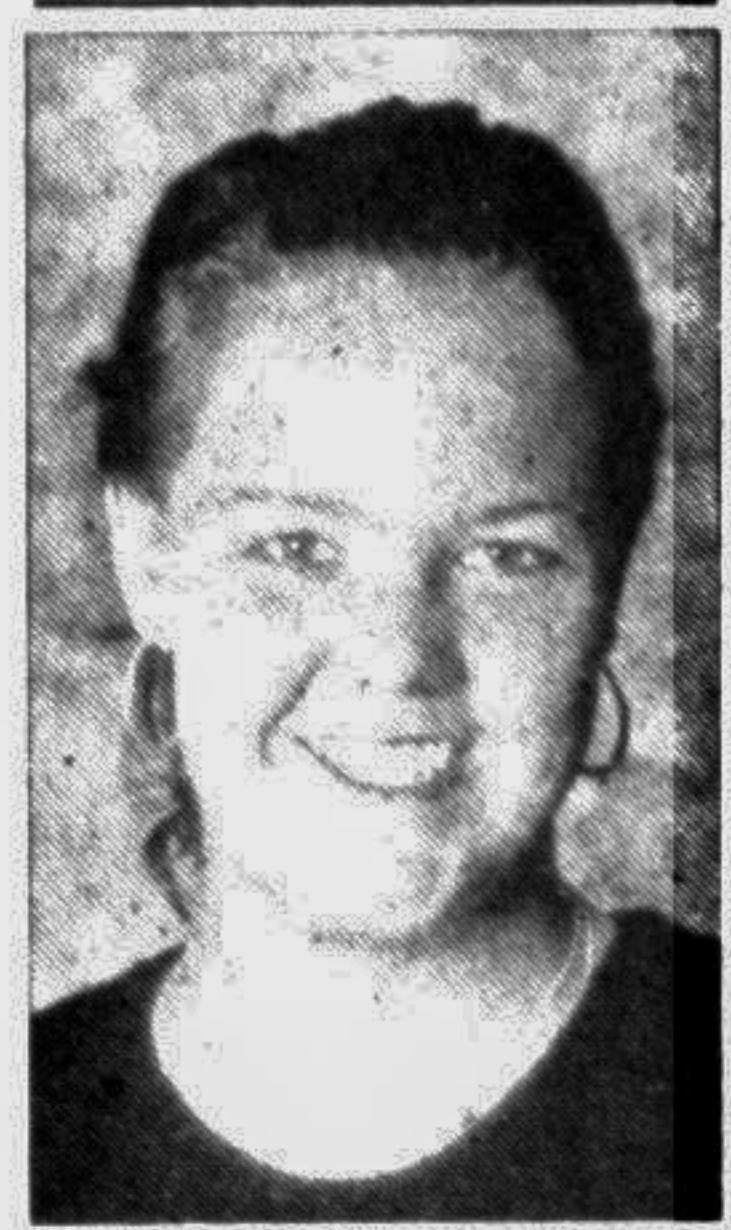


## Column One

## SPORTS TALK



Lindsay Davenport

(American tennis player)  
"I don't feel sick. I just feel out of it."

After losing to Linda Wild in the fourth round of the US Open.

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1	Pakistan batsman Salman Malik's century in The Oval Test was his
11th	10th 14th
2	How many athletes from Bangladesh went to Atlanta this year
Two	Three Four
3	The top seed of this year's US Open is
Sampras Agassi Muster	
4	Pakistani pacer Waqar Younis has signed for English county
Glamorgan Surrey Kent	
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Tiger Cup  
SOCCER SCORES

SINGAPORE, Sept 3: Thailand and Indonesia cruised to comfortable wins in their 1996 Tiger Cup debuts, with both teams boasting talented line-ups which should see them through to the semifinals, reports Reuter.

But Vietnam, runners-up in the Southeast Asian Games last year, were rattled by their Mekong rivals Cambodia and had to fight hard for a 1-1 win.

Thailand made easy work of the Philippines with a four-goal burst in the first half.

Yuthana Poljak added the only goal of the second half to complete a 5-0 win.

Indonesia totally dominated their match against Laos and, like Thailand, took a four-goal lead before halftime.

Laos pulled one back after the break before Indonesian captain Savady Sayana restored his side's four-goal lead 15 minutes from time to give Indonesia a 5-1 victory.

Sheffield Wed  
going great  
guns

SHEDFIELD, England, Sept 3: Sheffield Wednesday maintained their 100 per cent record and went five points clear at the top of the English Premier league on Monday by beating newly-promoted Leicester City 2-1, reports Reuter.

Wednesday, who escaped relegation on the final day of last season, have now made their best start in 85 years, winning their first four matches and scoring twice in every game.

