reports AFP.

Internazionale.

from Serie A.

Marco van Bas-

ten, starting his

first match since

December 13, sc-

ored as AC Milan

got back to winning ways

against Ancona and virtually

Italian league title on Sunday,

assured they would retain their

Milan hadn't won since

beating Fiorentina 2-0 on

March 7 but that run came to

an end with a 3-1 victory away

to Ancona. With four comfort-

able-looking games left to play,

Fabio Capello's men seem ex-

tremely unlikely to blow their

four-point advantage over

Van Basten's Dutch team-

mate Frank Rijkaard opened

the scoring after 20 minutes

before the European player-of-

the-year marked his return

with a superb header, seven

Glonek just after half-time

made it three for the champi-

ons. Sebastiano Vecchiola got a

consolation goal for Ancona

just before the hour but his

side look doomed to relegation

cut the gap at the top from 11

to four points as their neigh-

bours have stumbled, kept the

pressure on with a 2-0 defeat

of Lazio, who were without

England's Paul Gascoigne be-

cause of his fractured cheek-

The Uruguayan Ruben Sosa,

who is expected to make way

for Holland's Dennis Bergkamp

next season, opened the scor-

ing with his 17th goal of the

season and Salvatore 'Toto'

Schillaci added the second af-

Robberto Baggio's outstand-

Baggio, who scored twice in

last week's UEFA Cup final

first-leg win over Borussia

Dortmund, has now scored 18

league goals this season de-

spite a lengthy lay-off after

breaking ribs playing for Italy

entertainment value than their

Turin neighbours, an Enzo

Scifo penalty two minutes from

Torino provided even more

ing run of form continued with

a hat-trick in a 4-2 for

ter 39 minutes.

Juventus over Foggia.

against Scotland.

Internazionale, who have

An own goal by Czech Milos

minutes before the break.

late penalty.

Sports Reporter The 19th national chess championship, organised by the Bangladesh Chess Federation, gets underway tomorrow at the chess room of the National Sports Council.

Sixteen players including reigning champion Reefat-bin-Sattar and runner-up Ziaur Rahman will participate in the

The other fourteen players who qualified for the final are: Abul Kashem Bhuiyan, Rezaul Hug, Rani Hamid, Ziaul Kader Tuhin, Satfuddin Labloo, Ali Amjad Mahbub Ali Ferdousi. Neamul Hug Ntru, Khandaker Hasan, Abdullah-Al-Omar Khaled, ANM Ruhul Quddus, Abdul Khaleq and Rafigul Islam.

Dr A R Khan, vice president of the Bangladesh Chess Federation will conduct the number-drawing of the championship today at 6 pm.

Those who will take part in the final round have been asked to be present at the chess room by 5,30 pm today.

### BGIC basketball Sports Reporter

After Trailing the first half 20-32 Josephites Hawks made remarkable fight back to snatch a dramatic 56-53 victory over Kurmttola Young Star in the BGIC Second Division basketball championship played at the open basketball court adjacent to the woodenfloor gymnasium yesterday.

Liton was the topscorer with 19 points for the winners followed by Caeser with 13

In the other match of the day Rangers Club trounced Rising Force SC 60-40. The first half score was 28-

12 in favour of the winners. For Rangers Club, Sujon topscored with 28 points while Liton and Shibly caged 13 and 12 points respectively.

Azad scored 10 points while Mujib and Pappu scored eight points each for the losers.

### N'ganj v'ball From Our Correspondent

NARAYANGANJ, May 10: Shumo Hosiery Club made it to the final of the Azad Products First Division volleyball league when they beat Sona Mian Smriti Sangsad 15-6, 10-15 15-6 in the first semifinal at the local Osmani Stadium to-

The winners will take onthe victors of the second semifinal between Dreger Directorate and Kashipur Club.

### Div I hockey Sports Reporter

Nagib scored the second hattrick of this year's Green Delta First Division hockey league to help Sadharan Bima Krira Sangstha register a convincing 51 victory over Bangladesh Sporting Club at the Hockey Stadium yesterday.

Earlier on Saturday, Fazal Mahmud of Abahani Krira Chakra struck three times in a row against minnows Bangladesh Railway to lead last year's runners up to an enormous 8-0 victory.

Sadharan Bima dominated yesterday's match from the very beginning and Bappi found the target six minutes into the game from a penalty corner to take his side ahead (1-0).

