



Jan Furtok (R) of Eintracht Frankfurt is tackled by Bayern Munich's Lothar Matthaeus in their German soccer league in Germany on Oct 23. The match ended in a draw 2-2. — AFP photo

### BCCB XI beaten

**Sports Reporter**  
The Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) XI lost to the Gampaha District Cricket Association of Sri Lanka by four wickets at the Red Avenue ground, Colombo yesterday, according to a message received by the BCCB office last night.

The BCCB selection, touring Sri Lanka as part of their preparations for the ICC Trophy to be held in Kenya early next year, batted first and made 169 for nine wickets in the stipulated 45 overs.

Faruk Ahmed top scored with 44. He was followed by Liton with 22, Novel with 29, Debashish Barua 21, Selim 17, Zakaria 10 while there were 22 extras.

Paceman Labroy captured three wickets for 32 runs while Nalliah took two for 28 and Noyahr two for 25 for the Sri Lankan side.

In reply, Gampaha District Cricket Association scored 170 for six wickets in 44.1 overs.

Top scorers for the side were Dunusinghe who made 53 not out, Priyantha Monasinghe 27 not out, Upul Sittange 21, and Upul Fernando who made 28.

Rukon took two wickets for 45 and Dulu one for 16 for the BCCB Eleven.

### Div II cricket committee meets tomorrow

**Sports Reporter**  
A meeting of the Second Division cricket league committee will be held at the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) office tomorrow at six in the evening.

The meeting will discuss and decide the schedule for transfer of players and commencement of the league, says a press release.

### Div II hockey

**Sports Reporter**  
Both the matches of the Green Delta Second Division hockey league were drawn at the Hockey Stadium yesterday.

Dilkusha Sporting Club and Rayer Bazar Sporting Club shared points when they ended the match a goalless.

In the day's other match, East End Green Club and Agrani Bank Club scored once each to finish the game one-all.

### Q M Hossain chess results

**Sports Reporter**  
International Master Reefat Bin Sattar registered his second consecutive victory in the 10th QM Hossain Memorial International Masters chess tournament at Hotel Purbani yesterday.

National champion Reefat beat International Women's Master Rani Hamid.

In another match, Rahul Shetty of India won against Rafiqul Islam of Bangladesh.

The match between former national champion Ziaur Rahman and Syed Tahmidur Rahman ended in a draw.

Indian International Master Shekhar Chandra drew with his compatriot V Sharvanan.

The encounters between Mahmud Lodhi of Pakistan and Niyamul Huq Niru of Bangladesh, and local players Kalimullah Khan Kalam and Ziaul Qader Tuhin were in progress at the time of filing this report.

## Saudis hold Iraqis 1-1

**DOHA, Oct 24:** Watched by a very visible contingent of thousands of Qatari police, some with dogs, Gulf War enemies Iraq and Saudi Arabia played to a rough, 1-1 draw Sunday, keeping both in the hunt for a trip to next summer's World Cup finals, reporters AP.

Trailing 1-0 in the opening minute, Saudi Arabia rallied to tie the game midway through the first half but then missed a chance to win it when a 56th-minute penalty by Khalid Almuwalled sailed high.

With tension between the bitter rivals heightened by FIFA's warning to Saudi Arabia over a field invasion incident during Friday's match against South Korea, organizers wove a security web around Khalifa Stadium.

More than 3,000 Qatari riot police, wearing camouflage uniform, conducted crowd-control drills inside the 40,000-seat stadium before the match.

During the game the police, who are normally kept out of public view, were posted near the Saudi stand.

Iraq's soccer authorities had expressed fears that their players would be subject to "assaults and abuse by the Saudi fans," the state-run Iraqi News Agency reported.

Iraq were the first to celebrate when 29-year-old captain Ahmed Radhi converted a cross from Selim Hussain in the first minute, prompting many Iraqi fans to switch from the photographs they were displaying of a praying Saddam Hussein to a smiling Saddam.

But 25,000 Saudi fans, who had arrived in convoys of expensive cars, vans and luxury buses to back their team, got

their chance to cheer in the 35th minute when Saed Owairan's powerful shot from inside the penalty area found the goal.

As the battle cry started rising from spectators, the play on the field became rough. French Referee Joel Quinterou issued the first yellow card to Saudi Arabia's Fahad Mehalal for dangerous play.

At halftime, organizers tried to keep fans occupied by showing video on the stadium's giant-screen TV of popular Arabic singer Khalid al-Sahar of Iraq singing a hit Arabic number. They also held a drawing for a new car.

But when play restarted, tension and rough play resumed.

In quick succession after the break, Saudi Arabia's Owairan and Iraq's Saad Numan were issued yellow cards. Iraq's Jaber Hanoun brought down Owairan in the 56th minute, setting up Almuwalled's penalty attempt.

