MSC onslaught continues

Sports Reporter

Sadek scored his second treble of the season to lead reigning champions Mohammedan Sporting Club to an emphatic 4-0 victory over Bang ladesh Sporting Club in the Green Delta First Division hockey league at the Hockey Stadium vesterday.

With the win Mohammedans maintained their hundred per cent winning record and have won seven games so far.

In the day's second match yesterday. Mohammedans started on top from the word go and opened the account through Chapal sixteen minutes into the game when the forward scored the first of the field goals in the match (1-0).

Sadek, who scored his first hattrick against Bachelors Sporting Club, walked in to the scene very late in the first half, to be precise three minutes away from the short whistle. The national ace made it two-nil when the sounded the board after being set with enough space inside the D to drive home (2-0).

After the short break the Bangladesh Sporting kept the defending champions at bay for 11 minutes until Sadek struck again and again with a field goal 13-01.

Six minutes later Sadek rounded off the Mohammedan tally with yet another field goal

Mohammedans could have been winners by even A wider margin had they been able to utilise the four penalty corners they earned in the lop-sided af-

In the other match of the day, four field goals saw Ajax Sports Club comfortable winners over Bachelors Club.

The winners led the first half 3-0 with goals from Bayazid Haider, Khawaza Wais and Ziaul Qader Babi, who scord once more in the second half to complete a Bachelors rout.

TODAY'S MATCHES Dhaka Mariner Youngs vs

Police AC Dhaka Abahani VS Wanderers

Div II cricket qualifiers

Sports Reporter

Mirpur Nabin Krira Chakra Amateur Cricket Club, Gopibagh Friends and Dhaka Youth won their respective matches of the qualifying meet for the Second Division cricket league at different city grounds vesterday.

At the Jagannath hall ground, Mirpur Nabin KC scored 103 for four to register a sixwicket win over Trital Shilpi Goshthi. Earlier Trital had made 101 for nine wickets from their stipulated quota.

Amateur Cricket Club chalked up a twelve-run victory against Bright Star club at the Mirpur Pallabi ground.

Bright Star could manage 117 for nine in reply to Amateur's collection of 129 for

In another contest at the eastern ground of the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, involving sides from the same area, Gopibagh Friends cantered past Gopibagh Tarun Sangha by four wickets. In a low scoring match winners made 75 for six wickets while chasing opponents were 72 all-

At the western portion of the same venue Dhaka Youth recorded the biggest win of the day beating Seven Stars by nine wickets.

Batting first Seven Stars were all out for 72. Dhaka posted 81 for the loss of just one wicket.

BAF aquatic meet begins

The annual interbase aquatic championship of Bangladesh Air Force got underway at the Naval Swimming Pool, Banani, yesterday organised by BAF Base Bashar, reports UNB.

Local air base commander Air Commodore Fakrul Azam declared the four day meet open amidst cheers and applause

said an ISPR press release. Two final and four heat events were held yesterday.

In 200 metre individual medley, Flight Lt Haroon of BAF Base Pahar Kanchanpur finished first followed by LAC Zaid of Air Headquarters Unit.

BAF Base Zahoorul Haque became first and second respectively in the 4X100 metre free style relay. And in the opening match of water polo championship BAF Base Zahoorul Haque defeated BAF Base Mattur Rahman by 7-5

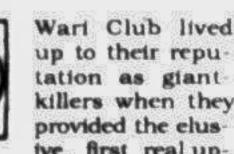
Masur has to wait a while

ROSMALEN, Netherlands. June 13: Rain and darkness brought Wally Masur's campaign to reach the Rosmalen final to a halt on Saturday, re-

ports AFT The Australian seventh seed was on the way to another shock win in his semifinal against third seed Malivai Washington of the United States when play was called off.

