#### Div II cricket qualifiers

Sports Reporter

Mahbud and Liton, ripped through the Kamal Smriti Sangsad batting line-up to give Jainak Road Boys Cricket Club a convincing seven-wicket win in the qualifying meet for next year's Second Division cricket league at the Jagannath Hall playground of the Dhaka University yesterday.

Mahmud picked up four wickets for only three runs while Liton took four for five to restrict the Kamal Smriti Sangsad innings to a paltry 37 in 10.5 overs. Shipon also came up with some useful bowling dismissing two for 12

Rupal was the only batsman to reach double figures in the innings scoring 13. Extras yielded the second highest score of 11.

In reply the Jainak Road outfit reached the target losing three men in 10.1 overs with Munna hitting an unbeaten 17.

Mashuk spent two runs for his two victims.

### BVF selects 16 women spikers

Sports Reporter

The Bangladesh Volleyball Federation (BVF) yesterday named 16 women spikers for the second phase training for the forthcoming sixth South Asian Federation (SAF) Games, to be held in Dhaka in December this year.

Earlier, the federation picked 21 players for a monthlong primary trials under the guidance of Chinese coach Li Xinying and two local trainers Mustafa Kamal and Syduzzaman Badsha.

The final squad of 12 will be announced a few days before the Games commence.

The selected spikers are Sultana Akhter Tuktuki. Akherunessa, Jharna Rani Sarker, Shahnaz Akhter Tandra, Nasima Khan Shirin, Syeda Ajmiri, Rahima Akhter, Ambia Ali, Farzana Yasmin Lima, Asma Begum Moyna, Tarvina Akhter Laboni, Putul Rani Sarker, Mahmuda Khan Poppy, Jesmin Khan Bobby, Rafika Khan Chhabi and Tabita Chumki Munshi.

#### Army soccer

BOGRA, May 11: Anti-air craft Artillery, Jessore Area. the Bogra Area and Rangpur Area moved to semifinals of the Army football champi onship at the Bogra Canton ment Tuesday, reports UNB.

Group A champions Antiaircrast Artillery will meet Group-B runners-up Bogra Area in the first semi final match on Wednesday.

Group B champions Jessore area will face Rangpur area in another semifinal match on Thursday.

Earlier, Comilla Area beat the Log Area 3-1, Dhaka Area beat Bogra Area 2-1, Jessore Area beat Dhaka Infantry 4-0, Rangpur Area beat Mymensingh Area 6-2, Chittagong Area beat Dhaka Signals 4-0 in the five robin league matches.

#### Marseille want French title

before Euro final PARIS, May 11: Marsetlle

are confident they can clinch a record fifth consecutive French league title before the European Cup final on May 26 and claim a psychological edge over AC Milan, reports Reuter. With four matches remain-

Reuter. ing, a laborious 3-2 win over Caen extended the French from Colombian champions champions' lead to three American/Cali, tried to inspire points over Paris St. Germain, his new teammates by frewho replaced Monaco in secquently leaving his penalty area ond place. and dribbling the ball upfield.

"We're not champions yet but we made a big step," midfielder Franck Sauzee said. Our position is ideal. It would be wonderful to get the title before the European final."

The Mediterranean millionaires meet lowly Lille and Valenciennes on May 15 and 22 while Paris face a hard task against Bordeaux and Nantes, fourth and fifth-placed respec-

Marseille win twice against Lille and Valenciennes and if Paris lose once, the French champions would be

granted the trophy again. "We should win the title at Valenciennes," international Didier Deschamps said. "We could then go to Munich in a

relaxed state of mind. Even if we lose to Milan, we would be certain to play in the European Cup next year."

Marseille have a number of arguments to remove any doubts that they are the best French team ever, better than the great Saint-Etienne of the 1970s who won four consecutive championships and reached the European Cup final.

Their strikers, for one, are

far more impressive. The absence of German Rudi Voeller, who scored twice in a third round Cup match last Wednesday, was forgotten on Saturday when Chanaian Abedi Pele made a double and Croatian Alen Boksic added one to become the top scorer in the league with 19 goals.



