BU still lead

Sports Reporter

First Division ch ess league saw no change in Brothers Union's stay at the top of the points table after nine : round of matches at the chest room of the National Sports Co uncil yes-

terday. Defending champiot is Brothers, spearheaded by Grandmaster Niaz Murshed, I 'akistani International Master (IM) Mohmood Lodhi, Indian IM Shekhar Chandra Sahu and Hasib, registered a convincing 3.5 - .5 win over minnows Faras hgonj.

Sahu could not force a win when his match with Moni ended stalemate.

Biman and Ansars, both six points adrift of Brother s, also

posted victories. Biman outplayed Mohakhali Pradip Sangha 3.5 - .5. IM Zia, Reza and Janima won their respective matches while Tahmid

Ansars outclassed Farijat Chess Club 4-0.

drew with Titu.

In day's other matches. Dhaka University beat Pony Electronics 2.5 - 1.5, BTMC beat Noor-e-Alam Khan Daba Sangsad 4 - 0, Narayangonj Daba Club defeated Golden Chess Club 3-1, Genius Chess Club beat Pratibha Daba Gosthi by 2.5 - 1.5, while Chalantika Krira Chakra split points with Konica Sangskritik Sangha.

Div II soccer

Sports Reporter

Both the matches in the Sonali Bank Second Division football league ended in draws at the Hockey Stadium vester-

City Club and Shantinagar drew one-all in the first match. Muffbur put City in the lead with a 27th-minute goal while Borhan scored the equalizer in the 40th minute.

The Muslim Institute drew with Prantik Krira Chakra 0-0 in the other match.

Div III soccer

Sports Reporter

Kadamtála Sangsad, Maghbazar Kisholava and Little Friends Club recorded victories in their respective matches in the Pragoti Insurance Third Division football league at different venues vesterday.

Amit, Gopal and Ataur struck nee each to help Kadamtala Sangsad outplay. Matuail Jubo Sangha 3-0 at the Outer Stadtum.

Aminur of Kadamtala was sent off.

Two Nazrul goals earned Maghbazar full points against Last End Boys.

Nazrul netted first in the 10th minute and doubled the margin in the 28th minute while Farid pulled one back for the losers in the 51st minute.

Little Friends Club recorded a narrow 1-0 victory over Aminbazar at the Mahakhali T

& T ground. Ziaur scored the lone goal.

Jessore, Bogra reach Army hockey final

JESSORE. Nov 28: Hosts Jessore Area and Bogra Area moved into the final of the Army hockey championships at the Jessere cantonment today, reports BSS.

Jessore Area beat the Comilia Area by a solitary goal in the first semifinal.

In the second semifinal Bogra Area defeated Chittagong

Area 2-1 The final will be held on

November 30. Karate meet ends

Sports Reporter

A three-day karate competition, organised by the Bangladesh Marshall Arts Association. concluded at the Jatrabari Suruj Jamal primary school in the city yesterday.

Sixty-five competitors, in cluding seven women from thirteen clubs took part.

State Minister for Textiles Abdul Mannan gave away the certificates and medals among the winners as chief guest on the final day.

Suhgea shines in Bangkok

BANGKOK, Nov 28: Aided by cool early morning breezes. Daniel Suhgea of Kenya captured the 1993 Bangkok Marathon Sunday, while Suman Rawat Mehta of India finished

first among women, reports AP. The generally flat course for the race, which attracted 2.852 runners, wound through the historic heart of Bangkok. which includes the fairytale

Grand Palace. Suhgea collected 130,000 baht (dirs 5,200) for his win in 2 hours, 23 minutes and 18 seconds. Second was Palls Redder Madsen of Denmark in 2:26:53 followed in third by Thailand's Chirattikarn Bunma with a 2:29:23 clocking over the 42.2-kilometer (26-mile, 285-

yard) distance. Narrowly robbed of victory last year, Mehta notched a 2:58.28 time ahead of Thailand's Praphan Ngoenudom and Rusima Hta Hta Shwe of Burma.

MSC taste first defeat



scoring match at the Dhaka

Stadium yesterday, reports

aspirants Mohammedan SC their first defeat in the Navana Premier Cricket league when they won by three wickets in a low-

Despite shocking defeat. Mohammedans, one of the two joint runners-up of last year's league, are still leading the points table with Bangladesh Biman and Abahani KC, who have played eight matches so

After vesterday's results, defending champions Abahani are in an advantageous position in the title race as the only unbeaten team in the league.

