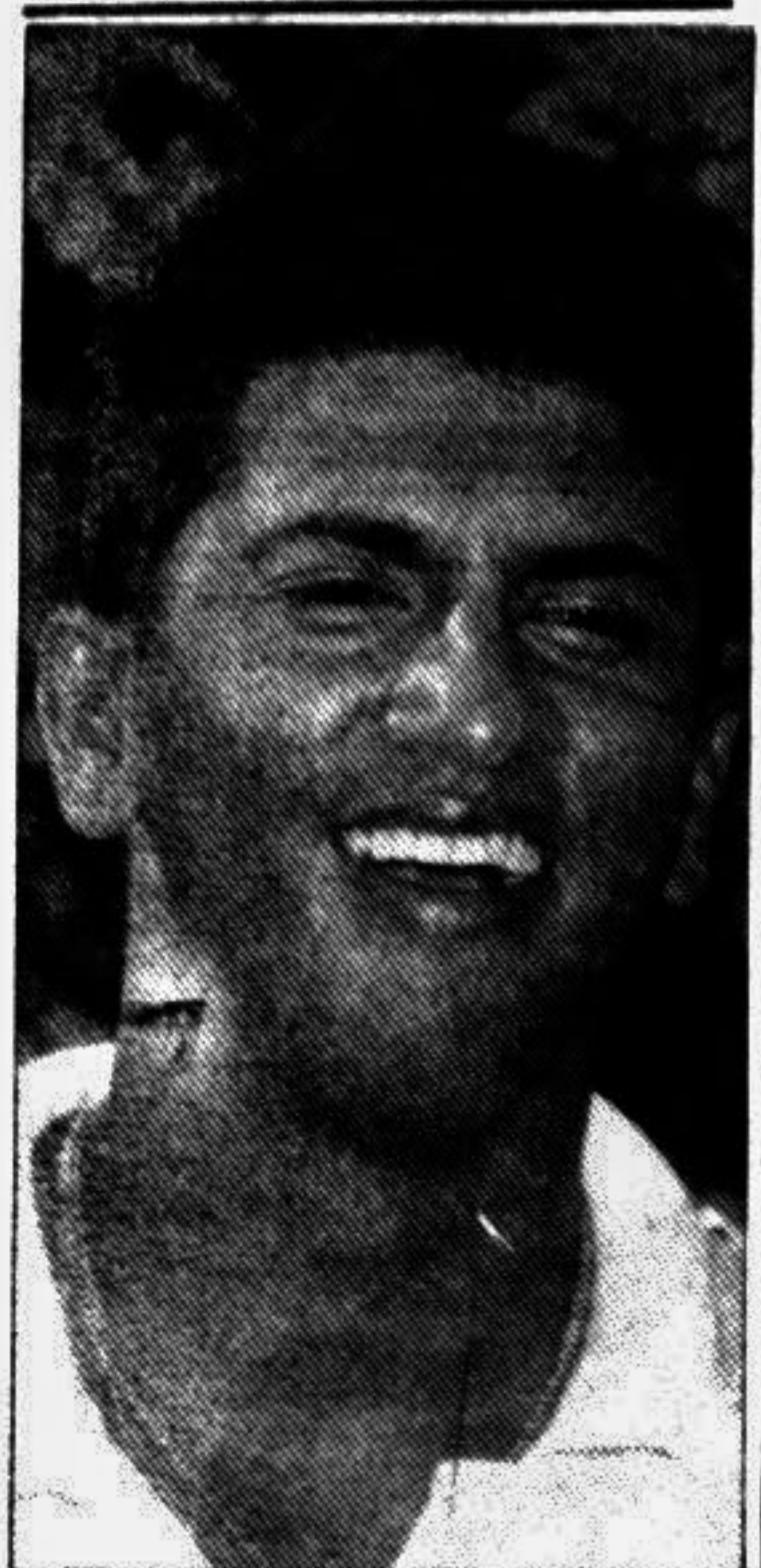


## Column One

## SPORTS TALK



Roshan Siriwardene

## Mahanama

(Sri Lankan cricketer)  
"I will play as long as possible. I have a wife and three daughters. My parents and my wife have provided a lot of support to me or else I would not have lasted so long. I am at present on a contract with the Board of Control for Cricket in Sri Lanka. My motto is to play bright cricket. Let us see how the future goes. I am 31 and I hope God will give the strength to continue for some more time. Play attractive cricket, that is my motto."

