

Nat'l sports workshop begins

Sports Reporter

The much-vaunted national workshop to recommend guidelines for a comprehensive sports policy for the country began in the city yesterday.

Organised by the Ministry for Youth and Sports, the three-day workshop was inaugurated by Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at the Osmany Memorial Hall in the morning. (See story on Page 11)

The formal opening was followed by the first business session which began at 2 pm with 14 organisers and leading sporting figures taking part. The key note paper on "The National Sports Council" by the National Sports Federation, the Bangladesh Olympic Association and the Women's Sports Association was presented by Maj Gen (Retd) Mahbubur Rahman, a former chairman of the National Sports Council (NSC).

In his paper, General Mahbub, who currently heads the Bangladesh Volleyball Federation, faulted the present NSC statute for being, in his view, the biggest impediment to the proper administration and development of sports in the country.

He advocated a return to the original format for the then National Sports Control Board (NSCB) and said the respective federations should be given more authority to administer their sport at the national level with as little hindrance

or interference from the NSC or Sports Ministry as possible.

He also observed that sports administration in the country should be democratised with proper, qualified representatives running the affairs of each and every national federation or association.

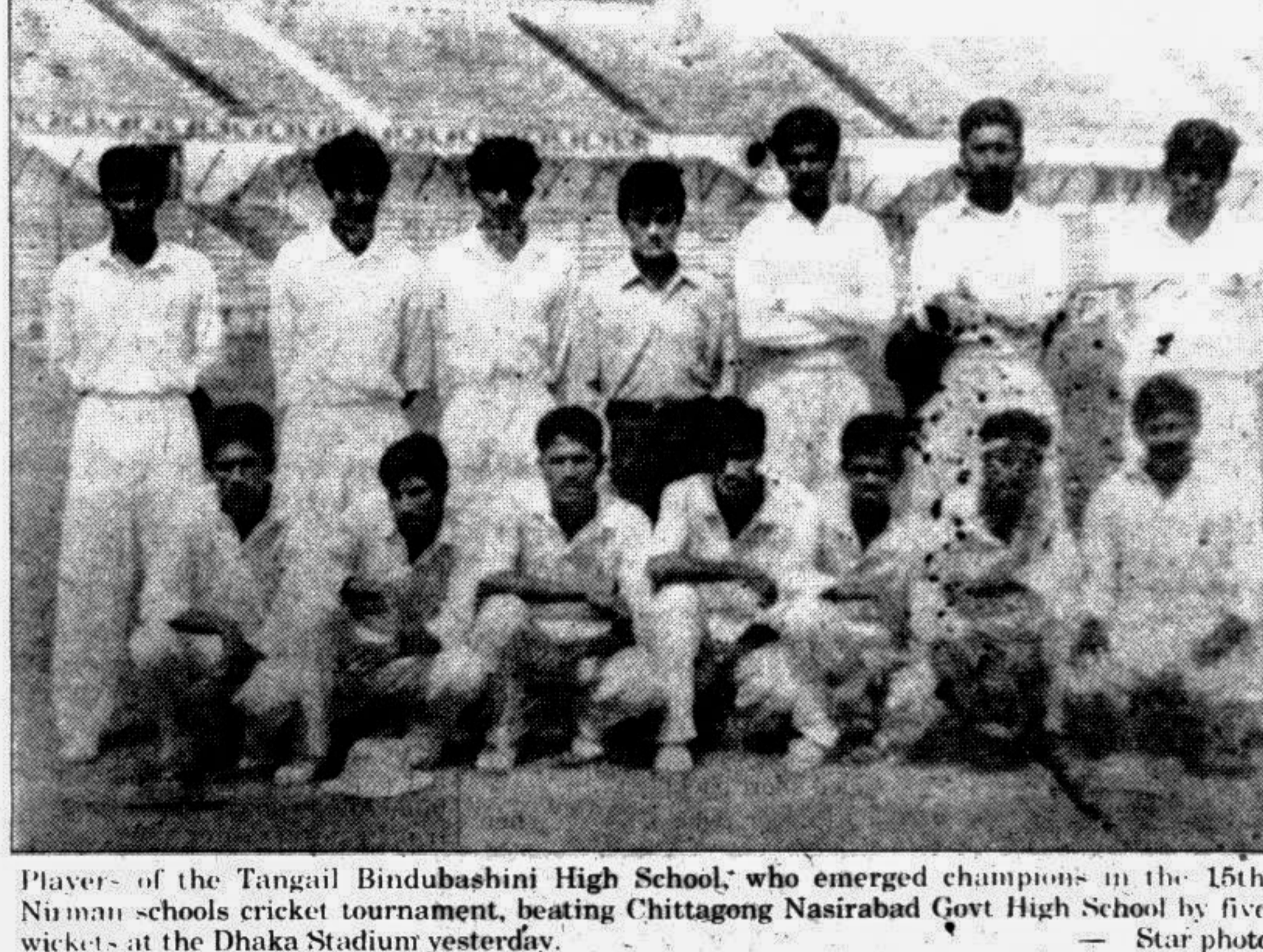
Gen Mahbub also suggested possible modus operandi between the NSC and the federations as well as the Olympic Association and the ministry.

