Defending champions Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club gave themselves a

extending their lead on the Federation Cup football title by at least another year when they edged out arch-rivals Abahani Krira Chakra 5-4 in a suddendeath penalty shootout in a tension-packed semifinal at yesterday afternoon.

The regulation 90 minutes, five penalties each had failed

Munna levelled the score in

The win gave Mohammedan Sporting an 18-13 advantage over their traditional adversaries after their 46th head-toclash since Independence.

Mohammedans will meet the winners of today's second semifinal between Brothers Union and Fakirerpool YMC in the final on Sunday, Oct 20.

Abahani, who finished second behind Brothers Union in Group B of the robin league, a performance which pitted score the winner despite

striker signed up this year from Bangladesh PWD, not only missed the last scoring chance for Abahani a few minutes before the final whistle of the regulation time but also went on to complete Abahani's tragedy by shooting straight at the eager hands of Mohammedan skipper Sayeed Hassan Kanan in the suddendeath play-off that forced his team's exit from this year's meet. Indeed, he was the vil-

lain of the piece yesterday as far as the thousands of Abahani fans packing the Mirpur ground and across the country

were concerned. The reigning champions Mohammedans put up a very impressive display, specially in the first half yesterday. They outplayed and outclassed Abahani in every department of the game and in fact Abahani were really lucky not to have trailed by a bigger margin than

0-1 at the lemon-break. Mohammedans' total domination in the first-half and some breath- taking moments in the second half can be ascribed to basically one man-



NAQUIB...MSC's goalscorer

tive, fleetfooted medio, Syed Rumman-bin-Walid Shabbir. who was absolutely in an unstoppable mood. His untiring efforts for winning the ball in midfield, his dribbling, dodging and well-measured crosses and lobs were indeed a treat to watch. It was a pity that when some of the Abahani players resorted to cynical, robust tacklings to stop this genius time and again, referee M R Mukul appeared to take rather lenient view.

For Mohammedans, Naquib up front shrugged off his earlier sluggishness to put up a much more lively performance. His teammates Roxy, Tito and Johnny controlled the midfield most of the time.

The defence, led by the confident Kaiser Hamid, young Jewel Rana, Montu and Barun Dewan looked more compact and composed in comparison to their opponents.

Alk fans, the self-styled

"black army", are also blamed

by police for frequent trouble,

at Stocklholm's Rasunda

Stadium another of the venues

Skipper Kanan in goal, despite one fleeting moment, put up an impressive display and it was his smart goalkeeping in the penalty shootout that enabled his team to reach the fi

The reigning NBL league champions Abahani Krira Chakra, on the other hand, disappointed the jampacked stadium with their lack-lustre performance in the first half when, to be honest, they could have trailed by as many as

three goals. Skipper Mohsin in the goal had to work very hard throughout the 120 minutes of player Monem Munnil was onece again completely offform yesterday and managed to contribute, rather fortuitously. only late in the second half when he was drafted in the midfield. Rehan, taking advantage of some poor refereeing, turned out to be the best Abahani defender on the day. Substitute Ranjit also played quite well while their young defenders Masud Rana and Alamgir came back in the second half to put up satisfactory performances. Masud Rana and Alamgir also overlapped time and again to help their

Mamun Joardar, Rubel and Zakir in the midfield failed to make any impact on their rivals. Substitute Yousuf looked much better than his other

Forwards Rumi, Aslam and Ghaus failed to rise to the oc-

Mohammedans came into the match smoking, and in the very first minute of play Johnny's tap off a Shabbir cross was just cleared by Masud Rana from the Abahani goalline.

Abahani's defence crumbled under intense pressure in the 5th minute.

Shabbir sent a teasing cross from the left flank to teammate Naquib who brilliantly flicked the ball inside the goal with his right foot (1-0). Alamgir and goalkeeper Mohsin were partially to blame for allowing Naquib room to take the shot.

Mohammedans kept press-

ing hard and Naquib, off a Shabbir through pass, failed to beat an on-rushing Mohsin by shooting straight at the goalic's hands in the 16th minute.