Wari send Brothers in dwalm

Sports Reporter



up to their reputation as giantkillers when they provided the elusive, first real upset of this year's Star Premier

thers Union by a solitary goal at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. Tutul the tall dark striker, who has been lending the cutting-edge of the traditional club from old Dhaka for a year, scored the all important goal in

Division league defeating Bro-

the 24th minute of the match. The defeat of Brothers Union, known as one of the heavyweights of local football, came as a culmination of a strange but wholesome streak from day one of this year's twin Senior Division league. League champions Abahani Krira Chakra set the pattern on Friday managing a fortuitous draw against lowly PWD. Mohammedans who finished runners up last year followed suit the

Union in navy blue outfit really did not do anything to raise the hopes of a roaring start.

In fact with an ounce more of lady luck Wari should have been three up in the first half but poor marksmanship and bad nerves robbed them of the opportunity of rubbing salt in the gaping Brothers Union

Bobby, the gangling Wari player and younger brother of national footballer Kaisar Ham id, once hit the wood work and Tutul failed to beat a helpless Brothers custodian Ponir in an action packed first half.

Brothers remained astonishingly subdued during this Wari blitzkrieg. Their three Russian recruits could not impress the two to three thousands spectaters who made isolated pockets in the flood lit terraces. Kudinov, who along with his two compatriots played up front, came close to a scoring chance at the fag end of the match but

ing reality awaiting them and brought a semblance of sanity

in their game Some heetic movement exerted pressure on the Wari de fence but resolute defending by Partha, Chhotan, Ripon and Chanchal kept everything Brot

hers could throw at bay. Wari, who provided the biggest surprise of last year by beating Mohammedans one nil, have once again, become the newsmakers with a triumphant start and that too at Brothers

DHANMONDI'S BRIGHT START

Dhanmondi Club stole the honours of being the first win ning side in this year's league when they chalked up a comfortable 3-1 victory against Sadharan Bima in yesterday's engagement of the ten team Star First Division

After a barren first hall Pallab, Halim and Belal scored



A Wari defender surges ahead while Brothers' national footballer Manik keeps watch while falling back to aid his defenders. Wari sprang up the first real surprise of this year's league by winning the opening match of the teams one-nil at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. - Star photo

next day with Kaiser Hamid's belated goal baling the title aspirants and DMFA Cup champions out of a real crisis, after a spirited Muktijoddha had forced ahead with a snap

Yesterday, the Gopibagh side had few sympathisers in the stands for the debacle at the very outset of their league campaign. With three Russians in their fold the new-look Brothers

an apparent want of speed and finesse ensured a disastrous start for the so-called third force of domestic league foot-

Returning to the mutton, Tutul scored the match winner in the 24th minute when he cut in from the right and caught Ponir napping with an angular drive [1-0].

After an indifferent first half. Brothers woke up to the agonisin the 47th, 60th and 88th minute respectively for the winners to deliver league football, blighted till yesterday by jinx of

Mintu pulled one back for the losers in the 69th minute.

TODAY'S MATCHES Wanderers vs Adamjee 4:30

(Dhaka Stadium) Arambagh K S vs Victoria 6:30 (Dhaka Stadium)

Warne weaves another spell



BRISTOL, England, June 13: Australian leg-spinner Shane Warne, who tormented England to defeat in the

first Ashes Test, sent Gloucestershire reeling by weaving more magical spells on Saturday. reports Reuter.

Warne captured four for 48, including three for nought in 14 deliveries, as the county collapsed from 134 for two to 183 for seven at the close on the first day of their three-day

Among the Victoria wrist spinner's victims was Chris Broad, top scorer with an innings of 80 that recalled his best days as an England

Left-hander Broad scored three centuries in consecutive Tests during England's triumphant tour of Australia in 1986-87, and looked set for a reminder of those heady times. until Warne had him caught at silly points.

During a rain-interrupted day, Broad struck nine fours and showed admirable concentration for nearly three and a half hours.

Broad and Tim Hancock (37) shared a third-wicket stand of 75 after Merv Hughes had made a double breakthrough by removing David Hodgson and Mark Alleyne in quick succession.

