India hold Bangladesh 0-0



KANNUR (Kerala), May 16: India lost a valuable point when they were forced to a goalless draw by

Bangladesh in the crucial league of the 28th Astan youth (under-19) football championship here tonight, reports PTI.

Now both India and Bangladesh are level on points (5 each) and also on goal difference (3 for and none against) and everything hinges on their last tie against Maldives and Nepal respec-

Tomorrow, Pakistan in their last match will play Maldives in an inconsequential match.

The hosts, playing with star striker and skipper Gunabir Singh and medio Madanmohan Ghosh after their red cards of previous match, were certainly at a disadvantage and seldom posed any real threat to the Bangladesh goalmouth.

In this crucial match, the Indian team appeared to play for a draw as they are faced to get the upper hand in the last league on Tuesday against a winless Maldives.

On the other hand, Bangladesh will have their hands full against Nepal on Monday and if that match is also drawn, India can hope to scrape through on a better goal difference.

Sanjay Ghosh Roy and Nanda Pradhan, who replaced the two sidelined players. were no match and were seen mostly shooting off target.

Only Tousif, acting captain in place of Gunabir, waged a lone battle against heavy odds.

On the whole, it was Bangladesh who stole the honours during the first 40 minutes of play. However, India worked out two good moves during this period.

As early as in the eleventh minute, Nanda Pradhan, working his way on the middle, put an unmarked Tousif in possession. But the latter got into an awkward angle and only managed to send the ball sailing over the bar.

Eight minutes later, Tousif's knee-high cross was headed low by Anand Kumar but the ball missed the mark by

Thereafter, Bangladesh made some sporadic raids into the Indian goalmouth, but the home team's desence managed to keep them at bay.

India replaced Nanda Pradhan with Dhanesh and also reshuffled their attacking line and in the sixth minute after the restart, Tousif worked out a good move and entered the box in a menacing manner. But a Bangladesh defender just managed to avert danger by deflecting the ball out for a

Bangladesh's main threat mostly came through the long throw-ins well into the goalmouth by linkman Alamgir Hossain.

With 12 minutes to go for the final whistle, the visitors nearly made it when a combined move between substitute Masud Rana and Zakir Hossain saw the latter booting wide.

Dhaka lads beat Calcutta colts



Dhaka Mayor's Eleven strutwo quick goals early in the second session to

down Calcutta Mayor's Eleven exhibition under-16 match at the Mohun Bagan ground here today, reports PTI.

The Dhaka colts launched

UEFA's donation

CALIFORNIA, France, May The European Football Union (UEFA) is to donate 100,000 Swiss francs (65,000 dollars) to the fund set up in the wake of last week's Furiani Stadium disaster in Corsica, reports AFP.

The death toll has risen to 14 after a makeshift stand collapsed, minutes before the French Cup semi-final between Bastia and Olympique Marseille.

Sources at the National Training Center here added that UEFA secretary general Gerhard Aigner has sent a message of sympathy to the French Football Federation.

CALCUTTA, May the offensive from the word shot with only the goalkeeper 'go' storming the rival citadel time and again, but had to wait for the second half for success.

> They forged ahead in the 2nd minute of the second half when striker Muzammel Haque Choudhury dodged past few dependers before unleashing a curving shot from close, taking the rival custodian by surprise.

> Five minutes later, sideback Ruhul Amin consolidated the position for the Dhaka cutfit. The goal was the result of a fast counter-attack which saw Muzzamel cutting through the defence from the left flank before crossing to an unmarked Ruhul who had only to place the ball.

The Calcutta youngsters found it hard to thwart the persistent assaults on their citadel, particularly in the first half but managed to make some forays into the rival box in the later stages of the game.

The Dhaka goal had a close shave in the 15th minute of the second half when striker Paritosh Dutta penetrated the box but could not control his

at his mercy

On another occasion, Paritosh again managed to pierce the desence but his blistering left-footer was brilliantly fisted away by the Dhaka custodian Nasirul Haque.

The two teams will play two more exhibition matches at Diamond harbour and Basirhat on May 18 and 20 respectively. The matches have been or-

ganised to commemorate the death centenary year of Iswarchandra Vidyasagar.