Taking part in the discussion, Anisur Rahman, a bureaucrat who was the first secretary of the then NSCB, said the NSC's regulatory powers should be redefined and it should only concentrate on policy making. He said the NSC should facilitate the work of the various federations instead of trying to stifle them through red-tape and restrictions.

M A Hossain, a former NSC vice chairman, stressed the need for formulating a proper guideline for evaluating performances of individuals when considering them for any sporting award.

Tahmina Khan Dolly, the chief of the Women's Sports Association, said double standards adopted by the NSC and an overlapping of authority had undermined the functioning of her organisation.

Former long-serving NSC secretary M A Rashid felt an incoherence of human qualities and values was more important



Players of the Tangail Bindubashini High School, who emerged champions in the 15th Nirman schools cricket tournament, beating Chittagong Nasirabad Govt High School by five wickets at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. — Star photo

Bindubashini Nirman cricket champs

Tangail Bindubashini High School emerged champions of the 15th Nirman schools cricket tournament beating Chittagong Nasirabad Govt High School by five wickets at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

Battling first after winning the toss, Nasirabad were all out for a palty 65 runs in 32.2 overs.

In reply, Bindubashini reached their target of 66 runs losing five wickets in 24.5 overs.

SCOREBOARD

Nasirabad High School: 65 all out in 32.3 overs; Khaled Khalil and Tanveer Saitar 13 each, Nazrul Hasan 9; Abu Faisal 3/9, Shakil Khan 2/21.

Bindubashini High School: 66/5 in 24.5 overs; Abu Faisal 17, Mushtaq M Sami 11 and extras 11; Mominul Haq 2/14.

Dhaka, Rajshahi in Beximco cricket semis

Dhaka and Rajshahi DSAs advanced to the semifinals of the 15th Beximco National youth cricket tournament winning their respective matches yesterday, reports UNB.

Dhaka DSA beat Pabna DSA by an impressive 70 runs at the Jagannath Hall ground.

Dhaka DSA: 175/9 in 35 overs; M Islam Biplob 41, A S Ahmed Raju 35, J Haq Rashed 27, A S Amin Ujjal 17, A Ahmed Adil 14, A Haq Sejan 11 and extras 14; Rashed 4/36, Shakil 2/29.

Pabna DSA: 105 all out in 34.1 overs; Rashed 25, Miju 16, Shakil 15, Tarek not out 13 and extras 13; J Haq Rashed 2/17, M Islam Biplob 2/27.

In the other match at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, Rajshahi DSA outplayed Comilla DSA by 102 runs.

Rajshahi DSA: 254/9 in 45 overs; Anisur Rahman 78, Golam Murtaza 50, Iftekhar Habib 26; Imran Parvez 15 and extras 44; Nazrul Haq 5/45.

Comilla DSA: 152 all out in 40 overs; Shipon 35, M Rashed Azad not out 26, Imrul Hasan 20, Imran Khan 15 and extras 31; Parvez Hasan 4/38.

Dhaka will meet Rajshahi in the semifinal today at the Dhaka Stadium.

