### Sonali Bank blank Railway

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Sonalt Bank blanked Bangladesh Railway 3-0 in one of the two matches of the Green Delta First Division hockey league at the Hockey Stadium yesterday.

The winners led the first half two-nil.

Ziaul Ahsan opened the account when he converted a penalty stroke in the 20th minute of the match. Six minutes later Qamrul Ahsan doubled the margin from a field

The winners, who forced seven corners in the match, kept up the pressure in the second half. Jasimuddin completed the tally for the winners with another field goal in the 52nd minute.

In the day's second match played at the same venue, Azad and PWD drew one-all to share points.

Mofiz scored a field goal in the 41st minute to put the office team one up. Azad's Ripon restored parity four minutes later from another field goal.

With the day's important win. Sonali Bank have secured seven points from eight outings while Bangladesh Railway are yet to open their account after suffering eight successive

Azad SC so far collected three points and PWD SC bagged two playing eight matches each.

Usha KC will take on Wari Club while Mohammedan SC will meet Dhaka Ansars today.

### Pakistan to take part in 6-nation Champions Trophy

ISLAMABAD, June 21: 16member team will participate in the six-nation hockey tournament in Kuala Lumpur next month, Pakistan Hockey Federation (PHF) officials said Monday, reports AFP.

Other countries taking part in the 15th Champions Trophy are Germany. Australia, the Netherlands, Spain and hosts Malaysia.

Pakistan will meet Australia in the opening match of the tournament on July 3.

Germany lifted the trophy for the third time in a row at Karachi last year with Australia and Pakistan earning second and third places respectively.

The Pakistani team is due to leave here Thursday for Singapore where it will play three matches before proceeding to Kuala Lumpur.

THE TEAM: Shahid Ali Khan, Mansoor Ahmed (goalkeepers), Rana Mujahid, Khalid Bashir, Akhlaq Ahmed (backs), Tahir Zaman, Mohammad Khalid, Khawaja Mohammad Junaid, Irfab Mahmood (halfbacks), Mussadiq Hussain, Shahbaz Ahmed, Kamran Ashraf, Mohammad Shahbaz Junior, Wasim Feroze, Rahim Khan, Ahsan Mohammad Khan.

### Basile blames sweltering heat

GUAYAQUIL, Ecuador, June 21: Argentina coach Alfio Basile has blamed sweltering heat and lack of time to prepare for his team's poor form South American Championship, reports Reuter.

"Luckily we won't play again at this hour (midday), which is quite mortifying," he said after the Copa America holders held on in fierce heat for a 1-1 draw with Mexico on Sunday.

The Mexicans were so dominant Argentina had just two shots on target, one captain Oscar Ruggeri's equaliser.

"One has to take into account that both Mexico and Bolivia had more time and better conditions than ours to prepare," Basile said.

Mexico, recently involved in a successful World Cup qualifying scries, and Bolivia, unlucky to lose 1-0 to Argentina on Wednesday, have been together for several weeks.

Argentina had just two friendlies in February before the Copa American tournament and they are now without Diego Maradona and Claudio Caniggia.

But Basile still has a strong squad of players who were etther not responding to his instructions or lacked the guile to vary their games when faced with the accurate and intricate

passing of the Mexicans. The dynamism, allied to skill, that has characterised the best performances by

Basile's team has been sadly lacking. "The team did not exist.

They didn't manage to knit together a single interesting, attacking move," Basile said. Sevilla midfielder Diego

Simeone, said: "We mustn't look for excuses. Argentina couldn't change rhythm."

Argentina face Colombia, their strongest Group C opponents, on Wednesday and could be in for a hiding if the Colombians find the finishing touch that deserted them in a

1-1 draw with Bolivia. But like the other big guns, Brazil and Uruguay who are not at full strength, Argentina's target is around the corner in the World Cup qualifiers, rather than the Copa America.

# Honours easy at Dhaka Stadium

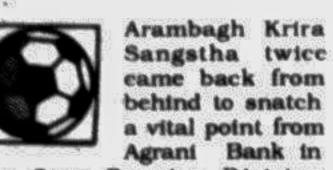
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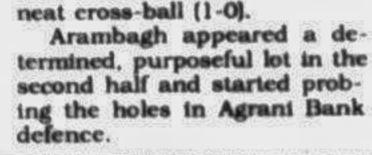
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Akhtar had set him up with a

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the Star Premier Division football league at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. In a match of near perfect



well and handled the ball inside the box meaning a spotkick for the wistful Arambagh. Sunny helped the stooping Arambagh spirits high with a neat placement two minutes from the end (2-2).

