Sports Reporter

Hasibul Hassan drew with Arif but Grandmaster Niaz Murshed. Pakistani International Master Mahmood Ahmed Khan Lodhi and Indian IM Chandra Shekhar Sahu all won their respective matches to give defending champions Brothers Union yet another impressive win in the First Division chess league at the National Sports Council chesis room yesterday.

With yesterday's 3.5 points. Brothers surged further ahead at the top of the table with a handsome collection of 28 points from eight rounds.

Bangladesh Biman, who had a day off yesterday, still hold the second position with 22 points from seven rounds.

Bangladesh Ansars reduced the gap with Biman to half a point for the time being, after sculpting out a 3-1 triumph over Konica Sangskritik Sangha in their seventh round engagements vesterday.

Khandaker Kayes Hassan, Kalimullah Kalam and Niyamul Hug Niru won their respective matches but Almasur Rahman had no such luck against Mainuddin.

In other matches of the day. Dhaka University beat Parijat Chess Club 3-1. Prodip Sangha had a two-all draw with Narayanganj Chess Club.

Chalantika Krira Chakra beat Genius Chess Club 4-0. BTMC defeated Patuakhali District Sports Association 4-0 Noor-e-Atam Daba Sangsad beat Protibha Daba Goshti 2.5-1.5 and Farashgani SC beat Golden Chess Club 2.5-1.5.

Div III soccer

Sports Reporter

Chalantika Krira Chakra and Dhaka Sporting Club won their respective matches in the Pragoti Insurance Third Division football league at the Outer Stadium vesterday.

Manzur scored twice to help Chalantika Krira Chakra out play Purbachal Parishad 3-0. The other goal came from Asad. In another match, Dhaka Sporting edged past East

Tipu scored for East Bengal in the 29th minute while Hanif and Belal scored once each in the 34th and 46th minutes respectively for the winners.

Army hockey

Bengal SC 2-1.

JESSORE, Nov 27: Jessore, Chittagong, Bogra and Comilla Areas moved into semifinals of the army hockey championship at the Jessore cantonment today, reports BSS.

Jessore Area will meet the Comilla Area while Bogra Area will face Chittagong Area in semifinal matches tomorrow.

Football results

Sports Reporter

Mahakhali Eleven drew with B'G Press 0-0 in the Sonali Bank Second Division football league at the Hockey Stadium vesterday.

Zico flashes with a free kick

TOKYO, Nov 27: Brazilian veteran Zico scored from a free kick as Kashima Antilers beat Sanfrecce Hiroshima 1-0 away. their fourth successive win, in the J League on Saturday, reports Reuter.

The Antlers, first-stage champions, went ahead in the 22nd minute when Zico rifled home a 20-metre free-kick.

Kashima are in third place on 18 points, eight behind leaders Kawasaki Verdy who beat Yokohama Flugels 2-0 at home. Shimizu S-Pulse are second on 24 after a 2-0 win over Urawa Reds at Tokyo's National Stadium.

Kawasaki scored all their goals in the second half. Brazilian-born forward Ruy Ramos lobbing over Yokohama keeper Atsuhiko Mori in the 54th minute following a pass

from Kazuyoshi Miura. Mfura added a penalty in the 78th minute and Brazilian striker Bismarck scored the third five minutes from time.

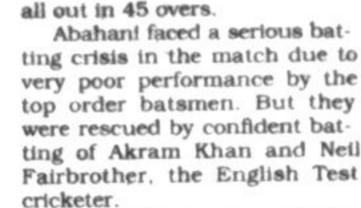
Akram to Abahani's rescue

Defending champioris Abahani Krira Chakra recorded their eighth consecutive victory in the Navana Premier Division cricket league,

the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. reports UNB. Mymensingh Cricket Club

outplaying GMCC by 36 runs at

Winning the toss. Greater (GMCC) invited Abahani to bat first and booked them for 188



Hard-hitting national batsman Akram Khan, who came to bat at number six, hammered 75 runs in 75 balls with four fours and a couple of six.



