Ma-o-Moni soccer final today

Sports Reporter

Tangail DSA clash with Feni DSA in the final of the 1992 Ma-o-Mont Gold Cup national youth under-14 football tournament today at 5:30 pm at the Dhaka Stadium.

Tangatl made the final by beating Satkhira 3-2 in the first semifinal while Fent quali fled for the final by outplaying Sylhet 3-1 in the second semifinal held on Monday last.

Eight teams in two groups took part in the final round which began on August 26 at the Dhaka Stadium.

Earlier, a record number of 62 DSAs out of 64 of the country took part in the knockout qualifiers held at eight different zonal venues across the country from August 8 to 17.

The eight zonal champions qualified for the final round. Works Minister Rafiqul Is-

lam Mia will witness the final match as the chief guest and distribute the trophies among the winners.

Meanwhile, in a press release the Bangladesh Football Federation, the organisers of the meet, said that no tickets will be needed for the galleries.

Div II soccer

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Government (BG) Press and Malibagh Abhijatrik Club won their respective matches of the Sonali Bank Second Division football league at the Dhaka Stadium vesterday.

BG Press edged past Bangladesh Boys Club 1-0 in the day's first match.

Asgar Khan was the scorer Mazharul Haq of BG Press received the yellow card.

Abhijatrik Club beat Jurain Janata Club also by a solitary goal in the other match of the

Wahab scored the decider in the first session of play. Monju was shown the yellow card

Meanwhile, the Second Division league programme will remain suspended because of the final match of the Ma-o-Moni Gold Cup under 14 soccer competition.

The league will resume to morrow with Dhaka WASA taking on Abhijatrik Club at 3 pm and East End Club clashing with East Bengal Sporting Club at 4:30 pm at the Dhaka Stadtum.

Div III soccer

Sports Reporter

Bashabo Tarun Sangha trounced Dilkusha Sporting Club 4-0 in the Pragati Insurance Third Division football league at the Outer Stadium yesterday

Jahan-e-Alam Rohel scored two goals while Enamul Haq Masud and Md Shaheen got one each for the winners.

Maghbazar Krira Sangha shared points with Kadamtala Sangsad after their encounter ended in a three-all draw in the other match of the day.

Nazrul netted two goals and Ripon one for Maghbazar while Sharif, Ripon and Zia were the scorers for Kadamtala. Khalilur Rahman of Kada-

mtala was sent off while Golam Shartf of the same team and Ripon of Maghbazar were booked by referee Shubash Roy.

Power Development Board will play Purbachal Parishad in today's only match at 4 pm at the Outer Stadium.

Cal Mohammedans beaten

KOLLAM, Sept 2: Formidable Mohammedans Sporting of Calcutta were stunned by a solitary goal defeat at the hands of lesser known team, T G Venkatesh, from Hyderabad in a Group 'A' league match of the All India Scissors Cup football tournament here Tuesday, reports PTI.

The all important goal was netted by striker Mohammed Bin in the 25th minute of the first session.

The Calcutta giants, who had a distinct edge over their opponents, were initially all over the Hyderabad team but met with stiff resistance once the latter mounted pressure and threatened the Mohammedan citadel on several occasions in the first fifteen

minutes. BAAF president leaves for Turin

Muhammad Enamul Huq. President of Bangladesh Amateur Athletic Federation and Vice President of Bangladesh Olympic Association left Dhaka for Turin, Italy, Tuesday night, reports UNB.

Huq. also secretary of the Women's Affairs Ministry, will attend the 80 year jubilee celebrations of the International Amateur Athletic Federation, says a press release.

The two-day celebrations begin Thursday, in the Italian

city of Turin. Great champions of past and present, including gold medal winners of Barcelona Olympics, leading political figures and sports officials from across the world are expected to attend the celebrations.

