup squads will be in

action here starting later this

the winner of each round

robin match will get 3000

dollars and the loser 2000 dol-

lars. As usual, the man-of-the-

match each day will earn 500

dollars while the man-of-the-

series will pick up 3,500 dol-

matches are scheduled to start

at 9 am local time (11:00 am

BST) and finish around 5:45

pm (7:45 BST). Sri Lankan

umpires will supervise the

matches. Pakistan and India

are likely to telecast live all

The Sharjah Stadium is be-

Tickets for the competition

ing given a face-lift for the

have been priced lower than

previous tournaments in view

of the general depression in

the area since the Gulf war,

their matches.

50-overs-a-side

Other than the top prize,

The next day, Oct 19, sees

On the following day arch-

report agencies.

amount.

week.

Friday, Oct 25.

According to information reaching here from Bombay, the Indian Board officials were hedging earlier this year because they wanted the Cricketers Benefit Fund Series (CBFS), the organisers, to raise their guarantee money.

Former Indian Board Secretary Jagmohan Dalmiya had suggested this amount in a letter to Abdul Rahman Bukhatir last June.

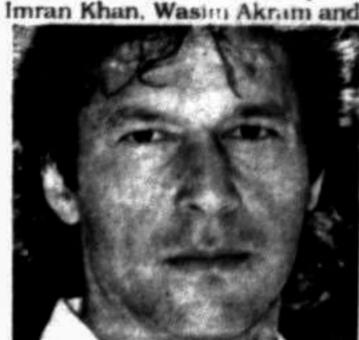
This financial bargaining was concluded between Indian and CBFS officials in London during the International Cricket Council (ICC) meeting there in July last.

The Indian team's depar ture for the long tour of Australia was pushed back to Nov 10. The Indians were earlier due to leave on Oct 28 for

#### Wagar to head Pak quickies in Sharjah

KARACIII, Pakistan, Oct 12 Waqar Younis, leading wickettaker in English First-Class Cricket during the recent season, spearheads a quartet of Pakistan fast bowlers in the forthcoming. Sharjah Cup, reports Reuter.

Waqar, who took 113 wickets for Surrey, Pakistan captain



IMRAN KHAN... captain Aaqib Javed make up a formidable attack for the three-nation limited overs tournament from October 17-

They were named by Pakistan's cricket authorities on Friday in a squad of 14 for the one-day matches against West Indies and India.

The squad: Imran Khan (Captain), Sajid Ak, Rameez Raja, Salim Malik, Ijaz Ahmed, Javed Miandad, Wasim Akram. Aaqib Javed, Waqar Younis, Wasim Hyder, Akram Raza, Mushtaq Ahmed, Moin Khan, Ghulam Ali.

a five-Test tour of Australia, followed by a triangular Benson & Hedges World Series and the World Cup in February.

#### SCANDAL

The red hue around the monetary position of the Iridian Board is due to the lack of tours by the Indians in the recent past and also a massive 1,28,500 pound sterling scandal which rocked the financially-sound Board last year.

A souventr, published during India's tour of England in 1990, brought in that sum, which was to have augmented the Indian players' meagre tour allowances and also put something in the Indian

Board's kitty. However, till now, neither the players nor the Board have seen a single rupee of that amount, although Raj Singh Dungarpur, the tour manager, was authorised by the BCCI to

#### publish the souvenir. SHARJAH FIXTURE

Oct 17: Pakistan vs West Indies

Oct 18: Pakistan vs India Oct 19: India vs West Indies Oct 20: Rest day Oct 21: Pakistan vs West Indies Oct22: Pakistan vs India Oct 23: India vs West Indies Oct 24: Rest day Oct 25: Final.

#### Fraser coming round

LONDON, Oct 12 : England bowler Angus Fraser was given encouraging news by a specialist's report on Friday in his fight to be fit for the cricket World Cup, reports AFP.

The 26-year old Middlesex seamer, plagued by a hip injury for nine months, looks as though he is at last on the road to recovery.

Fraser hopes his specialist

will give him the go-ahead to

resume light training next week after studying the latest set of scans and X-rays. "A final decision on his fitness may not be made until

late December," said England

manager Micky Stewart. "The selectors, like Angus himself, are taking a positive attitude and we still expect him to play a full part this winter," said Stewart.

A fully fit Fraser would boost England's chances of success in both the test series against New Zealand and the World Cup in Australiasia.

