PWD lose Premier status



Public Works Department (PWD) Sporting Club relinquished their premier status

when they lost to Arambagh Krira Shagstha by a solitary goal at the Dhaka Stadium in the first of the two Star Premier Division league encounters yesterday.

 In the second match of the day, star-studded Muktijoddha Sangsad Krira Chakra registered what appears to be an inconsequential two-nil victory over giant-killers Wari Club.

PWD earned promotion to the Senior Division foetball league way back in 1984 and were the last pick when the ten team tier was introduced last year. They finished sixth season with Mohammedans clinching the first-ever Premier Division football league title.

But Alfaz, the Arambagh midfielder, drove the last natl on the PWD coffin when he guided a Jaglu corner home with a spectacular leader two nunutes away from time.

The office team who snatched away one point each from Mohammedans and Abahabi in the first leg became

Sports Reporter the first of the two teams to be relegated to the Star First Division. A win in their last outing against babes Bangladesh Boys, who are likely to join PWD on the relegation trip, wouldn't alter the

> worksmen's fate. Meanwhile, in the second match of the day under floodlights the Federation Cup champions Muktijoddha Sangsad, who found themselves out of the title race after conceding a lone goal defeat at the hands of Mohammedan SC. recorded their tenth win in the league.

After a barren first half. Arman shot the emerging force in the local football circuit into the lead in the 58th minute when he tapped the ball home, capitalising on a Rakib right flank corner.

Imtiaz Ahmed Naquib then sealed the fate of the match by a spectacular header after receiving a low minus from his striking partner Mizan from the right. It was Naquib's seventh goal in the league, however, as far as the official list is concerned the number is six as one of his goals to Mizan's account, following a reporting error on the part of

Malaysian referee.

The scorline, however, betrays the complexion of the match for Wari also created a number of chances on either

The eventual losers could

Höwever, substitute Bazlu of Wari squandered possibly the easiest chance in the match shortly after Muktijoddha scored the first goal when he sent the ball wide from a point blank range.

The outcome of yesterday's second match left Muktijoddha in the second position with 24 points from 17 matches while Wari remained stuck to their previous collection of 16 points also playing 17 outings.

TODAY'S MATCHES



Action from yesterday's Star Premier Division football league match between PWD and Arambagh KS at the Dhaka Stadium. Arambagh won the match 1-0.

- Star photo

League Group B match against

to concentrate on league

matches but we're always at

100 per cent when we play in

Europe," said defender Alain

their last two European com-

petitions, have made a perfect

start to this year's campaign

with wins over Bayern Munich

IFK Gothenburg expect

Magnus Erlingmark to push

them closer to a surprise

European Cup quarter-final

with more goals against

a scoring recent form with one

in Sunday's 2-1 league win

Galatasaray have to over-

come tiredness from a tough

weekend 1-1 draw against

Istanbul rivals Fenerbance and

Wednesday's international

against Iceland where four key

players spearheaded Turkey's

Romania on Monday for their

Group C encounter against

Benfica without suspended top

striker Marius Lacatus and de-

fender Tiberiu Csik and in-

cult situation because without

our two best attackers we

must score in Lisbon if we

want to keep the contact with

the top places in the group

standings," said Steaua trainer

return to the top of the

Spanish First Division after a

2-1 win against Espanol will

act as a springboard for

Tuesday's UEFA Cup match

against Russia's Dynamo

said: "This is important be-

cause it shows that this is not

just a flash in the pan. New

hopes have been reborn

Bobby Robson is unable to call

on Russian striker Sergei

Yuran and midfielder Vassily

Kulkov for Porto's Cup

Winners' Cup tie against

Ferencearos of Hungary on

The two players were regis-

tered at the start of the season

by their former club Benfica

but left for Porto in August and

UEFA accepted the application

from their new club only from

midfielders Rui Barros and

Paulinho Santos and striker

Porto's 18-man squad.

Winger Carlos Secretario,

Former England manager

among players and fans."

Chairman Ramon Mendoza

Real Madrid hope their

"We are now in a very diffi-

jured striker Adrian Ilie.

