

# Duminda destroys Victoria

A superb all-round performance by Sri Lanka all-rounder Duminda Perera helped last year's runner-up Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club (GMCC) to finish as Group 'B' champions after thrashing Victoria Sporting Club by 94 runs in the thirteenth Damal Summer Cricket tournament match yesterday at the Dhaka Stadium.

GMCC, batting first, scored 194 for the loss of eight wickets in their stipulated 40 overs. The 45-over fixture was curtailed by five overs for each side due to the ground being wet because of early morning dew.

In reply Victoria Sporting Club were shot out for a meagre 100 runs in only 33.1 overs.

GMCC were asked to bat first by Victoria's skipper Roqibul Hasan. His decision initially appeared to have been justified after GMCC lost both their openers with four only runs on the board. Liton, without score, and Sanwar, for one run, were both caught behind by wicket keeper Barua as the young seamer Talha extracted quite a bit of peace and suting from the overnight moisture in the wicket.

But then former national skipper Gazi Ashraf Lipu, now leading GMCC, and their Sri Lankan recruit Duminda kept their heads down and did a fine repairing job by posting a vital 87-run third-wicket partnership in 21 overs. Lipu de-

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parted for a patient 16 runs with the total on 91 runs. Duminda, playing like a man possessed, slammed a punishing 90 runs off just 77 balls.

His first 50 came off only 48 balls. Duminda struck nine glorious boundaries and one effortless six.

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DUMINDA PEREIRA

keeper Nashu made sure GMCC reached a respectable 194 for the loss of eight wickets when their 40 overs quota finished.

Talha finished with the fine figures of four wickets for 40 runs. Jewel was the other Victorian wicket taker with two for 33.

In reply, Victoria, 100 suffered early debacles when their first three wickets fell with the scoreboard reading only 36.

Skipper Roqibul Hasan and Didar then grafted patiently to put on 55 priceless runs for the third wicket. Didar, living dangerously, top scored for Victoria with 33. Roqibul soon followed him back to the pavilion with a sedate 19 runs. As long as Didar and Roqibul were batting Victoria looked like having an outside chance of a victory. When Didar was dismissed the Victoria total read 91 for four wickets. At that stage Lipu introduced Duminda from the Palan end. The tall Sri Lankan mesmerised the Victoria batsmen with his immaculate flight and length to run through the Victoria line-up to finish with the almost incredible figures of six wickets for a mere seven runs off only 3.1 overs.

Saiful, Zakir, Pika and Rubel with a wicket each were the other successful GMCC bowlers.

Earlier in the Victoria innings Mukul with 16 and Jewel with 11 were the other leading Victoria batsmen.

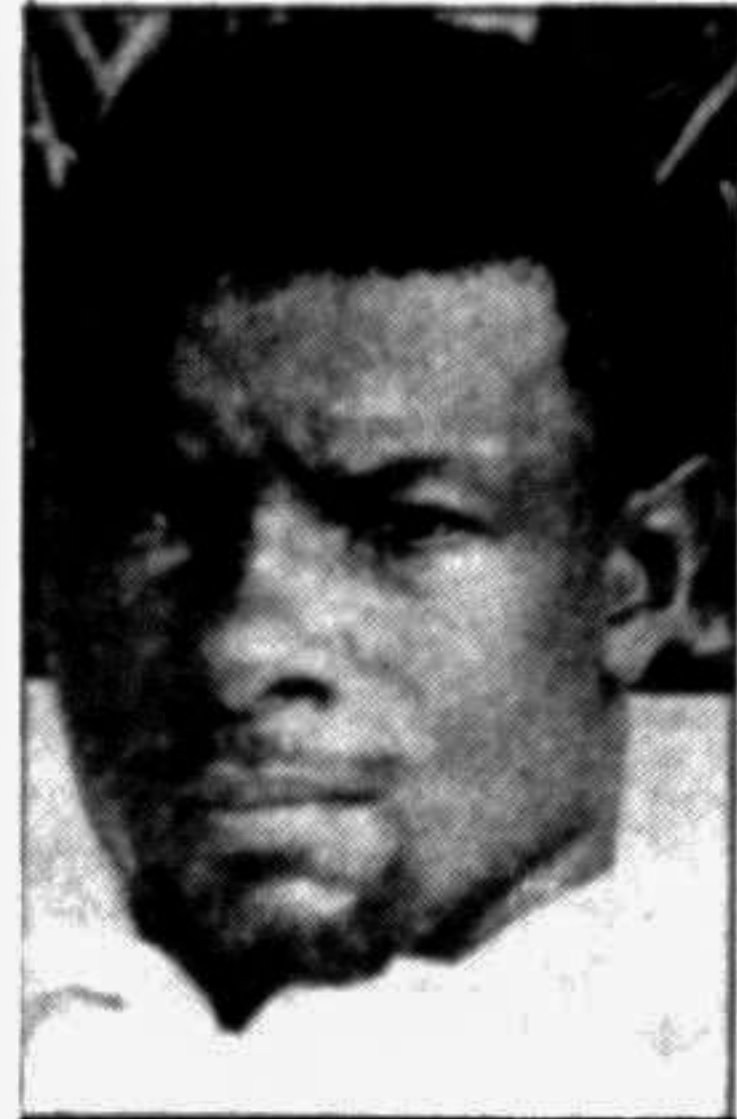
GMCC will now face the runners-up of Group 'C' in the quarter-final for scheduled November 23. Victoria will take on the Group 'C' champions, still to be decided, in their quarter-final tie on November 24.

