SASF meets in city today

The executive committee of the South Asian Sports Féderation (SASF) meets in the city to finalise the disciplines and schedule of the 6th SAF Games, to be held in the capital in December, 1993, reports UNB.

The day-long 14th SASF meeting, to be attended by all the seven SAARC country representatives, will begin at 11 am at Sonargaon Hotel.

Olympic committee representatives from India, Nepal, Pakistan, the Maldives and Shri Lanka have already reached the capital while Bhutan will be represented by an official of the Bhutanese embassy if its National Olympic Committee (NOC) member fails to reach here by then.

Maldives NOC President Zahir Nasier arrived here on Saturday while General Secretary of the Pakistan Football Federation and an NOC representative Hafiz Salman Butt, MP, is in the city, having come with Wahaib Club of Pakistan last Thursday for the Asian Club Cup soccer tie.

India's only NOC representative B K Saha, Secretary General of the Nepalese NOC bj Bahadur Singh, General secretary of the Pakistan Kabaddi Federation and NOC representative Ali Mohammad Khwaja, President of the Shri Lankan NOC Roy De Silva, Vice President M Fernando and Secretary General Preme Pinnewale arrive yesterday to attend the SASF meet.

Host Bangladesh is expected to place a list of 15 disciplines, including kabaddi, which was excluded from the last SAF Games. Of the 15, at least 10 disciplines are to be

Earlier on the day, the SAF flag will be formally handed over to the Mayor of Dhaka City Corporation Mirza Abbas, MP, at a simple ceremony at Hotel Purbani at 9-30 am. State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadeq Hossain will also be present on the occasion.

n During the 5th SAF Games last year, the Mayor of Colombo had handed over the flag to the Mayor of Kathmandu where the 6th SAF Games were to the held but Nepal later declined to host the games for lack of funds.

Goals aplenty in Division Two

Sports Reporter

Prantik Krira Chakra took a solid hammering at the hands of East End Club as they went down 0-5 in the Second Division soccer super league match held at the Hockey Stadium yesterday.

Shahadat started East End's onslaught with a spot kick which entered the Prantik net in the 38th minute.

On the first minute of the second session, East End's Kaushik defeated Prantik's custodian to make it 2-0.

East End struck again, this time with a 59th minute goal from Ashib. Three minutes past the

hour, Arnan managed to crack Prantik's cttadel for the fourth To add insult to Prantik's

injury Kaushik scored again in the 66th minute, making the final tally one short of half a East End's Arnan, Kaushik

and Prantik's Zahid Hossain Liton were shown yellow cards. Prantik have managed only one point from five encounters till date.

In the second match of the day, Dhaka WASA shut out City Club by three goals to one at the same venue.

WASA's Selim (jr) started the scoring with a goal in the 26th minute of play.

WASA could not hold onto the lead for long, as in the very

next minute City Club's Mehdi Hassan put the ball past the WASA goal keeper to level the seores 1-1. However, after the brea-

ther, WASA became more aggressive and that soon resulted in a goal coming from the boots of Sarwar in the 12th minute of the second session. Three minutes later

WASA's Maina netted the last goal of the game to confirm WASA's win.

WASA captain Tulu and City Club's Shaha were booked.

Despite this loss City Club, along with WASA and East End, jointly occupy the top slot of the eight -team super league table, with six points from five matches each.

TODAY'S MATCH Bangladesh Boys vs Muslim

Institute (4 pm).

Div III soccer

Sports Reporter

The lone Third Division football super league match of the day between Gandaria Famous SC and Purbachal Parishad ended in a goalless draw at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday evening.

Ali Hussain and Akbar Ali of Purbachal Parishad and Asif Ahmed Khan of Gandaria Famous SC were warned for rough play.

ITF satellite first leg ends in Rajshahi

Cole claims singles title

From Ahmed Ahsanuzzaman

RAJSHAHI, Oct 11: The first leg of the Gold Leaf-ITF satellite cir-

cuit tennis championships concluded here today with Sean Cole of Britain clinching the men's singles title in the final held this morning.

Third seeded Cole needed just '75 minutes to outclass sixth seed Joroen heinhuis of the Netherlands 6-0, 6-4 in a rather anti-climactic final before a capacity crowd.