Dumitru Dumitriu.

Moscow.

Thursday.

January 1995.

Steaua Bucharest left

Erlingmark continued his

and Spartak Moscow.

Turkey's Galatasaray.

over Landskrona.

5-0 win.

Paris, twice semifinalists in

"We sometimes find it hard

Dynamo Kiev of Ukraine.

Clash of champions today ahead of their Champions'



Manchester United and Barcelona

are desperately hoping they can shake off indifferent league form

on Wednesday when they lock horns in one of the most eagerly waited clashes of the Champions' League, reports

champions have been struggling to impress in defence of their domestic titles, and

Press Club sports

The mini-marathon, walk chess and drawing competitions organised by the Jatiya Press Club were held yesterday to mark the 40th founding anniversary of the club, reports

The results

QAZI RAUNOK HOSSAIN

Walk: 1. Syed Abdul Qahhar (Dainik Bangla), 2. Mohammad Shahidullah (Banglar Bani) and 3. Wase Ansari (Dainik Bangla).

Mini-marathon (above 40): 1. Mohammad Sayadat Hossain (Sangram), 2. Manoj Barua (Janakantha) and 3. Sheikh Enamul Hoque (Sangram).

Mini-marathon (women): 1. Shikha Bhattacharya, 2. Mrs Amirul, Mrs. Qamrul Islam Khan 3. Mrs Alauddin and Mrs Manzurul Hoque.

Mini-marathon (members): 1. Selim Nazrul Hoque (Uttara, Bank), 2. Salimullah Selim (Sakaler Khabar), 3. Abu Taher Khokan (Morning Sun) and Ashraful Islam (Sangram).

Mini-marathon (members' boys): 1. Yasmin Azman, 2. Syed Mushtaq, 3. Tauhid Ahmed Sajal and Abu Jubayer. Chess: 1. Qazi Raunok Hossain (photographer), 2. Abu

Musa Hasan (Purbakone) and 3. Ahmed Nur-e-Alam (Bichitra). Prizes will be distributed

today.

Barcelona particularly cannot afford a defeat at Old Trafford on the heels of a shock loss to Gothenburg.

Both sides won at the weekend, but somewhat unconvincingly.

United, who have made the European Cup their top priority after winning two successive English league titles, beat West Ham 1-0 at Old Trafford, The English and Spanish while Barcelona needed an injury time goal to overcome Valencia 2-1 away.

> The Spanish champions, who have lost twice in seven league games, believe they are now making progress.

"We still have a lot to improve but this victory is very important," added Dutch defender Ronald Koeman.

Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson, who faces selection problems after Englishmen Lee Sharpe and David May picked up injuries the weekend, hopes the electric atmosphere at Old Trafford will shake his players from their league lethargy.

"There's no consistency about us at the moment and that worries me, said Ferguson.

European champions AC Milan are another side struggling in the league and hoping the occasion can lift them to a win against AEK Athens, vital after having two points deducted by UEFA for crowd trouble.

The Milanese are adamant that they are not demoralised despite suffering their second league defeat at Padova on Sunday - their fifth of the season in all competitions.

We have no reason to reproach ourselves ... Milan were not that bad," said coach Fabio Capello.

AEK Athens coach Dusan Bayevic expects his team to face a fired-up Milan in their Group D match.

"Following the UEFA decision, every match will be a matter of life or death for

them," he said. Ajax, who lead Group D >

after victories against Milan and Athens, maintained their bright start to the season, strolling to a 4-0 win over Go Ahead Eagles on Sunday.

And although they will be without suspended Nigerian winger Finidi George, they should be optimistic against Austria Salzburg, who won their first league game on Saturday after a seven-match drought, beating Admira

Wacker 4-2. French champions Paris St. Germain suffered their fourth defeat this season, 3-2 at Cannes on Friday, to drop to

fifth place. But Paris are confident side of the breather.

have scored the fastest goal in the league when a Muktijoddha defence lapse set Wari striker Shankar with custodian Arun Bikash Dewan to beat only 20 seconds into the match. But Shankar couldn't quite get hold of the ball and Arun made most of the striker's sloppy re-

Rahmatganj vs East end 4:30 pm (Dhaka Stadium) Abahani vs Bangladesh Boys 6:30 pm (Dhaka Stadium)

Combined SC and Mukto Bihonga Tarun Sangha won their respective matches in the metropolis Green Delta Second Division Hockey Super League at the Hockey Stadium vesterday, reports UNB.

