

Mohammedans whip Pak Wapda

Sports Reporter

Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club were virtually assured of a second round passage when they recorded an emphatic 5-0 victory over the visiting Pakistan Wapda team in the qualifying first leg match of the eleventh Asian Club football championship yesterday at Dhaka Stadium.

Mohammedans led the first half 2-0 scored by striker Imliaz Ahmed Naqib.

Medio Syed Rumman Bin Walid Shabbir, striker Mizanur Rahman Mizan and substitute right winger Reazuddin Biswas added one goal each in the second half.

Pakistan Wapda now face a seemingly daunting task of scoring a straight 6-0 win over the Federation Cup champions in the return-leg match in Lahore on November 1 in order to qualify for the second round.

The Bangladesh team dominated the preceding outplaying the Pakistan champions in every department.

MSC goaltender Seyeed Hassan Kanan except for a couple of minutes, had a comfortable time under the bar.

Kaiser Hamid, Ahsanullah Montu, Jewel Rana and newly drafted leftback Saiful Bari Titu were hardly disturbed by Pakistani frontliners.

Syed Rumman Bin Walid

Shabbir, who is having a great season, was once again the player of the match. He exploited the weak Pakistani defence with some splendid forays and crosses. Roxy and Johnny helped Shabbir to completely dominate the mid-field.



NAQUIB

Mizan, Chandan Kumar Acharya and Naqib never allowed the Wapda defence line to breathe free.

Naqib opened the flood gate with a brilliant header from Shabbir's cross off a free kick taken from the right flank in the eleventh minute of the match (1-0).

Ten minutes later Naqib again found the mark with another smart header.

Midfielder Johnny floated a curling lob from the left side and Chandan dived full length to nod the ball but Pakistan goalkeeper Mateen Akhter jumped to his right to partially stop and, on the rebound, the ever-agile Naqib nodded past the helpless goalkeeper (2-0).

Wapda came in the second half with a positive attitude. Right winger Abid Hossain's shot saw Kanan stretching fully to his right to stop the ball in the 56th minute. One minute later Wapda's Asgar Ali's powerful shot off a corner kick was stopped at the goal line by MSC stopper back Jewel Rana.

Shabbir was rewarded for his untiring efforts in the 63rd minute when the brilliant midfielder fired a powerful angular grounder into the far corner of the net completely beating the Wapda goalie 3-0.

The spade work of the goal was done by the selfless medio Mahub Hossain Roxy.

Mizan and substitute Reaz completed the tally by adding two more goals in the dying minutes of the one-sided match.

Naqib, Mizan and Shabbir spoiled three scoring chances for the Dhaka outfit.

Altaf Hossain and Barat Ali of Pakistan and Shabbir of Mohammedans were shown yellow card by the Thai referee Yichai Charupant.

The Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) earned Taka

2,27,260 from the sale proceed of tickets.

Pakistan Wapda are scheduled to leave Dhaka this evening for Lahore. But according to a reliable source Mohammedan officials are trying to persuade the Pakistanis to play their second-leg match also in Dhaka.

This arrangement will save the Mohammedans considerable amount of money and a tiring journey to Lahore. However the Mohammedans are also trying to reach an agreement on a certain amount of guarantee money with the Pakistani team.

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman witnessed the match as chief guest. He was introduced to the players of both teams before the kick-off.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Saadeq Hossain, Cabinet Secretary M Siddiqur Rahman, Chairman of the National Sports Council Major General Mahubur Rahman were also present.

TEAMS

MOHAMMEDAN SC: Kanan, Montu, Kaiser Hamid, Jewel Rana, Saiful Bari Titu, Shabbir, Roxy, Johnny (Ayaz), Chandan (Reaz), Naqib and Mizan.

PAK WAPDA: Mateen Akhter, Omar Draz (Barat Ali), Altaf Hossain, Tahir Parvez, Fayaz Khan, Asghar Ali, Sharafat Ali, Mohammad Zubair, Abid Hossain, Tahir Agha and Imliaz Butt.



