

Players of the 19-member Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) squad, scheduled to leave Dhaka today for India to play a number of friendly matches as a part of prep campaign for the ICC trophy to be held in Kenya early next year. -Star photo

Club today

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East End Club take on fel low-promotees Bangladesh Boy Club in play-off match at the Hockey Stadjum today to decide who get the second place in the Star First Division football league and join Fakirerpool Youngmen's Club in next year's Premier Division.

The 90-minute affair, which kicks off at three in the afternoon, will be extended to a 20 minute extra period in case of a

deadlock in the regulation time. It would be carried over to penalty shoots-out if 110 minutes of footballing fails to come up with decisive edge.

Shah Sports Cup Sports Reporter

Ek Jhank Paira and Rokanpur Youth Club moved into the semifinals of the Shah Sports juvenile football with wins in their respective quarterfinal matches held at the Outer Stadium yesterday.

Swapan and Anwar scored once each in the first half to lead Ek Jhank Paira to a 2-1 victory over the Golden Sporting Club.

Masud pulled one back for the losers

With goals from Saju and Igbal Rokanpur Youth Club posted a 2-0 victory over Badda Samaikalvan Sangsad in the second match of the day.

In today's quarter-final matches, Antaranga Sporting Club take on Tejkunipara Rafiq Smriti Sangsad while Basabo Boys Club face Dhaka Football Training Centre. Both the matches will be played at the Outer Stadium.

Cox's Bazar

From Our Correspondent

COX'S BAZAR, Oct 4: Olympic Sporting Club beat Ramu Brothers Union 3-1 in the Cox's Bazar football league tournament '93 here at the local stadium today.

Sahi and Khaled scored once each to help the winners lead the first half 2-0.

Sahi netted his second in the second half. Tuhin of Ramu Brothers pulled one back few minutes before the final whistle.

Mohammedan Sporting Club will be up against Rashid Ahmed Club at the same venue tomorrow.

Savar, Comilla in Army v'ball final

COMILLA, Oct 4: Savar and Comilla Areas moved into final of the Bangladesh Army volleyball championship, reports

Savar Area qualified for final defeating Rangpur Area 12-15. 15-10, 15-10, 14-16, 15-8 in the semifinal at the Comilla cantonment yesterday. In the other semifinal. Comilla Area beat Jessore Area 15-13, 15-13 and 15-9, an ISPR press release

Death condoled

said today.

The National Sports Council yesterday condoled the death of sports organiser and referee Mukhlesur Rahman, reports

Rahman, who was a member of the Mymensingh District Sports Association and a first class football referee, was killed by lightning on October 1 at

Mymensingh. The Dhaka Metropolis Football Association and Bangladesh Football Referees' Association also condoled the death of Rahman.

C'nawabganj soccer

CHAPAINAWABGANJ, Oct 4: Cosmos SC beat Dhumketu JK 2-0 in the First Division football league played at the local sta-

dium on Sunday, reports UNB. Hadi of the Cosmos SC scored both the goals in the 30th and 34th minute in the second half.

East End take on Bangladesh Boys Cricketers fly again

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ngladesh cricket squad, led by Golam Nawsher Prince, leaves Dhaka

today for India to take part in some exhibition matches in the South Indian states as a part of its preparatory campaign for the ICC Trophy, scheduled to be held in Kenya February next year.

Prince, the left arm medium paceman who returned to the Mohammedan Sporting Club tent this year after short stints with Abahani Krira Chakra and Victoria Sporting Club, for whom he played for only last season, will have Athar Ali, the tall, handsome allrounder who also signed for Mohammedans this year after playing for Brothers Union for the last couple of years, as his deputy.

Rogibul Hassan, the former national skipper, will act as the manager of the side and Ahmed

A 19-member Ba- Igbal Bachchu, another name of the yester-years, will be the associate manager

> Former Indian Test player Mahinder Amarnath, who has been given the job to hone out a squad for the ICC tournament, will also be on the tour.

> The other members in the team are: Minhazul Abedin Nannu, Akram Khan, Aminul Islam Bulbul, Jahangir Alam, Saiful Islam Khan, Waheedul Ghani, Nasir Ahmed Nasu (wicketkeeper). Enamul Hoq Moni, Naimur Rahman Durjoy, Ruhul Niyamur Rashid Rahul, Anisur Rahman, Al-Shahriar Rokon, Sajjad Ahmed Shipon and Faruq Ahmed.

