

## Sport

## Hockey league title decider today

Sports Reporter

Defending champions Mohammedians Sporting Club will be gunning for a win today in their match against arch rivals Abahani Krira Chakra to complete a treble of Senior Division league titles.

In the last match of this year's Green Delta First Division hockey league at the Hockey Stadium, only a win can ensure Mohammedians the title whereas for their traditional foes Abahani the task is a wee bit easier as the Dhanmendi side needs only a draw to have their hands on the title that has been elusive for the last couple of years.

Nevertheless when the two teams walk into the stadium, the men in black and white will, certainly be in a confident frame of mind after having retained the service of all the three Pakistani recruits for the crucial tie. On the other hand Abahani will be without Pakistani power as all of their four foreign players left Dhaka to take part in the domestic engagements.

Meanwhile, Independence Day Cup champions Usha Krira Chakra finished this year's Green Delta First Division hockey league engagements on a winning note when they beat Dhaka Ansars by two goals to nil yesterday.

Usha, who had already ensured third position in the league with a win over Sadharaan Bima in their previous match, led the first half 1-0 through a field goal from Ouddu two minutes from the short whistle.

Another field goal just a minute away from the final whistle by Kismat widened the margin.

Usha ended with 24 points. In the other match of the day, Sonali Bank registered an emphatic 3-1 victory over Bachelors Sporting Club in their last match.

## Ultimatum for DMFA

Sports journalists of different dailies and news agencies yesterday asked the Dhaka Metropolitan Football Association (DMFA) to accept the demands of the photo journalists by Sunday next, reports BSS.

According to a memorandum submitted to the DMFA president yesterday, the sports journalists expressed their concern at the indifference of DMFA in accepting the demands of the photo journalists, who have been boycotting the football league matches for the last 15 days in protest against a DMFA decision.

DMFA officials made some objectionable remarks about photo journalists and came up with some unacceptable conditions regarding the access of the lensmen to the stadium.

The sports journalists warned that if the demands of the photo journalists were not met by Sunday, they would boycott the football league matches from Monday.

## Army aquatics

Havildar Mukhlesur Rahman of Mymensingh Area emerged as the fastest swimmer in the Army aquatic meet when he won the men's 50m freestyle with a time of 26.54 seconds at Savar Cantonment yesterday, according to a ISPR press release.

Besides, seven events including 3-metre springboard diving were also settled.

## Lewis won't be paid a dime

STUTTGART, Aug 12: Eight times world champion Carl Lewis is not being paid to take part in the fourth World Athletics Championships, his manager said on Wednesday, reports Reuters.

"Nobody has given him a dime," Joe Douglas, manager of the Santa Monica Track Club, told reporters.

Amar Brahima, manager of world 1,500m champion No-Uddine Morceli, said this week Lewis was being paid by the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) to take part in the championships starting on Saturday.

Brahima has also said Morceli will not defend his title here unless there is prize-money. No money is on offer but winners of each event will get a new Mercedes car.

## IAAF headquarters move to Monaco

STUTTGART, Aug 12: The International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) agreed on Wednesday to move its headquarters from London to Monte Carlo, reports Reuters.

The governing body voted for the move at a meeting of its congress ahead of the World Championships which start here on Saturday.

The IAAF says the move should enable it to make substantial savings in operating costs. The body has been offered free accommodation in Monte Carlo.

Dozmorov defies a *deja vu*

Sports Reporter



A lonely moment of individual brilliance by Russian Alexander Dozmorov turned out to be the saving grace for Abahani Krira Chakra as the reigning champions denied a possible *deja vu* with a hard-earned one-nil victory against Public Works Department (PWD) on the opening day of the second round of this year's Star Premier league at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

The dozy Russian, who had earlier brought Abahani back from the death-throes with an inspirational performance in their last first round match against arch rivals Mohammedians, spectacularly drove home a free-kick from about 25 metres midway through the second half to relieve the sky blue supporters of haunting memories. Abahani managed a one-all draw with the same team in this year's league opener on June 11.

Yesterday's Abahani were little different from the disjointed lot seen at the onset of the league some two months ago. Nothing went right for them despite their territorial dominance in the first half.

Mamun Joarder came across couple of scoring chances as did skipper Rizvi Karim Rumi but none managed to get the ball past a confident Saidur, the PWD custodian.

PWD, who almost froze Abahani in the first half when Shamim cut across from right

only to be thwarted by Abahani's Russian defender Gorygy, came roaring in the second half. The office team totally blotted out their fancied opponents for the first 20 minutes of the second half with some tough, challenging football. Abahani, once again showing their vulnerability at physical game, panicked and resorted to hasty first time clearances.

