



The players of the Bangladesh kabaddi team that won the silver medal at the 12th Asian Games in Hiroshima yesterday. — AFP photo

### PWD's plight continues

**Sports Reporter**

Relegation-bound Public Works Department had a night when they had a man expelled from the ground in a 1-2 loss to Wari Club in a Star Premier engagement at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Wari's Yusuf scored twice in each half to hand workmen their tenth defeat.

PWD's promising striker Bulbul pulled one back.

With only seven points in their kitty from 16 outings PWD who look certain for relegation with babes Bangladesh Boys, had Kakon ordered off the ground for purchasing Wari's Yusuf.

Wari with yesterday's win topped their tally to 16 from as many outings.

Farashganj Sporting Club, bolstered their promotion hopes with 2-1 victory over babes Shantunagar in a Star First Division encounter played earlier at the same venue.

The winners now have 22 points from 17 outings. Table leaders Rahmatganj have same number of points having played a match less.

**TODAY'S MATCHES**

Bima vs Eskaton 6.00 (Mirpur Stadium)

Arambagh vs B. Boys 4.30 (Dhaka Stadium)

Muktijoddha vs Youngmen's 6.30 (Dhaka Stadium)

### Ctg football

**CHITTAGONG, Oct 14:** Chittagong Abahani Krira Chakra lost a valuable point to Agrabad Nowjoan Club after a 2-2 draw in the CJKP first Division football league at the Chittagong Stadium here today, reports BSS.

Nowjoan Club led the first half 1-0.

Title aspirants Abahani have dropped four points so far in the league. They have collected 22 points from 13 matches while Nowjoan earned 16 points from 12 encounters.

### AB Bank TT

Holders Bangladesh Biman, Brothers Union, Armanitola JS and Wari Junior won their respective matches in the AB Bank metropolis table tennis league at the Dhanmondi Wooden floor gymnasium yesterday, reports UNB.

Biman trounced Intersport, Brother edged past Swamibagh TTS and Wari outplayed Armanitola Junior, all by 3-0 sets while Armanitola Jobo Sangha beat Wari by 3-1 sets.

### '98 World Cup venues chosen

**PARIS, Oct 14:** The French government on Friday selected 10 venues for the 1998 World Cup soccer finals, but said three of them — Lens, Marseille and Nantes — would have to solve problems related to the modernisation of their stadiums, reports Reuters.

The other venues are Bordeaux, Lyon, Montpellier, St Estienne, Toulouse, Paris and St Denis, a Paris suburb where a 80,000-seater stadium will be rebuilt to stage the final.

Lens, Marseille and Nantes, all locked in a stalemate over the enlargement of their arenas, will be confirmed providing they reach an agreement on who will pay the bill, the government said in a statement.

The government announced the list after Prime Minister Edouard Balladur paid a visit to Len's Felix Bollaert stadium, which has a capacity of 51,000 but only 18,000 seats.

Lens has to turn its old stadium into a 35,000 seater in order to stage World Cup matches. The government has agreed to pay 35 per cent of the bill but Lens complained it was not enough.

## 12th Asian Games kabaddi competition

### Bangladesh's silver lining

**HIROSHIMA, Oct 14:** Bangladesh today earned the silver medal in the kabaddi event of the 12th Asian Games at the Shudo University ground here, reports BSS.

The gold went to India and the bronze of Pakistan.

Bangladesh recorded three victories against Pakistan, Nepal and hosts Japan and collected six points to secure the silver.

AP adds: On the field it was kabaddi, kabaddi, kabaddi. But on the sidelines it was grumble, grumble, grumble.

India won the Asian Games gold in their native sport Friday, but oh, what intrigue.

"I think what has happened here is shameful," huffed Pakistan's manager, army Col. Mohammad Asif Dar, as his team awaited their bronze medals.

Bangladesh upset the Pakistanis for the silver.

A showdown between the defending champions Indians and the Pakistanis, their closest rivals in the tournament, nearly led to a brawl on kabaddi's opening day Wednesday.

The two teams, tied 19-19, refused to continue play after a disputed call. After listening to players and coaches bicker for almost an hour, officials finally

gave up and rescheduled the game.

Day two was nearly as bad, the dispute being over an Indian referee's decision to award points in the final minute to Bangladesh that spelled defeat for Pakistan.

