

# Monju pulls off a stunner

Sports Reporter

Monju scored a brilliant hat-trick to fashion a sensational 3-2 win for Dhanmondi Club against Victoria Sporting Club in the only National Bank Premier Division football league match at the floodlit Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

The fleet-footed forward earned the distinction of notching the third treble in the league so far after Mohammad's Nakib and Mukitjod-

ha's Indian striker IM Bijayan.

He scored twice in a space of eight minutes as Dhanmondi came from behind to take a 2-1 lead at the breather.

The advantage however lasted only five minutes into the second session before Victoria's Sohail made it 2-2 with neat placing shot off a Rahel cross from the right.

But Monju eventually won the clash of babes for Dhanmondi when he shot home a rebounder fifth minute into the injury time.

The goal against the run of play stunned Victoria, who can consider themselves a bit unlucky as referee Ram Krishna Gosh ruled out a headed goal for infringement midway through the second half.

Besides, Victoria also muffed up a series of chances in the second session, which they entirely dominated.

It was Dhanmondi's first win after two consecutive defeats. On the other hand Victoria conceded their third defeat to remain at the bottom of the table with no points.



Action from yesterday's National Bank Premier Division football league match between Dhanmondi Club and Youngmen's Club. Fakirerpool at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

— Star photo

## Wari scrape past F'pool

Sports Reporter

Wari Club recorded a marginal 2-1 win over Youngmen's Club Fakirerpool in the lone National Bank First Division football league encounter at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

After a barren first half, Pintu put Wari ahead in the 52nd minute while Shipu doubled the margin from a penalty kick in the 82nd.

Substitute Nasir pulled one back for Youngmen's three minutes from time.

### TODAY'S MATCHES

**Premier Division**  
Mohammedan SC v Brothers Union (3:30 pm)

**First Division**  
Mirpur Chalanika v Agra National (3:30 pm)

**Venue:** Bangabandhu National Stadium

## Tom McCarthy school b'ball

Sports Reporter

BAF Shaheen College (Kumtola), and Bangladesh Navy School won their respective matches in the Tom McCarthy School basketball tournament at the Dhanmondi basketball gymnasium yesterday.

BAF Shaheen School beat Saint Gregory High School by 77-65 points in the first match. The winners led the first half 39-18.

Rahat caged in highest 29 points for the Shaheen School while Gregorian Bablu scored 23 points.

In the other match of the day, Bangladesh Navy School recorded a hard-fought 62-59 win over Mastermind School.

Harun with 29 points was the leading scorer for the winners who led the first half 25-20.

Selim of mastermind caged in 19 points.

## Black Caps call in ODI specialists

WELLINGTON, Sept 12: New Zealand cricket selectors on Monday named a specialist one-day international squad for matches in southern Africa over the coming months, reports Reuters.

New Zealand have one-day internationals in Zimbabwe later this month, the ICC Knock-out tournament in Nairobi next month and a one-day series against South Africa in October and November.

Specialist one-day batsman Roger Twose, all-rounder Chris Harris, wicketkeeper/batsman Chris Nevin and bowler Geoff Allott will join the team, which is currently on a two-Test tour of Zimbabwe.

Once the Test series is over, Test players Mark Richardson, Matt Horne, Matthew Sinclair, Daryl Tuffey and Shayne O'Connor will return home.

Nevin is selected subject to a fitness test on Thursday.

Convenor of selectors Sir Richard Hadlee said developing specialist Test and one-day sides was likely to produce the best overall results.

"While there is a nucleus of players in the side for test and one day international cricket, the skills required for each form of the game are different and the programme for each is also becoming much more demanding," he said in a statement.

"It makes sense to be heading towards specialty sides," he said.

The one-day squad is: Stephen Fleming (captain), Nathan Astle, Chris Cairns, Roger Twose, Chris Cairns, Craig McMillan, Chris Harris, Dion Nash, Scott Styris, Daniel Vettori, Geoff Allott, Paul Wiseman, Adam Parore, Craig Spearman.

### TODAY'S MATCHES

**Premier Division**

Ajax SC v Azad SC (2:15 pm)

