

Sweet revenge for Bangladesh

Sports Reporter
Bangladesh salvaged some of her footballing pride by beating hosts Malaysia 1-0 in their last encounter of the Barcelona Olympics Asian Group D qualifying second-leg competition in Kuala Lumpur yesterday.

According to Bangladesh Football Federation sources last night, Bangladesh who were beaten by a similar margin by the Malaysians in the first-leg tie in the South Korean capital Seoul last May, exacted sweet revenge to finish the five-team eight-game competition with six points. Bangladesh won both her matches against the Philippines.

Once again Imtiaz Ahmed Naqib was Bangladesh's hero, heading home the only goal of the match from a free lob sent by outside-right Mamoon Jander in the 43rd minute of play.

It was Naqib's eighth goal of the competition. The 17-year-old Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting striker had scored the first five in a row in Bangladesh's 8-0 first-leg win over the Filipinos in Seoul. He followed up that feat with another two goals against the same team in Bangladesh's 3-0 win last Thursday.

According to BFF sources, Bangladesh dominated the proceedings throughout the 90-minutes of the match, the midfield manned by skipper Shabbir, Roxy, Ghouse and Mamoon maintaining total control. The defence, too, played well and cut most Malaysian moves short.

The Malaysian under-23 side, which underwent training for the past 18 months and with a 1.7 million dollar budget, had won the Seoul encounter quite against the run of play despite Bangladesh having enjoyed the better share of the exchanges.

South Korea, the runaway favourites from the group, topped the points table with 15 points from their eight games, having dropped their only point to the Malaysians in the first-leg in Seoul. Thailand finished second with 10 points, Malaysia third with nine, Bangladesh fourth with six points while wooden-spoonists Philippines drew a complete blank.

The 27-member Bangladesh squad returns home today.

New shooting fed committee

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The National Sports Council yesterday reconstituted the ad-hoc Executive Committee of the National Shooting Federation, Bangladesh, according to an NSC press release issued yesterday.

Brig (ret'd) ASM Hannan Shah, psc, Member of Parliament remains the president while Strajul Haq, MP and SM Ansar Ali are the vice presidents.

Kazi Selim is the general secretary with Azizul Haq and Emrad Khan as his assistants. Syed Sadrazaman Helal, Bir Protik, is the treasurer. There are 14 members, including a lady.

They are: Sigma Huda, Col. Obaidullah Khan, Abdur Razzak, Mohammed Hossain Scrinabat, Afzal Karim, Mir Daulat Hossain, A G Hader, A B M Fazle Karim Chowdhury, Jalaluddin Ahmed, Salauddin Khan Majlish, Yousuf Gani Chowdhury, Nasir Ahmed Chowdhury, Shahidur Rahman and A N Ishtaque Ahmed.

TEAM
Lahori, Aman, Jamrul, Jewel Rana, Sohel, Masud Rana, Shabbir, Roxy (Alamgir), Ghouse, Naqib and Mamoon (Zakir).

Nat'l basketball from today

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The fifteenth national basketball championship begins today at the wooden-floor gymnasium under the auspices of the Bangladesh Amateur Basketball Federation (BABF).

Fourteen out of the 17 teams who had sent in their entries had confirmed their participation in the week-long meet by the time of the draw made yesterday at the BABF office. Only Chittagong, Chandpur and Bangladesh Ansars hadn't confirmed their participation.

Sponsored by the Bangladesh general Insurance Company (BGIC), the meet will be formally inaugurated at 4:30 this afternoon by State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadeq Hossain Khoka. However, competition begins early in the morning with three of the seven matches billed for the opening day being scheduled.

Although defending champions Bangladesh Navy will take on fancied Bangladesh Army in a Group A match at 4:30 pm, officially designated as the inaugural match, actual play starts with the Group C encounter between Bangladesh Police and Rajshahi DSA at 7:30 in the morning.

The teams, split into four clusters, will play in a robin league with the top two finishers in each group qualifying for the quarter-finals. The semi-finals have been tentatively scheduled for July 14 and the final and third-place play-off for July 15.

Last year's champions Bangladesh Navy, runners-up Bangladesh Rifles, third-placed Munshiganj DSA and the other semifinalists Bangladesh Airforce are the four seeded teams heading the four groups. Bangladesh Army, a strong contender, find themselves in Group A with the reigning champions because of the draw. Army did not take part in last year's nationals.

