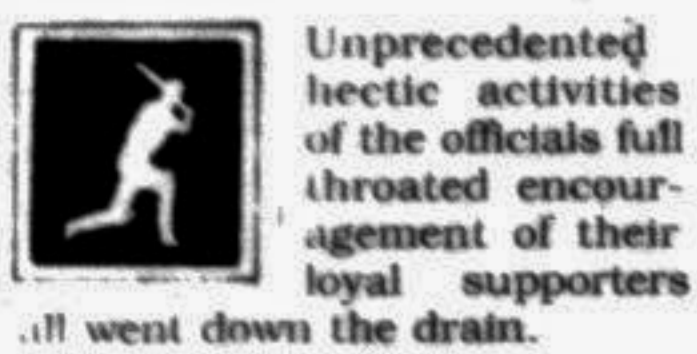


Abahani all set to retain title

History MSC's nightmare



Unprecedented hectic activities of the officials full throated encouragement of their loyal supporters all went down the drain.

For the second successive year former champions Mohammedan Sporting Club were ejected from the Damal Summer cricket tournament from the semifinal stage as they again lost to arch-rivals Abahani by 32 runs in the second semifinal of the 15th version of the curtain-raiser at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Holders Abahani, who had put an end to Mohammedans monopoly of the tournament's final a unique feat of 13 consecutive appearances — with a five-wicket semifinal defeat in the previous meet, will take on Victoria in the final billed for December 9.

In a welcome revelation of change and novelty traditional but now unfancied Victoria entered the final earlier as the only unbeaten team of the 20-tournament.

The cricketing contest of country's two most crowd-pulling clubs petered into a rather anticlimactic finish as Mohammedans chasing 188 to secure a place in the final and a go at their seventh Damal title were bowled out for 155 with nearly three overs to spare.

The former champions, who depended heavily on the batting skills of Pakistani Test cricketer Aamir Malik, were caught napping by an all-round display of a less fancied and aged Pakistani pledging allegiance to the opposition camp.

Kamal Merchant, a seasoned cricketer with years of experience in Pakistan's domestic circuit and club cricket in England, collected a sound half century and then put spoke in the Mohammedan wheels with his military medium that earned him three wickets.

Although a score of 188 on an easy wicket was hardly beyond the reach of big and fairly balanced side like Mohammedans, the former champions were undermined at the very outset by the poor captaincy of Aminul Islam.

The national all-rounder, who has by now firmly established his dubious reputation of melting under pressure, persisted with the ineffective bowling of the two Pakistanis — Aamir Malik and Shaheed Tanveer — flown all the way from Pakistan the day before.

Malik otherwise a sound batsman but not quite known for explosive batting bowled eight overs to give away 54 runs after Aminul Islam won the toss and opted to field first.

His compatriot the veteran Shaheed Tanveer preferred to the younger Naveed Bhatti was no better spending thirty three runs from six overs.

Tanveer was played reportedly on the insistence of Aamir Malik following a debate of a short Monday night over team selection.

So, bereft of ideas Amin was that he even forgot to use a regular left-arm spinner like Mustadir and two off-spinners at his disposal for at least one over.

His failure to take stock of the situation on his own rather than relying on Malik whose presence clearly awed him, allowed Abahani to recover from a horrible start.

After losing three wickets quickly, Abahani were brought back into the game by some sensible batting by Merchant, who waited for the bowlers to err in line and length to pick his runs. His 58 from 106 balls featuring three hits to the fence formed the core of Abahani innings.

Big Akram Khan, who broke off the shackles last around by the Mohammedan new ball bowlers with a huge sixer over long on in Malik's first over, made 32 before being one of the four victims of left-arm spinner Rafiq arguably the best Mohammedan bowler on the day.

Minhaz made a characteristic 25 and a couple of lusty blows by Masud gave Abahani a fighting total.

Mohammedans were always behind the clock in their chase and kept losing wickets at regular interval.

Although the much criticised Sajjad Ahmad, the young opener tried to speed up things with a beautifully timed sixer off Merchant over long on, Mohammedans could not draw the inspiration they were looking from Aamir Malik.

After Selim Shahed per-

Sports Reporter
ished cheaply, attempting to accelerate things Malik followed too brilliantly caught in the deep by Saiful off a huge skier for 24 made from 37 balls.

