Rahimov's hattrick of hattricks



Abdou Rahimov. the brilliant often temperamental Russian striker of Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Cl-

ub, gave another demonstration of his almost phenomenal scoring ability to run off further lamentation from the club bosses for not having roped this daring goal-getter as he notched his third hattrick in a row yesterday against Police AC on a day of goal-glut marked by another one from Javed of Rahmatgani at the Mirpur Stadium.

Barring one season, 1982 to be precise, scoring goals has never been the forte of the black-and-whites. Abdul Salam Murshedi, now playing the role of the team manager, netted 27 goals, a record yet to be eclipsed. Mohammedan Sporting, with the dual, rather dubious distinction of being the Federation Cup and last year's league runners-up, found goal-scoring extremely difficult till the stockily built and thick-thighed footballer from the former Soviet Union arrived here to bail the blackand-whites out. Rahimov started with a bang, scoring two goals in his first appearance against Farashganj and since then it has been a twice tale with Rahimov in evitably distinguishing himself as the architect of Mohammedan victories.

He scored his first hattrick against PWD, confirmed his obvious talents with a more creditable one against Fede ration Cup champions Brothers Union and then came the hattrick of hattricks yesterday with the highest scorer of the league adding four more to his tally of 13 from just nine matches.

With yesterday's win, Mohammedans now have 33 points from 18 matches, still two short of the league leaders Abahani Krira Chakra, from the same number of matches. Mohammedans have to beat Abahani in the last match to push the league to a play-off to decide the title.

Yesterday Mohammedans predictably outclassed Police AC, now involved in a lastditch battle to avoid the relegation axe. With Rahimov in irresistible form, the first goal was only a matter of time and it duly came in the 12th minute of the match. Harried, hara-

les, May 31: Yu-

thrown out of ne-

COPENHAGEN. .

May 31: After UN

sanctions banned

war-torn Yugos-

lavia from par-

ticipating in next

pean Champion-

ship soccer finals after the UN

Security Council included a

sports boycott in sanctions

against the rump state, soccer

officials said on Saturday.

ciation (FIFA) general secre-

month's European soccer

championships in Sweden, the

Danish Football Association on

Sunday was getting ready to

replace the ousted Yugoslav

hard as we can to get ready for

the first match," Jim Stjerne

Hansen, president of the soc-

cer association told the public

definitive confirmation from

UEFA which will come tonight

chard Moler Nielsen said his

players are positively ready

or early Monday," he added.

"But we are awaiting a

Danish national coach Ri-

"We are qualified to partici-

"We are already working as

team, reports AP.

radio Sunday.

for the Euro '92."

International Football Asso-

reports Reuter.

Sports Reporter

ssed by the marauding Mohammedan players. Asit the Po-lice defender, committed a fatal blunder when in a bid to backpass a ball he pushed it too slowly and too wide and Rahimov swooped on it in a flash to finish the ball into the net past a shell-shocked Imran, much to the delight of the expertant black-and-white

ers appealed for an off-side but referce Rafigul Islam remained unmoved.

Mohammedans got their fourth goal another couple of minutes later when Nabikov's short zoomed into the net after Syed Rumman bin-Wali Shabbir had done the spadework (4-0).

In the 69th minute, a rasp ing drive by Rahimov had the Titu, Nabikov, Johnny, Shabbir and Rahimov.

Police AC: Imran, Montr. Asit , Monesh, Shahajahan, Babar Alt, Babul Das (Antan) Mukul, Khokon (Mamun), Lulu (Emdad) and Avijit.

> Referee: Rafigul Islam. A CHARADE

Earlier, in the afternoon, Dhaka Wanderers Club beat



Abdou Rahimov, the Star Russian striker, is given a ride on the shoulders of jubilant Mohammedan Sporting Club fans after he scored his third hattrick in consecutive matches for the title-aspirants against Police AC at the Dhaka Stadium last evening. Rahimov scored four of his side's six goals. Star photo

Mohammedan fans heaved a sigh of relief when Kanan brilliantly saved a powerful long shot by Mohon

Rahimov doubled the margin for the black-and-whites (yesterday they donned all white while Police put on black-and-white !) in the 60th minute of the match. Sergei Nabikov found Rahimov inside the box with a nice placing and the latter, with his characteristic power and speed, scored his fifteenth goal of the league

Rahimov, the hero of the day, completed his third hattrick of the season in the 65th minute when, receiving the ball inside the opponents' box he placed it past the hopeless Imran (3-0). The Police playPolice coustodian in all sorts of trouble.