The first match of the day, a Star First Division Football league encounter, between



Tussle for the ball in yesterday's Star First Division football league match between Wanderers Club and Eskaton Sabuj Sangha at the Dhaka Stadium. - Star photo

equals Bankers, who had earlier started their league lap with a bang beating Rahmatganj 2-1, led the first half 1-0.

Arambagh, the more fancied of the two teams, having finished fourth in last year's points table, also started this vear in an identical fashion registering a two-one victory against Victoria Sporting Club and the bottom line of yesterday's ninety minutes of sighs, gasps and sweat was that justice was done in the end with both teams enjoying a fleeting ascendency in the points table with three points each from two matches apiece.

Agrani Bank settled earlier than their opponents on a ground roughened by the incessant monsoon showers and two-day long desiccation. Inspired by the wily Bakhtiar and speedy Akhtar on the flank Agrani stormed the Arambagh territory from the very outset. The early pressure paid off

A very common sight of Dablu, the long haired Arambagh right sweeper back, moving up and down was itself an indicator of the intentions of the team in black and white.

Jamal reaped the benefit of the increasing Arambagh aggression when he finished a combined move into the Agrani Bank net in the 23rd minute of the second half. The best goal of the day,

however, did not signal Arambagh's upperhand in the match. In fact it was the other way round with the bankers going up by the odd goal in the three scored till that time. A remnant of the 'famous Gothia Cup hoax' the stocky striker beautifully volleyed the ball home from outside the box in the 41st minute giving no chance to the Arambagh custodian (2-1).

For euphoria, pressure or some unknown factor, Agrant defender Shariful momentarily forgot that all's well that ends

Wanderers and Eskaton Sabuj Sangha ended in a goalless

Both the teams have three points each from two matches

#### REVERSAL REGRETTED

In the match report of the Saturday's Star First Division Football league encounter between East End Club and Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation (BRTC) Club victory was erroneously attributed to the latters, under the subheading 'BRTC's First'.

Actually it was the other way round with East End, one of the two promotees, winning the match by two goals to one. The win raised their collec-

tion to three from two matches leaving BRTC with no other way but to wait some time for their first point. Any inconvenience, confusion arising from the reversal of the result is sincerely regretted.

# Barcelona rejoice, Real rue

before the match, "So far,

history has been repeating

itself - but this time the

ending will be different." How

Barcelona coach Johann

Cruyff has Tenerife to thank

yet again for béating Real on

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21: Tenerife beat Real Madrid 2-0 on the last day of the Spanish

Championship to

give Barcelona, 1-0 winners over Real Sociedad, the title virtually the same scenario as last season, reports AFP.

After beating Barcelona in the seminar of the Spanish Cup in mid-week, Real Madrid began favourites to take the title, despite an inferior goal difference. But Madrid's nervous foot-

ballers played dreadfully against their opponents from the Canary Islands, as if it was inevitable fate would repeat it-

Real coach Benito Floro had dearly hoped he was not destined to suffer the same setback as his predecessor Lco Beenhakker.

Ironically, Floro had said

### Strikers let Colombia down

MACHALA, Ecuador, June 21: Colombia squandered a string of chances and were held 1-1 by Bolivia despite dominating their South American Championship match on Sunday, reports

Reuter. The result left the Colombians at the top of Group C on goal difference over Argentina, who drew 1-1 with Mexico, and put them through to the quarterfinals along with the Copa America holders.

Marco Etcherverry opened the scoring for Boltvia in the 15th minute with a hard low shot past Colombian keeper Oscar Curdoba from a fine pass back from the line by winger Jaime Marceno.

Two minutes later, Colombia equalised with a penalty by Orlando Maturana after the referee ruled that Bolivian desender Marco Antonio Sandy had pulled down striker Victor Aristizabal when he fell advancing into the box with the ball.

Boltvian keeper Rojas saved a first half effort from Aristizabal following a brilliant series of one-two's between himself and midfielders Carlos Valderrama and Freddy Rincon.

Minutes later right back Luis Herrera combined with midfielder Leonel Alvarez and went through to crash a hard drive against the bar.

In a clean game with no bookings, Colombian second half substitute Adolfo Valenciano came close with three good chances. Two of his shots brought fine one-handed saves from keeper Dario Rojas, the other hft a post.

greeted with wild jubilation from the 115,000 fans at Barcelona's Nou Camp Stadium. And just a minute later,

scored the Catalonians solitary goal against Real Sociedad. Two minutes before the break, as Madrid began to get more into the match, Tenerife scored their second, to bring more delirium on the terraces

Bulgarian Hristo Stoichkov

of the Nou Camp Stadium. Both Tenerife and Barcelona were on tenterhooks for the second halves of their matches.

