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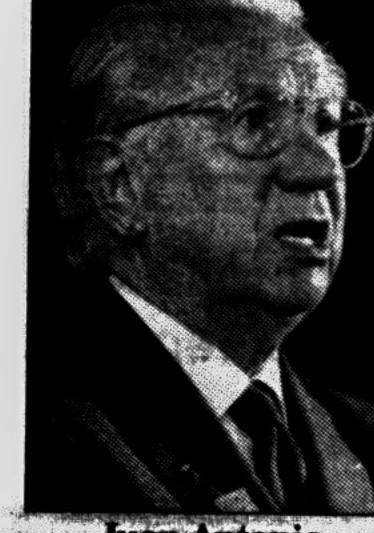
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## **Emerald Coast** Classic Aoki's

MILTON, Sept 29: Isao Aoki made an 18-foot (5.5-metre) birdie on the first hole of a playoff with Gil Morgan on Sunday to win the Emerald Coast Classic, reports AP.

Aoki, who set a Senior PGA Tour record with a 10-underpar 60 on Saturday, shot a 65 for a 54-hole score of 14-under

"That was not a fluke," the Japanese star said of his first victory in a frustrating year that has included five secondplace finishes. He earned 165,000 dollar to boost his season total to 1,137,728 dollars. Hale Irwin, a seven time

winner this year who leads the money list with a record 1,778,864 dollars, tied for third with Bob Duval, Jay Sigel and Simon Hobday at 10-under 200. Vicente Fernandez and Dave Eichelberger followed at 201. In addition to Aoki's mark

the tournament at The Moors Golf Club also set a senior record for lowest average scoring at 69.442. The previous record was 69.517 in the 1993 Ralph's Senior Classic.

Aoki, 55, a seven-time senior winner, tossed aside a new putter and turned to an old club he has had for nearly 20 years when he return to the tour this week after a two-week stay in Japan.

"I won't be able to throw away the old one," Aoki said through an interpreter. "I can't play with the new one for a

while. Aoki knocked in a 4-foot (1.2-metre) Birdie putt on No. 18 to tie Morgan in regulation, and then hit his winning shot on the same par-4, 398-yard (363.8-metre) hole. Morgan also birdied the final hole in regula-

tion ahead of Aoki. "I had the same line I had on the regulation 18th hole," Aoki said. "I concentrated only on playing my game. ... To play golf

with a little pressure is good for my game."

"He made the putt he needed to, nothing I could do about it." Morgan said. Aoki, who shot a 71 on Friday, began the final 18 holes a stroke behind co-leaders Fernandez and Hobday thanks to

his record-breaker Saturday.

Morgan shot a 64 on the final

round after opening 64-68 on the treeless, Scottish-style layout in the Florida Panhandle. The playoff was the third in as many years that the Emerald Coast has been in existence. Lee Trevino won a senior record five-way playoff last year and Raymond Floyd defeated Tom Wargo in 1995.



An airborne Nakib of Muktijoddha Sangsad Krira Chakra leaps to held the ball past Brothers Union defender Bakhtiar during their Shamsuddin Spinning Mahanagari Cup semifinal clash at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday afternoon. The all-reds moved into the final with a 3-1 victory over the Gopibagh outfit. - Star photo by SK Enamul Haq

# MSC meet Muktis in final

MSC 2-AKC 1

Mohammedan Sporting Club paved their way into the final of the Shamsuddin Spinning

hanagari Cup defeating arch-rivals Abahani Krira Chakra 2-1 in the second semifinal at the floodlit Mirpur Stadium yesterday.

In a high tension drama which saw the black and whites playing with defence and counterattack tactics against the Dhanmondi outfit, forwards Matiur Rahman Munna and Alfaz Ahmed struck one goal each for the winners. On the other hand, striker Maksudul Amin Rana pulled one back for the sky colour outfit late second

The victory came as a double celebration for Mohammedans who not only confirmed a berth in Wednesday's final but also avenged their 2-3 defeat against the traditional foes in the Federation Cup semifinals last month. In tomorrow's final showdown, Mohammedans will take on star-studded Muktijoddha Sangsad who recorded a 3-1 victory over Brothers Union Club in the other semi.

