

MSC too good for New Radiant

Sports Reporter

Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club gave themselves a fine chance of reaching the final round of the 11th Asian Club Cup football championship when they outclassed Maldives champions New Radiant FC 3-0.

Mohammedan immediately settled down and took control of the proceedings, a domination they maintained till the final whistle, outplaying their opponents in every department in the game.

After several tentative forays, Mohammedans surged into the lead in the 24th minute.

The 61st, 71st and 80th minutes, were not served well by an off-colour main striker Imtiaz Ahmed Naqib who just wasn't finding his feet.



Rumman bin-Wali Shabbir(L) puts Dhaka Mohammedans in the lead in yesterday's 11th Asian Club Cup championship second round first-leg match against Maldives champions New Radiant FC at the Mirpur National Stadium yesterday. Mohammedans won 3-0. —Star photo by Shafuddin Bitu

In their second round first leg tie at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday evening.

The local Federation Cup champions led by a Shabbir goal at the breather.

The win should put Mohammedans, who also reached the final round of the 10th Asian Club Cup meet held in Dhaka last July, in good stead from the way they appeared to outplay the physically and technically inferior Maldivian champions yesterday.

Nearly ten thousand fans, most of them Mohammedan supporters, flocked to the distant Mirpur National Stadium to witness the match.

The local heroes did not disappoint them.

Havelange tips Japan for 2002

BRASILIA, Nov 11: FIFA president Joao Havelange has said Japan is the most likely country to host Asia's first World Cup in 2002, reports AFP.

He reaffirmed the world governing body's proposal to let Asia host its first football World Cup finals in 11 years' time.

minute of the match when their effervescent inside-left Rumman bin-Wali Shabbir tapped the ball home as New Radiant's goalkeeper Ibrahim Rasheed tried to rush out of his box to clear a danger posed by a free-kick taken by Mohammedan stopper Jewel Rana on the left (1-0).

Immediately afterwards, in fact within seconds of this first goal, Mohammedans were denied a further goal when Saiful Bari Tito's job hit the Maldivian crosspiece and returned to play with the goalie totally beaten.

In the dying stages of the match Mahub Hossain Roxy saw one of his attempts, a fine ground from down the left, hit the Maldives side post and go out.

It was a rather one-sided encounter that saw the Maldives side adopting an ultra-defensive posture, crowding their deep defence to deny much space to the charging Mohammedan forwards.

For their part, Mohammedans who missed at least three other splendid scoring chances in

fenders who tried to block him with a nice grounder from inside the box on the right in the 53rd minute (2-0).

Ayaz Khan completed the tally for Mohammedans in the 83rd minute by crashing the ball into the net with a strong left-footer after a defender tried to tackle him on his right (3-0).

Local FIFA referee R Alam, who conducted the match in the absence of the three AFC nominated Nepali referees who failed to arrive, cautioned Mohammedan star defender Kaiser Hamid with the yellow card for a rough tackle on a Maldivian forward during one of the rare Maldivian forays into the Mohammedan zone.

Mohammedan skipper Kanan was hardly tested, except in the 30th minute of the match, when New Radiant's Mohammad Ali shot wide after having given Kaiser Hamid the dodge.

With the entire Mohammedan defensive line having pushed up — a measure of their confidence — Kanan just had to rush out of his box on a few occasions to clear any

Minister for Youth and Sports Sadeque Hossain Khoka, NSC Chairman Maj General Mahbubur Rahman, Asian Football Confederation Vice President Hafizuddin Ahmed, MP of Bangladesh, and top BFF officials were also present.

In the first round ties, Mohammedans eliminated Pakistani champions Wapda 5-0 on aggregate in their two-leg home-away clash while New Radiant FC won 2-1 on aggregate against Indian Federation Cup champions Kerala Police, both legs being held in Male.

TEAMS
MOHAMMEDAN SC: Kanan, Montu, Kaiser, Jewel Rana, Roxy, Tito, Reaz (Reza), Ayaz, Shabbir, Chandan (Shamim) and Naqib.

NEW RADIANT FC: Ibrahim Rasheed, Ahmed Niyaz, Ahmed Shameem, Ahmed Kalim, Mohammed Ali, Adam Napeer (Mohammed Niyaz), Jagath Rohana, Hassan Nashid (Mohammed Fayas), Ibrahim Rasheed, Ibrahim Kaleem and Ibrahim Hameed.

Referee R Alam (Bangladesh)



Riaz of Mohammedans scores his side's second goal against New Radiant FC of Maldives at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday. —Star photo

Masum, Lamba hit tons as Abahani crush Ajax

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Title aspirants Abahani Krira Chakra, thanks to a mammoth 247-run opening stand between their new signings Zahed Razzak Masum and Indian Test discard Raman Lamba, were off to a flying start in their 1991-92 cricket campaign, winning their inaugural 13th Damal

nally scheduled 45-overs-a-side match was curtailed to 40 overs for each side after the Ajax bowlers failed to complete their overs in the stipulated time.

