Div II hockey

Sports Reporter

Two Shoaib goal earned Farashgonj a -2-0 victory over Cantonian Sporting Club in the Green Delta Second Division hockey super league at the Hockey Stadium yesterday.

Shoaib scored his first goal in the 12th minute and the secand one came in the 41st n unute.

Both of them were field go, als.

In another tie, Agrani Bank Clu b edged past East End Gree in Club by a solitary goal. Ti te lone goal came from Swap, an in the 15th minute.

Div II soccer Sports Reporter

Jurai n Jatana Club beat Laimatia Club 1-0 in one of the Sonali Bank Second Division football le ague matches at the Outer Stad ium yesterday.

Ilvasudc'in scored the winner in the 55th minute.

In the first match of the day. Abhijatrik M'alibagh drew with Dhaka WASA Club 0-0.

Today's matches of the Third Division football league will not be held due the half-day strike.

MSC ad-hoc committee formed

A 74-member ad-hoc committee of the Mohammedan Sporting Club was announced yesterday with Alhaj Abdul Monem and president and Alhai Fazlur Rahman as general secretary, reports BSS.

The committee includes 13 vice presidents. They are Karimuddin Bharsa, MP Mahtabuddin Ahmed. Sheikh Akmal Hossain, Anwarul Huq Helal, Mosaddek Ali Falu. Iqbaluddin Chowdhury, MA Taher, Kutubuddin Ahmed Mahfuzur Rahman, Sirajul Huq Chowdhury, M Obaidullah, A K Reazul Karim and Amin Ahmed Tanvir Haider has been

 made treasurer. The other executives are: secretary (Administration)-Pratap Shankar Hazra, secretary (sports) - Abdus Salam Morshedi, secretary (public relation)- Khalid Hasan, secretary (cultural)- Delwar Hossain Dilu. secretary (social welfare)- Fazlur Rahman Babul and secretary (women affairs) Qamrunnahar Dana.

Maradona means business

BUENOS AIRES. Nov 12: Diego Maradona had a training session all of his own here Thursday morning, as he tries to improve his match fitness for Argentina's World Cup qualifier against Australia next Wednesday, reports AFP.

National coach Alfio Basile had originally scheduled a session for the whole squad, before changing his mind and cancelling it.

But Maradona asked if he could still have a work-out, saying that "all the other players have a physical advantage."

Maradona went through a series of exercises with the team's trainer Ricardo Echevarria and Basile's right-hand man Ruben Diaz, watched by team doctor Ernesto Ugalde.

The squad got together at midday to watch the video of their 1-1 draw in the first-leg in Sydney.

Basile's foreign-based players were due to fly in later in the day.

Fifty overs too much for Sunday leaguers

LONDON. Nov 12: English cricket's Sunday league is set to return to a 40-overs-per-side competition after just one season, but coloured clothing will stay for at least another two years, reports Reuter.

The experiment with 50-over games has proved unpopular with almost everyone. Players believe it is too long a contest to sandwich in the middle of a four-day championship match while there has been no real in-

crease in attendances. Now a Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) working party is recommending a return to the shorter game.

"We have taken on board the views of those closest to the game," said chairman Mike Murray.

Murray's working party was behind the restructuring of domestic cricket in England. Their recommendation for longer "Pyjama-style" Sunday League games, four-day championship matches and a revised Benson and Hedges Cup competition was approved by a narrow

majority last year. The new format, introduced last summer, will be reviewed at

the end of the 1995 season. But Murray's men have already heard enough compolaints to suggest that the board reverts to shorter Sunday matches. A decision will be

taken in December. "Although the 50-over-format with a 12 noon start has only had one season's experiment, the evidence considered by the working Party was overwhelmingly in favour of a return to the 2 pm start and the shorter version of the game." says a TCCB statement.

