

Goalkeeper lets Bima down

Sports Reporter

Poor goalkeeping by Bima custodian helped promotees Bangladesh Boys record their first win in the Star First Division football league at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Bangladesh Boys, who led the first half 2-0, ultimately won the match by the odd goal in three with the insurance men pulling one back in the second half.

Mintu scored the first goal for the winners in the second match of the day when his powerful shot off a Swapan pass eluded the butter-fingered Zia, the Bima custodian, in the 36th minute (1-0).

Three minutes later the nervous goalkeeper lost control of the ball while trying a goal keeper's high-kick and Bima zid lurking near gleefully accepted the offer (2-0).

Bima overcame these unforeseen setbacks to launch a determined second half campaign.

This try capitalised on the sustained pressure when he found the net after a Jahangir cross as he used a goalmouth melee in the 27th minute (1-2).

Bangladesh Boys have secured four points from same number of outings while Bima have two from four matches.

QUIET DRAW

Giant slayers Wari showed no signs of the fire when they shared points with Muktiyoddha Sa ngasid in the Star Premier Division football league encounter of the day played earlier at the same venue.

In another what seemed to be a fixed match, Wari shot into the lead through their star forward Tutul in the 31st minute of the match (1-0).

The goal puts the tall, dark striker at par with a Bahari's Rumi and Mohammedi's Nakib, both of whom have scored four goals each to stay atop the individual scorers' list.

Rana restored parity for Muktiyoddha one minute before the long whistle when he converted a penalty awarded to them because of handball by Wari's Ripon inside the dreaded zone (1-1).

Wari have four points from four matches while Muktiyoddha's collection now stands at three from four outings.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Mohammedans vs. Agraj Bank

Parashganj SC vs. Eskaton SS

England squad for 3rd Ashes Test

LONDON, June 28: Following is the England cricket squad for the third Test against Australia starting at Trent Bridge on Thursday, reports Reuter.

Graham Gooch (captain), Michael Atherton, Mark Latham, Robin Smith, Alec Stewart, Nasser Hussain, Graham Thorpe, Martin Bicknell, Andrew Caddick, Mark Ilett, Peter Such, Martin McCague, Alan Igglesden.

Bad back lets Igglesden down

LONDON, June 28: Kent paceman Alan Igglesden, who missed the first Ashes Test because of injury, has been ruled out of the third Test against Australia starting on Thursday because of a back strain, reports Reuter.

"Alan is desperately disappointed and I share those feelings," England manager Keith Fletcher said.

"We can only hope that he gets fit in time for the fourth Test in three weeks' time because he is the one bowler who swings the ball every day whatever the conditions."

Div II cricket qualifiers

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Gopibagh Friends Association will play Mirpur Nabin Krira Chakra in the final of the Second Division cricket qualifying competition by virtue of an exciting five-run victory against Khelaghar Samaj Kalyan Sangtha in the second semifinal yesterday.

Batting first the winners used up their quota of 30 overs to manage 116 for nine wickets. Liton and Phillip were joint highest scorers with 20 each. Shahin followed them with 17 but extras superseded individual contributions for the second consecutive day — 23 being yesterday's score.

Despite a defiant unbeaten knock of 19 by skipper Jamir, Khelaghar fell short of their victory target by five runs as the Gopibagh bowlers aided by some enthusiastic fielding stalled their innings at 111 for nine wickets. Sajjad was the only other batsman to offer any resistance with 19.

Shakil got two wickets for Gopibagh for 19 runs but five of his peers took one wicket apiece to spite any hopes of a Khelaghar resurgence.



Argentine Nestor Gorosito (L) is fouled by Brazilian Luisinho during their Copa America quarterfinal match in Guayaquil on Sunday. Argentina moved into the semifinals after beating their arch rivals in tie-breakers. — AFP photo

6th SAF Games rescheduled

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The sixth South Asian Federation (SAF) Games will now be held in Dhaka from December 20 to 28. Originally scheduled to be held from

tries has been recast and shrunken into a nine-day programme, disclosed a BOA official yesterday.

In the new format seven events — boxing, football, shooting, swimming, table tennis, tennis and volleyball will get underway from 21 to mark the onset of the actual Games following the inaugural ceremony on December 20.

Lawn tennis, which is expected to be given an early start ahead of other events, will span seven days, the highest allocation of days for any individual event.

