



A PWD defender rushes to the rescue of his goalkeeper Abdullah Lahul in yesterday's First Division football league match against champions Abahani KC at the Dhaka Stadium. Abahani won 2-1. —Star photo

# Abahani lucky to get past PWD

Sports Reporter

An absolutely brilliant Sheikh Abdullah Lahul under the PWD bar and relentless raids by the desperate Abahani players marked yesterday's last of three matches of the First Division Football league that resumed after a lapse of 27 days. However, the champions had the last laugh when Packer Ally, the one-time Abahani Star now taking care of the PWD citadel, scored a late, tragic own goal to leave Abahani winners by the odd goal in three.

On a slushy ground, Abahani, fitted in bright yellow, pressed their opponents hard for an early breakthrough. Abahani, who did not have Arifiev in their ranks last night, looked sharp and hungry enough with the midfield under the able marshalling of Sergei Zhukov feeding the forwards with some lovely

balls. The Public Works Department defenders, however, succeeded in thwarting most of the forays with sliding tackles. Custodian Lahul outshone everyone with some brilliant saves without which Abahani could have triggered off a goal avalanche.

Abahani did not have to wait too long to get their first goal when Rumi sprinting down the middle unleashed a powerful grounder from outside the box which entered the PWD goal in the 11th minute leaving Lahul dazed under the bar (1-0).

PWD, who were thrashed 7-0 by Abahani's arch-rivals Mohammedans, seemingly did not like the idea of giving up all resistance once the first goal was scored. With Shri Lankan Prem Lal, Rakib and Shamim nibbling at the Abahani defence, an equaliser did not appear impossible, although not really in the air. Abahani, who enjoyed un-

questioned dominance in the first half, started the second in the same aggressive vein. PWD, however, got the equaliser following a counter attack in the third minute of the post-lemon session. Shamim cut in from the left and sent a low searching cross from the left which was half cleared by Rehan and Rakib scythed in to the net with the Abahani defence and Mohsin left in a quandary.

The equaliser really woke up the champions who came on pouring from all sides. Shots rained in and out with Lahul displaying an almost ubiquitous quality to be at the right place at the right time to bail his team out.

A Rehan header hit the bar and went out of play; then a sizzling Gaus grounder just missed the mark.

The goal finally, came in the 38th minute when Masud Rana won a ball from a counter attack and gave it to Gaus. The speedy outside-left raced down

the flank to send in a fatal low minus for Aslam and Polynkov, the Russian striker; Packer Ally, the veteran Sri Lankan, put the ball into his own net in a bid to clear the ball from the two chasing Abahani strikers.

The match was held up for 15 minutes due to a power failure towards the end of the match.

With yesterday's win, Abahani's collection got upto 33 from 17 matches, while PWD have 17 points from as many outings.

Yellow Card : Munna of PWD

### TEAMS

**ABAHANI KC :** Mohsin, Munna, Rehan, Alamgir, Masud Rana, Zhukov, Zakir, Rumi, Shakil (Mamun) (Gaus), Aslam and Polynkov.  
**PWD SC :** Lahul, Shamim, Jamrul (Sujit), Aman, Lokman, Pakir Ally, Munna, Jewel, Prem Lal, Rakib and Mostak. Referee : Mozaffar Hossain.

# MSC-BU clash today at Mirpur Full points for Victoria

Sports Reporter

Victoria Sporting Club began their campaign for the remainder of the league with a win against Arambagh Krishna Sangha in the first of the two matches of the First Division football league played at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Victoria, who thereby raised their collection to 18 from 17 matches, got the all-important goal in the 69th minute of the match when Zakir fired home after a shot by teammate Shankar was partially saved by the Arambagh custodian Bijoy (1-0).

Arambagh remain at 20 points from 17 outings.

**POINTS SHARED**  
 Rahmatganj MFS and Dhanmondi Club shared points in the only match played at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday.  
 Selahuddin put Dhanmondi ahead with a 15th minute goal while Lokman restored parity

# Platt set to join Juventus

TURIN, May 26: The widely expected transfer of England midfielder David Platt from Bari to Juventus should be sealed this week at a cost of 12 million dollars, Italian press reports said on Monday, reports AFP.

In addition to the cash, Bari will be also given a Juventus player in return for releasing their captain—with a choice from reserve goalkeeper Adriano Bonatuti, midfielder Angelo Alessio and defender Marco De Marchi.

Bari president Vincenzo Matarrese is to meet Juventus officials here to complete the negotiations, which date back several weeks, when it became clear Bari were heading for relegation.

A clause in Platt's original contract stipulated that he could leave the club if they went down.

Platt, who said on Sunday that his fate was in the hands of Matarrese, would be lining up alongside Italian international striker Gianluca Vialli, bought by Juventus last week for a reported world record fee of 20 million dollars.

