**Sports Reporter** 

New-kids-on-the-block Muslim Institute found their stay at the Star First Division football league terminated formally with a lone goal loss to hitherto winless Dhaka Wanderers at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

While the outcome drove the last nail into Institute's coffin it breathed in some sort of fresh air to Wanderers' wobbly campaign. With 16 points from 18 matches, the once strong force of domestic football will have to wait until the end of the match between Eskaton Sabuj Sangha and **Farashgani** Sporting Club.

A win for Eskaton will announce Wanderers' doom, on the other hand a defeat will set up a play-off to decide who join Institute in the Second Division next year

In the other match of the day. Dhanmondi Club edged past Sadharan Bima Krira Sangstha by an odd goal in three, thanks to a double strike from Tauhid.

Tuhin scored for Bima. Meanwhile, the Dhaka Metropolis Football Federation (DMFA) rescheduled the prestigious match-up of archrivals Abahani Krira Chakra, who confirmed championship through a goalless draw with babes Bangladesh Boys on Wednesday, and dethroned Mohammedan Sporting Club in the Star Premier Division football league.

The clash of the titans in the domestic soccer circuit will now kick off at 5-30 pm. one hour earlier than the earher schedule, on October 24.

### Tasmania-SA tie heads for a draw

ADELAIDE, Oct 21: A draw was the likely result as Tasmania led South Australia by 126 runs with seven wickets left and a day to play in the Sheffield Shield cricket match here today, reports AFP.

At close on the third day, Tasmania were 127 for three for an overall lead of 126 after South Australia took innings points when they declared at 390 for nine, one run more than Tasmania's first innings of 389

South Australia grabbed the wickets of Ricky Ponting for 16 and first innings topscorer Michael Divenuto for 33 in the final session leaving Dene Hills unbeaten on 56 and Shaun Young on 10.

A declaration by Tasmanian · captain Rod Tucker sometime Saturday is expected to give the South Australians a chance to chase an outright win.

Earlier. Tim Nielsen remained unbeaten on 74 to steer South Australia to inrings points after the home side had been struggling 257

Scores: Tasmania 389 and 127 for three (D Hills 56 not out). South Australia 390 for nine declared (T Nielsen 74 not out, D Lehmann 70: M Wasley 3-88).

# Campos' life in danger?

MEXICO CITY, Oct 21: Brazilian striker Carlos Albarto Bianchezi, who plays for Mexican club Moneterry, and Mexico's international keeper Jorge Campos, have had anonymous death threats, reports AFP.

Bianchezi, with two goals in seven league matches, received an ominous postcard saying if he did not score in the next match, it would mean the end of his profes-

sional career." And Campos, who is now under armed guard, is on a

death list of a drug dealing cartel. Known at the World Cup for his flamboyant, multi-coloured Campos plays as a

striker for First Division Universidad the Mexico - and has scored five goals in seven games

He said he did not know how his name came to be the

A drug-related killing was one of the theories for the death of Colombian defender Andreas Escobar, who was murdered days after scoring an own goal against the USA in this year's World Cup.

# CBV's unique experiment

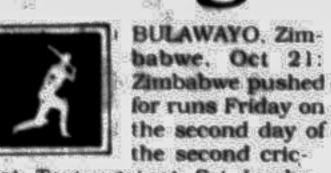
SAO PAULO, Oct 21: Coaches will be allowed to appeal against umpires' line calls in a unique experiment at the women's World volleyball championship, organisers said on Thursday, reports Reuter.

A panel of three referees will judge disputed line calls, but coaches face ejection from the court-side bench if their appeals are repeatedly rejected, the Brazilian Volleyball

Confederation (CBV) said. If the referees panel accepts a coach's appeal, the umpire will be invited to reconsider the call, the CBV said.

# Zimbabwe amass 429 for 8

# Houghton's finest hour



ket Test against Sri Lanka. with star batsman Dave Houghton hitting a personalbest of 266, reports AP. . .

