

Div II soccer

Sports Reporter

Jurain Janata Club got the better of Dhaka WASA 3-1 in the Sonali Bank Second Division football league at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

The winners led 2-1 at the lemon break.

Md Zahruddin put Janata Club in the lead in the 10th minute of play (1-0).

Abu Shahid Tulu restored parity for Dhaka WASA in the 14th minute (1-1).

Syed Md Ali Akbar once again took Janata Club ahead in the 32nd minute (2-1).

Zahruddin completed the tally for the winners in the 50th minute (3-1).

All Akbar and Md Selim Javed of Janata Club and Md Selim (Sr) of Dhaka WASA were booked by the referee.

East End Club shared points with Bangladesh Boys Club in a one-all draw in the other match of the day.

Arpan Ali put East End ahead in the 34th minute while Mustafizur Rahman Mintu restored parity for Bangladesh Boys in the 38th minute.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Muslim Institute vs Chalandika KC (3 pm: Dhaka Stadium)

Prantik KC vs Laibagh SC (4:30 pm: Dhaka Stadium)

ABC, Panthers win

Sports Reporter

Vega, who were scratched out of the First Division basketball league last year, had a quiet vengeance exacted yesterday as Azad Boys, comprising players from Vega who had the double tragedy of being robbed of a shy at the title and also the right of staying in the Senior Division, launched their campaign for this year's title by depositing the official runners-up Winners Club 78-65 at the wooden-floor gymnasium yesterday.

The star-studded Azad Boys Club had the match control from the very start, leading 36-26 at the breather.

But in the second half, Dhaka Winners' cagers found the rhythm and scored 39 points against the winners 42 but the deficit in the first half proved insurmountable.

The final score showed 78-65 in Azad Boys' favour.

Asghar, Zahir and Akias contributed 20, 19 and 18 points to the victors' tally while for the losers Asif (20), Rajje (17) and Francis (16) retorted.

In the other match of the day, Panthers Sporting Club almost paid dearly for their sloppy performance in the second half but somehow managed to pull off a 43-37 victory over unheralded Dhumketu Club in a low-scoring affair.

After taking a 31-11 half-time lead over the under-rated Dhumketu side the Panthers' cagers must have felt a bit overconfident which resulted in a very poor performance in the second half. They scored only 12 points against 26 mustered by their opponents.

Div III soccer

Sports Reporter

Maghbazar Kishalay Sangha outplayed Aminbazar Krira Sangstha 3-0 in the Pragati Insurance Third Division football league at the Outer Stadium yesterday.

Ratan Kumar Das, Md Sirajul Islam and Ripon scored for the winners.

Kadamtala Sangsad edged past East End Boys Club 1-0 in the other match of the day.

Nepal Chandra Sarker got the decider.

Holiday chess

Sports Reporter

Hasibul Hassan Hanif emerged champion in the third week's competition of the Azad Products weekly holiday chess tournament, organised by Anirban Chess School.

The top position had to be decided through the tie-breaker as Hanif and FIDE Master Zillur Rahman Champak, the eventual runner-up, both finished with six points from seven matches.

In the tie-break Hanif, a Dhaka University student, won the 31 points against Champak's 30.

FIDE Master Ziaur Rahman, who won the first two weeks' competition, missed the chance of a treble after losing rather surprisingly to Hanif, Lavlu and Kasem.

Professor Sharifuddin Reza Hye, a former national player, distributed prizes as chief guest.

A battle of pride and revenge

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 12: The finals of the US 180,000 dollars Malaysian Open badminton championships today will be a battle of revenge and pride between arch-rivals and top seeds Rashid Sidek of Malaysia and Denmark's Thomas Stuer-Lauridsen, reports AFP.

Defending champion and number one seed Rashid will win his third Malaysian Open crown if he beats Lauridsen.

Second seed Lauridsen has never won a Malaysian Open but has outclassed Rashid in all their three past encounters, including the Barcelona Olympics where he won the bronze for badminton.

Bangladesh sink Singapore 7-2

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 12: India, Malaysia and Bangladesh won their matches Saturday on the second day of the Junior flied hockey Asian Cup Championship, reports AP.

India scored twice in the second half to defeat South Korea 4-2 in a Group B match.

In another Group B match, Bangladesh defeated Singapore 7-2 after leading 3-1 at half-time.

In Group A, Malaysia defeated Sri Lanka 7-0 after leading 1-0 at half-time.

Malaysia (2-0) lead Group A

with 4 points, followed by Pakistan (1-0) with 2 points, Japan, Sri Lanka and Oman, all with 0-1 records, trial.

