

Sport



Abahani Krira Chakra skipper Rumi Rizvi Karim (C) engaged in a tussle for the ball with a Muktijoddha Sangsad player during yesterday's Star Premier Division soccer league match at the Dhaka Stadium. The reigning champions won the match 2-0. — Star photo

SAF Games logo complete

Sports Reporter
Maksudur Rahman, a final year student of the Institute of Fine Arts, has completed the logo for the sixth SAF Games to be held in Dhaka late this year. Based on the symbolic use of number six, which highlights



the ordinal number of the Games serial as well as the six Bengali seasons, the official logo looks like six layers of different colours. The six chromatic variations corresponding to the seasons are orange for summer, green for monsoon, blue for autumn, golden for late autumn, violet for winter and red for spring.

Bima win well

Sports Reporter
Sadharan Bima Krira Sangstha recorded a comfortable three-nil victory against lowly Public Works Department in one of the two matches of the Green Delta First Division hockey league at the Hockey Stadium yesterday. In an one sided match Murad opened the account for the winners in the 33rd minute from a fine combined move. Unabated pressure resulted in the second goal in the 54th minute when former national player Malek Chunnun sounded the board from a penalty corner (2-0). Nine minutes before the final whistle, Nakib completed the tally with another field goal 3-0. Wari and Azad shared points in the second match which ended in a goalless draw.

TODAY'S MATCHES
Abahani vs Ansars (2-30)
Mohammedans vs Wanderers (4-15)

Hira Lal's new job

Sports Reporter
National tennis champion Hira Lal has joined Dhaka Sheraton Hotel as a tennis instructor, says a press release. The 21-year-old player, who won the national title in 1992, was associated with the Bangladesh Tennis Federation prior to joining Dhaka Sheraton.

BAF aquatic meet concludes

BAF base Zahurul Haque clinched the title of the Bangladesh Air Force inter-base swimming championship '93 yesterday, bagging six gold, one silver and three bronze medals, reports BSS. BAF base Matur Rahman became runners-up securing three gold, five silver and one bronze medals at the BN central swimming pool, Banani, on the concluding day. AC-2 Nurul Islam of BAF base Zahurul Haque was adjudged best swimmer-of-the-championship who captured four golds in the four-day meet. The chief of air staff Air Vice-Marshal Altaf Hossain Choudhury graced the concluding day of the meet as chief guest and later distributed the prizes. Five swimming events were held yesterday. Sgt Nazrul Islam of BAF base Zahurul Haque finished first in 100m free-style. In 1500m free-style and 200m backstroke, LAC Zaid of Air Headquarters Unit and AC-2 Nurul Islam of BAF base Zahurul Haque grabbed one gold each. AC-2 Nurul Islam of BAF base Zahurul Haque won the gold in 50m free-style.

Abahani subdue Muktijoddha

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Abahani, who got back Rehan in exchange of Ahmed languishing on the line following a marching order in the last match, concentrated on the control of midfield where Swapan, Mamunul Karim and Alamgir worked sincerely. Even then the team from Dhanmondi sorely missed their two key players — custodian Mohsin and speedy forward Mamun Joarder — both of whom are nursing their injuries. The biggest disappointment from Abahani's point of view was their Russian footballer Gyorgy. Playing yesterday as the sweeper behind three regular backs — Munna, Rehan and Masud Rana — the tall player from former Soviet Union looked far too behind his compatriots like Sergei Zhukov, Arifiev and Polynkov who considerably assisted Abahani to retain the league title last year. Monem Munna, given a new lease of life by the Abahani officials with whom he had fallen foul at the end of the last domestic league season, manfully carried out the extra load caused by the relative inactivity of his foreign peer. Sure in his tackles and timely in his arrival Munna saved Abahani from a certain let down when he slid across the goalmouth to ward off a goalbound but feeble push by Chapal, the man who sent shivers down the Mohammedan spine on June 12 with a fine goal later nullified by a belated equaliser. Once considered a patented act of former national left back Rakib, Munna had pulled the chestnuts out of fire for Abahani in the previous match in a similar fashion. Abahani tipped off an avalanche when five minutes after the first goal Rumi Rizvi Karim doubled up the margin. Another move down the right sent the Mukti defence in a swoon and after Gaus had failed to have a go amid cluster of legs, the loose ball, rather badly handled by the defenders, ran to an unmarked Rumi who turned around in flash to find the net with fierce left footed grounder (2-0). Delighted by the delectable achievement the national player completed a collective somersault along with Masud Rana and Mamunul Karim to add to the Jubilation of Abahani fans. Abahani dominated the second half proceedings in spite of another round of sharp shower but the sense of urgency was not there and Mukti came at them with sporadic attacks beaten back well by the defenders. However, Abahani custodian Selim looked completely out of sorts and on one or two occasions was close to making heavy weather of harmless situations but Rehan and Munna too good care of him. Three players were shown the yellow card — Swapan of Abahani and two Muktijoddha players — Bidyut and Parimal — were cautioned by the referee Shaikh Badruddin for over enthusiastic tackles. However, Abahani defender Masud Rana was lucky to get away with a provocative demonstration of dissent following an apparently inconsequential wrong decision. Coach Salahuddin's minatory gestures from the edge of the line was quite inflammable but one can understand the pressure and tension that goes with the coaching of a big team. Abahani have three points from two matches while Muktijoddha have one from two. **DRAWN FIRST MATCH**
In day's first match Fakir-rpool Youngmens Club and promotees Bangladesh Boys shared points with neither side finding the net for even once. **TODAY'S MATCHES**
Rahmatganj MFS vs Sadharan Bima (4-30)
Mohammedans vs Wari Club (6-30).

