

## Column One

## SPORTS TALK



Richie Richardson

(Former West Indies cricket captain)  
"Walsh has been a great support to me and I've enjoyed playing with him. He's a very humble giant, rather. I should say humble lion. He is somebody who has never let me down."

## DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

That the magnificent Melbourne Cricket Ground is the biggest stadium in which international Cricket is played among the Test playing nations. In a pocketed house situation, it is a breath to king sight with throb sounds, an array of colours and glittering lights.

It is situated in Flinders Park with a wind band of railway tracks running tangentially to the three-tier stadium. Across the track is the National Tennis Centre where each January the Australian Open is played, coinciding with the World Series Cricket.

Now, we have our own Mindless Park where the Dhaka Stadium is located. Umpire roads run all around it. Over on its South West is the Hockey Stadium.

No one can say in which month what will happen. But, if football is played there this September, chances are cricket may be played there come September next year.

## Sports

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1	How many Tests has Wasim Akram played to capture 300 wickets?	80	70	60
2	The man-of-the-series in the Sahara Cup was	Kumble	Mushtaq	Srinath
3	The final round of the Meril U-16 national football championship will be held in	Natore	Bogra	Pabna
4	The new Indian cricket coach is	Madan Lal	Arun Lal	Gavaskar
5	The captain of Bangladesh hockey team is	Harun	Sadeq	Alamgir

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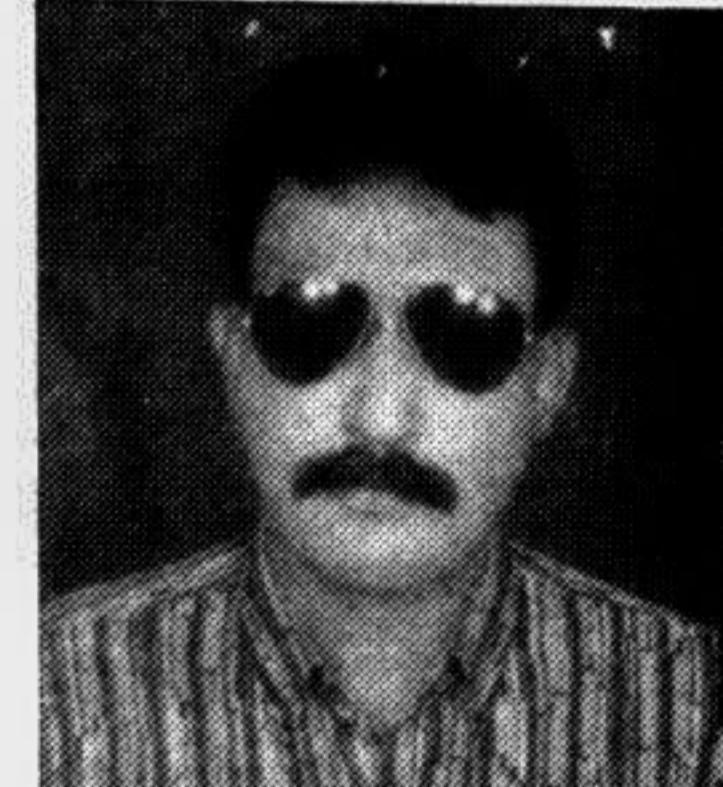
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Shaheen new  
BU TT chief

Sports Reporter



Brothers Union Club, one of the leading clubs in the local sports arena, has appointed noted industrialist and social worker Abdul Alim Shaheen as their new chairman of the table tennis sub-committee.

Brothers Union is one of the ten teams participating in the AB Bank Senior Division table tennis league which began in the capital last Saturday.

Meril U-16 national football  
Bikash & Biplob's hattricks

Sports Reporter



Bandarban district moved into the zonal semifinal of the Meril under-16 national football championship with a 4-2 win over Khagrachari in the opening day of the Bandarban zonal qualifiers at the local stadium yesterday.

Nazmul Anu Barua, Swapan and Palash scored one goal each for the home side while Chaitra Marma and Ushat Marma reduced the margin for

## AB Bank TT

Sports Reporter

Armanitola Jibro Sangha, Biman, Wari Club, Brothers Union Club and Inter Sports recorded their second successive wins in the AB Bank Senior Division Table Tennis League at the wooden floor gymnasium yesterday.

On the second day of the team elite league, introduced for the first time, Armanitola tamed Ajax Sporting Club 3-0. Biman ousted Swamibagh Boys 3-0. Brothers outplayed Swamibagh TTS 3-0. Inter Sports beat Armanitola Juniors 3-2 while Wari Club defeated Wari Juniors 3-0.

## Euro soccer landscape

LONDON, Sept 30: Liverpool and Manchester United resisted the challenges of London rivals West Ham and Tottenham on Sunday as they cemented their places in the top three of the English Premier League, report agencies.