Barnak Samaj by a solitary goal scored by Saddek Hossain in the 55th minute. In the other match, Mukta

Bihonga defeated Uttara Hockey Club also by a solitary Abul Kamal scored the all-

important goal from a penalty corner in the 13th minute.

Milan dance PADUA, Italy, Oct 18: Alexi

Lalas made history and became the toast of Italians tired of the dominance of AC Milan.

scored the first goal ever by an American-born player in the Italian league as he led underdogs Padova to a 2-0 victory over the defending European and Italian champions, reports

rock group.

era," chimed in La Gazzetta dello Sport on the same theme.

"I don't intend to stop

Lalas, whose red hair and goatee have inspired Italian comparisons to Wild West showman Buffalo Bill Cody. jumped advertising boards surrounding the field and ran toward the stands after his goal. This caused the referee to assess him a yellow card for improper conduct. .

QM Hossain chess begins today

Sports Reporter

The first round matches of the 11th Dr Qazi Motahar Hossain International Masters chess championship will be held today at the National Sports Council chess room. starting from 2:00 pm.

The commencement of the 14-man round robin meet was delayed by a day because the Indian participants couldn't make it in time. Four Indians - IMs Ravi

Lanka, Shekhar Chandra Sahu, Ravi Hegde and V Sharvanan - arrived in the city yesterday. however, the participation of IM Krishnamurti Morugan was still uncertain. In the case of his withdrawal, Taiyebur Rahman will fill in the 14th place.

Defending champion Pakistani IM Mahmood Ahmed Khan Lodhi is favoured to retain the title with the challenge expected to come from Bangladeshi national champion IM Reefat bin Sattar and IM Ziaur Rahman besides the Indian quartet.

Div II hockey

Combined edged past

Lalas plays,

The 24-year-old defender

"Lalas plays, Milan dance," said Rome's Corriere dello Sport of the American who sings and plays a guitar in a

"Lalas sings the end of an

Lalas, who played for Rutgers and the US World Cup team, scored in the 23rd minute for Padova, promoted to the First Division this season after 32 years in the minor leagues.

here," said Lalas, who nearly scored again in an offensive rush late in the second half. " want to score more goals and hope they are important as my goal against Milan."



Players of the Armanitola Julia Sangha who carned a delightful double after winning both the men's and women's metropolis AB Bank table tennis leagues title at the Dhanmondi gymnasium yesterday - Star photo

Sweet double for Armanitola

Sports Reporter

Armanitola Jubo Sangha earned a delightful double when both their

men's and wo-· men's teams clinched title in the AB Bank metropolis table tennis league vesterday At the Dhanmondi gymna

sium, Armanitola, powered by their Indian recruits Arjun and Ganesh, posted a surprisingly smooth 3-1 victory over defending champions Bangladesh Biman in the men's final, repeating their success in the 189-90 league final against the same opponents. Arjun and fellow West

Bengal paddler Ganesh both came across stiff opposition in the first set against Nasimul Hassan Kochi and Mosaddequi Haq Rochi respectively before walking away straight sets victors in the best-of-three sin-

Rochi 23-21, 21-12. Saidul Haq Sadi pulled one

vailed over Happy 21-11, 18-

21 and 21-7 in an all-

their tour of Australia today

with captain Mike Atherton

anxious to avoid a phobia about

the leg-spinner, reports

With 34 wickets during the

1993 six-Test series in

England, Shane Warne played

to most influential role in

Australia's 4-1 triumph, and is

waiting to weave more magical

spells in the forthcoming five

Warne-phobia," said Atherton.

"But we will talk about him

among ourselves because you

don't want to go into the first

Test wondering where you are

going to score your runs when

Atherton is facing his most

he comes on."

"I don't want to create a

Reuter.