In the end PWD's no-nonsense football which included an otherwise successful programme of hacking down any Abahani aggressor outside the box proved to be their Achilles' heel. A collective foul to stop a counter attack incurred enough wrath of referee Nazir Hussain to award a free-kick on the arc, just outside the D Dozmorov, perhaps fully convinced about the ineffectiveness of the team game theory at least for the night, made a sweet contact of the instep of his right foot on the shiny surface of the tango ball to make a mockery of a compact defensive wall and a good day's work of the custodian (1-0).

The goal knocked the stuffing out of a determined PWD outfit and another beautifully taken free kick by Dozmorov just missed the target. Then Gaus, one of the few in-form Abahani players, took a thunderous shot from the top of the box but the ball whistled past the cross pole.

Although Tanveer Mazhar Tanna, one of the influential officials, punched the air in delight

as the man in black blew the long whistle, the worries that plagued the Dhanmendi team in the first round appeared very much there. Unless coach Salahuddin managers to exercise the side of the gremlins, Abahani will have to depend on stroke of luck and brilliance like that of yesterday's.

## ARAMBAGH WIN

That striker Samrat Narkasumpurana scored two goals on his debut as Arambagh beat Victoria 3-2 in the first match of the day played earlier at the same venue.

Victoria, however, led the first half 2-1.

Rubel and Hero gave Victoria the lead. Narkasumpurana pulled one back before the short whistle.

He scored once again in the second half while his teammate Kamal slotted home the deciding goal for the winners.

**ABAHANI KC:** Mohsin, Shakil, Munna, Georgi, Masud Rana, Dozmorov, Sudarikov (Mamunul Karim), Zakir, Rumi (Swapan), Gaus and Mamun Joarder.

**PWD SC:** Saidur, Shamim S.R. Mansoor, Kakon, Montu, Shamim Jr. Riplob, Babu (Prince), Joy, Reza (Haroon) and Mustaque.

Referee: Nazir Hossain.

## TODAY'S MATCHES

Rahmatganj vs Agrani Bank (4-30)  
Mohammedians vs Muktijoddha (6-30)

## Krabbe set to get off hook



STUTTGART, Germany, Aug 12: German sprinter Katrin Krabbe is almost certain to win her battle to avoid a four-year doping ban and should be able to compete next year, senior athletics sources said on Wednesday, reports Reuters.

International Amateur Athletics Federation (IAAF) sources said the governing body would be unable to impose the ban on the double world champion and two German teammates because of legal complications with the case.

The IAAF came to the conclusion after studying a new report on the legal complexities of the case, said the sources.

"The IAAF will be unable to act against Krabbe under its doping rules because of the problems with the German law. She will probably be OK to run next year," one source told Reuters after a meeting of the IAAF Congress here.

Another IAAF source confirmed the reporter's findings which also applied to Krabbe's teammates Grit Breuer and Manuela Derr.

The three former East Germans have been suspended

for the past year after admitting taking the drug Clenbuterol. Krabbe and Breuer tested positive during training in July, 1992.

But the German Athletics Federation (DLV) apparently has no legal right to test the athletes in training because of a commission in its rules, the same legal loophole that helped Krabbe and Breuer avoid a similar ban last year.

The IAAF would risk a major battle if it tried to impose a four-year ban.

"There is no point the IAAF putting the case to its arbitration panel because it will fail to impose a ban," a second source said. "The legal system is the same as last year. It's back to square one."

Last September the DLV recommended a four-year ban on Krabbe, current world 100 and 200 metres champion, Breuer, who won 400 metres silver at the last World Championships, and Derr.

But in March the DLV arbitration panel was forced to reduce the bans on Krabbe and Breuer to one year and Derr's suspension to eight months because the federation was found to have no legal clause in its rules allowing it to ban athletes for out-of-competitions tests.

The DLV was able to act against the athletes only under its rules of unsportsmanlike conduct because they admitted taking banned drugs.

The sources said the IAAF would probably only be able to act in the same way and impose a penalty under its own rules on unsportsmanlike conduct.

The ban is unlikely to be as long as and would probably end in time to allow the trio to run by the start of next year at the latest.

The present German ban on Krabbe and Breuer is due to end later this week and Derr is due to finish her suspension in April.

But the IAAF has suspended the athletes until its ruling council comes to a decision. The council is due to meet soon.

The failure of the DLV and IAAF to impose a penalty is a major setback to the anti-doping campaign in athletics.

Some officials believe the IAAF may delay a final ruling until a meeting in November to avoid bad publicity at the World Championships which start here on Saturday.

