Rajshahi rout Chittagong

Sports Reporter

Rajshahi Medical College Campus High School and Moijuddin Multilateral High School of Faridpur moved into the final round of the Transcom national schools hockey championship after winning their respective first round openers at the Hockey Stadium vesterday.

In the day's first match. Raishahi Medical College Campus School recorded a thumping 8-0 win, the biggest margin victory for any outfit in the meet, so far, over Chittagong Municipal Model High School

The winners led the first half 2:0.

Shamim, who scored the second goal in the 24th minute after Bachchu opened the floodgate in the 22nd minute, added two more goals after the breather to complete the Municipal school rout.

In a goal-feast one-sided affair. Ashraful scored twice and in the mean time Bachchu picked up his second goal in the 40th minute while Zahid notched up the sixth goal for the winners-13 minutes away from the final whistle.

Moijuddin High School who faced Jessore Zilla School in the second match of the day, also picked up a convincing 3-0 victory, with Arif, Proshanta and Ashraf sharing one goal apiece.

Office cricket league

Biman-Partex semi tomorrow

Sports Reporter

Biman Bangladesh Airlines will take on Partex Group in the first semifinal of the second Office cricket league at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium tomorrow.

Meanwhile, the second milinal between Acme Lab all Regency Lines, which was earlier scheduled to be held on the same day at Jagannath Hall ground, will now be held on May 31 at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, said Golam Faruque Apu. a joint-secretary of the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB).



during their Beximco 13th Federation Cup football tournament match at the Dhaka Stadium — Star photo

Wari move into finals



slayer in the domestic football. moved into the final from Group

C defeating East End Club by a lone goal in one of the two first phase matches of the Beximco 13th Federation Cup football tournament at the Dhaka Stadium vesterday

Bazlu netted the all-important goal for the Premier Division outfit in the 24th minute of the proceedings.

Wari Club will now meet the winner of the match between Arambagh KS and Bangladesh Boy's Club on June 3 to decide who to join the eight-team final leg. scheduled to begin from June 6.

In the day's second match, Wari took control of the midfield from the word 'go' with Poritosh Dewan, who played for Mohantmedan Sporting Club last year, and Hasan Imam operating from the middle.

The Motifheel outfit drew the first blood in the very fourth minute through their

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Wari Club, a striker Bazlu, who lobbed a traditional giant- neat cross into the heart of East End defence. But an unmarked Jamal spoiled the easy sitter heading out from the

> Wari had to wait till 24th minute for the match-winner before Bazlu, who sprinted down the middle for a defence spliting through from Hasan. sent the ball home with a neat placing shot that moved past a diving East End custodian

> But the sparse crowd at the Dhaka Stadium, who were expecting a better brand of soccer from East End following their stunning 1-0 win over Muktijoddha in recently concluded DMFA Cup, hopelessly witnessed a pedestrian display

> It was only halfway through the second half when East End regained their touch and played with some purpose.

In the 81st minute East End got a golden chance of neutralising the margin. But their substitute Chapal, who had only to beat an out of position Wari goalkeeper Minar. shot the ball wide off the mark much to the horror of his teammates.

Meanwhile, in the day's first match, Bangladesh Boy's Club edged past Touch Club of Barisal by the odd goal in

The winners led the first half by an 11th minute strike from Azad before substitute Zahid of the Barisal outfit levelled the margin with an angular drive four minutes into the second half.

scored the match winner with a spectacular low-drive from inside the box. Bangladesh Boy's was, how-

ever, denied yet another goal in the 18th minute when a Bapan fierce shot rebounded off the far post.

on Arambagh in the Group C semifinal on May 31. TODAY'S MATCHES

YMC (6 pm)



Action from yesterday's Transcom national schools hockey championship engagement between Rajshahi Medical College Campus High School and Chittagong Municipal Model High School at the Hockey Stadium. The Rajshahi outfit romp - Star photo home with an 8-0 victory.

West Khulna spikers bag PWD title

Sports Reporter

An invincible West Khulna spikers celebrated their eight consecutive title victory when · they won the 20th Power Development Board (PDB) interoffice volleyball championship with a 15-1, 15-4 and 15-7 thrashing on Khulna Power Station in the final at the Volleyball Stadium yesterday.

The strong West Khulna outfit, who won the title for the first time in 1988, with this win added another feather in their crown eliminating the same team whom they beat at the same stage for the sixth consecutive time.

Habibur Rahman, the acting chairman of the PDB, gave away prizes among the winners.

Schools open badminton

Schools open badminton tournament, organised by the Bangladesh Badminton Federation (BBF), begins today at the NSC wooden floor gymnasium, reports UNB.

State Minister for Finance and BBF president M Mojibar Rahman will inaugurate the

five-day competition at 5 pm. Fiftyfive junior shuttlers. including 15 girls, from 18 school teams are expected to participate in the meet in four events - boys' singles, boys' doubles, girls' singles and girls' doubles.

