MSC too good for New Radiant

Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club gave themselves a fine chance of reaching the final round of the 11th Asian Club Cup

football championship when

they outclassed Maldives

champions New Radiant FC 3-

Mohammedan immediately settled down and took control of the proceedings, a domination they maintained till the final whistle, outplaying their opponents in every department of the game.

After several tentative forays, Mohammedans surged into the lead in the 24th

the 61st, 71st and 80th minutes, were not served well by an off-colour main striker Imtiaz Ahmed Naguib who just wasn't finding his feet.

Riazuddin Biswas, better known as Riaz, doubled the margin for the black-andwhites when he sliced the ball between two New Radiant desemblance of a threat.

The 26-member Maldivian squad which arrived Saturday. leaves for home today.

Prior to the start of the match the teams and officials were introduced to Foreign Minister ASM Mustafizur Rahman who witnessed the match as chief guest. State



Rumman bin-Wali Shabbir(L) puts Dhaka Mohammedans in the lead in yesterday's 11th Asian Club Cup championship second round first-leg match against Maldives champions New Radiant FC at the Mirpur National Stadium yesterday. Mohammedans won 3-0. -Star photo by Shafiuddin Bitu

0 in their second round first leg tie at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday evening.

The local Federation Cup champions led by a Shabbir goal at the breather.

The win should put Mohammedans, who also reached the final round of the 10th Asian Club Club meet held in Dhaka last July, in good stead from the way they appeared to outplay the physically and technically inferior Maldivian champions yesterday, it would need a major upset in the second leg clash between the two teams in Male on Nov 18 to keep Mohammedans out of the finals. The eight-team finals are likely to be held later this year or early next year.

Nearly ten thousand fans, most of them Mohammedan supporters, flocked to the distant Mirpur National Stadium to witness the match. And the local heroes did not disappoint

Havelange tips Japan for 2002

BRASILIA, Nov 11 : FIFA president Joao Havelange has said Japan is the most likely country to host Asia's first World Cup in 2002, reports

He reaffirmed the world governing body's proposal to let Asia host its first football World Cup finals in 11 years'

Havelange told the Journal do Brasil newspaper "Japan is the country with the most advertising in the world. Japanese firms are everywhere and it would be worthwhile combining advertising with football."

The FIFA president also defended the choice of the United States for the 1994 World Cup finals, despite its lack of footballing tradition.

their first away victory of the

season in the Dutch soccer

First Division on Sunday, re-

points behind leaders PSV

Eindhoven, who were lucky to

beat Groningen 2-1 at home,

although the Amsterdam side.

who are fifth, have a game in

for an Ajax side full of confi-

Germany's Rot- Weiss Erfurt

out of the UEFA Cup last week

broken in the 10th minute

he swiftly crushed fellow

Australian Chris Robertson 15-

11, 15-7, 15-2 in the Kiel

Open final on Sunday, reports

of the Canadian Open two

weeks ago, defeated Pakistani

top seed Jahangir Khan in

Saturday's semifinals and

showed even more devastating

form as he dismissed second

seed Robertson in just 38

balanced at 8-8 in the opening

game. But after a heated dis-

pute between the two players

over a doubtful decision,

Robertson's challenge evapo-

The match looked equally

Third seed Dittmar, winner

Reuter.

minutes.

The home team's spirit was

KIEL, Germany,

Nov 11: Chris

Dittmar secured

his second major

squash title in

succession when

with a 3-0 second-leg win.

T

dence after knocking

Venlo never looked a match

hand over the champions.

The win kept Ajax five

ports Reuter.

AMSTERDAM.

