

### East End win

**Sports Reporter**  
East End Club, who have returned to Senior Division after a rather prolonged exile, provided the only silver lining of a rather cloudy ambience of league football when they beat lowly Adamjee Club by a solitary goal in the Star First Division football league at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Showing a keen appetite for win like their fellow-promotees Bangladesh Boys, East End yesterday thoroughly deserved their second win so far.

Mamun Babu, the former Brothers left wingers, scored the all-important goal when he guided the ball into the net after an attempt by his peer Selim came off the body of Adamjee custodian Noman in the 43rd minute of the match (1-0). With yesterday's win East End raise their collection to eight points from seven matches. Adamjee look almost doomed to face relegation as they remain stuck to their scant collection of two from seven matches.

### UNHOLY ALLIANCE

Day's second match robbed the few spectators of all the pleasure associated with the game of football as PWD and Victoria shared points in another shameless exhibition of mutual arrangement.

The alarming example of unholy alliance now almost a diurnal affair saw neither take any chance and the Star Premier Division football league encounter played on the same venue under the flood lights quietly ended in a goalless draw.

With one point PWD took their collection to eight from seven matches while Victoria upped their tally to four from seven matches.

### TODAY'S MATCHES

BRTC vs Bangladesh Boys (4:30)  
Rahmatganj vs Muktijoddha (6:30)

### Junior Gold Cup

COX'S BAZAR, July 15: Mohammedan Sporting Club and Tarun Muslims Club shared points when the first encounter of the round robin league of the Junior Gold Cup tournament ended in a 1-1 draw at the local stadium this afternoon, reports BNA.

Taruns led the first half 2-0 through the goals from Nurul and Enayet. In the second half Nawaj scored twice for Mohammedans.

Ramu Little Eleven will face Protishruti Club tomorrow.

### Edberg's new identity

LONDON, July 15: Sweden's London-based tennis star Stefan Edberg became the father of a baby girl here on Wednesday, reports AFP.

Edberg had declined selection for Sweden's vital world group Davis Cup quarter-final against the Netherlands in the Hague this weekend in order to be present at the birth.

### Brazil win amidst boos

RIO DE JANEIRO, July 15: Brazil finally unveiled their first choice team on Wednesday but were jeered for most of the game as they struggled to an unconvincing 2-0 win over a typically rough-tackling Paraguay, reports Reuter.

Left back Branco put Brazil ahead with a thundering left-foot shot from outside the penalty area in the 83rd minute after his uninspired team-mates had struggled to break down the Paraguayans.

Bebeto sealed victory in injury time, running onto Raf's head and rounding Paraguay goalkeeper Celso Guerrero to score.

Brazil, who fielded below-strength teams in the recent US Cup and Copa America tournaments and open their World Cup qualifying campaign with an away game against Ecuador on Sunday, had the crowd on their backs for most of the game.

With their elegant midfield player-maker Raf and striker Carrea well below their best and Branco blasting most of Brazil's best free-kick chances straight into the Paraguayan defensive wall, the Brazilians rarely threatened Guerrero until the last ten minutes.

### A lot is there, still more to come

MELBOURNE, Australia, July 15: Seventy nations have entered this year's world weightlifting championships here with officials expecting the number to swell to 80 by the September 30 cut-off date, reports AFP.

Organisers said today that the increase in interest stems from the break up of the Soviet Union and the proximity of Asian and Pacific nations to the Melbourne event in November 12-21. Based on preliminary team estimates, organisers are expecting a total of 800 lifters in the men's and women's weight division categories.



Jamil Parvez Lulu of Abahani pursues the ball as one of the many Abahani raids rings the alarm bell in the Ajax citadel. Abahani on the Green Delta First Division hockey league encounter quite comfortably to capture the top position in the points table. — Star photo

## Abahani sustain advantage

**Sports Reporter**  
Title aspirants Abahani Krira Chakra gave their quest for regaining title a real fillip when they beat former champions Ajax Club by two goals to nil in the Green Delta First Division hockey league yesterday to sustain a very recent advantage.

