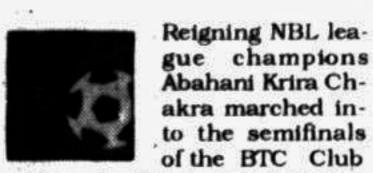
Abahani's sweet revenge

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to the semifinals of the BTC Club Cup charity soccer tourney registering a 2-1 victory over Calcutta Mohammedan Sporting Club yesterday at the

Dhaka Stadium. The win helped Abahani top Group A with three points from their two robin league engagements. Calcutta giants Mohun Bagan also collected three points from a solitary goal win over their arch Calcutta rivals Mohammedans and a goalless draw with Abahani Saturday but Abahani, by virtue of having scored more goals than Bagan, will be deemed the Group A champions. The loss marked the exit of Calcutta Mohammedan sporting from the six-team eight-day

Abahani will now face Group B runners up East Bengal in the first semifinal, scheduled for tomorrow. Tuesday, at 5.pm.

The tournament's highest crowd witnessed the absorbing though heated tussle between the two teams whose players at times banked more on physical soccer than tactics and skills. Referee Manirul Islam had a

tough time tackling the situation marked by flared tempers and rough tackles.

He had to book a record seven players on either side in ' order impose his authority and keep things from going out of Abahani, hungering for revenge over Calcutta Moha-

mmedans following their one goal defeat in April in the semifinals of the Sait Nagii trophy in Calicut, came into the match determined.

They dominated the proceedings without any doubt but lacked the flair and speed which was so much in evidence against Mohun Bagan on

In fact, Abahani relied more on tight marking of the Mohammedan players with some robust tacklings which was not much to the liking of the free flowing Calcuttans, especially their Nigerian skipper Chibuzor who loves to move around with plenty of space. The rainsoaked ground made the pitch slippery and later very mucky, making it most difficult, even hazardous for players of either team to keep their footing. The conditions conspired against neat, positive football and free falls were the order of the day. Consequently, there were more body contact and

fouls than usual. Goalkeeper Mohsin, Munna Sr., Barun and Ranjit played very well for Abahani in the rear while Alamgir and Yousuf toiled tirelessly in the midfield, with Aslam and Ghaus up front running zealously for the

local champions. Calcutta Mohammedans, on the other hand lost their cool, allowing their tempers to flare, resulting in ill-planned moves, repeated protests to the referee and loss of concentration in the end. One would be surprised to note that there were only two notable moves by the Mohammedan forwards throughout the entire match of which one accounted for a

The Calcutta Mohammedans livened up the proceedings with a sudden more in the very second minute of play. The promising Indian international Mushtaq Ali intercepted Munna Sr's pass and raced down to take a thunderous shot which

sailed over the cross piece. Abahani's Rumi, in the 18th and 36 minutes, spoiled two good scoring opportunities created by Sheikh Mohammed

Aslam. Two minutes later, Abahani's constant pressure prevailed when Ghaus, to a deafening roar from the crowd, tapped the ball home when Yousuf's cross drew the whole Mohammedan defence to the wrong end, allowing the youngster to score with all the time in the world.

Mohammedan goalie Jagadish Ghose brought off a brilliant save when he grabbed Ghaus's header off Reaz's chip a minute from half time.

In the beginning of the second half, play was stopped for seven minutes. The trouble erupted when Mohammedan's Chibuzor, in a bid to score, clashed with Abahani goalie Mohsin, who reacted violently. resulting in minor scuffles among the players of both teams. The saddest part of the incident was when the Abahani players were pelted with stones by a section of the supposedly home crowd.

Ace strikers Aslam made it 2-0 in the 68th minute when he slotted home from a measured Ghaus cross from the

left flank. Mohammedans reduced the margin in the 82nd minute when Rahmatullah nodded home intelligently Fareed's cross from a free kick... Abahani pressed hard but

failed to increase the tally. Mohsin, Munna Sr. Alamgir and Reaz of Abahani, and Joseph, Annappa and Chibuzor were warned by the referee with yellow cards.

Khoka visits **BCCB** office

State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadeq Hossain Khoka yesterday visited the office of Bangladesh Cricket Control Board, a PID handout said, reports BSS.