M United relive sensation

LONDON, Apr 16: New life was breathed into the championship race here on Saturday as Manchester United crushed Leicester 4-0 to move within six points of Blackburn, who were held to a 1-1 draw at Leeds, reports AFP.

United might want to send a personal message of thanks to towering Leeds striker Brian Beane, who grabbed a last-gasp equaliser for the Elland Road outfit to deny Rovers all three points.

Keeny Dalglish's men had looked on course for victory after Colin Hendry headed home his third of the season a minute before the break.

And England keeper Tim Flowers looked to have kept them ahead with an acrobatic save to deny Noel Whelan after Tony Yeboah and Gary Speed had combined on the edge of the box.

But when Gary McAllister floated in the resulting corner eight seconds into time-allowed on John Pemberton headed towards goal and Beane's close-range flick gave Flowers no chance and it Rovers still needing 10 points to claim their first title since 1914.

But Dalglish was satisfied with the outcome even though the victory would have left his side just three wins from the title, saying: "I think a point was the least we deserved from what was a very good team performance."

But our performance was tremendous, everybody competed well and Tim Flowers didn't have a save to make until injury time," he added.

Leeds manager Howard Wilkinson, whose side's UEFA Cup hopes were kept alive by Beane's ninth goal of the season, admitted a sense of relief at the final score.

"When you get to 90 minutes and you're losing 1-0 — whether you've dominated or been on the end of a hiding — coming away with a point makes you pleased," he said.

The result means reigning champions United are still hanging on to their premier-ship crown as they brushed aside relegated Leicester at Filbert Street.

United manager Alex Ferguson had demanded that if they were to lose their title they should at least go down fighting and they will now be able to approach Monday's match with Chelsea with renewed hope.

It was a predictably comfortable victory for United against a side who have won just five games in their brief return to the top flight.

The points were bagged courtesy of two goals from

Andy Cole and one each from Lee Sharpe and Paul Ince.

Cole had not scored since his five-goal slating of Ipswich on March 4 but he proved that he has rediscovered his touch.

Sharpe was also outstanding in the first half and could have had a hat-trick before his opening goal after 33 minutes when he rifled in his sixth goal of his injury affected season from Gary Pallister's back header.

Cole struck on half-time when he started and finished a glorious move involving Brian McClair and Sharpe.

United stretched their lead on 53 minutes when Steve Bruce got on the end of David

Southampton also eased their relegation fears with a 2-1 victory over QPR at the Dell — a defeat which effectively killed off Rangers' slim hopes of a UEFA Cup place.

All the goals came in the second half, with Neil Shipperley scoring his second goal in successive matches and his sixth since his move to the South Coast club from Chelsea.

Though QPR levelled with England striker Les Ferdinand's 22nd goal of the campaign, Gordon Watson pounced on a mistake by keeper Tony Roberts to grab a vital winner.



Chelsea's David Rocastle (R) leaves Aston Villa's Andy Townsend behind in the English Premiership match at the Stamford Bridge Stadium in London on April 15. The match ended 1-0 for Chelsea. — AFP/UNB photo

Beckham's corner to thunder in a leader with Cole claiming the final touch.

In the final minute Paul Ince diverted the ball past keeper Poole from close-range to seal an emphatic victory.

But Ferguson acknowledged the difficulty of securing a third consecutive title despite the day's results, when he said: "It could be the biggest triumph in our history if we take the title."

If they keep throwing points away the situation could change. Amazing things sometimes happen and it's important we keep on winning."

ARSENAL BLANK IPSWICH

At the other end of the table, Arsenal eased their relegation fears when they destroyed relegated Ipswich with a 4-0 victory at Highbury.

Lan Wright found his goal-

also found themselves in a relegation struggle while reaching the semifinals of the Cup Winners' Cup but Glenn Hoddle's team eased their relegation fears with a crucial victory over fellow strugglers Aston Villa.

Mark Stein's first-half goal was enough to give Chelsea their first league win at Stamford Bridge for almost six months to move above their opponents in the table, while other results sent Villa plunging four places nearer relegation.

Coventry also moved above Villa thanks to Dion Dublin's third-minute goal against Sheffield Wednesday.