The win take Abahani at the top of the points table with 24 points from 12 matches, a point ahead of their arch rivals Mohammedan Sporting Club. Champions for last two years, Mohammedans dropped their first point on Wednesday after having won eleven matches on the trot. They drew their 12th match one-all with strong Usha Krira Chakra.

With the threat from Usha effectively silenced following a 2-1 win in the trouble-torn fragmented match, Abahani now have only Mohammedans as the real hurdle between them and the title.

Although good hockey was almost impossible on a rain soaked, slushy ground Abahani's victory was never in doubt. The sky blues missed a number of chances as the ball

kept on travelling at varying speed on an uneven ground.

After a series of unutilised sorties Abahani shot into the lead five minutes before the short whistle. Discarded Pakistan international Qamar Ibrahim and Akhtar Hossain traded passes to set Mahbub Harun inside the D and the crafty Abahani skipper made no mistake to beat Ajax custodian Shamim with an angular shot (1-0).

Not in the same league at least for the last couple of years, Ajax could hardly create any opening to get back into the game.

Instead Abahani went from strength to strength as the game wore on. Although the mercurial Qamar Ibrahim never got going on a type of ground he and players of his calibre must have stopped playing long ago.

Abahani consolidated their position 13 minutes into the second half when Anjum Sayeed, one of the four Pakistani players, scored another field goal. Despite not being at his best Qamar still managed to dodge two of his markers and swung in a lovely cross from the left and the tall

Sayeed arrived at the right position in the right time to flick the ball home (2-0).

Harun, once again the main man behind Abahani's unhesitant march forward, muffed a couple of opportunities along with hit man Jumman Lussal at the far end of the match leaving no other way for the winners but to be content with the two-nil win.

Mahmud Hassan, Abahani's Pakistani recruit, was cautioned with the yellow card while Khwaja Wals got the green card, a milder punitive measure.

Abahani have full 24 points from 12 matches while Ajax remain on 18 points from 12 matches.

In the day's first match lowly Ansars raised their tally to 13 from 12 matches with a one-nil victory against hapless PWD.

Lebu Mollah scored the match-winner in the 7th minute of the match.

PWD are at the bottom of the table with just two from 12 matches.

### TODAY'S MATCHES

Wanderers vs Azad (2:30)  
Mariner Youngs vs Wari (4:15)

## Press goes gaga over J-League

TOKYO, July 15: Newspapers hailed Japan's new professional soccer league today, saying the sport has taken its place in two short months as a part of the national culture, reports Reuter.

The first half of the league programme, which opened on May 15, ended on Wednesday with Kawasaki Verdy clinching second place behind runaway winners Kashima Antlers.

Kawasaki made sure with a 2-0 win over Hiroshima San Frece, but Kashima — already assured of the top spot — went down surprisingly 1-2 at home to Shimizu S-Pulse.

Nevertheless, Kashima — the revelation of this inaugural season — earned prize-money of 50 million yen (467,000), Kawasaki 20 million yen (186,000) and third-placed Yokohama Marinos 10 million yen (93,400).

A total of 1.52 million people watched the 90 games, an average of only 16,876, mainly because the stadiums were too small to hold all those who wanted to attend. A total of 259 goals were scored, an average of 2.88 per game.

"It was a great success. Everything turned out for the best," said J-League chairman Saburo Kawabuchi.

The league has exceeded expectations," said Yomiuri Shimbu, Japan's top-selling newspaper.

There were full houses everywhere. Its popularity was due to a feeling that the game was new and exciting, to attacking teams, strong foreign players and fast play," it said.

"Now sports typical of Japan are not just sumo (wrestling) and baseball. We can say that soccer has taken root as a new sport in the national culture," the Yomiuri commentary added.

Many games were broadcast live and the new league received enormous coverage on television and in print media.

Foreigners played a disproportionately large role. Of the 12 players who scored six or more goals, half were foreigners, including Brazilian Sartori Alcindo of Kashima, top scorer with 14.

Second was Argentinean Ramon Diaz with 12 for Yokohama Marinos and fourth was Czech Rehak Pavel, who scored eight goals for Ichihara JEF United.