BU taste first defeat

Sports Reporter

Razzak Masum and Nurul cameo innings Abedin Nobel. The pair put on 71 in 24.4 overs before the gangling Masum departed for lim shone as the ing performance

of 37 by Mahbu-

bur Rahman Se-

jewel in a crown-

of Greater Mymensingh Cricket

Club who sent Brothers Union

tumbling to their first defeat in

this year's Navana Premier

Division cricket league at the

stroke play. Selim, the quiet,

unassuming player who was not

treated well in the past either

by the national selectors or by

his former captains, wound up

a satisfying day's performance

by fellow bowlers and batsmen

In a scintillating burst of

Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Habibul Bashar Suman failed to provide the momentum, something which number four Shri Lankan Amal Dalugoda was bracing himself to before an unfortunate run out resulted in the latter's dismissal for 22 off 28 balls. GMCC's btg Indian paceman Rudra Pratap Singh then dealt Brothers a body blow picking up three vital wickets in a telling four over burst. He first had skipper Nobel, the topscorer of the innings, caught by Lamba for

the coin but the nephew had the last laugh as Wari Club. being grovelled by their mightier opponents recently; had their rarified ration of victories beating Dhanmondi Club by 27 runs in one of the Navana Premier Division cricket league ties at the Mirpur Pallabi cricket ground yesterday.

In a clash of teams of more or less, the same plain, Wari asked to bat first collected 188 for eight, thanks to some stupendous batting by young Opi

and Carman. Opi, the number three batsman, scored a swashbuckling 57 with the help of three sixes and as many fours while



Habibul Bashar Suman of Brothers about to sweep a Golla delivery in yesterday's Navana Premier Division encounter against greater Mymensingh Cricket Club at the Dhaka Stadium Brothers lost the match by six wickets. Star photo

Selim smote two huge sixes and a four in his 35-ball knock as GMCC posted 170 for four wickets in 43.5 overs to register their third win in a row since the beginning of the one-leg Navana Premier championship from November 6.

The foundation was, however, laid by skipper Raman Lamba who dished out another thoroughly professional performance. He made a workmanlike 60 off 86 balls, his second fifty in three matches, not to mention his 122 against Udity. the only ton so far.

Lamba, who has relegated himself this year to number three came, at the wicket when GMCC, in a bid to overtake brothers' unpromising collection of 168, were one down for 36 in the 37th over.

He lost opener Rownakul Islam Tutul and a promoted RP Singh in quick succession with the former making a useful 35.

Then came a vital partnership of 63 runs for the fourth wicket with Selim that left Abu Hamid Partha with the mere formality of receiving a well merited victory on the thresh-

Earlier in the morning. Brothers, put into bat by Raman Lamba, wasted a slow but solid start by national players Zahid 49 and then bowled 'dangerman' Fernando, Brothers' long serving Shri Lankan, for a duck to quash all hopes of an effective slog.

Promising left arm spinner Sharfuddowla Saikat joined Singh in the restrictive act when he bowled veteran Golam Faruq Chowdhury Suru and Brothers tottered to an insecure grand total of 168 for seven at the end of the stipulated quota of 45 overs.

Plaban was the best GMCC bowler as per the requirement of instant cricket giving away 24 runs from his nine overs for one wicket.

Javed Omar Belim Golla, once a member of Bangladesh junior team, also bowled tidily taking one for 28.

Saikat, fighting hard for a permanent place in the national team, took one for 38 but RP Singh superseded them all statistically bagging three for 26 from in four overs.

Former champions Brothers suffered their first defeat vesterday after wins against Udity and Dhanmondi.

WARI'S FIRST

Uncle and nephew walked out for the toss. The representative of the older generation called correctly in the spin of order, scored a breezy 46 off 54 balls inclusive of a sixer and five hits to the fence. Sohel was Dhanmondi's

Carman, coming low down the

most successful bowler bagging three for 34. Vinay took two for 29 while Yadav in a superb exhibition of tight bowling finished with two for 14 from nine

Sensible batting by skipper Jahangir Shah Badshah and Vinay Sharma was not sustained by their successors at the wicket as Dhanmondi were skittled out for 161 in 45 overs to accept their third defeat in a

The ageless Badshah, enjoyfrig himself in the role of an opener after all those years of blood and sweat for the Bangladesh National team as the main pace bowler, jointly topscored with 33. His partner for the day Vinay Sharma also made 33.

Three Wari bowlers -Sharat, Carman and skipper Halim Shah bagged two wickets apiece while Ripon chipped in with the other wicket that went to bowler's account.

