Sports Reporter

Mohun Bagan Athletic Club of Calcutta will take part in the President Cup football tournament scheduled to begin in Dhaka on January 10 next year.

The reputed Calcutta team confirmed their participation in the international tourna ment yesterday.

Two clubs from Russia, one each from Poland, Malayasia and South Korea are expected to add to the meet which will have two host teams in the shape of Bangladesh 'Reds' and 'Greens', or any other colour for that matter.

The organisers Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF), are trying to get a team from Thailand which, if realised, would raise the number of foreign teams to six.

9th QM chess resumes today

Sports Reporter

Three adjourned matches of the ninth Quazi Motahar Hussain International Masters chess championship were held at the NSC conference room yesterday, a rest day for the other competitors.

Jamilur Rahman of Bangladesh beat Atanu Lahiri of India in the morning and then went on to beat compatriot Khandaker Kayes Hassan in the evening to secure four and a half points after the tenth

Atanu quit after just one move of the carried over eighth round match, adjourned after the 65th move Friday.

Yesterday evening Jamil, a former national champion, beat Kayes Hassan in their ninth round match.

In the other match completed on the day PDS Girinath of India, playing with a French defence, beat Zillur Rahman Champak, the only IM of Bangladesh, after the 70th

The victory gave Girinath five and a half points.

POINTS TABLE

Following is the points table after the 10th round of the 15round competition:

D L Pts

K Murugan (ind)	6	4	0	8
Ziaur Rahman (Ban)	7	2	1	8
MA Lodhi (Pak)	5	3	2	6.5
Hamed Mansour (Yes	n) 5	3	2	6.5
Lanka Ravi (Ind)	4	3	3	5.5
Reefat (Ban)	3	5	2	5.5
Arun Vatdya (Ind)	3	5	2	5.5
PDS Girtnath (Ind).	2	. 7	. 1.	5,5
Z R Champak (Ban)	3	4	3	5
Jamilur Rahman (Bar	nJ3	3	4	4.5
K Kayes Hassan (Ban	1 2	3	5	3.5
Tahmidur Rahman (I	Ban) I	5	4	3.5
S Lablu (Ban)	2	2	6	3
Atanu Lahiri (Ind)	2 '	1	7	2.5
Rant Hamid (Ban)	0	2	8	1
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Nat'l age-group swimming Oct 22-25

The 12th national agegroup swimming champion ship, organised by the Bangladesh Swimming Federation, will be held in the capital on October 22-25, reports UNB.

About 250 promising swimmers representing 21 teams from all over the country are expected to participate in competitions to be held in four different age groups. These are: Under 10-years,

11-12 yrs, 13-14 and 15-17

Besides, a youth competition for over 17-year-old swimmers will also be held this time on October 25, the concluding day of the four-day

The participating teams are - Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protisthan (BKSP), Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation (BJMC), Rajshahi Education Board, Shimanta Swimming Club of Chuadangha, Dolphin Swimming Club of Jessore, Pabna Swimming Club and Pabna DSA, Rajshahi, Munshiganj, Dhaka, Satkhira, Comilla, Bagerhat, Champainawabganj, Kushtia, Madaripur, Jhenidah, Gopalgani, Brahmanbaria, Jessore and Bogra DSAs.

Khulna drown Bhola 13-1

Sports Reporter

with three hattricks - and that in one match — was the highlight of

the second day of the qualifying round of the 17th national football championship for the Sher-e-Bangla Cup now being held across the country.

The day also saw the beginning of the zonal qualifiers at another three venues including Khulna.

On Saturday, the qualifying round got under way at three zonal venues out of ten.

At Khulna, the hosts sank lowly Bhola DSA by 13 goals to one in a fareical game thanks to three hattricks by Asaduzzaman, Jahangir (Sr) and Jahangir (Jr).

Khulna DSA led 8-0 at the breather.

Jahangir (Jr) opened the flood gates for Khulna in the very third minute of play.

Taking the cue. Asaduzzaman scored three goals in a row in the 11th. 20th and 21st minutes to notch up the first hattrick of this year's national championship.

It was then Jahangir (Sr)'s turn to score three goals in quick succession - in the 28th, 31st and 43rd minutes.

Shah Alam got another for the winners in the first half of the totally mismatched encounter.

Jahangir (Jr), who had scored the first goal, got another two in the 53rd and 68th minutes to achieve the third hattrick of the match.

