

Mirpur JS, Sonali Bank in Kabaddi final

Sports Reporter
The aspirants Mirpur Juba Sangha and Sonali Bank Club moved into the final of the Dhaka kabaddi league yesterday at the Outer Stadium kabaddi court.

Mirpur Juba Sangha crushed Jurani Janata 31-8 in the one-sided semifinal match.

The winners led 5-2 at the breather and earned five points. In the other semifinal, Sonali Bank just scraped through defeating Azad Sporting Club. Both teams failed to earn any points in the regulation time.

In the extra time the score was two-all (2-2) and since Sonali Bank scored the first point in the extra time and according to the by-laws, if the teams are tied after extra time, then the team which scores the first point will be declared winners.

The third place play-off match, between Jurani Janata and Azad SC will be held today at 5 pm.

The final match is scheduled for August 31.

17 get DU Blue awards

Seventeen sportmen have been awarded the "Dhaka University Blue" for their outstanding contributions in sports, reports AP.

Names of the Dhaka University Blues are: Football — Badal Kumar Roy, Ashrafuddin Ahmed Channu, Abu Mohammed Abdullah Shaikh and M. Abdul Gaffar; Cricket — Wahidul Ghani, Nehal Hasanain, Gazi Ashraf Hossain Lipu, Dr. Asaduzzaman Misha and T. Z. Munir; Hockey — Khwaja Manzoor Nadim and Sajed Akil Ahmed Adel; Badminton — Sultan Arefin Badar; Judo — Ibrahim Hossain Hiru; Table Tennis — Kazi Zebunnissa Dila; Athletics — M. Rownakul Islam, and two others — Sheikh Zafar Aziz Mukul and Naimul Hossain Badal.

The award will be handed over at a ceremony after reopening of the University.

Jury hears testimony in Tyson case

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug 24: A grand jury took testimony from five witnesses Friday in an investigation into an allegation of rape against former heavyweight champion Mike Tyson, authorities said, reports AP.

Tyson has been accused by a beauty pageant contestant of raping her in an Indianapolis hotel room on July 19, when the former champ was in town for Indiana Black Expo, a celebration of black culture.

No charges have been filed and spokesman for Tyson have denied the charge.

The six-member jury was impaneled Aug 12. Authorities said so far about 20 witnesses have given testimony. Under Indiana law, grand jury proceedings are conducted in secret.

The office of Marion County Prosecutor Jeffrey Modisett said Tyson, 25, has been issued a subpoena designating him as a target of the investigation. Modisett has said he hopes the jury, which had been scheduled to meet about once a week, will complete its business by Labour Day.

The woman was a contestant in the Miss Black America pageant, which was held in conjunction with Black Expo. Tyson made promotional appearance for both events.

The former champion left Indianapolis around dawn on July 19, according to Black Expo officials.

Rosie Jones, 27, of Bridgeport, Conn, who was Miss Black America 1990, also has filed a \$100 million federal lawsuit in New York claiming Tyson grabbed her waist and "rear end" while they were being photographed.

Chittagong Open chess begins

CHITTAGONG, Aug 24: The Chittagong District Open chess competition '91 began at the CJKP Gymnasium today, reports BSS.

A total of 118 competitors including four women and some national-level players are participating in the competition being held on a Swiss league system.

A simple function held in this connection at the gymnasium was attended by CJKP Joint Secretary (Sports) Selim Abedin as chief guest and Prof. Salma Chowdhury as special guest.

Humayun Kabir presided over the function.

India beat Kenya

NEW DELHI, Aug 24: India beat Kenya 2-0 (halftime 1-0) in their first hockey Test on Friday, reports Reuters.

Scorers: Jagbir Singh (third minute), Pargat Singh (47th).

English quickies hit back



LONDON, Aug 24: Sri Lanka, resuming at 75 for two, were 224 all out in reply to England's first innings total of 282 on the third day of their five-day cricket Test at Lord's on Saturday, reports Reuters.

Scoreboard at tea on the third day of the Test between England and Sri Lanka here on Saturday.

An earlier report said Phillip DeFreitas two claimed victims, while Ian Botham and David Lawrence grabbed one apiece as the minnows of Test cricket slid to 148 for six by lunch in pursuit of England's 282 on Saturday.

England 101 for one in second knock

England were 101 for one in their second innings at close to play on the third day of their one-off cricket Test at Lord's on Saturday. Skipper Graham Gooch was batting on sixty with Alec Stewart who was seven not out when the stumps were drawn. The only England batsman out was Hugh Morris who scored 23.