Action from yesterday's DMFA Cup football tournament match between Sadharan Bima Krira Sangstha and Badda Jagarani Sangsad at the Dhaka Stadium. Sadharan Bima beat Star photo

## Wanderers in Group B final

Sports Reporter

Dhaka Wanderers Club advanced to the Group B final of the DMFA Cup lootball tourna elbowing ment

out Public Works Department (PWD) 4-3 in the tie-breaker after the regulation period ended goalless at the Dhaka Stadium vesterday.

Wanderers will meet the winners of the group semifinal match, scheduled for May 15, between Agraní Bank Club and Sadharan Bima Krira Sangstha, who edged past Third Division runners-up Badda Jagarani Sangha by two goals to one in the other match of the day.

The Wanderers-PWD encounter, played under flood lights, was virtually a drab affair with none managing total control. Most of the time the play was confined to midfield and almost all the attempts on goal were the results of break-

In the penalty shoot-out, the poor marksmanship of the PWD players rather than the brilliance of the Wanderers'

formidable Dhaka First Division Leaguers a victory.

Shamim (jr) of PWD shot the ball straight to the teammate Kakan did even bet ter when he sent the ball sail-Wanderers goalie.

Kamal were right on target for the winners but Mustakim had no such luck as the PWD goalkeeper brilliantly saved his attempt.

league.

Sadharan Bima took up the control very early in the first

half as their opponents were trying to settle down.

Basu scored the first Bima goal in the 24th minute when he headed home a neatly taken Mintu corner (1-0).

That was to be the only Sadharan Bima success in the first half. The first fifteen minutes of

the second half were spent with both sides crowding the midfield until Basu struck on the stroke of the hour with a powerful drive which left a div ing Badda Jagarani goalie, Nippon, with no chances (2-0)

Munna, coming in as a substitute for Aloke, reduced the margin nine minutes away from the final whistle when he struck home from a rebounder (2-1).

The Badda side tried desperately to equalise in the last few moments but the insurancemen made sure that they

Rumi and Lablu of Badda Jagarani Sangsad and Bima's Basu were cautioned by the referee Muzaffar Hossain for

# Mariners unbeaten champs

Dhaka Mariners Youngs Club earned promotion to next year's First Division basketball league' when they quite expectedly finished unbeaten champions of the BGIC Second Division league with yet another huge 149-46 victory over Young Angels Club at the court adjacent to the wooden-floor gymnasium yesterday.

Dhaka Mariners, with a number of national players in their rank, began their last. match of the league in a pace far beyond their feeble opponents' grasp. The eventual champions' dribbled, passed and scored with absolute ease.

With Mahbub Alam Chowdhury Mobi, who scored 51, Zaheer, who had a number of big scores in the league, and

Nino puts up

Higuita antics

Colombo's second choice goal-

keeper Eduardo Nino bright-

ened up an otherwise dull

game at the Maracana with

some Rene Higuita-style antics

at the weekend, reports

Nino, on loan to Botafogo

He also made at least three

Nino later admitted his for-

excellent saves but was unable

to save Botafogo from a 2-1 de-

ays upfield were inspired by

his more famous countryman

Higuita, who is currently out of

ing outside the area, all goal-

keepers in my country started

his Marcana debut against

Vasco who lead the second

stage of the Rio de Janeiro

Vasco goals to take his tally in

the competition to 13 in 16

In the Sao Paulo Cham-

pionship Rio Branco, Fe-

rroviaria, Novorizontino and

Guarant joined Palmetras Sao

Paulo, Corinthians and Santos

for the semifinal stage which

Rio Branco and Guarani

made sure of their places by

playing to a 1-1 draw in Group

A. A 0-0 draw at home to Santo

Andre was also enough for

rizontino beat last place

Catanduvense 7-0 in a contro-

versial match. America, who

narrowly missed qualifying,

protested after a Catandu-

vense fielded a mainly reserve

team which included untried

17-year-old goalkeeper Ale-

Group B leaders Novo-

Ferroviaria in Group B.

Striker Valdir scored both

"After Higuita started play-

Only 12,471 saw Nino make

feat against Vasco da Gama.

action with a leg injury.

imitating him," he said.

Championship.

starts this week.

RIO DE JANEIRO, May 11:

immaculate Mariners offence the losers were virtually left with no option but to see the winners slam dunk one after another. When the whistle for the

breather was blown the Mariners cagers were leading

of relief as their ordeal finally came to an end.

