

Abahani in semis

Sports Reporter

Abahani Krira Chakra, the reigning champions of the Dhaka First Division league, have qualified for the semi-finals of the Lokopriya Bordoloi memorial soccer tournament, now being held in Guwahati, Assam, India.

Abahani got the better of Royal Nepal Airlines 3-0 in the quarterfinal yesterday.

All the three goals were scored in the second session after a fruitless first half.

Rizvi Karim Rumi put Abahani ahead in the seventh minute (1-0). He then doubled the margin in the 18th minute while Mamun Joarder completed the tally for the winners in the 28th minute (3-0).

Abahani will play the winners of today's match between Border Security Force (BSF) and East Bengal Club in the semifinals tomorrow.

Abahani had trounced Assam Police 5-0 in the quarterfinals on September 10.

Following were the players who played for Abahani yesterday:

Mohsin (Cap), Alamgir, Rehan, Masud Rana, Nira, Ataur, Wasim, Zakir, Rumi, Ghaus and Mamun Joarder.

Div II soccer

Sports Reporter

Muslim Institute beat Chalanika Krira Chakra 2-1 in the Sonali Bank Second Division football league at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Noor scored both goals for the winners while Shaifur reduced the margin for the vanquished.

Lalbagh Sporting Club shared points with Prantik Krira Chakra after their encounter ended in a one-all draw in the other match of the day.

Javed scored for Lalbagh Sporting and Munir for Prantik Krira Chakra.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Abhijit Malibagh vs Mahakhali XI (3 pm: Dhaka Stadium)

East Bengal SC vs BG Press (4:30 pm: Dhaka Stadium)

Div III soccer

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Gandaria Famous Sporting Club and Badda Jagarani Sangha won their respective matches of the Pragati Insurance Third Division football league at the Outer Stadium yesterday.

In the day's first match, Gandaria Famous trounced Power Development Board Sporting Club by four goals to nil.

Mintu, Selim, Bapji and Apu netted one goal each.

Badda Jagarani Sangha outplayed Rahmatganj Sporting Club, also by four goals to nil.

Babu, Gias, Rashid and Alok were the scorers.

Fire Service shared points with Dhaka Sporting Club in a scoreless draw in the other match of the day at the Mahakhali T&T ground.

There will be no play in the Third Division league today.

Tomorrow, Maghbaraz Kishalay Sangha will play Fire Service at 3 pm and Dhaka Sporting Club will take on PDB at 4:30 pm while Purbachal Parishad will clash with Lalma Club at 4 pm at the T&T ground.

Shooters for Thai meet

A six-member Bangladesh shooting team will participate in the skeet and trap shooting competition to be held in Huamak of Thailand next month, reports UNB.

The competition, scheduled October 14-17, will take place as part of the festivities marking the 68th birth anniversary of the Thai Queen. Most of the Asian countries are taking part in the competition.

The Bangladesh team is expected to leave for Bangkok on October 9.

The members of the Bangladesh team are: Anwar Karim, Iftekhar Hossain, Mobarak Hossain, Altamash Kabir, Abdul Bari and Nooruddin.

The team will also comprise a stand-by player— Iqbal Islam.

The shooters have been selected from the qualifying competition which was held in Rajendrapur on September 10.

Respective clubs of the players will bear the expenses for their travel.

BAWF officials for Bangalore

Sports Reporter

Secretary of the Bangladesh Amateur Weightlifting Federation (BAWF) Sqn Ldr Mohiuddin Ahmed and national weightlifting coach Momtazuddin Bhuiyan will leave Dhaka tonight to take part in the regional solidarity course of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to be held in Bangalore, India from September 17 to 26.

The BAWF will bear the expenses of these two officials.



Shri Lankan wicketkeeper Hashan Tillekeratne fluffs a stumping chance to give Australian all-rounder Greg Matthews a reprieve when on 53. Matthews went on to make a patient 96 as the Australians batted on for a draw on the rain-marred fifth and final day of the third Test at Murotuwa yesterday.