Several times, Madrid nearly reduced the arrears, had Real Sociedad could also have levelled the score. Before the match, Sociedad's Welsh manager John Toshack had insisted his team would give Barcelona a tough time, but his words, like Floro's proved fruitless.

Barcelona's supporters were put out of their misery after seven minutes of time added on in the Tenerife-Real Madrid match.

The fans celebrated their team's title with shouts of Tenerife, Tenerife" while displaying Barcelona and Tenerife flags as Cruyff's men enjoyed their success with a triumphant lap of honour.

## An Akram gale sinks Sussex

.LONDON, June 21: Pakistan skipper Wasim Akrant climber out of his sick bed to send Sussex sliding to their first English Sunday League defeat of the season on Sunday, reports AFP.

The brilliant all-rounder, who missed Saturday's County Championship and played with influenza, grabbed four for 20 as Sussex were skittled for 118 and then blasted two sixes in an unbeaten 39 to see Lancashire home by six wick-

Sussex still stay joint top, however, since Kent, with whom they share the league lead, also lost.

Kent, chasing a victory target of 249, we were squeezed out by just three runs against Derbyshire. They needed 27 off the last two overs and whittled it down to a six off the last ball, but Mark Ealham managed only two.

That was comfortably the tightest finish of the day. At the other end of the scale the widest margin of victory was achieved by Glamorgan, who thrashed Durham by 166 runs thanks to a hattrick by Adrian Dale. ·

The 24-year-old seamer went on to claim career-best figures of six for 22 as Durham collapsed to 105 all out in reply to Glamorgan, 271 for six, of which England hopeful Matthew Maynard slammed 79 off 66 balls.

That was the highest total of the day. The top individual score came from acting skipper Paul Prichard, who cracked a Sunday-best 107 to steer Essex to a comprehensive 75-run victory over Nottinghamshire at Trent Bridge.

Ex-England batsman Allan Lamb came within a whisker of matching Prichard on his 39th birthday, hitting an unbeaten 96 to power Northampton shire to a four-wicket victory over Hampshire with two balls to spare. Mcanwhile, Mark Rampra-

kash (73) and John Carr (57) put on an unbroken 140 as Middlesex cruised to an eightwicket victory over Somerset. Another unfinished stand of

123 between Chris Broad (75) and Tony Wright (73) saw Gloucestershire home by seven wickets against Yorkshire.

#### Mendis calls for neutral umpires COLOMBO, June 21: Shri

Lanka's cricket manager Dulip Mendis has called for neutral umpires to prevent charges of bias during India's tour next month, a report here said Sunday, reports AFP. Mendis, a former Shri

kan Test captain, told the Sunday Times that India had a very good all-round side brimming with confidence and he expected their fiveweek tour of Shri Lanka to be "very close 50-50 contest.

"Shri Lankan umpires are ok . . . but the boys are sick of hearing comments from losing sides blaming umpiring for their defeats," Mendis said. He said he was hopeful that

the Board of Control for

Cricket here would accept his suggestion to invite foreign neutral umpires for the Indian tour beginning July 9. The two South Asian neigh bours will play three five-day Test matches, three one-day limited over matches and one

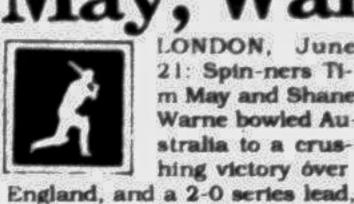
three-day match during the Egypt roll on

SEQUL, June 21: Egypt beat China 3-1 after leading 1-0 at half-time in the South Korean President's Cup international football tournament Monday, reports AFP.

Egypt, with two Group A wins in the competition, now advance to the semifinals.

Action from the Green Delta First Division hockey encounter between Railway and Sonali Bank at the Hockey Stadium

# May, Warne mop England up



to his overnight 58 in almost 21: Spin-ners Tihalf an hour before he tried to m May and Shane cut a Warne leg break that was Warne bowled Autoo close to his body and was adjudged lbw. stralia to a crushing victory over Stewart replaced Gatting,

