

AB Bank TT Sports Reporter

Brothers Union registered their second successive victory in the AB Bank metropolis women's table tennis league yesterday at the Dhanmondi gymnasium and so did Armanitola Jubo Sangha.

Div II hockey Sports Reporter

Uttara Hockey Club moved into the Green Delta Insurance Second Division hockey league when they earned a lone goal victory over Shishu Kishore Sangha in the only match billed for the Hockey Stadium yesterday.

Ctg football

CHITTAGONG, Oct 9: Chittagong Abahani Krira Chakra earned full points beating Muktiyoddha Sangsad Krira Chakra 1-0 in the CJKP First Division football league at the Chittagong Stadium here today, reports BSS.

DU soccer Sports Reporter

The Department of Applied Chemistry edged out the Department of Geology 5-3 in penalty shoot-out in the Dhaka University inter-department football championship at the university ground yesterday.

Shah Sports Cup soccer

Wanderers Club qualified for the second round of the Shah Sports Cup football tournament edging past Javed Sporting Club 1-0 at the Ganakuti Eidgah ground yesterday.

Army soccer

JESSORE, Oct 9: The Comilla area defeated the Log area by a solitary goal in a robin league match of the Army football championship held at the Jessore cantonment today, reports BSS.

Police finish third in M A Khan h'ball

Sports Reporter Bangladesh Police finished third in the Rear Admiral M A Khan memorial handball tournament when they recorded a squeaky 21-19 victory over Bangladesh Navy in the match-up of the losing semifinalists at the court adjacent to the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Italian spikers defend title

ATHENS, Oct 9: Italy produced a magnificent performance to win their second straight World Volleyball Championship on Saturday with a 3-1 victory against the Netherlands in the final, reports Reuter.



National defender Masud Rana, who had a busy day in the Muktiyoddha defence yesterday, clears a ball during his side's crucial Star Premier Division league tie against Abahani Krira Chakra at the Dhaka Stadium last night. The match ended goalless. — Star photo

Muktiyoddha hold Abahani

Star-studded Muktiyoddha Sangsad Krira Chakra were dominated for most of the 90 minutes but still got away with a point as league leaders Abahani Krira Chakra stayed well on course to regain the Star Premier Division football title.

At the floodlit Dhaka Stadium last night, in front of a near-capacity crowd, the booters in azure attire created a number of openings in the crucial league encounter, nevertheless, ended the day without a goal to settle for one point.

The outcome of yesterday's match stretches the DMFA Cup champions' unbeaten run to 14, which, translated into points, is 23 + three clear at the top from the Federation Cup winners, who maintained their second slot by virtue of the deadlock and now have 20 points also from 14 outings.

Italy scrape past Estonia

TALLINN, Oct 9: Christian Panucci and Pierluigi Casiraghi shared the honours on Saturday when Italy beat humble Estonia 2-0 in a European Championship Group Four qualifier, reports Reuter.

But the scoreline belied a scrappy performance by Italy that did little to dispel the doubts about the current style and finish of the World Cup finalists.

Italy desperate for victory after a sloppy 1-1 draw with Slovenia last month, fielded an attacking formation against Estonia whose only wins since independence three years ago have come at the expense of fellow minnows.

Majestic mishap!

HIROSHIMA, Oct 9: Jordan's Princess Haya was taken to the hospital Sunday after falling from her horse during equestrian competition at the Asian Games, but was soon released, reports AP.

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that went all Italy's way but did little to warm the hearts of 50 Italian fans among the 4,000 crowd in the chilly Tallinn Stadium.

Zimbabwe XI reeling at 68 for 6

HARARE, Oct 9: Faced with Sri Lanka's imposing 502-3 declared, the Zimbabwe President's XI stuttered to 68-6 at the close of the second day of their three-day match on Saturday, reports Reuter.

The Sri Lankan declaration came as soon as the two left-handers Hashan Tilakaratne (105) and captain Arjuna Ranatunga (100) reached their centuries — the third and fourth of the innings.

Then the home side had little answer against left-arm seamer Chaminda Vaas (3-25) and Ravindra Pushpakumara (3-27). Only opener Gavin Rennie and Craig Wishart (both with 13) and Ujesh Ranod, unbeaten on 15, have so far reached double figures.

Earlier, Sri Lanka had advanced from their overnight score of 295 for two before declaring their first innings shortly before tea.

Ranatunga dominated an unbeaten stand of 160 between the two for the fourth-wicket, striking three sixes and 12 fours in an explosive hundred off only 91 balls.

Krajicek blazes with aces

SYDNEY, Oct 9: Seventh-seeded Richard Krajicek of the Netherlands used a record 34 aces Sunday to beat Boris Becker 7-6 (7-5), 7-6 (9-7), 2-6, 6-3 in the Australian Indoor championship finals, reports AP.