Nov 11: Ajax

Amsterdam trou-

need bottom-of-

the table VVV

Venio 4-0 for

minute of the match when their effervescent inside-left Rumman bin-Wali Shabbir tapped the ball home as New Radiant's goalkeeper Ibrahim Rasheed tried to rush out of his box to clear a danger posed by a free-kick taken by Mohammedan stopper Jewel Rana on the left (1-0). Immediately afterwards, in

fact within seconds of this first goal, Mohammedans were denied a further goal when Saiful Bari Tito's lob hit the Maldivian crosspiece and returned to play with the goalie totally beaten. In the dying stages of the

match Mahbub Hossain Roxy saw one of his attempts, a fine grounder from down the left, hit the Maldives side post and

It was a rather one-sided encounter that saw the Maldives side adopting an ultra-defensive posture, crowding their deep defence to deny much space to the charging Mohammedan forwards. For their part, Mohammedans who missed at least three other splendid scoring chances in Ctg derby today

CHITTAGONG.

Nov 11: The

crucial, prestige

football league tie

between local

giants Chittagong

Mohammedan Sporting Club

and Abahani Krira Chakra will

be held at the Chittagong

edge over their arch-rivals.

having won three of their four

league clashes to date while

Abahani's sole win came

through a walkover conceded

local Elite Paint First Division

when Swedish striker Stefan

Pettersson scored Ajax's first

Goal, his shot taking a deflec-

tion of Venlo defender Juno

ond goal for Danny Blind and

the league's top- scorer Dennis

Bergkamp struck twice in the

said he was satisfied with his

They were level again just

four minutes later after an own

goal by veteran Belgian de-

fender Eric Gerets and it took

a 75th-minute penalty from

defender Stan Valckx to win

held 0-0 at home by FC

Utrecht and lag a point behind

PSV although they have played

Feyenoord Rotterdam were

World number four Dittmar

went on to clinch the first

game in 20 minutes and domi-

nated the rest of the match

against a completely demor-

The Australian took the last

eight points in one hand to

win the second game in 11

minutes and needed only

seven minutes to take the

row that Dittmar had produced

a powerful performance after

beating Jahangir 15-12, 15-8,

16-17, 15-12 in 72 minutes to

match with Jahangir in the

semifinal in would need to fin-

ish Robertson quickly and I

achieved exactly that," Dittmar

"I knew that after my tough

It was the second day in a

third game and the title.

Ajax manager Louis Van Gaal

Pettersson set up the sec-

The CJKP, organisers of the

by the black-and-whites.

Ajax ride a wave

Verberne.

second half.

the match.

Dittmar's title

two more games.

alised opponent.

reach the final.

team's finishing.

Mohammedans hold a 3-1

Stadium Tuesday afternoon.

fenders who tried to block him with a nice grounder from inside the box on the right in the 53rd minute (2-0)

Ayaz Khan completed the tally for Mohammedans in the 83rd minute by crashing the ball into the net with a strong left-footer after a defender tried to tackle him on his right

Local FIFA referee R Alam, who conducted the match in the absence of the three AFC nominated Nepali referees who failed to arrive, cautioned Mohammedan star defender Kaiser Hamid with the yellow card for a rough tackle on a Maldivian forward during one of the rare Maldivian forays into the Mohammedan zone.

Mohammedan skipper Kanan was hardly tested, except in the 30th minute of the match, when New Radiant's Mohammad Ali shot wide after having given Kaiser Hamid the dodge. With the entire Mohammedan defensive line having pushed up - a measure of their confidence - Kanan just had to rush out of his box on a few occasions to clear any

football league, have decided to

row's match to charity. As a re-

sult the rates of tickets have

been enhanced with the

gallery tickets costing Taka 20

and the pavilion enclosure

gave both teams a 50-50

chance of victory while

Abahani skipper Debashis,

whose team has already lost a

game in this years league, said

his team must win at all costs.

He said his boys would do ev-

erything to win this prestige

tained a clean slate in this

year's league so far with 18

points from nine matches

while Abahani also have 18

points but have played two

games more. They have won

eight, lost one and drawn two

the day today ended in draws.

Agrabad Naojoan Club shared

points with Bangladesh

Corporation (BCiC) in a one-all

draw. Chanchal had put BCIC

ahead in the 38th minute

while Montu equalised for

Agrabad Naojoan fourteen min-

In the day's other fixture,

Power Development Board and

Brothers Union played out a

utes into the second session.

