### Hockey league resumes today

Sports reporter

The Green Delta First Division hockey league resumes today after a rather prolonged recess due to inclement weather

Mariner Youngs Club take on Wari Club in the day's lone

### BAF basketball

BAF Base Bashar defeated BAF Base Pahar Kanchanpur 64-35 on the third day of the BAF inter-base basketball championship at the BAF Sports Complex, Kurmitola yesterday, reports BSS.

Flight Lieutenant Zja (19) of BAF Base Bashar and Sgt Noor (20) of BAF Base Pahar Kanchanpur were the top scorers.

Earlier, BAF Base Matiur Rahman edged BAF Base Pahar Kanchanpur 46-43 in a match on Wednesday.

### Four-a-side football

Sports Reporter

Four-a-side inter-friends soccer match between Blue and Red at the Azimpur ground vesterday ended in a 1-1 draw. Mukul scored for Blue while Artf of Red equalised from a

Suman pass. Artf was later shown the red

Chittagong TT

CHITTAGONG, July 29: Rahela Alam Timu of Bangladesh Women Association (BWA) High School won triple crown in the Chittagong District Women's badminton competition at the stadium gymnasium here this evening, reports BSS.

Rahela of BWA School beat her school-mate Gulshan Nigar in both junior and senior singles finals and then teamed up with Rifat Sony to outplay Tamanna and Munni of the BWA School in the senior dou-

In the junior doubles final Nasima and her younger sister Rajia of Madarbari City Corporation High School won the championship beating Sony and Rahela of BWA school.

### Martinez ever ready

STRATTON MOUNTAIN, Vermont, July 29: Top seeded Conchita Martinez overcame jet leg and a change of court surfaces to overwhelm American Camtile Benjamin 6-0, 6-3 at the 375,000 dollar women's hardcourt tennis tournament on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

The Spaniard arrived here late on Monday night from Frankfurt, Germany, where she helped her country in a winning effort at the Federation Cup.

That match was played on slow red clay, but this weeklong tournament is played on a hardcourt surface.

"Coming from Europe, the first match is always a little difficult and the balls were flying a little bit," said the sixthranked Martinez. "I just tried to be aggressive and it wasn't that bad for a first match."

Martinez, who had a first round bye, swept through the opening set of Wednesday's second-round match in 26 minutes, losing jut five points on her serve.

A semifinalist at Wimbledon earlier this month, Martinez took a 2-0 lead in the second set before Benjamin broke serve.

Third seeded Helena Sukova of the Czech Republic, who also played at the Federation Cup last week, had an equally easy time in her second-round match, beating Australian Tracey Morton 6-2, 6-2 in 65 minutes. Sukova never trailed.

German Susi Lohrmann completed a segond-round upset of sixth-seed Chandra Rubin of the United States 5-7, 6-3, 6-

# Schultz pulls

SAN JUAN, July 29: Top seed Brenda Schultz pulled a groin muscle during the first set of her opening-round match Wednesday and withdrew from the dlrs 150,000 Puerto Rico Open, reports AP.

Schultz was leading Rosanna de Los Rios of Paraguay 5+3 at the time. The Dutchwoman is expected to be ready for the US Open.

In other matches, No 4 seed Angelica Gavaldon of Mexico defeated Pilar Vazquez of Peru 6-2, 6-1, and Linda Harvey-Wild beat fellow American Erika Delone 7-6, 6-4 to move into the quarter-finals.

Catalina Cristea of Romania also reached the quarter-finals, upsetting No 8 Karine Quentrec of France 6-1, 5-7, 7-5. Cristea became the first player to reach the quarter-finals from the qualifying round since 1990.

In doubles, top-seeded Americans Gigi Fernandez and Rene Stubbs downed countrywomen Kaye Louthian and Martina Nejedly 6-4, 6-2. Fernandez, born in San Juan, was seeking her first title in Puerto Rico in eight years.

# Jivotnikov's heady debut

title-aspirants Mo-

hammedan Sporting Club erased the memories of an uninspiring evening with a three-nil victory against Public Works Department (PWD) in the Star Premier Division football league at the Dhaka Stadium vesterday

After a barren first half of lack lustre soccer, the large number of Mohammedan supporters who thronged at the stadtum to see the Russian duo in action, unleashed their long pent-up ecstatic emotions as the black and whites made an unconvincing return to winning ways following their dismal performance in the drawn encounter against Brothers Union in the previous match.