Athletes to go to Manila

Sports Reporter
Bangladesh will take part in the tenth Asian track and field meet to be held in Manila, Philippines from November 30 to December 4. According to sources close to the National Sports Council, Bangladesh will send a contingent of maximum twelve including two officials. Meanwhile, the latest off-the-field spree of the sporting arena — reorganisation of the various federations — continue with six more likely to undergo change in the next 15 days. With two — the Bangladesh Amateur Athletic Federation and Bangladesh Lawn Tennis Federation — already revamped recently six others including two major ones await reshuffling. Communications Minister Oli Ahmed's introduction to the sporting world as president of the Bangladesh Football Federation is a foregone conclusion. He will be replacing Siddiqur Rahman, a bureaucrat by profession, at the helm of country's highest soccer governing body. Although general secretary Akmal Hossain is likely to retain his place, one or two major changes are almost certain to take place. The NSC is expected to disclose the new BFF committee today. Football apart the other federations on the agenda are hockey, judo, badminton, rowing and cycling. Brigadier Rob is one of the probabilities to take over as the new president of the Bangladesh Hockey Federation (BHF). The recent wrangle in the judo federation has made a shake-up there inevitable. According to informed sources the clash between president Awlad Hossain and general sec-

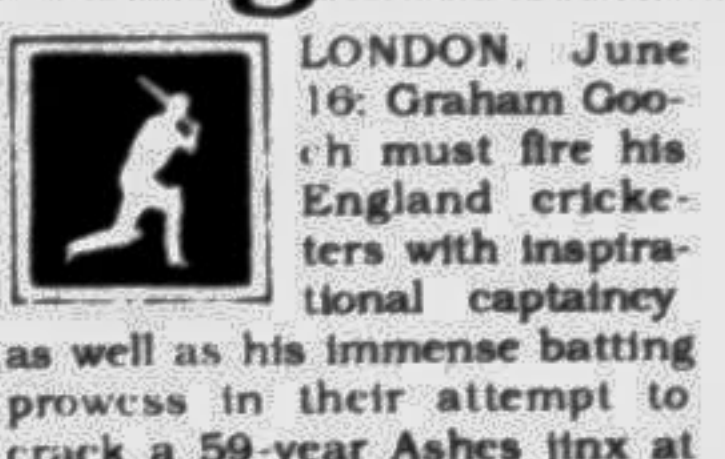


Action from yesterday's Green Delta First Division hockey league match between Sadharan Bima Krira Sangstha and Public Works Department (PWD) SC at the Hockey Stadium. The insuranceemen recorded an impressive 3-0 victory. — Star photo