Liverpool stayed three points clear at the top of the table after goals from Stan Collymore and Michael Thomas secured a 2-1 win at West Ham, their seventh win in a row in all competitions.

United also maintained their unbeaten home league record with a comfortable 2-0 victory over Spurs, both goals coming from Norwegian Ole Gunnar Solksjaer, to move into third position a point behind second-placed Arsenal.

Liverpool now have 20 points from eight games, Arsenal, who downed Sunderland 2-0 Saturday, have 17 and Manchester United 16.

In Spain, Barcelona stormed two points clear at the top of the First Division table in style after a goals fest in Zaragoza, the Catalan club winning a barnstorming encounter 5-3 after being 3-1 down.

John Toshack's Deportivo La Coruna went second after Saturday's 2-1 win over previous leaders Betis. Brazilian summer signing Rivaldo and Frenchman Michael Madar were both on target after Croatian midfielder Robert Jarni gave Betis an early lead.

Real Madrid went third behind Deportivo on goal difference after a 3-2 win in Oviedo provided courtesy of goals from Davor Suker, Predrag Mijatovic and Victor.

The weekend's top-scorers

## Pele renews paternity!

RIO DE JANEIRO, Sept 30: Former Brazilian soccer superstar Pele became the father of twins, a boy and a girl, Saturday night, a spokeswoman for the Sao Luis Hospital in Sao Paulo said on Sunday, reports Reuter.

The twins, Joshua and Celeste, were born at just over 30 weeks and each weighed just under three pounds (1.30 kg). Doctors had been planning to deliver the babies after October 5 but carried out the emergency cesarean operation after Pele's wife began to feel pains, the spokeswoman said.

Both the mother and the babies were doing well, the spokeswoman said.

Pele was at the birth, his first time doing so despite having three children from his first marriage.

"I saw everything. I cried more than the children did," Pele, aged 55 and now Brazil's special sports minister told local Globe Television.

"With the World Cup matches, I've had some moments in my life but I've never experienced anything like this until now," he added.

Amadora midfielder Jose Mateus forced a brilliant save from Porto's Polish goalkeeper Andrzej Wozniak, while Porto's Brazilian striker Mario Jardel hit the post in the final seconds.

The draw gives Port 11 points, two behind Sporting. The surprise team of the season, Braga share second place with Porto, while Benfica will have a chance to stay level with Sporting when they face on Chaves Monday night.

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Fed Cup b'ball  
Mariners take on Gregs in final

Sports Reporter

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Action from yesterday 8th Federation Cup basketball championship semifinal between Mariner Youngs Club and Dhumketu Club at the Dhanmondi gymnasium. Mariner Youngs won the match 87-42.

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## Sport

## MSC-Boys meet today

Sports Reporter

Title aspirants Mohammedi Sporting Club will take on Bangladeshi Boys Club at 6pm today as the Danish Premier Division football league resumes at the Dhaka Stadium after a five-day break, owing to the visit by the Hyundai Tigers who played MSC in the return leg of the Asian Cup Winners' Cup.

Mohammedans, who have won six of their seven league matches so far as against a single draw, have a slim two-point lead over their arch rivals Abahani at present. They have earned 19 points while Abahani, who won five matches and drew two out of their seven outings, have 17 points. Powerful Mukti Joddha Sangsads are in the third place with 14 points also from seven matches.

After today's match, Mohammedans will have only one match left to complete their first phase. The Black and Whites will meet Abahani in their last outing of the first leg on October 6. On the other hand, Abahani, inbetween, will face Mukti Joddha Sangsads in their next match on October 4.

