

Sport



A goalmouth scramble during yesterday's Star Premier Division football league match between Arambagh Krira Sangstha and Rahmatganj Muslim Friends Society at the Dhaka Stadium. The match ended in a goalless draw. — Star photo

Div I hockey

Sports Reporter
Azad Sporting Club and Railway Club failed to score in the remaining ten minutes of their unfinished match and thus shared a point each in the Green Delta First Division hockey league at the Hockey Stadium yesterday.
Originally scheduled for June 25 the match was called off ten minutes from time as a heavy down pour rendered the ground unplayable.
Friday's other match between Mariner Youngs Club and Ansars rescheduled for yesterday could not be held as rain interrupted for the second consecutive day.
The much delayed match has been rescheduled for today forcing a bodily shift in the fixture.

BRTC, Rahmatganj off the mark

Sports Reporter
Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation (BRTC) got their first point in the Star First Division football league when they managed a goalless draw with Wanderers Club at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.
On a slabby, shingly ground rendered almost unplayable by intermittent showers and relentless stamping by the players neither side showed any inclination to force ahead.
So obvious was no action among players of both sides to win, one felt there was no point at all in this mud-bath and literal mudslinging. It was slinging mud at all the aesthetic associations the great game can conjure up.
Thankfully there were very few people in the terraces to witness the farce which left the transport men with a point. Earlier they had lost their first two matches. Eskaton Sabuj Sangha beat them by a solitary goal in the opener. They lost their second match to promotees East End Club with former Brothers striker Mahmudul Huq Liton scoring twice to help his side win by the odd goal in three.
Their opponents Wanderers Club were way ahead of them

having collected three points from two encounters before yesterday's match. The draw raised their tally to four from three outings.
With the result being a foregone conclusion the ball remained confined to the mid-field for most of the ninety minutes. The sporadic eye wash moves were perfectly calculated to keep both sides out of the harm's way.
Fares that are being enacted almost every other day at the Dhaka Stadium are not totally bereft of lessons. Those, who run the show, should be convinced by this time the Premier league concept has its loopholes and the middlings of the fray are probing them with consummate ease.
For the first time in the annals of domestic football a Premier league comprising ten top clubs of last year's points table was made operational on June 11. The regulation Senior Division league got underway simultaneously. Ten teams are there in this fray also — eight teams from the eleventh position onwards in last year's league while two new comers completing the quorum.
RAHMATGANJ'S FIRST
With football losing its significance in a slap-stick

Revenge beckons at Brazil

GUAYAQUIL, Ecuador, June 26: Giants of the footballing world, Argentina and Brazil, meet in the quarter-finals of the South American football championships here on Sunday following 10 days of hotly-contested group matches, reports AFP.
The contest provides Brazil with the perfect opportunity to



World Boxing Association (WBA) junior welterweight champion Juan Martin Coggi (C) holds aloft his trophy after knocking out his Japanese challenger Hiroyuki Yoshino in the fifth round of their title bout in the Japanese capital of Tokyo on June 23. — AFP photo

Tennis team to go to Tehran

Bangladesh will take part in the third international tennis tournament to be held in Tehran from August 31 to September 7, reports BSS.
A three-day practice camp comprising six players begins at the National Tennis Complex today to select a team for the meet. The players are: Hira Lal, Faisal S Huq, Sk Moinuddin, Wailullah Jhilan, Nawaz Ameen, Shameem Ahsan Roni and Tofazzel Hossain.
The selected players have been requested to report to Mahtabur Rahman Maruf at 3 pm at Court Number Two.

Antlers rally to triumph

TOKYO June 26: Japanese league leaders Kashima Antlers came from 2-0 down to win 4-2 at Gamba Osaka on Saturday, reports Reuter.
The win kept the Antlers four points clear of Yokohama Marinos, 3-1 winners at third-placed JEF Ichihara.
Brazilians Miguel Lutz Muller and Flavio, with a penalty, gave Osaka a comfortable advantage three minutes into the second half.
But the visitors were back on terms within four minutes thanks to Brazilian midfielder Santos and compatriot Alcindo Sartori, who converted a penalty.
Substitute Yoshiyuki Hasegawa, latching on to a pass from Alcindo, made it 3-2 in the 63rd minute Hisashi Kurosaki completed the scoring 13 minutes later.
Argentine forward Ramon Angel Diaz scored a hat-trick for Yokohama Marinos, German striker Pierre Litbarski replied for Ichihara.

