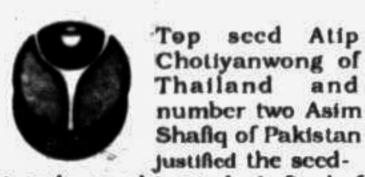
Chotiyanwong poised for a double



number two Asim Shafiq of Pakistan justified the seedings by reaching today's final of the boys' singles of the sixth Bangladesh international junior tennis championships.

The six-day meet concludes today with the boys' singles, the girls' singles and doubles and the finals of the consolation events for early losers being scheduled for the morning and the asternoon.

Chairman of the National Sports Council Maj General Mahbubur Rahman will give away the trophics as the chief guest in the afternoon.

Tournament favourite Chotiyanwong put himself up for a fine double when he lifted the boys' doubles title in partnership with Indian Vasudev Reddy at the Ramna Tennis Complex yesterday.

Chotiyanwong and Reddy, the top doubles seeds, pulled themselves together after being 1-4 down to clinch the first set 6-4. Once again their Pakistani opponents Hassan Mehmood and Md Khalique Siddig took a runaway 4-1 lead in the second set but this time the Pakistanis held on to their lead to draw level with a 6-3 win. In the deciding third set the Pakistanis were broken in the eighth game to make the score 5-3. Atip Chotiyanwong broke the Pakistanis' service

NEW YORK, Nov

22: Eighth seed

Jana Novotna of

served her way

the sem-

Czechoslovakia

ifinals of the Virginia Slims

Championships by stunning

Wimbledon champion Steffi

Graf 6-3, 3-6, 6-1 on

Thursday, reports Reuter. "It's

unbelievable, it's so emotional

to me I just can't believe it,"

said Novotna after crushing the

second-seeded, two-time

champion in the third set.

Novotna, who had beaten Graf

only once in 12 previous

encounters, at this year's

Australian Open, was brilliant

from the service line,

especially in the final set

when she dropped just two

the third set with a lot of great

serves," said Novotna, who

will face fourth-seeded, five-

Navratilova in the scmifinals.

Earlier. Navratilova was able to

do what Graf could not - re-

bound from a miscrable first

chance to break Chris Evert's

record of 157 career titles this

year by holding off fifth-seeded

Spaniard Arantxa Sanchez

fire. I don't think I have ever

lost a set that quickly,"

Navratilova said of the 18-

minute opening set. "I have

played worse in a set but I ran

with seven titles including her

third Wimbledon crown, was

Graf, who ends her year

"Arantxa was like a house on

Vicario 1-6, 6-4, 6-2.

into a juggernaut.

Navratilova kept alive her

champion Martina

"I was able to come back in

points on her serve.

Sports Reporter with some brilliant strokeplay

to take the match at 6-4. It was a remarkable performances by the winners, especially the Thai, who displayed fine court sense and a wide range of shots that delighted the crowd. The leftand-right-handed combination of the Pakistanis saw them threatening to take the match away from the top seeds, especially with Vasudev Reddy messing up his service and making a series of unforced errors. Yet, always keeping his cool, the Thai Chotiyanwong, playing with his left thigh strapped and sporting a white peaked cap, rallied to deny the

Pakistanis any advantage. In the singles semifinals earlier in the morning, Chotiyanwong had a lucky break of sorts when his determined Polish opponent Aleksander Mierzwinski had to retire with a bout of stomach muscle cramps in the third game when the Thai was leading 3-0.

Chotiyanwong lost the first set 4-6 and the Pole passed up two match points before taking the second set 7-5. But soon afterwards the Pole's luck ran out and he walked off the court

The other semifinal was a slightly less exciting affair that saw the Pakistani second seed Asim Shafiq prevailing 7-6, 7-3, 6-2 over his Indian opponent Suhel Malhotra. The latter had climinated his third

opponent's quick start.

anything.

"She played awfully well. In

"But I made too many forc-

JANA NOVOTNA

hand errors, especially when

she was serving to my fore-

hand. I missed so many of

them," said the disappointed

committing an uncharacteris-

tic 37 unforced errors. But she

win that put the 23-year-old

Czechoslovak in the semifinals

of the season-ending

Championships for the first

well, but she rarely made any

mistakes. You have to give

to play very well.... and she

definitely improved her serve."

first-set lead and held on for

credit to her," Graf said.