Club, who had a rather lacklustre start to their league campaign, finished with eighteen points from nine matches. Apart from the first match,

which they won 52-37, they recorded huge wins in all of their league engagements. The only team, besides Bakshibazar Club, to escape Mariners thrashing was Victoria Sporting Club who gave the champions a walk-over on

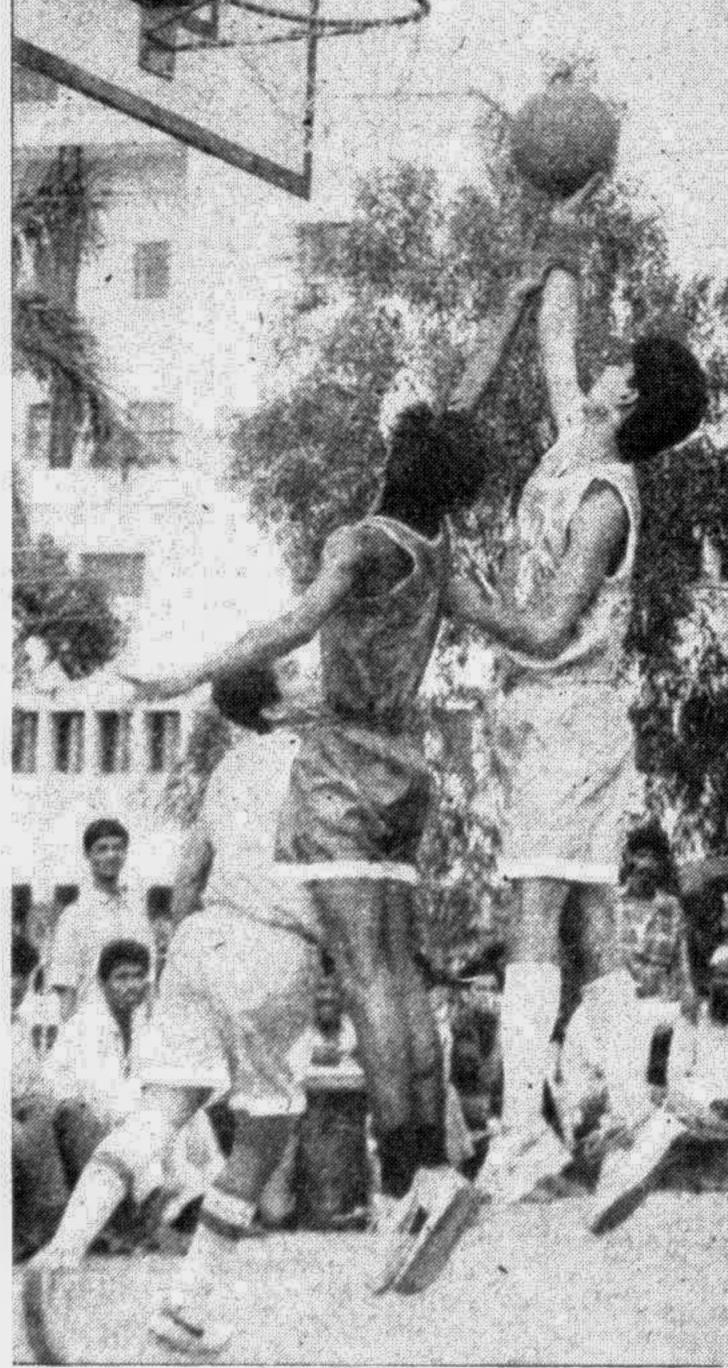
In the other match of the day, Bakshibazar Club beat Victoria Sporting Club 64-36 after dominating the first half

Subrata scored 22, Tanveer 16 and Suki 11 for the winners while Jami and Hafiz notched up 14 and 11 for the

#### TODAY'S MATCHES

Friends Club

Rangers vs Kurmitola Young



Scene from yesterday's BGIC Second Division basketball league match between Dhaka Mariners Youngs Club and Young Angels Club at the basketball court of Outer Stadium. Dhaka Marinars crushed Young Angels 149-46 to emerge unbeaten champions. - Star photo

MSC march on Sports Reporter

Defending champions Mohammedan Sporting Club recorded their second successive victory in the Metropolis Green Delta First Division hockey league when they brushed lowly Bangladesh Railway aside with a facile 4-0 victory at the Hockey Stadium yesterday.