Biman, who suffered a stunning defeat against Gulshan Youth Club in their previous

the hundred-mark, thanks to brilliant batting by the tai-

A 45-run last wicket partnership between Prince and Morshed, the two opening bowiers, helped Mohammedans reach a moderate 136 in 44.1

G M Nowsher Prince, batting at number 10, made an unbeaten 22 runs off 19 balls hit ting two fours while number 11 batsman Morshed contributed 21 runs in 21 deliveries, also with two boundaries.

Jahangir Alam Talukder Dulu of Biman bowled devastatingly, capturing four vital wick ets of Samarasekera, Shipon, Selim Shaheed and Morshed for 11 runs in 8.1 overs of which five were maidens. Rafique took three for 25 runs in his nineover spell.

Replying to a poor total. Bangladesh Biman had to toil to

mondi Club decided to bat first and scored 186 for eight in their stipulated 45 overs with Imdu making an unbeaten 53 runs with three fours in 74 balls and Azam scoring 51 in 93 balls with four boundaries.

· Gamagee was the most successful Kalabagan bowler with figures of four wickets for 35

In reply, Kalabagan KC were all out for 182 runs in 44.4 overs with Pakistani cricketer Kaiser Rashid contributing the day's highest score of 60 runs off 90 balls with four bound-

Bishal of Dhanmondi took two wickets for 18 runs in his nine over spell.

In the Milnars First Division Cricket League, Dhaka Wanderers Club defeated PWD SC by seven wickets at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

PWD SC batted first and



A dejected Mohammedan skipper, Aminul Islam Bulbul, leads his team back to the pavilion after a stunning three-wicket loss to Bangladesh Biman in the Navana Premier Division cricket league at the National Stadium yesterday. It was Mohammedan's first defeat in the Star photo league.

match, bounced back yesterday to the winning trail without their regular skipper Enamul Hoq Moni, who was suspended for the day's match.

Mohammedans batted first after losing the toss and were dismissed for a poor total of 136 runs in 44.1 overs with sipper Aminul Islam Bulbul contributing highest 24 runs in 63 balls with a boundary.

After losing four of their top order batsmen - Samarasekera, Shipon, Selim Shaheed and Durjoy for only 20 runs -Mohammedans were lucky enough to push the total above

reach their winning target scoring 139 for 7 in 43.1 overs.

Zakaria topscored for Biman with 38 off 79 deliveries with one boundary while Indian Bhaskar Pillai made 31 in 41 balls with four boundaries and a sixer. Prince and Wahidul Ghani of

Mohammedans took two wickets each giving away 20 and 28 runs respectively. In the other Navana League

match of the day. Dhanmondi Club beat Kalabagan KC by four runs at the Mirpur Pallabi ground.

Winning the toss, Dhan-

were bundled out for 81 runs in 41 overs with Sajjad collecting 27 runs.

Halim Babu of Wanderers Club took three wickets for 11 runs.

In reply, Wanderers Club reached their target, scoring 85 for 3 in 23.5 overs with Mehdi contributing 42 runs.

Imdu, Ali, Billu and Binov of Dhanmondi Club claimed one

wicket each. TODAY'S MATCHES

Abahani KC vs Gulshan Youth (National Stadium) Udity Club vs Victoria SC (DCS)

Celebration, Cantona style



LONDON, Nov 28: Frenchman Eric Cantona marked his first anniversary at Manchester United on Sa-

turday with the winning goal in a 1-0 victory at Coventry. further increasing United's commanding lead in the English Premier League, reports Reuter.

United stretched their lead to 14 points as their closest challengers, Blackburn, Newcastle and Norwich all lost. Leeds United beat bottom side Swindon 3-0 to leap four places to second, with all the goals coming in the last 10 minutes.

Arsenal moved third as lan Wright won the battle of the strikers with Newscastle's Andy Cole. Wright scored the opening goal in a 2-1 victory over Newscastle for Arsenal's first home win in two months.

Cole, the Premier League's leading scorer with seven goals in the last four games, failed to find the net as Newcastle's fourmatch winning streak was ended at Highbury.

Norwich, beaten at home by internationale in the UEFA Cup in midweek, lost their unbeaten away record in a surprise 2-1 defeat at struggling Oldham. who registered only their second league win in 15 games.