In Group B, Bangladesh, with one with and one draw, lead with 3 points, followed by India (1-0) with two points and China, with one draw, with one point. South Korea and Singapore, both 0-1, round out the division. On Friday, Bangladesh draw goalless with China.

The tournament began Friday and ends Sept 23, with the top two teams in the two groups playing in cross-over semifinals.

The three top teams will qualify for the World Junior Championship in Barcelona in September 1993.

STANDINGS
(After Saturday's matches)

Group A:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Malaysia	2	2	0	0	10	2	4
Pakistan	1	1	0	0	12	0	2
Japan	1	0	0	1	2	3	0
Sri Lanka	1	0	0	1	0	7	0
Oman	1	0	0	1	0	12	0

Group B:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bangladesh	2	1	1	0	7	2	3
India	1	1	0	0	4	2	2
China	1	0	1	0	0	1	1
South Korea	0	0	1	2	4	0	0
Singapore	1	0	0	1	2	7	0

Shaolin Dhaka top karate meet

Shaolin Wushu School of Dhaka emerged as the champions in the Sadharan Bima karate championship at the National Sports Council (NSC) gymnasium yesterday.

Shaolin won two golds and as many silver medals while Defence Officers Housing Society (DOHS) Club and Young Martial Fighter Karate Club (YMFKC) Narayanganj jointly earned the runners up slot with two golds each leaving Chandpur Wushu School with one gold, two silver and one bronze in a tournament that consumed a day more than the original schedule because of a proliferation in the number of participants.

Five hundred and thirty-five karatekas of 54 clubs including 60 female contestants took part in the competition, originally programmed to be completed on Friday but which only ended yesterday, the fourth day.

In the open weight category Md Basit of Bangladesh Martial Art Association (BMAA) picked the gold.

Md Harun of Chandpur Wushu school got the silver medal while Md Sohel of Bangladesh Young King Martial Art Centre (BYKMAC) managed the bronze.

In the 87kg weight class Masudur Rahman of Shaolin Wushu School of Dhaka won the gold medal.

Pradep Kumar of Spider Karate Kungfu club took the silver medal and Ateecur Rahman of Bengal Tiger Kungfu Academy was left with the bronze.

In the men's 77kg division Mahmood, of Sunrise Sporting club pocketed the gold.

Anwar of (BTKA) took the silver.

Kazi Mizanur Rahman of Shaolin claimed the bronze.

The 68kg category gold went to Hassan Tarek of Young Dragon of Chittagong.

Aminul Islam of Bangladesh Royal Bengal Tiger Karate Kungfu Institute had the silver in his kitty. Abul Khair of Shaolin School took the bronze.

Nazrul Islam of (YDMAC) won the gold in the men's 60

kg class while Aminul Islam of Sotokan Karate Do Academy bagged the silver. Jane Alam (MKFC) pocketed the bronze.

In the men's 56kg division, Sultan Mahmud of Upkan Karate clinched the gold.

Mafzul Islam of Karate Do Academy took the silver and Anwar Hossain of Chandpur Wushu School picked up the bronze.

In the men's 50 kg class, one of the items held yesterday, Zakaria Chowdhury of Bangladesh Sotokan Karate Kiu Khai won the gold.

Fayezul Huq of Shaolin Kungfu School, Chittagong took the silver while Humayun Kabir Jewel BKKA managed the bronze.

Md Hannan of DOHS got the gold in 45 kg class.

Tajul Islam of Bengal Tiger Kungfu Academy, Narayanganj won the silver medal and Nazrul Islam of Rising Martial Art bagged the bronze medal.

Kanz Fatma of Chandpur Wushu School stood second securing the silver medal. Laboni of BTKA won the bronze.

In the 40kg class Bibi Mariam Smriti of Shaolin School, Dhaka took the gold.

Lucky Saranya won the silver while Ayesha Chowdhury pocketed the bronze.

The women's 35kg class final was held yesterday and Hur-e-Jannat Ilceera of Chandpur Wushu won the gold.

Tania Nazreen of Arambagh KC bagged the silver while Sanjida Rahman of BTKA settled for the bronze.

Marufa Akhtar Seema was adjudged the best karateka of the tournament, she won two gold medals.

Saad Mohammad of Tangail was given an award for best display on the opening and concluding days.

Masud of Jhalakathi was named the most well behaved competitor.

BHF calls 27 to hockey camp

Bangladesh Hockey Federation yesterday selected 27 players to attend the trial camp for the forthcoming ninth All India Surjit Singh Memorial hockey tournament to be held in Jallundur, India next November.