Asaduzzaman and Jahangir (Sr) got another two goals for their side in the 62nd and 76th minutes respectively. Sunny completed the tally

for the victors a minute from Hapless Bhola got their

consolation goal from Jaglul Kaiser in the 58th minute. With this convincing victory

Khulna moved into the zonal semifinals where they will play the victors of today's match between Jhalakathi and Perojpur. The Khulna zonal final will be held on October 26.

At Jessore, the hosts edged past Narail DSA by three goals to two in the opening match of the Jessore zonals.

Zahid opened the account for Jessore in the 40th minute

Kazi Jamal Hossain doubled the margin in the 46th minute Mahfuzur Rahman reduced

the margin for Narail in the 74th minute.

Azizur Rahman of Jessore on Sunday last.

made it 3-1 in the 81st minute but Mizanur Rahman narrowed the gap for Narail in the 85th

minute (3-2). Jessore will meet the win-'ners of today's match between Meherpur and Jhenidah in the

semifinals on October 23. The opening day for the University zone qualifiers at the Mirpur Stadium in the city saw the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) receiving a walk-over against Jahangirnagar

University. Jahangirnagar University, who only last week finished joint- champions with Dhaka University in the inter-university championship, did not show up for reasons best known to themselves.

BUET will face Rajshahi University in the semifinals tomorrow.

Another walk-over may mark today's fixture of this zone as Chittagong University have reportedly expressed their inability to participate. Chittagong are scheduled to play Dhaka University today. At the Banani Naval

Complex. Bangladesh Ansars beat hosts Bangladesh Navy 2-1 in a match of the Services Angur put Ansars ahead in

the fourth minute (1-0).

M Hossain drew level for Navy in the 44th minute (1-1). The sailors failed to surge ahead when Mozammel muffed a penalty in the 67th minute. Alfaz netted the decider for Ansars in the 63rd minute (2-

Bangladesh Navy team officials later filed a letter of protest with the Bangladesh Football Federation, challenging the bonafides of several

East End-WASA play-off today

Sports Reporter

Former First Division side East End Club clash with Dhaka WASA Club in a play-off match to decide the runnersup of the Second Division soccer league today at 4:30 pm at the Mirpur Stadium.

The winners of today's match, with champions Bangladesh Boys Club will play in the First Division league next

Both East End Club and Dhaka WASA have 10 points from seven matches each in the eight-team super league.

Bangladesh Boys with 11 points finished as champions of the Second Division league

Indian coach sacked



NEW DELHI, Oct 19: Indian coach Balkishen Singh was stripped of his job Monday after his Europe-

an-style 'total hockey' tactics failed miserably to revive the country's waning prestige at the Barcelona Olympics, reports AFP.



BALKISHEN SINGH The former Olympian was

ousted along with his deputies SS Grewal and GS Bhangu, said Raghunandan Prassad, president of Indian Hockey Federation (IHF).

Centre-half Sukhjit Singh was banned from hockey for an unspecified period for indisci-

A similar ban was considered on skipper Pargat Singh but he was pardoned because he had already announced his retirement, Prassad said without elaboration. The announcement fol-

lowed an IHF autopsy of India's debacle in Barcelona, where they matched their previous worst Olympic showing by finishing a lowly seventh after a promising pre-tournament buildup as potential semifinalists. Pargat Singh announced his

retirement from international hockey October 12, saving himself the embarrassment of being sacked and banned, a day before the IHF executive

Prassad said a replacement for Balkishen Singh, who also coached the side that won the last of India's eight Olympic hockey gold medals at the truncated Moscow Games in 1980, would be announced shortly.

.The sacked coach was offered the face-saving job of an adviser to the IHP.

Balkishen Singh tried to reorient India's style by adopting the European concept of 'total hockey' in place of Asian positional play, interchanging the positions of defenders and forwards.

জাতীয় প্রেস ক্লাব "

০৮তম প্রতিষ্ঠা বাধিকী উপলক্ষে টীড়া প্রতিযোগিতা প্রস্কার বিতরণী অনুখান

Ansars players. At Bandarban, Rangamati edged past Noakhali by a soli-

tary goal. Biplab Marma, who represented the national team in the Asian youth under-16 meet in Saudi Arabia last month. scored the winner two minutes from time.

Rangamati will now take on the winners of tomorrow's match between Bandarban and Khagrachhari on October 23. At Sunamganj, Sylhet beat Moulvibazar by a lone goal.