The draw moved Saudi Arabia to the top of the six-team standings in the final round of Asian qualifying for the World Cup from which only two will advance to next summer's finals in the United States. The Saudis improved to 1-3-0 with five points, one more than South Korea (1-2-0) and Iraq (1-2-1).

Japan (1-1-1) have three points, one more than Iran (1-0-2) and North Korea (1-0-2).

Japan Play South Korea on Monday while Iran face North Korea. All six teams will then play their finals games on Thursday.

Sunday's game began with the bitter hatred between the two Arab neighbors, much of it still lingering from Iraq's invasion of Kuwait in 1990 and the Saudi-aided Allied effort to drive

it out six months later.

But tension was even further enhanced by Friday's incident, when thousands of Saudi fans invaded the ground, broke chairs and gestured at South Korean supporters after a last-minute goal gave Saudi Arabia a 1-1 draw.

The Saudi Football Federation was warned Saturday that its fans would be barred from the stadium if they invaded the field or intimidated fans of a rival team.

The Saudi Kingdom was one of the two countries that were hit by Saddam Hussein's Scud missile during the Gulf War. The other nation was Israel.

Furthermore, Iraq, which boosted its chances of qualifying with a 2-1 victory over traditional foe Iran on Friday, set an ominous tone for Sunday's encounter.

... Our implacable enemy, the Saudis must be crushed before a television audience of millions around the world," the Al-Baath Arriyadhi sports newspaper in Baghdad screamed before the six-nation tournament began.

### STANDINGS

(Tabulate under played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, against, points):

Saudi Arabia	4	1	3	0	4	3	5
South Korea	3	1	2	0	6	3	4
Iraq	4	1	2	1	7	7	4
Japan	3	1	1	1	4	2	3
North Korea	3	1	0	2	4	7	2
Iran	3	1	0	2	3	6	2

Note: Top two teams qualify for the finals in the United States next year.

Remaining matches:  
Oct 25 — Japan vs South Korea; Iran vs North Korea  
Oct 28 — South Korea vs North Korea; Saudi Arabia vs Iran; Iraq vs Japan

## A dilemma for Aussie coach

**SYDNEY, Oct 24:** Australian soccer coach Eddie Thomson has delayed a decision on which member of his squad will mark Argentine ace Diego Maradona in two World Cup qualifying matches, reports AP.

Argentina and Australia will play Oct 31 in Sydney and Nov 17 in Buenos Aires to determine which country advances to the 1994 World Cup finals in the United States.

Thomson said Sunday that three players were under consideration for the job of marking the 32-year-old Maradona — probably the best player in the world over the past decade.

Mehmet Durakovic, who usually marks the key player on opposition teams, is in line for the job, along with Borussia Dortmund sweeper Ned Zelic and veteran defensive midfielder Paul Wade.

"I'll be keeping my options open, but first I have to find out what position Maradona will play", Thomson said.

Durakovic has done all of his marking on front runners like Gary Lineker and Jean-Pierre Papin, but Maradona doesn't play up front so it might be better to use Wade, or even Zelic.

Thomson said Australia would not concentrate all of its defensive efforts on Maradona. He said he also has a high

regard for Roma striker Abel Balbo. Fiorentina forward Gabriel Battistuta and Fernando Redondo, who plays for Spanish club Tenerife.

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Pakistani International Master Mahmud Ahmed Lodhi (R) ponders over a move against his Bangladeshi opponent Niyamul Huq Niru during yesterday's clash in the tenth QM Hussain Memorial International Masters' chess tournament at the Hotel Purbani. — Star photo

### Allan Border's 67th ton

**BRISBANE, Oct 24:** Australian Test skipper Allan Border's 67th first-class century helped avert an outright defeat for Queensland against South Australia in the season's opening Sheffield Shield cricket match which finished here Sunday, Reports AFP.

Border, who remained unconquered on 125, in concert with other centuries by Ian Brsby (116) and Stuart Law (100) saw off any threat of a morale-defeating outright loss with South Australia controlling the majority of the match.

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**Voeller sidelined**  
**MARSEILLE, Oct 24:** Marseille's German international striker Rudi Voeller who injured his shoulder in Saturday's home league match against Sochaux, will be out of football for at least three weeks, reports AFP.

## Angel spells NZ's doom

**PERTH, Oct 24:** Giant Western Australian fast bowler Jo Angel, making light of a shattered finger, completed the destruction of New Zealand in the opening first-class game of their Australian tour here Sunday, reports AFP.

Angel, 25, courageously took the field on the final day after X-rays had revealed a severe fracture of the index finger of his left (non-bowling) hand.

Shrugging off the throbbing pain, he captured three further wickets to leave him with figures of 5-108 for the New Zealand second innings and a memorable match haul of 10-140.

