Mamun shines for Abahani

Sports Reporter



the fourth minute of the second half rear's runners-up

Krira Chakra to register a comfortable 1-0 neighbours victory over Dhanmondt Club in their inaugural Group 'B' round robin league match of the eleventh Federation Cup football tournament yesterday afternoon at the Dhaka Stadium.

Abahani K C playing directly in the robin league by virtue of having been one of the four semifinalist in last year's champtonship, dominated the proceeding most of the time against Dhanmondi Club who topped Group 'A' of the qualifying phase.

In fact, Dhanmondi can consider themselves rather lucky not to have gone down by a bigger margin.

Some unpardonable mistakes by the star-studded Abahani forward line deprived the reigning NBL Senior Division league champions of at least three clear goal scoring chances.

Besides, to the changing of their fans, two of Abahani's at tempts at the Dhanmondi goal hit the crosspicce and returned to play.

Abahani, coached by former national star Kazi Salauddin, took time to settle down once they did, they took full control , of the game, bombarding their rivals territory time and again. Some defending by the Dhanmondi defence and also a

Seven countries

to take part in

Bangladesh Open

Seven countries have so far

confirmed their participation

in the Bangladesh Open junior

.tennis championships to be

held at the National Tennis

Complex at Ramna from

November 18 to 24, reports

The countries are

Pakistan, India, Saudi Arabia,

The organisers are expect-

ing some more countries to

the meet - a regular event of

the International Tennis

The boys and girls of the

participating countries will

compete for the honours of

boys singles and doubles, girls

Seles tops the

rankings

Oct 8: The top 20 women's

singles rankings issued by the

Women's Tennis Association

Steffi Graf (Germany).

Jennifer Capriati (US).

10. Manuela Maleeva-Frag-

13. Leila Meskhi (Soviet

14. Helena Sukova (Czechos-

15. Nathalie Tauziat (France).

16. Judith Wiesner (Austria).

18. Barbara Paulus (Austria).

19. Natalia Zvereva (Soviet

17. Gigi Fernandez (US).

niere (Switzerland).

Monica Seles (Yugoslavia).

Gabriela Sabatini (Argen

Martina Navratilova (US).

Arantxa Sanchez Vicario

Mary Joe Fernandez (US).

Conchita Martinez (Spain).

Jana Novotna (Czechos-

Maleeva

on Monday, reports Reuter.

(Spain)

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20. Lort McNeil (US).

(Bulgaria).

12. Zina Garrison (US).

ST PETERSBURG, Florida,

Federation Group Four.

singles and doubles.

the Soviet Union, Austria,

Poland, Germany.

BSS.

couple of stilly misses by the Abahani forwards allowed Dhanmondi to escape humil

Mohsin the Abahani custodian was hardly disturbed by tame Dhanmondi forwards.



MAMUN. Abahani hero

Their defence, led by the most expensive footballer of the South Asian region - Munna and their tall stopper back.

Rehan and the two young right and left full backs -Masood Rana and Alamgir stood like the rock of Gibraltar, hardly allowing space to their inexperienced

But, on the other hand, winger Golam Ghaus, striker Shetkh Mohammed Aslam and young fielders Zakir and Rubel failed to impress the 25,000strong crowd with their performances. Mamun Joarder

Minister for Agriculture.

Irrigation, Water Development

and Flood Control M Majidul

Haq was underscored the need

to sketch out a common plan

for the development of sports,

art and culture in the SAARC

great plan have to be sowed

now for the benefit of our pos-

ing the ninth meeting of the

SAARC technical committee on

sports, art and culture which

meeting presided by MA Rouf,

Chairperson of SAARC techni-

The inaugural session of the

began in the capital yesterday.

He said the seeds of this

The Minister was inaugurat-

countries, reports UNB.

and Rumt were in the fine nick and were a constant pain in neeks of the Dhanmondi de-

Mamun Joarder, Abahani's new rectuit from Victoria Sporting Club, was the pick of the Abahani lot with his untiring efforts which must have embarrassed the more seasoned Abahani stars in the field.

Dhanmondi, on the other hand, understandably adopted the defensive posture by crowding their defence with additional players. Iqbal did a very good job in marking the ace Abahani striker Aslam with great success. Skipper Saifu, Ata and Pons worked with great dedication to thwart the Abahani raids after raids.

The first notable Abahani move came in the 16th minute of the match when Ghaus corss went a begging with Aslam and Rumi failing to connect when the Dhanmondi goalkeeper Toyeb was out of position.

Two minutes later. Dhanmondi had two close calls, first Mamun's measured cross slipping from Tayeb's grasp and Aslam failing to push from a position barely five yards from the goalline. In the very next minute Rumi also failed in an identical manner off another Mamun cross from the right blank.

In the 27th minute of the game Aslam failed to beat Dhanmondi goalic off Mamun's lovely through pass.