The doubles crown went to the mixed German-Hungarian pair of Robert Kraus and Karoly Gyorgy who beat off the challenge by another mixed pairing of Sofronio Palahang of the Philippines and Takeshi Murakami of Japan 6-3, 6-2. In another one-sided final played in the afternoon.

Cole, who defeated Hungarian qualifier Karoly Gyrgy in Saturday's semifinal, collected 21 ATP ranking points and a cash purse of 812.50 US dollar while Heinhuis earned 15 points and a purse of 562.50

four-leg

The organisers of the ITF satellite tennis addressed a

press conference at the National Tennis Complex

Bangladesh-Pak-

istan ITF satellite

men's tennis cha-

mpionships circ-

uit moves to the

capital with the qualifying

rounds of the second leg meet

yesterday.

Tennis Complex.

Sadeq Hossain.

month.

beginning today at the Ramna

Thirty-seven players from a

dozen countries will be com-

peting in the week-long meet,

to be inaugurated by State

Minister for Youth and Sports

or Masters' round of the cir-

euit meet will be held in

Lahore and Karachi, Pakistan

later this month and next

The Dhaka leg, to be held

under the direct auspices of

the Bangladesh Tennis

Federation (BTF), in also being

sponsored by Bangladesh

Tobacco Company who are

footing Taka 4.5 lakh of the

Taka five lakh budget. And like

the first leg in Rajshahi will be

known as the Gold Leaf-ITF

enclosure will cost Taka 300

and for the galleries Taka 50

each. The daily gallery tickets

Addressing a press confer-

ence yesterday, BTF chief

Khandaker Asaduzzaman dis-

closed the details of the Dhaka

leg meet. He also said a junior

international tennis tourna

ment will be held in the city

next February. Besides, the

BTF is also planning tourna-

ments in various parts of the

country to popularise the

The BTF president also

mentioned that ten players

were being intensive training

under the federations' aegis in

preparation for the sixth SAF

Season tickets for the VIP

satellite championships.

will cost Taka 10 each.

The third leg and the fourth

The singles final, held in the cooler clime of an early autumn morning, failed to produce any fireworks, perhaps

chiefly because of a tired Heinhuis who had to endure a gruelling day Saturday, first in his semifinal win over top seeded defending champion Laurence Tieleman of Italy whom he beat in three sets, and then a rain-interrupted doubles semifinal clash along with his fellow Dutch partner Erik Brummer. The heat and humidity were part of the excuses cited by the Dutchman for his disappointing showing in the final against Cole.

The doubles final, held in the afternoon, had to wait until the two semifinals, carried over from Saturday because of heavy rains, could be com-

Karaus and Gyorgy, the ultimate champions, who each earned 15 ATP points and a total purse of 393.75 dollars, resumed their overnight encounter leading 6-2, 3-1, needed just 15 minutes today

Sports Reporter

December 1993.

Games to be held in Dhaka in

zaman's speech was that if it is

possible to manage the funds

then Bangladesh would like to

stage all four legs of the ITF

circuit-introduced last year-

- Star photo

Elland Road does

not want rowdy

rivals Leeds and Glasgow Ran-

gers are considering banning

away fans from their European

Cup second-round games later

this month and next month,

made the suggestion after Lc-

eds' 2-1 victory in their first-

club Stuttgart in Barcelona on

bad idea, but how are we going

to work it," asked Leeds man-

aging director Bill Fotherby.

round play-off with German

"If it would work, It's not a

"We've got to think about it

"The fanatical fans of Leeds

seriously and it's not a decision

that will be taken just by Leeds

or Rangers. We will consult

and Rangers will go anywhere

to follow their team. They want

to be part of the atmosphere

which you can never get from

screening it back to Elland

English Football Association

(EFA) security officer Les

Walker revealed that Rangers

had asked the EFA to consider

the ban as an option for the

matches on October 21 and

But he added: "We cannot

make any recommendation

until we have full intelligence

on the situation and have talk-

ed to the police, the Scottish

favour of closing the Elland

Rashid Malik of Pakistan, seeded fourth for the ITF satellite tennis, and fellow Pakistani

Mohammed Khalid having a practice session at the National Tennis Complex yesterday.

The second leg of the competition begins in the city today.

Leeds police are not in

FA, both clubs and the rest."

Road gates to Rangers fans.

The Scottish champions

reports AFP

Friday night.

everyone."

