

## Column One

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COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

#### Competition-80

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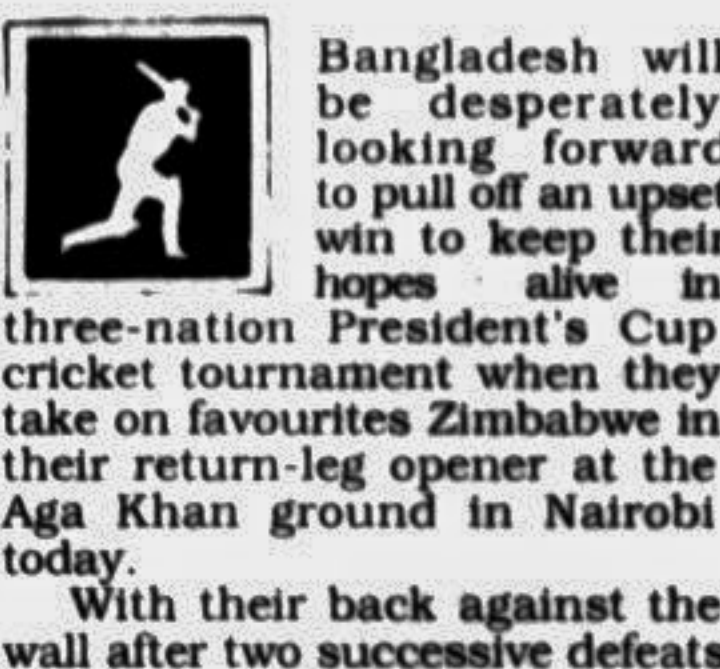
Competition closes at 8 pm, Oct 17, '97

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|---|------------|---------|------------|
| 1 Who clinched the U-17 soccer World Cup?                     | Argentina  | Brazil  | Nigeria    |
| 2 Who was the man-of-the-tournament in the recent Sahara Cup? | Azhar      | Afridi  | Saurav     |
| 3 Who lifted the Grand Slam Cup?                              | Rafter     | Sampras | Korda      |
| 4 Who are the Mahanagari Cup soccer champions?                | Muktijodha | Abahani | Mohammedan |
| 5 Which company will sponsor the '99 cricket World Cup?       | Pepsi      | Wills   | Coca Cola  |

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EN-VITS

# Do it or quit for Bangladesh



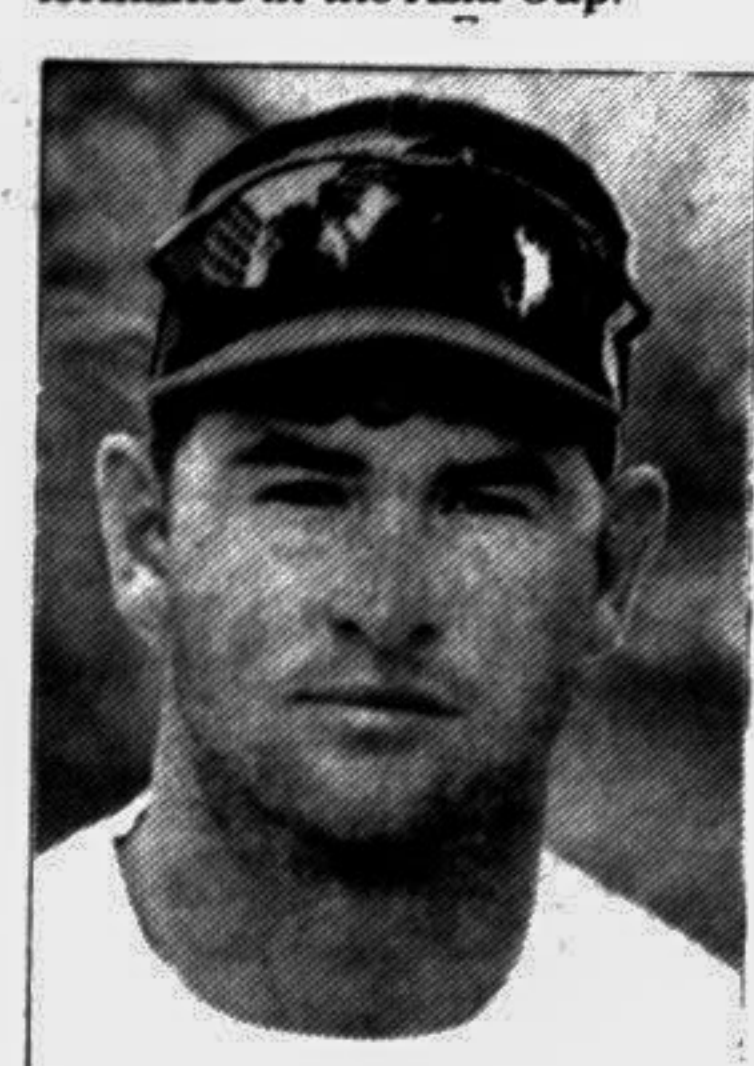
**AKRAM KHAN**  
 including the insulting one at the hands of hosts Kenya, the repeat clash against the lone Test-playing nation in the fray will be a do or die battle for Bangladesh, for whom another loss means an obvious ouster from the invitational tourney, being played on double league format. The match will begin at 1 pm (BST). Bangladesh will play their last league match against Kenya tomorrow at the same venue.

