

**Nat'l age-group swim from today**

The 11th national age-group swimming championships for boys begins today at the Dhaka Stadium Swimming Pool.

As many as 215 swimmers from 22 teams will participate in the three-day meet for the titles in four age groups from ten to 17-year-olds.

The groups are: Up to 10 years; 11-12 years; 13-14 years and 15-17 years.

The participating teams are: Bangladesh Krira Shikya Protishan (BKSP), Rajshahi Education Board, Chuadanga Simanta SC, Jessore Dolphin Club, Brahmanbaria Western Club, Chapainawabganj SC and BJMC SC, and Dhaka, Dinajpur, Meherpur, Bogra, Brahmanbaria, Tangail, Sherpur, Comilla, Pabna, Narail, Rajshahi, Munshiganj, Narayanganj, Rajbari and Kushtia DSAs.

**MSC Blues win in Ctg soccer**

CHITTAGONG, Oct 21 : Galib and Akhtar scored one goal each for the Mohammedan Blues to register a hard-fought 2-1 win over BCIC in the CKJP Elite Paint First Division football league at the Chittagong Stadium here this afternoon, reports BSS.

The first half of the match ended on-all. Shapla scored the lone goal for BCIC.

Mohammedan Blues — a team comprising mostly young players — displayed a good brand of football. On the other hand, the BCIC boys showed a tendency towards resorting to frayed-tempers. Referee Didarul Alam showed red-card to Ranjit of BCIC in the 45th minute for misbehaving with him.

Mohammedan Blues took the lead through Galib in the 3rd minute when he sent the ball into the net dodging past three defenders (1-0).

Six minutes later Shapla of BCIC levelled the score with a fine angular shot (1-1).

Mohammedan Blues scored the winner in the 42nd minute. Receiving a pass from Saiful, Akhtar netted the ball with a long, powerful drive (2-1).

The Mohammedan Blues have now collected 10 points from six matches while BCIC have five points from seven outings.

Steel Mills club earned full points in the other match of the day beating Muktiyoddha Sanghabad Krira Chakra by a solitary goal.

Arman scored the only goal in the 61st minute with a spectacular shot on a pass from Ratan (1-0).

Steel Mills have earned 11 points from eight matches while Muktiyoddha have 10 points from the same number of encounters.

**Martin brothers made to struggle**

TORONTO, Oct 21 : A back problem and an unseeded fellow-Australian combined to extend world champions Rodney Martin to five games before he won his first-round match at the United Canadian Open squash championship yesterday, reports Reuter.

Martin's back pain, for which he has been treated the past days, appeared to be troubling him again.

Brett Newton-ranked 41st in the world-beat Martin 15-11 in the first game, lost the next two and won the fourth game, setting up the deciding fifth game.

In the final game Martin held substantial leads of 9-3 and 10-5 but allowed Newton to get as close as 11-12 before breaking away to win 15-11.

Fifth-seed Brett Martin, Rodney's brother, was even under greater threat, finding himself down 1-2 in games against unsung English players, Michael Puertas, a qualifier, ranked 88th in the world.

But Martin, who lost to brother Rodney in the finals of the US Open championships on Saturday, rallied to win the last two games 15-7 and 15-9.

The front wall of the court here appeared to be much faster than the one in New York which might have contributed to the difficulties of the Martin brothers, who did not practise before their matches yesterday.