## Perkins overcomes all odds



KOBE, Japan, Aug 12: Australia's double world record holder Kieren Perkins knocked off the flu to win the men's 800-metre freestyle while another Olympic champion foundered on the opening day of the Pan-Pacific Swimming Championships here Thursday, reports AFP.

Costa Rican Claudia Poll outdistanced Nicole Haislett of the United States in the final 50 metres to win the women's 200-metre freestyle.

"I beat my best time. That's what I am happy about," Poll said. "It's not because I beat someone who won an Olympic gold medal."

The 20-year-old University of Costa Rica student finished in a championship record time of 1:58.85, one tenth of a second ahead of Haislett. Japan's Suzu Chiba came in third at 1:59.56.

Poll's tie was the second best of the year and shaved her previous personal record of 1:59.30.

Germany's Franziska van Almsick covered the 800 metres in 1:59.97 in winning six gold

medals last week at the European Championships in Sheffield, England.

Perkins, who won the 1,500-metre Olympic gold last year in a world record time, clocked 7 min 50.51 sec, 0.17 sec faster than his own two-year-old championship record.

But Perkins, 20 on Saturday, fell far behind the world record of 7:46.60 he set in Sydney in February, 1992.

Fellow-Australian Daniel Kowalski finished second at 7:56.95 and Chad Carvid of the United States third at 8:00.36.

"I just wanted to see how fast I could go," said Perkins who had struggled back "in just the last couple of days" from the flu he caught while tuning up in Singapore before coming here at the weekend.

"I had no fever this morning," he said.

Perkins only rested half an hour before competing and finishing sixth in the 200-metre freestyle won by Josh Davis of the United States in 1:48.50.

New Zealand's Trent Bray was second in 1:49.69 and another American Ugur Taner third in 1:49.80.

The Australian was yet to regain full confidence and said he did not expect to crack a record in the 1,500 metres on Sunday.

"It's too long. I'm not really fit,"

Olympic silver medalist Jeff Rouse won the men's 100-metre backstroke in a mediocre time of 54.85, 0.99 sec off the world record he set in powering the United States to a record-tying 4x100 metre medley finish at Barcelona.

Fellow-American Brian Retter followed him home at 55.59 with Japan's Hajime Itoi third at 56.54.

The women's 100-metre backstroke went to another American, Lea Loveless, as she clocked 1:01.35, compared with her personal record of 1:00.82, the fourth best in history.

Teammate Barbara Bedford came in 0.19 sec behind at 1:01.54 and Japan's Yoko Koikawa was a distant third at 1:03.21.

China, who won four golds and broke two world records at Barcelona, did not take part as their top swimmers were peaking for their own national games.

## Damal Summer cricket from October 1

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Damal Summer Cricket tournament, the traditional curtain raiser of the domestic cricket season, will be held from October 1 to 30, according to a packed calendar for the 1993-94 cricket season disclosed by the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) yesterday.

The decision was one of the many printed in black and white following a meeting of the BCCB executive committee with its president and Foreign Minister Mustafizur Rahman in the chair.

Navana Premier league, the longest and the most attractive of the domestic engagements will begin from December 1 instead of previously announced November 1. The super league of the Navana league will resume following the return of the Bangladesh team from the ICC trophy in Kenya.

The meeting also announced the pool comprising 19 top cricketers of the country.

Each team will be allowed to rope in maximum four players from the pool. However, wicket-keepers Debashish Baroosh and Nasir Ahmed Nasu will be outside the periphery of this restriction, maybe because of the acute dearth of stumpers in the country.

Local teams will be able to play foreign players but only two out of the maximum four registered will be allowed to take the field in a match for any of the Navana Premier teams. The rule is tougher for the teams in the Milnars First Division cricket league scheduled for a start from November 8. Every Milnars First Division team has a provision of registering maximum three foreigners with only one allowed to take part in a match.

## Steve Waugh's fourth ton

CANTERBURY, England, Aug 12: Australia's dominance of the English season continued on Wednesday as Steve Waugh hit his fourth hundred of the tour and the visitors reached 296 for three against Kent on the first day of their three-day match, reports Reuters.

Waugh hit 13 boundaries in scoring an unbeaten 111 and shared an unbeaten fourth wicket stand of 145 with Damien Martyn who was 58 not out at the close.

They came together on 151 after opener Mark Taylor, leading the side in the absence of Allan Border, was dismissed for 78.

Earlier, Matthew Hayden wrote himself into the Australian record books by becoming the first player to pass 1,000 runs on an Ashes tour without playing in a Test.

The 21-year-old left-hander started the day needing 28 runs to pass four figures and reached 31 before driving a catch to mid-off.