Skipper Amin too fell to a spectacular catch by Naimur Rahman and Mohammedans were well and truly left in the lurch.

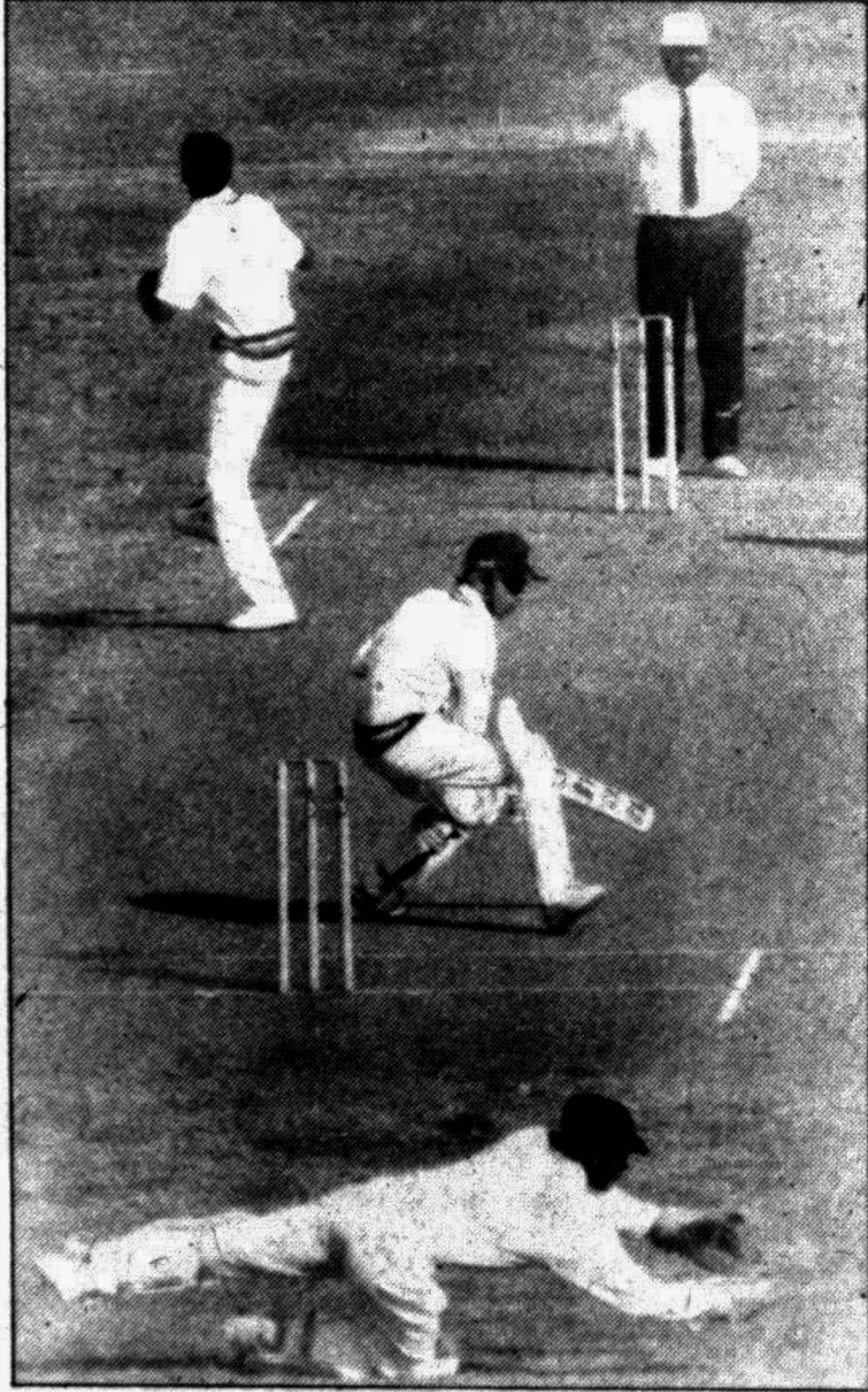
SCOREBOARD
ABAHANI KC
Gast Ashraf c Shaheed b Hasibul Hossain 4
Naimur Rahman b Morshed 0
Jewel Hossain b Hasibul Hossain 11



Morshed Ali Khan, Mohammedan's new ball bowler is simply delighted after having forced one through the defence of Abahani's Naimur Rahman during the second semifinal of the 15th Damal Summer cricket tournament played at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. Holders Abahani sunk their arch-rivals by 32 runs to win a passage to the final on Friday.



