

## Asiad party leaves

Sports Reporter

A 78-member Bangladesh contingent headed by Kamruddin Yahi Khan Majlish left Dhaka yesterday for Tokyo to take part in the 12th Asian Games scheduled to begin in the Japanese city of Hiroshima from October 2.

Kamruddin, a Member of Parliament of the ruling Bangladesh Nationalist Party, who was appointed chef-de-mission led the party in Asia's paramount sporting meet in volving some 7,300 sportsmen and women from 43 countries.

Bangladesh, taking part in eight disciplines — athletics, swimming, boxing, shooting, kabaddi, hockey, wrestling and weightlifting — are represented by 55 athletes and 23 officials in the two-week meet scheduled to close on October 16.

## BFF president resigns

Sports Reporter

Communications Minister Oli Ahmed has resigned from the post of Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) president.

The decision was conveyed through a government handout yesterday.

Ahmed, a Member of the Parliament of the ruling Bangladesh Nationalist Party attributed his resignation to increasing ministerial responsibilities, a fact that had been hindering him from doing justice to the onus as the BFF president.

## Maradona won't sue FIFA

Buenos Aires, Sept 29: Diego Maradona, who had threatened to sue FIFA to reduce his 15-month drug suspension, has decided against that course of action, his agent said Wednesday, reports AP.

Marcos Franchi also said an Argentine government appeal to FIFA was unsuccessful, local news agency Noticias Argentinas reported.

Argentina's Minister for Sports, Livio Forneris, will make another appeal to FIFA when Maradona has completed half the suspension, the news agency reported.

Maradona, 33, was suspended indefinitely after testing positive for the banned stimulant ephedrine during the World Cup in June.

Last month, FIFA set the suspension, his second for a doping offense, at 15 months.

He has since said he will not play competitively again, and has started working as a volunteer assistant coach with Argentine league team Boca Juniors.

## AB Bank TT

Sports Reporter

It was yet another day of one way traffic at the Dhanomdi gymnasium as Brothers Union, Wari Junior and Armanitola Junior recorded a facile 3-0 win over their opponents on their way to the sixth consecutive win in the AB Bank Metropolitan table tennis league.

Title aspirants Brothers Union had a straight set-win over Bangladesh Bank while Armanitola Junior beat Mariner and Wari Juniors overwhelmed Purbachal Parishad by similar fashion.

In the other match of the day, Swambagh TTS also cantered to a three set to nil win over Cynthia Sporting Club.

## M A Khan memorial h'ball

Bangladesh Police and Bangladesh Navy enjoyed easy wins in the Rear Admiral M A Khan memorial handball tournament at the handball ground yesterday, reports UNB.

Shahiduzzaman of Police scored 16 goals in the 31-10 rout of Progoti Boys Club.

In the other match Navy beat Shadid Nabi Club by 20-12 goals.

## Sao Paulo advance

SAO PAULO, Brazil, Sept 29: Palhinha scored a 78th-minute tying goal to lift Sao Paulo to a 1-1 draw with Colombia's Atletico Nacional Wednesday night and into the second round of the South American Supercup, reports AP.

Sao Paulo won the first leg in Medellin 3-0 a week ago and advanced on a 4-1 aggregate score. In the second round they will play Colo Colo of Chile, who drew 1-1 with Argentinos Junior on Wednesday and advanced on a 5-2 aggregate score.

In the only other game Wednesday night, Argentina's Boca Juniors beat Penarol of Uruguay 4-1 to advance on a 4-2 aggregate score.

In Sao Paulo, midfielder Serna gave Nacional the lead in the opening minute. Five seconds after the opening Kickoff, Ceballos was knocked to the ground in front of the Sao Paulo net and Serna converted the penalty.



Members of the Bangladesh contingent for the twelfth Asiad seek divine blessings prior to boarding the aircraft bound for the Japanese city of Hiroshima where the two-week paramount sporting meet of Asia begins from October 2.

## Holdings stick to pattern

Sports Reporter

Defending champions Mohammedan Sporting Club recorded their second successive win in the regular of the Star Premier Division football league when they edged past the traditional giant-slayers Wari Club by a solitary goal at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Mohammedan's Russian midfielder Inataev Gearmann netted the all important goal in the 15th minute with a neat grounder that found the net hitting the far post.

