

Brothers shock Abahani

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The first semifinal scheduled for tomorrow at 5 pm at the Mirpur Stadium. It also means that one of the two giants of Dhaka soccer will not make it to the final this year.

On the other hand, Brothers Union, by virtue of finishing top of Group 'B', will face the Group 'A' runners-up Fakirerpool Youngmen's Club in the second semifinal



WASEEM IQBAL



PIJUSH... quick thinking

Dhanmondi blank Army
Dhanmondi Club tasted its first victory in the eleventh Federation Cup football tournament at the floodlit Dhaka Stadium.

The Gopibagh boys led 1-0 at the breather through their ace medio Waseem Iqbal's 37th minute goal.
Abahani's shock defeat means the last year's runners-up will face the defending and Group 'A' champions Mohammedan Sporting Club in

the 23rd minute of the first half with a header following a corner kick by Sadur (1-0).

Khairi doubled the margin with a nice shot off a Faisal pass five minutes before the breather (2-0).
Faisal completed the tally with a power-packed volley from a goalmouth melee in the 20th minute of the second half (3-0).

Dhanmondi dominated the match all through and fully deserved their comfortable victory.

Dhanmondi were placed third in the Group B securing two points. They lost their first two matches against Abahani KC and Brothers Union respectively by a goal each.

For both Dhanmondi and Army it was their last group games in the round robin league tournament being played at the Dhaka Stadium.

Dhanmondi led the first half 2-0.

In the absence of their first eleven, the national champions Bangladesh Army lost all their three matches to finish last in the group.

Iqbal put Dhanmondi ahead

with determination and according to a well-planned strategy which left the over-confident Abahani side in complete disarray.

Star-studded Abahani's weaknesses were fully exposed and exploited by the cool footballers from Gopibagh. Their midfielders Waseem Iqbal, Manik and Utam — the fleet-footed youngster from Tangail — reduced Abahani's highly overrated defence into a shambles and indeed it was a pity to watch the most expensive player of the South Asian region Abul Monem Munna and his colleague Rehan failing time and again to thwart the repeated Brothers onslaughts.

Two other Abahani defenders, leftback Alamgir and rightback Masud Rana, appeared overenthusiastic, leaving yawning gaps in the defence whenever they overlapped to help their forwards.

The Brothers defence manned by Iqbal, Rouf Babu, Pijush and Parvez, performed ably and hardly allowed any space to the famed Abahani strikers — Aslam, Rumi and Ghaus — who had such a heyday against the poor Bangladesh Army Thursday.

Utam, Manik and Rupu controlled the midfield, reducing the Abahani medios Mamun Joardar and Zakir into playing second fiddle.

Abahani came into the match on a very confident note by employing most of their men up front in order to neutralise their opponents' 5-3-2 combination.

Brothers, on the other hand, banked mostly on sporadic breakaway moves which in the end proved most effective in the end. Both teams took time to settle down. Most of the initial attacks by either side fizzled out well before the rival goalmouths.

The Abahani defence, trying too many offside traps, almost paid a heavy price in the 20th minute when Brothers Union's Ahmed Ali and Waseem — who left Abahani this season — smartly evaded the trap to race down, leaving Munna and Rehan helpless, goalkeeper Mohsin came out of the box, fouled Ahmed and thereby fouled the move.

Mohsin must consider himself lucky to have received only a yellow card from the referee for his act.

Five minutes later, Brothers were again unlucky not to have gone ahead when Waseem shot wide with Mohsin out of his position. Manik had brilliantly dodged past Munna, only to be foiled by an onrushing Abahani goalie and, on the rebound, Waseem drove wide.

In an identical move in the 37th minute, Mohsin succeeded in partially blocking another dangerous. Manik move, only to see Waseem slotting the ball into an empty net (1-0).

Abahani equalised in the third minute of the second half. Rouf Babu handled the ball inside the danger zone and Abahani's young left-back Masud Rana smartly converted the penalty (1-1).

Immediately afterwards, Rumi's quickly-taken shot was well saved by Brothers goalkeeper Ponir.

Mohsin who yesterday looked quite vulnerable, paid heavily when he unnecessarily rushed out of his post to punch an Ahmed Ali cross at the top of the box. The ball landed near the Brothers rightback Pijush who displayed a fine presence of mind to instantly take a powerful 40 yarder shot at the Abahani goal before Mohsin had time to get back, giving Brothers the winner in the 69th minute of play.

Abahani again pressed hard for the equaliser — which would have left them top of the group on goal difference after their flattering 7-0 win over Army last Thursday — but all their efforts came to no effect.

Parvez and Ata of Brothers Union and Masud Rana and Mohsin of Abahani were shown the yellow cards.

