Div III soccer

Sports Reporter

registered a convincing 3-1

victory over Bashabo Tarun

Sangha in the Pragati Insur-

ance Third Division football

super league at the Mirpur

Das and Md Ali scored for the

winners while Monirul Islam

reduced the margin for the

maluddin of Maghbazar and

Dulal and Badrul of Bashabo

received the yellow cards for

The result left both teams

Kadamtala Sangsad shared

at par with two points from as

points with Gandaria Famous

Sporting Club in a scoreless

daria were cautioned with the

Ashig and Shakti of Gan-

Kadamtala now have three

points while Gandaria Famous

have one from two matches

today. Matuail Juba Sangha will

play Lalmatia Club at 2:30 pm

and Purbachal Parishad will

take on Badda Jagaroni Sang-

DIVISION TWO

Meanwhile, the eight-team

super league of the Sonali Bank

Except for the inaugural

Second Division football league

will begin tomorrow at the

day, matches will be held in

the evening -the first at 6 pm

play held in the evening - the

first at 6 pm and the second

play Prantik Krira Chakra in

the inaugural match at 4 pm

while Shantinagar Club' will

clash with Dhaka WASA in the

day's second match at 5:30

super league are, Muslim Insti-

tute, East End Club, Jurain

The super league is sched

The top two teams will

uled to be completed by Octo-

earn promotion to the First

Janata Club and City Club.

Division league next year.

The other four teams of the

Bangladesh Boys Club will

Bangladesh Boys Club will

and the second at 7:30 pm.

Two matches will be held

draw earlier in the afternoon.

Shawkat, Bipul and Ja-

Shawkat Ali, Swapan Kumar

Stadium yesterday.

rough tackling.

many matches.

vellow cards.

sad at 4 pm.

Mirpur Stadium.

at 7:30 pm.

ber 17

Moghbazar Kishalay Sangha

League format for Damal Summer cricket

Sports Reporter

Unlike previous years, the first round of this year's Damal Summer cricket competition - the traditional curtain raiser of Dhaka Cricket which begins on October 9 will be conducted on a league basis Participating teams will be

divided into six groups with the six top-seeded teams of the Navana Premier league leading each pool.

The six teams are Abahani Krira Chakra, Mohammedan Sporting Club, Gulshan Youth and the Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club - the four semifinalists last year - and Bangladesh Biman and Brothers Union. The last two teams have

been selected on the basis of their performances in last year's Premier Division.

The six group champions split into two groups - will play in the next round with the top two teams qualifying for the semifinals.

Abahani and Mohammedans finished as champions and runners-up in the last Damal Summer tournament when it was held on a knockout basis. Meanwhile, the Bangladesh

Cricket Control Board, the organtsers of the meet, have extended the entry date till October 1 from tomorrow. Twelve teams had con

firmed their participation till last evening.

BCCB does it yet again

Sports Reporter

The Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) has once again postponed the final match of last season's Second Division cricket league be-Evergreen Club and Dhanmondi Pragoti Sangha, again due to 'unavoidable rea-

The BCCB carlier on Sunday seheduled the carried over match for October 5, after a series of postponements. The revised date will be announced soon.

The finalists have been kept waiting for the showdown. which is only of academic in terest as both teams have earned the right to play in this year's Milnars First Division league.

Bangladesh play-

ers gave a good

account of them-

selves despite the

felt improvement

in the standard of

the other hockey playing

nations of Asia," was the gist of

the addresses made by the

officials who accompanied the

youth hockey team in the

recently concluded qualifying

meet in Kuala Lumpur to

decide the three Asian

representatives in next year's

ference at the Bangladesh

Hockey Federation (BHF),

team coach Ehtesham Sultan

praised his boys for their gal-

lant show against their more

experienced opponents.

Although the competition was

for players from the under-21

years age group most of the

other teams had enough expo-

sure prior to this tournament.

