Sports Reporter

Victoria Sporting Club, who had already confirmed their promotion to the First Division, ended their Green Delta Insurance Second Division hockey super league campaign with a lone goal victory over Raktim Sangha on the penultimate day at the Hockey Stadium yesterday.

Danesh Kamal scored the all-important goal in the 58th minute to ensure Victoria's sixth win in the eight-team fray. With this win Victoria garnered 18 points from their quota of seven league engage-

in the other match of the day. Combined SC blanked Uttara Hockey Club 2-0 with Reza notching both the goal for the winners from penalty strokes.

Mohsin Cup b'ball

Sports Reporter

Title aspirants Kurmitola Young Star recorded their third successive win in the Mohsin Cup Second Division basketball league when they prevailed over Young Angels 67-65 in one of the two matches billed for the National Sports Council gymnasium vesterday.

The winners led the first half 33-26.

Taju scored highest 20 points for the winners and Johnny caged 16. Fahim (30) and Hasib's (26) valiant effort proved inadequate as Angels found themselves two point behind when time ran out.

In the first match of the day, Surida Sangha started their league campaign with a 66-61 win over Rising Star.

Evans and Monoj caged 25 points each for the winners while Anik with 15 points was the top marksman for Rising Star, who suffered their first defeat after a 72-64 win over old Foujian Association in their league opener.

DMFA donation

The Dhaka Metropolis Football Association (DMFA) has donated Tk 25,730 to in Rahmatganj booter Mohammad Lokman to cover his medical expenses in a city

DMFA Secretary Kazi Mishu formally handed over a cheque for the amount to Lokman at the DMFA office yesterday, reports UNB.

Lokman, skipper of the Metropolis First Division footleague champions Rahmatgani MFS, was injured during a first round match with Dhaka Wanderers Club in August

Foreigners serve Benfica well

LISBON, Oct 31: Champions Benfica inflicted the first home defeat of the season on 10-man Guimaraeson Sunday with a 3victory earned by their two new foreign imports, reports

Argentine Claudio Caniggia scored twice in the last 15 minutes after Benfica's newlysigned Belgian World Cup goalkeeper Michel Preud'homme saved a penalty, but they still languish six points off the pace.

Sporting Lisbon remained top with a 2-0 win over Beira Mar, while Porto kept up the pressure with an emphatic 4-0 drubbing of newly-promoted Chaves to remain two points behind.

Striker Isaias Soares put fourth-placed Benfica ahead after six minutes, and although Guimaraes were reduced to 10 men after 55 minutes when defender Samuel Quina was sent off for a second bookable offence, the home side came close to equalising.

Guimaraes won a penalty in the 77th minute when Bosnian Dane Kupresanin was fouled. but Preud'homme pushed Kupresanin's kick past the post. Kupresanin got on the score sheet with a consolation goal three minutes from time.

Sporting, the only unbeaten side in the league, relied on their foreign players and an

own goal for their 2-0 win. Polish striker Andrzej Juskowiak opened the scoring in the 10th minute when Nigerian World Cup forward Emmanuel

Amunike, making his debut, crossed from the left. Amunike hit the bar in the 60th minute, but it took an own goal from Beira Mar defender

Pedro Miguel two minutes from time to seal Sporting's victory. Ex-England manager Bobby Robson's Porto took the lead six minutes into their match with a goal from midfielder Rui Barros. but it was the 57th minute before they added a second when Antonio Folha beat two defenders to score from the edge of the

BAF hockey

JESSORE. Oct 31: BAF Base Zahurul Haque team defeated BAF Base Pahar Kanchanpur team by a solitary goal in the only match of the Bangladesh Air Force inter-base hockey championship at the BAF Base Matiur Rahman here today, reports UNB:



International Master Lanka Ravi during their 12th round match of the 11th Dr Q M Hossain chess tournament at the conference room of the National Sports Council yesterday. Ravi won the match in 26 moves. - Star photo

QM Hossain meet wide open

ith one round go and three players jointly. eading the points table, the 11th Dr Qazi Motahar Hossain International Masters' chess championship is wide

V Sharavan's solo reign ended vesterday when the young Indian drew his penultimate round match with IM Ziaur Rahman, the national champion of Bangladesh, at the National Sports Council, letting holder Pakistani IM Mahmood Ahmed Khan Lodhi and Reefat bin Sattar, Zia's coeval arch-rival, joint him at the top with nine and a half points

Sharavanan, who now needs only half a point for an IM norm, agreed to a draw after just six moves in a game played in the line of Sicilian defence. Zia raised his collection to seven points by virtue of yesterday's deadlock.