Shahjahan Hamid Bobby, younger brother of Mohammedans' veteran defender Kaiser Hamid, netted the winner in the 44th minute. Sylhet will meet hosts

nals tomorrow. Qualifying matches at an other two venues - Joypurhat and Nilphamari under Rajshahi Division — will begin today.

Sunamganj in the zonal semifi-

The qualifying rounds at the remaining two venues Madaripur and Netrakona under the Dhaka Division - will start from tomorrow. The final round comprising

the ten zonal champions, defending champions Bangladesh Army and the hosts of the finals Mymensingh DSA, will begin from November 4 in Mymensingh.

Neaz Morshed inter-school chess concludes

The Neaz Morshed inter school invitational chess competition ended yesterday at St. Joseph's High School with distribution of prizes and certificates, reports BSS.

The competition, sponsored by the Joshephite Chess Club, was inaugurated on September 28 by the Head Master of St. Joseph's School Brother John Rozario.

One hundred and fifty competitors from nine city schools took part in the meet in three groups. The participating schools were St. Joseph's High School, St. Gregory's High School, Maple Leaf High School, Vigarunnessa Noon School, Kakoli High School, Radiant International, Residential Model School, Dhanmondi Tutorial and Dhanmondi International.

Brother John Rozario distributed prizes and certificates among the winners and participants at a simple but impressive ceremony attended by teachers, students, guardians and sport personalities

In the funtor group, Rezaur Rahman, Jashim Gani and Fjaz Ahmed - all from Dhanmondi International - became champion, runner-up and third respectively

In the intermediate group, Tanvir Asghar and Rezwan Amin Khan of St. Joseph's School became champion and runner-up while Seemin Ahsan of Vigarunnessa Noon secured the third position

In the senior group, the championship trophy went to Salahuddin Khan of Residential Model School. Meraj Hossain of Dhanmondi International and Rajiv of St. Joseph's bagged the second and third prizes respectively.

The prizes of the inter-class chess competition of St. Joseph's were also distributed on the occasion.

BWSF secy off to Iran

Sports Reporter Secretary of the Bangladesh

Women's Sports Federation Nazma Shamim left Dhaka yesterday for Iran to attend the two-day sports solidarity congress for women of the Islamic countries which begins today, says a press release. She will represent the

Bangladesh Olympic Association in the programme.

Nazma Shamim will return on October 25.

Damal cricket restarts today

Sports Reporter

The 14th Damal Summer cricket tournament restarts after a gap of five days because of inclement weather.

Surja Tarun Club meet Dhanmondi Club in one of the day's two matches at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium while Victoria Sporting Club face Sadharan Bima at the Dhaka stadium.

Both matches begin simultaneously at 9.30 am.

The curtain-raising tournament of local domestic cricket season came to a halt on October 15 after incessant rain during the past week rendered the pitches unplayable.

Surrey moves to stamp out ball tampering

LONDON, Oct 19: Surrey, officially warned by English cricket's governing body for tampering with the ball, has moved to stamp out the crime, reports AP.

From next season, Surrey players will hand the ball to umpires for inspection after every over and each wicket.

Surrey chairman Derek Newton said Monday he wanted all other counties to adopt the same system.

Newton released the report Monday of an internal inquiry into ball tampering, set up last month after the county was fined dollars 1,620 by the Test and County Cricket Board for three breaches of cricket's Law 42(4) and (5) over the past three seasons.

The laws relate to lifting the seam and changing the condition of the ball.

Allegations of ball tampering against Pakistan during their summer tour of England soured relations between the two teams, and created uproar within the cricket world.

"Unfortunately it is very seldom that umpires can identify individual culprits in cases like this," Newton said. "We shall look very much to Alec next year and he is very keen that this whole problem be put

Fischer-Spassky Game 22 drawn

BELGRADE, Oct 19: Chess legends Bobby Fischer and Boris Spassky drew the 22nd game of their 5 million dollars replay series in Belgrade on Sunday after 26 moves and three hours and 20 minutes of play, reports Reuter.

Houghton hits historic ton

HARARE, Oct 19 David Houghton hit an unbeaten century today to fire Zimbabwe to 406 for five at the

inaugural Test against India here Monday, reports AFP. The 35-year-old skipper

was on 110 as Zimbabwe headed toward a substantial

end of the second day of their

pronged Indian attack into the slow wicket

The dejected Indian bowlers went through their motions in conditions that offered no assistance to pace or

But Indian tour manager Amrit Mathur said today's per formance on the field was no reflection of the bowlers' in-

ability. 'It would be unkind to



DAVID HOUGHTON ... century on Test debut blame the bowlers for failing to

first innings score in the oneoff Test.

