Magnificent Mohammedans maul PWD

floodgates.

the match that opened the

striker with thighs of a barge-

man freed Shabbir with a

lovely through and the latter

scooped the ball over an ad-

vancing Lahul who came out to

make a last-ditch attempt to

Rahimov attempt shortly after

this but failed to thwart substi-

Lahul foiled another

Mohammedan forward (2-0).

the rampant

The stockily built explosive

Sports Reporter



Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club displayed a rare show of mitht and marksmanship to leave

Public Works Department one of the stronger teams of the middle tier in this year's league - completely shattered in the First Division football tie yesterday at the Dhaka stadium.

Revved up by the return of their Russian striker Rahimov, last year's runners-up put seven goals past the office team to serve league leaders Abahani a clear warning that they have not given up the chase and will do everything possible to erase the two-point gap to regain the title they lost to their arch-rivals.

Rahimov, who narrowly missed a hattrick on his first appearance in the Dhaka league, made full use of the one match rest enforced upon him because of three yellow cards in three successive matches, arrested the elusive distinction by scoring three of his side's seven goals last night. Mohammedans, who scored six goals in the second half to complete the rout, led the first half 1-0.

The proceedings of the first half were far from being indicative of the goal glut that followed, much to the embarrassment and surprise of the more logical and dispassionate group of supporters and, of course, the victims, PWD. The team that had created a ripple of expectations among the football lovers by their signing of seasoned Abahani stars Shri Lankan recruits Premlal and Packeer Ally, played upto the expectations till the the buzzer. Then came the first goal for the black-and-whites, just a minute before the short whistle. And then the cookies crumbled.

Although both teams had more or less equal share of the exchanges, Mohammedans enjoyed a distinguishable edge over their opponents and came close to scoring in the 27th minute of the first half when Kuznetsov, apparently the oldest of the Russian trio, hammered a shot at the goal which had Lahul totally beaten but Aman, the PWD left-back, made a goal-line save to keep the scoresheet clean.

Rumman bin-Wali Shabbir, the only Bangladeshi footballer nowadays whose delightful skills put a soothing salve in the eyes that itch from ceaseless supply of skillessness in our football arena, was in peak form yesterday and onchestrated the massive victory of his side in style. He gave PWD a scare following the abortive foray in the very next minute

LONDON, Apr 25:

England skipper

Gary Lineker is

glad he is qui-

tting the football

league to move to

Japan at the end of the season

leading scorer and footballer of

the year, who makes his last

home appearance for Totten-

ham against Everton here on

Saturday, has had enough of

going," insisted the 31-year-

old striker. "I've enjoyed my

time in the English League and

at Tottenham, but I've made

my decision and nothing has

changed. I wanted to go out at

Grampus Eight in the new

Japanese professional league

Lineker is to play with

the top and now is that time."

"I've got no regrets about

the nine month grind.

The English First Division's

reports AFP.

but Lahul, the PWD custodian. parried his shot away for a

PWD, who gave Mohammedans an early warning in the fourth minute when Munna, the former Abahant forward, cut in from the right to unleash a shot at the goal which Kanan steered away for a corner, fell back to some extent near the end of the first half and allowed the goal-hungry Mohammedans to get their

desperately sought first goal.



Mohammedan hero Rahimov, who scored a brilliant hattrick last night, is congratulated by teammate Shabbir

watchful PWD defenders on the right an floated a lovely cross across the goalmouth and Kuznetsov leapt in the air to nod the ball past Lahul (1-

Mohammedans, who raised their points tally to 29 from 16 matches after yesterday's win. began their second half with their wolverine appetite further whetted by the goal at the stroke of the lemon-break. Rahimov missed from close within two minutes of the resumption and three minutes later set up the second goal of

17th minute after Shabbir had done the spadework (3-0).

The irresistible Rahimov sneaked past two defenders midway through the second half but lost his balance after having poised himself for a solid crack at the goal. The forward, however, made up for his miss when he took a powerful right-footer from the top of the box which whistled past a frozen Lahul into the net (4-

Rahimov scored his second goal following his first in the 24th minute, four minutes

"The problem stems from

"English players tradition-

"You watch Itlian football

ally go out and give everything

in every game, but it just

means that the quality drops."

and you think they look much

quicker, but it's just that

they're fresher. The champi-

onship race here is just about

League is not looking to ad-

dress the biggest issue -- cut-

ed Feyenoord in the Cup Win-

ners? Cup we played Nottin-

gham Forest in the semi-final

of the League Cup on a bog of a

pitch at Tottenham and it

"Tjee Dayus before we play-

ting the number of clubs.

who can last the longest."

when they gut the First

Division back to 22 clubs. It

was an odd decision then and

it's an odd one now.

later when he utilised a Shabbir cross from inside the box (5-0) and all hopes of a PWD comeback were effectively shelved for the day.