Benfica in a dire straits

LISBON, June 26: Portuguese international striker Joao Pinto has become the latest player to quit cash-strapped Benfica after his pay cheque bounced, Portugal's A Bola newspaper reported on Saturday, reports Reuter.
A Bola printed a copy of a fax, sent by Pinto to the club on Friday, in which the player said he was rescinding his contract.
Portuguese radio reported that Benfica vice-president Alberto Silveira had refused either to confirm or deny Pinto's departure.
Pinto's reported move follows similar action by midfielder Paulo Sousa and winger Antonio Pacheco earlier this week.
Benfica president Jorge de Brito said on Friday the club would contest the legality of the player's decisions.

Indefinite FIFA ban on Polish stadium

ZURICH, June 26: Poland's Chorzow Stadium has been banned indefinitely from staging soccer internationals following crowd trouble at last month's World Cup qualifier against England, reports Reuter.
FIFA, world soccer's governing body, announced the ban on Friday after a meeting of its disciplinary committee the previous day.
The disciplinary committee also fined the Polish Football Association 20,000 Swiss francs (12,800) for crowd incidents inside and outside the stadium in the May 29 tie.
Among other punishments were:
—Honduras Football Association was threatened with disqualification from the 1998 World Cup unless it improved safety precautions in staging future matches.
The Hondurans were additionally fined 20,000 following crowd disturbances at two World Cup qualifying matches against Canada and Mexico respectively.
—Spanish club Merida were fined 870,000 pesetas (6,667) for non-payment of the transfer fee for Partizan Belgrade's Goran Mijovic. The fine represented one-tenth of the transfer sum.
Merida were warned they would be relegated if the transfer sum was not paid within 20 days.
—River Plate of Argentina were fined 50,000 francs (22,000) because of the violent behaviour of three of their players against the referee, security forces and spectators in a tournament earlier this year.
FIFA said their conduct caused the match against Colombia on January 24 to be abandoned.
The three players Matias Bisca, Jose Nicolas Latorre and Cesar Zinelli were each fined 5,000 and banned for two years from any kind of footballing activity.

Marseille maybe in a mess

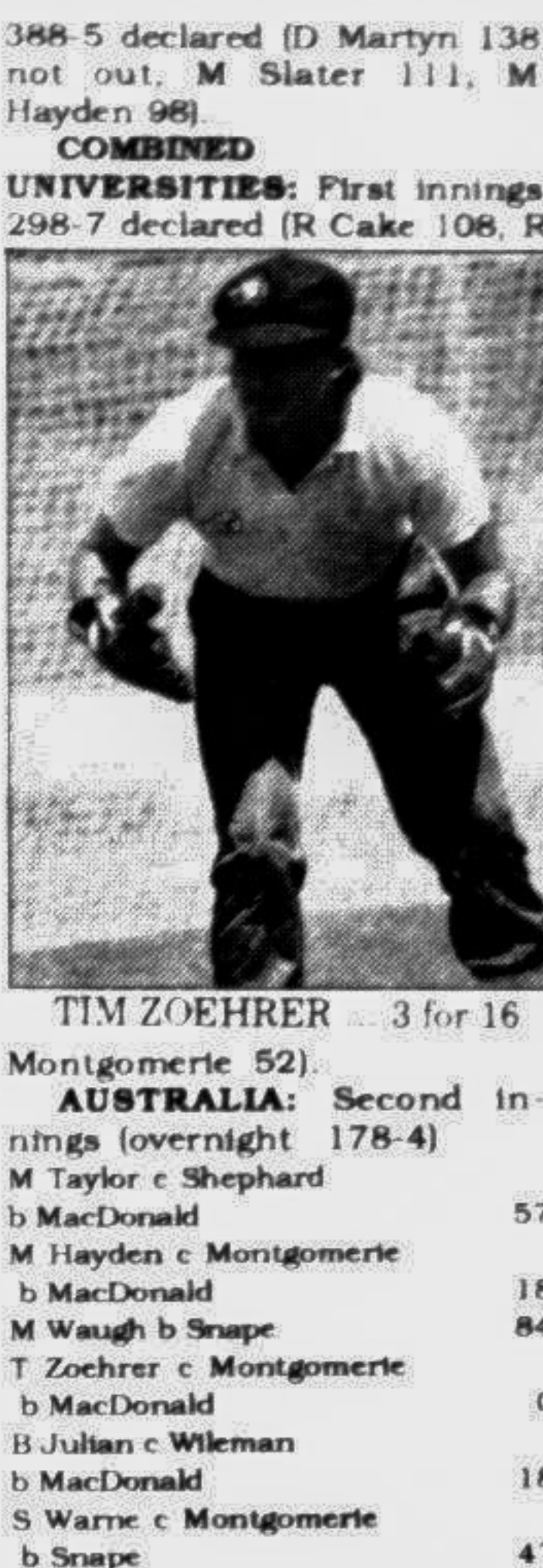
PARIS, June 26: A Marseille player was arrested on Friday by police investigating allegations that the European soccer champions tried to rig a French league match against Valenciennes, reports Reuter.
Midfielder Jean-Jacques Eydelie went voluntarily to a court in Valenciennes, telling journalists he wanted to help "throw all possible light on the affair." Police detained him at the court.
Eydelie had been named by Valenciennes defender Jacques Glassmann, who said the Marseille player offered him money to play badly in a crucial May 20 league match with Marseille.
Eydelie's arrest came just 24 hours after that of Valenciennes player Christophe Robert.
Robert claimed he had received 250,000 francs (50,000) before the match, six days before Marseille's European Cup final against AC Milan, judicial sources said.
He maybe charged with corruption in the next few days, they added.
Marseille directors have protested strongly over the allegations against the club.
"I can't imagine some Marseille staff being so stupid and dishonest as to make such a fraudulent act," Marseille deputy chairman Jean-Louis Levreau told a news conference.
Valenciennes, who lost the game 1-0, were relegated. But the club's lawyer, Yves Bakra, said on Friday the team would be demanding that the French league cancel the result.
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Both Eydelie and Bernes denied making call and Bernes counter-attacked by filing a suit against persons unknown.