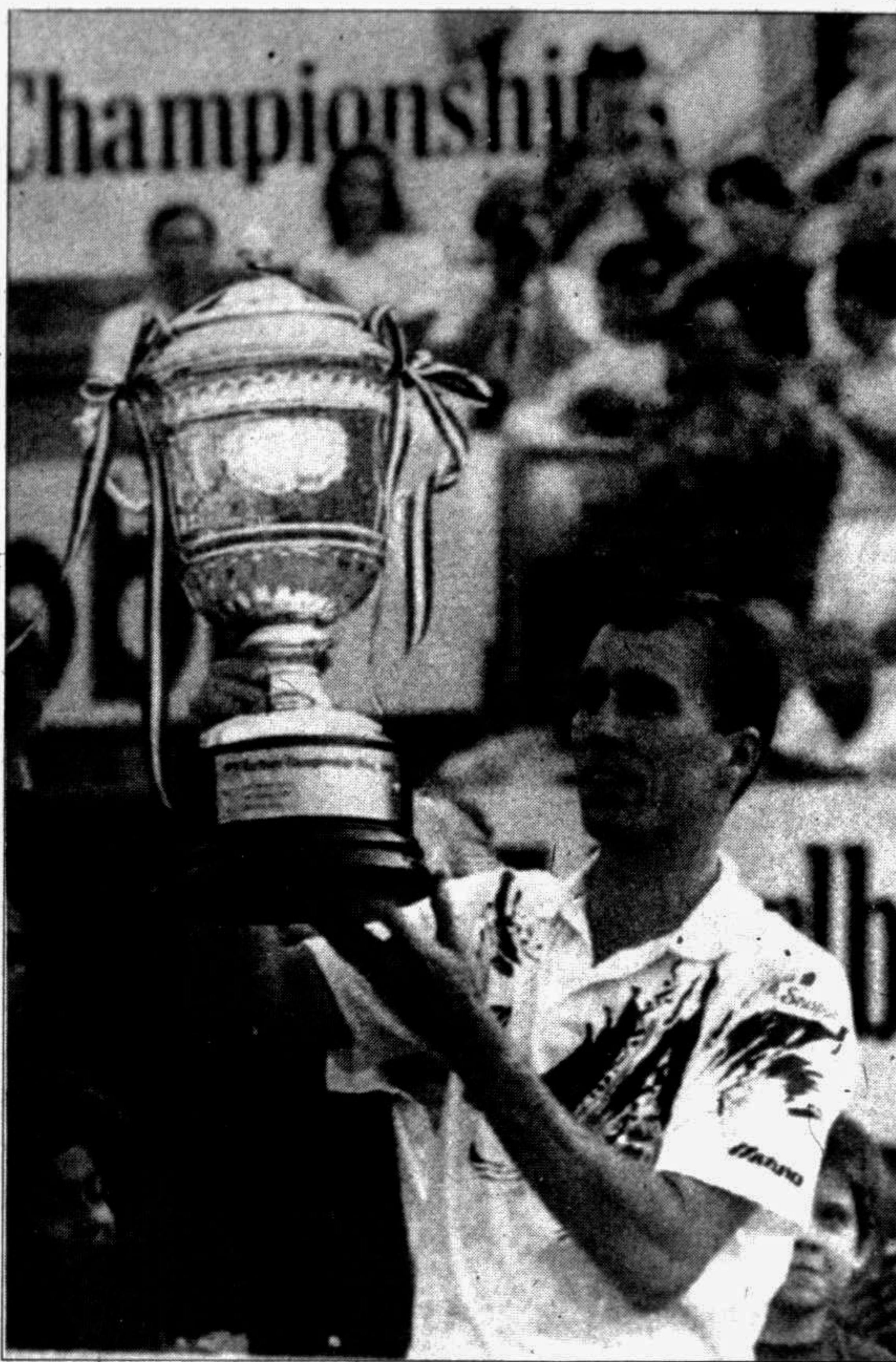
**Bridge results**

The following are the results of weekly pair duplicate bridge contest of Dhaka Metropolitan Bridge Association held last Friday

North-South: First - Kh. Mazharul Haque and A. Wahab (61.74 percent); second - Rafiq Hussain Siddiqui and Jahurul Haque (55.49 percent); third - Anisul Haque (Raju) and Salahuddin (54.36 percent).

East-West: First - Humayun Kabir and Dr. Ehtesam (57.58 percent); second - M.A. Wahed and Md. Yakub (57.58 percent) and third - Habibul Bashar and Shamsuzzaman Kamal (54.26 percent).