November 4.

LONDON, Tans

The bottom line of Asaduz-

ircuit comes to town

to dispose of the Dutch challenge from Heinhuis and Brummer. Unfortunately for Heinhuis, the rainy respite couldn't quite help him recoup his lost reserves of energy. Kraus and Gyorgy took the second set at 6-1.

The other semifinal saw Palahang and Murakami, leading 7-5 overnight, struggle all the way before achieving an eventual 7-5, 4-6, 6-1 victory after another 45 minutes' play this afternoon. Their Indian opponents Gaurav Natekar and Sandeep Kirtane faded in the final set, Kirtane showing the obvious signs of fatigue more than his partner.

Mayor of Rajshahi City Corporation Mizanur Rahman Minu gave away the trophies after the doubles final which was broadcast live by Radio Bangladesh, Rajshahi.

Among others who addressed the closing function were chairman of the Rajshahi Tennis Complex Zafar Imam and organising committee secretary Mushtaq Ahmed.

instead of the two legs at

man competition, made up of

20 direct entrants, four wild

cards reserved for the hosts

and eight qualifiers, will also

be held today. There will be 16

pairs in the doubles competi-

England keen to

pull Norway

down to earth

Oct 11: England are ready to

make Norway manager Egil

Olsen eat his words in the

World Cup qualifier at Wembley

next Wednesday, reports AFP.

Gascoigne revealed here on

Saturday that he and his

teammates have been upset by

some of Olsen's remarks in the

Marino gave Norway a big

enough boost to go on and beat

Holland," said Gascoigne. "But

they will find playing England

comments the Norway

manager has been making, it

just gives us all more

confidence to go out and stuff

part in the game after his 17-

month recovery from torn

knee ligaments will be decided

by England manager Graham

Taylor after he has studied him

in training over the next 48

Paul is that I'd have to pick a

12-man team, as we know he

can't last 90 minutes," said

Taylor. "And what if a midfield

for Lazio, it might have been a

different matter. If we start

with him, he's unlikely to

finish and if we don't, there

might be a clamour for him to

risk factors. I'll look at how he

deals with tackles in training

will believe the evidence of my

Taylor cannot afford any

mistakes after losing key

midfielder Trevor Steven, who

was sent back to Glasgow

Rangers for further treatment

on a hamstring injury on

"I'm very disappointed hot to have Trevor available. His

experience would have been

has been drafted into the

senior squad in Steven's place

Aston Villa's Garry Parker

- Star photo

invaluable," said Taylor.

for the first time.

over the next couple of days.

Tve got to be certain of the

"If he had played full games

player got injured early on?"

"The biggest problem with

hours.

come on."

own eyes."

Saturday.

The extent of Gascoigne's

"When you read the sort of

at Wembley no easy task."

"A 10-0 win over San

build-up to the game.

Midfield superstar Paul

BISHAM ABBEY, England,

The draw of the main 32-

present.

ABC power on

Sports Reporter

Last year's runners-up Dhaka Winners Club found it hard for the second time this year to beat title aspirants Azad Boys Club when they were beaten 58-71 in their Partex First Division super league match at the wooden-floor gymnasium yesterday.

Azad Boys Club, who made their intentions clear from the day they started their First Division campaign, dominated the match from the first whis-

At the recess they enjoyed a 34-22 lead.

Aklas, who scored 18 in the previous match for his side. flashed again yesterday caging 26 points. Asgar notched up 22 points to play his part well For the losers Asif Hossain and Asif Zafar slam-dunked 27

17 points respectively. Azad Boys Club now have a hundred per cent winning record in the six team super league with two straight wins. In the group matches also they were unbeaten.

Angels Club, last year's champions, take on Dhumketu Club in today's match.

Platini calls for a cut

ROME, Oct 11: Former French national soccer coach Michel Platini has called for a cut in the size of European First Divisions to allow players to do themselves justice at international level, reports

"Why did I resign as national coach? Certainly not because we failed in Sweden ... I resigned because a country like France can't cope with championship of 20 teams," Platini said in an interview with the Italian daily La Stampa on Sunday.



MICHEL PLATINI ..

"If FIFA (the International Football Federation) and UEFA (the European Football Union) don't fine remedies the clubs will eat up the national squads," he said.

Platini resigned in July after France, among the pre-tournament championship in Sweden the previous month.