In a surprisingly quiet first half Mohammedans, despite the presence of the two Russians - Taguive Mourat and Oleg Jivotnikov - failed to make any impression.

Mohammedans started the match in 4-3-3 formation with Taguive Mourat tagged in the midfield along with skipper Rumman Bin Wali Shabbir and Arman.

Oleg Jivotnikov joined Aslam and Nakib in the three-man front line while Kaisar, Barun, Jewel and Titu formed a rather impoverished deep defence.

The overhauling in the lineup had its effect as the popular club struggled to find their rhythm and the fact that Taguive Mourat was an utter flop did not help matters much.

Tossed to and fro more by the patient clapping of the eager supporters in the terraces than any discernable display of sense and skill the kinky haired Russian in number eight jersey was a moving load of rubbish.

Only once in the first half Mohammedans were close to scoring. Aged Aslam was poised advantageously in the small box but the overweight striker did not have the reflexes to overcome the desperate challenge of the PWD last defender.

Rather the office had better chances of shocking their fancied opponents. Midway through the first half Reza cut from the left to take a prompt and reasonably powerful shot at goal but national custodian Syed Hassan Kanan

There were other moments of led by opportunistic Mushtaq kept on probing.

Mohammedan defence with Taguive Mourat being of no help even to the defenders Titu had to restrict himself to the defence temporarily forgetting his duties of propping up the offence Except for the last twenty or thirty minutes he virtually played the role of a right back.

While Mourat's achievement on the first day was limited to a well-earned yellow card, Jivot-



OLEG JIVOTNIKOV

nikov slowly but surely made his mark as a useful player if not as an outstanding one. Tall and stout this pallid player convinced everyone of having a lethal left foot and enough stamina and prowess to worry the local defenders.

He missed two excellent scoring opportunities at the onset of the second half. First he spoiled a lovely Shabbir through by failing to beat a helpless PWD goalkeeper and then he couldn't to toe in an angled half-pass half shot from Aslam from handshaking distance.

Just when a dismissive conclusion about him too was in the air, Jivotnikov redeemed himself with a snap goal. A shabby piece of marking by the PWD defenders left him free goalmouth and as a neat, almost addressed cross by Shabbir came along his way he just nodded the ball home much to the delight of the MSC fans in the seventh minute of the second half (1-0).

He was again the man of the moment 13 minutes later when

he took the PWD defence by surprise with a quick finish on a midfield through from inside

Jivotníkov made sure that quite a few tongues and ltps will be twisted to pronounce the rather outlandish name when he caught the PWD defence unawares with delightful positional sense and unleashed a thunderous close range volley with his redoubtable left foot on a flag kick to notch the only second hattrick of the league six minutes before the close [3-0].

Incidentally Abdou Rahimov. another Russian player who won the hearts of the Mohammedan supporters with amazing penchant for scoring. got a hattrick against PWD.

However it is the very indigenous Imtiaz Ahmed Nakib who scored the first hattrick in this year's league as Moha mmedans drubbed Rahmatgahi 4-0 couple of weeks ago.

With this win Mohammedans have retained their position at the top of the points table with 16 points from eight matches while PWD, who created a stir at the beginning by holding mighty Abahani to a one-all draw, remain at eight from as many outings.

### FARASHGANJ'S FIRST

Farashganj Sporting tasted their first defeat in the Star First Division football league as babes East End handed them a stunning 3-1 defeat in the day's first match played earlier at the same venue. The winners led the first half

However it was Farashganj who shot into the lead when Shimu scored in the 12th minute of the match.