- Nabikov, the distributing midfielder had his share of the goal hunt in the 32nd minute but skipper Jamrul saved the broth for PWD on that occasion, for a corner. On a day in which nothing could go wrong for the black-and-whites, Nabikov scored the sixth after a Rahimov through came to him off Shabbir's head in the 34th minute (6-0).

Rahimov's quest for a hattrick suffered a setback five minutes from time when a characteristic thunderbolt from the forward zoomed off the crosspiece but the honest worker was finally rewarded when he placed the ball wide of the substitute goalkeeper Mozammel, cashing in on a Shabbir through (7-0).

The ninety minutes of steamrolling not only left PWD dazed but also glued to their position of 17 points from 16 matches.

CROWD TROUBLE

The delightful exhibition of football could not reverse the trend of crowd trouble that has become synonymous with league football, and police men had resort to lathicharge and teargassing to disperse the violent spectators who in the recent times have been showing a growing tendency to choose the stadium as the ideal place to settle their scores with their bete notres. Thank fully there was no mishap.

Yellow card: Sujit of PWD

Mohammedan SC - Kanan, Kaiser, Jewel Rana, Shamim (Abul), Johnny, Roxy (Nakib), Kutznetsov (Riaz), Navikov, Rahimov and Shabbir. PWD SC - Lahul (Moazzem),

Zamrul, Aman, Shamim Sr. Ally, Packeer Sujit (Shamsuddin), Jewel, Rakib, Munna, Mostaq and Premial (Tawhid) Referee — Abdul Aziz.

GOALLESS DRAW

In the first match of the day, Sadaharan Bima Krira Sangstha shared points with Dhanmondi in a put up match.

The goalless draw left both teams richer for a point each with Dhanmondi notching their thirteenth and Bima twelfth after having played 16 matches apiece.

TODAY'S MATCHES Victoria vs Wari (6 pm) Brothers vs Police (8 pm)

Div II cricket qualifying meet

Sports Reporter A qualifying tournament to

sclect clubs for the 1992-93 Second Division cricket league will begin from the second week of May.

Clubs having completed the entry formalities have been asked to send their representatives to the BCCB office between four and eight pm from April 26 to 30 to complete the registration of their players, a Bangladesh Cricket Control Board press release said.

Big bonus for FRG booters

FRANKFURT, Germany, Apr 25: Germany's national soccer team will pocket 80,000 marks (48,000 dollar) a head if they win the European Championship in June, reports Reuter.

It's the people who watch the game who suffer in the Striker Rudi Voeller, the end. They don't get the quality world champions' captain after they deserve. The Premier injury ruled out Lothar Matthaeus, agreed the bonus at a meeting with German Soccer Federation (DFB) president Hermann Neuberger, the DFB said on Friday.

Each of Germany's 20strong squad will win 60,000 marks (36,000 dollars) by reaching the final of the tournament in Sweden. A place in the semifinals from the group containing Scotland, the Netherlands and the CIS will worth 40,000 marks (24,000 dollar).

But the Germans, who each received 125,000 marks (76,000 dollars) for winning the World Cup in 1990, will leave empty- handed if they fail to reach the last four.

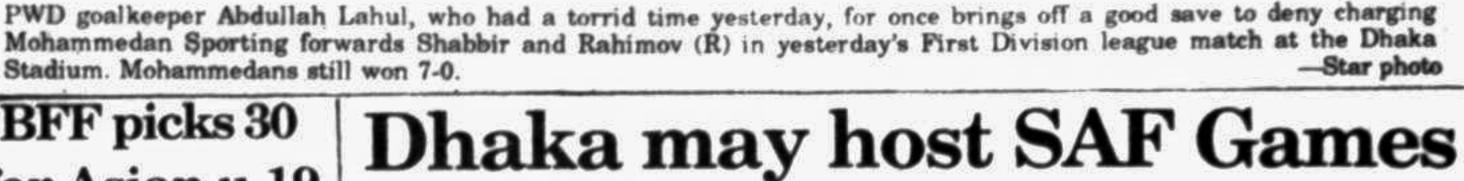
Belgium allowed

and the Belgium government on Thursday ended their dispute over whether European football finals should be held in

Belgian capital since the Heysel Stadium disaster in 1985 in which 39 fans were killed before the Liberpool-juventus European champions

Relations between the European governing body and the Belgian authorities hit rock bottom last October when the Belgian court of appeal confirmed a three-month.