He blamed the failure squarely on fatigue caused by too much club soccer. *France is unbeatable until

April and then very much beatable from June onwards. At the European Championship we played like dogs because we were dead tried," he said.

The 37-year-old former Juventus star, who is set for a key role in organising the 1998 World Cup in France, said European First Division should be limited to 16 clubs.

The most urgent measure concerns the calendars of individual countries. They will be unified. And the First Divisions limited to a maximum of 16 clubs.

"This way we will have space for (European) Cups, the national teams, for all. UEFA is ready to take action on this."

Falkirk's tactics backfire

GLASGOW, Oct 11: Falkirk,

the Scottish Premier Division's bottom club, paid the price for their safety first tactics at home to Dundee on Saturday as the visitors snatched a 2-2 draw, reports AFP.

In a bad-tempered affair, in which eight players were booked, Falkirk had hit back after Dundee's eighth-minute opener from Ivo Den Bieman to edge in front by 32 minutes through an Eddie May volley and Tommy McQueen's penalty.

But Falkirk's decision to defend their lead came unstuck in the 68th minute when Billy Dodds equalised in a goal mouth scramble.

Fischer-Spassky Game 18 on

BELGRADE, Oct 11: Boris Spassky, playing white, set out on Sunday to narrow Bobby Fischer's commanding 7-3 lead in the 18th game of their dirs 5 million chess rematch, reports AP.

Spassky appeared relaxed at the start of play, despite having lost Saturday in a game that had been postponed from Thursday after doctors found him to be suffering from exhaustion and stress.

For the fourth time in the match, Fischer chose on Sunday to defend the Queen's Gambit Accepted. Play followed the earlier games until Spassky varied in the ninth move.

Spassky will need to rebound soon to have any chance of overtaking Fischer. The first player to win 10 games takes the dirs 3.35 million first prize, and the loser gets the remaining dlrs 1.65 million. Draws do not count.



and Wari Club at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium. Gulshan Youth registered an exciting two-run victory over Wari. - Star photo

Brothers, Gulshan win

Sports Reporter

An unbeaten 134 run partnership between Suman and Zahed Razzak Masum helped Brothers Union

to a comfortable nine-wicket victory over Agrani Bank in their first Damal Summer cricket encounter at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Brothers Union, who finished behind Abahani and Moha mmedan in last year's championship, decided to bowl after their skipper Nurul Abedin Nobel won the toss. Nobel's decision paid off as the Agrani Bank batsmen could muster a total of just 142 for nine wickets in their quota of 45

The Bank cricketers were deep in trouble from the very outset when their first wicket fell at 16 with Anwar edging a T' I. Fernando delivery to Sumana.

The remaining Bank batsmen could not shrug off the pressure created by this the early loss and let the Brothers Union bowlers dominate throughout.

Morshed, who opened the attack with Fernando, bowled with nagging accuracy conceding only 10 runs off nine overs for his two wickets. Fernando, at times wayward, gave away 26 runs in his spell of cight overs, taking the wickets of Anwar and Habib.

The most successful Brothers Union bowler was Athar Ali. Athar, with his medium pace seam bowling ripped through the lower order claiming three wickets for 26 runs in his short spell of four

Of the Bank batsmen, only Kaiser could play with ease, punishing the bowlers

whenever he got a chance. He hit three sixes in his 49-ball innings of 38.

Atiq, Azam and Biplob were the only other batsmen who managed to cross into double digits. There were 17 sundries in the Bank total.

Brothers Union had their times of anxiety too. They lost one of their openers' Nobel only 18 balls into their innings with the scoreboard showing a meagre 12.

But that was to be the only success the Agrani bowlers were to get as Sumon joined the other opening batsman Masum to steady and steer the innings. The pair took past Brothers Union past the target, their partnership producing 146 runs in only strokefull 28.1-overs.

Suman was in a punishing mood against the feeble Agrani attack hitting four fours and a huge six in his 94-ball 70. Masum played the supporting role with a well deserved 57 off 91 balls. He sent the ball

GULSHAN BY WARI

In the day's other match at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, Gulshan Youth registered an exciting two-run victory over Wari Club. Winning the toss the

Gulshan Youth skipper Nasir Ahmed Nasu, the national wicket keeper, elected to bat.