KAMAL MERCHANT all round show
Kamal Merchant run out 58
Akram Khan st. Nasir Ahmed b Rafique 32
Minhazul Ahdin b Aamir Malik 25
Iqbal Sikander c Shaheed b Rafique 17



Abahani batsman Jewel Hassan has a narrow squeak as an edge fails to carry on its way to a diving Nasir Ahmed during the second semifinal of the 15th Damal Summer at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Niaz draws with Korchnoi

Bangladesh men's team drew with Switzerland in their fourth round encounter in the Chess Olympiad being held in Moscow.

The country's only Grandmaster, Niaz Murshed, drew with Grand Master Victor Korchnoi, ex-world champion challenger, according to a message received here yesterday, reports UNB.

Earlier, the men beat Ireland 3-1. The women's team beat Malaysia 2-1 in the fourth round but lost earlier to Czech Republic 1-2.

Acme Div II cricket

Sports Reporter
Dhanmondi Progoti Sangha, Orient Sporting Club and Katthalbagan won their respective Acme Second Division cricket league matches played at different city venues yesterday.

At the Dhanmondi Club ground, Progoti Sangha earned a 42-run win over Rayerbazar Athletic Club.

After winning the toss and deciding to bat first, the Dhanmondi outfit scored 199 for six in the allotted 40 overs with Manzurul Alam making a run-a-ball fifty.

In reply, Rayerbazar could muster 157 before being bundled out in 36.3 overs with opener Asif contributing a sedate 52 off 87 balls.

Ibrahim, the most successful Progoti bowler, claimed four wickets for 30 runs in his eight-over spell.

In the other match of the day at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, Orient Sporting Club earned a massive nine-wicket win over Cantonians Sporting Club.

After having restricted Cantonian for a paltry 97 in 36.2 overs, Orient went on to score the required 98 runs in 26.2 overs for the loss of one wicket.

Opener Sharir who remained unbeaten on 43 comfortably guided his side to an easy win after the other opener fell cheaply.

Away at the Mirpur Outer Stadium Katthalbagan beat Azad Sporting Club by seven runs.

Batting first, Katthalbagan scored a fighting 174 before being all out in the 40th over.

In replay, Azad lost their last five wickets for the addition of only four runs to finish with 167 before being all out in the penultimate ball of the last over.

Jitu who claimed the last three wickets finished with a haul of five for 31.

Baresi bound for Japan

ROME, Dec 6: AC Milan and Italy captain Franco Baresi is expected to play in the J-League next season, Italian television said Tuesday, reports AFP.

The 34-year-old, whose missed penalty contributed to Italy's World Cup final defeat to Brazil in Los Angeles in July, has only just announced his retirement from international football.

Baresi was believed to be negotiating an 18-month contract with Yokohama Flugels.

The Japanese club was also reported to be interested in Haresi's former Milan teammate Ruud Gullit, now with Sampdoria, and Brazil's German-based World Cup captain Carlos Dunga.

As Roma defender Fabio Petrucci, 24, was seen as Baresi's likely replacement at Milan.

AFC not in festive mood

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 6: The 40th anniversary of the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) next week is likely to be overshadowed at the AFC plans to confront FIFA over Asian committee appointments in the world football body, reports AFP.

"The (AFC) executive committee will be discussing the unsatisfactory appointments and debating what steps to take next to seek an explanation and to rectify the situation," AFC general-secretary Peter Velappan said Tuesday.

He said the Asian body viewed FIFA's selection of certain individuals, who had not been recommended by the AFC, to sit on the FIFA standing committees as "totally unsatisfactory."

He refused to say which appointments the AFC was disputing.

Havelange also removed all serving confederation general-secretaries, including Velappan, from the FIFA committee list.

The AFC's anniversary celebrations, which will also double as a meeting place for the body's 12 committees will culminate in a dinner to be held here on December 15.

Two other thorny issues need to be decided by the AFC at the four-day meeting which starts next Monday.



Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman (second from right) who is also the president of the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board addressing a press conference yesterday in connection with the forthcoming SAARC cricket tourney to be held in Dhaka.

SAARC tourney from Dec 22

Sports Reporter
The SAARC cricket tournament, a brain child of the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB), going to be staged in Bangladesh for the second time from December 22 following an abortive first attempt in 1992.

Apart from the hosts Bangladesh, who will field their full national team, three Test playing countries of the region — Pakistan, India and Sri Lanka — will take part in the four-nation invitational tournament. However, they will send their second string sides in the meet.

Meanwhile, in a press conference held yesterday, the BCCB president A S M Mostafizur Rahman revealed an estimated budget of Taka sixty lakh has been earmarked to hold the week-long meet.

"I appeal to all the political parties to keep a tab on their programmes during the meet" said the BCCB president who is also the Foreign Minister while answering to a query from the newsmen about whether it is possible to run the meet uninterrupted by the country caught in the welter of political unrest.

The maiden meet in 1992 was called off midway when the law and order situation was no longer deemed fit for the smooth and safe holding of the meet following the demolition of a mosque in India.

"We are pursuing the other countries of the SAARC in a bid to regularise the meet for our own interest", said the Foreign Minister.

Referring to the unavailability of a venue exclusively for cricket Mostafiz said, "A cricket stadium is my dream" and went on to add "I have left two options to the authorities, the NSC: provide us a new stadium as soon as possible or give us the full control of Dhaka Stadium."

Terming the proposed stadium near Maghbazar a long shot the BCCB supremo made a humorous and pregnant observation "It seems Khoka (nick name of the State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadeque Hossain) needs a few more raffles to get a move on."

Having realised that the bolt has been shot, Rahman promptly added "It's off the record, don't quote me."

However, the tournament, apart, the Kenyan national team will visit Bangladesh on January 22 followed by the

Hyderabad Cricket Association team which is expected to arrive here at about the same time.

The Indian national team is also expected to make a brief visit to Bangladesh by the second week of February on its way to New Zealand.

In a busy international schedule, the England A team will arrive in the capital on February 18 to play two limited-over and a three-day matches.

FIXTURES

Dec 22:	Pakistan XI vs Bangladesh
Dec 23:	India XI vs Sri Lanka XI
Dec 24:	Sri Lanka XI vs Bangladesh
Dec 25:	Pakistan XI vs India XI
Dec 26:	India XI vs Bangladesh
Dec 27:	Pakistan XI vs Sri Lanka XI
Dec 29:	Final (between top two finishers)
The rate of tickets for the tournament	
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VIP Gate No-2	Tk 1500 Tk 300
VIP Gate No-3	Tk 800 Tk 200
Western Gallery	Tk 180 Tk 30
Eastern Gallery	Tk 120 Tk 20

Mashuk wins Gulshan Club tennis title

Sports Reporter
Shamsur Rahman won the singles title of the Gulshan Club tennis championship yesterday.

In a long drawn out final lasting about three and a half hours Mashuk came back from behind after conceding the first set to his opponent Syed Wahid at 2-6.

Mashuk won the next set in tie break at 7-5 and went on to clinch the final set quite comfortably at 6-3.

The doubles crown went to Wahid and Azmat pair who beat (capt Munir and Wahedul Alam. Although Syed Wahid lost the singles final his father Mahmud wrought out some sort family consolation by winning the veterans' doubles title in tandem with Mesbah. They beat the Mannan and Zaman pair.

Junior squash team off to Singapore

Sports Reporter
A three-member Bangladesh junior squash team left Dhaka to take part in an under-19 event, beginning in Singapore from December 8.

The two players — Karimuddin and Ashfaq Selim — were to have taken part in the Perrier Asian Junior Squash Classic meanwhile, held in Kuala Lumpur from December 4 to 6.

The team is expected to return on December 11.

MSC's goal spree in Green Delta hockey

Sports Reporter
Mohammedan Sporting Club started their Green Delta Insurance hockey league campaign with a thumping 6-0 win over Bangladesh Sporting Club in one of the two matches played at the Hockey Stadium yesterday.

The last year's runners-up, who led the first half by a solitary goal, pumped five more in the second half to complete the rout.

Nixon and Alam notched two goals each while Mitul and Zahid Biswas scored the other two for the Mohammedans.

