

Gearmann wins it for MSC

Sports Reporter



Two well taken goals by Russian Inataev Gearmann churned some salve for the harassed holders Mohammedan Sporting Club who returned to the winning ways after one match with a 2-1 victory over Public Works Department (PWD) in a Star Premier encounter at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

All the goals were scored in the first forty-five minutes of the day's second engagement at the venue under floodlights.

Hit hard by an unabated run of misfortunes culminating in a stunning 0-1 defeat to unfancied Arambagh in the previous match Sunday, Mohammedans solely owed the win to the Russian, who with little luck on his side could have notched the fifth hat-trick of the league as two of his beefy attempts in two halves were foiled not by the opponents but by the woodwork.

The win, however, means very little for the black and whites, who though raising their tally to 18 after fourteen matches, remain very much outside the perimeter of the race for the title which now has only Abahani Krira Chakra in the running with star-studded Muktiyoddha trailing them with only a remote chance.

However, the win must have given the Mohammedan supporters some sort of vengeful delight as their team beat a side that had not only snatched a vital point from them in the first phase but also triggered off a spell of loss and misfortune.

In that violence-marred match on August 17, Mohammedans had their livewire Rumman bin Wali Shabbir ruled out for the rest of the season through a grave leg injury and as follow-up disciplinary action lost Vitaly, one of their Russian players for six matches for assault on the referee.

On heavy, at places slushy ground, caused by intermittent rain, Mohammedans controlled the first half mainly because of the physical presence of the three Russians.

They shot into the lead in the 15th minute when a ball floated from the left by wing back Parvez came to an unmarked Gearmann, stalking up from the right and a full blooded right-footer gave PWD custodian Anwar no chance.

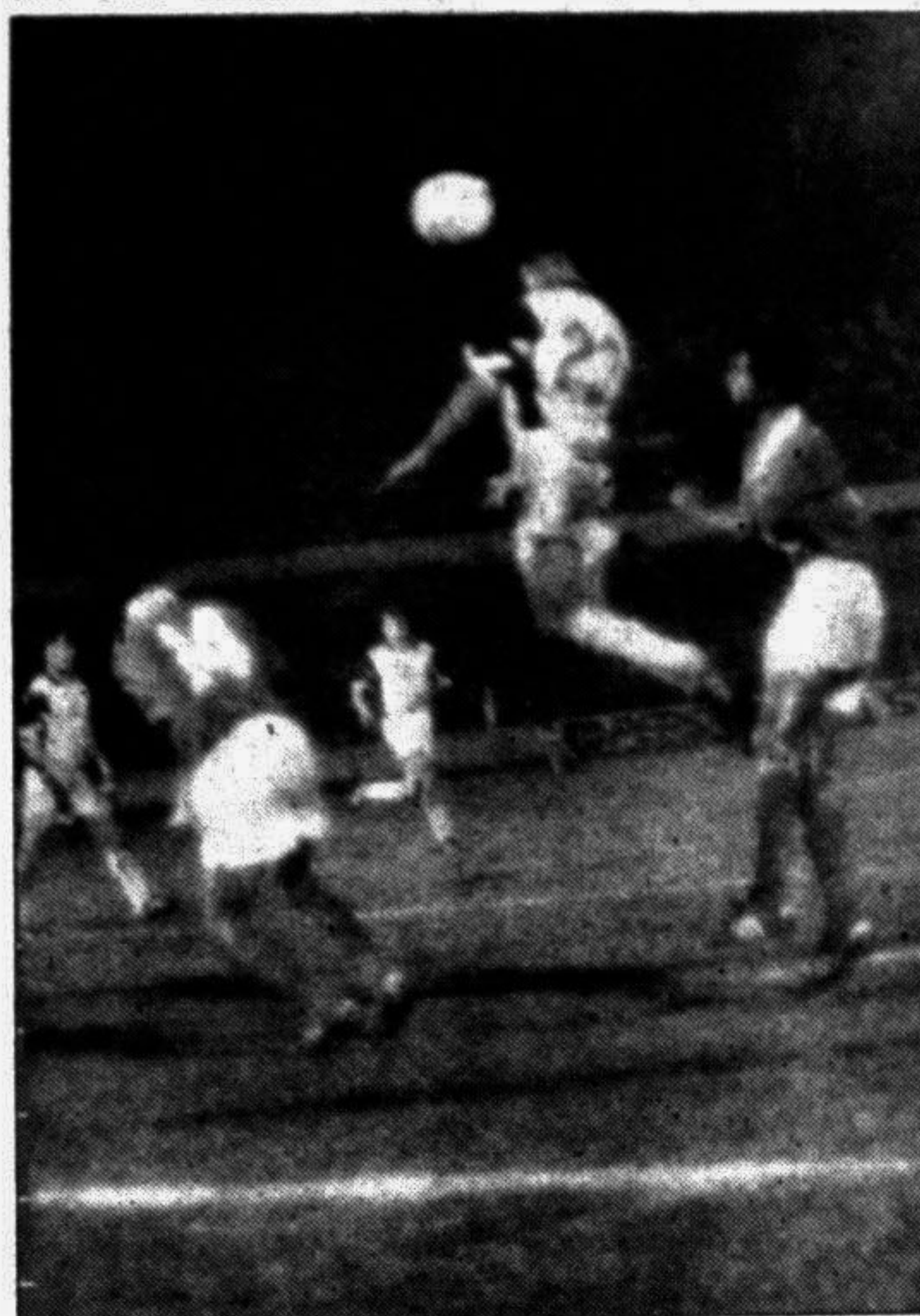
The well-built media was in action seven minutes later when Asad, harried by his man

