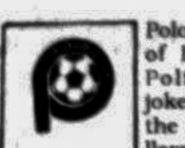
Poles pull a fast one on Koreans

Sports Reporter



Polonia Warszawa of Poland cut a Poltsh official toke at the cost of the cocky footballers of Housing

Bank of South Korea when they pulled themselves together in a dramatic second-half rally to enter the final of the seventh President Gold Cup football tournament with a two-goal victory at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

No two halves of a football match could be so starkly contrasted as the Warszawa footballers grovelling under the relentless onslaughts of Housing Bank, spearheaded by brilliant Choi Tae-Ho and company, right through the first half, scored two goals in the space of 13 minutes to leave the Koreans rue their

The Koreans started magnificently with Choi Tae-Ho, the mercurial forward combining very well with skipper and left-back Min Cha Sick, medios Shin Ho-Chul, Um Sung-Yung and libero Kim Youg-Kuk, Chot, who fully justified his reputation as a member of the South Korean national side, picked the Polish defence to pieces with his lightning movement and fine ball sense. He was ably assisted by Min Cha-Sick, the slightly-built defender who constantly overlapped to corner the slothful Warszawa play-

In Kim Youg-Kuk, Housing Bank had a very able, hardworking libero whose delightful switching of positions was both a source of amazement and annoyance for the first entrants of the final.

Having settled down early, Housing Bank gave Warszawa a scare in the 14th minute when a pile driver by Kim Youg-Kuk from about 40 yards swerved out after having held its course for an alarmingly long period of time, much to the relief of Rutkowski, the Warszawa custodian. Few minutes later Choi Eun-Sok mishit from close. Then again Choi Tae-Ho who never allowed himself to be marked by the opponents fired in a powerful shot that came out of Rutkowski's clasp but Zbigniew Tietz cleared the ball in the nick of time.

However, the best chance of the day for Housing Bank came in the 24th minute of the match when Oh Hae-Jong received a square pass from Um Sung-Yung, dodged past a de-fender and unleashed a powerful grounder from nine yards that beat Rutkowski all ends up but hit the far post. Choi Tae-Ho set Choi Eun-Sok inside the box in the 33rd minute but the latter blasted the ball over prodigally.

The second half of the match saw a dramatic turna-

3 ladies share lead in chess

Sports Reporter

Afroza Khanam Babli, Zakia Sultana and Syeda Afsana Parveen Nira with full two points were jointly leading the table at the completion of the second round of the qualifying meet for the 14th national women's chess championship at the National Sports Council chess room.

Fourteen women are vying for the six berths in the final round of this year's national championship.

Rani Hamid and Tanima Parveen - who finished champions and runners-up respectively in the last national - will directly play in the final round, along with the six qualifiers and Syeda Shabana Parveen Nipa and Roxana Gulshan Nikkon, the two rated women players of the country.

Selina Tuhin has collected one and a half points while Masuda Begum, Hamida Rahman, Ferdousi Sultana, Faizunnesa Polly, Jebunnesa Rina and Halima Khatun Mala have earned one point each.

Nurun Nahar Begum has managed a half point while Tammi Mahmud, Nusrat Jahan and Ayesha Khanam - the other three ladies in the fray -

are yet to open their accounts. The five-round Swiss league meet is expected to conclude

on January 16. The final round comprising the top ten women of the

country will start either on January 17 or 18.

SUB-JUNIORS

Meanwhile, defending champion Shawkat Hossain Pallab along with six others jointly shared the lead in the points table after the second round of the 13th national subunder-16 chess championship at the NSC

chess room yesterday. The six others who have managed two points each are Hossain Ali, Ruhul Islam Bobby, Abu Sufian, Giasuddin Mithu, Abdullah Al-Rakib, Nazrul

Islam and Javed Hossain. Both the qualifying rounds for the women's nationals and the sub-juniors began last Tuesday under the auspices of the Bangladesh Chess Federation.

round as the players of Polonia Warszawa shook off the gremlins and began their campaign with renewed vigour. After the Koreans had wasted a half chance with Choi Tac-lio to the fore, Polonia Warszawa took the lead.

