

MSC find goal scoring easy

Sports Reporter

Russians ruled the roost at Dhaka Stadium in the last two days as two football giants of the country—Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club and reigning champions Abahani Krira Chakra—recorded big victories in their First Division league engagements.

Yesterday, Mohammedans skinned another huge five-



Mohammedan Sporting's Russian heroes Rahimov(L) and Nabikov who scored twice each yesterday against BRTC.

nil victory, this time against Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation with the two Russian recruits Rahimov and Nabikov scoring two goals each.

Mohammedans started from where they had left off in their earlier match against Mukhtodda and bombarded the BRTC citadel with a series of deadly sorties but poor marksmanship by Shabbir in particular kept them waiting for the coveted breakthrough. It came duly in the 24th minute of the first half when Sergei Nabikov scored his first goal since joining the black-and-whites with a placing shot from close after compatriot Abdul Rahimov had given him the pass.

Mohammedans, playing like a well-drilled unit, tormented

Schillaci goal sinks Milan

TURIN, Italy, Apr 15: A superb goal by Salvatore Totti Schillaci in the 21st minute propelled Juventus into the Italian Cup final after a top-of-the-table second-leg clash against AC Milan here Tuesday, reports AFP.

After a 0-0 result in the first leg, Milan were forced to line out without three of their top stars: Marco Van Basten missing because of suspension, Dutch compatriot Ruud Gullit out injured and also Italian international Paolo Maldini.

In a showdown before 65,000 spectators, Schillaci's header from a beautifully waited cross from Pierluigi Casiraghi wrongfooted goalkeeper Francesco Antonioli and sent Juventus into the Cup.

Milan who have an apparent iron-grip on the Italian Championship, five points ahead of the Turin side, had their chance 10 minutes later with a penalty decision called for an obvious foul by German defender Jurgen Kohler.

But Roberto Peruzzia saved the home side by blocking a poorly hit shot by Franco Baresi.

Juventus must now await the outcome of the April 30 encounter between Sampdoria and Parma in Genoa to decide their Cup opponents. Parma will be defending a 1-0 lead from the first leg.

Indian wrestlers qualify for Barcelona

NEW DELHI, Apr 15: Four Indian wrestlers have qualified to represent the country in the Barcelona Olympics via the Asian championships held at Tehran, Iran, from April 7 to April 10, reports PTI.

The 15-member Indian team returned here yesterday from the championships, winning two silver medals in the Greco-Roman throw—Pappu Yadav (48 kg) and MR Patil (62 kg) which automatically gave them their entry in the Olympics.

GS Mander, President of the Wrestling Federation of India, said the country secured two berths at the Olympics in free style when Ashok Kumar (67 kg) and Dharam Vir Singh (62 kg) finished fourth in their weight category at the Tehran meet.

He said there was "fair chance of Subhash Verma" (100 kg free style—getting an entry in the Olympics on the basis of his eighth position in the World Championships earlier.

Polynkov opens account

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Alexander Polynkov, the third and latest Russian recruit of defending champions Abahani Krira Chakra, did the job for which he was brought from Moscow Torpedo Club of now-extinct USSR, scoring twice in the three-nil victory of his side against Mukhtodda Sangsard on Tuesday, the Bengali New Year's day.

Monem Munna, the tough national defender and the skipper of the sky-blues, was the architect of Abahani's comfortable victory.

Polynkov nodded a Munna free-kick home in the 26th minute of the first half to score his maiden goal in the Dhaka soccer league (1-0).

The Russian forward again used his head well to double the margin after another

Jansher succeeds Jahangir as British Open champ

LONDON, Apr 15: Jansher Khan had to survive a ferocious battle with Australian Chris Robertson before extending Pakistan's domination of the British Open squash men's title with a 9-7, 10-9, 9-5 triumph in the final on Monday, reports Reuter.

Though the men's match lasted only three games, Robertson's stubborn resistance kept Jansher on court for 92 minutes before the Pakistani was able to succeed compatriot Jahangir Khan, winner for the last 10 years but ruled out this year with a back injury.