Ritchie Humphreys set the Yorkshire side on their way in the 25th minute with his third goal of the season.

Collecting a loose ball on the halfway line, the 18-year-old apprentice striker cut through the heart of the Leicester defence, pulled the ball on to his left foot, and coolly lobbed goalkeeper Kasey Keller from the edge of the area.

Three minutes later an equally spectacular goal brought Leicester level.

Steve Claridge, who sealed his side's promotion to the Premier league with a last-minute extra-time goal in a play-off at Wembley in May, surged past former England defender Des Walker and blasted the ball into the top left-hand corner of Kevin Pressman's goal from 25 metres.

## Farashganj trip champs up

Sports Reporter

Defending champions Abahani Krira Chakra suffered a setback in their chase for second hat-trick title at the ongoing Danish Premier football league when a stubborn Farashganj Sporting Club held them to a goalless draw at the floodlit Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

The spirited defence of the old-town outfit, forming into an appreciable cohesive force against their awe-inspiring opponents, especially in the second half, deservedly went away with a crucial points, leaving Abahani in depths of despair.

It was Abahani's first draw after their third successive wins in the league. The disappointing draw pushed the title hopefuls down to the second position behind their arch rivals Mohammedan Sporting Club in the ten team elite group on completion of four league matches.

The outcome has once again indicated that Abahani, who hardly played like a champion this year, were painfully out of their depths in the absence of a quality midfield.

Abahani had, however, tried to fill the void with their skipper Moniem Munna. But the defender turned-midfielder seemed to have problems to fit in with the demanding job this year. Munna played for only 35 minutes before he was pulled off to make the way for young Litton.

The holders lacked the bite in the first 45 minutes while Farashganj were well in command in terms of control over the ball. The old-timers, who came up with a defensive approach after the lemon-break, successfully stuck to their play against a toothless Abahani attack which could hardly penetrate the rock-solid Farashganj defence. Especially, the

rear four comprising Prodip Nazrul, Kajal, Sufian and custodian Aminul were simply invincible against any Abahani sorties.

Although Abahani got nine corners in the second half they were able to expose the Farashganj defence only twice.

In the 58th minute striker

Mizan, latching on a long pass

from defender Ali Monsur,

raced down the right flank deep

inside the Farashganj box. But

with a hapless custodian only

at his mercy, the lanky national

striker blasted the ball mile

away from the near post much

to the horror of the sky blue supporters.

Abahani got their last chance in the match ten minutes from the final whistle when Aslam, the old horse of the azzures who came as a substitute in the 65th minute, made a spectacular header right into the target.

But defender Sufian, one of the heroes of Farashganj who played with a bandage on the head, staved off the goal-bound header much to the relief of his

teammates.

Things would have been even worse for Abahani had not their defender Ali Monsur come to the rescue in the 62nd minute with a goal-line save of Munir's low-shot from inside the box.

Apart from the lone chance in the second session, Farashganj also came close to score early in the first half with Ritu blasting a pile-driver from the right-hand corner of the box.

On the other hand Mizan and Rakib, two of the five new recruits of Abahani from Mukti Joddha this year, spoiled a couple of easy sitters midway through the first half.

Yellow card: Mainul Haq (Farashganj SC).

## TEAMS

ABAHANI KC: Dhanu, Mainul, Sohel Reza, Ali Mansur, Partha, Munna (Liton), Swapan, Romi (Aslam), Rakib, Mizan and Jahangir.

FARASHGANJ SC: Aminul, Prodip, Nazrul, Sufian, Kajal, Dulal, Monir (Munna), Saiful, Mainul, Towhid (Akhtar) and Ritu.

Referee: R Alam.

## PREMIER DIV TABLE

## Standings

Team	M	W	D	L	GA	GF	Points
Mohammedan SC	4	4	0	0	8	4	11
Abahani KC	4	3	1	0	10	0	10
Mukti Joddha	4	3	1	0	7	2	10
Sangsdar KC	4	2	1	1	2	1	7
YMC Fakirpool	4	2	1	1	2	5	5
Arambagh KS	4	1	1	2	4	5	4
Farashganj SC	4	1	1	2	1	3	4
Brothers Union	4	1	1	2	3	3	3
Agrani Bank SC	4	1	0	3	4	7	3
East End Club	4	0	1	3	3	14	1
Bangladesh Boys	4	0	1	3	2	5	1

\* One point from Mohammedan SC and Brothers Union account were reduced as they denied to play each other on August 20.

Hattricks: Mizan (Abahani) against East End Club.

Leading scorers: 5 goals — Nakib (Mukti Joddha), 4 goals — Mizan (Abahani), 3 goals — Ranjan (Mohammedan), Roxy (Arambagh), 2 goals — Rumi (Abahani), Jahangir (Abahani), Altaf (Mohammedan), Jewel Rana (Mohammedan), Munna (Agrani Bank), Jamal (Brothers Union) and Saorav Majumdar (Raju (East End Club)).