Sadly absent from the list was Englishman sharp shooter Gary Lineker, who missed most of the campaign with a toe injury. His team, Nagoya Grampus Eight, finished ninth of the 10 teams, with seven wins and only 21 goals in 18 games.

Japanese soccer's biggest test comes in the autumn, when the national team vies in Qatar with such Asian heavyweights as Iran, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, North Korea and South Korea for two places in the 1994 World Cup in the United States.

## US survive Panama scare

DALLAS, Texas, July 15: Eric Wynalda and Thomas Dooley netted goals five minutes apart on Wednesday as the United States averted a major upset, edging Panama 2-1, in the CONCACAF Gold Cup soccer championships at the Cotton Bowl, reports Reuter.

Wynalda scored his 14th international goal and second of the tournament in the 69th minute, taking a pass from Dooley and placing the ball in the upper-right corner of the goal.

Dooley slipped past the Panamanian defence in the 74th minute to knock Roy Wegerle's cross from the left wing past goalkeeper Ricardo James.

The win, achieved before 13,771 fans, gave the United States (2-0, four points) the lead in Group A of the regional championship tournament. Panama (0-2, 0 points) is last in the four-nation group.

The US goals offset a brilliant performance by James, who made several diving saves of shots by Eric Wynalda and Cobi Jones and withstood constant US pressure in the second half.

Percival Piggott scored Panama's goal, sturting the American with a 33rd-minute blast from the left wing. Rene Medieta set up the goal, heading a long ball onto Piggott's path.

Medieta, with a fine move to get to Armando Dely Vasquez's cross from left wing, nearly made it 2-0 two minutes later. His header to the left post was

just tipped away by US goalkeeper Tony Meola.

Meanwhile, Paul Davis scored one goal and assisted on another as Jamaica overcame an early deficit to keep its CONCACAF Gold Cup hopes alive with a 3-1 upset of Honduras.

Davis broke a 1-1 draw three minutes into the second half, tapping in a rebound when Honduran goalkeeper Wilmer Cruz was unable to bang onto Hector Wright's dipping 35-JAMAICA ON COURSE yarder.

Walter Boyd sealed the win in the 79th minute, taking a pass from Davis at the top of the penalty area, dribbling into the box and firing past Cruz.

The win keeps Jamaica (1-1, 2 points), who plays Panama on Saturday, in the running for a Gold Cup quarterfinal berth. Honduras (1-1, 2 points), also aiming for a spot in the quarters, face the United States.

Eduardo Benneth's fourth goal of the competition, a 19th-minute penalty kick, gave Honduras a 1-0 lead, but the Jamaicans answered nine minutes later. Devon Jarrett took a pass from Wright on a counter, split two Honduran defenders and smashed the ball past Cruz.

Benneth came close to putting several more balls in the net, but Cruz knocked away one close-range header and another sailed wide.

Mexican referee Arturo Brizio Carter awarded the penalty kick when Jamaican captain Anthony Corbett headed a cross down into team-mate Barrington Gaynor's hand. Warren Barrett, the Jamaican

Panama's Jorge Mendez (R) fights Cobi Jones of the US for the possession of the ball during their CONCACAF soccer match in Dallas on July 14. Panama lost to US 2-1. — AFP photo

### Simmons shines in a rainy day

JESMOND, England, July 15: West Indian batsman Phil Simmons, who scored a sparkling century in Tuesday's win over an England XI, followed it up with an attractive 58 for the Rest-of-the-World on Wednesday, reports AFP.

But rain spoiled spectators' hopes of further entertainment and the second one-day match in the Jesmond Festival had to be abandoned after Rest-of-the-World made 149 for four off 25 overs.

Graham Gooch, captaining the England XI, took none for 34 in four overs but held on to a fine running catch at short fine leg to remove Simmons.

The opener's half-century came off only 41 balls and included two sixes and four fours.