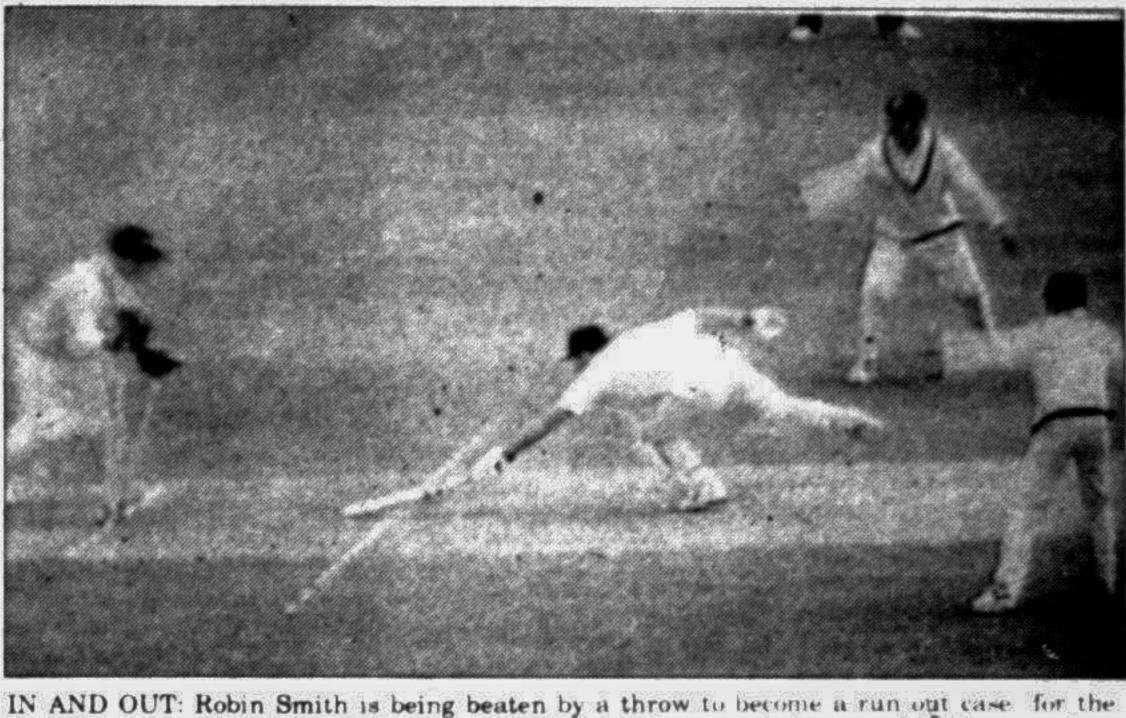
in the second Ashes Test at Lord's today, reports Reuter. Off-spinner May and leg-

whose resolute 59 occupied 266 minutes, and launched his innings positively by off-driving and pulling Hughes for two

ish after the interval, completing his half-century in 124 balls as he put on 49 for the seventh wicket with Neil Foster.

May broke the partnership by having Stewart lbw for 62,

Foster went for 20 without addition to the total when he



first TV umpire on the English soil. Ironically Smith entered the record books at a time when an almost unending streak of failures at Test level took him on the verge of being - Star TV photo

an innings and 62 runs on the fifth and final day.

May captured four for 81 and Warne four for 102 as England were all out for 365 shortly before tea, having followed on 427 behind.

Australia's triumph makes them odds on favourites to retain the Ashes in the six-Test series against an England side who have stumbled from one wretched performance to another during the past year. Graham Gooch's team have

now lost their last seven Tests - five under his captaincy and two with Alec Stewart in charge — and face the need for significant changes to halt one of England's worst sequences in modern times. Resuming at the overnight

237 for three, England lost Mike Gatting for 59 early on and after that only Graeme Hick (64) and Stewart (62) offered prolonged resistance. Australia, who won the opening match of the series by

179 runs, are now unbeaten in

15 consecutive Tests against

England — the best sequence by either country in games between them. Border's men won at Lord's even with only three specialist bowlers following paceman Craig McDermott's withdrawal

on the second day for surgery

to treat a twisted bowel. Fast bowler Merv Hughes has shared the burden of the work with May and Warne, who made the first break through by removing Gatting. Gatting added only a single one from Stewart, thumped Warne for two boundaries in one over and went to his halfcentury from 114 balls, having struck seven fours. After sharing a fifth-wicket

stand of 60 with Stewart, Hick pushed forward at May and edged to Mark Taylor, who



SHANE WARNE ... 4 for 102 held a fine catch to his left at first slip. Hick's 178-minute innings included nine fours.

Australia struck again just before lunch when Chris Lewis lunged forward at May and was stumped by a comfortable distance to complete a pair. Stewart continued to flour

by Mark Waugh at silly point. Warne returned to the at-

tack to wrap up the innings by dispatching Peter Such and Phil Tufnell with consecutive deliveries. The leg spinner bowled

both tailenders - and England's last four wickets had tumbled for just four runs.