Meanwhile, both matches of

Industries

encounters.

Chemical

goalless draw.

Mohammedans have main-

Mohammedan skipper Saifu

costing Taka 75.

give the proceeds from tomor-

R Alam Referee (Bangladesh)

SCSA probe team to visit S Africa

NAIROBI, Nov 9: The Supreme Council for Sport in Africa (SCSA) is to send a delegation to South Africa in January to assess the progress being made towards meeting the International Olympic Committee's requirements, reports Reuter.

The SCSA Zone 5 secretary. Manasseh Oisebe, one of the delegates named for the trip. told Reuter on Saturday the group would be led by SCSA president Michael Glover, the Mauritanian Minister for Sport and Tourism.

It will also include secretary-general Lamine Ba and the organisation's four vice-presi-

He said the delegates would hold talks with political and sports leaders in the whiteruled republic and report back to the SCSA general assembly to be held in Tunis from February 18 to 22.

The SCSA, a sub-body of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU), will inform the OAU of its findings.

"Both the SCAS and OAU will only accept contact with all the sports in South Africa after being satisfied that all the sports organisations are fully integrated" Oisebe told Reuter.

He said an attempt by the International Amateur Athletic Federation.

Minister for Youth and Sports Sadeque Hossain Khoka, NSC Chairman Maj General Mahbubur Rahman, Asian Football Confederation Vice President Hafizuddin Ahmed, MP of Bangladesh, and top BFF officials were also apresent. In the first round ties,

Mohammedans eliminated Pakistani champions Wapda 5-0 on aggregate in their two-leg home-away clash while New Radiant FC won 2-1 on aggregate against Indian Federation Cup champions Kerala Police. both legs being held in Male.

TEAMS

MOHAMMEDAN SC : Kanan. Montu, Kaiser, Jewel Rana, Roxy, Tito, Reaz (Reza), Ayaz, Shabbir, Chandan (Shamim) and Naguib.

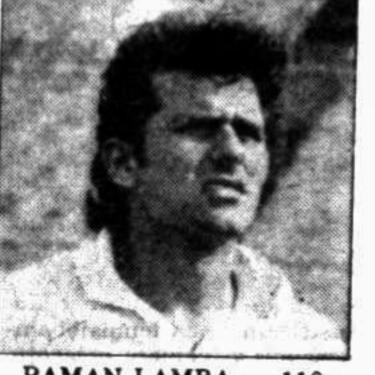
NEW RADIANT FC : Ibrahim Rasheed, Ahmed Niyaz, Ahmed Shameem, Ahmed Kalim. Mohammed Ali, Adam Napeer (Mohammed Niyaz), Jagath Rohana, Hassan Nashid (Mohammed Fayas), Ibrahim Rasheed, Ibrahim Kaleem and Ibrahim Hameed.

Sports Reporter nally scheduled 45-overs-a-Tit le -aspirants Abahani Krira Chakra, thanks to a mammoth 247run opening stand between their new signings Zahed Razzak

Masum and Indian Test

discard Raman Lamba, were off to a flying start in their 1991-92 cricket campaign, winning their inaugural 13th Damal

yesterday.



RAMAN LAMBA110 Summer tournament outing against newcomers Aiax Sporting Club by a convincing 137 runs at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Masum, who came over from Brothers Union this season, hit a fine 113 while Lamba remained unbeaten on 110 easily, the first centuries of the season which began Nov 7 - in Abahani's total of 254 for one wicket at the end of their 40

in reply, Ajax, who will be making their Milnars First Division debut in the coming season, could muster only 117 runs for the loss of six wickets in their 40 overs. The origiside match was curtailed to 40 overs for each side after the Ajax bowlers failed to complete their overs in the stipulated Masum, who had a rather

