

### CU make DU sweat in varsity soccer

**Sports Reporter**  
Defending champions Dhaka University had a hard days work before managing an unimpressive 2-1 victory over Chittagong University in first match of the inter-university football championship at the Mir Mosharrar Hossain hall playground in Savar.

After the drubbing of Islamic University just a day before on Friday, the title-holders started the match in a relaxed mood but soon found their opponents penetrating their defence line.

The first half saw both teams attacking each others' citadels without any success.

In the second half, Dhaka University found things going their way as Mosharrar put them one up in the 12th minute and within the next five minutes they were enjoying a two-goal lead through a strike by Zulfiqar.

But when Pinchu of Chittagong University pulled one back in the very next minute the winners were forced out of their complacency.

The reigning champions managed fend off the Chittagong offensives remaining for the portion of play.

The exciting encounter was, however, marked with some unseemly events which induced referee Abdul Aziz to warn as many as five booters of both teams to keep things well under control.

Mainul, Zulfiqar of Dhaka University and Mamun, Didar and Mahub of Chittagong had their names in the yellow-card sheet.

Hosts Jahangir Nagar had a much easier engagement against BUET in the second match of the day, registering a convincing 4-0 victory with Babu scoring a hat-trick.

In the one-sided affair three of the four goals were scored in the first half.

Babu found the target in 18th minute to take his side one goal ahead. Zahid made it 2-0 in the 36th minute while in the next minute it was 3-0 with Babu slamming home his second.

The second session of the match was more or less a drab affair as the vanquished were visibly dispirited after conceding three goals in the first half. On the other hand, the victors did not make much extra effort to widen the margin except for Babu who in the 32nd minute by completing his reached a personal milestone well-deserved hat-trick.

### TODAY'S MATCHES

Dhaka University vs Bangladesh Agricultural University 1-30 Chittagong University vs Islamic University (3-30).

### Pioneer league inter-zonals on

**Sports Reporter**  
North Zone defeated South Zone 2-1 in the inaugural match of the Pioneer inter-zonal football league at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday.

Iqbal and Mizanur Rahman scored for the winners while Hassan pulled one back for the losers.

Five zonal teams — North, South, West, East and Central are taking part in this competition aimed at unearthing talented soccer players across the country.

Organisers Dhaka Metropolitan Football League Association had selected 90 players last month from a similar competition.

Each of the five zonal teams accommodates 18 players. Thirty six players will be selected from the league who will be kept under a month-long intensive coaching programme.

### TODAY'S MATCH

South Zone vs East Zone.

### Stafford wins Taiwan tennis

TAIPEI, Taiwan, Oct 4: Unseeded Shaun Stafford upset second-seeded American compatriot Ann Grossman 6-1, 6-3 Sunday and won the \$100,000 Procter and Gamble Taiwan Women's Tennis Open, reports AP.

It was the first professional tournament victory for the 25-year-old Stafford, who upset top-seeded Amanda Coetzer of South Africa in the semifinals.

Stafford, of Gantersville, Fla, said she knew she was better than her ranking — 175th by the Women's Tennis Association. Grossman ranked 60th and Coetzer 16th.

"I was playing great because I really, really wanted to win," said Stafford, who received \$18,000 for the victory.

In the doubles, third-seeded Joanne Paull of Australia and Julie Richardson of New Zealand upset top-seeded Coetzer and American Cammy MacGregor 3-6, 6-3, 6-2 in a two-hour battle.

Paull and Richardson won \$18,000.

## ITF satellite circuit begins in Rajshahi today



**Sports Reporter**  
The first of the four legs of the 1992 ITF Bangladesh - Pakistan men's satellite circuit tennis championships gets underway today at the Rajshahi tennis complex at 4 pm.

One hundred and nineteen players from 20 countries including hosts Bangladesh are taking part in this competition. Most of the players have arrived at country's northern divisional headquarters while the few late-comers are likely to be there by today.

Finance Minister Saifur Rahman is expected to inaugurate the week-long tournament which concludes on October 11.

Unlike last year, the inaugural year of the circuit, the first leg of the tournament is being held in Rajshahi with Bangladesh Tobacco Corporation (BTC) again playing the role of sponsors.

Defending champion Laurence Tielemann of Italy, second seeded Zeeshan Ali, the Indian Davis Cupper, third

seed Sean Cole of Great Britain along with another 17 seeded players will play directly 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 final while the rest eight local players will have to come through the qualifying competition immediately preceding the main meet.