Earlier, President of Bangladesh Cricket Control Board Qazi Bahauddin Ahmed handed over a cheque of Taka one lakh to the State Minister for the Prime Minister's Relief Fund.

trial in Naples June 26 Maradona s



NAPLES, June 2: An Italian judge on Saturday ordered disgraced Argentine soccer star Diego Mara-

dona to go on trial on June 26 on charges of using drugs and supplying them to others, reports Reuter.

Court sources in Naples said judge Nicola Quattrano had issued the order at the request of public prosecutor Luigi Bobbi who has been investigating Maradona's alleged links with a drugs and prostitution ring in the city.

Napoli in 1984, returned to Buenos Aires days after the England win without scoring

Maradona, who joined

SYDNEY, June 2:

An own goal by

defender lan Gray

win

Australia in

soccer friendly at Sydney

Football Stadtum late Saturday,

the net while trying to clear a

free kick from England de-

fender Stuart Pearce in the

ported that England midfield

player Geoff Thomas had

scored, but an own goal was of-

The free kick was awarded

after defender Mehmet

Durakovic brought down Paul

Parker just in from the side-

the far post and Gray rose high

the United States a 1-1 draw

with Ireland in a friendly

international soccer match on

goal from Tom Cascarino 12

minutes earlier when Wynalda

capitalised on a breakaway op-

portunity against Irish goal-

was flicked on by Chris Hen-

derson to Wynalda and missed

by Irish defender Kevin Moran.

Wynalda closed in and lobbed

in the equaliser over Bonner

rder Bremen on Saturday and

move within a point of their

first German Bundesliga title

for nearly four decades.

Munich were upset 3-2 at

Wattenscheid and the

Kaiserslautern by four points

with only two games remain-

eight superior to that of the

Kaiserslautern midfielder

Markus Schupp grabbed a

63rd-minute winner for the

south-west club who had to

battle to avoid relegation last

Bayern's goal difference is

Bavarians now

Title holders Bayern

reports Reuter.

league leaders.

Kaiserslautern

came from be-

hind to snatch a

2-1 victory at

fourth-placed We-

trail

A driven ball out of the back

The US side overcame a

Saturday, reports Reuter.

keeper Pat Bonner.

Pearce floated the ball to

chusetts. June 2:

A superb equali-

ser by Eric

Wynalda in the

68th minute gave

Australian television re-

Gray headed the ball into

reports AFP.

40th minute.

ficially recorded.

gave England a 1-

over



DIEGO MARADONA

to try to clear it but headed

Eade showed no disappoint-

ment after the fiercely con-

Socceroos' captain Paul

The Visitors "are a credit to

The match proved that the

"That is what we came out

He had a message for play-

A yearly "Ashes" match

He admitted that the

"We created enough

Ireland broke through in

the 56th minute, as for the

second time in as many games

a futile offside trap cost the

Americans, who were beaten

1-0 by Argentina on a similar

A long kick from Bonner

caught the US defence trying

to trap Cascarino, but the li-

nesman's flag stayed down as

he ran onto the ball and rolled

a left-footed shot form 18

yards past goalkeeper Tony

A crowd of 51,273 — the

second largest for a US inter-

national match outside the

Ireland controlled play in

the first half, but Meola made

heralded side can clinch the

championship at home to

Borussia Moenchengladbach

next weekend. They travel to

Cologne on the last day of the

the point required, it will take

the title away from Munich for

only the second time in seven

championship in 1953.

cure the two points.

Kaiserslautern last won the

Kaiserslautern, missing

Czechoslovak Libero Miroslav

Kadlee and defender Reinhard

Stumf who both suffered seri-

ous injuries last weekend,

needed a piece of luck to se-

Reck let a harmless corner

from Guido Hoffman slip

through his legs to give them a

vital equaliser in the 26th

Werder goalkeeper Oliver

Meola inside the far post.

Olympics — attended.

chances out there to put two

away." Wade said. "That was

against England would be

Australian's can play soccer as

to play for tonight," Wade said.

ers of Australian rules and

rugby: "We're here to stay."