It was Dublin's 15th goal of the season but Coventry had to wait until the dying seconds of the game for Zimbabwean star Peter Ndlovu to seal victory.

Syria beat hosts Qatar

DOHA, Apr 16: Syria recovered from their mauling by Brazil to beat Qatar 1-0 Sunday in the World Youth Championship, reports AP.

Syrian captain Nihad Boshri scored the only goal in the 53rd minute.

Qatar had two men sent off, Rashid al-Mubazzaq was the first after 79 minutes for a foul on Abdul-Kader Refai.

Then skipper Mohammed Suban was offered off, also for a second bookable offence in injury time at the end of the match.

Qatar's best chance fell to Mohammed al-Enazi, who headed against the bar in the 41st minute.

The victory, watched by 30,000 people, puts Syria into second place in four-team Group A behind Brazil, Brazil crushed Syria 6-0 last Friday.

The 16-squad, under-20 tournament continues until April 28.

Madrid bank on Zamorano

MADRID, Apr 16: A goal in each half from prolific striker Ivan Zamorano gave Real Madrid a 2-0 win over struggling neighbours Atletico on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Zamorano's goals, the second of which came from a brilliantly worked free-kick, were his 23rd and 24th of the season and stretched his lead over Meho Kodro in the top scorers table to four.

The win left Madrid eight points clear of Deportivo Coruna, and nine ahead of Barcelona, both of whom were due to play on Sunday.

Atletico, who enjoyed a bright start under new manager Alfio Basile, have slipped alarmingly in recent weeks and are now four points off the relegation zone in the 20-team league.

Atletico had the best of the opening minutes, testing Madrid left-back Mikel Lasa and forcing a fine early save from veteran goalkeeper Paco Buyo.

Six minutes later Atletico captain Tomas Crespo beat Lasa again, but once more Buyo stopped his shot.

As the half progressed, Madrid started to take control.

Michael Laudrup forced a save from Abel Gomez with a firm drive from 25 metres and soon afterwards Jose Amavisca beat the Atletico goalkeeper only to see his shot cleared off the line.

Then, on 29 minutes, a stroke of genius from Laudrup gave Real the opening they sought.

The Danish international turned his marker inside-out on the edge of the penalty area and threaded a pin-point pass to Zamorano who tucked the ball inside Abel's left hand post.

Amavisca came close to adding a second seven minutes later, Zamorano put him clean through on goal, but his lob over the keeper bounced inches wide of the post.

The league leaders survived a couple of late counter attacks in the closing minutes of the half and went in at the interval 1-0 ahead.

After the break, Atletico pressed hard for an equaliser.

Alfonso Valencia found the ball at his feet after a goal-mouth scramble, but Buyo, enjoying one of the best seasons of a long career, came charing off his goal-line to smother the striker's shot.

Just after the hour, Madrid's Argentine coach Jorge Valdano made a surprise double substitution, pulling off Laudrup and dead-ball specialist Fernando Hierro, and introducing Rafael Alkorta and Luis Milla.

Minutes later Amavisca won a free-kick 30 metres from the Atletico goal and with Hierro on the bench, Real seemed lost for ideas.

Zamorano and Fernando Redondo stood in front of the ball as Rafael Martin Vasquez appeared to line-up a strike on goal. Then Redondo knocked the ball sideways, Zamorano

Nat'l TT results

The Karnaphuli 20th national table tennis championship, organised by the Bangladesh Table Tennis Federation (BTTF), began at the NSC wooden floor gymnasium in the capital yesterday, reports UNB.

In the boys' team events, six matches were decided till filing of this report.

Satkhira DSA beat Comilla DSA, Patuakhali DSA defeated Munshiganj DSA, Pabna DSA outplayed Bakerganj DSA, Khulna DSA beat Sirajganj DSA, and Dinajpur DSA defeated Barguna DSA, all by straight 3-0 sets.

State Minister for Industries Lutfar Rahman Khan inaugurated the week-long tournament in the afternoon.

Resident Director of sponsors Karnaphuli Limited A F I Rahim arif BTTF president Syed Yusuf Hossain were present at the function.