As always, it takes minimum involvement of men in a goal; substitute Mariusz Sawa got the ball from the resultant clearance and after having played a presto one-two with one of his team-mates, finished the ball in the net, giving Bank custodian Kim Hec-Ho no chance at all (1-0).

Housing Bank launched a sortie in the 16th minute when Chot Eun-Sok raced down the left flank but Zbignew Tietz arrived before Oh Hae Jong could spell danger.

Kim Hee-Ho, the Korean custodian, will remember the match more for his fatal forgetfulness than the ouster of his side at the semifinal stage. Having used his feet with the skill of a defender, or any other player for that matter, he stooped low to pick an in-

nocuous backpass from one of his teammates in the 24th minute of the match and ref eree Jameel Zakaria raised his hand to award the Poles an indirect free-kick from inside the Korean box. It was as good as getting a penalty for the sharp shooting Europeans for whom Bogdan Tereszerynsłu slotted the ball home with a beautifully measured shot (2-

The clinical finishing of the Poles paralysed the spirited Koreans for the time being.

Polonia Warszawa withdrew themselves into their shell, biding time with controlled trading of passes within themselves. The oyster-like discretion of Warszawa players started to dawn on the spectators who had earlier rejected them as nervy amateurs at the

Housing Bank turned on the heat at the fag end of the match, but Warszawa brought all their men down to beat back the frantic sullies.

> LENSMEN'S AWARD Meanwhile, the Bangladesh

Sports Photo-Journalists' Association, a newly formed body, has announced award for the best player and the best team of the tournament.

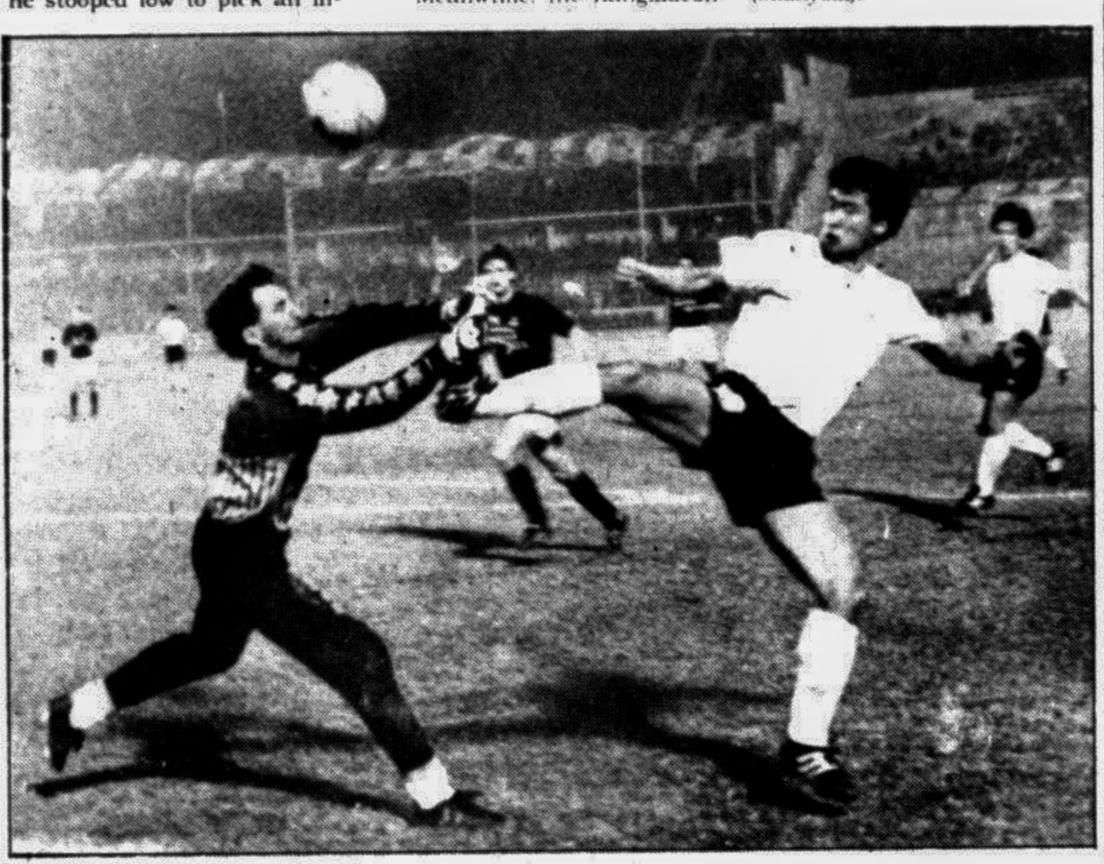
However, the Malaysian Olympic football team will not be there to witness the ecremony since they left Dhaka for Kualalumpur yesterday.

