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1. Who clinched the world chess
 crown?
 Kasparov | Karpov | Kramnik

2. Who lifted the Purabi Div 1
 basketball title?
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3. Who became Leipzig tennis
 champ?
 Hingis | Davenport | Clijsters

4. Which club lifted NBL Div 1
 soccer title?
 Fakirpool | Agram Bank | Wari

5. Who was declared man-of-the
 match in the Bangladesh-
 India inaugural Test?
 Saurav | Aminul | Joshi

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SPORTS TALK



Saqain Mushtaq

(Pakistan star spinner)
 "I think what I have achieved
 is Almighty's blessings on me
 and thanks to the prayers of my
 parents".

After taking all eight wickets
 in the first innings of the
 first Test against England.

**Curly can't
 go wrong**

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados.
 Nov 18: Retired West Indies fast
 bowler Curly Ambrose of Antigua has qualified as a cricket
 coach, the West Indies Cricket
 Board said in a statement Friday, reports AP.

Ambrose, along with 20
 other participants, including
 Barbadian Test cricketers Philo
 Wallace and Adrian Griffith,
 completed a senior coaching
 course organised by the board
 earlier this month in Trinidad.

The West Indies are now on
 an Australian tour. It was not
 clear if or when Ambrose would
 sign on as a coach for the team.

"Without wishing to exclude
 anyone, it is good to see Curly
 following in the footsteps of the
 likes of (former West Indies
 players) Ian Bishop and Jeff
 Dujon in qualifying as a coach."
 Director of coaching Reg Scriven
 said in the statement.

Bishop is a TV cricket commentator, while Dujon, who is
 the most successful wicket-
 keeper in West Indies Test history,
 is the assistant coach of the
 present West Indies team.

Rajshahi cricket

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Nov 18: Bir
 Sreshtha Captain Mohiuddin
 Jahangir Smriti Sangha and
 Firoj Smriti Sangha won their
 respective matches of the first
 Shaheed AHM Qamruzzaman
 Smriti cricket tournament at
 the Katali Adarsia Degree
 College playground today.

In the first match of the day,
 Jahangir Smriti Sangha defeated
 Bijoy Ekashash by seven
 wickets.

Winning the toss, Bijoy
 Ekashash batted first and collected
 110 runs for nine wickets in
 the stipulated 23 overs.

Amin made the highest 37
 followed by 18 from Babu.

Tutul and Tuhin took two
 wickets each.

In reply, Jahangir Smriti
 reached the target of 111 runs
 losing three wickets in 22.4
 overs.

Arif and Tuhin scored the
 highest 23 runs each.

In the other match of the day,
 Firoj Smriti Sangha defeated
 Katakhali Cricket Training
 Academy by 88 runs.

Winning the toss, Firoj
 Sangha batted first and made
 176 runs for all in the stipulated
 23 overs.

Sohel scored the highest 33
 followed by 22 from Abul and
 20 from Rashed.

Tutul took three wickets.

In reply, Katakhali Academy
 was shot out for 88 in 19.2
 overs.

Brothers' great escape

Sports Reporter

Brothers Union defied a second half onslaught from Badda Jagorani Sangsads to run away with a lone goal win in an important National Bank Premier Football Relegation League match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

The victory for Brothers in the crunch match, where the fate of the Gopibagh outfit's stay in the elite Premier League hinged in the balance, ensured that the once prosperous team ducked the dubious prospect for a second successive season.

Basanta Thapa, one of Brothers' three Nepalese recruits, bailed his side out of the dreaded zone volleying home the all-important goal thirteen minutes into the first half.

Brother raised their tally to 17 points from 13 games, five more than Badda who now face demotion to the First Division along with Victoria Sporting Club.

Although both clubs have still one match in hand in the six-team Relegation League, but yesterday's outcome ensured that Badda and Victoria, who have earned only two points from 13 games, will line up in the three-team Relegation play-off from where two teams will be sent down.

Badda's defeat was a stunning reversal of fortune for a team that entertained the Dhaka crowd last season as the Premier League's newcomers. The boys of Kanan, who enjoyed an impressive 3-1 record against giants Abahani last season, never looked the same enterprising unit despite retaining almost the same faces.