The second leg of the meet will begin in Dhaka in the third week of October. The third and fourth rounds will be held in Lahore and Karachi in Pakistan later next month.

Bangladesh Tobacco Company (BTC) has provided Taka three lakhs out of the over four lakh taka budget.

The tournament will be named the Gold Leaf ITF men's satellite circuit tennis championships.

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 RTCC has also received Taka 50,000 from the Ministry of Youth and Sports as a special grant. The estimated budget for the meet is Taka 4,87,000.

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 draw will receive cash awards for which the ITF has allotted a sum of 25,000 dollars for the circuit.

The singles champion of each leg will receive US dollars \$12.50 and the doubles champions will get US \$93.75 dollars. The singles runner-up and doubles runners-up will get US dollars 206.25 respectively.

Peter Malik of India will be the referees' supervisor while Lawrence D Walsh of Holland will be the chair umpire in the tourney.

## Mohsin Club in Poura Cup final



**NARAYANGANJ, Oct 4:** Local favourites Mohsin Club today marched into the final of the Poura Gold Cup football tournament beating veteran Dhaka First Divisioners Rahmatganj MFS 6-4 in the tie-breaker after a 2-2 regulation period deadlock.

In the first semifinal on a rain-soaked local Osmani Stadium pitch, the local hopes delighted their fans who turned up in sizeable numbers by securing the lead in the very fifth minute of play. Naqib put the ball past Rahmatganj goalkeeper Tareq to make it 1-0.

Before the Dhaka team

players had time to recover from this shock Salahuddin doubled Mohsin Club's lead just four minutes later (2-0).

Mohsin Club players established total control over the midfield and should have scored at least on two more occasions but for erratic, wayward shooting by their forwards. To add insult to injury, Mohsin Club striker Ghaus, hired from Dhaka league champions Abahani Krira Chakra, passed up a golden chance to increase the lead by missing a penalty kick in the 23rd minute. The feeble, ill-directed shot by the star striker went straight into the grasp of the Rahmatganj custodian.

The breather seemed to have worked wonders for the Rahmatganj players who went into the second session fully refreshed and recharged. Despite the two-goal deficit they pulled themselves together and kept trying for ways to reduce the margin. Their efforts were rewarded seven minutes into the session when Angur found the mark (1-2).

Inspired by this success Rahmatganj drew level in the 15th minute of the second session when Angur once again found the Mohsin Club net, giving goalie Milon no chance whatsoever (2-2).

This goal suddenly transformed the pace of the game and the Mohsin Club forwards, egged on by their fans, tried desperately to regain the lead but to no avail. Rahmatganj held out bravely to take the tie to the penalty shootouts. Mohsin Club's best chance fizzled when Naqib's header just sailed over the crosspiece. Soon afterwards Riyad wasted another good opportunity by heading wide of the mark.

There was some confusion when referee Nasir Chowdhury ordered the tie-breakers instead of the widely expected extra period of play. However, there were no untoward incidents and the game was taken to its logical conclusion.

For Mohsin Club Naqib, Sujit, Riyad and Liton found their marks from spot with skipper Mosharrar proving the villain of the piece for his side by shooting wide.

Rahmatganj, who owed their chances of reaching the final mainly to Angur's two goals, also had Angur himself to blame for missing his penalty. Zahid also bungled his shot. Only Rubel and Siraj managed to put the ball in the Mohsin Club net but that proved too inadequate. Rahmatganj had lost the issue without having to take their fifth penalty kick.

Sujit of Mohsin Club was the only defaulter on the day to have defaulted the yellow card.

Mohsin Club will face the winners of Monday's semifinal between BSEC (Dockyard) and Arambagh KS, in the final of the tournament on Friday, October 9.

## President Cup to offer prize-money



**Sports Reporter**  
The top three finishers of the President Gold Cup football tournament, scheduled to begin in the city January 8, 1993, will receive yet undecided sums as prize-money, according to a Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) executive committee decision yesterday.

The meeting, chaired by BFF chief Siddiqur Rahman, also decided that the tournament committee of the BFF headed by vice president Mufazzal Karim will meet next week to work out the details regarding preparations for the blue riband soccer competition of the country.

Meanwhile, it was reliably learnt that so far only five teams have reportedly confirmed their participation in the meet. These include two Russian clubs — Krylia Sovatov and Samara — both said to be part of the Moscow super league, a club from Poland, the Malaysian national team and the federation cup champions from South Korea. The names of the Polish and Korean representatives could not be known yesterday.