Houghton was aided in the display by vice-captain Andy Flower, who was 55 not out during an unbroken 154-run stand for the sixth wicket.

The pair took charge late in the day to compensate for slow batting in the first two ses-

Zimbabwe scored 64 runs in the two-hour morning session and 65 in the second. But the rest of the day belonged to Houghton and Flower. "It's like a dream come

asked for more." Barely 500 spectators were at the Harare Sports Club to see the pair ground the six-

he made it clear from the start

that if I worked hard, he would

make a footballer of me," said

Weah. "Even though I'm no

longer at Monaco, and even if

one day I leave Europe and go

true," a delighted Houghton

said. "One could not have

end Zimbabwe's innings quickly," he said. "With the wicket not responding to any kind of bowl-

ing, it has become a game of patience. "I must concede that the Zimbabwe batsman, without exception, have shown ad-

mirable application." The home team's batsmen followed the advice of their English coach John Hampshire to graft for runs, despite suffering setbacks in the first two

Resuming at 188 for three, Zimbabwe lost overnight batsman Mark Burmester within the first 30 minutes of play after the addition of only 11 ven, edged seamer Manoj Prabhakar's outswinger into the slips where Indian captain Mohammad Azharuddin scooped the ball diving to his

Houghton and Andy Pycroft put on 53 for the fifth wicket to take Zimbabwe to lunch at 252 for four. But in the third over after lunch, Pycroft (39) went to the same Prabhakar-

That proved to be India's last success of the day as Houghton and Flower dug in to boost Zimbabwe's score.

Azharuddin rotated his six bowlers in short spells but failed to dislodge the pair which found runs easy to come by in the helpful conditions.

The Indians should have broken the stand shortly before close, but Kapil Dev put down Flower at slip off Prab-

Flower, whose brother Grant scored 82 on Sunday, has so far hit three boundaries in a careful innings. The aggressive Houghton has smas-

seen is whether Houghton will declare Tuesday and place India under further pressure or bat on and settle for a draw.

Zimbabwe's score is only 34 short of the 440 they made against Oxford University in 1985, and also within the grasp of the 450 they managed against South Africa's Eastern Province back in 1965.

just 39 short of the Zimbabwe record of 193 set by David Pithey and Rob Ullyett is 1965.

SCOREBOARD

Club here today: ZIMBABWE: First innings KJ Arnott c Raman b Kumble

AD Campbell lbw b Kapil 45 A Pycroft c Azharuddin b

M Burmester c Azharuddin b Prabhakar DL Houghton not out

Extras: (b1, lb16, nb 11) 28 Total: (5 wkts) Fall of wickets: 1-100; 2-175; 3-186; 4-199; 5-252

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Kapil Dev	32	11	63	-
Prabhakar	37	14	49	- 17
Srinath	34	11	82	i e
Raju	39	15	79	
Kumble .	31	10	64	
Shastri	17	3	52	



Diego Maradona and Ruud Gullit may grab the headlines, but Afrifootballers

ms at the top of the pile,

Rudi Voller wallow in the media spotlight, African players were last week's top goal scorers in France, Germany and Portugal. The quiet revolution in

The situation is nowhere more clear cut than in France, where hero of the moments is Paris St Germain's prolific

Weah was discovered by Monaco while playing for Cameroon's Tonnerre Yaounde. He spent five years in Monaco before heading for Paris this

But he has not forgotten those who helped him to the top, particularly Monaco coach Arsene Wenger.



ABEDI PELE

to know what you want. I'm here to work, and I behave accordingly. That's perhaps what makes me different - I have an objective and I feel confi-"My family always taught me

plinea. Another man who obviously listened to Weah's grandmother is his cousin James Debah, having a fine season at

First Division rivals Lyon. A third Monrovian and former flatmate of Weah and Debah, Joe Nagbe, is heading across the Channel to English Premier League club Aston

French champions, Olympique Marseille owe much of their recent success to Africans at opposite ends of the pitch.

swept aside Cosmic International School 30-2, while Mohammadpur Preparatory School, after handing another 20-6 doubling to Cosmic, outplayed Bashabo School 10-2 in another match of the afternoon.