Masum, who had a rather indifferent season with Brothers Union in that team's successful Navana Premier Division campaign, was in great form yesterday, hitting nine boundaries in his 123-ball knock that was ended when Ajax's Shawkat bowled him in the penultimate over of the Abahani innings.

In fact, it was a fantastic day for Masum who capped a fine all-round showing by claiming four of the six Ajax wickets to fall at a personal cost of just 14 runs off his eight overs.

Masum and Lamba, whose unbeaten 110 came off 116 balls with the help of eight fours and a huge six, were separated only after 38.4 overs.

Farooq, another migrant from Brothers, was not out on two when the 40 overs were completed.

Shawkat's sole success with the ball for Ajax cost him 58 runs off nine overs.

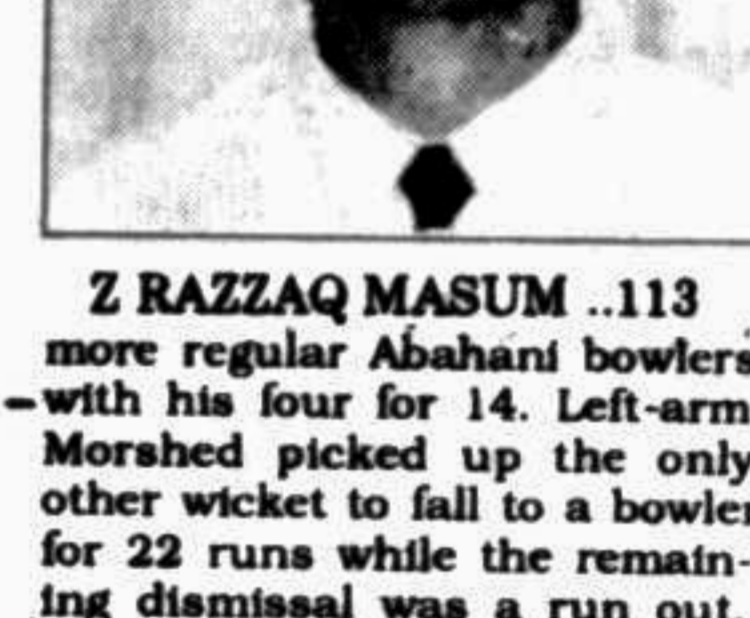
In reply, Ajax harboured no illusions and decided to bat out as many overs as possible in order to give their new boys some valuable match practice.

And this goal they achieved when the formidable Abahani attack failed to bowl them out despite their huge psychological edge.

Two defiant knocks, from opener Babu who made 42 before being bowled by Masum,

and Biplob who was unconquered on 44, helped hold the Ajax innings together and see out the 40 overs. The grit and determination with which Babu and Biplob batted can be gauged from the fact that no other Ajax batsman made it into the double figures. Anwar, the other Ajax opener, came nearest with nine.

Masum easily outshone the



Z RAZZAK MASUM ..113 more regular Abahani bowlers —with his four for 14. Left-arm Morshed picked up the only other wicket to fall to a bowler for 22 runs while the remaining dismissal was a run out. Another left-arm pacesman, Golam Nowsher Prince, who too came over from Brothers Union, went wicket-less.

Abahani will play their Group D semifinal against Dhaka Wanderers Club at the Dhaka Stadium on Nov 15.

TODAY'S MATCH
B PWD vs Bangladesh Biman (Dhaka Stadium)

PWD blank Agrani

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Bangladesh PWD SC, already assured of their super league berth, once again ran up a big score in the Green Delta Second Division hockey league, at the Hockey Stadium yesterday afternoon.

In the day's second encounter, PWD set seven goals past Dhaka Hockey Club without reply.

Ishaque scored twice while Dina Lushat, Zafar, Shamim, Shoab and Islam also got their names into the scorers' list.

In the other match of the day, Uttara Hockey Club were held to a one-all draw by Agrani Bank.

Roman Kader scored for Uttara Hockey Club while Ismail got Agrani Bank's goal.

TODAY'S MATCHES
Udity Club vs East End Green (2:30 pm)
Young Star Club vs Shantinagar SC (3:45 pm)

N'ganj soccer

Our Correspondent
NARAYANGANJ, Nov 11: Mohsin Club whitewashed Jalparibahan Shangstha 4-1 in the Muldhara First Division football league held at the local Osmani Stadium yesterday afternoon.

Khokan, Salauddin, Debdaah and Masum scored for the winners while Zia scored the lone goal for Jalparibahan Sangstha.

Mohsin Club dominated the field almost all the time except some unplanned attacks from the losers, from which Zia scored the solitary goal.

Ctg derby today

CHITTAGONG, Nov 11: The crucial, prestige football league tie between local giants Chittagong Mohammedan Sporting Club and Abahani Krira Chakra will be held at the Chittagong Stadium Tuesday afternoon.