Although the future of local prospects seem to enveloped in a tenebrous interminable bickering shooting has the second highest allotment of days. The event is scheduled

for six days. Six days have been fixed for volleyball also while football, arguably the most popular sporting event, has been given five days.

December 23, the third day of the actual competition, is packed with events like sardines. As many as eleven events are scheduled for the day. There will be little respite for all connected with media as ten events are billed for December 24.

More than one thousand sports personnel from seven SAARC countries — Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Bhutan, Sri Lanka and Maldives will take part in this bonanza.

Hundred and seven golds will be up for grabs athletics having the maximum individual share of 32, 20 of which are for men and 12 other for women.

Sixteen golds will be there in swimming; 12 in boxing; 10 in wrestling (seven for men and three for women); nine in judo; seven each in lawn and table tennis; two in volleyball and one each in football and kabaddi.

Taka eighteen crore 14 lakhs will be spent for the Games, to be held in the country for the second time.

Richards to give way to Gibson

CAPE TOWN, June 28: Former West Indies captain Viv Richards will be replaced next season at Glamorgan by Barbados all-rounder Otis Gibson, according to a source at the Welsh Club, reports Reuter.

Gibson, a pace bowler and hard-hitting batsman, played for Border in the last South African season.

The source said Glamorgan decided to sign Gibson after hearing several favourable reports during a pre-season tour of South Africa.

Richards, 41, is playing his final season for Glamorgan.

Bobby Moore — a true hero in every sense

LONDON, June 28: The late Bobby Moore, the soccer captain who led England to World Cup victory in 1966, suffered from cancer as long ago as 1964, his first wife said on Sunday, reports Reuter.

Moore, who died from cancer of the colon and liver in February, had a testicle removed after being diagnosed with cancer of the scrotum when he was just 23 years old, Tina Moore told the Mail on Sunday newspaper.

Players, fans and press were told Moore was recovering from a routine groin operation.

"I wanted him to tell people at the time. It could have been so very inspirational. But he felt he couldn't, wouldn't share it. Today, I think everyone should know... I feel it can do nothing but enhance his memory," Tina Moore said.

She said Moore greatly prized a letter from the surgeon who carried out the operation, sent after England beat Germany in the World Cup final, which said "You are a true hero, in every sense of the word."

A thanksgiving service for Moore is to be held at London's Westminster Abbey today.

"When that service goes ahead tomorrow, I want people to know just how much of a hero he was," Tina said.

Moore and Tina divorced in 1985. Moore remarried in 1991 and began a new battle against cancer shortly afterwards. Although malignant growths were removed from the colon, traces began to appear in the liver and he died in February.

Smith's sortierial century



SOUTHAMPTON, England, June 28: Robin Smith hammered a thunderous 191 for Hampshire against

Australia on Sunday, then said it was probably too late to save his Test place, reports Reuter.

Smith, whose England spot is in jeopardy after scoring four, 18, 22 and five in the first two Ashes Tests, powered his county to 374 for five declared in reply to Australia's first innings of 393 for seven declared.

The touring team were 113 for three — 132 ahead — at the close of the second day of the three-day match.

Smith said after his run-a-ball innings that contained four sixes and 32 fours: "I think it will be too late. I expect that they (the selectors) have their side already in mind. I don't think making this score will make much difference."

Smith, a resolute and successful player against fast bowling but vulnerable to spin, will know his fate today when the selectors announce their team for the third Test starting at Trent Bridge on Thursday.

One factor they will surely take into account when assessing the merit of Smith's 191 is that leg spinner Shane Warne is not playing against Hampshire and off spinner was deliberately kept away from him by Australian captain Allan Border.