Players have been asked to report either to Prateep Shankar Hazra or Abdur Razzak at the Bangladesh Hockey Federation at 4.30 pm tomorrow, September 14.

The players are: goalkeepers - Osman Ghani (Army), Shamim Ahmed (Azad Sporting), Ahsanul Iluq Mantu (Mohammedans).

Backs: Jurman Lusal, Rihmatullah, Abdullah Piru (Abahani), Ejaz Ahmad (Wari), Jubel Lusal (Sadharan Biman), Khawaja Fayez (Bachelor SC), Rezzaman Arzu(Ajax) and Tariquezaman Nannu (Mohamedans).

Maradona off to Sevilla

BUENOS AIRES, Sept 12: Argentine soccer star Diego Maradona will leave for Spain today to settle whether or not he will join Sevilla, the player's agent Marcos Franchi said on Friday, reports Reuter.

The objective of the trip is to press for the situation to be settled once and for all, either for or against (the transfer), Franchi told the official Telam news agency.

Earlier a spokesman for Italian club Napoli, who hold the former Argentina captain's contract until June next year, said Maradona was now available for transfer.

He refused to give any details but Maradona is expected to join Sevilla and link up with coach Carlos Bilardo who led a Maradona-inspired Argentina to their 1986 World Cup triumph.

After weeks of refusing to negotiate, Napoli have now agreed to release the 31-year-old midfielder, who recently completed a 15-month ban from soccer for drug abuse. But the club are demanding a heavy price.

Italian newspapers reported that Napoli president Corrado Ferlaino would demand 15 million dollar including the repayment of a 5 million dollar advance paid to Maradona, who captained the club to their two Italian championship triumphs.

Ferlaino is also reported to be seeking guarantees that Maradona would not later join an Italian team nor ever appear against Napoli in any European Cup tie in Naples.

Bilardo said on Thursday he expected Maradona to join the Spanish team within 24 hours.

That evening an Argentine judge gave leave for Maradona, who is undergoing a court-supervised drugs rehabilitation programme after admitting taking cocaine in Buenos Aires last year, to leave the country this weekend.

News of Maradona's impending arrival in Spain has sent thousands of Sevilla fans flocking to buy season tickets.

Sevilla are expected to pay the Argentine about 3 million dollar for one season, according to press reports which also speculated he might make his debut against Logrones on September 27.



Sharif of Tangail and Bashar of Bangladesh Martial Art Association engaged in their Sadharan Bima karate championship bout at the NSC gym yesterday. — Star photo



Australian all-rounder Greg Matthews obliges autograph hunters during the rain ruined morning session of the third day of the third and final Test between Sri Lanka and Australia at Moratuwa on Thursday. — AFP photo

Lankans keep the 3rd Test wide open

MORATUWA, Sri Lanka, Sept 12: Skipper Allan Border hit a marvellous 78 to spearhead yet another dramatic batting revival here Saturday as Australia led Sri Lanka by 210 runs to keep the third Test alive with a day to go, reports AFP.

For the second time in the match, Border proved just why he is regarded as one of the game's finest captains with a fighting knock that rescued Australia from a sensational nine for four, to 147 for 6 by the close on the fourth day.

The left-handed Border, who made a sparkling 106 in the first innings, seemed unhappy when he stood his ground for a few seconds after being ruled out leg-before to seamer Champaka Ramaniyake six overs from close.

During a 140-ball innings, Border had hit ten boundaries, two of them off one over from fast bowler Dulip Lyanage who was responsible for the top-order collapse.

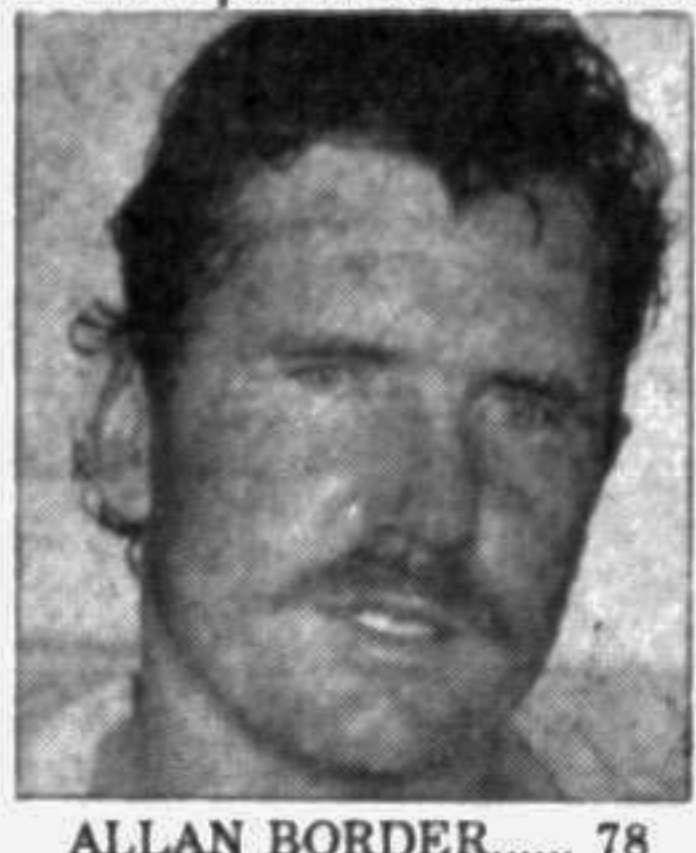
The Australian captain's innings helped set up a 72-run stand for the sixth wicket with all-rounder Greg Matthews who lived up to his image as a gritty middle-order bat on an unbeaten 20.