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Of the top trio. Reefat holds a better chance of winning the crown, provided he wins his deferred ninth round match against Indian IM Lanka Ravi today, which will take him one point clear at the top.Reefat. who started this year's campaign in style winning the first six matches in a row, made light of Hasibul Hassan yesterday in a game of French Defence, winning in only 17

Reigning champion Lodhi. however, found a tougher opponent in the shape of local Syed Taiyebur Rahman and he had to manoeuvre with his white pieces for 41 moves before forcing Rahman to resign.

Lanka Ravi maintained his steady showing in the meet having FIDE Master Syed Tahmidur Rahman surrender on the 26th move. Tahmid's Old Indian Defence proved inept to withstand Ravi's on-

Kalimullah Khan, who

pulled off a sensational victory over Indian IM Ravi Gopal Hegde on Sunday, found the clock tough to beat in his match against compatriot Nahid Miyazid and had to resign on the 40th move as he ran out of time.

In two short-lived ties, IM Shekhar Chandra Sahu and fellow-Indian Hegde shared honours with Abdullah al-Rakib and Maruf Ahmed respectively. Sahu accepted Al-Rakib's offer for a draw after seven moves while Hegde took five moves more before realising his match with Maruf headed nowhere.

played today with the first being a crucial one between and Kalimullah Khan will resume their yesterday's adjourned match.

round matches will played tomorrow.

Rowdy peace campaigners RIO DE JANEI-

RO. Oct 31: Six men were sent off and riot police had to separate brawling players as a Brazilian championship match crupted in violence on Sunday, reports Reuter.

After the match one player went to a police station to make a formal complaint against an opponent.

The game, involving world club champions Sao Paulo and defending Brazilian champions Palmeiras, degenerated after Palmeiras striker Edmundo was involved in a furious row with a director on the Sao Paulo bench late in the second.

Ironically, the game, a local derby, had been preceded by a campaign to eradicate violence on the terraces.

Representatives from the organised supporters clubs of several Sao Paulo-based teams paraded around the pitch carrying banners with the word "peace" before the game and then launched a symbolic dove in the centre circle.

Trouble began after Edmundo had scored his second goal of the game to level the scores at 2-2.

Edmundo was involved in a furious exchange with the Sao Paulo team bench, during which the two sides exchanged

As soon as play re-started, Edmundo lunged into Sao Paulo midfielder Alemao with a reckless tackle for which he was shown the vellow card.

Edmundo was surrounded by demonstrating Sao Paulo players and slapped Sao Paulo midfielder Juninho in the face.

Both were sent off. As Edmundo was leaving the pitch, he punched Sao Paulo left back Andre Luis in the face, then aimed a kick at the groin of the same player, this began a brawl in which players from both sides punched and lunged at each

other with violent kicks. The brawling stopped only when riot police, armed with truncheons, came into the field. Muller and Gilmar of Sao Paulo and Antonio Carlos and Cesar Sampaio of Palmeiras

Army boxing

COMILLA, Oct 31: The hosts Comilla Area clinched the title of the annual Army boxing championship which concluded at the Comilla Cantonment here last evening, an ISPR press release said, reports BSS. They collected three golds,

one silver and three bronze medals while Chittagong Area became runners-up with two golds, two silvers, and two bronzes.

Naik Md Abdul Karim of Comilia area, who won gold in light middleweight, was adjudged the best boxer of the meet.

