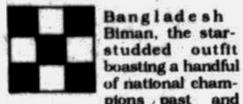


# Biman fly off with title

Sports Reporter



Bangladesh Biman, the star-studded outfit boasting a handful of national champions past and present in their ranks, who renewed their reign on the First Division chess league title for another year with a day and a round's fixture to spare Tuesday, yesterday capped their successful 1991 campaign with a convincing three points to one victory over Pony Electronics at the NSC chess room.

The win took Biman's tally to 45 points out of a possible 60 from 15 rounds of this four-teams team competition, five and a half points more than their nearest challengers Bangladesh Ansars who finished with 39.5 points.

Brothers Union finished in third spot with 37 points while last year's runners-up Bangladesh Textile Mills Corporation (BTMC) slid to fourth place with 33.5 points. Chalanika Kirta Chakra finished fifth and Free Birds International sixth but both

sides finished on 30 points each. Pony Electronics placed seventh with 29 points. Parijat Chess Club eighth with 26.5. Tilak Chess Club ninth with 25.5. Mahakhali Pradip Sangha tenth with 24.5. Kanika Sanskritik Sangha eleventh with 24 points. Protibha Daba Gosthi twelfth with 21.5 points. Farashganj Sporting Club thirteenth with 20 points. Gentus Chess Club fourteenth with 19 points and Anushilan Daba Kirta Chakra finished bottom of the 15-team table with 15 points. Anushilan will play in the Second Division next season.

Biman employed the services of current national champion Riflat bin-Sattar, and former champions Syed Tahmidur Rahman, Ziaur Rahman, Zillur Rahman Champak and Rezaul Haq and current national women's champion Tanima Parveen.

Bangladesh Ansars drew their last match with Kanika Sanskritik Sangha 2-2. former national champions Younus Hassan and Jamilur Rahman, and Almasur Rahman,

Khandaker Kayes Hassan, Neamul Haq Niru and Arifuzzaman Sikdar played for Ansars.

Brothers beat their last opponents Mahakhali Pradip Sangha by 3.5 points to .5 points yesterday.

Shahinor Hossain, Ziaul Kader Tuhin, Anisur Rahman, Sheikh Anwar Hossain, Shahabuddin Ahmed Qureshi and Syeed Ahmed assisted Brothers.

BTMC ended their campaign on a sour note, going down by 1.5 to 2.5 points in their final fixture against Parijat Chess Club yesterday.

### ROLL OF HONOUR

Year	Champions
1977	Mohammedans
1978-79	Not held
1980	B Biman
1981	Mohammedans
1982	Brothers Union
1983	B. Biman
1984	B. Ansars
1985	Bengla Group
1986	B. Biman
1987 to 1989	Brothers Union
1990	B. Biman
1991	B. Biman



The Utdy Club goalmouth under siege during yesterday's Second Division super league match at the Hockey Stadium which Farashganj SC won 3-0. —Star photo

# PWD poised for title

Sports Reporter



The Second Division Green Delta hockey league concludes this afternoon at the Hockey Stadium with title-aspirants PWD Sports Club hoping to wrap up the championship by beating their lowly opponents Young Stars Club.

PWD, who have ten points from their six super league outings, will be forced to a tie-deciding play-off if the match ends in a draw while an upset defeat would leave the other title challengers Cantonian Sporting Club clear with this year's honours and a promotion to the First Division league next season.

Cantonians, who completed their seven-game super league engagements Tuesday, have eleven points to their credit.

Yesterday, Farashganj Sporting Club outplayed Utdy

Club by three goals to nil. Shawkat scored the first goal in the third minute of play while Enayet and Kalim increased the margin in the 15th and 43rd minutes of the game.

Farashganj earned two penalty corners while Utdy, despite forcing eight, failed to convert any.

Farashganj and Utdy, for both of whom the 1991 league campaign ended yesterday with seven super league matches each, finished with four and three points respectively.

The other match of the day, between Mukta Bihanga Tarun Sangha and Barnak Samaj, ended in a goalless draw.

Both teams completed the eight-team super league with eight points each.

**TODAY'S MATCH**  
PWD vs Young Stars Club

# Helmick resigns from IOC

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, Dec 4: Former US Olympic Committee President Robert Helmick, accused of unethical business practices, resigned Wednesday from the International Olympic Committee, reports AP.

Helmick submitted his resignation in a letter to IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch just hours before the IOC Executive Board met to decide whether he should be ousted.

"After much thought and reflection, I have determined that I desire to take the initiative to resign my position as a member of the International Olympic Committee," said the letter, a copy of which was obtained by the Associated Press.