Masum, Lamba hit tons as

Abahani crush Ajax

Riaz of Mohammedans scores his side's second goal against New Radiant FC of Maldives at the Mirpur Stadium

indifferent season with Brothers Union in that team's successful Navana Premier Division campaign, was in great form yesterday, hitting nine boundaries in his 123-ball knock that was ended when Ajax's Shawkat bowled him in the penultimate over of the Abahani innings. In fact, it was a fantastic day

for Masum who capped a fine all-round showing by claiming four of the six Ajax wickets to fall at a personal cost of just 14 runs off his eight overs. Masum and Lamba, whose unbeaten 110 came off 116

balls with the help of eight fours and a huge six, were separated only after 38.4 overs. Farooq, another migrant from Brothers, was not out on

two when the 40 overs were Shawkat's sole success with the ball for Ajax cost him 58

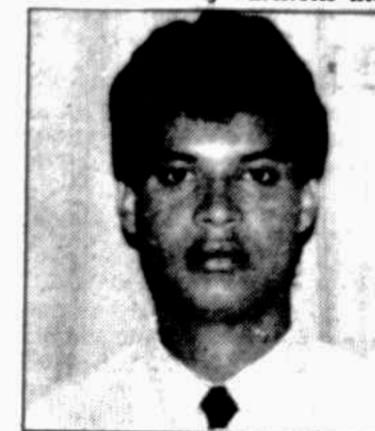
runs off nine overs. In reply, Ajax harboured no illusions and decided to bat out as many overs as possible in order to give their new boys some valuable match practice. And this goal they achieved when the formidable Abahani attack failed to bowl them out despite their huge psychologi-

Two defiant knocks, from opener Babu who made 42 before being bowled by Masum.

cal edge.

and Biplob who was unconquered on 44, helped hold the Ajax innings together and see out the 40 overs. The grit and determination with which Babu and Biplob batted can be gauged from the fact that no other Ajax batsman made it into the double figures. Anwar, the other Ajax opener, came nearest with nine.

Masum easily outshone the



Z RAZZAQ MASUM ..113

more regular Abahani bowlers -with his four for 14. Left-arm Morshed picked up the only other wicket to fall to a bowler for 22 runs while the remaining dismissal was a run out. Another left-arm paceman, Golam Nowsher Prince, who too came over from Brothers Union, went wicket-less.

Abahani will play their Group D semifinal against Dhaka Wanderers Club at the Dhaka Stadium on Nov 15.

TODAY'S MATCH B PWD vs Bangladesh Biman (Dhaka Stadium)

expected result for me. I am

ists are: Mushaf Zia of Pakistan,

Kenneth Lee of the USA, Joost

Wynhood of the Netherlands,

Alessandro Fornaro of Italy,

Wullschleger Sacsha of

Switzerland, Mark Avedikian of

the USA and Owen Casey of

Shahid Mirza of Bangladesh 6-

2, 6-1. Shahid qualified as a

lucky-loser. Zia will take on

Kenneth Lee of USA in the

per-quarter finals tomorrow.

Lee defeated Anando Vanden-

the Netherlands qualified for

the pre-quarters beating fel-

low-countryman Jeroen Hein-

casy 6-2, 6-2 win over

Pakistan's Hamidul Hug while

Swiss boy Wullschleger

trounced Bangladesh's Shafiqul

Islam 6-0, 6-2. Shafique en-

tered the main draw with a

wild-card. Fornaro and

Wullschleger will play in the

second round on November

Avedikian (USA) outplayed

Swedish Josef Jannusi 6-0, 6-

3. and second seed Owen

Casey of Ireland eliminate

Mario Pastore of Italy 6-1, 6-2

gles matches of the first round

and eight pre-quarter finals of

the doubles event will be held

The main draw began this

morning with 32 players tak-

The seven remaining sin-

to reach the last 16.

tomorrow (Tuesday).

ing part.

held today.

Fifth seed Joost Wynhood of

Italian Fornaro scored an

doren of Belgium 6-4, 6-2.

Pakistan's Zia overwhelmed

The other pre-quarter final-

very happy."