Hooligans horrify Kuwait



outraged soccer fan flies feet and fist through the air and lands a kungfu kick on the chest of a

referee, reports Reuter. Rival supporters at a handball game wade into each other, fists flying, in a dispute over a result. *

Europe? South America? No it's all happening in the stated Gulf Emirate of Kuwait. Both incidents are exam-

ples of unruly behaviour that sports officials say is a growing problem among spectators and players in the rich oil-exporting country.

While most incidents are tame compared to the average afternoon on the soccer terraces of Europe or South America, they shock many in a small country of 1.8 million people where the restrained behaviour of the Arabian Peninsula is the norm.

At the recent soccer match between Salamiya and Al-Sahel, six Sahel players were suspended, two for life, for beating up a referee after he awarded a penalty to Salamiya.

The referee freed himself from the players but a fan then landed a two-legged kung-fu kick on his chest in a virtual action replay of Manchester United star Erick Cantona's infamous attack on a spectator in England.

Other fans joined in, trying

to land fists on the retreating referee's jaw. Some Kuwaitis blame Iraq's

1990-91 occupation for foster-

ing a taste for brawling in the Emirate, others blame the passions that soccer arouses among the young and a lack of security staff.

"After the invasion many attitudes changed. We do not know if it is the violence they have seen from the Iraqis or the aggression they learned." says Bader al-Shaiji of Kuwait television's sport channel.

Sports bodies are discussing ways to clean up Kuwait's sporting image. Incidents have been replayed on state television to highlight the problem.

There is pressure for a clean-up from influential quarters. Many sporting activities and clubs are sponsored by big merchant families and members of the ruling Sabah family who view sport as an important component of their

prestige and influence. Some Kuwaitis say rowdy behaviour was a problem at soccer matches a decade or so ago but faded out in the mid-1980s, only to re-emerge after the Gulf War.

Security at sports events is being increased. The Interior Ministry plans to form a department to combat unruly behaviour.

"Ministry of Interior officials are cooperating with us ... We ask them also to intensify the presence of their men so that a match runs in the desired manner," says Abdullah al-Shamiri, a Kuwaiti Handball Association official.

At last year's Handball Association Cup final rival fans hurled seats and fist fights

broke out, turning the indoor stadium into a battle zone after the final whistle.

Sports rowdiness also extends to the expatriate community. Sticks and stones flew through the air this month in skirmishes between fans at an-

tween India and a rest of Asia team. Police arrested some "Before the game started some fighting broke out and a stone hit me on the forehead. have to get four stitches near my left eye," said Bollina Pen-

chalaish, a 40-year-old Indian

exhibition cricket match be-

cashier. Sheikh Ahmed Fahad Al-Sabah, president of the Kuwait Football Federation and the Kuwait-based Olympic Council of Asia, says the Emirate has the advantage of being a small society. Difficulties could be solved and tensions defused quickly through contacts be-

hoods. "We will reach a solution," he told Reuters.

tween families and neighbur-,

Mohammad Al-Matoog, a fan of al-Qadisiya soccer club, blames violence on bad refer-"Sometimes the referees

sociation often doesn't choose the right referee," he said. Shaji said there was not enough security at regular

help certain teams. Their as-

games. "Numbers increase during the finals only, when ministers 'and senior officials are present," he said.

Friends CJKP Ispahani cricket champs

CHITTAGONG. May 28: Friends Club became unbeaten champions in the CJKP Ispahani First Division cricket league beating Rising Star Club by 115 runs in the concluding match at the Chittagong Stadium here today. reports BSS.

Friends won the toss and decided to bat first and scored 173 runs for seven in the stipulated 40 overs. In reply, Rising Star were

bundled out for only 58 runs in 28.1 overs. Former national captain

Minhazul Abedin Nannu top scored with 63 for Friends. playing only 65 balls with 4 boundaries and one six. He was followed by Nobel 28. Haris 14 and Alok 11.

Nuruddin of Rising got three wickets for 40. Ishtiaq (21) was the only

player of Rising Star who reached double figure. Azim of Friends claimed three wickets for only five

while Manna got two wickets

for 14. Meanwhile, Masum of Rafa Cricket Club won the highest scorer's prize with a total score of 156 runs in the league while Nuruddin of Rising Star claimed the highest wickettaker prize with a haul of 13

wickets. A H M Abul Kashem Deputy Commissioner of Chittagong distributed the prizes among the winners as chief guest.

CJKP Ispahani youth cricket

CHITTAGONG, May 28: Gosaildanga Jubo Goshthi beat Town Club by five wickets in the CJKP Ispahani youth cricket tournament at the Outer Stadium here today, reports BSS.