"That decision was unfair, it was intended to help India, and it ruined the morale of my boys," said Dar. That accounted for his team's 42-20 loss to India when the two finally met Friday, he added.

"If a team has ability, skill, tactics, there will never be any complaints," said the head of India's Kabaddi Association, P Pandian. "It's no secret why India won. Let's have no more grumbling."

India completed the competition with four victories — all with a margin of 20 or more points — and no losses. In their other game Friday, they beat Nepal 84-32.

And disputes aside, the Japanese fans, most of whom had never seen a kabaddi game before, seemed more than satisfied.

Organisers have complained of disappointing attendance at other sports, but at kabaddi the 500 or so seats have been filled to overflowing every day, and the cheering has been loud and enthusiastic.

Pamphlets explaining the rules are handed out at the gate.

Japan's team, though soundly defeated in all but one of its games, won praise from the opposition for its spirit, though its technique could stand improvement. Japan beat Nepal, who go home winless. They lost 49-18 in their final game Friday.

"They try very hard, and they are improving," said India's captain, Subash Nadar Rajarathinam. "But it was more of a friendly contest. They still have a long way to go."

"The real attraction to this game," said Takashi Ozawa, one of Japan's players, "is that someday we might be able to beat a team like India."

**STANDINGS**

Asian Games kabaddi results here today.

India bt Pakistan 42-20 (h: 15-5)

Pakistan bt Japan 49-18 (h: 24-4)

India bt Nepal 84-32 (h: 45-14)

Final standings (played, won, lost)

1. India	4	4	0
2. Bangladesh	4	3	1
3. Pakistan	4	2	2
4. Japan	4	1	3
5. Nepal	4	0	4

## Indians aim to break duck

**HIROSHIMA, Oct 14:** India are hoping to end a 14-year drought when they take on South Korea in the Asian Games men's hockey final here Saturday, reports AFP.

The Indians, once the masters of the game, have not won a major international title since bagging the gold medal at the boycott-ridden Moscow Olympics in 1980.

It was India's only success on astro-turf, introduced in 1976, but the current team sees Saturday's final as a chance to make a new beginning.

The task is, however, not easy against the South Koreans, who upset favourites Pakistan in the semifinals with a penalty shoot-out.

The Koreans, the new regional superpowers in hockey, are hungry for revenge after the shock 1-3 defeat by the Indians in the preliminary league earlier this week.

India's tactical gamble to slow down the game against their speedy rivals paid off the, but the Koreans are unlikely to be fooled again.

"We know India's game plan now," Korean manager Kim Sang-Ryul warned on the eve of the match. "They played well to win the earlier game, but tomorrow is another day, another match."

Kim remains wary of the Indians, who defeated South Korea in the Asia Cup in New Delhi in 1991, and lost by a controversial penalty stroke in the final of the next edition here last year.

"The Indians may not have to sweat

won much in recent years, but no team can underestimate them," Kim said. "They do not give in without a fight."

The Indians, who won the silver behind arch-rivals Pakistan in Beijing four years ago, went through the league phase without dropping a point. They beat hosts Japan by a solitary goal in the semifinals.

The Indians must be delighted to see Pakistan out of the way, but coach Zafar Iqbal believes the task ahead is not any easier.

"Any team that defeats Pakistan in not to be taken lightly," he said. "We will have to play even better to defeat the Koreans a second time."

Zafar, who was part of the winning team at Moscow, refused to divulge the strategy for the final, but conceded that it would be a good idea to slow down the Koreans again.

"They prefer to move the ball around like the Europeans, while our boys play possession hockey. There is nothing wrong with that. To prevent the rivals from getting the ball is what hockey is all about," he said.

Among the spectators at the final will be India's supercop K P S Gill, the man credited with bringing peace to the strife-torn state of Punjab.

Gill, who heads the Indian Hockey Federation, expects his team to win India's fifth gold medal at the Games.

"There is tremendous interest back home in how the hockey team fares! Winning the gold here will be the icing on the cake," he said.

Two of India's four gold medals so far have come in tennis. The kabaddi team and shooting prodigy Jaspal Rana won the other two.

**Martina made to sweat**

**FILDERSTADT, Germany, Oct 14:** Veteran tennis star Martina Navratilova made hard work of her second round win in the Filderstadt women's tournament on Thursday but fledgling Martina Hingis skipped through with almost insolent nonchalance, reports Reuters.