Pakistan Wapda goalkeeper Mateen Akhter makes a valiant attempt to keep the ball from entering his net during yesterday's 11th Asian Club Cup first round, first-leg match against Mohammedan Sporting Club at the Dhaka Stadium. The Pakistani champions conceded five goals. —Star photo by Shafiquddin Ahmed Bitu

Damal groupings announced

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The Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) yesterday announced the groupings for the thirteenth Damal Summer cricket tournament, scheduled to start early next month.

Twenty-two teams from the Navana Premier Division, the Minars First Division and the Second Division leagues as well as one from the Division Two cricket qualifying round, have entered this year's 45-overs a side competition.

The teams have been placed in four clusters with four teams — defending champions Mohammedan Sporting Club, last year's runners-up Brothers Union, Abahani Krira Chakra and the Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club (GMCC) — being the seeded teams.

Following is the grouping: Group A: Mohammedan Sporting Club, Kalabagan KC, Wari Club, Eskaton Sabuj Sangha (last year's Div Two runners-up), Surjo Taran and Uddy Club.

Group B: Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club, Victoria Sporting Club, Young Pegasus, Lalmatia Club, Agrani Bank and City Club (Div Two qualifying meet champions).

Group C: Brothers Union, Shadharan Bima, Rupali Bank, Bangladesh Railway, Gulshan Youth Club.

Group D: Abahani Krira Chakra, Dhaka Wanderers Club, Bangladesh PWD, Bangladesh Biman and Ajax Sporting Club (Div Two champions).

The teams will play in a robin league with the top two teams in each group going through to the quarter-finals.

Although the tournament, the curtain raiser for the local cricketing programme, was scheduled for a Nov 1 start yet it is now likely to commence from Nov 7. The reason for the postponement has been ascribed to the requests from some of the participating teams for more time to prepare.

Besides, the preparation of the wickets at the Dhaka Stadium and the Dhanmandi Cricket Stadium are far from being completed.

Mohammedans Sporting Club have an enviable record in this particular tournament, having reached every final on the twelve previous occasions.

The fixture will be finalised soon, said a BCCB official.

Jr cricket semis match today

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Dhaka and Comilla will meet today in the second semifinal of the national junior cricket championship at the Dhaka Stadium.

The winners of this match will face the Bangladesh Krira Shikhya Protisthan (BKSP) in the final match tomorrow.

The match will start at 9.30 am. This match was scheduled to be held in the first meet of May but was postponed due to devastating cyclonic storm which hit the coastal belt of the country on April 29.

Mohammedan Blues win CJKP tie

CHITTAGONG, Oct 26: Chittagong Mohammedan Blues shared points with Chittagong Steel Mills Club as they drew one-all in the CJKP Elite First Division football league match at the Chittagong Stadium here this afternoon, reports BSS.

The Mohammedan Blues, comprising mostly youngsters and promoted last year to the First Division, displayed better brand of football against the powerful Steel Mills.

Mohammedans took the lead in the 15th minute through midfielder Shafiq, who netted the ball dodging two Steel defenders Rehan and Iqbal (1-0). Steel Mills levelled the score only eight minutes before the long whistle. Defender Iqbal scored the equaliser off a flag kick from teammate Panna (1-1).

Mohammedan Blues now have collected 11 points from seven matches while Steel Mills bagged 12 points from nine encounters.

Flamengo given FIFA deadline

ZURICH, Oct 26: Rio De Janeiro club Flamengo have been given until midnight on Monday to withdraw a lawsuit against the Brazilian Football Federation (CBF) or face sanctions, reports Reuter.

Announcing the deadline on Friday, FIFA, soccer's world governing body, said it would step in to resolve the dispute only after Flamengo had exhausted "all means available to settle the row internally."

Flamengo's lawsuit seeks to overturn the re-election of Ricardo Teixeira as CBF president in July.

Earlier this month FIFA threatened to suspend Brazilian clubs and the national team from competition if the CBF-Flamengo dispute was not settled.

