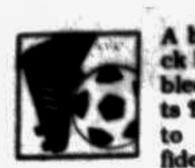
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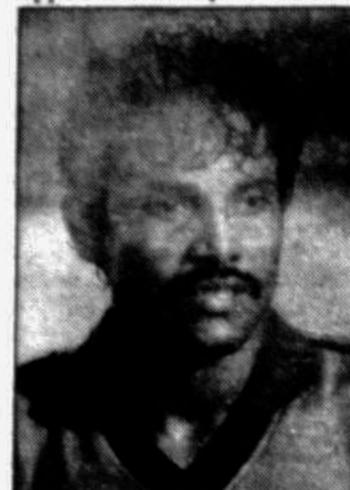


brilliant hattribled title aspirants Brothers Union to march con-

fidently into the final of the eleventh Federation Cup football tournament registering a comfortable 3-0 victory over Fakirerpool Youngmen's Club in the second semifinal vesterday at the Mirpur Stadium.

The winners led 1-0 at the breather.

Brothers Union, who topped the Group 'B' beating



SAMRAT... all 3 goals the reigning NBL Senior Division league champions Abahani Krira Chakra 2-1 on Oct 12, will now meet the defending champions Mohammedan Sporting Club in the final on Sunday, October 20, at 4.30 pm while Fakirerpool will take on Abahani in a play-off match for third position

The setting for yesterday's

tomorrow at 4.30 pm.

second semifinal was a com plete contrast to that involving the giants Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting and Abahani Krira Chakra the day before.

Instead of the jampacked crowd on Wednesday there were vast empty spaces on the stands all around with less than a couple of thousand spectators fancying the prospects of two of the teams -Brothers and Faktrerpool providing any entertaining

The drama, the tension, the excitement, the breath-taking moments were not the part and parcel of yesterday's

Despite Fakirerpool players holding the ball most of the proceedings, it were Brothers who always in the attack looked dangerous. Fakirerpool attack lacked penetration and good finishing while Brothers, keeping their mind fixed for Sunday's final, played with lot of reservation. They approached the match in a relaxed mood and were seen keen on saving their energy for the next match.

Brothers' ace winger Waseem lqbal, taking advantage of a faulty off-side trap, sent a curling lob and Samrat just sneaked past a defender to brilliantly nod home (1-0) in the 13th minute of the match.

Samrat doubled the margin in the 27th minute of second half with a superb volley off a smartly-taken freekick by midfielder Pervez (2-0).

boasted a proud tradition in

the country's table tennis

League debutantes Lalmatia

Amin put Lalmatia on the

right course by taking the first

singles 21-18, 21-18 from

Brothers Union's Mamoon.

Rabbi then consolidated

Lalmatia's position by rallying

well from being a set down to

win 15-21, 21-16 and 21-10

Mosabbir in the doubles, again

had to perform an escape act

before settling the issue with a

21-17, 18-21 and 21-16

scoreline against the Brothers

TODAY'S MATCHES

B. Biman vs Kashaitully

Young Stars vs Purbachal

Swamibagh TTS vs Pallima

BTMC vs Combined

pair of Mamoon and Biru.

Parishad (11:30 am)

Sangshad (11:30)

Sporting (11:30).

Rabbi, partnered by

Club — one of nine in the 28-

encouraging start with a vic-

tory against Brothers Union.

team league - were off to an

arena, gave a reassuring per-

over their Cynthia rivals.

Rana and Palash.

against Babu.

(10:00 am)

CRICKET CLIPPINGS

Black N Ireland's hero

DELFAST, Oct 17: Kingsley Black steered Northern Ireland

to a 2-1 European Championship qualifier victory over

Black made the first goal for Ian Dowie in the 17th minute

Austria replied against the run of play just before halftime

and scored the second in the 40th to leave Northern Ireland

third in Group Four behind Yugoslavia and Denmark. Austria

when defender Leo Lainer - like Dowie and Black - scored

Swedes, Finns march on

[7 AXJO, Sweden, Oct 17: Sweden defeated Israel 2-1

onship Group Eight qualifier on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

(halftime 1-0) in a European Under-21 Soccer Champi-

Scorers: Sweden - Patrik Andersson (9th minute), Jonas

Another report from Valletta, Malta says, Finland beat

Finland - Murmela (41st minute), Ruhanen (79th),

Bulgaria blank San Marino

SOFIA, Oct 17: Bulgaria, with no chance of qualifying for the

San Marino in a Group Two qualifier on Wednesday, reports

nine-man San Marino desence, laboured at times in attack.

minutes later and Hristo Stoichkov converted the penalty.

volleyed home a 12-metre shot in the 85th minute.

ship qualifier between two also-rans, reports Reuter.