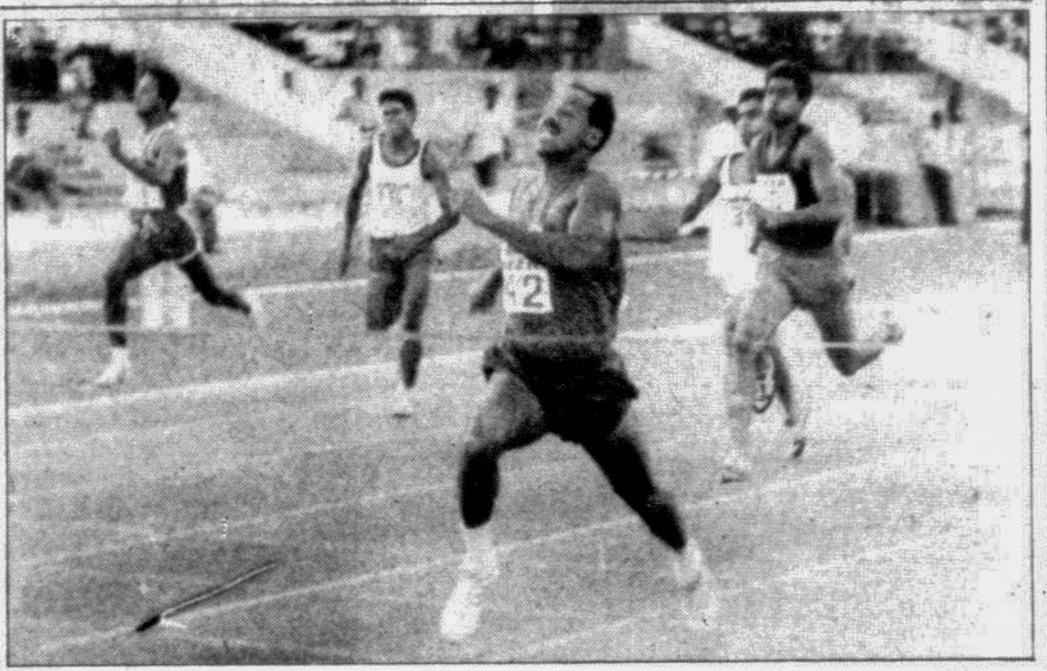
Kaushik of East End restored parity in the 27th minute and nine minutes later experienced Mamun Babu took the promotees ahead.

East End completed the tally 15 minutes into the second half when skipper Liton scored his side's third goal and the fourth of the match.

The win brightens East End's chances of winning promotion to Premier League with ten points from eight matches. Farashganj could not add any thing to their collection of nine from eight matches.

TODAY'S MATCHES Fakirerpool vs Dhanmond

Abahani vs Brothers (6:30)



Sprint king Golam Ambia of Bangladesh Army about to breast the tape in the men's 100m at the second summer athletics meet at the Army Stadium yesterday. Ambia equalled the Star photo national mark of 10.4 seconds.

## Armymen dominate Day Two



Bangladesh Army led the medals table with 12 golds, 10 silvers and 5 bronzes at the end of the

second day in the second summer athletics competition at the Army Stadium yesterday, reports BSS.

BJMC followed with five golds, five silvers and four bronzes ahead of Bangladesh Navy with two golds, one silver and one bronze.

Bangladesh Army's Golam Ambja asserted his ascendancy

## When strong men come together

MELBOURNE, July 29: A record number of countries and participants are expected at the 65th world weightlifting championships for men and women to be held here in November, Australian Weightlifting officials said, reports Reuter.

Organisers said 70 countries had already entered the championships, beating the previous record for a weightlifting competition set at the Seoul Olympics in 1988, when 65 countries participated

"The organising committee had predicted 80 countries would take part, about 30 more than at any other World Championships, and now that looks likely," tournament organiser Paul Coffa said in a

statement. The last championships were in Germany in 1991, when 48 teams entered

in men's 100m sprint when he won with a time of 10.4 seconds equalling his previous time set in 1991. Mahbub Alam to Bangladesh Ansars and Ashabuddin of Bangladesh Customs got the silver and

bronze medals respectively. In the women's 100m sprint, Bangladesh Customs' Rehana Parveen snatched the gold with a time of 12.2 seconds dethroning fastest woman Firoza Khatun, who finished a poor fourth.

BJMC's Lovely Begum and Nilufar Yasmin finished second and third clocking 12.4 seconds and 12.5 seconds respectively.

Younus Ali of Army won the gold medal in men's 20 km walk in one hour 44 minutes 47.0 seconds. Army's Saifuddin Titu and Mahbub Alam took silver and bronze respectively.

Results of other events finalised on the second day:

Hammer throw (men): Gold - Montmul Huq (Army, 56.28 metres; Silver — Golam Mostafa (Army), 56.10 metres; Bronze — Momtaz Mollah (BJMC), 51.30 metres.