England XI v Rest-of-World XI

**Rest-of-World XI won toss**  
**REST-OF-WORLD XI:**  
Amir Sohal c  
Rampurkash b Iltot 21  
P.V Simmons c Gooch 58  
b Such 16  
C G Greenidge c  
DeFretias b Muntion 6  
D M Jones run out 15  
D Houghton not out 19  
R M Harper not out 12  
Extras: (lb-12, nb-6) 18  
Total: (4 wks, 25 overs) 149  
Fall of wickets: 1-49; 2-102; 3-112; 4-112;  
To bat: M D Marshall, D S Berry, D Morrison, C A Walsh, A A Donald.

**Bowling:** O M R W  
DeFretias 4 0 35 0  
Iltot 4 0 13 1  
Gooch 4 0 34 0  
Muntion 8 1 28 1  
Such 5 0 27 1

### Lankan squad named for first Test

KANDY, Sri Lanka, July 15: Sri Lanka has named a 15-man squad for the first Test against India here Saturday, reports AFP.

The selection of 15 players gives an indication that the problem of dropping a bowler from the final team was still unresolved.

Sri Lanka had preferred an attack containing two quick bowlers and two off-spinners but have been forced to rethink their strategy following Test player Sanath Jayasuriya's blistering 151 against India.

All-rounder Jayasuriya's innings against top flight Indian bowlers in the drawn three-day game in northwestern Kurunegala virtually sealed his berth in the first Test team.

The selector's problem now appears to be over the bowling line-up. If Jayasuriya is picked, then Sri Lanka will have to drop either a paceman or a spinner.

By picking only one specialist wicket-keeper, Ashley de Silva, for the Test squad, the selectors filled the stumper's vacancy for which there were two other contenders.

The Sri Lankan squad: A Ranatunga (capt), R S Mahanama, U C Hathurusinghe, A P Gurushinha, P A de Silva, H P Tilakaratne, S T Jayasuriya, A H de Silva, D Liyanage, P Wickremasinghe, C P Ramanayak, K P J Warnawera, M Muralidharan, R S Kalpage, P Wijetunga.

### Khulna football

KHULNA, July 15: Brothers Union defeated Central Club 3-2 in KDSA football tournament at the local stadium this afternoon, reports BNA.

The winners led 2-1 in the first half.

Cosmos Club will be up against RRF tomorrow.

## Rain ruins Aussie-Derby tie

**DERBY, England, July 15:** The three-day match between Derbyshire and Australia was abandoned as a draw on Thursday when rain prevented any play on the final day, reports Reuter.

Scores: Derbyshire 305, Australia 268-1.

Earlier an AFP report said: Wayne Holdsworth fired himself into contention for a fourth Test place at Headingley with the first hat-trick of his career.

The Australian fast bowler, who picked up just one wicket on Tuesday in 20 unthreatening overs, dismissed Frank Griffith, Matthew Vandrau and Kark Krikken with consecutive deliveries and then added the scalp of Simon Base to kill off Derbyshire in just 12 balls in the morning.

"I've never taken a hat-trick before — apart from in the back yard against my sister," the 24-year-old said after his demolition job.

"And she used to hit me about a bit as well sometimes."

Derbyshire crashed from 296 for five to 305 all out and by the time rain stopped play the tourists had taken control at 268 for one with Michael Slater unbeaten on 133.

Having looked anything but an Ashes bowler 24 hours earlier, Holdsworth suddenly found devastating line and length.

His fifth ball seemed sharply away off the pitch to knock back Griffith's off stump. And the next was edged to second slip by Vandrau.

He then watched as his rival for a spot in next Thursday's Test, Paul Reffel, had Kim Barnett snapped up by keeper Tim Zoehrer for 114.

But Holdsworth's dream came true when Krikken was given out caught behind off the first ball of his next over.

"It must have been a very fine nick," admitted the paceman. "I tried not to worry about the way I bowled on Monday but it was easily my worst day of the tour."

"Now I just hope I play in the next game against Durham and the Headingley Test as well."

Holdsworth added the wicket of Base to finish off Derbyshire and leave him with figures for five for 117 off 22 overs.

Holdsworth's sister might have fancied her chances against Derbyshire's bowling after lunch.

As it was, Michael Slater tore into a stream of long hops from Base and Devon Malcolm to crash and unbeat 133 off only 148 balls with 19 fours and a six.