The next weekly bridge contest will be held on October 25 (Friday) at 3.30 pm at the same venue.



Ivan Lendl holds up the Hong Kong tennis championships trophy that he won over fellow American David Wheaton in the final on Oct. 20 in Hong Kong. Lendl picked up a cash prize of USD 1,00,000 along with the trophy. — AFP photo

**Lendl retains HK title**

HONGKONG, OCT 21: World number five Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia retained the Hong Kong tennis championships title here Sunday, defeating American David Wheaton in straight sets in the final, reports AFP.

Lendl produced a near-flawless performance to win 6-3, 7-5, 6-1 in just under two hours.

"I've started to play well again and it is good to be back. Winning always boosts my confidence," said Lendl, who will play in next week's Stockholm Open.

The 31-year-old who has

just recovered from a hand injury that sidelined him for three months, showed glimpses of the form which saw him once reign supreme at the top of the ATP rankings for 156 consecutive weeks.

His trademark forehand was as powerful as ever, his blistering serves — which earned him 16 aces — were right on target. And these major weapons coupled with his calm and collected baseline game, was too much for Wheaton to handle.

Wheaton, ranked 13th in the world, was in the final by default. Having lost in the preliminary pool round robin format, he was called into the

semi-finals when injured Shuzuo Matsuoka of Japan pulled out. He took full advantage of his reprieve, defeating local favourite Michael Chang in straight sets.

But in the final, he was up against a tougher proposition with Lendl losing only seven points in the first set, winning 6-3. The second set was more of a contest, with both players holding serve until Lendl broke Wheaton in the 12th game to win 7-5.

The final set was completely dominated by Lendl. Wheaton failed to hold his serve and only gained small consolation by breaking Lendl's fifth game.

But by then it was all over, and Lendl was well on his way to pocketing the winner's cheque of 100,000 US dollars.

**Sampras boosts US hope**

LYON, France, Oct 21 : Pete Sampras boosted American morale ahead of the Davis Cup final with France when he beat Frenchman Olivier Delaître to win the 500,000-Dollar Lyon tournament yesterday, reports Reuter.

Sampras, seeded second, dismissed unheralded Delaître 6-1, 6-1 in less than an hour.

The pair may meet again on the same court in six weeks for the Davis Cup final, if they are called up by team captains Tom Gorman and Yannick Noah.

"I hope I'll be back here..... But it all depends on Tom Gorman's decision. Andre Agassi is the best bet but it will be very open for the second singles spot," Sampras said.

"I have served really well throughout the week and today I played the way I wanted to," he added.

The 1990 US Open champion put pressure on Delaître from the start thanks to good

erves and ground strokes.

The Frenchman, ranked 57th in the world, trailed 0-3 in the first set and then saved a set point with a spectacular backhand before surrendering 6-1.

At the start of the second set, Delaître, who had reached his first ATP tournament final in Bordeaux last month, fought back. He saved a match point in his serve but finally bowed out in 58 minutes.

"Sampras was much too strong today," he said.

Delaître is in contention strong today," he said.

Delaître is in contention with Fabrice Santoro and Thierry Champion for the chance to play singles for France in the three-day Cup final which starts on November 29.

**Li Fang's double**

TOKYO, Oct 21 : Top-seeded Li Fang of China outplayed Japan's Hiromi Yoshihara 7-6, 6-4 to win the singles title in the 10,000 dollar Bridgestone Japan women's tennis circuit in Kyoto Sunday, reports AFP.

The victory was worth 1,800 dollars.

Later in the day, Li, together with compatriot Tang Min, disposed of Diana Gardner of the United States and Paulette Moreno of Hong Kong 6-4, 7-5 to take the doubles crown.

**Stich's title**

VIENNA, Oct 21 : Wimbledon champion Michael Stich won his fourth title this year when he beat unseeded Dutchman Jan Siemerink in straight sets in the final of the 250,000-dollar Vienna men's tournament on Sunday, reports Reuter.