Indians beat Britain 3-1

MILTON KEYNES, England, May 16: Jagbir Singh scored twice as India defeated Olympic champions Britain 3-1 in an exhibition men's field hockey game Saturday, reports AP. The game, and a second match Sunday, are seen as important indicators of Olympic medal prospects.

India, eight-time Olympic champions, have won their past nine international games.

Move over, Salim Malik tells Imran

TAUNTON, England, May 16: Imran Khan, skipper of Pakistan's World Cup winning side, was told on Friday to stay away from his country's tour of England, reports AFP.

Salim Malik, vice-captain of the squad, warned the legendary all-rounder, who was left out of the panel because of shoulder trouble, that there would be no place for him in the side if he appeared in



IMRAN KHAN

England later in the summer. "We all respect Imran because he's done a lot for the Pakistan team, but the time is right for him to move over. the batsman told The British Daily Express newspaper. 'It is time for the new generation."

"We're all young and we don't have any superstars any more. We know each other well and we are together. We have the right temperament and talent now to become the strongest side in the world."

"He's been a great player but I don't think we'll miss him this summer. We're an exciting team. We want to play cricket and not to get involved in the hassle of the last few tours. That was bad for the players."

Salim believes Pakistan can become an even better team under Javed Miandad than un der Imran

"We're happier," he reasoned. "Miandad is a good captain. He has been good for me and he's good to everyone.

Angels shoot sick Stars down

Sports Reporter

Angels Club are the new Angels with 16. Federation Cup basketball champions. They made the and concentrated on fast most of a fortui tous passage into the final of the fifth Rohimafrooz Federation Cup by beating two time champions Five Star yesterday at the

Mctropolis league champions angels, who won the match 82-63, led the first half 43-34 against a 'fever struck' Five Star Club.

wooden-floor gymnasium.

Angels, who owed their participation in the final to the tournament committee's decision to scratch Gregs Club following an unfortunate incident in one of the earlier league matches, settled down quickly and put pressure on their opponents from which Five Star never really recovered.

Last year's runners-up Five Star were in bad shape with four of their players including national player Asghar on the sick list. Asghar, in fact, could not take part in the match.

Laid low by fever, the Star players adopted a wrong policy by allowing the taller Angels players to score valuable points with long shots from outside the half circle. Stars, who drove in instead of long shots. hung on to the ball too long more often than not and committed fouls at critical moments, thereby wasting fine opportunities to pick up points. Also, the taller Angels player's excelled in gathering the rebounds.

Angels, figged in brilliant vermillion, were more aggressive and accurate in their attempts to find the basket with James and the tall Dulal excelling in fast breaks that spelt the doom of their opponents in navy blue spangled with white stars. Five Star recovered well to

draw level at 30-all at one stage of the match but were forced to trail the ultimate winners at the breather by 43-34, thanks to some fast scoring by James who went to top score with 25. Dulal, who shook off an indifferent performance with some vital scores in the second half, was the next highest scorer for the

Five Star captain Moby who Five Star changed their was totally out of touch mainly game plan in the second half because he was running a temperature, also lifted his game



Cup basketball final at the wooden-floor gymnasium

which proved ineffective against their more energetic and taller opponents.

in the second half to emerge breaks rather than lay-ups as his side's highest scorer with 16 points. National player Zaheer, another fever victim,

however, proved to be the most consistent performer for his side with 13 points and impressed the spectators with his ability to weave and dribble through the opponents to pick up valuable points. He and Moby were instrumental for the keen competitive nature of the game which had threatened to be evaporated by the syndrome-stricken Five Star

Jute Minister A S M Hannan Shah witnessed the match as the chief guest and gave away the prizes among the players.

