Two stumpers in one team on Day 3

Mohammedans were yet to

take the field to either retain

or gain new players their sec-

ond casualty of the day came in

the form of Golam Faruq

Chowdhury Suru. The right-

arm medium-pace bowler and

powerful hitter of the ball re-

turned to Brothers Union, the

Sports Reporter



Abahani Krira Chakra, last year's runners-up siged two competent wicketkeeper-batsmen on Day Three of the cricket

players' transfers at the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board office yesterday. National opening batsman Jahangir Alam who also kept wickets for champions Mohammedan Sporting Club

last year decided to pledge his allegiance to arch-rivals Abahani Krira Chakra in the imminent 1992-93 season.

Jahangir, the Narayanganj

Bangladesh beat Oman 3-1

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 20: China defeated Japan 3-2 Sunday night and will meet Bangladesh for fifth place in the second Junior Asian Cup field hockey championship, reports AP.

China led 1-0 at halftime. Bangladesh defeated Oman 3-1 after leading 2-0 at halftime. Oman will play Japan for seventh place on Tuesday. Sri Lanka finished ninth in

the 10-nation tournament by defeating Singapore 2-1. Sri Lanka led 1-0 at half-

In the semifinals Monday, defending champions Pakistan meet South Korea while

Malaysia play India. The top three teams in this tournament qualify for the Junior World Cup in Spain in September next year.

Call to scale down budget for SAF Games

Sports Reporter

The Ministry of Finance has asked the Ministry of Youth and Sports and the National Sports Council (NSC) to scale down the budget to eight crore Taka from the propose Taka 19.8 erore for holding the sixth SAF Homes in Dhaka next year, according to a highly placed source. The Finance Ministry made

the points at a meeting held vesterday at the Finance Ministry which was attended by five deputy secretaries from both ministries and the NSC secretary ASM Ali Kabir.

The Finance Ministry held that only Taka 3.28 crore was spent in 1985 when Bangladesh staged the second biennial regional Games and eight crore taka should be 'enough' for the sixth version of the seven-nation Games. The sports officials bar-

gained for a taka 15 crore government grant and said that the rest 4.8 crore taka would be raised through various means. Bureaucrats of both min-

istries will have more talks to reach an accord on the issue.

The report will be submitted to the ministerial committee headed by the Finance Minister Saifur Rahman for a final decision.

Communications Minister Col (retd) Oli Ahmed and State' Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain Khoka are the other members of the commit-

BTTF calls 26 paddlers for trials Oct 3-4

Sports Reporter

The Bangladesh Table Tennts Federation (BTTF) will send national squads to the Indian capital of Delhi to participate in the 11th Asian table tennis competition scheduled to be held from November 7 to 14 if the government approves.

The teams will take part in the men's and women's events. in this connection, the BTTF has asked 26 players to report at the NSC gym on October 3 and 4. The members for the squads will be selected from among them.

The players primarily nominated for selection for the men's squad are: national champion Rochi, Sadi, Kochi, Mustafa, Happy, Kisloo, Ankhi. Akhlaque, Ripon, Jhinu, Badal, M Ali, Sohel and Ibrahim. National champion Zulekha, Linu, Shamima and Rinu have been named for the women's trials.

Mahbub, Sagar, Manas, Rubel, Hamlet, Mahid, Shaon and Shamim have also been asked to attend the trials.

