Mohammedans miss hattrick **Sports Reporter**



Moh am me da n Sporting Club missed the unique feat of achieving a hattrick of titles when their arch

Pipale Abahani Krira Chakra in them to a goalless draw in the fragmented finale of the Green Delta First Division how key league at the Hockey Stadium yesterday.

Although the draw meant a sad end of Mohammedan's quest for the third consecutive league title, one point was enough for Abahani to regain the title after a gap of two years. This is Abahani's ninth league title, four more than Mohammedan's collection of five

As they did in the possible 39 minutes of play on Friday. the original schedule of the title-deciding last match of the league before clashes between players led to the abandonment of the match, Mohammedans, needing a win for the title, dominated the proceedings on a slushy, rain-drenched ground. The second part of the highly

melodramatic, passion-plagued play got off to an awfully delayed start at 4-13 instead of 3.30 pm as Major Riaz, one of the two umpires, did not turn up. The third umpire expressed his inability to withstand the pressure and after some timeconsuming deliberation Major imrose was saddled with the task of taking the historic twoday match to a conclusion.

Abahani, who had earlier aired the possibility of not tak ing part in the reminder of the match because of injuries received by their players on Friday, took the field good ten minutes after the umpires Belim and Imrose entered the rain-bathed field.

Belim showed yellow cards to Litu and Nixon of Mohammedans and Jamil Parvez Lulu of Abahani at the onset of the match for their involvement in Friday's flasco.

Although normal hockey was impossible on a water-cologged ground Mohammedans had Abahant cornered right from the word go. But the man on whom Mohammedans depended most for breakthroughs - the big Pakistani forward Mumtaz Haider - was a mere shadow of himself.

His fine touches and snaky accelerations were spoiled by the puddles of water, littered all over the ground. Moreover, the presence of Liton as a constant marker took the wind out of the sail of this temperamental goalgetter. Liton made a noise in the world when he struck Mumtaz a painful blow on the ribs during the mindless and self-destruc-

As a reserve player Liton escaped punishment on the first day but yesterday he replaced injured Alamgir and performed the job of policing Mumtaz within the rules of the game.

tive clash of the players.

During the remaining 31 minutes of the play Mohammedans launched several offensives with full back Shahidul Islam, one of their Pakistani trio apart from Mumtaz and Zahid Maqbul, playing once again an inspira-

tion role. Sadek, the top scorer of the league with 17 goals. worked hard along with Alam in the mid field but the lightly built forward was heavily marked by Abahani defender

to convert any of them as umpire Imrose's whistle nipped their efforts in the bud. Only once Shahidul Islam, managed to have a powerful crack at the goal but Abahani and national custodian Asir blocked the shot.



Abahani goalie Asir and Liton (with a fillet round the head) hug each other after the long whistle of the last match of the Green Delta Division league between Mohammedans and Abahani at the Hockey Stadium yesterday. The match ended in a goalless draw giving Abahani the necessary one point to win - Star photo by Imran Hossain the tittle after two years.

Sadek once almost hoodwinked the Abahani defence with excellent stick work but Jumman averted the danger at the cost of a penalty corner.

Mohammedans won six penalty corners but they failed

Abahani, who failed to make the most of umpire Belim's liberal supervision regarding some offside calls, once came across a gem of a chance. In a rare counter attack Zahid Hossain Raju outpaced the advanced

ROLL OF HONOUR

Following is the roll of honour of the First Division hockey on in 1973-74 season.

	is the roll of honour of
league, held 1	7 times since its inception
Year	Champions.
1973-74	Mahuttully Club
1974-75	Abahani KC
1975-76	Abahani KC
1976 -77	(Not Held)
1977-78	Abahani KC
1978-79	Mohammedan SC
1979-80	Mohammedan SC
1980-81	Abahani KC
1981-82	Mohammedan SC
1982-83	Abahani KC
1983-84	Sadharan Bima
1984-85	Abahani KC
1985-86	(Not Held)
1986-87	Ajax SC
1987-88	Ajax SC
1988-89	Abahani KC
1989-90	Abahani KC and
521(Mohammedan SC
(52)	(Joint Champ)
1991-92	Mohammedan SC
1992-93	Abahani KC

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Runners-up.

