

# BU back to winning

Sports Reporter

Brothers Union put the nightmares of their last outing behind to register a comfortable kind of victory against Rahmatganj in yesterday's Star First Division football league at the Mirpur Stadium.

The Gopibagh side, which suffered a shock defeat at the hands of minnows Sadharan Bima last Friday, seemed to have recuperated well. But the goal-shyness of their front-liners forced them to be satisfied with the two goals they put past their opponents. The Federation Cup champions, rigged in their traditional orange, scored both the goals in the first half.

Khandaker Wasem Iqbal put Brothers ahead in the very first minute when he found the net after Utam had supplied him the ball from the left (1-0).

Utam, the dapper midfielder, wasted two fine chances immediately after the goal. One he failed to beat a lone Rahmatganj custodian and on the second occasion, Milton, the goalie, parried his shot out for a corner.

Brothers doubled the margin nine minutes before the short whistle when Utam made amends for his lapses with a fine placing shot from inside the box (2-0).

Rahmatganj were deprived of a chance of reducing the

margin when Brothers custodian Poir thwarted an attempt by Alfaz.

Brothers kept up the pressure in the post-lesson session but their forwards lacked the sharpness in front of the opposition goalmouth and they had to be contented with the two goals.

The first match of the day, between Adamjee and Eskaton Sabuj Sangha, produced lot of off-the-ball sparks as two players, one from either side, were given marching orders in a match that ended in a goalless draw.

Adamjee had a crack at the opponent goal when Asghar let fly a powerful free-kick at the Eskaton post but the ball rammed into the crosspiece.

However, the newly promoted Eskaton side combined well and created more positive chances. Shahjahan, their striker, spoiled an absolute sitter while Rinku and Arman shot over the bar with an open net before them.

Adamjee's Akhtar fouled Arman and the Eskaton forward retaliated by punching Akhtar on the face and the referee showed him the red card. Adamjee's Badshah, on another occasion, kicked an Eskaton player and courted marching orders to even the statistics.

### TODAY'S MATCHES

Wari vs Police (3pm)  
IWD vs Victoria (5pm).

# Ansars dominate

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The inaugural Japan Cup karate championships, jointly organized by the Bangladesh Judo and Karate Federation (BJKF) and the Japanese embassy in Dhaka, began yesterday at the National Coaching Centre with Bangladesh Ansars topping the medals list.

The women karatekas of Ansars excelled in overwhelming

ing their opponents by claiming all the three golds of the women's events decided yesterday while Shahabuddin gave Ansars another gold in the men's under-45 kg weight division.

The women karatekas who grabbed golds for Ansars are Shamima Ibrahim in the under-38 kg division, Rubina Akhter in the under-43 kg category and Shama Akhter, Tuli, a black-belt holder, in the under-48 kg weight division.

In the open weight competition, Md. Selim Ali Bhuiyan of Dhaka Metropolis took the gold while the silver and the bronze went to Md Abu Masud of Chittagong University and Md Latif of Bangladesh Film Development Corporation respectively.

About 146 karatekas representing 22 teams are participating in the 13 weight-category meet which concludes today.

Meanwhile, the BJKF, in a rejoinder issued to The Daily Star yesterday, said the news that Rani Padamacc was the only lady black-belt holder in the country, as reported in the newspaper on March 3, was not correct.

According to the BJKF records, there is another lady karateka by the name of Shamema (or is it Shama?) Akhter Tuli who also holds a black-belt.

The item in question was a UNB report.

# WORLD CUP NOTEBOOK

SYDNEY, Mar 4: The daily notebook on the World Cup cricket by AFP.

SYDNEY: Dean Jones, regarded by Australians as the world's premier limited-overs batsman, believes he has finally broken the shackles restricting his customary batting fireworks.

The dashing 30-year-old had an indifferent summer but was Australia's hero in Brisbane last Sunday when he cracked 90 as Australia scrambled home by just one run against India.

"Deano" intends carrying that form into Thursday's crunch game against England.

"For the first time I have been a bit frightened to lift the ball in my innings", Jones said Wednesday.

"After Kapil Dev got me early in the Test series I have been afraid of being aggressive — sometimes you get out doing that."

"But I realised after playing South Africa I have made all my runs by having a go — not by bunting or trying to look pretty."

"You don't have to be super-aggressive — it's just a matter of looking for the length of the ball a bit harder."

"It's good when people are worried about me especially bowlers," he said.

"But I have been a bit upset this year — a lot of people came out of the closet by bagging blokes in the (Australian) team."

"It just shows the loyalty of some fans when they start throwing a few knives in our backs."