The Heysel Stadium is no longer used for competitive



for Asian u-19 soccer meet Sports Reporter

The Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) yesterday an nounced a 30 member squad for the 28th Asian youth under-19 qualifying soccer competition beginning from May 10 in Calicut, Kerala in India.

BFF picks 30

There are twenty regular and five stand-bys while the remaining five in the squad are officials.

The five officials who will accompany the team, are Abbas Uddin Khan (Manager) Nazrul Islam (Asst. Manager), Abdus Sadek (Coach), Md Mohsin (Asst. Coach) and Md

The Bangladesh team will leave Dhaka for India on May 6. Meanwhile, the BFF has appointed Sirajul Islam Bachchu, a joint-secretary of the federation, as the chief coordinator for the fifth Asian youth under 16 qualifying tournament that will begin from May 3 in Rajshahi.

National chess begins today

Sports Reporter The numbers drawing cer emony for the final round of the 18th national chess championship was held yesterday at the National Sports Council chess room yesterday with National Professor Abdur Razzaq, a keen chess enthusiast, doing the honours as chief

guest. Competition in the 16player round robin league meet under the aegis of the Chess Federation will begin today. The start is scheduled for 3:00 pm with play proceeding daily till 9:00 pm.

Defending national champion Riffat bin-Sattar will meet former national champion Jamilur Rahman in his opening match today while Ziaur Rahman will face last year's runner-up Ziaul Kader Tuhin.

In other opening day matches, Iqbal Raquib plays M R Haftz, Neyamul Huq Niru, who topped the 108-player qualifying tournament last week for filling fourteen of the 16 final round berths, meets Nahid Miazid: Amir Hossain meets Kalam; 1990 champion Syed Tahmidur Rahman meets Anisur Rahman; Khandaker Kayes Hassan plays Ruhul Kabir Shiplu and national woman champion Rani Hamid takes on Abdul Khaleq.

Sports talks

SEOUL, Apr 25: Chinese

cabinet minister to visit South Korea to discuss mutual con-

'He will hold talks with his South Korean counterpart, Lcc Jin-Sam and tour industrial sites, a Sports Ministry spokesman said. The two sides will sign a memorandum on sporting exchanges, he said.

Seoul and Beijing have no diplomatic ties, but trade and other non-political ties have rapidly increased in recent

Balloonists cross

six balloonists from Japan, the United States and Russia succeeded in crossing the Berring Strait in a hot- air balloon Thursday, the Japanese sponsor said, reports AFP.

Sports Reporter pressed a tentative interest in

The South Asian Sports Federation (SASF) comprising the seven members of the SAARC. is reported to have of-fered Bangladesh the privilege of holding the sixth version of the biennial regional Games in

According to a message reccived in Dhaka yesterday, the SASF executive body, meeting in the Japanese city o Hiroshima Friday, offered Bangladesh to step in as hosts after Nepal, who were awarded the Games at the SASF's last meeting in the Sri Lankan capital Colombo during the fifth South Asian Federation Games last December, expressed its inability to stage the biggest sporting meet of the region owing to financial constraints.

Nepal, hosts for the inaugural SAF Games in 1984, were the initial choice for the sixth on the basis of the rotation among the five bigger neighbours. Bhutan and the Maldives do not possess the infrastrueture to play host to such a big

According to sources close to the Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA) and the National Sports Council (NSC), the Bangladesh delegation to the Colombo Games had ex-

staging the Games, but had also made it quite clear that a final bid would depend on a detailed study and, of course, government approval. But now that the SASF has

offered Bangladesh the Games. albeit in formally, it is sure to set the ball rolling in Dhaka.

According to sources, Bangladesh would need a bud get variously estimated at any where between Taka ten and fifty crores, depending on the quality of facilities used for the Games. Though Dhaka, with its modest amenities, had done a fine job of hosting the second SAF Games in 1985, it is believed that following the progress achieved with regard to sporting standards and facilities in the neighbouring countries which have hosted the Games after Dhaka, namely, India, Pakistan and most recently Srt Lanka, Dhaka would need some specialised facilities such as a modern indoor stadium and an Olympic stan dard swimming pool.