European Championship finals, romped to a 4-0 win over

The Bulgarians might have scored more but, faced with a

San Marino defender Amuro Valentini conceded the first

when a long-range shot from Lyuboslav Penev hit his foot and

A San Marino player handled the ball in the area 17

Zlatko Yankov made it 3-0 before halftime and Nikoli Iliev

Czechs win clash of also-rans

CLOMOUC, Czechoslovakia, Oct 17: Czechoslovakia beat 10-

man Albania 2-1 on Wednesday in a European Champion-

First half goals by Karel Kula and Ludovit Lancz left

Czechoslovakia four points behind unbeaten Group One win-

ners France. Hysen Zmijani hit a 62nd minute consolation for

last-placed Albania but a minute later teammate Arben Milori

Malta 3-1 (halftime 1-0) in a Group Six match of the

his first international goal after a goalmouth scramble.

Three minutes later the ever-opportunist striker sealed the fate of the match and completed his hattrick when



Samrat heads Brothers Union into the lead in yesterday's Federation Cup semifinal against Fakirerpool YMC at the Mirpur Stadium. Brothers won 3-0 to reach Sunday's final.

he raced down from the midfield dribbling past a host of defenders to beat an onrushing Fakirerpool goalkeeper Dhanu

Fakirerpool's skipper Masih and Mehdi came close to scoring for their team while Waseem and midfielder Manik spoiled two scoring opportunities for Brothers.

-Star photo TEAMS BROTHERS UNION : Ponir, Pijush, Moon, Iqbal, Ataur

> Samrat (Jillani). FAKIRERPOOL YC: Dhanu, Gobinda, Swapan, Akram, Montu, Shahabuddin, Bhutto (Babu), Masud, Mehdi, Masih, Firoz (Bhola).

(Rouf Babu), Parvez, Rupu,

Manik, Uttam, Waseem and

Referee: Sheikh Badruddus.

### Abahani sign up 7 leading players

Title contenders Abahani Krira Chakra dominated the third day of the inter-club cricket player transfers by signing seven prominent players yesterday at the BCCB of

Akram Khan and Faroog Ahmed of Brothers Union, Anisur Rahman, Khaled Mahmood Sujan of Mohammedans, Selim of GMCC, Murshed of Surya Tarun and Babar of Udity changed their clubs to join Abahani, Javed Beltm Golla of Abahani moved to Surya Tarun while Shabbir of GMCC, Joydev Basak of Wanderers signed in favour of PWD Club.

Victoria SC, title aspirants for the Milnars First Division cricket league managed to lure Ariful Islam and Debashish of Nirman School's XI into their

### Parker joins Durham

DURHAM, England, Oct 17: Paul Parker has become the sixth player with experience of being captain to join England's newest county championship side Durham, reports AFP.

The former Sussex skipper is the latest addition to the Durham squad, unveiled Thursday ahead of next year's championship.

The others who have been captain are : Ian Botham (England), Dean Jones, who was skipper of Victoria state, Wayne Larkins of Northamptonshire, and David Graveney and Phil Bainbridge who have both skippered Gloucesters-

#### Richardson rallies Windies Wastm Akram had lefthanded newcomer Clayton Lambert caught behind for a

SHARJAH, United Arab Emirates, Oct 17: New duck with the last delivery of West Indian capthe first over to give Pakistan tain Richie Richardson scored an an early break. unbeaten century today to earn

an exciting one-wicket win

over Pakistan in the Sharjah

Trophy opener here, reports

being struck on the toes by a

Wagar Younis yorker,

Richardson hammered a gritty

106 not out as the West Indies

surpassed Pakistan's 215 all

Indian hit eleven of the last 14

runs watched by last man

Patrick Patterson in a match of

fluctuating fortunes before

10,000 spectators at the

the match wrapped after

snatching three wickets for six

runs in the space of eight de-

Pakistan appeared to have

Richardson struck Wasim

He was chaired off the field

Akram for his 10th boundary

and seal victory in the three

nation tournament also featur-

by jubilant teammates after

waging a grim battle of survival

Aagusb Javed no ball when on

16 and then bowled by another

no ball from Wagar Younis five

useful and very productive."

