

**Sport**



Players of the Bangladesh Kriya Shiksha Protisthan (BKSP) hockey team who retained the national youth championship title for the fourth time at the Hockey Stadium yesterday.

**BKSP retain nat'l title**

**Sports Reporter**  
 Bangladesh Kriya Shiksha Protisthan (BKSP) retained the national youth championship title with a 3-0 thrashing of Faridpur in the final of the 14th edition at the Hockey Stadium yesterday.

The strong Savar outfit, who moved into the final with an identical margin win over Dhaka only on Friday, produced yet another brilliant display to outwit Faridpur in an one-sided affair.

Rafiqunnabi opened the winners' account in the 24th minute of play when he sound the board from the fifth short corner relieving a frustrating BKSP.

Shamsuzzaman then doubled the margin 12 minutes into the second half with a spectacular field goal before Rameez sealed the fate of the match converting the eighth penalty corner awarded in the 68th minute.

Faridpur, who were at the receiving end right from the start, got only three short-corners against BKSP's eight

**ROLL OF HONOUR**

Year	Champions	Runners-up
1975	Dhaka DSA	Faridpur DSA
1976	Dhaka DSA	Dhaka Education Board
1977	Dhaka Education Board	Dhaka DSA
1978	Not held	
1979	Dhaka Education Board	Dhaka DSA
1980	Dhaka Metropolitan SA	Dhaka Education Board
1981	Not held	
1982	Not held	
1983	Dhaka DSA (joint champs)	Dhaka Education Board
1984	Not held	
1985	Not held	
1986	Not held	
1987	Faridpur DSA	Jessore DSA
1988	Patuakhali DSA	BKSP
1989	BKSP	Dhaka DSA
1990	BKSP	Dhaka DSA
1991	Dhaka DSA	Faridpur DSA
1992	Faridpur	Dhaka DSA
1993	Not held	
1994	BKSP	Dhaka DSA
1995	BKSP	Faridpur

**Pepsi nat'l championship Sylhet storm into final**

**Sports Reporter**  
 Anisur Rahman and a seasoned Saidul Islam Efee revelled with the leather as the defending champions Sylhet stormed into the final of the 21st Pepsi Cup national cricket championship with a surprisingly facile six-wicket win over Chittagong in the first semifinal at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

On a damp wicket assisting the bowlers, Anis and Efee shared seven wickets among them as Chittagong, sent into bat first, were shot out for a meagre 87 in 35.1 overs.

**Orient Bread kabaddi**  
 Maniknagar Primary School and Ansars-VDP High School won their respective matches in the fifth Orient Bread kabaddi tournament that began here yesterday, reports UNB.

On the opening day, Maniknagar defeated Haider Ali Eleven 35-17 while Ansars VDP beat Kamalapur 34-16.

**Maroney's feat**  
 SYDNEY, Apr 22: Susie Maroney swam 93.6 kilometers (58.16 miles) to Saturday break the women's record for a 24-hour pool swim, reports AP. Maroney, a 20-year-old Australian, completed 1,872 laps of a pool in the Sydney suburb of Carss Park to break the record by 600 metres.



**Abbas stands trial next month**  
 SINGAPORE, Apr 22: An Australian star player formerly on Singapore's national soccer team will go on trial next month on charges of conspiring to fix the results of matches, it was announced Saturday, reports AP.

At a pretrial hearing, district judge Khoo Oon Soo set May 17-31 for the trial of Abbas Saad.

**Double delight for Saadi, Linu**

Saidul Haq Saadi and Jobera Rahman Linu clinched double crowns in the 20th Karnaphuli national table tennis championship on the concluding day at the NSC wooden floor gymnasium here yesterday, reports BSS.

Saadi won the men's singles title beating Saaduddin Kisu 22-20, 19-21, 21-16 and 21-12 in a keenly contested final. Saadi pairing with Hemlet lifted the men's doubles defeating Rochi and Mostafa 21-21, 19-21, 21-17 and 22-20.

Linu grabbed the women's singles title securing full six points from three encounters. Linu and Julekha annexed the women's doubles beating their opponents — Shamima and Rina 21-15, 21-12, 21-18, in the final.

Mahbub clinched the boys' singles title beating Pappu 16-21, 25-23, 21-15, 12-21 and 21-18.

