

# MSC-Pak Wapda clash today

Sports Reporter

Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club will take on Pakistan Wapda today in the eleventh Asian Club Cup championship qualifying first-leg match at Dhaka Stadium.

The match is scheduled to start at 5 pm.

Finance Minister M. Saifur Rahman will be present as chief guest while State Minister for Youth and Sports Saadq Hossain will also attend as special guest.

The return leg of the home-away fixture will be held in Lahore on November 1.

The winners of first leg will meet the winners of the clash between Indian Federation Cup champions Kerala Police and the champion Maldives team in the next round.

Mohammedan earned the right to represent Bangladesh in the Club Cup by virtue of their triumph last year in the Federation Cup. This year's Federation Cup champions Brothers Union will represent

Bangladesh in the twelfth Asian Club Cup football championship next year. While this year's Federation Cup runners-up Mohammedan Sporting will represent the country in the Asian Cup Winners' Cup.

Reigning NBL Senior Division football league (last held in 1989-90) champions Abahani Krira Chakra are representing Bangladesh in the inaugural Cup Winners' Cup tournament introduced by the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) from this year. They play their first-leg match in a home-away encounter against Calcutta Super Division champion East Bengal Club on November 3 at the Dhaka Stadium. Abahani will travel to Calcutta to play their return match on November 8.

A 16-member Pakistan Wapda team arrived in Dhaka Thursday afternoon, led by Arman Ali Shah with Mohammed Aslam as the manager-cum-coach. The other-

players are: Mohammed Zubair, Abid Hossain, Tahir Agha, Imtiaz Butt, Mohammed Arshad, Tahir Pervez, Fayyaz Khan, Sharafat Ali, Khalilur Rahman, Mateen Akbar, Barat Ali, Asgar Ali, Altaf Hossain and Umer Daraz.

Meanwhile, PP Luxmanan, General Secretary of the All India Football Federation also arrived on Thursday to act as the Match Commissioner.

Three referees from Thailand were supposed expected to reach Dhaka late last night.

### TICKET RATES

The rate of VIP season tickets for Gate No-1 has been fixed at Taka 200, VIP Gate No-2 and 3A at Taka 60 while the daily gallery tickets will cost Taka 20.

Dhaka Stadium ticket counter and the stadium gates will open at 12 noon while the VIP tickets will be available at the BFF office from 10 am.



Members of the Rajshahi Education Board swimming squad who topped the national age-group championships which concluded at the Dhaka Stadium pool Thursday. Rajshahi Board collected 17 gold medals in the three-day meet. —Star photo

## Bayern's SOS to Beckenbauer

MUNICH, Oct 25: Bayer Munich, once Europe's mightiest club, have welcomed back Franz Beckenbauer in a bid to pull them out of the doldrums, reports Reuter.

Beckenbauer, who led Bayern to three successive European Cup victories as a player in the 1970s, has been taken on in an advisory capacity temporarily.

He and former ace manager Karl-Heinz Rummenigge are due to be voted in as club vice presidents on November 25, Bayern officials said on Thursday.

"I still feel like I belong to the club, drawn to it," said Beckenbauer, a World Cup winner both as a player and manager.

The pair have been charged with reshaping Bayern, currently 14th in the German league and thrashed 6-2 by BK 1903 Copenhagen in the UEFA Cup on Tuesday.

Beckenbauer brushed off questions about how he can combine his new job with his role of technical director at French Champions Marseille. "Everything is possible," he said.

He has already warned Bayern players they will be sold if they do not meet expectations.

## Liverpool bow to Auxerre 2-0

LONDON, Oct 25: After Bayern Munich and Glasgow Celtic tumbled it was Liverpool's turn Wednesday as former European soccer champions continued to flounder in cup action, reports AP.

The night after Bayern was whipped 6-2 by BK 1903 Copenhagen and Celtic crumbled 5-1 to Neuchatel Xamax in Switzerland, Liverpool went down 2-0 in Auxerre in France in another UEFA Cup second round, first leg game.

It was a scoreline that flattered the English team.

In 23 European cup games being staged Wednesday, Red Star Belgrade continued its defense of the Champions Cup against Cypriot team Apollon Limassol and Olympic Marseille, the team it beat in the final, hosted Sparta Prague.

Jean-Marc Ferreri scored three minutes before the break for Auxerre and Hungarian Kalman Kovacs added the second on the hour. But Liverpool's Zimbabwean goalie Bruce Grobbelaar made three good saves and Ferreri missed an easy chance.