Ashes usher in futurity

LONDON, June 16: Cricket history will be made at Lord's this week when a third umpire sits in judgement during a Test in England for the first time, reports Reuter. The third umpire appointed for England's second Ashes Test against Australia starting on Thursday will make decisions from the stand after studying television replays. Former England batsman Chris Balderstone is the third umpire on this occasion, and the system will be in place for the rest of the Ashes series. A third umpire scheme has worked successfully in both South Africa and New Zealand. The Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) version, introduced after weeks of deliberation and three domestic trial runs, is different in two respects. The umpiring trio will make contact via radios, with the men in the middle physically giving the final decision, elsewhere in the world, a batsman has learned his fate by seeing a red or green light. At Lord's this week and for the rest of the series the third man will be able to intervene if "he can clearly see something that those in the middle may not themselves have seen." The extra official can provide assistance only with run out, stumping and hit wicket decisions. The real innovation, however, is allowing the third umpire to make the first move and the TCCB admits that could lead to "Suspension of a decision already made." An example would be a batsman given run out and then reprieved because the third umpire had spotted the wicket being broken unfairly. Lord's, reports Reuter. Gooch's alling side face the second Test against Australia starting on Thursday already 1-0 down in the six-match series and with their arch-rivals in the mood and the form to inflict further torment. England, who have not beaten Australia at Lord's since 1934, came under fire from Gooch after losing by 179 runs in the first Test putting both the attitude and performance level of their almost unchanged squad under the microscope in the season's showpiece. Gooch, twice England's top scorer with 65 and 133 in the Ashes opener at Old Trafford, has criticised the side for not showing sufficient will-to-win, yet that is only one factor in their barren sequence of results. England, who have lost

Second Ashes Test begins today
England lean on Gooch again



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their last six Tests, could benefit from a more imaginative and positive lead by Gooch in the field where an attempt to make things happen when the game is drifting away might help to regain the initiative. Gooch's squad face one of their most critical assignments with only one change from the 12 called to Manchester, the captain's Essex teammate Neil Foster replacing fellow pace bowler Phillip DeFreitas. Foster, back after a four-year international absence during which he took part in the 1990 English rebel tour of South Africa, has been plagued by knee injuries that have restricted his county appearances. The selectors believe Foster has bowled better this season than his 12 first-class wickets at nearly 49 runs each suggest, but now he stands up to the rigours of a five-day Test may determine whether his return is more than just a stop-gap measure. The 31-year-old paceman neither bowled nor batted at Tuesday's practice. "I'd rather he used all his energy playing in the match, not running around in the nets," said team manager Keith Fletcher. Foster's bowling can expect just as stern an examination as the techniques of some England batsman. Shane Warne, eight-wicket man-of-the-match in the first Test, will be waiting to exploit their weakness against leg spin and Graeme Hick can expect his vulnerability to short-pitched fast bowling to be tested by Merv Hughes again. Hughes also had an eight-wicket haul at Old Trafford while fellow fast bowler Craig McDermott, unrewarded in that game, seeks a happy return to Lord's where he captured eight wickets in the

1985 Test on his previous tour. McDermott, Australia's leading strike bowler, has claimed only six first-class victims on this visit at a cost of 75 runs apiece, but coach Bob Simpson insists there is no cause for concern.



NEIL FOSTER

"Craig's confidence is a bit low at the moment but he'll burst back," said Simpson. "He's bowled some beautiful spells without reward. All he needs is a wicket and then it will all click back into place." McDermott may be lifted by the special atmosphere of Lord's, traditionally a venue that brings out the best in touring teams, and which will be the scene of a piece of cricket history this week. A third umpire is to sit in judgement during a Test in England for the first time, making decisions from the stand after studying television replays. Former England batsman Chris Balderstone is the third umpire on this occasion and the system, already successful in South Africa and New Zealand, will be in place for the rest of the Ashes Series.

Hassett dies

SYDNEY, June 16: Former Australian cricket captain Lindsay Hassett died early Wednesday, aged 79, reports AFP.

Family members said Hassett died at his home at Bateman's Bay, 250 kilometres (155 miles) south of here. Hassett, a right-hander, was admired throughout the cricketing world for his batting skills and sportsmanship. In 43 Tests, he scored 3,073 runs at an average of 46.56 and enjoyed a reputation as a brilliant outfielder. Usually batting first wicket down, he captained Australia 24 times for 14 wins, four losses and six draws. "He was the most underrated of all Australian captains 'Particularly early in his career when officials simply did not understand him,'" wrote Jack Pollard of Hassett in his book "Australian Cricket: The Game and the Players." "Hassett was a marvellous blend of impish prankster, skilled batsman, clever tactician and a sparkling speaker," Pollard wrote. "He could deflate the pompous, encourage good fellowship and build confidence in his players as enthusiastically as he walked with a duchess." In recent years, Hassett worked alongside fellow retired cricketer Allan McGilvray as a commentator for the Australian Broadcasting Corp.

