

### Abahani must play semifinal again

**Sports Reporter**

Dhaka First Division league champions Abahani Krira Chakra were held to a goalless draw by Nagaland police yesterday in the semifinal of the Indian Independence Day Cup soccer tournament at the Nurul Amin Stadium in Nowgong, Assam.

According to Abahani club sources in Dhaka, insufficient light prevented extra time being taken to decide the issue after the regulation period ended goalless. The teams will, therefore, meet again in the play-off scheduled for 2-30 this afternoon (Sunday).

The winners will face Border Security Force, Jalandhar in the final tomorrow (Monday).

### Bangladesh lose 0-3 to DPRK

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Bangladesh lost to DPR Korea by three goals to nil in their opening match of the fifth Asian youth (under-16) soccer championship, now being held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia on Thursday night, according to a faxed message sent by the team leader Shah Abul Kasem, joint secretary of the BFF, yesterday.

Bangladesh trailed 0-1 at the break.

North Korea shot into the lead in the very sixth minute of play from a goalmouth melee (1-0).

They doubled the margin in the 74th minute (2-0) and completed the tally in the 76th minute (3-0).

Bangladesh were reportedly denied a sure penalty in the 72nd minute.

Despite the excessive heat, the Bangladesh boys reportedly displayed good footballing skills.

Bangladesh, placed in Group A along with DPR Korea, Bahrain and hosts Saudi Arabia, will play their second match today against Bahrain.

They will play Saudi Arabia in their last group match on September 8.

UAE, Qatar, Thailand and China have been placed in Group B.

Top two teams from each group will play in the semifinals on September 11 while the final will be held on September 13.

Bangladesh qualified for the final round by becoming unbeaten champions in the Group Three qualifiers held in Rajshahi last June.

### Ateeq BSWA's sportman-of-yr for 1991

**Sports Reporter**

Commonwealth and SAF Games shooting gold medalist Ateequr Rahman has been voted the Bangladesh Sports Writers' Association (BSWA) sportman-of-the-year, according to the list of recipients for the 1991 awards announced yesterday. Ateeq will receive the S A Mohsin memorial trophy.

A poll among the members of the association also voted Abahani goalkeeper Md Mohsin as the best footballer, Mohammedan leg-spinner Waheedul Ghani the best cricketer, Jamil Parvez Lulu of Dhaka Mariners the best hockey player, Bangladesh Army's champion sprinter Gomal Ambia as the best male athlete, Nelli Jesmin of BTMC the best female athlete, Afzal Hossain the best spiker, Akram Hossain the best handballer and Manzoor Milky the best cricket umpire.

Ten others won unanimous nominations in various disciplines and categories. They are: Mukhlash Rahman of Bangladesh Navy as the best swimmer, Kazi Shahana Parveen (Shooting), national chess champion Rezaat Bin-Sattar, Hira Lal (Tennis), Md Jamal Hossain (boxing), Zobera Rahman Litu of Bitan (table tennis), Abdul Mannan (athletics coach), Rashed Ashgar Chowdhury of Chittagong and Harunur Rashid of Dhaka — the former BFF secretary — as the best sports organisers.

The nominees have been asked to contact the BSWA office.

Ateequr Rahman led the Bangladesh team to the recently held Barcelona Olympiad as manager while Mukhlash, Shahana and Ambia also participated in their first Olympic Games.

**S Bima judo**

**Sports Reporter**

The two-day inaugural Sadharan Bima Judo Cup competition under the aegis of the Bangladesh Judo and Karate Federation will begin tomorrow at the National Sports Council gymnasium.

Jute Minister Brig (Retd) Hannan Shah will give away the trophies on the concluding day, Tuesday at 5 pm.

## Aussies reduce the margin

**COLOMBO, Sept 5:** Australia beat Sri Lanka by five wickets in the third and final one-day cricket international played under flood lights in Colombo Saturday, reports AP.

Sri Lanka, however, won the three-match series two games to one.