Hosts Malaysta played as many

as 40 trial matches to help

their players grow the much-

Ibrahim Saber, himself a qual-

ity hockey player and a cham-

pion all round sportsman of

Faridpur hockey

team feted

1992 national youth hockey

champions Faridpur team was

accorded a warm reception

recently by the Faridpur

Cricket Players' Association at

the local stadium, reports BSS.

congratulated the team mem-

their achievement.

Stadium, Dhaka.

bers, officials and coaches for

onship defeating Dhaka in the

final match played on August

26 at the National Hockey

need for more vigorous train-

ing and practice for future

team also became national

senior team won the national

Police Super Md Hadisu-

ddin attended the function as

chief guest. It was presided

Association president Aminur

The function was ad-

Association general secretary

Prof Md Fakruzzaman, joint

secretary Prof Md Shahjahan,

hockey committee secretary

Prof Md Azizul Hoque Khan.

by Cricket Players'

among others, by

District Sports

champion in 1987

Rahman Farid.

Faridpur

championship in 1977.

The Faridpur youth hockey

and the

Speakers also stressed the

Speakers at the reception

Faridpur won the champi-

FARIDPUR, Sept 22: The

Bangladesh team manager

needed match temperament.

Yesterday, at a press con-

World Junior Championship.

PM opens nat'l women's swimming today

Sports Reporter



country where national championships of various sporting events are being regularly deferr-

for both known and unknown reasons, the semblance of regularity shown by the authorities in launching the women's national swimming championships at about the same time it was held last year comes as a pleasant sur-

BTMC, another major force in national level sports, lost their crown finishing second with 25 medals that included a dozen golds.

Twenty - four records were set in last year's meet featuring 37 events.

Seven teams - Ansars, BTMC, Rafbart DSA, Bandarban DSA, Munshiganj DSA, Narayanganj DSA and Pabna DSA entered last year's fray with star swimmer Mahmuda Sharif of Ansars proving her



MAHMUDA SHARIF ... four golds in 1991

The four-day meet organised by the Bangladesh Women's Sports Federation (BSWF) gets underway today at the Dhanmondi Women's Sports Complex (DWSC).

Khaleda Zia will formally inaugurate the meet at four this afternoon. According to a BWSF press

Prime Minister Begum

release, 81 participants from 11 district sports associations will take part in this year's competition. Should the office and ser-

vice leams like last year's " tons Bangladesh Ansars and BTMC not take part laccording to the BWSF press release), the glitter and glamour of the female natants will be considerably reduced. Ansars finished top by claiming 47 of the total 111 medals that were at stake last year, 14 of them being of the glittering

Players performance praised

Sports Reporter

yesteryears, culled food as the

main problem for the

Bangladeshi players.

conference yesterday.

"Our players are not used

to the Malaysian cuisine with

coconut oil as its essential in-

gredient. Our players avoided

cooked food and relied mainly

on fruits. As a result the nutri-

tion of 'our players was af-

journalist Ibrahim Saber said

'Our embassy in Kuala Lumpur

was of no help to us. One or

two officials were seen on the

match days but they did not

bother to inquire about the

problems and requirements of

the food problem but were bet-

ter off financially took their

players out to dine in restau-

rants that offered menu of

ticularly eulogistic about the

defence of the Bangladesh

against India which Bangladesh

lost narrowly by the odd goal

in the three, the veteran coach

observed, "we were distinctly

unlucky as the video tape re-

vealed that both the Indian

goals were scored under de-

an offside position while scor-

ing the equaliser while

Herpreet's winning goal was

not legitimate from the view-

point of the extant regulations

their best display against

India," the coach said with

some degree of pride.

"However, the boys gave

"Indian forward Riaz was in

batable circumstances.

of the game."

Ehtesham Sultan was par-

Referring to the match

their choices, Saber said.

Other teams which faced

the boys" he lamented.