But the Bima lead was nullified in the 27th minute when Mont of Bangladesh Boys scored from a breakaway offensive (1-1).

Having conceded a goal against the run of the play, the insurancemen doubled up their pace and soon earned a penalty stroke six minutes later. Moni made no mistake (2-1).

Naqib took control in the second half and netted his first goal of the encounter two minutes into the session from a well synchronised Bima attack

He got his second in the 56th minute and completed a deserving treble 11 minutes later (5-1).

In the other match of the

day, Wari Club drew one all with Police AC. Shahed put Wari in the lead in 62nd minute only to see Lutfar equalise five minutes later.



Sports Reporter

Pioneer Coaching Eleven Ripon struck could have widened the wintwice for Pioneer ning margin had their for-Coaching Eleven wards been a wee bit keener. to lead his side to Billal of Adamjee SC was an emphatic 4-1 victory over Se-

nior Division leaguers Adamjee

Sports Club in the opening

DHANMONDI WIN In the other match in the evening, Dhanmondi Club held

wards than launching counter attacks for the rest of the first

The first session ended with the Dhanmondi outfit leading 2-0.

But after the break the scenario changed as the revitalised Muktijoddha forwards



State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain Khoka being introduced to the players prior to the start of the opening match of the DMFA Cup football tournament between Pioneer Coaching eleven and Dhanmondi Club at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. Pioneer - Star photo Eleven won the match 4-1.

football tournament at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Pioneer Eleven, a selection from this year's Janata Bank Pioneer league, dominated the match from the word go keeping their senior opponents at the receiving end most of the

However, the spirited youngsters were denied by the Adamjee defenders till the 44th minute for the first goal before Saeed finally broke the deadlock (1-0).

In the second half similar scenario prevailed with the Pioneer outfit making most of the moves and only five minutes into the half Don netted the second goal for his side (2-

Ten minutes later Ripon added another for the Pioneer Eleven (3-0).

Ripon beat Munir, the Adamjee goalkeeper, for his second goal in the 61st minute of the match to complete the tally (4-0).

Pintoo netted the face-saver for the First Divisioners in the 77th minute (4-1).

balls as the Australian tourists

continued to undermine

England's young guns, reports

front-line batsmen battered

Somerset's other England

prospect, paceman Andrew

McDermott tormented Lath-

well before removing him

an England A tourist during

the winter, is unlikely to have

seriously damaged his chances

of being named in England's

Texaco Trophy squad on

Wednesday, even though 22

overs cost 90 runs and yielded

who scored 175 against

Tasmania during the winter in

front of chairman of selectors

Ted Dexter, probably needed a

major score against Australia to

command more than a passing

mention at this week's selec-

bowlers considerably more as-

sistance than Saturday

Lathwell jabbed his first ball to

gulley, survived an lbw appeal

off the next and edged the

third at comfortable height to

McDermott might have had

a wicket during each of his

first five overs as he made the

ball lift and leave Somerset's

In the end, he had to settle

wicketkeeper Tim Zoehrer.

On a pitch offering the

But 21-year-old Lathwell,

Caddick, 24, like Lathwell

without scoring.

just one wicket.

tion meeting.

batsmen.

Only 24 hours later, Craig

On Saturday, Australia's

land, May 10:

England hopeful

Mark Lathwell

after only three

dismissed

off a spirited second-half charge from Muktijoddha Sangsad to squeeze out a narrow 2-1 victory to advance to the Group A final.

The match started with Dhanmondi Club taking control of the midfield very early in the first half and before Muktijoddha Sangsad could settle down Belal struck from a fifth-minute goalmouth melee to take Dhanmondi one up.

That goal jolted the Muktijoddha footballers quite considerably and for the next few minutes they were found trying to figure out what they should do.