In the other match of the day, Dhaka Mariner Youngs' Club recorded a convincing 4-1 win over Bangladesh Railway with Shahiduzzaman scoring two goals for the winners.

Musa Miah and Bkaka Lusal were the other goal getters for Mariner while Sirajul Islam reduced the margin for the losers.

DU cricket, football results

Department of Journalism defeated Micro Biology by 23 runs in the Dhaka university inter-department cricket tournament at the Jagannath Hall ground yesterday, reports UNB.

Batting first, Journalism piled up 155 for seven in the stipulated 30 overs and restricted Micro Biology to 132 for seven in 30 overs.

In inter-department football meet, Management trounced Philosophy 3-1 at the university ground.

Javed struck twice and Pappu once for the winners while Shamim scored the lone goal for the losers.

Milan's moment of truth

LONDON, Dec 6: AC Milan's reign as Europe's most powerful soccer team will come to an end Wednesday if it fails to beat modest Austrian club Cashino Salzburg in the Champions League, reports AP.

Defending titlists in a competition they have won three times in the last six seasons, Milan need a victory in Salzburg to scramble into the quarterfinal. Otherwise, their season is virtually over.

Current form does not point to success for the star-studded Milanese club, which is low on morale and even trailing well behind in the Italian league it usually dominates.

The team's 2-0 loss to Argentina's Velez Sarsfield Thursday in the World Club Championship in Tokyo means Milan will likely end the season without a single trophy. They also have been eliminated from the Italian Cup.

"This is the same team which won the Champions Cup last season," Milan's managing director Adriano Galliani said. "This sudden fall is puzzling all of us."

Or maybe it's just the end of an era.

The lineup that crushed Barcelona 4-0 in last season's final in Athens, including standout Montenegro midfielder Dejan Savicevic, all are available for the game in Salzburg. Now Milan need another performance like the one in the final.

"It's in or out," coach Fabio Capello said. "It's a game we must definitely win. But I can't hide that the team morale is low following the defeat against Velez."

That was Milan's ninth defeat in their last 21 games and the odds are that Salzburg will join already qualified Ajax Amsterdam in the last eight. Ajax host AEK Athens in the other Group D game.

Other teams already through to the quarterfinals are IFK Goteborg from Group A, Paris Saint German from Group B and Benfica and Hajduk Split from Group C.

Goteborg are a surprise qualifier because Barcelona and Manchester United were favoured to advance from the group. Now one of the two powerhouses will be eliminated.

United, in third place and a point behind Barcelona, hope to beat Turkey's Galatasaray at home while the Spanish titlists will try to avoid a home loss to the Swedes.

The other close battle is in Group B.



FABIO CAPELLO

Mathematically, even last place Dynamo Kiev can advance if they gain a high-scoring home victory over Bayern Munich. Dynamo have only two points, two fewer than Bayern and second place Moscow Spartak.

But Spartak must travel to standings leader Paris Saint Germain, who have won all five games so far. Victories for Dy-

namo and PSG will mean the second qualifying place from the group will be decided on goal differential.

In Group C, Benfica, with eight points from five games, travel to Belgium's Anderlecht while Hajduk, six points, host Steaua Bucharest.

Although Milan beat Salzburg 3-0 at San Siro, the Italians had the two points taken away by UEFA, soccer's European governing body, because the Casino goalkeeper Otto Konrad was struck on the head by a bottle thrown by a home fan.

Manchester United wingers Ryan Giggs and Lee Sharpe, defender Paul Parker and Danish goalkeeper Peter Schmeichel all are sidelined through injury while Mark Hughes and Paul Ince are suspended.

Ukrainian winger Andrei Kanchelskis also may miss the game against the Turks at Old Trafford because of a stomach muscle injury but at least French striker Eric Cantona is available.

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Local Sealed Tenders are hereby invited by the Bangladesh Power Development Board for procurement of equipment/materials for the following:
The expenditure will be booked against PDB(East/West), 1994-95.

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1.	Pur-220/94/Lot-1-	ACSR "DOG" Conductor	Tk: 500/-	4-1-95
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Orient Bread kabaddi

Holders Mirpur Jubo Sangha trounced Recreation Club 77-14 in one of the two Orient Bread kabaddi league matches at the Kabaddi court yesterday, reports UNB.

The winners led the first session 37-6.