Socceroos' problem

straight into his own net.

their country," he said.

well as other sports.

"brilliant" he said.

"finishing."

tested match.

Italian football federation confirmed there were traces of cocaine in a urine sample taken after a March 17 league match.

The 30-year-old former Napoli and Argentina captain was suspended from soccer for 15 months, a ban subsequently extended worldwide by the International Football Federation (FIFA).

He has since been arrested on cocaine charges in Buenos Aires and released on 20,000 dollars bail.

The sources said they did not expect him to return to Italy to stand trial.

the difference. They put them

the visitors well, and the

English never settled into a

Socceroos missed several

Tapai took a cross in front of

the goal from fellow striker

Graham Arnold, but flipped the

from keeper Chris Woods to

save England in the 37th

minute, when Gray headed a

cross from Aurelio Vidmar, the

Ten minutes from time, the

star of the Australian midfield.

English star, Gary Lineker,

hobbled off the field after

falling badly while trying to re-

cover a ball from a corner in

David Kelly and Bruce Murray

narrowly missed for the US

side when his header hit a

a native of Belfast, Northern

Ireland, who has lived in the

United States since 1981 and

received his US citizenship

two weeks ago, made his first

TEAMS

boa, Trittschuh, Michallik,

Quinn (Snyder, 85th), Hender-

son, Agoos, Savage, Murray,

Vermes (Perez, 54th), Wynal-

Staunton, MccArthy, Moran,

Townsend, MdGrath, Hough-

ton, Cascarino, Kelly, Sheedy.

Ireland: Bonner, Irwin,

United States: Meola, Bal-

international appearance.

US midfielder Brian Quinn,

post in the 24th minutes.

the Australian goalmouth.

It took a world-class save

The Australians contained

In the second half, the

In the 12th minute, Erine

away, we didn't."

rhythm of play.

chances to score.

ball over the bar.

Facing up to 12 years in

prison if convicted on the drugs charges in Buenos Aires, Maradona needs permission from an Argentine judge to leave the country.

At a hearing postponed from Friday, Quattrano rejected a request by Maradona's lawyer Vincenzo Siniscalchi that his client be acquitted for lack of evidence.

Maradona, who led Napoli to two Italian league titles and the European Football Union Cup after joining them for a then record 10 million dollars in 1984, ran into trouble with the club in 1989 not long after signing a new contract until

Ranatunga dropped

COLOMBO, June 2: Sri Landa's controversial cricket captain Arjuna Ranatunga has been dropped from the national squad selected for next month's tour of England, the state-run Sunday Observer said, reports AFP.

The 27-year-old left-hander



ARJUNA RANATUNGA was not among the 26 players invited for practices to select the squad for the England tour

in July and August, the

Observer said.

lected.

It did not give a reason for the Cricket Board action but Ranatunga, who led Sri Lanka at the recent tour of New Zealand, was slammed by the team manager Stanley Jayasinghe for displaying "haughty attitudes."

Ranatunga had criticised several decisions of umpires during the two-month New Zealand tour, which ended in March. Sri Lanka drew all three Test matches during the

A skipper for the England tour is expected to be announced after the team is se-

Colin Jackson's world record

CARDIFF, June 2: European and Commonwealth 110 metres hurdles champion Colin Jackson lowered the world best for the 200 hurdles here on Saturday in his comeback event after a nine month layoff. reports AFP.

Having secured his fifth



COLIN JACKSON

Welsh 100 metres title in a modest 10.93 secs earlier in the day, Jackson clocked 22.63 in the invitation race.

This was 0.06 seconds better than the previous best set 30 years ago by Glenn Davis of the United States.

Jackson clocked a wind-assisted 10.58 sec in heading in his heat for the 100 metres on Saturday and then recorded 10.93 into a headwind in the

But his impressive form in his comeback race makes the 24-year-old Welshman one of the strongest contenders for this year's World Championships in Tokyo. He was third at the last championships in

Salim Malik's ton powers Essex win

LONDON, June 2: A remarkable innings of 163 by Pakistani Test batsman Salim Malik inspired in-form Essex to a two-day victory over Gloucestershire by an innings and 124 runs in their country cricket match at Bristol on Saturday. reports Reuter.