Deputy Leader of the House Prof AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury witnessed the finals as the chief guest and gave away the trophies among the winners.

**Fanatic fan!**

BUENOS AIRES, Apr 22: A fanatical Argentine soccer fan killed his sister's lover during a passionate argument over a match their rival teams played hours earlier, the state-owned Telam news agency reported Friday, reports Reuter.

Dario Escobar, a fan of Buenos Aires team Racing Club, confessed to police that he killed Boca Juniors fan Daniel Mino with a bottle last Monday after trading harsh words over dinner.

The argument blew up over the 1-0 victory which Racing, coached by soccer legend Diego Maradona, had earlier gained over Boca.

**Shivaki v'ball**

Three teams — BJMC, Dinajpur and Tangail — won their respective matches in the Shivaki women's volleyball tournament on the second day at the Dhanmondi Women's Sports Complex yesterday, reports UNB.

Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation (BJMC) beat Chittagong 15-5, 15-3, 15-1 while Dinajpur defeated Rangpur 15-11, 15-12, 15-6 in the afternoon.

In the morning, Tangail beat Chittagong 15-6, 15-9, 15-7.

**Reading beat Bolton**

LONDON, Apr 22: Lee Nogan's goal with three minutes to play gave Reading a 2-1 victory Friday over Bolton, keeping the Wanderers from moving into first place in Division One and maintaining Reading's promotion hopes, reports AP.

It was Nogan's eighth goal in 16 matches since his 250,000 pound (400,000 dollars) transfer from Watford in January. Teammate Stuart Lovell netted his 11th of the season in the 14th minute, and David Lee equalised for Bolton in the 48th.

In another promotion-related battle, Southend upset third-place Tranmere 2-0 on an own goal in the second minute and Gary Jones' sixth goal in eight games in the 33rd.

The own goal came when Tranmere goalkeeper Eric Nixon attempted to clear the ball in the penalty area. Nixon's kick rebounded off startled central defender John McGreal and back into the net.

The results left Bolton in second place, two points behind Middlesbrough in the hunt for the one automatic promotion spot to the Premier League. Tranmere are third, three points off the lead. All three teams have three teams remaining.

Reading, with two games to play, are four points behind Middlesbrough in fourth. Wolverhampton currently occupy the final playoff spot, 5 points off the lead in fifth with four games remaining.

**Bubka honoured**

KIEV, Apr 22: Ukraine's pole vault star Sergei Bubka, who broke the event's world record for 35 times, was awarded Ukraine President's Honour Medal here on Friday, reports Xinhua.

In a ceremony held here, Youth and Sports Minister Valeri Borzov highly praised Bubka's achievement in the sport and his strenuous efforts in training.

Bubka's, 32, thanked his country for giving him this honour, adding that just like he gained higher altitude, Ukraine made great progress in recent years.

Bubka, who has been refreshing his world record for years, he virtually no challenger in the sport. His latest world record of 6.15 metres was created in his hometown Donetsk in Ukraine in 1993.

**Reefat, Barua share lead**

MADRAS, Apr 22: Indian GM Dibyendu Barua joined IM Reefat-bin-Sattar in the lead as the latter tasted his first defeat in the seventh round of the Asian zonal chess championship at the hands of top seed GM Niaz Murshed. Barua played excellent game and led IM Sharad Tilak to a drawish position to register a win in 45 moves, reports PTI.

Top seed GM Niaz Murshed played a superb game to outwit IM Reefat-bin-Sattar in just 28 moves. Reefat obtained a slight advantage against Murshed's Philidor Defence but was outplayed in a tactical skirmish and lost on time on the 28th move. With this win, Niaz came to the second spot, just half a point behind the leaders.

Abdul Rahim of Syria played the King's Indian Defence, to outplay Saad of Iraq in a tactical battle.

In the women's section, young national champion Vijayalakshmi became the seventh Indian IWM by scoring a fine

win over Asian chess queen Bhagyashree Thipsay in the sixth round. With this sixth consecutive win, Viji is almost certain of winning the tournament.

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**5 more held in Doha**

DOHA, Apr 22: Five people have been arrested in connection with attempts to bribe players taking part in the World Youth Championship, reports Reuter.

A Malaysian man, in his 50s, had been picked up by security officials late on Thursday. He had 90,000 dollars in his possession and is believed to be the leader of the group.