"I am taking this action because I believe it is the decent thing to do and because it serves the best interest of the IOC and the United States Olympic movement by returning the focus to the programmes for athletes," the letter said.

Helmick had been a member of the IOC, a lifetime position, since 1985. He had also been on the powerful IOC Executive Board since 1989.

The IOC planned a news conference on Helmick's resignation later Wednesday.

Helmick, who has always denied any wrongdoing, reiterated that stance in his letter. "I want to strongly reassert my belief that I have done nothing ever of harm to the Olympic movement and appreciate the support of so many of

my colleagues here. I regret the situation that has arisen as a result of how my actions have been interpreted by others."

Helmick noted that he had spent 30 years as part of the Olympic movement, first as an athlete and then for the past 22 years as a member of the USOC and the IOC.

"There is nothing that I have done during this entire



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time to compromise the good work that is being done under the Olympic banner," he wrote.

Among those notified of Helmick's decision were William J Hybl, his successor as USOC president, and USOC executive director Harvey Schiller. Both are in Lausanne. Hybl praised Helmick for "the positive impact" he had on the US Olympic movement over three decades.

"He added a great deal in terms of management of the

USOC, structure and support of the athletes," Hybl said.

Helmick met Monday and Tuesday with the three-man IOC panel investigating his business dealings for possible conflicts of interest.

As of late Tuesday, he showed no indication that he was ready to offer his resignation. That left open the possibility that the 12-member Executive Board would ask him to resign or expel him — actions believed unprecedented in IOC history.

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# Under-16 football final today

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Bangladesh Kirta Shikkaya Protisthan (BKSP) will meet the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) Special Coaching Eleven in the final of the Bangladesh Football Federation under-16 talent hunt football tournament at the Mirpur Stadium this afternoon.

Shamsul Islam Khan, Minister for Industries, will give away the trophies as the chief guest.

BKSP reached the final by outplaying Dhaka Division by two goals to nil in yesterday's semifinal.

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# Sad saga!

MONTREAL, Dec 4: A woman who died from AIDS two years ago told her doctor that she had sexual relations with 50 professional ice hockey players, the doctor said, reports AP.

Dr. Clement Olivier told an AIDS conference Monday the woman had admitted to having intimate relations with about 50 players in the national hockey league, which covers the United States and Canada.

So far, no national player has admitted being HIV positive. HIV is the virus associated with AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome).

Olivier said that although "the risk of a man getting AIDS from a woman is minimal," the case of basketball player Magic Johnson proved it was possible.

Johnson, a star player with the Los Angeles Lakers, retired from the sports last month after announcing he was HIV positive.

Serge Savard, general manager of the Montreal Canadian's Hockey team, said he would recommend his players be tested for the HIV virus, even though he can't force them.

# Ukraine to be in Soviet squads for Olympics

MOSCOW, Dec 4: Competitors from the Ukraine will remain part of the Soviet team for next year's Winter and Summer Olympics, sources said Tuesday. But the republic hopes to have its own national soccer team by July, reports AP.

Despite the republic's landslide referendum vote in favour of independence on Monday, the Russian Information Agency quoted former Olympic sprint champion Valery Borzov as saying the Ukraine wanted sports to remain under central control during the Olympic year.

"There is no other way in which we can prepare effectively for the Olympic Games in Albertville and Barcelona,"

Borzov, who is chairman of the Ukraine's state committee for youth affairs and sports, was quoted as saying.

RIA, which is owned by the Russian government, said the Ukraine hopes to become a member of soccer's world governing body, FIFA, by July and have its own team in the World Cup and European Championships.

RIA says that if the Ukraine is admitted, its national team will only be able to aim for the 1998 World Cup and 1996 European Championships.

Soccer clubs from the Ukraine, such as powerhouse Dynamo Kiev, would have to apply to soccer's European governing body, UEFA, to take part in its competitions.

# Red Star optimistic about Toyota Cup

TOKYO, Dec 4: Red Star Belgrade coach Vladimir Popovic will have two things in the back of his mind Sunday when his team meets Colo Colo of Chile to decide the world's top soccer club — friendship and war, reports AP.

Popovic will be leading the first Yugoslav team ever into an Intercontinental Cup — which matches the year's South American Libertadores Cup and European Cup champions.

By coincidence, Popovic will be matching wits with another Yugoslav, Mirko Jozic, who has been Colo Colo's manager for the past 14 months.

"I know him very well, he is a good friend of mine," Popovic said after arriving in Tokyo Tuesday. "He is a very good coach, too. But we are here to win, friends or not."

Jozic, whose team arrived Monday, said Colo Colo is in the process of switching from the typical South American 4-4-2 lineup to a more European attack.

Popovic, a former Red Star player, said his team will be ready for whatever Colo Colo has in mind.



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beating Marseille of France 5-3 in May in a penalty shoot-out. It has since fallen on some hard times.

Last week, Red Star's losing streak hit three with a 2-0 loss to Sampdoria.

European Cup standout Robert Prosinecki has been traded to Real Madrid and the coach who led the team to its

May victory has gone to Espanol of Spain, prompting Popovic's promotion.

"Prosinecki was very important to us, but we have to get by without him and we want very much to win this game," said Popovic.

And a club official confirmed Tuesday that Italian powerhouse AC Milan is negotiating the transfer of midfielder Dejan Savicevic, another key Red Star player and Yugoslav international.

Team president Cedomir Petrovic said that along with the personnel changes, the morale of the players has been hurt by the civil war raging back home.

"The war in our country is not a pleasant thing, and so it is going to affect sports and our attitude in a negative way," he said. "It is very difficult for us because we have players from all over the country."

The Intercontinental Cup was first held in 1960, when Real Madrid of Spain defeated CA Pezador of Uruguay. The game was moved to Tokyo and renamed the Toyota Cup in 1980. Last year, the trophy went to Europe's AC Milan of Italy, which beat Paraguay's Olimpia 3-0.

European teams have won 12 of the contests, and the South Americans 17. The championship was not held in 1975 and 1978.



The first FIFA all women referee team — lineswoman Linda Black (L) of New Zealand, referee Claudia de Vasconcelos (C) a 28-year-old sports teacher from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and Zuo Zuo Xiudi of China — stand during the playing of national anthems at the start of the women's World Cup match between Sweden and Germany in Guangzhou last week. — AFP photo

# 1994 World Cup draw next Sunday



NEW YORK, Dec 4: Soccer enthusiasts in Germany and the United States can rest easy on Sunday. For 142 other countries though, it will be a nervous day — the start of what they hope will be a trip to the World Cup, reports AP.

From Antigua to Zimbabwe, countries from around the world discover what path they must take to become one of 24 teams for the quadrennial championship when FIFA, soccer's world governing body, and the US organisers stage the Qualifying Draw for the 1994 World Cup.

"It will be the largest media gathering for soccer in the United States except for the (1984) Olympics," said World Cup USA 1994 spokesman Jim Trecker. He said close to 600 reporters, photographers and other journalists from 34 countries on six continents have been accredited to cover Sunday's draw at the Madison Square Garden Forum.

It far exceeds the "couple hundred" that attended the draw for Italia '90's qualifying draw, and by far is the largest media contingent to cover the event.

The draw will be televised live throughout the work beginning at 1730 GMT, including on the primary sports cable channel in the United States, where most of its population probably will be unaware of its significance or even occurrence.

Essentially, the draw establishes the first-round opponents and any subsequent path for advancing teams within seven regional qualifying areas of the World: Europe (including Israel), Asia, Africa, South America, Oceania (South Pacific), and CONCACAF (North, Central American and

the Caribbean).

The schedule of games will be determined by each regional governing body, with matches expected to start by March 1 and run through 1993. The month-long World Cup begins June 17, 1994.

Games resulting from the draw have been known to produce more than drama, including being considered a catalyst for the four-day so-called "Soccer War" between El Salvador and Honduras in 1969.

In 1989, Chilean goalkeeper Roberto Rojas feigned injury, using a knife he hid on his body to cut his face and claim that he had been struck by a flare thrown by a Brazilian fan in Rio. The Chilean team walked off the field, protesting security. The truth was later learned and Rojas and other Chilean players and officials received lifetime bans from soccer while Chile was barred from competing in the 1994 World Cup.

Besides the automatic qualifying berths for the host country (United States) and defending champion (Germany), each region is allotted a set number of spots in the World Cup finals based on performances of teams from that area in previous World Cups.

Because of the varied number of berths and competing teams, each region's procedure to determine its representatives for the finals is different from the others. That procedure has been tentatively agreed to, with final approval from FIFA expected Saturday.

Europe, which will have the most entries in the draw (39 if the newly independent Baltic states of Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia are admitted by FIFA as expected in Saturday meetings in New York), will get the

# Liverpool crash out of League Cup



PETERBOROUGH, England, Dec 4: Liverpool suffered their worst ever defeat in the League Cup here on Tuesday night when they were knocked out of the fourth round by Third Division Peterborough, reports AP.

