

3 more reach group finals

Azimpur Boys Club, Rupali Krita Chakra and Kadamtali Sangsad moved into their respective group finals while Kalindi Krita Chakra qualified for the Group D semifinals of the qualifying meet for the two berths in next year's Second Division cricket league by winning their matches at four different venues yesterday.

It was indeed a great effort by the Rupali Krita Chakra bowlers when they booked their opponents Mohammadpur Krita Chakra for a paltry 36 to help engineer a convincing 103 run victory for their side in the Group D semifinal at the Mohakhali T&T ground.

Batting first, Rupali were all out for 139 in 30.4 overs with Bayezid topscoring with 46 while Faruk and Suman made 25 and 13 respectively.

Adel with five wickets for 17 was the most successful Mohammadpur bowler while Shantu took two for 28.

Mohammadpur, in reply, were shot out for only 36 in 11.1 overs.

Tutul and Mirnal, the two opening Rupali bowlers, took five and four wickets for 17 and 18 runs respectively.

Rupali will now play Pallabi Cricket Club to decide the Group D champions tomorrow, Friday.

At the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, Azimpur Boys Club posted a comfortable six-wicket victory over Zinzira Krita Chakra.

Azimpur will now take on the winners of the other semifinal between Kaganjola and Kalindi Krita Chakra on June 7 to decide the Group G champions.

Sent into bat, Zingira collected 177 for eight wickets in 34 overs with Hedayet making 44, Hafiz 27 and Munna 19.

Maudud of Azimpur claimed three wickets for 35 while Tanveer, Anis and Mukti took a wicket apiece.

Azimpur Boys cruised past Zinzira's total making 178 in 28 overs with six wickets to spare.

Barkat topscored with 45 while Anis, Tanveer and Bashir made 38, 31 and 20 respectively for the winners.

Arif and Munna took a wicket each for Zinzira.

At the Mirpur Pallabi ground, Kadamtali Sangsad outplayed Gopibagh Krita Chakra by 67 runs to move into the Group C final.

Batting first, Kadamtali collected 208 for seven in 35 overs with Raju hitting 60, Dulal 30 and Sayem 28.

Akash and Saiful took two wickets each for Gopibagh.

Gopibagh, in their turn, were bundled out for 141 in 31.3 overs with Hanif getting 29, Riaz 19 and Nantu 16.

Jalal claimed four wickets for 18 while Babu and Rokon got two wickets apiece to tend him able support.

Kadamtali will now play Mugga in the Group C final tomorrow.

The Group G quarterfinal between Kalindi KC and Azam-Waqar Cricket Club at the Narayanjan Stadium was marked by some accurate bowling by the Kalindi bowlers who earned their team a convincing seven-wicket victory.

Electing to bat, Azam-Waqar CC were shot out for a paltry 68 in 25.3 overs with sundries topscoring with 24 while Ronny made 18.

Babu was the pick of the Kalindi bowlers with four wickets for 25 while Biplob took two for six.

Kalindi needed only 12 overs to make 70 with seven wickets to spare.

Shahid and Suntu scored 15 and 11 respectively for Kalindi. Faruk of Azam-Waqar took two wickets.

Kalindi will play Kaganjola in the Group G semifinal tomorrow.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Mirpur Pallabi: Mohakhali CC vs Evergreen
T&T ground: Dhanmondi Pragati vs Lalkuthi
DCS (East): DOHS (Jrs) vs Kalpataru.

ITTF to wait on sanctions

TOKYO, June 3: The International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF), the sport's governing body, will delay their response to the UN sanctions against Yugoslavia, ITTF president Ichiro Ogimura said on Tuesday, reports Reuters.

Yugoslavia has contributed to the growth of the sport by hosting several World Championships and producing many good players," Ogimura said.

"We would like to watch what develops there with generosity since we still have some time before our new season starts in September."

The UN Security Council voted on Saturday, as part of wide-ranging sanctions, to forbid any country from allowing athletes or teams representing the rump state of Yugoslavia to play on its territory.