"They've probably been ganging up on us sitting there watching TV and when you lose it's amazing how many friends you have."

### NO POTATOES FOR MORRISON

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand: New Zealand fast bowler Danny Morrison has revealed why he isn't fond of potatoes because one tried to kill him.

In an interview with Grapevine monthly magazine in Auckland he said that at a game last year with India he grabbed a roast potato at lunch and went to swallow it.

It proved very hot, got stuck in his throat and started burning. "And then I just blacked out," he said.

"It was a funny experience. My eyes rolled back into their sockets, and I rolled back and hit Martin Crowe in the head... There he was, looking at the whites of my eyes."

"And I woke to the physio who thought I had swallowed my tongue, his fingers in my mouth and me biting his finger."

### IT'S PART OF THE GAME

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand: In the same interview Danny Morrison said he certainly would not apologise for wacking a batsman with a fast ball.

"No, that's part of the game. Part of the intimidation thing that (Richard) Hadlee and (Dennis) Lillee and a lot of those West Indians talk about."

"You are there to upset the batsman, to upset his concentration... And ultimately, no-one really likes it whistling around their throat or their head at such high speeds."



Steffi Graf returns a shot to Italy's Linda Ferrando at the Virginia Slims of Florida tennis tournament on March 3. Graf won the match 6-1, 6-2. — AFP photo

# Facile win for Steffi Graf

BOCA RATON, Florida, Mar 4: Top seed Steffi Graf, playing only her second tournament of the year, trounced Italian Linda Ferrando in 57 minutes on Tuesday to move into the third round of the \$50,000-dollar Virginia Slims of Florida, reports Reuter.

Graf, who received a first round bye along with the other top eight seeds, rolled to a 6-1, 6-2 victory to join third-seed Mary Joe Fernandez in the third round.

Fernandez posted a 6-4, 6-1 win over fellow American Cammy MacGregor in a match that saw both players struggle from the service line.

Fifth seed Nathalie Tauziat

of France needed a full three sets to advance past Canadian Helen Kellest 3-6, 6-1, 6-4, while sixth seed Lela Meshki of the former Soviet Republic of Georgia crushed Briton Sara Gomer 6-2, 6-0 to take her place in the third round.

In the final match of the evening, seventh-seeded American Zina Garrison needed just 56 minutes to dispatch Japan's Maya Kidowaki 6-0, 6-1.

Graf, who was forced to withdraw from the Australian Open with a case of rubella, commonly known as German measles, had only played the Chicago tournament where she reached the semifinals last month prior to Tuesday's match. "I've been here (in Florida) for five weeks and working really hard," said the

German world number two. "The only thing that's missing is matches, at the moment, I'm physically all right."

Graf was in control throughout against the 91st-ranked Ferrando, despite dropping her serve once in the second set. She scored with her punishing forehand at will and converted five of six break points against the Italian.

Australian Open runner-up Fernandez was relieved to get through her match after a first set in which seven of the 10 games were service breaks and a second set that saw breaks in five of seven games.

"I'm glad I got it over with," said the seventh-ranked Fernandez. "I wasn't serving very well and I wasn't passing very well."

# Seeds struggle in Champions' Cup

INDIAN WELLS, Mar 4: David Wheaton, Jimmy Connors, Michael Chang and Andre Agassi were among the winners Tuesday in the Champions Cup tennis tournament, reports AP.

But the first-round wins for the day's highest seeds were not easy. Wheaton, seeded ninth in the week-long tournament, needed nearly two hours and two tiebreakers to defeat Wally Masur of Australia 7-6 (7-5), 7-6 (7-5).

"This was tough match," Wheaton admitted. "Wally has a very complete game. I didn't expect an easy game."

"The courts are so slow, we both had to get away from our game a little bit. I could not serve and volley as much. I didn't feel I was as sharp as I should have been."

Agassi, seeded 10th, needed two hours, six minutes to eliminate Jaime Yzage of Peru 6-3, 6-7 (7-5), 6-3.

Agassi, who played the last match of the day, had no problem with the first set, but he struggled the rest of the way. At the end of tiebreaker, Agassi threw his racket in anger and was given a warning by the umpire.

"It was not easy playing in cold weather after practicing in the heat," said Agassi, sporting a purple bandana around his head. "It was tough waiting around. I went out there and I survived it."

In probably the most exciting match of the day, 12th-seed Michael Chang struggled for three hours to overcome Martin Jaito of Argentina 6-0, 6-7 (8-6), 7-6 (7-3).

"In the first set, I wasn't sure that he, himself, was playing. He wasn't there. For

me, it was great," Chang said. "But he picked up his game. And he hit a couple of good serves and that second-set tiebreaker was crazy. In the third set, it was uphill."