Baggio back with a bang

ROME, Apr 16: Roberto Baggio, returning to his leadership role, scored early in each half Saturday to give Juventus a 2-1 victory at Reggina that all but sealed the Italian First Division title, reports AP.

The ponytailed playmaker tallied in the sixth and 48th minutes as the Turin club (19-4-4, 61 points) extended their

in the 26th minute, when winger Michelè Padovano converted from the penalty spot after he was fouled by goalkeeper Michaelangelo Rampulla, making just his second appearance of the season.

Regular Angelo Peruzzi was injured in Juve's Italian Cup match on Tuesday.

Baggio hit the winner three minutes after half-time, netting a ball that appeared to be intended as a cross for forward Alessandro Del Piero. It was Baggio's sixth goal of the season.

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At night, Internazionale of Milan defeated rival AC Milan 3-1 to win their derby for the first time since the 1990-91

Ispahani jr cricket

CHITTAGONG, Apr 16: Lalkhanbazar Krira Chakra moved into the semifinals of the metropolitan Ispahani junior cricket competition beating Kattah Shatadaj by 31 runs in the Dampara Police Line ground here today, reports JSS.

Nat'l youth v'ball

Dinajpur, Chittagong, Rajshahi and Naogaon DSAs yesterday reached the semifinals of the Rahima Food national youth volleyball championship, now being held at Dinajpur, reports UNB.

In yesterday's matches, Dinajpur defeated Khulna DSA 15-3, 15-13, 15-13 while Rajshahi DSA beat Rangpur DSA by 15-9, 15-6, 13-15, 15-10 points.

Earlier on Saturday, Dinajpur beat Dhaka DSA 7-15, 15-10, 15-2, 15-10 while Chittagong beat Khulna DSA by 9-15, 16-14, 15-9, 15-7 points.

In the semis today, hosts Dinajpur will take on Rajshahi DSA while Chittagong DSA meet Naogaon DSA.

The final match will be held on Tuesday.



ROBERTO BAGGIO

lead by two points to 11 over fading AC Parma (14-8-5), who drew 0-0 at Foggia. Seven rounds remain on the schedule.

At Reggio Emilia, Baggio returned to the form that earned him the 1993 Golden Ball award as Europe's best player. Beset all season by injuries, the imaginative striker has missed 15 league matches and relinquished his duties as go-to player to Gianluca Vialli, whose 13 goals lead the club.

But with Vialli out for a month with a leg injury, Baggio took command, opening the scoring with a long strike in the sixth minute.

Reggiana (3-5-19) equalised

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All Airlines Gold Cup soccer final today

CALCUTTA, Apr 16: East Bengal with all their strikers in fine nick, enjoy a slight edge when they lock horns with arch-rivals Mohun Bagan in the final of the Capstan 10th All Airlines Gold Cup football tournament at the Salt Lake Stadium here tomorrow, reports PTI.

With a string of convincing wins in the tournament, the East Bengal forwards were brimming with confidence to turn the tables on their traditional foes and regain the cup in what promises to be an exciting battle.

But they can hardly afford to be complacent as the men in green and maroon jerseys, despite many of their star players deserting the club, were still quite capable of springing a surprise in the surcharged atmosphere — a perfect setting for the summit showdown.

Champions in group-B with an all-win record, East Bengal's passage to the final had been without much hiccup as they clobbered Abahani Krira Chakra of Dhaka 5-1 in a rather lop-sided semifinal.

Milutinovic seeks legal advice

MISSION, Viejo, California, Apr 16: Bora Milutinovic has insisted he was ousted as United States national coach and had not resigned as reported earlier by the US Soccer Federation, reports Reuter.

"Really, I didn't resign," Milutinovic, 51, told Reuter television on Saturday.

And he indicated in the interview released on Sunday that he is taking legal advice regarding the circumstances of his departure.

"They simply explained to me that I don't come into the federation's plans and our collaboration is over," added the man who last summer guided the Americans into the second round of the World Cup on home soil.

"They sent me a fax to sign as if I say I agree and I gave (them) a different text which has not been passed (made public), but my lawyer, my agent you could say, has this information."

This is in stark contrast to a US soccer news release issued on Friday, which stated that Milutinovic had decided to part company with the national body and pursue other options.

