

Abahani blank Bima

Sports Reporter

Abahani Krira Chakra continued their winning spree in the First Division football league with a 3-1 victory against Sadharan Bima...

Bima, one of the lower tier teams which attained some eminence after their 1-0 victory against Federation Cup champions Brothers, did well to keep their rivals at bay for 49 minutes.

Gaus relieved the Abahani fans of their tension in the fourth minute of the second session when he headed home a cross from Mamun Joarder (1-0).

Abahani sealed the fate of the match in the very next minute when Aslam leapt to nod a lovely cross from Sergei Zhukov (2-0).

Rumi added the third 25 minutes into the post-lennon session when he, in a solo dash, dodged past a couple of Bima players to find the net with a neat grounder (3-0).

Bima reduced the margin 12 minutes from time when Jahangir scored from the meke to make it (3-1).

Sadharan Bima have managed six points from ten matches.

In the first match of the day, which began at the odd time of 1.30 pm because of the onset of Ramadan, Dhanmondi Club beat Bangladesh Jute-Mills Corporation by two goals to nil. Both the goals were scored by Aziz Babu in the first half.

Aziz Babu tapped a Javed cross in the 14th minute. The nippy forward found the net again when he cashed in on a defence lapse in the 30th minute (2-0).

Dhanmondi's collection rose to eleven points while BJMC remain at two from ten outings each.

TODAY'S MATCHES
Adamjee vs Wanderers (1-30 pm)
Mohammedans vs Rahmatganj (3:30 pm)



American Leroy Burrell crosses the finish line in 6.58 seconds to win the 60-metre dash at the Yokohama indoor track and field meet yesterday.

Haider hattrick spurs MSC

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A brilliant hattrick by Muntaz Haider, Mohammedans' Pakistani recruit, helped the title-

aspirants record their 12th consecutive victory in the Green Delta First Division hockey league when they swamped Sadharan Bima Krira Sangstha 7-0 at the Hockey Stadium.

Mohammedans led 4-0 at the breather.

Barkatullah Chapal sounded the board for the winners in the fifth minute with a spectacular field goal (1-0).

Muntaz Haider doubled the margin in the 14th minute in a similar fashion (2-0). He got the third one for the black-and-whites in the 17th minute (3-0).

Muntaz Haider completed his hat-trick by converting a penalty corner a minute from the breather (4-0).

Tariqzaman Nannu got the fifth one and Ashar Karim, another Pakistani, netted the sixth goal for Mohammedans respectively in the 39th and 49th minutes.

Muntaz Haider scored his fourth goal in the match to complete the tally for the winners with a fine field goal (7-0).

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TODAY'S MATCHES
Railway vs Bangladesh SC (1.45 pm)
Ajax SC vs Bachelors SC (3.15 pm)

Chang, Stich in semis

INDIAN WELLS, Calif Mar 7: Michael Chang advanced to the semifinals of the Champions Cup on Friday with his first straight-set victory of the week, defeating Russian Andrei Cherkasov, reports AP.

All three of Chang's previous matches went to three sets, but the 12th seed said his 6-4, 6-2 win over Cherkasov was harder than the score indicated.

Thompson sets new US mark

INDIANAPOLIS, Mar 7: Jenny Thompson, who already set a world record this week, broke the American record in the 50-metre freestyle twice on Friday, the final-day of selection for the US Olympic swim team, reports Reuters.

Thompson, 19, swam 25.44 seconds in the morning preliminary and came back to better her mark in 25.20.

The previous record was 25.50 Leigh Ann Fetter, who failed to make the team.

Thompson was named most valuable swimmer of the meet after breaking the world record in the 100 metres freestyle at 54.48 on the first day of the meeting and qualifying for the US team in the 200 metres freestyle and 400 free relay.

The US women's team is going to be strong," Thompson said. "We know the sprinters will have to swim fast to contend with the Chinese. I think we've proven this week we are serious about the Olympics."

Angel Myers Martino, 24, kicked off the 1988 US Olympic team after testing positive for steroids, qualified in her first individual event, placing second in 25.46. Martino, who was suspended for 16 months, returned to training less than two years ago.