Title retained

BANGKOK, Oct 26: Thailand's Muangchai Kittikasem retained his World Boxing Council (WBC) flyweight title on Friday when he outpointed Mexican challenger Alberto Jimenez over 12 rounds, reports Reuter.

German girls top Olympic qualifiers

AUCKLAND, Oct 26: Germany won a penalty shootout 5-2 Saturday to beat New Zealand in the women's championship final of the Olympic field hockey qualifying tournament, reports AP.

The scores were tied 1-1 at the end of regular play. Britta Becker scored from a penalty corner in the 11th minute and Chris Arthur equalized for the home team five minutes later.

Both teams have already qualified for spots in the Barcelona Olympics next year, along with Canada and Britain, the losing semifinalists.

Associate of Ceausescu's son gets top job

BUCHAREST, Oct 26: An associate of the soccer-mad son of late Romanian dictator Nicolae Ceausescu was on Friday handed a top sports job, reports Reuter.

Cristian Gatu, who played in two Romanian World Championship Winning handball teams, was named Secretary of State in the Youth and Sport Ministry.

Gatu was close to Valentin Ceausescu when the son of the late Stalinist ruler helped manage First Division Steaua Bucharest.

Britons' woes

ESTORIL, Portugal, Oct 26: The British men's athletics team on Friday failed in their bid to be declared European Cup champions, reports Reuter.

The European Athletic Association Council threw out a British appeal against the awarding of the Cup to the Soviet Union in Frankfurt in June.

British officials had protested about a decision to reinstate the Soviet 4x400 metres relay team at the meeting after they had been disqualified.

The German track judge had ruled that Dmitry Golovastov, who ran the first leg for the Soviets, had run out of his lane but the decision was overturned after a Soviet protest to the international appeal jury.

If the disqualification had stood, Britain would have won the title.

British Athletic Federation spokesman Tony Ward said on Friday he was still waiting to hear the EAA's reasons for rejecting the appeal.

Canada-Belgium play-off today

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, Oct 26: Canada and Belgium will play off for fifth place in the men's competition at the Olympic hockey qualifying tournament on Sunday after victories Thursday, reports Reuter.

Canada scored twice in the final quarter of their crossover match against France to advance to the play off, while the Belgians disposed of Italy 2-1 in a bad-tempered game.

Four teams have already qualified for next summer's Barcelona Olympics.

France failed to score from four penalty corners, two in each half, and also failed with four shots at goal from the field.

Belgium, who finished third behind Malaysia and India in their pool, scored two first half goals to dispose of Italy in the other men's crossover match on Thursday.

Maro Coudron scored their first goal from the field in the 15th minute, and Philip Van Hemelen converted the third of eight penalty corners they were awarded seven minutes later.

Italy came back at the Belgian in the second half, scoring a field goal in the 40th minute.

Tempers flared in the second half and three players were shown the yellow card. Italian Alessio Raggio being suspended twice.

Dittmar keeps crown

TORONTO, Oct 26: Third said Chris Dittmar successfully defended his title at the Canadian Open squash championships on Thursday when fourth-seeded fellow Australian Rodney Martin was forced to retire during the fourth game, reports Reuter.

Dittmar had the match well in hand leading 2-1 in games and holding a commanding 12-3 lead in the fourth game — when Martin had to abandon play due to a tendon injury in his foot.

Dittmar looked far from elated when the match ended prematurely.

Swimming venue

MONTREAL, Oct 26: The next 25-kilometer long distance swimming World Cup, which is held every two years, will be staged at Roberval, Canada next July, organisers said Friday, reports AP.

Canada is ranked third in the world behind Australia and the United States.

Maekawa leads in Itsuki golf

HIDAKA, Japan, Oct 26: Unheralded Mutsuko Maekawa fired a 70 Saturday to take the first-round lead in the rain-shortened Itsuki Classic women's pro golf tournament, reports AP.

