

Tie-breakers only answer

Sports Reporter

Once again a goal drought hit the first round of the Federation Cup football tournament as the tie-breakers were needed to decide the fates of both of yesterday's matches at the Dhaka Stadium.

for Agrani Bank while Bishu and Bacchu's kicks were saved by PWD goalkeeper Lahul, the Bangladesh Olympic team custodian.

BRTC WIN
Wari Club, despite dictating the terms, had to concede a 1-3 defeat against a determined BRTC Club, also on penalties. BRTC will now face

Dhanmondi Club in the Group A final, also on October 4. Wari strikers pinned down the BRTC players in their zone for most of the time but couldn't pierce the spirited BRTC defence. Sudhir, Liton and Aman had three possible chances to score for Wari but only shot either wide of the target or straight to the goalkeeper's waiting hands. In the penalty shoot-out, Litu, Mukul, and Prasanta

scored for BRTC while Noman's shot was blocked by BRTC goalkeeper Nazu. Wari's penalty shooting was pathetic with Kabir, Babu and Haran failing to score. Chhoton being the lone player to convert.

TODAY'S MATCHES
Victoria vs Rahmatganj (4 pm)
Farashganj vs Dhaka Division (6 pm)



Action from yesterday's Federation Cup soccer match between BRTC Club and Wari Club at the Dhaka Stadium. BRTC won 3-1 in the tie-breakers after a barren 90 minutes.—Star photo

Vogts calls up uncapped Spoerl

MUNICH, Germany, Oct 1: German coach Berti Vogts called up uncapped Hamburg defender Harald Spoerl on Monday but produced no major surprises in his squad to face Wales in next month's key European Championship soccer qualifier, reports Reuter.

fielder Matthias Sammer is included in the 22-man party for the match in Nuremberg on October 16 although he is out of action at the moment with a calf strain.

The Welsh lead Group Five with seven points from four games while Germany, with a game in hand, trail by three points.

Vogts' team must win to keep alive their chances of reaching next year's finals in Sweden.

The same squad will warm up for the Welsh clash with a charity game against a world select team in Munich on October 8.

Squad: Bodo Illgner, Andreas Koepke, Dietmar Beiersdorfer, Manfred Binz, Andreas Brehme, Guido Buchwald, Michael Frontzeck, Franco Foda, Juergen Kohler, Stefan Reuter, Harald Spoerl, Uwe Bein, Andy Moeller, Stefan Effenberg, Thomas Haessler, Lothar Matthaus, Matthias Sammer, Thomas Doll, Karlheinz Riedle, Juergen Klinsmann, Andreas Thom, Rudi Voeller.

DENMARK SQUAD

Meanwhile, another report said from Copenhagen: Denmark make only on change in their 16-strong squad for the European Championship qualifier against Austria in Vienna on October 9.

Boxing fans brawl

CAIRO, Oct 1: Hundreds of Nigerian and Egyptian fans brawled on Monday after a disputed decision at the African Games boxing finals, reports Reuter.

SOCCER SCENARIO

Zagalo to assist Parreira

RIO DE JANEIRO, Oct 1: Mario Zagalo, Brazil's coach at the 1970 and 1974 World Cups, said on Monday he would be working as assistant to newly re-appointed national coach Carlos Alberto Parreira, reports Reuter.

No 11th hour bid for '98 W Cup finals

ZURICH Oct 1: No 11th hour bids to host the 1998 World Cup finals were received by FIFA — world soccer governing body reports Reuter.

Mendoza confirms Beenhakker's signing

MADRID Oct 1: Real Madrid President Ramon Mendoza on Monday confirmed that Dutchman Leo Beenhakker would join the club as technical secretary within the next month, reports Reuter.

When flyweight Mustafa Ahmed Hassan of Egypt was declared a points winner over Nigerian Malagu Moses, Nigerian fans raised their national flag and booted. Rival fans then traded punches and threw chairs at each other for several minutes until police separated them.

Tough security for Liverpool match

HELSINKI, Oct 1: Lahti, hosting Liverpool's first overseas match in a European club competition since the Heysel disaster, are mounting a major security operation to ensure there is no crowd trouble, reports Reuter.

Seventy police instead of the usual two will be at Kuusysi Lahti's ground for Wednesday's UEFA up first-round, second-leg clash and four British officers have flown over from Liverpool to help spot trouble-makers among the visiting fans, Lahti police chief Pekka Ojala said.

