them.

Div I soccer

roundup

Sports Reporter

Club and Rahmatgani Muslim

Friends Society won their re-

football league matches held

yesterday at the Mirpur Sta-

First Division from the elite

group last year, recorded a soli-

tary goal win over Police Ath-

letic Club. Muhibul Haque

scored the all-important goal

Wari Club in there league.

matches. With this victory and

In the next match, Victoria

Sporting Club beat BRTC Sports

Club 2-0. Strikers Bhutto and

Sumon scored one goal each for

the winners in the 31st and

the Victorians in their four out-

ings so far which increased

Friends Society registered their

third league victory in the day's

last engagement defeating PWD

matganj earned nine points

from three matches while PWD

remained glued to their previ-

ACC Trophy

Qayum named

tour manager

Sports Reporter

the Wari Club has been ap-

pointed as the tour manager of

the Bangladesh cricket team

which will take part in the ACC

Trophy, scheduled to begin in

Kuala Lumpur from September

has retained his job as man-

ager, according to a press re-

lease of the Bangladesh Cricket

Control Board (BCCB) yester-

was announced on Friday, will

leave on September 4.

The 14-member team which

Gazi Ashraf Hossain Lipu

Qayum Reza Chowdhury of

With yesterday's win, Rah-

This was the third win for

Rahmatganj Muslim

42nd minutes respectively.

their tally to ten points.

Sports Club 2-1.

ous four points.

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This was the first victory for

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Wari Club, relegated to the

spective Danish First Division

Wari Club, Victoria Sporting

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#### Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario

(Spanish tennis star) "It's a new mood of clothing. I thought it would be nice to be able to wear it tonight."

About the new dress she wore on Thursday night during a match at the US Open.

#### Real rope in Illgner

COLOGNE, Germany, Aug 31: Bodo Illgner, the former German national team goalkeeper, has signed for Real Madrid, his German club FC Cologne said Saturday, reports AP.

Illgner, 29, quit the national team after 54 games following the 1994 World Cup in the United States. He has spent 13 seasons in Cologne, his only German club.

Illgner flew to Madrid late Friday and signed the contract four minutes before the midnight transfer deadline of the Spanish league expired.

#### 2002 WC goes high-tech

TOKYO, Aug 31: The Japanese and South Korean telecommunications ministers pledged on Wednesday to boost high-tech cooperation for the 2002 football World Cup finals, including 'virtual stadium' television, reports AFP.

"The new technology, known as the virtual stadium, will be on the table," said Kozo Ibata of the International Policy Division of the Japanese ministry of posts and telecommunications. In late May, the international football federation (FIFA) awarded the 2002 finals to Japan and South Korea to avoid a conflict over which of the two should stage Asia's first finals. It will be the first World Cup to be hosted by more than a

country. Japan sweetened its bid with plans to develop a virtual stadium — a dome-shaped screen carrying three-dimensional television pictures of games in progress at other venues. It will

help fill stadia where matches are not played. The two countries will study cooperation in such technical fields as circuits and computer systems for broadcasting, the

officials said. The two ministers also agreed to hold regular talks, the

officials said. Joint research will focus on the so-called Asia-Pacific In-

telligence Infrastructure (APII). a high-speed, large-capacity regional telecommunications network, the officials said.

It will also cover electronic commercial transactions via the internet, effects of cellular phones on human bodies and high-speed communications via satellite.



An airborne Brothers Union custodian Saidul intercepting an Abahani cross during their Danish Premier Division football league encounter at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. Abahani won the match 1-0. - Star photo

### Squeaky win for Abahani



Defending champions Abahani KC Danish Premier Division football league with a 1-0 win over Brothers Union at floodlit Dhaka Stadium yester-

day, reports UNB.

Substitute Jahangir scored the all-important goal two minutes before the final whistle against the run of the match. dominated all through by the Gopibagh boys. This was the third successive

win for the sky blues and the second consecutive loss for Displaying a better perfor-

mance against their mighty opponents, Brothers created four chances during the first session but their forwards failed to utilise any of them. After skipper Amer Khan sent a through pass in the box

in the eighth minute, medio Tipu shot straight to Abahani custodian Dhanu. Brothers' winger Jamal, a constant threat to the opponent defence with his deadly run. dribbled past Abahani left back Partha and sent a goalmouth cross in the 12th minute. But

SINGAPORE, Aug

31: Southeast As-

ia's richest foot

ball champion-

ship kicks off

here Sunday with

Singapore taking on arch rivals

Malaysia in the opening match

of the 10-nation Tiger Cup,

are investing one million US

dollars, is the new regional

tournament for Brunei, Burma,

Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos.