But for the goal and four shots that were thwarted by the woodwork, it was yet another lacklustre performance from the black and whites who hardly lived up to the expectations.

### Ctg soccer

CHITTAGONG, Sept 29: Chittagong Mohammedan Sporting Club beat Shatadala Club 2-0 in the CJKP First Division football league at the Chittagong Stadium here today, reports BSS.

Mohammedans led the first half 1-0. Babu and Selim scored one goal each for the winners. In the 27th minute Babu put Mohammedans ahead with a grounder. Selim doubled the margin off a pass from striker Shaif.

Brothers Union split points with Regency Club in the other match of the day in a one-all encounter.

Pirot netted for Regency while Selim equalised for Brothers.

tions in the 90-minute encounter.

Vitali, who reappeared after a six-match suspension, provided a perfect through pass to his compatriot Inataev for the only goal of the match.

Vitali had been suspended for six matches as a consequence of disciplinary measure for manhandling the referee during the Mohammedan-PWD match on August 17. In that violence marred match Mohammedans also lost, through a serious injury their inspirational midfielder Rumman-bin Wali Shabbir who is now slowly healing in Singapore while his team continue to struggle like a rudderless ship here to retain the most coveted domestic title.

However, in the day's second match under the floodlights, the Russian trio — Inataev, Vitali and Kazakov — played the pivotal role in every Mohammedan attack with the

### Natore soccer

From Our Correspondent

NATORE, Sept 29: Barcelona XI blanked Mission Club 7-1 to earn points in the month-long Football league 94 that got underway here today.

Barcelona's Babul was the top scorer with four goals.

Sixteen teams are taking part in meet organised by Natore DSA.

Earlier Rajshahi DC M Aminul Islam inaugurated it as the chief guest.

In today's match Friends Club take on Shapla Sports Club.

local booters providing little support.

Mohammedans, who beat Wari Club by a similar margin in the first leg, were deprived of another goal in the 21st minute when a swerving shot from diminutive Asaduzzaman returned to play hitting the far post.

Lady luck again turned her face away from the defending champions in the 62nd minute as successive attempts from Kazakov, Vitali and Asad struck the woodwork.

Mohammedans, who are currently holding the fourth position, raised their collection to 16 points from 12 matches following yesterday's win while Wari remained stuck to their previous collection of 10 from 12 engagements.

In the first match of the day, two Star First Division out fits East End and Sadharan Bima shared points in a goalless draw.

With this draw Sadharan Bima raised their tally to 16 from 13 matches while East End earned 13 from as many outings.

Away at the Mirpur Stadium, Eskaton Sabuj Sangha and Shantinagar Club shared honours in a 1-1 draw.

Akku put Eskaton into the lead while Masud Karim restored parity for promotees Shantinagar.

### TODAY'S MATCHES

Fakirerpool YMC vs Bangladesh Boys 4:30 pm (Dhaka Stadium)  
Abahani KC vs Arambagh KS 6:30 pm (Dhaka Stadium)

## BCCP to look into betting allegations

KARACHI, Pakistan, Sept 29: Pakistani cricket authorities have decided to look into charges that members of the national team have been betting on games involving them, cricket officials said on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

But they said no formal inquiry was planned because the authorities did not give much credence to the charges, which they said were levelled by unidentified person, after Pakistan's tour of Sri Lanka last month.

"We are not holding an inquiry but merely looking into the allegations," said Arif Ali Abbasi, one of the three members of an ad-hoc committee running the Board of Control for Cricket in Pakistan (BCCP) since the board management was suspended last January.

He said he and other committee members had received telephone calls from anonymous callers during Pakistan's Sri Lanka tour accusing some Test stars of betting and being in League with bookies.

The allegation, surfaced after Pakistan lost a one-day international to Sri Lanka during the tour, Pakistani cricketers have also been accused of betting on games played by them in Sharjah, a happy hunting ground for bookmakers from India.

Some cricket sources speculated that Pakistani Test players may be barred from carrying mobile telephones, an easy link with the bookies, with them in dressing rooms during the current Test series with Australia.