at the top of the PWD box, left the ball for a beautifully poised Gearmann, who let fly a 22-yarder to bring up his side's second goal amidst genuine and deserving applause from the stands.

PWD started to assume control once Mohammedans,

booters as their attempts somehow or the other kept missing the mark through the night.

The defeat leaves the workmen all the worse as regards their existence in the Premier league is concerned with a paltry collection of



Action from last night's Star Premier Division football league match between Mohammedan Sporting Club and PWD at the Dhaka Stadium. MSC won 2-1. — Star photo

eased by the two goal cushion, slackened their hold on the proceedings a bit.

After a few unsuccessful attempts, PWD made a real in-road four minutes before the short whistle when Saiful, running menacingly in the heart of the Mohammedan defence, was brought down by Biplab Marma, and Sabbu reduced the margin by neatly converting the penalty.

The scenario completely changed in the second half with Mohammedans completely backpedalling in the face of some spirited football by PWD, who looked like restoring parity anytime. But as Gearmann was deprived by the lady luck so were the PWD

seven from 14 matches. In the day's other Premier tie played earlier at the same venue, traditional Wari registered a fortuitous and vital win at the cost of the struggling babes Bangladesh Boys.

Babu Zaman's shot entered the Boys net in the 46th minute after being deflected by defender Kajal.

Wari now have 14 points from as many encounters while Boys, who too have played same number of matches, remain stuck at 8.

TODAY'S MATCHES
Brothers vs Agrani Bank (Dhaka Stadium) 6 pm
East End vs Muslim Institute (Dhaka Stadium) 4-30 pm

ACB on a real novelty ride

SYDNEY, Oct 7: Australia's one-day cricketers are set to short change the sport's traditionalist followers by swapping their flannels for navy blue and white shorts, reports Reuter.

In a move that could provoke howls of indignation from the members at Lord's, the Victorian state side will bare their knees during the domestic limited overs competition this season.

And those aghast by the development have an ally in former Test batsman Dean Jones, the Victoria captain, an apparently reluctant model for the new sports fashion wear.

"The people who come up with these ideas forget about the poor guys who have to jump across the wicket and cut their knees up a lot," Jones told the Sydney Morning Herald newspaper.

Jones steadfastly refused to model the shorts, part of Victoria's navy blue one-day uniform, during the Australian Cricket Board's (ACB) official launch of the 1994-95 season.

"I'm not too keen on wearing them at the moment," Jones was quoted today as saying. "I've got a few scars where I had a knee reconstruction from running into (fast bowler and teammate) Merv Hughes."

An ACB spokeswoman said the change was approved following a request from the players, who argued that shorts would provide for greater mobility and comfort.

The other states have expressed interest in the trial. The ACB stipulated that all the players in the team agree to wearing the shorts," she added.

The new uniform, which will only be worn in the field, is one of several innovations introduced by the ACB this season in a bid to add interest to the competition.

Instead of the traditional baggy caps, players will wear baseball-style caps and any spectator catching a six on the full will win a 100 A dollar (74 US dollar) prize on the spot.

There will also be eight small targets dotted around the boundary and any batsman who hits one on the full will earn a 10,000 A dollar (7,400 dollar) bonus. The sum will turn into a jackpot of 170,000 A dollar (125,800 US dollar) if it remains uncollected until the final.