Besides, unconfirmed reports said a Saudi Arabian and a Qatar team may also take part. The organisers, BFF, were also trying to get a few more teams, notably from India or Calcutta, to be precise, to make the tournament attractive.

In keeping with past practice, there are likely to be two local entries, although the country's soccer bosses were yet to decide whether these should be made up of local club sides or national selections.

According to BFF insiders, there was every possibility that for a change the local representation in the tournament would be better left to the two big clubs of the Dhaka league — Abahani and Mohammedan Sporting. According to the sources, who preferred anonymity, over the years it has been noted, a regrettably so, that our star players give more effort while playing in club colours than in the national colours. One senior BFF official also pointed out that ardently partisan local soccer fans, whose involvement is so vital for the success of any such tournament, also prefer flocking to the stadiums when their favourite club teams are playing against international opposition rather than when a Bangladesh team is playing.

Bangladesh Reds, the senior of the two national selections — the Greens being the other one — won the President Gold Cup when it was last held in 1989, beating a South Korean side in the final on tie-breakers.

### Div II soccer

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### TEAMS

**MOHSIN CLUB:** Milon, Mosharrar, Sujit, Selim, Liton, Reaz, Chandan(Rinku), Rubel, Ghaus, Naqib and Salahuddin (Lipu).

**RAHMATGANJ MFS:** Tareq, Badal, Rubel, Babu, Siraj, Shah Alam, Nazimuddin, Alfaz, Anwar, Selim (Javed), Angur and Azimuddin.

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### QM chess from tomorrow

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The inaugural ceremony of the ninth Dr Qazi Motahar Hussain International masters chess tournament, organised by the Bangladesh Chess Federation, will be held on October 6 at the National Sports Council conference room.

Minister for Information Barrister Nazmul Huda will declare the meet open as chief guest. State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain Khoka and S M Kamal, a director of Beximco — the sponsors — will be present as special guests.

K M Shakoor, a vice-president of the federation, will preside over the ceremony.

Sixteen players including six Indians, one Pakistani and one Yemeni will take part in the robin league tournament.

### Fischer, Spassky begin Game 15

BELGRADE, Oct 4: Bobby Fischer, playing white, sought to widen his 5-3 lead Sunday as he and Boris Spassky resumed their \$5 million chess rematch after two successive draws, reports AP.

Spassky, a Russian-born French citizen, decisively won Wednesday against Fischer, narrowing the American's lead to 5-3. But in the two subsequent games, Thursday and Saturday, the two former world chess champions drew. Draws do not count in the point total and games cannot be adjourned under previously agreed game rules.

### Indian nat'l jr chess results

VIJAYAWADA, Oct 4: Five participants shared the lead with 4.5 points each at the end of the fifth round of the 22nd junior national chess championships here today, reports PTI.

The top-board game between Yogesh Gope of Madhya Pradesh and Gurreet Pal Singh of Delhi ended in a draw after 52 moves. Though Gope gained a slight advantage in the 18th move, he failed to make the most of it.

Tamil Nadu's Knoguel bounced back with a victory over Pritam Singh to be among the leaders. In the Sicilian Defence, closed variation, Knoguel got a foothold in the game in the 18th move and ten moves later trapped the rival's king.

The third-board game between Chandrasekhar Gokhale and Sriram Jha was adjourned with Jha having a pawn advantage.

### All Spanish final at Internazionali di Sicilia tennis

PALESTERMO, Sicily, Oct 4: Third-seeded Emilio Sanchez on Saturday rallied from a service break down early in the third set to bat Renzo Furlan 6-3, 2-6, 6-4 Saturday and set up an all-Spanish final with Sergi Brugera at the \$15,000 Internazionali di Sicilia, reports AP.

Burguera, the second seed, disposed of fourth-seeded Francisco Clavet 6-1, 6-4 in Saturday's other semifinal.

Unseeded Furlan, who stunned top-seeded Spaniard Carlos Costa in the second round, nearly had another upset when he broke to lead 2-0 in the third set.

Sanchez, however, broke back immediately and earned his decisive break in the seventh game.

Furlan, supported by a partisan crowd, wasted triple-break point in the 10th game.

Sanchez, ranked 24th on the ATP Tour, has a career 5-0 record against Brugera, 17th on the tour.

Sanchez and Brugera will play for a winner's purse of \$15,000.