Bangladesh start their tour in the Andhra Pradesh with the opener against the Andhra Pradesh Cricket Association President's Eleven at Visakhapatnam on October 7. The next day at the same venue, they face the Andhra Pradesh State

squad moves on to Hyderabad to play the next two matches against the Hyderabad Cricket Association President's Eleven and the Hyderabad State

The squad plays their fifth and sixth match of the tour in the Karnataka Pradesh, both at Bangalore. The first encounter of this segment of the tour will be against the Karnataka State Cricket Association President's Eleven on October 13 and the next will be against the State Eleven the next day.

Bangladesh will round off their eight-match tour in Madras. They will meet the Tamil Nadu Cricket Association President's Eleven on October 16 and the Tamil Nadu State Eleven on October 17.

tal of Colombo the next day.

FIDE would go all the way

AMSTERDAM, Oct 4: The world chess body FIDE said on Sunday its World Chess Championship

between Anatoly Karpov and Jan Timman would resume on October 16, but it is still unclear where the money to host the event will come from, reports Reuter.

FIDE said in a statement that four venues were being

Three more, before Lewis calls it a day

LONDON, Oct 4: Lennox Lewis hinted on Monday he may only fight three more times before retiring from boxing, re-

ports Reuter. "I look at myself going on for about a year and a half more.

Boxing's a sport I'm not going to stay in for a long time." Lewis said in an interview with BBC Lewis, 28, beat fellow-Briton

Frank Bruno to retain the World Boxing Council (WBC) heavyweight title in Cardif in the early hours of Saturday but few experts were impressed with the manner of his sevenround victory.

If Lewis did quit in 18 months' time, it would mean he was likely to have only three

more fights. His next assignment will be against World Boxing Organisation (WBO) champion

Tommy Morrison in Las Vegas on March 15. The fight is conditional on American Morrison beating

Michael Bent in Tulsa, Okla-

homa, on October 29. If Lewis fights Morrison and beats him, a unification fight against American Riddick Bowe. the World Boxing Association (WBA) and International Boxing Federation (IBF) champion, would go ahead towards the end

of next year. Assuming Lewis won that and if he was serious about quitting in 18 months —the newly-crowned champion of the world might make just one defence before calling it a day.

Rousseau clinches marathon title

BRUSSELS, Oct 4: Belgian Vincent Rousseau won the world half marathon title here

on Sunday, reports AFP. The 31-year-old soldier and holder of the Belgian records over 5,000 and 10,000m, raced clear with 500m to go to beat Australian Steave Moneghetti and Britain's Carl Thackery.

Rousseau covered the 21,097 km in 1 hr 1 min 6 sec. four seconds ahead of Moneghetti, with Thackery a further three seconds back, Kenya's Lameck Aguta was fourth.

considered and that a decision FIDE to form the Professional on which one was to be used would be announced on

"The board resolved that FIDE raises and guarantees the minimum prize fund of one million Swiss francs (700,000 dollars) in accordance with FIDE regulations," FIDE said in a statement.

Wednesday.

The first half of the match — 12 games - has already taken place in three Dutch cities, with the Russian ex-world champion Karpov leading the Dutch Grandmaster by seven points to

The second half was expected to take place in the Gulf State of Oman, starting on October 3, with the first player to reach 12 points winning the

But 10 days ago, FIDE chairman Florencio Campomanes confirmed rumours that the Sultan of Oman was not putting up the two million Swiss francs (1.39 million dollars) prize-money expected.

The Omani venue was cancelled, and FIDE plunged into its biggest crisis since it took over organising the World Championship in 1946.

FIDE is already under unprecedented threat because of the breakaway World Championship taking place in London between Garri Kasparov of Russia and Britain's Nigel Short.

Kasparov and official challenger Short broke away from

Chess Association and arranged their own championship with the Times of London.

Campomanes in August proclaimed FIDE had four million Swiss francs (2.8 million dollars) in prize-money ready for an official championship between losing semifinalists Karpov and Timman.

But the Dutch organisers. with little time and lacking the draw of the world's best player. have failed to raise their half of the prize fund. Sponsorship barely covered overheads, so FIDE planned to rely on the prize-money promised by Oman.

There are a number of possible new venues. Belfort in France had expressed a strong interest, and Amsterdam. Moscow, Kuwait and Budapest were also rumoured to be willing hosts.

But with sponsorship hard to find at such short notice. cash remains the biggest prob-

FIDE is thought to have only 500,000 dollars of its own and there will be other expenses beyond prize-money to cover.