Town Club batted first and were all out for 121 in 28.3

In reply, Gosaildanga made 122 for five in 29.1 overs. Bappi of Town Club scored 25, Farhan 23 and Sazzad 21. Bainul of Gosaildanga scored 30 runs with three boundaries.

Asprilla, Parma's Colombian striker, said on Saturday that he is likely to leave the club on June 30, reports AFP:

Asprilla's contract does not end until the end of the 1997 season, but his announcement was prompted by widespread speculation here that Parma are about to replace him with another foreign striker.

Alan Boksic from Lazio and Bulgarian Hristo Stoichkov, Barcelona's European footballer-of-the-year.

Asprilla, 26, a member of the Parma team that beat Juventus in this season's UEFA Cup final, said: "I understand that Parma want to sell me. I am sad to leave the club but that is football. I hope to end my career here in Italy."

The sometimes volatile Colombian has enjoyed three seasons and three cup successes with Parma (1992 Italian Cup, 1993 European Cup winners Cup and 1995 UEFA Cup) and has scored some outstanding goals.

Two possibilities abroad are Spain's European Cup Winners Cup victors, Real Zaragoza or Portuguese giants Benfica, who have sold Argentinian Claudio Caniggia.

Japan win Kirin Cup

Miura scored a pair of goals on penalty kicks as Japan beat Ecuador 3-0 Sunday and won the three-nation Kirin Cup Soccer '95 tournament, reports AP.

to a 0-0 draw in the first match, and Scotland defeated Ecuador 2-1 in the second match. Japan and Scotland both had one-win. one-draw records, but Japan won the tithe on goal differences. Scot land finished second and Ecuador was third with 0-2.

Masashi Nakayama hit a rebound into the goal in a short range in a melee in front of the goal 36 minutes into the first

One minute into the second half, Kazuyoshi Miura, who is playing for Italy's First Division team Genova, hit a penalty kick into the goal. In the eighth minute. Miura again hit a penalty kick with his leg into the goal.

tors at Tokyo's National Stadium saw Hiroaki Morishima shoot slightly wide at the start of the game. One minute later. Miura fired a long shot as Japan got off to a strong pace. Japan outshot Ecuador 17-

but Japanese goal keeper Toshiya Maekawa saved it,

England 276 for seven

Benjamin dismissed Gough

and Dominic Cork in succes-

sive balls but Peter Martin

powered the next ball, the last

land by five wickets at Trent

Bridge on Thursday but lost by

SCOREBOARD

final one-day cricket match be-

tween England and West

Scoreboard of the third and

The West Indies beat Eng-

through near the end.

25 runs at The Oval.

Indies at Lord's today:

of the innings.



England captain Mike Atherton puhished the Indies bowlers with a

masterful innings of 127. Sunday as his team piled up a score of 276 for seven in the third and final one-day international at Lord's reports AP. The Lancashire opener hit a

six and 14 fours to put England in a strong position in the deciding game with the two teams tied at 1-1. It was his first century in one-day international cricket.

Surprisingly, Atherton took 27 balls to score his first run and scored only three off his But with support from

Graeme Hick. 24. Graham Thorpe. 28. and Mark Ramprakash. 29 not out, he went on to score heavily off a West Indies attack including fiery pacemen Curtly Ambrose, lan Bishop, Winston Benjamin and Otis Gibson.

Soon after reaching his century with a three off Benjamin. Atherton hooked Bishop for six. He was eventually out going for another big hit off Gibson, skying a catch to Jimmy Adams at cover.

The West Indies' bowlers struck early with only 12 scored when Alec Stewart gave a eatch to Brian Lara off Bishop's bowling having scored eight.

Hick helped Atherton put on 67 for the second wicket before he was bowled by offspinner Carl Hooper trying a late cut.

Thorpe played aggressively with powerful cuts and drives before he lobbed a catch to Hooper off Gibson after England had moved on to 152. It was then that Atherton began to hit out and England scored 98 off the last 10 of the 55 He and Ramprakash scored

92 for the fifth wicket before the England captain spooned a catch to Adams with England moving along quickly at 244. Alan Wells, on his debut,



ATHERTON : 127

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Roberts blames Dickie Bird

LONDON, May 28: West Indies coach Andy Roberts claimed here on Saturday that an error by umpire Dickie Bird probably cost his side victory in Friday's one-day international against England at The Oval, reports AFP.

Bird gave England batsman Neil Fairbrother not out after the Lancashire left-hander had tailed to scramble a leg bye.

But TV replays, which the worlds most experienced umpire declined to use, showed that Fairbrother was nearly a foot short of safety when Cutley Ambrose kicked the ball against the stumps.

England's Lancashire lefthander, 29 at the time, went on to make an unbeaten 61 out of a total 306 for five.