Jones slams it

SYDNEY, Oct 7: Former Australia Test cricketer Dean Jones on Thursday criticised an experiment to divide limited overs matches into four innings instead of two, reports Reuter.

Jones, who retired from Test cricket in April following Australia's tour to South Africa, said there was no reason to change the existing format.

The new rules will be tried out by the England tour side in their one-day match against Western Australia in Perth on October 27.

"I've played enough one-day cricket to ask: 'Why change something that isn't broken?'" said Jones, who played 164 limited overs internationals for an average of 44.62. "It would take the whole rhythm out of the game."

Under the new rules, each team in a 50-overs-a-side match bats in turn for 25 overs.

Each innings resumes at the halfway point, with the two not out batsmen returning to the crease.

The format is designed to add excitement for spectators and allow both sides to bat under more similar conditions.

Jones was supported by Phil Emery, captain of Sheffield Shield champions New South Wales, who said one-day cricket did not require "jazzing up."

Jones and Emery spoke out at the Australian Cricket Board's (ACB) official launch for the domestic 1994-95 season.

Visitors in firm control



RAWALPINDI, Oct 7: Pakistan were struggling to save the second Test against Australia at the Pindi cricket stadium on Friday after being forced to follow on, reports AFP.

It was the only time Australia have forced Pakistan to follow on since 1956 in Karachi.

Facing 521 for nine declared, Pakistan were bowled out for 260 in their first innings, 35 minutes before close on the third day.

Trailing by 261 runs, they made 28 without loss in the second innings.

Craig McDermott and the Victorian medium pacer Damien Fleming wrecked the Pakistan first innings, grabbing four wickets each for 74 and 75 respectively.

The Australian bowlers overwhelmed Pakistan when they resumed at 48 for one with Sohail on 28 and Zahid Fazal on four. Wickets started to tumble and by lunch five Pakistani players were back for 158.

Only Sohail played, with confidence to score 80 in a two-hour stay which included 13 fours and a six off Craig McDermott.

Defying the Australian attack he put on 62 with Fazal for the second wicket.

Salim Malik struggled to reach 33 before he fell to McDermott and Aamir, playing after a gap of seven years, was leg before off the same bowler at 11.

Between lunch and tea Pakistan added 71 runs, losing three more wickets. Rashid Latif was caught on 18, adding 34 with Inzamam-ul-Haq for the sixth wicket. Inzamam, who made 14, and Mushtaq (0) fell to leg-spinner Warne and paceman McDermott respectively.

At tea Pakistan needed 93 runs to avoid the follow on. Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis put on 55 in the post tea session for the ninth wicket.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard at stumps Friday, the third day of the second cricket Test between Pakistan and Australia in Rawalpindi:
AUSTRALIA: First innings

521 for nine decl
PAKISTAN: First innings
(48 for one overnight contd)
Saeed Anwar c S Waugh
b McDermott 15
Aamir Sohail b Fleming 80
Zahid Fazal b Fleming 10

McDermott 22 8 74 4
Fleming 22 3 75 4
Warne 21 4 8 58 1
Angel 11 2 36 0
Overs: 76.4; Minutes: 389
PAKISTAN: Second innings
Saeed Anwar not out 11



— AFP photo

Salim Malik b McDermott 33
Aamir Malik lbw b McDermott 11
Inzamam-ul-Haq lbw b Warne 14
Rashid Latif c Slater b Fleming 18
Wasim Akram not out 45
Mushtaq Ahmed c Warne b McDermott 0
Waqar Younis lbw b Fleming 13
Mohsin Kamal run out 2
Extras: (b-10, lb-7, nb-2) 19
Total 260
Fall of wickets: 1-28; 2-90; 3-119; 4-152; 5-155; 6-189; 7-189; 8-198; 9-253; 10-260.
Bowling O M R W
Aamir Sohail not out 9
Extras (b-8) 8
Total (no loss) 28
Bowling O M R W
McDermott 4 1 6 0
Fleming 2 0 12 0
Angel 2 0 2 0
Overs: 8; Minutes: 35
Umpires: Mehboob Shah (Pakistan) and Karl Liebenberg (South Africa).
TV Umpire: Javed Akhtar (Pakistan)
Match Referee: John Reid (New Zealand).

Koreans blank Bangladesh



HIROSHIMA, Oct 7: Asia Cup champions South Korea entered the semifinals of the Asian Games men's hockey by crushing Bangladesh 10-0 here today, reports AFP.