## WC hockey qualifiers

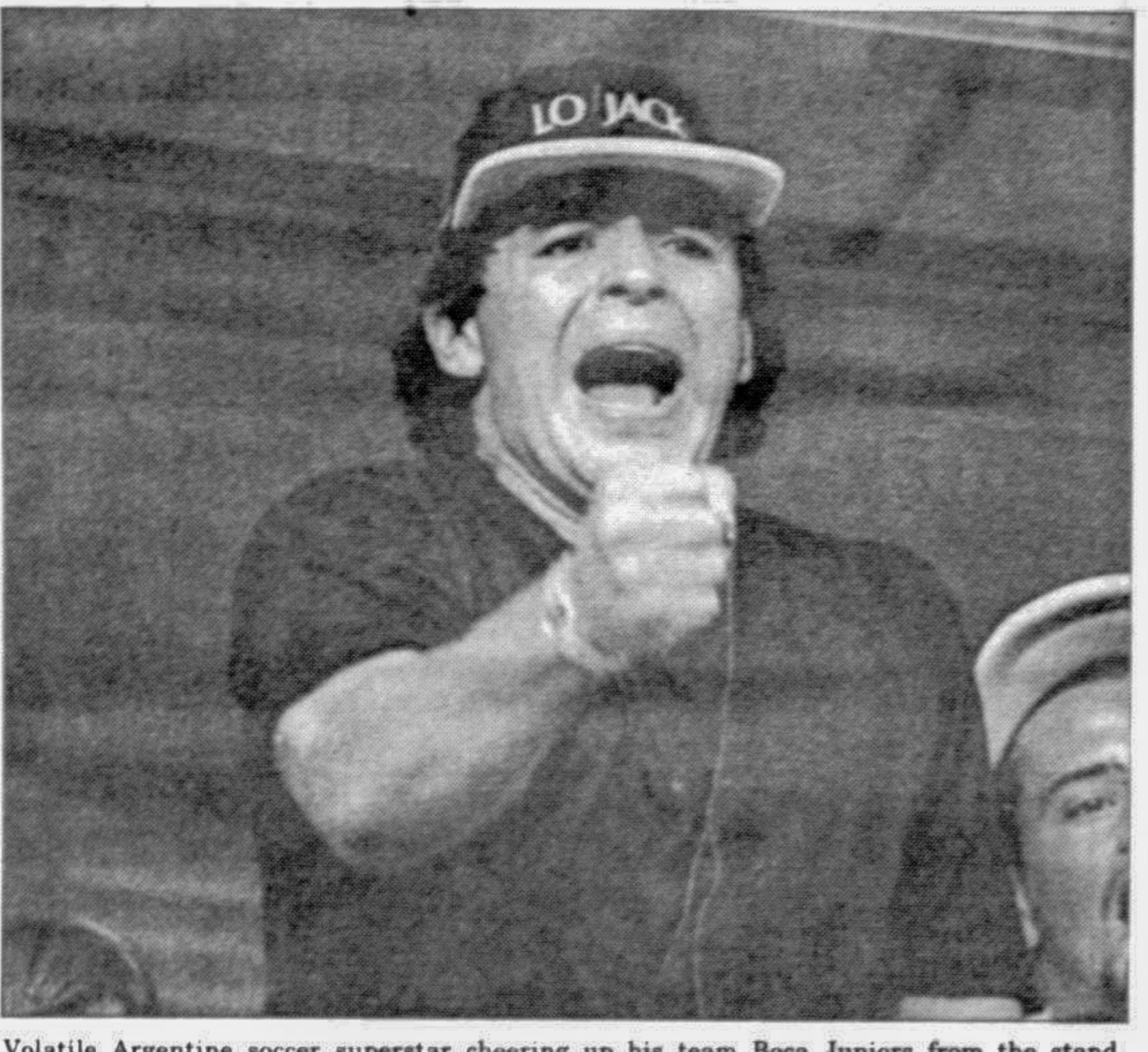
Ireland-7  
Bangladesh-0

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A 10-day Olympic qualification course for gymnastics coaches concluded here yesterday at the NSC conference room, reports UNB.

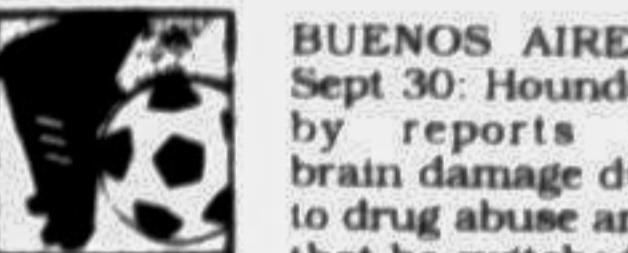
Twenty-three coaches took part in the course, jointly organized by the Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA) and the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

BOA president Lt General Mohammad Mahbubur Rahman distributed certificates among the participants.



Volatile Argentine soccer superstar cheering up his team Boca Juniors from the stand during a match against River Plate in Buenos Aires on September 29. — AFP/UNB photo

## Maradona muddling along



BUENOS AIRES, Sept 30: Hounded by reports of brain damage due to drug abuse and that he switched a urine test sample, Diego Maradona on Sunday announced he likely will never play in Argentina again, reports AP.

"I regret to say this, but almost certainly I will no longer play soccer in Argentina. My mind has been made up 60 per cent. I will decide on the rest in the Netherlands and Spain," Maradona said during a press conference.

The 1986 hero of Argentina's World Cup title had returned to his native country Saturday from Spain and Switzerland, where he underwent treatment in August for his drug dependency.

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In Germany, Stuttgart went top of the table after crushing Munich 1860 5-2 away as previous leaders Bayern Munich slumped 3-0 in Bremen.

Stuttgart now lead by a point with 19 points ahead of Bayer Leverkusen, who kept the pressure on with a 2-1 win at Schalke. Brazilian Paulo Maccio scored the winner in the midday match.

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