

# Rahmatganj, Victoria earn full points

Sports Reporter



Rahmatganj Muslim Friends Society defeated Fakirerpool Young Men's Club by a solitary goal in the Star First Division football league yesterday at the Mirpur stadium.

The winners who took their collection to eight from seven matches thoroughly deserved the win as their midfielders functioned well to create quite a few openings but Sohag, apart from others, failed to convert the chances. Fakirerpool custodian Dhanu, who made a fine save in the ninth minute of the match to thwart Rahmatganj's Badal, was also partially responsible for the thin scoreline.

The goal, however, came 26 minutes into the second half when Sohag promptly tapped the ball into the net after Sobel's header off a Seraj minus from the left came back from the cross piece.

Fakirerpool missed a chance to draw level when Rahmatganj custodian Milton dived at the feet of the onrushing Babu to rob the forward of possession of the ball. The losers remain stuck at six points from seven matches.

Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation were unlucky to suffer a one-nil defeat at the hands of Victoria in yesterday's other of the Star First Division football league.

The losers, who conceded a goal in the second minute of the match, launched several sorties but unpardonable inability by frontliners Prosanto and Ratan forced them to go home with the ignominy of losers. Mamun Babu, former outside-left of Federation Cup champions Brothers Union, scored the all important goal.

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**TODAY'S MATCHES**  
Arambagh KS vs Wanderers (3pm)  
Abahani vs Adamjee (5 pm)

# A day of surprises



LONDON, Feb 25: Real Madrid's troubled coach Leo Beenhakker gave a sigh of relief when he heard Barcelona had only drawn and missed a golden opportunity to draw level with his side in the Spanish league, reports Reuter.

When Real slumped to their fourth defeat of the season 1-0 at Sevilla on Sunday, Beenhakker was sure Barcelona would pull level with them at the top of the league.

But Sporting Gijon had not read the script and stole a 1-1 draw at Barcelona, which left one Spanish sports paper declaring: "This league is crazy, crazy."

Barcelona coach Johan Cruyff was philosophical as usual. "Maybe we ran too much, we should have won but I am happy because Madrid lost and we are within one point of them."

In a weekend of surprises across Europe Cremonese's equaliser against Atalanta in the Italian league was equally crazy.

Two minutes into injury time and with Cremonese losing 1-0 goalkeeper Michelangelo Rampulla streaked upfield to head in a free-kick and become the first goalkeeper to score a goal from play in an Italian First Division match.

Others have scored from the penalty spot. His opposite number Fabrizio Ferron of Atalanta, who had no chance with the fiercely struck header, was among the first to congratulate Rampulla.

Rampulla said it was not the first time he had tried to get on the scoresheet.

# Rossi leads veterans



SYDNEY, Feb 25: World Cup hero Paolo Rossi will headline a three-match Australian tour by Club Italia, a collection of some of Italy's soccer aristocracy, reports AFP.

Rossi, the six-goal leading scorer of the 1982 World Cup finals in Spain, will conjure memories when he takes the field this week along with Cup-winning teammates, Claudio Gentile, Francesco Graziani and Franco Causio.

Club Italia, a mixture of "mature" players, belongs to the International Masters Godwill Organisation, of which Brazilian World Cup legend Pele is the president.

The organisation consists of 14 teams around the world with age limits between 33

# Div II cricket

Sports Reporter

Lalbagh Anwar SC and Rayerbazar won yesterday's Rank Xerox Second Division cricket league.

At the Mophakali T & T ground Rayerbazar recorded an exciting one-wicket victory against East End Club.

Batting first, East End were all out for 142 in 33.5 overs with Sipu and Titu contributing substantially for them with 28 and 26 respectively. Subir was the most successful Rayerbazar bowler with figures of four for 33.

In the other match at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium Lalbagh Anwar SC beat Amarjyoti by two wickets. The losers knocked out 176 for seven from their quota of 35 overs. Ratan put scored with 39 and Hassan made 32. Lalbagh's Mehdi picked up three for 37 and Sajal claimed two for 35.

Lalbagh, aided by Hossain and Sajal's enterprising batting made 177 for eight wickets to carve out a two-wicket victory in the last over. Hossain made 50 and Sajal, who had shone with the leather, scored an useful 33.



Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club's fresh recruits from the former Soviet Union. From left: Rahimov, Kuznetsov and Novikov, pictured at the team practice yesterday — Star photo

# Ujjal shines for City Club

Sports Reporter

Ujjal turned in a fine all-round performance to help City Club chalk up a comfortable 82-run victory over Agrani Bank in the super league phase of Milnars First Division cricket league yesterday at the Mirpur ground.