Malik, who went in at number seven the previous evening after visiting hospital for treatment to a split finger, treated the home bowling with disdain to steer his new side to a first innings total of 433 for eight declared.

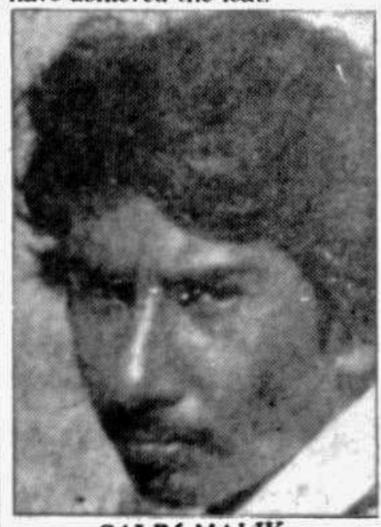
Gloucestershire, 315 behind on first innings, then collapsed to 191 all out to lift Essex to second position in the county championship table. Former England seamer Neil Foste took five for 54. Another overseas batsman,

Tom Moody, was in cracking form for Worcestershire as he raced to within sight of his seventh century in all competition this season.

The Australian crashed 80 not out against Glamorgan after Graeme Hick had fallen for a duck in his last first-class innings before making his Test Debut for England next Thurs-

day against West Indies. County leaders Warwickshire continued their run of success, building an imposing lead of 251 over Yorkshire after South African pace bowler Allan Donald had taken four for 28.

Kent wicketkeeper Steve Marsh equalled a world record earlier in the day when he collected eight Middlesex victims in an innings at Lord's Australian Wally Grout and Essex's David East are the only other wicketkeepers to have achieved the feat.



SALIM MALIK Marsh promptly celebrated with the bat, hitting an unbeaten 57 by the close.

MSC, E Bengal draw 1-1

The Independenee Day soccer Cup champions Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting

emerged Group 'B' champions following their 1-1 draw against IFA Shield champions East Bengal Club of Calcutta in the second match of the BTC Club Cup football tournament yesterday at the flood-hit Dhaka Stadium.

Dhaka Mohammedans and East Bengal finished with three points each from their two robin league matches, but the Dhaka team edged past East Bengal on a better goal difference.

Dhaka Mohammedans will take on the reigning Calcutta league champions Mohon Bagan, the Group 'A' runners-up, on June 5 in the second semifinal while East Bengal will meet the Dhaka NBL league champions Abahani Krira ChaSports Reporter

kra in the first semifinal tomorrow.

Yesterday the organisers enjoyed the best day as far as gate money was concerned. The first day receipts were Taka 2,16,070, the second day Taka 1,68,760 while yesterday it was Taka 3,14,450.

Mohammedans started the match at a fast pace, forwards Nakib, Mamun, a Roxy storming the unsettled East Bengal defence repeated by from the very first minute.

Diminutive Mohammedan winger Shabbir sent a fierce kick which deflected from East Bengal defender to Nakib, who neatly flicked the ball past a dazed East Bengal goalkeeper Debasish Mukherjee at the far corner of the net to make it 1-0 in the very second minute of

Mohammedans lost two other scoring chances when Shabbir and Mamun failed to

avail the chances. East Bengal's first positive move came in the 30th minute

when Krishana Dey, with a sudden burst of speed, dribbled past a host of defenders to unleash a powerful shot and Kanan had to stretch fully to deflect it. A Kuljeet Singh header was

tipped over the bar by Kanan in the 39th minute. Three minutes later the relaxed Mohammedan defence paid heavily when they allowed the former Indian international Prasanta Banerjee enough space to nod home from Tushar Rakshit's tearing cross from the right.

The second half was rather dull and boring. Both teams seemed content with the 1-1 result. The forwards of both teams spoiled two goalscoring chances each.

Graf first into French quarters



quarterfinals Sunday with straight-set victories, reports AP. Graf, seeded second and undefeated in four matches, rolled over Belgium's Sabine Appelmans, 6-2, 6-2 in 56 minutes.

