

Sport

Schools kabaddi

Sports Reporter
 Bangladesh Ansars and VDP School and Bangladesh Rifles High School have moved into the Group D final of the 1992 schools kabaddi tournament by winning their respective matches at the Outer Stadium kabaddi court yesterday.

In yesterday's first match, Ansars School outplayed Khilgaon Govt. High School 48-20. The winners led 27-9 at the breather.

In the other match of the day, Bangladesh Rifles School thoroughly outlasted Rajshahi High School 65-15.

Rifles School, who scored six losses, led the first half 40-5.

The winners of the match between Ansars School and Rifles School on July 15 will qualify for the four-team semi-finals.

Meanwhile, there will be no matches today on the occasion of holy Ashura.

TOMORROW'S MATCHES

Kamalapur School vs Haider Ali School (5pm)
 Rifles Public School vs Dholaipar School (5:30 pm)

Naquib to play for Calcutta MSC

Sports Reporter
 Striker Imtiaz Ahmed Naquib of Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club will leave Dhaka for Calcutta to play for Calcutta Mohammedan Sporting in the Senior Division football league there.

Yesterday he took his clearance from Bangladesh Football Federation.

It is learnt that Mamun Joarder and Ravi Karim Rumi of league champions Abahani Krira Chakra will also don the black and white jersey of the Calcutta football giants.

Bakshi Bazar and Appollo win

Sports Reporter
 Bakshi Bazar Club made it a triangular affair when they beat Thunders Club 77-32 at the Outer Stadium wooden floor gymnasium to enter the fray to decide who join Fleet Club in next year's First Division basketball league.

In yesterday's first match of the Second Division basketball league fixtures, the winners led the first half 39-18.

Shamir led the winners' tally with 38 points while for the losers, Karim topscored with 12 points.

But the high light of the day was the second match which saw Kurmitola Appollo Club edging past Jazz Club 66-65 in a keenly contested match.

The winners trailed the first half 32-35.

Khokon notched up 24 points to lead the winners' tally while Kim scored 26 points for Jazz Club.

Appollo Club now lead the triangular race for promotion with 13 points from seven matches while Jazz Club closely follow them with 12 points also from seven matches.

Bakshi Bazar Club, the other team in contention, have 10 points from 6 matches.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Mitford Friends Club vs Fleet Club (4.30 pm)
 Rising Force vs MCCD Club (5.30 pm)



The three Indonesian cyclists who arrived in the city yesterday in the course of their world tour to promote the "environment campaign."



WORLD FOOTBALL INSTRUCTOR PROGRAMME 1991-93
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Futuro, unfolding future? George Suppiah, the FIFA instructor for refereeing, Klaus Dieter Trapp German instructor for coaching (addressing), Sheikh Akmal Hossain, BFF general secretary, Paul Momy Samuel Malaysian instructor for administration and Thomas Fried physical instructor from Canada in yesterday's press conference at the National Sports Council.

— Courtesy: Dainik Rupali

Time to think about tomorrow

Sports Reporter

"Now or never" was the long and short of the collective observation of the foreign instructors on the concluding day of Futuro, a six-day long FIFA organised coaching programme for the development of football.

Yesterday at the thanksgiving ceremony at a local hotel speakers emphasised the necessity of adopting professional attitude at every level regarding the game immediately.

Minister for Health and Family Affairs Chowdhury Kamal ibne Yusuf graced the occasion as the chief guest in place of LGRD Minister Barrister Abdus Salam Talukder, the original chief guest who could not turn up owing to unavoidable circumstances.

Termining football as a great leveler that blends people in respect of ethnic, religious and political affiliations, he thanked the foreign instructors for the trouble they took to pass on valuable knowledge to the coaches, referees, doctors and administrators involved with football in this country.

State Minister for Sports and Youth Sadeq Hossain who was also present there as a special guest praised Prime Minister Khaleda Zia for her interest for the game, a fact borne out by her presence in the finals of the tournament earlier this year as the chief guest.

Paul Momy Samuel the FIFA instructor on administration from Malaysia suggested for immediate transition to professionalism.

"Programmes like Futuro are rarely arranged," he said. "Last time a similar programme was held way back in 1978. It is not often that you get exposure to such programmes; so you should make the most of it," quipped Paul Samuel Momy in his speech.

Klaus Dieter Trapp the German instructor on coaching said that FIFA is eager to aid countries like Bangladesh in their bid to improve the standards of football in their countries.

Both the instructors were all praise for the enthusiasm showed by the local organisers and the eighty learners divided into four categories.

Sheikh Akmal Hossain, BFF general secretary, thanked the four instructors — Klaus Dieter Trapp from Germany, Paul Momy Samuel from Malaysia, George Suppiah from Singapore and Thomas Fried from Canada.

Khalid Raja spoke on behalf of sponsors Coca Cola.

Earlier the four visiting instructors met press men in a press conference at the conference room of the National Sports Council.

Speakers of the function presided over by the BFF general secretary Sheikh Akmal Hossain, placed stress on professional attitude for the development of football in this country.

Italians may punish Maradona

MILAN, July 11: Diego Maradona, who recently finished his 15-month suspension for failing a drug test, may face further sanctions from Italian soccer authorities over comments critical of the federation president Antonio Matarrese, reports AP.

The Italian Federation announced Saturday that the 32-year-old Argentine forward will be reviewed by the disciplinary commission for his remarks in a recent televised interview.

The tribunal could suspend Maradona or levy a heavy fine.

In the interview with Telemontecarlo in Buenos Aires, Maradona said his suspension for testing positive for cocaine after an Italian League game on March 17, 1991, was revenge by Italian soccer authorities for his leading Argentina to the final of the 1990 World Cup and eliminating Maradona transferred from FC Barcelona of Spain to Napoli of the Italian first division in 1984 and led the Neapolitans to two Italian league titles, an Italian Cup and a UEFA Cup championship.

His contract with the club does not expire until next June and Napoli has asked that he return to Italy to begin training for the 1992-93 season.

However the player told Telemontecarlo that he does not plan to return to Italy and that he hopes to end his career in Argentina, with Boca Juniors, the club he began his professional days with.

Earlier this week, the head of the Italian players union urged Napoli to release Maradona from his contractual obligations.

forgave me for that. I paid dearly for that," Maradona said.

Riders on 'Green Bike'

Sports Reporter

The cyclists will raise funds for victims of war and natural disasters and for smooth running of various environmental organisations by selling T-shirts, viewcards and token rides.

Organised by the Indonesian Forum for Environment, the tour will cover as many as 21 countries of Asia, Europe and America.

Before arriving in Dhaka, the guest cyclists visited Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand and met the Ministers for Environment of those countries and sought assistance to promote their cause.

The tourists will meet Bangladeshi officials and some Non-Government Organisation chiefs for the same reason.

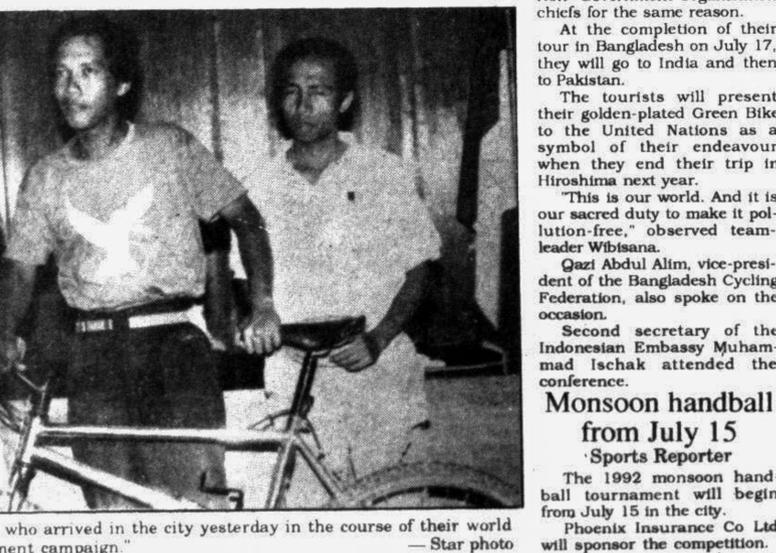
At the completion of their tour in Bangladesh on July 17, they will go to India and then to Pakistan.