### More troubles for Taylor LONDON, Oct 12

England football manager Graham Taylor has a growing defence cri-

for next Wednes-day's European Championship qualifier against Turkey for which he has made several last minute call-ups, reports AFP. Gary Mabbutt of Tottenham

Hostpur, Oldham defenders Earl Barrett and Richard Jobson and Manchester City goalkeeper Tony Coton were all drafted into the squad on Thursday night. But Taylor's problems grew worse on Friday when

Manchester United defender

Gary Pallister confirmed

doubts about his fitness and Sheffield Wednesday striker David Hirst added his name to the casualty list. Arsenal captain Tony Adams and striker lan Wright are also carrying injuries which could force them out and goalkeeper

Chris Woods had to return to Glasgow because his daughter is ill. Woods is expected to return in time for the match.

Nineteen candidates for the England team are now missing and they include seven players who would be his first choice in the centre of the

Mark Wright, Paul Parker and Steve Bould were all unavailable before the squad was named. Kenth Curle was knocked off the list with groin trouble and Everton's Martin Keown was also found to be unfit when a call went out. So Taylor has turned to Mabbutt, 30, who won the last of his 13 caps three years ago.

"Mabbutt is very reliable and he won't let me down," said the despondent manager.

"I've called them all in now because I'd rather they were with us from the beginning than wait until Sunday or Monday to start chasing around for players."

England's five day preparation - today's first division programme has been called off to help Taylor — started Friday with training at the Bisham Abbey National Centre.

Woods is still expected to face Turkey, but Taylor will be anxiously monitoring the progress of Adams and Arsenal colleague Ian Wright, who has an ankle injury.

Meanwhile, Manchester United's highly rated 17-yearold winger Ryan Giggs could make his international debut for Wales against World Cup winners Germany in the European Championship next Wednesday.

to conform to safety require-

ments, and this season has

bought England defender Paul

Giggs has been elevated to the full Welsh squad by manager Terry Yorath for the crucial European Championship qualifier in Noremberg Wednesday. He has made one under 21 appearance against Poland last year.

The teenager has produced some startling performances tough he has only seven full appearances and four as substitute to his name - helping United to lead the English First Division this year.

Yorath had ben hoping to hold back Giffs' debut because of his tender years, but growing injury problems have also force the Welsh manager's hand.

Yorath is without defenders Mark Aizliewood and David Phillips, and midfielder Glynn Hodges. Defender Clayton Blackmore and midfielder Peter Nicholas are both suspended.

The manager said: "I'm still reluctant at this stage to bring Ryan in-but with our injuries

have had no choice." Also called up are Derby midfielder Geraint Williams and Portsmouth defender Gavin Maguire. A point from Wednesday's game will almost certainly put Wales through to next summer's finals in Sweden at Germany's expense.

# Man United post handsome profit



LONDON, Oct 12: ship. Manchester United. European Cup Winners Cup champions and Britain's best-

football club las announced impressive profit performance to match its recent success on the field, reports Agencies.

to 17.8 million. On top of the boost given to

With United sitting on top of the First Division and tipped to carry off the championship 21,400 seats, up from 19,500 last year, Smith added. The club spent half a million pounds during the close

Parker for 1.75 million pounds and paid a further half a million for Danish international goalkeeper Peter Schmeichel. facilities accounting for some Despite the positive outlook and the promise of a dividend for this financial year of not less than 17.4 pence, investors remain wary of a business in which one rash tackle can see

> rendered worthless. Floated in May at 385 pence each, United shares are currently languishing at 295.

a two-million- pound asset

CLIVE ALLEN'S GRIPE Meanwhile, another report from London said: Clive Allen's rift with the Manchester City management has widened after he accused boss Peter Reid and number two Sam Ellis of

trying to ruin his career. The ex-England striker spilled out his troubles after being involved in a training ground collision that left top scorer David White sidelined for six weeks with a broken

collar bone. Allen fumed: "They can't treat people the way they've treated me over the past 10 weeks and expect to get away

"I'm not a nervous 19-yearold who is afraid to speak his mind. Their treatment of me

ful. Since the Thursday before the start of the season they've had me training with the kids." Allen was finally given his chance on Sunday at Notts County, coming off the bench

this season has been disgrace-

"If they could have found someone else for the subs' job, they would have done," suggested Allen. "If the two goals scored have embarrassed them," then that's fine by me.

to score twice in a 3-1 win .

"The manager hasn't spoken to me all season and couldn't even bring himself to say 'well done.' "I can accept not being part

of his plans, but he's not even had the guts to explain the situation to me. "It's obvious he wants me out of the club, but I've never wanted anything other than to

play for Manchester City and I

still feel that way." Reid refused to be drawn into the row. He said: "The manager of any club has a duty to pick the best team and that means some players will be

disappointed."