BOA gears up for big events

Sports Reporter

The Bangladesh Olympic Athletics, swimming, football kabaddi, volleyball, shooting Association (BOA) has appar boxing, weightlifting, wresently girded up its lions for the tling, table tennis, basketball, forthcoming Bangladesh Gatennis, handball, badminton. mes next December and the sixth South Asian Federation judo and karate. Ten disciplines were staged (SAF) Games, also to be held in

in the fifth SAF Games held in Dhaka, in December 1993. Colombo last December. In a bid to boost the medal The present executive chances of Bangladesh the excommittee of the Bangladesh ecutive committee of the BOA Olympic Association will funcyesterday, in its four-hour long

> retariat with immediate effect. Meanwhile, the tenders for the constitution of an indoor stadium at Mirpur will be floated within a short time and the complex is expected to be completed before the SAF Games.

tion as the VI SAF Games sec

The swimming pool adjacent to Mirpur Stadium, now under construction, is also expected to be ready by June next year.

The BOA meeting also selected 21 disciplines for the Bangladesh Games scheduled to start from December 18 this

Football, hockey, athletics, swimming, kabaddi, volleyball, boxing, table tennis weigh-

tlifting, shooting, basketball, badminton, judo, karate, tennis. gymanstics handball, cycling, squash, body-building, rowing, wrestling will be the 21 events in the pan-Bang ladesh Games competition.

There were 20 events in the fourth Bangladesh Games, a quadrennial competition, a la the Olympics last held in 1988. Remarkably, badminton. the latest entry in the Summer Olympic catalogue of events. found its way in the 'deshi version of the Games for the

first time. A decision was also taken to form an organising committee for the Bangladesh Games. Thirteen working committees for the smooth holding of the Games are also in the offing.

The BOA formed a threemember inquiry committee. headed by Secretary General Bashir Ahmed, to probe into the failure of Bangladeshi swimmer Mukhlesur Rahman to take part in his event - the 100m breaststroke heats - in the recently concluded 25th Olympiad in Barcelona. Mukhies claimed he had lost his way to the pool.

Leeds draw despite Cantona's goals



LONDON, Sept 2 Eric Cantona str uck twice for champions Leeds on Tuesday but once again the Yorks-

hire team came away from Oldham without a win, reports

meeting, announced a cash

award of Taka one lakh from

ual gold medal winner, in the

next SAF Games which groups

the seven SAARC countries -

Bangladesh India, Nepal.

Pakistan, Shri Lanka, Bhutan

members with BOA president

Gias Kamal Chowdhury in the

chair, the meeting also made a

tentative selection of as many

as 15 disciplines for the SAF

Games to be held in the capital

The fifteen disciplines

which await confirmation in

the next South Asian Sports

Federation meeting to be held

in Dhaka next month, are

Attended by 24 of its 29

and the Maldives.

December next year.

its won funds for each individ-

Oldham pulled back a twogoal deficit at Manchester City on Saturday and did it again here with only five minutes on the clock. Leeds took a 54th minute

lead when a Tony Dorigo cross had the Oldham defence in trouble and Chris Fairclough and Gary Speed had efforts blocked. Cantona ended the goalmouth scramble when he chipped the ball in from eight Cantona struck again in the

76th minute, his sixth League goal of the season, when he latched on to Gary McAllister's perfectly flighted pass and slipped the ball under diving keeper Jon Hallworth. Oldham pulled a goal back

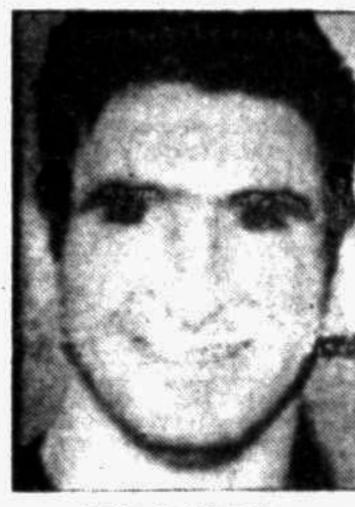
in the 85th minute when a Neil Adams cross was flicked on by veteran striker Graeme Sharp and 700,000-pound ex-Villa striker Olney volleyed home from eight yards.