The tourists will present their golden-plated Green Bike to the United Nations as a symbol of their endeavour when they end their trip in Hiroshima next year.

"This is our world. And it is our sacred duty to make it pollution-free," observed team-leader Wibisana.

Qazi Abdul Alim, vice-president of the Bangladesh Cycling Federation, also spoke on the occasion.

Second secretary of the Indonesian Embassy Muhammad Ischak attended the conference.



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A washout

GLASGOW, Scotland, July 11: Rain washed out the first of Pakistan's two one-day internationals against Scotland here on Saturday.

The second match is due to take place tomorrow, reports AFP.

Rajshahi Open TT from July 21

Sports Reporter

The first Rajshahi Open table tennis competition under the joint aegis of the Bangladesh Table Tennis Player Association and Rajshahi District Sports Association will begin from July 21, says a press release.

Interested teams have been asked to contact Sufi Abdur Rahim at the Rajshahi Stadium or Ibrahim Hossain at 4/1-c Hare Street, Wari in Dhaka.

Matsuoka faces Krajceck in final

TOKYO, July 11: Shuzo Matsuoka kept the hopes of local fans alive when he downed Jeff Tarango here today to secure a final berth against Richard Krajceck in the 250,000-dollar Gunze tennis tournament, reports AFP.

Japan's top player, who won his first major title at the Korean Open in April, fired 15 aces with his effective net play in full swing from the outset, to score a 7-6(7/4), 6-3 win over the American.

Krajceck, of the Netherlands, and the semifinalist at the Australian Open in January, outgunned Wayne Ferreira of South Africa 6-2, 6-4 earlier in the day.

Meanwhile, in the women's singles semifinals on the artificial indoor court at the Tokyo Metropolitan Gymnasium, Helena Sukova of Czechoslovakia outlasted Lella Meskhi of Georgia 6-1, 4-6, 6-3.

The lopsided first set led Sukova to loosen her play in the second, but she soon tightened up her game, giving up only four points to Meskhi in her service games of the decider before finishing off the 86-minute match with a forehand approach shot.

On Sunday, she will take on Gigi Fernandez of the United States, who edged past Katerina Maleeva of Bulgaria 5-7, 7-6(7/5), 7-6(7/4).

Both singles winners will collect 40,000 dollars and the losers 18,000 dollars.

Hosts Malaysia beat ROK 3-2

KUALA LUMPUR, July 11: Hosts Malaysia won their second hockey match against South Korea yesterday, beating the visitors 3-2 to move closer to their aim of capturing at least three of the four match series, reports AFP.

The Malaysians finally found their mettle to humble the speedy and aggressive South Koreans who had appeared formidable in the two earlier matches.

Malaysia's goals came Lim Chiew Chuan in the 22nd minute, Nor Saiful Zaini in the 44th minute and Mirnawan Nawawi in the 64th minute.

Park Shin Eum scored Korea's first in the 16th minute, with Choi Jung Ho punting home the second in the 19th minute.

Malaysia are playing the series to prepare for the Barcelona Olympics, while South Korea are training for the Inter-continental Cup in Singapore in October.

South Korea beat Malaysia 6-3 in the first test on Monday, but the hosts managed to edge the visitors 2-0 in the second game Wednesday.

The final match of the series is due to be played Sunday.

Butcher signs for Sunderland

LONDON, July 11: Beaten FA Cup finalists Sunderland gave former England soccer defender Terry Butcher the chance of a comeback today, reports Reuter.