Bangladesh will be desperately looking forward to pull off an upset win to keep their hopes alive in three-nation President's Cup cricket tournament when they take on favourites Zimbabwe in their return-leg opener at the Aga Khan ground in Nairobi today.

With their back against the wall after two successive defeats

Bangladesh will need a hefty knock from their most experienced batsman, Minhazul Abedin Nannu along with in-form Athar Ali Khan, skipper Akram Khan and Aminul Islam Bulbul to upset the Zimbabwean applecart. The veteran middle-order bats, who played all the international matches that Bangladesh had ever played, mustered only four runs in two matches in Nairobi after his dismal performance in the Asia Cup.

Over telephone last night, Lipu told the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB), his boys are determined to do better and will leave no stone unturned to beat their fancied opponents today. Zimbabwe, the latest of the nine Test-playing nations, had however never lost to Bangladesh in their previous three outings.



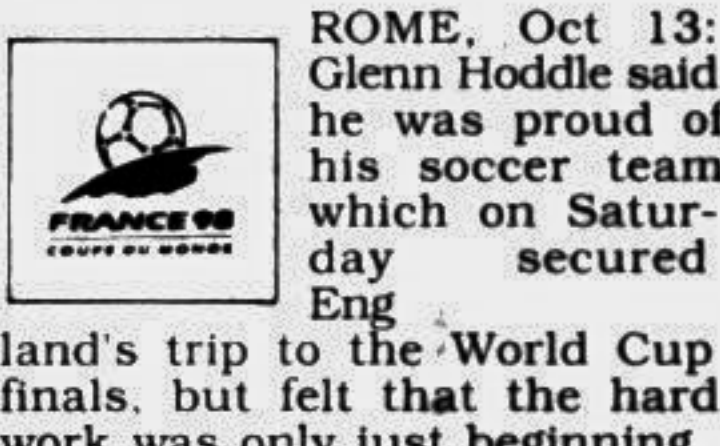
**A CAMPBELL**  
 Only three Bangladeshi batsmen — Athar, Akram and Sumon — scored half-centuries so far. Vice-captain Aminul Islam, who was successful with his occasional off-spinners against Zimbabwe in the last match, is yet to live up to his rating as a dependable batsman of the team. He scored 37 and 16 runs respectively.

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# Glenn wishes Italy well



**ROME, Oct 13:** Glenn Hoddle said he was proud of his soccer team which on Saturday secured England's trip to the World Cup finals, but felt that the hard work was only just beginning, reports Reuters.