Switzerland's Hingis, only just turned 14 and playing in her second professional tennis tournament, brushed aside Germany's Christina Singer 6-1, 6-4 in 77 minutes to move into her first professional quarter-final.



Martina Navratilova of the United States clenches a fist during the second-round match against compatriot Lori McNeil at the Filderstadt Grand Prix in Stuttgart on October 13. Navratilova beat McNeil 5-7, 7-6, 6-4. — AFP photo

## ASIAN GAMES MEDALS TABLE

**HIROSHIMA, Oct 14:** Following is the twelfth day medals tally at the 12th Asian Games here on Friday (tabulated under gold, silver, bronze and total):

	G	S	B	T
China	127	79	54	260
South Korea	57	47	60	164
Japan	52	64	73	189
Kazakhstan	22	25	25	72
Iran	9	9	7	25
Taiwan	7	12	23	42
Uzbekistan	7	9	18	34
India	4	1	15	20
Syria	3	3	1	7
Philippines	3	2	7	12
Malaysia	3	1	12	16
Kuwait	3	1	4	8
Qatar	2	0	2	4
Indonesia	1	11	11	23
Thailand	1	8	11	20
Saudi Arabia	1	2	5	9
Turkmenistan	1	3	3	7
Mongolia	1	2	4	7
Vietnam	1	2	0	3
Singapore	1	1	4	6
Hong Kong	0	5	7	12
Kyrgyzstan	0	4	5	9
Pakistan	0	4	5	9
Jordan	0	2	2	4
UAE	0	1	3	4
Macao	0	1	1	2
Sri Lanka	0	1	1	2
Bangladesh	0	1	0	1
Brunei	0	0	2	2
Nepal	0	0	2	2
Tajikistan	0	0	2	2
Burma	0	0	1	1

### Chandigarh XI beat Windies by 5 wickets

**CHANDIGARH, Oct 14:** West Indies lost by five wickets against a Chandigarh XI in a one-day practice match that opened their tour of India today, reports Reuters.

Scores: West Indies 245-8 (50 overs), Chandigarh XI 246-5 (49.1).

**LARA ARRIVES LATE**

Earlier West Indian cricket star Brian Lara, who missed his team's flight to India, finally arrived in New Delhi on Thursday, reports Reuters.

Lara, scheduled to arrive a day earlier, gave no reason for missing his original flight from London.

"I am not supposed to be speaking without the manager's permission," Lara told reporters at New Delhi's railway station.

### Lara, Hooper fined

**BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, Oct 14:** Brian Lara and Carl Hooper have been fined by West Indies cricket officials for missing "an important pre-planned meeting" ahead of their tour of India, reports Reuters.

The size of the fine was not stated by West Indies Cricket Board of Control (WICBC) which has asked the squad to assemble in London on Monday ahead of their departure for India on the following day.

Lara, holder of the world records for the highest score in Test and first-class cricket, was originally scheduled to leave his native Trinidad on Sunday but a mix-up in flight arrangements left him stranded at the airport.

It was unclear why Hooper, who had been playing for Kent in the English season that ended last month, missed the meeting that was arranged against the backdrop of an outbreak of plague in India.

A WICBC statement said: "Both players have been fined appropriately for missing an important pre-planned meeting between the team and representatives of the WICBC in London."

The outbreak of plague forced West Indian board officials to postpone the team's departure for a week.

They reached India on Wednesday, with Lara arriving on Thursday.

### Ivanisevic, Edberg sail

**TOKYO, Oct 14:** Top seed Goran Ivanisevic set up a semi-final against Wimbledon champion Stefan Edberg when the two men enjoyed straight-set wins at the Seiko Super tennis tournament on Friday, reports Reuters.

American Michael Chang, the 1989 French Open champion, had a similarly easy win to join Ivanisevic and Edberg in the last four, where he will meet 10th seed Jacco Eltingh of the Netherlands.

World number two Ivanisevic served well and returned impeccably to outgun Dutch ninth seed Richard Krajcek 7-6, 7-6.

Edberg, looking for his third title here after winning in 1987 and 1991, had less of a battle outwitting unseeded New Zealander Brett Steven — who beat Boris Becker in the second round 6-4, 6-3.

Sixth seed Chang unleashed an aggressive attacking game to oust last year's defeated finalist Todd Martin of the United States 6-3, 7-6.