Gulshan Youth have already reached the Group 'C' final and will meet the winners of today's match between Shadharan Bima and Brothers Union to decide the group champions. That encounter is scheduled for Nov 20.

# Richardson predicts a battle of the quickies

KARACHI, Nov 17: West Indies cricket captain Rich Richardson forecast a battle between the pace bowlers when his squad arrived for a three-match, one-day series against Pakistan on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Speaking after arriving with



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his 16-man squad, Richardson said the series would be good preparation for the World Cup which starts in Australia and New Zealand in February.

"Both teams are pretty even. We know each other. Pakistan has good pace attack, we have also got a very good pace attack. The coming contest is going to be very interesting," he said.

The opening match will be played in Karachi on Wednesday with the others in Lahore on Friday and Faisalabad the following Sunday.

West Indies then go on to Australia to play in the triangular Benson and Hedges series against hosts Australia and India.

# BCCP resents SA attitude

LAHORE, Nov 17: The traditional rivalry between India and Pakistan could jeopardise Pakistan's nascent cricketing ties with South Africa, sources here said Sunday, reports AFP.

Pakistan has requested to host a five one-day match series in late January before the World Cup. But the non-commercial attitude of South African cricket officials during their team's mini-tour of India has been strongly resented in Pakistan.

If South Africa turned down Pakistan's proposed tour, "We would be thoroughly disappointed," said Shahid Rafi, Secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in Pakistan (BCCP).

A South African official said Pretoria had earlier agreed India would be the first country to play Test Cricket in South Africa. His remarks that South Africa needed to discuss Pakistan's request with India have angered cricket officials here.

"There was no reason why India should be dragged into this issue," Rafi said, adding that "Such matters are discussed on a bilateral basis."

The South Africans visited India for three one-day matches in a hurriedly arranged tour after Pakistan pulled out because of bomb threats from militant Hindus.

Rafi said Pakistan had supported South Africa's application for membership of the International Cricket Council and backed their request to participate in next year's World Cup.

"We expect them to give due importance to our requests," he said.

# SA cricket

JOHANNESBURG, Nov 17: Opener Neville Wright hammered 86 in two hours to keep alive Transvaal's hopes of beating Northern Transvaal in their Castle Cup cricket match on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Transvaal ended the second day of the four-day match in Johannesburg on 186 for nine in their second innings — a lead of 129.

Earlier, Northern Transvaal, resuming their first innings on a lively wicket at 78 for four had struggled to 200 all out. Stefan Jacobs' consistent line and length earned him figures of four for 40.

In Bloemfontein, Orange Free State, resuming at 360 for six, continued to find runs easy to come by against Border. Corrie Van Zyl, 85 not out overnight, went on to score 119 with 15 fours and two sixes before Free State declared at 464 for seven.

Border lost their first three wickets for only 29 but opener Andre Lawson, with 92 not out, and Bradley Osborne, who struck 82, checked the collapse with a 144-run fourth wicket stand in 163 minutes.. Border were 208 for six at the close of the second day.

