

Div I soccer

Newcomers East End Club shared points with Eskaton Sabuj Sangha in the Star First Division football league when they drew 2-2 at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

The first half score was 1-1. Rinku put Eskaton ahead in the 15th minute while former national striker Mahmudul Hoq Liton levelled the margin for East End Club by a placing shot three minutes before the breather.

Eskaton again went into the lead in the 79th minute with Liaquat scoring their second goal by a nice left footer (2-1).

Liton once again came to East End's rescue heading home the equaliser off a Kaushik pass eight minutes before the final whistle (2-2).

Rafique of Eskaton was cautioned with yellow card.

East End Club have so far earned 11 points while Eskaton Sabuj Sangha have eight on completion of all their nine first-phase encounters.

In the Premier Division League, PWD Sporting Club drew goalless with Agrani Club at the same venue this evening.

PWD so far collected nine points while Agrani Bank eight points on completion of all the nine first-phase matches.

Meanwhile, the vital match of the Star Premier Division football league between two traditional rivals Mohammedan SC and Abahani KC will be held on Wednesday at 6 pm instead of 6.30 pm scheduled earlier.

It was decided yesterday at a meeting of the Dhaka Metropolitan Football Association (DMFA) on a request by Bangladesh Television which will telecast the match live from Dhaka Stadium.

The First Division football league match between Farangaj SC and Fakirpool Youngmen's Club, which was scheduled on Wednesday at 4.30 pm, will now be played on the following day (Thursday) at 6 pm at the same venue.

Four-a-side football

Sports Reporter

Favourites Red drew two-all with Black in the inter-friends four-a-side football tournament at the Atampur ground yesterday.

Arif and Rony netted twice each for Red and Black respectively.

Blue take on Yellow in the last match of the round robin league today at the same venue.

Ctg soccer

CHITTAGONG, Aug 2: Pathantuli Boys Club earned full points when their opponent Sonamoni conceded a suicidal goal in the Siraj Metropolitan juvenile football league match at the Dampara Police Lines ground this afternoon, reports BNA.

The suicidal goal came in the first minute of the match when Jashim's clearance ended up in the net.

BAF b'ball ends

Air Headquarters Unit retained the title of the Bangladesh Air Force inter-base basketball championship, an ISPR release said, reports BSS.

They defeated BAF Base Matur Rahman 62-43 points in the final match concluded here at the BAF Sports Complex, Kurmitola yesterday.

The first half was locked at 25-25.

Flight Lt Rashed bin Asad of BAF Base Zahurul Haque was adjudged the best player of the championship.

Sgt Harris (18) of Air Headquarters Unit and Flight Lt Kaiser Sohel Ahmed (9) of BAF Base Matur Rahman were the top scorers.

Assistant chief of Air Staff Air Commodore Jamaluddin Ahmed witnessed the match as chief guest and later he gave away the prizes.

Asprilla lets

Colombia down

BARRANQUILLA, Colombia, Aug 2: Colombia's top player Faustino Asprilla missed a penalty as his team were held to a 0-0 draw at home by Paraguay in a World Cup qualifier on Sunday, reports Reuter.

Asprilla, who had a brilliant first season with Parma in the Italian championship, fired his 24th minute effort wide of the goal after Paraguay's Alfredo Mendoza handled.

The result in South America Group A was a blow for Colombia's hopes of qualifying for the World Cup finals next year especially as rivals Argentina beat Peru 1-0 away.

Only the group winners qualify automatically while the runners-up play off against Australia or Canada.

The match was a familiar story for Colombia, who played the best football, strung together their passes well in midfield but kept seeing their moves break down on the edge of the opposition's penalty area.

When they did break through the massed ranks of the Paraguayan defence, they found goalkeeper Jose Luis Chilavert in outstanding form.

Mumtaz power MSC victory

Sports Reporter



Reigning champions Mohammedan Sporting Club beat Ajax Club by a solitary goal to climb atop the points table of the Green Delta First Division hockey league.

In yesterday's second match, Mohammedans enjoyed almost

overwhelming dominance was never in doubt with Mumtaz Haider and Sadek proving to be the min tormentors of Ajax. Sadek created some lovely openings including the one that paved Mumtaz the opportunity to punch in the match-winner.

