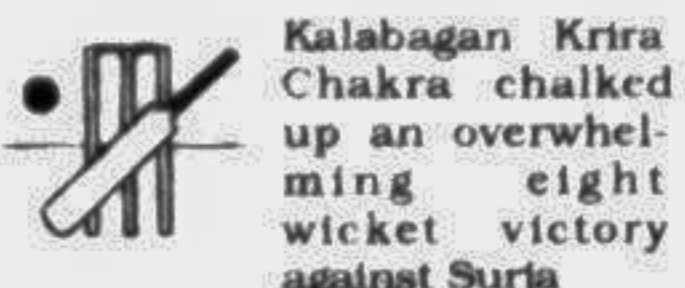


Kalabagan beat Tarun

Sports Reporter



Kalabagan Krira Chakra chalked up an overwhelming eight wicket victory against Surja

Tarun Club in the Navana Premier Division cricket league at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Sent into bat by Kalabagan skipper Tamim, Surja Tarun struggled all along on an easy-paced wicket where the ball tended to keep a little low than bounce, to finally reach 149 for nine wickets from the 43 overs bowled by the Kalabagan bowlers.

Kalabagan new ball operators left-armers Indian Gajanan Reddy and veteran Dipu Roy Chowdhury bowled well. The spinners also backed them up with tight line and length.

Tarun opener Javed Omar, Belini Golla managed a painstaking 50. Skipper Rodrigo remained not out on 25.

Titu with 24 and Sri Lankan Aruna de Silva with 20 were the other notable scorers.

Bearded Dipu Roy, still going strong, took one for 16 from nine overs.

Tamim picked up two for only two runs.

Reddy bowled well to finish with one for 25 while spinner

Gem received some stick to finish with two for 25. Ishtiaque played a cavalier knock of 83 to lead the victory chase of his side.

A natural stroke player, Ishtiaque came good after a prolonged lean patch.

His blitzkrieg that earned Kalabagan victory in 37.4 overs included twelve crisp, sweetly-timed boundaries.

Dipu, in his dual roles of opening bowler and batsman, after being dropped at deep mid-on and gave his aggressive partner admirable support with a patient 17.

Tanvir with 31 and Sujit with three were at the kill when Kalabagan crossed Tarun's 149.

Golla and Babu were the only successful Tarun bowlers taking one wicket each at an identical cost of 20 runs.

Kalabagan's collection rose to eight points from ten matches while Tarun's remain at eight from ten matches.

SCOREBOARD

SURJA TARUN	
Ishiaque	83
Golla	20
Titu	24
Aruna c Pappu b Tamim	20
Rodrigo	25
Shoeb c Pappu b Tamim	1
Arif b Gem	2

KALABAGAN KC	
Dipu cbb Golla	17
Ishiaque c Sub b Babu	83
Tanvir	31
Sujit	3
Extras	16

Bowling	
Dipu	9 2 16 1
Pappu	6 1 19 0
Sujit	4 1 18 0
Shoeb	7 0 28 0
Gem	5 1 25 2
Tanvir	1 0 6 0
Tamim	2 1 6 2

Bowling	
Suppi	4 1 13 0
Khokon	2 0 18 0
Saikot	8.4 1 24 0
Rodrigo	3 0 16 0
Shoeb	5 0 14 0
Golla	5 1 20 1
Babu	7 0 20 1
Titu	3 0 11 0

Umpires: S A Ahad and A Aziz.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Gulshan Youth vs Lalmitia (Dhaka Stadium)
Mohammedan vs Wari (DCS)

Goal glut in Cute handball

Sports Reporter

The scorelines in both the Cute First Division handball league matches at the Outer Stadium yesterday read more like cricket score-sheets than the results of a game played with a slightly smaller version of the football.

Last year's runners-up Brothers Union, perhaps pulled up by their club officials for the rather indifferent, even dismal showings by the Gopibagh booters and cricketers, launched themselves with a vengeance at their hapless opponents Baniannagar Sporting Club, running up a staggering 50 goals without reply.

The winners, running all over the boys from Gandaria, netted 25 goals in each session of play.

Helal made the most of this mismatch by scoring 17 goals for Brothers while Mintu and Rashidul each got one less than a dozen.