Malaysia, the Philippines, Sin-

The 10 teams are divided

into two groups of five to play

the preliminary round of

matches on a round-robin ba-

sis. The winners and runners-

ners at the South East Asian

Games in Chiangmai last De-

cember, are drawn with Burma,

Indonesia, Cambodia and Laos

Thailand, the SEA Games

champions and favourites to

win the 80,000 dollars first

prize in the September 15 final,

line up with Singapore.

Malaysia, the Philippines and

moved for the first time into the

top 50 of the FIFA, world rank-

ings, start their campaign on

Monday against a weak Philip-

But the cup opener Sunday

night promises to be a hard-

fought match between Singa-

pore and Malaysia, who have

been football rivals ever since

the Lion City separated from

.The meeting takes on an ex-

tra edge, with Singapore having

launched their own league after

The Thais, who recently

Vietnam, silver-medal win-

up advance to the semifinals.

gapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

The Cup, in which Tiger Beer

Sohel Reza.

reports AFP.

in Group A.

pines team.

Brunei in Group B.

Malaysia in 1965

In the 33rd minute, a Don header returned to play hitting Danish crossed a major the cross piece while another of his header in the 43rd minute

went outside near the far post. Most the play in the second session was confined in the mid-field with both teams relaying more on physical force.

Brothers Union again came close to score in the 87th minute but Jamal spoiled the opportunity as he shot over the And this proved very costly

as one minute later. Abahani got the much desired goal from a counter attack. Abahani right back Hasan Al Mamun sent a cross to sub-

stitute Aslam who headed the

ball in the box and unmarked BFF acting GS

## off to Singapore

Acting General Secretary of the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) Sirajul Islam Bachchu leaves Dhaka today for Singapore to attend a joint meeting of the South Asian and South East Asian football federations, reports BSS.

The meeting will take place. in Singapore on September 3 to study the feasibility of a joint striker Don failed to connect development plan for the game the ball which was cleared by for the two regions, a BFF press

Tiger Cup kicks off today

pulling out last year from the

Malaysian league because of a

row over gate receipts and al-

the region, but the height of

them will be when Malaysia

and Singapore meet," said Paul

Mony of the cup organising

Americans beat

El Salvador

LOS ANGELES. Aug 31: For-

ward Joe-max Moore scored

twice and Eric Wynalda, the US

national team's leading scorer.

added another goal as the.

United States beat El Salvador

3-1 in an international soccer

friendly on Friday, reports

14th international scores and

the third minute after collect-

ing a John Harkes through ball

fender before slamming a 12-

metres shot past goalkeeper Al-

varo Sanchez into the low left

corner. He closed the scoring in

the 88th minute, converting a

penalty kick after Frankie Hej-

duk was dragged down in the

at 1-1 in the 59th minute when

Luis Lazo ran onto a bouncing

ball in the left side of the

penalty box and bent a hard

shot around US goalkeeper

Brad Friedal into the upper

right corner. Cobi Jones's cross from the

right side was flicked on by

Brian McBride and Wynalda's

sliding volley put the Ameri-

cans ahead to stay.

El Salvador tied the match

He dribbled past one de-

at the top of the penalty area.

Moore scored his 13th and

Moore opened the scoring in

Reuter.

Wynalda his 25th.

penalty box.

"There are many rivalries in

leged match-fixing.

Jahangir easily found the net with a right footer amidst wild cheers by Abahani fans.

Yellow cards: Monem Munna, Swapan (Abahani KC). Gobinda. Bakhtiar, Joy and Tipu (Brothers Union)

TEAMS ABAHANI KC: Dhanu, Mamun, Sohel Reza, Ali Mansur Partha, Munna (Aslam), Swapan, Barun (Liton), Rakib, Rumi and Mizan (Jahangir). **BROTHERS UNION: Saidur** 

Bishu, Shahzada, Mizan, Gobinda, Joy, Amer Khan Bakhtiar, Tipu, Don (Mamun) and Jamal Referee: Sheikh Badruddin.