The second semifinal, between FC Ploesti of Romania and Krylia Sovetov of Russia, will be gin at 5 pm at the Dhaka Stadium today.

FC POLONIA WARSZAWA: Wieslaw Rutkowski, Zbignicw Tietz, Arkadiusz Gmur, Wlooz mierz Pilaber, Yan Karas, Rys lare Stromecui, Dariusz Ozwigala, Bogdan Tereszerynslu, Pawel Kowalescu, Pawel Ozicciol, Yacel Perzyk (Sawa Mar-

HOUSING BANK: Kim Heello, Jung Youn-Tack, Kim Youg-Kuk, Lee Oh-Kyun, Um Sing-Yung, Choi Tae-Ilo, Oh Hac-Jong (Kweon Tae-Scok). Choi Eun-Sok, Min Cha-Sick, Shin Oh-Chul and Kang Do-Sin.

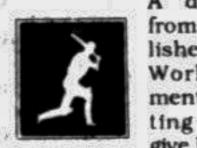
Referee: Jameel Zakarta (Malaysta)



The reason the Polish Club side FC Polonia Warszawa did not concede a goal in their semifinal against the Housing Bank of Korea yesterday at the Dhaka Stadium was their goalkeeper Wieslaw Rutkowski. In the picture he is seen foiling a Shin Ho-Chul attempt. Polonia squeezed through to the final with a 2-0 victory. - Star photo

Kalabagan rejoice at PWD's cost

Sports Reporter



A deadly spell from Rafiq demolished the Public Works Department (PWD) batting line-up 'to give Kalabagan

Krira Chakra a massive 142run victory in their Navana Premier Division Cricket league match at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Rafiq returned wonderful figures of 7-2-10-4 to restrict PWD to a paltry 70 in 31.3 overs after the Kalabagan batsmen amassed an imposing 212 for eight in their 45 overs.

Whatever the PWD skipper's plans behind sending Kalabagan to bat might have been it didn't work out since his bowlers found the Kalabagan opening stand hard to break. The pair however, was severed but not as a result of a dismissal. Shri Lankan lefthander Sujit Pereira limped off after scoring a 43-ball 36 emblazoned with four shots across

the fence. The PWD bowlers' first success came in the 8th over when Imdu sent Mamun, the other opener, back for 40 after a 65-ball knock which featured five boundaries with the score on 142. Imdu claimed his second scalp in the same over, this time Shovon offering Zakir a catch after scoring 27.

Pilot, who featured in some fine knocks in previous game, found everything going against him and after a painstaking 13 balls he was trapped 1bw for three to give Imdu his third

But man who replaced Pilot Shahid — brooked no nonsense. With the side comfortably placed on 141 at the end of the 31st over he went for his shots and pushed for ones and twos to keep the score

board rolling. Shahid shared 29-run stand with Joydeep Mukerjee of India who really took on the PWD bowlers, hitting four fours

Kamrul had him caught on After Joydeep's departure wickets fell at regular interval

for his 21-ball 28 before

Talent spotting

Arambagh Krira Sangha will select footballers under 16 years of age to form a squad for the forthcoming Pioneer football league, says a press release.