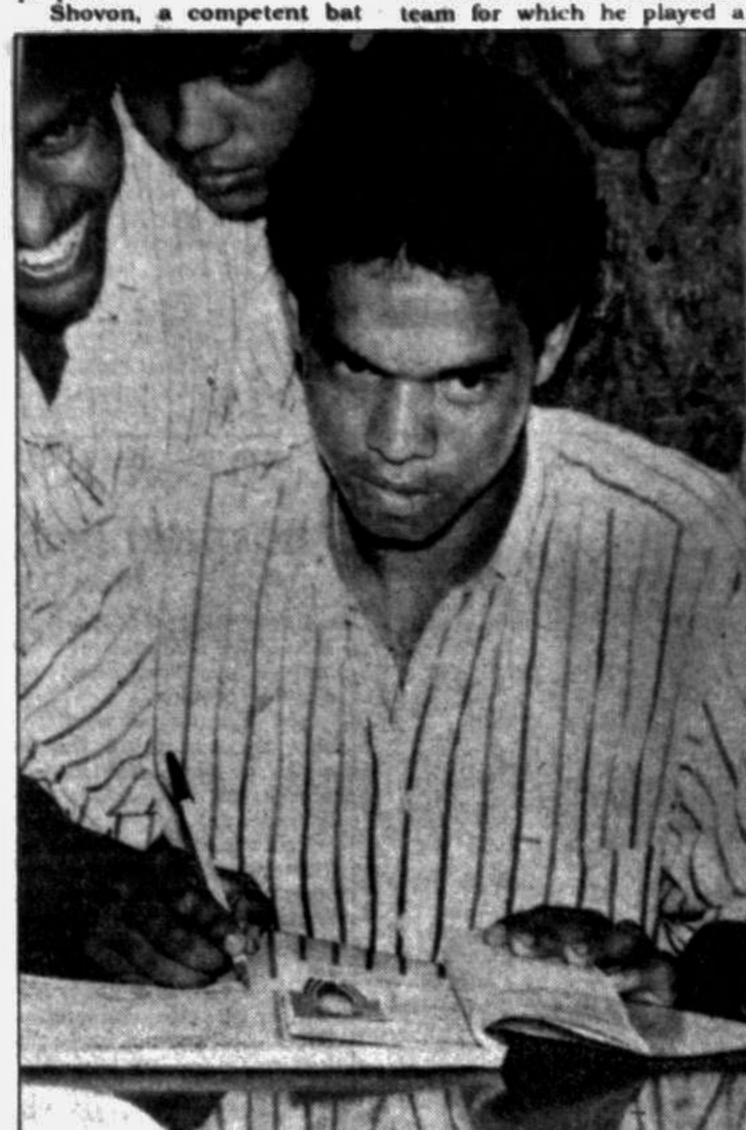
Meanwhile, with a view to upgrading the standard of table tennis in the country and also to enhance competitiveness in the forthcoming Metropolis table tennis league the BTIF has undertaken some steps.

It has resolved to form a players' pool comprising 12 top ranked players. In the league a team will be allowed to have a maximum of two male players from this pool, thereby broadening the distribution of talent and making the contests more meaningful

Moreover, a team will also be permitted to sign one foreign player for the league.

'lad who shot into prominence with a superb batting display a couple years ago for Bangladesh Biman, reportedly will not have to don the gloves as Abahani signed Brothers Union keeper Ziauddin Ahmed Shovon exclusively for that

Shovon, a competent bat



Jahangir Alam, who played for Mohammedan Sporting Club last year stole the show yesterday when he signed for arch-rivals Abahani Krira Chakra at the BCCB office.

and also a leg-spinner outside the recently formed pool comprising 17 leading players, proved a wise collection as the young player will considerably boost Abahani's middle-order besides being a neat gatherer behind the stumps.

Although champions First to respond

Sports Reporter RV Group of Industries, who have been sponsoring the two-phased six-a-side RV cricket competition for the last two years, have reportedly become the first official concern to have responded posttively to the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board's (BCCB) latest announcement of the introduction of an office league - a parallel arrangement to widen and classify the scope of cricketers employed at different offices.

Ershadul Huq, director of the RV Group of Industries. aired the intention of the emergence of the industrial unit as a cricket team. However, RV are yet to approach BCCB officially. BCCB themselves are yet to work out the details of the new form of competition, extant in neighbouring India.

The proposal for on office league came from the Dhaka Cricket Players' Association (DCPA), a welfare organisation for the local cricketers who got involved in a wrangle with the BCCB over the newly introduced pool, consisting of top cricket players of the country. With the DCPA's plea to raise the number of pool players per team to four from three to avoid devaluation of top cricketers as well as the stagnation of the standard of the local game the BCCB's falling for an office league proposal came as a poor consola-Star photo

couple of years back. Left-arm medium-pacer Morshed Chowdhury was one of the more notable new signings that Brothers made on a day which 25 players took and returned their tokens in favour of the clubs of their choice.

Kishore Dasgupta, the Sadharan Bima medium-pacer, was one of the three players to submit tokens after having taken them earlier. Kishore would play for Brothers this

SASF meet in city Oct 12

Sports Reporter

The meeting of the South Asian Sports Federation (SASF) to finalise the disciplines for the sixth South Asian Federation (SAF) Games to be held in Dhaka next year will be held on October 12 in the city.

Top sports officials of the seven SAARC countries will attend the meeting which will be presided over by the Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA) president Gias Kamal Chowdhury.

The meeting will select at least 10 out of the 15 disciplines suggested by the BOA earlier this month.

Div II soccer

Sports Reporter

Jurain Janata Club shared points with Mahakhali XI after their alleged put-up encounter of the Sonali Bank Second Division football league ended in a three-all draw at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Dewan Moinul Islam scored two goals and Hossain got the other for Janata Club while Apu, Mosharraf and Makbul were the scorers for Mahakhali.

Towhiduzzaman Pappu, Abahani's last year's wicketkeeper, has joined the Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club (GMCC), ruling out any possibilities of the club's retaining its national stumper Nasir Ahmed Nasu. Nasu, one of the more critical victims of the pool system, is still to find a satisfactory tent to pursue his career as a cricketer.