#### SCOREBOARD

Final scorecard in the second Test between England and Australia at Lord's here on Monday: AUSTRALIA: 1st innings

632-4 Dec (Boon 164 not out, Slater 152, Taylor 111, M Waugh 99, Border 77).

ENGLAND: 1st innings 205 (Atherton 80) ENGLAND: 2nd innings Gooch c Healy b Warne Atherton run out Gatting lbw b Warne Smith c sub b May Hick c Taylor b May Stewart Ibw b May Lewis st Healy b May Foster c M Waugh b Border Caddick not out Such b Warne Tufnell b Warne Extras: (b 10, lb 13) Total:

Fall of wickets: 1-71; 2-175; 3-180; 4-244; 5-304; 6-312; 7-361; 8-361; 9-365.

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Hughes	31	9	75	(
M Waugh	17	4	55	(
May	51	23	81	4
S Waugh	2	0	13	(
Warne	48.5	. 17	102	2
Border	16	9	16	100

# Argentina let off the hook

He slipped the ball wide on

the right to Patino who beat



GUAYAQUIL, Ecuador, June 21: Argentina, unbeaten since the 1990 World Cup final, were lucky

to escape with a 1-1 draw against Mexico in a South American Championship match on Sunday, reports Reuter. The Copa American holders looked leaden footed as they

But they did enough to virtually ensure a place in the quarter-finals, having taken three points from two Group C matches. Mexico stunned the Argentinians with a 15th

stretched their unbeaten re-

cord to 25 matches.

minute goal by David Patino. Skipper Hugo Sanchez sur-\* prised the Argentine defence as they were preparing a wall when he tool a free-kick directly in front of goal.

Sergio Goycochea with a low Argentina hit back in the 28th minute through captain Oscar Ruggeri, who plays with

Sanchez for Mexican club

America. He blasted home a pass from the right by midfielder Leo Rodriguez following a cor-A good, creative Mexican

side had Argentina in even more trouble than the Bolivians, who lost narrowly 1-0 to the Holders on Thursday. Only Goycochea and centre backs Ruggeri and Vazquez

stood between the Mexicans

and a well deserved victory. Mexico had at least a dozen chances they failed to put away, partly through their lack of finishing power. With Argentina struggling in

from striker Claudio Garcia on target before Ruggeri equa-Argentina made a number of attempts with long distance shots to beat Mexico's colourful keeper Jorge Campso, who was constantly drifting out of

his penalty area and playing

the ball out of defence with his

midfield they had only a shot

They came closest in the 24th minute when desender Sergio Vazquez lobbed a 40metre free-kick over Campos and the ball rebounded off the keeper's left post and into

Mexico's midfield, in which David Patino and Ignacio Am birz stood out, sent the forwards through time and again, mainly on the let, with Goycchea saving point-bland from Patino, alberto Garcia Aspe and Luis Alves, better known by his Brazilian nickname Zague.

Vazquez also blocked a Sanchez shot that cannoned off

- Star photo

his legs over the bar and the former Real Madrid star tried one of his specials from a Garcia-Aspe centre only to shoot just wide with a flying

The Argentines did not

have one shot on target in the

scissors kick.

second half. They also had Garcia, midfielder Gustavo Zapata and defender Fabian Baualdo booked. Mexico will need at least one point against Bolivia next

Wednesday if they are to have a chance of booking a place in the quarter-finals.

#### Meaningless win for China CHENGDU, China, June 21

China beat Iraq 2-1 in their second-leg game here Sunday. but it was the losing Iraqis who will enter the second round of the Asian Zone World Cup football qualifying tournament. reports AFP.

The win gave the Chinese 12 points in the round, just one less than Iraq but not enough to advance.

Iraq, who had clinched their berth in the second round on Friday with a 4-0 win over Pakistan, rested a number of their top players for Sunday's match, which was meaningless for the side. Iraq finished the round with six wins and one draw against only one loss.

The Iraqis beat China 1-0 two weeks ago in Jordan, and went ahead again Sunday when J. Sabah opened the scoring in the 48th minute. But four minutes later China

tied it on a header by Xu Hong. and claimed victory in the match when Zhao Faqing struck in a corner just one minute before time. Earlier in the day, Jordan trounced winless Pakistan 5-0

Joining Iraq in the second round later this year will be Japan, Saudi Arabia, North Korea, South Korea, and one other side.

in another Group A match.

offering no stroke, after resisting for 176 minutes.



wickets as England crashed by pushed forward at Border's Hick, as though taking his left-arm spin and was caught