Hayden is the fourth player to pass 1,000 runs on the tour, following David Boon, Michael Slater and Mark Waugh.

"It's not really a big thing for me. My objective on the tour was to do well for my country," Hayden said.

"It's nice to achieve something like this but it's been disappointing to miss out on a place in the Tests. But I'm only 21 and my time will come."

## SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the opening day of a three-day cricket match between Kent and Australia on Wednesday:

**AUSTRALIA:** First Innings  
M Slater c Fulton b Ealham 7  
M Taylor c Cowdrey b Ellison 78  
M Hayden c Igglesden b Ellison 31  
S Waugh not out 111  
D Martyn not out 58  
Extras: (lb-3, nb-8) 11  
Total: (for three wickets) 296  
Fall of wickets: 1-22; 2-90; 3-151

**Bowling:** O M R W  
Igglesden 16 4 40 0  
Ealham 22 1 83 1  
Ellison 25 2 58 2  
Davis 34 12 89 0  
Patel 8 1 23 0

To bat: I Healy, B Julian, T Zoehrer, S Warner, T May, W Holdsworth.

**KENT:** M Benson (captain), D Fulton, T Ward, N Llong, G Cowdrey, M Ealham, S Marsh, R Davis, M Patel, R Ellison, A Igglesden.

## Zerbini looks to his lucky star

STUTTGART, Aug 12: Italian discus champion Luciano Zerbini has tested positive for an anabolic steroid, an Italian athletics source said on Wednesday, reports Reuters.

The source said Zerbini had tested positive for the steroid Methandianone at the Italian Championships last Sunday.

Zerbini was due to compete in both the discus and shot put at the World Championships in Stuttgart starting on Saturday.

If the finding is confirmed by the International Amateur Athletic Federation, Zerbini faces a four-year ban from competition.



Veteran Indian bowler Kapil Dev in action during the Sri Lankan innings in the day and night one-dayer in Colombo yesterday. Kapil took one wicket for ten runs. Aravinda de Silva is the man on his right. — AFP photo

## Lankans restore parity



COLOMBO, Aug 12: Sri Lanka snatched a sensational eight-run win over India with four balls to spare to level the one-day international series between the two sides here today, reports AFP.

In a virtual reversal of the first one-day, which was won by India by one run, Sri Lanka turned tables in the second one-day clash by bowling India out for 196 in the second ball of the 50th over.

Sri Lanka made 204 in their allotted 50 overs after Indian skipper Mohammad Azharuddin won the toss and put the home side into bat in this day-night clash.

From a well-placed 152 for two, India collapsed sensationally, losing their last seven wickets for 21 runs in 45 balls to give the home side a dramatic victory before a delirious capacity crowd of 45,000 that had packed the floodlit Khetarama Stadium.

Sri Lanka came back into the game after breaking up a record-breaking 138-run third-wicket stand between opener Manoj Prabhakar (86) and skipper Mohammad Azharuddin who made 62.

From a commanding position India suddenly found themselves needing nine runs off the last over with only the last pair of Anil Kumble and Javagal Srinath at the wickets.

When part-time off-spinner and vice-captain Aravinda de Silva, who was bowling the tense 50th over, trapped Kumble leg-before off his second ball a thunderous roar from the stands filled the grounds.

Sri Lanka now meet India in the final one-day international in Suburban Moratuwa on Saturday.

Azharuddin joined Prabhakar at a time the Sri Lankans had sent India reeling to 16 for 2 in the sixth over.

When Azharuddin was caught at mid-on by Gurusinha off medium pacer Pramodya Wickramasinghe, a new Indian one-day record against Sri Lanka had been set up.

Their third-wicket stand bettered the 115 between Azharuddin and Dilip Vengsarkar in Bombay in the 1986-87 series.

It was also India's highest partnership for any wicket against Sri Lanka in one-day internationals, beating the 134 for the second wicket between Srikanth and Dilip Vengsarkar in New Delhi in the 1982-83 series.

The Indian skipper hit two successive sixers off spinner Muttiah Muralidharan and also scored two fours in his 89-ball innings.

Prabhakar, who suffered a cramp in his right leg, returned to the pavilion seven overs later when he tried to drive left-arm spinner Sanath Jayasuriya and was held at extra cover by Ruwan Kalpage for 86 after surviving three chances and facing 123 balls.

Prabhakar's dismissal started the amazing about-turn in the Indian innings.

Earlier, Sri Lankan skipper Arjuna Ranatunga scored 50 off 52 balls with two fours to propel Sri Lanka to 204 in their allotted 50 overs.

## SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the second one-day cricket international between Sri Lanka and India on Thursday:

**SRI LANKA:**  
A Gurusinha c Chauhan 9  
b Prabhakar 38  
C Hathurusinghe run out 38  
H Tilkeratne lbw b Chauhan 23

Aravinda de Silva c Azharuddin b Kapil Dev 16  
A Ranatunga c Tendulkar 50  
b Prabhakar 17  
S Jayasuriya lbw b Chauhan 19  
R Kaluwitharana run out 9  
R Kalpage not out 17  
P Wickremasinghe not out 1  
Extras: (b-1, lb-8, nb-2, w-13) 24  
Total (for seven wickets, 50 overs) 204  
Fall of wickets: 1-27; 2-82; 3-103; 4-109; 5-142; 6-158; 7-202.

Did not bat: C Ramanayake, M Muralidharan.  
**Bowling:** O M R W  
Kapil Dev 10 1 36 1  
Prabhakar 8 1 33 2  
Srinath 8 1 34 0  
Tendulkar 6 1 20 0  
Chauhan 9 0 37 2  
Kumble 9 0 35 0

**INDIA:**  
M Prabhakar c Kalpage b Jayasuriya 86  
N Sidhu c Tilkeratne b Wickremasinghe 0  
V Kambl lbw b Wickremasinghe 7  
M Azharuddin c Gurusinha b Wickremasinghe 62  
S Tendulkar run out 15  
P Amre b Muralidharan 1  
Kapil Dev lbw b Jayasuriya 0  
V Yadav b Kalpage 10  
A Kumble lbw b De Silva 10  
R Chauhan c and b Kalpage 4  
J Srinath not out 0  
Extras: (lb-6, w-4) 10  
Total: (all out, 49.2 overs) 196  
Fall of wickets: 1-0; 2-16; 3-152; 4-175; 5-178; 6-179; 7-180; 8-189; 9-196.

**Bowling:** O M R W  
Ramanayake 7 2 23 0  
Wickremasinghe 8 0 34 3  
Gurusinha 2 0 10 0  
Hathurusinghe 5 1 14 0  
Muralidharan 10 0 38 1  
Jayasuriya 10 0 45 2  
Kalpage 6 0 22 2  
A de Silva 1.2 0 4 1

Result: Sri Lanka won by eight runs.

## Mendis hails neutral umpire



COLOMBO, Aug 12: Sri Lankan cricket manager Duleep Mendis today welcomed the appointment of New Zealand's Brian Aldridge as the neutral umpire in the three-test series here between Sri Lanka and South Africa, reports AFP.

"It is a good thing. We welcome it because it is for the entire series. We have long advocated the system of neutral umpires," said Mendis, a former Test captain.

Mendis had publicly called for neutral umpires for the recently concluded Test series between India and Sri Lanka but the Board of Control for Cricket in Sri Lanka (BCCSL) torpedoed the idea.

In a statement issued in London and faxed to the cricket board here, ICC chairman Colin Cowdrey said that at the ICC Test match umpires conference, there was "overwhelming support" for the neutral umpire system.

The ICC also picked New Zealander John Reid as match-referee for the series between Sri Lanka and South Africa.

South African captain Kepler Wessels told reporters on Wednesday that they were willing to play under any umpire. "Whoever the umpires, we will be playing the game," he said.

The ICC announcement ended confusion here over the neutral umpire issue and came just hours after BCCSL secretary Perera said that he was not in a position to say what the local cricket body felt about the ICC move.

Many of Sri Lanka's current cricket administrators have privately expressed strong displeasure at having neutral umpires fearing that it would make eventually push out several local officials from the Test scene.

The concept of neutral umpires was mooted by former Pakistani captain Imran Khan before it became a reality during India's tour of Pakistan in 1989 when two English umpires stood in the Test series.

In the past year, neutral umpires have featured in Tests in the West Indies and South Africa.

The former world number one and world champion has conveyed his decision to the country's squash officials that he will be available for the championship starting in Karachi in November.

"I feel fit enough to take the decision and will regain peak fitness by the time the championship starts," he told reporters Wednesday.

A lithsome Maradona

PARIS, Aug 12: Argentinian soccer star Diego Maradona is looking more like his old self after undergoing a slimming cure, reports AFP.

Doctor Felix Vergara, who supervised Maradona's diet at Montevideo, said the treatment included traditional dieting and breathing exercises.

Vergara would not say how much weight Maradona had lost but said the player was down to the same weight as during the 1990 World Cup.

BCCSL secretary Neil Perera told reporters on Wednesday he was not aware of "rumours" that Mendis and Sri Lankan captain Arjuna Ranatunga opposed neutral umpires for the matches against South Africa.

The International Cricket Council (ICC