On Friday, four more people — a Thai man, an Indonesian man and two Malaysian women — were arrested at their Doha hotel.

A spokesman for FIFA, world soccer's governing body, said on Friday the five had arrived in Doha on transit visas but had changed hotels in an effort to give security officials the slip.

"They said that players had approached them. But we believe the accounts given to us by the players. They are more convincing," the spokesman said.

"They (the five) will be deported and all 191 football federations in the world will be told of their names and they will be declared *persona non grata* in the sport," he said.

He said there was no evidence that any of the players taking part in the 16-team championship had accepted the bribes.

"FIFA stresses that all matches played in this championship have been correct and free from outside influence," he said.

According to statements from some delegations, believed to be Portugal, Honduras, Burundi and Cameroon, players were approached by the gang and offered money to spend in local stores.

There were also reports of prostitutes being involved.

But FIFA stressed that no player or delegation has been implicated in the affair.

"FIFA truly regrets that this has happened in Qatar where we have been welcomed so warmly. It is a credit to the authorities here that this major step has been taken in fighting this evil," the spokesman said.

After rest days in the tournaments on Friday and Saturday, the quarter-finals will be played on Sunday.

The ties are Brazil V Japan, Russia V Spain, Argentina V Cameroon, Portugal V Australia.



Argentina's Leonardo Biagini (C) tries to make his way through while Honduras' David Zambrano (R) goes forward to defend during their World Youth Championship match in Doha on April 21. Argentina won 4-2.

**Sacchi recalls Baggio**

ROME, Apr 22: Coach Arrigo Sacchi surprised no one on Friday when he included Roberto Baggio in his squad for Italy's European Championship qualifier against Lithuania next week, reports Reuter.

Italy are second in the group, three points behind Croatia and ahead of Lithuania by the same margin. They face a must-win match on Wednesday to be sure of qualifying for the 1996 finals in England.

Sacchi faces a tough choice between Baggio and fellow playmaker Gianfranco Zola, the Parma striker who inspired Italy to their respective 4-1 and 2-0 wins over Estonia and Ukraine.

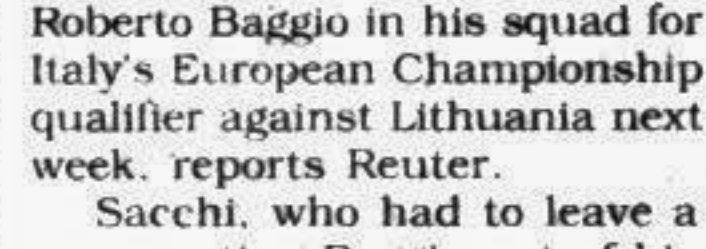
The coach has said Zola and Baggio, who has returned with

a roar from a lengthy knee injury and helped Juventus reach the UEFA Cup final where they face Parma, are too similar and therefore incompatible on the pitch.

Sacchi made few changes from his previous squad except to include World Cup goalkeeper Gianluca Pagliuca, back from injury, and AC Milan defender Alessandro Costacurta, left out last month because of poor league performances.

He also recalled Daniele Carnasciali, the Fiorentina defender who made his international debut in Italy's 3-1 win over Turkey in a friendly last December.

With World Cup striker Giuseppe Signori of Lazio still injured, Sacchi again chose Juventus workhorses Fabrizio Ravanelli and Lazio's Pierluigi Casiraghi, who is expected to start beside either Baggio or Zola.



ROBERTO BAGGIO

**FAM vows to stamp out bribe-ring**

KUALA LUMPUR, Apr 22: The Football Association of Malaysia has assured soccer's ruling body that it will do its best to eradicate match-fixing and bribery before hosting the World Youth Cup in 1997, a newspaper reported Saturday, reports AP.

The tournament, now being held in Doha, Qatar, was hit by scandal this week when three Malaysians were arrested for attempting to bribe soccer players to fix results predetermined by bookies.

The Malaysians are to be deported along with a Thai and an Indonesian who also were arrested at the same time.

FAM deputy president Abdullah Ahmad Shah assured FIFA that it would seek the help of the Asian Football Confederation to help stamp out bookies. The Star newspaper said.

Bribery and match fixing are common in Malaysia. Earlier this week 57 players and an assistant coach were banned from soccer worldwide for periods ranging for one to four years after they confessed to rigging the scores of games.