Reaz and Naguib wasted two more clear chances for Mohammedans in the first half.

Abahani's first noteworthy move came in the 42nd minute when a thunderous Ghaus shot was bravely saved by Kanan at the cost of a corner. 2 minutes later striker Aslam's side velley off Mamun Joardar's cross just went

Abahani came back in the second half in a more positive mood. They pressed hard but most of their misplanned attacks fizzled out in front of the Mohammedan goalmouth.

Mohammedans' Reaz and Naquib then failed to push teammate Chandan's cross after the spadework was done by Shabbir.

Abahani got the cherished equaliser in the 75th minute of play when Alamgir's long throw-in from the right slipped and Kanan's grip and an opportunist Munna, who was lurking nearby in the hope of taking a header, completed the formality of pushing the ball inside the goal (1-1).

Ghaus spoiled the last chance for Abahani when he failed to shoot with only Kanan at his mercy five minutes from time. The extra30-minutes ended without any goal. In the tic-breaker, Kaiser

Hamid, Naquib, Johnny, Jewel and Tito scored for Mohammedans while Shabbir's shot hit the crosspiece. Aslam, Munna, Ranjit and

Rumi netted for Abahani while Masud Rana and Ghaus's shots were saved by Kanan. Yellow cards - Montu, Tito

Rchan, Munna and Masud Rana of Abahani. TEAMS Mohammedan S C: Kanan

Montu(Abul), Jewel, Kaiser, Barun (Chandan), Jony, Riaz, Tito, Rokshi, Sabbir and Naguíb.

and Mamun.

Referee: M R Mukul.

Mohammedan goalkeeper Kanan fails to grip a throw-in by Abahani defender Alamgir (not in pic) and Munna (ducking)

dashes to push the ball into the net to bring Abahani's equaliser in yesterday's first semifinal of the Federation Cup tournament at the Mirpur Stadium. But Abahani lost the match 4-5 in the tie-break after the teams had remained locked 1-1.—Star photo by Shaffuddin Ahmed Bitu

A Rahman Press Club chess champ

Sports Reporter

Abdur Rahman Khan of Bangladesh Times became unbeaten champion in the Press Club chess competition de feating Badiul Alam of the Daily Janata in the final round match held yesterday evening at the club premises.

Abdur Rahman Khan, a staff reporter of the Bangladesh Times, collected full five points from his five matches.

Three players carned four points each and Badiul Alam became the runner-up after the positions were decided through the tie-break. Ahmed Nur-e-Alam and Kazi Rawnak Hossain of Dainik Bangla secured the third and fourth positions respectively.

The competition was held to mark the 37th founding anniversary of the National Press Club, on October 19.

Lerby's 'SOS' to Augenthaler

MUNICH, Germany, Oct 16: Bayern Munich's new soccer trainer Soren Lerby has asked Germany's World Cup libero Klaus Augenthaler to come out of retirement to help the Bavarinas through their recent wretched spell, reports

Reuter. "It would be great if Klaus said "yes", Lerby said on Tuesday. "We have our backs to the wall. In this situation Klaus would be very important with his experience. He has lived and felt everything in football".

Augenthaler, 34, retired at the end of the 1990-91 campaign after more than 15 seasons at Bayern. He quit international soccer after helping former West Germany to last year's Would Cup triumph.

The experienced sweeper, who has been training with the club recently to keep fit, said he would give the offer serious consideration.

"If I notice that I can help the team and the young players get something from my presence, then I will try to take on the responsibility," Augethaler

Lerby faces an uphill struggle at Bayern after taking charge last week. The 12times champions are struggling in 13th place in the German First Division after

Base Zahurul Haque champs

Base Zahurul Haque team retained the title of Bangladesh Air Force inter-base handball championship. They defeated BAF Base Bashar 19-3 in the final which concluded yesterday at BAF Base Zahurul Haque in Chittagong.

tola Juniors. Azimpur Young Stars Swamibagh TTS

spective matches on the second day of the AB Bank Metropolis table tennis league, at the National Coaching