Nevertheless, Dutch Grandmaster Jan Timman was pleased the second half is definitely going ahead. "I have full confidence (in

FIDE). It was, from the beginning, a difficult undertaking. But I can live with this compromise," he told news agency

From Andhra Pradesh, the

Eleven. The ties, scheduled for October 10 and 11 respectively. will be played at Secunderabad.

The Bangladesh squad then heads for the Shri Lankan capi-

Morale booster for Japan Swimming squad for SAF Games

could be won from Japan's pin-

Brazilian-born Japanese fro-

nt-runner Ruy Ramos worked

tirelessly to create oppor-

tunities, but Japan's perfor-

mance in the final 20 yards of

the pitch did little to answer the

critics who say they lack the

Kenta Hasegawa squandered

much of Japan's skilfully con-

structed possession, forcing

only three saves from Ivorian

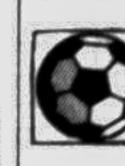
Picking up a ball nodded

Miura, Takagi and substitute

stretches.

cer-like defence.

killer punch.



TOKYO, Oct 4: Japan snatched an extra-time win over Ivory Coast to take the Afro-Asian Nations

Cup in a gritty battle which should give heart to this young soccer nation's quest for its first World Cup berth, reports AFP.

But it took Japan 116 minutes to turn their overwhelming territorial possession into a goal scored by J-League sensation Kazuyoshy Miura.

Rahman, Mominul Islam. The Ivory Coast, who quali-Golam Kibria and Mahbubur fied for this biennial tourna-Rahman - all from Navy ment as African Nations Cup were winnowed out of the 21 champions, never looked in the member preliminary selection match. They played with only along with Abdul Mannan and seven of their regular first team. which lost away to Nigeria last Age, according to a Fedeweek 4-1 so ending their own ration official, has played havoc World Cup quest. with disfavoured swimmers

For Japan the journey to ambition of representing the USA '94 is only just beginning country. with the final round of the The full squad comprises Asian World Cup qualifiers be-Shafiqul Islam Swapan, Ilyas ing played in Qatar October 15-Hossain, Nazmul Kabir, Kawsar 28 Japan play North and South Ahmed, Mokhlesur Rahman Korea Iran, Iraq and Saudi Selim Miah and Deen Amin Arabia, from whom, two will (Navy), Harunur Rashid, Shamtravel to the World Cup. sul Islam, Yasin Ali, Abdus Monday's game was Japan's Salam, Asaduzzaman, Mokhlefirst home tie since the epoch-

Mizanur Rahman. professional J-League soccer The training of the swimming competition in mid-May. squad has already got un-Japan's 4-4-2 game plan derway under a Chinese coach, won them control for most of at Bangladesh Krira Shiksha the match and with both sides Pratisthan.

Papin sued

sur Rahman (Army), Karar

announced

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left in the cold as Bangladesh

Swimming Federation an-

nounced the 15-man squad for

the second round of trial camp

for the forthcoming SAF Games

to be held in Dhaka from

Bazlur Rahman, a gold

medal winner in the 1987 SAF

Game in Calcutta, Mizanur

December 20 to 27.

Osman Ghani of Army.

Some veteran natants were

LYON, France, Oct 4: A soccer referee has filed a defama tion suit against star forward Jean-Pierre Papin, captain of France's national team, for questioning his honesty in a disputed French league match. reports AP.

The referee, Patrick Anton. was criticized by Papin for his calls in a Sept 24 game in which Metz beat Papin's former club, Marseille, 3-0. Two Marseille players were expelled from the match, which was stopped five minutes early when Marseille fans stormed onto the field in protest.

Papin, who now plays for AC Milan, was quoted in the French sports daily L'Equipe as Anton's calls were 'dishonest.'

"Further, if I choose this word. I am being polite," Papin was quoted as saving.

Anton disallowed a goal by Marseille striker Rudi Voeller and also failed to called a penalty against Metz which incited the crowd. But the referee defended both calls. "In his capacity as captain of

the French team, Jean-Pierre Papin is obliged to be restrained, Anton said. "It's easy to make such statements when you're abroad and don't risk any punishment."

Last week, French soccer officials disciplined Marseille for the fan rowdiness during the Metz match, suspending two of the players for one game and ordering the team to play one of its home games in another

Patriot Capobianco

MELBOURNE, Oct 4: Australian sprinter Dean Capobianco. a World Championship finalist. has rejected a six-figure offer to become an Italian citizen and run for Italy, a local newspaper reported today, reports Reuter.

Capobianco, whose parents were born in Italy, said he turned down the deal - which included Australian 300,000 dollars (US 195,000 dollars), a house, travel expenses and a salary for his coach - because he wanted to run for Australia, Melbourne's the Age newspaper reported.