Arjun beat Kochi 22-20, 21-15 while Ganesh took care of back for Biman when he pre-

England, who

succumbed to the

wiles of Warne in

the fast Ashes

series, set off for

Bangladeshi affair, rekindling hopes of a close final. However. Ganesh had other plans and he gave Rochi little space in the reverse singles on his way to wrapping up the match 21-16,

Earlier at the same venue. Brothers Union found the Armanitola women too hot to

Bogra, Army soccer champs JESSORE, Oct 18: Bogra

area won the title of the Army football championship which concluded at the Osmani Stadium at the Jessore Cantonment yesterday, reports

They defeated the Anti-Aircraft Artillery 2-0 in a keenly contested final match an ISPR press release said to-The winners led the first

half with a solitary goal scored by the Lnk Rezaul Haque Sumon, Lnk Md Anwar Hossain netted another one in the second half.

Lnk Md Shah Alam of the Jessore area was adjudged the best player of the meet.

important assignment as

England captain since his ap-

pointment 15 months ago, but

is approaching the task with

clear determination to end a

wretched sequence of results

drawn six and won just one of

their last 19 Tests against

a fourth consecutive series vic-

tory to follow their 4-0, 3-0

our cricket with disdain," said

Atherton, "The best way to

rectify that is to bring the

to walk all over Australia but

I've got good vibes about this

tour and I'm confident we'll do

of steel about my squad. We've

got people with some spunk

about them and we're proving

more difficult to beat these

England on virtually every

front since 1989, including

psychological warfare involving

such combative opponents as

a bit of a soft touch some-

times," said Atherton. "I'm not

a fan of sledging (verbal abuse)

but if opponents dish it out I

would like to see our lads have

ware he must tread carefully

in matters of discipline after

the "dirt-in-the-pocket" affair

and a fine for dissent during

the Test series against South

Atherton was fined a total of

3,250 pounds sterling 5,000

dollar over two incidents. He

failed to tell the match ref-

eree, at the fist opportunity.

He had dirt in his pocket to

and then showed dissent when

dismissed first ball in the third

"I just hope having a disci

plinary record doesn't affect

the way umpires and referees

view me," said Atherton

England's captain views his

team's prospects optimistically

based on their improved form

in the internationals against

South Africa - Atherton's men

drew the Test rubber 1-1 and

won both limited evers

His front line batting is

relatively settled, particularly

with Graeme Hick and Graham

Thorpe securing their roles in

itive, and with a modified

stance that avoids holding the

bat high in its backlift before

the ball is delivered, finally be-

I gan to play with conviction and

Hick, urged to be more pos-

the South African series.

dry the ball in the first Test,

However, Atherton will be

"England have been seen as

Merv Hughes and Warne.

go back."

Africa this season.

and final Test.

matches.

Australia have outplayed

"I'm not saying we are going

"I like to think there is a bit

"Australians generally view

Australia, who are now seeking

England have lost 12.

against Australia.

and 4-1 successes.

Ashes back with us.

handle in the women's league

Rahman Linu set the pace for before getting her game to-Armanitola two up. The scoreline of the second singles was

In the doubles, Shamima and Rinu found the pair of Linu and Julie simply way beyond their reach and capitulated 12-21. 12-21.

Foreign Minister A S M Mostafizur Rahman witnessed the women's final as chief guest and later distributed trophies among the winners.

Ramjul Siraj, a vice-chairman of the Arab Bangladesh Bank Limited, the sponsors of

in the men's league while six took part in the women's.

Left-hander Thorpel sur-

prisingly omitted by England

during the early part of the

season, invigorated the mid-

dle-order with his instinctively

aggressive methods when he

between them, are seen as

best qualified to nullify Warne's

National champion Zovera

the Armanitold paddlers with a facile 21-7, 21-14 victory over Shamima in the first singles but Julie didn't have such a sweet time against Rinu as she conceded the first set in deuce gether and raced away with the next two sets to take 21-23, 21-16 and 21-15.

this year's leagues, was the guest of honour at the men's Sixteen teams participated

BEIJING; Oct 18: Chicken



"Coach Lu Yunmin has re-

was recalled for the last two hard training." Tests against South Africa. Former captains Graham Gooch and Mike Gatting, who prepared by Lu's wife, contotal 78 years and 187 Tests

Gooch is almost certain to start the series but Gatting, out of the Test side since the 1993 Ashes rubber, may find himself competing with John Crawley or the number six

Despite his reputation as a fine player of spin, Gatting fell to Warne twice (for 4 and 59) and off-spinner Tim May once for 5 in his four innings in last year's Tests.