Akram Khan walks back to the pavilion after a matchsaving innings of 75 during Abahani Krira Chakra's Navana Premier Division cricket league match against Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club (GMCC) at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. Abahani won the match by 36 runs. — Star photo

Fairbrother made 41 runs in 69

balls with three fours. Saikat of GMCC, who bowled splendidly, captured four Abahani wickets for 38 runs in his seven-over spell. Indian RP Singh and Anis took two wickets each for 35 and 45 runs re-

spectively. In reply, GMCC innings folded on 152 for 6 in 45 overs with Selim scoring 61 runs in 113 balls with two fours while former Indian Test cap Raman Lamba made 51 runs off 95

balls with four boundaries. Abahani's English cricketer RK lllingworth claimed three wickets for 22 runs with a maiden in his nine-over spell while pacer Saiful took two for 25 in seven overs.

In another Premier league fixture, former champions Brothers Union returned to winning ways after three successive defeats, with a convincing 68run victory over Wari Club at

the Mirpur Pallabi ground. Sent in to bat first, Brothers Union scored 202 before being all out in 45 overs with Sumon contributing 51 with four boundaries off 83 balls

Shri Lankan Sarath of Wari Club claimed three wickets giving away 26 runs.

In reply, Wari Club were dismissed for 134 runs in 43.4 overs with Ripon making an unbeaten 25 with one boundary in 37 balls

Brothers' Shri Lankan cricketer Fernando captured three wickets for 29 runs while Rokon, Gem and Sumon took two wickets each.

In the third Premier League match of the day at the Dhanmandi Cricket Stadium, Victoria Sporting Club beat Surjo Tarun Club by five wick-

Surjo Tarun batted first and made 135 runs for 7 in stipulated 45 overs with Indian Test cricketer Sanjeev Sharma contributing 53 runs with two fours and a six off 87 deliveries.

Arup of Victoria bagged three wickets for 27 runs while Adil took two for 23 runs. In reply, Victoria SC reached

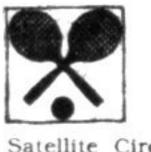
in 42.4 overs. TODAY'S MATCHES

their target scoring 136 for five

Mohammedans vs Biman (Dhaka Stadium) Kalabagan vs Dhanmondi

Rom, Wilson win doubles title

Sports Reporter



Glenn Wilson of New Zealand and Yonatan Rom of South Africa won the doubles title of the Gold Leaf ITF

Satellite Circuit masters leg when they beat the Brazilian-Japanese combination of Luciano D'Andrea and Eduardo Fushuro in the final at the Ramna National Tennis Complex yesterday.

But it was no cakewalk for the eventual winners as they were stretched to tie-breaker in the deciding set before etching

out a 6-3, 3-6, 7-5 triumph. The win left the pair richer for 393.75 US dollars and also earned Rom and Wilson 15 and 12 ITF ranking points respec-

tively. The runners-up got

206.25 US dollars. Rom and Wilson started the best-of-three-sets finale with a pronounced intention of winning, forcing two decisive breaks on their way to clinching the first set. However, they seemed to lose their way in the second set in the face of a spir-

and Fushuro. The Brazilian-Japanese combination came up with some brilliant net play in the second set and also played su-

ited challenge from D'Andrea

BSF secy ousted

Sports Reporter

The National Sports Council has decided to relieve Bangladesh Shooting Federation's general secretary Mir Dowlat Hossain with immediate effect, according to an NSC press release issued on Friday.

M M Islam, the federation joint secretary, has been appointed the acting general secperior baseline game to leave Rom and Wilson completely offbalanced. The set spanned nine With a set each under their

third set cautiously, making sure they did not make any unforced errors. At 5-5, however, D'Andrea and Fushuro lost control, let-

belts, both the pairs started the

ting Rom and Wilson prevail for the next two sets. The eventual winners made few errors on their way to the crown.

Earlier in the semifinal. Rom and Wilson outplayed Ricardo Rubio of Spain and Mark Tjia of the United States 6-3, 6-3 while D'Andrea and Fushuro also had an easy ride to the final with a 6-3, 6-2 victory over Booras and

State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain Khoka witnessed the doubles final as chief guest and gave away trophies to the participants.

Meanwhile, second seed Barry Cowan of Great Britain takes on Richard Nicholas of Australia in the singles final, billed for a 2-30 pm start today.

Cowan, the left-handed Briton who won the Rajshahi Leg of the tournament earlier this month, bounced back from 2-4 down in the final set and won four sets on a trot to eliminate fellow countryman Tom Spinks 1-6, 6-2, 6-4 in his

semifinal on Friday. On the other hand, Nicholas, who made a resounding start in this leg with a win over top seed Ghanaian Frank Ofori in the second round, also had a tough time against Thai national number two Northorn Srichapan before scraping home a 3-6.