He said his government and

the ANC would remain in close

touch and Foreign Secretary

Douglas Hurd would hold fur-

ther meetings with ANC direc-

tor of international affairs

Thabo Mbeki during the con-

Mandela said South Africa

had made solid progress in

dismantling apartheid and he

was optimistic for the future

despite violence in black

townships that has claimed

be readmitted to the

Commonwealth which it lest

30 years ago in the face of crit-

icism of apartheid, Mandela

replied: "Once the racial sit-

uation is normalised, I would

strongly support South Africa's

Asked if South Africa should

3,000 lives in a year.

He was caught behind off an

helped by a great deal of luck.

The 30-year-old West

out with 15 balls to spare.

Sharjah Cricket Stadium.

just two wickets in hand.

Wagar Younds for 19.

ing India.

ference.

Batting with a runner after

Phil Simmons, the other opener, and skipper Richie Richardson carried the score from six to 38 in the 10th over when a brilliant piece of fielding by Ijaz Ahmed saw off

Simmons (14) cut Aaquib Javed hard to point where ljaz dived to his left to stop a certain boundary and then jumped up to throw down the striker's wicket.

Wagar Younis, who came into bowl the 13th over, met with immediate success, claiming Brian Lara with his

sixth delivery Left-handed Lara, who cut Younis's first ball to the point boundary, attempted a flick shot off the last ball of the over only to find a diving wicketkeeper Moin Khan in the way.

liveries to leave the West Moin Khan then came up Indians needing 58 more with with another blinder down the leg side to remove vice captain But man-of-the-match Gus Logie and have the West Richardson and Ian Bishop Indies 70 for four in the 19th added 45 for the ninth wicket before Bishop was leg before to

Logie, who was dropped by leg spinner Mushtaq Ahmed off his own bowling before he had scored, took his score to 11 when he flicked Younis hard and wide of the wicket-

But the athletic Moin dived full length to his left and clutched the ball inches off the ground with his outstretched left hand.

Richardson and Carl Hooper retrieved the situation with a

Ramecz c Logie b Patterson 49

Sajid Ali c Dujon b Ambrose 11

Ijaz Ahmed lbw b Hooper

Imran c Logie b Patterson

Moin c Hooper b Bishop

Salim Malik b Hooper

Miandad b Simmons

Mushtaq Ahmed lbw

Akram run out

Waqar b Bishop

Aaguib not out

b Ambrose

Bishop

Patterson

Benjamin

Simmons

Hooper

PAKISTAN

51-run fifth-wicket partnership which pushed the score to 121 in the 29th over.

A glorious cover drive for four off Mushtaq brought up the skipper's 50, but his partner deserted him in the next delivery attempting a needless

Jeff Dujon was Moin Khan's fourth victim, caught once again down the leg side of Imran Khan for 15 as West

Indies slipped to 152 for six. In the next over, Winston



Benjamin fell leg before to Younts for one to open up the

clared leg before to Imran for one, but Bishop added a crucial 45 runs with his captain.

India take on Pakistan on Friday and the West Indies on Saturday.