She already had qualified for the 400 metres freestyle relay earlier in the week.

Summer Sanders, 19, qualified for her fourth individual event in the 200 metres butterfly. Sanders, the second fastest American swimmer ever in the event, won in two minutes, 08.86 seconds. Sanders also won both the 200 and 400 metres individual events and the 100 metres butterfly earlier in the week.

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Stich used his strong serve-and-volley game and outpowered Brugueru. The German lost only two points on his serve in the second set.

"He never let me into the match and his serve was very strong," he said. "I couldn't break him and he also played very well from the baseline. He's definitely the favourite here."

Stich's semifinal opponent ousted the world's No. 1 ranked player, Courier, in Thursday's third round. Chesnokov pulled another upset in the quarterfinals, beating No. 7 seed Emilio Sanchez 7-5, 7-5 in a match delayed for almost 90 minutes by rain.

Chesnokov was serving for the match at 30-0 when the rain started. After play resumed, the Russian won on two consecutive backhand errors by Sanchez.

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Joyner-kersee's indoor record

YOKOHAMA, Japan, Mar 7: American Jackie Joyner-Kersee won the women's long jump Saturday with a national indoor record and world champion Mike Powell finished second in the men's event in the Yokohama international track and field meet, reports AP.

The 30-year-old Joyner-Kersee leapt 7.04 meters (23 feet 1 1/4 inches) in her 5th and last try to break her own national indoor record at Yokohama Arena.

The old mark of 7.02 (23-0 1/2) was set at Rutherford, N.J. in 1988.

China's Huang Geng won the men's long jump with a

jump of 8.10 meters (26-7), beating Powell by five centimeters (two inches).

World champion Michael Johnson captured the men's 200 meters in 20.58 and American compatriot Greg Foster won the men's 60-meter hurdles in 7.64 seconds, below his world record of 7.36.

Leroy Burrell of the United States, who took the silver in the men's 100 meters at the 1991 World Championship in Tokyo, won the men's 60-meter dash in 6.58 seconds.

Americans Mark Everett won the men's 400 meters in 46.11 and Terrill Davis took the men's 800 meters in 1:49.15.

Povr Bochkaryov of the Independent States captured the pole vault with a 5.60-meter (18-4 1/2) jump.

CIS's Aleksandr Klimenko won the shot put with a haul of 20.36 (66-9 3/4) meters and while Sweden's Patrik Sjoberg took the men's high jump with a leap of 2.35 meters (7-8 1/2).

The triple jump was won by Leonid Voloshin of CIS, soaring 17.08 meters (56-0 1/2).

Sergei Melnikov took the men's 1,500-meter in 3:41.27, beating American bill Burke who finished second in 3:42.03.

In the women's events, American Evelyn Ashford captured the 60-meter run in 7.24 seconds.

No platform pitches in '94 Cup

NEW YORK, Mar 7: Organizers of the 1994 World Cup have dropped plans to construct platform-

quire fields to be 100 metres (110 yards) long and 68 metres (75 yards) wide. A field of that size would just fit in Giants Stadium, but there wouldn't be any room for corner kicks or throw-ins.

A platform would have been needed to raise the field above a 10-foot concrete wall that surrounds the field at Giants Stadium. That also would have required the elimination of several front-row seats to allow for the additional room necessary for the so-called "buffer zone" around the playing field.

Officials are studying plans for fields that may be narrower or shorter by a maximum of five yards.

"We do not believe that success of world football is dependent on one or two yards," Tognoni said. "We have our field dimensions, but maybe the committee agrees to compromise on one or two stadiums."

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Twenty-two stadiums from 19 communities are still bid-

ding to be sites for the 52-game tournament, to be played from June 17-July 17, 1994. Eight-to-twelve sites will be selected by FIFA, the International Federation of Association Football, based on the recommendation of the organizing committee.

Sites will be announced March 23 in New York and the allocation of games, including the opener and the final, will be announced during the first week of July in Zurich.