7-6 (7-5), 6-4 winner. President Abdur Rahman Biswas is expected to watch the final as chief guest and distribute prizes among the win-

Bangladesh Television will cover the match live.

Police aquatic meet ends

Rajshahi Range emerged champion in the Bangladesh Police swimming competition held at the Dhaka Stadium swimming pool yesterday, reports UNB.

Hav Abdus Salam of Joypurhat became individual champion in the day-long meet. One hundred and four swimmers representing 11 po-

lice teams took part in the nine events competition. Inspector General of Police ASM Shahjahan inaugurated the day-long competition while

Begum Nilufar Shajahan dis-

tributed prizes among the win-

ners in the afternoon.

Jalil blazes in Doha

DOHA, Nov 27: A three-day international freestyle wrestling competition organised by Al-Ahli Club of Doha concluded here yesterday. Twelve wrestlers from Bangladesh, India, Pakistan and the UK participated, reports BSS.

Bangladesh's lone participant MA Jail knocked out India's Dipak Kumar in the third round on November 25. His second encounter with Gulzar Singh of India ended in a draw. Jalil's performance drew the attention of the spectators and organisers.



State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain Khoka seen with South African Yonatan Rom and New Zealander Glenn Wilson, who won the Gold Leaf ITF Satellite Circuit masters leg at the National Tennis Complex yesterday. - Star photo

Lyall doesn't want it either

LONDON, Nov 27: Ipswich manager John Lyall became the latest man to rule himself out of the running for the job of England soccer's caretaker manager following Graham Taylor's resignation on Tuesday. reports Reuter.

"There's no benefit in giving it to me ... my priority remains with my club," Lyall said on

The football association (FA) are looking for a temporary manager for England's friendlies against Denmark in March and against Germany the following month.

Lyall, 53, said in a statement: "In view of the speculation I believe that it is important to clarify the situation.

My future in football management can only be short term because of my age. I would do anything to help English football but I do not feel myself being appointed caretaker man ager would be of benefit to the game.

FA chairman Sir Bert Millichip has said he wants a caretaker manager to bridge gap before a successor to Graham Taylor is found.

Other suggested managers including Don Howe and Steve Coppell have also ruled themselves out.

Zimbabwe, a bad loser

HARARE, Nov 27: Soccer's governing body ruled Zimbabwe a bad loser in its World Cup qualifying round and banned the coach from training any soccer team for a year, local sports officials said Saturday. reports AP.

The International Federation of Football Associations, FIFA. also fined coach Reinhard Fabisch dirs 3,000 and imposed a levy of the same amount on ZIFA, its Zimbabwean affiliate. for general misconduct at a World Cup Africa zone qualifying match against Cameroon in Yaounde on Oct 10.

Fabisch, a German, was repeatedly reprimanded by match officials during Zimbabwe's 3-1 defeat by the West Africans. He had stormed onto the field and challenged the referee and play-

That defeat put Zimbabwe out of the running for a place in next year's World Cup finals in the United States.

Local officials expressed surprise Saturday at the severity of FIFA's ruling. Fabisch was unavailable for comment. He was in the southeast African nation of Malawi, where he was reportedly winding up a FIFAsponsored regional training course.

India decide to play on grass

NEW DELHI, Nov 27: India have chosen grass as the surface for their Davis Cup World Group first-round match against the United States in March 1994, the president of the All-India Tennis Association (AITA) said on Friday, reports

Rajkumar Khanna said the March 25-27 tie would be

played in New Delhi India lost to Australia in this year's semifinals while former champions the United States. who lost in the first round, had to win a relegation playoff to get back into the World Group.

UEFA plans for major changes

BERN, Nov 27: UEFA, European soccer's governing body, may make its elite club competition even more exclusive by denying national champions an automatic berth, a spokesman said Wednesday. reports AP.

UEFA's executive committee next week will consider admitting only 16 teams to the European Champions' Cup. based on recent club performance, UEFA spokesman Andre Vieli said.

