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- Who will be the match referee in the Bangladesh's inaugural Test against India next month?
- Who lifted the Princess Cup tennis title?
- Who is the new managing director of United Cricket Board of South Africa?
- Who won the Shaheed Major Nazmul Huq International rating chess title?
- Who is new cricket coach of Zimbabwe?

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## SPORTS TALK



Marion Jones

(American track superstar)  
"My ultimate goal is to be mentioned among the greats. to be mentioned in the same sentence as Michael Jordan, Muhammad Ali or Pele."

## Nat'l Bank

## football

Sports Reporter  
BRTC stunned leaders

Agrani Bank 3-0 in a crucial Super Four match of the National Bank First Division Football League at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

In a surprisingly lop-sided affair, BRTC led the first half 1-0.

Siraj scored as early as the fourth minute into the match while Alamgir and Tajul struck twice within a space of 17 minutes during the second session.

With this win BRTC improved their points tally to 32 from 13 games. The Bankers on the other hand remained glued to their previous collection of 27 points, three more than second-placed Fakirpore Youngmen Club, who played one match less.

**Partex tennis**

Sports Reporter

Officers Club of Dhaka, Balisera Valley Club of Sylhet and hosts Gulshan Club moved into the Partex Inter-Club tennis tournament semifinals after winning their respective quarterfinals at the Gulshan Club tennis court yesterday.

In the day's first match, Officers Club recorded a 2-1 win over American Club while Balisera Valley Club beat Utara Club of Dhaka by an identical margin. Gulshan Club won the last match 2-0 against Narayanji Club.

In tomorrow's semifinal, Officers Club will meet the winners of today's match between Agrabad Club of Chittagong and Dhaka University Teachers Club while Gulshan Club will take on Balisera Valley Club.

The final will be held on October 22.