Ghaus and Rumi spoiled two scoring chances before the short whistle.

Call for common plan for

uplift of SAARC sports

Bangladesh.

Sports Ministry of

"The SAARC countries share

a common heritage ", Majidul

Hao said adding that there

have to be concerted efforts to

ensure their proper develop-

Sports Sadeque Hossain

Khoka, State Minister for

Cultural Affairs Prof Jahanara

Begum, Director of SAARC

Secretariat QAMA Rahim and

Brig (retd) Muhammad Ayyub,

Joint Secretary for Culture and

Sports Division of Pakistan,

spoke on the opening function.

State Minister for Youth and

ment in different fields.

Abahani came back in the second half with more determination. In the very fourth minute of the second half, a Dhanmondi defender was forced to make a hasty clearance after a dangerous long throw in from an overlapping right back Alamgir; the ball landed near the unmarked Mamun Joarder about five yards outside the box, and Mamun, with a tremendous left-booter, scored a spectacular goal (1-0).

The rest to the second half was a story of the Abahani forwards spoiling a series of

Rumi's header in the 29th minute and Mamun's long drive two minutes from final whistle hit the crosspicee with the Dhanmondi goalie completely beaten.

Aslam missed two sitters and Rumi selfishly shot wide with Ghaus and Aslam standing barely few yards from the

Abahani will play their next match against national champions Bangladesh Army tomorrow (Thursday) at 6.00 pm.

Mamun Joardar, Golam Ghaus of Abahant and Khabir of Dhanmondi were shown the yellow card by referee Muzaffar Hossain.

TEAMS

ABAHANI KC - Mohsin, Alamgir Rehan, Munna, Masud Rana, Rubel, Zakir, Mamun, Aslam (Swapan), Rumi and Ghaus.

DHANMONDI Club — Tayeb. Ata, Saifu, Pons, Igbal, Khasru, Faisal, Khabir, Javed, Biswajit (Salam) and Badal.

Bangladesh's readiness to co-

operate in any endeavour for

enhancing friendly rapport

He suggested holding of

In all 20 delegates, three

tournaments on joint basis and

exchange of ideas for futhering

from India, two each from

Pakistan, Bhutan, Maldives,

one each from Nepal and Sri

Lanka and nine from host

Bangladesh are participating at

The decision of the techni-

cal committee meeting will be.

placed in the sixth SAARC

summit to be held in the Sri

the three-day conference.

mutual relationship.

among the SARRC countries.

Brothers' hard-fought win Dhaka hosts South Asian U-16 soccer Sports Reporter

Dhanmondi Club's Badal (No. 18) and Iqbal (e) try to block a brilliant scissors volley by Abahani Krira Chakra's star

striker Shiekh Mohammad Aslam in yesterday afternoon's Federation Cup football Group B round robin league match at

in December

the Dhaka Stadium. Abahani won 1-0.

A South Asian football tournament for the under-16 boys will be held in Dhaka in December, reports BSS.

The decision was taken at the ninth technical committee meeting of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) in Dhuka yesterday with Additional Secretary-in-Charge of the Ministry of Youth and Sports M A Rouf in the chair.

uled for October-November last year

was scheduled to be held in Nepal last year, is likely to take place in Colombo, Sri Lanka next year as the Lankan delegate Dr KDG Yimala Ratne showed his country's interest in hosting the event.

Title aspirants Brothers Union scored a facile 1 0 win over the national cham-

pion Bangladesh Army in the second match of Group 'B' yesterday at the flood-lit Dhaka Stadium. The first half was barren.

Four matches of the round robin league had been held till last evening and the most interesting thing to note was that neither of the top four teams — Mohammedan Sporting, Abahani KC, Brothers Union and Muktijoddha Sangshad — failed to score in the first 45 minutes of their matches and moreover, none of them have been able to

Brothers Union who, qualified directly in the robin league for being one of the semifinalists last year and

a torn ankle ligament, Liosif

Roteriu of Turkish club

Galatasaray is suffering a recur-

ring sciatic condition and at-

tacking midsielder Ovidiu

Sabau, from Dutch club

Munteanu, from Dinamo

Bucharest, is the most out-

standing to several young new

five-team group, five points

behind leaders Switzerland

Prunea, Dan Petrescu, Ghe-

orghe Popescu, Adrian Pope-

scu, Gheorghe Mihali, Emil

Sandoi, Michael Klein, Marius

Cheregi, Daniel Timoste, Ionut

Lupescu, Dorinel Muntcanu,

Ion Timofte, Marius Lacatus,

Gheorghe Hagi, Florin Radu-

cioiu, Ilie Dumitrescu, Sebas-

with two games in hand.

Utility player Dorinel

Romania are fourth in the

Squad: Silviu Lung, Florin

Feyenoord, has a broken toc.

score more than one goal.