Liton and Mamun gave a solid start with a 60-run opening partnership in 16.5 overs. Before the first wicket fell it had seemed Gulshan Youth were headed for a formidable total. Even though the second wicket fell just ten runs later, Shabbir and Indian Ashish Malik added 84 runs for the third wicket, an effort which made a zoo-plus total a

most reasonable target. But Biddyut (Sr) with his junior namesake stemmed the flow of runs quite considerably, restricting Gulshan to a total of 192 for six in their 45 overs.

The two Biddyuts shared five wickets among them with the senior Biddyut taking three for 41 while his namesake conceding 19 runs for his two wickets. Joydev and Rai Kumar

struck very early in Wari's innings. Wari Club lost both their openers, with only 39 runs on the board. When the fifth wicket fell at 65 it was almost a lost cause for the Wari But then two responsible

partnerships, one between

Didar and Tareq, and the other

between Tareq and Ripon, took Wari to the threshold of what would have been a thrilling victory. The seventh-wicket stand between Didar and Tareq added 46 valuable runs before Didar was trapped lbw off Raj

Kumar with the score on 111. Two runs later Zia ran himself out after scoring only four. Then Ripon joined Tareq in a last ditch effort to salvage Wart. The two stayed there for 44 minutes to add 64

invaluable runs, but alas it wasn't quite enough. Tareq made an aggressive 37 off 42 balls while Ripon remained unbeaten with a slow

but steady 72-ball 52. When Tareg departed with the score on 177 the Wari challenge evaporated and they ended their 45-over quota a tragic two runs behind.

TODAY'S MATCHES Bangladesh Biman vs Lalma-

tia Club (Dhaka Stadium) City Club vs Evergreen

Murugan maintains his lead

Indian International Master Krishnamurti Murugan maintained his sole lead in the 9th QM Hossain

International Ma-ster's chess by posting his fourth straight win at the National Sports Council conference room yesterday.

in his fourth round match of the 15-game league yesterday evening, Murugan beat former Bangladesh national champion Jamilur Rahman, a FIDE Master, in 39 moves of a Dutch defence opening, Jamil can only blame himself for passing up a fine chance to win the contest due to a bad blunder.

FIDE Master Ziaur Rahman of Bangladesh, a former national champion and last year's runner-up who had won his first two games, yesterday was held to a draw by another former national champion Zillur Rahman Champak, their Sicilian defence opening match ending in a stalemate

Sports Reporter despite 67 tedious moves. Zia, too, passed up a golden chance of checkmating International Master Champak who has been having a rather disappointing competition so far.

Sharing the second spot on

the pints table with Zia is Yemeni International Master Hamid Mansour Qazi who, despite playing with black pieces, won in 36 moves against vet another ex-Bangladesh champion FIDE Master Syed Tahmidur Rahman when the latter, an engineer profession, ran into time trouble and resigned. Both Zia and Mansour Qazi now have three points from four games

The only lady in the 16player field, Bangladesh's International Woman Master Rani Hamid, failed to stem her dismal run by suffering her fourth consecutive defeat. Her conqueror yesterday was the Indian Lanka Ravi who triumphed after 39 moves of their Nimzo Indian defence variation start contest with

Rant Hamid failing to keep pace with the clock. Rani remains the only contestant yet to open her points account.

Saifuddin Lablu of Bang-

ladesh posted his first win of the tournament by beating India's Atanu. Lahiri in 32 moves in a match of the French desence opening. Three other contests, be-

tween defending champion Pakistani IM Mahmud Ahmed Lodhi and India's PDS Girinath, Khandaker Kayes Hassan and India's Rahul-Shetty, and between Indian Arun Vaiddya and Bangladesh national champion Reefat bin-Sattar, were still in progress at the time of filing this report.

The points table, after Round Four, is as follows: Murugan four points; Zia and Mansour Qazi three each; Lanka Ravi 2.5; Lablu 1.5; Champak Tahmid, Atanu and Jamil one each; Rani nil. Kayes and Shetty have 2.5 points each after three games; Lodhi has two; Vaiddya and Girinath 1.5 each; and Reefat one point.



India's Krishnamurti Murugan and Jamilur Rahman of Bangladesh (R) in their fourth round match of the ninth Q M International Masters' chess competition at the NSC conference room yesterday. Murugan won the match to maintain his lead. - Star photo