The young opener scored 107 between lunch and tea, completed, 1,000 first-class runs for the tour and helped Mark Waugh (60 not out) add 179 for the second wicket in just 33 overs.

**SCOREBOARD**  
**DERBYSHIRE:** First innings  
M L Hayden c Vandrau 40  
b Cork 133  
M J Slater not out 60  
M E Waugh not out 60  
Extras: (lb-3, w-1, nb-31) 35  
Total: (for 1 wk) 268  
Fall of wickets: 1-89; To bat: D R Martyn, A R Border, S R Waugh, T J Zoehrer, S K Waugh, B P Julian, P R Reffel, W J Holdsworth.

**Bowling:** O M R W  
Malcolm 12 0 85 0  
Cork 12 0 56 1  
Base 10 1 85 0  
Vandrau 7 1 27 0  
Adams 3 0 13 0

**THE TOUR ITINERARY**  
June 19: Arrive London.  
June 23: v Earl of Caernarvon's XI at Highclere.  
June 25-27: v Kent at Canterbury.  
June 29-July 1: v Sussex at Hove.  
July 2-4: v Hampshire at Southampton.  
July 6-8: v Gloucestershire or Derbyshire.  
July 10: v Scotland, venue to be confirmed.  
July 12-14: v Durham, venue to be confirmed.  
July 16-18: v Northants at Northampton.  
July 21-25: First Test at Lord's.  
July 27-29: v Nottinghamshire, Lancashire or Worcestershire.  
July 30-Aug 1: v Leicestershire at Leicester.  
Aug 4-8: Second Test at Headingley.  
Aug 10-12: v Minor Counties, venue to be confirmed.  
Aug 13-15: v Glamorgan, venue to be confirmed.  
Aug 18-22: Third Test at The Oval.  
Aug 25: First limited overs international at Edgbaston.  
Aug 27: Second limited overs international at Old Trafford.  
Aug 29: v International XI at Scarborough.  
Aug 31-Sept 2: v International XI at Scarborough.  
Sept 4: v Holland at the Hague.

## Bacher predicts a bonanza

JOHANNESBURG, July 15: South Africa's first cricket Test against England in 29 years will break gate records and could gross over 1.9 million pounds sterling (2.85 million dollars), South African cricket supremo All Bacher predicted on Thursday, reports AFP.

Releasing details of the South African tour itinerary, Bacher said that interest in the 1994 tour was "absolutely phenomenal."

He said England officials were confident the first Test, to be played at Lord's from July 21-25 next year, would outsell the recent Ashes Test, which grossed over 1.7 million pounds (2.55 million dollars).

Bacher, who is managing director of the United Cricket Board of South Africa (UCBSA) and who was a member of the last Springbok team to tour England in 1965, said the South Africans were due to arrive in London on June 19.

They will play three five-day Tests and two one-day (50-over) internationals during their 19-match tour.

The opening fixture in the historic Caernarvon grounds will be a charity match and it has been agreed part of the proceeds will go to the UCBSA's development fund.

## US natants take their 23rd

BUFFALO, New York, July 15: US swimmers won their 23rd medal of the World University Games on Wednesday, but American Yanne de Fabrique's gold medal in the 200-metre free-style went into the win column for France, reports Reuter.

De Fabrique was born and raised in Florida, but since his parents are French citizens, he is swimming at these Games for France.

"My chances of making the American team were not as high as the French team," he said after winning the 200-metre free-style in one minute, 51.24 seconds.

De Fabrique also has two silver medals at these Games. He was second in Tuesday's 400-metre free-style and helped France to a second-place finish in Sunday's 4x200-metre relay.

"I didn't realise the opportunities I had (to swim) for France until two years ago when one of my club-coaches suggested I find out. I decided my chances of swimming for the US were not so good," he said.

Canadians Rob McFarlane and Turough O'Hare were second and third respectively behind De Fabrique. McFarlane finished in 1:51.69, while O'Hare, who won two gold medals earlier in the Games, settled for the bronze in 1:51.77.

US swimmers have won 12 gold, seven silver and four bronze for total of 23 medals after five days of swimings competition.