Centre yesterday afternoon. In competition — or lack of it - reminiscent of the inaugural day's matches Tuesday, all four encounters yesterday turned out to be boring, onesided affairs with the losers failing to put up a semblance or resistance. Considering the eight matches decided so far on the first two days of the 28team league, it reflects poorly on the strengths or eligibility of all the participating teams at this level. One cannot but wonder about the justification of such a big league, by the

Bangladesh Textile Mills Corporation(BTMC) had a cakewalk against Swamibagh Boys Club 3-0 - the familiar scoreline on the day.

number of participating teams,

In the first singles, Akhlaq of BTMC defeated Ansar of Swamibagh Boys 21-9, 21-3. Akhlaq's teammate Kislu outplayed Bappa 21-9, 21-8 while Akhlaq and Ankhi paired well to beat Bappa and Anis 21-8,

Armanitola Juniors chalked up a 3-0 win against Combined Sporting Club with Mahbub taking the first singles against Combined's Kamal 21-11, 21-11 while Shahid won the reverse singles beating Tushar 21-14, 21-13. Mahbub and

Four more no-contests

Anglo-Japan TT clash from Oct 18

LONDON, Oct 16: Japan will face a full-strength England side in the table tennis internationals at Bletchley on Friday and Leeds on Saturday, reports AFP.

Carl Prean, the England number one, and Chinese-born former World Cup holder Chen Xinhua have been included in the men's team along with top defender Matthew Syed and Michael O'Driscoll.

In the women's matches England turn to the experience of Lisa Lomas, Alison Gordon and English Champion Andrea Holt.

Japan have chosen their number one player Hiroshi Shiutani and the twins Kojo Matsushita in the men's team. While the women's team will be led by English Open champion Mika Hoshino.

Tapash then outplayed Combined's Tushar and Babii 21-11.21-14 in the doubles. Young Stars of Azimpur beat

Kashattully with Ritu giving Young Stars the lead by taking the first singles against Kashaitully's Nabi 21-15, 24-22 — a rare well-fought match of the day. Shaon put Young Stars 2-0 up by beating Abid 21-14, 21-13. Shaon and Sagar then clinched the issue beating Kashaitully's Nabi and Saifu 21-18, 21-12.

Swamibagh TTS, the other Swamibagh side in action on the day, outclassed newcomcrs Kalpa Taru 3-0.

Joynal won the opening singles for Swamibagh TTS beating Riad 21-10, 21-7 while Ismail made it 2-0 by defeating Imran 15-21, 23-21 and 21-9 the only three-setter in the best-of-five sets contests.

Ismail then teamed up with Zerin to beat Riad and Tanna 21-7, 21-13 in the doubles:

TODAY'S MATCHES Young Pegasus vs. Dhaka Medical College

Bangladesh Ansars vs Dhaka Mariners

Wari Club vs Cynthia Sporting Brothers Union vs Lalmatia Club

Teams blame poor umpiring



that is.

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, Oct 16: Irish coach Cees Koppelaar blamed poor umpiring for his team's 2-1 loss to Canada in the Olympic

men's hockey qualifiers here today, reports AFP. New Zealand men's coach Kevin Towns also complained

about the umpiring in his team's match with Japan. Canada snatched 2-1 win

with just eight minutes left, with a goal first from a penalty stroke and then from a penalty The penalty stroke, con-

verted by Doug Knapp in the 62nd minute, rocked the Irish and infuriated Koppelaar. "I feel angry and disap-

pointed about the stroke," he said. "I couldn't see any foul that warranted a stroke.' One Irish player stormed

from the pitch crying "We were robbed. The Canadian clincher came with only seconds re-

maining when Ross Rutledge drove home a penalty corner. Canada's win take them to the top of the pool a competi-

tion and leaves Ireland with a tough assignment if they are to

Only a win against the New Zealand side on Friday will give them any chance of a place in Barcelona.

"The pressure is on,"

Koppelaar said. "I don't see any weaknesses in the New Zealand team. They look good all round." New Zealand beat Japan 2-1

in another pool a match Wednesday.