MIKE ATHERTON

England will be banking on Devon Malcolm and Darren Gough to provide the firepower in attack but may look to rejuvenated pace bowler Phillip Defreitas for consistent steadiness. Defreitas ended the summer with 30 Test wickets.

Australia have started a new era under the captaincy of mark Taylor, who has taken over following Allan Border's retirement at international level, and is currently leading the team on a tour of Pakistan. Taylor, who share

Atherton's philosophy of playing fiercely but fairly, is rebuilding his pace attack around Craig McDermott in the absence of Hughes.

Taylor's from as opener now he also has the responsibilities of captaincy, and Michael Bevan's ability to fill the gap left by Border in the meddle order, will be among intriguing aspects of Australia's performance in the coming months.

absentee TOKYO, Oct 18: Japanese

Another Asiad

police said on Monday that another athlete attending the Asian Games had gone missing bringing the number still unaccounted for to 15, reports Reuter. During the two-week event

which ended on Sunday, athletes from five nations disappeared, apparently to look for Although one athlete from

Nepal returned to his camp

after being reported missing. competitors from Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Iran and Bangladesh have still not been found, police said. Japan is a magnet for workers from neighbouring countries attracted by the high

Many try to enter Japan illegally while others overstay their tourist visas at the risk of being arrested when caught. Activists say that many for-

eign workers are exploited as a

source of cheap labour.

Secret of Sino natants' success

soup containing medicinal herbs has been offered as one explanation for the extraordinary success of the Chinese swimmers this year, reports "What was the secret of the

Chinese swimmers' success at winning 23 out of a possible 31 gold medals at the Hiroshima Asian Games?" the officials Beijing Evening News asked on Tuesday.

vealed it was chicken soup and The paper added the soup,

tained medicinal herbs. Ma Junren, who coaches the Chinese world record

breaking women middle and long-distance runners, has marketed his own portion of Korean ginseng and turtle blood, selling small cans at big prices at the Hiroshima Garnes.

Ctg soccer

CHITTAGONG, Oct 18: Friends Club beat Muktijoddha Sangsad Krira Chakra by a solitary goal in the CJKP First Division football league at the Chittagong Stadium here today, reports BSS.

Chanchal scored the all-im-

portant goal from a goal-mouth, melee before the final whistle. Friends have collected 17 points from 13 matches while Muktijoddha have earned 13

points from the same number of encounters. The other match between Bakalia Krira Sangstha and

Ispat Ekadosh ended in one all Bakalia bagged nine points from 13 matches and Ispat

seven points from the equal

BAF b'ball

number of outings.

PAHARKANCHANPUR, Tangail, Oct 18: Air Headquarters Unit retained the title of Bangladesh Air Force inter-base basketball championship defeating BAF base Bashar 68-61 in keenly contested match at the BAF base Pahar Kanchanpur on Monday, reports BSS.

The winners led the first half 40-24, an ISPR press release said today.

Walker in trouble

LONDON, Oct 18: England defender Des Walker will be charged by the Football Association (FA) for butting Ipswich defender Simon Milton after the final whistle of Sheffield Wednesday's 2-1 Premier League win on Sunday, reports Reuter. Referee Mike Reed con-

firmed on Monday that Walker will be dealt with for 'aftermatch misconduct," as FA rules state that players cannot be sent off once the final whis-

tle has gone.

A section of Armanitola supporters cheering their side on in a rather westernised fashion during yesterday's AB Bank gymnasium.

Antonio Folha, recovering metropolis table tennis league finals at the Dhanmondi from injuries, were recalled to - Star photo by Anisur Rahman.