Replying to a query from a

self as the best individual performer with a haul of four gold

With the quadrennial Bangladesh Games just round the corner and the sixth SAF Games scheduled to be held in Dhaka in December next year, the current national championships should serve as a prelude for the hectic preparations for the forthcoming sporting meets of greater im-

LAST YEAR'S TABLE The final medal totals of last year's na nal women's

championships 15 47 B. Ansars Rafbari DSA Bandarban Munshigani Narayanganj

Ibrahim Saber further illus-

Star photo

in any of the matches.

Akhtar of Bangladesh

Mohammad Shahbaz and

scored five goals, including a

hattrick, against Singapore to

emerge as the third highest

Qamran Ashraf of Pakistan

were the two top scorers with

11 and 9 goals respectively.

Bangladesh scored 13 goals

from six matches with the

biggest margin being recorded

Korea, the eventual third-place

finishers, by 5-1, the biggest

margin of defeat for fifth-

ons while hosts Malaysia

carved out a creditable runner-

up, ahead of a more fancied

officials accentuated the im-

portance of more international

exposure for the improvement

not adequate. We don't have a

synthetic turf. Even the balls

that were used in this tourna-

ment are not used in our coun-

try", quipped a canny Saber

who lauded the performance of

the team despite its finishing

fifth, a rank below the fourth

position held by Bangladesh

four years ago in the same

the competition held between

Sept 11 and 21, was restricted

to ten nations as Macao and

Chinese Taipei pulled out at

Originally a 12 team meet,

competition in New Delhi.

the eleventh hour.

of the standard of our hockey.

Indian and South Korea.

Bangladesh lost to South

Pakistan came out champi-

Both the Bangladesh team

"Facilities available here are

at 7-2 against Singapore.

placed Bangladesh.

scorer in this tournament.

trated this point by adding that

Bangladesh was not outplayed

Ibrahim Saber (L) and Ehtesham Sultan, the manager and

coach respectively of the Bangladesh team which finished

fifth in the 10-team Asian Youth Hockey Championship

earlier this month, addressing newsmen at a press

Arambagh win in N'ganj soccer

NARAYANGANJ, Sept 28: Two second-half goals by experienced Mustakim helped Arambagh Krira Sangstha to win a place at the cost of Sher! e-Bangla Club in the quarterfinals of the Poura Gold Cup tournament here today at the Osmani Stadium.

After a barren first half Mustakim, the Arambagh leftwinger, scored the first goal 20 minutes into the second half. Two minutes later he doubled the margin to seal the fate of the match.

Sher-e-Bangla Club, a team from Narsinghdi, fought gallantly but ran out of gas at the fag end of the match.

Arambagh will play either Dhaka Wanderers or BSEC (Dockyard) in one of the quarterfinals on October 3.

TODAY'S MATCH Eskaton Sabuj Sangha vs Rahmatganj MFS (quarterfinal)

Hornets, Eagles post vital wins

Sports Reporter

Hornets SC brightened their chances of surviving in the Partex First Division basketball league by registering their second victory in the classification round or relegation play-off of the league at the wooden-floor gymnasium vesterday. In yesterday's first match,

the Hornets' basketballers edged 57-50 past Backstroke Boys Club, who now have one win against two defeats in the five-team play-off series.

The winners, aided by fine scoring from Dipak (21) and Julian (11), enjoyed a 28-22 lead at the breather.

Rony with 16 points and Lincoln, who caged 14, tried their best but could not save the day for Backstroke.

Dhaka Wanderers once again found fortune favouring their opponents as they went down 46-49 to Eagles Club in the second classification round affair of the day.

After a tense first half, which ended with the score tie 20-20, Wanderers, who are yet to win a match in the league, played desperately to seal a victory but at the end they were three points adrift.