Mohammedans, who started this year's league with a resounding 9-0 win over newcomers PWD Sporting Club in the opening match on April 29, appeared headed for another huge margin victory when Litu opened the account for his side only five minutes into the game with a brilliant field goal (1-0).

Just one minute later Sadek doubled the margin when he chipped the ball in from a long

Rest of the first half saw no

The second session started following the same pattern with the reigning champions launching frequent attacks on the Railway defence but barely failing to score. Finally Nixon made the breakthrough in the 44th minute when he drove the ball in from a penalty corner (3-0).

Zahid Biswas completed the tally two minutes later from a well-planned Mohammedan offensive (4-0).

Mumtaz Haider, Pakistani forward who played for Mohammedans last year, witnessed the match from the gallery with the club officials. Haider is in Dhaka on a business trip.

In the other match of the day, Dhaka Ansars beat Dhaka Wanderers by a solitary goal Masud Rana netted match-winner in the 50th

## Lineker is the best paid

TOKYO, May 11: England's Gary Lineker is the best paid of the 48 foreign players in Japan's new professional soccer league which kicks off on Saturday, a leading sports daily said today, reports Reuter.

Nikkan sports said Grampus Eight of Nagoya paid three million sterling (4.5 million dollar) for a two-year contract for Linker, of which 700,000 sterling (1.05 million dollar) went to his former club Tottenham Hotspur and the rest to the player himself.

Second highest paid is Ramon Angel Diaz of Argentina who is receiving 200 million ven (1.81 million dollar) for a two-vear contract from Yokohama Marinos, who play in Saturday's opening game against Yomiuri Nippon, the paper said.

Third is Brazilian star Zico. who is getting 1.5 million for his three-year contract from Kashmima Antlers. German soccer star Pierre

Littbarski, who arrived in Japan on Monday, earns an estimated 800,000 US dollars for a one-year contract.

Marcelo Trivisonno o Argentina, who plays for Mitsubishi Urawa, and Jaime Alberto Rodriguez Jimenez of El Salvador, who plays for Ana Sato Kogyo, are both receiving 30 million yen (272,000 dollars) a year, the Nikkan Sports went on.

Noh Jung-Youn will earn an annual 20 million yen (181,000 US dollars) from his club San Freece Hiroshima, more than double the highest wage of any player in his native South Korea, it said.

Each club in the 10-club league is allowed to sign a maximum of five foreigners and play three of them per

To pay these huge salaries, clubs are selling advertising space on their shirts - back, chest and sleeves.

#### Hong Kong edge past India 2-1

BEIRUT, May 11: Hong Kong beat India 2-1 in Beirut Friday, buttressing their lead in the Asia Group D qualifying round for the 1994 World Cup

Striker Loh Wai-chi put Hong Kong in the lead 15 minutes into the first half, blasting a 20-yard kick into the net of Indian goalkeeper Mohammed Youssuf. The Indians turned on the

heat through the rest of the first half, but Hong Kong goal keeper Chan Hing-wing made four spectacular saves that brought stupendous cheers from the stands, packed with 15,000 spectators. Nine minutes into the sec-

ond half, Indian forward Vijayan Mani headed in the equalizer from a long outside throw by Francisco Silveira. Mani's goal came only four minutes after he received a yellow card from Pakistani referec Kassi Assaf.

Striker Lee Kin-wo scored the winning goal for Hong Kong in the 57th minute. Hong Kong now top the

standings in the first leg of the five-nation tournament with five points from three games. The second leg of the Asian

Group D qualifying round is scheduled for June in Seoul. would beat Bowe if they meet



Action from yesterday's Metropolis Green Delta First division hockey league match between Mohammedan Sporting Club and Bangladesh Railway at the Hockey Stadium. Mohammedans trounced Bangladesh Railway 4-0. - Star photo

# Third umpire makes England debut

LONDON, May 11: over quickly and it gives us a The Benson and Hedges Cup first round match between Surrey and

Lancashire at the Oval on Tuesday will be the first match to use a third umpire, reports AFP. Video evidence will be em

ployed to make close run-out or stumping decisions as part of an experiment by cricket's ruling body. Match officials Barry Dud-

leston and George Sharp can make contact, via two-way radio, with colleague Allan Jones in the stand. Jones's job then is to study television-replays before in

forming the men in the mid-

dle whether their decision should be out or not out. A similar system was used during Test matches in South Africa and New Zealand last winter and could yet be introduced for this summer's Ashes

At Headingley meanwhile, Curtly Ambrose is set to lock horns with his West Indies skipper Richie Richardson.