## Boon, S Waugh hit fifties against Pakistan

### Aussies' second in a row

**MULTAN, Pakistan, Oct 14:** Half-centuries by David Boon and Steve Waugh steered Australia to an emphatic seven-wicket victory over Pakistan in the second match of a triangular one-day cricket series on Friday, reports Reuters.

Boon hit a solid 84 and Waugh 59 in an unbroken fourth-wicket stand of 120 in 149 balls as Australia overhauled Pakistan's modest total of 200 for eight with four overs to spare in the 50-overs-a-side game.

Australia's success followed their six-run win over South Africa in the inaugural match at Lahore on Wednesday and put them top of the table with four points.

Boon, who completed his 34th half-century in his 166th one-day, had earlier added 70 runs in 110 balls with skipper Mark Taylor, who scored 46 as Australia overcame a shaky start when both Michael Slater and Mark Waugh fell for nought.

Slater was trapped leg before by Wasim Akram in his second over and Mark Waugh edged a legside catch to Rashid Latif behind the stumps off Waqar Younis in the fourth over.

Taylor was joined by Boon, and the two consolidated with a sensible third-wicket partnership, taking the score to 81 when Taylor was bowled round his legs by off-spinner Akram Raza.

There was no further success for the World Cup holders as captain Salim Malik switched his bowlers in an attempt to dislodge Boon and Steve Waugh, who hit his second successive half-century after making 56 against South Africa.

Boon hit five fours in his 134-ball knock while Steve Waugh had seven fours from 70 balls he faced.

"We are happy to beat Pakistan and this has given us greater confidence for the remaining matches in the competition," said Taylor after Boon was named man-of-the-match.

A disappointed Salim Malik said: "We simply didn't play well and Australia thoroughly deserved victory."

Earlier, Inzamam-ul-Haq made the top Pakistan score of 59 and together with Salim (32) put on 81 for the third wicket.

But the Pakistanis were unable to score against a keen and penetrative attack of Damien Fleming, who finished with four for 49, and Craig McDermott, who claimed two for 34.

Leg spinner Shane Warne maintained the pressure and his figures of one for 29 from 10 overs contrasted sharply with his Pakistani counterpart Mushtaq Ahmed, who conceded 48 runs from nine overs.

Fleming removed openers Saeed Anwar (22) and Aamir Sohail (5) in his opening spell and then came back to account for Wasim Akram (9) and Rashid Latif (16) after fellow paceman McDermott had dismissed Ejaz Ahmed (21).

cricket international between Pakistan and Australia on Friday:

**PAKISTAN**

Saeed Anwar b Fleming	22
Aamir Sohail b Fleming	5
Inzamam-ul-Haq run out	59
Salim Malik c Healy b Warne	32
Ejaz Ahmed c Healy b McDermott	21
Aamir Malik c Healy b McDermott	20
Wasim Akram b Fleming	9
Rashid Latif b Fleming	16
Akram Raza not out	5
Waqar Younis not out	0
Extras: (b-6, lb-1, w-3, nb-1)	11
Total: (for eight wickets, 50 overs)	200

Fall of wickets: 1-9; 2-32; 3-113; 4-132; 5-164; 6-166; 7-184; 8-199.

Did not bat: Mushtaq Ahmed.

**Bowling:**

	O	M	R	W
McDermott	10	1	34	2
Fleming	10	0	49	4
S Waugh	10	1	37	0
Warne	10	1	29	1
Robertson	5	0	24	0
M Waugh	5	0	20	0



DAVID BOON ..... 84 n.o. and Aamir Malik (2) in the space of five deliveries. Pakistan play South Africa in Karachi on Sunday in the third match of the series.

**SCOREBOARD**

Scoreboard in the one-day

**STANDINGS**

Standings in the triangular limited overs cricket series after today's match between Pakistan and Australia (tabulate under played, won, lost, points):

	P	W	L	Pts
Australia	2	2	0	4
Pakistan	1	0	1	0
South Africa	1	0	1	0

## Testing time for Uzbeks

**HIROSHIMA, Oct 14:** Tournament rookie Uzbekistan will need to completely revamp their team before facing China in Sunday's final of the Asian Games soccer tournament — a gold medal game that marks the arrival of two new regional powers, reports AP.

Key midfielder Ilkhom Sharipov was suspended after getting his second yellow card of the tournament during Thursday night's amazing 1-0 semifinal victory over favoured South Korea.