"Obviously I didn't play very

"She's always had the talent

Novotna quickly built a 4-1

time in her career.

did not give the match away.

Graf was far from her best,

Novotna fully deserved the

the first set she had such a

strong serve I could barely do

seeded compatriot Vikram Venkataraghavan in the quarter-finals on Thursday.

In today's all-That girls' singles final top seed Chartsurhipun Sudsopee will meet Tamarine Tanasugarn. The match is scheduled to start at 1.30 pm.

in yesterday's exciting semifinals, Sudsopee rallied from behind after conceding the first set 6-7 (7-4) to her Indian opponent Sahiba Chadha to take the next two sets 6-1, 6-2.

Tanasugarn beat fellow That Pimpisamai Kansuthi 2-6, 6-3, 6-4 in yet another three-set

But unlike her male top seeded counterpart Chotiyanwong, Sudsopee's chances of a twin triumph in the ITF ranked Group Four meet vanished yesterday afternoon when she and her Indian partner Arthi Ponappa lost 4-6, 6-3 and 4-6 to the South Korcan girls' Scok Eun-Sah and Gi-Jung Chung. Ponappa's poor serving let Sudsopee down.

The Korean pair will face the Thai pair of Tanasugarn and Kansuthi who thrashed the Bangladeshi pair of Mithun and Ruma 6-0, 6-0. That final is billed for an

early 8:30 start this morning. The meet, marred by lastminute withdrawals by several players, was shortened by a day from its originally scheduled

Novotna sends Graf packing equally impressed with her break of the second set for 4-2

Nov 24 conclusion.

few errors form the service line, double faulting at break point. The former world number one tenaciously held onto that advantage to send the dramatic

when Novotna made one of her

contest into a deciding set. The expectation that Graf would return to form and control the set faded quickly when Novotna blasted an ace to hold her first serve at 15 and broke the German in the next game.

Novotna, this year's Australian Open runner-up, just steamrolled Graf after that, breaking her again in the fourth game for 4-0 and holding serve at love for a commanding 5-0 lead.

Graf then served a love game of her own, won with consecutive aces, to avoid a shut-out, but it was too little, too late.

Novotna followed with yet another love game to end the one hour, 42 minute contest.

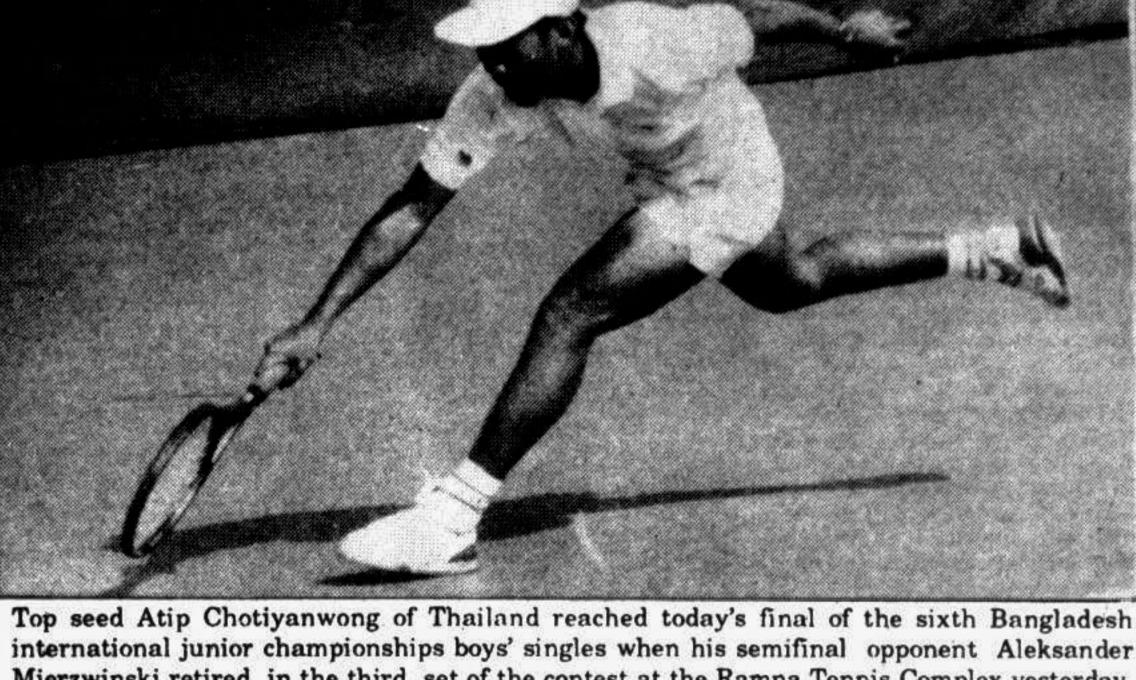
Like Graf, Navratilova won her second set by making one service break hold up. although she had to fight off a break point in the last game before sending the match into a third set.