However, Mohammedans owed the thin scoreline to players like Pakistani Zahid

side squared it for an unmarked Mumtaz who had all the time in the world to blast the ball with a thunderous drive in the 30th minute (1-0).

Mumtaz was unlucky in the second half as his powerful shot from close in the second half hit the cross bar. Another Mohammedan chance went begging when Sadek missed a



Scene from yesterday's Green Delta First division hockey league match between reigning champions Mohammedan Sporting Club and Ajax Sports Club at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. Mohammedans won the match by a solitary goal. — Star photo

uninterrupted dominance over the former league champions and their slender lead was good enough to ensure full points taking their tally to 25 from 13 matches, a point ahead of arch rivals Abahani Krira Chakra, who have 24 points from 12 matches.

Mumtaz Haider, the former Pakistan International, scored the all important goal in the 30th minute of the match. The tall center forward yesterday slotted his tenth goal in this year's league.

On a heavy field softened by overnight rain and a bit of drizzle in the morning, players of both sides struggled to get on with natural stick work as the ball more often than not got stuck in the soft patches.

Nevertheless Mohammedans

Maqbool, who spoiled a few good chances mainly because of his annoying penchant for holding on to the ball too long.

The stocky Pakistani muffed up two sitters in two halves with Mumtaz doing the spade work in each occasion.

Mohammedans, who had earlier dropped just one point 12 matches having drawn with Independence Cup champions Usha Krira Chakra in their previous match, got their desired goal in the 30th minute with the lightly built Sadek initiation the move.

The top scorer of the league raced down the right flank and veered to his left to sneak in for a crack but too many Ajax defenders were inside the D and Sadek having drawn the whole shoot of the opponents on one

sitter from screaming, hot cross by Mumtaz midway through the second half. Then Zahid Maqbool, dodged the Ajax custodian Shamim only to hit the ball wide.

Ajax reorganised themselves a bit at the far end of the second half and played some planned hockey in the last ten minutes but want of marksmen proved to be their bane.

Bangladesh Police beat Azad Sporting in the day's first match.

Lutfar Rahman scored a field goal three minutes from the short whistle to seal the fate of the match.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Wari vs Sadharan Bima (2-30)
Bangladesh Sporting vs Sonali Bank (4-15)

Cason blazes at Cologne GP

COLOGNE, Germany, Aug 2: American champion Andre Cason produced another impressive 100 metres victory ahead of this month's World Championships but was deprived of a shot at Olympic champion Linford Christie at the Cologne Grand Prix on Sunday, reports Reuter.

Despite a poor start, Cason showed his strength in the last 40 metres to beat compatriot Jon Drummond on the line. Cason clocked 10.11 seconds to Drummond's 10.13.

The diminutive Cason failed to produce the kind of start that left world champion Carl Lewis for dead at the US championships in June and was metre down on Drummond at half way.

But he came through with a brilliant late surge which must have given him confidence less than two weeks before the start of the World Championships in Stuttgart.

Organisers had billed a showdown between Cason and Christie. But the Briton, who felt a bit sore after he beat Lewis in their much publicised clash in Gateshead on Friday, chose to avoid Cason over 100 metres and side-stepped the possibility of a defeat which could have upset his confidence.

Christie had originally announced on Saturday that he was not running. But without an Olympic finalist in sight in the 200 metres he changed his mind and decided to run the longer sprint which he won in 20.38.

Olympic 400 metres hurdles champion Kevin Young sealed

Matete, who ended his remarkable unbeaten run of 26 races at the London Grand Prix nine days ago.

The American world record holder took revenge with a superb performance of 47.75. Matete was second in 48.28.

"The loss in London brought me down to earth a bit. I'm not a machine," Young said. "I clipped a few hurdles in London but this was one of my better races of the year."

Olympic bronze medalist Samson Kitur showed his sharpness over 400 metres with victory over American world record holder Butch Reynolds in 44.54.