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) will decide this month whether to expel Yugoslavia from the Barcelona Games after the UN ban on sporting links.

Victoria Adamjee first to breast the tape

Sports Reporter



With all interest concerning the league now accruing around the derby between reigning champions Abahani Krita Chakra and their arch-rivals Mohammedan Sporting Club, to be played on June 7, Sunday, the end of the running for other teams rarely incite the interest of the sports-lover yet inevitably an end is always there to end everything that begins.

Yesterday at the Dhaka Stadium, in the only match of the First Division football league that is fast eddying towards nothingness, Victoria Sporting Club and Adamjee Sports Club quietly breast the tape to finish their league campaign for this year's 20-team competition after having played 19 matches each. They drew, or decided to draw, their last match one-all with Victoria managing 20 points from 19 matches, pushing them to the fifth position, albeit temporarily, while Adamjee finished with five points less, also from 19 matches.

With both teams well out of the relegation-throes there was hardly any stake in the match and quite predictably the contest was mainly confined to midfield with neither side appearing too keen to force a result.

After a listless show of 27 minutes in humid conditions

under the hot sun, Victoria took the lead, or rather one should say, were given the lead, when Adamjee's defender Rakkhal, in a bid to clear a free-kick by a Victoria player, put the ball into his own net in the 28th minute of the match (1-0).

Down by an accidental goal, Adamjee tried to pull their socks up but their intentions were not translated into reality in the rest of the first half as their forwards failed to break through the Victoria defence marshalled by a veteran Abu Yusuf, now taking care of the Victoria citadel after having served giants like Mohammedans and Abahani at his peak.

Better fortune awaited Adamjee, in the post-lemon session and they drew level twelve minutes into the second half when midfielder Yusuf beat Aslam with a well-directed grounder following a combined move that had the Victoria defence reared beyond repair (1-1).

The goal triggered off a brief session of entertaining football as both teams -- one smarting under the set-back of wasting the lead and the other charged by the recent success -- tried to get what could have been the decider. Victoria had the most positive chance when their striker Mamunul Karim nodded the ball towards the Adamjee goal but goalkeeper Narayan parried it away for a corner.

With the zest for a result passing away too quickly and the deadly combination of complacency and incapacity creeping in to fill the vacuum created by the departure of eagerness, the match could not head for any other result than an all-too-familiar draw. It was just another draw for the followers of the game grown blasé by the series of fixed matches and goal drought but the two teams who, unlike the Big Three enter the fray every year without the ambition of any distinction, achieved a dubiously rare feat by breasting the terminal tape ahead of the more celebrated names like Mohammedan, Abahani, Brothers and many others.

Team M W D L G F A P
Victoria SC 19 7 6 6 16 14 19
Adamjee SCC 19 3 9 7 15 25 15

VICTORIA SC: Aslam, Mong Chila (Masud), Yusuf, Farhad, Anwar, Towfik, Tarik, Mamunul, Zakir, Shankar (Zabbar) and Mamun Babu (Riaz).

ADAMJEE SCC: Narayan, Alamgir, Dilip, Hossain, Rakkhal, Lipu (Akram), Maruf, Mesbah, Yusuf, Badsha and Akhter (Babul).

Referee -- Nasir Chowdhury.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Rahmatganj vs Farashganj (5 pm)
Brothers Union vs Eskaton (7 pm)

(Both matches at Dhaka Stadium)

Germans far from their best



BREMEN, June 3: Germany fluffed their lines in their final dress rehearsal before the European soccer Championships when they were held to a 1-1 draw by Northern Ireland in a friendly on Tuesday, reports Reuters.

The World Cup champions, who looked far from impressive in a 1-0 defeat of Turkey on Saturday, were forced to come back from behind after Michael Hughes gave the Irish a surprise early lead in the 22nd minute.

Although Libero Manfred Binz saved Germany's face with an equalizer just before half-time, they still looked a long way from their best in their last warm-up match before heading to the finals in Sweden, which start on June 10.

The Germans had most of the play but found it tough to find a way through a packed, well-organised Irish defence.