England held Italy to a goalless draw to guarantee a place in next year's World Cup in France. "I'm extremely proud. Not only for qualifying for the World Cup after an eight-year wait but I'm also proud for the nation," Hoddle told a news conference.

"As a coach, the hard work starts now," he added.

His Italian counterpart, Cesare Maldini, could be forgiven for thinking that the really hard work was facing him, with Italy now having to go through play-offs in order to get to France.

By contrast with England, Italy have made it to every World Cup finals since 1958.

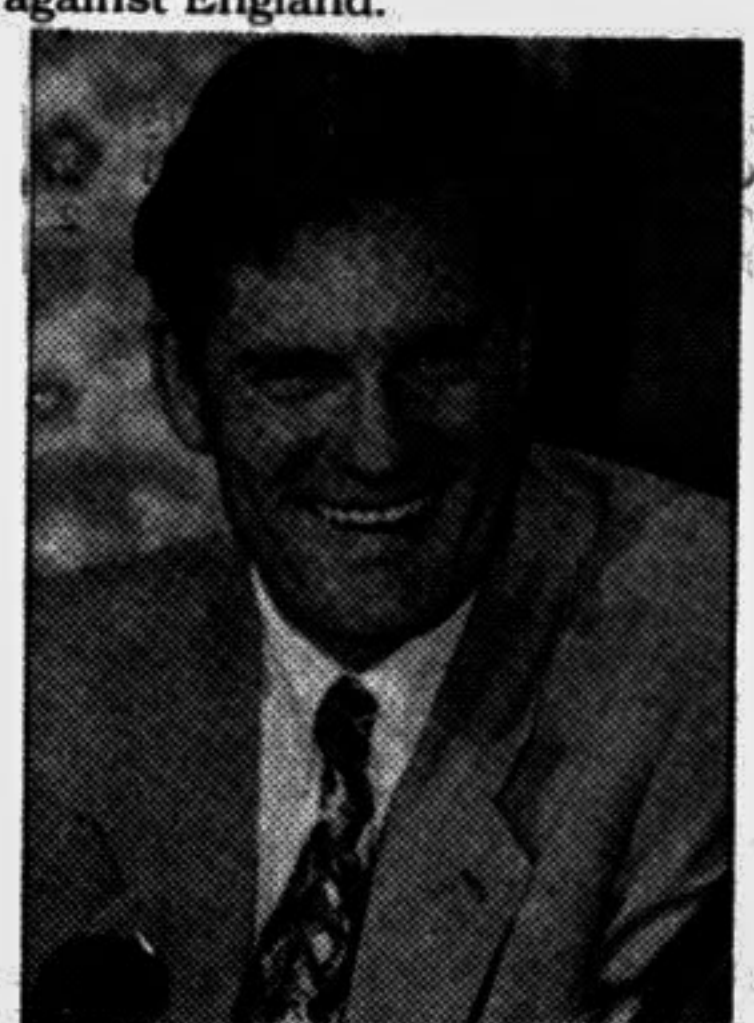
"I've got a bitter taste in my mouth about all this," Maldini told reporters. "We won five games and drew three and still have to go to the play-offs. It seems a little unfair."

Under a highly complex system, only one second-placed team from the European qualifiers automatically goes

through to the finals, while all the rest face play-offs.

Alongside Italy will be teams such as Russia and the Ukraine, "were in good company," Maldini said.

But the Italian coach did not criticise his players for failing to secure the necessary win against England.



**GLENN HODDLE**  
 "We suffered a lot and battled very well. I have no reason to reproach anyone," he said. "I think our team did everything possible to win."

Hoddle indicated that if anyone was to blame for Italy's failure it was Maldini himself

for playing to England's strengths. "I was surprised they changed their system to a 4-4-2, which helped our style," he said.

Italy were forced to make changes after regular sweeper Ciro Ferrara failed a late fitness test. Alessandro Costacurta took his place but did not stick entirely to the libero role.