It was a tough encounter all the way as Robertson, a surprise semifinal winner over second-seeded compatriot Chris Dittmar, did everything in his power to cause another major upset.

Jansher won the first four points but surrendered the next five before coming back to take a tight opening game which lasted fully 40 minutes.

DEVOY'S EIGHTH

In the women's final on the same day Sue Devoy of New Zealand won the title for the eighth time in nine years when she beat English number one Martine Le Moignan 9-3, 9-5, 9-3 in the final.

Then, despite the ease of her 35-minute victory, she cast doubt about defending the crown in a year's time.

Asian youth under-16 soccer from May 3

The Asian youth under-16 football championship Group Three qualifying round will now begin at Rajshahi on May 3 instead of May 1, according to a changed schedule of the tournament, reports BSS.

A message from the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) to this effect was received yesterday by BFF.

Pakistan, India, Nepal, the Maldives, and hosts Bangladesh will take part in the Group Three to get a berth in the final round.

On the opening day, Bangladesh will take on the Maldives.

E Bengal lift Airlines Cup

CALCUTTA, Apr 15: East Bengal lifted the All Airlines Gold Cup scraping past arch-rivals Mohun Bagan by a solitary second-half goal in the final at the Salt Lake Stadium here today, reports PTI.

After a barren first half, striker Kuljit Singh produced a gem of a goal ten minutes before the long whistle to shatter Mohun Bagan's hope of retaining the Cup. East Bengal thus won the tournament for the fourth time, having last won it in 1990.

The first half saw both the teams playing listless soccer, but East Bengal forced the pace of the game after the breather raiding the Bagan citadel time and again but had to wait for success till the 35th minute of the half.

The match winner came when a swerving free kick by Kuljit Singh from top of the box sailed over the wall of defenders to beat a diving custodian Tanumoy Bose. The free kick was awarded after Kuljit was obstructed by Bagan defender Satyajit Chatterjee.

Tyson shifted to new jail

INDIANAPOLIS, Apr 15: Former heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson on Wednesday was assigned to the Indiana Youth Center to serve his six-year sentence for his rape conviction, reports AP.

The facility is adjacent to the Reception Diagnostic Center, where he has been held since being sentenced March 26.

The youth center is a high-to-medium security facility with 1,419 inmates. Built in 1963, it has a capacity for 1,447 inmates.

The former heavyweight champion was convicted Feb. 10 of raping Desiree Washington, a contestant in the Miss Black America beauty pageant in Indianapolis last summer.

"Based on the results of Tyson's testing and evaluations, the nature of which are confidential, it has been determined that IYS is an appropriate location for Tyson," the Department of Correction said in a news release today.

"While Tyson qualifies for a level 2 (Low-medium) setting, there are other offenders also qualified for Level 2 but awaiting space in those facilities," the statement said.

Inmates live either in double-occupancy cells or dormitories.

Stasi ghost haunts Kirsten

COLOGNE, Ger many, Apr 15: Germany's national soccer team was hit by a Stasi scandal on Tuesday when striker Ulf Kirsten admitted he had worked for the former East Germany's hated state security police, reports Reuter.

The Bayer Leverkusen star said in a German magazine interview that he had been recruited by the Stasi when he was a teenager at Dynamo Dresden in 1983, the club where he was spying on his teammates in the dressing rooms.

But Germany's Soccer Federation (DFB) said it had known for some time of Kirsten's record with the feared organization that compiled information on the private lives of millions of East Germans.

DFB spokesman Wolfgang Niersbach said the affair would not hurt the player's future in the national squad.

"Ulf Kirsten told us that he was forced to sign up at the age of 16," Niersbach said. "We also knew that the Stasi pigeon-holed him as being an unreliable informer which speaks in his favour."

"As far as we are concerned, it's not a major affair. Kirsten will remain a national team player," he added.

Kirsten, who was preparing with the German squad in Cologne for a friendly against a select team on Tuesday, is the latest of a number of former East German sports stars to admit to spying on their teammates.