Agrani Bank skipper Intoo's decision to ask the opponents to bat first back fired as the City Club batsman led by Shipon collared the Bank bowlers to amass 245 from their quota of 45 overs for the loss of seven wickets.

# Nissan tennis

Another 24 matches of the Nissan Cup tennis championship '92 were decided yesterday at the Gulshan Club and the National Tennis complex courts.

In the boys' under-12 singles, Rahat moved into the semi-final by outplaying Khaled S Karim in straight-sets 6-0, 6-0 while Hira and Babul qualified for the semi-finals when they beat Raj and Shakhaat respectively.

Fatyaz defeated Bjoy 6-2, 3-6, 6-4 to enter the semi-finals of the boys under-16 singles. Others who have already moved into the semi-finals are Alam, Arjun and Roni.

The first four City batsmen were among the runs with Shipon hitting a fine 66 off eighty balls with the help of five fours. Skipper Gautam made 48, inclusive of four boundaries. Ujjal scored a quick 34 off 41 balls and opener Zakir was the last of the quartet making 21. Erratic bowling by the bankers saw them conceding 19 wides and the total number of extras was a staggering 38 that foreshadowed the impending disaster for the bankmen.

Agrani skipper Intoo, however, tolled manfully to return with figures of three for 35. Towrit, Nasim, Sobel and Harun picked up one wicket apiece.

Agrani Bank suffered an early blow when opener Didar was sent back by City opening bowler Al Amin for two. Atiq joined Towrit to refurbish the sticky Bank account and raised the total to fifty before Towrit left for a bright 27 made with the help of four fours. Atiq struck five fours in his knock of 38 made from two balls more. After his departure, only Sobel batted purposefully as the rest of the Bank batsmen, perhaps psyched out by the formidable total, played recklessly and the innings closed at 163 in 37.3 overs.

Ujjal was the most successful City bowler with a haul of three wickets from 31 runs. Sohail, Nahid, Al Amin took two wickets apiece.

There will be no match today.

# Navana super league from today

Sports Reporter

The super league phase of the Navana Premier Division cricket failed to get underway yesterday as the pitch was not deemed fit for play.

Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club, who topped the points table at the end of the first phase, were to play against the last year's runners up Bangladesh Biman who guarded off the challenges of Gulshan Youth and Surja Tarun in a series of play-off matches to qualify as the sixth or the last team in super league.

Play-off matches were needed because Biman, Gulshan and Surja Tarun finished with same points in the first phase. Biman play Mohammedan today following a botchy shift in the fixture. The 45 overs a side match starts at 9.15 am.

# World Cup: A Distant View

A M Chowdhury

The first two days of the cricket World Cup have been full of thrills and surprises and, if the saying 'morning shows the day has any credibility, cricket lovers all over the world are in for a feast of entertainment in the coming days.

New Zealand heralded a sensational start by inflicting a stunning defeat on the top favourites Australia. Last Saturday would go down as a glorious day in New Zealand's cricketing history. Full marks to their skipper Martin Crowe and his 'think tank', who led by example. His innings of an unbeaten 100 off 134 balls, albeit with a bit of luck, was a magnificent display of polished stroke-play, full of character and determination. Coming in at 2 for 13, he began cautiously; joined by Ken Rutherford at 3 for 53, the two put on a 118-run partnership, which steadied the jittery innings.

Once Martin Crowe took charge of the situation, the Australian attack, which obviously was not at its best, looked very ordinary. Other New Zealand batsmen, those who followed, felt inspired by their captain's onslaught. Under pressure the Australian fielding cracked; even Allan Border scaled the heavens with outstretched hands and spilled a none-too-difficult chance offered by his counterpart. New Zealand's total of 248 appeared comfortable, but definitely not beyond the reach of the Australians.

But Martin Crowe did make it beyond their reach by another master-stroke: his innovative, even inspired move of opening the attack with his off-spinner Dipak Patel. It paid off and nothing succeeds like success. The introduction of Patel affected the rhythm of the Australian openers who found it difficult to force him away and they failed to keep the asking rate of 4.96 in the initial period. This put tremendous pressure on the batsmen and in their eagerness to catch up with the required run rate they succumbed one by one. Except David Boon none could prosper and even his dogged hundred could not save the day for the Aussies.