Interested players have been asked to meet coach Talukder tomorrow, at the club office at Friday. 7:00 am.

at one and while Shahid kept wielding his willow with abandon. He remained undefeated on a 45-ball 42 with four fours when the last over of the Kalabagan quota was bowled. In the meantime, four more wickets had fallen.

Imdu gave away 43 runs in nine overs for his three wickets while Fazlu took two for 26 in his quota.

It was not to be a PWD day and this was proved very early in their innings when Mohammad Ali trapped Zakir leg before for nought. Although the next wicket fell 33 runs

the face of some deadly bowlrest could not add a single run.

Nadir Shah's two scalps

Brothers Union take on

Agrani beat City

City Club lost two



valuable points when they suffered a five-wicket defeat at the hands of Agrani Bank in the only match of the Milnars First Division cricket super league at the Mirpur

Pallabi ground yesterday. The five-team super league began last Tuesday with Wari Club registering an emphatic 66-run victory against Lalmatia

Club at the same venue. City Club, who finished joint runners-up with Dhanmondi Club in the first leg with 12 points from eight matches, will play Dhanmondi Club

tomorrow Agrani Bank, who managed ten points from their eight first leg matches, now have 12 points.

Veteran Jogesh Ghosh, the Agrani Bank skipper, won the toss and had little hesitation in inviting his counterpart Zakir to make first use of the pitch.

City Club, by virtue of an 83run third-wicket stand between Zakir and Bappi, made 198 from 43.3 overs losing all their wickets.

City Club had a bad start when their opening batsman Ujjal was caught by Niaz off the bowling of Raja for a duck with the total on two.

Gautam departed soon for 10 with the scoreboard reading 28 in the 13th over.

Then Bappi joined skipper Zakir and the pair steadied the rocking City boat and took the total along to 111 in 28 overs when Zakir was caught behind by Anwar off an Atique spinner. Zakir scored a patient, re-

sponsible 47 from 83 balls. Bappi was in fine touch making 61 off as many deliveries, a knock embellished with two over-boundaries and

as many as eight hits to the

later, the PWD camp had nothing to feel happy about.

The next eight batsmen found themselves all at sea in ing of Rafiq and Nadir Shah could muster only 37 runs. The total of 70 owed as many as nine runs to sundries. Only four PWD cricketers managed double digit scores while the

cost him 10 runs. Joydeep, Ali and Shovon claimed one

Udity today.

Sports Reporter

Nahid added a useful 49 in the sixth wicket partnership with Bappi, his personal con tribution being 26 off 22 balls. Extras added another 15 runs to the total.

Azam with three wickets for 42 runs from his quota of nine overs was the pick of the Agrani bowlers while skipper Jogesh bagged two wickets for 18 and Atique claimed another two wickets for 32. Raja took a wicket conceding 17

In reply, although they lost two wickets within 61 runs, the bankers cruised past their target making 202 for five wickets in the 44th over.

The highlight of the Agrani Bank innings was a 55-run stand between Azam and Kaiser in the fourth wicket.

Azam topscored with 41 off 69 balls, a knock that included three hits across the rope while Kaiser made 38 from 43 deliveries.

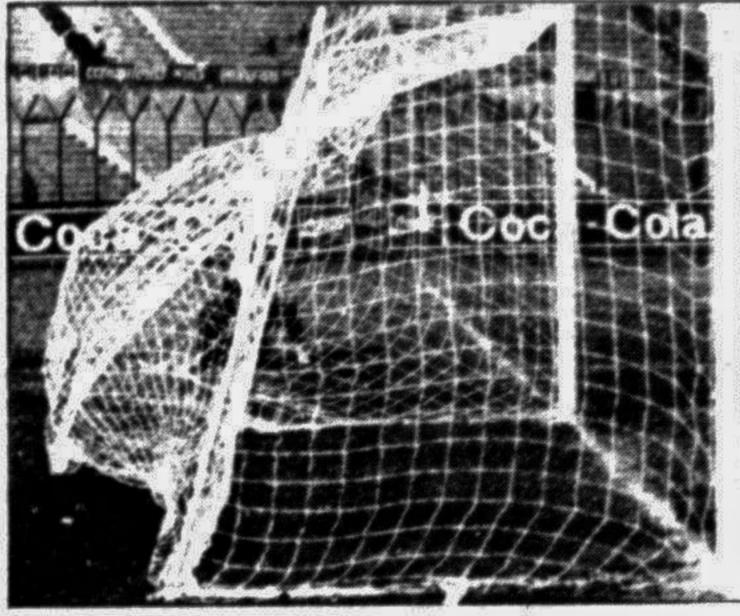
Niaz and Atique scored 27 runs each while Biplab and Intoo remained unbeaten on 24 and 13 runs respectively. Sundries contributed a use