Unlike Graf, however, the 35-year-old Navratilova maintained her momentum, displaying signs of her former dominance along the way.

Navratilova was quicker to the net than in the previous two sets and made her volleys count when she needed them to reach the semifinals here for the 10th time in the last

Graf came up with the lone

Holyfield fights Cooper today



international junior championships boys' singles when his semifinal opponent Aleksander Mierzwinski retired in the third set of the contest at the Ramna Tennis Complex yesterday. -Star photo by Enamul Haq

It's a tie at Lahore



• Indice and Pokie tan tied their second one-day international on

Friday after Pakistan batsman Mushtaq Ahmed was run out going for the winning runs off the last ball of the match, reports Reuter.

Needing two to win, Mushtag hit the ball to the covers but he could manage only a single before being run out, leaving the scores equal on 186 after 39 overs each.

Although Pakistan lost four wickets more than the West Indies, who made their runs for five wickets down, the game was declared a tie under the rules governing the threematch competition. West Indies remain one up

with the final game being in Faisalabad on played Sunday. A full house of nearly

30,000 watched spellbound as Curtley Ambrose came up to bowl the final over with Pakistan needing 10 to win. The big paceman caught

and bowled wicketkeeper Moin Khan with his third ball, but was driven for four by Wagar Younts who then took a single off the penultimate delivery, leaving two for victory. But Mushtaq could not

oblige and honours ended The man of the match award went to West Indies

opener Desmond Haynes for an effortless 69. Haynes stayed at the wicket

for 169 minutes and hit six fours before being yorked by an in swinger from Aaqib Javed.

Captain Imran Khan hit a fine 51 to sustain the Pakistan hopes after three wickets tumbled for one run, leaving the home side recling at 70 for four.

Imran and Ijaz Ahmed, who was drafted into the side at the last minute to replace Javed Miandad, whose back trouble ruled him out for the match, shared the best stand of 47 for the fifth wicket.

Imran was caught by Richie Richardson at mid-wicket as he tried to hook Patrick Patterson when Pakistan still needed 16 runs for victory.

AP from Lahore adds: Pakistan's skipper Imran Khan won the toss for Pakistan. In a surprise decision Khan asked

Babu of Chittagong Univer-

sity and Elena of Bangladesh

Biman bagged the men's and

respectively on the concluding

day of the sixteenth national

badminton championships

Babu beat Sarwar of Biman

Elena beat her teammate

in the men's singles final yes-

terday 15-12, 9-15 and 15-9.

Jessore.

and looked like they might the West Indies to bat first. Last Wednesday, Khan be-Indics and Pakis- moaned Pakistan's fate to bat

> trouble chasing the target. Pakistan lost that match. The West Indies openers, Desmond Haynes and Phil Wallace gave a solid start of LTW runs to their team. Haynes scored an unblemished

second saying his team had

69 in this match playing the sheet anchor's role once again. In the first match in Karachi he scored 45. The newcomer Wallace gave good

support with 32. West Indies' skipper Richie Richardson, however, disappointed his following for the second time in this series. But Brian Lara and Carl Hooper played well to give their team a respectable total of 186 for 5 in 39 overs.