Lambert c Moin b Akram

WEST INDIES

Stmmons run out

Richardson not out

Hooper run out

Lara e Moin b Younis

Logie c Moin b Younis

Dujon c Moin b Imran

Benjamin lbw b Younis

Ambrose lbw b Imran

Extras : (B-4, LB-4, W-8, NB-

Total (for 9 wickets off 47.3

32

38

Bishop lbw b Younis

Patterson not out

## Lalmatia's fine debut

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was another contests in the AB Bank metropolis table tennis league yesterday at the National Coaching Centre with all four matches of

sets in the best-of-five men's team competition. Young Pegasus, Bangladesh Ansars. Wari Club and newcomers Lalmatia Club easily

the day being decided by 3-0

won their respective fixtures. Young Pegasus overwhelmed Dhaka Medical College, who are making their league debut, 3-0 by winning both the opening singles and

the doubles. Rubel of Pegasus beat DMC's Zahid 21-19, 21-13 while Hasnu of Pegasus was pushed to a third set by DMC's Tapan before winning 21-19, 14-21 and 21-16. However, Hasnu played much better in the following doubles encounter in partnership with Kamrul to beat DMC's Zahid and Fida 21-

13, 21-16. Ibrahim was in fine form for Bangladesh Ansars who disposed of Dhaka Mariners Club, also by 3-0 sets.

Ibrahim, who learnt his game at Wari Club when still a very small child, beat Benazir of Mariners 21-15 . 21-15. Munna, another youngster who once donned Wari colours trounced Rana of Mariners 21-8, 21-5.

Ibrahim and Ripon, despite being forced to deuce in the first set, prevailed 23-21, 21-6 over Rana and Mahmudul. Wari Club, who once

remained fourth

Saumenen (83rd).

Reuter.

Austria on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

Axeldahi (77th); Israel — Tal Banin (49th)

Championship in Valletta on Wednesday

Scorers: Malta - Suda (73rd minute).

bounced into the net in the 20th minute.

was sent off for persistent foul play.

#### Press Club minimarathon tomorrow

Sports Reporter

formance against Cynthia Sporting Club yesterday. the Jativa Press Club. The new breed of Wart players like Sohel, Shamim and Mustafa played with confidence to post straight-set wins

Sohel defeated Cynthia's morning. Meanwhile, the prize dis Rana 21-16, 21-11, Shamim beat Shakil 21-15,21-14 while Shamim and Mustafa clinched Wari's victory by winning the doubles 21-11, 21-15 against

> A press release issued yesterday requested the winners and participants of the chess, ludo and mini-marathon to attend the ceremony. Bangladesh Sports, a local sports goods company, has sponsored

### Bata handball

Sports Reporter

handball court.

Saiful and Hassan topscored with seven goals each for Narinda while Sanjit with three goals was the highest scorer for Jubilee School.

### Navratilova to miss Australian, French opens

The 34-year-old Czech-born American, who missed both tournaments this year, said she will however play at Wimbledon and flushing Meadow.

in the world, is playing in the 350,000 dollar tournament

#### Sampras moves up

LYON, France, Oct 17: Former U S Open champion Pete Sampras on Wednesday easily advanced to the second round of the 500,000 dollars Lyon Grand Prix tennis tournament, reports AP. Sampras, the No 2 seed,

downed qualifier Tom Nijssen of the Netherlands, 6-3, 6-2.

After top-seeded Guy Forget of France was upset by fellow-Frenchman Olivier Delaitre late Tuesday night, Sampras moves into the favourite's role for the 65,000 first prize.

A mini-marathon for journalists will be held tomorrow, Oct 19 in connection with the 37th founding anniversary of

The race, from the Farm Gate overbridge to the Jatiya Press Club via Shahbagh, will commence at 5:30 in the

tribution ceremony for the various sports and games held in celebration of the founding anniversary, will take place at the Club auditorium at four in the afternoon.

the events.

Narinda Government High School thrashed K L Jubilec High School 24-9 in an one sided match of the fourth Bata schools handball tournament yesterday at the Outer Stadium

The winners led 11-4 at the lemon break.

FILDERSTADT, Germany, Oct 17: Women's tennis vet eran Martina Navratilova announced here on Wednesday that she will miss the French and Australian Opens again next year, reports AFP.

Navratilova, ranked fourth

#### Major, Mandela plead for SA scribed the talks as "extremely said. There is no reason to my

British Prime Minister John Major and South African anti - apar - theid leader Nelson Mandela jointly appealed to the Com-monwealth on Wednesday

to let South African cricketers start playing again, reports Reuter. After launching together at the Commonwealth summit in Zimbabwe, they told reporters

they agreed South Africa had

met all conditions demanded

for non-racial cricket. South Africa was readmitted to the International Cricket Council earlier this year after 21 years of isolation but some members of the body have opposed its application to play in the World Cup in Australia and

New Zealand next February. "We have a non-racial South African cricket team," Major

ROTTERDAM

Netherlands

virtually booked

next vear's European

Championship finals by beating

Portugal 1-0 in a qualifier on

Witschge won the game and

left the Dutch at the top of

Group Six with 11 points from

seven matches, two ahead of

Portugal. Both teams have one

without wingers John Van

The Dutch side, playing

A first half goal by Richard

Wednesday, reports Reuter.