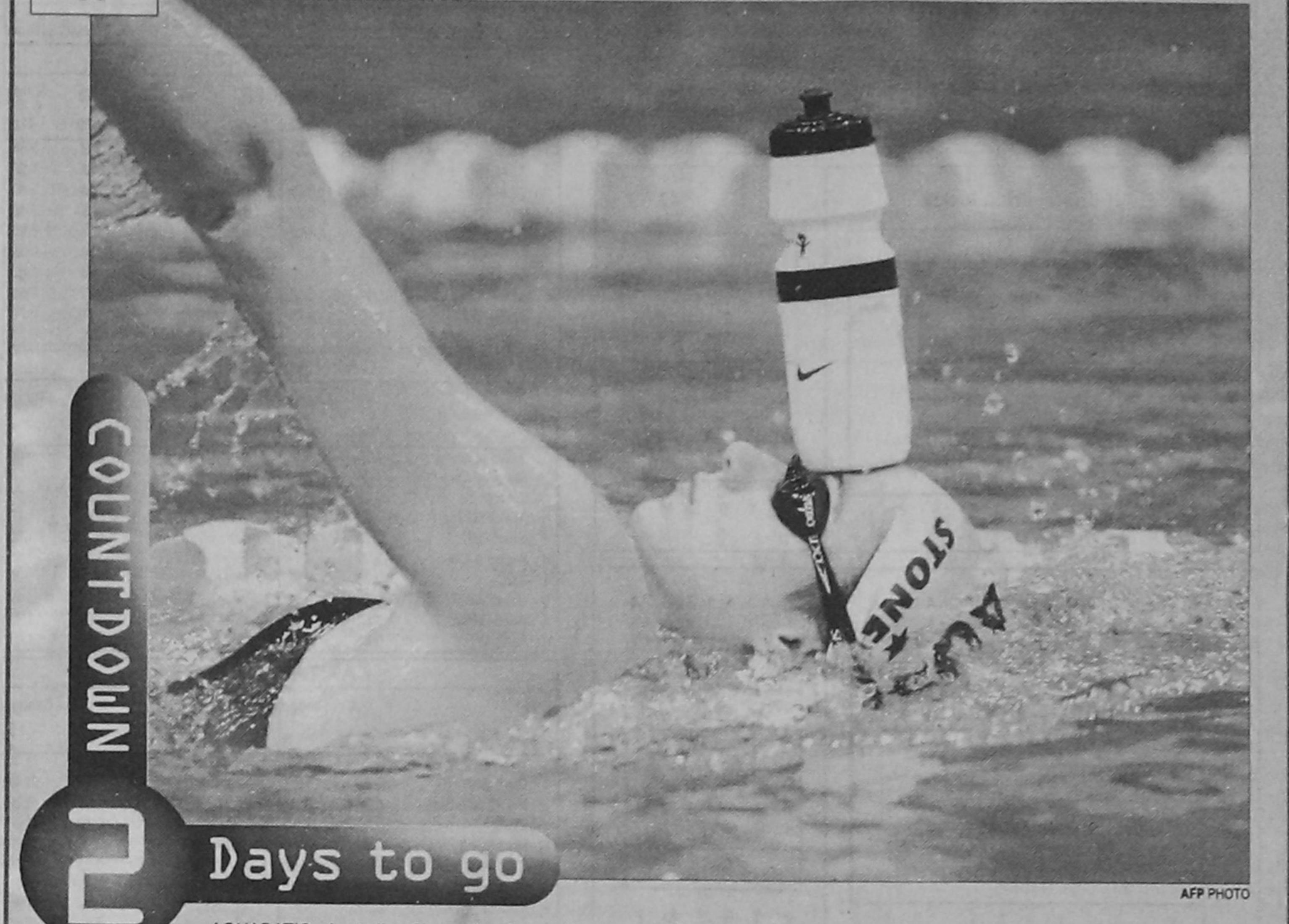
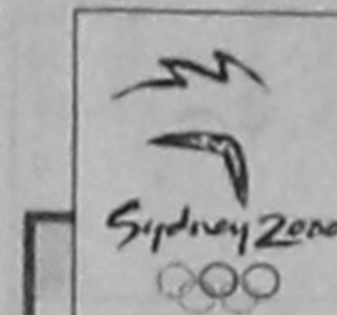
Usha KC v Bangladesh SC (4 pm)



Mariner Young's Club striker Musa (C) dodges past Farashganj defender Rajib (L) during yesterday's Green Delta Premier Division hockey league engagement at the Maulana Bhasani Stadium.

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# The Greatest Ritual of Sports



2 Days to go

AQUABATIC: Australian Clementine Stoney balancing a water bottle on her forehead while practicing backstroke at the International Aquatic Centre in Sydney yesterday.

## SYDNEY SIDELINES



SYDNEY, Sept 12 (AP/AF): The population of East Timor will be able to watch the Sydney Games on television.

The International Olympic Committee said Thursday it has arranged for a TV feed to be beamed to East Timor so the island can watch the nation's four athletes competing in Sydney.

IOC vice president Dick Pound said the feed would be provided through Australia's Seven Network and the European Broadcasting Union. The IOC may pay for the satellite feed and other related costs, he said.

The IOC agreed to allow a small group from East Timor to compete in Sydney, in recognition of the sacrifices the athletes made through last year's unrest following the island's vote to gain independence from Indonesia.

The four athletes are marathon runners Aguida Amaral and Calisto Da Costa, weightlifter Martinho De Araujo and boxer Victor Ramos. They have been training in Darwin for the past two months.

### PRESS CRUSH

The International Olympic Committee says it's not the number of athletes, officials and

sports which is getting out of control. It's the number of journalists.

A total of 21,000 media representatives have been accredited for the Sydney Games, an average of two journalists per athlete, IOC vice president Dick Pound said Tuesday. That's an increase of more than 40 per cent over the number of media at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics.

"What is wrong with this picture?" Pound said. "We appreciate the coverage and exposure of extra media. But this may create increased demands on an organizing committee."