Brothers Union, with their second successive win in this year's league, have full four points while Baniannagar are yet to open their account.

In the other engagement of the day, newcomers West Jatrabari who earned promotion from Division Two, turned the tables on Mariner Youngs Club in another one-sided affair, walking away with a flat-terring 32-0 win. The winners led 19-0 at the breather.

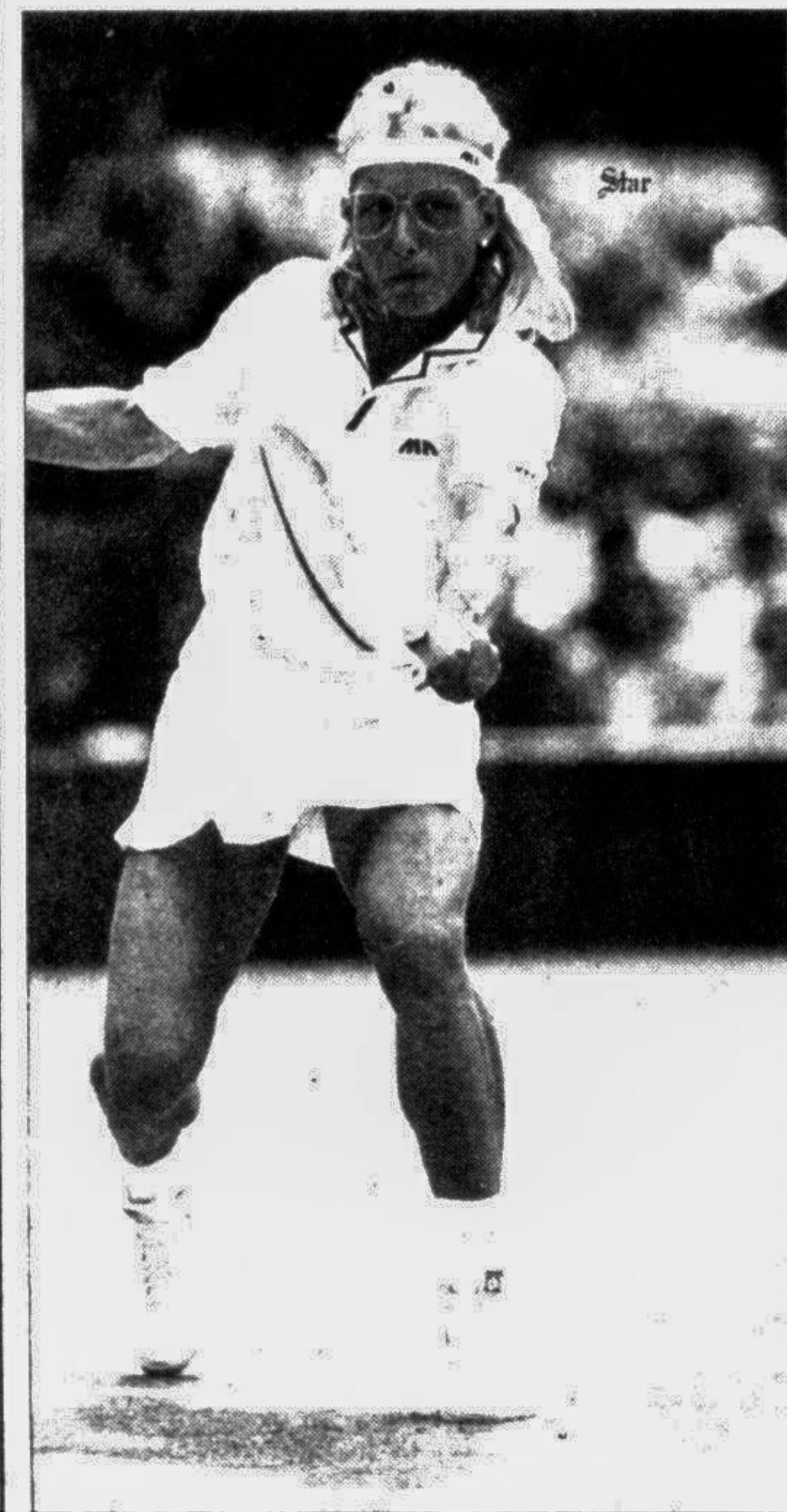
The win put Jatrabari at par with Mariners in the league table with two points from two outings each.