Pakistan, needing a per



HAYNES ... man-of-the-match

overs average of 4.7 runs to win the match and keep the series alive, ran into difficulties from the beginning. It lost opener Aamer Sohail

at 27. But recovered briefly when Rameez and debutante Inzamamul Haq added 41 runs for the second wicket. Pakistan fell again to a su-

perb demonstration of pace bowling by veteran Malcolm Marshal and ably supported by Curtly Ambrose and Patrick Patterson. They lost three wickets for just one and were recling at 4 for 70 when Imran and Ejaz Ahmad put their heads down to take the total

It was only in the last five overs that Imran Khan and Wasim Akram and Moin Khan were able to force the bowling

reach their target.

Imran fell to Patterson when the score was 171. After that a belated effort by Wagar Younis and Moin Khan brought them to a position where they needed two runs to win on the last ball.

Mustaq Ahmad hit Ambrose to the mid on position and tried to take two runs but WAF run out while running the second.

Haynes took man of the match for his polished innings The final game will be

played Sunday in Faisalabad.

SCOREBOARD Scoreboard at close of play

in the second one-day international between Pakistan and the West Indies here today.

WEST INDIES Haynes b Aaqib

Wallace lbw Imran Richardson c Aamir b Aaqib 14 Lara b Akram Hooper c Haq b Akram Arthurton not out Marshall not out Extras: Total: (5 wkts in 39 overs) 186 Fall of wickets: 1-53; 2-85; 3-134 ; 4-178 ; 5-183.

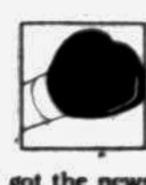
OM R Bowling: 8 0 19 Imran 7 0 36 Akram (nb1, w2) Younis 8 0 47 (w4) Mushtag 8 0 22 8 0 49 (w-1)Aaqib (nb1, w2) PAKISTAN

Aamir Sohail c and b Patterson Ramiz Raja c Williams b Marshal Inzamamul Haq b Marshal Salim Malik run out Imran Khan c Richardson b Pattesrson ljaz Ahmed c Williams b Ambrose Wasim Akram b Marshal 12 Moin Khan c and b Ambrose 7 Wagar Younis not out Mushtaq Ahmed run out Extras : (lb6, nb2, w9)

Total: (9wkts in 39 overs) 186 Fall of wickets: 1-27; 2-69 : 3-69: 4-70 : 5-117 : 6-136 7-171; 8-180; 9-186.

Bowling: O M 7 0 41 0 (w8) Ambrose 8 28 0 44 2 (nb2) 0 39 3 (w1) Marshal 1 28 0. Hooper

Babu, Elena new nat'l badminton champs Sports Reporter



22: Bert Cooper was playing with his dog "Bear Cooper" last Sunday when he got the news that gave him the

The news was that he would be the substitute opponent to fight undisputed heavyweight champion Evander Holyfield.

sweats, reports Reuter.

Cooper, a cheerful, softspoken, 25-year-old who has had more than his share of problems in and out of the ring, is an unlikely contender for the heavyweight title.

But when Italian Francesco Damiani — himself a substitute opponent- claimed an ankle injury and pulled out of the fight with Holyfield, Cooper, who had been training for a December 13 bout, jumped at the chance to fight for the title on Saturday here in Holyfield's

hometown. Damiani had been a substitute for former champion Mike Tyson, who pulled out of a scheduled November 8 fight against Holyfield after injuring

a rib. Under 'normal circumstances, Cooper's shaky 26-7 career record probably would not have earned him the title

"I was just hanging around the house, playing with my dog when I got the call," Cooper said earlier this week, "and I just started sweating. Sweat was just pouring out. I was so excited to get the shot."

Cooper has not always been so primed to fight. He had the deserved reputation of putting more effort

into what he used to do best -Readily describing himself

as a former "party animal," Cooper said he had not slept for three days before facing George Foreman in 1989. After Cooper quit on his

stool before the third round against Foreman, Arizona officials impounded his 17,500 dollar purse and ordered a drug test, which he failed. Then he skipped a mandatory meeting with officials so "l could party." His miserable performance

caused a permanent rift between Cooper and his extrainer and manager, former heavyweight champion Joe A talk with himself in front

of the mirror, Cooper says, and "some help from the man up-Jones passes away

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, Nov 22: Former West Indies fast bowler Prior Jones died on Wednesday at a Port of Spain nursing home following a short illness. He was 74, reports Reuter.