The honest Mohammedan workhorse Shabbir netted the fifth goal of the match in the 77th minute from a Roxy through (5-0).

Rahimov completed Mohammedans' goal glut two minutes into injury time with a powerful kick from close (6-0).

Poor Police, for whom the match was a disaster, now appear precipitously close to relegation to Division Two, having mustered just a dozen points from 18 outings.

Yellow card: Kakon and Avijit of Police and Rohimov of Mohammedans.

Mohammedan SC : Kanan, Shamim, Kaiser, jewel. Pappu (Mizan), Kuznetsov (Roxy), European Championship in Sweden

Fakirerpool Youngmen's Club by two goals to nil in a put-up match at the same venue. The win steered Wanderers slightly clear of the relegation

Moin netted the first goal from a penalty in the 27th minute while Mustakim in creased the margin for the winners in the 68th minute of

The result left both teams at par on 14 points from 18 matches each.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Sadharan Bima vs Farashgani (Dhaka Stadium -

The victory took Rahmat-BRTC vs BJMC (Dhaka gan s points tally to 19 while Stadium — 7 pm)

"It's not a surprise but from

the sporting point of view it's

not a relief. I think sport

should never suffer from polit

ical decisions but sport can't

be completely apart from poli-

in Sweden on Thursday for the

European tournament. They

had been due to face England

in Malmo on June 11 in their

first match in preliminary

ers from five of the six origi-

nal Yugoslav republics but al-

most all play for Serbian clubs

Red Star Belgrade and Parti-

zan Belgrade. The team was

weakened by a series of with-

drawals as a result of the eth-

Croat, pulled out last week in

solidarity with his home town

of Sarajevo, the Bosnian capital

besieged and bombarded by

Serb irregulars backed by the

Star marksman Darko

Yugoslavia's involvement in

curity fears in Sweden, where

thousands of refuges and exiles

from former Yugoslav republics

BDR Reds lift

have taken sanctuary.

Coach lvica Osim, an ethnic

The squad comprises play-

The Yugoslav squad arrived

tics, he said.

Group One.

nic bloodshed.

Adamjee have 14 points, from 18 matches each.

FIFA approves 2 rule changes

LLANTRISANT, Wales, May 31: Football's world governing body announced two rule changes here on Saturday in an attempt to quicken the pace of the game, reports AFP. From 'uly 25 goalkeepers

will be revented from handling backpasses, although they will be allowed to gather balls headed or chested back to them. If they do pick up a backpass, an indirect freekick will be awarded against them. FIFA also decided that a

goalkick from inside the penalty area will not have to be taken from the side the ball goes out of play. It can be taken from either side.

"We believe that these changes will lead to a better attacking spirit and less timewasting," said FIFA general secretary Sepp Blatter. One other new ruling is that

referees will be told to hold up both yellow and red cards when a player is sent off for a second caution to distinguish from when the dismissal is for one offence.

However, FIFA kicked out a suggestion to allow goalkeepers to move before a penalty.

Ansars are third

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The unfinished match for the third position in the eighth national Sunball handball championship was completed yesterday at the Outer Stadium handball court with Bangladesh Ansars defeating Dhaka District Association 21-12 to finish third in the tenteam competition expected to be rounded off today with the

the final at 5 pm. The winners, who led 16-10 on Saturday when rain stopped play, scored five times against twice by the losers in the 22 minutes of the remain-

holders Bangladesh Rifles tak

Kamal and Rashedul scored three goals each while Abu scored twice for the losers.

Iqbal soccer

Sports Reporter Bangladesh Paper Mills XI

beat Sabuj Sangha by four goals to three in the semifinal of the

Skipper Harun scored a hattrick while Chowdhury net ted the other goal for Paper

Munna and Ershad scored

10C may defy Nayapaltan group champions UN embargo

LAUSANNE, May 31: The

International Olympic

Committee, which defied US

President Jimmy Carter in

1980 when it went ahead

with the Games in Moscow.