Before the sixth wicket partnership, Border had shared a crucial 51-run fifth wicket stand with Dean Jones (21) that salvaged the Australian innings which was in a shambles at one stage when three wickets fell for runs.

Border, who was involved in a crucial 127-run sixth wicket rescue at with Matthews in the

first innings, has thus ended the tour 348 runs short of former Indian maestro Sunil Gavaskar's all-time batting aggregate to 10, 122 runs.

Border was dropped on 19 at forward short-leg and survived stumping chance off 34 on his way to his 56th Test half-century. The unlucky bowler on both occasions was left-arm spinner Don Anurasiri.



ALLAN BORDER..... 78

Sri Lanka's pace-spin attack, spearheaded by paceman Lyanage and Anurasiri, pegged the experienced batsmen with some on-the-spot bowling which saw the usually adventurous Matthews playing a subdued and sensible innings.

Earlier, opener Mark Taylor edged an outswinger from Lyanage to Mahanama at slip and then Ramaniyake had Tom Moody caught behind in the next over. Soon after David Boon was judged out leg-before to Lyanage for a duck.

Waugh was the fourth to go, caught by wicket-keeper Hashan Tillekeratne in Lyanage's third over.

The 21-year-old Lyanage, who at one stage had an im-

pressive analysis of 7-3-9-3 finished with figures of three for 29 off 12 overs.

Earlier Sri Lanka added 59 runs to their overnight score of 215 for 4 before enforcing the declaration at the call of the ninth wicket, 63 runs behind Australia's first innings total of 337.

Medium pacer Tony Dodemaide returned the best figures of four for 65 while fast bowler Craig McDermott who made the early breakthroughs in the morning session, claimed four wickets for 89 runs.

The highlight of Sri Lanka's innings was a 116-run fifth wicket stand between Ranatunga (48) and wicket-keeper Hashan Tillekeratne who went on to make his highest test score of 82 with nine boundaries.

Play began after a 30-minute-delay due to overnight rain affecting the area around the wicket but thereafter bright sunshine prevailed throughout the day. Nearly five and half hours were lost to rain in the first three days.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the fourth day of the third and final cricket Test between Sri Lanka and Australia Saturday.

AUSTRALIA: First innings

Sri Lanka: First innings (overnight 215 for four)

R Mahanama lbw B Matthews 50

C Hathurusinghe c Boon b McDermott 2

A Guruntha c Healy b McDermott 0

A De Silva b Dodemaide 58

I Tillekeratne c Waugh

POINTS TABLE

English county championship cricket table standings on Friday (tabulate under played, won, lost, drawn, batting points, bowling points, total):

	P	W	L	D	BP	BOP	T
Essex	21	11	5	5	60	62	298
Kent	21	8	3	10	56	51	235
Northamptonshire	21	7	4	10	58	55	225
Nottinghamshire	21	7	6	8	51	57	220
Derbyshire	21	7	5	9	47	59	218
Warwickshire	21	6	7	8	52	67	215
Leicestershire	21	7	6	8	36	57	205
Middlesex	21	5	3	13	59	59	198
Sussex	21	5	7	9	57	57	194
Surrey	21	5	7	9	56	50	186
Somerset	21	4	4	13	60	58	182
Gloucestershire	21	5	6	10	45	54	179
Hampshire	21	4	6	11	59	54	177
Yorkshire	21	4	5	12	54	52	170
Lancashire	21	3	6	12	69	47	164
Glamorgan	21	4	4	13	49	49	162
Worcestershire	21	3	4	14	52	61	161
Derham	21	2	9	10	42	51	125

Donald keeps Warwickshire in the chase

LONDON, Sept 12: Warwickshire stayed in contention for the runners-up spot in the English county cricket championship with a convincing eight-wicket victory against Middlesex at Lord's on Friday, reports Reuter.