Pole vault (men): Gold -Jahangir Alam (Army), 3.80 metres; Silver - Mofazzal Hossain (Navy), 3.60 metres; Rezaul Huq (Army), 3.60 metres. Javeline (women): Gold -

Jyotsna Akhtar (BJMC), 35.16

metres; Silver - Momela

Begum (BJMC), 33.46 metres; Bronze - Hafiza Akhtar (Customs), 33.08 metres. 100m hurdles (women): Gold — Rehana Yasmin (RU). 16.5 seconds; Silver - Firoza

Khatun (BJMC), 17.3 seconds.

400m sprint (women): Gold - Lubna Mahmud (BJMC) 57.6 seconds; Silver - Sumita Goswami (BTMC), 57.9 seconds; Bronze - Nasima Begum (BJMC), 59.8 seconds. 400m sprint (men): Gold

Farid Khan Chowdhury (Army).

48.4 seconds; Silver Giasuddin (Army), 48.7 seconds; Bronze - M A Bari (Navy), 51.1 seconds. Triple jump (men): Gold Nazrul Islam (Army, 15.24 metres; Silver - Ferdous Hossain (BAF), 14.14 metres; Bronze -

Boni Aming (Army), 13.49 me-5000m run (men): Gold -Layek Sheikh (Army), 15:24.9 seconds; Silver - Abul Kashem (Ansars), 15:43.0 seconds;

(Customs), 16:10.0 seconds. MEDALS TABLE

Bronze - Azmal Hossain

Medals table at the end of the second day events (Tabulate under teams, golds, silvers,

under teams, golds	ero 🙊	TIAC.	r es
bronzes).			
Bangladesh Army	12	10	
BJMC	5	5	
Bangladesh Navy	2	1	
BTMC	1	3	
Bangladesh Ansars	1	2	
Bangladesh Customs	1	2	
Rajshahi University	1	0	20000
Bangladesh Air Force	0	2	

Note: Two silvers were given in two events and no bronze medal was given in three ERRATA

The mix-up in the sports page in our yesterday's issue regarding the captions of the second summer athletics pictures is regretted.

### Taylor going great guns

MANCHESTER. England July 29: Mark Taylor, acting as Australia's skipper, revelled in the role with his second century of the summer at Old Trafford on Wednesday, reports AFP.

Taylor, who scored 124 on the same ground in the first Test, followed up with a magnifteent 122 to drive the tourists to 282 for three against a weak ened Lancashire side.

Against an attack that badly missed Pakistan ace Wasim Akram, Taylor and Matthew Hayden put together 117 on an easy paced pitch after 90 minutes were lost to rain. Hayden, dropped on 56, was

trapped lbw to paceman Peter Martin for 61 but Taylor coasted on to his third century of the tour. It took htm 212 minutes and he hit one six and 11 fours. After taking runs almost at

will, Taylor finally skied a catch to backward square-leg off spinner Alex Barnett with the score on 243. He had batted 247 minutes and faced 191

Martin won his second lbw decision to get rid of Mike Slater (20) just before the close but Damien Martyn kept the tourists in control with an undefeated 70.

**AUSTRALIA:** First innings M A Taylor c DeFreitas b Barnett M L Hayden Ibw b Martin D R Martyn not out M J Slater Ibw b Martin M E Waugh not out Extras: (lb 1, nb-4) Total: (3 wkts) Fall of wickets: 1-117, 2 243.

3 275 To bat S R Waugh, T Zoehrer, M G Huges, S Warne, T B A May, W J Holdsworth

Bowling:	0	M	R	W
DeFreitas	17	2	41	0
Martin	20	5	63	2
Watkinson	14	1	68	0
Barnett	20	1	87	1
Gallian	9	0	22	0

made to sweat LONDON, July 29: England had to work hard for a four wicket win over West Indies in

the women's World Cup at

England eves

Arundel on Wednesday, reports A good performance in the field kept the West Indies down to 120 in 59.4 overs, at 63 for one, with Janette Brittin in full

cry, England were in charge by

the tea break. But Carole Hodges went to the second ball after the break and a middle-order collapse left England reeling at 76 for five and then 100 for six.

All-rounder Jo Chamberlain then pulled the side round with an unbeaten 34 from 46 deliveries and Debbie Stock (7), in her first innings of the tournament, stayed with her to hit the winning runs with 13.5 overs to

Today, England face Holland and New Zealand meet Australia in the tournament's decisive matches.