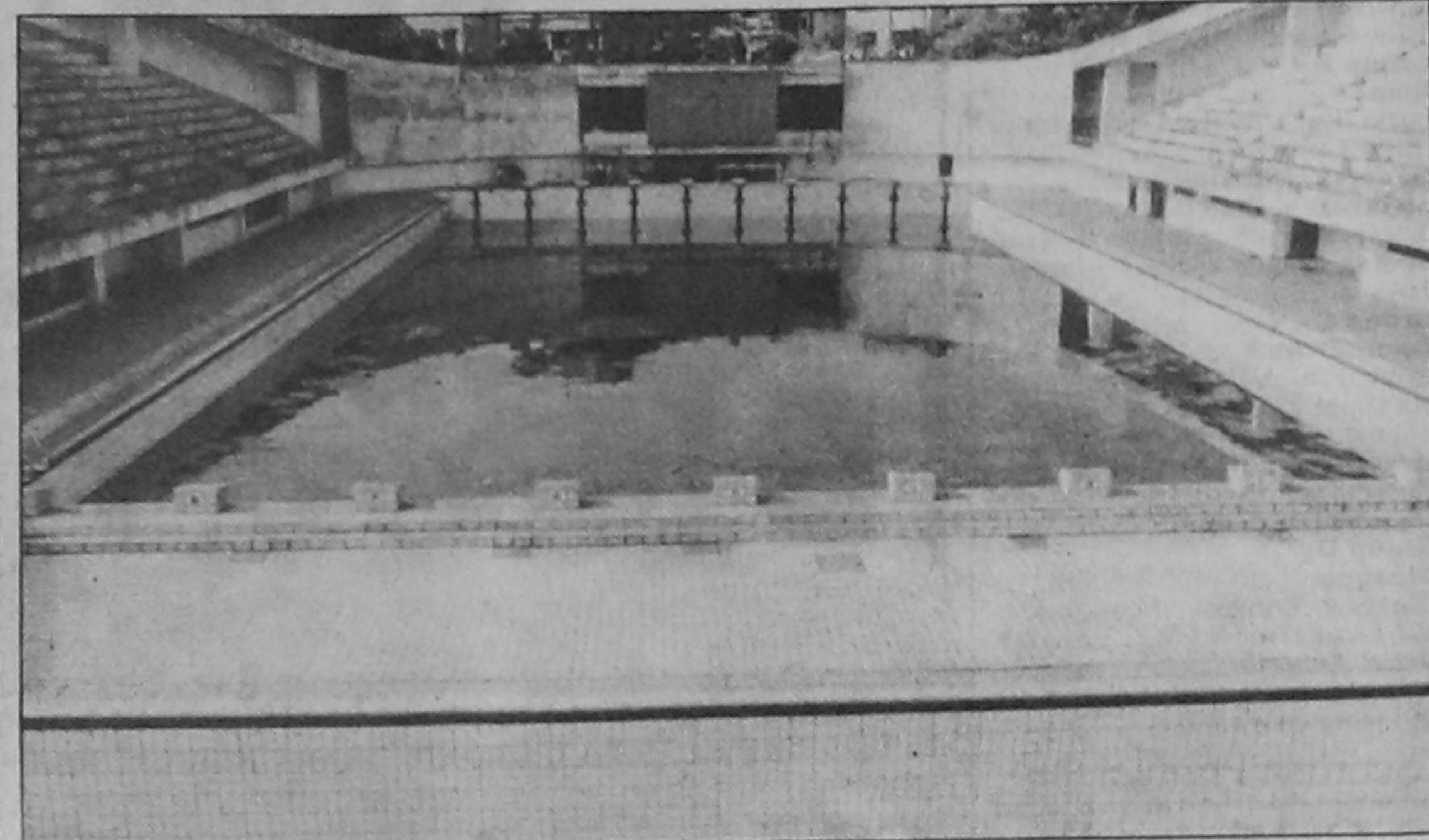
## JU soccer

Government and Polities Department defeated Philosophy 6-1 in the second semifinal of the inter-department football competition of Jahangirnagar University (JU) yesterday, reports UNB.

Babu, Ching, Millat and Nauim netted 3-1 and 1 goals respectively for the winners at the central playground of the university.

They will face Archeology in the final on October 21.

Vice Chancellor Abdul Bayes will attend the concluding function as chief guest.



THE PICTURE SAYS IT ALL: The condition of the pool at the National Swimming Complex in Mirpur is below par. Instead of fresh water, the pool is infested with algae and weed.

— Star photo by Amran Hossain

## NSC couldn't care less

Hasan Masood

Swimmer Dolly Akhter became a national embarrassment when she was disqualified for false start in the heats at the Sydney Olympic Games last month. But once you look at the facilities where Dolly trained, you would feel nothing but sorry for the poor girl.

The National Swimming Complex at Mirpur, where Dolly and other aspiring swimmers prepare themselves for international events, is in a state of shambles due to terrible maintenance by its custodian — the National Sports Council (NSC). The state of the adjacent Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium is however a little better.

The synthetic track at the Sher-e-Bangla stadium has been damaged in many places while the swimming pool is now infested with weed, algae and is a safe heaven for hundreds of frogs.

Costly electronic timing devices installed at the Sher-e-Bangla Stadium and the swimming complex seven years ago for the sixth SAF Games, have been remained out of order for the last four years.

The electronic scoreboard at the nearby Sulhwardy National Indoor Stadium has been

recently repaired after staying dysfunctional for nearly two years.

Those sophisticated instruments were supposed to be kept under the temperature of 14 degrees Celsius. But they are now left carelessly inside the cramped gymnasium of the Sher-e-Bangla Stadium.

The photo-finish device at the synthetic track was last used during the Sixth Bangladeshi Games held in December 1996. But timings of the last four national and age-group athletics championships were monitored by manual devices which prevented top athletes of the country from knowing their actual positions.

The electronic timing mechanism at the National Swimming Complex is partially out of order.

Many believe that inadequate knowledge of NSC experts about handling of the equipment have led those machines to become defective in the process.

Manufactured in Japan, those machines were installed by a German company with the assistance of Rabbani Sports, a local firm. Interestingly, there was no response from the German company when NSC contacted it last year through fax asking for a repairing.

The matter was kept in the fridge until when Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA) in its emergency meeting on Tuesday raised the issue that they would need the electronic timing device during the forthcoming 7th Bangladeshi Games.

The Games was originally scheduled to start from November 18, but due to the current flood condition in the country it has been suspended for an indefinite period.

The BOA president and Bangladesh Army Chief Lt Gen Mustafizur Rahman personally asked the NSC secretary Mahmudul Karim to fix up the device with in shortest possible time. BOA plans to start the Games in January after the Ramzan, sources said.

The NSC secretary confirmed that he had a talk with BOA president about it. And he has already instructed persons concerned in the NSC to take necessary steps to get the equipment fixed.

There is a company here named Silicon Valley who can repair the equipment. But they

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