All national champions currently can enter the tournament. After preliminary rounds, the last eight play in two groups of four. Each group winners face the other pool's runners-up in semifinal to determine the two finalists. A proliferation of weak teams

from the former Soviet Union, former Yugoslavia and elsewhere, combined with pressure from Western European clubs for more top-draw matches, has increasingly forced UEFA to seek changes to strengthen its top tournament. The proposal for the Dec 1-2

meeting in Geneva would go a long way toward the "super league" pushed by some of Western Europe's top club own-"The aim is to ensure that the great soccer nations are

under discussion. Under the plan, the 16 teams reportedly would be broken down into four groups. Each group's top two would advance to a quarterfinal draw and a knockout system would be used from then on.

represented," Vieli said. He

said details of the plan are still

Kumble reaps fantastic figures as

India clinch Hero Cup



27: Hosta India provided a fitting climax to Bengal's cricket party with spectacular

102-run win over the West indies in the Hero Cup final played before a record attendance here today, reports

Melbourne Richie Richardson's decision to bat second misfired badly, as

The win ended a drought of major one-day titles for India. who previous triumph came way back in 1985 in the World Championship of cricket in

the West Indian innings fell

at Kumble, the off-bail fell down and the Indian close-in fielders went up in a full throated ap-South African umpire Karl Liehenberg, standing at square leg, asked for the assistance of television replays when his colleague Ian Robinson indicated he had been unsighted by the bowler. Sekhar Chaudhury of India. the third umpire sitting in the pavilion, declared the batsman out after the replays showed him bowled. The third umpire's brief is usually confined to adjudicating ren out, stumping and hit wicket appeals. india sewed up the match when Carl Hooper, the last

Roland Holder was out in

controversial manner for 15.

becoming the first batsman in

history to be given bowled with

As Holder played and missed

the help of television replays.

recognised batsman, was leg before for 23 to make the West Indies 116 for seven in the 37th

The West Indies lost their last six wickets for 22 runs.

Earlier, the West Indian bowlers, hammered for 161 in the first 36 overs, fought back to restrict India to just 64 runs in the remaining 14 overs

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the day-night Hero Cup final between India and the West Indies at the Eden Gardens here Saturday:

INDIA: Prabhakar c Adams b Ambrose 1 1 Jadeja c Richardson b W Benjamin Kambli run out Azharuddin c Adams b Cummins Tendulkar not out Amre lbw b Cummins K Dev c Hooper b Cummins Yadav b Ambrose Kumble not out Extras: (nb-2, b-2, lb-12, Total: Fall of wickets: 1-25: 2-81 3-161; 4-161; 5-161; 6-207; 7

Did not bat: J Srinath, V

Bowling Ambrose

K Benjamin W Benjamin Cummins 42 Hooper Simmons WEST INDIES Lara b Tendulkar Simmons b Prabhakar Richardson c and b Kapil Dev 18 Arthurton lbw b Kapil Dev Hooper Ibw b Kumble

mons' middle stump with a swinging yorker before the Holder b Kumble Adams c Azharuddin b From 1-1. Brian Lara and Kumble Richardson carried the score to Cummins b Kumble 57 before both batsmen fell at W Benjamin b Kumble the same score to help India re-Ambrose b Kumble Benjamin not out Left handed Lara, who made

Extras: (lb-12, w-8, nb-1)

Total: (all out-40.1 overs) 123

57; 4-63; 5-101; 6-113; 7-118;

Fall of wickets: 1-1; 2-57; 3-

dulkar in the 15th over Richardson, dropped in the slips before he had scored, was on 18 when Kapil Dev accepted a low return catch in the next The veteran allrounder then

33, was bowled by Sachin Ten-

trapped Keith Arthurton leg before for five to throw open the West Indian middle order at 63 for four in the 20th over.

Bowling a tidy length and line, the 34-year-old Kapil conceded just 18 runs in his 10 runs.

8-122; 9-122. Bowling: Prabhakar Srinath 12 18 Kapil Dev 18 Tendulkar Kumble 12 6 0

Result: India won by 102 Australia draw first blood



of Bengal.

KARACHI, Nov 27: Holders Australia drew first blood in their battle with Pakistan for World Team Squash supremacy by beating them 2-1 on Friday to finish top of their qualifying pool, reports Reuter.

ANIL KUMBLE

Wildly cheered by some

100,000 botsterous home fans

at the floodlit Eden Gardens,

the Indians outwitted the fan-

cied West Indians to score their

first major one-day triumph in

225 for seven from their 50

overs with Vinond Kambli top

took six wickets for four runs in

the space of 26 deliveries as the

West Indians were shot out for

a paltry 123 in 40.1 overs, their

lowest ever one-day score

against India was 126 in a tied

match in Perth, Australia dur-

ing the 1991-92 season.