Shin Seok-Kyu led the way with four goals, while skipper Park Shin-Heum and Kang Keon-Wook scored two each. Yoo Seung-Jin and Jeong Yong-Kyu completed the tally.

Korea join India in the semifinals from Group B, having won both their matches so far. The two leaders meet each other in their final league game on Monday to decide who tops the group.

Bangladesh, who lost by a solitary goal to India, kept the South Koreans at bay till the 26th minute when Park opened the floodgates by converting a penalty stroke.

South Korea slammed in three more goals in the next seven minutes to lead 4-0 at half-time.

The spectacular assault at the Bangladesh goal did not abate in the second session as the Koreans pumped in six more.

TEAMS
SOUTH KOREA: Koo Jin-Soo, Shin Seok-Kyu, Han Beung-Kook, Cho Myung-Jun, Jeon Jong-Ha, Park Shin-Heum, Kang Keon-Wook, Choi Jung-Ho, Jeong Yong-Kyu, Yoo Seung-Jin, Kim Young-Kyu.

BANGLADESH: Jahangir Alam, Rabiuddin, Irteza Quadar, Mamunur Rashid, Zahurul Islam, Abu Zafar, Harun Mahbub, Haider Alam, Mohammad Sadek, Alamgir Alam, Rafiqul Islam.

CHAMPS ON A ROLL
Tahir Zaman slammed in three goals as defending champions Pakistan crushed lowly Oman 8-0 to storm into the semifinals.

The Pakistanis, chasing an eighth Asian gold medal, proved too strong for their unfancied rivals, despite resting skipper Shahbaz Ahmed, defender Naveed Alam and first-choice goalkeeper Mansoor Ahmed.

Striker Rahim Khan, playing his first match in the tournament, netted two goals while Asif Sajwa, Shahbaz Muhammad and Kamran Ashraf scored one each in a goal-hunt.

It was Pakistan's third successive victory in Group A of the preliminary league and ensured them of a berth, Oman are out of contention, having lost all three matches.

Kazakhstan, one of the new Central Asian republics at the Games, boosted their chances of taking the second spot from the group after ousting Malaysia 3-1.

Dmir Baltabaev put Kazakhstan ahead in the 21st minute, but Charles David equalised from a penalty stroke for Malaysia seven minutes later.

Kazakhstan, who lost their opening match to Pakistan, raided the Malaysian defence in the second half and were rewarded by goals from Barikazy Seksenbaev and Sergei Stasiouk.

Malaysia, bronze medalists at Beijing four years ago, face the daunting task of winning both their remaining league matches against Pakistan on Saturday and Japan on Monday to stay in the race.

India reached the last four with an emphatic 3-0 victory over China.

Defender Anil Aldrin banged in two penalty corners and star striker Dhanraj Pillay scored a field goal to give the Indians their second successive win in Group B.

India overcame the hesitancy that marked their 1-0 win over Bangladesh on Tuesday, when they wasted 15 penalty corners and saw skipper Jude Felix sent off and suspended for one match.

Aldrin put them ahead by converting a penalty corner in the 30th minute, and added one more in the 53rd.

Pillay completed the tally 15 minutes before the final whistle by pushing in a centre from the right flank.

India's performance, delighted team coach Zafar Iqbal. "We looked good in this match, playing with purpose and making the right moves. But the momentum must be kept up for the tougher matches ahead," he said.

Iran out of Asiad soccer, ROK rocked by Kuwait

HIROSHIMA, Oct 7: Kuwait upset Asian Games soccer favourites South Korea while China knocked out defending champions Iran as the qualifying battle reached a climax today, reports AFP.

South Korea rested many of their World Cup veterans but could not cope with the Gulf side, losing 1-0 even though star striker Hwang Sun-Hong, scorer of eight goals in the 11-0 victory over Nepal, was brought on as a second half substitute.

Basheer Saibouk was put through in the 73rd minute to score the winning goal for Kuwait who took top spot from the Koreans in Group C. Both teams are assured of a place in the quarter finals though.

China beat Iran 1-0 through a goal by second half substitute Hu Zhijun in the 70th minute.

The Chinese top Group A with two wins and a draw from their three games. Turkmenistan went second after a 4-0 win over Yemen that featured a hat-trick by Chariyar Mukhadov.