Warne, whose eight-wicket match haul was a major factor in his side's 179 run victory in the first Test at Old Trafford earlier this week, sent Gloue estershire sliding in the final



S WARNE ... 4 for 48

He started a slump in which five wickets went for 48 by having Hancock caught at silly point and their removed Broad. Wright (23) and Robert Dawson

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the first day of the three day cricket match between Connecstershire and Australia on Saturday: GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First

innings C Broad c Hayden b Warne 80 D Hodgson lbw b Hughes M Alleyne c Healy b Hughes T Hancock e Hayden b Warne

A Wright c Taylor b Warne R Dawson b Warne J Russell not out R Williams b May M Smith not out Extras: (b-2, lb-6, nb-6) Total: (for seven wickets)

Fall of wickets: 1-57; 2-59,

3-134; 4-171; 5-172; 6-173; 7-O M R W Bowling: 18 43 McDermot 15 Hughes S Waugh 25 48 Warne M Waugh 19 0 5 25

To bat: C Walsh, J De la Pen AUSTRALIA: M Taylor (captain), M Hayden, M Waugh, D Boon, D Martyn, S Waugh, 1 Healy, C McDermott, M Hughes, S Warne, T May.

Russian spikers' seventh in a row

TOKYO, June 13: Russia notched up an eighth consecutive victory when they overpowered Japan 3-0 in the 12-team world league men's volleyball tournament here today, reports

The mighty Russian spikers who downed the same opponents 3-1 Saturday,

N'ganj cricket

From Our Correspondent NARAYANGANJ, June 13 Narayanganj Cricket Club Red emerged Gulbux Bhutyan Smriti Second Division cricket league champions when they recorded a hefty 51-run triumph over Shitalakshya Cricket Club in the final at the Osmani Stadium today.

Narayanganj Cricket Club batted first in the 30 overs-aside-final and rattled up 151 in 29.3 overs with Mridul making an impressive 65. Milon and Anjan had useful contribution of 16 and 14 respectively. Niaz, coming in to bowl late in the innings, returned fantas-

tic figures of three wickets for two rounds. Selim's three scalps cost him 28 runs while Rasul chipped in with two for 38. Shitalakshya Club, chasing

a target of just over five runs over, were restricted to just 100 in 23.3 overs. Sinha notched up 19 to be the highest individual scorer

followed by Maksud (18) and Jahangir (11). Titu dismissed three Sitalakshya batsmen conceding orfly 18 runs while Mridul, who

was later adjudged man-of-thematch, got two for 11. After the final, Habibur Rahman, DC of Narayanganj, distributed prizes as chief

Eight teams participated in the knock-out league.

Leverkusen in German Cup final

BERLIN, June 13: Bayer Leverkusen struggled to a 1-0 victory over the amateurs of Hertha Berlin to win the 50th German Cup final on Saturday in Berlin's Olympic Stadium, reports Reuter.

Leverkusen striker Ul Kirsten headed in a Pavel Hapal cross in the 77th minute after 18-year-old Hertha keeper Christian Fielder made his first mistake of the afternoon, failing to hold a skidding drive.

Hertha —a band of teenaged mechanics, students and schoolboys who are the first amateur team to reach the final - held their own for long stretches of the match against Leverkusen, who finished fifth in the Bundesliga. In front of a full house of

76,391 spectators, Hertha made several clear scoring chances and never looked like losing by the five or six goals many had predicted.

Leverkusen's breakthrough came two minutes after Hertha trainer Jochem Ziegert pulled off defender Oliver Schmidt, who had kept Leverkusen's international forward Andreas Thom on a leash throughout. Kirsten, joint leading scorer

in the Bundesliga, leapt at the far post to head Hapal's chipped cross past diving goalkeeper Fielder.