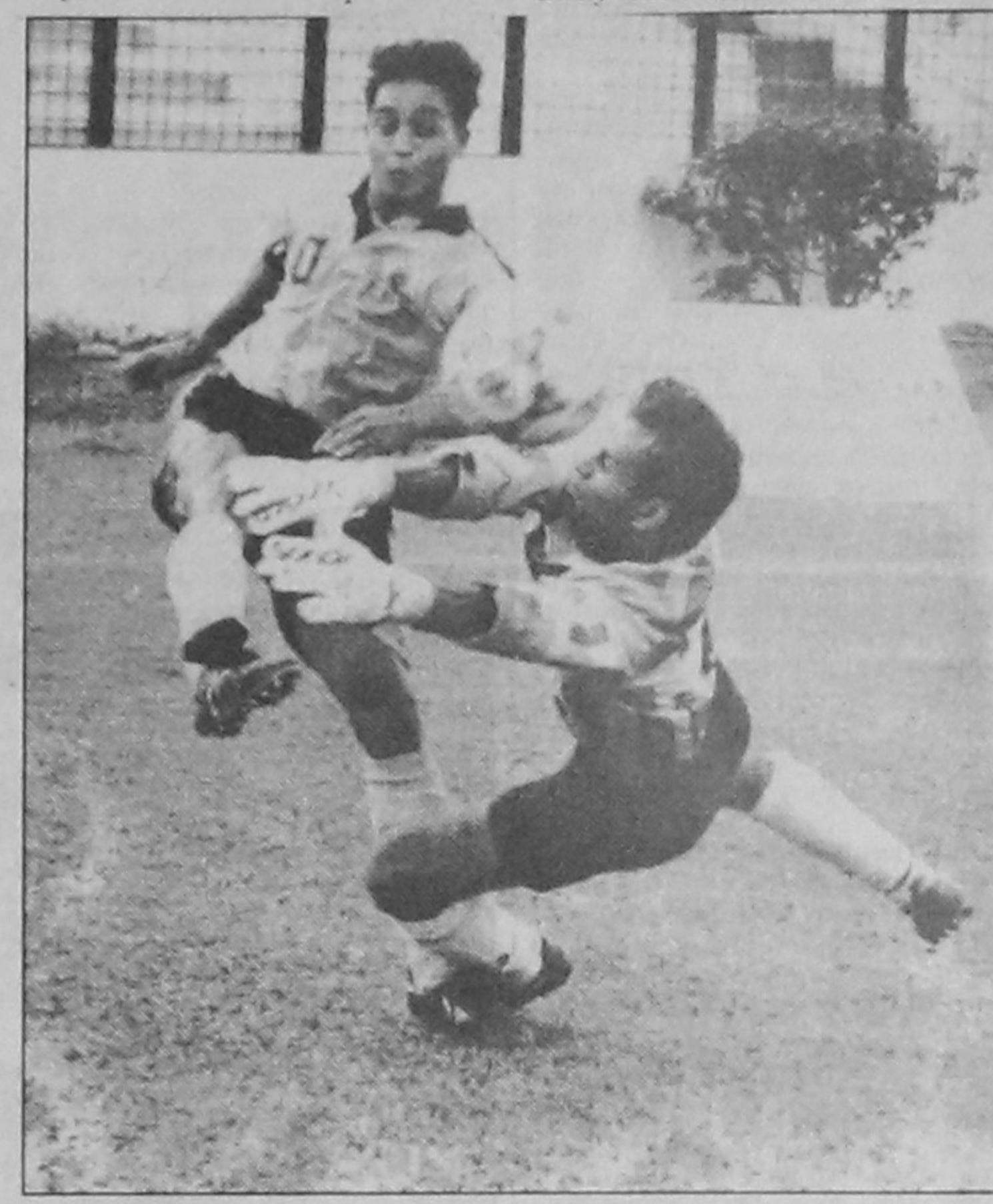
Badda made a desperate attempt for a turnaround, but were denied by a stubborn Brothers defensive wall.

Brothers however took a deserved lead early in the first half when Dalmi, after winning a ball in the Badda box, set up an unmarked Basanta to fire home past custodian Titumir. Clad in their traditional orange and backed by a few hundred vociferous supporters, Brothers also had a chance to double the margin ten minutes into the second session after substitute Mour came up with a spectacular header. But the ball bounced off the cross-bar.