Hoddle added that England should have won.

"We deserved to win and as a perfectionist, I'm a bit disappointed," he said but, like Maldini, he was in no mood to criticise his players.

"The Italians deserved seven out of 10 for their performance, we were eight out of 10 and that's why we got the result we needed."

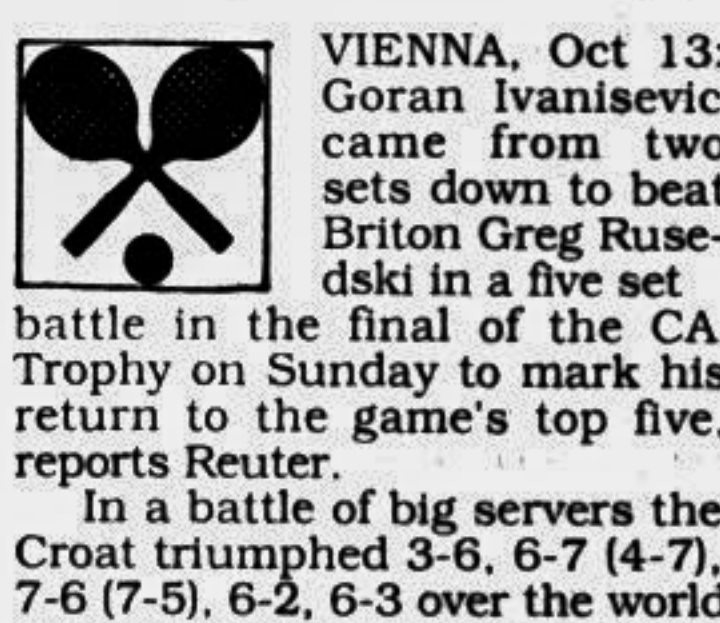
He declined to make any predictions about the French finals, but said his team had more to learn.

"We've got no more chance than anybody else and no less chance. The important thing is that we are there and have avoided the play-offs."

"Something is growing in the squad, he has an inner belief... but next year we're going to be facing the likes of Germany and Brazil and we've still got things to work on," he said, adding that he also expected to run into Italy again.

"Personally speaking, I think they'll make it to France," he told reporters.

# Goran's great fightback



**VIENNA, Oct 13:** Goran Ivanisevic came from two sets down to beat Briton Greg Rusedski in a five set battle in the final of the CA Trophy on Sunday to mark his return to the game's top five, reports Reuters.

In a battle of big servers the Croat triumphed 3-6, 6-7 (4-7), 7-6 (7-5), 6-2, 6-3 over the world number four and moved from ninth to fifth in the rankings.

The victory also brings him closer to a berth at November's ATP Tour World Championships in Hanover, for which only Pete Sampras, Michael Chang and Patrick Rafter are so far qualified.

"If I continue to play like this I won't have any problems qualifying for Hanover," said Ivanisevic, who has beaten Rusedski in all six of their meetings.

"My main concern was to get my motivation back. I had lost it in the past few weeks. That can happen when you have been on the tour for 10 years."

"I wasn't playing well. I had poor performances in the US Open and Basle, so I'm happy with this."

Rusedski, winner in Basle last week, missed 17 break points — including three in the final game.

"I gave 100 per cent but he was the better player today," he said. "I have nothing to regret. You learn more from losing than from winning."

Ivanisevic served 37 aces to Rusedski's 36 and continued to top the 1997 list with 1,025 but he started badly on Sunday.

Rusedski capitalised on a series of errors to take the first set with a single break in the sixth game.

Although he was the better server in the second he failed to use two break-points in the fifth game and one in the 11th as it went to a tie-break.

Two double-faults by the

Croat, who has been struggling with a cold this week, decided the tiebreak in Rusedski's favour (7-4).

The third also went to the tiebreak, Ivanisevic taking it and the momentum swung his way when he won the fourth set 6-2 with two breaks.

