

# Abahani retain Munna

Sports Reporter



Abahani's stopper back Monem Munna, whose speculated value on the transfer market had reached astronomical heights—well into multi-million Taka figures—will, after all, remain with his present club Abahani Krira Chakra for, at least, the coming season.

The star footballer, also the stopper back of the Bangladesh national team, who had collected his token on the inaugural day of this year's soccer

transfers, thereby fanning a strong rumour, yesterday handed it over to the officials of his club. The officials, in turn, could hardly hide their relief at having been successful in convincing Munna not to change his colours.

Earlier, Munna who displayed a super performance in the Calcutta Super Division football league only last month for the champions East Bengal, took his token from the league committee official along with a good number of club supporters.

Other major players featuring in yesterday's dealings were Mohammed's Montu and Abahani's Qazi Kamal who collected their tokens but did not seek transfers.

In all 35 footballers changed their clubs on the sixth day of inter-club transfers, yesterday.

A total of 240 players, including 22 yesterday, have so far taken their tokens in apparent bids to either leave their present clubs or keep their bargaining options open.

# Sports leadership course begins in Dhaka today

A five-day sports leadership course for the sports organiser begins in Dhaka today at the Conference Room of the National Sports Council, reports BSS.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Saadeq Hossain will inaugurate the course at 10 am, organised by the Bangladesh Olympic Association in cooperation with the International Olympic Committee.

Forty sports organisers from different national sports federations will take part in the course. The treasurer of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) and course director Santiparb Tejavanija from Thailand arrived in Dhaka Saturday night to conduct the course.

Another course director Heinz Jungwirth from Australia also arrived here yesterday (Sunday).

The OCA treasurer since 1986, Mr Santiparb said the

course had been initiated by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to enhance the good and objective leadership in sports in the country.

Mr Santiparb, who is also a senior official of Thai wrestling, athletic and table tennis associations, said through such kind of course, the IOC and OCA had the chance to know the activities and abilities of the sports organisers in performing their responsibilities.

He said, the Olympic background, Olympic structure, Olympic movement, Olympic solidarity, fair play, drugs, violence and doping in sports, sports media, government support in sports and public participation would be discussed in different sessions of the course.

A similar course was held in Bangladesh last year.

# Karnaphuli women's handball from today

The fifth Karnaphuli Insurance women's handball tournament, organised by the Bangladesh Women's Sports Federation, begins at the Dhanmont Women's Sports Complex in Dhaka today (Monday).

State Minister for Information Nurul Huda will inaugurate the four-day meet at 4 pm as the chief guest. Mr. Nizamuddin Ahmed, Chairman Karnaphuli Insurance Company Limited will also be present as special guest.

Eight teams from four divisions and Bangladesh Ansars would take part in the competition on round robin league basis.

The divisional teams are: Rangamati and Bandarban from Chittagong Division, Netrakona and Dhaka from Dhaka Division, Jessore and Chuadanga from Khulna Division and other two teams from Rajshahi Division.

# Chess results

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Forty-five players had earned full points at the end of the first round of the 17th national chess championship qualifiers now being held at the National Sports Council.

Six other matches ended in draws, leaving another dozen players with half a point each.

A hundred and two players are competing in the nine-round qualifying meet which began Saturday. The first fourteen finishers of this meet will earn the right to play in the final round of the national championship.

# More woes for Gascoigne

LONDON, Sept 8: Paul Gascoigne, the England midfielder due to appear in court on Monday on assault charges, was named on Saturday night in a divorce case, reports AFP.

The Tottenham star, scheduled to join Italian club Lazio for 4.5 million pounds next May, is accused of having an affair with Sheryl Kyle, whose husband Colin is said to have filed for divorce on the grounds of her adultery.

But the 24-year-old Geordie's business adviser, Mel Stein, stressed that his client would be fighting the claims.

"It's not denied that Paul knows this particular lady," said Stein. "He knows her socially. They're not having an affair. Any divorce proceedings are being defended."

Stein stressed that the footballer met Mrs Kyle, 25, after she and her husband had already separated following five years of marriage.

A report in the people newspaper claims that Kyle, a 26-year-old estate agent, has left the family home at Hoddesdon in Hertfordshire and named Gascoigne in divorce papers filed at Cambridge county court.