Athletic surged forward to win a corner two minutes over normal time. Sharp whipped over the kick, Richard Jobson headed the ball goalwards and Olney headed home from inside the six-yard box.

Liverpool struggled to escape with a point after going behind to ex-Chelsea striker Kerry Dixon's first goal for Southampton.

The Anfield side would have been well beaten but for the inaccuracy of their former striker, David Speedie, who hit the bar and missed three good chances for Southampton. Matthew Le Tissier floated

the ball over Liverpool's static



ERIC CANTONA

rearguard for Dixon to sidefoot the ball home after 51 min-

Liverpool skipper Mark Wright equalised nine minutes later, meeting Danish international Jan Molby's free kick with a looping header into the top corner.

Middlesborough and ipswich renewed last year's Second Division rivalry at Ayresome

twice came from behind, but will rue a last-minute penalty miss that cost them three lpswich led through John Wark but were pegged back by

Park and came away with a

point each. Middlesborough

Alan Kernaghan. Paul Goddard regained the lead for the Suffolk Club, but Paul Wilkinson equalised with his fifth goal of the season. With seconds left. Eire international Bernie Slaven hit a penalty well wide. Wimbledon remain rooted

to the bottom of the Premier Division after a 1-0 home defeat by Manchester City. City's winger David White celebrated his England call-up with a simple 49th minute tap-in that proved to be enough. In the First Division, un-

beaten Wolves maintained thcir impressive form with a 1-0 victory at Barnsley. Their keeper Mike Stowell was the hero, keeping Barnsley out in the second half after a Paul Birch goal had given Wolves a 41st minute lead.

Birmingham joined the pacc-setters with their fourth successive League win, 2-0 over Southend. Paul Tait and Jason Beckford were the scorers.

Newly promoted Brentford gained their best result since returning to the First Division beating last season's F A Cup semi-finalists Portsmouth 4 at Griffin Park.

\mathbf{p}_{-1} Czechs face Belgians today



PRAGUE, Sept 2: Czechoslovakia kick off their last World Cup campaign as a United Nation on Wedne-

sday when they meet Belgium in a Group Four qualifier in Prague, reports Reuter.

With a scheduled split of the 74-year-old Czechoslovak republic into two independent states from January, plans are also underway to divide the soccer federation into two.

But both sides have agreed to maintain a unified Czechoslovak team at least up to

Jansher tops the leading ten

LONDON, Sept 2: Jansher Khan of Pakistan retained first position in the world rankings issued by the International Squash Players' Association on Monday, reports Reuter.

Second-placed Chris Dittmar of Australia closed the gap by nearly 30 points following his Malaysian Open victory on Saturday.

Rodney Martin slipped from third to fourth, a blow to the Australian as the rankings will be used to decide seedings for the World Championship in Johannesburg on September 21-26, where Martin defends his title.

Compatriot Chris Robertson took over third position.

- . Jansher Khan (Pakistan) 2. Chris Dittmar (Australia) Chris Robertson (Aus tralia)
- Rodney Martin (Australia) Jahangir Khan (Pakistan) Brett Martin (Australia)
- Tristan Nancarrow (Australia) 8. Ross Norman (New Zea-
- 9. Sami Elopuro (Finland) 10. Peter Marshall (England)

Brazil's third

MEDELLIN, Colombia, Sept 2 Brazil won the South American under-20 soccer championship for the third consecutive time on Sunday with a win over hosts Colombia in the final match of the two-week tournament, reports Reuter.

Uruguay beat Ecuador 3-1 in an earlier match to finish runnersup.

the World Cup finals in the United States in two years We have one single task on Wednesday, to win," said coach

Milan Macala. "All the players know that." In contrast to previous years when, under communist rule, only a few ageing players were allowed to play abroad, nearly half the present team

are foreign-based. Macala and his assistant Milan Lesicky have spent much time abroad watching the form

of overseas players. "We have put together a squad that I think contains the best players available and I hope to be able to field a strong team on Wednesday. Macala said

He has called up nine play ers who are technically midfielders but versatile in attack and defence.