Still competing to be World Cup sites are Atlanta; Foxboro, Mass.; Chicago; Columbus, Ohio; Dallas; Denver; Pontiac; Kansas City; Los Angeles and Pasadena, Calif.; Miami; New Haven, Conn.; East Rutherford and Piscataway, N.J.; New Orleans; Orlando; Ft. Lauderdale; San Francisco and Stanford, Calif.; Seattle; Tampa, Fla., and Washington.

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IOC, IAAF moot key issues

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, Mar 7: Sports officials are turning their attention to two pressing issues before the Summer Games in Barcelona: South Africa's return to international track competition and formation of a unified team from the former Soviet Union, reports AP.

The visit will coincide with a track meet in South Africa on April 24-25, the second leg of the so-called African Unity Games beginning April 17 in Dakar, Senegal. The meets will mark the return of South Africa in track and field athletics to African competition.

South Africa last competed in the Olympic in 1990 and was formally expelled by the International Olympic Committee in 1970 over its policy of apartheid. The IAAF later followed suit.

Following the abolition of apartheid laws, South Africa was reinstated by the IOC last July and invited to compete in Barcelona.

But the IAAF has so far refused to readmit South Africa,

threatening to keep its track and field athletes out of the Summer Games.

On Monday, Samaranch is scheduled to meet with a delegation of more than 30 representatives from the defunct USSR.

Five former Soviet republics competed at the Unified Team at the Winter Games in Albertville, using the Olympic flag and anthem.

The plan is to field another single team in Barcelona but under different protocol arrangements, when a unified team member wins a gold medal in an individual event, the flag of the athlete's home republic will be raised and the republic's own anthem played.

There have been signs that some republics, particularly Ukraine and Georgia, are reluctant to join a unified team and would prefer to compete independently.

Gulshan avert relegation

Sports Reporter

Gulshan Youth Club defeated Kulabagan Krira Chakra by 26 runs in the Nivana Premier Division relegation league at

Div II cricket
Sports Reporter

Dhanmondi Club and Rayer Bazar Athletic Club won their respective Rank-Xerox Second Division cricket super league encounters at two different city venues yesterday.

At the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, Dhanmondi recorded an impressive six-wicket victory over Nirman Schools Eleven.

Electing to bat, Nirman Schools scored 189 runs for seven wickets in 40 overs with Quazi Asad getting 70 off 62 deliveries and Anon 26.

Zaman and Ekku got two wickets each for Dhanmondi. In reply, Dhanmondi needed 37.1 overs to score 190 with six wickets to spare.

Shontosh made 74 and Ujjal 47 for Dhanmondi Club. Quazi Asad and Suman took a wicket apiece for Nirman Schools Eleven.

Rayer Bazar AC registered an emphatic 35-run victory over Orient Sporting Club in the other match of the day at the T&T ground.

Batting first, Rayer Bazar scored 183 for seven wickets in their stipulated 40 overs with Ullash making an unbeaten 54 with the help of four

Shoag and Rafiq took two wickets each for Orient. In reply, Orient were dismissed for 148 runs in 37 overs. Pappu and Mamun made 35 and 23 respectively for Rayer Bazar.

the Dhaka Stadium yesterday to steer clear of the danger of being demoted down to the Mithas First Division league.

Put into bat by Kalabagan skipper Ishtiaq, Gulshan made 195 for five wickets from the 41 overs sent down by the Kalabagan bowlers within the stipulated time. Raj Kumar, Gulshan's Shri Lankan all-rounder, was the top scorer with an unbeaten 82 off 80 balls, inclusive of seven fours.

Skipper Rupom gave him admirable support with 49 that contained two 'hits to the fence.

None of the Kalabagan bowlers could claim any wicket as all the five Gulshan batsmen were run out.

Kalabagan began disastrously, losing opener Dipu Roy Chowdhury for one to Rajkumara. Indian Sridhar was run out cheaply and Kalabagan hopes of laying a solid foundation for the victory chase were seriously jolted.

Veteran Rumi played in his usual carefree fashion to make 37, studded with five boundaries. Later wicket-keeper Pilot tried to push things for his side with a fine 54 off only 56 balls made with the help of four fours. Although Pappu and Tanveer with 19 and 16 respectively tried to match Pilot's valiant efforts the run-ball equation was a little too high for our standards and Kalabagan were all out for 169 in 37.3 overs.

