

Sport

BCCB XI win
Moin-ud-Dowlah
opener

The Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) Eleven defeated the Hyderabad Cricket Association President's Eleven by 52 runs in their first match of the Moin-ud-Dowlah Gold Cup cricket tournament played in the Indian city of Hyderabad yesterday, reports UNB.

BCCB Eleven batted first and scored 159 for all in 41 overs with spiker Nannu hitting 58, Bulbul 22 and Safiul 20, according to a telephonic message received at the BCCB office last evening.

In reply, Hyderabad Eleven could manage 107 runs in 36.3 overs.

Golam Noosher Prince and Enamul Haq Moni of BCCB Eleven took three wickets each giving away 14 and 30 runs respectively.

BCCB Eleven will play their remaining group match against the Chemplast team on Wednesday.

SCOREBOARD

BCCB Eleven:

| | | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------|-----|--|
| Jahangir | c b Danish | 01 | |
| Sumon | lbw R Raj | 17 | |
| Akram | c Danish b NP Singh | 01 | |
| Nannu | c b Danish | 58 | |
| Bulbul | c Abbas b R Raj | 22 | |
| Moni | run out | 15 | |
| Athar | b Danish | 17 | |
| Safiul | c b Danish | 20 | |
| Naseem | b NP Singh | 01 | |
| Prince | b NP Singh | 70 | |
| Bulbul | not out | 11 | |
| Extras: | | 06 | |
| Total: (all out in 41 overs) | | 159 | |
| Bowling: O M R W | | | |
| Danish 8 0 27 2 | | | |
| NP Singh 8 0 22 4 | | | |
| R Raj 8 0 22 3 | | | |

Hyderabad CA President's
Eleven:

| | | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------|-----|--|
| Abbas | lbw Prince | 01 | |
| Ahmar | c Moni b Prince | 03 | |
| R Kumar | c Nasu b Prince | 05 | |
| R Raj | run out | 09 | |
| S Chakrab | | | |
| erty | b Moni | 13 | |
| Joy | c Safiul b Babul | 03 | |
| Raj Kumar | c Nasu b Nannu | 15 | |
| Danish | c Prince b Athar | 34 | |
| Sri Dhar | c Prince b Moni | 00 | |
| NP Singh | c Sumon b Moni | 12 | |
| S Kumar | not out | 00 | |
| Extras: | | 12 | |
| Total: (all out in 36.3 overs) | | 107 | |
| Bowling: O M R W | | | |
| Prince 7 0 14 3 | | | |
| Safiul 7 0 17 0 | | | |
| Bulbul 8 0 15 1 | | | |
| Athar 3.3 0 13 1 | | | |
| Moni 8 0 30 3 | | | |
| Nannu 3 0 17 1 | | | |

Results: BCCB Eleven won by 52 runs.

Spikers leave for
Bangkok tomorrow

Bangladesh men's volleyball team will leave Dhaka for Bangkok tomorrow to participate in the 7th Asian men's volleyball championship to be held September 11-19 in the Thai city of Korat, reports UNB.

After completion of their championship engagements, the spikers will fly to China for intensive training spanning nearly one and a half month as well as to play some preparatory matches for the 6th SAF Games to be held in Dhaka December 20-27.

Meanwhile, a 16-member women's squad including 12 spikers and four officials, will fly off to China tomorrow, also for one and a half month's training at Shenyang, the capital of Liaoning province. They will also play some warm up matches against the local teams.

In the 18-team Asian men's championship, Bangladesh have been placed in Group D along with top seeds China, Australia, Qatar and the Philippines.

On the opening day (Sept 11), Bangladesh will take on China. They will meet Australia on the following day (Sept 12), the Philippines on Sept 13 and the last group match against Qatar on Sept 15.

Zakir Hossain of Army has been named the captain of the 17-member Bangladesh squad, comprising 12 spikers and five officials, who will compete in the Asian meet for the second time.

Meanwhile, the Bangladeshi Volleyball Federation (BVF) yesterday accorded a reception for the men's and women's teams at the NSC conference room.

Sosa puts Uruguay
back on course

GUAYAQUIL, Ecuador, Sept 8: Uruguay's top player Ruben Sosa scored with a superb free-kick but was later sent off as his team beat Ecuador 1-0 in a World Cup qualifier on Sunday, reports Reuter.

The result put Uruguay back on course for a place at the 1994 World Cup but ended Ecuador's dream of reaching the finals for the first time.

Uruguay have eight points in South America Group B, two behind Brazil and Bolivia, but with a home game against Bolivia to come and a game in hand over Brazil, the top two teams qualify for the 1994 finals.