Bangladesh Army who topped Group 'D' in the knock-out qualifying stage, put up a closefought encounter with neither side were in full control of the

The match was mostly con-

fined in the midfield and the

only notable move come in the first half came when Uttam's teasing cross saw Samrat receiving inside the Army box only to shoot wide with goalkeeper Bibhash Kanti at his

Ahmed, coming in the second half as Brothers' substitute for midfielder Amer Khan, soon proved his worth. In the 58th minute of the

match, Ahmed picking up a fine pass from Manik at the right flank tactfully dribbled past Army defender Ali Asgar to beat the on-rushing goalie Bibhash with a neat grounder

But the soldiers kept pressing hard for equaliser. Striker Mukhtar's shot was will saved by Brothers goalkeeper Ponir for a corner,

Then two good attempts by midfielder Sadrul just went

- Star photo

Brothers grimly clung to their one-goal lead till the final

whistle. Brothers Union will play their next match against Dhanmondi Club tomorrow at

TEAMS

Brothers Union : Ponir, Pijush, Iqbal, Ameer Khan (Ahmed), Moon, Parvez Ata, Uttam, Manik, Samrat and

Bangladesh Army : Bibhash, Hamid, Selim, Asgar, Ershad. Shafiqul, Mohidul, Sadrul, Muktar, Mujibur and Aslam (Rahim)

Referee: M. R. Mukul.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Muktijoddha vs Fakirerpool

"Roy offers us that. He is a

Scotland trail Switzerland

by a point in Group Two with a

game in hand, but need at least

a point against Romania to

have a chance a qualifying for

concern about central de-

fender Dave McPherson, who

suffered a knee injury on

Roxburgh also has a serious

next year's finals in Sweden.

real influence on the squad

and he is very much a players'

Mohammedans Wanderers (6 pm).

cal committee and Additional Minister for Youth and Sports Lankan capital Colombo on Sadeque Hossain assured Secretary in charge of Youth November 7. Juniors in Portuguese line-up

In his speech, State



LISBON, Oct 8: Two players, who helped Portugal win the World youth soccer title

June, have been chosen for the European Championship qualifier against the Netherlands on October 16, reports Reuter.

Midfielders Emilion Peixe and Luis Figo have already been named in the squad for Portugal's friendly against Luxembourg three days before they face the Dutch in Rotterdam.

The pair will be joined in the 19-man squad for the European Group Six match by another uncapped player, defender Antonio Nogueira from league leaders Boavista.

Trainer Carlos Queiroz, who coached the Portuguese team to victory in the World Youth Championship, has also called up three players based abroad.

They are midfielder Rui Barros, who plays for Monaco, winger Paulo Futre from Atletico Madrid, and Occano

Cruz, who had just joined Spain's Real Socieded.

Portugal and Netherlands, the European Champions, lead Group Six with nine points each after six games, but the Dutch are ahead on goal difference.

Squad: Goalkeepers: Vitor Baia, Adelino Neno. Defenders: Joao Pinto, Futre.

Antonio Nogueira, Antonio Veloso, Pedro Venancio, Jose the Midfielders: Vitor Pancira,

Manuel Guimares, Emilio Peixe, Luis Figo, Oceanso Cruz, Rul Barros.

Fernando Couto, Smuel Quina,

Strikers: Joao Pinto (same name as defender). Cesar Brito, Jorge Cadete, Palulo

Poland, Iceland take lead

Scores:

YOKOHAMA, Japan, Oct 8 Poland and Iceland were leading in the first half of their respective semifinal encounters in the Bermuda Bowl World Bridge Championship on Monday, reports Reuter.

Poland, wanting revenge for their loss to Brazil in the 1989 World Championships semifinals, built up a moderate 135-87 lead against the defending champions.

In the other semifinal, leeland reversed an early deficit to take a 91-74 lead ver Sweden.

The second half of the semifinals will be concluded today.

Poland led Brazil 135-87 Iceland led Sweden 91-74

In the first half of the women's Venice Cup semifinals, Austria took a narrow 120-112 lead over China while US (11) clinched a 135-64 lead over US (1).

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RIO DE JANEI-RO, Oct 8: Brazil faced the prospect of being suspended from international so-

ecer after attempts to settle a dispute between the Brazilian Football Confederation (CBF) and Rio de Janciro club Flamengo ended in the failure, reports Reuter. FIFA, soccer's world

governing body, have given the two sides until midnight on Tuesday to end the dispute.

The problem began when flamengo filed a lawsuit against the CBF, breaking a FIFA statute which prohibits clubs or federations from taking disputes to a court of low.