Draw gives Aussies series

MORATUWA, Sri Lanka, Sept 13: Australia took their three match series against Sri Lanka after negotiating their way to a safe draw in the final Test before a packed Tyrone Fernando Stadium here Sunday, reports AFP.

Greg Matthews hit a patient 96 to take the limelight on the final day as Australia opted to continue their second innings until the match was called off 20 minutes before the scheduled close when Matthews was finally dismissed.

Australia at this stage were 271 for eight—a strong recovery from their four wickets down for nine runs on one stage on the fourth day.

Heavy rains Sunday, however, dampened hopes of a decision on the last day, which eventually vanished completely after Australian skipper Allan Border decided to allow his overnight pair of Matthews and Ian Healy to continue past tea.

His decision dismayed a 10,000-strong home crowd who had expected a challenging declaration at the break. But with three hours of play already ruined by rain and with the series 1-0 in Australia's favour, the visitors were clearly not willing to take chances.

Rain robbed about nine hours from the match. The second Test was also drawn, after Australia ran the first.

Australia finished their five-week tour having maintained their record of not having lost a match to Sri Lanka in seven Tests, but they could not prevent Sri Lanka from winning the one-day series 2-1.

Border, who carried away the man-of-the-match award for face-saving scores of 106 and 78, later praised Sri Lanka for their performance which "caught all of us by surprise."

"It was an interesting series. I thought the Sri

Lankans played superbly well... I think they are going to be a force to be reckoned with in the Test scene," said the veteran Border after his 70th Test as captain.

Ranatunga blamed poor batting and bad weather for his team's failure to square the series, but was happy that he led side to success in the one-day internationals.

Matthews, who was in the



ALLAN BORDER... man-of-the-match

side as a specialist off-spinner, put to shame Australia's top-order batting line-up as he mixed caution with aggression on his way to his 11th Test half-century and his fifth successive 50 on this tour.

The left-handed Matthews, who survived two chances on 53 and 95 respectively hit a six off part-time bowler Roshan Mahanama and five boundaries in his marathon 227-ball knock. Wicketkeeper Healy made 49 with four boundaries.

From an overnight 147 for six, Matthews and Healy added 114 more runs to their seventh wicket partnership before Sanath Jayasuriya took a tumbling catch at midwicket to dismiss Healy off last bowler Dulip Liyanage.

Their 129-run partnership was the highest for the seventh wicket against Sri Lanka, erasing the existing records of 104 set by

Pakistanis Haroon Rashid and Tahir Naqqash at Karachi in 1982.

Sri Lanka's frustration at not being able to wrap up Australia's innings after making early inroads was reflected in skipper Arjuna Ranatunga trying nine bowlers including himself to break this stand.

Fast bowler Dulip Liyanage, playing in only his second Test, finished with a career-best four for 56.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the fifth and last day of the third and final cricket Test between Sri Lanka and Australia on Sunday:

AUSTRALIA: First innings 337 (A. Border 106, I. Healy 71, G. Matthews 57, C. Ramanayake five for 82)

SRI LANKA: First innings 274 for nine declared (H. Tillekeratne 82, A. de Silva 85, R. Mahanama 50)

AUSTRALIA: Second innings (overnight 147 for six) M. Taylor c Mahanama b Liyanage 3

T. Moody c Tillekeratne b Ramanayake 2

D. Boon lbw b Liyanage 0

D. Jones b Anurastri 21

M. Waugh c Tillekeratne b Liyanage 0

A. Border lbw b Ramanayake 78

G. Matthews b Ramanayake 96

I. Healy c Jayasuriya b Liyanage 49

A. Dodemaiden not out 2

Extras (lb-4, nb-15, w-1) 20

Total (eight wickets) 271

Fall of wickets: 1-6; 2-6; 3-6; 4-9; 5-60; 6-132; 7-261; 8-271.