David Boon and Mark Waugh propelled Australia's reply with half centuries to see them through with 13 balls to spare.

Boon remained unbeaten on 69, a very sedate but responsible innings from the former Australian opening batsman who shared two match-winning stands with Waugh (57 runs) and skipper Allan Border (14 runs) for the fourth and fifth wickets.

Boon's unbeaten innings contained three boundaries and came off 97 balls in 154 minutes of batting. Greg Matthews, who joined Boon at the fall of Border's wicket, was unbeaten on 10.

The fourth wicket partnership ended when Boon called Waugh for a single which was never on. Waugh, having struggled off his miserable batting form in the second Test in which he lasted just three balls for a pair and 10 runs in the second one-dayer, produced the best batting of the day.

His half-century contained four powerfully struck boundaries. The 84-run stand between Waugh and Boon was off 110 balls.

Border joined Boon to add 44 runs during a brief stand before the Australian skipper hitting inside out, was caught by Asanka Gurusinha running on the cover boundary.

Australia were 82 for three, with Tom Moody, Mark Taylor and Dean Jones back in the pavilion.

Moody continued with his poor batting form while Taylor hooked Chandika Hathurasinghe to Asanka Gurusinha at long leg.

Australia, who are yet to enjoy a big opening stand, once again were deprived of it as the openers could muster just 28 runs between them.

Jones danced down the

track to leg-spinner Asoka de Silva and was stumped in the second attempt by Hashan Tillakaratne. He scored 17 runs, with two boundaries.

The Sri Lankan total of 207 revolved around a face-saving second wicket stand followed by a late rally in a sixth wicket partnership as they struggled to set a respectable total in the allocated 50 overs.

Opener Chandika Hathurasinghe and left hander Asanka Gurusinha shared a record breaking second wicket stand. Roshan Mahanama was caught by Mark Taylor off medium pacerman Craig McDermott.

The middle order failed to capitalise on the stand and Sri Lanka quickly lost wickets. Off spinner Greg Matthews and medium pacer Michael Whitney checked Sri Lanka's progress with two wickets apiece.



**DAVID BOON**

Hathurasinghe continued from where he left off in the second one-dayer only 24 hours earlier with another accomplished innings while Gurusinha grafted his way during the 101-run stand.

The pair bettered on Sri Lanka previous second wicket record against Australia in one-dayers — 97 runs between Roshan Mahanama and Gurusinha in Adelaide in 1987-88.

Hathurasinghe was caught by David Boon at the Deep mid wicket boundary four short of his 50. He hit six boundaries and faced 77 balls.

Off spinner Greg Matthews, the most economical of the Aussie bowlers having troubled Gurusinha, got a quicker ball through his defence and won a lbw appeal.

Gurusinha (49 runs) who pulled Tom Moody over the mid-wicket fence for a six to bring up Sri Lanka's 100 in the 26th over also hit five fours during his 90-ball stay.

Medium-pacer Michael Whitney checked Sri Lanka's progress with two-wicket burst as the homeside fell back heavily on the run rate.

Finally it was left for in-form batsman Aravinda de Silva and wicket keeper Hashan Tillakaratne to see the side through with an unblemished 52 runs for the sixth wicket off 62 balls.

De Silva finally fell, caught by Matthews at the long on fence off a persistent Tony Dodemaide while Tillakaratne remained unbeaten on 35 off just 38 balls.

**SCOREBOARD**

Scoreboard in the third one-day cricket international between Sri Lanka and Australia on Saturday.

**SRI LANKA:** Innings

R Mahanama c Taylor b McDermott 0

C Hathurasinghe c Boon b Matthews 46

A Gurusinha lbw b Matthews 49

A de Silva c Matthews b Dodemaide 39

A Ranatunga b Whitney 15

S Jayasuriya b Whitney 7

H Tillakaratne not out 35

R Kalpage not out 15

Extras: (b1, lb-5, w-9) 15

Total: (for six wickets, 50 overs) 207

Fall of wickets: 1-0; 2-101; 3-112; 4-137; 5-145; 6-197.