# Gazza joins Lazio

ROME, May 26: England midfielder Paul Gascoigne finally joined Lazio on Monday when the Italian club said he had passed their stringent fitness tests, reports Reuter.

"Paul Gascoigne officially becomes part of the Lazio team from today," said Lionello Celon, general manager of the Rome-based club.

The 5.5 million pounds sterling (10 million US dollar) deal was first struck more than a year ago but was put on hold when the 24-year-old England midfielder injured his knee after a reckless tackle during the 1991 English FA Cup final.

The last hurdle was for the irrepressible Gascoigne to satisfy Lazio that he had recovered but that had looked doubtful on Sunday when Lazio doctor Claudio Bartolini was quoted as saying that a scan of the player's knee showed further problems.

But on Monday Bartolini denied he had made such comments and confirmed the tests had been satisfactory.

"We needed to check every detail and if there had been the slightest doubt the transfer would not have gone through," Celon said.

He added Lazio officials would have to travel to London one last time to complete the bureaucratic formalities of a five-year agreement.

Lazio want Gascoigne to join them immediately for a tour of Canada and Brazil but the Englishman is unwilling to go.

"This request has taken me by surprise. The last 12 months so much has happened I feel in need of a holiday," the player said, adding he had some affairs to settle in London.

Argentine winger Claudio Caniggia is to join city rivals as Roma next session.

The 25-year-old Argentine passed a medical on Monday and will join Roma from First Division rivals Atalanta for an undisclosed sum.

# Sohail's injury adds to Pak woes

LEICESTER, May 26: Opener Aamir Sohail added to the Pakistan cricket team's mounting injury problems when he twisted a knee while fielding against Leicestershire on Monday, reports Reuter.

Aamir's injury tempered the touring team's delight at their eight-wicket victory on the third and final day.

The Pakistani batsman limped from the field after he was struck by a ball and may be doubtful for the first Test against England at Edgbaston starting on June 4.

Aamir was taken by ambulance to hospital in Leicester and later returned to the ground on crutches.

Tour manager Intikhab Alam said: "He has a badly twisted knee but we will have to wait two days until he sees a specialist before we know whether there is any ligament damage."

Aamir is the third casualty in the squad. Waqar Younis is recovering from a stress fracture of the back and has yet to play a tour match while fellow paceman Wasim Akram has been out of action since last Friday with an ankle stress fracture.

# Rain cuts cricket short

Sports Reporter

Mid-afternoon rains once again played havoc with the Second Division cricket league qualifying competition matches at various venues in and around the city yesterday, forcing several contrived decisions in over-curtailed contests.

At the Mohakhali T&T ground, Rupali Krira Chakra put paid to Mirpur Nabin Krira Chakra's tall hopes in this 73-team meet for only two berths in next year's Second Division league when they emerged the winners by virtue of a better run rate.

In a scenario reminiscent of the rather unfair "rain rules" of the recently concluded World Cup, Mirpur Nabin skipper Tipu must have been a very disappointed person, ruling his decision to insert the opposition following the spin of the coin. Rupali KC made 140 for eight in their stipulated 35 overs and when it came Mirpur Nabin's turn to bat the skies opened up, cutting their innings short just around the halfway mark, ironically leaving them high and dry on 66 for three wickets at the end of the 18th over. That scoring rate was shade slower than Rupali's average of four runs an over.

Saqib top scored for Rupali with 40 while Faruq made 32 as Tipu, with three for 31 and Maruf with two for 24 tried their best to keep the reins on.

Although Joyanal was unconquered on 29, Mirpur Nabin could only muster 66 for three, mainly because of Tutul's fine bowling for Rupali which gave him two wickets for ten runs, when the rains came and dampened Mirpur's hopes.

At the Mirpur Pallabi ground, it was Jupiter Krira Chakra's turn to benefit from the rainy intervention, clinching the issue against Reliance Club on a faster run rate.

Winning the toss, Jupiter skipper Qaiyum put the opposition in and his decision was soon vindicated when Reliance were skittled out for a paltry 117 in only 28.4 of their 35 overs. Rupa stood among the Reliance ruins making a valiant 29 while Simon contributed 21 and Aziz 14.

Jupiter KC, perhaps realising that rains were round the corner as the sky changed from a bluish gray to ominous black, stepped on the accelerator as they chased their runs. When the skies eventually opened up they were comfortably cruising at 99 for 5, having successfully weathered an early storm caused by the Reliance bowlers, to clinch the issue on a better run rate.

Skipper Qaiyum had a hand in that victory by topscoring for Jupiter with an unbeaten 36 while Srijan made 18.

Atiq and Rahim were the Reliance bowling successes with figures of two for 17 and one for 25 respectively.

At the DCS West, Nayapalton got past Dhaniya, again with the help of a little arithmetic, emerging the winners in another truncated encounter.