ful 26 to the total. Sujan with two wickets for 29 was most successful of the City bowlers while Bappi, Al Amin and Ujjal took one wicket apiece.

THE OTHER LEAGUE

Meanwhile, the first match of the newly-introduced position-deciding league comprising the four bottom finishers of the first leg will be held to day at the Mirpur Pallabi ground between Sadharan Bima and Eskaton Sabuj Sangha.

The other two teams of the position-deciding league are Bangladesh Railway and Evergree Club.





Kim Hee-Ho wallows on the ground as Sawa Mariusz's shot from a rapid build-up rests in the net Polonia Warszawa of Poland beat Housing Bank of South Korea 2-0 in the first semifinal at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. - Star photo

Div II cricket

Sports Reporter

The Second Division cricket league resumed yesterday after a day's break with Shantinagar Club A and Bangladesh Boys Club registering easy victories at two different city venues.

At the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium Shantinagar A trounced East End Club by cight wickets.

Sent into bat, East End Club were bundled out for a paltry 117 in only 24.5 of the allotted 35 overs

Tutul topscored with 26 while Nadir, Tito (Sr) and Mofiz made 18, 17 and 16 respectively. However, extras idded 25 to the total. Rumi ripped through the

East End batting claiming four wickets for 33 from his full quota of seven overs while Azam and Faruk took two and one wickets respectively. Chasing a modest total

Shantinagar made 118 in 27.1 overs with eight wickets to Rumi, the most successful bowler of the day, went one

better with the willow topscor-

ing with 46 off 80 balls, an innings inclusive of six hits icross the rope. Monir scored 25 and Murad remained unbeaten on 25 while sundries contributed 26

runs to the total. Mofiz took both the Shantinagar wickets conceding 16 runs.

At the Dhanmondi Club ground, Bangladesh Boys Club registered a massive 69-run victory against Mill Barracks Cricket Club.

Put in to bat Bangladesh Boys made 191 for the loss of nine wickets from their quota of 35 overs. Sumi topscored with 54, a

knock that included six shots across the rope and one over it while Shafiq, Ranga and Palash made 27, 18 and 14 respec-

Mr Sundries contributed 34 runs to the total. Lal Miah took three wickets

for 41 while Zakir bagged two for 32. Masum and Tapan claimed one wicket apiece.

Mill Barracks Club were shot out for 122 in 29.2 overs with sundries amounting to Mill Barracks' wicket-

keeper Mamun made 32 while Zakir, Mukul and Javed scored 11 and 10 runs respec-Nasim with four wickets for

29 was the pick of Bangladesh Boys bowlers while Sumit took three for 19 and Azad two for

TODAY'S MATCHES

Young Pegasus B vs Cantonian SC (DCS) Shantinagar B vs Lalbag USC

Volleyball leagues from tomorrow Sports Reporter

The much delayed 1992-93 First Division and Second Division volleyball leagues will simultaneously begin tomorrow at the Outer Stadium vol leyball court.

The leagues were initially scheduled to begin in November last but were deferred for 'unavoidable circumstances', according to the Volleyball Federation.

Seventeen teams in two groups will contest in the First Division league with the top two teams from each group playing in the semifinals. Bangladesh Rifles and Titas

Gas Sporting Club finished as champions and runners-up in the First Division league when it was last held in 1991. The Second Division league

will feature ten teams.