The Standard of refereeing and the quality of play left the spectators convinced that there should be more tournaments to prove the justification of this game being played or practised in this country at all. The organisers, who came under fire for not being very firm as regards disciplinary matters which allegedly led to the unfortunate incident in one of the league matches, were accused of having manipulated the ouster of the two outstation teams from Rajshahi and Chandpur. While the team from Sylhet fielded cagers who play in the Dhaka league, something which avoided the notice of the Bangladesh Amateur Basketball Federation. the two teams from Rajshahi and Chandpur were allegedly pitted against tough opponents at the start of the tournament to ensure their early elimination which, it is alleged, considerably curtailed the expenses of the organisers.

TEAMS

ANGELS CLUB : James, Rehan, Siddique, Dulal, Raju, Mira, Mintu, Kabir, Mamun, Tusher, Jami and Ashoke. FIVE STAR CLUB : Moby

Junayed, Asghar, Aklas, Abed, Lincoln, Sajjad, Gazt and Baby.

ROLL OF HONOUR

Year	Champions	Runners-u			
1983	Bangladesh	Banglades			
	Navy	Rifle			
1985 1988 1989	Five Star	Panther			
	Club	Chu			
	Five Star Club Dhaka Wan- derers Club	Dhaka War derers Chu Five Sta Chu			
			1992	Angels Club	Five Star Clu

Huang Hua put China on the

winning track again when she powered her way through 21-

year old Lee Heung-Soon to

outclass the Korean at 11-8,

who are ranked third in the

world, went down tamely to

South Korea's Chund Myeong-

Yao Fen and Lin Yan-Fen,

Rusty champs made to struggle

A rusty Abahani ggled

dors-in-Sports, an amateur football team by a solitary goal

The London-based team,

Krira Chakra failed to please their fans when struto beat visiting Ambassa-

in an exhibition match yesterday at the Dhaka Stadium.

ness a thrashing of the visitors at the hands of the hosts.

AIS, who are currently in Dhaka on a week-long goodwill trip to Bangladesh, circumvented their younger opponents in the art of defending as the success-hungry Abahani forwards fired away abortively

Sports Reporter Joarder, wasting opportunities like the Biblical prodigal son.

Abahani put early pressure on the visitors who needed some time to settle down to show whatever skill they had at their command and Russian midfielder Sergei Zhukov, who did his best to offset the lack against the foreigners in white. of form of his two compatriots Goalkeeper Tim Kangas who - Polynkov and Alexey Arificv



Ambassador-in-Sport defender Rich Jones challenges Abahani striker Rumi during yesterday's exhibition football match at the Dhaka Stadium. Abahani won 1-0. - Star photo

comprising occasional happygo-lucky kickers were predictably at the receiving end against the local league champions but managed to embarrass the sky-blues and their supporters who thronged at the stadium expecting to wit-

LONDON, May 16: weeks ago.

Lineker, who bows out of in- envy the Brazilians in terms of

For Brazil, attempting yet expected to announce it on

ternational soccer after next ball skills, has a calf problem

month's European Champi- that kept him out of Liverpool's

onships, can equal Bobby victories side in last Saturday's

Former world soc-

cer kings Brazil

will have to cont-

end with record-

third time in five years on Americans.

Charlton's England recorded of FA Cup final.

another rebirth since the last of Monday

chasing England

captain Gary Line-ker when the

sides meet at We-mbley for the

49 goals if he scores for the

third time against the

Brazilians. He scored in the 1-1

draw in 1987 and his team's 1-

their three World Cup triumphs

in 1970, it will be a second se-

rious test for coach Carlos

Alberto Parretra after a 1-0 away

defeat arch-rivals Uruguay two

Sunday, reports Reuter.

0 win two years ago.

played with a cap on his head deserved the lion's share of the credit for keeping the Abahani forwards at bay. Alexander Polynkov, Abahani's Russian forward, was the main actor in a revel of 'missers' along with Aslam and Mamun

Barnes, who stunned Maracana

Barnes, who has nothing to

Manager Graham Taylor

picks his definitive squad for

the European Championship fi-

nals in Sweden after the

friendly against Brazil and is

- took some powerful shots at the AIS goal where Kangas, backed up by the four backs, did a splendid job. Kangas steered out two shots by Zhukov while another couple of shots from the out-of-touch and erratic Abahani forwards

Brazil to meet England today fielded 32 different names in Liverpool winger John England's last four games.