Following are the groupings:
GROUP A: B.Navy, B.Army, Rajshahi University, Barisal DSA and Chandpur DSA.
GROUP B: Bangladesh Rifles, B.Ansars, Sylhet DSA and Khulna DSA.
GROUP C: Munshiganj DSA, Chittagong JKP, Bangladesh Police and Rajshahi DSA.
GROUP D: Bangladesh Airforce, Brahmanbaria, Dhaka University and Dhaka DSA.

Stich new Wimbledon king

LONDON, July 7: Michael Stich won the most-coveted title in tennis here on Sunday when he beat compatriot and three-times champion Boris Becker in straight-sets in the first-ever all-German Wimbledon final, reports AFP.

Stich, 22 and appearing in his first major tournament final, scored a well-deserved 6-4, 7-8 (7/4), 6-4 victory. Becker, who has just reclaimed the world number one ranking from defeated semi-finalist Stefan Edberg, cut an unhappy and tormented figure throughout the 2 hrs 32 mins showdown on a sun drenched Centre Court.

He ranted and raged at himself but he could not upset a cool and composed Stich who thrived on the big occa-

sion and who served down 16 aces against his Davis Cup team-mate.

In all, the oft 4 in Stich served 98 aces since the start of the championships.

The second set was disrupted by a one-man protest at court-side, Stich having to wait

champion, appearing in his fourth consecutive final, failed to make the most of the chance, however.

Stich, calmness personified, immediately broke back after a series of poorly-adjusted Becker volleys by unleashing a blistering backhand

British umpire John Bryson.

But it did not stop him charging back from 15-40 down to save the game, hitting two more aces to bring his total to eight.

Stich, unhappy over a hiccup, trailed 0-33 and 15-40 in the 12th game but he settle



MICHAEL STICH ... upstaged his more famous countryman Boris Becker

to serve in the second game while security men ushered away the demonstrator, who marched up and down the platform just above the scoreboard, shouting and waving a book.

Becker forged 3-1 clear in the fourth game when Stich, despite hitting his seventh and eighth aces of the match, failed to clear the net with a careless drop-shot attempt.

The 1985, 1986 and 1989

passing shot down the line.

As the set moved with serve, Becker came out leading 5-4 with a protective bandage over his right thigh.

Stich's reaction was to fire down his tenth and eleventh aces and square the score at 5-5.

A screaming Becker had a running row with himself in the next game, the longest yet, and capped a code violation warning for time-wasting from

down to some excellent serve-and-volley tennis to put the set into a tie-break.

Becker was rocked back on his heels and began ranting and screaming at himself again when Stich sent a backhand return rocketing into the corner for a 3-1 lead.

He then hammered down two big kicking serves for a 5-2 lead.

Soviet girls win doubles title

WIMBLEDON, England, July 7: John Fitzgerald and Anders Jarryd earned their second Wimbledon men's doubles title on Saturday, beating unseeded Javier Frana and Leonardo Lavall 6-3, 6-4, 6-7 (7-9), reports AP.

They also won the title in 1989.

The second seeds Larissa Savchenko and Natalia Zvereva, of the Soviet Union outlasted the top seeds Gigi Fernandez and Jana Novotna 6-4, 3-6, 6-4 to take the women's title.

Jarryd was the pillar of strength on serve. In the first three sets he only gave up five points.

After Fernandez lifted a slick forehand pick-up shot from her feet at 30-40 to break serve in the first game of the final set, it seemed Savchenko and Zvereva were out. But they didn't fold.

They broke back to even the score at 4-4 and won the match when Fernandez double faulted on match point.

Congrats, Graf

BOON, Germany, July 7: German President Richard von Weizsaecker and Chancellor Helmut Kohl on Saturday sent telegrams to Steffi Graf congratulating her for winning a third women's singles championship at Wimbledon, reports AP.

"For this great performance, with outright happiness, a special hearty congratulations," Weizsaecker said in the telegram.

Kohl also sent his "heartly congratulations," adding that Graf had set herself a goal and courageously pursued it to the end.

"I share your happiness and further wish you well," Kohl said.

Graf's 6-4, 3-6, 8-6 victory against Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina, ties her with countryman Boris Becker as a three-time Wimbledon champion. Graf previously won in 1988 and 1989.

Becker has a chance win his fourth Wimbledon singles title on Sunday, when he meets Michael Stich, in the first ever all-German men's Wimbledon final.

Gaby's Steffi streak ends on the grass



Steffi Graf holds aloft the Women's Championship Plate at Wimbledon, London, on July 6 after beating Gabriela Sabatini in the All-England Club Championships final.