Abu, Rafiq and Babul were Jatrabari's heroes and Mariners' tormentors—scoring eight, seven and five goals respectively.

TODAY'S MATCHES

B. Police vs Tarun Sangshad (2:15 pm)
B. Ansars vs Dhaka Wanderers (3:15 pm)

Navratilova's winning start



MARTINA NAVRATILOVA ... still aiming for No. 1

TOKYO, Jan 29: Martina Navratilova, admitting to a bit of nerves in recent matches, opened her 1992 season with a 6-0, 7-5 victory over Indonesia's Yayuk Basuki Wednesday, saying she still wants to regain the No. 1 ranking, reports AP.

Navratilova started flawlessly but acknowledged that her nerves became shorter and errors crept in on her passing shots as the second-round match wore on in the Toray Pan Pacific Open Tennis Tournament.

"I skipped the Australian Open and this tournament is my first one for this season. Because of my age, I have to choose my schedule very carefully," said the 35-year-old American, now ranked No 4 in the world.

"But I am eager to regain the world's No. 1 position. If I play consistently, regardless of the Grand Slam events or other tournaments, I will be No. 1 again," she added.

"To win Wimbledon and the US Open is my target this season. I am still good mentally and physically but I am a bit nervous in matches recently," Navratilova added.

She said she was trying to match the service form she had at her peak in 1983-84.

"During practice I do well, but in the match I am a bit nervous," she said.

Navratilova, seeded second in this tournament behind Argentina's Gabriela Sabatini, blasted three consecutive service aces in the first set's third game.

The Czech-born American, seeking a record-breaking 158th career singles victory, took the first nine games in a row on her way to a 6-0, 7-5 thrashing.

She suffered a service break, however, in the second set's fifth game before wrapping up the match in 61 minutes on the artificial surface at Tokyo Metropolitan Gym.

JU halls annual sports meet

JU Correspondent

The annual sports competition of Shahid Salam-Barkat Hall of Jahangirnagar University was held yesterday at the Al-Beruni Hall playground of the university.

Chaired by the hall provost, Dr Alauddin Ahmed, the sports meet was inaugurated by Prof M Kabir.

Kutubuddin Ahmed of Statistics Department, and Md Laisuzaman of Geology Department jointly topped the points table with 20 points each to earn the individual championship trophy. Rafiqul Islam followed the champions with a score of 16 for the runner-up trophy.

The annual sports meet of Al-Beruni Hall and Fazlunnessa Hall will be held today (Thursday).

Western, Rayerbazar win

Sports Reporter

Western Cricket Club posted a convincing six-wicket victory over rainbow AC in the Rank-Xerox Second Division cricket league at the Dhanmondi Cricket ground yesterday.

Rainbow, put into bat, were all out for 103 in 30.4 of their stipulated 35 overs.

Sundaries were the highest scorers with 23 while Mona with 15, Jahangir with an unbeaten 15 and Sharmin with 14 were the notable scorers with the willow for Rainbow.

Dipu wrought havoc with the leather taking three for 20; Rana, Tuhin, Masih and Toray took one wicket apiece.

Western raced to victory in 14.2 overs with Shanchoy hitting a sparkling unbeaten 59 with the help of two sixes and nine fours.

Tariq score 14. Ganesh was the most successful Rainbow bowler taking two for five.

In the other match at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium,

Rayerbazar got the better of Shantinagar 'A' by seven runs in a close, exciting match.

Rayerbazar batted first after winning the toss and made 182 for five wickets in 35 overs.

Titu scored a swashbuckling 75 with one six and ten fours. Shampa with 27 and skipper Ashique with 24 were the other notable run-getters.

Munna returned excellent figures of three for 14.

Riad with two for 31 and Mishu with two for 32 were the other successful bowlers.

Shantinagar 'A' gave a good chase but fell short of the target by only seven runs, finishing at 175 for eight wickets.

Munna went one better with the bat, making 48.

Rajeab made 23 while Liton, Tutul and Kakon did their bit with 20, 20 and 18 respectively.