Agassi, playing brilliantly against a clay-court specialist. defeated Argentina's Alberto Mancini 6-3, 6-3, 5-7, 6-1. A finalist in 1990, Agassi lost a set for only the second time in this year's tournament, then rebounded with total domination in the last set.

Jakob Hlasek of Switzerland rallied to beat Argentina's Christian Miniussi, 4-6, 6-3, 5-7. 7-5. 6-2. to earn a berth against Agassi in the quarterfi-

Vicario, who trounced Ameri-

eight women were No. 4 seed Mary Joe Fernandez, who won her toughest match of the week over America's Elna Reinach, 6-4, 7-6 (7-2), and No. 5 seed Arantza Sanchez

can Tami Whitlinger, 6-2, 6-1. Graf, who could regain the world No. 1 ranking from Monica Seles with a championship here, dominated throughout her 56-minute match, hammering ground strokes deep into the corners.

Graf won the tournament in 1987 and 1988, and said this week she is free of the allergy problems which troubled her here in each of the past two

Both Graf, who became the first player to reach the quarterfinals, and Appelmans, ranked 27th if the world, had advanced to the fourth round without facing a seeded player.

Graf's toughest match by far was in first round against 16year-old Magdalena Maleeva, one of three sisters on the women's tour. Graf was forced into a tiebreaker before winning 6-3, 7-6.

All eight of the women's fourth-round matches were on Sunday's schedule, including top-seeded Seles against unseeded Italian Sandra Cecchini and No. 3 Gabriela Sabatini against unseeded Rachel Mc-Quillan of Australia.

Edberg strikes form in time Chesxnokov's next two serves.



PARIS, June 2: Hot weather and fast courts helped top seed Stefan

of the French Open on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Edberg constantly attacked from the net, giving Chesnokov, himself a semifinalist in 1989, no chance to settle into a rhythm on the

day at Roland Garros. The only seed to go out was

ber 16, who went back to the dressing rooms in tears after being beaten 6-3, 6-4 by an injured Sandra Cecchini. The Italian pulled a calf

German Anke Huber, the num-

muscle as she ran to reach a drop shot early in the second set but soldiered on with her leg strapped up.

The unseeded Cecchini said she hoped to be fit for today's fourth round match against de-'fending champions Monica Seles, a 6-1, 6-2 winner over Frenchwoman Karine Quentrec 3-6, 7-5, 7-6, 6-2.

on Saturday. Chesnokov, who had gone through two five-set matches in the previous rounds, went 3-1 up in both the second and third sets of the Centre Court match. But on both occasions. the 25-year-old Edberg pulled

ahead by breaking

to British coach Tony Pickard in the stands. The only other seeds left in Edberg's half of the draw are

The Swede, who defends

his Wimbledon title later this

month, finished off the match

in one hour and 48 minutes

with a forehand volley and

turned to raise a fist in salute

number nine Jim Courier, who came back from two sets to one down to beat Swede Magnus Larsson, and German Michael Stich, the number 12. who beat Spain's Carlos Costa

But Edberg said he still faced a hard road towards the

In the fourth round on Monday, Edberg faces another Soviet player, Andrei Cherkasov, who came through against Peru's Jaime Yzaga 7-5, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.

against Windies

LEICESTER, England, June 2: England all-rounder Chris Lewis warmed up for next week's first cricket Test by hammering West Indies' attack for a sparkling 72 on Saturday. reports Reuter.

Lewis, in England's squad for the Headingley Test which begins next Thursday, top scored as Leicestershire rattled up 355 for seven declared on the first day of a three-day

to 20 for one at the close after becoming the first country to top 300 against the tourists

struck two sixes and nine fours as he raced to 72 from only 69 balls, hitting Phil Simmons for 17 in an over which yielded 22

leg boundary when only seven. another fielding lapse on a day when West Indies were also guilty of several careless errors in the slip cordon.

Rono loses both shoe and race personal best in the 1,500.