The 6-4, 6-4, 6-4 victory should allow Stich to move up one place to third in the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) world rankings, overtaking American Jim Courier.

The 23-year-old German took one hour 46 minutes to dispose of Siemerink, who had beaten Stich's compatriot Carl-Uwe Steeb in the semifinals.

"I only did what was most necessary," said Stich, who also easily beat Siemerink in Berlin last week. "I knew Jan could not hurt me."

Siemerink, 21, was unable to break Stich's serve throughout the match.

Stich, who won 32,400 dollars, said he hoped to round off his dream season with good result in the Stockholm and Paris tournaments over the next two weeks and in front of his home fans at the ATP World Championships in Frankfurt next month.

**Huber spoils Martina's party**

FILDERSTADT, Germany, Oct 21: Sixteen year-old Anke Huber prevented Martina Navratilova equalling Chris Evert's record of 157 tournaments when she beat the American in the Grand Prix final here yesterday, reports AFP.

"It was my greatest ever win," Huber said after bouncing back from a set down to win 2-6, 6-2, 7-6.

The world number 21 took the tie-break 7-4 for her first major tournament.

Navratilova, ranked fourth in the world, had won this event five times and had been hoping to celebrate her 35th birthday last Friday with a party.

It was the second time in as many weeks Navratilova had failed at the final hurdle in her attempt on Evert's record. She lost to Yugoslavia's Monica Seles in the Milan final last week.



Action from yesterday's 4th Bata schools handball match at the Outer Stadium between Bawnia Abdul Jalil High School and Bhashantek High School. Bawnia won 14-10. — Star photo

**Movie on Jansher**

ISLAMABAD, Oct 21 : Squash celebrity Jansher Khan is to star in an American movie "Soul Of The Tiger," the official Associated Press of Pakistan (APP) said in a report published today, reports AFP.

The agency quoted the 22-year-old player as saying the five-million dollar film to be directed by Peter Jackson who depicted his life since childhood.

"The film would be shot in his home town Peshawar, capital of North West Frontier Province bordering Afghanistan, said Jansher who comes from a middle class Pushto-speaking family. The shooting is to start within a year, he said.

Jansher has left here for the United States for treatment of a back injury he suffered during a recent practice session which forced him to miss the US Open.

He is also likely to miss the German and Canadian Opens.

"At the moment I do not find myself in rhythm for good competitive squash," Jansher said before his departure from here for Karachi Sunday on his way to the United States.

"However I am determined to play in Dubai and the Dutch Open in December," the player said, adding "For these competitions I shall start working hard as soon as I return from the US on November 5 after getting my injury healed."

During his stay in the US he intends to participate in a coaching clinic at New York on November 2-3 for which he is to receive 30,000 dollars.

**Eintracht stay top of Bundesliga**

COLOGNE, Oct 21 : Eintracht Frankfurt went three points clear at the top of the German league after an entertaining 4-2 away win over Wattenscheid. Their scorers were Betn (8 and 76), yeboah (46) and Sippel (51) while the home side's goals came from Sane (58) and Schupp (60), reports AFP.

VFB Stuttgart delighted home fans and kept second spot in the table after a thrilling 3-2 victory over Bayern Munich — but neighbours Stuttgart kickers were trounced 3-1 at home by Borussia Dortmund.

Everything went wrong for the kickers in the last half an hour after defender Jochen Novodomsy put one into his own net.

Although Novodomsy's Czech team-mate Karel Kula made amends three minutes later — Danish striker Flemming Povlsen and Swiss ace Stephane Cahpusat sealed the Borussia win.

**Ansars & VDP school in hand ball semis**

Sports Reporter Oct 26.

A one-sided 35-2 goals victory over Cosmic International School yesterday afternoon at the Outer Stadium ensured Ansars & VDP High's passage to the semifinals.

The other semifinalists from this group is Narinda Govt. Boys' High School.