Journalist undergo change of heart but
No change in Abahani's luck

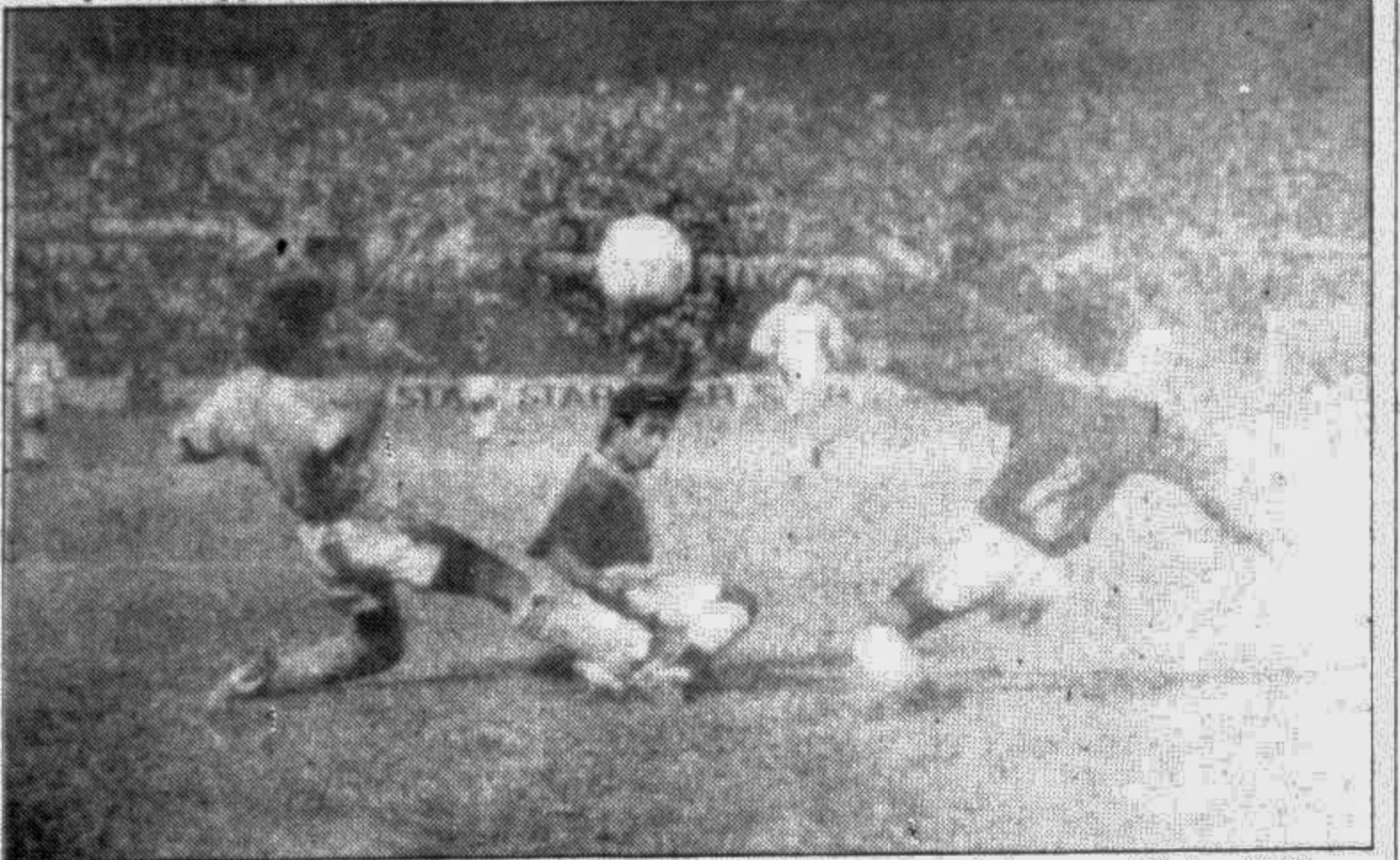
Sports Reporter



Abahani Krira Chakra did nothing to celebrate the return of the journalists to the ground after 21 days as the reigning league champions dropped their se-

newspapers as the sports reporters expressed solidarity with the photographers. The ice finally melted on Sunday as the DMFA withdrew their unwieldy conditions following hectic mediations from various well-intended quar-

hangir, Munna (Pony) and Akhter. Referee: Nazir Hossain. In the First Division league, Dhaka Wanderers Club beat BRTC SC by 3-1 goals at the Hockey Stadium this afternoon. Sohel of Wanderers Club



Action from yesterday's Star Premier Division football league match between Abahani Krira Chakra and Agrani Bank at the Dhaka Stadium. Abahani lost yet another point when they ended yesterday's affair in a goalless draw. — Star photo

venth point with a goalless draw against Agrani Bank in the second phase of the Star Premier Division football league at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

It was the second consecutive draw for the holders of the last two years engaged in what now seems to be a wishful thought of recording an unprecedented second hattrick of titles. They now trail their archrivals Mohammedan Sporting Club by three points, having garnered 21 points from 14 matches.

Unlike their previous drawn encounter against Victoria, Abahani yesterday played well within themselves but an anabolite alacrity by Agrani goalie Totam kept the sky blues at bay.

Yesterday, this young man turned in a superb display of goalkeeping grabbing and parrying away to safety almost everything and anything that Abahani players could conjure, under the flood lights.