German coach Berti Vogts still does not seem to have found a perfect solution in midfield to replace injured World Cup captain Lothar Matthaus who will miss the European Championships after recently undergoing knee surgery.

The German coach played a new combination in midfield of former East German Matthias Sammer and 23-year-old Stefan Effenberg.

But his side still lacked a

real dominating midfield playmaker and striker Karlheinz Riedle also failed to show his usual sharpness in front of goal.

The only consolation for the Germans was the good form of Effenberg who impressed with several long-range efforts.

Germany dominated the first 20 minutes and the Irish rarely got out of their own half.

But the world champions were caught cold in the 22nd minute when Hughes beat the offside trap down the right, neatly turned a defender and finished off a superb individual effort with a left-foot shot.

The goal seemed to crank

up the Germans' game a notch

and Binz's shot from the edge of the area in the 40th minute deflected off defender Gerry Taggart into the net to put the sides level at the interval.

The Germans created more chances in the second half, Sammer hit the post with a shot from just outside the area and Riedle should have put the issue beyond doubt when he had a clear header at goal midway through the half.

Vogts chose to play Northern Ireland because he felt their style of play was similar to that of Scotland who are in the Germans' first-round group along with holders the Netherlands and the Commonwealth of Independent States.

But the rest of the teams in Sweden should not read too much into the result since the Germans are renowned for below-par performances in the run-up to major championships.

Two years ago they played out two lacklustre friendlies against Denmark and Czechoslovakia in the final run-up to the World Cup before producing some brilliant soccer in Italy to take the title.

The Germans' inability to score easily contrasted sharply with the Dutch, their main rivals in the group, who have hit seven goals in their two warm-up friendlies against Austria and Wales.

Vogts said he was disappointed with the result but happy with the performance of the team.

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US-German tie to mark World Cup draw

CHICAGO, June 3: The United States will play defending champion Germany in December 1993 as part of the festivities surrounding the 1994 World Cup draw, the US Soccer Federation has announced, reports AP.

The game will be played on either Dec 17, 18 or 19 at a West Coast city. US national team general manager Bill Nuttall said Tuesday. The draw will be in Las Vegas, but the game could be played either in Los Angeles, San Francisco or Phoenix, Nuttall said.

"Germany wanted to play, we wanted to play. We have an agreement to agree and we just have to do the details on how it works around the draw," Nuttall said. "We know it will be somewhere on the West Coast."

Germany and the United States, who have never played, receive automatic berths in the 24-nation, 52-game World Cup, which will be played from June 17-July 17, 1994.

Germany and England also may play along with the United States in US Cup '93, which will be played next June.

IOC to decide on Y'slavia June 15

LAUSANNE, Switzerland. June 3: The International Olympic Committee (IOC) said on Tuesday they will decide by June 15 on whether what is left of Yugoslavia will be allowed to take part in the Summer Olympics, reports Reuters.

The UN Security Council on Saturday imposed sanctions, including sporting links, against Yugoslavia, now reduced to Serbia and Montenegro, because of its involvement in the fighting in the former Yugoslav republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Soccer's world governing body FIFA, acting on the Security Council ruling, on Sunday suspended Yugoslavia until further notice from all international activities.

UEFA followed suit, banning Yugoslavia from the European Championship being staged in Sweden this month.

Meanwhile, another report from Stockholm said: The Yugoslav soccer team, expelled from the European Championship, left Sweden on Tuesday saying the tournament would suffer from their absence.

The Yugoslav players and officials left Stockholm by chartered aircraft, following the United Nations' decision at the weekend to impose sanctions against Serbia and Montenegro.

Both Sweden and Europe will be the poorer without the Yugoslav team," Miljan Miljanic, director of the Yugoslav Football Federation, told a news conference.

FIFA, soccer's world governing body, said on Sunday it would disqualify Yugoslavia from international competition after the United Nations Security Council voted to sever sporting and other links with Serbia and Montenegro.

"Both I and my players feel very sad but we must accept what happened," Yugoslav team captain Dragan Stokovic said.

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Niaz not going to Olympiad

Sports Reporter



Niaz Murshed, the country's only Grandmaster, has pulled out of the Bangladesh team to take part in the 30th World Chess Olympiad beginning in the Philippines next week.

A press release of the Bangladesh Chess Federation last night said Niaz had to withdraw from the team due to physical indisposition. Niaz's place in the six-member male team has been taken by Niamul Haq Niru of Bangladesh Ansars.

Four of the six members of the male team -- which strangely enough includes a lady in the person of national women's champion Rani Hamid -- leave for Manila today, along with three members of the four-strong women's team. The remaining four members of the 11-strong contingent, headed by BCF secretary K M Shakoor, will leave Dhaka June 7.

Those leaving today are FIDE Master Ziaur Rahman, runner-up in last month's 18th national championship, International Woman Master Rani Hamid who finished third, FIDE Master and former champions Jamilur Rahman and Syed Tahmidur Rahman of the male team and former national women's champion Tanima Parveen, Syeda Shabana Parveen Nipa and Afroza Khanam Babice.

Team leader K M Shakoor, Khandaker Kayes Hassan, Niamul Haq Niru and Rukhsana Gulshan Nikkon are due to leave next Sunday.

Rani Hamid has been chosen to represent Bangladesh in the men's competition on the basis of her performance in the last nationals in which she was the only lady among 15 men. She and Ziaur Rahman finished equal on points but Rani had to settle for the third spot following the tiebreak. Ziaur Rahman, considered the most attacking player in the



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country, won the national title in 1988.

National champion Rezaul bin-Sattar, winner in 1991 and 1992, isn't going on the trip because of his HSC examinations later this month.

The exclusion of Niaz has considerably weakened Bangladesh's prospects in the meet which runs in Manila from June 7 to 26.

The BCF press release also said that Singapore Airlines had provided concessional tickets for the team, a gesture that facilitated the cash-starved federation in sending the team.

Meanwhile, the National Sports Council is still striving

to arrive at a consensus panel for the new chess federation committee. It is understood that efforts are continuing to reach a compromise between the two rival factions regarding the selection of new general secretary with one of the candidates for the post being coaxed to accept the less functional post of vice president, of which four are proposed in the new draft committee which is pending before the NSC Chairman and State Minister for Youth and Sports, Sadeq Hossain Khoka for approval.

Women's handball results

Five matches of the Karna-phuli Insurance women's handball Championship were decided yesterday, the second day of the meet, at the Dhanmondi Women's Sports Complex, reports UNB.

Bangladesh Ansars trounced Faridpur 40-3, Rangamati outplayed Nilphamari 18-3, BJMC outclassed Jessore 27-10, Natore beat Faridpur 20-11 and Ansars parlayed their second match of the day, crushed Nilphamari by 46 goals to two.

Some more matches of the competition will be held today at the same venue.

Soccer result

TOULON, France, June 3: Portugal won the annual Toulon festival under-21 football tournament when they beat Yugoslavia 2-1 in the final here on Tuesday evening, reports AFP.

India hope for Olympic semis



NEW DELHI, June 3: India are bound to qualify for the last four in men's field hockey in the Barcelona Olympics, chief coach Balkishen Singh said here today, reports AFP.

The ex-Olympian told an airport news conference that he was sure of the team's potential after its display during

India prepares for Asiad

NEW DELHI, June 3: The Amateur Athletics Federation of India (AAFI), today announced the names of 69 (43 men and 26 women) athletes for a coaching camp in preparation for the 1994 Hiroshima Asian Games, reports PTI.

The AAFI secretary Lalit Bhanot said here the camp, to be held at Bangalore from June eight to July 26, includes those who are present at attending the pre-Olympic camp at the same venue.

He said the list excluded the Indian juniors preparing for the Asian junior track and field meet to be held here during November.

"There are over 100 juniors in the camp and promising athletes will attend Hiroshima Games camp after the Asian Meet," he said.

The AAFI also announced Vidya Sagar as the national coach and 12 others to assist him in different departments.

the pre-Olympic five-nation European tour beginning