Rusedski appeared to recuperate and broke for a 1-0 final set lead, but he lost his serve at 2-2 and 5-3.



Jocelyn Yeo of Singapore celebrates her gold medal finish in the women's 200-metre individual medley at the SEA Games at Senayan Sports Complex in Jakarta on Oct 12.

Ivanisevic fought off three break-points before taking the match as the Briton weakly netted a return.

"He was on top of me at the beginning. He surprised me with really low slices and I had no answer for that," said Ivanisevic.

"But he always gets choky when he's playing big points against me. That was what I was waiting for."

Thailand's Ravee Intorn-Udom claimed the women's 400-metre freestyle in a new SEA Games record time of 4:20.95, beating compatriot Rutal Santavatana home by almost six seconds. Singapore's Christel Bouvroun was third.

Malaysia's Chia Elvin won the 100-metre men's breaststroke in 1:04.48, ahead of Ratanaporn Sirisanont of Thailand and Kenneth Goh of Singapore.

#### MEDALS TABLE

| Country     | G  | S | B  |
|-------------|----|---|----|
| Indonesia   | 21 | 6 | 11 |
| Thailand    | 7  | 7 | 11 |
| Philippines | 4  | 7 | 7  |
| Singapore   | 4  | 1 | 2  |
| Malaysia    | 2  | 6 | 5  |
| Vietnam     | 2  | 3 | 5  |
| Laos        | 1  | - | 3  |
| Burma (Mya) | -  | 9 | 1  |
| Cambodia    | -  | - | 1  |
| Brunei      | -  | - | -  |

# Div II hockey Barnak Samaj enter super league

Barnak Samaj emerged Group C champions to reach the super league of the Green Delta Second Division league after a 2-2 draw with Mukta Bihanga Tarun Sangha at the National Hockey Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

Imran Hossain Nayan and Abudus Samad Mamun scored for Barnak while Mahfuzur Rahman and Mosharrar Hossain Kazi for Mukta Bihanga.

East End Green Club earned a useless, but massive 13-0 goals victory over lowly Rayer Bazar SC.

Babul and Asaduzzaman slammed five and four goals respectively. Obaidul netted two while Lipton and Rubel one each.

East End were already out of the race conceding three successive defeats while Rayer Bazar completed their engagements with four consecutive losses.

**TODAY'S MATCHES**  
 Dilkusha SC vs Dhaka Young Stars Club (2:30 pm)  
 Raktim Sangha vs Tejgaon Agrami (4 pm)

# Cantonians beat Space Sporting

Cantonian Sporting Club defeated Space Sporting Club by 79-31 points in yesterday's lone Dhaka Metropolis Second Division basketball league encounter played at the Dhanmondi basketball gymnasium.

The winners led the first half 34-12.

Allan scored 24 while Tanveer added 14 points to the winners account. On the other hand Dhaka Metropolis Second Division basketball league encounter played at the Dhanmondi basketball gymnasium.

# Sino lifter sets new world marks

**SHANGHAI, Oct 13:** Chinese strongwoman Xing Fen bettered the world records en route to win the women's 46-kg category weightlifting title at the eighth national games here on Monday, reports Xinhua.

The Chinese woman of Guangdong province, snatched 85 kgs and jerked up 117.5 kgs for a total of 202.5 kgs, all surpassing the listed world marks in the event.

The original world mark of 81.5 kgs in snatch was set by her compatriot Jiang Yinsu in the second East Asian Games in Pusan early this year, the world record of 105.5 kgs in Jerk was created by Zing Fen herself at the Asian Weightlifting Championships in July 1997, while the two-lift combined world record of 185 kgs was set by another Chinese Guang Hong in April, 1996.

# Sam Bera bags first gold

**JAKARTA, Oct 13:** Indonesian veteran Richard Sam Bera began his final swim meet with his country's first gold in the pool at the South East Asian Games on Monday, while emerging star Rita Mariani added second, reports AP.