## Crowe will go to SA instead

WELLINGTON, Sept 29: New Zealand Cricket officials said today New Zealand master batsman Martin Crowe will miss New Zealand's tour to India in October but join the team for the South African leg of the tour, reports Reuter.

Crowe, New Zealand's premier batsman, had asked for more time to recuperate from an operation on his knee.

New Zealand are due to play four one-day matches in India in late October en route for a full tour of South Africa.

Crowe limped through New Zealand's recent tour of England.

On previous tours to the Indian subcontinent Crowe has been very susceptible to illness.

The rest of the team will be named on Tuesday.

## Anand, Kamsky a point away

LINARES, Spain, Sept 29: Results in the Professional Chess Association (PCA) World Championship 10-game semi-final eliminators in Linares on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

Michael Adams (Britain), playing white, drew against Viswanathan Anand (India) after 36 moves in three hours 10 minutes. Anand now has five points to the Briton's one and needs only another half point to qualify for the finals.

Gata Kamsky (United States), playing black, beat Nigel Short (Britain) in 46 moves and four hours. Kamsky leads 5-1 and needs only to draw to make it to the final.

## Salov draws first blood

TILBURG, Netherlands, Sept 29: Russia's Valery Salov drew first blood on Wednesday in the final of the Interpolis chess tournament in Tilburg, defeating compatriot Evgeny Bareev in 57 moves and six hours' play, reports Reuter.

Bareev, ranked 10th in the world, reached the final through a shock semi-final victory over world champion Anatoly Karpov, who won the event in 1993.

The second game of the final will be played today. The eventual winner will get 100,000 guilders (\$7,800 dollars).

## Aussie spin pins hosts



KARACHI, Pakistan, Sept 29: Pakistan suffered a middle-order collapse against tenacious Australian spin bowling and were reduced to 209 for seven in their first innings at the close of the second day of the first cricket Test against Australia on Thursday, reports Reuter.

The Australians, dismissed for 337 in the morning, fought back through their spinning duo of Shane Warne and Tim May to hold the advantage.

Pakistan produced a brisk opening stand of 90 runs through Saeed Anwar, who went on to make 85, and Aamer Sohail (36).

But after their departure, they lost four quick wickets for just 28 to intelligent bowling

reputation, finishing the day with three for 49 off 20 overs while off-spinner May took to for 55, also from 20 overs.

The two spinners pose a great threat to some vulnerable Pakistan batting, bearing in mind the home team will have to do in last.

At Thursday's close, Wasim Akram was on 12 and Akram Raza on one with a lot to do.

Anwar batted magnificently and his entertaining knock looked like the basis of a solid Pakistan score.

After sharing 90 runs with Sohail, he put on 63 for the second wicket with Zahid Fazal, in the process hitting the first six of the match by lifting Warne over long-on.

But after tea the tide turned. Fazal was caught brilliantly by David Boon at short

quick blows in successive overs, dismissing Inzamam-ul-Haq for nine and Rashid Latif for two. Both went to catches by skipper Mark Taylor in the slips.

With the pitch likely to take, turn from the third day, a daunting task is ahead of Pakistan.

But they have not lost a Test at Karachi's National Stadium for 35 years, winning 14 and drawing 16 of the 30 games played.

Australia, who resumed at 325 for seven overnight, were dismissed 12 runs later as Pakistani pacemen Waqar Younis and Wasim Akram polished off the tail in 35 minutes, both finishing with figures of three for 75.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the second day of the first cricket Test between Australia and Pakistan today:

<b>AUSTRALIA: First innings</b>			
Slater lbw b Wasim Akram	36		
Taylor c b Wasim Akram	0		
Boon b Mushtaq Ahmed	19		
M Waugh c Zahid Fazal	20		
b Mushtaq Ahmed	20		
Bevan c Aamer Sohail	82		
b Mushtaq Ahmed	73		
S Waugh b Waqar Younis	57		
Healy c Rashid Latif b Waqar Younis	22		
Warne c Rashid Latif b Aamer Sohail	5		
Aamer Sohail	22		
Angel b Wasim Akram	5		
May not out	0		
McGrath b Waqar Younis	0		
Extras: (b-2, lb-12, nb-8)	22		
Total: (all out, 88.2 overs)	337		
Fall of wickets: 1-12; 2-41; 3-75; 4-95; 5-216; 6-281; 7-325; 8-335; 9-335.			