Sylhet, Ctg in nat'l final

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Sylhet and Chittagong will meet in the final of the eighteenth national cricket championship at the Dhaka Stadium tomorrow, Friday.

In the first semifinal, played on Tuesday, a strong Chittagong DSA led by national skipper Minhazul Abedin Nannu outplayed Bangladesh Biman by five wickets to enter the final. On having won the toss Nannu, who is to leave for UK soon to play club cricket there, asked his counterpart Shahawaz Shaheed Shanu to make first use of the pitch.

The fact that the airlines did not really enjoy batting against the varied Chittagong attack was proved by the small score of 156 for all ten wickets they could muster from 43.4 overs, eight balls less than their quota of 45 overs.

Skipper Shanu was the top scorer with 32 as Rafiq, Monir, Bachchu and Monir were the other batsmen to reach the double figures. Shanu played 46 balls for his 32 which included two timely hits to the fence. Bachchu made a dour 24 while Enamul Huq Monir played an uncharacteristically slow 17 off 49 balls. Tariquzzaman Munir was going merrily making 14 off 17 balls when a misunderstanding robbed him of his right to stay at the wicket.

However, the Chittagong bowlers evidently left no stone unturned to help the Biman batsmen, conceding as many as 25 extras to give the score some sort of respectability. 156 all out in 43.4 overs. Rafiq, now a slow medium bowler, was the best of the Chittagong bowlers, picking two for 23. Nannu took two for 25 and Rubel two for 39.

With Zahid Razzak Masum, Nurul Abedin Nobel, Minhazul Abedin Nannu and Rafiqul Alam in their ranks, Chittagong DSA had no reason to be unduly worried although a few wickets were lost cheaply.

The openers—Masum and Nobel—did their job pretty well, putting on 81 in 25 overs for the first wicket. Masum looked fully recovered from his shoulder injury, hitting six powerful boundaries in his 71-ball knock of 42.

Nobel was more sedate, a fact established more by his unorthodox technique than any real penetration in the Biman bowling. He made 39 off 113 balls before getting a tinkle off left arm paceman Rafiq behind the stumps. Rafiq, Nannu and Akram left in quick succession, all three departing after barely getting into the double figures. The poor Biman score allowed Chittagong to overcome the mid-innings collapse, and they were home and dry in 42.2 overs for the loss of five wickets.

Enamul Huq Monir, the only genuine allrounder in the Bangladesh team apart from Aminul Islam Bulbul, bowled superbly to take two for 21. Rafique the medium-pacer with a promise, gave out a lion-hearted display claiming two for 23.

SOHEL SYLHET'S HERO

In the other semifinal, played yesterday at the Dhaka Stadium, Sylhet DSA defeated Dhaka by 42 runs to advance to the final. A sterling 95 by opener Sohel Hamid, brother of footballer Kaisar Hamid, helped Sylhet pile up a huge total of 246 for four wickets off 45 overs. Sohel's ninety-plus innings, made off 120 balls and with the help of seven fours, came to an end rather tragically when the batsman, in an attempt to steal a quick single with time's winged chariot hurrying near his back in the form of ticking away overs, found himself out of the popping crease.

Golam Faruq Suru, the other genuine Sylheti, upheld the spirit of the eastern region of the country, known for saint Shah Jalal and the centrifugal tendency of the inhabitants with a hurricane innings of 42 off just 21 balls with two sixes and one four. Aminul Islam Bulbul made a sensible 41 and, with a generous helping of 25

Youth zonal finals today

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But a devastating spell by Mazhar, the Mymensingh bowler, dashed all Sylhet hopes, we skittling them for a narrow 83 in 29.3 overs.

Mazhar claimed six wickets conceding only 29 runs while Sumit with two for 12 lent him able support.

Nasim with 17 and Tanim with 12 were the leading scorers for Sylhet.

Earlier, on Tuesday, in the first zonal semifinal, Faridpur beat Narayanganj by five wickets.

Khulna take on Jessore in the Barisal zonal final at the Barisal Stadium.