has not ruled out the

possibility of Yugoslavia

competing in Barcelona in

reason that a UN decision is

applicable to the IOC," said

the body's administrative

ing Executive Board would

meet next week to discuss

the trade and sports

call to boycott Moscow after

the Soviet invasion of

Afghanistan in 1979, does

not recognise sovereign

states but national Olympic

In the past many of these

national committees were

run by government-appointed

officials but the communist

upheaval put an end to that

men competed in indepen-

dent teams at the Albertville

Javed's hattrick

for Rahmatganj

Sports Reporter

Javed powered Rahmatgant

Muslim Friends Society to a

convincing 6-0 victory over

Adamtee Sports Club in the

only match of the First Division

league held at the Mirpur

mmedans, led 1-0 at the

Rahmatganj, like Moha-

Angur scored the first two

goals while Javed got the

third, fourth and fifth goals in

a row for the winners, becom-

ing the fourth player to achieve

Adamjee goalie Narayan in the

first half and then doubled the

margin in the 54th minute.

Angur got the better of

Javed then led the charge

Badal completed Rahmat

ganj's tally a couple of minutes

and scored for his side in the

61st, 65th and 78th minutes.

Stadium yesterday.

the feat this season.

lemon break.

from time.

A brilliant hat-trick by

Winter Games in February.

Croat and Slovene sports-

The IOC, which rejected a

He said the decision-mak

chief Raymond Gafner.

"It does not stand to

July, reports AFP.

embargo.

committees.

practice.

One team emerged as the group champions while three other advanced to the finals of

groups in the respective qualifying competition now in progress to confirm which two teams will play in next year's Second Division cricket league.

Yesterday at the western portion of the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, Nayapaltan defeated Crescent Association by 56 runs to emerge as the Group 'B' champions. Nayapaltan batted first to col-

Russel was the pick of the Crescent bowlers with figures of four for 28. Sabuj took three

all out for 99 in 29.4 overs with Shimul topscoring with

Sports Reporter

shanked three Crescent batsmen for only 16 runs while Jami took two for 28.

At the Mirpur Pallabi ground, Mahakhali Krira Chakra registered an exciting seven-run win against Antaranga Krira Chakra.

Mahakhali Krira Chakra bat ted first to muster 151 for nine from their quota of 35 overs with Azam topscoring with 43. Shaheen made 42.

Alim of Antaranga bagged four wickets for 28 runs while Tajul took two for 23.

Antaranga, in their attempt to get 152 for victory, feli short by seven runs, being all out for 144 in 35 overs.

Joydev's defiant 41, 23 from skipper Shahid and 20 from Towhid went in vain as Murad of Mahakhali with three for 34 and his teammate Shaheen with two for 24 put the spoke in the Antaranga

Pallabi Club overcame Paribagh Krira Chakra by 20 runs at the Mahakhali T& T

ground.

In a low-scoring match, Pallabi were bowled out for 74 in 25.2 overs with Imran Rahi making 14, and Zahid Hossain

> Zahid and Rafiq of Paribagh took three wickets apiece. Partbagh were shot out for 54, leaving Pallabi winners by

20 runs. Zahid Hossain of Pallabi ripped through the Paribagh batting with superb figures of four wickets for four. He was aptly assisted by Azad and Imran who took two wickets

Cute Star won their match against Uttaran Friends Club by five wickets at the eastern half of the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium. Batting first Uttaran managed a rather paltry 128 for five wickets with Babu topscoring with 38, followed by George 26 and Dipu 23.

A fine 45 by Tuhin helped Cute Star to reach their target in 21.2 overs for the loss of five wickets.

lem at all and I'm confident

he'll be alright. He'll have to

Mujtaba completes his ton



of seven wickets on the second day of their three-day match against Pakistan at Lord's yesterday when reports last came in, according to BBC monitored in Dhaka last night

This was in reply to Pak istan's first innings score of 327 for four declared. Asif Mujtaba top scored for the Pakistanis with 123.

An earlier report said: Asif Mujtaba boosted his growing reputation as an all-rounder against Middlesex at Lord's here on Saturday as Pakistan made the most of a rain-shortened day.

the tourists to victory against an England Amateur XI with 10 wickets earlier this week, stroked an unbeaten 89 to guide the world one-day champions to 234 for two from 64 overs at the close.

But his efforts against a Middlesex attack lacking former England players John Emburey and Neil Williams may be in vain when the team for the first Test is decided.

Paceman Wagar Younis, all rounder Wasim Akram and opening batsman Aamir Sohaile are all hoping to cheat their respective back, shin and knee injuries, and face England at Edbaston next Thursday.