Did not bat: C Ramanayake, Asoka de Silva, P Wickremasinghe.

**Bowling:**

	O	M	R	W
McDermott	10	1	30	1
Dodemaide	10	1	44	1
Whitney	10	1	40	2
Matthews	10	1	33	2
Moody	7	0	38	0
Border	3	0	16	0

(Incomplete)

## Inzamam's quick-fire knock knocks India down in Dubai day-nighter

**DUBAI, Sept 5:** Inzamamul Haq slammed a magnificent 92 off 82 balls that took his Pakistani team to a 99-run victory over archrivals India in an international cricket match that ended Friday, reports AP.

It was Haq's second brilliant game in the day-night friendly matches for the Indians and Pakistanis, having also set afire the stadium in neighbouring Oman the previous night with six sixes and 10 fours for 119 runs in 100 balls.

Playing here for the Khaleej Times Dubai Cup, the Pakistan batting mainstay came one down after opener Rameez Raja was lost for the team score of 8.

Haq heaved the ball all around the shortened field to take Pakistan to a comfortable 123 before he was dismissed by Indian wicketkeeper Kiran More who ran the prolific batsman out with a throw after he had mis-timed Sachin Tendulkar.

It was, however, a pathetic display by the Indian cricketers, who had lost the Muscat outing by 21 runs. Once again they fell to the tremendous power and panache of the Pakistani team, skippered by Salm Malik, who played as though national honour was at stake.

After Sanjay Manjrekar and Krishnamachari Srikkanth had taken the score to 91 for no loss, Aaqib Javed, bowling at a slightly slower pace, clean bowled Srikkanth for 44 as he tried to hook in the 21st over, Manjrekar followed him at 38,

falling to Aamir Sohail's guile in the next over.

Wonder batsman Sachin Tendulkar, recently released by his English county Yorkshire, was expected to provide the brace for the Indians who needed a strong score to surpass the Pakistan total of 290 for the loss of nine wickets.

But Tendulkar was there for only two overs, making six runs before being stumped spectacularly by Moin Khan off Sohail's bowling.

From then on, it was a steady depressing trip to the dressing room for the Indians and not even the belated flamboyance by Kapil Dev (17) and captain Mohammed Azharuddin (28) could stall the Pakistani victory after the Indians finished with 191 for nine wickets.

**SCOREBOARD**

**PAKISTAN:**

R Raja c J Srinath b Prabhakar 0

A Sohail c S Manjrekar b Srinath 47

Inzamamul Haq run out 92

Wasim Akram c K Srikkanth b Ayub 4

S Malik c Srikkanth b Ayub 19

Moin Khan c sub b Prabhakar 58

Mudassar Nazar lbw Ayub Waqar Younis c M Azharuddin b Tendulkar 8

Mushtaq Ahmed not out 21

Javed Miandad b Tendulkar 14

Aaqib Javed not out 2

Extras: 23

Total: (45 overs) 290

Fall of wickets: 1-8; 2-123; 3-149; 4-161; 5-185; 6-195; 7-224; 8-257; 9-283.

**Bowling:**

	O	M	R	W
Kapil Dev	9	0	39	0
Manoj Prabhakar	9	0	44	2
Srinath	9	0	64	1
Arshad Ayub	9	0	71	3
Sachin Tendulkar	9	0	61	2

**INDIA:**

K Srikkanth b Aaqib 44

S Manjrekar lbw A Sohail 38

M Prabhakar b Mushtaq Ahmed 21

S Tendulkar st Moin Khan b Sohail 6

M Azharuddin c Wasim Akram b Waqar Younis 28

D Vengsarkar b Waqar Younis 3

K Dev c Moin Khan b Wasim Akram 17

J Srinath st Moin Khan b Mushtaq Ahmed 4

A Ayub c Aaqib b Haq 8

Sunil Gavaskar not out 1

Kiran More not out 0

Extras: 21

Total: (45 overs) 191

Fall of wickets: 1-91; 2-93; 3-119; 4-123; 5-134; 6-174; 7-174; 8-182; 9-191.