Houghton fell leg-beforewicket to left-arm medium-fast bowler Chaminda Vaas 15 minutes before the close of play at the Queens Club in the western provincial capital of Bulawayo.

Zimbabwe reached 429 for eight wickets and were within reach of a comfortable first innings target of at least 450 runs, coach John Hampshire

Houghton began the day on 116 and remained in the crease while three wickets fell to accurate Sri Lankan bowling that yielded three catches.

Heath Streak was caught at square leg without scoring after Guy Whittal, Houghton's fellow nightwatchman, was dismissed for 12.

Wayne James was caught by wicketkeeper Pubudu Dassanayake off Vaas.

The first Test in Harare in the three-match series was declared a draw after rain stopped play on the last day with Zimbabwe on 319 for eight, trailing Sri Lanka's 383 all out.

Zimbabwe, playing their ninth Test since receiving Test status in 1992, seek their first victory. They have lost four and drawn four of the previous Tests.

Zimbabwe and Sri Lanka occupy the two bottom slots in the nine-nation Test cricket table. Sri Lanka have won only four of the 51 Tests they have played since 1981.

PERTH. Australia.

Oct 21: England

coach Keith Fle-

tcher kept the

psychological he-

at on Australia's

batsmen here today as the war

of words continued in the

Fletcher declared the Eng-

lead-up to the Ashes series.

lish attack of Devon Malcolm,

Martin McCague and Darren

Gough compared in pace with

the legendary Australian

pairing of Dennis Lillee and

after his side's triumph card.

the Jamaica-born Malcolm.

had claimed Australians were

Fletcher said at the end of

the tourists' second training

session at the WACA ground:

"Pacewise: Lillee was a very

one of the best of all time. I am

not saving we have one like

Dennis and we have in the

pace - or very near the pace -

night that most Australians

were afraid of him when he

was recalled for the sixth Test

at the Oval 14 months ago at

the end of the last Ashes

mets, guards and chest pads

and they were moving back.

away from the ball," he said.

"They all came out in hel-

Malcolm captured six wick-

ets, playing a major role in

England's 161 run victory to

salvage a modicum of pride

thinks he has the upper hand,

great. We have to be aggressive

Fletcher said: "If Devon

"I would not have said he

after trailing 0-4.

and positive."

"But we have the pace of

Malcolm said Thursday

high world-class performer

him. I wish we did.

of Thommo as well."

scared of his hostile bowling.

He made the comparison

reports AFP.

Jeff Thomson.

On Thursday an authorita unbeaten 116 from former Zimbabwe Test captain Dave Houghton dominated the opening day's play against Sri

Zimbabwe had reached 213 for four by the close, held together by Houghton who posted his second Test century off 222 balls with 12 fours and two sixes



D HOUGHTON ... 266

He came to the crease with his side in trouble at five for two and initiated stands of 60 for the third-wicket with the left-handed Alistair Campbell and 121 for the fourth-wicket with Zimbabwe captain Andy

Houghton is now on course to overhaul his highest Test score of 121 made against India in Zimbabwe's inaugural Test match at Harare Sports Club in 1992-93 and has so far been at the crease for just under five and a half hours.

The positive nature of Houghton's strokeplay was significant as Sri Lanka had enjoyed the better of the morning session with their seamers exploiting some movement off the seam.

Fletcher's flurry of words

had them scared at the Oval.

When he ran in and bowled

but they looked slightly appre-

fast, the Australian batsmen

looked slightly different from

in the earlier Tests of the

rorised England's batsmen.

including Fletcher in the

England's present frontline

pace trio represented the

KEITH FLETCHER

fastest attack the country had

had in Australia since 1970-71

with John 'Snow, Peter Lever

quicker than any one of those

in that series," he said. "Snow

would be the only one who was

who led Ray Illingworth's side

to a 2-0 series win, one of only

four England teams to win in

the three England spearheads

Fletcher emphasised that

Australia in half a century.

Snow was the spearhead

The present three could be

and Ken Shuttleworth.

anywhere near them.