But Taylor would like to pick fans with a superb solo goal in a side at Wembley on Sunday England's 2-0 win in Rio De close to the one he fields Janiero in 1984, is fighting to the opening European Champbe fit for a fourth consecutive ionship match against appearance against the South Yugoslavia in Malmo on June

> Parreira's squad, deprived of big-name players with European clubs, includes 37-year old Junior, a veteran of Brazil's last truly gifted side in the 1982 World Cup.

Parreira believes a Brazilian renaissance can come only if they stick to their traditional game based on attacking skills.

"I don't think we can play the European way. We have a The unavailability through school of football in Brazil that injury or club commitments of has lasted more than 100 several top players has seen years. We have to encourage Taylor experiment with a num- that and return to our roots," ber of fringe players. He has Parreira said.

missed the target much to the dismay of the expectant crowd.

The four AIS backs, Rich Jones, J Squires, G Dancy and Steven Adolph, who was born in Bangladesh, baffled the unimaginative Abahani for wards who resembled blind men engaged in a brawl in a shooting.

close to scoring midway through the first half when the Spaniard Jose Ruiz combined well with Mitchell and Dakin but Mohsin pulled off a fine save to spare his side utter embarrassment.

However, AIS once came

Abahani brought in Gaus for Polynkov in the second half to lend the cutting edge in the attack and things improved for the desperate local team.

Aslam twice missed the target as his sizzling headers screamed past the AIS goal while Kangas kept on rushing out to cut curling crosses and flag kicks from either side. Munna's powerful shot was brought under control by a well-positiond Kangas in the second attempt and a stinger from Gaus was deflected for a corner by the bald, obdurate custodian.

Abahani finally got the chance of heaving a sigh of relicf with a face-saving goal in the 37th minute when Rumi scored the lone goal match with an angular grounder from inside the box after Gaus and Arisiev had done the spadework (1-0).

Abahani missed a few more chances after having hailed the dules with Sergei Zhukov unleashing two powerful grounders with the goalkeeper lying prostrate but both the attempts incredibly missed the mark. AIS, who rarely managed to enter the Abahani box, got a fine scoring chance in the second half but Philip Mitchell, the Irishman, failed to push the ball past a diving Mohsin.

Abdul Khaleq, a FIFA approved referee, chose the occasion to put away his whistle after a long, chequered career supervising soccer matches.

The touring side will take on Dhaka Mohammedan SC in their next match on Monday at the same venue.

TEAMS

Munna, Rehan, Shakil, Nira,

ABAHANI KC : Mohstn,

Rumi, Zhukov, Alexei, Mamun, Aslam and Polynkov. AMBASSADORS-IN-SPORTS : Tim Kangas, Rich Jones, Squires, G Dancy, S Adolph, Ruiz, P Mitchell, T Pile, G Pang and K Dakin.

Chinese girls redeem male compatriots But World Cup champion



KUALA LUMPUR. May 16: Defending champions China held on their tight reign in world women's

badminton when they edged South Korea 3-2 for a fifth successive win in the Uber Cup final Friday, reports.AFP.

It was a consolation win for powerhouse China, whose for the first time by hosts

China has won the Uber Cup five times since it first entered the tournament in 1984, a record equalled by Japan.

The Chinese women nearly lost their grip when their third singles player, Asian champion Ye Zhaoying, was made to slog for her team's winning point in a three-set

ditch with their wayward | Thomas Cup team was elimithriller against Shim Eun-Jung nated in Tuesday's semifinal 11-3, 8-11, 11-7. Indonesians get away



with tanking KUALA LUMPUR, May 16: The International Bad minton Federa tion (IBF) decide-

d on Friday not to penalise Thomas Cup finalists Indonesia for "Throwing" a group tie against China, reports Reuter.

President Arthur Jones said the IBF council had decided not to implement the recommendation of its management committee to withdraw a 2,500 travel grant given to Indonesia.

"The issue was blown out of proportion by reports that had been going round", Jones was quoted as saying by the national Bernama news agency. "We do not want to penalise anyone," he said. "The council

decided that I should liaise with PBSI president Try Sutrisno to put the matter to The PBSI is the All-Indonesian Badminton Federation.