Oct 17: Title

holders the

their place in

**TT 1 1** 

mind to bar them. I would be delighted to see them play in the World Cup.

"I think if they do, they would do very well." Mandela said his African National Congress was trying to persuade Commonwealth leaders to let South Africans start playing as soon as possi-

"We see no reason why they should not," he said.

Mandela, invited to the summit as an observer, said he and Major had a good meeting during which they discussed political developments and the pure of reform in South Africa.

They said the issue of continuing sanctions was before the 50-nation conference and refused to give details of their discussions on the matter.

Major, smiling as he stood beside Mandela on a balcony of the conference hotel, de-

pressure on Portugal defence

20th minute when Witschge

picked up a deflected ball on

the left and beat Portuguese

goalkeeper Victor Baia with a

handful of chances, midfielder

Frank Rijkaard, playing his

first major international since

announcing at the end of the

World Cup finals last year that

he would not play for his na-

tional team again, almost got

Korman corner just cleared

His header from an Erwin

his name on the scoresheet.

Although the Dutch had a

diagonal shot from 20 metres.

The pressure paid off in the

for most of the first half.

Holders Holland in finals

tuted in the 70th minute after injuring his ankle. Dutch manager Rinus Michels said on Witschge's goal :"It was really a beautiful moment when the ball went in

Portugal came close to equalising in the 56th minute when striker Paulo Futre broke through the defence, forcing Van Tiggelen to clear off the

In the 7th minute defender Joao Pinto had Dutch goalkeeper Hans Van Breukelen at full stretch with a 20-metre

when he turned his defender

on the edge of the penalty area

and hit a fierce shot through a

Riedler headed Germany's

third after a clever run and

cross from captain Lother

Yorath said: "Germany played

some of the best football they

can play. They deserved to win

and Dean Saunders also de-

said: "We have to get over the

top hurdle of Belgium away. We

saw tonight who was the dom-

inant team in the group. Now

German coach Berti Vogts

served to be sent off."

Welsh manager Terry

Seconds before the interval

posse of players.

Matthacus.

#### Ischip and Pieter Huistra, put the crossbar at the end of the Germans sustain their hopes



match to play.

Germany, Oct 17 : Three classy goals in an 11minute burst against Wales on

Wednesday helped world champions Germany hang on their European Championship hopes, reports Reuter.

The Germans ran out 4-1 winners but still need to win their remaining two Group Five games to be certain of qualifying. Inspite of the defeat, Wales remained top, one points

ahead of Germany after their

surprise home triumph over them in June. A superb opportunist goal from midfielder Andy Moeller in the 34th minute and two neat headers from strikers Rudi Voeller and Karlheinz Riedler in the 39th and 45th

Wales' hopes of saving the game were destroyed six minutes into the secondhalf when

Action from yesterday's play in the Officers' Club tennis tournament.

minutes sent Germany on their

forward Dean Saunders was sent off after a foul on German

then struck his first goal for the united German team in the 73rd minute before Paul Bodin hit a consolation penalty for the Welsh, six minutes before

visit to Belgium followed by a home game against group minnows Luxembourg. Wales, among soccer's

smallest nations, finish the qualifying competition with an easy home game against Luxembourg next month and are still very much in the running to reach the finals of a major competition for the first time for 34 years.

came out of their own half.

### return to the Commonwealth." Interjected Major: "So would I." first half. Rijkaard was substi-

and what a great shot."

# Moeller broke the deadlock



NUREMBERG, midfielder Thomsas Doll. Former East German Doll

Germany now face a difficult

Germany, fielding seven of the team that contested last year's World Cup final, needed to win to stay in contention. They had virtually all the possession in the first 30 minutes but failed to penetrate the defensive Welsh side, who rarely

-Star photo



LONDON, Oct 17: England flirted with disaster as they struggled to overcome a resilient Turkey 1-

Wednesday, reports Reuter.