His future plan.

## Boost sports WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN Competition-76

✓ Tick the Correct Answers

Competition closes at 8 pm.

August 22, '97

1	The current New Zealand cricket captain is	
Fleming	Gerrard	Thompson
2	Brazilian star Ronaldo's new Italian club is	
AC Milan	Inter Milan	Juventus
3	Who scored the golden goal for Argentina against Mohamedan in this year's Federation Cup semi-final?	
Mizan	Zakir	Tipu
4	Who is the coach of Kenyan national cricket team?	
Patil	Anamath	Wadekar
5	The 100 metres world record holder is	
Greene	Bailey	Fredericks

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## Car rally

The first ever Volkswagen car rally was held in the city yesterday, reports UNB.

The rally started from Manik Mia Avenue at 3:30 pm after it was flagged off by the president of Old Car Club of Bangladesh, Habibur Rahman Sanni.

In all, 40 German built Beetles took part. The event concluded at Rabindra Sarani in Uttra at 4:30 pm.

A two-member judge, comprising Habibur Rahman Sanni and Gazi Matiul Haque, adjudged the VW of 1965 (Dhaka-Kha 8585), owned by Cadi Moinud-Dahr, as "best restored in original condition."

Others were awarded certificate of participation.

The next VW rally will be held on December 19, 1997.

## Metz move atop

PARIS, Aug 16: Metz moved three points clear at the top of the French First Division on Friday night after a 2-1 win at promoted Chateauroux, reports Reuter.

French international winger Robert Pires opened the scoring in the seventh minute with a right-footed strike, he had a hand in the second by Bruno Rodriguez in the 63rd.

Yugoslav forward Vlado Lukic dummied Pires long cross from the right allowing Belgian veteran Danny Boffin to shoot. The ball crashed off the bar and Rodriguez was on hand to chest down and score his third goal in two games.

Chateauroux, Second Division champions last season and making their home debut in the top flight in a new stadium, pulled a goal back 10 minutes from time through Dakar-born central defender Ferdinand Coly.

Paris St Germain, Marseille, Bastia and Toulouse also have maximum points from their first two games. They play tonight and could leapfrog Metz at the top of the table.

Mahanagari Cup begins today  
F'pool-B Boys opener

## Sports Reporter

Youngmen's Club Fakirpool will take on Bangladesh Boys Club in the inaugural match as the first round of the Shamsuddin Spinning Mahanagari Cup football tournament kicks off at the Mirpur Stadium this evening.

Dhaka Mahanagari Football League Committee (DMFLC), the organisers of the tournament, arranged a press conference in this regard at the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) conference room at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. BFF General Secretary Harun-ur-Rashid MP, Kutubuddin Ahmed, chairman of the sponsor Shamsuddin Spinning Mills Limited, DMFLC president Abdur Rahim, tournament Committee chairman Nurul Alam and other DMFLC officials were present in press briefing.

A total of 16 Senior Division teams split into four groups will participate in the first round league scheduled to conclude on August 31. Top teams from each group will join Mohammedan

second phase. For VIP gallery, tickets will be Tk 20 for the first round and Tk 40 for the second.

Following 16 teams are participating in the first round:

**Group A:** Youngmen's Club Fakirpool, Dhaka Wanderers Club, Dhanmondi Club and Bangladesh Boys Club.

**Group B:** Farashganj Sporting Club, Shantinagar Club, BRTC Sports Club and East End Club.

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## FIXTURE First week

Aug 17	YMC Fakirpool vs Bangladesh Boys Club	6 pm
Aug 18	Dhaka Wanderers Club vs Dhanmondi Club	5 pm
Aug 19	Shantinagar Club vs BRTC SC	6 pm
Aug 20	Farashganj SC vs East End Club	4 pm
Aug 21	Wari Club vs Mirpur Chalantika	6 pm
Aug 22	Agrani Bank vs Rahmatganj MFS	4 pm
Aug 23	Police AC vs Badda Jagarani	6 pm
	Dhaka Wanderers Club vs Victoria SC	4 pm
	YMC Fakirpool vs Dhanmondi Club	6 pm
	Break	