The Kenyan looked much more comfortable in the final straight as Reynolds tired and slipped back to third after a surge from Nigerian Sunday Bada in the final 10 metres. Bada clocked 44.47 with Reynolds third in 44.83.

Britain's high hurdler Colin Jackson, who went within 0.05 of the world record at Sestreire in Wednesday, made a late withdrawal from the meeting with a foot injury.

Jackson said the injury was not serious and he would have a late fitness test on Tuesday before deciding whether to run in Zurich the following day.

"I hope the slight damage to the ball of my left foot will clear up soon," Jackson said. "The most important thing of course is I don't want to risk anything."

"I fell fine on Wednesday and also on Friday morning and then I was walking across the floor when I trod awkwardly."

Koch follows Boehler's cue

SHEFFIELD, England, Aug 2: Simone Koch overcame the challenge of two Russians to win the women's one-metre spring-board final on Sunday and give Germany their second diving title of the European Swimming Championships, reports Reuter.

Koch emulated fellow-German Peter Boehler, men's one-metre winner on Saturday, by capturing the gold but it was a much closer contest.

She trailed former champion Irina Lashko by just under two points going into the fifth and last series in the final but overhauled her Russian rival to win by a narrow 2.7 points.

Vera Ilna, three-metre silver medalist at the 1991 European Championships, finished less than a point back in third place and left Germany's defending champion Britta Baldus fourth and last but under two points further adrift.

Baldus, beaten by Lashko for gold in 1989 but winner ahead of the Russian in 1991, appeared to have set up another

battle royal with her perennial rival after they amassed the highest scores in the semifinals.

But Koch, 25, had other ideas and seized the lead with her first dive in the final, held a challenging second place for the next three dives and plunged to victory on the last.

Koch had never won a medal at a major international championship but showed no sign of being overawed by Lashko and Baldus, respectively silver and bronze medalists on the three-metre board at both World Championships and Olympics.

Second behind Ilna in the lower-scoring second semifinal after Baldus and Lashko had romped away in the first, Koch kept her nerve and sealed the title with a reverse 1-1/2 twists with 1-1/2 somersaults which earned her 60.06 points.

Baldus, who won the European three-metre title back in 1983, led after the second and third series of dives in the final.

But the 28-year-old evergreen from Leipzig dropped from first to last in the fourth with an indifferent reverse 1-1/2 somersaults.

The competition was of a very high standard. Anyone could have won," Koch, who earned 278.94 points from her five dives in the final, said.

"There were many strong competitors and I concentrated first on reaching the final and then on winning."

Olga Sedakova and Anna Kozlova gave Russia their second synchronised swimming title of the championships, outclassing all opposition in their successful defence of the duet crown.

Kerry Shacklock and Laila Vakili took the bronze for Britain, who last won a European synchro medal in 1985. They scored 176.298.

MEDALS TABLE

Medals table at the European Swimming Championships on Sunday (tabulate under gold, silver, bronze):

Russia	3	1	1
Germany	2	1	1
France	2	2	1
Sweden	1	1	1
Britain	1	1	1
Italy	1	1	1
Ukraine	1	1	1

Scindia greets Azhar and his men

NEW DELHI, Aug 2: Indian cricket chief Madhavraj Scindia congratulated Mohammad Azharuddin on Sunday after his team beat Sri Lanka by a massive 235-run margin to win the second Test, reports Reuter.

"Congratulations..." Scindia, president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India, said in a message to the team in Colombo. "Please convey greetings to the boys, also keep it up."

The win in Colombo was India's first victory on foreign soil since 1986 when they beat England at Lord's. India had played 26 Tests without a win abroad since then.

May, Taylor not 100 percent fit

NEATH, Wales, Aug 2: Australia have fitness worries over off-spinner Tim May and opener Mark Taylor ahead of the fifth Ashes Test against England starting at Edgbaston on Thursday, reports Reuter.

May is rated "a major worry" by coach Bobby Simpson after damaging a hamstring when fielding on the second day of the three-day match against Glamorgan here on Sunday.

Taylor has knee ligament trouble and will not be 100 percent fit for the Test.

May's injury occurred before he had bowled a ball against Glamorgan in the morning, and he spent the rest of the day nursing his right leg in the pavilion. He will take no further part in the match.