On a slow and muddy outfield caused by the heavy morning shower. Mohammedans played according to a plan against a high-flying Abahani side who had four foreigners but failed to create any impact over the Motijheel booters. Although Mohammedans adopted a defensive attitude throughout the match, they were also keen on counter-attacking which resulted in two valuable goals.

On the other hand, Abahani who were the favourites last night, failed to rise to the occasion with their so-called stars

beating Japan 2-1 in the World

Cup Asian qualifying tourna-

ment, while Japan's coach re-

jected calls to resign, reports

Bum-Kun and his players were

mobbed by fans at Seoul airport

offering flowers and asking for

Cup finals in France. We plan to

do just that," Cha told reporters.

goals in the final six minutes at

the Tokyo National Stadium to

increase their grip on top spot

in Asia's Group B. Only one side

from each of Asia's two groups

is guaranteed a place in next

three of their matches so far.

Japan are now third in the five

team group, five points behind

home the winner against Japan

with only four minutes remain-

South Korea have won all

Lee Min-Sung, who fired

year's finals in France.

their arch rivals.

autographs.

South Korean coach Cha

"Our aim is to go to the World

South Korea won with two

SEOUL, Sept 29:

South Koreans

were given a

heroes welcome

today on their re-

turn from Tokyo

Muktis 3-BU-1 Sports Reporter

who seemed to have ran short of confidence in the whole proceedings particularly when they were under pressure.

It was a corner originated from a counter attack through which Mohammedans went up in the 20th minute. Midfielder Joy back headed the Mansoor corner to an unguarded Munna who found the net with a volley past Abahani custodian Biplab kissing his fingers.

Alfaz then doubled the margin in the 55th minute with a brilliant header from yet another counter attack with Alfaz and Don penetrating the Abahani defence before Don crossed the ball to Alfaz who fired a close placing shot. With only 35 minutes left,

Abahani tried to reduce the deficit. But the late second half effort for a comeback was inter-

Koreans return as heroes

ing, said: "When I saw the ball

right there. I knew it was my

the equaliser, told how his ar-

rivals as a second half substi-

run in the first half, but be

saved for the second half when

Japan's stamina drops. The

came under attack for his de-

fensive tactices after taking the

lad, even Prime Minister Ryu-

taro Hashimoto commented:

"We lost after all. As expected,

they got us as soon as we became

that he resign to take the re-

said. "I know, however, they are

giving me low marks for what I

play. I thought we could get

away with a 1-0 lead," he said.

"But our feet stopped in the final

10 minutes and we got disorgan-

take, we have no choice but keep

"I don't think I made a mis-

sponsibility for the defeat.

Kamo rejected a suggestion

"I don't think about that," he

"Judging from the flow of

Japan's coach Shu Kamo

Seo Jung-Won, who scored

"I was told that I would not

chance and the right time."

tute had been planned.

tactic worked," he said.

defensive.

the lights went off. And when the lights returned after 22 minutes, they only had 11 minutes to play. But it didn't distract them and in the 84th minute Amin Rana header connected from Roshan Perera's

In the whole match referee Mansor Azad had to caution five booters - Zakir, Munna of Abahani and Joy, Don, Ruhul Amin of Mohammedan.

Earlier, Muktijoddha led the first half 2-0.

Rakib put the red colour outfit ahead in the 24th minute with a superb angular shot from the left flank while skipper Jewel Rana doubled the margin through a penalty after two minutes.

In the early second session. Nakib made it 3-0 with a header in the 51st minute while substitute Uttam pulled one back twenty minutes from the end.

The Japanese squad left for

their next match in Kazakhstan

next weekend with headlines

such as "Japan chickened out -

an impossible reversal of for-

tunes" in the Nikkan sports

substitution of new cap, the

Brazilian-born striker Wagner

man of Japan's Professional J-

League, blamed the replacement

for the breakdown of the

the Japanese Football Associa-

tion, said the substitution

"backfired," but he added: "We

are not going to become hysteric

and we will keep on giving out

United Arab Emirates this

perate to qualify for France to

avoid becoming the only team

to host a World Cup without

ever taking part in one, will

face Kazakhstan in an away

game, both on Sunday.