Dhaniya, batting first after losing the toss, compiled 150 for the loss of eight wickets in their 35 overs. In reply, Nayapalton were coasting at 107 for three when play had to be abandoned after 23.2 overs of their innings, at which point their scoring rate was slightly better than the required rate of about 4.3 runs an over.

Sumon was Dhaniya's top scorer with 57 while Santanu made 31 and Ibrahim, 23. Extras contributed a healthy bonus of 26.

Biplob and Ibrahim, who picked up a wicket each for 13 and four runs respectively, however, failed to keep the reins on the Nayapalton run rate.

The day's other scheduled fixture, between DOHS-4 and Kelaghar Samaj Kallyan Sangha, fell through when the latter failed to turn up, thus conceding a walkover to DOHS-B for whom Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting soccer star Kaiser Hamid will have to wait a while before he gets his chance to measure his crickering skills.

### TODAY'S MATCHES

Holidaymakers Cricket Club vs Malibagh Bright Cricket Club (N'ganj).  
 Crescent Association vs Young Star Cricket Club (DCS West).  
 Kadamtala Sangsad vs Discipline Boys (Pallabi).  
 Anushilan Sangsad vs L. Boys (Mahakhali).

# Hooper dazzles again

LONDON, May 26: West Indies batsman Carl Hooper continued his impressive debut season in English county cricket with his second championship hundred for Kent on Monday, reports Reuter.

Hooper, whose first century was the fastest so far this summer, struck 121 on the second day of the three-day match against Sussex at Hove.

The West Indian stroked 15 fours and two sixes while facing 175 balls and shared a fourth-wicket partnership of 120 with Graham Cowdrey (62) to lift Kent to 368 for seven declared — a first innings lead of 33.

Mark Ramprakash, pressing to establish his England place, completed a career-best 233 for Middlesex against London rivals Surrey at Lord's.

Ramprakash, 193 overnight, hammered seven fours and a six in adding a further 40 before Middlesex declared their first innings at 486 for seven.

Surrey folded for 188 against pacemen Neil Williams (four for 31) and Dean Headley (three for 46) and followed on for the third time in four championship games. They ended a dismal day at two for one.

Somerset off-spinner Harvey Trump captured a career-best seven for 52, which in-

# B'ball fed revamped

The National Sports Council (NSC) yesterday reconstituted the ad hoc executive committee of the Bangladesh Amateur Basketball Federation, reports UNB.

The NSC announced a 31-member committee of the federation with some major changes, including the post of general secretary.

The reconstituted committee is as follows:

President— Prof Rashiduddin Ahmed  
 Vice-President— Abu Shahidul Alam, ABM Firoz and M Mesbahul Huq  
 General Secretary— Major (Retd) Dastagir Newaz  
 Asst General Secretaries— Mainul Ahsan Monju and M Talebur Rahman  
 Treasurer— Sheikh Sajedulah  
 Members— Major (Retd) Kazi Ashfaq Ahmed, M Nabi Newaz, Masud Akhter Mubarak, Tarek Khan Majlish, Mahmood Anwar, S M Mamoon, Abdur Rafique, Imtiaz Khan, Mohsin Ali, Gazi Shahidul Huq, Khairul Alam Masud (Barisal), Mujibur Rahman Swapan (Chandpur), Mujibur Rahman Babul, Asif Zafar, Fazlur Rahman (Rajshahi University) and Obaidur Rahman.

Besides, representatives of the National Sports Council, Bangladesh Army, Bangladesh Navy, Bangladesh Air Force, Bangladesh Rifles, Bangladesh Police and Bangladesh Ansar are also included in the committee.

# Pancev's 'no' to Y'slavia

BELGRADE, May 26: Darko Pancev, Yugoslavia's best scorer, said Tuesday he will not play for the national soccer team at the European Championships in Sweden in June, reports AP.

Pancev's decision was another blow for the truncated team that has lost several of its star players, including coach Ivica Simic, as Yugoslavia disintegrates.

Pancev, a Macedonian who was Europe's best scorer last season and who used to play for Red Star Belgrade before signing for Inter Milan, said he "lost the inspiration" of playing for Yugoslavia.

He refused to say whether political motives were behind his move. Along with Slovenia, Croatia and Bosnia, Macedonia has also split from Yugoslavia and is awaiting international recognition.

In Sweden, the Yugoslav team was likely to consist of players from only Serbia and Montenegro as Croatian, Slovenian, Bosnian and Macedonian stars have boycotted the lineup.

Osim, a Croat from Bosnia, resigned as the head coach on Saturday to protest war in his native Sarajevo, the Bosnia capital.

Former captain of the team, Faruk Hadzibegovic, midfielder Mehmed Bazdarevic and striker Meho Kodro, all Bosnian Muslims, also quit the squad after Osim's resignation.