"One can no longer stick to this rigid classification," Macala said. "Vaclav Nemecek, a midfielder in Toulouse, is also a defender, while Leverkusen's Pavel Hapal and Lubomir Moraveik from St Etienne are typical strikers."

a solitary goal.

who plays for Premier League side Queen's Park Rangers in England, has plenty of experience of the sort of aerial play

Himst is expected to field a still faces his team's chances. "This team is too good to

forward Marc Degryse.

TEAMS

BELGIUM - Michel Preud Homme, Dirk Medved, Georges Grun, Mare Emmers, Philippe Albert, Rudy Smidts, Enzo Scifo. Franky van der Elst. Lorenzo Staelens. Alex Czerniatynski, Marc Degryse.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA (Probable) - Jan Steiskal, Jozef Chovanec. Milos Glonk, Miroslav Kadlec, Vaclav Nemecek, Pavel Hapal, Lumbomir Moravcik, Lubos Kubik, Marel Kula, Tomas Skuhrvy, Ivo Knoflicek.

Action from yesterday's Sonali Bank Second Division football league match between

Malibagh Abhijatrik Club and Jurain Janata Club at the Dhaka Stadium. Malibagh won by

Goalkeeper Jan Stejskal.

favoured by the Belgian players. Belgian coach Paul van five-man defensive lineup but

remain in front of its goal for one-and-a-half hours." he said.

"We know we'll be put under pressure for most of the game but that's logical in a game between two candidates for the finals," said Belgian

hanging limply down to his shoulders, an earring dangling

right away you knew this was a

brand new Andre Agassi, a man instead of a kid. Winning Wimbledon does

Agassi began his quest for a second straight Grand Slam title with a workman like 6-2. 6-4, 6-1 wipeout of Mikael Pernfors at the US Open on Tuesday. It was a dramatic change from last year, when Agassi never won so much as a

set in his first round Open match with Aaron Krickstein. Agassi was seeded No 8

then and he is No 8 now. The

similarities and there. "I think last year definitely illustrated to me quite clearly that you can't be one hair off your game and expect to come in here and survive these first few matches," Agassi said. "I knew I had to stay focused and

Messing around always had been a major part of Agassi's game, a portfolio of unfulfilled

put him away. I knew there

was no messing around."

promise. And then he won Wimbledon, beating Goran Ivanisevic in five sets for his first Grand Slam title. The victory has grown in stature for the player who once scorned the event

"Now, the longer I am away from it, the more I realise that

being a Wimbledon champion

never changes. It just goes from 'reigning,' to 'former.' You are always a Wimbledon champion.

sign of his maturity. "I spent a few years not realising and respecting the tradition of it," he said. "I was 16, 17, 18 years old when I

have kids that age, you know how many crazy things they say and feel. I did say it and I did feel it. But that is behind me Sabine Appelmans 6-3, 6-4. Gabriela Sabatini, the 1990,

Open crown. in only her third match since

"I had some treatments and feel very good," said fourth seeded Sabatini, who took summer to rehabilitate her knee and work on condition-

ready to go. I think I can win." back after trailing 5-1 in the first set to snatch a 7-6, 6-2 victory, taking the tiebreak 7-3. to shrug off the upset

> It was a relatively routine victory for Becker, who exlinked.

world's most favours tourna-"It's always a special match

Zina Garrison of the US returns a shot to Helen Kelesi of Canada in the US Open tennis championships at Flushing - AFP photo

Safe sailing for the top seeds



NEW YORK, Sept 2: Andre Agassi contemplated

Meadows on Tuesday. Garrison beat Kelesi 7-5, 6-0.

career suicide at Wimbledon and first round sur vival at the US Open, reports

Martina Navratilova stared first-round defeat in the face. and it wore the look of smil ing, laughing, go-for-broke Shaun Stafford, ranked No. 160. Navratilova, a four-time champion, finally prevailed 4 6. 6-1. 7-5 in nearly two hours of mental torture that Stafford thoroughly enjoyed until the end.