South Korea taken on the

If while Japan, who are des-

Ken Naganuma, president of

Many experts blamed the

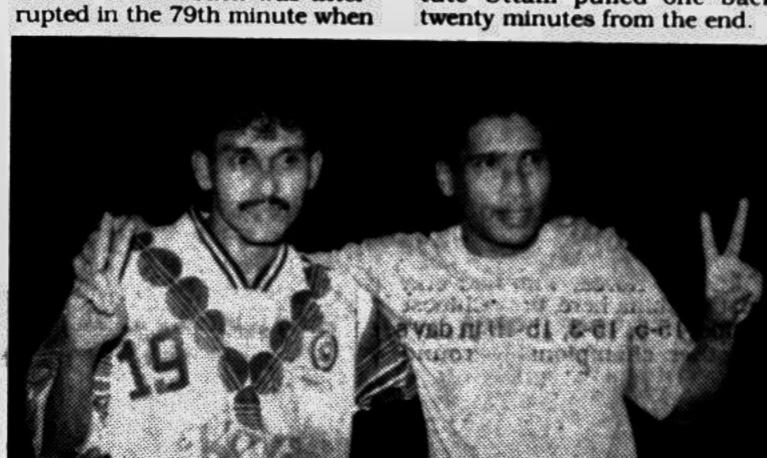
Saburo Kawabuchi, chair-

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Lopes, with a defender.

rhythm.

all we have got."



THE BEAMING DUO: Alfaz Ahmed and Matiur Rahman Munna, who scored one goal apiece in Mohammedans 2-1 win over their arch-rivals Abahani Krira Chakra, pose for photographs after the match at the Mirpur Stadium last night. -Star photo

# Green Delta Div II hockey

Raktim Sangha made a solid start in the Green Delta Metropolis Second Division league beating Public Works Department (PWD) SC by 3-0 goals at the National Hockey Stadium yesterday, reports

Shakil scored two field goals in the 33rd and 67th minutes while Rajan netted the others, also a field goal in the 45th minute.

Earlier in the day's first match, Shishu Kishore Sangha defeated Mukta Bihanga Tarun Sangha by 2-1 goals at the same venue. Raihan and Mahfuz netted

one each for the winners in the 19th and 57th minutes while Rajib scored the lone goal for the losers in the 41st minute. Uttara Hockey Club will take

on East End Green Club at 2.30 pm while Cantonian SC will face Dilkusha SC at 4.00 pm to-

# RIBEC pool result

**Sports Reporter** 

Project Implementation Unit (PIU) of Reforms in Budgeting and Expenditure Control Project (RIBEC) and Office of the Controller and Accountant General (C&AG) team emerged champions and runners-up in a pool tournament held at the Dhaka Billiard Club premises on Sunday under the auspices of RIBEC.

In the day-long tournament. the PIU comprising Mrs Gill Wright, Sattar, Shaheen Khan and Abu Noman, won the trophy defeating Hafizuddin Khan, Quamrul Hai, Ranjit Kumar and Patrick McClure of C&AG.

Hafizuddin Khan, the Controller and Auditor General of Bangladesh who also participated in the tournament, also distributed prizes among the winners while Mrs Gill Wright, the first secretary of the British High Commission, was also present. A total of 12 teams took part

in the meet.

### **SEA Games** Myanmar to send 527 athletes

YANGON, Sept 29: Myanmar leader Lieutenant-General Khin Nyunt has urged his country's athletes to compete with heart and soul for national honours in the forthcoming Southeast Asian Games, reports Xinhua.

In a state-flag handing ceremony here Sunday, Khin Nyunt, president of the Myanmar Olympic Council, said that the athletes should give it all to promote national prestige through sports, official paper the New Light of Myanmar reported today.

A total of 527 Myanmar athletes will take part in 23 events in the 19th SEA Games to be held next month in Jakarta, Indonesia.

Myanmar, a major sports force in the region, has been taking part in SEA Games since the first one held in 1959, and has twice played the host to the regional sports gathering.

# Crisis hits Celtic

LIVERPOOL, England, Sept 29: Celtic have been plunged into an injury crisis ahead of Tuesday's crunch UEFA Cup first round second leg at Liverpool on Tuesday, reports AFP.