Talks between CBF president Ricardo Teixeira, son-inlaw of FIFA president Joao llavelange, and Flamengo president Marcio Braga ended on Monday without an agreement. The two said they would ask FIFA to extend the Tuesday deadline. Flamengo went to court to

try to overturn the CBF's presidential election in July, when Teixeira was re-elected unopposed by the head of Brazil's 27 regional federations. Opponents said Teixeira

had brought forward the election to escape a planned change in the law which would have given the top 84 clubs the right to vote in the contest as

Braga said he would withdraw the lawsuit only if the CBF agreed to allow an independent sports tribunal to investigate the election.

"He has never let us down

ter the 1990 World Cup, was recalled to the injury-hit squad on and although there is no argu-Monday for next week's ment that this is a short-term measure I have no hesitation in picking him.'

Aitken called up

European soccer champion ship qualifier against Romania, reports Reuter. Manager Andy Roxburgh

needs the 32-year-old St Mirren player to shore up a defence missing the vastly experienced trio of Alex McLeish, Richard Gough and Gary Gilespie. "We have lost several senior

players for a very important away match and I felt we needed experience," said CBF risks ban to settle with Flamengo

Saturday, and Leeds captain

GLASGOW, Oct 8:

Former Scotland

captain Roy Ait

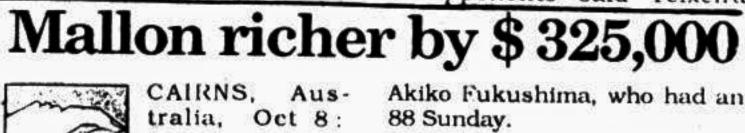
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Gordon Strachan who is struggling to overcome a hamstring problem. Squad: Andy Goram, Bryan

Gunn, Henry Smith, Steve Nicol, Craig Levein, Roy Aitken, Stewart McKimmie, Maurice Malpas, Davie McPherson, Michael Galloway, Tom Boyd, Gary McAllister, Stuart McCall, James McInally, Murdo Macleod, Gordon Strachan, John Robertson, Ally McCoist, Brian McClair, Maurice Johnston, Gordon



Abaliani striker Rumi dodges past Dhanmondi defender Pons (lying) in yesterday's Federation Cup soccer match at the - Star photo





tal of 216.

American Meg Mallon shot a final-round 71 Sunday to add the US dollars 325,000 World Championship of women's golf

to her impressive list of 1991 wins. Mallon, who won the Mazda Classic and the US Women's Open on the LPGA tour, finished 5 strokes ahead of coun-

trywoman Dottie Mochrie, who also shot a closing 71. Mallon

finished with a 3-under-par to-

First-round leader Danielle Ammaccapane and Juli Inkster, both LPGA tour regulars, were at 224. Ammaccapane had a final 77 while inkster had the best round of the day with a 70.

American Jane Geddes was two strokesback at 226 after a Former world champion

Amy Alcott, who needs just one more victory to enter the LPGA's Hall of Fame, had a 79 Sunday to finish at 242 - 23 strokes over par. She tied for last in the elite 16-woman field with Japanese amateur

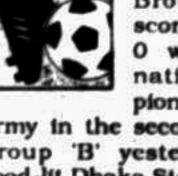
The tournament was held outside of the United States and Europe for the first time in its 12-year history. Last year it was held in Paris.

Final-round scores Sunday of the championship over the 6,358-yard (5,797-meter), par-73 Paradisc Palms Golf Course ('a' denotes amateur): Meg Mallon, United States

73-72-71-216; Dottie Mochrie, United States 71-78-71-221; Juli Inkster, United States 76-78-70-224; Jane Geddes, United States 73-76-77-226; Judy Dickinson. United States 75-77-75-227; Ayako Okamoto, Japan 76-77-76-229; Corinne Dibnah, Australia 72-80-78-230; Tammie Green, United States 73 78-79-230; Laura Davics, Britain 72-82-77-231; Deb Richards, United States 78-77-78-233; Cathy Gerring, United States 81-74-79-234; Betsy King, United States 81-77-76-234; Caroline Keggi, United States 79-77-79-235; A-Akiko Fukushima, Japan 79-75-88-242; Amy Alcott, United States 81-82-79-242.



Sampdoria's Glanluca Villar jumps in the air after scoring a goal against Ascoli in the Italian soccer championship in Genoa, Italy on Sept 30. Sampdoria beat Ascoli 4-0.



The tournament was sched-

A SAARC marathon, which

Injuries hit Romania Romania, already confronted by a demanding task to

reach next year's European Soccer Championship finals, have been hit by injuries to three key forwards ahead of their Group Two qualifier against Scotland on October 16, re-

Chief trainer Mircea Radulescu said when he announced his 18-man squad on

Monday for the Scotland game "We must win all three remaining matches, at home to Scotland and Switzerland and away against Bulgaria in Sofia." But he said the mission was juries to the attacking trio.

a daunting one because of in-Gavrila Blaint, who plays for Spain's Real Burgos, is out with