The Kiwis were overwhelmed by an innings and nine runs, despite repeated rain interruptions at the WACA Ground.

After being whittled out for a puny 149 in the first innings, the tourists were dismissed for 350 the second time around.

Western Australia scored 508 in their first innings a record total for them against New Zealand.

Angel was stuck on the hand by a vicious delivery from fast bowler Murphy Su'a while batting on Saturday, but took the field with his side that afternoon when he began his demolition job by removing vice captain Ken Rutherford and skipper Martin Crow, one of the world's top batsmen.

Angel did not realise the severity of his injury until late on Saturday when his hand was X-rayed.

A doctor bound the index finger to the middle finger to enable him to bowl.

Shrugging off the pain, Angel fired out stubborn veteran Dtpak Patel (50) and Blair Pook (31) early in the day and added wicket-keeper Tony Blain (13) to his bag in the afternoon.

Angel remained on the field until the start of the final session when New Zealand resumed at a seemingly hopeless 305 for eight.

The tourists belatedly salvaged some pride when ninth-wicket pair Su'a and Danny Morrison — players with few batting pretensions — fashioned the biggest stand of the innings.

Together they held up a frustrated Western Australia for 72 minutes, adding a valiant 84 runs.

But the state side still won with 82 minutes to spare, recording their first victory against New Zealand in seven first-class clashes.

Despite his injury, Angel could return to haunt the tourists in the opening Test, starting here November 12.

He revealed on Sunday night that, although he is likely to have a metal pin inserted in the finger on Monday, he could be back in action in one or two weeks.

He will be a strong candidate for an Australian team looking for pace bowling replacements.

Australia's Test squad will be announced immediately after that game.

Western Australian captain Geoff Marsh predicted that New Zealand, based on their performance in this match, would

have to play a lot better to beat Australia in the Tests.

Kiwi captain Crowe said: "We are looking for improvement every time we play, and if we can achieve that we will be in some sort of form which will put us in the right frame of mind for the Tests."

### SCOREBOARD

Score board on final day of tour match between Western Australia and New Zealand at the WACA Ground here Sunday.

**NEW ZEALAND:** 1st Innings 149

**WESTERN AUSTRALIA:** 1st Innings 508

**NEW ZEALAND:** 2nd Innings

Rutherford	51
Jones run out	67
Crowe	8
Patel lbw Angel	50
Pook c Veletta b Angel	31
Cairns c Langer b Atkinson	31
Blain c Julian b Angel	13
Doull lbw Atkinson	0
Su'a lbw Stewart	39
Morrison not out	46
Greatbatch (absent injured)	0
Extras: (b-1, lb-4, w-4)	9
Total:	350

Fall of wickets: 1-78; 2-92; 3-162; 4-189; 5-232; 6-258; 7-260; 8-266; 9-350.

**Bowling:**

	O	M	R	W
Angel	34	7	108	5
Atkinson	22	6	1	2
Julian	29	7	81	0
Moody	11	4	16	0
Stewart	22.4	3	70	1
Zoeher	7	2	9	0

Batting time: 472min, overs 125.4

Western Australia won by an innings and nine runs  
Crowd: 1,144.

## M United widen their lead

**LONDON, Oct 24:** England striker Alan Shearer scored his first hat-trick for Blackburn Rovers but it was only enough to earn them a point as Leeds came from behind on Saturday to draw 3-3 with two goals from Gary McAllister, reports Reuter.

Champions Manchester United set aside their midweek European Cup horrors to widen their lead at the top of the Premier League with a hard-earned 1-0 win at Everton.

United stretched their lead to nine points as their two closest challengers are also held to draws, Norwich 0-0 at home by West Ham and Arsenal 0-0 at Oldham who played 53 minutes with only 10 men.

Norwich and Arsenal are level on 22 points with Leeds on 21 and Blackburn on 20.

Another England striker was among the goals as Les Ferdinand scored Queens Park Rangers' first and had a hand in the other four in a 5-1 thrashing of Coventry.

David White scored on his return for Manchester City after missing four games with injury, but Ian Rush scored two minutes from time to snatch a 1-1 draw for Liverpool.

Tony Daley showed Aston Villa what they will be missing when he moves to Italian club Udinese after setting up their

winner for Dalian Atkinson in a 1-0 victory over Chelsea after just six minutes.

Expensively-assembled Sheffield Wednesday still have only one victory to their credit this season after being held to a 1-1 draw at neighbours Sheffield United.

Manchester United, severely criticised by manager Alex Ferguson after throwing away a 2-0 lead when held 3-3 at home by Turkish side Galatasaray in Wednesday's European Cup tie, bounced back with their fifth successive league win.