Bowling: O M R W

Ramanayake 22.1 4 75 3

Liyanage 10 3 56 4

Hathurusinghe 4 2 3 0

Gurusinha 1 0 5 0

Anurastri 29 5 49 1

Muralidharan 7 1 26 0

Ranatunga 1 0 9 0

Jayasuriya 7 1 17 0

Mahanama 5 0 27 0

Result: Match drawn

First Test: Australia won by 16 runs

Second Test: Match drawn

India, Pakistan win in Asian jr hockey

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 13: Defending champion Pakistan and India won their second junior field hockey Asian Cup championships matches Sunday night, enhancing their chances for a semifinal berth, reports AP.

Pakistan defeated Sri Lanka 8-0 after leading 6-0 in a Group A match to top the table with four points in two outings.

India in Group B defeated China 4-0 after leading 2-0 at half time to top the group with four points.

In another match of Group A Japan and Oman draw 2-2. Japan led 2-1 at half time.

The top two teams in each group will play in cross over semifinals.

The three top teams from these meets will qualify for the World Junior Championships in Barcelona in September next year.

Standings at the end of Sunday's matches:

Group A

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|-----------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Pakistan | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 0 | 4 |
| Malaysia | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 2 | 4 |
| Japan | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 1 |
| Oman | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 14 | 1 |
| Sri Lanka | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 15 | 0 |

Group B

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|-------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|
| India | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 2 | 4 |
| Bangladesh | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 2 | 3 |
| China | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 1 |
| South Korea | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 0 |
| Singapore | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 0 |

Navy volleyball

KHULNA, Sept 13: The annual volleyball championship of the Bangladesh Navy got underway at BNS Titumir here this afternoon, reports BSS.

About eight teams from different naval ships and establishments are taking part in the three-day meet.

In the opening match BNS Issa Khan team beat the Frigate Squadron team by 3-0.

BNS Haji Mohsin beat the Khulna Squadron team 3-2, while BNS Shahid Moazzam humbled the Patrol Craft Squadron 3-0 in the other two matches.

Earlier, the Commodore Commanding, Khulna, Commodore Zulfiqur Ali inaugurated the meet as chief guest.

Angels win big

Sports Reporter

Defending champions Angels Club trounced Josephites Club by 132 to 55 points in the Partex First Division basketball league at the Outer Stadium wooden floor gymnasium yesterday.

Angels led 62-25 at the lemon break.

Dual contributed 42 points while Mintu and Raju scored 24 and 20 points respectively for Angels. Sead and Kim with 18 and 14 points were the leading scorers for Josephites.

Last year's runners-up Dhaka Winners' Club beat Eagles Club 83-66 in the other match of the day.

Winners' led the first half 51-36.

Asif Hossain and Francis with 24 points each did most of scoring for Dhaka Winners' while Zaman and Toufique got 17 and 16 points respectively for Eagles Club.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Greys Club vs Azad Boys Club (4 pm)

Angels Club vs Panthers SC (5:30 pm)



Action from yesterday's Partex First Division basketball league match between Dhaka Winners Club and Eagles Club at the wooden-floor gymnasium.



Argentine soccer star Diego Maradona gives a thumbs-up as he arrives at the Seville airport from Buenos Aires yesterday. Maradona was accompanied by his wife, Claudia Villafane (R).— AFP photo

Maradona arrives in Seville

SEVILLE, Spain, Sept 13: Diego Maradona arrived in Seville today, hoping to finalise the details of his expected transfer to the Spanish soccer club, reports Reuters.

The former Argentine World Cup captain, accompanied by his wife Claudia and agent Marcos Franchi, was met at the airport by Sevilla chairman Luis Cervera and club directors.

Maradona is still technically under contract to Italian side Napoli but he told reporters before leaving Buenos Aires that he thought the transfer deal had been settled.

On his arrival in Madrid, where he caught a private plane to Seville, the 31-year-old midfielder said: "I'm just coming to have a look at the team and see how everything works and then we'll do whatever Marcos says."

Maradona, who was served a 15-month ban from world soccer for cocaine abuse, hopes to link up with former Argentina coach Carlos Bilardo, who now coaches Sevilla.

"I believe that, for the time being, everything has been resolved," Maradona told a mob of reporters and photographers at Exetza International Airport in Buenos Aires prior to departure.