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**Talal Mansur bags 100 m gold Hosts, DPRK defy the odds**

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 21 : Host Malaysia and North Korea stole the limelight Monday on the third day of the ninth Asian Track and Field (ATF) Championships when they each snatched a gold medal against all odds, reports AFP.

Malaysia had only aimed for a few bronze medals and at most a silver in the competitions at Merdeka Stadium.

Malaysia's success came in the men's 110-meter hurdles. Unrated Nur Herman Majid left a field of strong contenders stunned when he shot to the front at the last three hurdles to take the gold medal.

Nur returned a time of 14.04 seconds to edge out early favourite Zheng Junsoo of China, who took the silver with a time of 14.05 sec.

Another favourite, Iwasaki Toshiko of Japan, finished third with a time of 14.18.

Nur, admitted after the race that he had not expected to win.

"I was hoping for a bronze.... But a gold, no..... I never imagined I could make it against the favourites from China, Japan and Qatar's Rashed Shibene," remarked the excited Malaysian.

Asian's fastest man Talal Mansur retained his title in the 100m sprint despite a poor time of 10.29 sec to give Qatar its first gold medal in the Championships.

His time of 10.29 seconds was 0.05 seconds slower than his semifinal timing of 10.24 on Sunday.

"I was aiming for a flat 10 seconds but the strong headwind hampered my performance" said Talal, who holds the Asian Games record of 10.28.

China's Asian Games champion Tian Yumet, whose personal best is 11.32, won the women's 100 metres in 11.54.

"I knew I would win the gold but I am disappointed that I could not clock a better

time," she said.

Chinese discus thrower Yu Wenge set a championship record Sunday.

Yu's winning throw of 62.20 metres surpassed the previous championship record of 61.72 but was well below his personal best of 63.32.

"I could have improved my personal best if not for the rain which hampered my performance," he said.

World champion Xu Demel

seventh lap she help on to the lead right to the finish.

The North Korean win came in the women's long jump, where Li Yong-Ae edged out firm favourite Liu Shuzhen of China with a new record of 6.79m. The previous record was held by China's Wang Zhutai with a leap of 6.70m set in Singapore in 1987 in the seventh ATF.

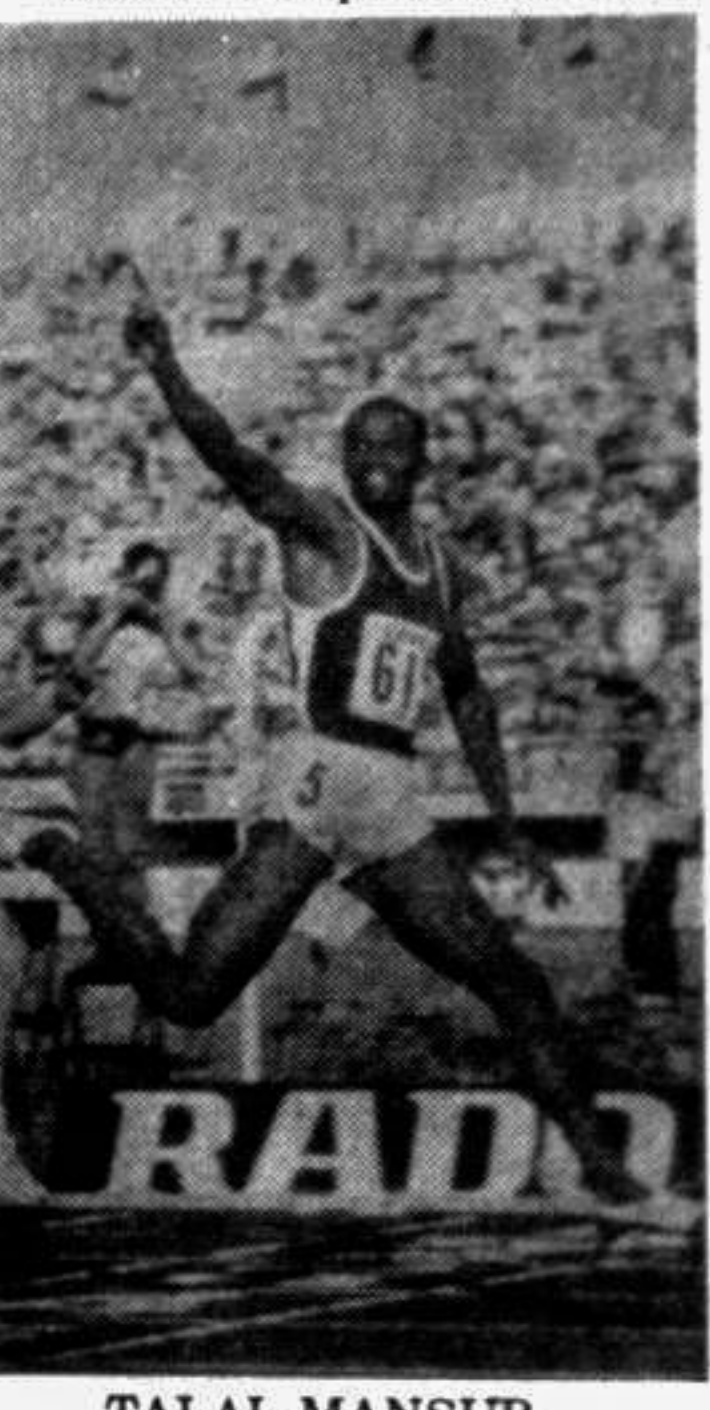
South Korea captured a gold medal when Lee Jin-Tack won the high jump event with a height of 2.22m to edge out Japan's Toyoshima Shideki, who took the silver with a leap of 2.19m.