in a late match. John McEnroe downed Michiel Schapers 6-4, 6-0, 6-4. It was the start of McEnroe's last run at the Open title as a fulltime pro, his last realistic, if out side, shot at winning a fifth championship. Agassi, a straight set loser

to Aaron Krickstein in the first round last year, cleared his first hurdle by soaring past Mikael Pernfors of Sweden 6-2.6-4.6-1 in his opening match on a warm, sunny day at the National Tennis Centre. The flamboyant American

took up where he left off at Wimbledon, though he made an anticipated costume change. Shedding the all-white outfit expressly designed for his All-England Club campaign in

favour of teal green shorts and

a shirt with shoulders splashed

with green, purple and blacks.

Agassi needed just one hour 43 minutes to advance. "I'm more of a factor than ! am a contender," acknow! edged McEnroe, who worried that the first round match had 'the potential to be difficult' after he waited an extra hour for Navratilova to finish. But he took the lead in every set, befuddled Schapers with all manner of volleys, and never was threatened. There was a lot of tension

before the match, but I was composed out there," he said. "I'm not going to be playing many (tournaments) next year It would be nice to go out on a positive note. Borts Becker, the 1989

champion, beat Kevin Curren 6-2.5-7, 6-3, 6-4 on centre Court at Louis Armstrong Stadium while 1990 winner Pete Sampras eased by fellow American qualifier David DiLucia 6-3, 7-5, 6-2. Meanwhile, the usually

plactd women's side of the US Open was jolted by three upsets on Tuesday and two other leading contenders endured bumpy rides before gaining passage in to the second round Arantxa Sanchez Vicario. the fifth seeded former French

Open champion, and sixth seeded Olympic Champion Jennifer Capriati survived Scares on another warm. windy day at flushing meadow. Sanchez defeated Latvian Larisa Savchenmko-Neiland 5-7. 6-2. 6-2 and Capriati battled

scares. Capriati was a crying mess after she lost here in the semifinals to Monica Seles last year after holding severa match points. Now she is back as the Olympic champion. coming off a tournament vic tory in San Diego on Sunday and holding a contract or another multi-million dollar endorsement. She's shed 13 kilograms (30 pounds) of baby fat, taken a more active role in her career decisions and is happy again.

much more unpleasant expert ence No. 8 Conchita Martinez lost 6-3, 2-6, 6-4 to Ann Grossman, No. 10 Jana Novotna feel 6-3, 7-6 (7-3) to Rosalyn Fairbank-nideffer, and No. 11 Anke Huber lost to

Other seeded women had a

champion, began the busy day on the women's side with an easy 6-1, 6-2 victory over American Linda Harvey Wild and proclaimed herself fit and ready to campaign for another The Argentine was playing

the Wimbledon champtonships where she was bothered by tendinitis in her left knee and lost to Steffi Graf in the semifinals.

eight weeks off the circuit this "I'm fresh and eager and

Pete Sampras and Boris Becker, former US Open champions who slumped wearily away in a muddle of annoyance last year, shared a sense of ease and lightness on their return.

tended his record against the South African born Curren to 5.0. But the fair will always be Becker's first meeting gainst Curren served as his launching pad to stardom - a four set triumph in the 1985

Wimbledon final that made the

17 year-old Becker the

youngest champion of the

with me to play Curren since the Wimbledon final," said Becker after his two hour 38 minute victory over the neturalised American. "Today he played good ten-

nis, I thought the standard was pretty high.

