

BU still lead

Sports Reporter
First Division chess league saw no change in Brothers Union's stay at the top of the points table after nine rounds of matches at the chess room of the National Sports Council yesterday.

Div II soccer

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Both the matches in the Sonali Bank Second Division football league ended in draws at the Hockey Stadium yesterday.

Div III soccer

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Kadamtala Sangsad, Maghbazar Kisholaya and Little Friends Club recorded victories in their respective matches in the Pragati Insurance Third Division football league at different venues yesterday.

Jessore, Bogra reach Army hockey final

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

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.

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.

MSC taste first defeat



Bangladesh Biman handed title aspirants Mohammedan SC their first defeat in the Navana Premier Cricket league when they won by three wickets in a low-scoring match at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.



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 league. — Star photo

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 far.

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

Celebration, Cantona style

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

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

Weah strikes for PSG

PARIS, Nov 28: A late goal by Liberian marksman George Weah gave Paris St Germain a 1-0 home win over St Etienne and extended their lead in the French soccer league on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Weah, scored with a superb diving header from a Vincent Guerin cross with two minutes to go to lift PSG four points clear of second-placed Bordeaux, who slumped to a 1-0 defeat at lowly Lens.

Once-Great St Etienne, who have never beaten Paris St Germain at the Parc des Princes in a league match, bravely denied the Paris club until Weah struck.

Akram doubtful for first Test against Zimbabwe

ISLAMABAD, Nov 28: Pakistan 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 Reuter.

Eintracht, Bayern drubbed

BONN, Nov 28: Leaders Eintracht Frankfurt and powerful Bayern Munich slumped to painful defeats in the German soccer first division on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Eintracht 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 hat-trick for the newly promoted club.

In Frankfurt, Swedish international Martin Dahlin scored in the 15th and 39th minutes and Martin Max added a third on the hour to give Moenchengladbach an unexpected victory.

Dutch duo down the 'Woodies'

JOHANNESBURG, Nov 28: The undefeated Dutch team of Jacco Eltingh and Paul Haarhuis are the ATP doubles champions Sunday after a hard-fought victory over one of the most successful partnerships in the game, reports AP.



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

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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 masters' leg and collect his second crown in the four-leg circuit which began in the Thai capital of Bangkok.

In his semifinal against Thai Davis Cupper and national number two Northern Sri-Chapan, right-handed Nicholas came back from the brink of elimination to post a very hard-fought 3-6, 7-6 (7-5), 6-4 victory.

Yesterday, both players began cautiously, holding 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.

Barry Cowan receiving trophy



Barry Cowan of Britain receiving the Gold Leaf ITF Thailand-Bangladesh Satellite Circuit men's singles trophy from President Abdul Rahman Biswas at the National Tennis Complex yesterday. — Star photo

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.