Butcher, 33, lost his job as player-manager of Premier League side Coventry last season and has not played at top level since he was sent off in a Cup tie 10 months ago.

Sunderland, now in the renamed First Division, said they had taken Butcher on a free transfer and were giving him a two-month trial with a view to signing him for the season.

Butcher was England captain at the 1990 World Cup finals in Italy. He retired from international soccer immediately afterwards with 77 caps. He has suffered a knee problem and made only a handful of appearances for Coventry.

Bahadur Prasad's fine feat

NEW DELHI, July 11: India's promising middle distance runner, Bahadur Prasad, has bagged a silver medal in an invitational athletics meet at Haringey in Britain, reports PTI.

Bahadur Prasad's timing is the all time best by an Indian in the event.

Benjamin burst dents Derby

LONDON, July 11: Leicestershire's West Indies pace man Winston Benjamin took five for 32 as Derbyshire were sent crashing to a 98-run defeat in the Natwest Trophy second round 60 overs tie at Derby yesterday, reports Reuter.

Chasing a winning target of 202, Derbyshire resumed the rain affected match with two wickets down for nine runs and that rapidly became 38 for five as Benjamin dismissed Tim O'Gorman and Dominic Cork, while David Millns yoked Steve Goldsmith.

Despite a resolute 30 by Chris Adams, Derby never looked like reaching the target and Benjamin finished the game off by having Ole Mortensen leg before at 103 in the 31st over.

Leicestershire's reward was a home quarter-final against Durham on July 29.

At Trent Bridge, Steve Bastien kept his nerve to hammer a boundary off the final ball to take Glamorgan into the quarter-finals in a thrilling



WINSTON BENJAMIN
 127 for three in pursuit of 195.
 Skipper Matthew Maynard led the way, hitting eight boundaries in a sparkling innings of 60 off 75 deliveries.
 But off-spinner Michael Field-Buss (three for 23) and New Zealand all-rounder Chris

finish to their match against Nottinghamshire.
 Glamorgan, resuming on 10 without loss, had appeared well on course for victory at

The visitors still needed nine from the final over, but thanks to Bastien they just scraped home.

Neil Smith revived memories of past Natwest Trophy glory by steering nervy Warwickshire to a three-wicket win against Sussex with 6.3 overs to spare at Edgbaston.

Three years ago, Smith won the trophy at Lord's after hitting a six in the last over against Middlesex, but this time it was a low key 21 not out which helped Warwickshire home in a tense finish.

Needing only 151 to win, they struggled on a difficult, damp pitch and were deep in trouble at 125 for six with Tony Pigott, who finished with three for 31, and Franklin Stephenson (two for 35) exploiting the conditions.

But Smith held on and Gladstone Small hit the winning single to clinch a home quarter-final with Kent.

Lawyer's criticism is 'second rape'

INDIANAPOLIS, July 11: Criticism of boxer Mike Tyson's victim by defense lawyer Alan Dershowitz constitutes a "second rape," her lawyer says, reports AP.

Earlier this week, Dershowitz filed a motion for a new trial and blasted Desiree Washington, 19, of Coventry, RI, as money-grubbing for bringing criminal charges and a civil suit against the former heavyweight boxing champion.

The continued character assassination against Ms Washington, which is being waged in the media, constitutes a second rape," Deval Patrick, a Boston lawyer, said Friday. "It is a second rape that should not and will not be tolerated."

In a prepared statement, Patrick said Dershowitz's "campaign to impugn Ms Washington's character and motives is a transparent tactic to shift the focus away from the real issue: Mike Tyson's proven guilt of a terrible crime."

Tyson was convicted Feb 10 in the rape last July of Washington at a downtown



DESIREE WASHINGTON
 neyday in Marion Superior Court, Dershowitz argued that money was the motive behind Washington's accusations.

He claimed that newly discovered evidence shows that Washington contemplated a civil lawsuit against Tyson for monetary damages and had entered into a contingency fee agreement with a lawyer for such a lawsuit prior to the

criminal trial.