In their opening match at the European Championships, Yugoslavia are scheduled to play England.

# Premier kabaddi

Sports Reporter

Police 'A' and BDR (Reds) won their respective matches in the Premier Kabaddi league yesterday at the Outer Stadium Kabaddi court.

In the fifth fixture of the tournament, and the day's first, Police 'A' recorded a 16-5 victory against Ansars 'A', a score that included a 'lona' for the winners who led the first half 3-2.

BDR (Reds) defeated Fire Service in the other tie 7-1.

The Riflemen who failed earn any 'lona' led the first half 5-1.

**TODAY'S MATCHES**  
 BDR (Green) vs Fire Service (B).  
 Ansars 'B' vs Police 'B'.

# Barcelona chefs face a real culinary challenge

BARCELONA, Spain, May 26: Take 15,000 athletes from 170 countries, mix them in a big village, add a dash of food faddish, then heat under the Mediterranean sun for three weeks — it's the recipe for the largest culinary headache in the world, writes Reuter.

Chefs at the Olympic Village in Barcelona are gearing up for the greatest challenge of their careers — catering for and hopefully pleasing the athletes who will demand high-class cuisine to fuel their performance on track and field.

Residents of the Olympic Village will enjoy a strong selection of Spanish and Mediterranean foods, from paella to potato tortillas, although the Village's no-alcohol policy will not allow them wine, the traditional mealtime beverage of Spain.

The Olympic menu will take pride in the tastes that make Barcelona a rich culinary crossroads.

Closer to southern France than Madrid and strongly influenced by Italy, the Barcelona Chefs de Cuisine will draw from more than their own Catalan and Spanish specialties to feed the largest gathering of athletes the world has known.

Each of those Mediterranean cuisines will be emphasized in a vast Olympics food service operation designed to satisfy a spectrum of dietary needs, cultural preferences and finicky athletes.

"The idea of the programme was to offer a lot of recipes, with the requisite minerals and vitamins, which could be combined for the needs of the sport, of the spirit, of pleasure and of religious conditions," said Madrid nutritionist Gregorio Varela, Menu consultant to the Barcelona Olympic Organizing Committee (COOB).

"It just so happens that the variety we were looking for is a strong feature of the Mediterranean diet," he said.

The result of two years' planning is a buffet-style selection of 120 platter combinations, based on 19 hot and 40 cold dishes from which athletes can pick and choose.

Accompanied by detailed nutritional information, the menu reflects the need of athletes who must adhere to strict eating regimens.

**A million meals**

Charged with serving athletes almost one million meals in a single month, COOB experts decided that variety and free choice would minimize potential problems.

"We want food that is good for the normal person but the problem is that an athlete is not a normal person — in his mind," Varela said.

"We know olive oil is good for the heart and cardiovascular system. But if we take a champion from Kenya whose food is never cooked in olive oil, and we use olive oil and he doesn't run or jump well that day, you know the problem will be blamed on olive oil."

The Kenyan will find his fare in July. After estimating the geographical distribution of the athletes coming, COOB experts determined the dietary preferences of each group.

Africans were found to favour fish and poultry, North Americans, Turkey, Asians pork, Europeans beef and South Americans veal. All will be present at the buffet.

COOB nutritionists found that while the average person needs one to 1.5 gram of protein daily per kilo of body weight, the average athlete requires half a gram more.

There will be low-salt, high-energy and high-fibre offerings. Fat content, as much as 30 per cent in the diet of non-athletes, will not surpass 20 per cent in the Olympic Village.

Despite COOB's attempts to please everyone, some national teams, Italy among them, have already been granted permission to bring their own chefs. The visiting chefs, however, must use the ingredients on hand at the Village.

When the whole Olympic family — press, judges, volunteers, staff, VIPs and others — is included in the tally, the 1,000-plus staff of food services director Josep Maria Prieto could serve over two million meals in one month.

The cost of providing those meals is estimated at 1.8 billion pesetas (18.7 million US dollar), almost a third of that for raw materials.

The main Olympic Village will feature a restaurant built to serve 9,000 three times daily and there will be four more large restaurants on site and five more at substites throughout town.

Full breakfast will be served from five am for those with early events and the restaurants will be open 24 hours a day.



Action from yesterday afternoon's Premier kabaddi match between Bangladesh Rifles and Fire Service at the Outer Stadium. —Star photo

# Barada bridge prize-giving

Sports Reporter

The prize-giving ceremony of the tenth Mohiuddin Ahmed Khan Barada memorial bridge tournament will be held at five this afternoon at the Victoria Sporting Club pavilion.

State Minister for Youth and Sports will grace the occasion as chief guest.

The competition began at the club premises on May 14 with 14 teams taking part in the annual meet.