## Games Big Boys Like to Play

From Nizamuddin Ahmed in London

Captain of the 1990 World Cup cricket champions Pakistan, a loving son who is dedicating the rest of his life to establishing a centre of excellence for cancer treatment in memory of his late mother, husband of late Sir James Goldsmith's daughter Jemima and leader of a political party whose entire field of parliamentary candidates were defeated in Pakistan's last general elections, the legendary "all-rounder" Imran Khan has apparently lived up to the Western label of a "playboy". A Californian court ruled last Tuesday that Khan was the father of heiress Sita White's illegitimate five-year old daughter Tyrian. A default judgement was entered when the former cricketer did not appear for the court hearing; neither did his lawyers.

White, younger daughter of late Lord White of the Hanson conglomerate, was enraged when Imran called her a liar and denied being Tyrian's father during his campaign to become prime minister of Pakistan.

Imran refused to take a blood test, which the court wanted him to, saying he would contest the case only in his native Pakistan where he would have a more sympathetic hearing than an unmarried non-Muslim mother and that he was ready to give a blood test there.

No sooner had the Los Angeles Superior Court Commissioner Anthony Jones ruled against him, Imran issued a statement in London on Thursday refusing to acknowledge the court ruling. He added: "It is simply not possible for me to travel round the world fighting court cases in every country... my response is to welcome Sita White to Pakistan where I live. And I would more than welcome the opportunity to present my side of the story in a Pakistani court, rather than conducting an undignified trial by the media... will fully stand by the decision of the competent Pakistani courts."

Lawyer Gloria Allred who is also appearing for Diana's lat-

erition Chief Executive Graham Kelly was once a goalkeeper is not helping the cause of the men under the crossbar as the latest change in rules by the FA will affect them the most.

Goalkeepers will concede an indirect free-kick if they hold the ball in their hands for longer than "between five and six seconds", whatever that means. They may not pick up the ball from throw-ins by team-mates. They cannot take more than four steps holding the ball. But, while facing a penalty, a goalkeeper may move along the goal line.

Other change in rules mean that the side which wins the toss will only have the choice of which end to attack and the opponents will kick off. Also, at corners, the ball does not have to be entirely on the quadrant needs to be touching the arc. Players must not wear cycle shorts that are a different colour to team shorts. A goal may be scored directly from a kick-off or goal kick.

The FA has also altered its stance on discipline. Five bookings will mean a ban for the player with further suspensions for every three offences thereafter. Also, a player may wipe his last yellow card from the records if he stays clean for five matches after that.

If you thought carom was only played in the alleys of old Dhaka, you may dip your hands in borac powder. For recently the European and World Carom Championships were held at the University of Luton. Germany won the singles title in the European Carom Federation Cup. Two Indians Nagendu Etambe and E. Magamra Raj reached the final of the International Carom Federation Cup. The final was televised live to 32 countries. I never found out who won the individual trophy but India had won the team world cup.

Bayern Munich had no such trouble against lower league opposition, thumping village team Waldberg 16-1 away to progress to the next round.

According to the organisers carom, which originated in Malaysia has more than two billion players world wide.

## Bobby bags 2nd trophy

## Sports Reporter

Ruhul Islam Bobby of Manganagari Cup in 1995, in the second round which will be held in two groups again on league basis. The second round is likely to start in the third week of September after the SAF football championship.

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**Fixture First week**

## Two more to MSC's eleven

## Sports Reporter

Pohang Steelers ambled into the next round of the 17th Asian Club championship with an aggregate 13-0 whitewash of Mohammadi Sporting Club, who conceded a 2-0 defeat in their home match at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday.

In the final round of the nine-round Swiss league meet Bobby, the winner of the national sub-junior title earlier this year, agreed to a draw after five moves against Sanveer Hasan of Oxford International.

Bobby finished with eight and a half points to remain atop the standings with a half point lead over Mehdi Hasan Parag of Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Govt High School who became the runner-up.

Parag defeated Naim Arfin Ratul of Dhanmondi Govt Boys High School.