With the Muktijoddha game in total disarray Dhanmondi scored their second of the match through Javed when the striker, wearing number nine, weaved through the defence to beat Arif, the Muktijoddha custodian, quite comfortably

Having conceded two goals in the space of 13 minutes the Muktijoddha Sangsad booters kept themselves busy in thwarting the Dhanmondi for-

Not a day for Mark Lathwell

for only one more success dur-

ing an impressive 10 over spell

- Richard Harden (7) snicking

high and fast to Allan Border at

MARK LATHWELL

Pace partner Merv Hughes,

playing his first match of the

tour following a knee operation

two months ago, understand-

ably looked rusty by compari-

son but still the bat on a num-

It was Australia's slow bow-

Off-spinner Tim may ended

lers who posed Somerset their

final problems on a day

restricted to 47 overs by rain.

an enterprising third wicket

stand of 119 when Chris

Tavare (62) chipped a return

catch while leg spinner Shane

Warne removed Nick Folland

By the close, Somerset

were 151 for four, still 280

behind and facing a fight to

SCOREBOARD

second day of Australia's three-

day match against Somerset

431 (M J Slater 122, M E

Score at the close of the

AUSTRALIA: First innings

avoid the follow-on today.

here on Sunday:

third slip.

ber of occasions.

pressed their opponents hard to equalise and Dhanmondi suddenly found themselves trying to save their goal.

The Dhanmondi defenders, however, failed to deny Muktijoddha for long as Rashid Haider drove the ball past diving Tayeb from close after a cross landed right in front of him (2-1).

Haider's goal initiated wave of attack on the Dhanmondi defence as the Muktijoddha booters became desperate to equalise.

Nevertheless the score remained 2-1 till the end. Earlier in the afternoon,

State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain Khoka inaugurated the tournament, organised by the Dhaka Metropolis Football Association. Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) president Siddiqur Rahman and M Azizul Huq. chairman of the DMFA, were also present on the occasion among others.

Nineteen teams - split into four groups - are taking part in the tournament.

Waugh 68, A R Border 54; A P

**SOMERSET:** First innings

van Troost 4-89)

b McDermott

b McDermott

A N Hayhurst not out

R J Harden c Border

C J Tavare c and b May

N D Burns not out

Extras: (lb-7, nb-18)

N A Foland lbw b Warne

Total (for four wickets)

Trump, A P Van Troost.

Fall: 1-1; 2-19; 3-136; 4-

To bat: K A Parsons, J I D

Kerr, A R Caddick, H R J

DC Cup soccer

First Division leaguers

Farashganj Sporting Club

squeezed into the final of the

DC Gold Cup football tourna-

ment beating Cosmos Club of

Khulna by a solitary goal in the

semifinal at the Barisal

winner in the 23rd minute.

Tipu scored the match-

The other semifinal,

scheduled for today, was later

declared a charity affair with

Dhaka First Division club BRTC

settling for a 2-2 draw with

once each for BRTC while

Riyaz and Mamun netted for

Army soccer

beat the Anti-aircraft Artillery

by a solitary goal in a Group A

match of the Army football

championship at Bogra

Cantonment Monday, reports

BOGRA, May 10: Savar Area

Dollar and Mizan scored

Barisal Pourashabha.

Bartsal Pourashabha.

Stadium today.

Staff Correspondent

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# Div II cricket qualifiers

Sports Reporter

Mill Barrack Young SC and Bashabo Eleven registered victories in their respective encounters in the Second Division qualifying tournament vesterday

Mill Barrack Young defeated Adarsha Shishu Sangha by one run to the Mirpur Pollabi ground.

Mill Barrack batted first and scored 91 in the stipulated 15 overs losing four wickets with Zia topscoring with 35 followed by Sumon with an undefeated 21.

In reply Adarsha Shishu Sangha could were painfully close making 90 for the loss of seven wickets.

For the losers Salimullah was the top scorer with 35. At the Jagannath Hall ground of Dhaka University Bashabo Eleven recorded a six-

run victory over Tejgaon Club. Batting first Bashabo Eleven made 113 at the cost of nine wickets from their quota of 25

Sayem topscored with 3 followed by Mahbub with 24. For Tejgaon Alam was the most successful bowler picking up three wickets for 20 while Mosesh claimed two wickets.

Needing 114 to win Teigaon Club fell seven runs short when the last ball of the 25th over was bowled. Hantf and Bappi contributed

42 and 22 runs respectively. Sohel of the winners claimed five wickets giving away 22 runs while Mahbub took three wickets conceding

### Middlesex sent down crashing

LONDON, May 10 Champions Middlesex made an eminently-forgetable start to the New Sunday league season when they crashed badly to Kent at Lord's where the visitors romped to a nine-wicket win, reports AFP.

Matthew Keech and Mark Ramprakash made golden ducks in a miserable Middlesex total of 104, and Kent reached their target comfortably with Mark Bension and Carl Hooper compiling an unbroken 82-run stand.