Auxerre repeatedly pulled the Liverpool defense apart and the English team, which finished runner up to Arsenal in the league last season, now has won only two of its last ten games.

Another former Champions Cup winner, Ajax of Amsterdam, reversed the trend by winning 2-1 at Rot-Weiss Erfurt in Germany.

After Uwe Schulz had fired the former East German team ahead, Win Jonk and Denis Bergkamp scored second half goals for Ajax.

In other UEFA Cup games, two goals by Christof Westerhager earned Austria's FC Tirol a 2-0 triumph over PAOK Salonika in Greece.

## Foreman fights Ellis Dec 7

RENO, Nevada, Oct 25: Former heavyweight boxing champion George Foreman will fight professional football player Jimmy Ellis in a scheduled 10-round bout in Reno, Nevada on December 7, promoters announced on Thursday, reports Reuter.

The fight, which was originally to have been held in the Bahamas, will now take place at the 6,471-seat Reno-Sparks Convention Centre, promoter Bob Arum said.

Foreman told reporters he would make the necessary dietary sacrifices to enter the ring considerably lighter than

## 12 matches decided

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Twelve matches were decided yesterday in the AB Bank metropolis table tennis league at the National Coaching Centre.

Reigning league champions Aramantola JS defeated Azampur Young Boys 3-1 without much difficulty.

Title aspirants Bangladesh Biman continued their winning spree with yet another victory yesterday over Purbachal Parishad. The Biman paddlers comfortably won by 3-0.

Bangladesh Ansar also had an easy 3-1 win over Brothers Union.

## India survive close call

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, Oct 25: India battled through on penalties today to set up a final against the Soviet Union in the men's Olympic Hockey qualifying tournament, reports Reuter.

The Indians, returning to the top level after a troubled period, looked the superior team against hosts New Zealand but twice went a goal down through defensive errors.

New Zealand led 1-0 at half-time after 21st minute goal from Brett Leave but Shakil Ahmed equalised in the 83rd to take the teams into extra time.

Greg Russ put the hosts ahead again in the 83rd minute but Jagbir Singh made it 2-2 in the 95th.

## Danes win

BATH, England, Oct 25: England lost the fourth and final badminton international against Denmark here Thursday when they were beaten 1-4. They had also lost the first three internationals.

## Holyfield to fight Danaiani

NEW YORK, Oct 25: With the eagerly anticipated showdown against Mike Tyson on hold due to the former champion's injured ribs, indisposed heavyweight boxing champion Evander Holyfield will fight Italian Francesco Danaiani next month, his promoter announced on Thursday, reports Reuter.

Holyfield had been set to defend against Tyson on November 8 in Las Vegas in a bout that was expected to earn an estimated 100 million dollars, but Tyson reported pulled cartilage on his ribs last week and his doctor said he could not even spar for six to eight weeks.

Intense negotiations earlier this week aimed at rescheduling the fight failed to produce a date agreeable to both fighters' camps.

Tyson promoter Don King had hoped to hold the fight before January 27, when Tyson is scheduled to go on trial on charges that he raped a beauty pageant contestant last July in his hotel room.

## Watson off life-support equipment

LONDON, Oct 25: British boxer Michael Watson has been taken off his life-support machine and out of the intensive care unit where he has been in a coma since being badly beaten in a title fight last month, reports Reuter.

But a spokesman for St Bartholomew's Hospital in London said yesterday this did not necessarily indicate an improvement in the 26-year-old boxer's condition.

"His condition remains the same - critical but stable," the spokesman said. "It is still being monitored as it was in the intensive care unit, and he remains in a coma."

The decision to take the boxer off the ventilator was made days after the surgeon in charge of his case said he was showing some response to light and touch.

## Becker to team up with Yeltsin

MOSCOW, Oct 25: Tennis officials are trying to organise a doubles match here with Russian President Boris Yeltsin and Boris Becker, paired against interim Soviet Premier Ivan Silaev and a second tennis star, reports AFP.

Sources said the match could be part of a two-day charity tournament, which officials announced on Thursday they are trying to organise after next month's Kremlin Cup.

The aim would be to help Russia's children in need, after the players had battled it out from November 4-10 for the country's only professional tournament.

Yeltsin is honorary president of the Cup, and like Silaev is a keen tennis player.

Along with Becker, the officials are also hoping to tempt Stefan Edberg, John McEnroe, Andre Agassi, and Michael Stich to the charity event.