#### FAKIRERPOOL WIN

Earlier, in the day's other Premier Division match at the same venue, Youngmen's Club Fakirerpool chalked up their second consecutive victory beating newcomers Bangladesh Boys Club, also by a solitary

Maqsudul Amin Rana, promising mid-fielder of the national under-19 team, netted the match-decider in 14th minute.

With this, Youngmen's Club raised their collection to seven points while Bangladesh Boys have one point from four

Singapore, who will be

counting on home support to

upset the Thai bid, have re-

ceived a boost with the return of

captain and star player Fandi

Ahmad from a two-month Lay-

The Thais too have cause to

cheer from the welcome return

to form of French-raised

Natipong Sritong-in, who

caught the eye of Newcastle

United manager Kevin Keegan

when the Thai team played the

only goal in their 1-2 defeat,

and Keegan said: "I wish I could

pronounce his name, but the

number nine could play in the

Premier league from what I saw.

His awareness and pace made.

The Thais will be under

pressure from Vietnam, who are

determined to prove that they

are a force to be reckoned with

in regional football and want to

finish here as winners after

their surprise final appearance

the Tiger Cup," said Vietnamese

player Le Huynh Duc. "We'll try

fielder, who last year won the

Golden Boot award for the best

player in Vietnam, is a key fig-

Asian footballing event for the

first time in more than 20-

years, having dropped out of

competition during the Khmer

gin with a grand opening cere-

mony featuring a laser show,

pyrotechnics and a live perfor-

mance by a Singapore rock

The tournament is set to be-

Cambodia are playing in an

ure in the Vietnamese squad.

to get a good result again."

"I have a good feeling about

The tall attacking mid-

Natipong scored the Thais

English club in July.

him stand out."

in Chiangmai.

Rouge rule.

off caused by a knee injury.

#### Jansher in semis

HONG KONG, Aug 31: England's Ma-rk Cairns sounded a rallying call to his fellow professionals to stop the seemingly invincible Jansher Khan after the top seed beat him 15-10, 15-6. 15-7 in the quarter finals of the Hong Kong Open on Friday. reports Reuter.

Cairns, ranked 12th, could not live with the controlled, er ror-free play of the world numiher one and said afterwards that squash needed someone to put the frighteners on the Pak-

"He is always odds on favourite to win events and that is not good for the sport. We need somebody to really push him. At the moment he does not think he can be beaten. The sport needs a player, to get a win over him to put that bit of doubt in his mind," he said.

Jansher, chasing his eighth Hong Kong Open title, will play controversial Australian Anthony Hill in the semifinals.

The ninth-ranked Hill, who ended a three-month ban earlier this year for his misbehaviour at last November's World Open. Let his sweet stroke-making do the talking during his 15-9, 15-8, 15-17 and 17-15 win over fellow Australian Dan Jenson.

The 23rd-ranked Jenson suf fered a hangover from his giant-killing win over thirdseeded Brett Martin in the second round but found his rhythm in mid-match. He saved a match point in the third game and pushed his compatriot all they way in the decider.

"Jenson started off slowly -I think he had problems picking the pace," said Hill, who received a conduct warning for verbal abuse during his first round win over England's Mark Chaloner on Tuesday. "But once he got his eye in, he

made it really tough. After seeing the draw I was a little bit worried - I put in a lot of training to beat Mark (Chaloner) and everything else has been a bonus. Look out Jansher.

The other semifinal will be between world number two Rodney Eyles of Australia and fourth-seeded Scotsman Peter Nicol, one of the elite few who has beaten Jansher in a major tournament.

Eyles defeated Ireland's Derek Ryan, ranked 15th, 15-6. 15-9, 11-15 and 15-10 while Nicol beat number seven seed Chris Walker of England 15-8, 15-13, 13-15 and 15-9.

#### Solidarity for Sarajevo

MONTE CARLO, Aug 31: Olympic champion Kenny Harrison and world record holder Jonathan Edwards will both take part in a triple jump competition at the Solidarity meeting for Sarajevo on September 9, reports Reuter.

The International Amateur Athletic Federation said on Friday that a schedule reshuffle had allowed organisers to hold a men's triple jump as well as the women's long jump on the "one usable runway at the wardevastated" Kosevo Stadium.