Blackburn Rovers, second at

over St Etienne and extended

their lead in the French soccer

league on Saturday, reports

diving header from a Vincent

Guerin cross with two minutes

of second-placed Bordeaux, who

slumped to a 1-0 defeat at lowly

have never beaten Paris St

Germain at the Parc des Princes

in a league match, bravely de-

nied the Paris club until Weah

ing stages, but don't forget ev-

ery team comes here to defend

and it makes it very hard," Paris

porting director Jean-Michel

"We are now four points

"We often score in the clos-

Once-Great St Etienne, who

go to lift PSG four points clear

Weah, scored with a superb

Reuter.

struck.

Moutier said.

PARIS, Nov 28: A

late goal by Libe-

rian marksman

George Weah gave

Paris St Germain

a 1-0 home win

Weah strikes for PSG

the start of the day, went down to only their second defeat in 13 games, 1-0 at Ipswich, who took a point off Manchester United at Old Trafford in midweek.

Eddie Youds scored the Ipswich winner four minutes before halftime with his first goal for the club since signing from Everton the season before

Blackburn's defeat could have been heavier but for a penalty save from Tim Plowers. Britain's most expensive goalkeeper.

Darren Anderton missed a penalty but salvaged a point for Tottenham with a goal three minutes from time in a 1-1 draw at queen's Park Rangers.

England striker Les Ferdinand put QPR ahead after just 60 second.

Manchester United had goalkeeper Peter Schmeichel to thank for their victory at Coventry. The Dane made several fine saves, including one from Peter Ndlovu just seven metres out in the 57th minutes.

Three minutes later Cantona, who moved to United from Leeds a year ago to the day, put the champions in front.

Coventry defender Peter Atherton's attempted clearance struck the corner flag and bounced back into play to the feet of Ryan Giggs. His cross

clear and things look good but

we are only halfway through

and a lot of things can still

PSG's rivals lost ground.

goal by Roger Boli in the 38th

crushed Spartak Moscow 4-1 in

a European Cup Champions'

League match on Wednesday,

were held to a 1-1 draw at Metz.

joint top scorer with 11 goals

gave Monaco the lead after 13

minutes but Senegalese de

fender Lamine N'diaye equalised

seven minutes after the interval.

Auxerre looked good as they

thrashed Lille 5-0 with former

international Pascal Vahirua

place in the 20 strong league

one point ahead of troubled

Marselle, who have two games

in hand and travel to neigh-

bours Martigus today.

scoring twice.

Of the main contenders, only

Auxerre moved up to fourth

Youri Djorkaeff, the league's

Lens beat Bordeaux with a

Third-placed Monaco, who

found Cantona who headed home with ease.

Wright put Arsenal ahead against Newcastle after just 15 minutes with his 17th goal of the season when he headed in from a corner. Alan Smith added a second in similar fashion in the 60th minute.

Peter Beardlsey pulled one back a minute later for Newcastle.

Aston Villa have a chance to go second when they visit Liverpool today.

Gordon Strachan marked his return from a seven-week absence with a knee ligament injury in decisive style by setting up three goals in nine minutes as Leeds stretched their unbeaten league run to 12 games. Swindon, who won their first

league match against QPR in midweek, held out for 60 minutes until Strackan set up Brian Deane for the striker's third goal in four games. Six minutes later Strachan's

long ball put Rod Wallace clear for a second and with a minute left he set up the third for Welsh international Gary Speed. Chelsea went down to their

seventh defeat in the last eight league games, losing 1-0 at Sheffield United, while Sheffield Wednesday posted only their second away win of the season, 3-1 at Manchester City.

Akram doubtful for first Test against Zimbabwe

ISLAMABAD, Nov 28: Pak istan delayed naming a captain because of a hand injury to Wasim Akram when they announced a 15-man squad for next week's first Test against Zimbabwe on Saturday, reports

Fast bowler Akram, who has a fractured bone in his hand. was included in the squad but there were still doubts about his fitness for the opening Test of the three-match series which stats in Karachi on Wednesday.

Opener Shoaib Mohammad currently skippering the Bank of Khyber XI in a three-day match against Zimbabwe in Peshawar, was recalled to the Test squad after an absence of two vears.

Selection officials said spin ner Abdul Qadir and paceman Aagib Javed were not consid ered after failing to appear for a medical examination.