Maradona boarded the Aerolineas Argentinas flight to Madrid with his wife Claudia, agent Marcos Franchi and the psychologist in charge of his drugs rehabilitation programme.

Maradona's trip to Seville was aimed at putting an end to the uncertainty surrounding his future.

"The objective of the trip is to press for the situation to be settled once and for all, either for or against (the transfer)," Franchi said.

Maradona's lawyers had to obtain court permission for the player, who is undergoing a drugs rehabilitation programme ordered by an Argentine judge after he admitted taking cocaine in Buenos Aires last year, to leave the country.

The Spanish press have speculated that Maradona, at his peak rated the best player

in the world, would make his debut in Sevilla's match against Logrones on September 27.

Fiji win 3-0

SUVA, Sept 13: Striker Bakalevu Moceremere scored three second-half goals Saturday to lead Fiji to a 3-0 win over Vanuatu in a World Cup Oceania Group-2 qualifying soccer match, report AP.

A Moceremere header for his opening goal was followed minutes later by a second—in the 69th minute—when he unleashed a cannon shot from 40 metres into the left corner of the net. He scored his third goal into the right corner six minutes later from a well-timed cross.

The teams play a return match in Vanuatu on Sept 26. Fiji play New Zealand, the third team in Group-2, next Saturday in Suva.

The Group-2 teams, along with Australia, Tahiti and the Solomon Islands in Group-1, are playing to determine who represents the Oceania Group in the 1994 World Cup in the United States. Australia beat Tahiti 3-0 in Group-1 weekend play.

Sajib soccer

Sports Reporter

Maitri Sangsad will clash with Aviation Friends' Society in the final of the 1992 Sajib football tournament on September 17 at 3 pm at the Civil Aviation Quarters' ground near the Zia International Airport.

Easy picking for Rashid Sidek

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 13: Defending champion Rashid Sidek of Malaysia beat Denmark's Thomas Stuer-Lauridsen in straight sets to win the singles title of the 180,000 US dollars Malaysian Open badminton championships here Saturday, reports AFP.

Rashid, Malaysia's number one, took only 35 minutes to dispose off the Dane 15-5, 15-7 and grab the title for the

third consecutive time. Rashid pocketed 14,000 US dollars for the feat.

Olympic bronze medalist Lauridsen, seeded number two behind Rashid although he had beaten the Malaysia in all their three previous encounters, was not at his element as he was mostly on the defensive and committed unforced errors.

"I lost most of my stamina in the previous matches where I had to contend with stronger opponents," said a dejected Lauridsen who received 8,600 US dollars for emerging runner-up in the five-day meet which boasts the richest prize money in the badminton circuit.

Even Rashid, who wrapped up the game within 35 minutes, was surprised with his lanky opponent's lacklustre play, saying: "he looked tired and this made my game easy."

Rashid raced to a 3-1 lead, widened it to 6-2 and then 13-3 before giving his opponent two points to finish the first game in 16 minutes. Down 0-4 in the second game, Lauridsen caught up to 6-7 but was unable to sustain the Malaysian's gruelling pace.

In the women's singles final, top seed Huang Hua of China lived up to her billing and defeated Indonesian giant-killer Yuni Kartika 11-3, 7-11, 11-7 to pocket 7,300 US dollars.

The unseeded Yunt, a 19-year-old student from Jakarta who destroyed all her stronger opponents in the run up to the final, gave the Chinese star some harrowing moments in the rubber.

Down 1-3, she rushed to a 6-3 lead but Huang Hua, the Olympic bronze medalist, checked the deficit and used her deft shots to pin down her opponent. Yunt received 5,100 US dollars.

The men's doubles final was a tame affair, with Malaysians Cheah Soon Kit and Soo Beng Kiang beating China's Chen Kang and Chen Hongyong 15-12, 15-7 to receive 16,000 US dollars.

The women's doubles crown was earned by Swedish top seed pair Lim Xianqing

and Christine Magnusson who outclassed South Koreans Gil Young-ah and Park Soo-Yun 15-7, 15-9. The winners got 9,000 US dollars.

The Malaysian Open was marred this time by the absence of notable world-class shuttlers who skipped the meet citing tiredness from playing in too many closely spaced tournaments.