Roberts said: "One incident can change a match. It wasn't just the extra runs he scored but the influence he had on the rest of the innings.

"If the technology is there you should use it," added Roberts, whose team were beaten by 25 runs. Though the West Indies are

not expected to make an official complaint, match referee John Reid is sure to remind umpires to use TV replays for tight run-out and stumping decisions this summer.

Celtic clinch Scottish Cup



28: Celtic put an end to a six-year trophy drought with a 1-0 triumph over First Division underdogs Airdrie in a

closely-contested Scottish Cup final at Hampden Park on Saturday, reports AFP. Dutch international striker Pierre van Hooydonk's ninthminute goal was enough to land the club their first piece of silverware since they beat

Old Firm rivals Rangers in the final of the same competition in 1989. · But Celtic subjected their fans to 80-minutes of nervous tensions as they struggled to add to their lead for the rest of

an undistinguished final. But the manner of the victory will not have been worry-ing Celtic's huge following as Parkhead captain Paul McStay mounted the Hampden steps to receive the trophy from the Duchess of Kent.

For McStay it was a particularly sweet moment after his penalty shoot-out miss cost Celtic the League Cup against First Division Raith earlier this season. But the Glasgow giants made sure that Airdrie would

not become the first team

from a lower division to win

the Scottish Cup since East Fife beat Kilmarnock in 1938. And for boss Tommy Burns. controversially lured back to his former club from Kilmarnock, a trophy in his first year in charge opened the road to Europe as Celtic qualified

Celtic's 30th Scottish Cup win also completed a remarkable sequence by the Glasgow giants - they won the Cup in

for next season's Cup Winners'

1995. Burns praised his side's

loyal supporters but said he was disappointed with the team's display, admitting: "l was disappointed with the performance, because I really wanted to put on a good show today."

of pressure, though, and at least we scored a good goal. But we should have had another in the first half." Airdrie threatened several

praying to God. I just couldn't contemplate losing. "At the end of the day I'm pleased for the people who have supported the club. They've been unbelievable. "I've really appreciated their let-

night out," he added. Midfielder Peter Grant, who had missed two previous Cup finals in his Celtic career, was awarded the man-of-the-match for an outstanding perfor-

His superb last-ditch tackle on Alan Lawrence six minutes from the final whistle pre-

The only goal came from a mistake by Airdrie goalkeeper John Martin when his decision not to claim a cross-ball. forced Jimmy Boyle to concede possession from right-

Billy McKinaly capitalised. downward header to claim his eighth goal for Celtic.

Airdrie's best chance of the

half arrived after 24 minutes when Pual Harvey fed Alan Lawrence but former Irish World Cup hero-turned-villain Packy Bonner dived to his

right to save. Goal hero Van Hooydonk departed six minutes before half-time with an injury to be

The second-half featured a succession of fouls but John Collins should have made it 2-0 with a flying header before the final whistle prompted

Schalke stun

BONN. May 28: Werder Bremen's Bundesliga title assault suffered a shock setback on Saturday when they crashed 4-2 at Schalke, reports Reuter.

Bremen. only two points clear of Borussia Dortmund who face Borussia Moen-

Dortmund have come unstuck against Moenchengladbach before. A 2-2 draw late in 1992 ended their title hopes.

Real Madrid

MADRID, May 28: Barce-



Ecuador's Juan Carlos Garay (L) and Tsuyoshi Kitazawa of Japan fight for the ball during the three-nation Kirin Cup football tournament final in Tokyo yesterday. Japan whitewashed - AFP/UNB photo Ecuador 3-0.

A midfield-tussle between the rival booters of Bangladesh Boys and Touch Club of Barisal yesterday. Bangladesh Boy's won the match 2-1.

by the old town outfit.

In the 78th minute Shuvro

The winners will now take

Udayan KC.vs Eskaton SS Shantinagar vs Fakirerpool

Asprilla's Parma days numbered? ROME, May 28: Faustino

Top of the list are Croatian

TOKYO, May 28: Kazuyoshi

Japan and Scotland played

More than 53,000 specta-

5 in the match. Midway through the second half. Ecuador's Ivan Hurtado struck a shot toward the goal

1965, 1975, 1985 and now in

"The lads were under a lot

times after the break, and born as committed Christian, admitted: "I spent the second half

ters, and good wishes. Now they can go and have a great

vented any chance of extra-

bending over an accurate cross which the towering Van Hooydonk met perfectly with a

replaced by Willie Falconer.

wild scene of jubilation. Bremen

chenglabach today, conceded four goals before Andreas Herzong replied twice in the last eight minutes.

although they have not lost at home to them for eight years. Barcelona beat

lona, determined to complete a relatively disappointing season of a winning note, turned on a magical display in front of 100,000 partisan fans to beat bitter rivals and championship paceseters Real Madrid 1-0 at home on Saturday, reports