Rajkumara who had lifted Gulshan's hopes with his fine timings, picked up two wickets for 23. Shamim took two for 32. Skipper Rupom, however,

superseded the others with figures of three for 24.

TODAY'S MATCHES
Mohammedans vs Brother Union (Dhaka Stadium)
Surja Tarun vs Rupali Bank (DCS)

Nirman cricket
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Willis Little Flower School and Naznin High School won their respective matches in the Dhaka zonal championship of the ninth Nirman Schools cricket competition at the Dhanmondi Club ground yesterday.

Little Flower School recorded a massive 138-run victory over BDR High School.

Sent into bat, Little Flower School made 205 runs all out in 31 overs, with Opti top scoring with 94 off just 41 balls.

Satter, Prince and Amin took two wickets each for BDR School.

In reply, BDR School were booked for a poor 67 in 17.4 overs with Satter making 20.

Halim claimed three while Pavel and Abir took two wickets apiece for Little Flower School.

Naznin High School beat Scholastica by four wickets in the other match of the day.

Batting first, Scholastica made 194 for nine wickets in their allotted 35 overs with Ridwan scoring 35.

Nizam took four wickets for Naznin School.

In their turn, Naznin School, cruised past Scholastica's total scoring 198 in 33 overs for the loss of six wickets.

Shamim got 56 and Saif 28 for the winners.

Tassabur and Iresh took two wickets each for Scholastica.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues and solutions. Includes sections for ACROSS, DOWN, and a solution time of 21 mins.

DU cricket

Sports Reporter
All-rounder performances by Manunur Rahman and skipper Mahub helped Department of English record a massive 96-run victory over the Dhaka University inter-department cricket competition at the Jagannath Hall ground yesterday.

Put in to bat, English Department piled up a huge 180 runs for the loss of three wickets in 24 overs with Mamun getting an unbeaten 88 and Mahub 48. The third wicket partnership between Mamun and Mahub added an invaluable 160 runs to the total.

Farhad of Chemistry took two wickets.

In reply, Chemistry were dismissed for a paltry 84 in 19.2 overs.

Mahub bugged four wickets while Mamun took three and Ahmed Ahsanuzzaman took two wickets in two successive deliveries without conceding a run.

SEA Games

SINGAPORE, Mar 7: The 17th Southeast Asia (SEA) Games will be held here from June 12 to 20 next year, the Sea Games Federation announced Saturday.

The committee, which met here earlier Saturday to fix the dates and the number of events in the 10-nation Games, decided the games would feature 29 events.

Nebiolo appointed as IOC member

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, Mar 7: Primo Nebiolo, president of the world governing body for track and field, was appointed Saturday as a member of the International Olympic Committee, reports AP.

The announcement was made by IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch during a council meeting of the International Amateur Athletic Federation.

The move came just one month after the IOC, at its session before the Albertville Winter Games, approved changes in its by-laws to allow Samaranch to name two at-large members of his own choosing.

The change was made specifically for Nebiolo, who had been frustrated for more than a decade in his efforts to become an IOC member.

The Italian's membership had been blocked because of the IOC's limit of two members per country. Italy already has two IOC members, Franco Carraro and Giorgio de Stefani.

Nebiolo has argued that, as president of one of the world's most powerful sports bodies, he deserved to be on the IOC.

An IOC statement said Nebiolo's appointment was made in the interest of unity within the Olympic movement.

"It is necessary to strengthen still further the existing close ties between the IAAF and the IOC," the statement said.

Nebiolo has been president of the IAAF since 1981. He's also head of the International Federation for University Sports and the Association of Summer Olympic Federations.

Partial crossword puzzle grid showing numbers in a 11x11 grid.

Cryptoquip puzzle: YESTERDAY'S CRYPTOQUIP: FRUSTRATED COMEDIAN WHO WASN'T FUNNY ANYMORE WAS AT HIS WIT'S END. Today's Cryptoquip clue: T equals G. The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another.