The second match on the opening day was won by England. Though the margin was only nine runs India never looked like reaching the English total of 236 and it was only due to some desperate efforts of their tail-enders that they managed to narrow the

margin to one of respectability. England's bowling was steady and accurate without being deadly. Ian Botham's 10-2-27-2 was the result of both his own experience and the inability of the Indian batsmen. The Indian batsmen are to be blamed for the debacle and Ravi Shastri, their top scorer with 57, was largely responsible for it. His batting was purposeless and once he got settled he really did not open up. His prodding and pushing was not the answer to the need of the hour. One-day cricket demands little more dash.

Azharuddin's departure off the first ball he faced, coming in at No 3, aggravated his own misery as well as that of his team. Sachin Tendulkar (35) in company with Ravi Shastri



MARTIN CROWE

seemed to have steadied the boat, but Shastri was too slow to keep the boat in the race. Tendulkar, finding his partner rather bogged down, tried to take the burden on his own shoulders and in his attempt to force the bowling, found the experienced Ian Botham too much to tackle.

The two matches on the second day were equally dramatic. West Indies signalled a high sounding note of their strong claim for the Cup by effecting a 10-wicket victory over Pakistan. Batting first Pakistan managed 220 for 2. Ramiz Raja's 102 not out in 158 balls may have done some credit to his own name, but hardly did it serve the cause of his team. Leaving Salmi Malki, Wasim Akram and Ijaz Ahmed in the pavilion, the accumulation was not enough for the MCC wicket.

Javed Miandad's arrival on the scene brightened up things for Pakistan. A great improviser, Miandad, leading the side in Imran's absence, was conscious of the run-rate and his unbeaten 57 off 61

balls encouraged Raja to open up towards the end. But wasn't it too late? Imran's absence was visibly felt when Pakistan took the field.

The West Indians started their Cup campaign in an awesome fashion. Their 221 without any loss was a world Cup record for any wicket. Brian Lara, pairing with the experienced Desmond Haynes, batted delightfully; he executed crisp shots all around the wicket. It is unfortunate that he had to retire, hit by an Akram yorker on the toe when his score was 88. Desmond Haynes (93) and Ritchie Richardson (20) finished the task without any fuss. The limitations of the Pakistani bowling, decapitated by the absence of Waqar Younis, was exposed. The first hundred runs of the Lara-Haynes partnership came off only 136 balls. Amer Sohail failed to grasp a rather dolly return catch offered by Desmond Haynes, who thanked his Lord for the grace. However, the West Indian fielding, especially their throwing, left a lot to be desired.

The Zimbabwe-Sri Lanka match was veritably a run-riot. Zimbabwe amassed 312 for 4. Andy Flower, on his debut, scored an unbeaten 115 and Andy Waller contributed an unbeaten 85. Sri Lanka must have felt relieved to have reached 314 for the loss of 7 wickets; the chief contributors were Arjuna Ranatunga (unbeaten 88), Athula Samarasekera (75) and Rohan Mahanama (59). That they could chase and achieve such a big total clearly prove that they were not lacking in courage. Zimbabwe must have felt extremely disappointed; their 312 must have raised their hopes of a victory sky high.

The defeats suffered by Australia and Pakistan are bound to give them some sort of a shock treatment and if they undertake proper remedial measures the defeats may prove to be boons for them in the forthcoming days. Defeat after makes one more determined and only in adversity is one likely to make supreme efforts. It will all depend how do they take it. Victory has its own danger.

New Zealand may thrive in the tournament capitalising on the biggest up set which they achieved in no uncertain manner: for the Caribbeans it should be quite encouraging and the Englishmen should feel satisfied. The Sri Lankans have reasons to be happy, but for them tougher days are ahead.

# No Olympics for Lendl, Navratilova



LONDON, Feb 25: Following are the national tennis teams selections to qualify directly for the Barcelona Olympic Games, announced Monday by the International Tennis Federation:

## MEN:

Germany: Michael Stich, Boris Becker, Carl-Uwe Steeb.  
South Africa: Wayne Ferreira, Christo Van Rensburg.  
Argentina: Martin Jaitte, Alberto Mancini.  
Australia: Wally Masur, Todd Woodbridge.  
Austria: Thomas Muster, Horst Skoff.  
Belgium: Eduardo Masso, Bart Wuyts.  
Brazil: Jaime Oncins.  
Croatia: Goran Prapic, Goran Ivanecic.  
CIS: Andrei Cherkasov, Alexander Volkov, Andrei Chesnokov.  
Ecuador: Andres Gomez.  
Spain: Sergi Bruguera, Emilio Sanchez, Jordi Arrese.  
USA: Jim Courier, Pete Sampras, Michael Chang.