Ambrose flew back from the Caribbean on Monday with a heavy cold but is set to line up for Northamptonshire against Yorkshire, who will field new overseas signing Richardson, fresh from leading the Windies to their Test triumph over

"This is a big game for us and it's good to have Curtly back," said Northants director of cricket Phil Neale.

"He's had a busy winter of international cricket and at the moment we're just look ing to him to get through this one match.

"It'll be even more interesting with Curtly likely to be bowling against his Test cap-

Another West Indies import, Ken Benjamin, makes his debut for Worcestershire against Essex at New Road. Benjamin, signed as an

overseas replacement Australian Tom Moody, missed Worcestershire's opening two first-class matches of the season because of his involvement against Pakistan.

Worcestershire skipper Tim Curtis said: "It is a psychological boost to a side if they know there is someone capable of knocking people

much better balance."

Hampshire continue their cup defence at Durham with out skipper Mark Nicholas. who has a thigh strain.

Malcolm Marshall leads a squad who include all-rounder Kevan James and new signing Martin Jean Jacques, the for mer Derbyshire paceman.

## Jarvis sends

Essex crashing LONDON, May 11: England

paceman Paul Jarvis spearheaded Yorkshire to a memorable 239-run thrashing of country champions Essex at Chelmsford on Monday, reports Reuter. Jarvis bagged three prize

scalps, Graham Gooch, Pakis tani Test batsman Salim Malik and Nasser Hussain, in the space of 15 balls to send Essex plummeting to 215 all out. He also ended the four-day

match in fitting style by having the stubborn Mike Garnham caught at the wicket for 58 to finish with four for 76. Jarvis, one of the few suc

cesses of the winter tour to

India, said he would be disap pointed if he did not make the England squad for the opening one-day international against Australia. The squad is due to be announced on Wednesday "I've been quite happy with my bowling so far this season.

tried to bowl attackingly in this game and I've managed to keep things going after a couple of weeks off following the winter tour." England captain Gooch, un

der pressure after the tour fi-

asco, will now be worried, too, about Essex's prospects after this beating. Humid conditions in the morning gave the Yorkshire

seamers some help, but there were also some poor shots and Essex's challenge simply evaporated after they had resumed on 98 for one in pursuit of

Craig White hastened their downfall with a pre-lunch spell of three for nine with his medium-paced off-cutters.

Essex can take some comfort from the fact that last season they were also crushed by Yorkshire - by an innings and 55 runs at Headingley in June - before going on to a second successive championship title.

### Aussies beat Somerset

TAUNTON, England, May 11: Australia beat Somerset by 35 runs in their three-day match on Monday, reports Reuter.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the final day of the three-day match between Somerset and Australia: **AUSTRALIA**: First innings 431 (M.Slater 122, M Waugh 68, A Border 54, A Van Troost

SOMERSET : First innings

(overnight 151-4) A Hayhurst not out M Lathwell c Zochrer b McDermott R Harden c Border b McDermott C Tavare c and b May N Folland lbw b Warne N Burns not out Extras: (Lb-7, nb-18) Total : (for four wickets de clared ]

Fall of wickets: 1-1; 2-19; 3-136, 4-137 Did not bat: K Parsons, J Kerr, A Caddick, H Trump, A

Van Troost Bowling: 36 McDermott 63 Hughes 17 M Waugh AUSTRALIA : Second in

M Taylor not out M Slater not out 

Total: (for no wickets declared) Bowling: Caddick 16 Van Troost

SOMERSET : Second in-A Hayhurst b Warne M Lathwell c Zoehrer b Hughes R Harden c Boon b May C Tavare c Taylor B Warne 31

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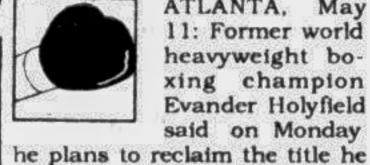
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245: 7-253: 8-274: 9-284 McDermott Hughes M Waugh 77 4 Warne Result : Australia won by 35