England's start to the third day could hardly have been better. Dangerman Aravinda de Silva cut DeFreitas second ball of the day for Chris Lewis to take a stinging catch in the gully.

The loss of the tourists skipper came without addition to the tearaway 75 for two in which De Silva hit a dismissive 42 in 30 deliveries.

Botham then claimed Test victim number 380 when Roshan Manhanama was caught behind off inside edge and pad. But he stood his ground until Botham made the formality of appealing to umpire Dickie Bird, who agreed.

Dashing left-hander Santhan Jayasuriya reeled off two superb fours, but failed to keep down a rising ball from DeFreitas and Robin Smith scooped up the gully catch at 105.

Chandika Hathurusinghe and Hashan Tilakaratne held

up England for nearly 20 overs in adding a dour, but useful 34. However, 10 minutes before the break Tilakaratne jabbed a short leg catch to Hugh Morris off Lawrence after making 20.

Hathurusinghe was still there at the break, having batted all through the innings so far for 45.

At the close of play on Friday, Sri Lanka recovered from a slow start to end the day on 75 for two.

The visitors lost two wickets to Phil DeFreitas shortly after coming in to bat against England in the late afternoon of a day of play shortened by rain.

But after struggling to 22 for two, Chandika Hathurusinghe and Aravinda de Silva rallied Sri Lanka to 75 without losing another wicket. De Silva

Rain thwarts Essex chase

LONDON, Aug 24: Title-chasing Essex were thwarted by both the rain and Lancashire's sixth wicket pair Warren Hegg and Dexter Flitton in the county championship at Old Trafford on Friday, reports Reuters.

Former England pace bowler Neil Foster took four wickets, three of them in one spell, to reduce Lancashire to 139 for five.

But by the close of the opening day, during which only 49 overs were bowled, Lancashire had recovered to 175 for five.

Last year's champions Middlesex suffered another dismal batting display after opting to bat against Worcestershire at New Road.

They were dismissed for 189 on a pitch ideally suited to the Worcestershire medium pace bowlers Stuart Lampitt, who took four for 53, and Chris Tolley (three for 40).

Paul Weeks hit eight fours in an unbeaten 57.

Prolific South African opener Jimmy Cook was the day's top scorer with 79 as Somerset reached 264 for six against Yorkshire at Taunton, one of the driest of Friday's championship venues.

was unbeaten on 42 at the close of play, while Hathurusinghe was not out on 19.

England, which resumed Friday on 229 for six, added only 53 more runs before being bowled out. Ramesh Ratnayake did most of the damage, dismissing the last three batsmen.

Ratnayake finished the first innings with five wickets for 69 runs, the fifth time in his test career he has taken five wickets in an innings.

SCOREBOARD

Lunch scoreboard on the third day of the Test

England first innings 282 (A. J. Stewart 113 not out, R. J. Ratnayake 5-69)

Sri Lanka first innings: D. S. B. Kuruppu b DeFreitas 5

U. C. Hathurusinghe c Tufnell b DeFreitas 66

A. P. Gurusingha lbw b DeFreitas 4

P. A. De Silva c Lewis b DeFreitas 42

R. S. Mahanama c Russell b Botham 2

S. T. Jayasuriya c Smith b DeFreitas 11

H. P. Tilakaratne c Morris b Lawrence 20

R. J. Ratnayake b DeFreitas 52

C. P. H. Ramanayake lbw b DeFreitas 0

K. I. W. Wijegunawardene not out 6

S. D. Anurasi b Lawrence 15

Extras 224

Total 224

Fall of wickets: 1-12, 2-22, 3-75, 4-86, 5-105, 6-139, 7-213, 8-213, 9-220.

Qualifying cricket

Sports Reporter

Kathal Bagan Sporting Club moved into the group final of the qualifying cricket for the Second Division league yesterday at the City Club ground at Mirpur.

Kathal Bagan SC scored an exciting six runs victory over Maghbaraz Kishokoy Sangha.

Kathal Bagan, batting first were fouled out for 82 runs in 19.5 overs and, in reply, due to some tight bowling, Maghbaraz KS managed 80 for the loss of six wickets in their allotted overs.



Alec Stewart of England cuts the bowling of SD Anurasini during second day's play in the England-Sri Lanka Test March at Lord's on August 23. — AFP photo

Bubka sets sights on 6.25m



TOKYO, Aug 24: Sergei Bubka is thinking about the ultimate pole vault of 6.25 metres — but he can't see too many of his rivals ever reaching the six-metre mark, reports Reuters.