Chang, noted as a baseline player, also showed a new part of his game, serve and volley. Connors also had a tough time, taking one hour, 37 minutes to beat Cristiano Caratti of Italy 6-4, 6-4.

"He's tough to play for me," said the veteran Connors. "He holds his racket back an extra long time. And you don't know which way he's going to go. The courts are very slow."

Connors faces third-seeded Michael Stich of Germany on Wednesday, while Agassi takes on Bernd Karbacher, also of Germany. Chang will meet Javier Sanchez of Spain, while Wheaton takes on Francisco Clavel.

# Pioneer soccer final today

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The final of the Janata Bank Pioneer football league between Govt Printing Press 8 & RC and Sunrise Sporting Club will be held today at 2.30 pm at the Outer Stadium.

Sadek Hossain, State Minister for Youth and Sports, will witness the final as the chief guest and distribute prizes among the winners.

# Maniknagar lift DC kabaddi trophy

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Maniknagar Unnayan Samity, emerged champions in the inaugural Dhaka Deputy Commissioner's Kabaddi tournament held under the joint auspices of the Bangladesh Amateur Kabaddi Federation and the Dhaka District Sports Association at the Outer Stadium kabaddi court yesterday.

In the final, they outplayed Jatrabari Faruk Smriti Sangsad 30-14.

Eight teams split into two groups — took part in the meet.

Dhaka Divisional Commissioner Badiur Rahman attended the concluding function of the tournament and gave away prizes among the winners.

# BDR spikers win Federation Cup

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) clinched the champions' trophy of the first-ever Federation Cup volleyball tournament yesterday at the Outer Stadium volleyball court.

BDR encountered Bangladesh Air Force (BAF) in the final that saw both teams struggle hard for victory. But eventually the BAF spikers surrendered to BDR with the score reading 15-13, 15-9, 13-15, 12-15 and 15-11 in favour of the Riflemen.

Earlier, in another match on the day, Titas Club defeated Bangladesh Navy 16-14, 15-8 and 15-10 to finish third in the meet.

State Minister of Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain Khoka gave away prizes among the winners in the closing ceremony.

# Ajax beat Victoria

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A good team effort by former champions Ajax Sports Club helped them record a four-nil victory over lowly Victoria Sporting Club in the Green Delta First Division hockey league at the Hockey Stadium yesterday.

The victory took the title-aspirants' points tally to 21 from 11 matches while Victoria have only three points from as many matches.

Khwaja Wais sounded the board for the side from Elephant Road with a spectacular field goal in the very fourth minute of play (1-0).

Md Sadek doubled the margin for Ajax in the 17th minute from a penalty stroke (2-0).

Tito scored the third for Ajax in the 55th minute while Nasim completed the tally for the winners with a beautiful field goal five minutes from the time (4-0).

Ajax earned eight penalty corners as against four managed by Victoria.

### HATRICK

A brilliant hat-trick helped Usha Krira Chakra earn full points against Bangladesh Railway Sporting Club in the other match of the day. Usha now have 12 points

# Manchester launches bid for 2000 Olympics

Sports Reporter

Manchester has five from eleven outings each. Usha led 2-0 at the breather.

Samad put Usha ahead in the 32nd minute with a fine field goal (1-0). Soon afterwards he doubled the margin in a similar fashion (2-0).

Samad completed his hat-trick to seal the fate of the match in Usha's favour two minutes after the lemon break through a fine solo effort (3-0).

Meanwhile, the two matches scheduled for today will not be held because of the tenth national junior athletics meet that begins at 9:30 in the morning at the Hockey Stadium.

# Magic joins AIDS activists

Sports Reporter

BOSTON, Mar 4: Magic Johnson joined AIDS activists Tuesday in saying the government should provide more money to house people with the disease, reports AP.

During an exchange with a federal official, Johnson said the government needed to target money to cities with large minority populations, since minorities have been disproportionately infected with the AIDS virus.

# Evans, Biondi book Barcelona berths

INDIANAPOLIS, Mar 4: Matt Biondi and Janet Evans, the leading American medal winners at the 1988 Olympics, on Tuesday booked passage to this year's Barcelona Games with victories at the US Olympic swimming trials, reports Reuter.

Both Biondi and Evans had failed to make the Olympic team earlier in the week in the extremely competitive trials at the Indiana University Natatorium.

The 20-year-old Evans, winner of three gold medals at the Seoul Games and world record holder in the 400-metre freestyle, won the event in four minutes 09.47 seconds.