Taylor pulled out of the Glamorgan fixture after straining his knee in fielding practice before last Friday's final day of the previous match against Lancashire at Old Trafford.

However, the vice-captain is a specialist slip fielder and is expected to be able to get through the Test.

Australia have a winning 3-0 lead in the six-match series and have already retained the Ashes.

Yet another Christie-Lewis showdown

ZURICH, Aug 2: Olympic 100 metres champion Linford Christie will race world champion Carl Lewis for the second time in six days at Zurich's Weltklasse Grand Prix next Wednesday, the promoter said on Sunday, reports Reuter.

Res Bruegger, promoter of the world's richest athletics meeting with a 3.5 million dollar budget, told Reuters that the two men vying to become world champion later this month had agreed to a second dash-for-cash in Zurich.

"I had been in contact with the respective managers of Carl Lewis and Linford Christie long before they raced against each other in Gateshead on Friday," he said.

"I can confirm they are due to meet again in the 100 metres in Zurich on Wednesday." He did not say how much each athlete would receive.

Briton Christie beat the American world record-holder into third place when they clashed in Gateshead for a reported 150,000 dollar apiece.

American Jon Drummond split the two and Lewis has failed to win in five 100 metres races this season.

German sports agency SID reported earlier on Sunday that Bruegger's spokesman Armando Garganigo said they had demanded Christie and Lewis both race in the 100 metres, or one of them would have been axed from the meeting.

Harvey-Wild wins Puerto Rico Open

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, Aug 2: Linda Harvey-Wild rallied behind a strong service to get past Ann Grossman in the finals Sunday of the \$150,000 Puerto Rico Open women's tennis championships, reports AP.

The 6-3, 5-7, 6-3 win gave Harvey-Wild her first title this year and the third of her career.

Harvey-Wild, the tournament's seventh seed and the 88th-ranked player in the world, served up six aces and used her strong baseline shots to down the second-seeded Grossman, who was playing in her third match in less than 24 hours.

Grossman and Debbie Graham played a semifinal match Saturday and then teamed up to take the doubles championship over Gigi Fernandez and Rennae Stubbs Saturday night.

According to the 36th-ranked Grossman, stamina was the key to the match.

"Once we got into the third set, I got too tired to even move," Grossman said. "The doubles final was very emotional and it took a lot of me. I just didn't have anything left."

Harvey-Wild was pleased with her performance. "This is a very satisfying win," said the American. "The US Open is right around the corner and this win may be what I need to get my game back up to its proper place."

England turn to Welsh pair



LONDON, Aug 2: England turned to Welsh pair Matthew Maynard and Steve Watkin on Monday to breathe

the same life into their Ashes campaign under new captain Mike Atherton, reports Reuter.

Maynard and Watkin, plus Derbyshire quick bowler Devon Malcolm, were all recalled to the England 12 at the expense of Somerset due Mark Lathwell and Andrew Caddick and the injured Martin McCague.

Atherton delayed the announcement of the squad by two hours, insisting he first spoke to all the players concerned, but Welsh cricket supporters have been waiting far longer for the selection to recognise Glamorgan's fine form this year.

Glamorgan lie second in both the championship and Sunday league, and are also in the semifinals of the Nat West Trophy, but their players have persistently been overlooked as Australia surged to an unbeatable 3-0 lead in the six-Test series.

The 27-year-old Maynard underlined his talent with a brilliant 132 from just 115 balls

against the tourists on Sunday, justifying the faith of former West Indian captain Viv Richards.

Team-mate Richards, in his final season of first-class cricket, commented recently: "England must have the best side in the world if they can afford to leave out Matthew."

Maynard played his only Test in 1988, against the West Indies at The Oval making 10 and three, before joining Mike Gatting's rebel tour of South Africa the following year.

Watkin is the leading wicket-taker in first class cricket this season, with 65 at 20 runs apiece.

Glamorgan captain Hugh Morris commented: "Steve is to my mind the best opening bowler in the country. He gets movement and bounce, he will bowl all day long for you and he has been successful on all types of pitches. He fully deserves another chance."