Heat or heart

MARSEILLE, France, June 26: A senior Marseille club official was taken to hospital on Saturday, hours before police visited his home in connection with allegations that the European champions tried to rig a match against Valenciennes, reports Reuter.
Club general secretary Jean-Pierre Bernes was suffering from a heart problem, an aide said, but gave no other details.
A Valenciennes player, Jacques Glassmann, has alleged that Bernes and Marseille midfielder Jean-Jacques Eydelie offered players from his team money to play badly in a crucial match on May 20, Marseille went on to win the French title.
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Zoehrer's lesson for students

OXFORD, June 26: Australia's reserve wicketkeeper Tim Zoehrer handed his pads to Damien Martyn and took three wickets for 16 as they coasted to a 166-run victory over Combined Universities on Friday, reports Reuter.
Australia's second innings declaration at 233 for six left universities needing 324 in 82 overs to win and any faint hopes were quickly shattered by left-armers Brendon Julian, who dismissed the top three batsmen in an impressive spell of three for 28 off seven overs.
Geoff Lovell retired hurt after being struck on the hand by Wayne Holdsworth, but Matthew Windows and Jonathan Wileman added 75 off 20 overs for the fifth-wicket before Zoehrer intervened to break the stand.
Australia had added 55 runs in 45 minutes for the loss of two wickets, with Mark Waugh making 84 and Shane Warne 47, before Mark Taylor declared.
SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard on the final day of the three-day match between Combined Universities and Australia on Friday:
AUSTRALIA: First Innings
M Slater not out 3
Extras: (b-4, w-2) 6
Total: (six wickets declared) 233
Fall of wickets: 1-31; 2-107; 3-107; 4-153; 5-208; 6-233
Bowling: O M R W
Hallett 7 1 26 0
MacDonald 23 1 80 4
Pearson 5 0 37 0
Gallian 7 0 37 0
Snape 8.5 1 49 2
COMBINED UNIVERSITIES:
Second Innings
R Montgomery b Julian 4
J Gallian c M Waugh b Julian 16
R Cate c M Waugh b Reffel 16
G Lovell retired hurt 4
J Snape lbw b Julian 0
M Windows c Julian b Zoehrer 44
J Wileman c Taylor b Warne 48
S Shephard lbw b Warne 0
J Hallett not out 6
R Pearson c Taylor b Zoehrer 1
R MacDonald c M Waugh b Zoehrer 4
Extras: (b-4, nb-10) 14
Total: 157
Fall of wickets: 1-25; 2-26; 3-30; 4-63; 5-138; 6-145; 7-146; 8-151; 9-157.
Bowling: O M R W
Holdsworth 6 0 19 0
Julian 12 1 57 3
Reffel 9 1 30 1
Zoehrer 11.4 7 16 3
Warne 12 6 21 2
Taylor 3 0 10 0
Result: Australia won by 166 runs