GMCC, who are almost sure of having Biman opener Tariquzzaman Munir in their ranks, are trying hard to rope in left-arm medium-pacer Jahangir Talukdar Dulu, the pool player of Dhaka Mehammedan Sporting Club. Saiful Islam Khan, the young paceman of the club who took his token yesterday, has not agreed yet to stay in GMCC for a reportedly offered fee of Taka 1.75 lakh. Satful, another pool player, is one of the many rootless rovers who are out of their depths because the new BCCB decree of three pool players per team left teams with the fell tendency of separating the incidental from the quintessentials. One-day cricket being predominantly a batsman's game budding in a serious existential prob lem, because most of the teams are trying their best to pack their teams with aggresstve one-day batsmen. With signings providing lit-

tle of the much-expected transfer drama, delayed further possibly by the extension of the deadline up to September 24, speculations were rife about Nadir Shah's going back to Abahani from Brothers Union.

Meanwhile, Abahani looked all set to solidify the nucleus of their team as mainstays like Akram Khan, Saidul Anam Efee and Khaled Mahmud Sujan took their tokens and would submit them in a day or two for the Dhanmondi Club.

Halim Shah and Shamsul of Brother Union, Anisuzzaman Bhuiyan Pika of GMCC, Javed Omar Belim Golla of Surja Tarun and Raju Parvez of Wari Club also took their tokens but decided to submit after little more contemplation and deliberation.

Seventeen players severed relationships with their old clubs while eight others of the 25 submitters renewed their loyalty on the third day of the ongoing transfers for the 1992-93 season.



Former Wimbledon champion Michael Stich of Germany with his newly wedded wife TILL DEATH DO US APART . . . German actress Jessica Stockmann after getting married at the Monaco Town Hall on September 19. -AFP photo

Newman shines on his debut for Villa

20: A Rob New man goal on the stroke of half time kept Nor wich top of the

Premier League on Saturday, as Dean Saunders scored twice on his home debut for Aston Villa against his old club Liverpool, reports AFP.

The Canaries extended their lead to four points with second-placed Coventry play ing next week and Blackburn Rovers and Manchester United both drawing. Mark Robins engineered

Norwich's goal against Sh effield Wednesday, whipping over a cross to Newman, who sent a bullet header past England goalkeeper Chris Woods. Kenny Daglish's Blackburn

were down to nine men in their rough-and-tumble 1-1 draw against Wimbledon, which also had hardman Vinny Jones sent off on his home debut at Schurst Park. Jones received his march-

ing orders 10 minutes before half-time for arguing with the referee after a challenge on Kevin Moran, and only three minutes after 3.4 million pound signing Alan Shearer equalised for Rovers with his ninth goal in as many matches. Neal Ardley opened the

scoring for Wimbledon in the 24th minute with a shot from eight yards out. The Dons' were poised to inflict their second defeat in a

week on Blackburn, but John Fashunu missed a penalty after a Mike Neweel handball. Saunders' debut at Villa Park could not have been bet-

ter if it had been rehearsed.

Tying up with his former Liverpool teammate Ray Houghton, he repaid Villa's 2.2 million price tag with the equalizer in the 44th minute after Mark Walters, a former Villa man, volleyed a spectacu lar goal for the reds a minute

earlier. Ron Atkinson's men took the lead after Garry Parker's strike got a touch from Damien Atkinson in the 54th minute, while Saunders, capped his remarkable debut by blasting his second goal in the 63rd minute off a Houghton pass after sloppy defensive work by

Liverpool Saunders' bid for a hattrick was denied by the post 13 minutes later, but defensive woes continued for Graeme Sounness men moments later, when Parker made it four as he pounced on a defensive error by Mark Wright.

Israeli Ronnie Rosenthal's brilliant individual effort in the closing minutes couldn't cover up the dismal Liverpool performance, although Sounness

will point to a star-filled injury list including lan Rush, Pau Stewart and Steve McMana

Chris Armstrong continued

to sparkle with Crystal Palace, scoring twice in nine minutes in the first half as the Londoners beat Everton 2-0. The one million-pound-buy from Mil wall had scored twice in a minute in a 2-2 draw against Oldham last week.

John Salako was in the thick of the action at Goodison Park, setting up Armstrong's first goal in the eighth minute and firing a blistering shot in the closing minutes of the first half that called for a superb save from Neville Southall.