"The security measures might look from the Finnish point of view a bit ridiculous but we can't afford the risk of trouble because there is a lot of attention being paid to this match across Europe," said Kuusysi managing director Pentti Korhko.

"There must be other people who are coming by other means and who will buy tickets in Finland. They could come to Lahti earlier and plan something. The English policemen are very well-informed about those people," Ojala said.

Liverpool fans will be taken by bus to a specially segregated area of the Lahti ground. British embassy officials will be on hand in case anyone needs their help.

"What we are going through here is just standard procedure for all European games," an embassy official said.

Korhko did not believe there would be any trouble.

"The issue is so important to Liverpool that there must not be the slightest chance of disturbance," he said.

Ojala said the security operation would not be the biggest in Lahti this year. Some 30,000 fans packed a concert by US pop group new kids on the block in the summer but it passed off without trouble he said.

"Don't believe we shall have any trouble," Ojala said.

Instead of the two police and 20 safety stewards usually at a Lahti game, there will be 70 police and 150 stewards.

Liverpool have returned to Europe this season for the first time since the 1985 European Cup final at the Heysel Stadium in Brussels where rioting before the match between the English team and Italy's Juventus killed 39 people.

Preparations for SAF Games reviewed

A high-level meeting, presided over by Sadeq Hossain Khoka, the State Minister for Youth and Sports, yesterday reviewed the preparation and progress made in training in connection with the participation in the fifth South Asian Federation (SAF) Games, reports BSS.

The disciplines are: Athletics, Basketball, Boxing, Football, Shooting, Swimming, Table Tennis, Tennis, Volleyball and Weightlifting.

The meeting was held in the conference room of the National Sports Council.

Chairman of the National Sports Council (NSC) Major General Mahbubur Rahman, President of Bangladesh Olympic Association and Additional Secretary in-charge of the Ministry of Youth and Sports M A Rouf, presidents and general secretaries of the participating national sports federations and NSC officials were present.

Scindia BCCI president, Nag Raj secretary

India's Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourist Madhavrao Scindia has been re-elected unopposed as the president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), according to a message received in Dhaka yesterday, reports BSS.

The annual general meeting of the BCCI held in New Delhi on September 28 elected Mr C Nag Raj as the secretary of the Board in place of Jagmohan Dalmyia, who is the president of the Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB).

Six Chinese coaches for different sports are already in Dhaka to conduct and supervise the on-going training camps of those disciplines.

The meeting expressed its satisfaction over the training programmes taken by the national sports federations.

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Mahmuda Sharif of Bangladesh emerged as the individual champion among the women in the national swimming championships which concluded at the Dhanmondi Women's Sports Complex pool Monday. Mahmuda, who won four gold medals, rewrote three national marks in the breast and backstroke events.—Star photo

THE GOLDEN GIRLS

Thirty-seven swimmers of different age groups won the 37 gold medals at stake by establishing 24 new records in the four-day long national women's swimming championships which began last Friday and concluded last Monday at the Dhanmondi Women's Sports Complex swimming pool.

GOLD MEDAL WINNERS

- WOMEN'S:**
100m: Breast Stroke — Mahmuda Sharif (NR) (Ansars)
200m: Free Style — Laila Noor Milu (NR) (BTMC)
400m: Free Style — Laila Noor Milu (NR) (BTMC)
100m: Back Stroke — Mahmuda Sharif (Ansars)
200m: Individual Medley — Sulekha Parveen (Ansars)
200m: Back Stroke — Mahmuda Sharif (NR) (Ansars)
100m: Butterfly — Rehana Zaman (NR) (Ansars)
50m: Free Style — Rehana Zaman (NR) (Ansars)
200m: Back Stroke — Mahmuda Sharif (NR) (Ansars)
100m: Free Style — Laila Noor Milu (NR) (BTMC)
- GIRLS 15-17 YRS**
50m: Free Style — Munira Rahman (NR) (BTMC)
100m: Butterfly — Munira Rahman (NR) (BTMC)
200m: Back Stroke — Mahfuza Rahman (NR) (BTMC)
200m: Breast Stroke — Dilruba Akhter (Ansars)
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100m: Free Style — Mahfuza Rahman (NR) (BTMC)
200m: Free Style — Munira Rahman (NR) (BTMC)
200m: Individual Medley — Munira Rahman (NR) (BTMC)
100m: Back Stroke — Mahfuza Rahman (NR) (BTMC)
- GIRLS 13-14 YRS**
100m: Butterfly — Mita Rani Shom (NR) (Rajbari)
200m: Back Stroke — Nibedita Das (NR) (Rajbari)
200m: Breast Stroke — Sufia Khatoun (NR) (Ansars)
100m: Free Style — Mita Rani Shom (Rajbari)
200m: Individual Medley — Mita Rani Shom (NR) (Rajbari)
100m: Free Style — Nibedita Das (Rajbari)
50m: Free Style — Mita Rani Shom (NR) (Rajbari)
100m: Breast Stroke — Sufia Khatoun (NR) (Ansars)
100m: Back Stroke — Nibedita Das (NR) (Rajbari)
- GIRLS 11-12 YRS**
100m: Back Stroke — Sumana Akhter (NR) (Ansars)
100m: Free Style — Ting Ting Mya (Bandarban)
100m: Butterfly — Sumana Akhter (Ansars)
100m: Breast Stroke — Hasina Akhter (Ansars)
50m: Free Style — Ting Ting Mya (NR) (Bandarban)
- GIRLS UNDER-10 YRS**
50m: Free Style — Rahima Khatoun (BTMC)
50m: Butterfly — Rahima Akhter (BTMC)
50m: Back Stroke — Manashi Chattopadhyaya (Rajbari)
50m: Breast Stroke — Rokeya Akhter (Munshiganj)