Sam Bera, 26, won the men's 100-metre freestyle, delighting a home crowd which had been denied a medal in the pool on Sunday's opening night.

Mariani, 18, was an impressive winner of the 100-metre breaststroke as 18-time SEA Games gold medal winner Joscelyn Yeo, of Singapore, finished third.

Mariani has just finished high school and national coach Lukman Niode believes she can make a splash at the 2000 Olympics.

She clocked 1 minute, 11.96 seconds to be 0.59 outside Yeo's meet record. Kathy Echiwerri, of the Philippines, was second in 1:15.41 with Yeo laboring to the wall in 1:17.69.

Mariani said she was motivated by the opening night washout.

"After that I wanted to know about us," Mariani said.

Niode said Mariani would concentrate on swimming not that her studies are over.

"She's aiming for the Olympics and she can only go up," Niode said. "She's smart, she's a very special girl, she knows what she's doing and she's got motivation like crazy."

Mariani said beating Yeo was just as good as winning gold.

"I want to be like Joscelyn. I wanted to beat her, took, but I didn't expect to," Mariani said.

Sam Bera won his freestyle in 51.84 seconds, beating 200-metre backstroke winner Raymond Papa on 52.07 and Allen Ong of Malaysia on 53.08.

Sam Bera will swim three more events and said, "at this stage there's no more after that."

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# Saudis lure Pfister

**RIYADH, Oct 13:** Saudi Arabia have fired their seventh national soccer coach in three years, the official Saudi Press Agency reported Sunday, says AP.

Portuguese Tilo Vingada will be replaced by Germany's Otto Pfister, it said.

Pfister comes to Saudi Arabia from Bangladesh, where he was coaching the national team.

The decision was taken after a World Cup qualifying match in Riyadh Saturday, in which the Saudis beat Qatar 1-0, SPA said. Its report suggested that the Saudi Arabian Football Association expected a better result.

Under Vingada, the team remained erratic. Vingada also failed to bring out the talents of the Saudi players," SPA quoted the association as saying in a statement.

Three-time Asian Cup champions Saudi Arabia became the only Gulf Arab nation ever to reach the second round at the 1994 World Cup in United States.

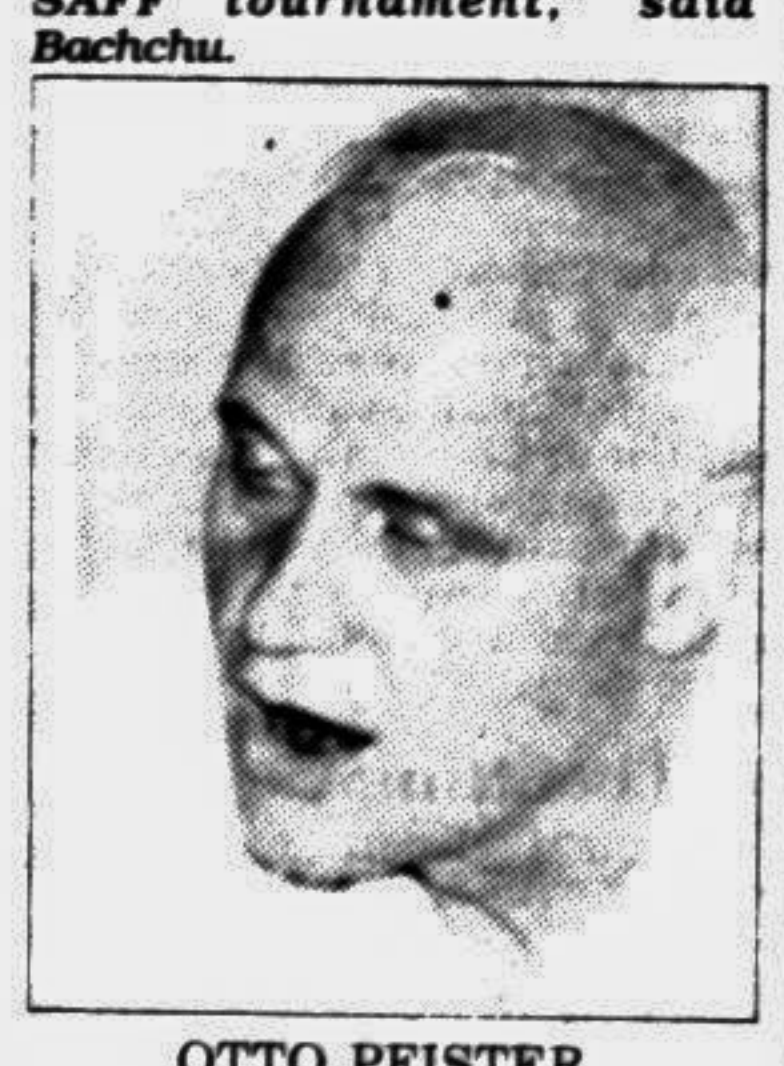
(Meanwhile, the appointment of Pfister as the coach of Saudi Arabia surprised all and sundry in Bangladesh, with whom the German has signed a four-year contract under the cultural pact of the two countries.