Becker, who has had an upand-down year and failed to impress in the Grand Slams. played with enthusiasm and The German, a third-round loser to John McEnroe at the

Australian Open, a no show at

the French and a quarter final victim of Agassi's at Wimbledon, pounded in 59 per cent of his first serves and uncorked 49 winners, 38 from the net. "That was good way to start the tournament. I had to work

hard, but not for four hours. said Becker. Sampras, the hottest player coming into the Open with

three successive victories on

tour, was relieved to get his first match into the books. "I'm pretty happy with the way I played," said Sampras who hammered 10 aces in the one hour 42 minute match." I

didn't play great but I played pretty solid. The third seeded Sampras won Open tune-ups in Cincinnati and Indianapolis to extend a string he started with a clay

court title in Austria. The hard serving American beat Stefan Edberg, last year's Open winner, and three time Open champion Ivan Lenol in Cincinnati, and followed that with wins over Becker and world number one Jim Courier

to triumph in Indianapolis. The first couple of rounds is when you are most vulnerable." Sampras said about mounting a campaign for another Open title, "Now I've got a solid win under my belt."

than what it could have been if

I had thought about it a little

more, if I had been a little

more informed, if I had a little

don't know anybody that has

made it down a hard road that

doesn't appreciate everything a

endorsement contracts that

thy of it?" he asked. "It is

something that you should be

very appreciative of and make

this world a better place.

You've got to never lose per-

spective. I am just a human be-

ing who is out here in this

Satellite tennis

world trying to survive."

have earned him millions.

And that includes the fancy

"How could anybody be wor-

"It was a hard road, but I

more experience."

lot more.

Agassi aims for 2nd Grand Slam title



NEW YORK, Sept 2: He showed up sucking on a red lollipop, is hair

casually from his left lobe, his trademark five o'clock shadow in place, reports AP. Then he started talking and

that for a tennis player.

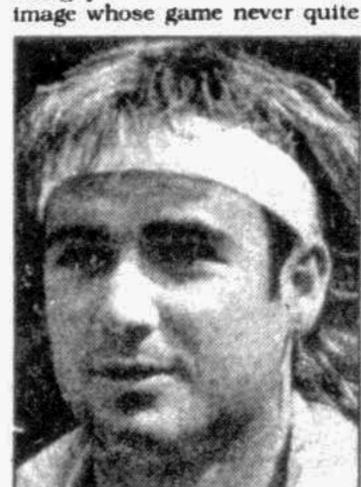
and its staid, oh-so proper im-'You don't realise all that Wimbledon is until you really have time to think about it. Agassi said. "The moment you win it, there are so many emotions and there are so many things to feel good about, but you still don't have a clear concept of what it is that you just accomplished.

Agassi did not always express such deference for the All England Club and its prized tournament. He acknowledges past indiscretions, another

was saying those things." "You know, some of you who

- Star photo

Agassi seemed at a crossroads in his career this summer. He would either be the wiseguy kid with the rock star



ANDRE AGASSI matched his swagger, or he would start delivering significant tennis.

"I think I had a lot of ques-

tions," Agassi said. "If I had lost

in the finals, you start thinking about career suicide at that "Once I got to the fifth set, I felt like, here it goes. It is crunch time. You can walk off here with the best feeling you

are ever going to experience

or the worst one you could

possibly ever experience." After losing the fourth set to Ivanisevic 1-6. Agassi came back to win the fifth and the title, 6-4

"It was a dramatic moment for me," Agassi said. "I needed it extremely bad. Winning Wimbledon relieved a lot of pressure. I think it solidified me, kind of validated me as a professional." Agassi acknowledged that

was long on style but short on substance. "The road I found myself on was a lot more difficult for me

Intending local and foreign

by September 14.

from Oct 5 The ITF Bangladesh-Pakistan Satellite circuit tennis tournament begins at Rajshahi

on October 5, a Bangladesh Tennis Federation press reease says. The first phase of the circuit, an event of the International Tennis Federation's Grand Slam development fund,

will be held at Rajshahi from

October 5 to October 11.

The second phase will take place in Dhaka from October 12 to October 18 while the third and the master phase will be held in Lahore and Karachi of Pakistan. The 25,000 US dollar Sa-

tellite Professional Tennis tournament, under the auspices of ITF, was introduced last year and about 100 professtonal players from different countries including USA, Sweden, Germany, Thailand, Pakistan, India took part.

until he won Wimbledon, he players have been requested to send their entries to the Bangladesh Tennis Federation