"The problem is far more difficult to wrestle with than cutting an odd sport from the Olympic programme."

### TICKET RECORDS

The Sydney Olympics are set to break records in terms of ticket sales and the number of people who will access the Internet for information on the games, the IOC said Tuesday.

With just a few days to go before Friday's opening ceremony, more than 80 per cent of the tickets have been sold, and the number is rising, IOC vice president Dick Pound said.

He predicted Sydney will soon break the record held by the 1996 Atlanta Games, where 82.3 per cent of the tickets were sold. Many more tickets will be

sold by the end of the games on Oct 1, Pound said.

The IOC also estimates that 35 million people will log onto official Olympic Internet sites - compared to 2 million at the 1998 Winter Games in Nagano, Japan.

The Sydney Olympics will be watched by an estimated 3.7 billion TV viewers in 220 countries an increase of 700 million over 1996, according to IOC projections.

### ROSSET MISSING

Switzerland's Marc Rosset withdrew from the Olympic tennis tournament Tuesday.

Rosset, who won the men's single title at Barcelona in 1992, pulled out just 24 hours before he was due to fly to Australia.

He said he would not compete because of "extreme physical and mental tiredness."

Meanwhile, world number 10 Andre Huber of Germany has withdrawn from the tennis tournament because of an injured right arm, officials said today.

Huber suffered a torn tendon in her arm during a doubles quarterfinal at the US Open last week against eventual champions Julie Halard-Decugis and Ai Sugiyama.

The Olympic tennis tournament begins next Tuesday.

## Torch travels thru' Sydney

SYDNEY, Sept 12: Thousands of Australian flags, green and gold balloons and smiling faces followed the Olympic torch relay to Sydney's southwestern suburbs on Tuesday, reports AP.

An estimated 30,000 people flocked to Liverpool's Woodward Park at lunchtime to greet the flame, which is on Day 97 of its 100-day journey to Homebush Bay.

Thousands more waited along its path through the suburbs towards Parramatta, where it will stay overnight Tuesday night.

"It was totally overwhelming," 1984 Olympic pentathlete Daniel Esposito of Australia said after taking the torch into Liverpool. "If the Olympics are like this, then it's going to be a great competition, a great atmosphere."

## Walsh urged to go on

PERTH, Sept 12 (AFP): West Indies fast bowler Courtney Walsh should put on hold his plans for retirement so he can take part in the approaching five-Test series against Australia, former teammate Eldine Baptiste said here yesterday.

Walsh, 38 next month, is considering quitting despite his superb fast bowling in the recent series against England, where he captured 34 wickets at a marvellous average of 12.82.

If Walsh does hang up his whites, the West Indies will be without both of their top strike bowlers - Curtly Ambrose has already announced his illustrious career is over.

Baptiste is in Perth with a young Natal team preparing for the new season with a series of warm-up matches against Australian State sides, Western Australia and Victoria.

He urged Walsh to prolong his career by a few more months to give him the chance to snap up the extra 17 scalps he needs to become the first bowler to take 500 Test wickets.

"I hope he comes out this summer because his bowling is getting better with age - just like wine," Baptiste said. "The older he gets, the better he gets."

Baptiste said the West Indies, beaten 3-1 by England, were paying the price of the failure of young players to fill the gaps left by the departure of the team's many stars in the past two decades.

"The young bowlers have not been coming to the party, and the batting has not been coming through, either," he said. "I believe they have got to pick themselves up and play more positive and aggressive cricket."

"They are simply not aggressive enough. It is in our nature to take people on, but they seemed to be trying to make sure they didn't lose the series in England - and look what happened."

In the recent England series, Walsh snared nine more wickets than the next best bowler on either side, English paceman Darren Gough, who finished with 25 at an average of 21.20 apiece.

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Aminul Akram Naimur

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## SPORTS TALK



### Pete Sampras

(American tennis superstar)  
"I want to finish this year at number one. If I don't it would be disappointing but I got what I wanted, the record and Wimbledon."

### Rajshahi cricket

From Our Correspondent  
RAJSHAHI, Sept 12: Besic Ekadosh defeated Russel Sangha (B) by 11 runs in the Shaheed Kamruzzaman cricket tournament at the Polytechnic ground today.

Besic Ekadosh collected 112 in stipulated 25 overs before being all out. Royal with 40 was the top scorer.

In reply, Russel Sangha shot out for 101 in 23.2 overs. Shaheen with 25 was the top scorer. Tarun took four wickets giving away 21 runs.

## Lutt injured

SYDNEY, Sept 12: The head of a US marching band that caused an uproar when its members were chosen to perform in the Sydney Olympics opening ceremony instead of Australians, was injured in a car crash on Monday, reports Reuters.

Police said Bill Lutt, 44, was in hospital with six broken ribs after his car overturned while he was driving to Sydney from a country town where the band had been training for Friday's opening ceremony.

Lutt, head of World Projects Corporation of San Diego, hit headlines last year when his band became entangled in an expensive and embarrassing dispute with Sydney Games organisers.

Several hundred American students were dumped by Games organisers when it bowed to local pressure to include more Australians.