Coggi regains WBA

Both the leagues are sched

uled to conclude on February

crown MAR DEL PLATA, Argen-

tina, Jan 13: Juan Coggi of Argentina regained the World Boxing Association junior welterweight title Tuesday by stopping Morris East of the Philippines in the eighth round, reports AP.

For most of the fight, East tried to close in on Coggi but was kept at bay by the challenger's longer reach.

Wright goals fire Arsenal from cx-England forward Bria



lan Wright put Arsenal into the English League Cup semi-finals on Tuesday night by scoring both goals in a 2-0 home win over First Division

rivals Nottingham Forest, reports AFP. The England striker, playing his last match before a three-game ban, netted after 55 and 78 minutes to seal a two-legged meeting with his

old club, Crystal Palace. Kevin Campbell, who replaced injured Swedish Winnger Anders Limpar, was the provider on both occasions for Wright's 16th and 17th goals of the season with a through pass and a lay-off. The defeat for Brian Clou-

gh's bottom-of-the-table team

was only their third in 38

League Cup matches - a com-

petition they have won twice in the late four years. In the FA Cup, First Division promotion-chasers Tranmere produced the shock of the night by humbling Oldham 3-0

in a third-round replay. Two goals from John Morrissey and one from Steve Vickers earned the home side a tie with Ipswich, who overcame Second Division Plymouth 3-1.

It was no easy passage for Ipswich, though. They had to work hard for their thirdround victory and might have

been taken to a replay had Paul

Dalton not fluffed a late chance.

It looked to be no more than a formality for Ipswich



home a 30-yard drive, but Plymouth equalised with Steve Castle's free-kick.

Ipswich regained the lead and made certain of the tie at Sheffiled United also

centrate on. John Fashanu broke the deadlock after 35 minutes with a half-hit shot and five

when Neil Thompson crashed

with a Lason Dozzell header Tranmere when Chris Kiwomya was tripped in the box by Steve McCall and Steve Whitton converted the penalty.

pressure. Mcanwhile, Marine, the last non-league side in the competition, bowed out with a 3-1 defeat at Third Division Crewe, who were 3-0 up inside 23

> minutes. Sunderland, last season's beaten finalists, had more joy, booking their fourth-round place with a 2-0 win at First Division rivals Notts County.

Deane carning the blades a 4-2

stnee October 31, also set up

United's fourth goal for Adrian

Deane, who had not scored

Dave Bassett's Premier

League strugglers had fallen

behind to a goal from ex-

Eveton forward Adrian Health,

but did not concede a second

to Mark Monigton until after

mier League FA Cup tie Wimb-

ledon resisted an Everton

comeback to triumph 2-1 in a

third round replay and leave

the Merseysiders with just a

relegation battle to con-

minutes into the second half

Robbic Earle added a second

Everton captain Dave

Watson pulled a goal back in a

67th minute scramble, but the

Merseysiders could not man-

age a second, despite intense

with a low shot.

In the night's only all-Pre-

Deane's devastating burst.

replay triumph at Burnley.

Little John.

AC Milan — killers or redeemers?

marched on at the expense of

Second Division opposition, a

first-half hat-trick of headers



Records continue to fall to AC Milan, the team which, depending on your point

of view, are taking soccer to new heights or killing the game with unnatural perfection, reports Reuter. A 1-0 home win by the

Italian champions over Cagliari on Sunday saw Milan post 50 successive games unbeaten in the world's toughest league. Scaling new peaks has be-

come routine for coach Fabio

Capello's side. Their last league defeat is now a dim memory, coming at Bari in May 1991 in the penultimate game under Arrigo Sacchi.