The release added that he had been asked to take an expanded role with the federation, but had indicated he would prefer to concentrate on coaching.

Cologne hold Bremen

BERLIN, Apr 16: Alfons Higl helped keep the jinx alive in Cologne on Saturday, stunning second-place Werder Bremen with a 91st-minute goal in Germany's First Division, reports AP.

Bremen's 1-1 draw against Cologne dropped them a point behind first-place Borussia Dortmund, who won a controversial 2-1 decision over Karlsruhe Thursday with the help of Andy Moeller's swan dive.

Bremen have a history of futility in Cologne unmatched elsewhere in the league. The last time they scored a goal there was in 1989. Their last win dates back to 1984.

"We seem to have written it ourselves that we can't leave the field in Cologne as winners," said Bremen's disappointed coach, Otto Rehnhagel.

His players would like nothing better than to hand Rehnhagel a Bundesliga title as a going-away present.

The man who built Bremen into one of the league's premier clubs has been wooed away by rival Bayern Munich for next season.

When Frank Neubarth shot Bremen into the lead with his first season goal in the 68th minute, it appeared the jinx was snapped.

Bremen also narrowly missed when Marco Bode's shot ricocheted off the crossbar and Bernd Hobsch's header hit the post.

রূপান্তরিত প্রাকৃতিক গ্যাস কোম্পানী লিমিটেড
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দরপত্র নং: ৪/আবিপ-০১/৯০ তারিখ: ০৫/০৪/৯৫ইং

ডায়ার্জি ভাড়ার জন্য দরপত্র আহবান

০১. রূপান্তরিত প্রাকৃতিক গ্যাস কোম্পানী লিমিটেড কর্তৃক একটি ডায়ার্জি ভাড়ার উদ্দেশ্যে প্রকৃত বার্ষিক প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট ইহতে নিম্নোক্তরূপে দরপত্র আহবান করা যাইবে।

০২. দরপত্র সিডিউল অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে কোম্পানীর হিসাব বিভাগ হইতে ১০০/- (একশত) টাকা নগদ মূল্যে (অকেহযোগ্য) জমা করা যাইবে।

০৩. দরপত্র কোম্পানী সিন্ডিকেটের সিডিউল বিজ্ঞপ্তি করা হইবে না।

০৪. দরপত্র আহবানকারী ডায়ার্জি শতকরা ২.৫ ভাগ হারে বায়ারস টাকা যে কোন সময়কালে হইতে কোম্পানীর অনুমুল্যে পে-অর্ডার/ ডিমাট ডাক-এস পাসপোর্ট সাইজের সহিত জমা দিতে হইবে।

০৫. দরপত্রের নম্বর: আবিপ/১১-০৪-১৯৫ইং তারিখ বেলী ১১.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত হইতে হইবে। অফিস কর্মকর্তার অফিস কার্যকালে দরপত্র বাবে গ্রহণ করা হইবে এবং উক্ত দিনই বেলী ১১.১০ ঘটিকায় দরদাতাদের উপস্থিতিতে যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন। খোলা হইবে।

(ক) মহা-বার্ষিক (অর্থ ও প্রশাসন), আবিপ/১১ কোম্পানী লিমিটেড, বিএনইসি ভবন (৮ম-তলা), কাজী নজরুল বাজার বা/এ, ঢাকা।

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(ঙ) দায়ার্জি অফিস, বাংলাদেশ গ্যাস ফিল্ড লিমিটেড, ৯৭, পূর্ণা পল্লী, ঢাকা।

(চ) দায়ার্জি অফিস, ডালাদালাদ গ্যাস, টাঙ্গাইল এন্ড ডিস্ট্রিবিউশন লিমিটেড, বাড়ি নং-৭/১৩, রোড নং-১৩, সেকেন্ড-ও, উত্তরা, ঢাকা।

০৬. প্রাপ্তিস্থলে কর্তৃক কোন কারণে দায়ার্জি বা বিজ্ঞপ্তি যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ অথবা প্রতিক্রিয়া করা সকল দরপত্র বাতিল করার অধিকার সংরক্ষণ করবে।

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