An England win will see them through to Sunday's final at Lord's providing New Zealand beat Australia. If Australia win, then these

three sides will be level on points and the finalists will be decided by run rate. Unofficially, Australia have the edge in this department

with 3.432, followed by England

### Finidi, another addition to Ajax

3.342 and New Zealand 3.03.

AMSTERDAM, July 29: Ajax. who bought Frank Rijkaard from AC Milan on Tuesday completed their third transfer of the week on Wednesday by singing Nigerian international striker George Finidi, reports

Finidi, who impressed the club on a pre-season training camp in Finland, is currently with Sharkes Calabar in Nigeria.

He will team up with Dutch international Peter Van Vossen, signed from Anderlecht last week, as Ajax try to fill the gap left by Dennis Bergkamp's departure for Internationale in

Club treasurer Arie van Os revealed on Wednesday that Rijkaard, who has been given a two-year contract by Ajax, cost only 725,000 dollar.

### Perfect start for France

CAEN, France, July 29: France made the perfect start to a busy soccer season by beating Russia 3-1 in a friendly on Wednesday, reports Reuter. Franck Sauzee, Eric Can-

scored in the first half for France, back in action after a three-month break. Russia's only goal came through French sweeper Laurent Blanc, who diverted

into his own goal a shot by

Manchester United's Andrei

tona and Jean-Pierre Papin

Kanchelskis. France now face a crucial World Cup Qualifier in Sweden on August 22.

## Prabhakar, Sidhu set a new record

## India in control at Colombo



COLOMBO. July 29: Openers Manof Prabhakar and Navjot Sidhu set up a recordbreaking opening wicket stand to

put India in the driving seat on the third day of their second Test against Shri Lanka here Thursday, reports AFP. Despite losing two wickets in

the space of five runs just before the close, India ended the day on 205 for two in their second innings to secure a huge 317 run lead.

caught by wicket-keeper Ashley de Stlva.

The morning session undoubtedly belonged to Antl Kumble who meamerized the local batting line-up with three

wickets in nine balls. Shri Lanka continuing from an overnight 200 for four, lost five wickets for 11 runs before the last pair of Pramodya Wickramasinghe and Jayananda Warnaweera added 36 vital runs to reduce India's first innings lead.

Kumble playing his 12th Test ended with best figures of Warnaweera played the innings first innings fate. It was left to the nippy pace bowler Prabhakar Warnaweera's stumps 40 minutes before the lunch interval.

Off-spinner Warnaweera made 20 his highest Test score beating his previous best of five runs against New Zcaland.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the third day of the second cricket Test between Shri Lanka and India to-

INDIA: First innings 366



Shri Lankan opening batsman Roshan Mahanama through with a spectacular cover drive off Indian medium paceman Kapil Dev during the second day of the first test in Colombo on Wednesday. Shri Lanka were all out for 254 in reply India's first innings score of 366.

Shri Lanka were bowled out for 254 in their first innings in reply to India's 366.

Sidhu with solid 85 not out and vice-captain Sachin Tendulkar, who was unbeaten on 13, are bound to frustrate the Shri Lankans further when play resumes on Saturday after Friday's rest day.

Sidhu got his second halfcentury in the match with a sedate innings that had six boundaries.

Prabhakar departed for 95 with 11 fours after posting a 171 run partnership with Sidhu. Their 256-minute association broke a 10-year-old record

for India against Shrt Lanka beating the previous best opening stand of 156 runs between Suntl Gavaskar and Arun Lal in the Madras Test in the 1982-83 series. Both batsmen did not offer a semblance of a chance until

concentration with the entry of skipper Arjuna Ranatunga into the attack in the 58th over. The right-handed Prabhakar showed his discomfiture against medium pacer Ranatunga and was out in the very next over

Prabhakar seemed to lose his

bowled by off-spinner Ruwan Kalpage Test debutant Kalpage got his second victim in the match by inducing Prabhakar to offer a catch to forward-short leg

fielder Hashan Tillekeratne.

