

Poles pull a fast one on Koreans

Sports Reporter



Polonia Warszawa of Poland cut a Polish official joke at the cost of the cocky footballers of Housing Bank of South Korea when they pulled themselves together in a dramatic second-half rally to enter the final of the seventh President Gold Cup football tournament with a two-goal victory at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

round as the players of Polonia Warszawa shook off the gremlins and began their campaign with renewed vigour. After the Koreans had wasted a half chance with Choi Tae-Ho to the fore, Polonia Warszawa took the lead.

As always, it takes minimum involvement of men in a goal; substitute Mariusz Sawa got the ball from the resultant clearance and after having cleared a pre-to one-two with one of his team-mates, finished the ball in the net, giving Bank custodian Kim Hee-Ho no chance at all (1-0).

Housing Bank launched a sortie in the 16th minute when Choi Eun-Sok raced down the left flank but Zbig-niew Tietz arrived before Oh Hae-Jong could spell danger.

Kim Hee-Ho, the Korean custodian, will remember the match more for his fatal forgetfulness than the ouster of his side at the semifinal stage. Having used his feet with the skill of a defender, or any other player for that matter, he stooped low to pick an innocuous backpass from one of his teammates in the 24th minute of the match and referee Jameel Zakaria raised his hand to award the Poles an indirect free-kick from inside the Korean box. It was as good as getting a penalty for the sharp shooting Europeans for whom Bogdan Terczynski slotted the ball home with a beautifully measured shot (2-0).

The clinical finishing of the Poles paralysed the spirited Koreans for the time being. Polonia Warszawa withdrew themselves into their shell, bidding time with controlled trading of passes within themselves. The oyster-like discretion of Warszawa players started to dawn on the spectators who had earlier rejected them as nervy amateurs at the onset.

Housing Bank turned on the heat at the bag end of the match, but Warszawa brought all their men down to beat back the frantic sallies. LENSMEANS AWARD

Meanwhile, the Bangladesh Sports Photo-Journalists' Association, a newly formed body, has announced award for the best player and the best team of the tournament.

However, the Malaysian Olympic football team will not be there to witness the ceremony since they left Dhaka for Kuala Lumpur yesterday.

The second semifinal, between FC Ploesti of Romania and Krylia Sovietov of Russia, will begin at 5 pm at the Dhaka Stadium today.



Kim Hee-Ho wallows on the ground as Sawa Mariusz's shot from a rapid build-up rests in the net. Polonia Warszawa of Poland beat Housing Bank of South Korea 2-0 in the first semifinal at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. — Star photo

Div II cricket

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The Second Division cricket league resumed yesterday after a day's break with Shantinagar Club A and Bangladesh Boys Club registering easy victories at two different venues.

Wright goals fire Arsenal



LONDON, Jan 13: Ian Wright put Arsenal into the English League Cup semi-finals on Tuesday night by scoring both goals in a 2-0 home win over First Division rivals Nottingham Forest, reports AFP.

Wright scored 25 and Murad remained unbeaten on 25 while sundries contributed 26 runs to the total.

Everton captain Dave Watson pulled a goal back in a 67th minute scramble, but the Merseysiders could not manage a second, despite intense pressure.



The reason the Polish Club side FC Polonia Warszawa did not concede a goal in their semifinal against the Housing Bank of Korea yesterday at the Dhaka Stadium was their goalkeeper Wieslaw Rutkowski. In the picture he is seen foiling a Shin Ho-Chul attempt. Polonia squeezed through to the final with a 2-0 victory. — Star photo

Kalabagan rejoice at PWD's cost

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A deadly spell from Rafiq demolished the Public Works Department (PWD) batting line-up to give Kalabagan Kriha Chakra a massive 142-run victory in their Navana Premier Division Cricket league match at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

at one and while Shahtd kept wielding his willow with abandon. He remained undefeated on a 45-ball 42 with four fours when the last over of the Kalabagan quota was bowled. In the meantime, four more wickets had fallen.

later, the PWD camp had nothing to feel happy about. The next eight batsmen found themselves all at sea in the face of some deadly bowling of Rafiq and Nadir Shah could muster only 37 runs. The total of 70 owed as many as nine runs to sundries.

Agrani beat City

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City Club lost two valuable points when they suffered a five-wicket defeat at the hands of Agrani Bank in the only match of the Milnars First Division cricket super league at the Mirpur Pallabi ground yesterday.

Azam with three wickets for 42 runs from his quota of nine overs was the pick of the Agrani bowlers while skipper Jogesh bagged two wickets for 18 and Atique claimed another two wickets for 32. Raja took a wicket conceding 17 runs.

3 ladies share lead in chess

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Afroza Khanam Babli, Zakia Sultana and Syeda Afsana Parveen Nira with full two points were jointly leading the table at the completion of the second round of the qualifying meet for the 14th national women's chess championship at the National Sports Council chess room.

Talent spotting

Arambagh Kriha Sangha will select footballers under 16 years of age to form a squad for the forthcoming Pioneer football league, says a press release.

THE OTHER LEAGUE

Meanwhile, the first match of the newly-introduced position-deciding league comprising the four bottom finishers of the first leg will be held today at the Mirpur Pallabi ground between Sadharan Bima and Eskaton Sabuj Sangha.

Volleyball leagues from tomorrow

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The much delayed 1992-93 First Division and Second Division volleyball leagues will simultaneously begin tomorrow at the Outer Stadium volleyball court.

AC Milan — killers or redeemers?

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Records continue to fall to AC Milan, the team which, depending on your point of view, are taking soccer to new heights or killing the game with unnatural perfection.



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European Cup and landed a one-year UEFA ban after using a floodlight failure to walk off when faced with defeat by Marseille.

SUB-JUNIORS

Meanwhile, defending champion Shawkat Hossain Pallab along with six others jointly shared the lead in the points table after the second round of the 13th national sub-junior under-16 chess championship at the NSC chess room yesterday.

Yomiuri FC, Shabab settle for draw

MANAMA, Baharatnik, Jan 13: Japan's Yomiuri FC and Shabab Club of Saudi Arabia, played a strong and fast-paced game on Tuesday at the opening day of the Asian Club Final Championship for 1992 hosted by Bahrain. But they ended with a 0-0 draw, reports AP.

Juvenile soccer

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Pragati Kriha Chakra edged past Nirman Shilpi Gosthi by a solitary goal in the Judakar Samad memorial juvenile soccer tournament at the Outer Stadium yesterday.

Coggi regains WBA crown

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MAR DEL PLATA, Argentina, Jan 13: Juan Coggi of Argentina regained the World Boxing Association junior welterweight title Tuesday by stopping Morris East of the Philippines in the eighth round, reports AP.