Jones, a Trinidadian, first represented the West Indies against Gubby Allen's England cricket team in the Caribbean in 1948.

He also played against India, Australia and New Zealand.

Meanwhile, Trinidadian spin bowler Ranjie Nanan has announced his retirement from first-class cricket after 20 years.

Nanan, 38, represented the West Indies in 1980 in one Test against Pakistan in which he took four wickets. He played professionally in England and Australia.

With a record haul of 256, he is the leading wicket-taker in the Regional Red Stripe Cup competition.

stairs," prodded him to sign up for a 28-day drug rehabilitation programme.

Cooper has a powerful left hook like the one Frazier once had, and like Frazier is a relentless attacker with the proverbial puncher's chance to

The tale of the tape on Thursday for Saturday's heavyweight championship bout between undisputed heavyweight champion Evander Holysield and fellow American Bert

Coop	er.		
		Holyfield	Cooper
Age	80	29	25
Age Weight		210	215
Height		2-1/2	6
Reach		77 1/2	74
Chest Normal		43	42
Chest Expanded		45	44
Bicep		16	18
Forearms		12 1/2	13
Watet		32	32
Thigh		22	24
Culf		13	14
Neck		19 1/2	19
Wrist		7 1/2	9 13
Plat		12 1/2	13

Jamalpur soccer

"Kha" of Shaheed Smrttt Gold played at Dewanganj High

East Bengal Sporting Club Captain Sohel scored the lonely point for his team in the last half of the match.

Last year's champion Netrokona Eleven will face Konika Sangskritik Sangha of final encounter Group "Ka".

JAMALPUR, Nov 22: Dhaka East Bengal Sporting Club beat

Gobindaganj Krira Sangstha of Gatbandha by a goal in Group Cup Football Tournament School field today, reports UNB.

Dhaka today (Saturday) in the

Organised by Dewanganj Moktijodha Sangsad, the tournament is participated by 23 teams from 14 districts.

Juthi, 11-3 and 11-4 in the

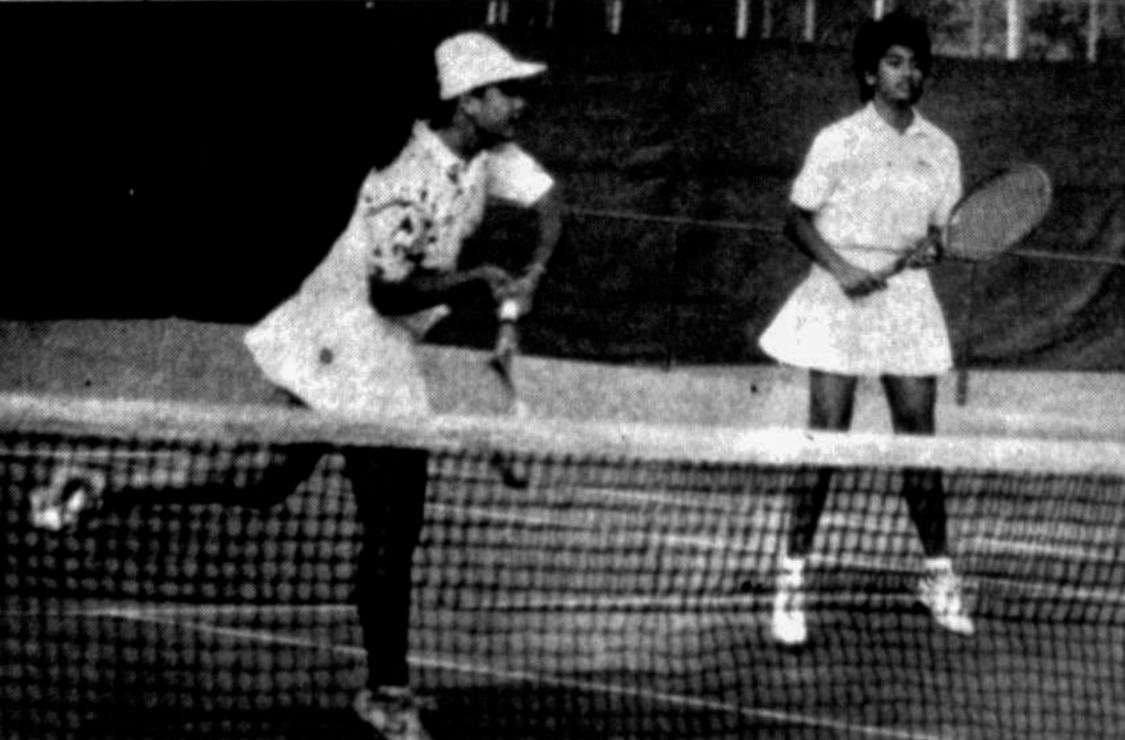
women's singles final. Mchboob and Juthi of women's singles tittles Biman won the mixed doubles crown throning the husbandwife pair of Hashem and Dana of Bangladesh Ansars 15-10 which ended yesterday at