Sanveer Hasan and Syed Ibrahim Hossain emerged third and fourth after tiebreaker as both finished their campaign with seven and a half points apiece.

Besides, nine players finished with seven points each. They are: Sadequ Haque Romance of Govt Laboratory High School, Naim Arfin Ratul of Dhanmondi Govt Boys High School, Mohammad Javed of Armanitola Govt High School, Matubuddin Ahmed Robin of Hazrat Shah Ali High School, Sabir Ahmed of Nabakumar Institution, Golam Mustafa of City College, Mymensingh, Sabir Ahmed Sentu of Narayanganj High School, Rownak Ehsan Sajib of Aga Khan School and Abdul Haleque of Oxford International.

The prize distribution ceremony of the tournament will be held at the NSC conference room on Tuesday at 5 pm.

## World University Games

## Bangladesh team leaves today

## Sports Reporter

A three-member Bangladesh team will leave today for Italy to take part in the World University Games scheduled to be held in Sicily from August 19 to 31.

Maksudur Rahman, the Director of Physical Education Department of BUET, will act as the manager and coach of the team which includes two Rajshahi University athletes Shafiqur Rahman and Zannatun Nesa.

They are expected to return home on September 3.

## Pioneer soccer final today

## Sports Reporter

The final match of the Pioneer football league between Sheikh Russell Krira Chakra and Surjolata Right Brothers will be held at the Mirpur Stadium today at 4 pm.

Both teams have already ensured their berth in next year's Third Division league.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader will witness the final and distribute prizes after the match. Apart from today's winners, the champions and runner-up teams of the ten first round groups will also be awarded.

Representatives of the following teams have been asked to be present on the occasion: Avijatrik, Deeba Sangsad, Paradagarik KC, Islampur Utaran KC, Rainbow KC, Golam Mustafa Lane KS, Badshah SS, Swadesh SKS, Manikli Provati Sangha, Gazipur Ekadash, Tejgaon Nabaratanga KC, National PTC, Golden Future SC, Shankar SC, Spandan KC, Kalabagan KC, Sheikh Russell KC, Surjolata Right Brothers, Dilkusha SC and Chalantika KC.

## Van Basten best of '90s

MILAN, Aug 16: Marco van Basten, whose soccer career was ended by a chronic ankle injury, was voted the world's best player of the 1990s in a survey of Italian coaches and former stars, reports AP.

Van Basten, a Dutch international who played for seven years with AC Milan, received 295 votes in the survey taken by Corriere dello Sport and published Thursday.

The Dutch forward, a three-time European player-of-the-year who led the Netherlands to the continental title in 1988, retired in 1993 after three operations on his right ankle.

His professional career began in 1982 with Ajax Amsterdam.

Argentine striker Gabriel Batistuta finished second in the balloting with 205 votes.

Liberian forward George Weah, who replaced Van Basten at AC Milan, was third with 198 votes, ahead of retired Brazilian star Antonio Careca.

## Ronaldo's dreams

ROME, Aug 16: What does Brazilian football star Ronaldo Luis Nazario de Lima dream about? Meeting Pope John Paul II and US popstar Michael Jackson, the Italian newspaper La Repubblica claimed Friday, reports AFP.

"I am very religious and I would like to meet John Paul II," Ronaldo said. "I would also like to meet Michael Jackson."

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Joon, who pierced through the Mohammadi defence with a wonderful save before unleashing a guided missile into the far corner of the net, underlined the gulf of difference between a professional outfit and a bunch of shambles.

The South Korean giants, a professional club from a city which is famous for producing the finest steels in the world, however, did not bother to bring their full-strength squad here after streamrolling their opponents in their first meeting.

The runners-up in the South Korean league quite reasonably opted to allow time-off to their regular players and turned up in Dhaka with their second fiddle.

But still the second string of the Asian giants was simply too good for Mohammedans, who adopted a defensive approach right from the word go to avoid yet another humiliation.

The unsporting ploy of the black and whites, however, was paid off in the first 45 minutes.

With their defenders sweating and shivering under a ceaseless attack, Mohammedans somehow managed to keep Pohang at bay and on a few occasions came close to scoring.

Mohammedans, who appeared a more organised team

following