"It is my dream to win the Olympic double - the 100 and 200 metres in front of a home crowd in Sydney in 2000," he was quoted as saving.

After straining to score in front of a capacity 53,000 crowd at the Tokyo National Stadium, it was late in the second-half of extra-time that Miura was able to work free of the defence to

score the winner.

goalie Losseni Konaate.

down to him by bitter J-League rival Takagi, who plays for Hiroshima Sanfrecce, Miura rounded one defender and shot making launch of the country's low to the left barely a dozen yards from goal.

After the match, Ivory Coast manager Martial Paul Yeo called the game "a tough fixture" coming only five days after their

using the offside trap ruthlessly, the match remained pinned in midfield for long

Nigeria match. But he paid tribute to the way Japan grabbed control of

"In the first half Japan were Stuttgart strikers Ahmed incredibly aggressive, the mid-**Ouattara and Abdoulaye Traore** worked hard for what little ball field was a real battle ground

with a lot of short passes. "That was why in the second half we chose to see the long ball and maybe that cost us the

match." Japanese coach, Dutchman Hans Marius Ooft refused to speculate about the World Cup qualifiers in Qatar in the light of Monday's win except to say after the match that Japan were "75-80 per cent prepared" for the tough 14-day round-robin

Result: Japan 1 (K Miura 116 min): Ivory Coast O (after extra-time).

tournament.

TEAMS

Japan: Matsunaga, Hashiratani, Ihara, Hortike, Ramos, Y Miura, Moriyasu, Fukuda, Yoshida (Hasegawa 73), K Miura, Takagi.

IVORY COAST: Losseni. Lignon, Hobou, Gbahou, Lue (Selestin 90), Aliou, Sie. Tchiressoa, Ouattara, Traore, Doumbia (Kone 51).

Attendance: 53.302

Referee : Wei Ji-Hong (Talwan), Linesmen, Yu Jingyin (China). Zhang Shengjie (China)

Real avoid real trouble



Madrid avoided their fourth consecutive defeat despite being reduced to ten men for most of the second half of a

goalless Spanish capital Derby with Atletico, reports AFP. Police lined the streets in anticipation of crowd trouble in

reaction to Real's disastrous start to the season, but all the fireworks were on the pitch. Five players were booked and Real's international midfielder Rafael Martin Vasquez

was given his marching orders

two minutes after the break. Atletico took control of the match then, but it was Real, languishing just above the relegation zone with only one win in their first four matches, who went closest to winning -Fernando Hierro and Jerez Alfonso both forcing good saves from Garido Diego late in the

Valencia's 1-1 draw away to Lerida allowed Athletic Bilbao. 2-1 winners over Real Zaragoza. to take over at the top of the table, but Barcelona's first-half performance against Osasuna Pamplona will have left few doubting that they are headed for a fourth consecutive title.

match.

The Catalans, irresistible against Dynamo Kiev in the European Cup last week, fleided four strikers as they overran Pamplona in the first 45 minutes before running out 3-2 winners.

Two goals from Brazilian striker Romario put John Cruyff's side in control at the break and although they slackened off in the second period were never in any danger.

Merino pulled one back for the home side in the 65th minute, but Hristo Stoichkov, whose appearances have been limited by the arrival of Romario, scored his first goal of the season two minutes from time to make the points secure.

Poland's Jocek Ziober scored

right on the final whistle for Pampiona, but the scoreline flattered the home side. In Germany, Bayern Munich bared their teeth by crushing

on-form Hamburg 4-0 in front of 63,000 supporters in the Olympic Stadium. Thomas Helmer opened the scoring just before half-time

Mehmet School exploited the gaps left at the back to add second-half goals. Hamburg, who were lying second two weeks ago, have now slipped to fifth, just ahead

of Bayern.

and as Hamburg pushed for-

ward for the equaliser. Markus

Schupp, Alfonso Valencia and

Leaders Eintracht Frankfurt, deprived of top scorer Anthony Yeboah who had a knee operation on Thursday, extended their lead to three points by beating 1991-92 champions VFB Stuttgart 2-0.

Maurizio Gaudino, the former Stuttgart midfielder, set Eintracht on the road to victory with a 20-year drive on 70 minutes. Then, six minutes from the end, a free-kick from Jwe Bein made sure of a win that leaves Stuttgart struggling in tenth place, nine points off the pace and already out of the

championship race. Defending champions Werder Bremen could only manage a 1-1 draw at Schalke to concede a little more ground to Frankfurt.