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Abahani KC

Mohammedan defence with telling run down the middle of the Mohammedan heart but his shot came back into the game

well beaten under the post. The last Mohammedan chance went a begging at the fag end of the match when ljaz, right full back of the black and whites, failed to swing in a cross hitting the board from

off the side post with

Mohammedan skipper Montu

outside. Abahani finished the league with 29 points from 15 matches while Mohammedans managed 28 from 15 matches. Although the last laugh was Abahant's, Mohammedans should seek some consolation in the fact that Abahani apart, they were the only team to finish

unbeaten in the 16 team fray. Earlier, the clash of the titans ended in a flasco on Friday after 39 minutes as violent clash broke out between players and supporters of rival play-

Police had to resort to baton charge and tear gas to disperse the missile throwing spectators after the match. Although there were no incidents on the pitch, Mohammedan players, specially the Pakistani trio, gave vent to their pent up emotions and feelings. Mumtaz was highly critical of the umptring, alleging partiality on the part of umptre Imr-

Yellow cards: Ejaz, Nixon. Litu and Zahid Biswas (Mohammedans), and Lulu of Abahani

Green cards: Mahboob Haroon, Raju, Piru of Abahani KC, and Zahid Biswas of Mohammedan SC.

TEAMS ABAHANI KC: Asir, Jumman Lusai, Mamun, Mahboob Haroon, Akhter, Rafu, Lulu, Piru, Khurshid Alam, Alamgir Alam (Dolan) (Liton), and Tapan.

MOHAMMEDAN SC: Montu. Ejaz, Nixon, Nannu, Shahid, Jahid Maqbul, Alam, Zahid Biswas, Sadek, Mumtaj Haider and Chapal (Litu).

Umptres: Aslam Belim and Major Riaz (Major Imroj).

FINAL STANDING Following is the final stand-

ing of the Green Delta First Division Hockey League:

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	Usha KC	15	10	4	1	37	8	24
Ē	Martners	15	8	. 5	2	21	6	21
	Ajax SC	15	8	2	5	33	11	16
	Sonalt Bank	15	6	6	3	12	8	16
	Sadharan Stma	15	7	3	5	22	15	17
	Wart SC	15	4	8	3	10	11	16
	Dhaka Ansars	15	5	4	6	10	17	14
	Police AC	15	2	8	5	7	21	12
	Asad SC	15	2	6	7	10	27	10
	Bachelors SC	15	1	7	7	14	24	33
	Raflway SC	15	3	3	9	4	26	104
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	Bangladesh							
	Sporting	15	1	4	10	8	33	8.9

PWD Sporting 15 0 2 13 1 56 2 Leading Scorers: Sadek (Mohammedans) 17, Biyaka Lusai (Mariners) 16, Mahboob Haroon (Abahani) 15, Kismat (Usha) 13 and Mumtaz (Moha-

game following their crushing

Tillekeratne (capt), M C Mendis, UC Hathurusinghe, S T Jayasuriya, H Wickremaratne, D Liyanage, S D Anurasiri, UD U Chandana, D Samaraweer, N Fernando, R Pushpakumara, K Dharmasena, S Jayantha, W

Cricketers' transfer from Sept 25 to 30

Sports Reporter

The inter-club transfer dates of Navana Premier and Milnars First Division cricket leagues for the forthcoming cricket season have been fixed from September 25 to 30.

The decision was taken yesterday in the league committee meeting of the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB).

The meeting also saw the refixation of the opening date of the Milnars First Division league. Scheduled for a November 8 start, the league comprising 10 teams will now begin from November 7.

The other major change in the schedule of domestic engagements is the announcement of completing the Navana Premier Division in a single league. The last two teams in the points table of the twelveteam competition will be demoted to Milnars league, while the top two finishers of Milnars will fill in the void.

Glamorgan regain top slot

LONDON, Aug 16: Glamorgan regained the lead in the English Sunday league with their 10th successive win, despite the best efforts of Leicestershire captain James Whitaker, reports Reuter. Chasing Glamorgan's total of

228 for seven, Leicestershire were still in contention in the final over, but Whitaker's dismissal for a brilliant 117 ensured defeat by eight runs. Rivals Kent were without a

match, leaving third-placed Sussex to maintain their challenge with a 94-run victory over

Nottinghamshire. West Indies skipper Richie Richardson was also in fine form, striking four sixes in an unbeaten 88 as Yorkshire beat Middlesex by 77 runs.