Olympic gold medalist Peter Rono lost a shoe and a race as Kenyan

countryman Smuel Kibiri passed him in the final 40 metres to win the 1,500 metres at the US National Collegiate Championships on Saturday, reports Reuter. Rono set the pace for much

of the race despite losing his left shoe 400 metres into the competition. But he slipped to third behind young American Paul Vandegrift in the closing Kibiri won with a time of

three minutes 39.53 seconds. "When I started kicking, my left leg started slipping," said Rono, a student at Mount St. Mary's College in Maryland, who was clocked in 3:40.47. "It was tough."

Kibiri, a Washington State University student who was second in the 3,000-metre steeplechase on Friday, set a

· "I knew if I stayed within five metres of Rono I would be okay," said Kibiri.

ers and hurdlers to some quick times on the final day of the four-day meeting. Namibia's Frank Fredericks. a Brigham Young University

Gusty winds pushed sprint-

student, became the first men's sprint double winner at the meeting in 13 years when he clocked 10.03 seconds in the 100 metres and 19.90 seconds in the 200. Both were wind-assisted.

sprinter Carlette Guidry of the University of Texas, who took the women's 100 and 200 metres. Guidry, expected to make

Equally impressive was

the US World Championship team in two weeks, clocked 10.91 seconds in the 100 and 22.44 seconds in the 200. Her times were also wind-assisted.

The wind also was a big aid to Bermuda's Brian Wellman and American Dawn Bowles.



-Star photo

Ace Abahani striker Sheikh Aslam makes a valiant but futile attempt to score against

Calcutta Mohammedan Sporting in the vital BTC Club Cup Group A robin league match at Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

three years ago when Werder Kaiserslautern.

Kaiserslautern and Kalli Feldkamp for winning the title although mathematically they still need one point, Heynckes said. "They have deserved it." Feldkamp has performed

wonders at Kaiserslautern since he took over as coach just 15 months ago, guiding them to their first ever

get the one point we need," he said. "I will make sure that the team is able to prepare in peace and quiet."

PARIS, June 2: Steffi Graf and Andre Agassi, two of the most overpowering players at this year's French Open, advanced to the

Joining Graf among the last

Edberg play a perfect serve and volley game on the Roland Garros clay to reach the last 16

Edberg, showing not twinge of the back problem which had troubled him earlier in the week, beat Andrei Chesnokov of the Soviet Union 6-1, 6-4, 6-3 in the third

After the drama of Friday's Centre Court battle between Jimmy Connors and Michael Chang, Saturday was a tame

Lewis hits 72

They reduced West Indies

this season. Lewis , born in Guyana,

He was dropped on the long

Earlier Peter Hepworth and captain Nigel Briers had each made 68 while Laurie Potter also hit a half-centry.

a sparkling save on a shot by from 15 yards. Kaiserslautern close in on Bundesliga title Karlheinz Feldkamp's un-Klaus Allofs had given the from the Second Division last That sole exception was BONN, June 2:

home side the lead 10 minutes

stand-in Libero as his side gained the initiative. If they succeed in gaining Schupp eventually secured

> Bayern's defeat was particularly embarrassing for coach Jupp Heynckes who said on Friday he expected Bayern to

> He was so confident he promised a Munich magazine he would work behind a stall selling hot sausages at Bayern's next home game with Kaiserslautern if the Bavarians failed to retain the title.

earlier. Kaiserslautern captain Stefan Kuntz, normally a striker, revelled in the role of

an early birthday present for Feldkamp, who is 57 on Sunday, with his second half

virtually seal the title this weekend.

Wattenscheid, promoted

7-0 thrashing in Munich earlier in the season. Midfielder Thorsten Fink scored a dramatic 89th minute winner just two minutes after Roland Wohlfarth, the

Bundesliga's top scorer, looked

to have kept Bayern in the title

year, took sweet revenge for a

hunt with an equaliser to make the score 2-2. Bayern had gone ahead when Wattenscheid defender Hans-Werner Moser put through his own goal in the 37th minute.

second half put Wattenscheid 2-1 up. Bayern have lifted Bundesliga's round plate trophy every year bar one since

But goals by midfielders

Frank Hartmann and Uwe

Neuhaus in the space of six

minutes midway through the

Bremen took the title. But Heynckes conceded that the club now had no chance of overhauling

"I want to congratulate

German Cup success last year. He was taking nothing for granted on Saturday. "We must be in a position to