Leverkusen's victory means they will enter next season's European Cup Winners' Cup. allowing sixth-placed Bundesliga team Karlsruhe to take up the final German UEFA Cup

Vasquez gets it the hard way

MADRID, June 13: Argentina's Julio Cesar Vasquez needed all his strength and experience to see off the challenge of Spain's Francisco Javier Castillejo and retain his World Boxing Association (WBA) light middleweight crown in the early hours of Sunday morning, reports

Reuter. The 26-year-old Argentine champion defeated the Spaniard by a unanimous points verdict after a frenetic 12-round struggle of energysapping boxing.

It was Vasquez's 43rd victory in 44 professional fights, which have included 32 knock-outs, and the second successful defence of his crown.

Castillejo entered the ring draped in a matador's cape to wild cheers from his home crowd. But his challenge withered under the relentless pressure of Vasquez's punching power.



FIRST ONES ARE EASY ONES: Indian GM Dibyendu Barooah makes a quick early move as a grim faced Niaz (R) waits his turn. Niaz won the vital play-off meet tie to be in sight of the championship. - Star photo

Niaz zeroes in on target

Sports Reporter

Bangladeshi Grandmaster (GM) red a timely victory against old foe GM Dibyendu Barooah in the vital penultimate encounter in the play-off meet of the qualifying round of the world championship for Zone Eleven at the conference room of the National Sports Council (NSC) yesterday. The top ranked Bangladeshi

player is now only half a point away from the title and takes on the Indian player again today to mark the end of this week-long meet. Yesterday's win gave Niaz a place atop the points table along with Indian Varugese Koshy but the well-built International Master (IM) from across the border has completed his engagements having collected two points from four In an atmosphere aboil with

expectation and tension Niaz looked determined not to throw bishop. And that left him with away the chance fate had dro- no option but to resign leaving pped his way. The exciting ma tch got underway with Barooah, with white pieces, advancing King's pawn. Niaz adopted Modern defence to counter Dibyendu's move with a queen's pawn. The often moody, kinkyhaired Bangladeshi player gave very little away after that. Move 13 saw Dibyendu re-

the break he was looking for to gain ground against his opponent. Crisis deepened for the bespectacled Calcuttan as he faced a mind-boggling problem of making 15 moves within a minute. Dibyendu grovelling under time

an aggressive game plan. The

end was precipitated by a cru-

cial blunder by Dibyendu in the

32nd move when he was forced

treat his knight and Niaz got

Buoyed by the sight of pressure, Niaz concentrated on

to exchange his rook for a Niaz richer for a point and raise his tally to two.

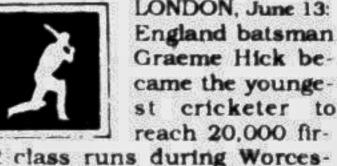
The defeat means Dibyendu now has just one point from three matches. If he wins today he will be in with a realistic chance of qualifying for the next round of the meet to be held in Switzerland because in the event of a deadlock title will be decided on the basis of alphabetical arrangement of the names of the competitors and Dibyendu sure has a rather unfair advantage there.

The play-off meet was arranged to determine the lone qualifier after Niaz, Dibyendu and Varugese were deadlocked at the top of the points table with eight points each in the original eleven-round meet held in the Iranian city of Islahan in

Hick eclipses Hammond's record out of Worcestershire's 207 for

six at the close, with West

Indian paceman Winston Ben-



st cricketer to reach 20,000 first class runs during Worcestershire's Coun-ty Championship match with Leicestershire on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Hick reached the figure at the age of 27 years and 20 days, beating the previous mark of 28 years and 13 days achieved by Wally Hammond in 1931

Rain which washed out the

second day's play on Friday and prevented a start until late on the third meant Hick had to wait 48 hours to secure the final six runs for the milestone after he reached 82 not out on Thursday. Zimbabwe-born Hick went

on to the 70th first-class century of his career - and the 49th for Worcestershire - in 249 minutes off 205 balls with 17 fours.