Akram, Waqar fined for breach of conduct

ISLAMABAD, Aug 16: Pakistan cricket captain Wasim Akram and vice-skipper Wagar Younts have been fined 500 dollars each for breach of conduct in the West Indies recently, officials said Monday, reports

They have also been warned by the Board for Control of Cricket in Pakistan (BCCP) to be "careful in future."

The penalty was ordered by the BCCP's disciplinary committee after examining their replies to show-cause notices.

The notices related to interviews they gave during the Pakistan cricket team's tour of the West Indies to The Sun newspaper of Britain which said they had confessed to drinking rum on a beach in Grenada.

Both denied the reported confession as a *media distortion" and assured the board that there would be no repetition of such conduct, a BCCP statement said

The pair told the board they were under a 'mistaken impression" that they were "at liberty' to give interviews to defend themselves and teammates against charges of misconduct by Grenada police.

The two, along with fellow team members Aagib Javed and Mushtaq Ahmed, were briefly detained by Grenada police in April for, allegedly possessing marijuana but the charges were later dropped.

The BCCP statement said a "comparatively light punishment" was awarded in view of the "clarification and in expression of sincere apologies by the two players.

Colombian Adolfo Valencio (with the ball) tries to get past his Argentine opponents as in the 94 World Cup soccer qualifying

match between Argentina and Colombia in Colombia on August 15.



Players and officials of Abahani Krira Chakra who won the Green Delta First Division hockey league title when they held defending champions and arch-rivals Mohammedan Sporting Club to a goalless draw in the fragmented match at the Hockey Stadium yesterday. It was Abahani's - Star photo

Hick given another chance



Graeme Hick. dropped from the England team after lackhustre performances earlier

this summer, was given another chance Monday to revitalize his once promising Test career, reports AP. The 27-year-old Worcest

ershire batsman was one of three new editions named to the England squad that will face Australia in the sixth and final Test starting Thursday at the Bowler Phil Tufnell, who -

like Hick - was dropped after the second Test this summer. also returned to the squad Angus Fraser, who has not appeared in a Test since an injury during the Ashes tour of 1990-91, is the other new name. Robin Smith, John Emburey

and Mark flott were dropped from the team that lost the fifth Test by eight wickets at Edgb-

England trails the series 4-0 and has not won a Test in more than a year, losing nine out of

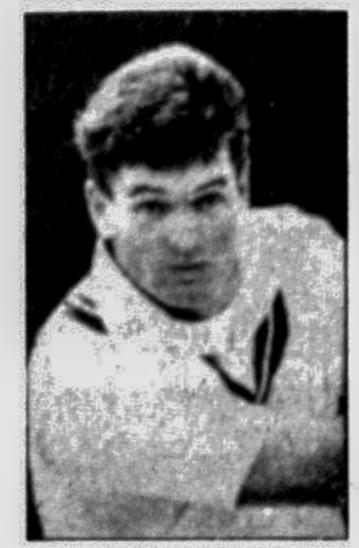
"We desperately want to put up one decent performance this summer," Ted Dexter said at his final news conference as chatrman of selectors. "We need a substantial first innings total. We haven't been getting that and it has cost us match after match."

The selectors hope Hick will contribute to such a total batting third in the lineup in place of Smith.

Hick debuted for England

with much fanfare two years ago, but has been unable to handle top quality pace bowling. He has been dismissed three times by fast bowler Merv Hughes in four Ashes innings this summer. His career Test average is a modest 29.51.

But Dexter said the selectors were impressed with Hick's 182



GRAEME HICK in a first-class match against

Surrey last week. "He is fresh from a major in-

nings against a quality Surrey attack," Dexter said. "(Fast bowlers) Wager Younis and Martin Bicknell had a real go at him, but he showed he is in very good nick again." Smith has struggled with the

opposite problem, unable to hit Australia's spinners. But Dexter

said the Hampshire batsman will likely return for the tour of the West Indies this winter.

