

Mohammedans miss hat-trick

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Mohammedan Sporting Club missed the unique feat of achieving a hat-trick of titles when their arch-rivals Abahani Kriya Chakra...

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 Jumman and company. Yet

Mohammedan defence with telling run down the middle of the Mohammedan heart but his shot came back into the game off the side post with Mohammedan skipper Montu well beaten under the post.



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 the title 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

ROLL OF HONOUR

Following is the roll of honour of the First Division hockey league, held 17 times since its inception in 1973-74 season.

Year	Champions	Runners-up
1973-74	Mahuttully Club	Wari Club
1974-75	Abahani KC	Sonali Bank
1975-76	Abahani KC	Sonali Bank
1976-77	(Not Held)	
1977-78	Abahani KC	Mohammedan SC
1978-79	Mohammedan SC	Abahani KC
1979-80	Mohammedan SC	Abahani KC
1980-81	Abahani KC	Mohammedan SC
1981-82	Mohammedan SC	Abahani KC
1982-83	Abahani KC	Sadharan Bima
1983-84	Sadharan Bima	Wari Club
1984-85	Abahani KC	Sadharan Bima
1985-86	(Not Held)	
1986-87	Ajax SC	Mohammedan SC
1987-88	Ajax SC	Abahani KC
1988-89	Abahani KC	Ajax SC
1989-90	Abahani KC and Mohammedan SC (Joint Champ)	Abahani KC
1991-92	Mohammedan SC	Mohammedan SC
1992-93	Abahani KC	Mohammedan SC

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 runners-up, 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 capital 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 concerned. 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

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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 Metropolitan 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.

Tillekeratne to lead SL Board XI

COLOMBO, Aug 16: Test batsman Hashan Tillekeratne will lead a strong Sri Lanka board team that is scheduled to play a three-day game against South Africa in the island's northwest on Wednesday, it was announced here today, reports AFP. Sports Minister Nanda Mathew approved a 14-man squad including four other Test players for the match in north-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 vying to win back their Test berths. Tillekeratne also led a Board XI side in a three-day match against India at the Welgedera Stadium in Kurunegala last 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 southern Galle on Sunday. Six members of the board team that lost to South Africa

including captain Chaminda Mendis. Have also been included in the squad of 14 named for the Kurunegala game. 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 Africans. The South Africans had asked the Sri Lankan board for the two separate matches instead of another three-day game following their crushing win in the first match. **THE BOARD XI SQUAD:** H P Tillekeratne (capt), M C Mendis, UC Hathurusinghe, S T Jayasuriya, H Wickremaratne, D Liyanage, S D Anurasiri, UD U Chandana, D Samaraweera, N Fernando, R Pushpakumara, K Dharmasena, S Jayantha, W Labrooy.



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.

Cricketers' transfer from Sept 25 to 30

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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 re-fixation 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 twelve-team 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 Waqar Younis have been fined 500 dollars each for breach of conduct in the West Indies recently, officials said Monday, reports AFP.

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 Aaqib 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.



Players and officials of Abahani Kriya 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 ninth.

Hick given another chance

LONDON, Aug 16: Graeme Hick, dropped from the England team after lacklustre performances earlier this summer, was given another chance Monday to revitalize his once-promising Test career, reports AP.

The 27-year-old Worcestershire 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 Oval.

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 Ilett were dropped from the team that lost the fifth Test by eight wickets at Edgbaston.

England trails the series 4-0 and has not won a Test in more than a year, losing nine out of 10.

"We desperately want to put up one decent performance this summer," Ted Dexter said at his final news conference as chairman 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

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

"I 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 pitch.

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 Leicestershire.

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 Watkins, both left out of the Edgbaston starting lineup, stayed in the squad and one of them is likely to play in place of Ilett.

"Mark has been a little disappointing, 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, Graham Thorpe, Nasser Hussain, Martin Bicknell, Peter Such, Devon Malcolm, Steve Watkins, Phil Tufnell, Angus Fraser.

Bad start for Joyner-Kersey

STUTTGART, Aug 16: Jackie Joyner-Kersey opened her bid for a second world heptathlon title with a surprise defeat Monday in the 100-metre hurdles, reports AP.

Joyner-Kersey, 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 second in her heat behind Svetla Dimitrova of Bulgaria, who ran a personal best 12.85. Joyner-Kersey had a sizeable lead over the first seven hurdles but Dimitrova caught her over the last three and edged in front at the line.

"I felt really flat," Joyner-Kersey 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, collected 1147 points. Kersey 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 night.

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 record-holder, won his first-round heat easily in 49.15. Defending world champion Samuel Matete of Zambia posted the best first-round 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 decided to wait until tomorrow to really test it out," she said. "I was definitely being cautious today."

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 Argentina

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.

Colombia: Ivan Valenciano (3rd minute), Adolfo 'The Train' Valencia (52nd). Argentina: Ramon Medina Bello (88th minute). Attendance: 56,000.

BDR boxing ends

JESSORE, Aug 16: The inter-sector boxing competition of Bangladesh Rifles concluded at the 22 Rifle Battalion ground here today (Monday), reports UNB.

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