With the tie already tilted in Liverpool's favour after the 2-2 draw at Parkhead. Celtic could be without more than half of their first choice team for the titanic showdown between the English and Scottish giants.

German striker Andreas Thom and Danish midfielder Morten Wieghorst both pulled up in Saturday's 2-1 win at Dundee United.

Their names are added to an injury list which already includes Frenchman Stephane Mahe (calf) and Reggie Blinker (shoulder). Celtic will also be without

previously ever-present Tom Boyd at Anfield after the skipper's first-leg booking. Head coach Wim Jansen

said: "Andreas, Moirten and Stephane are all doubtful for Tuesday, it is worrying and we will have to wait and see. "We know it will be a hard

game, but then you never know what is going to happen in Europe," he added. Liverpool, by contrast, have been receiving more positive medical bulletins on their

squad with England midfielder

Jamie Redknapp given the allclear on his ankle injury. Liverpool boss Roy Evans is hopeful of having defenders Mark Wright, Dominic Matteo and Rob Jones back in contention for a place against the boys, while veteran German striker Karlheinz Rielde could

start. The Merseysiders suffered a blow to their confidence when they crashed to a 2-1 defeat at West Ham in the Premiership on Saturday.

"We've got to pick ourselves up and dust ourselves down, but we know we're not a million miles away from where we want to be," said Evans.

Liverpool's England midfielder Paul Ince believes his side will have to start showing greater consistency - or face missing out on silverware for another season. "We need to get the consis-

tency going," says Ince. "There's times when we look like a really good team, knocking the ball about well, but we've got to do that a lot more.

# Steve, Robbie recalled



LONDON, Sept 29: Liverpool stars Steve McManaman and Robbie Fowler, who were dropped from the

England team by coach Glenn Hoddle after saying they were unavailable for the Tournoi de France, are back to face Italy in next month's World Cup decider in Rome, reports AP.

With both scoring spectacular goals for their club. Hoddle had little choice but to select the two forwards, who declared they were injured during the summer and were left off the team for the 4-0 World Cup victory over Moldova three weeks

"Leaving Steve out last month made him reflect a little bit upon it and he has scored two magnificent goal since," the England coach said. Steve has done well since

the Moldova game and has worked hard to get back into the squad. "Robbie might still not be

100 per cent fit but he's got two big games against Celtic and Chelsea before we meet up. also saw him score that magnificent goal at West Ham on Sat-

urday and feel it's right to have him back in." Their inclusion means that, even without long term injury

victim Alan Shearer, Hoddle was an abundance of talent to choose from in his strikeforce.



GLENN HODDLE

Leading Group 2 by one point, England needs only to avoid defeat in Rome October 11 to qualify for next summer's finals in France and leave Italy

facing a play-off to qualify. Ironically, England failed to qualify for the last World Cup in 1994 when Italy ended up

runners-up. There are few surprises in the 24-strong squad to face the Italians although Everton defender Andy Hinchcliffe is recalled after spending almost eight months out of action with

damaged knee ligaments. The

squad contains seven players from Premier league champions Manchester United. Tony Adams returns after injury and Paul Ince is recalled after missing the Moldova game through suspension.

#### SQUAD

Goalkeepers: David Seaman, lan Walker, Nigel Martyn. Defenders: Tony Adams. Gary Pallister, Gareth Southgate, Sol Campbell, Gary Neville, Andy Hinchcliffe. Graeme Le Saux, Philip Neville.

Midfielders: David Beckham, Paul Gascoigne, Paul Ince. David Batty. Robert Lee, Steve McManaman, Nicky Butt.

Forwards: Paul Scholes, Les Ferdinand, Teddy Sheringham, Robbie Fowler, Ian Wright, Stan Collymore.



Fiorentina's Argentine striker Gabriel Batistuta goes past a beaten Empoli custodian to score his 200th goal of Italian career during their Serie A clash in Florence on Sept 28. Empoli won the match 2-1.