Maekawa, a six-year pro, shot four birdies and two bogeys over the 6,130-yard, par-72 Edelweiss Golf Club course in Hidaka, northwest of Tokyo. Junko Yasui, Fusako Nagata and Atsuko Hikage were next at 71.

Hiromi Kobayashi, who competed most of the season on the US LPGA Tour, shot and even-par 72, along with Mitsuko Inomoto.

Defending champion Ku Okhee of South Korea shot a 75 and was in a group of 16 players.

The tournament's opening round, scheduled for Friday, was cancelled because of heavy rain.

The winner will receive 7.2 million yen (dlsr 55,000) out of a total purse of 40 million yen (dlsr 308,000).

First-round scores Saturday in the tournament on the 6,130-yard (5,517-meter), par-72 Edelweiss Golf Club course (players are Japanese unless noted):

- Mutsuko Maekawa 36-34 — 70
- Junko Yasui 36-35 — 71
- Fusako Nagata 36-35 — 71
- Atsuko Hikage 36-35 — 71
- Mitsuko Inomoto 38-34 — 72
- Hiromi Kobayashi 37-35 — 72
- Yuko Moriguchi 36-37 — 73
- Alko Takasu 36-37 — 73
- Norimi Terasawa 39-34 — 73
- Kasumi Adachi 37-36 — 73

Seles to defend Aussie Open title

MELBOURNE, Oct 26: Monica Seles will defend her Australian Open tennis title in January against the strongest women's field in the history of the tournament, organisers said Thursday, reports AP.

Steffi Graf, Gabriela Sabatini, Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, Mary Joe Fernandez and Jana Novotna all have indicated to the Women's Tennis Association that they plan to play, Tennis Australia said in a press statement.

Nine of the top 10 women and 18 of the top 20 have confirmed their participation.

The tour will be played from January 13-26.

Seles accused of being selfish

BRIGHTON, England, Oct 26: American tennis star Zina Garrison accused world number one Monica Seles of being selfish and irresponsible here on Thursday after reaching the quarter finals of the Brighton women's indoor tournament, reports AP.

Last year's Wimbledon runner-up is furious that Seles and three other top 10 players have snubbed the event in favour of an exhibition in the Canary Islands.

Garrison fears that the women's international circuit will grind to a halt if the Yugoslav and other leading players continue to play in exhibitions when they clash with tournaments.

Only two days ago Wimbledon Champion Steffi Graf demanded 60,000-pound fines for top 10 player who blatantly flout the rules.

"I agree entirely with Steffi," said Garrison. "I really like Monica as a person, but she and the other players in the top 10 or 15 have to take responsibility and learn you must look out for everyone else, as well as yourself."

Hindu militants stone newspaper office in Bombay

NEW DELHI, Oct 26: Hindu activists attacked a newspaper office in Bombay with stones, smashing windows and injuring two editors, after the paper criticised Hindu efforts to sabotage Pakistan's cricket tour here, newspaper reported today, reports AP.

The attack Friday on the Marathi-language evening paper, Mahanagar, followed publication of an editorial which described "as childish" the attempts by the fundamentalist Hindu organisation, Shiv Sena, to sabotage the upcoming tour.

The attackers also smashed a teleprinter and two telephones and ransacked a shelf of reference books before escaping, the Hindustan Times said.

The threats by the Shiv Sena, which has its power base in the city, and sabotage of the pitch at the Wankhede Stadium, forced the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) to cancel the one-day match due to be played there.

The BCCI has rescheduled the Bombay match for the city of Owalior, and officials say the rest of the matches will go ahead as scheduled.

Police registered a case of rioting but the attackers escaped, the Times said.



Pakistani batsman Zahid Fazal is carried off the pitch on a stretcher after he collapsed, suffering cramps & dehydration, during the final of the Wills Trophy against India in Sharjah on Oct 25. Zahid had made 98. Pakistan won the match by 72 runs. — AFP photo



Rafiqul Islam receives the champion's trophy of the Narayanjan Club snooker competition which ended last week from Deputy Commissioner Habibur Rahman. On extreme right is club president Al-Haj Abdur Rashed.