Group B leaders Uzbekistan beat the competition's crisis side Thailand 5-4 with a last ditch goal from midfielder Mirzhalol Kosmov after the 11-0 were deadlocked at 4-4 in the final minute.

Thailand, whose skipper Kadalee Sirisak has returned home after failing a drug test according to Asian Football Confederation officials, fought back from 3-1 down at half-time to 4-4.

Saudi Arabia, who started one of the fancied sides but lost their first two games, continued their revival to beat Malaysia 2-1 in a match in which Malaysia had Saliman Jawahir and Roslan Hamid sent off.

Saudi Arabia's Brazilian coach Ivo Wortmann was ordered away from the touchline for protesting too much. Malaysia's French coach Claude Leroy accused the Saudis of spitting at his players.

Malaysia's Dollah Salleh cancelled out Mohammed Aloromi's fourth minute goal just before half-time. But Abdullah Zebrnawi scored the winner from the penalty spot in the 71st minute.

Saudi Arabia only need a point from their match against Hong Kong on Sunday to qualify for the quarter-finals with Group B leaders Uzbekistan.

BU, Ansars in h'ball tourney

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Brothers Union and Bangladesh Ansars advanced to the final of the Rear Admiral M A Khan memorial handball tournament in contrasting style yesterday.

At the court adjacent to the Dhaka Stadium, Brothers never let the Bangladesh Navy handballers to settle down in a painfully lop-sided affair. The Gopibagh outfit won 35-15 after leading the first session 18 goals to six.

Jahangir of Brothers scored one less than Navy's total, followed by tribal Mangsapur who sent the ball into the net on seven occasions.

Sirajul with six goals topped the Navy tally.

The second semifinal was closer although an Ansars victory was never in doubt. The winners dominated both sessions and scored 14 and 12 goals respectively to wrap up the match 26-21 against Bangladesh Police.

Akram scored eight, Khaleque five and Rafiqul and Badshah four each for the winners while Shahiduzzaman had six, Alim five and Yusuf and Nazrul four apiece for Police.

AB Bank TT

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Dhaka Mariners, Ajax Sports Club, Swamibagh Boys and Purbachal Parishad registered facile victories in match-ups of lesser teams in the AB Bank metropolis table tennis league yesterday at the Dhanmondi gymnasium.

Barring Ajax, who beat Cynthia Sports Club 3-0, the three winners all had it 3-1 against Combined Sporting Club, Bangladesh Bank and Lalmitia respectively.

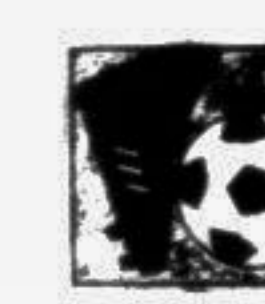
Go.....al for Cantor

NEW YORK, Oct 7: Andres Cantor, who punctuated World Cup scores with his trademark "Go.....al" calls for Univision, was named 1994 sports-personality-of-the-year by the American Sportscasters Association on Thursday, reports Reuter.

Cantor, who has covered the last four World Cups, provided coverage of all 52 games of this year's tournament for the Miami-based Spanish-language television network.

Previous winners of the award have been National Football League broadcaster John Madden (1985 and 1992) and College Basketball announcer Dick Vitale.

Only one way for Kaiser —up



BONN, Oct 7: Franz Beckenbauer's hair is thinning and greying fast, the glasses are a regular sight on his nose and the top job in the boardroom is beckoning. The Kaiser looks ready to control German soccer's corridors of power, reports Reuter.

Beckenbauer — once the bushy-haired star of Germany's 1974 World Cup-winning side, now the distinguished man of business, television and soccer club boardrooms — is expected to get the go-ahead to stand for chairman of Bayern Munich on Friday.

Bayern's board meet to decide on a candidate to put before the club's members at a meeting next month. After many weeks of controversy, Beckenbauer is widely tipped to move towards the job of chief executive at Germany's richest and most successful club.

Beckenbauer, who turns 50 next year but still looks as lean and fit as in his playing days, has had virtually every job in football.

He inspired soccer fans worldwide in the 1960s and 1970s with his creative interpretation of the libero role, captained West Germany to their 1974 World Cup triumph and coached his country to the title again in Italy in 1990.

It is almost inevitable that Beckenbauer should end up running the club he joined as a fresh-faced teenager in the 1960s, led to several triumphs in Europe in the 1970s and came back in an emergency to coach to the German league title in 1994.