# Army Hockey

COMILLA, Nov 17: The annual hockey championship of the Bangladesh Army began at yesterday, an ISPR press release said in Dhaka, reports BSS.

# Marsh, old-timers beat India

PERTH, Nov 17: Test opener Geoff Marsh struck a century to lead an Australian cricket side which included two retired national stars to victory over the Indian touring team on Sunday, reports Reuter.

Former Australian Test bowlers Dennis Lillee and Graham McKenzie took three wickets between them, but it was current Test batsman Marsh, who laid the foundations for victory.

Marsh exploited an inexperienced Indian attack to score 106 runs in 161 minutes, including two sixes, as the Australian Cricket Board Chairman's XI reached 254 for six in their 50-over match.

The Indians, playing their opening tour match just three days after their historic series with South Africa ended, managed only 225 for seven in reply. Dilip Vengsarkar top-scored with 5.

Marsh and West Australian team mate Mark Lavender added 116 runs for the second wicket, and both benefited from dropped catches.

Lavender, born in Madras but an Australian resident for

the past 16 years, made his former countrymen rue two missed chances by compiling an impressive 54.

The Indians made a slow but steady start to their run chase against a bowling attack led by Australian Test paceman Bruce Reid and Lillee.

Acting Indian skipper Ravi Shastri (40) and Chandrakant Pandit (20) put together an opening stand of 50 before the 42-year-old Lillee removed the latter in the 18th over.

Fifty years old McKenzie then dealt India critical blow by removing Shastri and Sanjay Manjrekar for 22 with only 104 runs on the board.

The Indian side, missing injured batting pair Krish Srikkanth and Mohammad Azharuddin, never recovered sufficiently to keep up with the required run rate.

**SCORE BOARD**

Scoreboard in the limited-over one-day cricket match between India and the Australian Cricket Board (ACB) Chairman's XI at Lilac Hill on Sunday:

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India: S Banerjee 10, J Srinath 10, D Martin c Raju b Srinath 12, T Zochrer not out 7, B Julian c Banerjee 10, b Kapil Dev 10, G Bush not out 0, Extra (lb-4 nb-4 w-4) 12, Total (For six wickets, 50 overs) 254.

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Fall of wickets: 1-31, 2-147, 3-215, 4-234, 5-242, 6-254. Did not bat: D Lillee, G McKenzie, B Reid.

Bowling: O M R W Kapil Dev 10 2 36 1

S Banerjee	10	1	37	1
J Srinath	10	0	56	3
R Shastri	3	0	13	0
N Hirwani	9	0	48	0
V Raju	3	0	28	0
S Tendulkar	5	0	32	1
INDIA:				
R Shastri c Reid				40
b McKenzie				
C Pandit c Zoetzer				20
b Lillee				
S Manjrekar c Reid				22
b McKenzie				
S Tendulkar c Marsh				24
b Martyn				24
D Vengsarkar not out				58
S Ganguly c Veletta b Martyn				2
Kapil Dev c Veletta				19
b Martyn				19
J Srinath b Bush				17
S Banerjee not out				14
Extras (lb-4 w-5)				9
Total (For seven wickets, 50 overs)				225
Fall of wickets: 1-50, 2-83, 3-104, 4-118, 5-123, 6-152, 7-203.				
Did not bat: V Raju, N Hirwani.				
Bowling: O M R W				
Reid 10 0 30 0				
Lillee 10 1 26 1				
McKenzie 7 0 36 2				
Julian 6 0 25 0				
Bush 10 0 61 1				
Martyn 6 0 27 3				
Marsh 1 0 16 0				
Result: ACB Chairman's XI won by 29 runs.				

# Gulshan in group final

Bangladesh Railway's sloppy fielding and erratic bowling allowed Gulshan Youth to post a narrow 16-run victory in the Group 'C' pre-quarter-final match of the thirteenth Damal Summer

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cricket tournament yesterday at the Dharmamondi Cricket Stadium.

Gulshan Youth, batting first, struggled to finish on 161 runs for the loss of eight wickets in their curtailed 40 overs.

In reply, Bangladesh Railway crawled to 145 for the loss of seven wickets in their quota of overs against some tight Gulshan bowling.