New Zealand's Kevin Towns was critical of the umpiring, saying they interfered, on occasion for the wrong reason, and ruined the flow of the

"I thought they blew the whistle too much and couldn't see the need fooit, Towns said. "They tried to

dominate the game. "I couldn't understand the penalty corner that was awarded against us, or the

stroke. I'm pretty angry about that." The sole penalty corner awarded to Japan, 17 min in to

the first half, led indirectly to their goal. New Zealand fullback and captain Grant McLeod deflected a shot at goal from the corner, but was adjudged to have handled it.

Manabu Yamanaka had no trouble slotting home the penalty stroke.

New Zealand had opened the scoring a minute earlier when Ricard Shoeman latched on to a David Grundy pass in the goal circle and, with his second attempt, drove it into the back of the net.

The only other goal came a quarter of an hour later when Greg Russ scored from a wellworked penalty corner.

On Monday New Zealand upset the Soviets 1-0 and questions were being asked about the Soviets' much lauded credentials. In the

event they beat Italy 3-2. All three Soviet goals today came inside a six minute onslaught around the Italian goal just before halftime.

The Italians had opened the scoring with a Roberto Moro field goal after 8 min which proved to be one of their few

scoring chances. In the women's competition France won in Pool A against Japan 2-1.

After a scoreless first half both teams came out aggressively and it was the French who scored first when Sophie Libet got a stick on a shot across goal.

Eight minutes later Japan's Hisako Takahashi slotted a penalty corner chance to level the score only to watch Clarisse Du Rivau score the decider for France 3 min in the

South Korea played a fine attacking game to beat the United States 3-1.

The Americans scored first but the Koreans stormed back

to lead 2-1 at halftime,

New Zealand went down 2-1 to Germany who upset top seed South Korea earlier on.

SA sports bodies may be barred from Barcelona

SYDNEY, Oct 16: South African sports bodies which are still racially divided might be barred from taking part in next year's Barcelona Olympics pates, the country's Olympic

South Africa's Olympic Committee will decide early next month if the country is ready to compete in Barcelona, Ramsamy told a news conference here.

Asked if sports associations might be admitted on an individual basis, Ramsamy said, "There's a little validity in that and that is what the National Olympic Committee of South Africa (NOCSA) is looking intewhat we have decided is

tional sport," Ramsamy, who

puts its house in order will have priority." He cited the recent lifting of the boycott on tennis as an example, with two events -

South Africa, however, is precluded from team events in Barcelona like tennis and soc-

cer because it has not been able to take part in the qualifying tournaments. Ramsamy, in Sydney for the

of helping some sports which are still under a NOCSA boy-"I have no way of proving it

but I do know and suspect it, they are tending in an indirect way of funding a certain sport which is trying to break the boycott without getting total cooperation from us," Ramsamy said. He declined to

"They (the South African government) didn't want boycotts They want them dismantled forthwith because that would give them political legitimacy and respectability without providing a constitutional

cused the Pretoria government tionally after more than 20 years in the sporting wilder-But NOCSA has moved

slowly in bringing South Africa back into the international arena in the wake of this year's repeal of the main apartheid

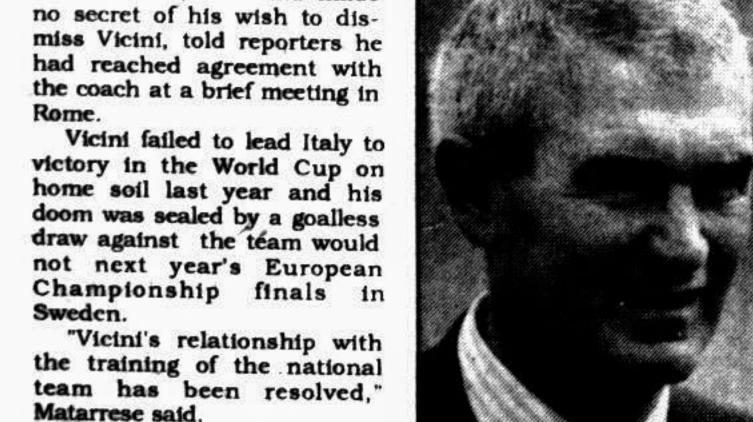
"I believe that by next year we will get all, if not most, of sports in the right place."