Another body blow for boxing

LAGOS, Oct 1: Nigerian flyweight boxer Nejm Gbadegesin died in a Lagos hospital on Sunday after suffering brain damage during a professional fight, the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) said on Monday, reports Reuter.

injury when he was knocked down by fellow-Briton Chris Eubank in the 12th round of the super-middleweight bout.

Gbadegesin, a 27-year-old Customs worker, went into a coma when he was knocked down by fellow Nigerian Kelvin Onwudiwe in the sixth round of a supporting bout on Friday.

American boxer Fernie Morales spent four days in a coma last week and needed emergency brain surgery after losing a 12-round decision to International Boxing Federation bantamweight champion Orlando Cantaleza in California.

LEWIS RETAINS CROWN

Meanwhile, another Reuter reports from London said: Britain's Lennox Lewis retained his European heavyweight title on Monday when he knocked out compatriot Glenn McCrory in the second round.

Lewis, 1988 Olympic super heavyweight champion for Canada, outclassed McCrory from the first bell and felled his opponent twice with right uppercuts to the head in the second round.

The referee, who had allowed McCrory to continue after a first count of nine, finally counted him out one minute 30 seconds into the round.

For Lewis, now undefeated in 17 professional fights, it was little more than a workout ahead of his undercard appearance against Tyrell Biggs on the Mike Tyson-Evander Holyfield world heavyweight title bill in Las Vegas on November 8.

Army booters stay services champs

BOGRA, Oct 1: Bangladesh Army retained the title of inter-service Soccer Championship when they defeated Air Force by 2-1 in their last match held at Bogra Cantonment ground on Sept 28, according to an ISPR press release.

Lewis said he would be ready to fight for the world crown in a year.

All the goals were scored in the first half.

McCrory, former IBF cruiserweight world champion and ex-sparring partner of Tyson, was at a tremendous weight disadvantage and was on the ropes from the first round.

L Nk Hamid scored the first goal in the sixth minute of the play getting a pass from a right winger. Immediately after going 1-up Army players made another foray and Captain Shafiqul Alam (Capt) succeeded in the netting the second goal from a melee (2-0).

Lewis, now ranked in the top five by the three leading world bodies, made McCrory's nose bleed in the first round while his opponent merely resorted to body-hugging and grappling the champion's legs.

Meanwhile, Air Force players made several counter attacks which were foiled by the Army booters. However, three minutes before the breather Air Force again made a fruitful raid.

The bout was notable chiefly for its lack of pre-fight hype in the wake of the Michael Watson-Chris Eubank fight 10 days ago.



The skipper of the Bangladesh Army team which retained the Services soccer title seen receiving the trophy from Air Vice Marshal Altaf Hossain Chowdhury at Bogra Cantonment on Sept 28. Area Commander of Bogra Maj General Sadiqur Rahman Chowdhury is on the left.—ISPR photo



Reazuddin Ahmed, President, Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists, and Deputy Editor, The Daily Star, giving away trophies among the winners of the swimming and rowing championships held at Narandi on Sept 27 under the auspices of the local Nababitan Sangha.