Although skipper Rumi Rizvi Karim cut a sorry figure yesterday, Abahani despite looking a bit panicky did not play all that badly. They kept up pressure on their opponents with their typical set-piece game but wild shooting coupled with a defiant Totam proved to be their bane.

Abahani's recession from the title race was yesterday witnessed by the journalists, who entered the ground along with photographers after 21 days following a rather sudden rapprochement with the Dhaka Metropolis Football Association (DMFA), the organisers of the Star Premier and First Division football leagues.

Photographers had earlier boycotted the Senior Division football league to protest a DMFA circular regarding a mandatory uniform for the lensmen. League proceedings suffered a total black-out from

Portugal make
heavy weather
of Estonia

TALLINN, Sept 6: Two second-half goals gave Portugal a hard-fought 2-0 win over Estonia on Sunday and kept alive their hopes of reaching next year's World Cup finals, reports Reuter.

Portugal moved into second place above Italy in Group One, with both countries on 10 points from seven matches but with Portugal having a superior goalscoring record of plus 10, compared to Italy's plus nine.

Group leaders Switzerland, who have 12 points from their seven games, travel to Aberdeen to play Scotland on Wednesday.

Portugal dominated the first half but had to wait just over an hour for their breakthrough which came in the 61st minute when a 25-metre free kick by midfielder Rui Costa flew past Mart Poom in the Estonian goal.

Midfielder Antonio Folha, making his international debut, celebrated his call-up with Portugal's second goal in the 74th minute on a shot from just outside the penalty area.

Folha had almost scored in the opening minute but saw his effort hit the Estonian bar.

Poom made several excellent saves in the Estonian goal, stopping Portugal from adding to their score, but in the end the visitors ran out easy winners in front of a small crowd of only 3,000.

The defeat was Estonia's sixth in their seven qualifying matches and they are bottom of the table with only one point. Malta are the other team in the group, with three points from nine matches.

TEAMS

ABAHANI KC: Mohsin, Alamgir, Georgi, Shakil, Masud Rana, Zakir, Dozmarov, Suda, Gaus, Rumi and Mamun Joarder.

AGRANI BANK: Totam, Bishu, Bachchu, Kala, Raj, Baktiar, Shamsu, Badal, J-

Results during the 21-day black-out:

Premier Division

| | August | 17: | Rahmatganj MFS vs PWD SC 0-0 |
|-------------|--------|-------------|------------------------------|
| Abahani | vs | Abahani | Mukti Jodha 2-0 |
| Agrani | vs | Arambagh KS | Agrani Bank 0-0 |
| Brothers | vs | Mohammedans | Wari 5-1 |
| Mukti Jodha | vs | Brothers | Victoria 3-0 |
| Rahmatganj | vs | Mukti Jodha | PWD SC 0-0 |
| Abahani | vs | Rahmatganj | Wari 1-0 |
| Brothers | vs | Brothers | Agrani Bank 2-2 |
| Mukti Jodha | vs | Mohammedans | Victoria 2-0 |
| Rahmatganj | vs | Wari | Mukti Jodha 0-0 |
| Abahani | vs | Arambagh | PWD SC 2-1 |
| Brothers | vs | Abahani | Victoria 0-0 |
| Mukti Jodha | vs | Abahani | Victoria 0-0 |
| Rahmatganj | vs | Brothers | Arambagh 3-1 |
| Abahani | vs | Mohammedans | Agrani Bank 2-0 |
| Wari | vs | Abahani | Wari 0-0 |
| Brothers | vs | Brothers | Arambagh 1-1 |

First Division

| | August | 16: | Dhamondi vs Sadharan Bima 0-0 |
|-----------------|--------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| Farashganj | vs | Farashganj | Bangladesh Boys 1-0 |
| Wanderers | vs | Wanderers | Adamjee 2-0 |
| BRTC | vs | BRTC | Eskaon 1-0 |
| Dhamondi | vs | Fakirpool | Bangladesh Boys 0-0 |
| BRTC | vs | Dhamondi | Eskaon 2-0 |
| Eskaon | vs | BRTC | Dhamondi 2-0 |
| Bangladesh Boys | vs | Farashganj | Farashganj 2-1 |
| Dhamondi | vs | Bangladesh Boys | Bangladesh Boys 2-1 |
| Sadharan Bima | vs | Farashganj | Farashganj 2-1 |
| Eskaon | vs | Sadharan Bima | Sadharan Bima 2-1 |
| BRTC | vs | Eskaon | Eskaon 2-1 |
| Adamjee | vs | BRTC | BRTC 2-1 |

POINTS TABLE

| | Tabulate under match played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, goals against and points | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Premier Division | 17: | Rahmatganj MFS | PWD SC | Abahani | Agrani | Wari | Brothers | Mukti Jodha | Rahmatganj | Victoria | Wanderers | BRTC | Eskaon | Bangladesh Boys | Dhamondi | Sadharan Bima | Eskaon | BRTC | Adamjee | |
| Wanderers | 17: | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Wanderers | 18: | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Wanderers | 19: | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |