

Bangladesh beat Pakistan with Naquib goal



IMTIAZ NAQUIB

KANNUR, May 12: Pakistan, of whom much was expected, failed to live to their true form and lost their crucial league tie of the 28th Asian junior (under-19) Group III qualifying round to Bangladesh by a solitary goal at the Jawahar Stadium here tonight, reports PTI.

This was Pakistan's second successive defeat, which has virtually hampered their chances of qualification to the next phase.

Striker Imtiaz Ahmed Naquib headed home the match-winner for Bangladesh in the fourth minute of the second session.

Nepal beat the Maldives 2-1 yesterday.

India will take on Nepal tomorrow.

Bangladesh will play their next match against the Maldives on Thursday while Pakistan will take on Nepal on Friday.

Bangladesh book tickets to S Arabia

From Saidur Rahman in Rajshahi

side-left Abid Hiru sent in a curling cross but Mozammel failed to tap the ball home from close. Five minutes later the culprit made up for the miss by giving a fine pass to midfielder Paritosh who muffed the chance inside the box.

India survived the relentless Bangladesh onslaught, heightened by the cheers of the vociferous partisan crowd, and brought some fight back into the hitherto one-sided proceeding in the 30th minute when striker Shuklal Tirkey floated a lovely cross for Ajay Singh who volleyed it in style but Bangladeshi custodian Nasir was too well positioned to let that zoom in.

Jahangir retaliated for Bangladesh two minutes later when he back-headed a throw by left-back Ruhul but this time Indian custodian Gautam Roy had things under control.

The hearts of the 20,000 spectators of an oversaturated stadium sank to their knees when right-back Imadul almost back-passed the ball into his own net eight minutes into the second half but the bacon was saved just in the nick of time by a desperate rescue effort of a defender.

Jahangir sprinted down the middle in the next minute, dodging a few rival players on the way but Maha Majhi, the Indian defender, robbed him of possession. However, Bangladesh got the elusive lead in the 15th minute when Imadul atoned for his faux pas by converting a penalty.

Mozammel pushed a ball to Abid Hiru who raced down the left to enter the box with all the intent to spell doom for

the Indians: Maha Majhi tripped the advancing player from behind and the Thai referee immediately awarded Bangladesh a penalty. Imadul put Bangladesh ahead amid the Indian protests clearly falling on the deaf ears of the referee (1-0).

Inspired by this, Bangladesh went all out for more goals and Nayan raced down the right to float a cross; Paritosh's superb first time volley returned off the crossbar with Gautam Roy knowing very little under the bar. A counter-attack was spearheaded by Indian left-winger Joseph Johnson but Nasir pulled off a fine save at the cost of a corner to help Bangladesh retain the lead.

Bangladesh geared up their onslaughts after this scare and duly doubled the margin four minutes before the final whistle when Paritosh laid a through on Jahangir's path.

The latter scored a superb goal with a powerful shot to ensure the Bangladesh victory (2-0).

The goal helped Jahangir to finish as the second highest scorer in the tournament with four goals—three short of Ajay Singh, the highest scorer with seven goals, including a double hat-trick against the Maldives.

Bangladesh coach Hasanuzzaman Babu was all praise about his players who, according to him, displayed lively football and fully deserved the win.

Gautam Sarkar, his counterpart, was critical of the refereeing and blamed the Thai referee Somporn for letting Bangladeshi players get away with a lot of fouls on a boisterous play.

Law Minister Mirza Golam Haftz witnessed the match as the chief guest and gave away trophies with Bangladesh skipper receiving the Raja cup champions trophy.

The match marked the Nadir of the inability of the tournament committee and organisers in controlling the



Wahidul Islam of Jessore lands a perfect right on Golam Wajed of Bogra in the national junior and intermediate championships which began at the Muhammad Ali Boxing Stadium yesterday.

Nat'l junior meets begin

Sports Reporter
The Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation (BJMC) beat Md Kamal Hossain of Dinaipur on points.

In the junior Lilliputian weight division (under-22.5 kg) Kamrul Islam of BJMC, Strajul Islam of Khulna and Md Suruj of Kushtia beat Nazrul Islam of Rajshahi, Mahbubur Rahman of Dinaipur and Md Saiful of Jessore respectively on points.

In the junior paper-weight (under-29 kg) event, Md Jahangir Alam of Rajshahi beat Md Moniruzzaman of Jessore while Md Nasiruddin of Kushtia and Md Ashraful Alam of BJMC were declared winners against Mintu Das of Dinaipur and Shaiful Islam of Satkhira respectively when the referees stopped the contests.

Saiful Islam of Jessore Education Board won against Md Sujauddin of Bagerhat when the latter retired. Md Sabur Khan of Kushtia beat Md Mohidul Akand of Bagerhat in the junior midget weight (under-32 kg) event on the points after the bout went three full rounds.

In other midget class bouts, Zakiya Hossain of Jessore Education Board and Md Lutfar Rahman of BJMC won against Abul Kalam Azad of Meherpur and Shamitpur Rahman of Dinaipur respectively with the referee stopping the bouts.