Biondi, 26, won the 100-metre freestyle in 49.31 seconds after failing to qualify on Monday in the 100-metre butterfly, an event in which he took silver at the Seoul Olympics.

While Evans was fast enough to win on Tuesday, her time was nearly six seconds off her world record of 4:03.85 set at the 1988 Olympics.

Evans had failed to qualify

# Linares chess results

LINARES, Spain, Mar 4: World champion Gary Kasparov, arch rival Anatoly Karpov and Ukrainian Grandmaster Alexander Belyavsky were locked in a three-way tie for the lead after seven rounds of the Linares chess tournament on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

Kasparov, playing black, was held to a draw by fellow Russian Yevgeny Barceev after 48 moves of a King's Indian defence.

Karpov beat Valery Salov after 55 moves of a Queen's Indian defence in another Russian clash and Belyavsky beat Boris Gelfand of Belarus in just 24 moves of a Slav defence, the shortest game of the tournament so far.

Other seventh round results: Jan Timman (Netherlands) beat Ljubomir Ljubojevic (Yugoslavia) Viswanathan Anand (India) beat Miguel Illescas (Spain).

Vassily Ivanchuk (Ukraine) beat Artur Yusupov (Russia, playing under German flag) Jonathan Speelman (Britain) drew with Nigel Short (Britain).

Standings after seven rounds: Kasparov, and Belyavsky - five points

Timman and Ivanchuk - 4 Illescas, Gelfand and Yusupov - 3 1/2 Salov, Anand and Short - 3 Barceev and Speelman 2 1/2 Ljubojevic 1 1/2



JANET EVANS



MATT BIONDI

the first two days of the seven-day meeting, coming up short in the 400-metre individual medley and 200-metre freestyle.

"I was prepared to swim this event and felt in control

the whole way," Evans said. "The 400-m I had been having trouble with and the 200 freestyle isn't my event."

"This was my event," said Evans, who won Olympic gold in the 400- and 800-metre freestyle and the 400-metre individual medley.

Evans, who holds world records in the 800- and 1,500-metre freestyle events, will attempt to qualify for the 800-metres on Wednesday.

Only the top two swimmers in each event will represent the United States in Barcelona.

Biondi, attempting to become the first male swimmer to win gold in three Olympic Games, holds six Olympic gold medals. He won five gold medals in 1988 and one in 1984.

"I don't think there is as much pressure on me this time around to win medals as there was in 1988," Biondi said.

"I am happy I'm on the team. I was beginning to have my doubts after the butterfly," he admitted. "I know I'll have to swim a lot faster at the Olympics."

Two American records fell in backstroke events. Janie Wagstaff, 17, broke her own American record in the women's 100-metre backstroke with a time of 1:00.84. Her previous mark was 1:01.00.

Royce Sharp, 19, broke the American record of 1:58.86 in the men's 200-metre backstroke by clocking 1:58.66 as world record holder Martin Zubero of Spain looked on.

"It will probably take a world record to win the gold medal at the Olympics," Zubero predicted. "The field will be very fast."

# CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**

1 "Cheers" locale

4 Rome's river

9 Belgian watering place

12 Employ

13 Utterly senseless

14 Daughter of Loki

15 Diamond position

17 Mine output

18 Eskimo knife

19 Sir Hardwicke

21 Bed canopy

24 Broadway's Moss

25 Stadium cheer

26 Defeat at bridge

28 Nails' cousins

31 Admit frankly

33 — transit gloria...

35 Bring to pitch

36 Danger

**DOWN**

1 City hauler

2 Hardwood tree

3 Classic car

4 Baron, Earl and Duke

5 Guarantees

6 Night flier

7 Son of Cain

8 Reiterate

9 Ways of saving time

10 Persian fairy

11 Herring sauce

16 Boring routine

20 Mild oath

21 Part, in reverse

22 Roof overhang

23 Cuts of beef

27 Spasmodic twitch

29 Thief or granny

30 Withered

32 Send a telegram

34 Mortification

37 Tenant

39 Wielded a blue pencil

42 Waters or Barrymore

44 Anglo-Saxon letter

45 Festival

46 Gem stone

50 — pro nobis

51 Author Rand

52 Classic beginning

53 Grackle

**Solution time: 27 min.**

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9-2 CRYPTOQUIP

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K P M F Z H B U P B M I S H B Q

F T I H M B M S H Z B

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: POLICE OFFICERS HELD THE DECEPTIVE HARBOR THIEVES AT BAY.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: B equals S

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.



BDR defeated Bangladesh Air Force to emerge champions in the final of the Federation Cup volleyball tournament yesterday. — Star photo