Paceman Ashfaq Ahmad was named in the squad for the first

Squad: Wasim Akram Wagar Younis, Shoaib Mohammad. Saeed Anwar, Aamir Sohall Inzamamul Haq. Javed Miandad, Saleem Malik, Asif Muitaba, Basit Ali, Mushtaq Ahmed, Rashid Latif, Ataur Rehman, Amir Nazir, Ashfaq Ahmad

Eintract, Bayern drubbed

BONN, Nov 28: Leaders Etn tracht Frankfurt and powerful Bayern Munich slumped to painful defeats in the German soccer First Division on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Entracht were beaten 3-0 at home by Borussia Moenchengladbach and saw their lead at the top of the table shrink to just one point following victories by Kaiserslautern and Bayer Leverkusen.

Bayern Munich succumbed 3-1 at Freiburg, with Uwe Wassmer notching a hattrick for the newly promoted club.

In Frankfurt, Swedish inter national Martin Dahlin scored in the 15th and 39th minutes and Martin Max added a third on the hour to give Moenchenvladbach an unexpected victory. It was the third scoreless

match in a row for Frankfurt but they clung to the Bundesliga lead on 24 points, with Kaisers Lautern and Lever kusen one point behind. Bayern, who would have

overhauled Frankfurt on goal difference if they had won, were rocked by goals from Wassmer in the fifth, 63rd and 83rd min-Bruno Labbadia scored four

little too late for the Bavarians. who are fourth. Kaiserslautern scored a 3-0 home win over Cologne on Friday, while Leverkusen beat

minutes from time but it was a

fellow title challengers Duisburg 2-1 on Saturday. Leverkusen's win over Dul sburg was their 19th consecutive home match without

Ulf Kirsten opened the scoring in the 44th minute and Christian Woern made it 2-0 in the 57th. Franz-Jolef Steininger pulled one back for Duisburg in the 76th minute.

Frankfurt coach Klaus Toppmoelelr said he was sorely missing injured Ghanaian striker Anthony Yeboah.

"We had so many ambitions today but we did not come out fighting and Moenchengladbach were able to slip through with counter-attacks," Toppmoeller said. "They deserved to win." Munich coach Erich Ribbeck

also complained about lack of concentration in the Bavarian debacle. "It was unnecessary to give

away two points," Ribbeck said. "Freiburg made good use of their counter-attacks."

Russian international Sergei Kiriakov scored a first-half hattrick to secure a remarkable 3-3 draw for Karlsruhe against Borussian Dortmund who had led 3-0 inside 19 minutes.

Indian cricket captain Azharuddin being presented the Hero Cup after his side defeated the West Indies in the final at Eden Gardens, Calcutta, Nov 27. - AFP photo Cowan's delightful double

Sports Reporter the semifinal.

Second seed Barry Cowan of Great Britain emphatically ended Australian Richard

Nicholas' magical run to clinch the men's singles title of the Gold Leaf ITF Satellite Circuit mas-ters' leg and collect his second crown in the four-leg circuit which began in the Thai capital of Bangkok. At the Ramna National

Tennis Complex vesterday, with President Abdur Rahman Biswas in the stands, the lefthanded Briton needed a break in each set to win the best-ofthree sets final 6-4, 6-4. Cowan, who won the Raj-

shahi leg earlier this month, pocketed 900 US dollars while Nicholas, who had guite an impressive run in this leg starting with a second-round triumph over top seed Ghanaian Frank Ofori, winner of the first two legs in Bangkok, received 600

dollars. On the way to the final Cowan, who turned professional only in August this year, raced away with four games on a trot in the deciding set to overpower fellow-countryman Tom Spinks, a veteran of ten professional

tournaments, 1-6, 6-2, 6-4 in

In his semifinal against Thai Davis Cupper and national number two Northorn Sricha pan, right-handed Nicholas ' came back from the brink of elimination to post a very hardfought 3-6, 7-6 (7-5), 6-4 victory.

Yesterday, both players began cautiously, helding on to their service before the Briton broke Nicholas on the Australian's service in the ninth game. Cowans held his serve in the next game to polish off the first set to go one up.