Gulshan Youth, put into bat, started disastrously, losing their first three wickets for 29 runs. They struggled through out the rest of their innings, managing 161 for the loss of eight wickets.

Ishiaque, 23, Manju, 20, Ashiq, 18, and Babul and Shamim with 16 each were the leading Gulshan batsmen. Babul and Shamim put on vital 37 runs for the unbeaten ninth wicket.

Gulshan Youth benefited mostly from a lavish 44 runs by way of extras, which included 29 wides, 10 no-balls, four leg-byes and one by.

Ripon, two for 32, Selim, one for eight, Sajjad, one for 23, and Afzal Khan, one for 26, were the successful Railway bowlers.

Bangladesh Railway started positively, putting on 32 runs for the first wicket. But they lost both their openers, Babu for 15 and Alamgir for 11 runs with the score reading 32.

Afzal Khan, younger brother

of Abahani KC's Akram Khan, kept up the challenge with a fine 38. Railway, at one stage, were 105 for four wickets, needing another 57 runs off 42 balls with six wickets in hand. But the middle-order failed to accelerate at the required rate against some tight fielding and sensible Gulshan bowling.

Sajjad, 15, Apu, 10, Pallab and Ripon with unbeaten 11 runs each, offered some resistance.

Mamun with three wickets for 27 was the most successful Gulshan bowler. Shamim, Babul, Atiq and Manju also bowled well to collect a wicket apiece for Gulshan.

Gulshan Youth will now face the winners of today's match between Brothers Union and Rupali Bank in their Group 'C' final on November 20.

# C'wealth record

PERTH, Australia, Nov 17: Marcus Stephen set a Commonwealth clean-and-erik record of 153 kilograms (337 1/4 pounds) Saturday during the 60-kilogram (132-pound) class final at the Australian weightlifting championships.

Stephen, won a gold medal for Nauru at last year's Commonwealth Games in Auckland, New Zealand.

# Hockey super league from today

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Two super league matches will be held on the inaugural day of the Green Delta Insurance Second Division hockey league today at the Hockey Stadium.

Young Star Club will take on Uddy Club in the opening match at 2.00 pm while in the second fixture of day Farashganj Sporting Club will take on Bangladesh PWD Club at 3.15 pm.

Eight teams — Dhaka Cantanians, Shishu Kishore, Mukta Bihanga, Barnak Samaj, PWD, Uddy Club, Farashganj Sporting Club and Young Star qualified for the super league.

Nineteen teams, divided into four groups, took part in the first phase robin league.

**TODAY'S MATCHES**

Young Star vs Uddy Club (2 pm)

Farashganj vs PWD (3.15)

# Chinese girls win W Cup opener

CANTON, Nov 17: Liu Ailing scored two spectacular second-half goals to lead the Chinese national team to a 4-0 win over Norway in the opener of the FIFA Women's World Championship on Saturday, reports AP.

Ma Li scored what proved to be the game-winner in the first half and Sun Qingmei also scored for China in front of a sellout crowd of 60,000 at Tiaohed stadium.

Norway, runner-up to Germany in the European

Championship last summer, was thwarted in the fourth minute of play when Chinese goalie Zhong Honglian saved a penalty kick attempt by Tone Haugen. China seized the momentum and soon began to shred the Norwegian defense.

Li headed a corner kick into the net with 18 minutes left in the first half for a 1-0 lead, and Liu made two second-half goals on spectacular shots. Sun scored the fourth goal with four minutes left.

The Group A opener was the only match Saturday.

The other 10 teams start

play Sunday night and the matchups include: Denmark playing New Zealand in a Class A match in Canton; in Group B, Japan playing Brazil in Foshan and the United States against Sweden in Panyu; in Group C, Germany playing Nigeria and Taiwan facing Italy, both in Jiangmen.

The 12 teams are divided into three groups of four in the initial phase of the two-week competition.

From round-robin play will emerge eight teams—the first two in each group plus two wild cards.



China's Zhou Hua (8) advances ahead of Norway's Gro Espeseth during the opening match of the FIFA's first Women's World Cup soccer. China downed Norway 4-0 in Guang Zhou, China on Nov 16.

# Injury woes for the Indians

PERTH, Nov 17: Injury problems have cast a shadow over India's start to its tough four-month Australian tour, reports AFP.