Khulna registered a massive eight-wicket victory over Magura in yesterday's semifinal.

Magura battled first and were booked for a paltry 86 in 24 overs.

Mr Sundries top scored with 29 while Taher, Madhu and Raja made 18, 12 and 11 respectively.

Khulna needed only 21 overs to make 87 with eight wickets to spare.

Extras amounting to 22 were also the top scorer for Khulna while Suman, Iyaz and Lipton made 16, 15 and 14 respectively.

At Pabna, Rajshahi and Bogra clash in today's zonal final.

Rajshahi drubbed Gaibandha by 165 runs in the second zonal final held yesterday.

Rajshahi made the first use of the pitch and were all out for a huge 237 in 40 overs with Sadat making an unbeaten 57, Tary 37 and Shakhawat 32.

Ripon with 4 for 47 was the pick of the Gaibandha bowlers while Shaheen and Shameer bagged two scalps each.

Gaibandha could muster only 72 before being packed off in 24.1 overs.

Waheed Murad and Moon scored 16 and 13 respectively for Gaibandha.

Tory took three wickets while Kazi and Shakhawat bagged two apiece for Rajshahi.

The final of the Jessore zone will be held between Kushtia and Barisal.

Barisal posted a convincing 135-run victory over Bhola DSA in yesterday's semifinal.

Batting first, Barisal made 173 for nine wickets from their quota of 45 overs with Azad getting 32, Asim 21 and extras contributing a useful 31.

Bashu with five for 28 was the most successful bowler for Barisal while Rabbi with two backed him well.

Bhola DSA, in their turn, were shot out for only 38 with ten Sundries being the sole double-figure score.

Bazlu claimed three wickets while Arun and Azad got two each.

In the first semifinal held at the venue on Tuesday, Kushtia beat Patuakhali by a massive 167 runs.

Chittagong meet Comilla in the Sylhet zonal final today.

Chittagong coasted past Habiganj by six wickets in yesterday's semifinal.

Put into bat, Habiganj were dismissed for a meagre 61 in 33.1 overs with Apu making 16.

Tutul and Arif took three and two wickets respectively.

Chittagong made 62 for 4 wickets in 21 overs with Rezaul getting 15 and Masum 14.

Earlier, on Tuesday, Comilla made the zonal final beating Tangail by 24 runs in the first semifinal.

Batting first, Comilla made 159 for nine wickets in 43 overs.

Tangail, in reply, were all out for 135 in 41.3 overs.

Budd-Slaney rematch planned

EUGENE, Ore gon, Apr 15: South African athlete Zola Budd-Pieterse and America's Mary Slaney may meet again, eight years after a controversial collision in the Los Angeles Olympic Games destroyed their medal chances, reports AFP.

Promoter Tom Jordan is hoping the two will run in the 2,000 metre race at a meeting in Eugene, Oregon, on June 6.

A "very attractive" offer has been made to Budd-Pieterse, Jordan said, and she has indicated she would like to run in Eugene, and in Indianapolis the following week.

But the 26-year-old's participation depends on permission from South Africa's Athletics Federation and on whether South Africa is readmitted into the international body at the meeting due to take place in late May.

As for Slaney, 33, who underwent an operation on her foot, she told the New York Times recently that she would like a rematch against the South African.

In Los Angeles, the eagerly-awaited match-up between the two women in the 3,000-meters final turned to disaster after they collided causing Slaney to lose balance and fall into the infield.

The South African, whose heel was spiked by Slaney, finished seventh after suffering the boos from the packed arena after the fall of America's top prospect.

Budd, who skirted the ban on South Africa's participation in international events by competing under the British flag because her paternal grandfather was a Briton, was disqualified, but on review an appeals jury unanimously reinstated her.

Slaney—who was known under her maiden name Decker—blamed Budd for her tumble.



Mary Slaney may meet again.



Star file photo of that unfortunate day in the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics when Zola Budd clashed with American favourite Mary Decker-Slaney (37) in the much-awaited 3000m race.