TIM ZOEHRER ... 3 for 16

Lathwell's low-key showing

LONDON, June 26: Potential England Test batsman Mark Lathwell suffered a double failure on Friday that may cost him a call-up for the third Test against Australia next week, reports Reuter.
The Somerset opener, touted as the budding star who could strengthen England's brittle batting, managed just four and nought in two innings against Northamptonshire, who look set for a comfortable victory.
Somerset, dismissed for 161 in their first innings and forced to follow on, finished the second day of their County Championship match on 110 for five, still needing another 11 to make Northants bat again. Discarded England pace bowler Paul Jarvis hailed Yorkshire back into contention against Kent on the second day at Headingley as the visitors lost their last seven wickets

for 40 runs. Jarvis, England's best bowler on their winter tour to India, took four for 51 to wipe out the tail after Kent appeared set to take a big first innings lead in reply to Yorkshire's 209.
West Indian Carl Hooper struck a sparkling 99 which included a six and 14 fours but, after he played on to seamer Craig White, Kent managed an advantage of just 89.
Yorkshire were 18 without loss in their second innings.
Derbyshire skipper Kim Barnett cracked an unbeaten 155 to thwart Lancashire hopes of a quick victory after they amassed 477 in their first innings.
Barnett reached his 41st career century, sharing a third wicket stand of 167 with Chris Adams (74) as Derbyshire made 318 for three.
Nottinghamshire captain Tim Robinson scored a century as his side reached 308 for

eight, 21 behind joint championship leaders Glamorgan.
Robinson (119) hit 21 fours in four hours and received useful help from Paul Johnson, whose 70 took only 84 balls with a six and 12 boundaries.
Desmond Haynes rescued joint leaders Middlesex with 112 after Surrey paceman Joey Benjamin took three wickets in 21 balls to reduce them to 74 for four.
The West Indies opener hit four sixes and 10 fours and, with Keith Brown (80) and John Embury (65 not out) weighing in, Middlesex took a first innings lead of eight after making 330.
An unbeaten, career-best 153 from Justin Benson helped steer Leicestershire to a commanding 433 for seven in response to Gloucestershire's 245.
Benson, playing his first championship game this season, stroked a six and 16 fours.

Hagar bails Australia out

SYDNEY, June 26: Predator striker Mark Hagar, relishing unexpected freedom, poached a typical goal to salvage Australia's 1-1 draw with Olympic champions Germany in the second field hockey Test here today, reports AFP.
The world number one Germans were on course to level the best-of-three-match series following Australia's opening 3-1 victory on Thursday night when experienced defender Jan-Peter Tewes crashed home a penalty corner in the 48th minute.
But Hagar, the 127-test leader of the Australian forward line, dived full length to connect the Greg Corbitt's drive from the left to beat German keeper Albert Hemmersbach in the 53rd minute.

hit it straight away," said 29-year-old Hagar afterwards.
"It's been a long time since we've played them that I've had that much room in the middle to be able to do one of those goals — normally they (the Germans) close it off pretty quickly.
"We caught them out, Corby got the ball pretty quickly. Actually, Christian Blunk got off me and went across to try and intercept it and that left no one on me in the middle of the circle."
German coach Paul Lissek was delighted with the result against the high-calibre Australians, still largely unchanged in their first international series for 10 months since the Barcelona Olympics.
"I'm happy about my team because some of my players are having their first international appearances," said Lissek.

who need every minute on the field against Australia, because it is more valuable to play against Australia, than to play against say, France or Italy."
Lissek used the new interchange rule 10 times today, as did his Australian counterpart Frank Murray.
"After a year, perhaps, if the players are used to having a short time on the field, 10 minutes for instance, then it might be an advantage for them to make so many changes," said Lissek.
"But now for some players it's not good to play only for a short time, because he is not sure enough with his stick-work and things, but they have to learn now to use this advantage of interchanging."
Australia, already without Olympians Ashley Carey, Damon Diletti and Stephen Davies through injuries, had



Germany's Stefan Saliger (C) hooks the ball away from Australian Stuart Carruthers (L) during the second field hockey match yesterday in Sydney. Hager's last-minute equaliser denied the world champions a win. Australia, who won the first match 3-1, leads the three-match series 1-0 after yesterday's 1-1 draw. — AFP photo

Germany, rebuilding after the retirements of five players from last year's gold medal-winning team, get their chance to come away with a win over the Australians in the final Test here Sunday.
The Germans had more of the play, picking up eight short corners to Australia's one, but it was sloppy defence which cost them victory in a twinkling.
"As soon as I saw Corby (Corbitt) go down the wing I knew where he was going to

André Schiefer is an excellent young player in the middle field, I'm very happy because I will have him for eight years, I'm sure. He's a talented player, a typical Olympic player.
"It's good for a coach to find these new young talents."
Lissek said Sunday's match will be a real final.
"Today we saw that it was possible to beat Australia and my team will have more self-confidence.
I've got young players here

another setback in today's match when 129-Test veteran fullback Ken Wark was taken out of the game.
Wark went out with a suspected broken rib after an accidental collision with Dirk Dorringer midway through the second half.
The Germans have no such injury concerns, although they finished the Test a man short after defender Christian Stengler was given yellow card and a five-minute expulsion nearing the end of the game.