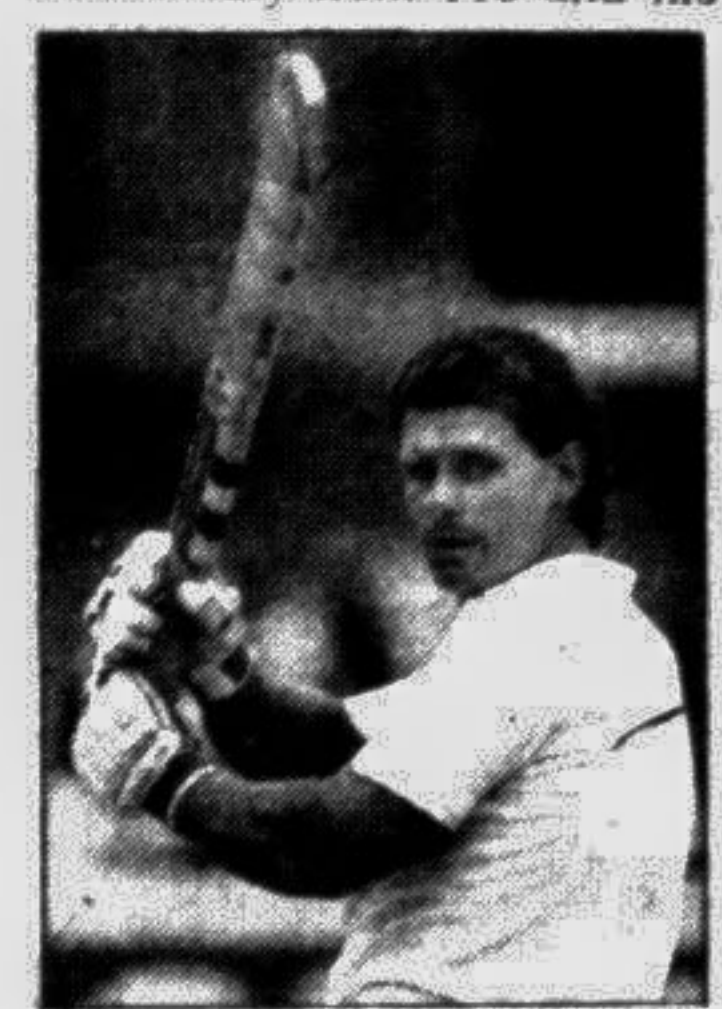
Smith fell twice to Warne when England lost the first Test at Old Trafford and twice to May in the second Test defeat at Lord's.

Smith added: "I was a bit

disappointed that they kept May away from me — I would have liked to have faced him a bit more than I did.

"In fact, it is disappointing to read people writing me off so quickly because I have got out every time to their spinners. It was only three Test matches ago that I was making 128 against Sri Lanka in Colombo, mainly against spin. People do forget so quickly."

Smith, resuming on 32 of the overnight 73 for two, reached his 50 from 58 balls, his century from 113 and his



ROBIN SMITH...191 150 from 152 deliveries.

He dominated a third wicket stand of 233 in three hours with Tony Middleton (53), and was in sight of only the second double hundred of his career when he missed May to long-on.

It was the highest score by a Hampshire batsman against the Australians, beating Philip

Mead's 160 not out in 1912.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the second day of a three-day match between Hampshire and Australia on Sunday.

AUSTRALIA: First innings 393-7 declared (D Boon 146, M Hayden 85).

HAMPSHIRE: First innings (overnight 73-2)

P Terry lbw b Hughes	2
T Middleton c Hayden b Hughes	53
D Gower c Martyn b Hughes	8
R Smith c Hughes b May	191
M Nicholas b May	19
K James not out	31
A Aynes not out	17
Extras: (b-4, lb-2, w-2, nb-4)	53
Total: (five wickets declared)	374

Fall of wickets: 1-2; 2-28; 3-261; 4-317; 5-322;

Did not bat: S Udal, R Maru, C Connor, K Shine.

Bowling:	O	M	R	W
Hughes	18	2	60	3
Julian	19	1	95	0
May	15	2	63	2
Reiffel	15	1	76	0
Waugh	6	1	29	0
Border	7	0	45	0

AUSTRALIA: Second innings

M Hayden not out	59
I Healy lbw b James	16
S Waugh b Connor	0
B Julian c Aynes b Udal	28
D Martyn not out	6
Extras: (b-2, nb-2)	4
Total: (for three wickets)	113

Fall of wickets: 1-37; 2-40; 3-96;

Bowling:	O	M	R	W
Shine	24	0	8	0
Connor	8	2	27	1
James	5.2	2	12	1
Maru	8	1	37	0
Udal	8	3	27	1

Hooper hunts Yorkshire down



LONDON, June 28: West Indian Carl Hooper hit 32, snapped up two crucial wickets and held two

catches to thrust Kent four points clear at the top of the English Sunday league cricket table, reports Reuter.

Hooper's all-round contribution enabled Kent to beat Yorkshire by eight runs at Headingley where they scored 200 for nine in their 50 overs and restricted the home side to 192 for seven.