Finland: Veli Paloheimo.  
France: Guy Forget, Fabrice Santoro, Henri Leconte.  
Haiti: Ronald Agenor.  
India: Ramesh Krishnan.  
Israel: Amos Mansdorf.  
Italy: Omar Camporese, Cristiano Caratti, Renzo Furland.  
Japan: Shuzo Matsuoka.  
The Netherlands: Jan Siemerink, Paul Haarhuis.  
Peru: Jaime Yzaga.  
Sweden: Stefan Edberg, Magnus Gustafsson, Jonas Svensson.  
Switzerland: Marc Rosset, Jakob Hlasek.  
Czechoslovakia: Petr Korda, Karel Novacek.  
Zimbabwe: Byron Black.

## WOMEN:

Germany: Steffi Graf, Anke Huber, Barbara Rittner.  
South Africa: Mariann De Swardt, Amanda Coetzer, Elna Reinach.  
Argentina: Florencia Labat, Ines Gorrochategui, Mercedes Paz.  
Australia: Rachel McQuillan, Nicole Provis, Jenny Byrne.  
Austria: Barbara Paulus, Judith Wiesner.

Belgium: Sabine Appelmans, Dominique Monami.  
Bulgaria: Magdalena Maleva, Katerina Maleva.  
Canada: Helen Kelesi, Patricia Hy.  
CIS: Lelita Meskhi, Natalia Zvereva.  
Spain: Arantxa Sanchez, Conchita Martinez.  
USA: Jennifer Capriati, Mary Joe Fernandez, Zina Garrison.  
Finland: Petra Thoren.  
France: Nathalie Tauziat, Julie Halard, Mary Pierce.  
GB: JO Durie, Monique Javer.  
Indonesia: Yayuk Basuki, Italy: Raffaella Reggi-Concato, Anna-Maria Cecchini, Katia Piccolini.  
Japan: Naoko Sawamatsu, Kimiko Date.  
Lithuania: Larisa Savchenko-Lelland.  
The Netherlands: Manon Bollegraf, Brenda Schultz.  
Sweden: Catarina Lindqvist, Switzerland: Emanuela Zardo, Manuela Maleeva-Fragniere.  
Czechoslovakia: Jana Novotna, Helena Sukova, Radka Zrubakova.

# It's a packed Kenyan crowd



NEW YORK, Feb 25: William Tanul predicted on Monday that the Kenyan Olympic trials would be more difficult than the Barcelona Games themselves, reports Reuter.

The 800-metre specialist said the talent for middle distances is so thick in Kenya that just making the Olympic team during the June trials in Nairobi will be a major accomplishment.

"Like with the American sprinters, it's going to be harder to make the team," Tanul told reporters at a news conference ahead of Friday's U.S. indoor athletics championships at Madison Square Garden.

"From 800 to 10,000, it's very hard. Many have run very fast times. At 800 metres, we have about 12 people who have run 1:44. Only three will make the team (in each event). It will depend on who trains the best," said Tanul, who predicted he would be among his countrymen in Barcelona.

"I can't say now, but I think I will be there," he said.

The Kenyans dominated the middle distances at the World Championships last summer, capturing four gold and three

silver medals. Moses Kiptanui, also present at the news conference along with compatriot David Kibet, won the 3000-metre steeplechase in Tokyo.

Tanul ran the world's second-fastest 800 last year but missed the World Championships because of a knee injury. He will run the 800 on Friday. Kiptanui and Kibet will compete in the mile and Philip Barkutwo, another Kenyan, is scheduled to run the 3,000 metres.

With the European Championships being held this

weekend in Genoa, Italy, the Kenyans opted to compete at the U.S. Championships, which is an open meeting.

Kiptanui is coming off an indoor world-record run in the 3,000 last Thursday in Seville, Spain.

The 20-year-old clocked 7:37.31 to break the 19-year-old mark of 7:39.2 set by Belgian Emiel Puttemans.

The Kenyans said they will return to their training base in London after Friday's championships to train for a March 4 meeting in San Sebastian, Spain.

# CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

<b>ACROSS</b>	<b>36</b> — for Holly-wood	<b>56</b> Santa's woe	<b>11</b> Ruth or Zaharias
<b>1</b> Post control panel	<b>37</b> Agent, for short	<b>DOWN</b>	<b>20</b> Some-what
<b>5</b> Car's control panel	<b>38</b> — "Town"	<b>1</b> Injure severely	<b>22</b> TV option
<b>9</b> Label	<b>39</b> Disconcert	<b>2</b> Farm fraction	<b>24</b> Marshy area
<b>12</b> Dermatologist's case	<b>42</b> Aries breach	<b>3</b> Cartoonist's supply	<b>25</b> Carpet sweeper, for short
<b>13</b> Formerly	<b>44</b> Security	<b>4</b> Mies van der Rone's motto	<b>26</b> In the manner of
<b>14</b> Actress Hagen	<b>48</b> — Got a Secret	<b>5</b> Blitzen's yokemate	<b>27</b> Round Table address
<b>15</b> Gets under one's skin	<b>49</b> Big rig	<b>6</b> In due time	<b>29</b> Elevator cage
<b>16</b> Standard	<b>50</b> Pound of verse	<b>7</b> Hoiler	<b>30</b> One Gershwin
<b>17</b> Hope or Hoskins	<b>51</b> Evergreen	<b>8</b> Line of fashion?	<b>31</b> Whatever amount
<b>18</b> Disarray	<b>52</b> Greet	<b>9</b> Oompah maker	<b>35</b> Comfortable Sunday talk
<b>19</b> 180 degrees from SSW	<b>53</b> Portent	<b>10</b> The gamut	<b>39</b> Name for a poodle
<b>20</b> Minotaur's hangout	<b>54</b> Altar remark	<b>10</b> The gamut	<b>40</b> Enthusiastic
<b>21</b> "Rocks"	<b>55</b> Mac-Donald's partner	<b>10</b> The gamut	<b>41</b> Mr. Mostel
<b>23</b> Blood-type group	<b>55</b> Mac-Donald's partner	<b>10</b> The gamut	<b>43</b> Surrounded by
<b>25</b> It went coed in 1969	<b>55</b> Mac-Donald's partner	<b>10</b> The gamut	<b>45</b> Singer Pinza
<b>28</b> Oldest Brady daughter	<b>55</b> Mac-Donald's partner	<b>10</b> The gamut	<b>46</b> Jason's craft
<b>32</b> Mac-Laine's "Out on —"	<b>55</b> Mac-Donald's partner	<b>10</b> The gamut	<b>47</b> Critique author
<b>33</b> Long	<b>55</b> Mac-Donald's partner	<b>10</b> The gamut	<b>49</b> — Loves You
<b>34</b> Year-end music	<b>55</b> Mac-Donald's partner	<b>10</b> The gamut	

**Solution time: 27 mins.**

# DC kabaddi from today

Sports Reporter

The first Dhaka District Commissioner's kabaddi championship under the joint auspices of the Dhaka District Sports Association and the Bangladesh Kabaddi Federation (BKF) begins at the Outer Stadium kabaddi court today.

Secretary of Post and Telecommunication M Azizul Haque, who is also the president of the BKF, will inaugurate the meet while Dhaka's DC Wajid Islam will attend as a special guest.

Bangladesh Bank take on Jhatika Samaj Kallyan Sangha in the opening match at 5 in the evening while Maniknagar Unnayan Sangha face Bangladesh Boys Club at 6:30.

Eight teams, divided into two groups, are vying for the title.

# Pioneer soccer

Sports Reporter

Govt Printing Press S & RC have moved into the semifinals of the Janata Bank Pioneer football competition from Group B beating Aganagar PMS by a solitary goal in their last super league tie at the Outer Stadium yesterday.

Murad Uddin Chowdhury scored the decider goal for the winners in the 12th minute of the second session.

Earlier, Nawabkatra Juba Sangha also edged past Spandan Krira Chakra 1-0 at the same venue.

Mostafa netted the winner in the 22nd minute of the game.

# Majumder snooker

Sports Reporter

Five more matches of the preliminary robin league were decided on the fourth day yesterday in the F H Majumder memorial snooker championship at the Narayanganj Club.

J F D'Costa of Dhaka Club beat Jewel of Chittagong Club by three frames to one; Sarder Iftekhar of Engineers' Club beat Mansur Haider of Comilla Club by three frames to two. N C Ghosh of Narayanganj Club defeated Yakub Sattar of Dhaka Club by three frames to two while J F D'Costa fought to earn a 3-2 frame victory over M A Awal of Chittagong.

# 8-24 CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptquip: FOR THE GOURMET, HIS WIFE'S FLAVORLESS COFFEE WAS GROUNDS FOR DIVORCE.

Today's Cryptquip clue: A equals C

The Cryptquip 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.