Mohammedans hold a 3-1 edge over their arch-rivals, having won three of their four league clashes to date while Abahani's sole win came through a walkover conceded by the black-and-whites.

The CJKP, organisers of the local Elite Paint First Division

football league, have decided to give the proceeds from tomorrow's match to charity. As a result the rates of tickets have been enhanced with the gallery tickets costing Taka 20 and the pavilion enclosure costing Taka 75.

Mohammedan skipper Saifu gave both teams a 50-50 chance of victory while Abahani skipper Debashis, whose team has already lost a game in this years league, said his team must win at all costs.

He said his boys would do everything to win this prestige issue.

Mohammedans have maintained a clean slate in this year's league so far with 18 points from nine matches while Abahani also have 18 points but have played two games more. They have won eight, lost one and drawn two encounters.

Meanwhile, both matches of the day today ended in draws. Agrabad Naojoan Club shared points with Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation (BCIC) in a one-all draw. Chanchal had put BCIC ahead in the 38th minute while Montu equalised for Agrabad Naojoan fourteen minutes into the second session.

In the day's other fixture, Power Development Board and Brothers Union played out a goalless draw.

SCSA probe team to visit S Africa

NAIROBI, Nov 9: The Supreme Council for Sport in Africa (SCSA) is to send a delegation to South Africa in January to assess the progress being made towards meeting the International Olympic Committee's requirements, reports Reuter.

The SCSA Zone 5 secretary, Manasseh Oigebe, one of the delegates named for the trip, told Reuter on Saturday the group would be led by SCSA president Michael Glover, the Mauritanian Minister for Sport and Tourism.

It will also include secretary-general Lamine Ba and the organisation's four vice-presidents.

He said the delegates would hold talks with political and sports leaders in the white-ruled republic and report back to the SCSA general assembly to be held in Tunis from February 18 to 22.

The SCSA, a sub-body of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU), will inform the OAU of its findings.

"Both the SCAS and OAU will only accept contact with all the sports in South Africa after being satisfied that all the sports organisations are fully integrated," Oisebe told Reuter.

Vowels shocks Tieleman

RAJSHAHI, Nov 11: Unseeded Scott Vowels of the United States shocked tournament favourite Laurence Tieleman of Italy, eliminating him in the first round of the second leg of the ITF Bangladesh-Pakistan satellite tennis circuit at the Rajshahi Tennis Complex here today, reports BSS.

The tall left-hander needed 129 minutes to outplay the top seeded Italian 6-2, 3-6, 6-3 with his powerful service and some superbly executed

groundstrokes and volleys.

Tieleman, the highest ATP-ranked player in the meet, had won the first leg of the four-leg circuit in Dhaka on Nov 8, beating second seed Owen Casey of Ireland in the final.

In the second round tomorrow (Tuesday) Vowels plays Pakistani number one Rashid Malik who beat his compatriot Mohammad Azeem in straight sets 6-2, 6-2.

After the match Tieleman said, "It was an unfortunate result to me, and nothing else. Vowels played well."

Vowels said "It was an un-

expected result for me. I am very happy."

The other pre-quarter finalists are: Muhsaf Zia of Pakistan, Kenneth Lee of the USA, Joost Wynhood of the Netherlands, Alessandro Fornaro of Italy, Wullschlegler Sascha of Switzerland, Mark Avedikian of the USA and Owen Casey of Ireland.

Pakistan's Zia overwhelmed Shahid Mirza of Bangladesh 6-2, 6-1. Shahid qualified as a lucky-loser. Zia will take on Kenneth Lee of USA in the pre-quarter finals tomorrow. Lee defeated Anando Vandendoren of Belgium 6-4, 6-2.

Fifth seed Joost Wynhood of the Netherlands qualified for the pre-quarters beating fellow-countryman Jeroen Heintjens 6-3, 6-1.

The seven remaining singles matches of the first round and eight pre-quarter finals of the doubles event will be held tomorrow (Tuesday).

Dittmar's title

KIEL, Germany, Nov 11: Chris Dittmar secured his second major squash title in succession when he swiftly crushed fellow Australian Chris Robertson 15-11, 15-7, 15-2 in the Kiel Open final on Sunday, reports Reuter.

Third seed Dittmar, winner of the Canadian Open two weeks ago, defeated Pakistani top seed Jahangir Khan in Saturday's semifinals and showed even more devastating form as he dismissed second seed Robertson in just 38 minutes.

The match looked equally balanced at 8-8 in the opening game. But after a heated dispute between the two players over a doubtful decision, Robertson's challenge evaporated.

"I knew that after my tough match with Jahangir in the semifinal in would need to finish Robertson quickly and I achieved exactly that," Dittmar said.



New Radiant FC goalkeeper Ibrahim Rasheed makes a valiant but vain attempt to prevent Ayaz Khan (2nd from R) from scoring Mohammedans' third and last goal at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday. —Star photo