Opener Trevor Ward initially fired Kent with 10 fours in a dashing 49 from 52 balls, while Hooper and Neil Taylor (35) added valuable runs on a difficult batting pitch.

Hooper's off spin accounted for opener Martyn Moxon (40) and West Indies captain Richie Richardson (20) in quick succession, and two wickets in one over by paceman Martin McCague ultimately settled the contest.

West Indian Winston Benjamin hit a brilliant half century and captured four for 35 to send Leicestershire to their fourth Sunday win in five games, a 31-run home success against Gloucestershire.

The game, however, failed to match the earlier drama of Argentina's 6-5 penalties victory.

Striker Luiz Muller had opened the score for Brazil in the 38th minute and substitute midfielder Leonardo Rodriguez leveling in the 69th with a pin-point header that went in off the bar.

Argentina matched Brazilian flair with organisation, but struggled to contain their opponents who made the running during the first half.

But the match turned around completely in the second half as the Brazilian defence began to make mistakes. In the penalty shoot-out that followed, five players scored for each side before Marco Bojador saw his shot blocked by Sergio Goycochea.

Benjamin, who came in at 66 for five, revived



CARL HOOPER

Leicestershire by hitting his first league half century off 30 balls with two sixes and seven fours. He finished with 55 out of a score of 214 for eight.

Pace bowler Benjamin then took Gloucestershire's first three wickets in his opening six overs for 18 runs. He ended with four for 35 as the visitors were bowled out for 183.

Colin Metson equalled Glamorgan's wicket-keeping record for any one-day county competition by claiming six victims as the Welsh side beat Nottinghamshire by three wickets at Swansea.

Metson, who had four catches and two stumpings to help dismiss Notts for 210, also hit 24 not out and shared an unbroken eight-wicket partnership of 63 with Matthew Maynard (72 not out) to ensure victory.

A century by England opener Michael Atherton paved the way for Lancashire to crush Derbyshire by 161 runs at Derby.

Atherton scored 105 off 153 balls, with Pakistan all-rounder Wasim Akram (33) raising the tempo as 85 came off the last 10 overs.

Needing 235 to win, Derbyshire crumbled for 73 against England paceman Philip DeFreitas (four for 16), Akram (2-21) and left-arm spinner Alex Barnett (3-15).

Bonne nouvelle for Marseille



PARIS, June 28: Marseille will be able to defend their French and European titles

next season despite the threat of severe sanctions hanging over them if match-rigging allegations are found to be true, reports Reuter.

French soccer league president Noel le Graet said on Monday that no disciplinary action would be taken until the end of a judicial investigation into claims that Marseille tried to rig a match with Valenciennes.

The decision means Marseille, who deny the allegations, can go into next month's European Cup draw to defend the title they won in May's final against AC Milan and that they will play in next season's French First Division starting on July 24, whatever the legal outcome.

Le Graet had said earlier, when the match-rigging scandal first broke, that Marseille would be barred from the European Cup if found guilty.

French league rules also provide for the relegation of teams who rig matches but Le Graet said an early legal decision could not be expected and that no demotion could take place after the start of the season.

"If there was to be a relegation it would have to be before the start of the season on July 24," he said. "After that, such a sanction could only apply from the following season."

Le Graet and French Soccer Federation president Jean Fournet-Payard have both said stringent sanctions would follow any finding of corruption.