Mehboob won double crowns when he paired with Suman, also of Biman, to defeat last year's champions Hashem and Rana 12-15, 15-11 and

15-11 in the men's doubles. Earlier, on Thursday, Elena and Mita of Biman clinched the women's doubles title beat ing Juthi and Momo 15-7, 15-3 while in the veterans' dou-

bles Aminul and Morshed Zaman of Dhaka defeated A Karim and M Chowdhury of Chittagong 15-10, 15-10. More than a hundred shuttlers from all over the country

took part in the week-long



C. Sudsopee of Thailand and her Indian partner Arthi Ponappa (background) lost their doubles semifinals yesterday to the South Korea pair of Seok Eun-Sah and Gi-Jung Chung at the Ramna Complex. However, Sudsopee plays her compatriot Tanasugarn in today's - Star photo singles final.

MSC in semis

Sports Reporter

A fine all-round performance by skipper Minhazal Abcdin Nannu enabled defending champions

Dhaka Moham-medan Sporting Club to fly safely over Bangladesh Biman by five wickets into the semifinals of the 13th Damal Summer cricket tournament yesterday at the Dhaka Stadium.

Mohammedans will now meet the winners of today's **GMCC** versus Brothers Union quarter-final in the first semifinal on Nov 25.

Biman, bathing first, scored 181 runs for the loss of six wickets in their stipulated 45 In reply, Mohammedans

reached 182 for the loss of five wickets in 43.2 overs. Nannu, after winning the toss, decided to insert Biman,

who soon lost their openers

Satful for 16 and Bachchu for five with only 29 runs on the Selim Shahed and skipper Shahnewaz Shanu put on 94 runs for the third wicket, Sclim Shahed falling for a pa-

boundaries. Zakaria and Enamul Haque Moni were run out cheaply for one and 12 runs respectively.

tient 34 off 72 balls. Shanu

scored a responsible 51 off 72

balls and his knock included to

Shabbir, 29 not out, and Piyal 13 not out added 22 vital runs for the unfinished seventh wicket. Nannu was the most suc-

with two wickets for 34 runs. Aminul Islam Bulbul and Wahidul Ghani also took a wicket each.

cessful Mohammedan bowler

batsmen Azhar Hossain Shantoo and Jahangir Alam scored 22 apiece to give their team a

reasonable start. Bulbul and Nannu then batted steadily to take their team to 128 when Bulbul was caught brilliantly by Ahmed Iqbal Bachchu off Mont for 30

Nannu went on to hammer a polished 59 off 71 deliveries. His knock consisted of two fours and one well timed pull off Sclim Shahed for a six.

Rafiq, 23 not out, and

Gamagee with four not out saw Mohammedans to victory Shanu followed up his good batting efforts with two wick-

ets for 34 runs. Bachchu and

Moni claimed one wicket each Last year's runners up Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club (GMCC) will take on Navana Premier Division league champions Brothers Union in today's quarter final at the Dhaka Stadium.

Six-a-side cricket Sports Reporter

A six-a-side cricket competition organised by the Dhaka Cricket Players' Association will begin from November 30 simultaneously at the Dhaka Stadium and Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

Defending champions Bangladesh Biman, plate champions BKSP along with tcams from Navana Premier and Milnars First Division leagues are expected to take part in the three day meet.

All interested teams have been asked to send their entries to the association at the BCCB office along with a fee of Mohammedans' opening Taka 100 by November 26.