Alan Shearer scored his ninth-goal of the season in the 32nd minute, knocking the ball past Wimbledon's Hans Segers from a superb pass from Stewart Ripley. lpswich lost their unbeaten

record at Boundary Park, going down 4-2 to Oldham, while Gary Speed gave champions Leeds an undeserved draw at the Dell after Perry Groves struck his first goal for Suthapton in the 43rd minute. Arsenal were also fortunate

to wrest a draw from Sheffield United, Ian Wright's goal off a long ball from Lee Dixon coming with three minutes remaining. Dane Whitehouse scored

Sheffield's goal off a pass from Brian Deane, although he was lucky to avoid a handball call. Gordon Durie equalized for

Spurs against Manchester United after Ryan Giggs, the

young Weish star who missed the midweek UEFA, Cup the because of a mixup over his eligibility, sent United into the lead tust on halftime after a blunder by fullback Dean

In the First Division Newcastle are three points clear at the top after maintaining their superb 100 per cent start to the season with a 5-0 home hammering of Bristol City in front of a capacity 30,000 Kevin Keegan's side made it

seven wins out of seven thanks to two penalties from Gavin Peacock, a 30-yard free-kick from Liam O'Brien, a brilliant chip from Franz Carr and a late effort from Kevin Brock. In stark contrast, Notts

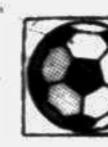
County chief Neil Warnock went home to consider his future after a 6-0 drubbing at Millwall

The defeat came only days after Warnock sold defender Craig Short to Derby for 2.5 million pounds and Millwall took full advantage with five goals after the break. Meanwhile, former England

striker Steve Bull rescued a 2-2 home draw for high-riding Wolverhampton against Watford and save. Wolves unbeaten league record with his second goal of the game three minutes from time. In Division Two West

Broniwich lost their unbeaten record but retained the leadership when they went down by the odd goal of seven at Sotke. Stockport closed the gap with a 3-0 win at Chester.

Napoli prolong Maradona's woe



Sept 20 : Napoli have declined to attend Monday's meeting with FC Sevilla aimed at resolving the transfer wrangle

over Diego Maradona, the Italian club announced on Sunday, reports AFP. No motive was given, but

sources said it may be because the Spanish club's offer of 4.5 million dollars for the Argentine star falls way short of Napoli's price tag of nine million dollars. Monday's meeting at the

Zurich headquarters of FIFA, football's governing body, was seen as a last chance to allow Maradona resume his playing career this season. The 31-year-old completed

a 15-month suspension for co-

caine use in the summer, but refused to fulfil the last year of his contract with Napoli. The former Argentine cap-

tain, who arrived in Seville last

week, was persuaded by club coach and friend Carlos Bilardo to extend his stay until Monday in the hope that his transfer would be resolved. in the meantime, there was confusion about an alleged bid

pique Marseille for Maradona's services. A Napoli source said the club faxed an official bid on Saturday but earlier.

by French champions Olym-

Marseille Secretary General Jean-Pierre Bernes told the Provencal newspaper that of Maradona playing for the French side.

But Betis, a Spanish Second

Division side and Sevilla's crosstown rivals, did join the auction with an official offer of 8.5 million dollars.

Sevilla president Luis Cuervas laughed it off, however, as

A glitch in Bayern blitz

BONN, Sept 20 : Bayern fans will be weeping into their tankards as the Munich Beer Festival gets underway this weekend, after their team lost their 100 percent record in the Bundesliga on Saturday, reports AFP.

With World Cup star Lothar

Matthaeus making his debut

and Olaf Thon opening up a

37th minute lead, Bayern looked destined for a sixth consecutive victory in their game with Wattenscheid. But there was no time to hit back after Senegal's Souleyman

Sane seized an equaliser in the

90th minute. Consolation for Bayern is

that there was no change at the top. The Bavarian club still lead

the table with a game in hand over Bayer Leverkusen, who drew 2-2 at VFL Bochum, while third placed Eintracht Frankfurt, who have also played six games, suffered a similarly agonising 1-1 draw with newly-promoted Saarbrucken.

Like Bayern, Frankfurt were home and dry until the 90th minute, after Axel Kruse had given them a first-half lead.

But the two points slipped away when Kruse's teammate, desender Dietmar Roth, planted the ball in his own net in the dying seconds.

sank Leeds United in the European Champions Cup in midweek, Fritz Walter, was no target again for VFB Stuttgart in a thrilling 3-3 draw with Bayer Uerdingen. Uerdingen scored three

Meanwhile, the man who

times in the last 10 minutes and were trailing 3-1 after Thomas Strunz scored for Stuttgart in the 85th minute.



A Star file photo shows England cricketer David Gower keeping wickets as his newly-wed bride (then fiancee) Thorunn Nash takes strike. The couple exchanged their wedding rings at Winchester Cathedral on Sept 19.



To bid the last day of Bhadra farewell a boat race was also organised by the Mati Bhanga College at Nazirpur, Pirojpur on September 18.

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