He is due to return to football early in 1992 after rupturing knee ligaments during the English FA Cup final last May.

# Police quell rowdy Lyon fans

PARIS, Sept 8: Police had to be called in to restore order after fans began smashing their seats during Lyon's 1-0 home defeat by Paris St Germain in the French soccer league on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Fans were increased when Lyon goalkeeper Gilles Rousset was sent off for protesting about the 82nd minute goal. The match was held up for 10 minutes.

Nobody was injured and there were no arrests.

The win, thanks to the goal from Daniel Bravo, meant Paris St Germain remained the only unbeaten first division team.

Monaco, runners up last season, stretched their league lead after an easy 3-0 home win over Toulon.

Liberian striker Georges Weah opened the scoring after 37 minutes with his 10th goal of the season. Defender Claude Peul made it 2-0 just before halftime and Roger Mendy put the issue beyond doubt but 18 minutes from time.

It was Monaco's eighth win in nine matches.

# Seles too good to be denied

NEW YORK, Sept 8: Monica Seles slammed Martina Navratilova on Saturday to win the US Open tennis championship and finish her Grand Slam season unbeaten, reports Reuter.

Seles added the US crown to her Australian and French Open triumphs but her perfect record includes a glaring omission, one the 17-year-old Yugoslav is determined to make up for.

"Wimbledon will be the most important for me next year," said Seles after beating Navratilova 7-6, 6-1 in the women's final at the National Tennis Centre. "It's the only one missing from my collection."

Seles said she skipped Wimbledon because of shin splints and a stress fracture in her right leg. It was a decision she says she does not regret but one that might well haunt the vivacious teenager.

"I know whenever I look back to the '91 season it will be there, but I can't erase it. If I were to have to play Wimbledon, I don't think I could have played the Open," said Seles, who raised her 1991 Grand Slam match record to 21-0.

Seles was nearly as perfect against Navratilova as she claimed the 4,000,000-dollar first prize and the women's number one ranking from Steffi Graf, Navratilova's victim in the semifinals.

The Yugoslav, who pounds groundstrokes with a ferocity unmatched in women's tennis, committed only four unforced errors in defeating four-time Open champion Navratilova, who at 34 is twice the age of the winner.

"Monica saved her best for last. She played awfully well," said Navratilova, who was seeking to match Chris Evert Lloyd's record of 157 career titles.

After a tense first set where both players held serve throughout, Seles stunned Navratilova with a succession of sizzling passing winners that lifted her to a 7-1 decision in the tiebreaker.

Seles also raised her game in a critical tiebreaker on Saturday when she won the last four points to eliminate 15-year-old Jennifer Capriati in the semifinals.

The crushing tiebreaker inspired Seles and deflated Navratilova, who was broken three times in the final set.

Seles, who failed to convert on four break point opportunities in the first set, wasted no time in pressing her advantage in the second set.

She broke Navratilova at love in the first game and again at 15-30 in the fifth game when she ripped a two-handed backhand winner down the line deep into the corner.



Monica Seles of Yugoslavia holds up her trophy on Sept 7 after winning the US Open women's singles title. Seles defeated Martina Navratilova 7-6, 6-1 in the final on Saturday.

The Yugoslav held at love for 5-1 and then finished with a break in the last game when the frustrated Navratilova meekly netted a forehand to end it.

The victory for Seles, in the first ever all-lefthanded Open women's final, capped off a sensational year for the Teenager. The Yugoslav has reached the final of all 11 tournaments she entered, winning six of them.

Navratilova received 2,000,000 dollars as runner-up. "I played three tough matches in a row and it definitely took its toll," said Navratilova who reached the final after three-set wins over seeded Graf, fourth seed Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario and 10th-seeded Manuela Maleeva-Fragniere.

"I wasn't seeing the ball as well as I have been the whole tournament," Navratilova said.

"I was half a step slower than yesterday."

Missing Wimbledon kept Seles from a chance at sweeping the Grand Slams, but the Yugoslav, happy that her health and form have returned, remained exuberantly optimistic about her future Grand Slam chances.

"If I can do it three times this year, I can do it four times next year," Seles said.