Hick was unbeaten on 104



Pace bowler Martin Bicknell

produced an effective all-round

performance to leave Surrey in charge at the end of the third day against Glamorgan at the

The England A team player hit 53 not out, his second halfcentury in successive matches, and snapped up two wickets as Glamorgan slumped to 16 for three in pursuit of a victory target of 427. Off spinner Peter Such

grabbed two quick wickets at

the scene of his impressive

England Test debut a week ago as Essex tried to make up for lost time against Lancashire at Old Trafford. Such struck after England captain Graham Gooch declared Essex's first innings at

304 for six, 17 behind, following Friday's wash-out. Gooch successfully turned to spin within 10 overs of his declaration, Test opener Mike Atherton (26) sweeping Such to square leg and Nick Speak falling two overs later to leave

Lancashire on 129 for three at

the close.

Stormy sails for Stich, Ferreira



LONDON, June 13: Michael Stich and Wayne Ferreira, the sixth and seventh seeds, survived tough

three-set challenges to reach the final of the London grass court championships at Queen's Club on Saturday, reports Reuter. Stich fought off four match

points in the 12th game of the deciding set before subduing tenacious Australian outsider Jamie Morgan, ranked 83rd in the world, 5-7, 6-4, 8-6. Ferreira, the title holder,

earned a chance of a repeat triumph by outlasting lanky American Todd Martin, the 11th seed, 6-7, 6-3, 7-5. The German and the South

African, who are also doubles partners here, will battle for a first prize of 86,000 dollar. Stich and Ferreira are both

emerging as prime contenders for the Wimbledon title when that tournament starts on June Stich, the Wimbledon champion in 1991, has shown the

best form here but Ferreira insisted after his win on Saturday that he also had every chance. "I think I have a better chance than last year. I think I can get through and win it," he

said. "I know that's a high goal

to set but the way I've been playing this week I think have a chance." Stich, 24, found the burly 22-year-old Morgan a tough customer in the opening semi-

In the first set, Stich dropped just one point on his first five-service games, then lost his serve to drop the set

The Australian, who comes from a surfing family in Sydney and who beat Stefan Edberg on Friday, has a strong serve and volley game well suited to grass court tennis.

match in the ninth game of the second set as he squared the battle. The decider almost turned against Stich in the 12th game

But Stich seized the first

break point he had in the

points, two with aces Morgan was upset after wards at what he felt had been a miscarriage of justice on the

first of his four match points He played a return which appeared to have Stich beaten but the linesman meanwhile had called the serve out, then immediately corrected him self, so the point had to be replayed

"I thought I had won It at

that moment. I don't know how a linesman can overrule himself when the ball is that close," Morgan said.

On the replayed point, Stich served an ace. Morgan netted a return on the second match point. Stich hit a superb backhand stop

volley on the third and another

ace on the fourth.

The German then broke Morgan in the next game to set up his triumph. "I think I played very well

and I'm satisfied with how I played," Stich said "Jamie served great and was very aggressive on his volleys which made it difficult for me.

He gave me no free points. 'He may have had more break points than me, but I think I played better," he said. Ferreira, 21, dropped the first set to the tall, bearded Martin on a 7-2 tie-break, but

levelled the match after an

early break in the second set. Ferreira had two breakpoints in the fifth game of the final set but Martin held on. Then the South African broke through in the 11th game with three winning returns:

Navratilova's change of heart

EASTBOURNE, England, June 13 Martina Navratilova has reversed a decision not to but he saved four match take part in the Eastbourne grass tournament that she has won 10 times, reports AFP. The 36 year old world num-

> ber four had planned to miss the tournament following her shock second round defeat by Linda Harvey Wild 12 months Navratilova will replace Jana

Novotna, who pulled out with influenza, and will be top seed ahead of Gabriela Sabatini and Mary Joe Fernandez

Barkatullah Chapal (extreme right), the veteran Mohammedan outside left watches eagerly as one of his teammates goes down to connect his deft little pass in yesterday's Green Delta First Division hockey league encounter at the Hockey Stadium. Chapal was far outshone by Sadek who scored a hattrick to shape Mohammedans' emphatic 4-0 victory against Bangladesh Sporting Club. - Star photo