Japanese swimmers have won two gold, five silver and eight bronze. Canadians have collected five gold, four silver and four bronze in the pool.

Yoko Kando of Japan earned her second gold of the Games Wednesday, winning the 100-metre butterfly in 1:01.59. She earlier won the 200-metre fly and also won a relay silver on Friday.

US women won the 4x400-metre relay to keep the host country's relay gold medal streak intact. All five relay events so far at these Games have been won by US relay teams.

Canada captured the 4x400-metre free-style relay silver and Germany took the bronze.

## Track trodden, not ignited

BUFFALO, New York, July 15: The athletics competition, normally the chief drawing card at a major multi-sport competition, got out of the blocks slowly Wednesday at the World University Games, reports Reuter.

A crowd estimated by organisers at 3000 people saw a sparse group of world-class athletes and a handful of notable withdrawals sprinkled among the competitors on the first day of athletics here.

World champion Samuel Mateo of Zambia won his quarter-final heat in the 400 metre hurdles in a slow 50.12 seconds. Japan's Yoshihiko Satto led all qualifiers in 49.99 seconds.

Hungary's Istvan Bagyuila, defending world silver medalist in the pole vault, was among ten qualifiers at the leading height of 5.20 metres in that event.

Nigeria's Daniel Eifong led all qualifiers in the first two rounds of the men's 100 metres, which boasted a prominent field of preliminary entrants who pulled out before their first heat.

Eifong recorded the fastest time of both the preliminary round, 10.31 seconds, and the quarter final round, 10.28 seconds.

Namibia's Frank Fredericks, Olympic silver medalist at both 100 and 200 metres, did not appear. Neither did Olapade Adeniken and Davidson Ezinwa, members of the Nigerian 4x100 metre relay team that finished second at the Barcelona Games.

Fredericks, Adeniken and Ezinwa, who gave no reasons for their withdrawals, are still listed as entrants for the 200 metres, which begins Friday. Each man is also expected in the relay heats on Saturday.

The International Amateur Athletics Federation (IAAF), the sport's governing body, had hoped to sidestep the lack of interest here by creating a window during which lucrative meetings on the European circuit would be suspended.

But still, those elite athletes not making token appearances here seem content to rest or train during this competition, which lacks the lure of the large appearance fees in Europe.

In the day's only final, China's Yuwen Long won a three-way duel with Olga Leonenko of the Ukraine and Russia's Ramazanova to win the 10 kilometre racewalk. Long, who traded places with the other two throughout the race, finished in 46 minutes, 16.75 seconds. Leonenko was second in 46:18.44. Ramazanova crossed the line in third place with a time of 46:18.58 but was disqualified for illegal form. Rosella Girodano of Italy was awarded the bronze medal.

Urslua Wlodarczyk had the top marks in all four events to take a commanding lead after the first day of the heptathlon competition.

Wlodarczyk, eighth at the Barcelona Olympics and defending Universiad silver medalist, recorded marks of 13.70 seconds for the 100 metre hurdles, 1.80 metres in the high jump, 13.96 metres in the shot put and 24.28 seconds in the 200 metres.

Her 3744 points gave her a 249 point lead over her closest foe, Germany's Mona Steigau, with the final three events scheduled for today.

**A bit weary but still the best**  
BUFFALO, New York, July 15: Gymnasts from the former Soviet Union were weary and unprepared but they still claimed the lion's share of medals at the World University Games, reports AFP.

While six-times Olympic champion and triple world champion Vitaly Scherbo sleepwalked his way to two golds, a silver and a bronze, a young, unknown group of Chinese men grabbed the attention of the world gymnastics community.

"The Chinese were awesome, they were machines," said Hamburg gymnastics coach Barbara Hover, a floor marshal.

The Chinese came within a quarter of a point of taking the team gold from the Italian squad that included rings world champion Yuri Chechi.

They might have done it if Chinese officials had been notified in time of a rule change that allowed substitutions for weaker gymnasts in specific events.

In the men's individual apparatus finals, China's Chen Jian won the horizontal bar in 9.600 and Wang Xun earned gold in the parallel bars with 9.512 points. Fan Bin added silver in the pommel horse.