Test best against New Zealand in Napier in 1990. Medium-paced off-cutter Jayananda Warnaweera struck again for Shri Lanka 10 balls

later when he had first innings

Prabhakar's 95 equalled his

5-87, the fourth time the bowler had claimed five wickets or more in an innings. The latest effort took Kumble's wicket tally Kumble triggered the middle-

order collapse with the first ball

of his 19th over by sending back Ranatunga for 88. Ranatunga would have departed at his overnight score of 82 in the bowler's first over for the day had wicket-keeper Kiran More succeeded with a

stumping chance. Kumble, however, got the portly Shri Lankan captain two overs later. The 29-year-old left-hander fell to a well laid out leg side trap as he flicked the leg-spin ner off his toes to deep square-

leg where Javagal Srinath made no mistake with the catch. Ranatunga's 122-ball knock contained 15 boundaries. His dismissal also ended a face-saving 111-run fifth -wicket stand with Hashan Tillekeratne which helped Shri Lanka out of the woods from 96 for four on the

second day Five balls later Kumble had de Silva caught at forward short-leg by Pravin Amre for a duck.

in his next over Kumble trapped past bowler Dulip Livanage leg-before but the Indian fielders had to wait for several seconds before a perplexed umpire S. Ponnadurai gave his verdict.

Pounadurai first seemed to indicate the batsman was not out but then raised his finger to rule Livanage out. Paceman Srinath clinched

the wickets of all-rounder

Kalpage and Tillekerantne (28)

to hasten Shri Lanka's end.

R Mahanama c More b Prabhakar C Hathurusinghe b Kumble 37 A Gurusinha Ibw b Prabhakar 4 P A de Silva c Azharuddin b

(overnight 200 for four)

SHRI LANKA: First innings

- Star TV photo

Kumble A Ranatunga c Srinath Kumble H Tillekeratne c More b Srinath A M de Silva c Amre B Kumble 0 R S Kalpage c More b Srinath D K Liyanage Ibw b Kumble

Extras: (b-9, lb-5, nb-1, w-4) 19 Fall of wickets: 1-48, 2-58, 3-85, 4-96, 5-207, 5-207, 6-

208, 7-209, 8-218, 9-218.

G P Wickramasinghe not out 11

J Warnaweera b Prabhakar 20

Bowling Kaptl Dev Prabhakar 42 Srinath Kumble 42 Chauhan INDIA: 2nd innings M Prabhakar c Tillekeratne b Kalpage N S Sidhu not out V S Kambli c A M de Silva b Warnaweera S R Tendulkar not out Extras: (b -4, nb-2, w-2) Total: (for 2 wkts)

Bowling:

Liyanage

Warnaweera

Gurusinha

Hathurusinghe Kalpage Ranatunga To bat: M Azharuddin, P K Amre, K Dev, K More, A Kumble, R Chauhan, J Srinath.

Umpires: S Ponnadurai and I

Wickramasinghel3 3

### Anandappa. But Wickramasinghe and centurion Vinod Kambli (four) Christie takes on Lewis today



GATESHEAD. England, July 29: Sprin stars Carl Lewis and Linford Christie settle

their grudges here on Friday in Britain's richest ever race just two weeks before the World Championships, reports AFP.

Both Lewis, probably the greatest athlete of all time, and 100m Olympic champion Linford Christie will earn 100,000 pounds (150,000 dollars) each in this eagerlyawaited head-to-head between

Sprinting's hottest stars. Lewis, who goes for his fourth consecutive world 100m title in Stuttgart, Germany, has said Christie has been avoiding

him this season. Christie strongly denied the accusation, and the off-track bad feeling has helped sell tickets in their 13th meeting over

tions officer, Stan Long.

Temporary seats have been put up in the stadium, which usually holds 11,500, to cope with the 14,000 attendance expected by the meeting's promo-

Christie has only once finished ahead of Lewis, four years ago in Monte Carlo, as "King Carl had not qualified for the 1992 Barcelona Olympics when

Linford struck gold. And Lewis has not been slow to remind his rival he won a "soft" Olympic final.

· Though Christie's brief statement to the press on Wednesday implied it was not a special event by saying his preparation would be "the same as for all my races," a loss to Lewis would be a major psychological blow before Stuttgart.



Ted Dexter (L), chairman of England selectors, addresses the newsmen at a press conference called in the wake of the selection of Michael Atherton (R) as the new England captain after Graham Gooch stepped down after his side lost the fourth Test at Headingley. - Star TV photo

### Sports Reporter managed to parry the ball away Oleg Jivotnikov. the 29-year old Russian striker. discomfiture for Mohammedans the box (2-0). scored a hattrick as the energetic PWD forwards on his debut as