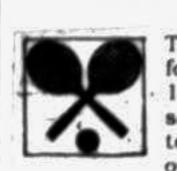
Toufique and Imon notched up 18 and 12 points respectively for the winners while Debashish (17) and Ibran (11) had the losers score rolling on. Eagles Club who have played three matches so far,

have two wins against one The bottom team in the play-offs will be relegated. TODAY'S MATCHES

Eagles Club vs Backstroke Boys Club (4 pm) Josephites vs Wanderers Club (5:30 pm)

Funds found for ITF circuit

Sports Reporter



four legs of the 1992 ITF men's satellite circuit tennis champi onships for Bangladesh-Pakistan will be held

Rajshahi Tennis Complex. One hundred and nineteen players of 20 countries including hosts Bangladesh have registered their names for the Bangladesh-Pakistan circuit tennis competition.

from October 5 to 11 at the

Initially 140 players had registered their names for the

(RTC), organisers of the first leg, said that like the inaugural meet last year. Bangladesh Tobacco Company (BTC), which has this time provided Taka three lakhs, will sponsor the meet and hence the tournament would be named the Gold Leaf ITF men's satellite

Apart from the money received from the BTC, which will also sponsor the second leg to be held from October 12 to 18 at the Ramna Tennis Complex in Dhaka, the RTC has also received Taka 50,000

circuit tennis championships.

Imam was also critical of the BTF secretary for not attending yesterday's press conference.

Giving the details, the secretary of the Rajshahi Tennis Complex, Mushtaq Ahmed said that the singles champion will earn 21 ITF points while the runner-up will get 15 points and the two semifinalists 10 points each.

The champion pair in the doubles will earn 15 points each and the runners-up pair 10 points each.

All the players of the main



Bangladesh-Pakistan ITF men's satellite circuit tennis championship which begins in Rajshahi Oct 5 - Star photo

from the Ministry of Youth and

meet but 21 of them cancelled their entries for various sea

Defending champion Laur ence Tielemann of Italy, second-seed Zeeshan Ali of India, third-seed Sean Cole of Great Britain along with an other 17 top-seeded players will directly play in the final draw of 32 players.

Four wild card berths have been reserved for the hosts. which means that four Bangladeshi players nominated by the hosts will qualify directly for the 32-player finals while the rest eight local players will have to come through the qualifying competition immediately preceding the Addressing the press at a

local hotel yesterday, Zafar Imam, President of the Rajshahi Tennis Complex Sports as a special grant. The estimated budget for the meet is Taka 4,87,000. Tracing the background,

Zafar Imam, who is also Deputy Secretary General of the Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA), said that the fate of the tournament was very much in doubt for lack of funds. He thanked the State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain Khoka for his timely intervention in this connection.

However, Zafar Imam criticised the Bangladesh Tennis Federation (BTF) for their al leged non-cooperation with the RTC. The BTF, which had reportedly promised a grant of Taka 50,000 during the first circuit tennis last November. had not yet given the sum, Imam regretted.

for which the ITF has allotted a sum of 25,000 dollars for the The singles champion of

draw will receive cash awards

each leg will receive US dollars 812.50 and the doubles champions will get US 393.75 dollars. The singles runner-up and doubles runners-up will get US dollars 206.25 respec Peter Malik of India will be

the referees' supervisor while Lawrence D' Walsh of Holland will be the chair umpire in the tourney, Mushtaq said. The third and the fourth

legs will be held in Lahore and Karachi in Pakistan later next month. The concluding leg in Karachi will be known at the Marketing Services man-

ager of the BTC Jahangir Kabir also answered queries from the journalists.