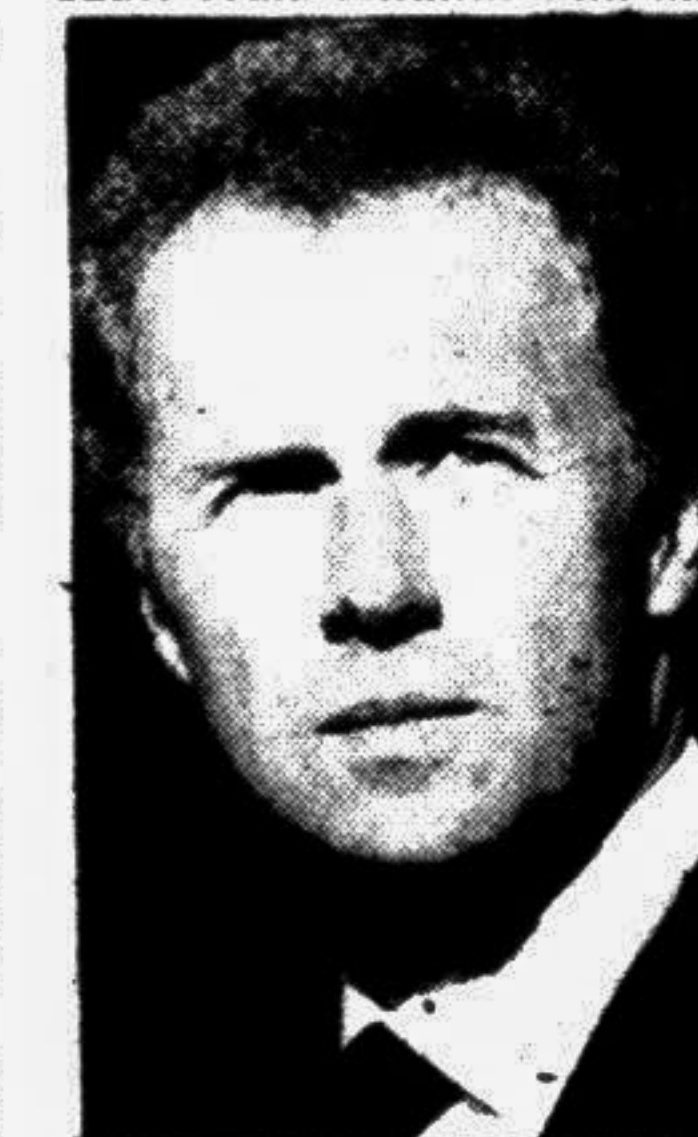
With his impeccable jackets and suits, his diplomacy and love of golf, the Kaiser appears to have everything required of a top-class executive. Yet his final nomination seems to have come by accident.

Former Germany captain Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, like Beckenbauer a vice-president at the club, was widely expected to run against present chairman Fritz Scherer.

But to avoid a bitter battle between the two men, Beckenbauer's name was put forward by Bavarian state premier and Bayern official Edmund Stoiber, knowing that few people would dare to take on the Kaiser.

After a brief, unsuccessful spell as coach at French club Marseille, he used his intellectual looks in advertisements for a major Japanese computer firm and began a career as a television presenter.

Asked whether Beckenbauer could continue with his



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media commitments and still be an efficient Bayern president, Scherer said: "If his name is Franz Beckenbauer, yes he can."

The life of the Bavarian postman's sons has not always

been plain sailing, however.

A dispute with the Bavarian tax authorities — we now live in Austria — and a very public affair with a Munich photographer in his younger days put him in the spotlight for his off-the-field activities.

In the middle of a tense championship run-in last season, Beckenbauer was involved in a bitter public row with Germany coach Berti Vogts over the release of several Bayern players from international duty.

In typical Beckenbauer style, the two men, who worked together at the 1990 World Cup, patched up their differences over a civilised afternoon session of coffee and cakes in Chicago during the World Cup.

Beckenbauer is held in such high esteem in Germany that there is a feeling that he could take on almost any job in the country.

As reigning champions, Bayern, desperate for success in Europe, are keen to avoid major internal disputes after their far from convincing start to the season under new Italian coach Giovanni Trapattoni.

Former club manager Robert Schwan said Beckenbauer was the perfect solution to their problems.



Pakistan's Ashraf Kamran (C) attempts to gain possession of the ball from Oman's Saheem Thani Saad during a quarter-final encounter in the Asian Games hockey tournament yesterday. The defending champions ran out 8-0 winners and reach the last four. — AFP photo