Atlanta Games silver medal winner Edwards has called on other leading athletes to take part in the Sarajevo meeting a goodwill gesture towards Bosnia as it recovers from the war in the Balkans - two days after the Grand Prix final in Milan.

# Seles enters Round Four

NEW YORK. Aug Spain 31 Following her own advice, second seeded Monica Seles didn't waste any time in beating Dally Ran-

driantety of Madagascar to march into the fourth round of the US Open on Friday, reports Reuter.

"You don't want to play around with night matches. You just want to finish and go home." Seles said after winning the first 11 games on her way to a 6-0, 6-2 win under the National Tennis Centre Stadium lights.

In fact, Seles has spent very

little time this week actually on the court after losing just one game in her opening-round match and then winning her second-round match on Wednesday without hitting a single ball — Laurence Courtois couldn't play due to a knee in-

Seles looked fit and in good · form through the 57-minute win that filled out the bottom half of the fourth round wom-

en's pairings. Sales, who is just one of three remaining seeds in that half, will next play Sandrine

Testud of France. Also getting through were eighth-seeded American Lindsay Davenport and fourthseeded Spaniard Conchita Mar-

Devenport, winner of her last two tournaments, beat Anne-Gaelle Sidot of France 6-0. 6-3 for her 14th consecutive match win. Martinez beat veteran Czech Helena Sukova 6-4.

With an Olympic gold medal in her pocket followed by win over Steffi Graf en route to her most prestigious WTA Tour title so far. Davenport is starting to feel like a Grand Slam contender

"I mean, it's hard, the expectations sometimes with me are so high. It's hard to live up to what I was before," Seles said of her 27-month lay-off after being stabbed in the back during a match in Hamburg on April 30, 1993. "It's going to be a matter of putting in those hours, that I used to put in before," said Seles. "I feel I'm slowly coming back to where I should be, and hopefully will be." This time Seles played as expected, rattling off 23 winners with her double-fisted ground strokes to only six for her overmatched foe from Madagascar. But the 104th ranked Ran-

in the Grand Slams," said Seles,

who had opened the year by

winning the Australian Open

for the fourth time." I think

that at the end of my career

those are the ones that I like to

win, do the best I could in all of

playing since her emotional

return to competition last

summer when she reached the.

US Open final, the 22-year-old

Seles has found that the win-

ning hasn't come as easy as

when she took seven of eight

majors beginning with the 1991

Australian Open.

But in her first full year back .

driantefy compensated for her lack of firepower with her fighting spirit as she never surrendered and won the respect of Seles, who joined in the applause for the 19-year-old as she left the court. "A lot of players at 6-0, 5-0,

they just stop." Seles said. "She was running, almost played better. She figured, I have nothing to lose, match is almost finished, let me give it everything I

#### BAM to be revamped

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 31: All 21 employees of the Badminton Association of Malaysia (BAM) have been told to resign under a proposed major shake-up to make the national body more professional, news reports said today, says The proposal by the BAM

council, the highest decisionmaking body, will see the resignation of honorary secretary Punch Gunalan, who led Malaysia to victory in the Thomas Cup finals in 1992, and 20 other BAM staff. The revamp was proposed af-

ter Malaysia's disastrous outing in the Thomas Cup finals in Hong Kong in May when the shuttlers failed to reach the semifinals for the first time in a decade, officials said. Under the proposal pre-

sented to the BAM council Saturday, the honorary secretary assistant secretary and honorary treasurer are to submit their resignations on December

The other full time staff including the executive secretary. finance manager, development officer and 15 coaches are expected to resign by that date.

### Serve seals Gabbi's fate

adidas

- AFP/UNB photo

Two delipitely put myself in

the best chance that I ever have

to win a Grand Slam," she said.

"I'm in the best shape I've ever

well at the Open after having

suffered unexpected early-

round setbacks at the French

Seles is also anxious to do

"I definitely want to do well

been in, and playing well.

Open and Wimbledon.



left shoulder.

NEW YORK, Aug 31: Gabriela Sabatini's hopes of brightening up a bleak year with a good performance in the year's last .

Swede Asa Carlsson makes a backhand return against

Argentine Gabriela Sabatini during her third round

match of the US Open at Flushing Meadows on Friday.

Grand Slam were dashed Friday as she was knocked out of the third round of the US Open tennis championships, reports Sweden's Asa Carlsson.