# - AF/UNB photo Topsy-turvy time in Europe



LONDON, Sept 29# Brazilian strikers Ronaldo and Rivaldo matched

for goal at the weekend with two each in the Italian and Spanish leagues,

reports Reuter. Ronaldo grabbed two in Inter Milan's 5-1 victory at struggling Lecce in Italy while Rivaldo,

who moved from Deportivo Coruna to Barcelona after Ronaldo left, scored twice in the Spanish club's 4-1 win at Sporting Gijon.

lead their leagues, preserving their 100 per cent records after four matches each. But the weekend saw several

ITALY

Inter Milan stayed top after their 5-1 win at Lecce but local rivals AC Milan sank deeper into trouble with their worst start to a season in 59 years.

perbly flighted free-kick in the 50th minute, gave cup holders Vicenza a 1-0 win at the San Siro Stadium and left Milan still waiting for a win and with just two points.

1 with Sampdoria on Saturday in a match brought forward to allow more time to prepare for European Champions' League \* Fiorentina's Argentine striker Gabriel Batistuta maintained his phenomenal start to the season with his seventh goal in four matches - and lost 2-1 to Empoli.

## SPAIN

Both the Spanish sides in the Champions' League took comfortable away wins in the league on Saturday.

Champions Real Madrid beat Valencia 2-0 with goals from Raul and Predrag Mijatovic. Barcelona won 4-1 at Sporting Gijon with two goals each from Luis Enrique and Rivaldo.

Mallorca, promoted at the end of last season, knocked Real out of second place on goal difference with a 4-1 win in

Tenerife. Barcelona have 12 points, Mallorca and Real 10. Atletico Madrid, who play Leicester in a UEFA Cup first round second leg next week, had

#### to struggle for a 3-3 draw at home to unsung Celta Vigo. **ENGLAND**

Arsenal squandered a 2-0 lead at halftime against Everton to draw 2-2 but still pulled a point clear at the top. They were helped by Leeds,

managed by former Arsenal boss George Graham, who beat champions Manchester United Leicester moved third be-

hind United on goal difference with a 2-0 win at struggling Barnsley. Newcastle, Premier league runners-up last season, warmed

up for their away Champions League match against Dynamo Kiev with a 1-0 defeat at Chelsea.

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Liverpool, who play a UEFA Cup return against Scottish opponents Celtic, also lost in London'2-1 West Ham.

GERMANY European Cup holders Borussia Dortmund lost 3-2 at home to 1860 Munich on Saturday and club president Gerd Niebaum gave the players a roasting afterwards for their

attitude. The team were booed off and Niebaum said the players had become complacent after their cup win last season. Borussia are languishing in 12th place

# out of 18 teams.

FRANCE Metz went three points clear of Paris Saint Germain at the top of the French league with a

3-0 defeat of Auxerre. PSG had a late potential winner by Italian striker Marco Simone over-ruled for offside and drew 1-1 with Montpellier.

Champions Monaco overcame two terrible defensive mistakes to beat Strasbourg 3-2 and leap to fourth.

Nigeria's Victor Ikpeba scored his sixth league goal for Monaco with the winner in the 68th minute.

## NETHERLANDS

Dutch soccer continued its high scoring early season trend with champions PSV Eindhoven hammering Volendam 6-

Vitesse Arnhem thrashed

Fortuna Sittard 7-1 away but leaders Ajax were more sparing and beat Heerenveen 1-0. Champions' League con-

tenders Feyendoord lost for the first time this season, 2-0 at Groningen. Ajax lead on 24 points, a 100

per cent record with 36 goals for and just three against, ahead of PSV on 18.

A midfield action during yesterday's Shamsuddin Spinning Mahanagari Cup semifinal between Mohammedan Sporting Club and Abahani Krira Chakra at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday. Mohammedans won the match 2-1. -Star photo

# each other goal

The goals left Rivaldo with five as the Spanish league's top scorer, one ahead of Ronaldo who has four. Both Inter and Barcelona

front-runners surrender unbeaten records. Notably Manchester United in England, Kaiserslautern in Germany and

Dutch club Feyenoord.

Arturo di Napoli, with a su-

Champions Juventus drew 1-

commitments next week. Parma, the other Italian side

playing in the Champions League, thrashed UEFA cup hopefuls Udinese 4-0.

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Today's Cryptoquip clue: B equals N 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.