The second set followed similar pattern, with Cowan again breaking the Aussie in the ninth game of the set and serving out the next to bring about his sec ond title on the Bangladesh On Saturday, Yonatan Rom

and Glenn Wilson of New Zealand won the doubles title. squeezing past Luciano D'Andrea of Brazil and Eduardo Fushuro in the final. One hundred and seventyfive players representing 38 Gonzalo finished second to the Ghanaian in the first and second legs respectively. In doubles, the pair of Rom and Wilson won the second leg

Bangkok. Morti of Japan and

in Bangkok while the first and third leg titles went to se D'Andrea-Furusho combination the runner-up in the masters The masters' leg began on November while the third leg of

the circuit was held at the Rajshahi Tennis Complex from November 15-20. Bangkok hosted the first and second legs in the first two

weeks of this month. Bangladesh organised the

first two circuits, an event of the International Tennis Fede ration (ITF), in 1991 and 1992 respectively with Pakistan. This year Pakistan has organised a complete circuit, therefore, leaving Thailand as the co-host to this time.

After yesterday's final President Biswas, who watched the match with keen interest, distributed the prizes to the finalists. State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain was also with the President at the prize-giving ceremony.

Dutch duo down the 'Woodies' JOHANNESBURG.



Nov 28: The undefeated Dutch team of Jacco Eltingh and Paul Haarhuis are the ATP doubles champions Sunday

reports AP. Eltingh and Haarhuis, seeded third in the ATP Tour World Doubles Championships, beat No. 2 Todd Woodbridge and Mark Woodforde of Australia 7-6 (7.4), 7-6 (7-5), 6-4, Eltingh and Haarhuis collected dollars

after a hard-fought victory over

one of the most successful

partnerships in the game,

345,000 to end their first year as a team on a high note. Eltingh said he was now

countries participated in the

four-leg circuit with Frank Ofori

winning the first two legs in

looking ahead to next year, when he hoped to improve his No. 62 singles ranking. "This week we learned a lot more about how doubles should be played, especially about

playing at the net," he said.

"One of our goals next year will be to come back here, but singles is still my priority.' The Dutch pair had beaten the Australians in the tournament's preliminary round-robin, and upset the No. 1 seeds, Grant Connell of Canada and

States, in Saturday's semifinal. Woodbridge and Woodforde, the defending champions, had gone into Sunday's match seeking their 18th straight tournament victory.

Patrick Galbraith of the United

"Our strength is that we can return well, but they didn't give us that chance. We had no chance to relax," Woodforde said of the two-hour, 46-minute match that featured strong serving.

Woodforde and Woodbridge left for Germany Sunday night to prepare for the Davis Cup final against Germany next week. Woodbridge said the Johannesburg tournament had been good reparation. "We had a lot of pressure

African soccer

DARES SALAAM, Nov 28: Ivory Coast's Stella Abidjan beat Tanzania's Simba Sports Club 2-0 in the return leg of their Confedertion of African Football (CAF) Cup final in the coastal city of Dares Salaam on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Scorers: Kuame Destre (18th). Nzoue Negessan (77th)

and a lot of tough matches here," he said.

The eight leading ATP Tour teams split into two pools for round-robin play from Wednesday to Friday. Then the top two finishers in each pool advanced to final rounds. Earlier, the Australians boo

ked their place in the ATP Tour

World Championship final on

Saturday with a convincing 6-2. 7-5 semifinal win over compatriot David Adam and Russian Andrei Olhovskiy. The Dutchmen came through a torrid three-setter to upset the top seeds, Canada's

Grant Connell and American

Pat Galbraith, 4-6, 7-6 (7-5).

"We are playing better as a team," said Woodbridge, "We are concentrating better and we

can still get a little better. The Dutch had to fight all the way in their semifinal. "We were lucky to get thro-

ugh the first two set," admitted Haarhuis, "Then we got moving in the third set. "They had more chances than us but they didn't convert them," he added. "We just kept

fighting, scrambling and keep-

ing in there and then we played

some good points at the tough times. The vital break in the firm set came in the seventh game when Eltingh had his serve broken for the first time in the

tournament.

The Dutchmen struggled to hold their service in the second but clung on and stole the tiebreak 7-5 In the deciding set Eltingh

started to dominate at the net. At 5-5 Galbraith was broken and Haarhuis served out the match to clinch a place in the final.



Barry Cowan of Britain receiving the Gold Leaf ITF Thailand-Bangladesh Satellite Circuit yesterday.



men's singles trophy from President Abdul Rahman Biswas at the National Tennis Complex - Star photo