Radio reporters, who are positioned around the pitches in Brazilian stadiums, became caught up in the melee as they attempted to broadcast the players' gemarks live on the

The game, which was interrupted for a total of 15 minutes, ended 2-2.

After the match, Andre Luis went to a police station to make a formal complaint. "He's going to have to pay for what he did," he said. Sao Paulo director Kalef

Joao Francisco admitted latter he had spoken to Edmundo from the bench. "I told him to play football, everytime he went for the ball, he went with his feet up." Francisco said.

Former Brazil international Alemau said: "I'm ashamed... now we're in no position to ask the supporters for peace." Sao Paulo coach Tele Santana said Edmundo should be eliminated from the game.

Edmundo said he had been provoked by Francisco, the Sao Paulo director. "He insulted my mother." Edmundo said.

Palmeiras coach Vanderley Luxemburgo, who has punished Edmundo in the past, * this time defended his player. "He was insulted." Luxemburgo said. "What's a director doing on the bench, anyway?"

It was yet another unsavoury

Sevilla sink Gijon

MADRID, Oct 31: Struggling Sevilla regained their winning form in startling fashion on Sunday with a resounding 5-1 victory against Sporting Gijon that more than doubled their goal tally for the season, reports Reuter.

Sevilla had not scored in their previous four matches and had only three league goals to their credit before Sunday's victory.

Javier Pineda, Croatian Davor Suker, Gabriel Moya and Rafa Paz all got on the scoresheet, as Sevilla outran and outmanoeuvred their opponents. They were also aided by an own-goal from Sporting defender Pablo Diaz. Sporting's Alejandro Moran grabbed a late consolation goal for the visi-

The much needed win their third of the season lifted Sevilla to within three points of Barcelona and Real Madrid and five off joint leaders Deportivo Coruna and Real Zaragoza who all played on Saturday.

Espanol, Barcelona's other Division One team, also emerged from a three-match goalless patch with a 5-1 home win, over Albacete on Sunday.

Striker Jordi Lardin scored twice for Espanol and Roberto Prieto, Romanian Florin Raductout and Moises Arteaga contributed one each.

Albacete's Jose Zalazar scored with a penalty.

chapter in the career of Edmundo, a brilliant but highly temperamental forward.

He was sent off five times last year and suspended by Luxemburgo for a dressingroom fight with defender Antonio Carlos.

Edmundo was reinstated after apologising but was suspended again this year for protesting at being substituted during a game. Shortly after the ban, he was left out of Brazil's World Cup squad.

Brazilian soccer has been plagued by trouble off the pitch in the last month.

One fan died after a riot during a match involving Guarani and Corinthians in Campinas, while another fan died from wounds sustained after he was shot in front of Rio de Janeiro's Maracana Stadium following a game last week.

Paulo need to beat Sport Recife on Tuesday to finish top of Group F at the halfway mark in the competition's second stage and clinch a place in the quarter finals. If they draw or

The result means that Sao

lose, Palmeiras will finish top.

Corinthians qualified for the quarter finals by finishing top of Group E, the other group, at the halfway point after beating Paysandu 2-1. They finished ahead of Guarani on goal dif-

Two deferred matches will

Reefat and Ravi. Hasibul Hassan

The thirteenth and final

Rangpur, U-19 women's h'ball champions

Sport

Sports Reporter

Rangpur District Sports Association clinched the na tional under-19 women's handball championship when they thrashed Jessore 24-8 in the final at the Women's Sports Complex yesterday.

Rangpur, the only unbeaten team in the meet, took and unassailable 12-5 lead at the breather. The eventual winners netted 12 more goals against Jessore's three in the second half with Rasheda spearheading the Rangpur onslaught with 10 goals. Feroza with six goals was the other notable scorer for the winners, Nasima, the captain of

Rangpur, was adjudged the player-of-the-meet.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadeque Hossain, who was chief guest on the concluding day of the four-day meet, gave away prizes after the final.