THE TEAMS

Brothers Union: Ponir, Pijush, Iqbal, Rouf Babu, Parvez, Utam, Manik, Rupu, Waseem (Jilani), Ata and Ahmed.

Abahani KC: Mohsin, Alamgir, Munna, Rehan, Masud Rana, Mamun Joardar, Zakir, Rubel, Aslam, Rumi and Ghaus (Ranjiti).

Giggs' glory

LONDON, Oct 12 : Manchester United's 17-year-old winger Ryan Giggs, who could make his debut for Wales against Germany this week, was named as the Barclays Young Eagle of the month for September on Saturday, reports AFP.

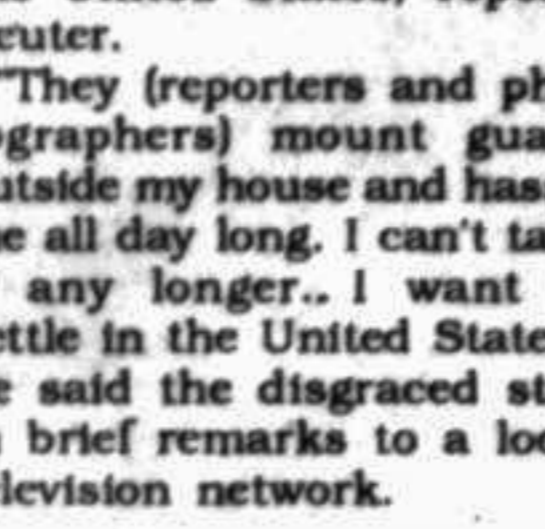
The teenager has set the English First Division alight with some tremendous displays as his side have shot to the top of the league.

He is expected to be among the substitutes when Wales take on world champions Germany in their European Championship clash in Nuremberg on Wednesday.

Maradona wants to settle in US

BUENOS AIRES, Oct 12 : Banned soccer star Diego Maradona said on Friday he was fed up with continual harassment by the Argentine media and wanted to quit his home-land to live in the United States, reports Reuter.

"They (reporters and photographers) mount guard outside my house and hassle me all day long. I can't take it any longer... I want to settle in the United States," he said the disgraced star in brief remarks to a local television network.



DIEGO MARADONA

Last month a representative of indoor club San Diego Sockers of the Major Soccer League flew to Buenos Aires to discuss opportunities in the United States for the former Napoli player once his world suspension for cocaine use expires in the summer of 1992.

Maradona, awaiting trial in Argentina on cocaine possession charges after his arrest on April 26, said there were people in Argentina who bore him ill will.

"I was out of the country for nine years and now there are people who can't stand me, perhaps because I made a lot of money. I might have made mistakes but my family shouldn't have to pay for them... I just want to be left in peace," he added.

Maradona, who led Argentina to their 1986 World Cup triumph, said he would have to obtain special permission to leave the country from the judge in charge of his case.

Tickets for the competition have been priced lower than previous tournaments in view of the general depression in the area since the Gulf war, and also to ensure full houses for the seven matches.

INDIAN DEMAND

Meanwhile, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), in an effort to pull themselves out of the red, have asked — and got — \$80,000 dollars as guarantee money for participation in the Sharjah Trophy. This is an additional 10,000 dollars paid to them since they were last here in

April 1990.

According to information reaching here from Bombay, the Indian Board officials were hedging earlier this year because they wanted the Cricketers Benefit Fund Series (CBFS), the organisers, to raise their guarantee money.

Former Indian Board Secretary Jagmohan Dalmiya had suggested this amount in a letter to Abdul Rahman Bukhatir last June.

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Sharjah Cup from Oct 17

On the following day arch-rivals India and Pakistan face off giving their fans here and back home a high pressure day.

The next day, Oct 19, sees India take on the West Indies. The teams then play each other again after a day's break on Sunday, Oct 20, and the two top teams after the six matches will play for the winners' purse of 30,000 dollars. The losers will get half that amount.

The final will be played on Friday, Oct 25.

With the three countries involved in the Sharjah tournament fine-tuning their act for the World Cup early next year, it is quite likely that their World Cup squads will be in action here starting later this week.

Other than the top prize, the winner of each round robin match will get 3000 dollars and the loser 2000 dollars. As usual, the man-of-the-match each day will earn 500 dollars while the man-of-the-series will pick up 3,500 dollars.

The 50-overs-a-side matches are scheduled to start at 9 am local time (11:00 am BST) and finish around 5:45 pm (7:45 BST). Sri Lankan umpires will supervise the matches. Pakistan and India are likely to telecast live all their matches.

The Sharjah Stadium is being given a face-lift for the meet.