T believe this will be no more than a one match gap in his Test career," Dexter said.

While Fraser and Tufnell are back on the squad, their chances of making the lineup depend on England's injury situation and the condition of the

Fraser, trying to comeback from injury himself, will play if Bicknell is unable to recover from a knee tendon problem. The Middlesex bowler had put up solid numbers in 11 Test appearances before suffering a serious hip injury in Australia 2 1/2 years ago. His play since had been unspectacular until he took seven wickets for 40 runs last week against Leices-

tershire. Tufnell will play if the pitch at the Oval is bare and dry, and thus more suited to his spin attack.

Pace bowlers Devon Malcolm and Steve Watkin, both left out of the Edgbaston starting lineup, stayed in the squad and one of them is likely to play in place of llott. "Mark has been a little dis-

appointing, failing to move the ball around as much as he can," Dexter said

The 13 named to the squad are: Graham Gooch, Michael Atherton (captain), Graeme Hick, Matthew Maynard, Alec Stewart, Grahm Thorpe, Nasser Hussain, Martin Bicknell, Peter Such Devon Malcola, Steve Watkin, Phil Tufnell, Angus Fraser.

Bad start for Joyner-Kersee



STUTTGART, Aug 16: Jackie Joyner-Kersee opened her bid for a second world heptathlon title with a sur-

prise defeat Monday in the 100metre hurdles, reports AP. Joyner-Kersee, the world

record-holder and two-time Olympic champion, was clocked in 12.89 seconds in the first event of the competition at the World Championships. The American finished sec-

ond in her heat behind Svetla Dimitrova of Bulgaria, who ran a personal best 12.85. Joyner-Kersee had a stzeable lead over the first seven hurdles but Dimitrova caught her over the last three and edged infront at the line. "I felt really flat," Joyner-

Kersee said. "I felt I was losing my balance. I just have to dismiss it and regroup." Dimitrova, who was banned

for drug use from 1989-91, col-

— AFP photo

lected 1147 points. Kersee had 1141 points, while defending champion Sabine Braun of Germany was fifth with 1087. The heptathlon high jump,

shot put and 200 metres were also scheduled Monday. The competition concludes Tuesday In other events Monday

morning, four-time US champion David Patrick was eliminated in the first round of the men's 400-metre hurdles when he finished fourth in his heat in 50.32 seconds. "I thought it was the top four

qualifiers and now I realize it wasn't, it was three," said Patrick, the 1989 World Cup winner. "I went into this a little unprepared." Kevin Young, the Olympic

champion and world recordholder, won his first-round heat easily in 49.15. Defending world champion Samuel Matete of Zambia posted the best firstround time of 48.49. "I want to come out in

Thursday's final and leave everyone in the dust," Young said. The few losses I had this year were going around in my mind last night. If I can clear those out, I should be all right." Patrick's wife, Sandra

Farmer-Patrick, fared better in the women's 400 hurdles, finishing second in her first-round heat in 56.70. Farmer-Patrick, who has been hobbled by a hamstring injury, said she also has been receiving injections for a foot problem. "It felt pretty good, but I de-

cided to wait until tomorrow to really test it out," she said. "I was definitely being cautious Olympic champion Sally

Gunnell of Britain reinforced her status as favourite in the event as she coasted to victory in her heat in 55.06. "The track felt nice and

bouncy," she said. "It's nice to

Colombia edge past Argentia BARRANQUILLA, Colombia,

Aug 16: Colombia beat Argentina 2-1 (half-time 1-0) in a South America Group A World Cup qualifier on Sunday, reports Reuter. Scorers:

Colombia: Ivan Valenciano (3rd minute), Adolfo "The Train" Valencia (52nd).

Argentina: Ramon Medina Bello (88th minute). Attendance: 55,000.

get the first one out of the way." A doping case hit the discuss throw competition as Erik de Bruin, the 1991 world silver medalist from the Netherlands, was banned from the championships and suspended for four years. The IAAF said he tested positive for drugs at a meet in Cologne, Germany, on Aug 1.

The IAAF rejected protests from the US team over Sunday night's 800-metre semifinals in which Johnny Gray and Mark Everett both finished last and were eliminated.