In 1992, they became the

first Italian team to complete a calendar year unbeaten in the league while they opened the new year with a record seventh successive away win. Less than half of the season is over but Milan are eight

points clear and almost certain

to retain the title. Such patent superiority has stuck in the throats of many in this soccer- obsessed country. Crowds remain high but betting on the "totocalcio" the soccer pools - has dipped, which some see as evidence of

The left-wing daily "11 Manifesto" recently urged Italian soccer authorities to fix a ceiling on clubs' spending.

ennui with a Milan-dominated

The paper also proposed an American type draft-pick system with smaller clubs given first refusal on promising youngsters. Rival clubs chimed in with

calls for curbs on the size of

Milan, flush with the income from over 70,000 season ticket holders topped up by

Juvenile soccer

Sports Reporter Pragati Krira Chakra edged past Nirman Shilpi Gosthi by a solitary goal in the Jadukar Samad memorial juvenile soccer tournament at the Outer Stadium yesterday.

between Nakhalpara Nabin Boys Club and Amligola Kishore Kantha ended in a scoreless draw.

The other match of the day

Chanchal scored the de-

cider in the tenth minute of

the second half.

Bangabir Sangsad vs Monsour SC (2:00 pm) Khawje Dewan Samity vs Dragon KC (3:15 pm)

TODAY'S MATCHES

president Silvio Berlusconi's wealth, have the players to form two top-class sides.

They boast six foreign stars

of whom only three can play in any league game. Berlusconi, whose finivest empire embraces national television channels and a su-

permarket chain, naturally dismisses criticism of his club. "Soccer is linked to sodes. Sooner or later we will lose and that will be the end of all these proposals to stop us," he said last weekend

"They say we have killed the championship, but once we lose two in a row they will be writing about the end of an



S. BERLUSCONI

Many of the attacks bear a whiff of sour grapes, coming from rivals who have virtually matched Milan's spending but lacked the professionalism and shrewd management to make European champions twice

Milan's latest cycle can be traced to the mid-80s, when Berlusconi took charge. He made the inexperienced Sacchi coach and funded the import of Dutchmen Ruud Gullit and Marco van Basten

in the 1960s, the roots of

who were soon joined by compatriot Frank Rijkaard. Now in charge of the Italian national team, Sacchi introduced the "pressing" game with a flat back four pushing up to limit space and his midfielders hunting in packs to

close down opponents. Milan took the league title in 1988 and Sacchi's stylish side won the European Cup in 1989 and 1990 with the Dutch trio proving the most successful foreign bloc in Italian soc-

The spell was broken in 1991 as Milan surrendered the

European Cup and landed a one- year UEFA ban after using a floodlight failure to walk off when faced with defeat by

Marseille Sacchi had by then fallen out with his leading players

and was replaced by Capello for the 1991-92 campaign. The square-jawed Capello, a former Italy inside-left, had been carefully groomed for the

posts inside the Berlusconi empire. He put the spark back into jaded players and his freescoring side cantered to the

job with various management

league title. Indeed "I Rossoneri" have lost just one competitive match under Capello — Juventus beating them in a Domestic Cup semifinal last April.

to bid for the European Cup Italy internationals Stefano Eranio, Gianluigi Lentini and Fernando de Napoli were signed along with French striker Jean-Pierre Papin and Montenegrin Dejan Savicevic in a spending spree which would

The title winning squad was

augmented as Milan prepared

million dollar. Capello has shuffled his pack ruthlessly with star names all facing spells on the sidelines under the the socalled "turn-over" system.

have left little change out of 50

The depth of the squad has enabled Milan to ride the waves of injury and suspension which knock so many teams off course.

Yomiuri FC, Shabab settle for draw

MANAMA, Baharaink, Jan 13: Japan's Yomiuri FC and Shabab Club of Saudi Arabia, played a strong and fast-paced game on Tuesday at the opening day of the Asian Club Final

But though they appeared the better team, the Saudis failed to score. "We're lucky to draw the game," later commented Mata-

suki Casutaro, the Japanese

coach. Hosts Bahrain's Muharraq Club earlier emphasized their superiority at the kickoff match by trouncing the defending Arseto team of Indonesia 3-0

Bahrain, which dominated the play at the national stadium, scored their first goal in the 35th minutes after a penalty on the indonesian