Badda almost had their opponents back against the wall. However Papel and Indian for-

ward Dipankar missed the mark. Badda's last minute effort to force a draw was wasted when Bulbul drove against a defender from about seven yards.

TEAMS
BROTHERS UNION: Tony, Nazrul, Chanchal, Polash, Bal Gopal, Liton, Parvez, Dalmi



Arambagh custodian Himu thwarts a Dhamondi attempt during their National Bank Relegation League match at the Bangabandhu Stadium yesterday. — Star photo

(Mour) (Proshanta), Rikta, Hara, Khadka and Basanta Thapa.

BADDA JAGORANI: Titumir, Riad, Jilur, Mahmud Hasan, Papel, Dipankar, Tamir, Monwar, Walid Nurul Islam and Sadek.

Referee: Virat Khanthachai (Thailand)

ARAMBAGH EARN FULL POINTS

Meanwhile, in the first match of the day, Arambagh Krira Chakra recorded a 3-2 tie-break win against Dhamondi Club. The match rolled into shootout after the regular 90 minutes ended in a 2-2

draw. Interestingly, all four goals were scored in the second half.

Khokon gave Arambagh a 53rd minute lead before Hanif and Tapu turn the tables on the Motijheel outfit with strikes in the 73rd and 80th minute. But Akumu grabbed an equalizer for Arambagh five minutes away from the final whistle.

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Ctg soccer

Cricketers' transfers

Jan 7-10

The National Sports Council (NSC) has allotted Bangabandhu National Stadium for cricket from December 1 to April 30 next year, reports UNB.

The Cricket Committee of Dhaka Metropolitan (CCDM) meanwhile decided yesterday that the Premier Division and First Division Cricket Leagues would begin on January 28.

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Despite having an experience of only four Tests and a handful of one-dayers, he was nominated to officiate in the 1992 World Cup final between England and champions Pakistan at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

Later, he went on to emulate

celebrated Englishman Dickie Bird's record of standing in three successive finals. After making his debut in 1988-89 during the West Indies-India Test match in Kingston, the popular Jamaican has already completed a half-century (52) and is still going strong. Currently third behind his long-time companion David Shepherd who stood with him during Bangladesh's Inaugural Test on November 10, he hopes to break Bird's record of 66 Tests before hanging up the white coat.

Bucknor, whose one-day record reads 80 matches, will leave for Pakistan to officiate in the last two Test between England and the home side.

The multi-talented six-foot, three-inch gentleman was also a great football referee and stood in a World Cup qualifier. Steve Bucknor (SB) spoke to *The Daily Star Sport* (DSS) in between the umpires' clinic that was held at the Dhamondi Cricket Stadium ground yesterday.

DSS: How did you get to be chosen for Bangladesh's Inaugural Test match? Give us your impression of the match and the performance of the home side in particular.

SB: I'm not certain how I was chosen but it is believed that David (Shepherd) and I are two of the leading umpires and may be for that reason we were selected. Venkat is also a good umpire but since India was playing so he couldn't be selected.

The game, I thought, was a

draw today

The First Division Chess League, organised by Bangladesh Chess Federation, will begin tomorrow at the federation sports room, reports UNB.

The teams' number draw will be held today at 6:30 pm at the federation office.

The participating teams are: Bangladesh Biman, Titas Club, Bangladesh Ansars, Leonine Chess Club, Kamalapur SKS, Farashganj SC, Narayanganj CTA, Uttara Central Chess Club, Dhaka University, Sonali Bank Club, Nakhalpara JRS, Mohiullah Prodip Sangha, Amulshon Chess KC, Uttara Chess Sangha, Ami Memorial Chess Club and Rajshahi CDS.

TEAMS

ARAMBAGH: Himu, Gobinda, Choton, Biplob, Aminur, Kamal, Khokon, Nayan, Taju, Ritu and Titu.

DHAMONDI: Rafiqul, Shafiqul, Porimol, Aram, Hanif, Ikrar, Monju, Parvez, Ponos, Sizim, Mottaleb and Tapu.

Referee: Harun-Ur Rashid.

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The tie-break win took Arambagh atop the six-team

Relegation League with 20

points from 13 games, one

more than Dhamondi. Farash-

ganj hold third position with 18

points.

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