In such case, the costs of the Games for Bangladesh would be enormous. Yet, there is another point of view which holds that we do possess certain facilities, such as at the Savar premises of the

Bangladesh Krira Shikkhya Protisthan (BKSP) where, with a little bit of renovation and modification, many of the events of the meet could be organised with a fair degree of

The opening and closing ceremontes would, of course, be held at the Dhaka Stadium with Mirpur sharing some of the soccer matches. The Mirpur stadium itself could be fitted out with a 400-m track for the athletics events, which were held at the Banani Army Stadium in 1985. The Bangladesh Navy pool inside the cantonment could also be upgraded for the swimming programme. Such adaptations, provided they are found acceptable by the SASF, would certainly make the prospects of Dhaka hosting the meet next year more probable and financially quite feasible.

As things stand now, nothing could be gathered from Bangladesh sports administrators till last night regarding the SASF offer.

Roy de Silva, head of the Srt Lankan Olympic Committee, who is the current chairman of the SASF, presided over the meeting in Hiroshima, venue for the 1994 Asian Games.

Girls back after

Danish dunking

Sports Reporter

ball team comprising students

of the Vigarunnisa Noon High

School and College returned

home with the predictable

wooden spoon from the inter-

national schools handball

four matches against Turkey,

Belgium, Sweden and Luxem-

bourg. They lost their first

match to Turkey by 43 goals to

11, the second to Belgium by

34-9, the third to Sweden by

37-7 and the last to

Bangladesh lost all their

championship Denmark.

The Bangladesh girls' hand-

Tyson refused bail

tionship.

Parrott denies foulplay



INDIANAPOLIS, Apr 25: The Indiana Supreme Court refused on Friday to release

Mike Tyson on bail pending the appeal of his rape conviction, making it likely he will remain in jail for at least the next six months, reports Reuter.

The state's biggest court issued a unanimous decision refusing to take up the bail matter saying it was the province of the court which sentenced the former heavyweight champion to six years in jail on the rape charge.

Trial Judge Patricia Gifford had refused to grant bail to the 25 year-old boxer when she sentenced him on March 26 she said he might rape someone else and could use his personal fortune to flee the coun-

Tyson's lawyers, led by Harverd University Law Professor and celebrity lawyer Alan Dershowitz, had argued that the appeal of Tyson's conviction might take six month and he should be allowed to go free while that process went forward...

SHEFFIELD, Eng-

land, Apr 25:

Holder John

Parrott hit back

of bad sportsman

ship after reaching the world

snooker championship

quarter-finals on Saturday,

Parrott's 13-4 victory over

fellow Briton Tony Knowles

was soured by a controversial

incident during the 11th

just the final four colours re-

maining and seemingly in a

snooker, Parrott fouled the

pink in attempting to pot the

Trailing by one point with

reports Reuter.

frame on Friday.

accusation

Dershowitz, whose clients have included New York hotel. Queen Louna Helmsley and Socialite Claus Von Bulow, had told the court Tyson was willing to remain under house arrest at his mansion in Ohio if released, and would not be alone with any woman unless it was one with whom he had already enjoyed a long term rela-

Tyson who earned millions of dollars in the ring as the youngest heavyweight champion in history, is being held at the Indians Youth Centre in Indianapolis where he makes 65 cents and hour working afternoons in recreations programmes in the jail's gymna-

He has also resumed studiness which would earn him a high school diploma.

If his appeal fails he will probably serve three years of the six-year sentence with time off for good behaviour.

He was convicted on February 10 of raping 19-yearold beauty contestant Desiree Washington. Tyson said she consented to have sex with him during a visit to his hotel

The results should serve as an eye-opener for those who plan such ill-conceived tours and the predictable dunking of the Bangladeshi girls by the bigger and fitter European girls was a natural conclusion of the quixotic adventurism of the persons in the national handball federation and every-

one else concerned.

Luxembourg by 15-7.

For the record, Norway became the champions while Austria finished runners-up in the week-long tournament.

Jabbar balikhela held in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, Apr 25: The traditional Jabbar balikhela (wrestling) tourpament-cum-Baishakhi Mcla was held at the Laldighi Maidan here today. reports BSS.

Jabbar balikhela-cum-Baishakhi Mela, an annual event of the port city, drew thousands of people from Chittagong district and outside. Enthu-

this balikhela in 1909 with a view to collecting spirited youths to fight against the then British rule, according to his

family sources, Knowles called for the con-

Sixty-two wrestlers took part in the competition.

