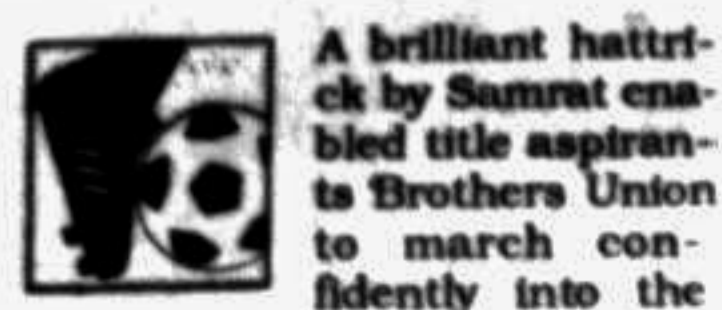


# MSC meet Brothers in Sunday's final

Sports Reporter



A brilliant hat-trick by Samrat enabled title aspirants Brothers Union to march confidently into the final of the eleventh Federation Cup football tournament...

second semifinal was a complete contrast to that involving the giants Dhaka Moham... Instead of the jampacked crowd on Wednesday there were vast empty spaces on the stands...

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

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.

Brothers' ace winger Waseem Iqbal, 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 Pervaz (2-0).

Three minutes later the ever-opportunist striker sealed the fate of the match and completed his hat-trick 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. —Star photo

he raced down from the mid-field dribbling past a host of defenders to beat an onrushing Fakirerpool goalkeeper Dhanu (3-0).

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

TEAMS BROTHERS UNION: Ponir, Pijush, Moon, Iqbal, Ataur (Rouf Babu), Parvez, Rupu, Manik, Uttam, Waseem and Samrat (Jillani). FAKIRERPOOL YC: Dhanu, Gobinda, Swapan, Akram, Montu, Shahabuddin, Bhutto (Babu), Masud, Mehdi, Mash, Firoz (Bhola). Referee: Sheikh Badruddin.

# 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 office.

Akram Khan and Farooq Ahmed of Brothers Union, Anisur Rahman, Khaled Mahmood Sultan of Mohammedans, Sellim of GMCC, Mursheed of Surya Tarun and Babar of Uddity changed their clubs to join Abahani. Javed Belim Golla of Abahani moved to Surya Tarun while Shabbir of GMCC, Joydev Basak of Wanderers signed in favour of FWD 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 camp.

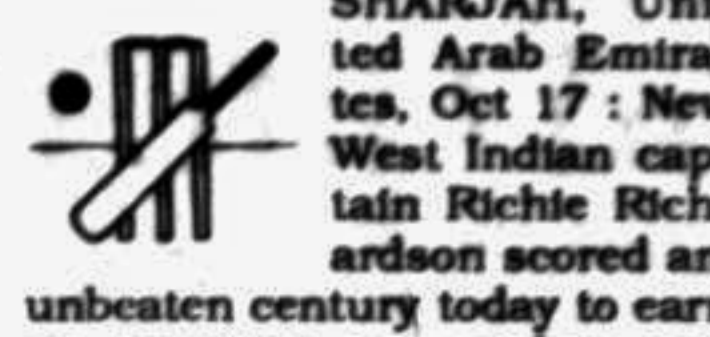
# Parker joins Durham

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 Gloucestershire.

# Richardson rallies Windies



West Indies captain Clayton Lambert caught behind for a duck with the last delivery of the first over to give Pakistan an early break.

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.

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

Waqar 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 wicket-keeper Moin Khan in the way.

Moin Khan then came up with another blunder down the leg side to remove vice captain Gus Logie and have the West Indies 70 for four in the 19th over.

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-keeper.

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

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 single.

Jeff Dujon was Moin Khan's fourth victim, caught once again down the leg side off Imran Khan for 15 as West Indies slipped to 152 for six.



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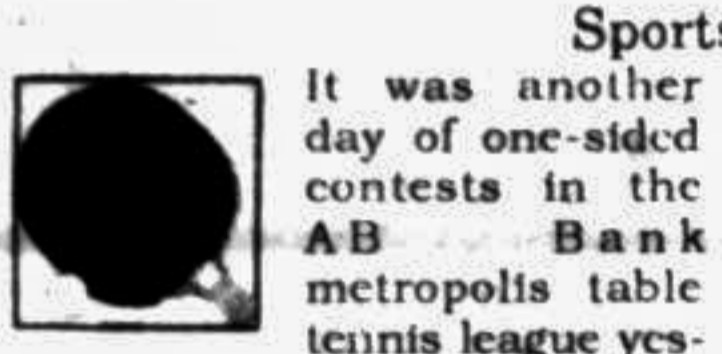
Curtley Ambrose was declared leg before to Imran for one, but Bishop added a crucial 45 runs with his captain.

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

## SCOREBOARD

Table with columns for PAKISTAN, WEST INDIES, and Bowling statistics. Includes names like Logie, Patterson, Ambrose, and scores.

# Lalmatia's fine debut



It was another day of one-sided contests in the AB Bank metropolis table tennis league yesterday at the National Coaching Centre with all four matches of the day being decided by 3-0 sets in the best-of-five men's team competition.

Young Pegasus, Bangladesh Ansars, Wari Club and newcomers Lalmatia Club easily 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, 21-6.

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

boasted a proud tradition in the country's table tennis arena, gave a reassuring performance against Cynthia Sporting Club yesterday.

The new breed of Wari players like Sohel, Shamim and Mustafa played with confidence to post straight-set wins over their Cynthia rivals.