Pakistan team manager Intikhab Alam said: "Wagar is playing in this current match against Middlesex, while Wasim has improved a hell of a Sports Reporter

180 for the loss "We're not ruling either out of contention for the Test. while Aamir will definitely be available.

Younis did not get the

The left-hander, who span

chance to bowl at Lord's with former England skipper Mike Gatting, in his first meeting



ASIF MUJTABA with Pakistan since his acrimonious 1987 tour there putting them in when the match finally got under way at 2.15 pm after an overnight thunderstorm had left the outfield needing time to dry out.

Akram, meanwhile, had the plaster removed on Friday from his right shin, which was shown to be strees-fractured following the opening Texaco Trophy international 10 days

But Alam added: "Wasim is

bat again if needed." That might not be neces-

attack. own comeback with just 29 runs conceded from his 16 overs, managed to check the

Scoreboard

Pakistan: First innings 37

29 15 Incomplete



meters of the

Jose Grand Prix athletics meeting on Saturday, but organisers denied suspended 400-meter world record holder Butch Reynolds a chance to run despite a court saying he should be allowed to

The front-running Gray's time of one minute 44.84 seconds was the first 800 under

"I said before the race I was tired of the slow times this year," said Gray, who bettered the year's top time by a half-

one of the surprises of the season, won the 100 meters in a wind-aided 9.99 seconds.

Witherspoon won the 200 record holder Leroy Burrell was a disappointing sixth in 20.71.

Devers looked like a contender for an Olympic medal as she clocked 12.60 seconds to win the women's 100-metre hur-

dles. Fellow American Lavonna Martin was second in 12.74 in the fast race, which was aided by a wind of 3.0 meters per second. Double Olympic gold medal-

inated the women's long jump, winning with a leap of 7.17 meters. "I was pleased but I know there is a big jump there. It's

list Jackie Joyner-Kersee dom-

just a matter of getting my steps down," said Joyner-Kersee, who plans to defend her heptathlon and long jump titles at the Barcelona Olympic. Reynolds, who is serving a

two-year International Amateur Athletic Federation-imposed suspension for a positive test for anabolic steroids, was denied permission to run the 400 meters when he turned up at the meeting. Meeting director Bert

Bonanno said he did not want

McColgan's race

NEW YORK, May 31: Liz McColgan of Scotland, the world 10,000-meter champion, broke away from Lisa Ondicki of Australia with about

three-quarters of a mile (1

km) remaining and coasted to

victory in the Advil Mini

Marathon on Saturday, reports

to jeopardise the eligibility of the other athletes for the Olympics by permitting Reynolds to run.

A US Federal Court issued a temporary restraining order on Thursday, allowing Reynolds to compete. But the IAAF, in a stern warning, threatened athletes

with possible suspension if

they knowingly participated in a competition with anyone under suspension. Jamaican Juliet Cuthbert clocked the fastest women's 200 meters of the year with a victory in 22.15 seconds on

the warm and sometimes windy afternoon. The throwing events provided solid results with American Gregg Jafralis tossing the shot 21.28 meters and Judd Logan edging Lance Deal in a battle of Americans in the hammer throw. Logan's best

while Deal hit 79.52. Germany's Wolfgang Schmidt won the men's discuss at 65.48 meters.

throw was 79.84 meters .

Kevin Young outclassed the men's 400 meter hurdles field with a time of 48.48 seconds and Rochelle Stevens was again impressive in the women's 400 metres, winning in 50.65 seconds,



Action from yesterday's Division Two cricket qualifying competition match between Cute - Star photo, Star Club and Uttaran Friends at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

Bangladesh Rifles Reds, who won the Premier Kabaddi league title yesterday beating BDR Greens in the final at the Outer Stadium. - Star photo

pate in the championships according to the UEFA rules, as group runner-up. Yugoslavia does not exist any more as the old nation and the players and leaders are not the same ei-

and the CIS Unified team in a

Championships teams.

first round. Denmark is scheduled to Malmo, then Sweden in Stockholm on June 14 and

France in Malmo on June 17.

Championship in Sweden.