Carlsson wen 7-5, 3-6, 6-2.

extra days off to rest her ailing

match like that, but I just think

of it as a positive way. I'll save

may shoulder, one less match to

play," said Seles, who faces the

prospect of surgery after play-

ing for the United States in next

month's Fed Cup final against

Seles welcomed having the

"You never want to win a

ranked 59th in the world, beat Sabatini 7-5, 3-6, 6-2 to advance to a fourth-round match with fourth-seeded Conchita Martinez. It was the first time since

1986 that Sabatini exited the US Open before the quarter-finals. She won the event in 1990. "I guess I have to accept that I lost, it's going to be hard," sne

said. "This tournament is a big tournament for me. I always did very well here. This is where I really wanted to do well." The Open became even more

important after Sabatini missed both the French Open and Wimbledon with injured abdominal muscles. She said she was still struggling to find her game after the long lay-off. "I'm still not feeling a hun-

dred per cent comfortable with my game," she said. "I just need to keep playing more tournaments, more matches.

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Once again, Sabatini's. downfall was her serve. She scattered 14 double faults through the two-hour match.

She was happy with her serve in her first two matches here, but said that once it starts to go wrong, she can't recover.



GABRIELA SABATINI lot mental, too," she said. "I've probably been thinking about it too much. It's one of the areas that I know I have to improve

on, one of the worst areas. "There are moments when I get tired that my serve just doesn't work very well. I think mentally I need to overcome

It's a problem that has plagued her as she tried to re-establish herself among the world's top players in the wake of her victory in the 1994 WTA tour Championships.

That victory ended a 42tournament drought, and it was followed by a win in Sydney in January of 1995. She reached two more finals last year, but her hopes of build-

ing on that success fell prey to injury, another set back for a player who never quite fulfilled her promise despite more than 8 million dollars in prize money and super stardom in her native country. At one time in the late 1980s. it was expected that Sabatini and her contemporary Steffi

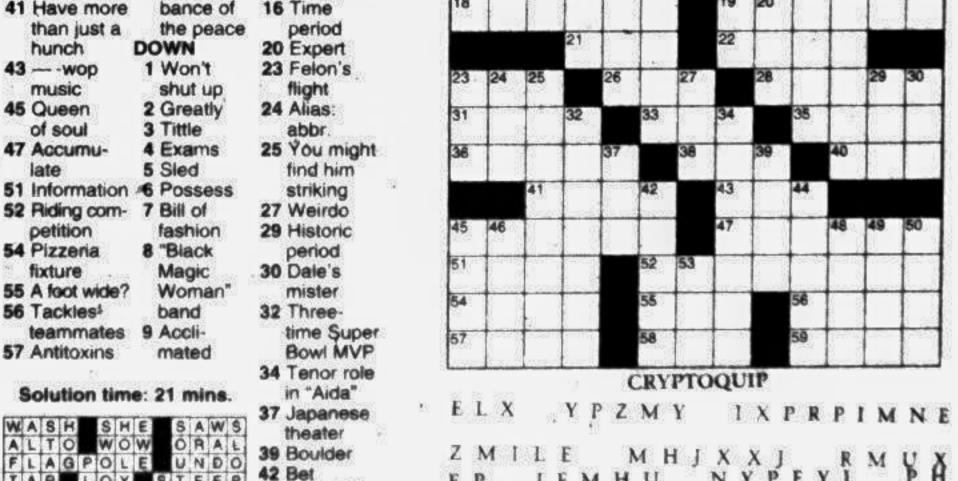
Graf would produce a careerlong rivalry on the model of Chris Evert and Martina Navratilova. Instead, Sabatini has faded

and Monica Seles, four years her junior, filled her role. There was a time when we

had a lot of tough matches," said Graf, the world number one and defending champion here. "I felt that she lost a little bit

of confidence after losing a few times. She never really played aggressive tennis again. thought she should be able to do a little bit more."

HERO OF THE NIGHT: Abahani striker Jahangir who scored the match-winner against Brothers Union last night, being hugged by his teammates after the goal. - Star photo



JEMHU NYPEYL PH ELX FPYUN

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: DO YOU SUSPECT THAT CHILD PHARAOHS STARTED THEIR LETTERS, "MY DEAR MUMMY"?

Today's Cryptoquip clue: Y equals C The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one

letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.