WIMBLEDON, England, July 7: Gabriela Sabatini had beaten Steffi Graf five straight times, twice indoors, twice on hard courts and once on clay, reports AP.

But the US Open champion couldn't keep the streak going on the grass at Wimbledon, as Graf prevailed 6-4, 3-6, 8-6 Saturday on Center Court.

The lead swung back and forth, with six breaks in the dramatic final set. Sabatini served twice for the match, at 5-4 and 6-5, but couldn't convert.

The lightning forehand return of serve that flashed past Sabatini gave Graf her third Wimbledon title and left the Argentinian still searching for her first.

Reaching her first Wimbledon final was an accomplishment, but Sabatini feels there is a lot more to come.

"I think I have a very good chance to win this tournament," she said. "Probably I'm going to have to work a little more on the serve."

Sabatini was solid at the baseline but won points on only 66 percent of her first serve.

Whenever she got in the position to serve for the match, she never was able to push the advantage through as she frequently came under pressure from Graf's booming returns.

"I had a big chance near the end of the match but probably my serve was not at its best," Sabatini said. "She returned very well, and I had a little bit of bad luck at the end, that's all."

Whatever cost her the match, she said it was not over-confidence, even after the five straight victories over Graf.

"I'm never over-confident, especially against Steffi," Sabatini said. "She is a great player and I know I always have to play good tennis against her."

"I'm pretty satisfied with the game," she said. "It was a good match for me. She just played better."

Hick to be retained despite hiccups

NOTTINGHAM, England, July 7: England will stand by Zimbabwe-born Graeme Hick despite his fourth failure in five Test innings on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Hick, who has collected just 55 runs since making his Test debut at Headingley last month, was dismissed for nought as England, trailing by 97 runs on first innings in the third Test at Trent Bridge, lost their first three second innings wickets for 25.

They ended the third day on 54 for three.

England manager Mickey Stewart said: "Test teams are chosen on the basis of performances over a considerable period of time."

"We look to pick the best side for each match, but we also try to maintain a certain continuity and at the moment Graeme has played in only three Tests."

"We are up against the most searching attack in the world in this series and it was never going to be easy for him."

Allan Lamb, like Hick under considerable pressure after a string of failures in this series, battled his way to 25 not out by the close.

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produce a long-awaited big innings when the match resumes on Monday.

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Though Lamb has looked ill at ease against the pacemen in this series, West Indies captain Viv Richards still sees him as a big threat to his side's chances of squaring the five-match series.

"We know only too well what Lamb is capable of," said Richards.

"He looked mean on Saturday and played a lot tighter than I have ever seen him before. But if we get Lamb or (Mark) Ramprakash early on Monday I'm confident about our chances." An earlier report said, "Wickets, 1-0 down in their five match series with England, are superbly placed to draw level after taking complete command of the third Test here on Saturday."

A first innings advantage of 97, secured by some determined batting by their fast bowlers, was then rubbed in by their efforts with the ball as England collapsed to 25 for three.

They recovered to 54 with further loss by stumps thanks to a fighting effort from the out-of-touch Allan Lamb, but, unless the weather intervenes again, the West Indies should

cancel out England's first Test success.

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13, it began to look as though the touring team might win before close of play.

Lamb, with 25 not out, and Ramprakash (seven) prevented that possibility by surviving 14 overs, but England are still in deep trouble.

Lamb will almost certainly need to score the century his critics have been demanding for most of this summer if Gooch's team are to escape with a draw.

SCOREBOARD

England first innings 300 (G. A. Gooch 68, R. A. Smith 64 not out, C. E. L. Ambrose 5-74)

West Indies first innings:

Simmons	12
Haynes	18
Lawrence	18
Richardson	43
Hooper	41
DeFreitas	11
Richards	80
Logie	78
DeFreitas	78
Dujon	67
Marshall	59
Ambrose	17
Walsh	11
Extras	34
Total (8 wkts)	381

Fall of wickets: 1-32, 2-32, 3-45, 4-118, 5-239, 6-272, 7-324, 8-358.

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Childs Essex's hero

LONDON, July 7: Veteran spinner John Childs showed there is no substitute for experience here on Saturday as he gave Essex the upper hand in their English county championship clash with Surrey at the Oval, reports AFP.

The slow left-arter, 40 next month, bowled unchanged from just before midday until the end of the innings, sending down 43.1 overs for a return of five for 112 in Surrey's 299.