The Soviet Union's compulsive world record breaker has set eight new marks this year — four indoor and four outdoor — to take his career tally to an astonishing 28.

His latest on August 5 in Malmo, Sweden, took his outdoor world record to 6.10 metres.

"I think I could jump 6.20 or even 6.25 metres," Bubka said at a news conference on the eve of the World Athletics Championships where he aims for a third successive title.

"But it would probably be indoors, outdoors there are so many problems with the weather."

Bubka's fourth indoor record last winter took the bar to 6.12 metres in Grenoble, France.

"The powerful Ukrainian has cleared six metres 17 times, first clearing the barrier in 1985 in Paris."

Only one other vaulter has ever done so, his Soviet arch-rival Rodion Gataullin, who twice went over in indoor meetings in 1989, reaching 6.02.

Ironically, Gataullin also cleared six metres later the same year at the Tokyo national stadium where the world championships are being held.

But such is Bubka's dominance of the event, he never has to worry what his rivals are doing.

Asked who would be the next vaulter to clear 6.10, Bubka was clearly short of an

answer. "That's not realistic," he said. "We should talk first about who will be the next to jump six metres."

The most likely, he added, was the young Hungarian Istvan Bagulya, who is second this year with 5.92.

Since bursting on the scene to capture the world title as an unknown 19-year-old at Helsinki in 1983, Bubka has rarely had a serious rival.

His first defeat in a major championships came last year when Gataullin took the European title in split, Yugoslavia, while Bubka, not fully recovered from a back injury, came sixth.

It would be a major shock if Bubka, in the best form of his remarkable career, did not average that defeat in Tokyo.

Last year he changed his trainer and in the winter he altered his technique, switching the position of his hands on the pole slightly. The eight world records were the result.

"It was just a small mistake in my technique which I couldn't explain," Bubka said.

Other important changes may be in the offing. There have been suggestions in recent months that Bubka may move from Donetsk and live in

Abahani win

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Abahani KC won 2-0 against Sirtoy Sporting on the inaugural day of the super-league phase of the Rajshahi First Division football yesterday at the Rajshahi Stadium.

Six teams have qualified for the super league. The teams are Allied Sporting, Diganta Prashari, Tiger SC and Rajshahi KSS.

the west possibly in Berlin or Paris.

"It's possible I may go," he said. "But I would have to take my family with me and my coach, too, if possible."

Bubka has increased the world record by 27 centimetres in seven great years of vaulting, relinquishing it only once to Frenchman Thierry Vigneron who was allowed to hold it for just 10 minutes in Rome in August 1984.

Stung by Vigneron's 5.91-metre vault, Bubka immediately reclaimed possession with a 5.94-metre effort at the same meeting.

His improvement in the record is almost as impressive as American Bob Beamon's incredible 8.90-metre "Leap into the 21st century" in the men's long jump at the Mexico Olympic since 1968, which shattered the old mark by 55 centimetres.

But Bubka has preferred to take the record up slowly, usually one centimetre at a time, drawing criticism that he is more interested in making as much money as possible from the bonus organisers' offer for each new mark than in jumping the 6.20 most think he is capable of.

However, Bubka has always denied his prime motivation is money. He likes to put on a show for the athletics public, he said, and the world record attempts he makes at virtually every meeting he performs in to do just that.

A remarkable sprinter, who says he regularly clocks 10.2 seconds in training over 100 metres, Bubka combines his speed with huge strength, particularly in the shoulders.

"The important part is the run-up, especially the last few steps," he said. "That's what really counts."

Damilano wins first gold of Tokyo meet Even rain fails to stop Lewis



TOKYO, Aug 24: Two walk records, rain and moments of chaos marked the opening Saturday of the 3rd track and field World Championships, reports AP.

Maurizio Damilano of Italy retained his world title in the men's 20-kilometer walk in 1 hour, 19 minutes, 37 seconds while Alina Ivanova of the Soviet Union took the women's 10-kilometer walk in 42 minutes, 56 seconds for the opening golds of the championships.

Carl Lewis also created a sensation, with a fabulous 9.80 seconds in the round of the men's 100 meters, but with a wind of 4.3 meters per second. The wind-aided performance was the third fastest of all times under any condition. Lewis ran a wind aided 9.78 at the 1988 Olympic trials and Czandaa's Ben Johnson ran an outlawed 9.19 at Seoul the same year.

American Leroy Burrell holds the world record at 9.90. Damilano broke his own 1987 meet record of 1:20:45, and Ivanova beat the championship record of 44:12 set by compatriot Irina Strakhova in 1987.