Sevilla lose patience with Maradona

SEVILLE, Spain, June 16: Spanish First Division club Sevilla have finally lost patience with Argentinian superstar Diego Maradona and are expected to give him the sack within the next few days, reports AFP. Sources close to the Andalusian club say Maradona's temper tantrum after being substituted last Sunday was considered the last straw by club directors. The Argentinian captain, who has already expressed his desire to leave the club, is now facing the sack just a few weeks before his contract expires.

Ecuador's extravagant start

QUITO, June 16: Copa American hosts Ecuador set the South American Championship underway with a 6-1 thrashing of 10-man Venezuela in Quito on Tuesday, reports AFP. A capacity 44,500 crowd, including Ecuador's President Sixto Duran Ballen, watched Angel Fernandez score twice and Carlos Munoz, Raul Noriega, Eduardo Hurtado and Alex Aguinaga fire in others at regular intervals. Venezuela started the stronger of the two teams in the Group A game that started the 36th edition of the world's oldest soccer tournament. Juan Garcia took advantage of confusion in the Ecuador shot to shoot narrowly wide in the 10th minute. But the home side took control after Munoz scored the first goal. The Barcelona striker fired home direct from a free-kick after Aguinaga had been pulled down. Aguinaga's shot in the 33rd minute rebounded out but went to Hurtado who laid on the ball for Noriega to score the second. In the second half, the Venezuelan sides inexperience became even more evident. Carlos Garcia was sent off in the 57th minute, for a second

yellow card foul, and just seconds later Fernandez scored the first of his goals. The Ecuadoran crowd sensed a soccer fiesta and Hurtado scored the fourth in the 65th minute but the final three goals of the game in the last 10 minutes. Jose Luis Dolgetta's consolation goal for Venezuela forced Ecuador to up the pace for the closing stages. Fernandez headed his second goal and then helped Aguinaga finally get his name on the score-sheet. Munoz should have made it seven in the dying seconds. More than 1,000 children took part in the opening ceremony for the biggest Copa America before the game at the Olimpico Atahualpa Stadium. The United States and Mexico have been invited to take part for the first time and the 12 teams taking part have been divided into three groups. Favorites Brazil, in Group B, and Argentina, in Group C, start their campaigns later this week. Uruguay play United States in the next Group A game on Wednesday.

TEAMS
ECUADOR: Jacinto Espinosa, Jimmy Montanero (Ivan Hurtado 75), Raul Noriega, Luis Capurro, Carlos Munoz, Hector

Caraballi, Nixon Carcelen, Alex Aguinaga; Eduardo Hurtado, Angel Fernandez, Raul Aviles (Jose Gavica 72).

VENEZUELA: Rafael Dudamel, Carlos Garcia, Miguel Echanausi, Marcos Mathias, Sergio Hernandez, Leonardo Gonzalez (Valencia 58), Jose Luis Dolgetta, Ricardo Millillo, Edgar Rodriguez, Juan Garcia (Contreras 58), Stalin Rivas.

Scifo signs for Monaco

MONACO, June 16: Monaco have signed Belgian international midfielder Enzo Scifo from Torino on a five-year contract, the French club said on Tuesday, reports Reuter. The club declined to disclose the transfer fee but Italian newspapers said it could reach around 5 million dollars. "The transfer is very important for the club," Monaco General manager Henri Biancheri said. "I consider him as a real player. It's obviously a big reinforcement as he has always played at top level." Scifo, 27, previously played in France for Bordeaux and Auxerre before joining Torino in 1991. Monaco also said they had signed Paris Saint-Germain International forward Amara Simba on a two-year contract.