When asked to comment Sirajul Islam Bachchu, a BFF joint secretary, said last night

that he was surprised to learn of the news.

"We tried to reach Pfister four days ago. But the German Embassy only informed us that he had left for Switzerland a week earlier," disclosed the BFF official.

"His last visit to a BFF was on September 17 or 18 when he appeared before the three-man inquiry committee to explain his position after the disastrous campaign in the Kathmandu SAFF tournament," said Bachchu.



**OTTO PFISTER**  
 Furthermore, he did not submit the report, he claimed. The bleached haired German was holding the reins of the national team for the last two and a half years.

# Exhibition cricket

Bangladesh under-20 team will play an exhibition one-day match with Bangladesh 'A' at the City Club ground next Thursday as part of their preparation for the World Youth Cup qualifiers scheduled to star in Hong Kong next month.

A total of 26 players are now practicing in the U-20 camp under supervision of national coach Jalal Ahmed. The squad for the match will be finalise later.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) has announced a 13-member A-team which will be led by former national all-rounder Selim Shaded. The other members of the team are: Sajjad Ahmed, Azim Iqbal, Hasanuzzaman, Nazim Zakaria Imtiaz, Jewel Hossain, Jubayer Ishtiaq, Sharfuddin Dowla Ibne Shahid, T H Tahir, Monjurul Islam, Niamur Rashid and S K Shuvo.

# Sonali Bank football

Chittagong and Khulna divisions won their inaugural matches of the Sonali Bank inter-divisional football competition that began yesterday at the Dhaka University ground, reports UNB.

Chittagong division trounced Syihet 4-0 while Khulna division blanked Barisal 6-0.



Action from yesterday's Premier Division football league encounter between Abahani Krira Chakra and Victoria Sporting Club at the Mirpur Stadium. The match ended in a goalless draw.

# Abahani's sluggish start

**ABAHANI, Oct 13:** Title aspirants Abahani Krira Chakra made a disastrous start to their Premier Division football league campaign when promotes Victoria Sporting Club held them to a goalless draw in their league opener at the Mirpur Stadium last evening.

In an otherwise eye-soring encounter, Abahani, the last year's league runners-up and the winners of this season's first major trophy — Federation Cup, failed to make any impact on their opponents.

Abahani who fielded only Anatoly of Uzbekistan out of their three available imports, made a shaky start against the newcomers. Although they had the ball in their possession for most of the time, but it all prematurely ended either with a wrong pass by their experienced midfielder or lack of finishing by the forwards.

Skipper Zakir, Masum and Barun, the midfield trio who had the responsibility of feeding their forwards with good distribution of the ball, failed come up to scratch.

The only chance Abahani had in the entire first half came in the first minute of the proceeding when Zakir ran down the right flank and sent the ball to Mizan. But the tall former national forward, without

looking ahead, straight way shot the ball to an advancing Victoria custodian Shimul.

