

## Wanderers without a win

### Sports Reporter

Dhaka Wanderers Club maintained their dubious status of being the only outfit in the Star First Division football league not to have a scored a victory so far when they drew goalless with Sadharan Bima Krira Sangstha at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

The day's only senior division encounter was hardly an entertainer with both teams showing somewhat ridiculous conservatism, crowding the midfield more often than not.

With one point from yesterday's outing the insurancemen, who finished among the top four on completion of the first leg engagements, upped their tally to 12 from ten matches while Wanderers, with seven from ten, wander around the deadly relegation zone — just one point clear from bottomers Muslim Institute.

### Bangladeshi boxer seeks Canadian asylum

VICTORIA, British Columbia, Sept 16: A Bangladeshi boxer who came here for the Commonwealth Games has sought refugee status in Canada, reports AP.

Muzzammel Haque, who was a member of the Bangladesh contingent, filed an application after the Games seeking refugee status, his lawyer Chris Considine said Thursday.

Considine said Haque's application has been referred to the Convention Refugee Determination Division, a body appointed by the federal immigration minister but independent from the Immigration Department.

Haque, 25, left the Athletes Village at the University of Victoria before the Games closing ceremonies.

He is living in small community northwest of Victoria with boxing trainer Monty Brown and his wife Carol.

Brown was appointed by Games officials after Haque arrived in Victoria for the August 18-28 competition with no trainer.

Jansher in World Open qtrs

BARCELONA, Sept 16: Defending champion Jansher Khan cruised through to the quarter-finals of the World Open squash tournament with a 15-9, 15-8, 15-7 victory over England's Philip Whittleton on Thursday, reports Reuter.

Jansher, aiming to win the World crown for a sixth time and match the record of his illustrious Pakistani compatriot Jahangir Khan, meets another Englishman, Chris Walker in the quarter-finals today.

Sixth-seed Walker beat Zara Jahan Khan of Pakistan 15-10, 15-7, 10-15, 15-9.

Apart from Jansher, the quarter-finals are in all Australian-British affair.

Fourth-seed Rodney Eyles of Australia meets compatriot Anthony Hill, while 1991 champion Rodney Martin of Australia, who has been troubled by injuries and marital problems in recent months, blasted his way out of trouble against England's Jason Nicolle 5-15, 15-7, 15-13, 14-17, 15-5 to set up a meeting with British champion Peter Marshall.

Marshall's brother Brett, the number two seed, beat Danny Meddings of England 15-13, 15-8, 15-13 for a replay of the Hong Kong Open quarter-final that he lost two weeks ago to Scotland's Peter Nicoll.

## Everton-Muller deal falls through

LONDON, Sept 16: Brazilian Peter Muller walked out of Everton on Thursday night, refusing to sign for the English club after a dispute over his pay, reports Reuter.

Muller, who had agreed a 2.5 million pound (3.91 million dollars) fee for the 28-year-old Muller with his club Sao Paulo, said they had failed to reach an agreement over personal terms.

Muller, who flew in to Manchester on Thursday morning after a 16-hour flight, spent seven hours in negotiations with the club but refused to sign after learning the salary offered by Everton was pre-tax.

Everton chairman Peter Johnson, flanked by manager Mike Walker, said: "regrettably we have to advise that the signing of Muller will not now take place. Differences unfortunately arose because of the interpretation of the UK tax regulations."

Johnson said Muller and his advisers thought the gross salary in his contract was in fact the net free.