<b>Bowling</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>
Wasim Akram	25	4	75	3
Waqar Younis	19.2	2	75	3
Mushtaq Ahmed	24	2	97	3
Akram Raza	14	1	50	0
Aamer Sohail	5	2	19	1
Salim Malik	1	0	7	0

**PAKISTAN: First innings**

Saeed Anwar c Mark Waugh b May	85		
Aamer Sohail c Bevan b Warne	36		
Zahid Fazal c Boon b May	27		
Salim Malik lbw b Angel	26		
Basit Ali c Bevan b McGrath	0		
Inzamam-ul-Haq c Taylor b Warne	9		
Rashid Latif c Taylor b Warne	2		
Wasim Akram not out	12		
Akram Raza not out	1		
Extras: (lb-7, nb-4)	11		
Total: (for seven wickets, 71 overs)	209		
Fall of wickets: 1-90; 2-153; 3-154; 4-157; 5-175; 6-181; 7-200.			

To bat: Waqar Younis, Mushtaq Ahmed.

<b>Bowling</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>
McGrath	17	4	37	1
Angel	12	0	52	1
May	20	5	55	2
Warne	20	7	49	3
Steve Waugh	2	0	9	0

Aussie wicketkeeper Ian Healy looks back with bated breath as a delivery from Pakistani speedster Waqar Younis arrows into the gloves of a waiting Rashid Latif behind the stumps, after catching an edge of the willow of the gritty lower order batsman whose 57 went a long way towards Australia's grand total of 337 in the first innings yesterday second day of the first Test of the series in Karachi.

— AFP photo

by the spinners, who were ably assisted by the two seamers — and some irresponsible batting. Warne lived up to his tall

leg for 27 off May. Three runs later Basit Ali was out for a duck, caught by Michael Bevan off Glen McGrath. Warne then struck two

## AC Milan's troubled win



PARIS, Sept 29: AC Milan beat Austria Salzburg 3-0 in their second round Champions' Cup League clash

here Wednesday night, but they were heading for trouble with UEFA after the visitors' goalkeeper was rushed to hospital after being hit by a bottle, reports AFP.

Milan were leading 1-0 when Otto Konrad was hit by a bottle just before half-time and although he played on, he left the pitch on the hour — three minutes after Marco Simone had made it 2-0 for the Italians in the Group D clash.

The Austrian team doctor claimed that Konrad later collapsed in the dressing room and the player was stretchered to an ambulance and taken to hospital.

But Milan officials remained sceptical about the seriousness of the injury.

Because of the incident, the European Football Union could fine the defending champions, force them to play future matches at a neutral ground, and even order Wednesday's match to be replayed.

Swedish referee Leif Sundell had had a long discussion with UEFA's match representative during half-time.

Konrad was replaced by reserve keeper Herbert Hsanker. Giovanni Stroppa had opened the scoring for Milan in the 39th minute, before Simone scored twice in a six-minute blitz. It was Milan's first win in the competition this season after their 2-0 loss to Ajax of Amsterdam two weeks ago.

The Dutch champions continued to set the pace at the top of the Group D table when they came from behind to score a 2-1 away victory at AEK Athens.

Toni Savicki opened the scoring for the Greeks after 30 minutes but Finnish midfielder Jari Litmanen was on target for Ajax three minutes later. Patrick Kluijvert then scored the winner on the hour.

The only other team still showing a 100 per cent record after two matches in the competition are Paris St. Germain in Group B.

The French side, who beat Bayern Munich 2-0 two weeks ago, again put domestic bad form behind them and produced a battling fightback to win 2-1 away against ten man Spartak Moscow.

Paul Le Guen and Brazilian Valdo overturned Rashid Rukhminov's first-half goal and Paris St Germain's task was made easier when Ramiz Mamedov was sent off in the 57th minute for a professional foul on David Ginola.

Bayern Munich snatched a 1-0 victory over Dinamo Kiev and the Ukrainians, like the Russians, also finished with ten men. Sergei Mizin was given his marching orders after receiving a second booking, while the German side's scorer was Mehmet Schol who cleverly lobbed Schowkowski in the Dinamo goal after just nine minutes.