United, who dropped Ryan Giggs and Bryan Robson, won despite having the worst of the match, top scorer Lee Sharpe grabbing the winner against the run of play with a stunning volley from the edge of the area in the 54th minute.

Shearer lifted his goal tally for the season to eight with goals in the 25th, 46th and 76th minute, giving Blackburn a 2-0 lead and then a 3-1 advantage over Leeds.

Leeds captain McAllister pulled one back with a 56th minute penalty. The home side then scored twice in the last eight minutes, fight through Jon Newsome from a corner and then McAllister stealing an unlikely draw with his second four minutes from time.

Arsenal suffered their third successive goalless draw, falling miserably to add to their tally of

12 goals in 12 games despite Oldham having Rick Holden sent off in the 37th minute.

Holden, making only his second appearance for the side after returning for a second spell at Oldham from Manchester City, was dismissed for pushing Lee Dixon when the full back tried to stop him taking a quick throw-in.

Norwich, like Arsenal feeling the effects of midweek European Cup action, stretched their unbeaten run in all competitions to seven games.

Coventry manager Bobby Gould resigned minutes after his teams 5-1 thrashing, only their second away league defeat of the season.

Ferdinand, frustratingly missing for England's World Cup game in the Netherlands 10 days ago, scored his sixth league goal and the second in successive games to ignite Queens Park Rangers.

Bradley Allen scored twice, Andrew Impney another and Simon Barker the fifth two minutes from the end after Ferdinand headed against the bar. Peter Ndlovu scored Coventry's consolation.

Bottom side Swindon Town are still winless but earned their fifth point of the season, coming behind to draw 1-1 at Tottenham through a Paul Bodin penalty 13 minutes after Jason Dozell put the home side ahead early in the second half.

### FIFA's new initiative

**DOHA, Oct 24:** Stricter fitness standards for soccer referees are to be ordered by FIFA this week, the head of the International Federations Referees Committee said here.

The committee will also lay down guidelines for what is considered the inevitable spread of professional referees, Farouk Bouzo told AFP.

International referees will now have to be able to run 2,700 metres in 12 minutes instead of 2,600 metres. Other smaller changes will also be made, the Syrian official who chairs the committee added.

We are always looking to improve standards. It can only be good for the game, said Bouzo, speaking at the Asian World Cup qualifying finals.

After Wednesday's meeting in Zurich, the committee will also send out its guidelines for professional referees.

Italy already has full-time referees and in South America, countries like Brazil also have professional officials.

Bouzo said other major European leagues would inevitably follow. But they will not be forced. The move will depend on individual football associations.

As well as having to possess a referees licence and fitness and medical certificates, match officials will have to be paid by national associations and have no other soccer-related activity.

They will be able to have other employment but people with a criminal record will be banned.

Bouzo said FIFA wanted to further reduce the age of referees but for the moment the maximum age for professional referees will stay at 45.

For First Division professional league referees, the minimum age should be 35, but in Third Divisions, officials could start controlling games from the age of 32, he added.

A provisional list of referees and linesmen for next year's World Cup finals will also be drawn up. They will undergo special fitness and medical tests in Dallas next March, Bouzo said.

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**Gazipur soccer**  
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**GAZIPUR, Oct 24:** The final of the Gazipur DC Gold Cup football tournament '93 will be held at 3:00 pm at the local stadium tomorrow.

Mouchak Eleven will take on Gazipur Mohammedan Sporting Club.

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman will witness the match as chief guest. State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadeque Hossain, MP, State Minister for Science and Technology MA Mannan will attend as special guest.

### St Germain stay on top

**PARIS, Oct 24:** Paris St Germain stayed two points clear at the top of the French First Division after ending Cannes' unbeaten home record on Saturday, reports AFP.

A fifth minute goal from Vincent Guerin clinched both points for the Parisians at Cannes who had dropped only one point in their seven previous home games.

Stephane Paille struck a 45th minute winner for second-placed Bordeaux over newly-promoted Angers who are third-from-bottom.

Monaco moved from eighth to third by trouncing Martigues, in their first season in the top flight, by a massive 7-0.

Belgium's World Cup captain Enzo Scifo scored two and made four for Monaco.

Youri Djorkaeff benefited most from Scifo's promptings with four goals which took him to the top of the scoring charts with eight goals so far this season. German international Jurgen Klinsmann headed Monaco's other goal from a Scifo corner.

Auxerre improved two places and moved up to fourth by winning 2-1 at Nantes. Gerlad Batlle (45) and Christophe Cocard (65) scored for the visitors while Nantes goal was a 53rd minute penalty converted by Nicolas Queued, who joined Djorkaeff on top of the goalscoring charts.

Fifth-placed Marseille were held to a disappointing 1-1 draw at home by Sochaux in Alen Boksis's last game at the Velodrome Stadium before his 13 million dollar move to Italian side Lazio.

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