Becker said it was his own success as an exponent of the power game in the mid-1980s that had seen the rise of players like Krajicek, who were able to use the serve so potently.

"It is because of me he hit 34 aces, basically," said Becker. The 34 aces stands as a record for both players — it is the highest number Krajicek has ever served in a match and the most the German has ever conceded.

"On big points, a lot of the times I came up with big serves," Krajicek said. "When it really counted I came up with a good serve."

The Krajicek serve was crucial in the 12th game of the second set when Becker, who was down by one set, led 6-5 and had the Dutchman at 0-40 on serve.

But Krajicek responded magnificently sending down five aces to eventually hold his serve and force the tie-break which he won.

A tame draw at Rawalpindi S Malik's career best, Fleming's dream Test



RAWALPINDI, Oct 9: Australian fast bowler Damien Fleming took a hat-trick on his Test debut and Michael Slater picked up their first Test wickets.

Paying tribute to his team, Salim said: "The players played extremely well under difficult circumstances."

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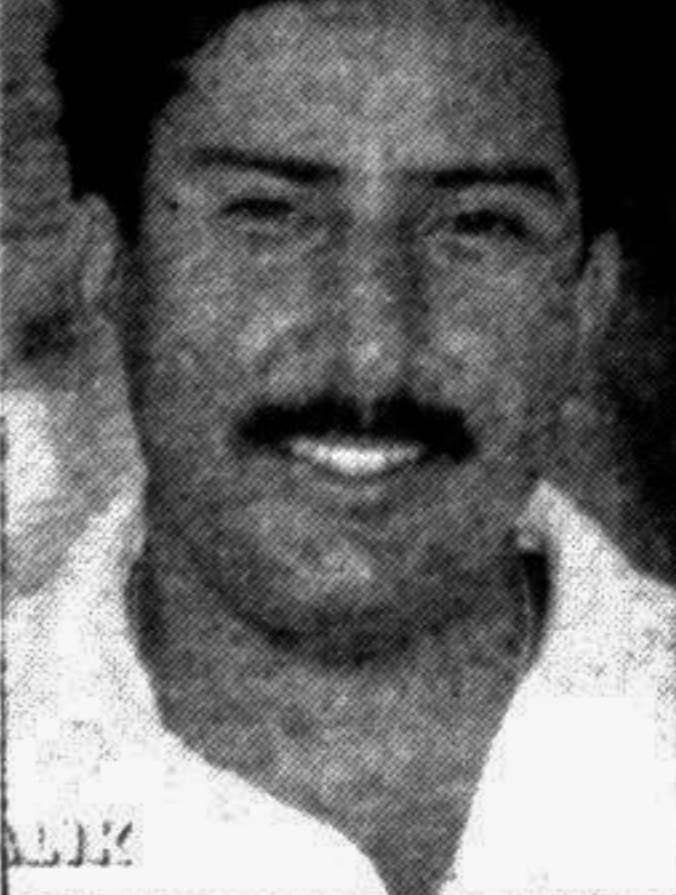
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attempt to break through and then for fun when it became clear a draw was inevitable.

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SALIM MALIK... m-o-m pressure and difficult circumstances," he said. "But it is up to the selectors whom they keep in the side and whom they drop."

Salim criticised the fact that a triangular limited overs series involving Pakistan, Australia and South Africa is being staged between the second and third Tests.

He said the players would find it hard to adjust to the different tempo, and added: "Either they should have completed the Tests first or the one-dayers."

On his decision to put Australia in to bat after he won the toss, Salim said he had expected there to be uneven bounce in the Rawalpindi pitch, which turned out to be bland.

"Nevertheless I am still happy that we chose to bowl first... otherwise we would have been like Australia, who had to field for three days which is certainly very tiring," he said.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of Pakistan's second innings on the final day of the second Test against Australia here today.

AUSTRALIA: 1st innings 521 for 9 dec (Slater 110, S Waugh 98; Mohsin Kamal 3-109, Aamir Sohail 2-26).

PAKISTAN: 1st innings 260 (Aamir Sohail 80, Wasim Akram 45, not out; C McDermott 4-74, D Fleming 4-75)

PAKISTAN: 2nd innings Saeed Anwar c Healy b M Waugh 75

Aamir Sohail c Healy b McDermott 72

Zahid Fazal c Healy b M.Waugh 1

Salim Malik c Healy b Fleming 237

Aamir Malik c Bevan b Fleming 65

Inzamamul Haq lbw b Fleming 0

Rashid Latif c Bevan b Taylor 38

Wasim Akram c Healy b Angel 5

Mushtaq Ahmed c S Waugh b McDermott 0

Waqar Younis lbw b Slater 10

Mohsin Kamal not out Extras: (b-17, lb-13, nb-3, w-1) 34

Total: (All out in 152.1 overs) 537

Fall of wickets: 1-79; 2-227; 3-336; 4-469; 5-469; 6-478; 7-495; 8-496; 9-537.