Ashiqur Rahman, the Rayerbazar skipper, threw cold water on Shantinagar's plans, taking two for 18.

Abu Sayeed with two for 26 and Shaheen with two for 48 joined him.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Azad Boys vs Mill Barracks (DCG)
Gandaria Cricketers vs Eskaton SC (DCS, west)

Platt's denial

ROME, Jan 29: England and Bari midfielder David Platt has denied media speculation that Juventus might be interested in signing him for the next Italian soccer season, reports Reuter.

A brief meeting and handshake between Platt and Juventus' patron, Fiat president Gianni Agnelli, following Sunday's Torino-Bari game, prompted typical Italian speculation that Juventus might want to acquire the Englishman.

Handball camp

Sports Reporter

A handball training camp under a Japanese trainer for boys under-15 years of age will begin from February 3, says a Bangladesh Handball Federation (BHF) press release.

Interested boys have been advised to enrol their names with the BHF office at the Dhaka Stadium by February 2.

Selections will be made on a first-come-first-served basis.

Deaf sports

Sports Reporter

The annual get together and sports meet of the Bangladesh Bodhir Krira Sangstha (Deaf Sports Association) will be held tomorrow, January 31, at 3.45 pm at the Physical Education College playground, Mohammadpur.

Tariqul Islam, Minister for Social Welfare and Women's Affairs, will attend as the chief guest and give away prizes among the winners.

Harun-ur-Rashid Khan Monno MP will be present as a special guest.

Edberg confident

VANCOUVER, British Columbia, Jan 29: Swedish tennis ace Stefan Edberg said on Tuesday he was confident he could retain his world number one ranking this year, despite a defeat in the Australian Open he blamed on being not fully fit and on soft tennis ball, reports Reuter.

Edberg, 26, acknowledged that he could soon lose the top ranking to American Jim Courier, the man who beat him soundly if four sets in Melbourne, but said: "I've lost it twice before and I've got it back."

The shy Edberg, who is in this western port city to prepare for Sweden's Davis Cup tie later this week against Canada, pointed out he had entered the Australian Open after a two-month layoff due to tendinitis of the knee and a wrist injury.

"It's been a big struggle the last month.... I was feeling awful when I first got there (to Melbourne), he said.

Edberg said he was feeling healthy now, but it would take him a few weeks before he was in tip-top shape.

Watson improves

LONDON, Jan 29: Briton Michael Watson who suffered brain damage during a world title fight last September, was moved to a rehabilitation unit on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

Doctors said the 26-year-old boxer, who has regained consciousness and can now move his right arm and leg, had been transferred to the unit in a hospital in east London.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

- 1 He barked his way to stardom
- 5 ERA or RBI
- 9 Tread the boards
- 12 Anagram for mood
- 13 First-class Greek letter
- 15 Safe for valuables
- 17 Wire measure
- 18 U.S. chemist
- 19 Puccini master-work
- 21 Iraqi port
- 24 Malicious gossip
- 25 Picnic pests
- 26 Altered to fit
- 30 The heart
- 31 "Is it... a— to love too well?" (Pope)
- 32 Kimono sash
- 33 Lumber
- 35 Social climber
- 36 Orderly
- 37 India-

Down

- 2 Habitual drunkard
- 3 Craggy hill
- 4 Love affairs
- 5 Aromatic plant
- 6 English beer mug
- 7 Dyne or dime lead-in
- 8 Woven fabric
- 9 First man on the moon
- 10 Smartly
- 11 "Welcome —" (1977 movie)
- 16 New Deal org.
- 20 Spanish
- 21 Put up the money
- 22 Prolific auth.
- 23 Most powerful
- 24 Coin to stop on?
- 26 Jog
- 27 Be under the weather
- 28 Black
- 29 Claim: colloq.
- 31 Performs a gliding dance step
- 34 Drink "for two"
- 35 Burns slightly
- 37 Dad's pride
- 38 Mexican dish
- 39 Skunk's defense
- 40 Scottish-Gaelic
- 41 Toddlers
- 44 Make knotted lace
- 45 Swiss mountain
- 46 Narrow inlet
- 47 Welcome sign

Solution time: 24 mins.