Striker Igor Shkvyrin, the focus of most of Uzbekistan's attacks and the scorer of seven goals in the tournament, is sidelined by a hamstring injury.

Shkvyrin, who plays in Israel for Maccabi Haifa, was in great pain during the second half of the semifinal but played on because his team already had used their two substitutes.

Uzbekistan have won all six of the games they have played in Hiroshima, scoring 19 goals in the process, but the victory over the World Cup finalists from Korea owed more to grit and determination than attacking skills.

The Koreans outshot Uzbekistan 27-4 in an incredibly one-sided contest, but were thwarted by the acrobatics of 30-year-old veteran goalkeeper Yuri Shekin.

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The absence of Shkvyrin will be the biggest obstacle to overcome — along with fatigue.

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China will be without Gao Zhongzun, who is suspended, but otherwise will be at full strength and field a team similar to the one that beat Kuwait 2-0 in the semifinals with goals from striker Li Bing and winger Peng Weiguo.

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## Marksman in for swell time

**ROME, Oct 14:** Fiorentina's Gabriel Batistuta, Lazio of Rome's Giuseppe Signori, and AS Roma's Abel Balbo must have smiled when they looked at the schedule for Oct 16.

With a new standings system encouraging attacking, scoring is up in the Italian First Division and the trend should continue Sunday as the league's top three net-finders get to play against porous defences, reports AP.

And the league's worst defence of all — Padova, with US World Cup standout Alexi Lalas patrolling the backfield, have allowed 15 goals in five games — may be just what AC Milan need to reverse a slow start.

Three points, instead of two are now awarded for a victory, and the off-season rule change has had its intended effect. Through five weeks, 107 goals have been scored compared to 91 at that point last year.

The increase has happened despite little or no production from several of last season's top scorers.

Juventus of Turin striker Roberto Baggio, the 1993 FIFA player of the year has struggled with an injury and has yet to score in a league game after registering 17 last year. His first goal in six months came Wednesday in a 2-0 Italian Cup win over Reggiana.

Torino's Andrea Silenzi is without a goal after finishing last year tied for third with Baggio. Parma's Gianfranco Zola, second in 1993-94, and

Faustino Asprilla have combined for just three goals after totalling 28 last season.

But Argentine internationals Batistuta and Balbo have been spectacular.

Batistuta, back in the First Division after Fiorentina were demoted for one season, leads the league with six goals. Balbo has five, profiting from the pairing with off-season addition Daniel Fonseca of Uruguay.

Italian international Signori also has five goals, and a shot at a third consecutive scoring crown.

Batistuta and Fiorentina, in a four-way tie for fifth place, play at last-place Reggiana Sunday. Reggiana have allowed 11 goals, a total lower only than Padova's in losing their five matches.

Signori's Lazio, tied with Fiorentina in the standings, host Napoli who are currently in the relegation zone and have given up 10 goals.

The Naples side collapsed in a 3-3 draw with Padova last week, as a 3-1 lead evaporated in the final five minutes despite a man advantage. Padova have not scored in their prior four games.

Balbo has Roma in a virtual tie with Parma atop the league standings, and the squad travels to Torino for Sunday's late match.

Balbo and Fonseca should find plenty of free space in the Torino backfield, which has permitted seven goals in league play. The Turin side looked particularly befuddled in a 3-0 Italian Cup loss to

Foggia on Wednesday.

A player to watch in Torino's attack: Striker Ruggiero Rizzitelli, obtained in the off-season after six seasons with Roma. His double gave Torino a 2-0 win over Foggia in the league's fourth week and ended a personal 10-month scoring drought.

Roma's midfield is a question mark, with veteran captain Giuseppe Giannini serving a one-game suspension and Francesco Statuto out with a broken leg.

Milan have struggled this season after capturing their third consecutive First Division title and the Champions Cup in the spring.

The team has been shut out by Cremonese 1-0 in league play and by Ajax of Amsterdam 2-0 in the Champions League, and on Wednesday fell 2-1 to crosstown rival Internazionale in the Italian Cup.

But despite an anemic offence that has averaged one goal per game in the league, the Devils are just three points behind Roma and Parma in the standings.

That attack could get healthy against Padova, who are on pace to break the record for most goals allowed in a First-Division campaign (91) by Casale in 1933-34.

With Montenegrin forward Dejan Savicevic out hurt, the offensive load falls on the shoulders of Dutchman Ruud Gullit, who has three goals this season.