But as Damilano and Mikhail Shchennikov of the Soviet Union entered the National Stadium in the final stages of their race, they nearly tripped over the starting blocks for the men's 100-meter heats.

It was a moment of utter chaos. Besides the blocks, the crowded area also was strewn with bags and clothing of the sprinters, who were unaware of what was going on behind their backs.

Officials scrambled to clear the path and to set up flower pots separating the walk from the rest of the track. The two walkers jumped through piles of gear as they tried to continue their race.

Damilano, who was leading, almost fell and in the confusion, the Russian moved ahead to the finish as if he has won.

Gazza out to prove himself

ROME, Aug 24: England international Paul Gascoigne said on Friday he wanted to prove he had been right to join Lazio instead of one of Italy's better-known clubs, reports Reuters.

The World Cup midfielder, recovering from a serious knee injury, told a news conference in Rome that he hoped to play again by the end of January.

"It's going well. I should be kicking a ball again by Christmas. I'd like to try and be back playing by the end of January," he said.

But Lazio general manager Carlo Regalia doubted an early return, saying he expected him to be match fit by March.

Gascoigne arrived in Rome to a rapturous welcome from thousands of Lazio fans on Thursday and the Rome-based national sports daily Corriere dello Sport on Friday dedicated its front and back pages entirely to him.

"I've come here to prove everyone wrong. I've done it before and I'll do it again," said Gascoigne, whose 8.8-million dollar transfer from London's Tottenham to Lazio was completed on August 1.

Gascoigne said he hoped to be fit enough to be considered for England's squad for the European Championship finals in Sweden next summer — if they qualify.

DPRK booters draw with China

TOKYO, Aug 24: North Korea and China battled to a 1-1 draw, while Singapore outplayed Nepal 4-1 in the Group E Asian Zone preliminary Olympic qualifying tournament in Pyongyang, the Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) reported today, reports AFP.

The matches were played Friday, the final day of the first round.

China and North Korea finished the first round of the Group's double round robin with an identical 4-1 win-loss record.

The second round of the tournament will be played in China, according to KCNA, monitored here.

Standings, after the first half of the round-robin (played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, goals against, points)

China	4	3	1	0	20	17
N Korea	4	3	1	0	12	17
Singapore	4	1	1	2	5	7
Maldives	4	1	1	2	17	3
Nepal	4	0	0	4	14	0

Title retained

SEOUL, Aug 24: Daniel Zaragoza of Mexico retained his World Boxing Council (WBC) super-bantamweight title when he beat South Korean challenger Huh Chun on points over 12 rounds in Seoul on Saturday, reports Reuters.

But they still had one lap to go in the stadium, and the Italian managed to open a 20-meter lead for victory.

The 34-year-old veteran, who won the Olympic gold in 1980 and held bronzes from 1984 and 1988, said his win made him the greatest walker of all time.

"No other walker has won all these medals in a career spreading over 11 years," he said. "This is the greatest day in my life."

Shchennikov had taken the lead after 17.5 kilometers (11 miles), but Damilano made a strong comeback and moved back ahead again with less than a kilometer (half a mile) to the finish.

Rain and the incredible humidity of the Japanese capital hampered the event throughout.

Another Soviet competitor, Yegenty Misayula, took the bronze when Daniel Plaza of Spain was disqualified. The Soviets lodged a complaint over the chaos at the stadium entrance, but it was rejected.

Ivanova let Madelein Svensson of Sweden do the hard work of thinning the leading pack in the women's event with a strong pace from the third to the seventh kilometer (second to fourth mile). The Russian then took sole command of the event with determination and was a clear winner.

Svensson was second in 43:13, the same time as third placer Sari Esayyah of Finland. That put two Scandinavians in the medals.

The weather really upset the men's 100 meters. A strong wind blew during three of the four second round heats.

Lewis ran a perfect race, with an excellent start and a strong push. He stood up and looked sideways at Linford Christie of Britain, the Seoul silver medalist, as they crossed the finish line. Christie had 9.90.

Frank Fredericks of Namibia ran 9.89, aided by a 4.1-meter-per-second wind. Burrell, Lewis' teammate at the Santa Monica track club, ran the only heat with legal wind, 1.5 meters per second, and had a modest time of 10.11.

"All year long people have tried to count me out," Lewis said. "I have yet to run best race. I had two good ones here today, now they are in the memory bank. I wish I could take this second race into the final."

Burrell was not too happy. "Any decent sprinter can

run 9.80 in a 5-meter wind. No surprise Carl did it. He is a good runner," Burrell said.

Tabulation of medals won at the 3rd track and field World Championships after Saturday's events:

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