The 28-year-old seamer played two Tests against the West Indies in 1991.

Malcolm has taken 2 wickets in his last three county championship games to force his way back into Test cricket after a forgettable tour of India and

Shri Lanka.

Chairman of selectors Ted Dexter hinted the New Zealand born Caddick and Lathwell both had good chances of going the Caribbean with England early next year, despite disappointing starts to their Test careers.

"Both are suffering a slight loss of confidence but we were very reluctant to drop them," he said.

Dexter also confirmed former captain Graham Gooch will open again with Atherton, having spent the last two Tests at number five.

"Graham will open with the new captain. That was Michael's personal view and the committee totally agreed with him," Dexter said.

"The bowler to be left out of the 12 will be decided only when we have seen the pitch at Edgbaston but the five we have selected give us variety. There is pace, a left-armer, spin, one who swings it and one who hits the seam," he added.

ENGLAND SQUAD: Mike Atherton, Graham Gooch, Robin Smith, Matthew Maynard, Alec Stewart, Nasser Hussain, Alec Hogg, Martin Bicknell, Mark Iltis, Devon Malcolm, Steve Watkin, Peter Such.

Maynard goes on a rampage



NEATH, Wales, Aug 2: Glamorgan batsman Matthew Maynard thrashed a century off 73 balls against Australia on Sunday, timing his breath-taking innings to perfection ahead of England's Test selection meeting, reports Reuter.

Maynard, who equalled the fastest hundred of the season, powered his way to 132 before Glamorgan declared at 363 for eight — 51 behind on first innings.

Australia were 146 for four in their second innings, leading overall by 197, at the close on the second day of the three-day cricket match.

Maynard who won his only Test cap in the 1988 home series against West Indies, has enjoyed a successful county season and his century reminded the selectors of his qualities before they picked the side for the fifth Ashes Test later in the day.

Maynard made all his runs in the morning session, falling in the last delivery before lunch. He reached three figures in 93 minutes, his second 50 coming from only 31 deliveries. In all, he faced 115 balls and struck 25 fours.

Glamorgan captain Hugh Morris said: "Matthew is a player of rare quality. I can't think of a better time for him to play for England than now. He has matured as a cricketer and a person since his single Test."

Maynard, missed at slip

when 95 and at point on 122, added 176 in 29 overs for the fourth-wicket with Tony Cottee (68) as pacemen Merv Hughes, Paul Reiffel and Wayne Holdsworth bore the brunt of the onslaught.

Maynard's performance



MATTHEW MAYNARD

equalled that of Nottinghamshire's Paul Johnson, who hit a hundred off 73 balls, against Glamorgan at Swansea in June.

After the Welsh side's declaration at tea, Australia scored briskly in the last session through a fluent 43 by opener Michael Slater and a robust 25 not out, including two sixes from Hughes.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the second day of the three-day cricket match between Glamorgan and

Australia on Sunday.

AUSTRALIA: First innings 414-4 declared (M Waugh 152 not out, D Boon 120, M Slater 72)

GLAMORGAN: First innings (overnight 37-2)

J Williams	c Healy b Hughes	0
H Morris	c Healy b Hughes	15
A Dale	c Healy b Holdsworth	28
M Maynard	lbw b M Waugh	132
T Cottee	b Warner	68
D Hemp	b Warner	40
R Croft	lbw b Warner	17
C Metson	not out	22
D Thomas	at Healy b Warner	9
Extras:	(b-2, lb-9, w-1, nb-20)	32
Total:	(eight wickets declared)	363
Fall of wickets:	1-4, 2-37, 3-78, 4-254, 5-274, 6-318, 7-337, 8-363	
Did not bat:	S Phelps, S Bastien	

Bowling:

Hughes	13	2	67	2
Holdsworth	22	5	91	1
Reiffel	8	0	58	0
M Waugh	15	4	56	1
Warne	26.2	6	67	4
Border	5	1	13	0

AUSTRALIA: Second innings

M Slater	c and b Croft	43
D Martyn	c Metson b Thomas	15
I Healy	c Croft b Thomas	4
P Reiffel	not out	37
S Warner	not out	18