Another 22 players and coaches have been banished to live in remote areas and can't move about without police permit.

While the problem may have been temporarily stopped, Abdullah said, FAM will need the Asian Confederation's help to ensure that bookies from other countries in the region do not sneak in during the 1997 tournament, the Star said.

It said the match fixing rings reach out to Indonesia, Thailand, Hong Kong and Singapore.

**Life without Milutinovic**

BRUSSELS, Apr 22: Although the miracle coach is gone, great expectations remain for the US soccer team, which started life without Bora Milutinovic Saturday, reports AP.

A half dozen marquee names, including Alexi Lalas

former assistant and friend called his sudden departure "a bit shocking."

"It's sort of a wait and see period," Sampson said.

"We will not rush to judgment" in seeking a replacement, US Federation Secretary General Hank Steinbrecher said.

But a tall order is awaiting the team, with the US Cup '95 and America Cup Championship games coming up in the next few months.

In the years ahead, the team are looking for a repeat performance in the 1998 World Cup in France, and there is talk of winning the whole thing as soon as 2010.

Fortunately, Belgium should not give the US team too much of a test. In the midst of a major overhaul of their aging team, Belgium will use the game only as a warmup for next Wednesday's vital European Championship qualifier against Cyprus.

Michel Preud'homme, voted the best goalie of last year's World Cup, has retired, and star playmaker Enzo Scifo has been injured for most of the season because of club commitments in foreign leagues.

Milutinovic, however, who turned the US team around in three years and led them into the second round of the World Cup last year, is gone for good, raising question marks about the future.

Sieve Sampson is the temporary coach, and Milutinovic's missing for the exhibition game against Belgium, mainly and Tab Ramos, also were

season. The Belgian team will have many second-string players.

"This is just a learning experience for the young players, and we can go from here," said Ernie Stewart, who scored the winning goal in the Americans World Cup upset of Colombia two in the final period — and finished with 20 points.

**Bundesliga results**

FRANKFURT, Apr 22: Bundesliga's leading scorer Heiko Herrlich notched his 17th goal of the season and led Borussia Muenchengladbach to a 2-1 victory over Hamburger SV Friday, reports AP.

Before a crowd of 33,000, Holger Fach made it 2-0 in the 63rd. Joerg Albertz scored one for slumping Hamburg in the 84th.

In other matches, Karlsruhe beat Stuttgart 3-1 and Bochum picked up valuable points in the battle to avoid relegation by beating Cologne 1-0.

In Karlsruhe, Heiko Bonan, Thorsten Fink and Thomas Haessler gave the home team a 3-0 lead at halftime before a sell-out crowd of 33,700.

Stuttgart's Brazilian forward Giovane Elber got one for the visitors in the 70th.

Michael Frontzek scored three minutes into the second half for Bochum by sending a bob over Cologne goalkeeper Bodo Illgner. A crowd of 25,000 saw the game.

**Cantona's desire**

LONDON, Apr 22: French striker Eric Cantona wants to stay with English Premier League champions Manchester United, according to one of the children he coaches as part of his community service court order, reports Reuter.

Cantona has been touched by the warmth from the children attending the sessions he was ordered to undertake as punishment for attacking a Crystal Palace supporter in January.

According to 10-year-old Michael Sargent, one of the first group of school boys he coached, Cantona has told his agent Jean-Jacques Bertrand that he would like to stay with United.

Michael said: "I asked Eric if he was staying with United and he said, 'yes I hope I will be able to do that. I would really like to stay. I hope he does.'"

United chairman Martin Edwards has made it clear he hopes Cantona will agree to a three-year extension to his contract.

**KAL Cup tennis on**

SEOUL, Apr 22: The KAL Cup Korea Open tennis championships started here today, with some 100 foreign and South Korean players competing for a total of 203,000 dollars, reports AFP.

Major foreign players included top-seeded Alexander Volkov of Russia who ranks 38th in the world, Martin Damm of the Czech Republic, 49th, Markus Zöckle of Germany, 61th, and Jim Grabb of the United States, 70th.

The KAL Cup is the only ATP tournament here. The single's winner will take home 29,000 dollars, along with 130 ATP points.

After two days of preliminary matches, the seven-day main round will be held at the Olympic tennis court from Monday