Washington and her parents, Dershowitz claimed, lied during pretrial depositions and the trial about the contingency agreement with Rhode Island lawyer Edward L. Gerstein.

Washington filed a civil suit in US District Court in Indianapolis on June 22 seeking unspecified damages, but with Patrick as her lawyer instead of Gerstein.

Dershowitz, a Harvard University law professor, also claimed that during meetings with Gerstein, Washington and her parents discussed the marketing of book and movie rights.

Patrick called the allegations "simply false."

Ms Washington never discussed book or movie rights with anyone, nor did she ever authorize anyone to do so on her behalf," Patrick said.

"For professor Dershowitz to characterize this brave young woman's actions as 'money grubbing' is an insult to Ms Washington and every decent thinking person in this country," the lawyer said.

Tyson is serving a six year prison sentence at the Indiana Youth Center in Plainfield.

Barcelona will be tougher than Seoul for shooters

BEIJING, July 11: World shooting powers powers the former Soviet Union and east European nations are expected to dominate again the seven-day shooting tournament at the 25th Olympic Games in Barcelona later this month, reports Xinhua.

In the 1988 Seoul Olympics, Soviet and east European shooters, with their history of excellent Olympic marksmanship, shot down 10 of the 13 gold medals at stake.

Great changes have taken place in these countries. With the Soviet Union breaking into 15 republics, a Unified Team representing the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) will compete in Barcelona. The east European elite also confront difficulties

in fund and training.

Experts, however, said these affect little the world top shooters, because shooting as a sport requires not only skills but also psychological factors which need a long time of training. These world powerhouses are strong enough to carry home most of the gold medals again in the forthcoming Games.

In Seoul, Soviet marksmen snatched four gold, one silver and six bronze medals from shooting, and their dominance in this sport remains unchallenged.

Shooters from the CIS put up an impressive showing and walked off with 15 medals including four golds and five silvers in the 13 Olympic disciplines at the World Cup finals

in Germany last August.

At the Olympic trials in the newly built shooting range in Barcelona last April, they grabbed four titles to lead other teams.

The supremacy of the former Soviet team lies in the fact that they are competent in all the 13 events. Even if some one fails in short guns, others can triumph in rifles," said Chinese head coach Zhao Guoru.

Promising shooters include Valentina Cherkasova in women's rifle, Vjatcheslav Boghikarev and Juri Fedkin in men's rifle, Nino Salukvadze in women's pistol and Sergei Pyzhianov in men's pistol. They are either defending champions or world record holders.

Valentina Cherkasova established two women's air rifle world records last year — 399 points in the preliminaries and 500.8 points in grand finals. She also won at the World Cup finals last August.

Andre Vasiljev is a big shot in the men's running target event. He took the World Cup finals title last year and finished second in the Barcelona Olympic trials in April this year.

East European countries such as Romania, Bulgaria and Czechoslovakia have strong points of their own. Romania's top shooter Sorin Babi was gold medalist in the men's free pistol at the Seoul Olympics and winner at the Barcelona Olympic trials last April. He will be a strong contender in Barcelona.

World champion Vessela Letcheva is Bulgaria's heroine in the women's rifle. The 27-year-old marksman who was surprisingly shut out at the finals at the Seoul Games, is expected to avenge her defeat in Barcelona.

Czechoslovakia is strong in running target while Hungary and Yugoslavia are powerhouses in the men's rifle events. The former East German veteran Ralf Schumann is still in top form. He gave a dazzling performance in rapid fire pistol to secure his third world Cup finals victory last August.

Four years ago in Seoul, Asian and American shooters ended up without a gold medal. This time, Asian countries, especially China and South Korea, may pose a strong challenge to the former Soviet and east European domination in Barcelona.



Frenchman Laurent Jalabert crosses the finish line to win the 6th stage of the Tour de France linking Roubaix to Brussels Friday. Pascal Lino remains the overall leader of the race.

—AFP photo