**Bowling:**

	O	M	R	W
Wasim Akram	8	1	29	1
Waqar Younis	9	0	26	2
Aaqib Javed	8	0	42	1
Mudassar Nazar	1	0	16	0
Aamir Sohail	9	1	36	2
Mushtaq Ahmed	7	1	27	2
Rameez Raja	2	0	8	0
Haq	1	1	0	1

### Div II soccer

**Sports Reporter**

Muslim Institute beat City Club by two goals to nil in the Sonali Bank Second Division football league at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Sheikh Noor Palash scored both the goals for the winners.



Argentine Gabriela Sabatini, the fourth seed, makes a backhand return to Natalia Zvereva of the CIS in her gruelling third-round match of the women's singles of the US Open at Flushing Meadow on Friday. Sabatini won in 2 hrs and 33 mins 6-4, 5-7, 6-4. — AFP photo

## Premier League idea begins to gel

**Sports Reporter**

Dhaka Senior Division league.

The touch of novelty in the report of the committee lay in its proposal to form a 'pool' of a BCCB with the top soccer players of the country and a new rule about the relegation system. The 'pool' recently adopted by the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) will make sure that each of the clubs contained a maximum of three players from the exclusive club or the 'pool'.

The committee called for an increase in the number of the teams to be relegated, to make it four from the familiar and old quota of two. That way, the report contended, competition could be whetted.

A return league has been proposed to ensure poetic justice to the deserving teams.

The committee did not discover any evil in the participation of foreign players in domestic league, proposing a

maximum of two peregrine booters per club to add to the charm and quality of local football.

However, the most practical suggestion came about the system of fielding 'new' players, implanted only last year. The idea of giving new players a break lapsed into ludicrousness when the new player was taken off or substituted within minutes of the kick-off by the title-chasing teams. To avoid abuse of this rule, the report said that a newly registered player should be replaced by another rookie and not by a more senior or seasoned player.

The sense of urgency the report exuded, however, could not specify any definite time frame for implementation of its suggested measures. That is something which the DMFA has to fix.

## AC Milan, Juventus start as favourites

**MILAN, Sept 5:** After battling for the best players during the summer transfer campaign, AC Milan and Juventus are set to make their investments pay off on the field, reports AP.

The Red and Black champions from Milan and their Turin rivals, who finished second last season, are widely considered the pre-season favourites with the 18 teams set to open the nine-month Italian league campaign Sunday.

To boost their chances, Juventus have signed Italian striker GianLuca Vialli and midfielders David Platt and Andreas Moeller.

"We lost by eight points last season. I think that difference has been reduced if not eliminated," Juventus coach Giovanni Trapattoni said.

In Sunday's league opener Juventus travel to Cagliari, in Sardinia, where last year then defending champion Sampdoria were upset in the first round.

In other matches, defending champion AC Milan host Foggia, Parma travel to Bergamo to play Atalanta, Genoa are at Fiorentina, Brescia are at Napoli, AS Roma host Pescara, Lazio of Rome go to Genoa to play Sampdoria, Ancona are at Torino and Internazionale of Milan are at Udinese.

Cagliari will rely on their experienced Uruguayan duo of Enzo Francescoli and Luis Herrera and on newly acquired Brazilian Luis Oliveira.

Since Italian teams have signed up to six foreign players but can start only three in league and cup matches, Trapattoni and his colleagues will be tested each week by having to select a starting trio.

In Cagliari, Juventus are expected to sit Brazilian defender Julio Cesar to join Moller and Platt with Roberto Baggio up front and Jurgen Kohler directing the defense.