Two key players, skipper Mohammad Azharuddin and Krish Srikkanth, are sidelined even before the first ball of the programme has been bowled.

The pair have been ruled out of today's carnival game against an Australian Cricket Board Chairman's XI at Lilac Hill, near here, and a more significant day-night clash with the powerful Western Australian side at the WACA ground here on Monday.

Azharuddin pulled a muscle in his left groin while helping

to lift luggage shortly after the touring party arrived here early on Saturday.

Srikkanth is nursing a sore left instep after being struck several times by deliveries from fast bowler Allan Donald in the third one-day match against South Africa in India on Thursday.

Indian cricket manager Abbas Ali Baig said here late Saturday the injuries were a frustration, but he expected the pair to be fit for the opening first-class game of the tour — a four-day fixture against the exceptionally strong New South Wales in the country town of Lismore on Saturday.

Azharuddin described his injury as painful, but said he

believed it would respond quickly to ultrasound treatment.

There is no point in taking any chances and playing before the injury has fully repaired itself, he said.

"It is a nuisance at the start of the tour, but I am very hopeful I will be ready for the four-day outing."

To add to India's woes, unseasonal rain wrecked Saturday's first training session at the WACA ground.

Players had to be content with a limited workout at the ground's indoor nets.

Baig said it was disappointing that the session had been disrupted.

"But I suppose it will not

matter too much as long as we get a good workout at Lilac Hill on Sunday," he said.

Time is a precious commodity for the tourists, who line up against Australia in the first Test of the five-Test series on November 22.

The Lismore fixture and a four-day game with Queensland in Brisbane a week later are the only first-class expeditions before the big business.

The Indian team for Lilac Hill was not to be finalised until just before the start, but Baig confirmed that the squad's two dazzling young batsmen, Sanjay Manjrekar and Sachin Tendulkar, would play.

"We want them to have as much practice as possible," he said.

# Japanese gun for Lineker

LONDON, Nov 17: Gary Lineker, England captain and model professional, has ended a week of high drama as the player ambitious Japan are seeking to help their soccer dreams come true, reports Reuter.

Lineker followed his crucial goal for his country in Poland on Wednesday with a double strike for his First Division club Tottenham on Saturday, showing just the qualities that make him a prime target for the Japanese.

Japan, who want to stage the 2002 World Cup, are keen to start off their professional super league in 1993 with major international signings.

Brazilian former and present stars Zico and Caraca, among others, have been tempted to take part. Now Lineker is the subject of a big money offer.

Tottenham have not denied reports in the British press at the weekend that talks are under way for Lineker, 31, later this month, to move to Japanese Toyota-backed club Grampus Eight.

After Tottenham's 4-1 home trouncing of Luton, manager Peter Shreeves sought to ease fans' concern by saying Lineker, whose contract runs until 1993, would stay at White Hart Lane for the rest of this season at least.

"My responsibility here at Tottenham is for training and

Lineker's equaliser in the 1-1 draw in Poland gave his country a place in the European Championship finals. It took his international tally to 46, just three short of Bobby Charlton's record.

Tottenham can thank him for 19 goals this season.

The London side's sixth victory of the season, only their second at home, lifted them from 16th to 11th in the First Division.

Manager Howard Wilkinson praised his team for their perseverance in breaking down a side that had not lost in their previous six away matches.

"Both our goals came from set pieces. But if you work on these things you get some reward," he said.

United manager Alex Ferguson said there was too much tension for good football at Main Road where his side were held 0-0 by tough-tackling neighbours Manchester City.

Former England striker Mark Hateley scored twice as Glasgow Rangers crushed Argyle 4-0 to stay within a point of Scottish Premier League leaders Hearts.

Hearts beat Celtic 3-1.



GARY LINEKER

the team. Gary Lineker is currently involved in that and will be until the end of the season, without any shadow of doubt.

"I want to make that quite clear to the fans. Whatever goes on after that is a point for discussion," Shreeves said.

# Leeds back at the top

LONDON, Nov 17: Leeds United scored twice in three minutes to beat Queens Park Rangers 2-0 at home and return to the top of the English soccer First Division on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Defender Mel Sterland broke the deadlock in the 59th minute with a thundering shot from a free kick 35 metres out.