Surrey went down to a 65runs defeat against Sussex at Hove - the home side's West Indian all-rounder Franklyn Stephenson smashing 103 off 79 balls. In all Stephenson hammered 15 fours to help Sussex to 310 for nine from 49

England leg-spinner lan Salisbury then took four for 49 as Surrey were dismissed for 245 with 5.1 overs to spare.

Leiecestershire beat Nottinghamshire by 90 runs at Grace Road where slow leftarm blower Laurie Potter claimed five wickets for 28 after Notts were set 217.

James Whitaker top-scored with 50 for the home side. Notts then collapsed badly losing their last eight wickets for

Essex snatched a 22-run win over Yorkshire at Chelmsford thanks to a Sundaybest five for 32 from England 'A' off-spinner Peter Such. The home side's 192 owed

much Derek Pringle (72 in 68 balls) but only Martyn Moxon threatened to upset Graham Gooch and co with 47. Northamptonshire seamer

Tony Penberthy also took a career-best five for 36 to help dismiss Gloucestershire for 123 at Northampton where the home side won by 62 runs. Earlier opener Alan Ford-

ham had taken the honours with 66 as his team reached 185 for five. There was no shortage of

drama and excitement a Edgbaston where Warwickshire made a winning start with a three-wicket success against Derbyshire with one ball remaining. Set 174 after Peter Bowler

top-scored with 77, the home team reached their target with seven balls remaining after Neil Smith and Gladstone Small scrambled nine from the last over by Dominic Cork. Durham lost their way at old

Trafford after appearing to be in command, and finally fell 12 runs short of Lancashire's 229 for seven. Mike Atherton hit a superb 96. The visitors had looked to

be well on their way when they reached 177 for four but then a collapse set in and only Phil Bainbridge's 69 took them close.

### Mexico enroute to United States

place in the finals.

TORONTO, Canada, May 10: Mexico became the first team to qualify for the 1994 World Cup finals in the United States when they beat Canada 2-1 here on Sunday, reports AFP. The victory left Mexico at

the top of the final group phase in the North and Central America zone of the qualifying competition. they were disappointed. Canada finished second and

"I would have been happier now have to play off against the if we had scored two or three winners of the Oceania zone more goals", he said. Then and then, if successful, against maybe we could have stopped a South American team, for a talking about the little goal dif-

Van Basten dispels AC curse time giving them an incredible

5-4 win over Roma in the Olympic stadium. Torino had been leading 4-2 with only 24 minutes to play but a Thomas Haessler penalty and a goal eight minutes from the end from Antonio Tomi

put Roma level. Uruguayan Carlos Aguilera,



MARCO VAN BASTEN

with three, and Andrea Silenzi had given Torino their advantage. For Roma, Andrea Carneviale and Roberto Muzzi scored within a minute of each other mid-way through the first half after Aguilera had put the visitors ahead.

Parma, who play Belgium's Antwerp in the final of the Cup Winners Cup on Wednesday squandered a point when they allowed Fiorentina's Fabrizio di Mauro to snatch an equaliser two minutes from the end on Italy striker Alessandro

Melli had put Parma ahead. Even if they do not win on

Wednesday, Parma should be back in Europe next scason

thanks to their league position Atalanta and Cagliari, two of the surprise packages in the Serie A this year, seem to have

blown their chances of a UEFA Cup place. Brescia kept their survival hopes alive by beating Atalanta

2-0 with both goals from Romania's Florin Raduciouiu. Cagliari were held 1-1 at home by Udinese after Urugu-

ayan Enzo Francescolt missed a

### Controversial penalty gives Lebanon a draw

BEIRUT, May 10: Fists flew as a controversial late penalty gave Lebanon a 2-2 draw against Hong Kong in a World Cup qualifying game in Beirut on Sunday, reports AFP. Hong Kong substitute Lo Kai

Wah was sent off in injury time as the Asian Group D game degenerated into violence.

Goals from Tam Stu Wat and Wai Chi-Loh put Hong Kong ahead and threatened an immediate crisis for Lebanon's new found football fervour.

The hosts were already under pressure after drawing their first group game with India on Friday.

Fourteen minutes into the scrappy match, Tam scored direct from a free kick just outside the penalty area.