Sohel defeated Cynthia's 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 Rana and Palash.

League debutants Lalmatia Club — one of nine in the 28-team league — were off to an encouraging start with a victory against Brothers Union.

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 against Babu.

Rabbi, partnered by 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 pair of Mamoon and Btru.

TODAY'S MATCHES B. Biman vs Kashattully (10:00 am) Young Stars vs Purbachal Parishad (11:30 am) Swambagh TTS vs Pallima Sangshad (11:30) BTMC vs Combined Sporting (11:30).

# Press Club mini-marathon tomorrow

Sports Reporter A mini-marathon for journalists will be held tomorrow, Oct 19 in connection with the 37th founding anniversary of the Jatya Press Club.

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

Meanwhile, the prize distribution 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.

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 the events.

# Bata handball

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

The winners led 11-4 at the lemon break. 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

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

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

Navratilova, ranked fourth in the world, is playing in the 350,000 dollar tournament here.

# 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 Delattre late Tuesday night, Sampras moves into the favourite's role for the 65,000 first prize.

# Major, Mandela plead for SA



HARARE, Oct 17: British Prime Minister John Major and South African anti-apartheid leader Nelson Mandela jointly appealed to the Commonwealth 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 said. "There is no reason to my 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 possible.

"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 pace 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, described the talks as "extremely useful and very productive."

He said his government and the ANC would remain in close touch and Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd would hold further meetings with ANC director of international affairs Thabo Mbeki during the conference.

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 3,000 lives in a year.

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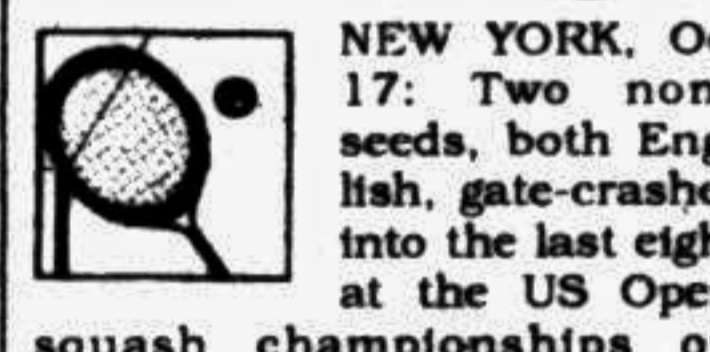
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# Non seeds gate-crash into last eight

# Jahangir struggles



NEW YORK, Oct 17: Two non-seeds, both English, gate-crashed into the last eight at the US Open squash championships on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

Peter Marshall, ranked 17th in the world, produced the biggest upset of the tournament, trouncing second-seeded Australian Chris Robertson 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.

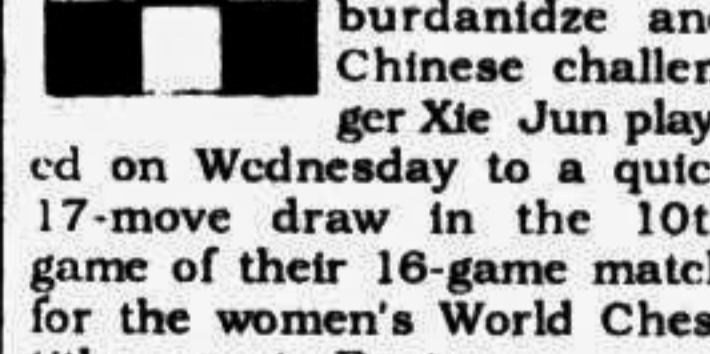
In today's semifinals, Marshall, who counts his win over Robertson as "the Greatest of my life," meets 1986 world champion Ross Norman of New Zealand, who won over the last available point against another unseeded Englishman, Danny Meddings.

The favourite to win the title, 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 Chris Dittmar, won just as easily.

The other surprise quarter-finalist was Jason Nicol, ranked 20th internationally.

# A quick draw



PHILIPPINES, Oct 17: Soviet holder Maya Chiburdanidze 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.

"She tried to open the game, but it went into theoretical lines where it is difficult to play for a win," Filipino national master Buenaventura Villamayor told reporters.

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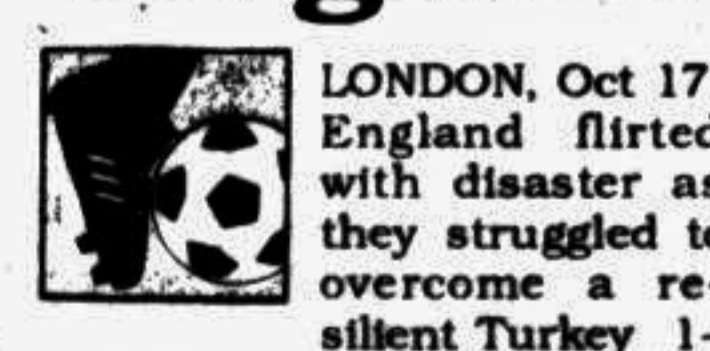
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# England's fortuitous victory



LONDON, Oct 17: England flirted with disaster as they struggled to overcome a resurgent Turkey 1-0 in a European Championship qualifying match on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

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 for Group Seven for next year's finals after rivals Poland and Ireland drew.

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 on.

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 full-back Pearce provided England's strikers with a thin supply line and dispirited England fans were reduced to chants of "what a load of rubbish".

Turkish defender Keskin Gokhan was booked in the seventh 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 falling 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.



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