N'ganj Club Div II chess champions

Sports Reporter

Narayanang Chess Club finished as the unbeaten champions in the Second Division chess league which concluded Wednesday last at the National Sports Council chess room.

Narayanang Chess Club collected twenty five and a half points from eight matches.

Golden Chess Club with twenty three points finished as runners-up.

Both Narayanang Chess Club and Golden Chess Club will play in the First Division league next year.

Patuakhali DSA finished third while Sonali Bank Sports and Recreation Club, Narayanang Mashgul Mahli Club clinched the fourth and fifth position respectively.

Twenty-eight teams participated in the eight-round Swiss league meet organised by the Bangladesh Chess Federation.

Meanwhile, seven players with three points each were jointly leading the table of the qualifying competition of the international rating chess meet after the completion of the third round of the eight-round Swiss league at the chess room yesterday.

They are, Abul Kashem Bhuiyan, Alimul Huq Kajal, ANM Ruhul Quddus, Khalequzzaman Khan, Riaz Ahmed, Waliullah Patuany and Shabbir Chowdhury.

Players securing first twelve positions will become eligible for the international championship.

Walsh spoils Essex party

LONDON, Sept 13: In-form West Indies fast bowler Courtney Walsh cut short the celebrations of English county champions Essex on Saturday with a devastating performance at Bristol, reports AFP.

The Jamaican giant grabbed seven for 38, the eighth time this summer he has finished with five or more wickets in an innings, as Essex were polished off for only 128.

Gloucestershire replied with 175 for three on a pitch that grew easier during the day. Mark Alleyne ending unbeaten on 93 with 13 fours after a fourth-wicket stand of 71 with Matt Windows.

England A leg-spinner Ian Salisbury also captured seven wickets to underline the selectors' folly at omitting him from the senior tour of India.

The Sussex star's career-best figures of seven for 54 sparked a Yorkshire collapse from 180 for three to 232 all out at Hove. Only Craig White (71 not out) and Simon Ketlett (53) provided much resistance.

By the close, Sussex openers Neil Lenham (56 not out)

and Jamie Hall had posted an unbroken 100 for the first wicket.

It was a bowlers' day as will at Gateshead Fell, Southampton and Taunton.

At Gateshead Fell Durham slipped from 104 for none to 215 for seven as Phil DeFreitas and Mike Watkinson took three wickets each for Lancashire.

The championship's strugglers' best start since June had been due to ex-England batsmen Wayne Larkins, who passed 1500 runs for the season with a 98-ball 53, and Paul Parker (70).

Nottinghamshire also collapsed at Taunton, losing their last four wickets for only 26 to total 265 as Harvey Trump and Andrew Caddick finished with three wickets apiece.

Earlier, newcomer Graeme Archer hit an unbeaten 83 and added 92 for the fourth wicket with skipper Tim Robinson, who made 74.

Meanwhile, at Southampton England batsman Robin Smith scored a belligerent 87 as Hampshire failed to take advantage of a good pitch against Worcestershire, sliding to 231 all out before the visitors replied with 32 for one.

Smith's superb knock, which lasted 208 minutes and contained 17 fours, was the only highlight as former England bowlers Phil Newport, Ken Radford and Richard Illingworth shared the honours.

No doubt Leicestershire would also have been skittled for a low score had Northamptonshire, chasing second place in the championship, not dropped six catches at Leicester.

Nigel Briers, Paul Nixon, Ben Smith (86) and Winston Benjamin (51 not out) were all put down as Leicestershire closed at 297 for seven. Tim Boon was the home county's other main scorer with 81.

Kent now look favourites to claim the 23,000-pound runners-up after amassing 487 for three from 110 overs against Warwickshire at Edgbaston.

Opens Trevor Ward (153) and Mark Benson (122) put on 290. Then West Indies all-rounder Carl Hooper (95 not out) maintained the gallop in a partnership of 141 with Neil Taylor (78).

Ward, dropped on 41, went on to complete a fifth century of the season and smash 27 fours and a six in 227 minutes.