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7-30 CRYPTOQUIP

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"JBCGVPC," UVUBZCW

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THOSE MILLION-DOLLAR LOTTERIES WERE HELD IN THE DRAWING ROOM.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: U equals H

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Adamjee beat Fakirerpool

Sports Reporter

Adamjee SCC maintained their unbeaten run in the Star First Division football league while Fakirerpool Youngmen's Club conceded their first defeat in the floodlit tie at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday.

Adamjee now have six points while Fakirerpool have four points from four outings each.

Both teams concentrated on attacking football, making for enjoyable if not exactly exciting football. They created several scoring chances but only one of these bore fruit.

Akhter netted the decider for Adamjee in the 62nd minute of play with a powerful shot from the top of the Fakirerpool box, giving no chance to custodian Dhonu. He received the ball from a free-kick following a Fakirerpool defence lapse.

ADAMJEE SCC: Marayan, Rahim, Hossain, Dilip, Rakhal, Yousof, Maruf (Avijit), Babul Sr

(Shaheen), Mithu, Badsha and Akhter.

FAKIRERPOOL YC: Dhonu, Swapan, Rakib, Faruq (Shamim), Gobinda, Montu, Masud (Babuzaman), Moshir, Bhutto (Babu), Mehdi and Firoj.

Referee: R Alam

POINTS SHARED

Earlier, in the afternoon, the match between Farashganj Sporting Club and Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation SC ended goalless.

Nether side looked to be interested in a result preferring instead to play out time in the hope of going home with a point. And in this they succeeded, thereby depriving the negligible crowd of their due entertainment.

However, Farashganj passed up a definite chance to seal the fate of the match in their favour in the 62nd minute of play when Shimul moved into the BRTC box with a dangerous ball but Babu, a BRTC defender, blocked his path unlawfully. Referee Sheikh Badr-

uddin had no hesitation in awarding Farashganj a penalty, but Nazim, the BRTC custodian, saved Shimul's shot from the spot to save his side's skin.

Thirteen minutes from the final whistle, BRTC carried out a sharp attack near the Farashganj citadel with Gautam's shot hitting defender Salahuddin on the hand but the referee somehow overlooked the infringement.

Yellow cards: Humayun and Jasim of BRTC and Shimul of Farashganj.

FARASHGANJ SC: Liton, Litu, Dilip, Salahuddin, Raj, Shimul, Hira, Debidas (Nurul Islam), Ratan (Enamul), Badai and Shimul (Masum).

BRTC: Nazim, Babu, Jasim, Humayun, Shaheen, Masud (Chanchal), Debsih, Gautam, Motaleb, Prashanta and Tipu. Referee: Sk Badruddin.

TODAY'S MATCHES

BJMC vs Eskaton Sabuj Sangha (JPM)
Abahani KC vs Wari Club (5PM)

Kuwaitis back in reckoning

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 29: Kuwait, a pre-tournament favourite, inflicted shocking 3-0 defeat on high-riding Qatar in the Asia final round football tournament for the Merdeka Stadium here Tuesday, reports AFP.

The half-time score was 1-0.

The Kuwaitis, who were lying low with only two points from their previous three matches, started at a furious pace and gave their best performance so far, dominating the game in every area.

The win puts Kuwait in the hunt for one of Asia's three berths to Barcelona. The others in contention are Japan, China, South Korea and Qatar.

Bahrain is the only team in the six nation tournament who are out of the running.

Qatar, who needed only a draw to make it to the Olympics, fumbled badly with their chances and were a poor shadow of their previous performances.

Kuwaiti forwards made easy inroads into the Qatar defence. Jasem Al-Huwaidi drew first blood a minute from half-time when he slipped the ball past Qatar keeper Ibrahim Ahmed.

Two minutes into the second half, Qatar almost equalised, but a stinging drive

by Adel Zainel was well stopped by Kuwait goalkeeper Falah Al Majidi.

Saihan Abdullah, who was a threat to the Qatar defence time and again made it 2-0 in the 68th minute when he sent in a stiff grounder from just outside the box.

Kuwait made it 3-0 in the 80th minute when Marzoug Fahad converted a penalty which was awarded when a Kuwaiti defender stopped a sure goal with his hands.