At the Stade Velodrome,

country's best defenders of the future - Ghanaian Marcel Desailly. Also among the 35 Africanborn footballers in the French First Division are Joseph Antoine-Bell, still keeping goal

only country harnessing Afri-

can talent Nigeria's Ricky Owubokiri was Europe's top scorer last season is set to become Por-

hit five league goals for Eintracht Frankfurt this season, just two short of top scorer Andreas Thom of Bayer Lever Kusen.

But Yeboah's four-goal blast

Girls' handball

Sports Reporter

As a result Bashabo Girls'

High School got a walk-over in

the morning while Viga-

runnesa Noon Girls' High School received another in the afternoon session. Vigarunnesa Noon School

Dhanmondi Girls' School

Eleven schools in two groups are taking part in the meet organised by the Bangladesh Women's Sports Federation.

Burmester, who made se-

Azharuddin combination before a run had been added.

hed 14 fours. AP adds: What remains to be

Houghton and Flower are

Scoreboard at stumps on the second day of the cricket

Test between India and

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Shastri	17	3	52	

African stars glitter in Europe



now keep many European tea-

reports AFP. While millionaire strikers like Jean-Pierre Papin and

Europe has been the arrival of Africa's flourishing football talent from Liberia, Nigeria, Ivory Coast, Ghana and Senegal.

Liberian George Weah.

"When I arrived in Monaco,

back to Africa, I will never forget Arsene."

son, and that helped a lot when I arrived. It is never very easy for an African player to adapt and to succeed in Europe." Weah's secret is his steely determination. "You have to be strong and

to take things seriously, and I was never spoilt. My grandmother used to say, "Nothing is too difficult ... To be successful, you have to work hard, respect others and be disci-

Ghana's Abedi Pele, current African footballer-of-the -year, is the lynchpin of Marseille's strike force while Ivory Coastborn Basile Boli now plays for the French national team in

sessions.

Boli links up with a 24-year old tipped to be one of the

Youssouf Fofana, whose goals have helped kept Monaco among the elite. However, France is not the

for St Etienne at 38, and

tugal's top scorer for the second year running at Boavista. Two Africans are bringing the German Bundesliga alight. Ghana's Antony Yeboah has

Maghbazar Ishpahani Girls' School did not turn up for their two matches of the fifth schools handball competition for girls at the Dhanmondi Women's Sports Complex yes-

also outplayed Dhanmondi Govt Girls' High School 17-6, Moghbazar Girls' High School got the better of Rifles Public School 13-5 while T&T High School edged past BCIC School 8-7 in the three matches held in the morning.

which demolished Widzew Lodz in the UEFA Cup last month must make him the Bundesliga's most wanted man.

The man who put an end to Bayern Munich's 100 per cent record this season was Wattenscheid's Souleymane Sane. After a blistering start to the new campaign, it was the Senegalese striker who stopped the mighty Bayern dead in their tracks with a precious late equaliser.

Belgium has more than 20

Nigerians in its top two divi-

sions, with Liege's Victor Ikpe-

ba and Bruges' Daniel Amokachi vying for the limelight with Anderlecht's Ghanaian international Niis Lamptey. In England, a growing number of Zimbabweans are follow ing the lead of Liverpool's ec-centric goalkeeper, Bruce Grobellar. One of the Premier Lea-

is Conventry's 19-year-old from Bulawayo, Peter Ndlovu. Ndlovu showed devastating pace as he ran a full 40 yards to score Coventry's equaliser

gue's most exciting prospects

against Everton on Saturday. The only league where African players have yet to make an impact is the Italian Calcio, but this may just be a question of time.

Div II handball Sports Reporter The much-delayed 1992

Second Division handball

league under the aegis of the

Bangladesh Handball Fed-

eration will begin from November 19 at the Outer Stadium handball court, says a

press release. The league was initially scheduled to begin last month. Interested teams have been asked to contact the federation office at the Dhaka Stadium by

BAF hockey JESSORE, Oct 19: Air

Headquarters Unit and BAF

Base Bashar teams won their

respective matches to qualify

October 30.

for the semi-finals of the BAF inter-base hockey championship which were held here at BAF Base Matiur Rahman today, reports BSS. Air Headquarters Unit defeated BAF Base Pahar Ka-

nchanpur 2-0 while BAF Base Bashar beat BAF Base Pahar Kanchanpur 3-0 in the other match.