Bilal al-Hashem was brought into Sunday's match after the India game. But the Lebanese goalkeeper was to blame for both goals. Caught flatfooted with Tam's free kick, Hashem was again at fault when Tam sent a free kick across in the 20th minute and Wai Chi Loh

headed in. Hong Kong withstood intense second half pressure, and an intimidating capacity crowd. But after several desperate penalty claims were turned down, the Kuwaiti referce finally sparked Hong Kong anger by warding one in the 81st minute from which Fadi Allouch scored.

Angry Hong Kong players protested to referee Hammed al-Hindyani and fights broke out between the two sides.

Lo was sent off as disputes continued until the end.



Hong Kong's Cheung Kam Wa (L) fights for the ball with Lebanon's Wael Nazha (R) during their World Cup qualifying soccer match in Beirut on May 9. The match ended in a 2-2 draw. -AFP photo

# Barcelona race, Real slip with an outstretched leg.



Barcelona fans celebrated the return to goalscoring form of Hristo striker

Stoichkov after a 4-1 trouncing of tailenders Cadiz in which the volatile Bulgarian netted once and hit the post twice, reports Reuter.

With arch rivals Real Madrid dropping a vital point at home to city neighbours Rayo Vallecano, Sunday's win gave the champions a onepoint advantage at the top of the league with seven matches left to play. If there was a bubble of

hope left in third-placed

Deportivo Coruna, it burst

when the once high-flying

Galicians were beaten 1-0 at home by lowly Logrones and slipped six points off the pace. Stoichkov's 24th minute goal against Cadiz - a rightfoot drive high into the net after the goalkeeper could only parry a shot from Julio Salinas

- ended a seven-game goal

drought for the temperamental sharp-shooter. Stoichkov set up the third goal for Jose Bakero with a blistering run and a perfect cross, made a series of telling passes and rattled the Cadiz post with first a header and

then a shot. If journalists expected Barcelona coach Johan Cruyff to be euphoric over his side's result and Real Madrid's slip,

ference we have over Madrid." Of Stoichkov, Cruyff added: "He did what he had to do. He is there to score goals and create chances for his team mates. He scored and he worked very hard for the rest

of the team. Real Madrid had more than just a dropped point to lament after their 1-1 home draw with Rayo. The game also saw Croatian midfielder Robert Prosinecki hobble off the pitch with a recurrence of the thigh muscle injury on which he had surgery last year and which cost him months of inactivity.

At a moment when Prosinecki was becoming an increasingly powerful and creative influence in the Madrid midfield, he is now almost certainly dut for the rest of the season.

Madrid players and their 80,000 supporters must still be wondering how they failed to run out comfortable winners of Sunday's match after Chilean striker Ivan Zamorano put them level in the 71st minute.

The main reason was a series of blinding saves by Rayo's Nigerian goalkeeper Wilfred Agbonavbare, plus slices of extraordinary luck.

The gangling Wilfred dived to push aside a rasping penalty from Michel Gonzalez in the 56th minute and later thwarted Zamorano and Alfonso Perez with reaction

But even he was powerless when Zamorano weaved into the penalty box and unleashed a ferocious drive which and goal written all over it until defender Pablo Gomez, on the line, somehow deflected it

sort of game everyone dreams of playing," he said. Striker Emilio Butragueno put the dropped point in context. "Now we have to depend on Barcelona making a mistake

as well as making sure we

Wilfred basked contentedly

in his moment of glory.

"Playing against Real Madrid

seems to suit me. That is the

## don't slip up again ourselves. HK coach's complaints

BEIRUT, May 10: Hong Kong coach Chang Hung-Ping said Monday several of his players were punched by Lebanese opponents during the stormy World Cup soccer

Chang also expects Lo Lai

Wah, who was sent off in injury

match here, reports AFP.

time of Sunday's 2-2 draw in the Asian Group D qualifying tournament to be banned for at least two matches. The game ended in fighting

between the two sides after Lebanon were awarded a disputed late penalty that enabled them to equalise. Chiang said Lee Kin-Wo was

laid out, Chan Chi-Keung suffered a swollen lip and Lo, the substitute given his marching orders, also took a punch. Hong Kong players were furious about the penalty given

by Kuwaiti referee Hameed Al-Hindyani. "I don't want to talk about it now," said Chang who does not expect any official action over the disputed inci-

# Action from yesterday's Green Delta First Division hockey league match between Sadharan Bima Krira Sangstha and Bangladesh Sporting Club at the Hockey Stadiam. Sadharan Bima won the match 5-1.