As long as this (UN) ban exists, Yugoslavia will be sus-Danes rush to get ready

> Monday, an 18-member team will start training for an exhibition game Wednesday in Copenhagen between Denmark

warm-up for both European "Our major technical problem is to get hold of tickets for the Danish fans," said Hansen. He explained that the Swedish organizers told him would be available for Den-

mark's three matches in the meet England on June 11 in

tary Sepp Blatter said the executive committee of soccer's world governing body would suspend Yugoslavia by Monday xt month's Euro- as a result of the UN vote.

The President of the Euro pean Football Union (UEFA), Lennart Johansson, said UEFA would follow FIFA's move by expelling the Yugoslav team from the June 10-26 European

iceland.

Yugoslav state.

Sunday only 5,000 tickets

pended from international football, Blatter told reporters in the Welsh town of Newport.

UN sanctions bar Y'slav booters

where he was attending a meeting of the FIFA board. This meant Yugoslavia would miss not only the European Championship finals but also possibly the 1994 World Cup if UN sanctions were still in force in September when the team was due to play its

first qualifying match against Yugoslavia's place at the summer Olympics in Barcelona in July was also in doubt after the Security Council voted to ban sporting links with Serbia and its ally Motneegro, the

sole members of the new rump The United States and the European Community accuse Serbia of inciting the fighting in Bosnia-Herzegovina, where ethnic Serbs rebelled against a declaration of independence

by majority Muslims and Croats in March. Johansson, a Swede said Denmark would probably fill

Yugoslavia's place in the eightnation European tournament. "I can understand that Yugoslav players are very disappointed at the moment but think most people can understand the decision of the Sccurity Council of the United

obcy it," he said. Blatter expressed personal disappointment that sport had

become a casualty of politics.

Yugoslav federal army. Pancey, a Macedonian, withdrew saying he lacked the motive to play. the tournament had raised se

Nations and I think we must

kabaddi title Sports Reporter Bangladesh Rifles (Reds) lifted the first ever Premier Kabaddi league title when they defeated their peers Bangladesh (Greens) 50-14 in

five lonas, led the first half 26-4. Badiur Rahman, DC, Dhaka gave away the prizes as the chief guest. Shah Alam of BDR (Greens)

and Tarigul of BDR (Reds) were declared the best per-

formers of the eight-team

a one-sided anticlimatic final

at the kabaddi court yesterday.

The winners, who earned

league that began on May 24. Bangladesh Police 'A' won the prized for the most disciplined team of the meet.

TEAMS

BDR (Reds): Amjad, Kajal,

Khalid, Kashem, Abdul Hakim,

Nawsher, Tariqul, A Rouf, Zulhas and Mukul. BDR (Greens): Shah Alam, Kashem, Afsar, Wahiduzzaman, Nawsher, Badshah Mian, Ku-

lect 155 in 34 overs with Badar hitting an excellent 79 with the help of two sixes and eight fours.

Crescent Association were

Selim of Nayapaltan

Middlesex were lot in the last few days.

bowl in the nets first but I'm keeping my fingers crossed." The Pakistan boss also pronounced that Sohail, who needed keyhole surgery on a knee injured last weekend, was recovering very quickly.

As for fellow opening batsman Rameez Raja, who retired hurt on Saturday after cracking 37 from just 34 balls, Alam said: "He has strained his back, but it's nothing serious. He'll

sary after the way Mujtaba, Shoaib Mohammad and Salim Malik set about the Middlesex .Only the steady Angus Fraser, gamely continuing his

free-scoring Pakistani strokemakers.

Rameez Raja retired hurt 37 Shoath Mohammad c Ramprakash b Taylor Asif Mujtaba not out Javed Miandad c Roseberry b Carr Salim Malik not out Extras (lb 5, nb 9) Total (2 wkts) Fall of wickets: 1-125; 2

Bowling: Taylor Headley Fraser Sylvester Weeks

walking around with no prob-Gary runs year's fastest 800 m



SAN JOSE, California, May 31 Johnny Gray ran the fastest 800

vear at the San

compete, reports Reuter. 1:45 recorded this year.

US sprinter Mike Marsh,

Marsh's teammate Mark meters in 20.25 seconds as former 100- meter world

World silver medallist Gail

ing play. Jewel was the topscorer with eight goals for Ansars followed by Akram with four and Rafiq with three. Salahuddin,

Iqbal football cup tournament on Friday last at Begumganj Noakhali, says a press release.

mar, Arman, Iqbal and Mahbub. one goal each for Sabuj Sangha.