Slater ends up with a pair

CHELMSFORD, England, Aug 16: Australian opener Michael Slater suffered a rare disappointment on his otherwise excellent first tour of England when he bagged a patr against Essex on Sunday, reports Reuter. Slater lasted only six balls in

Australia's second innings be-

fore steering left-arm pace

bowler Mark Ilott to Pakistan's Salim Malik in the gully to register his second duck of the match. But Ilott, whose place in England's team for the final Test this week is under threat,

hit 66 as Australia built a lead of 208 with one day left. Julian's blazing innings, which ended when he was bowled by Derek Pringle, took Australia to 119 for five by stumps after they had bowled

was then savaged by all-

rounder Brendon Julian who

out Essex for 268. Slater has now failed to pass 25 in his last five innings, but is still tipped to retain his Test place ahead of the prolific

Matthew Hayden. In Essex's innings, Graham Gooch hit 61 from 67 balls, while spinners Tim May and Tim Zoehrer took three wickets

Zoehrer, Australia's reserve wicket keeper, is now wellplaced to top his side's bowling averages for the second successive Ashes tour.

BDR boxing ends JESSORE, Aug 16: The in-

ter-sector boxing competition of Bangladesh Rifles concluded at the 22 Rifle Battalion ground here today (Monday), reports

The six-day meet began on August 11, was participated by nine sectors of BDR.

New Radiant Club arrives today New Radiant Club of Maldives arrive in the city today to play the second phase match of

the 4th Asian Cup Winners' Championship, reports UNB. They will take on Mohammedan SC, the local DMFA cup champions and league runnersup, on Saturday at the Dhaka

Stadium in the first-leg match of the two-tier competition. The return-leg match is due on August 28 in Male, the capi-

tal of Maldives. However, the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) is trying to host both the first and return leg matches in Dhaka. The BFF is already in touch with the Maldives Football Federation and the club con-

cerned. Mohammedan SC has been directly placed in the second phase of the prestigious Asian competition while the Maldives Club qualified for the second

round beating a Pakistani club. DUJ backs boycott

Sports Reporter

Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) has expressed solidarity with the sports journalists and photographers who have recently gone on a boycott of the Senior Division football league, now being held under the auspices of Dhaka Metropolis

Football Association (DMFA). In a press release issued yesterday, the DUJ leaders urged the DMFA to forsake its obstinacy and accept the just demands of the lensmen.

Photographers have been boycotting the league as a mark of protest against the conditions unilaterally imposed by the DMFA regarding the coverage of football matches at the Dhaka Stadium. The leaders also condemned the indecorous remarks made by the DMFA officials about the lensmen.

Hashan Tillekeratne will lead a strong Shri Lanka board team that is scheduled to play a three-day game against South Africa in the island's northwest

COLOMBO, Aug

16: Test batsman

on Wednesday, it was Africans. announced here Today, reports The South Africans had

western Kurunegala from August 18 to August 20. Tillekeratne, opener Chandika Hathurusinghe and Sanath Jayasuriya played in the recent Test series against India. Two others, fast bowler Dulip Liyanage and left-arm spinner Don Anurasiri, are vy-

Sports Minister Nanda

Matthew approved a 14-man

squad including four other Test

players for the match in north-

Tillekeratne also led a Board XI side in a three-day match against India at the Welegedera Stadium in Kurunegala last

ing to win back their Test

month. This will be the second three-day game for South Africa who won the first match against a different Board XI side by an innings and 13 runs in south-

ern Galle on Sunday. Six members of the board team that lost to South Africa

DMC soccer from today

Sports Reporter The inter-year football com-

petition of Dhaka Medical College begins today at the Fazle Rabbi hostel play-ground. Humayun Kabir, patron of LIFE, will inaugurate the twoday competition at 9 am in the

Prof. ZM Chowdhury, the principal of the DMC, will preside over the opening ceremony.

including captain Chaminda Mendis. Have also been included in the squad of 14

named for the Kurunegala The staging of the second three-day game as scheduled effectively rules out the possibility of a two-day game and one-day

game as requested by the South

asked the Shri Lankan board

for the two separate matches instead of another three-day

win in the first match. THE BOARD XI SQUAD: H P

Mohammedan SC mmedans) 11. Tillekeratne to lead SL Board XI

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