Victory put them sixth 10 points behind third-placed Northants and 20 behind Kent, who they play in the final game of the season starting at Edgbaston today.

Essex were crowned champions last week.

Keith Brown completed his first century of the season in 190 minutes off 149 balls but Middlesex, resuming at 305 for six, could add only 23 more runs.

South African fast bowler Allan Donald grabbed two quick wickets to finish with five for 36 and Tim Munton the other two as Warwickshire were left a simple target of 54 to win on the final day of their four-day match.

Thursday, Phil Tufnell took two wickets for four runs in 13

deliveries. Roger Twose struck five fours and two sixes to reach 36 not out and steer Warwickshire home with more than four hours to spare.

Any hopes Mike Gatting's side had of setting Warwickshire a difficult target were ended when Brown, after adding 11 to his overnight 95, was caught behind by Keith Piper of Donald.

ANC deopillates Indian tour

JOHANNESBURG, Sept 12: The African National Congress (ANC) has given the go-ahead for India's cricket tour starting next month, South African cricket chief Ali Bacher said on Friday, reports Reuter.

"I have spoken to Steve Tshwete and he told me there had been no change in ANC policy on cricket tours to South Africa. The tour will definitely go ahead," Bacher, managing director of the United Cricket Board of South Africa, told Reuter.

Tshwete, chief ANC spokesman on sport, was outraged last month when rugby union authorities violated an agreement with the ANC not to play the national anthem officially at the Test against the all blacks.

The ANC said at the time future rugby tours might be in jeopardy, but the movement was satisfied with the way the Australia Test was conducted a week later.

India are scheduled to play four Tests and seven one-day internationals in South Africa on a 10-week tour starting late next month.

Fischer advised to reduced calory intake

SVETI STEFAN, Yugoslavia, Sept 12: Doctors put chess legend Bobby Fischer on a strict diet on Friday, saying the life he led in his 20-year seclusion is hunting his play, reports Reuter.

They also prescribed a lot of walking and swimming, said sources close to the organisers of the 5 million dollar replay series between Fischer and his archrival Boris Spassky in the Montegrin resort of Sveti Stefan.

Fischer, after a brilliant winning game at the start of the match early this month, on Thursday barely stayed off a third consecutive defeat by managing a draw. Spassky is leading 2-1 with three draws.

"It was lousy, I was very, very bad," Fischer said after Thursday's error-strewn encounter.

Organisers said the quirky American chess prodigy, obviously dejected by his poor play and blaming it on outside interference, had demanded that a protective glass panel be placed between players and public.

He also requested construction of glass bell to seal off the podium in Belgrade where the match will move after one of the players scores five points.

The two champions are playing what the organisers dubbed as the revenge match of the 20th century, a replay of their famous world title encounter in the Reykjavik in 1972.

Fischer won to become the first American to take home the coveted chess crown.

He was only 22 and had not yet reached his full powers as a player, but he inexplicably vanished from the chess scene. Not much has been made

public about the life he led in the self-imposed exile out of which he was lured to play this match.

Waving aside Fischer's technical objections, the doctors are now blaming his lifestyle in seclusion for his wavering form.

"He only ate once a day, and now he is eating regularly and putting on weight. It's putting him to sleep, blunting his playing edge," said the source, who insisted on anonymity.

The temperamental American, once lean and sharp, now balding and portly, appeared to have dozed off at one point during Thursday's seven-hour game.

"He must reduce his calory intake from 5,000 to 2,500 at he most, he must walk for an hour and swim for at least 45 minutes," the source said.

So far Fischer has seldom left his plush villa on the islet, developed in the last century

and now a secluded and luxurious millionaire's playground.

Emerging only for the games on the nearby mainland, he has remained shut up with his second, Philippine Grandmaster Eugenio Torre, and his 19-year-old Hungarian girlfriend and chess advisor Zita Reichany, analysing past and plotting future games.

The 1,000 dollar per night villa has hosted many actors, politicians and members of aristocracy like Sophia Loren and Carlo Ponti, Hans-Dietrich Genscher, Princess Margaret and Lord Snowdon, The Duke of Kent and Crown Prince Akihito, now Emperor of Japan.

On Friday, a free day in the match, the source said Fischer had apparently begun his new regime, discarding the company of his 15 meditation bodyguards, who are normally security staff in a nearby casino, to go swimming.