By the close Surrey had hit back to leave second-placed Essex on 22 for one and 51 runs in front, but Childs dominated the day's action.

Only David Ward had any real answer with a superb fighting effort of 98, his highest first-class score of the season.

Another Ward in fine fettle on Saturday was Kent's Trevor, who was only a handful of runs short of century in a session for the second time in the match against Glamorgan at Maidstone.

He thrashed 93 before lunch on the way to 110 on Friday, while more controlled aggression brought him an un-

ished on 177 for five, still needing 15 to make Northants bat again.

In contrast, Yorkshire middle-order batsman Simon Kellett ensured his side avoided the follow-on with a patient innings of 56 not out against Hampshire at Southampton.

Yorkshire were in trouble at 173 for six, still needing another 95 to make Hampshire bat again after Hampshire had declared at their overnight 417 for seven.

But Kellett guided Yorkshire to 268 for the loss of eight wickets before Martyn Moxon, who had earlier contributed a solid 88, declared. Hampshire then extended their 149-run lead by a further eight runs without loss.

Sussex all-rounder Colin Wells put the brake on Derbyshire's championship challenge at Derby despite an exhilarating 78 from John Morris.

On day of dripping humidity Wells moved the ball around to claim career-best figures of seven for 42 as Derbyshire were bowled out for 230, a first-innings deficit of 59.

Sussex then increased that advantage by 39 for the loss of one wicket.

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Hadlee to undergo heart surgery

WELLINGTON, July 7: Sir Richard Hadlee, the leading wicket-taker in the history of international cricket, said Sunday he will undergo heart surgery, reports AP.

Hadlee, who turned 40 last Wednesday, confirmed he would have an operation within the next few days, but declined to say how serious the surgery would be.

The dominant Sunday Times newspaper reported Sunday that Hadlee may undergo a triple bypass operation.



Indonesia's Sarwendah Kusumawardhani holds aloft the cheque of 7,400 US dollars she was presented after winning the Malaysian Open Badminton singles final on July 6. Sarwendah beat China's Tang Jinhong 12-11, 11-1.

Skah spanner in Antibo streak

OSLO, July 7: Salvatore Antibo and Moroccan Khalid Skah, who failed in an ambitious bid to break the world 10,000 metres record on Saturday, may clash twice at the Tokyo World Athletics Championships in August, reports Reuter.

After a comprehensive victory over Italy's European 10,000 metres champion Antibo at the Bislett Games, Skah said he thought he could attempt the 5,000-10,000 double in Tokyo.

But he said the odds were on him concentrating on one distance.

Antibo, unbeaten until Saturday over 10,000 since the 1988 Seoul Olympics, said he would definitely go for the double in Tokyo.

Asked about his prospects, Antibo replied with a touch of lyricism: "It's very difficult to judge, each competition is different. But Tokyo will have its own music."

Skah, who lives in Norway, said the world record bid was still on when the pair passed 5,000 metres.

"But Antibo's way of running fast and slow is very difficult," Skah said. "It changed the race tactics from a race for the world record to a race to beat him."

Skah, Soviet sprinter Irina Sergeeva, Richard Chelimo, the latest Kenyan sensation, and British middle distance runner Peter Elliott all caught the eye on Saturday in the best Grand Prix meeting of the season so far.

Sergeeva led Merlene Ottey, the world's premier woman sprinter, for 60 metres before bowing to the Jamaican's superior strength.

But Ottey, who set a year's best of 10.88 seconds, was full of praise for her opponent

afterwards.

"She's the one to beat in Tokyo," Ottey said.

Sergeeva used her explosive start to great effect in this year's World Indoor Championships, beating Ottey in the 60 metres final.

"She has a great start," Ottey said. "So my goal was not to be too far behind at 60 metres."

But Ottey still finished a tenth of a second ahead of the Russian who conceded: "Merlene is better right now."

Chelimo, who along with several of his compatriots lives and trains in London, ran in classic Kenyan style to shatter the world junior record 5,000 metres record and set a year's best time.

Running from the front, 19-year-old Chelimo headed compatriots Osoro Ondoro and Yobes Ondieki to win in 13 minutes 12.22 seconds after a storming finish over the final lap.

The evening ended in a triumph for Elliott in the dream mile with a year's best time of 3:49.46.

Elliott has been beset by injury problems over the past year and at 28 time is not on his side as he tries for the major championship title which has so far eluded him.

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