No matches will be played today because of a half-day strike. Today's Navana ties will bodily shift in the fixture.

be played tomorrow causing a

For Tyson, maybe it's all over



LONDON, Nov 12: Former world heavyweight champion Mike Tyson has shocked the boxing world by revealing that he may not

resume his boxing career when he is released from prison. reports Reuter. Speaking in the Indiana jail where he is serving a six-year

sentence for rape. Tyson says there is a real possibility that his career is "all over." In an interview at the jail to be screened by a British television network on Sunday, Tyson

seemed completely unimpressed by talk of a boxing comeback and appeared only concerned with the fight to clear his name.

He also talks bitterly of feeling "insulted" by those people in

boxing who are already urging him to step back in the ring as soon as he is let out.

Asked about the prospect of a return, Tyson explains: "When I get out of here, I might be 28 or 29. What can I do? Whom can I fight? Yes, there's a possibility it's all over. It could be reality.

There has to be more to life than people saying 'we need you back in the ring." That's an insult to me. They have no kind of emotional feeling for me as a person."

That represents a stinging attack on those who have been already rubbing their hands at the prospect of the millions that Tyson's towering presence in the undistinguished heavy-

weight ranks could generate. But Tyson himself fears that even if he were to regain the heavyweight crown, notoriety would pursue him.

Asked how he thought he would be remembered, he said: "That Mike Tyson raped somebody-that he was in jail for rape.

"But what I want is for the truth to be heard. I have not committed a crime. I'm not looking for money. I just want to be vindicated. I will pursue that vindication until the day I

In August, Tyson lost his long battle to overturn the sixyear sentence imposed on him for raping beauty queen Desiree Washington, but his lawyers 'have filed another appeal to the Indiana Supreme Court and say they may take the case all the way to the Supreme Court if it



Adrian Gonsalves of Chittagong Catholic Club (3rd from left) seen with the winner's trophy of the second FH Majumder memorial snooker tournament. In Thursday's final at the Narayanganj Club pavilion he beat the favourite NC Ghosh of the host club seven to two frames. Also seen, among others, are chief guest Habibur Rahman, DC Narayanganj (5th from left), and Enamul Haq Majumder (extreme left) and Syedul Huq Majumder (5th from right) of the sponsoring company of the annual tournament. Star photo

New twist in TWI story

BOMBAY, Nov 12: A top of ficial of Trans World International (TWI), the global media company, said on Thursday their telecast equipment was being held by Indian customs at the Bombay airport, reports

The customs have not given any reason for detaining the equipment," two vice-president bill Sinrich said.

TWI has a contract from the Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) for television coverage of the five-nation cricket tournament underway in India.

The latest development followed a court wrangle over the coverage of the tournament to mark CAB's diamond jubilee celebrations. An official spokesman said in

New Delhi on Thursday that the equipment had been detained on the grounds of violation of the Wireless and Telegraphy A court order won by CAB.

directing broadcasts of the tournament to go ahead, failed on Wednesday to bring the competition to international screens. The government has refused to allow television coverage fol-

lowing a financial wrangle be tween the state television company Doordarshan, CAB and the sport's local ruling body, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)

In Johannesburg, South Africa's United Cricket Board appealed to the African National

Congress to help settle the row. Board managing director Ali Bacher said ANC President Nelson Mandela had been told of the problem "and the ANC are now doing everything they can to help.

Bacher added: "The game on Sunday in Bombay between South Africa and the West Indies will be an historic occasion ... it's imperative for all concerned that the cricket be seen."

Atherton expects a rough ride in Windies

LONDON, Nov 12: England captain Mike Atherton said on Thursday he expects to be the number one target for the west Indian fast bowlers when he arrives in the Caribbean in mid-January, reports Reuter.

On England's last tour there four years ago, their fortunes dipped from the moment skipper Gramam Gooch had his finger broken by Ezra Moseley during the third Test in Trinidad and Atherton is awaiting a similar test of nerve.

"The West Indies usually try to put the opposition captain through his paces early in the tour," Atherton said. "That's obviously in the back of my mind and if it happens this time will have to be good enough and strong enough to come through

"It's absolutely crucial for the captain to have a successful

On their last visit, England were 1-0 up until Gooch's injury. They ended up losing the series 2-1 and the West Indies have since extended their unbeaten home Test series record to 21 years.