Fabio Capello will have an even tougher task in deciding Milan's 11 for the debut at San

Siro Stadium, against Foggia, in front of a sell-out crowd of 80,000.

Milan have six foreigners — the Dutch trio of Ruud Gullit, Marco Van Basten and Frank Rijkaard and newly acquired Jean-Pierre Papin, Dejan Savicevic and Zvonimir Boban.

Club president Silvio Berlusconi noted that the busy Milan schedule, including the European Champions Cup, several exhibitions and other tournaments, will offer all players the possibility to play.

Milan, who have sold about 70,000 season tickets, are expected to have Van Basten, Rijkaard and Papin in the starting lineup Sunday, along with GianLuigi Lentini.

Milan outbid Juventus for Lentini, a young Italian forward, signing him in a \$30 million deal.

Foggia, who transferred two of their best players — Italian striker Francesco Balano to Fiorentina and Soviet midfielder Igor Shalimov to Inter — are expected to struggle against a team that scored 10 goals against Second-Division Ternana in two Cup of Italy games.

Inter and Fiorentina, who carried out expensive transfer campaigns and are considered possible outsiders for the title, take on Udinese and Genoa in the opening round, which kicks off at 1400 GMT.

Newly acquired forwards Darko Panecv and Salvatore Toto Schillaci will lead Inter's

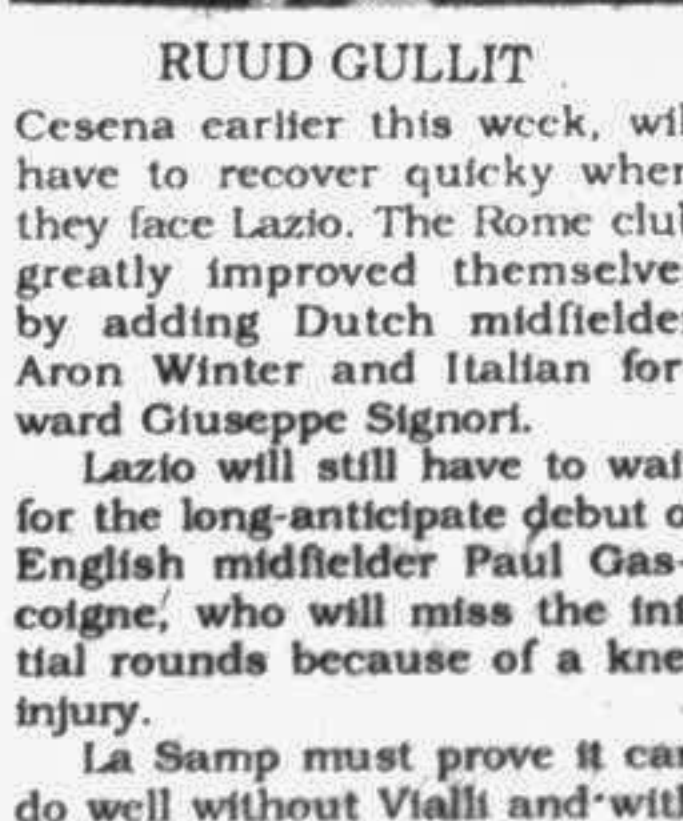
offense while Udinese, directed by new coach Alberto Bigon, will rely on the Argentine duo of Abel Balbo and Nestor Sensi.

Brian Laudrup, the midfield mastermind of Denmark's European Championship title and considered one of the best new foreigners, will team in front for Fiorentina's with Argentine striker Gabriel Battistuta and Baiano.

Sampdoria, eliminated from the Italian Cup by underdog



**ROBERTO BAGGIO**



**RUUD GULLIT**

Cesena earlier this week, will have to recover quickly when they face Lazio. The Rome club greatly improved themselves by adding Dutch midfielder Aron Winter and Italian forward Giuseppe Signori.

Lazio will still have to wait for the long-anticipated debut of English midfielder Paul Gascoigne, who will miss the initial rounds because of a knee injury.