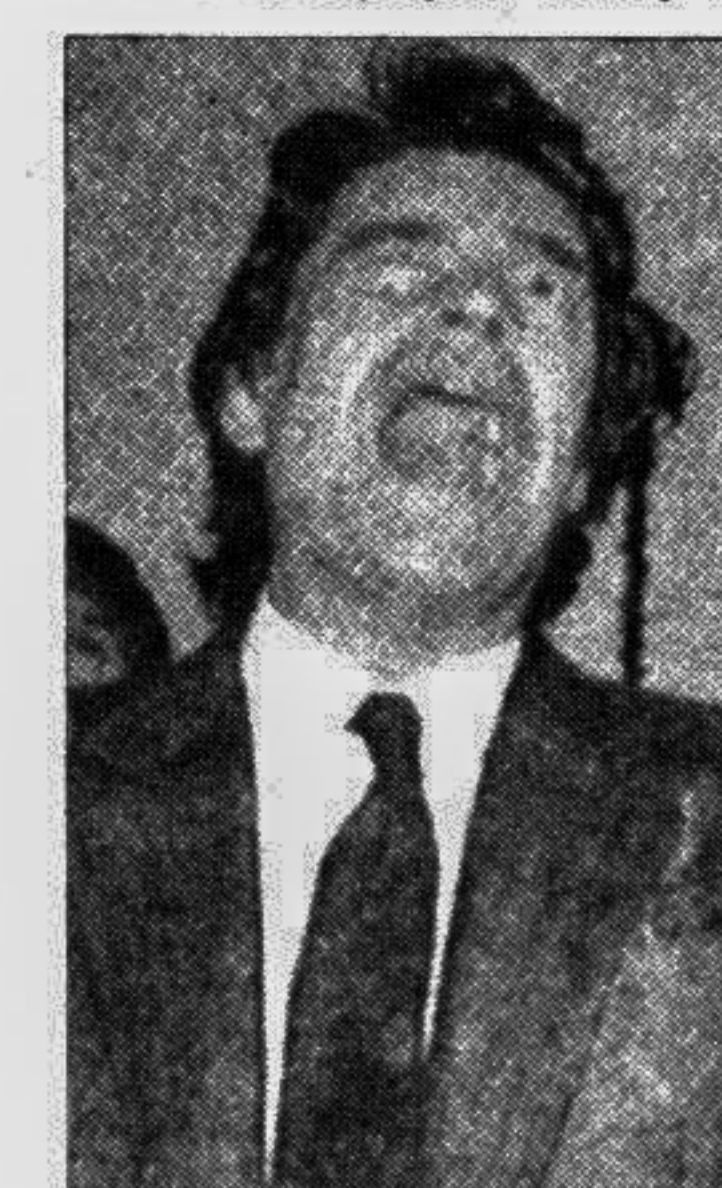
"We must root out this evil, digging as deep as we can to cut off at the roots this shameful sickness of corruption so there is no question of it being established in our football," Fournet-Payard said.

There have been several days of hectic activity in the

official probe.

Marseille midfielder Jean-Jacques Eydelie was placed under investigation for corruption on Sunday, a step which can lead to formal charges. Eydelie has denied wrongdoing.

Valenciennes forward Christophe Robert had earlier been placed under investigation for passive corruption. He said on Saturday that Eydelie and Marseille general secretary Jean-Pierre Bernes offered him and two other Valenciennes players money to



BERNARD TAPIE

play badly in the league match on May 20.

Marseille won 1-0 and went on to take a record fifth successive French league title. Valenciennes were relegated.

Robert was detained for questioning last Thursday when 250,000 francs (50,000 dollars) was found buried in the garden of his parent's house. He said his wife, Marie-Christine, who is also under investigation, received the cash at the Marseille team hotel in Valenciennes.

The investigating magis-

trate is waiting to question Bernes and Argentine World Cup star Jorge Burruchaga, one of the other Valenciennes players involved.

Bernes was taken to hospital in Marseille on Friday night, suffering from depression, hours before police arrived to take him for questioning.

Burruchaga has delayed his return from holiday in Argentina. The third Valenciennes player, Jacques Glassmann, said he refused the offer of cash and told his club's officials about it before the match.

Valenciennes President Michel Coencas, accompanied by 200 club fans, was due in Paris on Wednesday to try to persuade the league to annul the match result and let the team remain in the French First Division.

Marseille president Bernard Tapie reacted angrily at the weekend to the allegations, claiming his club were frequently the victims of unproved innuendo because of their success.

But he said anyone at Marseille charged with corruption would be immediately suspended by the club.

The sports daily L'Equipe recalled on Monday that Marseille had been the subject of seven previous public allegations of corruption since 1989, none resulting in criminal charges.

Most of them involved suggestions players had been offered bribes or a transfer to Marseille in return for playing badly against the French champions. In two cases, opposition teams complained their orange juice had been spiked before matches against Marseille.

Tapie himself was suspended from his official functions for 12 months by the French Soccer Federation in 1991 for trying to intimidate referees.



Action from the Green Delta First Division hockey league match between Usha Krira Chakra and Dhaka Wanderers at the Hockey Stadium yesterday. The Independence Cup winners trounced lowly Wanderers 7-1. — Star photo