# Pakistan rout Ireland

ANTRIM, N. Ireland, Sept 8: Wasim Feroze tortured the Ireland defence here on Saturday as World Cup silver medallists Pakistan continued their build-up to the Champions' Trophy in Berlin next week with a 5-1 victory, reports AFP.

Barcelona said: Australia beat Spain 6-2 in a friendly international field hockey match here on Saturday.

Michael York set the ball rolling in the sixth minute from a short corner and Stephen Davies made it 3-0 with goals in the 18th and 26th minutes before Spain were even on the score sheet.

After the break, Ignacio Escude pulled one back from a 39th minute short corner, but Paul Lewis restored the Australians' three-goal advantage in the 50th minute and three minutes later David Wainabrough made it 5-1.

Escude scored from another short corner in the 55th minute and in the dying seconds, Graham Reid rounded off the Scoring, again from a short corner.

Australia will play Malaysia on Sunday and then again Spain on Monday and Tuesday.

# SOCCER SCENARIO

## Shilton wants to play till 47

DERBY, England, Sept 8: Former England goalkeeper Peter Shilton may continue playing until after his 45th birthday, reports AFP.

The Derby star, 42, later this month, revealed here on Saturday that he has no intention of retiring for at least another two seasons.

Shilton, who threatened during the week to walk out on Derby after barracking from the fans, said: "As long as I feel I can play and be one of the best in the country, I shall continue."

"As I feel now, I don't see any difficulties in playing for another two, three or possibly four seasons."

## Matthias, Kuntz withdraw

TUTTGART, Germany, Sept 8: Midfielder Matthias Sammer and striker Stefan Kuntz pulled out of Germany's squad for next Wednesday's soccer friendly against England because of injuries on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Former East German Sammer is struggling with a knee injury and needed a pain-killing injection to play in VfB Stuttgart's 4-1 German league win over Bochum on Saturday.

Kuntz, the only uncapped player in the German party, turned his ankle on the curb of a pavement while getting off the Kaiserslautern team coach in Munich on Friday.

He had an operation of torn ligaments on Saturday and is likely to be out of action for at least eight weeks.

The Germans had already been hit on Friday by the withdrawal of injured striker Rudi Vocler and libero Thomas Helmer.

## Agrabad Nawjoans win big

HITTAGONG, Sept 8: Agrabad Nawjoan Club outplayed Hafiz Jute mills by three goals to nil in the Chittagong Elite Paints First Division Football League at the local Naz Stadium on Friday, reports UNB.

The winners led the first half 1-0.

Shafiqe opened the winner's account at the 13th minute of the match. Mohsin added two more goals at the 7th and 26th minutes of the last half.

Agrabad Nawjoan Club—Dilip, Anwar, Munna, Khokan (Niaz), Javed, Shafigue (Mitul), Tusher, Pappu, Mohsin, Ripon and Raqub.

Hafiz Jute Mills—Zaman, Ali, Fashi, Majid, Anwar, Shawakat (Swapan), Biplob, Dulal, Tania (Babu), Alauddin (Jashim) and Titu.

Referee—F Kabir.

## Jessore, Jhenidah draw 2-2

JHENIDAH, Sept 8: Jessore DSA drew 2-2 with Jhenidah DSA in the Jhenidah DC Gold Cup Football tournament held on Friday at the local stadium, reports UNB.

Abdar put the Jessore DSA ahead in the 36th minute from a penalty Razzak doubled the margin in the 4th minute of the second half by adding one more goal.

Ltu of Jhenidah netted the first goal for his team in the 38th minutes of the second half. Khokan equalised the margin just two minutes before final whistle.

Both the teams will meet again tomorrow (September 9) in a play-off match.

# Jansher's fifth in a row

HONG KONG, Sept 8: World number one Jansher Khan's powerful reign at the Hong Kong Squash Open continued into its fifth year here Sunday, reports AFP.

The Pakistani squash king celebrated his fifth anniversary defeating Australian Tristan Nancarrow by three games to two in the final of the 50,000 US dollar tournament.

The 22-year-old Jansher was pushed all the way before emerging triumphant 16-17, 15-6, 15-17, 15-4, 15-5.