Scotland beat Romania

(Halftime 1-0) in their European Under-2 Soccer Championship Group Two

Vicini quits: Sacchi likely to step in had delivered the World Cup to "We were pushed only by Azeglio Vicini on Italy in Spain in 1982 and rethe will to work for the na Tuesday bowed to linguished command after tional team's good," he said pressure to resithe 1986 World Cup in Mexico. adding he had no personal gn as coach of the

Vicini's teams suffered only Italian national seven defeats in 54 matches soccer team, Italian Football but could not win a major Federation president Antonio Matarrese said, reports Reuter. Matarrese, who had made



quit the job he had held since August 1986. His contract was * ARRIGO SAATCHI Matarrese said Vicini's suc-

cessor, widely expected to be championship. The 1988 former AC Milan trainer Arrigo European Championship and Sacchi, would be named when 1990 World Cup campaigns the league management meets both foundered in the semifi-

Vicini lived under intense Matarrese said he felt no pressure in the job he inherhappiness at having to end ited from Enzo Bearzot, who Vicini's reign.

affair", said organisation chief But the massive security nostalgic evocation of the 1958

may conflict with plans for a World Cup finals in Sweden, when a major sporting event could be inexpensive and inti-

The state shops which sell beer and spirits will be closed on match days but restaurants

will be open as usual. Sandstorm, the police chief

A beer in a Swedish restaurant can cost up to 10 dollars. There are also more controversial plans to stop foreign

central computer register and

"The European finals will be a homely and genuine

high fences may do little for homeliness.

responsible for security at the

Hooligans at the borders, to list /Swedish troublemakers in

to 40,000, a far cry from the huge crowds at recent top soccer events.

pacity will range from 22,000

Lars-Christer Olsson.

Championship.

The fixed video cameras to secure evidence of trouble makers, spectators body checks and cordoning off of areas outside stadiums with

"Sweden is so expensive that we don't think hooligans can afford to get drunk in our restaurants," said Sune

for the finals.

soccer fan, it is a matter of national pride for the police to look good next summer. "I think we"ll do fine. But it would be helpful if we could get constant rain and cold

weather," he said.

the Gazzetta Sportiva newspa-"We need men who are mo-

Piedmont eyes Winter Olympics

TURIN, Italy, Oct 16: The northern Italian region of Piedmont staked its claim for the 2002 Winter Olympics on Tuesday and said it hoped to share nearby Milan's bid for the Summer Games two years before, reports Reuter.

them," Daniele Cantore, the Alpine region's sport commissioner, told a news conference. He said Piedmont might also host water sports and other events of the 2000 Summer Olympics being pur-

and Piedmont is ready to host

to work together to offer athletic facilities worthy of the event," Cantore said.

sued by Milan, capital city of neighbouring Lombardy. be chosen, then we will be able

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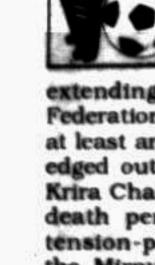
is NOCSA president, added.

name the sport. .

settlement," he added.

BUCHAREST, Oct

reports Reuter.



good chance of

the Mirpur National Stadium 30 minutes of extra time and the mandatory tie-breakers of

to break the 1-1 stalemate. The champtons led 1-0 at the breather through a fine piece of opportunism by their promising young striker Naquib in the very sixth minute of play while Abahani's

the 75th minute.