Australia's James Pyke is bowled by Pakistan's Wasim Akram in the inaugural Hong Kong six-a-side international cricket tournament on Saturday. Pakistan finished on 77 for 3 to beat Australia, who finished on 59 for 5. —AFP photo

## Easy openers for favourites



The Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) announced the groupings as well as the fixture of the fourteenth Damal Summer cricket tournament scheduled to begin from October 9.

Reigning champions Abahani Krira Chakra will take on tyros City Club on the first day of the traditional curtain-raiser of the local cricket season at the Dhaka Stadium.

Nineteen teams divided into six groups with five clustering three teams each and only one — Group C — consisting of four teams.

Holders Abahani head Group A along with two new teams — City Club and Evergreen. City Club played in the Milnars First Division League last year while Evergreen have climbed their way up to the Milnars league from the Second Division league. Abahani, who have more or less retained their last year's combination are likely to have an easy passage into the next round which will be a pool comprising the top teams from Groups A, C and E.

Mohammedan Sporting Club, last year's runners-up, have been placed in Group B. Alongside Surja Tarun Club and Dhanmondi Club. Fancied as the biggest beneficiaries in this year's cricketing emption marked by unprecedented dullness Mohammedans, like their arch-rivals Abahani, are highly unlikely to fail to make it to the pool phase where they will join the champion teams of Group B, D and F.

Group C, however, has some scope of differences of opinion of the speculators about who would qualify to the next round. Gulshan Youth who, in a belated buying spree during the transfers more than set their house in order, are pitted against this year's promotees to the Navana Premier League, Victoria Sporting Club.

If any club carved a place in anyone's imagination this year, it is the traditional Victoria Sporting who after years in the wilderness have really entered the fray with girded loins. Led by former national skipper Roqibul Hassan, Victoria are raring to go with stalwarts like Golam Nawsher Prince, the king pin of the Bangladesh pace attack. His left arm pace will be well assisted by Indians Raja Venkat and Gautam Some. Promising local lads like Selim Shahed and Imran Hamid Partho will love to live up to the challenges ahead of them.

On paper Victoria definitely deserve top seeding in the midst of minnows like Sadharan Bima and Warl Club who contribute to the different characteristic of this group, which, contrary to the three team combination of the other groups, features four combatants.

The Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club are the hot favourites for a place in pool one from Group D. Depleted at the onset of the players' transfers, GMCC showed remarkable recovery with some excellent signings at the last moment. Tariqzaman Munir's men like Sri Lankan Sanjewa Weerasinghe and Jahangir

Talukdar Dulu would be more than enough to ensure GMCC a safe passage in the next round at the cost of two promotees — Udiya Club from the Milnars league and Eskaton Sabuj Sangha from the Second Division.

Brothers Union are also a good enough side to cross the preliminary hurdles that lie in their path in the form of Kalabagan Krira Chakra and Agrani Bank.

Former Damal champions Bangladesh Biman who, in a premeditated, reasoned operation singled their crew, would enjoy the nod of the majority of the anticipators as the lone qualifiers from Group F into pool two their two unfriendly mates will be Public Works Department (PWD) who won the rights of playing in the ten-team Navana Premier league only last year and sprang a surprise by beating the then league champions Brothers Union.

Although a seasoned campaigner like Jahangir Shah Badshah has preferred to stay with the office team, a number of promising young players have deserted the club and his chances of making it to the next round has got more to do with the cliché of the 'glorious uncertainty' of the game.

Lalmatia have also been hard hit by this year's transfers, leaving the airline team as the more plausible fighter for the semifinal berth after the struggle at the pool phase.

The two top teams from each pool will play in the semifinals.

### Raoux wins Queensland Open

BRISBANE, Oct 4: Unseeded Guillaume Raoux became the first French player to win a 1992 ATP singles title, beating Danish teen-ager Kenneth Carlsen 6-4, 7-6 (12-10) Sunday in the Queensland open tennis tournament, reports AP.

The 22-year-old from Paris also prevented the 19-year-old Carlsen from becoming the first Danish player to win a tournament since the open era of tennis began in 1968.

Raoux blew new wife Caroline a victory kiss after winning a nerve-wracking tiebreaker for the title, the first for France since Guy Forget's victory at the Paris Indoors last year.

Raoux saved four set points in the tie-break before taking the match in just under two hours.

"It's such a big thing for me to win an ATP title," said

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Action from yesterday's Sonali Bank Second Division super league football match between Jurain Janata Club and Prantik KC at the Hockey Stadium. Jurain beat Prantik 1-0. —Star photo