Coach Maradona without a win

BUENOS AIRES, Oct 31: Diego Maradona was still waiting for his first win as a soccer coach at the weekend after watching his Deportivo Mandiyu team draw 0-0 away to Ferro Carril Oeste in the Argentine championship, reports

International soccer's governing body FIFA decided last week that Maradona, who is joint coach of the club based in Corrientes, could work as a coach despite his 15-month playing ban for failing a drug test at the World Cup finals.

Although Mandiyu had slightly the better of a dull encounter, Maradona was unable to celebrate FIFA's decision with a win.

Mandiyu goalkeeper Sergio Goycochea. Maradona's teammate in the Argentina team which finished as runners-up in the 1990 World Cup, was substituted in the second half after being injured. Mandiyu, who have drawn

four games and lost one since Maradona joined, are one place from the bottom in the Argentine Apertura Championship. the first of two competitions in the 1994-5 season. Leaders Velez Sarsfield had

to come from one goal behind at home to Boca Juniors to keep their unbeaten record in the competition. Veteran 34-year-old midfielder Alberto Marcico gave

Boca a 40th minute lead when

he scored from a rebound after Rodolfo Arruabarrena's header had hit the crossbar. Boca controlled the game and Paraguayan goalkeeper Jose Luis Chilavert was once more than hero for Velez as he

made several fine saves to keep them alive. But the South American club champions grabbed an undeserved equaliser ten minutes from time through striker Omar Asad, following a lapse by the Boca defence.

Ctg soccer

CHITTAGONG, Oct 31: Both matches of the CJKP First Division football league ended in draws at the Chittagong Stadium here today, reports

Brothers Union split points with Shatadal in a one-all draw. In the 21st minute Al-Helal put Shatadal Club ahead while in the 50th minute Nipu equalised for Brothers.

Brothers have collected 17 points from 15 matches while Shatadal 12 points from the same number of encounters.



Dutchman Ruud Gullit (L) and German Juergen Kohler are engaged in a midfield tussle for the ball during an Italian First Division match between AC Milan and Juventus in Turin on Oct 30. Juventus won 1-0. -AFP photo Pak-Aussie final Test begins today

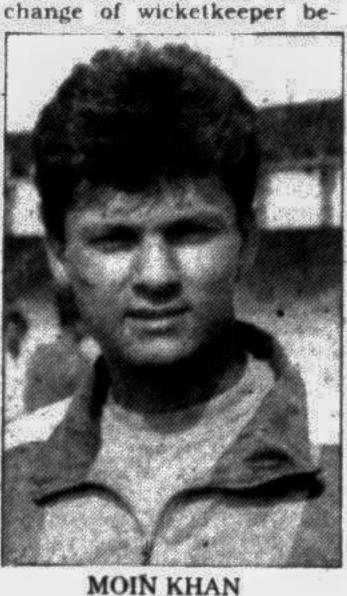
Moin may replace Latif



Wicket keeper Phil Emery is set to win his first Test cap for Australia as they

attempt to square the series against Pakistan in the third and final match starting on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

Pakistan may also have a change of wicketkeeper be-



cause Rashid Latif is nursing a bruised thumb sustained while taking a delivery from fast bowler Wagar Younls in Sunday's limited overs series final between the two teams.

A decision on his fitness was to be taken later on Monday. If Rashid is ruled out his replacement is likely to be Moin Khan, whose elder

brother, left-arm spinner Nadeem Khan is in line for a

Emery, the New South Wales captain, was flown in to replace Ian Healy, who broke his left thumb during a limited overs series match against Pakistan at Rawalpindi nine

Emery made an impressive international debut in his side's 64 run win in the final. taking three catches and sharing in an unbroken sixthwicket stand of 43 with Michael Bevan that helped Australia to their highest total of the competition. "Phil certainly played his

due role and took some very good catches," Taylor said, hinting his side would retain the line up that clinched the one-day series. Australia's victory on Sunday was a useful confidence

booster as they go into the third Test trailing 1-0 after losing the first Test at Karachi by one wicket Australia have not won a Test series in Pakistan for 35 years. Their last success here was under Richie Benaud in

1959-60 when they took the three-Test series 2-0. "It has been a very good tour so far," said Australia's captain Mark Taylor.