Already confirmed for the 350,000 dollar ATP Cup are Soviets Andrei Chesnokov, Andrei Cherkasov, and Alexander Volkov, American Tim Mayotte, Czech Petr Korda and Swedens' Magnus Gustafsson.

The first Kremlin Cup was won last year by Cherkasov.

## Crystal medals to be introduced in Winter Olympic

PARIS, Oct 25: Medals at next year's Winter Olympics will be made out of crystal-glass for the first time in the history of the movement, reports Reuter.

Organisers on Thursday displayed the hand-made medals, which are set in gold, silver and bronze.

A laurel branch is engraved on the front with mountains and the five Olympics rings on the reverse.

"We wanted something different original," organisers' spokeswoman Anne Quantin said. "We liked the idea of crystal because its luminosity and transparency evoke the landscapes of our region."

Quantin said the Winter Olympics Organising Committee (COJO) had not been motivated by thoughts of cost-cutting. "We don't believe it will be much cheaper and anyway one of our sponsors will be paying for them."

She indicated International Olympic Committee President Juan Antonio Samaranch liked the medals. "He said they were ever so pretty," said Quantin.

COJO had respected the quantities of precious metal required by the Olympic regulations, she added. "I'm sure the winners will be proud to have those medals because they really are beautiful objects."

## Div Two chess from today

The Second Division chess championship, organised by the Bangladesh Chess Federation, will begin this afternoon at National Sports Council's chess room.

Twenty-six teams from Dhaka metropolis are taking part in the championship to be held in the seven-round Swiss league system.

The champion and runner-up will qualify for next year's First Division chess league.

## Anand upsets Karpov

TILBURG, Netherlands, Oct 25: Indian Grandmaster Visanathan Anand bested former world chess champion Anatoly Karpov on Thursday, and now has Interpolis Tilburg tournament leader Garry Kasparov firmly within his sights, reports Reuter.

The sixth round victory was the 21-year-old Indian's revenge for being narrowly edged out of the world title chase by Karpov after a ferocious fight-game match in Brussels in August.

"The whole game was just strewn with mistakes," Anand said afterwards. "But on move 45 I realised it was completely over."

Anand, with four points out of six, is now one point behind world champion Garry Kasparov, who drew his game against British Grandmaster Nigel Short.

Karpov as black played the Caro Kann, his favourite alternative to the Ruy Lopez, and Anand elected to play the advanced king's pawn variation.

Anand offered a draw on move 23, and the Soviet Grandmaster must have wished he had accepted in view of what followed.

The game developed as a keen tactical struggle, with Karpov overlooking a strong central pawn advance which

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## Korean coaches in town

Two South Korean coaches arrived in the city Thursday to help Bangladesh prepare for the forthcoming fifth SAF Games in Colombo next December and the 1992 Barcelona Olympics.

Yong Suk-Chae, a boxing coach, and Jae Sik-Roh, a gymnastics coach, have both represented their country in various international meets around the world. Their services have been made available to Bangladesh under a Korean government grant as a gesture of cooperation between the two countries.

During their stay they are also expected to impart training to some young and promising boxers and gymnasts of the country.

The Republic of Korea has in the past also extended cooperation to Bangladesh in the field of sports and games. Prof Ho-Yun Kim, a director of the Korea Shooting Federation imparted training to the Bangladeshi shooters Atique Rahman and Abdus Sattar Nimi who won a gold and bronze medal at the last Commonwealth Games in Auckland, New Zealand in 1990.

A Korean soccer coach, Mr Gil has coached budding Bangladeshi soccer players at the BKSP.

## Bhagyashree leads

BHOPAL, Oct 25: National champion Bhagyashree Thipsay emerged the sole leader with a fine victory over International Woman Master N Saritha in the fifth round of the Asian Women's Chess Championship being held here, reports PTI.

Bhagyashree played the Dutch defence against Saritha's D4. Saritha gained a slight advantage in the opening and could have increased it after Bhagyashree played a careless king move.

However, instead of manoeuvring her knight, Saritha tried to activate her rooks and allowed Bhagyashree to exchange her strong knight for a bishop.

Bhagyashree did not give Saritha any chance thereafter and obtained a strong initiative. Saritha lost a pawn on 31st move and her position collapsed immediately.

## Bata handball final today

Narinda Government High School will take on Shaheed Nabi High School in today's final of the fourth Bata schools handball tournament at the Outer Stadium handball court.

The match will start at 3.30 pm.

In the semifinals last Thursday, Narinda School beat Ansars and VDP High School 19-13 while Shaheed Nabi High School beat KL Jubilee High School 30-12 to reach the final.