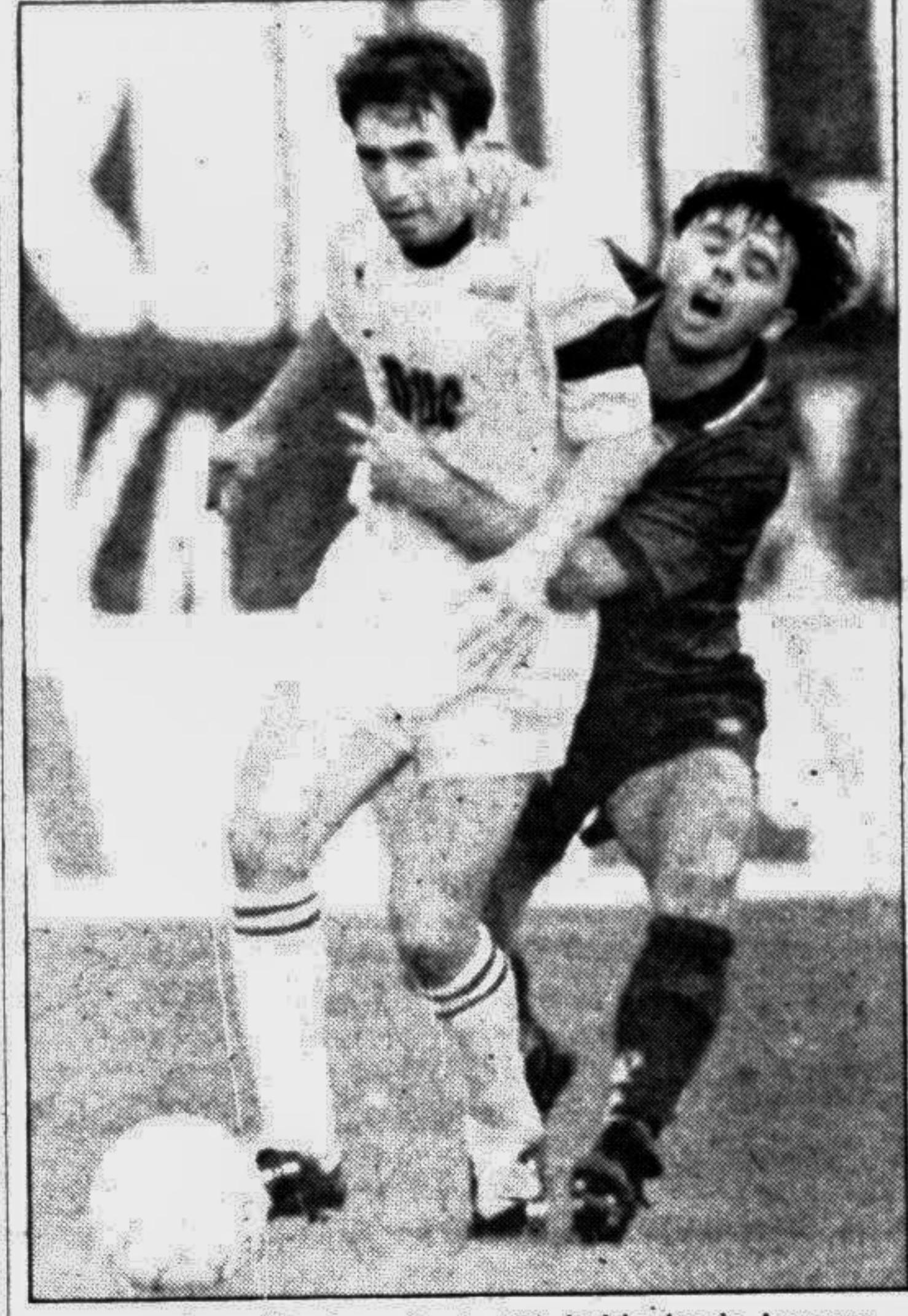
"In spite of everyone involved attempting to resolve the situation it is quite apparent that there is no ready solution and the player and his advisers will now return to Brazil immediately," added Johnson.

## Flying start for Gunners



LONDON, Sept 16: Holders Arsenal began the defence of the European Cup Winners' Cup with a 3-1 win over the Cypriot part-timers of Omonia Nicosia on Thursday thanks to Paul Merson and Ian Wright rediscovering their scoring boots, reports Reuter.

Merson's opening goal after



Croatia Zagreb's Igor Panic (R) holds back Auxerre captain Corentin Martins (L) during their Cup Winners' Cup match on Sept 15. Zagreb won 3-1. — AFP photo

37 minutes was Arsenal's first in six hours and 51 minutes of competitive soccer after the Gunners had failed to score in their previous four matches.

Merson added another and Wright also got on the score-

sheet as the English side, bidding to become the first team to win the Cup Winners' Cup in successive seasons, proved too strong for the hosts.

Omonia may well face a punishment from UEFA after a bottle landed precariously near the playing area as the notoriously volatile home fans vented their wrath on their own team. Internazionale, the UEFA Cup holders, also started with

minute penalty.

The 17 matches played on

Thursday brought to a close three successive nights of European club soccer, following the majority of UEFA Cup games played on Tuesday and the opening round of the European Cup Champions League matches played on Wednesday.

The biggest surprise of the night was in Oslo where Norwegian amateurs Bodoe Blimt, who were in the regionalised Norwegian Second Division just two years ago, defeated Sampdoria of Italy 3-2 in their Cup Winners' Cup match.

Bodoe, who beat Olimpia Riga of Latvia in the preliminary round, stunned the 1990 winners with a first-minute goal from Tomkaare Staurvik before going 2-0 up through Bent Ing Johnsen in the 32nd minute.

Sampdoria pulled one back

just after half-time through Mauro Bertarelli, but the home side made it 3-1 when Johnsen scored his second and Bodoe's third before England skipper David Platt headed Sampdoria's second.

The highest scorers of the night were Chelsea, playing in their first European match for 22 years.

Chelsea, who won the Cup Winners' Cup in 1971, beat Viktoria Zizkov of the Czech Republic 4-2 after racing into a 2-0 lead after only five minutes on a rainy, windswept night in London.

Paul Furlong and Frank Sinclair gave Chelsea their electrifying start before Viktoria hit back with two goals from Jozef Majorek.

The home side reasserted their authority in the second half with goals from David Rocastle and Dennis Wise.

Brondy of Denmark, who beat Tirana of Albania 3-0, and Grasshoppers of Zurich, who beat Chernomorets Odessa of Ukraine by the same score, were the biggest winners of the night.

But there was no repeat goal feast for Maribor Brancic of Slovenia who beat Narma Tallinn of Estonia 14-1 on aggregate in the preliminary round. They were held to a 1-1 draw at home by Austria Vienna.

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Santoro's hopes of continuing in the event, however, will depend on a specialist's advice. After beating Alex Antonitsch of Austria 6-1, 6-7 (5/7), 6-2 he travelled to Paris for treatment to a painful hip.

In the day's only other match Guillermo Raoux won an all-French showdown with

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