. The only disappointment was the loss at Karachi, but that's part of cricket, we look forward to another great performance by the players and Sunday's triumph has certainly pumped up our adrenalin. Groundsman Muhammad

the last two days of the match. which will be played without a rest day.

TEAMS

Bashir has prepared a batting-

friendly pitch that may turn on

PAKISTAN: Saeed Anwar Aamir Sohail, Inzamam-ul-Haq. Salim Malik (captain), Ejaz Ahmed, Basit Ali, Rashid Latif, Asif Mujtaba, Wasim Akram.



Wagar Younis, Aagib Javed,

Akram Raja, Mushtaq Ahmed, Nadeem Khan.

AUSTRALIA: Mark Taylor Icaptain), Michael Slater, Mark Waugh, David Boon, Steve Waugh, Michael Bevan, Phil Emery, Shane Warne, Craig McDermott, Glenn McGrath, Damien Fleming, Tim May. Justin Langer.

Rain, bad light reign at Harare

SL, Zimbabwe share honours HARARE, Oct 31: b Pushpakumara



reports AFP.

The third and final cricket Test between Zimbabwe and Sri Lanka ended in a predictable draw with rain and bad light the real winners on the fifth and final day Monday.

The three-match series, the first between the two sides. was also drawn. Only 66 minutes of play was

possible on Monday and in be-

tween Sri Lanka took their

overnight second innings score from 20-1 to 89-3. That gave them an overall lead of 96 but with so much play lost on the fourth and fifth days a victory for either side

was not possible. Zimbabwe managed to whittle out both overnight batsmen Asanka Gurusinha and Sanjeewa Ranatunga within 20 minutes of each other.

Gurusinha did not add to his overnight score of 13 before he was caught at second slip, slashing a widish delivery from David Brain. Ranatunga was caught at short leg for W James c Mahanama

eight, undone by a rising delivery from Heath Streak which he could not keep out of the hands of short leg. There followed a flourishing

unbroken fourth wicket stand of 53 runs in 58 balls between captain Arjuna Ranatunga and vice captain Aravinda de Silva before play came to an end. De Silva played strokes all

around the wicket and hit six

fours in his 41 not out while

Arjuna Ranatunga finished on

an unbeaten 22, with the last

stroke of the day a straight six

off Malcolm Jarvis. SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in the drawn third Test between Zimbabwe and Sri Lanka here Monday. SRI LANKA: First innings

ZIMBABWE: First innings G Flower c Tillekeratne b Pushpakumara

A Campbell c Tillekeratne

b Pushpakumara D Houghton b Vaas A Flower c Tillekeratne b Vaas G Whittal not out

M Dekker Ibw b Pushpakumara 14

P Strang b Dharmasena M Jarvis b Pushpakumara Extras: (8lb 6nb) Total: (all out) Fall of wickets: 1-10: 2-25: 3-219; 4-235; 5-297; 6-305; 7-363; 8-363; 9-372 Bowling: 12 76 Pushpakumara Dharmasena 9 71

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D Brain Ibw b Pushpakumara

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SRI LANKA: Second innings (overnight 20-1) A Gurusinha c Whittal b Brain R Mahanama Ibw b Brain S Ranatunga c Whittal b Streak A De Silva not out A Ranatunga not out Extras: (lb-2, nb-3) Total: (3 wkts)

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31

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Fall of wickets: 1-5; 2-24; 3-36. Bowling: 4 32 1 48 . 2

Parma comfortably placed



ROME. Oct 31: Parma moved two points clear at the top in Italy on Sunday when a

goal two minutes from time by striker Gianfranco Zola gave his team a 1-0 win over previously unbeaten AS Roma, reports Reuter. Zola took advantage of a

momentary lapse in the Roma

defence to drill a perfectly

placed low shot past goalkeeper Giovanni Cervone in Sunday night's game. Parma have 19 points from eight games, two ahead of

Lazio and Juventus. A rare headed goal by Roberto Baggio had earlier secured Juventus a 1-0 win over ailing champions AC Milan Lazio scrambled to a 1-0 win over strugglers Cremonese in Rome thanks to a goal from substitute Pierluigi Casiraghi.