Ireland.

huis 6-3, 6-1.

Our Correspondent

NARAYANGANJ, Nov 11: Mohsin Club whitewashed Jalparibhaban Shangstha 4-1 in the Muldhara First Division football league held at the local Osmani Stadium yesterday afternoon.

-Star photo

PWD blank

Agrani

Sports Reporter

assured of their super league

berth, once again ran up a big

score in the Green Delta

Second Division hockey league

at the Hockey Stadium yester-

counter, PWD put seven goals

past Dhaka Hockey Club with-

Dina Lushai, Zafar, Shamim,

Shoaiab and Islam also got

their names into the scorers'

day, Uttara Hockey Club were

held to a one-all draw by

Uttara Hockey Club while

TODAY'S MATCHES

Udity Club vs East End

Young Star Club vs

N'ganj soccer

Shantinagar SC (3:45 pm)

Ismail got Agrani Bank's goal.

In the day's second en-

Ishaque scored twice while

In the other match of the

Roman Kader scored for

day afternoon.

dut reply.

Agrani Bank.

Green (2:30 pm)

Bangladesh PWD SC, already

Khokan, Salauddin, Debdash and Masum scored for the winners while Zia scored the lone goal for Jalpartbahan Sangstha. Mohsin Club dominated the

almost all the time except some unplannedattacks from the losers, from which Zia scored the solitary goal.

TODAY'S MATCH Suktara Jubo Sangha vs

Gothnail Shibir (3:00 pm)

Ctg chess begins

CHITTAGONG, Nov 11': CJKP Chowdhury Consortium chess league began at the CJKP

Gymnasium here this afternoon, reports BSS. A total of 102 players in-

cluding three women from seventeen teams will take part in the league. The week-long league will

be conducted on the basis of seven round Swiss league rule. National women's chess champion Tanima Parvin is also playing in the league.

Cambridge top English Div Two

LONDON, Nov '11 : Steve Claridge scored with seven minutes left to give Cambridge a 2-1 victory Saturday at pswich and move his team to the top of the English Soccer League's Second Division, reports AP.

It is the highest position ever in the standings for Cambridge, which joined the league in 1970 and was in the Fourth Division as recently as the 1989-90 season.

Swindon, which led the division at the start of the day, lost 3-2 at Southend and fell to third place. Middlesbrough, which has led the Second Division for most of the season, played to a 1-1 tie at Brighton

and is now in second place. With Division One teams off to prepare for England's midweek European Champion ships qualifying match against Poland, the spotlight focused Saturday on the lower divisions.

Cambridge went ahead in Mohammad Khalid of the 36th minute on a Gary Pakistan beat Samtur Razzak of Rowett goal, but Mike Stockwell tied the game for Bangladesh 6-2, 6-2 in the only qualifying round match ipswich four minutes before Claridges winner.

Vowels shocks Tieleman



RAJSHAHI, Nov 11 : Unseeded Scott Vowels of

the United States shocked tournament favourite Laurence Tieleman of Italy, eliminating him in the first round of the second leg of the

ITF Bangladesh-Pakistan satellite tennis circuit at the Rajshahi Tennis Complex here today, reports BSS. The tall left-hander needed

129 minutes to outplay the top seeded Italian 6-2, 3-6, 6-3 with his powerful service and some superbly executed

groundstrokes and volleys. Tieleman, the highest ATPranked player in the meet, had won the first leg of the four-leg circuit in Dhaka on Nov 8. beating second seed Owen

In the second round tomorrow (Tuesday) Vowels plays Pakistani number one Rashid Malik who beat his compatriot Mohammad Azeem in straight sets 6-2, 6-2. After the match Tileman

Casey of Ireland in the final.

said, "It was an unfortunate result to me, and nothing else. Vowels played well." Vowels said "It was an un-



New Radiant FC goalkeeper Ibrahim Rasheed makes a valiant but vain attempt to prevent Ayaz Khan (2nd from R) from scoring Mohammedans' third and last goal at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday. -Star photo