Bowling: O M R W McDermott 33 3 86 2 Fleming 26 2 86 3 Angel 28 1 124 1

M Waugh 16 1 63 2 Warne 25 6 56 0 Bevan 4 0 27 0

S Waugh 13 2 41 0 Slater 1.1 0 4 1 Boon 3 1 9 0 Taylor 3 1 11 1

AUSTRALIA: 2nd Innings Slater b Waqar 1 Taylor not out 6 Boon not out 7 Extras: 10

Total: (For one wicket in 10 overs) 14

Fall of wicket: 1-2 Did not bat: M Waugh, S Waugh, M Bevan, I Healy, S Warne, J Angel, C McDermott, D Fleming.

Bowling: O M R W Waqar Younis 5 3 2 1 Rashid Latif 2 0 11 0 Saeed Anwar 2 2 0 0 Mushtaq Ahmed 1 0 1 0

Result: Match Draw Man-of-the-match: Salim Malik

1st Test: Pakistan won by one wicket

3rd Test: Nov 1 to 5 in Lahore

Wednesday stun M United



LONDON, Oct 9: Ian Woan hit a last-gasp equaliser for Nottingham Forest in a pulsating 3-3 Premier league draw at Manchester City on Saturday to maintain their unbeaten record but champions Manchester United lost for the third time this season, beaten 1-0 at Sheffield Wednesday, reports Reuter.

Promoted Forest's a point behind Newcastle United who are at home to Blackburn Rovers on Sunday.

Liverpool leapt over Blackburn into third place on goal difference with a 3-2 home win over Aston Villa, Robbie Fowler scoring twice for Liverpool.

Striker David Hirst, troubled by injury for most of last season, scored in the 44th minute to give Sheffield Wednesday their unexpected victory over Manchester United, and lifted them out of the bottom three. United dropped to fifth.

Fowler's England under-21 teammate Nicky Barmby struck an 89th-minute equaliser for Tottenham Hotspur to give them a 1-1 draw at home to Queens's Park Rangers after both sides had a player sent off in the first half.

Spurs defender Kevin Scott and Rangers' England striker Les Ferdinand were dismissed for fighting in the 38th minute.

Southampton's veteran former Liverpool keeper Bruce Grobbelaar had to go off with a broken nose and fractured cheekbone in the opening minute of his side's 2-0 home win over bottom club Everton.

Ireland striker Niall Quinn equalised twice and laid on a third goal for Steve Lomas as Manchester City went 3-2 up in the 70th minute against Forest after in-form striker Stan Collymore had twice put the visitors ahead.

Sheffield Wednesday, fighting back from a poor start to the season, took full advantage of the absence of United's Eric Cantona and Andrei Kanchelskis on international duty to record their first home victory of the season and end a run of five league matches without a win.

Tottenham, without Romanian pair Ilie Dumitrescu and Gica Popescu and injured England international Darren Anderton, played more defensively than they have all season only to fall behind to an Andy Impey goal just before the break.

Barmby's lobbed equaliser in an aggressive second half performance ended a run of four home defeats that had sparked rumours of the sack for manager Ossie Ardiles.

It was Spurs' first draw of the season after five wins and five defeats in all competitions and left their goals record at 23 for and 23 against.

Former Spurs defender Neil Ruddock scored from a 20th minute Ian Rush free-kick to put Liverpool ahead against Villa. Fowler took his tally this season to nine as Liverpool sent Villa, who have been in fine UEFA Cup and League Cup form, crashing to their fourth league defeat in a row.

Scottish striker John Spencer scored after just 19 seconds and again early in the second half as Chelsea, who were two up after only four minutes, crushed Leicester City 4-0 at home.

Matthew le Tissier boosted his claims for a place in the England starting line-up against Romania at Wembley on Wednesday with his fifth goal in four days for Southampton — unbeaten in their last seven matches — and 10th of the season.

David Beasant took over in goal for Grobbelaar after the Zimbabwean was injured going for a Vinny Samways free-kick with Everton striker Paul Rideout and Saints defender Francis Benal.

Everton remain rooted to the bottom of the table with only three points out of a possible 27.

A flying header from Don Hutchison, his second goal in as many games, gave West Ham a 1-0 win and Crystal Palace their first away defeat in the league this season in one of three all-London games.

Arsenal won 3-1 away to Wimbledon. Ian Wright opened the scoring with his 101st goal for the club.

Leeds United, sixth before kick-off but humiliated by Third Division Mansfield in the League Cup in midweek, fell 2-1 at Norwich.

Neil Adams headed the winner in the 90th minute, only one minute after Road Wallace looked to have secured a point for Leeds with an equaliser.



A 22-member Bangladesh amateur golf team left Dhaka on Saturday for Dubai to take part in a series of friendly matches. The tour has been jointly organised by Emirates Airlines and Travel International Ltd. This is for the first time such a tour has been organised. — Star photo