Bayern welcomed back French striker Jean-Pierre Papin, out of action in recent weeks because of a knee injury. Papin came on at the start of the second half and nearly scored just two minutes later — his shot slapping the side-netting.

Manchester United snatched a valuable point in a 0-0 draw at Galatasaray's Ali Sami Yen Stadium — but four of the English Premiership club's players were booked.

Andrei Kanchelskis, Mark Hughes, David May and Lee Sharpe all went into the red.

ree's book — although switching from knock-out to the Champions' League took the sting out of United's Istanbul return.

Last season Alex Ferguson's side were involved in ugly scenes when they were eliminated from the competition by the Turks under the knock-out system.

Fortunately there was no sign of the armoured cars and military guards who arrested English fans and assaulted Eric Cantona and Bryan Robson ten months ago. They had been replaced by civil police who wielded batons instead of sub-machine guns.

It was an uneventful fixture, although Manchester survived a scare early on when young Nicky Butt telegraphed a pass to Paul Ince enabling Kerimoglu Tugay to pounce.

Tugay quickly laid the ball on to Saricakli Safet and while United looked in vain for the offside flag, Gary Pallister made a crucial saving tackle.

In the second-half, United began to sense it was time to move in for the kill and Balkanli Sedat cleared off the line from Kanchelskis' 74th minute lob after Lithuanian keeper Gintaras Stausche found himself stranded.

Stausche then earned his side's first Champions League point by punching aside Kanchelskis' well-directed 83rd minute shot from a Kanchelskis free kick.

Bercelona crashed to defeat in Sweden where IFK Gothenburg came from behind to snatch a 2-1 win in the dying seconds.

The Spaniards had gone clear after ten minutes when Bulgarian marksman Hristo Stoichkov intercepted a weak back pass from Stellan Pettersson to sweep the ball into the top corner of the net.

But the Swedes came back after the interval with Erik Wahlstedt producing some magnificent touches. It was the 18-year-old Wahlstedt who set up the home side's 73rd minute equaliser by putting Magnus Erlingmark through.

Jesper Blomqvist scored the IFK winner in the dying seconds.

In Wednesday's other Champions League Matches, Benfica of Portugal were comfortable 3-1 home winners over RSC Anderlecht of Belgium.

## Biman sign Sanjeev Sharma

Sports Reporter

Former Indian international Sanjeev Sharma was one of the sixty players who either renewed or revoked allegiances yesterday, the fifth day of cricketers' inter-club transfers.

The Delhi cricketer, who played for Surja Tarun last year, signed for Bangladesh Biman, the reigning Navana Premier league joint champions.

A consistent middle order batsman and wily medium

### Div II hockey

Raquibul Karim of Victoria SC scored six goals, four in a row to record a massive 9-0 victory over Rayer Bazar SC in one of the two Green Delta Second Division hockey league at the Hockey Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

In the other match, Dhaka Hockey Club edged past PWD SC three goals to nil.

Hasibur Rahman scored twice while Hasanur Rahman netted the other one for the winners.

### Pierce powers past Werdel

BONN, Sept 29: Top-seed Mary Pierce of France produced an imperious display to cruise past Marianne Werdel of the United States into the quarter-finals of the 400,000 dollars Leipzig women's Grand Prix tennis tournament of Wednesday, reports Reuter.

Pierce, who replaced four-times Leipzig winner Steffi Graf as top seed after the German pulled out injured, produced groundstrokes reminiscent of the world number one to demolish Werdel 6-1, 6-1.

Second seed Jana Novotna also hit form against Swedish Qualifier Asa Carlsson to move a step closer to the final which will take place on Sunday on her 26th birthday.

Novotna clearly felt that, with Graf absent, the omens were good.

"Three times in succession I've only lost here in the final to Steffi Graf," she said. "1994 is my year."

Pierce will play seventh-seeded Dutchwoman Brenda Schultz, who beat Germany's Christina Singer 7-5, 6-2.

pacer, Sharma will definitely give an extra zip to the pace attack, of the airline team which had roped in country's most celebrated experienced new-ball bowler Golam Nawsher on the first day of cricketers' bourse.

This will be Sharma's third year in the Dhaka league following a nightily successful first year with Mohammedan Sporting Club.