## Holyfield wants his crown back



11: Former world heavyweight boxing champion Evander Holyfield said on Monday

lost last year to Riddick Bowe and reign at least until after the 1996 Olympics in his home town of Atlanta, reports Reuter. Holyfield, who will fight British born Alex Stewart on June 26 in Atlantic City, said

his return to the ring was not motivated by money. With the Olympics coming here, I'd just love to be the champion. When people come into this town, they'll say 'The champ lives here", he declared after a news conference to

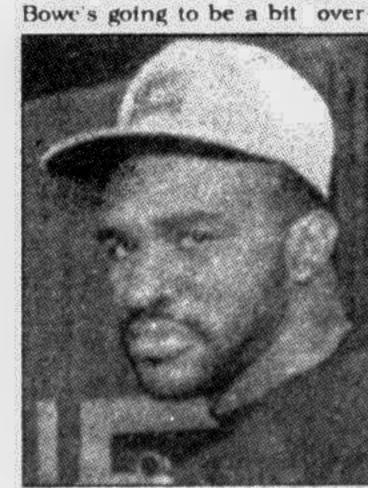
promote his bout with Stewart.

Holyfield, a 1984 Olympic bronze medalist who won 28 consecutive bouts before losing to Bowe last November 13, said he expects to join Muhammad Ali and Floyd Pattserson as 'the only boxers in history to regain the world heavyweight title'.

His new trainer, Emanuel Steard, said Holyfield faces "one of the most dangerous boxers out there" in Stewart, but predicted the ex-champ will win by an early knockout. The winner of the Holyfield

Stewart fight has been promised a heavyweight title shot in the fall, promoters say. The trainer said Holyfield

"Next time, he'll be punching him much harder. He'll be much more explosive puncher and he'll be less confident and more determined.



EVANDER HOLYFIELD

confident," Stewart said. "They're talking about doing it in November but Bowe's try-

added without elaborating. Stewart said Holyfield, 30, had a change of heart after his time away from the ring. "He realised after doing a

lot of things and going to

ing to get out of it already," he

Hollywood that he really likes boxing." Stewart, who fought for Jamaica at the 1984 Olympics, said he expected a very hard fight and added that his motivation was not as complicated

as Holyfields

was stopped in the eight round by Holyfield when they fought in 1989. "I'm not 80 million rich."

"I'm fighting because I have

a family" said Stewart, who

## Marcelo the first Cuban to lose

TAMPERE, Fin-land, May 11: Edward Gaifulin of Russia beat Rogelio Marcelo of Cuba on Monday, handing the superb Cuban team its first defeat in 13 cuttings at the World Amateur Boxing Championships, repor-ts AP

Gaifulin finished a thrilling light flyweight bout against Marcelo, an Olympic gold medalist from last year, with a winning point gained in the closing seconds. The Russian managed to

come from behind at 0-5, 3-8 and 8-10 to win 11-10. The superbly conditioned Gaifulin attacked relentlessly towards the end, backing up Marcelo against the ropes and scoring from the inside to the head. In the same class Alberto

Guardado took a convincing 11-1 win over Algeria's Mohamed Haloun to set up a possible semifinal clash with Gaifultn. Before that, on Wednesday,

Guardado has to reverse a split decision against Irishman Martin McQuillan from a dual meet in March against the Irish at San Jose, Calif.



Badda Jagarani 2-1.

goalkeeper earned the once

Wanderers custodian while his ing over the crossbar. The other three PWD booters --Montu, Shamim (Sr) and Salam — managed to beat the

Nipu, Bhutto, Tuhin and

Earlier in the afternoon, Sadharan Bima Krira Sangstha overcame a few anxious moments in the dying minutes of the game to advance to the Group B semifinal with a 2-1 victory over Badda Jagarani Sangshad, who earned promotion to next years Second Division league finishing second in the Third Division

Sports Reporter Abid spearheading an almost

by 77-24. In the second half the scenario remained, more or less, the same with the winners relentlessly attacking and scoring points. When the umpire blew with final whistle the losers must have heaved a sigh

Dhaka Mariners Youngs

Rising Force vs Mitford