Peterborough have Liverpool's goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar to thank for their first place in the quarter-finals for 26 years, and Liverpool's first ever defeat by a team outside the First or Second Divisions.

Grobbelaar's 19th minute blunder gifted Garry Kimble, a free transfer signing from Ollingham, the decisive goal and a famous victory which ranks with Peterborough's 1965 FA Cup defeat of Arsenal.

But Liverpool could easily have lost by an even more embarrassing margin as famed giant killers Posh, in front of the disbelieving eyes of a 14,000 plus London Road crowd, busted them into a catalogue of errors.

Peterborough goalkeeper Fred Barber ran out for the game wearing a "mad professor" mask but it was his opposite number Grobbelaar who played the clown.

He raced recklessly way out of goal for a Noel Luke cross but only managed to flap it straight to Kimble who drove it into an empty net.

Two minutes later and the Mersey-side could have been buried.

Grobbelaar, sent the wrong by a Steve Nicol deflection on a shot from Ken Charley, sprang up from a sitting position to push the ball against the understore of the bar.

David Robinson and central defence partner Steve Welsh played heroic roles, preventing Dean Saunders and Steve McManaman hitting back.

Peterborough soon grew in confidence and kept their illustrious visitors at full stretch. Liverpool unbeaten in the previous six games and seemingly emerging from their early season problems, had more of the game in the second

half but found neither rhythm nor composure against the defence.

Peterborough, already the conquerors of Wimbledon and Newcastle in previous Cup rounds, made Liverpool look second rate. They could easily have had more goals on the counter attack when Gary Cooper and David Riley blasted clear chances too high.

Peterborough had to survive one last gasp escape, when Barber brilliantly saved from McManaman in injury time.

To make matters worse on a shambles of a night for Liverpool they also incurred bookings for Wright and Ray Houghton, both for dissent.

Liverpool manager Sounewss said, "They out-fought us and outplayed us but we gifted them the goal."

"We played as though we didn't realise what was happening and thought we were in a Sunday game until the second half."

Peterborough manager Chris Turner stayed remarkably calm but said: "Although it hasn't sunk in yet it is obviously the highlight of my managerial career."

"Perhaps I still don't believe it and may be the players think I am a miserable so-and-so. May be I will realise what we've done when I wake up tomorrow, but I still rate Liverpool the premier team in the league."

"I told the lads to close them down for the first 20 minutes and not let them play the usual Liverpool way. In the end I thought we well deserved it and I don't really care what people say about our style. I thought we were good value."

Goal hero Kimele said: "After this I think we can go all the way—and I mean that. We have beaten Liverpool, so what else is left?"

Meanwhile, Second Division Middlesbrough were lifting the Ayresome Park gloom by dumping First Division Manchester City out of the Cup.

Robbie Mustoe and Paul Wilkinson netted close range second-half goals to earn the

Second Division side their first quarter-final appearance since 1973 but they really owed their taste of glory to referee William Burns.

The Scarborough official rejected pleas by Boro manager Lenzie Lawrence and city chief Peter Reid to call a halt with swirling fog blotting out much of the pitch.

Niall Quinn and Adrian Heath missed from close range before Boro went ahead after 57 minutes. Micky Mohan's lofted pass sent Wilkinson clear for a low cross nudged in by Mustoe for his first goal in three and a half months.

Wilkinson forced in the second goal after Tony Cotton failed to hold a Kerraghan shot from Stuart Ripley's free-kick.

David White headed a consolation goal for city from Heath's cross with two minutes left but it was all too late.

The form book finally proved its point on Tuesday night as Third Division battlers Birmingham finally surrendered to Crystal Palace after a five hour third round Cup epic.

Only a superb save by Nigel Martyan and a goal-line clearance denied Birmingham extra time from a thrilling second replay.

Palace took the lead for the first time in the tie with an 18th minute penalty from Andy Gray. Ian Clarkson had clipped the ankle of Simon Rodger as he turned on to Marco Gabbiadini's cross.

The second arrived just before the break, with Eric Young winning McGoldrick's cross from a short corner and the ball dropping behind the stranded goalkeeper for Andy Thorn to ram in.

Instead of finishing them off, the goal galvanized Birmingham who pulled one back within seconds as Dean Peer scored from John Frain's free-kick.

But despite Birmingham's second half pressure, Palace hung on their hard won victory and will be hoping that England's Geoff Thomas will return from injury to make their next round easier than the last.