Last year's runners-up

them against their old foes yesterday, have only themselves to blame for failing to putting up a much improve display in the second-half proceedings after having recovered from that early Naquib Golam Ghaus, the young

Swedes afraid of hooligans STOCKHOLM, Oct 16: The organisers claim the 1992 European

bombs and home-grown hooliganism, may Swedes are far from convinced, reports Swedish soccer officials were shocked when a delayed action smoke bomb hidden under the pitch detonated during a First Division game

team finals to be played next Twenty three people were arrested in post-match fight-

big a problem at the finals as the notorious English and Dutch. Make no mistake about it," said national police chief Bjorn Eriksson recently.

last July in Norrkoping - one of four venues for the eighting between fans of IFK

Championship

His officers in riot gear have fought running battles against soccer hooligans hurling petrol

bombs this summer, dispelling

any fantasies foreigners may

have that all Swedes are as

calm and well-behaved as the

The 58-year-old trainer had

rejected repeated demands to

due to run till June 1992.

on Friday.

country's tennis stars.

Norrkoping and AIK Stockholm. The police have no illusions about the problems ahead: charge indignantly denied by "Our own fans will be just as

finals will be a for the June 10-26 finals. cosy celebration of soccer but, After a 4-1 defeat to local after a hot summer of petrol rivals Djurgarden September 30, about 1,000 Alk fans attacked police with rocks and petrol bombs. Eighteen people were arrested

that night. Soccer hooliganism used to be known in Europe as "the English disease" and Eriksson said Swedish violence followed the pattern set in England in

the 1970s and early 1980s.

criminal provocateurs, often ultra right-wingers, had led young club supporters astray. The reply, the black army have claimed that police are provoking the riots to practise for the Championships, a

He said a small clique of

Eriksson. A total of 4,762 will be assigned the task of wedding out the hooligans from an expected 100,000 visitors. They want to avoid any repeat of the unruly behavior

year's World Cup finals in Italy and during the last European finals, in Germany in 1988. Games will be played in

Stockholm, Gotenburg, Malmo

and Norrkoping, spectator ca-

which broke out during last

to make mass arrests if neces-

cause for complaint in his relationship with Vicini. "I give to Vicini my heartfelt thanks for our times to gether, for the joys and (despite) a few bitter times which this squad has given

Matarrese outlined his aspi-

Spurs' Cup

Winners'

us," he said.

Cup tie put back LONDON, Oct 16: Tottenham's European Cup Winners' Cup second-round second-leg match away to Porto of Portugal has been put back 24 hours to November 7. the English soccer club said on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

Boavista, based in the same Portuguese city, who are at home to Italian side Torino in the UEFA Cup on November 6. Tottenham were able to change because there is no First Division programme on November 9, ahead of

England's European Cham-

pionship qualifier in Poland

the following week.

The match has been

switched to avoid a clash with

rations at the weekend. "Above all we need a new, more modern mentality, more in step with today's soccer", he told

tivated, who haven't won much and who want to win a lot

"The Winter Olympics of 2002 will return to Europe

"We're rotting for Milan to

of Mohammedan and Alamgir,

Abahani K C: Mohsin, Alamgir, Rehan, Munna, Masud Rana, Rubel (Yousuf), Zakir (Ranjit), Ghaus, Rumi, Aslam

A proposal to rent part of a mental hospital as a mass arrest facility has been scrapped for cost reason. The cells at police headquarters will have to suffice, Eriksson said.

Security arrangements wil

ultimately depend also on

which seven countries join

sary to prevent riots from

breaking out in the first place.

Sweden in the finals. England, the Netherlands, Germans Yugoslavia, the countries whose fans are by now notorious to police, all have good chances of winning their qualifying groups.

The 30 million dollars cost

of providing security and the

drain on scarce police time and resources is also controversial in Sweden, a country with only 8.4 million inhabi a serial rapist spread panie in Stockholm recently, the city's police chief had to try and justify on television why only eight officers

when hundreds of police were attending a training a course For Eriksson, himself a

could be assigned to the case

four home defeats in 13 games.

CHITTAGONG, Oct 16

even if the Republic particichief Sam Ramsamy said on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

"It has to be done on a selective basis. The sport that

the World Doubles Championships and the South African Open - given the go-· ahead.

congress of the General Association of International Sports Federations, also ac-

Scotland defeated Romania 3-

qualifier in Pitesti on Tuesday,

The international Olympic Committee voted in July to readmit South Africa uncondi-