La Samp must prove it can do well without Vialli and with new Swedish coach Sven Goran Eriksson.

Napoli will start then second season without Argentine forward Diego Maradona, who has completed his 15-month suspension for testing positive for cocaine but who is unwilling to return to Italy.

However, the Neapolitan team still is considered among the better squads because of a forward line including Brazilian Careca, Swede Jonas Thern, Uruguayan Daniel Fonseca and Italian midfielder Gian

Franco Zola.

Brescia, led by Romanian coach Mircea Lucescu and starting three Romanian players, is one of the newcomers from the Second Division, along with Udinese, Ancona and Pescara.

In other first-round games, Raoma team will begin without injured German Brolin, who's nursing a knee injury.

Regardless, Parma will start Colombian forward Faustino Asprilla, impressive in Italian Cup games, along with Italian Olympian Alessandro Melli and Argentine Sergio Daniel Bertl.

Atalanta will have to pick three among a Latin American quintet of Carlos Bianchi, Alemao, Paolo Montero, Leo Rodriguez and Rene Valenciano.

Torino, starting newly acquired Uruguayan Marcelo Saralegui and Carlos Aguilera, is a clear favourite at home against Ancona.

## Jr hockey team leaves for KL tomorrow

**Sports Reporter**

A 19-member Bangladesh national junior hockey team will leave for Kuala Lumpur tomorrow, Monday to take part in the Junior Asia Cup Championship, to be held in the Malaysian capital from September 11-23.

A dozen teams, in two groups, will compete in the meet.

Bangladesh, along with India, South Korea, Sri Lanka, China and Singapore are placed in Group B.

Group A comprises favourites Pakistan, Malaysia, Japan, Chinese Taipei, Oman and Macau.

Bangladesh will play their first group league match on September 11, the opening day of the competition.

They will play South Korea on Sept 13, Sri Lanka Sept 15, Singapore Sept 17 and India on Sept 18.

The Bangladesh squad is: Manager — Ibrahim Saber; Assistant Manager — M Morwar Hossain; Coach — Ehtesham Sultan; players — Rahmat Ali Asir (captain), Jahangir Alam, Rabiuddin Ahmed, Khwaja Irteja Quader Guddu, Mamunur Rashid, Zahurul Islam Mitul, Khurshid Alam, Mahfuzul Alam Nixon, Kazi Abu Zafar Tapan, Mahbub Haroon, Haider Alam, Mohammed Sadek, Alamgir Alam, Abdur Rashid, Akhter Hossain and Zahid Biswas.

Bangladesh Hockey Federation (BHF) chief Alamgir Mohammed Adel will also leave for Kuala Lumpur tomorrow as an Assistant Technical Delegate of the tournament.

Umpire Mirza Farid Ahmed and judge Mir Morwar Ali will also accompany the team.

## Div III soccer

**Sports Reporter**

Maghbazur Krira Chakra edged past Lalmitia Club 1-0 in one of the three matches of the Pragati Insurance Third Division football league at the Mahakhali T&T ground yesterday.

Habibul Islam got the decider in the 42nd minute of play.

Saiful Islam Babu of Maghbazur and Sabu of Lalmitia were shown the yellow cards.

Two other matches held at the Outer Stadium were drawn after 90 minutes.

Badda Jagarani Sangsad drew with Gandaria Famous Sporting Club 1-1.

Babu put Jagarani Sangsad in the lead in the 19th minute of the first half while Tuhtud Rahman drew level for Gandaria in the 32nd minute of the second half.

Lavlu of Jagarani Sangsad was booked by the referee.

Dhaka Sporting Club shared points with Purbachal Parishad after their encounter ended in a goalless draw.

Giasuddin of Dhaka Sporting and Mosharrar Hossain of Purbachal received yellow cards.



Action from yesterday's Second Division football match between Prantik Boys Club and Azad Sporting Club at the Dhaka Stadium. — Star photo