Former Southampton forward Rod Wallace added the second from a cross by veteran Scotland midfielder Gordon Strachan.

The victory put Leeds top for the second time this season, one point ahead of former leaders Manchester United, who were held 0-0 at local rivals City in the 115th Manchester derby.

Manchester City remained in third place four points behind Leeds.

Champions Arsenal ended a spell of three successive defeats, including their elimination from the European Cup by Portugal's Benfica, with a 1-1 draw at promoted Oldham.

Striker Ian Wright's 13th goal of the season four minutes from time equalised Andy Barlow's 66th minute opener for Oldham.

Tottenham appeared to benefit from a floodlighting failure an hour into their match, coming from behind to beat Luton 4-1.

The lights at White Hart Lane went out for 14 minutes

with the visitors 1-0 up after Mick Harford's 44th minute goal.

Spurs scored their four goals in 15 minutes, substitute Scott Houghton and England hero Gary Linker, who has been linked with a move to Japan next season, grabbing two apiece.

Houghton put Spurs back into the game with a 68th minute equaliser, his first goal for the club, and hit their third in the 75th.

Aston Villa leapt into fourth place with a 1-0 home win over Notts County, Trinidad and Tobago striker Dwight Yorke's fourth goal in four games securing the points.

Villa were joined on 27

points by Crystal Palace, 1-0 home winners against Southampton, England midfielder Geoff Thomas scoring after 67 minutes.

Scotland striker Robert Fleck struck twice as Norwich upset Chelsea 3-0 for only their second away win of the season. Welsh international Mark Brown scored Norwich's second goal.

Manchester United were denied by a heroic performance from City goalkeeper Tony Coton, who pulled off a string of saves to keep out the European Cup Winners' Cup holders.

Danish keeper Peter Schemichel had to be at his best at the other end, denying teenage substitute Mike Heron a late goal for City, playing in front of a 38,000 home crowd.

Arsenal slipped to sixth place, sharing 25 points with Sheffield Wednesday.

But Wednesday have a chance to climb back up the table when they visit city rivals Sheffield United, the bottom club, today in the first league derby between the two since 1980 when they met in the Third Division. The two famous clubs last clashed in the First Division in 1968.

Also playing today are West Ham United at home to Liverpool, who are in an uncharacteristically low ninth place.

In Scotland, Hearts held their one-point lead over Rangers at the top of the Premier Division, coming from behind to beat Celtic 3-1 at home.

# N'ganj soccer

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NARAYANGANJ, Nov 17: Last year's runners-up Mohsin Club returned to the race by defeating Sher-e-Bangla Club by a solitary goal in the Muldhara First Division football league held yesterday at the local Osman Stadium.

Khokon of Mohsin Club scored the all-important goal in the 33rd minute of the first half.

With this win, Mohsin Club have now earned two points from two outings, having lost their opening encounter.

**TODAY'S MATCH**

Suktara JS vs Sonakanda White Club

Borusia Dortmund did well, however, to beat high-flying Bayer Leverkusen with a late flurry.

Michael Rummenigge set Borussia on their way in the 70th minute and Swiss goal machine Stephane Chapuisat sealed it nine minutes later.

Bayern Munich look to have stopped the rot, but no more, since Franz Beckenbauer and Karl-Heinz Rummenigge joined as vice-presidents last month.

The former giants salvaged a 1-1 draw against newly-promoted MSV Duisburg.

Roland Wohlfarth scored the vital equaliser against his old club just six minutes from the final whistle, after defender Alfred Nijhuis had given the new boys a first-half lead.

Though far from impressive, the result is a lot better than the 4-1 thrashing Bayern took from another newly-promoted side, Stuttgart Kickers, and which cost coach Jupp Heynckes his job last month.

Bayern haven't lost since their former playing stars came back to the boardroom but have only one win and now three consecutive draws to show for their efforts.

The Kickers were in devastating form again on Saturday, trouncing Borussia Moenchengladbach 3-0. Dimitrios Moutas opened the scoring after 10 minutes and sweeper Matthias Imhof struck twice in the second half.

Schalke 04 were also 3-0 winners over Cologne, but Hamburg SV had to fight for their 2-1 win over East Germany's Hansa Rostock. Polish striker Jan Furtok hit the winner with 20 minutes to go.