"My plan is to win this tournament 10 times in a row," the confident Jansher said afterwards.

"I thought I would win 3-0 today. But I played some bad shots and allowed him to win two games. But even when he was leading 2-1, I knew I could win," added Jansher who returns home Monday to play in this week's Pakistan Open.

Jansher's rule began in 1987, when as a gawky

teenager he stole the limelight and the British territory's premier squash event from under the noses of the world's best players.

He defeated a host of top players including the then world number one — compatriot Jahangir Khan.

Five years on, Jansher has conquered the world rankings, looks as impregnable and has turned the Hong Kong Open into his special domain.

More illustrious players than Nancarrow have failed to wrest the crown away from the lanky and languid Jansher in past finals.

Australian Chris Dittmar failed from 1987 to 1989. Last year another Australian, Chris Robertson, ended on the loser's scrapheap. Nancarrow's fate was no different Sunday.

The world number eight found himself in the final more by chance than effort.

The major hurdles in Nancarrow's half of the draw failed to materialise, with world number two Jahangir withdrawing after the first



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round through illness and then world number four Dittmar being downed by England's Del Harris.

But Nancarrow, playing in

his first final in five years, proved a worthy finalist.

He won the first game coming back from 10-14 and saving six game points.

Jansher levelled scores but Nancarrow hit back to take the third game with a superb forehand nick and raise the prospect of a shock win.

Jansher, however, patiently fought his way back, maxing long volleys and stunning winners to win the last two games easily to consolidate his hold over the tournament.

"I just couldn't keep going. I tried to keep my concentration up but it was hard at that pace," said Nancarrow, who starts a one-month ban this week.

The victory gave Jansher his third successive tournament win in as many weeks — following the Singapore Open and Malaysia Open — and also a winner's purse of 9,000 US dollars.

Finals result: Jansher Khan (Pakistan) bt Tristan Nancarrow (Australia) 16-17, 15-6, 15-17, 15-4, 15-5.

# Man United march on in style

LONDON, Sept 8: Manchester United produced more evidence that they are serious championship contenders with a 3-0 hammering of Norwich in the English First Division on Saturday, reports Reuter.

The victory took their four points clear at the top of the table.

The European Cup Winners' Cup holders seeking their first English championship for 25 years, swept Norwich aside with three goals in eight minutes midway through the first half.

Liverpool moved ominously into second place, a late mark Walters penalty giving them a fortunate 2-1 win against newcomers Notts County. They had trailed at halftime.

Manchester City, a point

behind United before Saturday's programme were well beaten 3-0 at Leeds, and Chelsea slipped from third place to fifth after being held to a 1-1 draw at West Ham.

Champions Arsenal, beaten only once last season, slumped to their third defeat and their first at home, 2-1 to Coventry after defender Lee Dixon scored an own goal in the first minute.

Sheffield United, who went 16 games without a win at the start of last season, had two players sent off in a 2-1 defeat at Oldham.

It was their fifth successive defeat and they are firmly entrenched at the bottom of the table seeking their first win this season.

Defender Dennis Irwin sent Manchester United on their way to their fifth win in seven games by opening the scoring

in the 20th minute. He blasted in a rebound from 25 meters.

Three minutes later Scottish international Brian McClair rifled the ball home through a crowded goalmouth and in the 28th minute 17-year-old winger Ryan Giggs scored his second goal for the club.

Substitute Ronny Rosenthal sparked Liverpool's revival against Notts County with an equaliser in the 70th minute and a twisting run which produced a penalty two minutes from time.

County took the lead against an injury-ravaged Liverpool missing eight regulars with a goal from Tommy Johnson two minutes before halftime. It looked like producing a shock win until Israeli Rosenthal scored seven minutes after coming on.

Walters, bought by manager

Graeme Souness from his old club Glasgow Rangers, scored his first goal for Liverpool from the penalty spot to put them second on goal difference.

Arsenal, unbeaten at home in the league last season, never recovered from their disastrous start when England international Dixon sent a 35-metre backpass over the head of his startled goalkeeper David Seaman.

Coventry extended their lead when Zimbabwean substitute Peter Ndlovu scored after 85 minutes. Tony Adams reduced the arrears with a goal two minutes from time.