Biman lead table

Sports Reporter

The reigning league champions Bangladesh Biman were leading the points table with ten points after the completion of the third round matches of the First Division chess league yesterday at the National Sports Council's chess room.

Biman's star players Ziaur Rahman, Rezaul Hag and new national champion Riffat-bin-Sattar won their respective games against the Kanika Sangskriti players while last year's national champion Syed Tahmidur Rahman drew his game against Kanika's. Shaheen.

Biman earned 3.5 points while Kanika had to be satisfied with half a point.

Chalantika Krira Chakra were placed in the second position with 8.5 points. They descated Farashganj Sporting Club by 3.5 to .5 points yester-

Pony Electronics beat Genius Chess Club to earn 3.5 points and are placed in the third position in the points table with eight points. Ansars, Brothers Union and

Ansars and Anushilon Daba Club won their matches against Tilak Chess Club and Protibha Daba respectively.

BTMC were jointly placed

fourth with seven points each.

Brothers, BTMC, Free Birds International, and Parijat drew their matches.

Fifteen teams are taking part in this year's league.

The teams are: Anushilon Daba Krira Chakra, Mahakhali Pradip Sangha, Protibha Daba Gosthi, Chalantika Krira Chakra, BTMC Pony Electronics, Bangladesh Ansars, Free Birds, International, Kanika Sangs kriti Sangha, Bangladesh Biman, Parijat Chess Club, Tilak Chess Club, Genius Chess Club, Brothers Union and Farashgani Sporting Club.

Aussies to tour Sri Lanka in '92

COLOMBO, Nov 22 Australia will become the first Test side to visit Sri Lanka for more than five years next August, reports Reuter.

Their six-week tour is expected to include three Tests and three one-day internationals, Sri Lanka Cricket Board president Tyronne Fernando said on Thursday.

Lanka in 1987 was cut short after a bomb explosion in Colombo. Since then no Test team have visited Sri Lanka because

New Zealand's tour of Sri

of ethnic violence. Fernando said Australian Cricket Board chief executive David Richards had confirmed the visit next year.

Early upset for leading teams

BARCELONA, Nov 22 Three of the five top-ranked men's table tennis teams failed to reach the second phase of the World Team Cup tournament on Thursday, reports Reuter. Second-ranked Yugoslavia,

finalists last year, crashed against North Korca. World number three Czechoslovakia fell to China and number five Germany were eliminated by world champions Sweden. All three lost 3-0. Yugoslav veteran Zoran

of compatriot and former leading player Anton Stipanic had been a heavy blow. Stipanic, 42, died of a heart

Kalinic said the war in his

country had affected the team

greatly and news of the death

attack, Kalinic said. The Swedes and fourthranked Belgium, who defeated sixth-ranked South Korea 3-1, will be challenged for the title by China, North Korea, England, Australia and France this weekend.

North and South Korea are

expected to face stiff competition from China in the women's competition. Third-ranked France lost 3-

2 to Japan but still reached the last eight. Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Sweden also qualified.

N'ganj soccer Our Correspondent

NARAYANGANJ, Nov 22 Shuktara Jubo Sangha shocked defending champions BSEC Dockyard Club by a solitary goal in today's match of the Muldhara First Division football league at the local Osmani Stadium.

Laxmi scored the only goal of the match for the winners in the 36th minute of the second half.

Despite the defeat. Dockyard have moved into the semifinals with eight points from their five outings while for Shuktara it was their fifth point from four games.

TODAY'S MATCH Mohsin Club vs Nitaiganj KC

World Cup women's soccer results

HONG KONG. Nov 22: Re-

sults from the women's

Football World Cup in China on

Thursday:

Group A

China 4 New Zealand 1 HT 3-0 Norway 2 Denmark HT 1-0 Group B United States 3 Japan 0 HT 3-0 Sweden 2 Brazil 0 HT 0-0 Group C

Chinese Taipei 2 Nigeria 0 HT 1-0 Germany @ Italy 0 HT 0-0

GROUP STANDINGS Standings (played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, goals against, points)

Denmark N. Zealand 3 0 0 3 1 11 0 3 0 0 3 0 12 0 Group C Germany

C. Taipei 3 1 0 2 2 8 2 3 0 0 3 0 7 0