Ircland drew.

Wicket fall: 1/25; 2/54; 3/59: 4/132: 5/150: 6/171: 7/185; 8/199; 9/212. Bowling Ambrose

Extras: (lb-15, w-17, nb-7) 39

Total: All out in 48.3 overs 215

Wicket fall : 1/6; 2/38; 3/49; 4/70; 5/121; 6/152; 7/157: 8/158: 9-203. Bowling Akram Aaqib 0 Wagar Mushtae 10 0 10 0 lmran

Non seeds gate-crash into last eight

## Jahangir struggles

SCOREBOARD



17: Two nonseeds, both English, gate-crashed into the last eight at the US Open squash championships on

NEW YORK, Oct

Wednesday, reports Reuter. Peter Marshall, ranked 17th in the world, produced the biggest upset of the tournament, trouncing secondseeded Australian Chris Rober-

tson in straight games. The 20-year-old Marshall who has a unique two-fisted grip, subdued Robertson, a notable retriever, in only 48 minutes, 15-8, 15-10, 15-4.

He softened him up with powerful driving to a length and then used drop shots to finish the Australian, who is ranked third in the world.

In today's semifinals, Marshall, who counts his win over Robertson as "the Greatest of my life," meets 1986 world champion Ross Norman of New Zealand, who won over the last available point against another unsceded Englishman, Danny Meddings.

tle, Pakistani Jahangir Khan, had to struggle to take the first game from Australian Antony Hill but still needed only 43 minutes to get through. The other main contenders, Australians Rodney Martin and

The favourite to win the ti-

Chris Dittmar, won just as The other surprise quarterfinalist was Jason Nicolle. ranked 20th internationally.

# quick draw



burdanidze and Chinese challenger Xie Jun played on Wednesday to a quick 17-move draw in the 10th game of their 16-game match for the women's World Chess title, reports Reuter.

The score is tied at 5-5. Playing black, Xie, 20, offered the draw after rapidly equalising the position against 31-year-old Chiburdanidze. The pair used only 50 minutes of playing the match.

game, but it went into theoretical lines where it is difficult to play for a win," Filipino national master Buenaventura Villamayor told reporters. The Chinese player, who is

seeking to end more than six

decades of Soviet dominance

in the women's chess title, will

play white in the 11th game on The first player to score 8.5

points wins. A victory counts for one point and a draw for half a point. Chiburdanidze, who is from the Republic of Georgia, retains the title in the event of

#### "She tried to open the an 8-8 tie. we just wait and see." England's fortuitous victory



0 in a European Championship

qualifying match on

Alan Smith's goal, headed home from a Stuart Pearce cross in the 21st minute, earned England a fortuitous victory and made them favourites to qualify from Group Seven for next year's finals after rivals Poland and **Expectations** that England

would produce a deluge of goals against a side which lost their first four games without scoring and conceded 13 goals in their last two appearances

at Wembley disappeared early

An anxious England showed a lack of imagination in midfield and Turkey, who had more opportunities, deserved a draw.

As early as the 10th minute Feyyaz Ucar forced England goalkeeper Chris Woods into a stretching save and in the 27th minute Woods pushed a shot from Riza Calimbay against the bar and away. Only recalled Marseille

winger Chris Waddle and fullback Pearce provided England's strikers with a thin supply line and dispirited England fans were reduced to chants of "what a load of rub-

Turkish defender Keskin Gokhan was booked in the sev-

enth minute when he brought down captain Gary Lineker and as England's frustration grew David Batty also went into the referee's book. England had a second goal

disallowed late in the second half when Bryan Robson elbowed the Turkish keeper. The Poland-Ireland draw

left England two points clear

in their Group but, after failing to significantly improve their goal difference, they will need at least a draw in their final game in Poland next month. Handball trainers

# SAVAR, Oct 16: The State

Minister for Youth and Sports Mr Sadeq Hossain has called upon the handball trainers to spread the game all over the country, reports BSS.



captain's knock West Indian tail Curtley Ambrose was de-