Schalker defender Jurgen Luginger seemed to have ensured a win when he scored with a quarter-hour to go, but Bremen's Bernd Hobsch snatched a point three minutes from the end.

Bayer Leverkusen moved into third place following an emphatic victory against Nuremberg. Two goals from Brazilian Paulo Sergio, one from summer signing Bernd Schuster and a Kurz Marco own goal brought them the points.

In France, a late winner put Olympique Marseille firmly back in the hunt to regain the championship they were stripped of after bribery allegations. Their match at Lille looked to

be heading for a 1-1 draw before the home side's Danish defender Per Frandsen carelessly lost possession two minutes from the end. Jean-Christophe Thomas quickly fed Rui Barros who finished superbly to lift Marseille from eight to fifth place.

tors a 27th minute lead, slotting home the rebound from a Daniel Dutuel shot, Eric Assadourian headed Lille's equaliser five minutes from the break. Marseille captain Didier Deschamps said the Club's loss

Paolo Future had given the visi-

Barros' Portugal teammate

of the title and its exclusion from international competitions had served to strengthen team spirit. "We are taking our revenge with every match at the moment," he said after a win achieved without three key

Barthez, Basile Boli and Rude "I have never known such a strong spirit in a team," said defender William Prunier. "We

regulars — goalkeeper Fabien

want that title back." Marseille remain two points off the pace as Bordeaux came away with a 2-0 victory from Strassbourg, thanks to double

form Philippe Vercruysse. That put them out in front alone as Cannes and Paris Saint-Germain both drew

Gullit, now AC's bete noire



ROME, Oct 4: Ruud Gullit, who inspired AC Milan to European Cup triumphs in 1989

and 1990, has emerged as a major threat to his former club's aspirations of retaining the Italian league title. just weeks after being discarded by them, reports Reuter.

The 31-year-old veteran has been instrumental in Sampdoria's bright start to the season and a 4-1 win at Atalanta on Sunday, with Gullit scoring twice, has put the 1991 champions just one point behind leaders Milan after seven

games.

to improve."

Gullit, however, remained cautious about Sampdoria's title prospects after the match in which he took his tally for the season to four goals.

He said: "We're doing well because we're willing to work hard. I wouldn't say that we're playing the best soccer in the championship at the moment, rather we've been able to read our games pretty well so far. "Still, I can see that we need

Sampdoria have dropped three points in a 1-1 draw at home to Parma, joint second and ahead of them only on goal difference, and a 3-1 loss away to Juventus.

Sampdoria's Swedish coach Sven Eriksson said recently that Gullit had not played so well for at least five seasons.

Gullit's move to the Genoan club has given him a new lease of life. Unlike at AC Milan, Gullit is

guaranteed his first team place

rather than finding himself in constant rivalry with other talented foreign stars. Also, at Sampdoria, Gullit has a free role, alternating central midfield with a roving forward role and even turning up

at times in the sweeper position. Under the strict tactical discipline of Arrigo Sacchi and later Fabio Capello at Milan, he was usually constrained to playing on the right side of at-

And Gullit has been enjoying his football as he sets about

confounding those critics who looked on his 714,000 US dollars transfer - a paltry sum in Italy but a figure set by UEFA as he was out of contract with Milan by July - as definitive proof that he was on the way out of the top flight.

Sampdoria meet Milan, who have not conceded a goal in seven league and two European Cup matches, at home at the end of October. It would be the ultimate irony if Gullit played a part in

knocking Milan off the top-of-

the-table spot they have occupied without interruption for two years. The Italian First Division takes a break next Sunday before Italy's World Cup qualifier

against Scotland in Rome the following Wednesday. Schwarz sets cycling record

SYDNEY, Oct 4: A 38-yearold German shrieked in delight before crashing to the ground in exhaustion on Monday after setting a record for cycling around

Australia, reports Reuter. Hubert Schwarz, from Roth in Bavaria, took just 42 days and 8-1/2 hours to travel anticlockwise around the continent - a distance of 14,195 km (8,800 miles).

He beat the previous record by about 3 hours.

The trip, which began in Sydney on August 23 and ended in a harbourside park near the Sydney Opera House, raised the equivalent of about US 120,000 dollar for a German cancer charity.

"I have felt a lot of pain along the way, but in the last few days everything has come together," Schwarz told support-



The aspiring table tennis coaches are all ears to the visiting British table tennis coach (bearded man in specs with a professorial look), who is in the city in connection with Olympic solidarity course on TT coaches' training yesterday. —Star photo