After the breather, Victoria who otherwise played defensively for obvious reasons, had a clear chance to go ahead when forward Towhid got the ball inside the danger area from Anwar in the 46th minute. But the inexperienced forward lost his cool and fumbled allowing Munna to come and clear the ball.

After sustaining the early second half pressure from Victoria, Abahani who made three changes during the second half bringing in Jahangir, Sentu and Tipu in place of Barun, Mizan and Anatoly, took control of the ball only to demonstrate the same frustrating brand of football they displayed in the first session.

Although they produced two more chances in the second half to go up, but Amin Rana failed on both occasions. In the 57th minute, the young national forward failed to connect his head on a floater that sent by Partho from the right flank while after ten minutes his grounder from the top of the box rebounded off the Victoria wall.

Yellow cards: Zakir, Masum (Abahani) and Tanveer (Victoria).

Partho, Prodig, Kingahuk, Munna, Masum, Barun, (Jahangir), Zakir, Mizan (Sentu), Anatoly (Tipu) and Amin Rana.

**VICTORIA SC:** Shimul, Jahangir, Farhad, Sohel, Fayaz, Fayed Babu, Sumon, Tajul (Sujon), Anwar, Tanveer and Towhid.

Referee: Sheikh Badaruddin.

# SHANTINAGAR WIN

Earlier in the day's first match of Division One, promotes Shantinagar Club was off to a good start defeating Bangladesh Boy's Club by a solitary goal.

In a neck-and-neck affair which saw both Shantinagar, the Second Division champions last year, and Bangladesh Boy's Club, relegated to First Division from Premier league last season, playing with equal standard, forward Moteleb struck home a corner in the 34th minute.

# TODAY'S MATCHES

**Premier Division League:** Muktijodha Sangsad KC vs Arambagh KS (4:30 pm)  
**First Division League:** Badda Jagarani Sangsad vs Wari Club (2:30pm).

# TEAMS

**ABAHANI KC:** Biplab

# CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**  
 1 Existed way  
 4 Tra trail  
 8 The Red and the Black  
 12 Crossword blackbird  
 13 Leaf's dad  
 14 Get one's second wind?  
 15 Shriner's chapeau  
 16 Bullets  
 17 Bohemian  
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 38 Thirty-eight, in a way

**DOWN**  
 2 From square one  
 3 Judge, with "up"  
 4 Foliage writer  
 5 Ready to fight  
 6 Flaccid  
 7 Altar attendant  
 8 Twitch plant  
 9 Perot's prominence  
 10 Oppositionist  
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**Solution time: 23 mins.**

**ABAHANI'S ANSWER**  
 1. EXISTED  
 2. FROM  
 3. JUDGE  
 4. TRAIL  
 5. READY  
 6. FLACCID  
 7. ALTAR  
 8. TWITCH  
 9. PEROT  
 10. OPPOSITIONIST  
 11. RHODANUS  
 12. CROSSWORD  
 13. DAD  
 14. WIND  
 15. CHAPEAU  
 16. BULLETS  
 17. BOHEMIAN  
 18. EIGHTEEN  
 19. BRITISH REFERENCE BOOK  
 20. SWEET POTATO  
 21. SENDS PACKING  
 22. MIDPOINT  
 23. VAUDEVILIAN  
 24. EDDIE  
 25. ECCENTRICITY  
 26. RAW ROCKS  
 27. DESPONDENT  
 28. MILIEU  
 29. GUS AND DOLLS  
 30. TURNER  
 31. GENERIS  
 32. RESORT  
 33. THIRTY-EIGHT

**CRYPTOQUIP**

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 JRY WRXYVMK VWYLA  
 XRMMLZV R XRH CPA  
 Yesterday's Cryptoquip: DO ALL BAD WITCHES STORE THEIR WEIRD POTION RECIPES IN SPELL BINDERS?

Today's Cryptoquip clue: X 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.