Their previous lowest score

The massive crowd at the

match surpassed the previous

world one-day record of 93,000

that witnessed South Africa's

return to international cricket

Paper torches and fire crack-

ers were lit up in the overflow-

ing stands to celebrate India's

victory in the diamond jubilee

year of the Cricket Association

The party continued into the

night as thousands braved the

evening chill to roam the streets

of the cricket-crazy metropolis.

singing and dancing to drum

at the same ground in 1991.

Sent to bat first, India scored

Leg-spinner Anil Kumble

eight years.

scoring with 68.

against India.

6 for 12

apart under Kumble's magic

bowled five batsmen and

trapped one leg before to finish

with six for 12 from 6.1 overs.

The tall leg-spinner clean

The absence of experienced

West Indian opener Desmond

Haynes, who missed the match

due to a stomach ailment, was

felt immediately as India struck

the first blow with the sixth de-

All-rounder Manoi Prab-

hakar celebrated his 100th one-

dayer by uprooting Phil Sim-

livery of the innings.

batsman had scored

gain the initiative.

The victory meant Australia have the easier semifinal today against Finland, second in their group, while Pakistan face a tricky test against unbeaten England.

In what could turn out to be a dress rehearsal for Monday's final, both Australia and Pakistan fielded full strength lineups ... gambling on a victory which would enable them to rest key players in the semifinals.

Australia, who can now afford to give their number one player Rodney Martin a break before But Pakistan cannot afford to relax against England, who have three world top 10 players

in their ranks and headed Pool

The ploy paid dividends for

B with three convincing victo-Australia were given the perfect start by their world number four Brett Martin. He avenged his defeat in the quarter-finals of last week's World Open with a 9-2, 9-6, 9-5 victory over Ja-

The match was crucial to

both sides and Martin started brilliantly giving Jahangir no time to settle as he swept into a 6-0 lead with an array of winners which the Pakistani was powerless to stem.

hangir Khan.

The silent, massed ranks of Pakistani supporters at last

raised a cheer as their hero took a couple of points. But in the end were forced to politely applaud Martin as he won the game in eight minutes.

Martin opened up a 5-2 lead

in the second, but at last Jahangir found his range and showed glimpses of his true form to lead 6-5 as the Australia's accuracy deserted him. But this was not to be Ja-

hangir's day in his home city. Martin realised the danger in time and reeled off four points to go two games up. And he

Late strikes save Cagliari blushes

MECHELEN, Belgium, Nov 27: Two goals in the last eight minutes gave Italy's Cagliari a 3-1 victory over Belgian Mechelen in the first leg of their UEFA Cup third-round match on Thursday, reports Reuter.

Cagliari captain Gianfranco Matteoli thrust the Italian team ahead with a spectacular goal in the 33rd minute but Alex Czerniatnyski equalised five minutes later.

The Italians proved too powerful at the finish as Brazilian Luis Oliviera struck in the 82nd minute, followed five minutes later by a goal from Vitorio Pushceddu.

A small group of Mechelen fans tried to push their way into the pitch when it became clear their team were going to lose. but were forced back by police with dogs.

never really allowed the Pakistani a glimmer of hope in the third, which he took in nine minutes.

Rodney Martin took on world champion Jansher Khan in the next match, and thanks to his brother's efforts, was able to take things easy, protecting his nagging hip injury with a sterner battle ahead

Jansher won 9-1, 9-5, 9-4.

The Australian strategy was that if all went to plan, this was the match they could afford to lose, confident that their world number six Rodney Eyles would beat Zarak Jahan in the de-Their confidence was well founded as Eyles prevailed 9-3,

ment of danger as Zarak took the second game, but Eyles then strode through to win as comfortably as the score sug-England cleaned up in Pool B with a 3-0 win over Sweden and their World Open semifinalists Peter Marshall and Chris

Walker, plus world number

3-9, 9-3, 9-2. There was a mo-

eight Phil Whitlock and 11th ranked Simon Park, could give a dispirited and weary Pakistan a stiff examination. Finland clinched second place with a 3-0 win over the Netherlands. But only their top players, Sami Elopuro, is likely

trouble. Egypt were left to rue their ill fortune after a 2-1 win over New

to give the Australians much

Zealand. If their appeal against Pakistan for a much-delayed start on the opening day had been upheld, the victory would have earned them a semifinal place.