Defending champions China again dominated the Championships, taking six of the 10 gold medals at stake on the third day and in the process setting the other new record of the day in the men's hammer throw, which was won by Bi Zhong with a distance of 69.90.

China surged ahead in the medals tally with 13 gold and eight silvers, with South Korea a distant second with 3:18.

Japan was in third place with 2-5-6.

Some 750 competitors from 27 countries are taking part in the five-day Championships which ends on Wednesday.



TALAL MANSUR

was also an easy winner for China in the women's javelin final with a best throw of 59.84 metres.

China captured the second gold medal in the walk events when Li Jing Xue took the first place in the women's 10,000 m here Monday.

In a close finish with Japan's Uchida Tomoko, the Chinese girl clocked 49 mins 14.82 secs to take the gold medal.

Uchida had a time of 49:40.18.

In the first six laps, it was a neck-to-neck battle between Li and Uchida but once the Chinese girl broke away in the

**MEDAL TABLE**

Medals position at the end of the third day's event at the ninth Asian Track and Field (ATF) Championships here Monday:

China	13	8	0
South Korea	3	1	2
Japan	2	5	6
Qatar	1	0	1
Iran	1	0	0
Malaysia	1	0	0
North Korea	1	0	0
India	0	3	1
Pakistan	0	2	0
Burma	0	1	2
Syria	0	1	2
Thailand	0	1	1
Chinese Taipei	0	0	4
Bahrain	0	0	1
Kuwait	0	0	1
Sri Lanka	0	0	1

**Marseille crash yet again**

PARIS, Oct 21 : French First Division football was still reeling after a weekend of violent incidents and shock results which left Marseille's top goalscorer Jean-Pierre Papin unconscious and St. Etienne's Cameroon goalkeeper Joseph-Antoine Bell considering retirement, reports AFP.

As pace-setters Marseille, Monaco and Paris St. Germain all crashed to shock defeats, Papin and Bell were the victims of missiles.

Papin was rushed to hospital after being hit by one of several beer bottles thrown by

hostile St. Etienne fans as the Marseille players were getting out of the team coach at the Geoffrey Guichard Stadium.