1974-75 series in Australia.

Lillee and Thomson ter-

Fletcher said he believed

hensive occasionally."

As the pitch flattened out, both Houghton and Flower took full advantage of anything loose from the Sri Lankan attack with cuts and pulls prevalent. Their partnership eventually ended when Flower top-edged a sweep off the medium-pace seam of Kumar Dharmasena and was caught for 50 by Muttiah Muralidharan

at backward square-leg. Flower had been at the crease for a little under three hours and struck six fours. leaving Dharmasena with figures of two for 65 in 26 overs during the day.

#### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the opening day of the second cricket Test between Zimbabwe and Sri Lanka at Queens Sports Club on Thursday.

ZIMBABWE: First innings G Flower c Dassanayake b Wickremasinghe M Dekker c Mahanama Dharmasena A Campbell st Dassanayake b Muralidharan. D Houghton not out

Dharmasena G Whittal not out Total: (for four wickets)

Muralidharan b

A Flower

Fall of wickets: 1-3; 2-5; 3-65: 4-186 To bat: W James, H Streak, S Peall, J Rennie, M Jarvis. Bowling: Wickremasinghe20

Dharmasena Muralidharan 29 De Silva

SRI LANKA: R Mahanama, A Gurusinha, S Ranatunga, A de Silva, A Ranatunga, H Tillekeratne, P Dassanayake, M Muralidharan, K Dharmasena, P Wickremasinghe, C Vaas.

would have quality support

from a trio of medium to fast-

medium bowlers - Phil

DeFreitas, Joey Benjamin and

The 31-year-old Malcolm,

Malcolm demoralised South

he said, "is just reaching his

peak and will be around for

Africa when recalled to the

England side for the third Test

two months ago. He took 9-57

in the second innings to help

Gough, who has been de-

scribed as "Yorkshire's fastest

since Freddie Trueman" would

of the old shape. In fact, the

Trueman shape of bowler, not

at all like a West Indian fast

"He is a strong player, one

Fletcher was pleased that

quality local net bowlers were

provided for his batsmen after

a mix-up the previous day

when England had to rely on

we cannot get leg-spin bowlers

to give us practice," Fletcher

said. "But if there aren't any

leg-spinners around we cannot

England's batsmen will have

a fresh look at Lille, now 45.

and Thomson, 44 - along with

former Australian captain Greg

Chappell, 46, and Test wick-

etkeeper Rod Marsh, 46 - in

their opening game next week.

the clock to make an appear-

ance in a light-hearted festival

game at Lilac Hill Park,

Caversham, north of Perth.

They have agreed to turn out

for a Australian Cricket board

chairman's XI on Tuesday.

The quartet will turn back

"It's a bit of a concern that

their own bowlers.

have them,"

make a big impression.

Fletcher forecast that

England level the series 1-1.

Craig White.

two to three years."

## Mark Taylor's arrogant claim

RAWALPINDI, Pakistan. Oct 21: Australian captain Mark Taylor claimed Friday that his frontline batsmen had tamed Pakistan pace bowlers Wasim Akram and Wagar Younis, reports AFP

The two sides play Saturday in the triangular series and Taylor knows the pressure is on Pakistan to produce a result in front of their home crowd.

Pakistan produced two good wins against South Africa one by eight wickets - but they know Australia, who beat them in their other match so far, will be a different proposi

"Wasim Akram and Wagar Younis are two world class bowlers and we have learned to tackle them," said Taylor.

"Michael Slater, David Boon and the Waugh brothers Steve and Mark and Michael Bevan are all in good form and we hope to make a sizeable score against Pakistan," he added.

Pakistan will need to score runs this time and so will be counting on highscoring captain Salim Malik and Ijaz Ahmed who got a century against South Africa on Thursday.

Wasim Akram and Wagar Younis, despite Australia's claims, are bowling well and have shown in the last couple of matches that they can con tain the opposition to low

"Australia is an allround well-balanced team and they have been playing at the peak of their form to win three matches in a row but two wins against South Africa have given us a big boost and we hope to take Australia on, on equal terms on Saturday," Malik said

Pakistan and Australia are expected to name unchanged sides from those that have beaten South Africa this week.



KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 21: A fugitive Czech soccer player wanted in Singapore after jumping bail on match-fixing charges has made his way back home, The New Straits Times reported on Friday, reports Reuter.

The newspaper said the Singapore team's former striker, Michael Vana, had given an interview in Prague to a Czech newspaper, the Lidove Noviny in which he denied the match-fixing charges.

He told the paper he had been offered money just "to play well."

"I am supposed to have influenced matches in our favour with my performances and for doing that, to have received different amounts from bookmakers, which I did not receive," he told the Lidove Noviny in this week's inter-

Vana was charged in Singapore on August 13 with fixing the Singapore team's win over several Malaysian state sides in Malaysia's professional league earlier this

He was sacked from the Singapore squad after his ar-

Vana was scheduled to appear in court on September 30 to face six charges but failed to turn up, prompting Singapore to issue an arrest

warrant. The New Straits Times quoted a Czech Republic Foreign Affairs ministry spokesman as saying it could not act on the matter because it had not received official notification from Singapore po-

Vana declined to give details in his interview about his escape from Singapore to the Czech Republic, but said that he had passed through Vienna where he told Czech embassy officials that he had lost his passport.

# Ali Bacher sees glass half full



the match by 39 runs.

RAWALPINDI, Oct 21. South Africa's top cricket official Ali Bacher said Friday his team was getting valu-

able experience for the World Cup despite its poor performance here in the Wills

triangular series, reports AFP. "Our batting has left us down but that is a temporary phase. Four defeats in a row is disturbing but I am sure the boys will soon be back inform," said Bacher before leaving here for London for the International Cricket Council

(ICC) meeting at Lord's. The South African cricket chief said the ICC meeting scheduled for Sunday would focus on standardisation of playing conditions for one-day and Test matches.

Bacher, who is managing director of the United Cricket Board of South Africa, said the tour would give his team "the feel of the venues where the World Cup matches will be

played." The 1996 World Cup is to be staged in three countries -Pakistan, India and Sri Lanka.

"Our boys like Pakistan, its hospitality and its people and would love to be back here for the World Cup," Bacher said.

"I think people have the wrong perception about Pakistan, its grounds, its cricket and food. South Africa is touring Pakistan for the first time and they are very happy with the way they have been treated and been looked after.

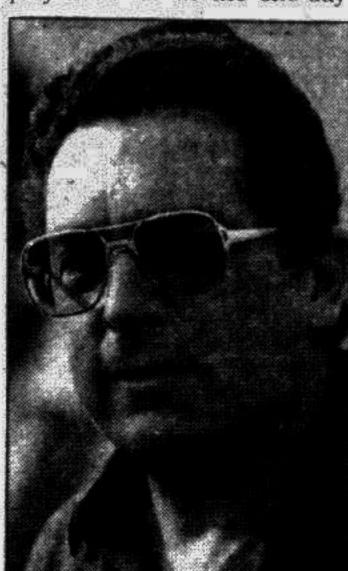
The hospitality has been exemplary and the boys have learnt a lot," he added.

Fallen from grace after the World Cup, Ijaz Ahmad, the hard-hitting middle order Pakistani

batsman who staged a resonant return on October 20 with a punitive 110 against South Africa,

sweeps during a round robin match in a Wills triangular series at Rawalpindi. Pakistan won

During his six-day stay in Pakistan, Bacher saw three of South Africa's four matches played so far in the one-day



ALI BACHER

series. The team lost every time, twice against Australia, and twice against Pakistan.

Most of South Africa's World Cup fixtures will be played in Pakistan.

Pakistan are due to tour South Africa from November 30 as part of a four nation one-day series along with Sri Lanka and New Zealand.

Pakistan and South Africa will play a single Test Johannesburg from January 19.