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a five-Test tour of Australia, followed by a triangular Benson & Hedges World Series and the World Cup in February.

SCANDAL

The red hue around the monetary position of the Indian Board is due to the lack of tours by the Indians in the recent past and also a massive 1,28,500 pound sterling scandal which rocked the financially-sound Board last year.

A souvenir, published during India's tour of England in 1990, brought in that sum, which was to have augmented the Indian players' meagre tour allowances and also put something in the Indian Board's kitty.

However, till now, neither the players nor the Board have seen a single rupee of that amount, although Raj Singh Durgapur, the tour manager, was authorised by the BCCI to publish the souvenir.

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Connors won't give up

NEW YORK, Oct 12 : Jimmy Connors would play on a senior circuit — it is his circuit. And if it's somewhere deep in the future, reports AP. For now, Connors wants to stay in the major leagues, and his tournament schedule for 1992 will be his busiest in years.

"I've got a full schedule next year," Connors said Thursday. "I'm going to Lyon, Stockholm, Paris and London through November, then if I can play 16-17-18 tournaments and all the Grand Slams next year, it would be great."

"I always thought I would play until I'm 26 or 27, then try to be a lawyer, which was what I really wanted to do when I was growing up. But tennis has kept me going, more money came into it and it enabled me to do what I want to do."

What the 39-year-old Connors wants to do — still — is play ball with the big boys. And his performance at the US Open, getting to the semifinals and upending a bunch of much younger players in spectacular fashion along the way, has confirmed to Connors he still belongs.

"I wanted to get back into the top 100 by the end of this year and the only way to do that was play more tennis," said Connors, now ranked 55th after entering the Open at No 174. "I needed more wins and I did that during the summer and with my finish at the Open this year."

"I was close to never playing again due to my injury. A lot of people thought I walked away from the game. They should know me better than that."

"Most people are lucky to have a first shot and here I am having a second shot."

Of course, the picture is not entirely positive. Unusual and unattractive proposals, such as a winner-take-all meeting with top-ranked woman Monica Seles, get mixed in with the enticing and legitimate.

"We had some discussions with the guy," Connors said. "Would it be fun to play her? Probably... in six or seven years from now."

Vilas in Connors's footsteps

PEMBROKE PINES, Florida, Oct 12: Guillermo Vilas is on the comeback trail, complete with his familiar 1970s long hair and headband and looping topspin strokes, but he says he's not following the path of look-alike Bjorn Borg but of boxer George Foreman and the inspirational Jimmy Connors, reports Reuter.

The 39-year-old Argentine won his first match in more than two years this week after being forced into tennis limbo in 1989 because of a severe elbow injury.

Since returning to the circuit in July, Vilas lost four first-round matches in minor ATP Tour matches in Brazil and Colombia. But on Wednesday Vilas, ranked 852nd in the world, beat 135th-ranked American Brad Pearce 6-2, 6-2 at the Pembroke Pines championship, a new 75,000-dollar ATP tournament.

He lost his next match, a tough three-setter to 24-year-old German Karsten Braasch, but Vilas is encouraged.

"I'm playing better every time," said Vilas, who was inducted into the tennis hall of fame in Newport, Rhode Island, this summer. "Two years is not such a long time but when you don't play tennis completely you forget everything."

With five home around the world, Vilas said money was not the reason for his return. "I want to retire when I don't want to play anymore, not because of an injury," Vilas said. "I still enjoy to play and that's the number one reason. I have nothing to prove to anybody but myself that I can still compete."

Vilas was the top player in the world in 1977, winning the French Open and then beating Connors to win the US Open. He won 21 tournaments and 140 matches that year. He has won 61 titles in all and was ranked in the top 10 from 1974-83.

Vilas said he was emulating Foreman, not Borg, after ob-



GUILLELMO VILAS IN ACTION

Tiggelen called up

AMSTERDAM, Oct 12 : Dutch coach Rinus Michels has recalled experienced defender Andri Van Tiggelen for next week's potentially decisive European Soccer Championship qualifier against Portugal in Rotterdam, reports Reuter.

Van Tiggelen, 34, a member of the 1988 championship-winning side and World Cup team, has not played for the Netherlands since October 17, 1990, when they lost their opening Group six qualifying game in Portugal.

The tall defender moved from Belgian club Anderlecht to PSV Eindhoven at the beginning of this season but has played only a few matches since recovering from a broken foot.

AC Milan midfielder Frank Rijkaard also returns to the squad for his first major international after quitting the national team following a disappointing 1990 World Cup.

Rijkaard, who played in last month's friendly against Poland, a 1-1 draw, links up with his club mates Ruud