Abahani's prolific striker Mizan (L) lobs the ball towards the Farashganj box during their Danish Premier football league encounter at the Dhaka Stadium last night. The match ended in a goalless draw.

## Akram &amp; Co off to Malaysia

Sports Reporter

A 16-member Bangladesh national cricket team, led by hard-hitting batsman Akram Khan, will leave the country this morning for Malaysia to participate in the Pepsi ACC Trophy championship scheduled to begin in the Malaysian capital of Kuala Lumpur from September 6.

A total of 12-nations, split into two groups, will take part in the first round with the top two sides from each group competing in the semifinals billed for September 13.

The winners of the September 15 final will qualify for the next Asia Cup which will be held in Colombo in September 1997.

Bangladesh have been placed in Group A alongwith Nepal, Fiji, Brunei, Japan and Hong Kong while the other group features hosts Malaysia, Thailand, UAE, Singapore and Maldives.

Bangladesh will take on Nepal in their opening first round encounter on September 6. The other matches are against Fiji on September 7, against Brunei on September 8, against Japan on September 10 and against Hong Kong on September 11.

The Bangladesh squad: Akram Khan (captain), Aminul Islam Bulbul, Harun-ur Rashid Litton, Selim Shahed, Saiful Islam, Anisur Rahman, Mohammad Rafique, Khaled Masud Pilot, Habibul Bashar Sumon, Hasibul Hasan Shanto, Sheikh Salauddin, Sajal Chowdhury, Shahriar Hossain Bidyut and Jahangir Alam.

Former national skipper Gazi Ashraf Hossain Lipu and Qayum Reza Chowdhury will accompany the squad as team and tour manager.

## BFF's decision

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) will advise Mohammedan Sporting Club to drop their Asian Cup Winners' Cup first round second leg match against Laos Electricity scheduled to be held in Laos on September 7.

The decision was taken last night by the BFF in an emergency meeting headed by its vice president Anjan Chowdhury. According to a senior BFF official, the decision stemmed from three obvious reasons the successful completion of the ongoing Danish Senior Division football league, the preparations for the forthcoming Asian Youth (under-19) football championship, and the SAARC football championship which will be held in South Korea and Nepal in October and November respectively.

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The win raised Chalantika's tally to six points from four matches while PWD have four points from as many outings.

In the day's second encounter, Rahmatganj Muslim Friends Society shared points with Police Athletics Club with a goalless draw.

This was the fourth league engagement for both the teams from which Rahmatganj earned ten points while PWD took their tally to two points.

## Spurs in a stew

— LONDON, Sept 3: Tottenham's injury crisis deepened on Monday with the news that England star Teddy Sheringham has been ruled out for up to three weeks, reports AFP.

Sheringham pulled a thigh muscle while training with England last week, which means Spurs will be without their main strikers for Wednesday's Premiership clash at Wimbledon.

With Chris Armstrong still recovering from a damaged ankle, Tottenham boss Gerry Francis could be forced to throw in 18-year-old Rory Allen for an emergency debut at Selhurst Park.

Francis is not happy about the prospect, admitting: "he's an excellent prospect but still probably a year away from first team level."

Francis, who also has doubts over England reserve goalkeeper Ian Walker (back) and midfielder Darren Anderton (groin), said he has been stunned by the sudden crisis.

"I don't know what we've got to do to deserve this but I am going to be without my two main strikers and, probably, my most gifted midfield player as well," he said.

Any other ideas for improving the sport?

"No uniques," McEnroe said. "You just need a monitor, give it to a net budget like they do in hockey. Make that job."

Any other ideas for improving the sport?

"No uniques," McEnroe said. "You just need them when you have stuff like this."

Skipper Gary Mabbutt is already on the long-term Spurs casualty list after breaking his leg on the opening day of the season and fullback Dean Austin is still recovering after a knee operation in the summer.

The only good news for the Spurs boss was the arrival of new 1.65 million pound (about 2.5 million dollars) signing Allan Nielsen, who scored for Denmark in their 2-0 World Cup win in Slovenia and looks certain now to make his Premiership debut against Wimbledon.

The boy pedalled from the northern to southern tips of Japan and on arriving in Cape Sata, Kagoshima prefecture, Sunday said: "I feel great, now I can go home to Tokyo," newspapers reported.

Ichigawa, who started from Camp Saya, in the north of Hokkaido Island, on June 15 was followed all the way by his father, who was in a car.

## Epic journey!

TOKYO, Sept 3: Nine-year-old Kenichi Ichigawa finished a 3,600 kilometres (2,235 mile) journey across Japan on unicycles just in time to return to school on Monday, reports AFP.

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