The international striker, who was unconscious for several minutes, missed the match, and although he returned to the St. Etienne ground after a series of tests and X-rays he still looked badly shaken.

To make matters worse, Bernard Tapie's star-studded side also crashed to their second defeat of the season — beaten by a neatly-taken goal by Didier Tholot running onto a superb through ball from Fabrice Mege three minutes before the interval.

Papin was not the evening's

police using batons and dogs, had to wade into the crowd to restore order. The visiting fans, upset by their side's 2-0 defeat, also left a trail of devastation when they left the stadium, smashing oars and shop windows. The Caen scorers were Olivier Picque (70) and Xavier Gravelaine (75).

Elsewhere Auxerre boosted their confidence for their midweek UEFA Cup second-round clash with English giants Liverpool by hammering Nancy 3-1 and newly-promoted Nimes continued to move up the table with a 1-0 home win over Lille. Eric Cantona scoring with a penalty ten minutes from time.

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only victim. Bell, a former Marseille player, was also felled by a beer can and the match had to be held up for about five minutes while he received treatment close to his goaline.

After completing the match with an enormous plaster on his cheek, the St. Etienne goalkeeper admitted: "I shall have to seriously rethink my future. It just isn't worth the risks."

There were similar ugly incidents at Caen where Paris St. Germain supporters rained smokebombs and other missiles onto the pitch and became involved in brawls. Riot

**SPANISH SCENE**

In Spain, Atletico Madrid continued their tremendous start to the season by chalking up their sixth consecutive win.

A 53rd-minute goal by Vizcaino was enough to give them their latest victory at Real Oviedo.

Last year's struggling champions Barcelona finished with ten men but salvaged a measure of satisfaction by holding Real Madrid to a 1-1 draw in the Santiago Bernabeu Stadium.

Real Madrid, with most of their players recovering from a 'Flu epidemic which has swept the club, delighted the 90,000 home fans and looked to be on their way to their sixth win when Yugoslav international Robert Prosinecki threaded a free-kick past Zubizarreta after 20 minutes.

But Johan Cruyff's side came back strongly after the interval and were rewarded on the hour when Dutch player Ronald Koeman scored with a penalty after Danish frontrunner Michael Laudrup was brought down in the area by Milla.

Barcelona were reduced to ten men for the last ten minutes when Albert Ferrer was given his marching orders.

**Juventus pull Napoli down**

ROME, Oct 21 : Juventus knocked Napoli off the top of the Italian soccer First Division on Sunday winning 1-0 away in a tense clash, reports Reuter.

Champions Sampdoria missed a penalty on the way to their second successive surprise defeat, beaten 2-0 at home to Atalanta, and now languish in ninth position, while Internazionale were held to a 1-1 draw at Cagliari.

AC Milan, whose Dutch international Marco van Basten also missed a penalty, joined Juventus at the top after beating Parma 2-0 at home. Milan have a game in hand.

A huge crowd had paid

record takings of over three million dollars at Napoli, hoping to help manager Calciotto Ranieri celebrate his 40th birthday with a win over Juventus.

But just on halftime, Juventus defender Luigi de Agostini dampened the mood, firing home a deflected cross from 1990 World Cup star Salvatore Schillaci.

After the break Juventus were intent only on conserving their lead, turning a pulsating game into a dull and bad-tempered tactical battle which met a chorus of catcalls and jeers at the final whistle.

Sampdoria had the worst possible warm-up for their European Cup second round tie against Honved Budapest on

Wednesday, playing second best to lowly Atalanta.

Milan were easy winners against Parma, Dutch international Ruud Gullit opening the scoring after 60 minutes.

Compatriot Van Basten was less fortunate, missing a penalty awarded after Parma's goalkeeper had brought him down to avoid almost certain goal.

Internazionale were denied by Cagliari's Uruguayan attacker Daniel Fonseca whose series of dangerous forays culminated in a 29th minute goal which ended Inter a place among the leaders.

Roma and Torino, who both have European matches this week, drew 1-1 in Turin.