Organised by the Bangladesh Amateur Boxing Federation, 14 teams comprising 98 boxers are taking part in the dual championships. The teams are BJMC, Jessore Education Board, No Tramps Club of Bogra, Dinaipur, Bogra DSA, and Thakurgaon, Rajshahi, Jessore, Bagerhat, Kushtia, Meherpur, Chuadanga, Khulna and Satkhira DSA.

The quarter finals of almost all the various events of the championships will be held today and tomorrow while the semifinals and the finals are scheduled for Friday and Saturday respectively.

Ex-national boxer Saidur Rahman inaugurated the meets instead of Information Minister Nazmul Huda who could not make it.

The quarter-final bouts start at five this afternoon.

Stupidity mars Federation Cup

Sports Reporter
Star Club and the Greys Club. The incident prompted the policemen on duty to quickly apprehend two persons and whisk them away, possibly to the nearby police station.

The match, which saw Five Star finish top of Group A with a close 64-62 victory over The Greys, was then interrupted by a power failure 11 minutes into the match by the referee's stopwatch. Thirty-five minutes elapsed before electricity supply was restored and the contest resumed.

But just when the final whistle was blown — the buzzer, that is — two more crackers went off. Again on the part of some so-called fans not only created chaos and Pandemonium but nearly posed serious threat to the persons of the spectators who had braved the heat of the suffocating indoor arena.

As eye-witnesses recalled, a couple of chaps, apparently with a view to intimidation, hurled two home-made 'cocktails' (or crackers) just before the start of the ill-fated Group A fixture between Five



Action from yesterday afternoon's fifth Federation Cup basketball match between Angels Club and Dhaka Winners at the wooden-floor gymnasium. Angels beat the defending champions 97-47.

Supporters stone Fluminense players

RIO DE JANEIRO, May 12: Furious Fluminense supporters stoned the club stadium after watching their team draw 1-1 with sport in a Brazilian championship match at the weekend, reports Reuter.

The result left Fluminense needing a near-miracle to reach the semifinals of the competition. The fans, starved of titles since 1985 and angry at the team's recent performances, jeered their side for the last 20 minutes of the match.

When the final whistle went, they threw stones at the front of the stadium, breaking windows and forcing the players to leave through a back entrance. No arrests or injuries were reported.

Striker Bobo gave Fluminense the lead in the first half but Sport striker Moura equalised with a penalty in the 64th minute, leaving Fluminense 12th in the table with two games left. The top eight teams qualify for the semifinal stage.

Leaders Botafogo slumped to a 3-0 defeat against champions Sao Paulo but Sao Paulo's demanding coach Tele Santana was still not satisfied with his team's performance.

"We missed a chance to give Botafogo a good thrashing," he said. "We can't mess around. Sao Paulo have to win and convince."

Sao Paulo, who are also disputing the South American Libertadores Cup, showed few signs of suffering from a congested fixture list as they ran riot.

Striker Macedo netted twice, Palhinha scored the other and former Torino striker Muller twice hit the crossbar. Vasco Da Gama recovered from losing their last two games to beat International 2-0 in Rio De Janeiro and make sure of a semifinal place.

Bebeto, with his 13th goal of the competition, and midfielder Bismarck put Vasco 2-0 ahead in 23 minutes. After that only the goalkeeping of veteran Paraguayan Roberto "the cat" Fernandez kept the score down for International.

9 named to b'ball hall of fame

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., May 12: Playground legend Connie Hawkins, who once was shunned by the game in a cheating scandal, recalled his lowest moment as he gained basketball's highest honour Monday, reports AP.

"I wasn't guilty of anything but guilt by association, said Hawkins, who was one of five players and four coaches inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame.

"Once I got into the NBA and was able to play basketball, I think that was my vindication," said Hawkins, who reached a \$1 million court settlement with the league, clearing his name after seven years in exile. "This was just icing on the cake."

"The Hawk" joined the Phoenix Suns as a 27-year-old rookie in 1969. But during his seven years in the league, Hawkins, whose dazzling dunks were legend in the New York playgrounds and paved the way for Julius Erving and Michael Jordan, could still fly high enough to be named to four All-Star team and the

Suns shoot at comeback

PHOENIX, May 12: The Phoenix Suns have a shot at coming back from their 3-1 deficit in the Western Conference semifinals. They won in Portland at the start of the season, reports AP.

But Danny Ainge of the Trail Blazers is realistic.

"They're in the grave, but there's no dirt on them yet," Ainge said Monday night after contributing 25 points and latching shots to Portland's double-overtime 153-151 victory in the highest-scoring NBA playoff game.

The dirt could come Thursday night in Portland's Memorial Coliseum site of Game 5.

"This was a backbraker for the moment," Ainge said. "But you never know with a team like Phoenix."