Roma are fourth on 15 points while Fiorentina moved level with them after a 4-2 win at Brescia in which Argentine Gabriel Batistuta maintained

Berlusconi's

MILAN, Oct 31: Ailing Italian champions AC Milan received a boost when Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi

president, reports Reuter. "Milan have a special place in my heart and that will never change. I have never imagined leaving and I don't think I will leave," Daily Corriere Dello Sport on Sunday quoted Berlusconi as saying.

pledged to continue as club

Berlusconi, who took over at Milan more than eight years ago, has been an infrequent visitor to the San Siro Stadium since becoming Prime Minister in May. "The age of some of the top players is catching up on Milan. We are also paying the

price of an incredible series of

injuries and post-World Cup

fatigue." Berlusconi said, ex-

plaining the club's poor from

this season.

his record of scoring in eyery game this season. Batistuta has nine goals from eight games.

Roma, missing eight players

through suspension and in

juries, lost leading scorer Abel' Balbo with a hamstring injury after just 10 minutes. But they looked to have secured a point from a bad-tempered match in which seven

players were booked until Zola

popped up to ruin their night.

Milan, champions for the last three seasons, are struggling in 11th place in the 18club Serie A. They are now eight points behind Parma, who visit the San Siro to meet Milan next Sunday.

Before then Milan face a

crucial Champions' League tie

with AEK Athens in Trieste on Wednesday. Baggio, not noted for his prowess in the air, was left unmarked at the far-post to head home across from midfielder Angelo di Livio in the

The goal was enough to give Juventus, who won the title for the 22nd and last time back in 1986, their first victory over Milan in Turin for more than four years. "We paid the price for a

lack of concentration," said

45th minute.

Milan coach Fabio Capello after a disappointing match between two of the great names of Italian soccer. Lazio, whose only championship came in 1974, look capable of maintaining a real

challenge this time. The much criticised Casiraghi supplied the winner against Cremonese in the 73rd minute after coming off the bench. The powerful striker headed home after Croat Alen Boksic had set up an open goal.

pions Bayern Munich, Dennis Bergkamp returned for Inter on Sunday after recovering from injury but was substituted after 70 minutes of anonymity. Promising striker Marco Delvecchi, 21, showed Berg-

kamp how it should be done

with an 89th minute goal

which gave Inter a 1-0 win

A target for German cham-

over bottom club Reggiana.

Bergkamp, such a fine finisher with the Dutch national side and previous club Ajax Amsterdam, has scored just nine times in 37 league games

in Italy. Inter join Sampdoria and Cagliari on 12 points, behind Bari and Foggia, two of the

surprise teams of the season. Reggiana coach sacked

REGGIO EMILIA, Italy, Oct 31: Italy's First Division club Reggiana on Monday fired coach Giuseppe "Pippo" Marchioro, following the team's seventh defeat in eight league games, reports AP.

Hamburg dump Duisburg

BONN, Oct 31: Hamburg jumped seven places to third in the German Bundesliga with a resounding 5-0 victory at bottom-placed Duisburg on Sunday, reports Reuter.

Juergen Hartmann put Hamburg ahead after 18 minutes, Joerg Albertz added a second in the 26th and Stefan Schnoor the third 10 minutes after half time. Harald Spoerl finished the demolition with two goals in the last 20 min-

Hamburg's victory moved them to within four points of leaders Borussia Dortmund. while Duisburg fans screamed for the resignation of coach Ewald Lienen after their ninth defeat in 11 games.

BSJA condolence The Bangladesh Sports

Journalists Association (BSJA) yesterday expressed deep shock at the untimely death of promising sports reporter Anwar Hossain Lashker, reports UNB. In a condolence message, the

BSJA conveyed sympathy to the members of the bereaved family and prayed for the eternal peace of the departed soul.