After a rest day today all six teams will play their last match Thursday.

Thursday's fixtures are Japan v Qatar, China v South Korea and Kuwait v Bahrain.

The games will be played at three venues and commence at the same time to prevent match fixing.

STANDINGS

Tuesday's standings after the eighth day's play in the Asia final round football tournament for the Barcelona Olympics, which will see the top three teams qualify:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
China	4	3	0	1	6	2	6
Qatar	4	3	0	1	3	6	6
South Korea	4	2	1	1	3	5	5
Kuwait	4	1	2	1	5	4	4
Japan	4	1	1	2	8	5	3
Bahrain	4	0	0	4	11	0	0

Coach sacked

YAOUNDE, Jan 29: Cameroon football coach Philippe Redon on Tuesday became the second casualty in two days from the losing teams of the African Nations' Cup, reports AFP.

A day after Senegal sacked their French coach Claude Le Roy over the hosts' poor performance in the finals, the Cameroon Sports Minister Ibrahim Mbombo Njoya said Redon had resigned.

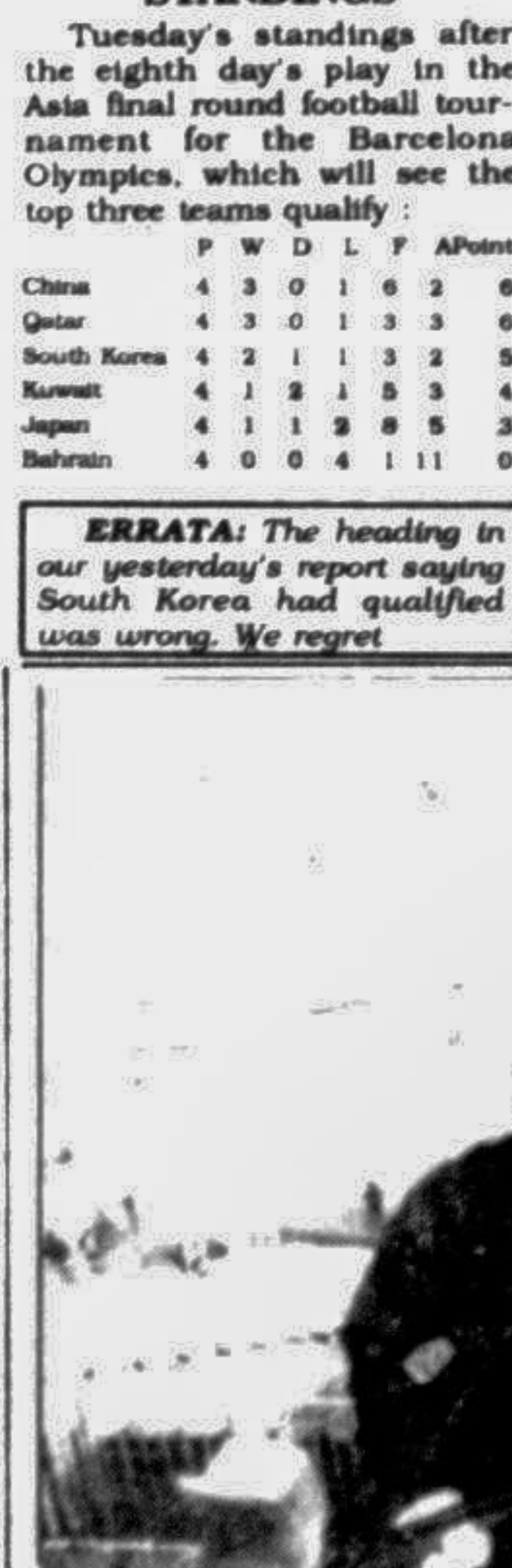
He added in an interview with the government run Cameroon Tribune that Redon had returned to his native France just after Cameroon were knocked out by eventual cup winners Ivory Coast in the semifinals last week.

Redon became Cameroon's coach in October 1990, replacing Valery Nepomniachi, the Soviet coach who brought the team to world attention at the World Cup finals in Italy.

Redon never signed a contract and had declared that he was likely to leave at any moment.

ERRATA: The heading in our yesterday's report saying South Korea had qualified was wrong. We regret

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