"We have our backs to the wall," said Dan Majerle, who gave the Suns their last lead at 151-150 with an off-balance shot with 27.3 seconds to go. "But

More charges against King

NEW YORK, May 12: Bill Cayton, the former manager of Mike Tyson, on Monday extended his accusations against promoter Don King who he claims probed the former world heavyweight camp of millions of dollars, reports AP.

Cayton's lawyer submitted a sworn statement to the Nevada State Athletic Commission in which former King employee Joseph Maffia alleged the promoter had creamed off an illegal amount of money from a number of different boxers.

"In many cases, Don King promoted fights in Nevada in which one or more of the fighters was managed by Don's son, Carl King of Monarch Boxing, Inc.," the document said.

"Often times, in those instances, the fighters were required to pay Carl King a fifty per cent managerial share, and false declarations were filed with the Nevada State Athletic Commission."

"Monarch Boxing was financed and controlled by Don King, and the bulk of all money received by Monarch was paid in turn to Don King production as a loan repayment. I accurately recorded these transactions on the books of DKP."

Nevada state law prohibits a promoter from taking more than third from a boxers purse for a bout.

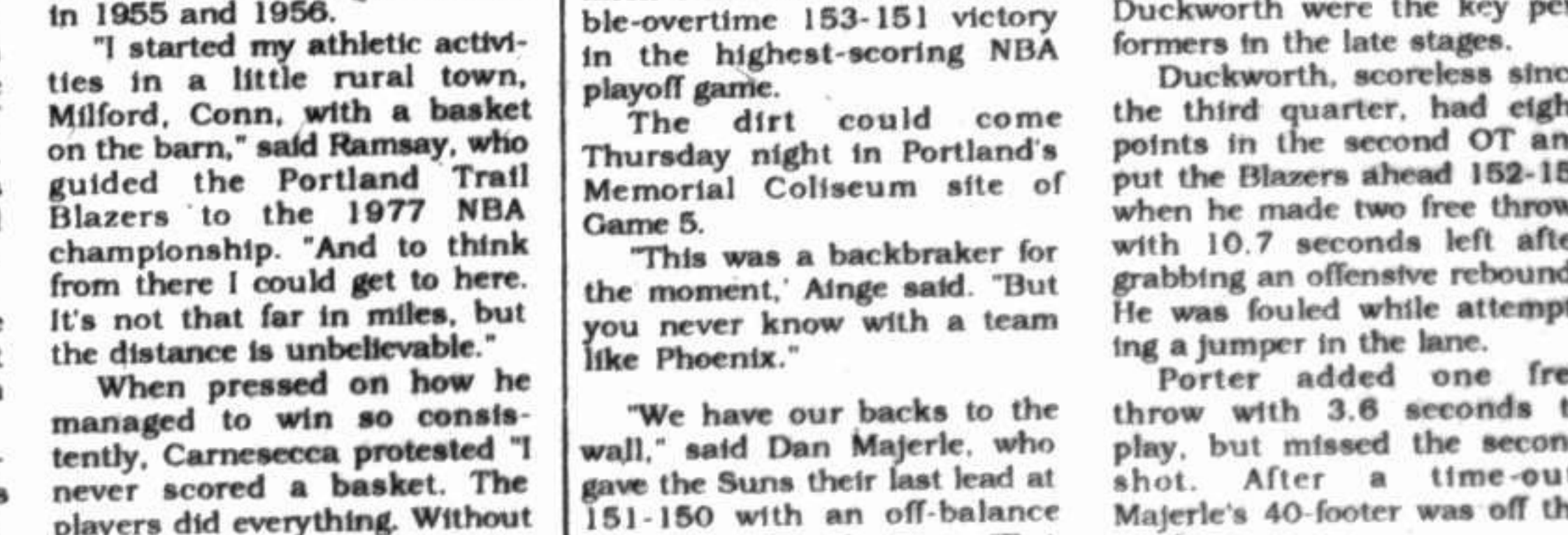
"Mr Maffia's affidavit raises serious questions concerning the conduct of individuals licensed by the commission," Cayton's lawyer wrote in a letter to the commission.

King, who has denied the accusations, meanwhile produced a statement from Tyson in which the former heavyweight champion was said to have denied that King ever stole from him. Tyson is currently serving a six-year jail sentence for rape.

Van Basten suffers injury problem

AMSTERDAM, May 12: Dutch international striker Marco Van Basten, troubled by a recurring ankle injury one month before his country defend their European Championship title in Sweden, is to rest a week before considering emergency surgery, reports Reuter.

"The timing would be really tight," Van Basten told Dutch television on Monday night. "If I had to have an operation it would be very minor. I would be out of action for 12 to 14 days."



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Title retained

LAS VEGAS, Nevada, May 12: Bobby Czyz of the United States mauled an outclassed but courageous Donny Lalonde of Canada and took a 12-round unanimous decision to retain his World Boxing Association cruiserweight championship on Friday night, reports Reuter.

Czyz, now 40-5 with 26 knockouts, methodically and relentlessly stalked an ineffective Lalonde, taking virtual target practice the final six rounds of the one-sided bout.