Varsity soccer from Oct 1

By JU Correspondent

The five-day inter university football competition will get underway at the Mir Mosharral Hossatn ground of Jahangirnagar University from October 1.

groups, will participate in the

Rajshahi University, Jahangirnagar University and Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology will take part in the Group 'A' matches while Dhaka, Bangladesh Agricultural University, Chittagong University and Islamic University will compete in Group

Hosts Jahangirnagar University will meet Raishahi University in the opening match at 3.30pm Thursday,

Meanwhile, the JU authorities have announced their team comprising 17

players. tain), Shamim, Swapon, Hiru, Ratan, Babu, Zahid, Rumen,

Volleyball refs' course concludes

The certificate-awarding

pants of the volleyball referces' course was held yesterday State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain Khoka

gave away the certificates among the participants as chief guest. Thirty-two volleyball referees including six women took

auspices of the Bangladesh Volleyball Federation. President of BVF Major General Mahbubur Rahman, chairman of the referees board M Anisur Rahman and

zaman spoke at the closing function. Monirul Hoque, Anisur Rahman and ASM Mofazzal

Hossain, Ershaduzzaman, three international and the last named national referee, conducted the nine-day course.

in Milan where Argentine

Gabriel Batistuta twice gave

them the lead against strug-

But in another rainswept

game, Inter had midfielders

Alessandro Bianchi and

German Mathias Sammer car-

gling Internazionale.

Gazza takes a knock on Lazio debut A massive second half ongoals in the space of four min-



lasted just 45 minutes of his Italian league debut for Lazio on

Sunday, injuring the knee which he smashed 16 months ago, reports Reuter.

Gascoigne, who made his longawaited comeback on Wednesday in a friendly against his old club Tottenham, was hurt in a tackle by Genoa's Mario Bortolazzi close to halftime. He failed to reappear for the second half.

His advisor Jane Nottage said: "Paul is OK. He's fine. He has just taken a slight knock on his knee."

They took him off as a precaution, but he was going to go off at halftime anyway."

The entire Lazio camp and the 70,000 crowed had feared the worst after the England midsielder collapsed holding his right knee, in which he ruptured cruciate ligaments in the 1991 English Cup final.

Lazio coach Dino Zoff was on his feet anxiously watching developments as club doctor Claudio Bartolini dashed out to treat the 9.4 million dollar signing.

Gascoigne rose and stayed on the pitch for the remaining moments of the half in which he had played well. But he suddenly looked tentative and tested his knee, which had undergone two operations, several times.

He took his place on the bench after halftime and when Lazio scored in the 58th minute through Angelo Gregucci, Gascoigne bounced to his feet, applayding wildly.

Lazio conceded a late goal to Genoa's Michele Padovano to finish with a draw for the fourth league game in succes-

TORINO PASS UP

Torino threw away a golden chance to go clear at the top when they conceded two late

Training camp for SAF judo Sports Reporter

Bangladesh will take part in

the South Asian judo competition to be held in the Indian capital New Delhi from October 30 to November 2.

In this connection a month-

long coaching camp under the aegis of the Bangladesh Judo and Karate Federation (BJKF) Newly-promoted began on September 25 at the National Sports Council Judo room.

Torino were two up by halftime through Vincenzo Scifo and Uruguayan Carlos Aguilera but strikes by Stefano Borgonovo saved the First Division newcomers and left Torino level on points with AC

Torrential rain turned pitches in Northern Italy into swamps and the Sampdoria -AC Milan clash was washed out 30 minutes before the start. A cloudburst not only flooded the pitch but left the changing rooms awash. Rain seriously reduced visi-

bility at Juventus. But it failed to stop German striker Andreas Moeller putting them ahead of Roma after 16 minutes with a crisp shot from the edge of the area. Four minutes later Roma

were awarded a corner and their Brazilian defender Aldair punched on a mistake by Italian international Gianluca Vialli to level.



ried off injured before the in-Batistuta opened the scoring six minutes into the second half and was on target again six minutes from the end after a move begun by Fiorentina's new Danish sign-

ing Brian Laudrup. Inter were saved by equalisers from Russian Igor Shalimov and Sergio Battistini.

Napoli led bottom side Ancona after only five minutes through Uruguayan Daniel Fonsecca.