"The fact that it is the biggest challenge means that it is also the biggest opportunity." said the 25-year-old Atherton.

"I'm not saying we will win the series but I hope all the players think we can win it." Atherton, who led England back to winning ways against

Australia at the Oval in August after nine defeats and a draw, made it clear he will be tough with his young squad where necessary. "Players won't get too many chances with me," he said. "You

should be able to give it your best shot all the time when you are playing for England." There are going to be tough

times in the West Indies and we will have to do our stuff."

Arnold cannot take it anymore

LONDON, Nov 12: England bowling coach Geoff Arnold has left Surrey after failing to end the county's long search for a trophy, reports Reuter.

Surrey insisted on Thursday that the former Test fast bowler had "tendered his resignation with immediate effect" after nine years on the Oval coaching staff.

But Arnold, who played for Surrey and Sussex, declined to comment on that version of events, fuelling speculation that the sudden parting was not amicable.

County chairman Derek Newton also hinted at impatience with Surrey's lack of success by saying: "It has become increasingly evident that the club's cricket management has not produced the required results over a lengthy period."

Surrey have failed to capture a major domestic prize during Arnold's region as coach and their last big success was winning the Natwest Trophy in 1982. While 49-year-old Arnold

finds himself without a job at county level, England will continue to use him as a specialist bowling adviser.



had bowled Australian batsman David Boon for a duck. It was Cairn's second wicket in consecutive balls on the first day of the first Test between Australia and New Zealand in Perth

yesterday. Cairns reigns on Day One

PERTH. Nov 12: in his 14th over New Zealand fastmedium bowler Chris Cairns gave his side a splendid start on the opening day of the first Test against Australia here Friday.

reports AFP. Cairns 23, son of former New Zealand Test star Lance Cairns, captured 3-56 as Australia struggled to reach 6-227 by stumps on a rain-af-

fected day. The Kiwis, seen as major underdogs in this three-Test series, have good reason to be pleased with an excellent day's work in unseasonal Perth conditions more reminiscent of weather in their home country.

However, their success needs to be seen in context. The WACA ground pitch was helpful all day, providing lift and sideways movement, which Australia's attack may be able to exploit just as effectively on Saturday.

Australian coach Bob Simpson perhaps summed up the situation accurately when he suggested 250 would be a respectable first innings score.

Even so, Cairns and his bet ter-credentialled new-ball partner Danny Morrison (2-71) used the conditions well to have Australia's strong batting lineup on their back foot most of

the day. Cairns, who plays with Nottinghamshire in the English county competition, stunned the home side when he sent back Michael Slater and David Boon with successive balls in

his sixth over. He also snared Mark Taylor A wave of concern swept the

New Zealand team when Cairns went over on his right ankle in his delivery stride in his 16th over and was unable to bowl the

But after a brief pause he was able to complete his over and continue in the New Zealand attack.

Waugh and Allan Border - the seventh time he has trapped the Australian skipper in eight Tests - and off spinner Dipak Patel sent back Steve Waugh. Crowe must have been a mighty relieved man when he

won the toss. He most certainly

would not have relished the

prospect of his side facing up to Australia's attack in conditions most conducive to pace and swing bowling. Morrison and Cairns looked menacing from the start, extracting bounce and moving the

ball in the air and off the turf. Despite that, Taylor and Slater, with no small amount of fortune, held firm for 47 minutes before the energetic Cairns

struck twice in his sixth over. He despatched a nonplussed Slater (10) with a brute of a ball which seared up from the pitch. struck the bat high and lolled to Dipak Patel at short leg.

His next delivery, to incoming batsman David Boon (0). was even more venomous. steepling to the little right-handers bat handle and ballooning to second slip Ken Rutherford Taylor and Mark Waugh

strove gallantly to repair the damage, hoisting 63 for the third wicket before Morrison

In his ninth over he trapped Waugh (36) lbw as the righthander played back.

Australian skipper Allan Border failed to impress in:48 minutes for 16 before Muntee snared him, too, thanks to a wonderful catch at second slip by vice-captain Ken Rutherford. He pouched the chance high

to his left after Border had Morrison ousted Mark 'edged an attempted drive. Taylor laboured for four hours for his 64, including five boundaries. His valuable sheetanchor performance ended when he chopped on a ball in

Cairns' 14th over. Patel's dismissal of Steve Waugh (44) was the result of a superb catch by wicketkeeper

Tony Blain. SCOREBOARD Scorecard at stumps on the opening day of the first cricket Test between Australia and New Zealand at the WACA ground

here Friday.