Walker set to join Sampdoria

NOTTINGHAM, England, Apr 25: England desender Des Walker looks certain to join European Cup finalists Sampdoria for 1.5 million pounds after this summer's European Championships, reports AFP.

Nottingham Forest manager Brian Clough conceded defeat here on Friday in his bid to keep the 26-year-old at the city ground.

Glough admitted: " I've spoken to him and tried to persuade him to stay, but I know he wants to give Italy a try."

The center-back has a clause in his contract coming into effect this summer which allows him to leave the city ground in the last 12 months of his current deal for a cutprice 1.5 million pounds.

Condolence meet Sports Reporter

The Bangladesh Sports Writers Association (BSWA) will hold a condolence meeting today at the conference room of the National Sports Council at 5 pm in memory of noted sports personality Md Shahjahan who passed away recently.

Members of the association have been requested to attend, says a (BSWA) press release.

Lineker glad he's quitting which will start in 1993. "I could probably have



GARY LINEKER

it's been a bit of a slog this sea

son. For the older players it is becoming increasingly difficult

to maintain standards.

like this. It is far more physical than it has ever been. Teams play in a more direct fashion stretched to another year, but and it's far more demanding on your legs.'



"We've always played a lot of

went to extra time." No other country would allow that." games in this country, but not Hanzala & Robi win national bridge



national pairs bridge champion-1992 in a closely contested final at Hotel Sheraton Friday night, reports It was a case of youth tri-

umphing over age with veteran

bridge players thirty years'

D M Hanzala and

his partner Robi

won the 555

standing falling by the wayside or being overcome in the final Hanzala and his partner won the championship by securing a total of 369.34 matchpoints, including carry over from the semi-final stage. The runners-up were Anisul Haq (Raju) and Salahuddin

(355.59) and the third posi-

tion was taken by Mobinul

Islam and Mizanur Rahman

(351.92). The championship for the Fazle Sobhan Trophy began in the city on Thursday afternoon

with 57 pairs participating Three sessions of the qualifying round were held on Thursday and Friday morning and 24 pairs qualified to play in the semi-final. Sixteen pairs then qualified to play in the final held Friday night. The other finalists, in order

of merit, are: N Hassan Topu

and Bani Amin Econ (332.95), B A Khan and Faruq Hussain Khan (330.67), Habibul Bashar and R K Barua (328.65), Saleh Ahmed and A Wahab Howladar (324.79), T R Chowdhury and MA Quddus (316.29), M Haque and Zahirul Haque (311.16), AA Shah and Kiggins (310.64), Air Comdr Quddus and Aminullah (309.88), Abu Taher and Ibnul Hossain (307.46), Dr Ehtesham and Dr Jahangir (297.16), AK Feroze Ahmed and Farooq Sobhan (294.79), ABM Saidur Rahman and Shahabuddin (277.62) and Mahfuzur Rashid and AK Alfuzzaman (274.55).

to host Euro finals BRUSSELS, Apr 24: UEFA

Brussels, reports AFP. None have been held in the cup final.

soccer and is to be demolished

Sports Minister Wu Shaozu will arrive in South Korea on Sunday for a week-long stay to discuss expanding sports exchanges between the former

foes, reports Reuter. Wu will be the first Chinese

brown. The referee called a miss. Berring Strait Knowles asked for the balls to be replaced in their original TOKYO, Apr 25: A group of position and Parrott this time sunk the brown and proceeded

to clear up. Television replays showed that the balls had been incor rectly replaced and Knowles

failed to win another frame. Knowles was still angry when the match resumed on Saturday and claimed: "I think

John feels guilty about it now." Parrott retorted: "I was trying to pot the brown with bit of right-hand side. I took my eye off the ball and cliped the pink."

"In snooker it's moment to moment concentration. If had known where the cue ball had been it would have gone back in exactly the same place."

"I was very surprised that Tony didn't take the shot on himself. After all, he only needed brown and blue to win the frame and the pink was on the side cushion."

troversial "miss" rule to be scrapped. He had said earlier: "I don't blame John but I would have felt guilty bad I potted the brown in that situa-

siastic wrestlers from all over the district participated in the meet while a variety of handicraft made of bamboo, cane, palm and leaves and eastern ware were brought at the fair from all over the district. Abdul Jabbar, an eminent businessman of Badarpati, Andarkilla here introduced

Maksudur Rahman of Sitakunda upazila became the champion in the wrestling competition while Badful Alam of Fatickchari upazila was run-