#### Ctg football CHITTAGONG, Oct 21:

Kallol Sangha earned full points in the CJKP First Division football league beating Land Customs Club 1-0 at the Chittagong Stadium here today, reports BSS.

— AFP photo

The first-half was scoreless. Ataur scored the all-important goal in the second half.

Kallol bagged 11 points from 13 matches, while Land-Customs collected 15 points from the same number of encounters.

#### FA to intensify anti-drug campaign

LONDON, Oct 21: The Football Association decided here on Thursday to expand their anti-drugs campaign after being alerted by four clubs who fear "pushers" may be targeting their young players, reports

Alan Hodson, director of the 140.000-pound F A drug testing and education programme, may now test male, female and youth footballers at any time to reveal the extent of drug or alcohol problems within football. Previous tests

have been limited to matches. So far the F A have no evidence of young players falling victim to dealers. But Hodson admits being "Frightened" by police statistics revealing that over 50 per cent of youngsters in England will have tried drugs by the time they reach

Hodson refused to identify the four clubs, but said: "They are not just inner-city outfits. It seems pushers are hanging around young footballers with a bit of money."



A midfield tussle between players of French club Auxerre (R) and Beiktas of Turkey during a European Cup Winners Cup encounter in Istanbul on Oct 20. The game ended 2-2. - AFP photo

# Gunners triumph at Brondby

LONDON, Oct 21: Holders Arsenal achieved a highlyprized 2-1 away win against Denmark's Brondby

in the first leg of their European Cup Winners' Cup second-round tie on Thursday, thanks to two goals in two minutes, reports Reuter.

Strikers lan Wright and Alan Smith scored in the 17th and 19th minutes as the Lordon side took early command of the game and maintained their firm grip on the trophy.

The Danes pulled a goal back through Mark Strudal in the 54th minute but they will be sorely pressed to rescue the tie in the away leg in England." Sampdoria, trophy winners

in 1990, cruised to a comfortable 3-0 home-leg victory over Grasshoppers of Zurich and look like joining Arsenal in the quarter-finals.

The Italians were held goalless by the Swiss until Alessandro Melli, who scored in the 1993 final when Parma won, struck on the stroke of half-time.

Serb Sinisa Mihajlovic, part of the Red Star Belgrade team

which won the European' Cup in 1991, added a second in the 76th minute and Riccardo Maspero hit the third seven

minutes later. Chelsea, England's other club in the tournament, were held to a 0-0 draw home by Austria Vienna, who played the last 22 minutes one man short. Midfielder Manfred Schmid was sent off for a second book-

able offence.

June 1966.

The nearest the Londoners came to securing a vital homeleg win was when David

#### Olympiakos have a new coach

ATHENS, Oct 21: Dutchman

Thijs Libregts, a former coach of Holland's national soccer team, has taken over Olympiakos of Piraeus, the club announced Thursday, reports

He replaces Nikos Ale fantos, who was fired last month after Olympiakos' home loss to France's Olympique Marseille for the UEFA Cup.

An announcement by the Piraeus-based club said Libregts' contract will run until

Rocastle hit the post in the dying minutes. Feyenoord of Rotterdam won at home against

Germany's Werder Bremen. but their only reward for persistent pressure against the 1992 winners was a single goal from Swedish international striker Henrik Larsson in the 63rd minute.

French side Auxerre emerged from Turkey with a fine 2-2 draw against Besiktas after trailing 2-0 to the home

The Turks appeared to be cruising to victory after they hit two goals in four minutes near the end of the first half through Mehmet Ozdilek and Ertugrul Saglam.

Auxerre attacked from the

start of the second half and

wiped out the deficit with goals in the 53rd and 58th minutes from Algerian Moussa Saib and Corentin Martins. Spaniards Real Zaragoza

scored a crushing 4-0 win in Slovakia over Tatran Presov, with Educardo Esnaider scoring twice, and a fourth-minute penalty from Belgian international Lorenzo Staelens gave Club Brugge a 1-0 Home win over Panathinaikos of Greece.