England midfielder David Batty scored his first goal for three years as Leeds handed Manchester City their second defeat in two weeks and moved into fourth place.

# BCCB executive committee reorganised

The executive committee of Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) was reorganised yesterday, reports UNB.

This was announced by National Sports Council (NSC) Foreign Minister ASM Mustafizur Rahman has been made President and Aminul Hoque Moni of Dhaka Mohammedan SC General Secretary of the 31-member committee.

The other members of the committee are: Vice Presidents — Ratsuddin Ahmed (Biman), Saber Hossain Chowdhury (Abahani), Joint Secretaries — Ahmed Sajadul Alam Body (Abahani), Golam Faroque Apu (Brothers), Treasurer — Reza-e-Karim.

Members — Raquibul Hassan, Kazi Misha, Shafigur Rahman, Oltul Islam, Ali Zahed, Lutfar Rahman Makhani, Rashed Azgar Chowdhury, Tanjeb Ahsan Saad, Akhteruzzaman, Mustaque Ahmed, Dewan Shaiful Arefin, Enayet Hossain Straj, Khaled Hassan, Kazi Mahboob Sobhani, Shamsul Alam, Ali Rashid, Ataul Hoque Mallick, Selim Abedin, Golam Rasul Mollah, Shaif Mallick, Khoda Box Mirza, Mirza Alamgir, Tofazzal Hossain Chowdhury and Shawkat Osman Jobair.

The NSC announcement mentioned that any member of the executive committee will have to resign if he desires to contest in the election of the BCCB in future.

# Powell to make a 4-meet swing through Europe

NEW YORK, Sept 8: American Mike Powell, who soared past Bob Beamon's 23-year-old long jump world record last week, will make a four-meet swing through Europe beginning on Tuesday in Berlin, his agent said on Saturday, reports Reuter.

The Competition will be Powell's first since his record-smashing leap of 8.95 metres at the Tokyo World Championships on August 30.

Powell will also compete in Brussels on Friday, in Sheffield, England, on September 15, and in the Barcelona Grand Prix final on September 20, agent Brad Hunt said.

# Drechsler, others took dope, says German magazine

BONN, Sept 8: Heike Drechsler, the long jump silver medallist at the recent World Athletics Championships and 10 other members of the German team in Tokyo all took performance-enhancing drugs in their youth, reports AFP.

The magazine Der Spiegel reveals in its latest issue, to be published on Monday, the names of some of the hundreds of former East German athletes who were allegedly given steroids to improve their performances.

The information comes from a forthcoming book by former East German javelin champion Brigitte Berendonk and her West German husband Werner Franke, a molecular biologist.

Among the 261 athletes named, the couple claim that Drechsler took "A particularly strong annual dosage of 935 mg of oral-turinabol from the age of 17."

The other members of the Tokyo squad who are exposed in the book are hurdlers Sabine Busch and Cornelia Oschkenat, 400m runner Jens Carlowitz, sprinter Steffen Bringmann, decathlete Christian Schenk, heptathlete Heike Tischer, long jumper Helga Radtke, discus throwers Jürgen Schultz and Martina Hellmann and javelin star Petra Meier.

Three other athletes, who were selected but forced to miss the championships through injury, are also on the list. They are 400m star Thomas Schonlebe, shot put hero Ulf Timmermann and 100m runner Frank Emmelmann.

# Bridge results

Motijheel White still leads the points table with 118 victory points; though Sces Bridge Club Alpha have caught up with after 12 rounds of play of the 14-round super league of the metropolis Bridge League which is now being played at the Bangladesh Bank Club premises, states a DMB press release.

Team standings after the 12th round are as following: 1. Motijheel Colony Club (White)-118; 2. Aces Alpha-118; 3. Azimpur C.C. (Blue)-108; 4. M.A. Mannan's Team-89; 5. Bangladesh Bank Club (Red)-86; 6. ABC-75; 7. Bridge Pair-69 and 8. Barnali Sanghad-37.

The bridge league will conclude on September 12 (Thursday). While the regular weekly pair duplicate bridge contests of the DMB will resume on Friday (Sept. 13) at 3.30 pm at the same venue.