AUSTRALIA: 1st innings M A Taylor b Cairns M J Slater c Patel b Cairns D C Boon c Rutherfords b Cairns M E Waugh Ibw Morrison A R Border c Rutherford b Morrison S R Waugh c Blain b Patel I A Healy not out P R Reiffel not out Extras :(b-4, lb-6, nb-3) 229 Total: (6 wkts) Fall of wtckets: 1-37; 2-37; 3-100: 4- 129; 5-164; 6-198

Bowling: Morrison 3 71 56 Cairns 9 27 43 Patel 22 0 Overs: 79.4

Aussies still soccer babes

stepped in.



SYDNEY, Nov 12: Before soccer loving immigrants from southern and eastern Euro-

pe came to Australia, this was a strictly cricket and rugby country, reports IPS. Today, the sons of those post-war immigrants dominate Australia's national soccer teams, and many of the sport's officials do say soccer players

from Down Under can now be

considered world class. And when Australia beat Canada in a World Cup qualifier in front of 25,000 screaming fans here in mid-August, the nationwide celebration afterward showed just how popular soccer has become in this

country. But Australia's decades long snub of soccer seems to have cost it the attention of the Federation of International Football Associations (FIFA), which still classifies Australia in the Oceania Group along with the small Pacific Island nations and New Zealand.

The closest Australia ever got to soccer in the old days was Australian Rules Football, which is an 18-to-a-side game that is a cross between Gaelic football, rugby and soccer and is unique to this country.

Oceania has no automatic place in the World Cup finals. And so to qualify for the 1994 World Cup to be hosted by the United States, Australia was required to play Canada in the elimination process after beating Solomon Islands. Tahiti and New Zealand to win the Oceania

Now that it has defeated Canada, it has to play two more games against the runners-up of a South American group -Argentina before finally being considered as a World Cup

qualifier. However. Argentina drew 1-1 with Australia in the away

match This has irritated Australian officials, says Australian Soccer Federation chief executive Ian Holmes: "Surely the strides Austria has made merit a play-off with one nation, not three — and somewhere on this

side of the planet." But the Australian team has always had to travel around the globe in its quest to qualify for the World Cup finals.

Indeed, the only instance that it did not have to do so was in 1974, when Australia was grouped with the Asians. That was also the first and last time it qualified for the World Cup

"Asians never particularly wanted to play us," says Holmes.

"It's only now that it seems to suit their political agenda (that) they are trying to include Oceania in their organisation."

Admits former Australian soccer star John Kosmina: "We are too strong physically for Asia, but that is the way to go - and it was through Asia that we made it for our one and only time." Holmes says the question of turning Australia's soccer players into instant globetrotters is "A very sensitive one because of international politicals within FIFA."

He notes that Australia has

often ended up tied with countries nobody else wants to play because there were political obstacles, citing the time it went up against Rhodesia in 1969.

Former Australian soccer

player John Waren recalls: "FIFA had a problem with Rhodesia, whom no one else would play, so they ordered us to play them in neutral Mozambique. Not only did we have trouble finding our blokes, we had to fly halfway around the world to play on their doorstep. Australia did beat Rhodesia

and solved FIFA's problem. But it had to play Israel three days later and took the field only a day after arriving in Tel Aviv. Australia lost the game and a place in the 1970 World Cup. Still, Holmes says the most

heartbreaking episode for Australian soccer was the journey to Glasgow in 1985. After having defeated New Zealand, Taiwan and Israel, Australia had to play Scotland, the runner-up in the European Group Seven.

Australia lost the game twonil and Scotland - which is not even a nation-state - went on to the 1986 World Cup finals.

"The problem is we are still regarded as the babies of soccer," grouses Kosmina. "Nobody wants us so we are always lumped together with the odds and the sods."

Holmes says, "FIFA will do the expedient, but points out there are only 22 places available in the finals, aside from what he calls "traditional opposition from Europe' and growing demands from Africa."