

Magnificent Mohammedans maul PWD

Sports Reporter



Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club displayed a rare show of might and marksmanship to leave Public Works Department...

Revised up by the return of their Russian striker Rahimov, last year's runners-up put seven goals past the office team...

Rahimov, who narrowly missed a hatrick on his first appearance in the Dhaka league, made full use of the one match rest enforced upon him...

The proceedings of the first half were far from being indicative of the goal glut that followed, much to the embarrassment and surprise of the more logical and dispassionate group of supporters and, of course, the victims, PWD.

Although both teams had more or less equal share of the exchanges, Mohammedans enjoyed a distinguishable edge over their opponents and came close to scoring in the 27th minute of the first half when Kuznetsov, apparently the oldest of the Russian trio...

watchful PWD defenders on the right and floated a lovely cross across the goalmouth and Kuznetsov leapt in the air to nod the ball past Lahul (1-0).

but Lahul, the PWD custodian, parried his shot away for a corner. PWD, who gave Mohammedans an early warning in the fourth minute when Munna, the former Abahani forward...

Lahul foiled another Rahimov attempt shortly after this but failed to thwart substitute Nakib from finding the net for the third time in the floodgates.

The stockily built explosive striker with thighs of a barge-man freed Shabbir with a lovely through and the latter scooped the ball over an advancing Lahul who came out to make a last-ditch attempt to deny the rampant Mohammedan forward (2-0).

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The ninety minutes of steamrolling not only left PWD dazed but also glued to their position of 17 points from 16 matches.

The five officials who will accompany the team, are: Abbas Uddin Khan (Manager), Nazrul Islam (Asst. Manager), Abdus Sadek (Coach), Md Mohsin (Asst. Coach) and Md Mala.

The Bangladesh team will leave Dhaka for India on May 6. Meanwhile, the BFF has appointed Strajul Islam Bachchu, a joint-secretary of the federation, as the chief coordinator for the fifth Asian youth under-16 qualifying tournament...

The numbers drawing ceremony for the final round of the 18th national chess championship was held yesterday at the National Sports Council chess room yesterday with National Professor Abdur Razzaq, a keen chess enthusiast, doing the honours as chief guest.

Competition in the 16-player round robin league met under the aegis of the Chess Federation will begin today. The start is scheduled for 3:00 pm with play proceeding daily till 9:00 pm.

Defending national champion Riffat Bin-Sattar will meet former national champion Jamilur Rahman in his opening match today while Ziaur Rahman will face last year's runner-up Ziaul Kader Tuhin.

In other opening day matches, Iqbal Raquib plays M R Hafiz, Neyamul Huq Niru, who topped the 108-player qualifying tournament last week for filling fourteen of the 16 final round berths...

But the Germans, who each received 125,000 marks (76,000 dollars) for winning the World Cup in 1990, will leave empty-handed if they fail to reach the last four.



PWD goalkeeper Abdullah Lahul, who had a torrid time yesterday, for once brings off a good save to deny charging Mohammedan Sporting forward Shabbir and Rahimov (R) in yesterday's First Division league match at the Dhaka Stadium. Mohammedans still won 7-0.

CROWD TROUBLE

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GOALLESS DRAW

In the first match of the day, Sadaharan Bima Krira Sangsha shared points with Dhanmondi in a put up match.

TODAY'S MATCHES

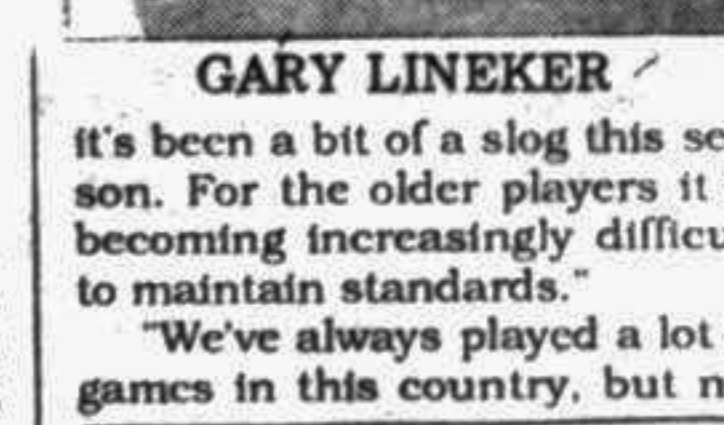
- Victoria vs Warri (6 pm)
Brothers vs Police (8 pm)
Div II cricket qualifying meet

Lineker glad he's quitting

LONDON, Apr 25: England skipper Gary Lineker is glad he is quitting the football league to move to Japan at the end of the season reports AFP.



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Hanzala & Robi win national bridge

D M Hanzala and his partner Robi won the 555 national pairs bridge championship 1992 in a closely contested final at Hotel Sheraton Friday night, reports BSS.



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Condolence meet
The Bangladesh Sports Writers Association (BSWA) will hold a condolence meeting today at the conference room of the National Sports Council at 5 pm in memory of noted sports personality Md Shahjahan who passed away recently.

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Sports talks
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BFF picks 30 for Asian u-19 soccer meet

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Dhaka may host SAF Games

The South Asian Sports Federation (SASF) comprising the seven members of the SAARC, reported to have offered Bangladesh the privilege of holding the sixth version of the biennial regional Games in 1993.

Tyson refused bail

INDIANAPOLIS, Apr 25: The Indiana Supreme Court refused on Friday to release Mike Tyson on bail pending the appeal of his rape conviction, making it likely he will remain in jail for at least the next six months, reports Reuter.

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Jabbar balikhela held in Ctg
CHITTAGONG, Apr 25: The traditional Jabbar balikhela (wrestling) tournament-cum-Balshakhi Mela was held at the Lalghai Maidan here today, reports BSS.