Sutrisno will be in Kuala

Lumpur to watch Indonesia

play hosts Malaysia in the

chairman Jeff Robson had recommended that Indonesia be penalised for deliberately losing a group match 5-0 against China in order to avoid meeting hosts Malaysia in the semi-

men's Thomas Cup final today

IBF management committee

Robson said such a tactic was against the spirit of the

Indonesia did not field their top players against China but said it was because they needed a rest.

The PBSI had threatened to withdraw its two members from the IBF council if it were penalised, but Jones denied this had anything to do with the council's decision not to penalise Indonesia.

However, he said the IBF would like to find ways to prevent a similar incident.

Jones also said the council had agreed to a proposal by racket manufacturers to increase the size of racket heads by 10 millimetres (0.39 inch) from October 1.

In the opening match, All-England singles champion Tang Juthong displayed excellent footwork and made short work of South Korea's Bang Soo-Hyun at 11-5, 12-10 to put China one up.

World's top doubles pair Hwang Hye-Young and Chung So-Young of South Korea levelled the score with an 18-17. 15-7, 15-9 win over China's Guan Weizhen and Nong Qunhua.

KUALA LUMPUR, May 16:

The victorious Chinese women

shuttlers who retained the

Uber Cup here will be re-

warded with a house each

when they retire, a Chinese

badminton official said

the China Badminton Asso-

ciation told Bernama news

agency that the winners would

also be allowed to enter uni-

versities without qualifications.

singles trio, All-England

champion Tang Juihong, World

Cup winner Huang Hua and

Asian champion Ye Zhaoying,

the Chinese team defeated

South Korea late Friday 3-2 to

equal Japan's record of five ti-

retained while the two doubles

pairs, Quan Weizhen and Nong

Qunhua, and Yao Fen and Lin

Yan Fen-who lost their rub-

bers- might be disbanned to

was expected. It was a close

fight all the way and in fact we

were ready to accept defeat,"

"The 3-2 winning margin

give way to new faces.

Wang said the trio would be

tle wins.

Wang said.

On the strength of their

Wang Wenjiao, president of

Saturday, reports AFP.

Hee and Gil Young-Ah in the second doubles at 6-15, 5-15, leaving the burden of saving China in the hands of 18-yearold Ye Zhaoying. Reward on "This was the closest encounter against the Koreans. retirement Our upperhand in the singles

> Korean doubles are strong," Wang Wenjiao, the Chinese team leader said. Kim Joong So, the South Korea coach, said: "It was a very close fight and we accept

is the main factor because the

Konishiki suffers

the defeat."

second defeat TOKYO, May 16: American ozeki (champion) Konishiki suffered his second defeat Friday in the Summer Grand sumo tournament, souring his chances for promotion to the highest rank in sumo

wrestling, reports AP. The performance of the 500-pound (226.5-kilogram) Hawaiian-born wrestler is the subject of intense interest because questions have been raised as to whether a foreigner can reach the top of the

traditional sport. Konishiki, whose real name is Salevaa Atisanoe, was flung to the ground by No 1 maegashira (senior wrestler) Tomoefujt Both wrestlers know have 4 2 records.

Victory in the 15-day tournament that began Sunday could propel Konishiki to the rank of yokozuna, or grand champion. To gain the top rank, wrestlers must win two tournaments in a row or compile a record "of equal worth."

Konishiki, who won the last tournament in March, has been quoted as saying racism has kept him from being promoted to the top by the committee that selects yokozunas. He later denied making the allegation.

sekiwake (junior champion) Akebono and komusubi (junior champion second class) Akinoshima stayed on top at 5-1. Akebono, or Chad Rowan, was in control throughout as

he attacked No 4 maegashira Daishoho (3-3) with powerful hand thrusts and slapped him Akinoshima had a momen-

tary scare before he managed to get behind Hawaiian komushubi Musashimaru (2-4)



Angels Club, the new Federation Cup basketball champions.

Meanwhile, fellow Hawaiian

- Star photo | and thrust him down.