Meanwhile, Ansars and VDP High School finished third in the tournament when they outplayed KL Jubilee High School 27-17 in the third place play-off match yesterday afternoon at the Outer Stadium handball court.

The winners led the first-half 14-7.

Zakir and Abu Zafar scored eight and seven goals respectively for Ansars-VDP School while Sanhit netted six goals for Jubilee School.

## Korda conquers his idol

STOCKHOLM, Oct 25: Ivan Lendl was humbled by his former ballboy in the Stockholm Open on Thursday, reports Reuter.

A dream came true for Peter Korda when he beat his fellow Czechoslovak 5-7, 6-1, 6-4 to reach the quarter finals.

"When I was small I was his ballboy and he has been my idol ever since," said Korda. "I have watched his career and triumphs, dreaming all the time that I would beat him one day."

Hard-serving Korda, 23, who has risen to 14th in the world rankings, sealed victory over the former world number one on his fifth match point.

Lendl, 31, reluctant to play in Stockholm because of spectator noise when he won here in 1989, was far from his usual consistent self.

But nervous Korda almost let his illustrious opponent off the hook, double-faulting twice in the final game before Lendl put a forward end.

Yugoslav Goran Ivanisevic produced 22 aces in a dramatic 7-6 (15-13), 7-6 (7-5) win over sixth-seeded Guy Forget of France.

Unseeded American Richey Reneberg added the scalp of ninth seeded Czechoslovak Karel Novacek to that of eighth-seeded Sergi Burguera of Spain.

In today's quarter finals, Reneberg meets world number one Stefan Edberg, who easily dismissed American veteran Brad Gilbert 6-2, 6-3.

Defending champion Boris Becker of Germany set up an interesting quarterfinal clash against 1990 US Open champion Pete Sampras by defeating Yugoslav Goran Prpic 7-6 (7-3), 6-1.

After sealing the tiebreak with an ace, second seed Becker broke the Yugoslav's serve and saved out the second set.

The victorious streak of Swedish qualifier David Engel, a spectator favourite after his elimination of American Wimbledon semifinalist David Wheaton on Wednesday, came to an end against Sampras.

Engel, ranked 165th in the world, romped to a 7-1 victory in the first set tiebreak. But the American moved into higher gear to clinch the following sets 6-2, 6-4 by virtue of a superior serve.

French Open champion Jim Courier defeated fellow Croat Emmanuel Rostagno 7-5, 6-1 to set up a quarter final against Korda.

## Ivanisevic overcomes fears

STOCKHOLM, Oct 25: Goran Ivanisevic reached the Stockholm Open quarter finals on Thursday amid fears that the civil war in his native Yugoslavia could spill on to the tennis circuit, reports Reuter.

Tournament organisers said security was tightened when Ivanisevic, a Croat, beat France's Guy Forget in the third round.

"There have been no direct threats, but we have raised the level of security for Ivanisevic's matches," tournament chief Johan Plink said.

He said there was concern that remarks by Ivanisevic in a Swedish television interview may have angered the country's sizeable Serb immigrant population.

Ivanisevic reiterated in the interview that he would never again play for Yugoslavia in the Davis Cup, and that he represented only himself and Croatia despite his Yugoslav.

"No country at all is better than playing for Yugoslavia," he said.

World number 15 Ivanisevic said after his match that it was difficult not to be affected by the volatile situation at home.

"You never know. A Serb could walk up to me and kill me. There are so many crazy people out there. It's better not to think about it," he said.

Although Ivanisevic looked sharp when he served his way to victory with 22 aces against the sixth-seeded Frenchman, he said it was sometimes hard to concentrate on tennis.

"I haven't been home since June. I talked to my father on the telephone yesterday, and it is quiet now. But if the war comes there my father will have to fight and I will be even more worried," said Ivanisevic, who is from split on the Adriatic coast.

He said he might even consider fighting himself if the situation became critical. "Everything is possible. You never know."

The conflict also threatened to destroy the friendship between himself and Slobodan Zivonjovic, a Serb, who took Ivanisevic's place when the Croat refused to play in Yugoslavia's recent Davis Cup semifinal defeat by France.

"We were good friends, and he's a nice guy. But it was not right of him to play the Davis Cup in this situation."



Action from the third-place play-off of the fourth Bata schools handball tournament yesterday at the Outer Stadium between KL Jubilee High School and Ansars & VDP High School. The latter won the match 27-17. —Star photo