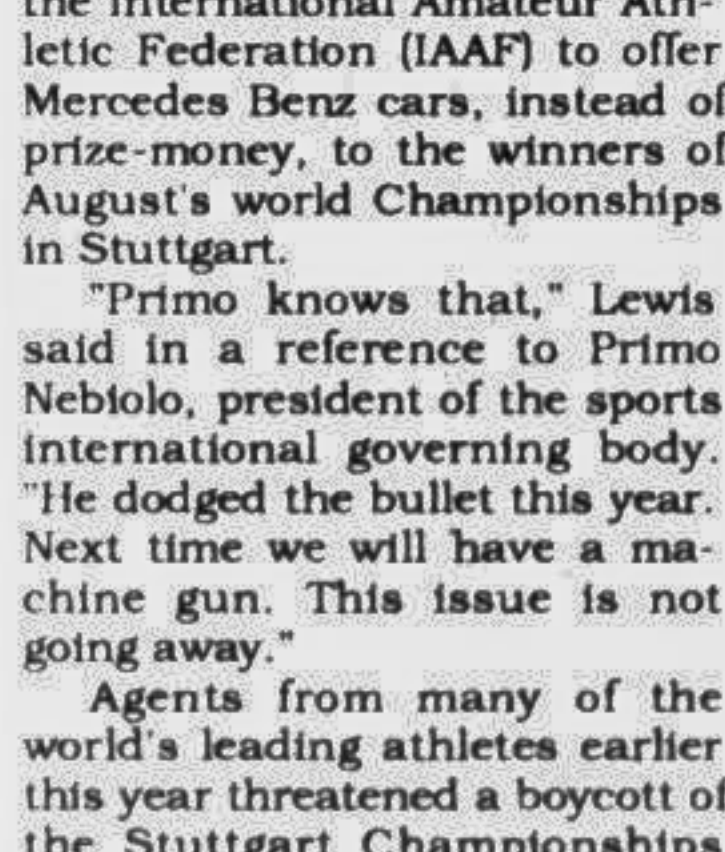
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Lewis' great expectations

EUGENE, Oregon, June 16: Eight times Olympic champion Carl Lewis said on Tuesday he expected prize-money would be paid at the World Championships by 1995, reports Reuter. "That's what we are going to demand," Lewis said at the US Championships, where he will seek a sprint double beginning on Wednesday. "This year was a compromise," Lewis said of plans by the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) to offer Mercedes Benz cars, instead of prize-money, to the winners of August's world Championships in Stuttgart. "Primo knows that," Lewis said in a reference to Primo Nebilo, president of the sports international governing body. "He dodged the bullet this year. Next time we will have a machine gun. This issue is not going away." Agents from many of the world's leading athletes earlier this year threatened a boycott of the Stuttgart Championships unless prize-money was paid. But the IAAF, which offers prize-money for its Grand Prix final, steadfastly refused. It later announced winners at Stuttgart and the 1995 World Championships in Gothenburg, Sweden, would receive Mercedes cars. Lewis said he also expected prize-money eventually would be paid at the Olympic Games, something that International Olympic Committee president Juan Antonio Samaranch opposes. "By the next Olympics I think they will be paying prize-

money," Lewis said. The US Olympic Committee already has approved the payment of 15,000 dollars to future US Olympic gold medalists with 10,000 dollars going to silver medalists, 7,500 dollars to bronze medalists and 5,000 dollars to fourth-place finishers. It also will award bonuses of 5,000 dollars to gold medalists in all World Championships and lesser figures to other finishers in the top eight. USA Track-and-Field, the sports US governing body, also plans to offer prize-money to American medalists at Stuttgart, but the amount has not been set. Lewis, sporting a moustache, also said he wasn't happy with talk that the 1997 World Championships would be held at high altitude in Mexico City. "I don't agree with competing at altitude, Lewis said. It has been proven it enhances some performances. It would be ludicrous." As he has done before, Lewis also lashed out as what he perceives as the lack of marketing

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Napoli boss steps down

NAPLES, Italy, June 16: Napoli president Corrado Ferlaino, who signed Argentina's World Cup captain Diego Maradona six years ago, is standing down, reports AFP. Elenio Gallo, 71, the longest-serving director, will take over as interim president, the club said. Ferlaino, under investigation for allegedly paying a bribe to obtain a contract for building work following the 1980 earthquake, was freed from house arrest on Monday. Napoli won the Italian league twice, in 1987 and 1990, with Maradona before the South American left under a cloud following a drugs scandal.