They dominated play until carclessly conceding a second half goal to Hungarian Lajos

Barcelona blank Burgos 4-1



28: Barcelona maintained their strong start to the Spanish sea son by demolfshing Real Burgos 4-1 on

Sunday, reports Reuter. Within three minutes Aitor Beguiristain had fired the champions ahead. Ten minutes later Danish striker Michael Laudrup doubled the tally and Jose Bakero hit the third in the 22nd.

Burgos replied in the final minute of the first-half with a penalty by Romanian Gavril Balint but soon after the interval Kristo Stoichkov slotted home Barcelona's fourth. Unbeaten Barcelona trial

Deportivo Coruna by one point

after four games. The surprise

leaders maintained their 100 per cent record with a 2-0 win at Real Sociedad on Saturday. Real Madrid managed an

uninspired 3-0 victory over Albacete on Saturday and are fifth in the standings.

PORTO STAY TOP Champions Porto found

themselves in familiar territory at the weekend top of the Portuguese League after a 3-0 win over Famalicac.

Second-half substitute Manuel Bino scored twice on his debut for Porto. Antonio Semedo hit the other goal.

Belenenses filled second place, one point behind, after beating Maritimo 1-0.

Brazilian midfielder Luis Gustavo was on target against Maritimo, reduced to 10 men from the 63rd minute when Brazilian striker Ademir Alcantra was sent off for dis-

Benefica defeated Espinho 3-0, their first away victory of

Juventus, Roma fans clash in

ROME. Sept 28: About 20 people, including several police officers, were slightly injured Sunday when fans of Juventus and AS Roma clashed outside the Juventus stadium in Turin before their fourthround Italian First-Division match, reports AP.

Two young Rome residents were hospitalised with bone fractures, the news agency ANSA said. The two fans were hurt when they fell trying to scale the stadium gates.

The clashes broke out when rival groups of fans began throwing rocks, cans and other objects at each other. A small Fiat car was set on fire.

Meanwhile, at Meazza stadium in Milan, police seized 500 bottles of alcoholic drinks and arrested one fan. Police said the alcohol had been smuggled into the stadium before the match, according to

ANSA. Juventus and Roma drew 1 1; in Milan, Internazionale tied Fiorentina of Florence 2-2.

the season. Jose Carlos scored with a 44th minute header from a free kick. Substitute Jao Pinto and Vitro Paneira added the other two in the second-

Sporting, coached by former England manager Bobby Robson, remained without an away win after drawing 0-0 at Farense.

Robson said: "I understand that everyone is impatient because the team hasn't yet scored or won away, which is essential for us to be champions. But I guarantee that this

will happen very soon. FEYENOORD FALTER

Feyenoord Rotterdam sliped down the Dutch league table to third on Sunday when they dropped a point in a 2-2 draw against home-town rivals Sparta Rotterdam.

All the goals came in the first half with Henk Fraser scoring first for Feyenoord and Hungarian striker Jozsef Kiprich stretching their lead in the 23rd minute.

Sparta struck back through Bubberman and De Getrouwe to grab a point. FC Twente Enschede took

second place in the table, behind PSV Eindhoven, after a crushing 5-1 defeat of FC Utrecht

Brazilian Romario helped league champions PSV to their fifth win in as many matches this season on Saturday, scoring three goals in their 5-1 victory at MVV Maastricht.

Seven Universities, in two

Vice Chancellor of Jahangirnagar University Prof Kazi Saleh Ahmed will inaugurate the football competition.

On the team are Selim (Captain), Tushar (Vice-cap-

Rafiq, Liton, Hakim, Zubayer, Kutub, Lipon, Alamgir and Rehan.

Sports Reporter

ceremony among the particiat the National Sports Council conference room.

part in the course which began on September 19 under the

general secretary Ershaduz-

ROME, Sept 28 slaught by Juventus failed to utes and drew 2-2 at Pescara. Fiorentina's impressive Paul Gascoigne start to the season continued