

Sport

Shah Sports
soccer on

Sports Reporter

Ek Jhak Pairs drew one-all with Rokonpur Youth Club in the opening match of the Shah Sports juvenile football tournament at the Outer Stadium on Wednesday.

Faisal scored the first goal of the match in the 25th minute of the first half while Masum restored scored the equaliser for the Rokonpur outfit 25 minutes into the latter half.

earlier on the day, State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain Khoka inaugurated the meet.

Twenty-four teams are taking part in the meet.

Sevilla won't let
Maradona get
away that easy

SEVILLE, Spain, Sept 15: Spanish club Sevilla said on Tuesday they had blocked the transfer of Diego Maradona to Newell's Old Boys of Argentina, reports Reuter.

Club vice-president Jose Maria Del Nido told EFE news agency Sevilla had written to the Spanish Football Federation informing them of their refusal to facilitate the move.

Del Nido said Maradona's failure to fulfil his contract with Sevilla and the economic damage caused to the club were the reasons for the refusal.

Maradona played last season for Sevilla after a controversial transfer from Napoli on completion of a 15-month world ban for drug abuse.

He consistently looked overweight and unfit, missed several games at the end of the season through injury and left Spain just before his contract expired on June 30.

Del Nido said Sevilla would probably send a delegation to the Spanish Federation offices in Madrid on Wednesday to explain further the club's attitude.

He said he assumed the federation would relay Sevilla's case to world football's governing body FIFA for a decision.

Maradona's agent Marcos Franchi said in Buenos Aires last week he had agreed terms with Newell's Old Boys for the 32-year-old former Argentina captain to resume his career with the Rosario Club.

Germany take on
Argentina at
Orange Bowl

MIAMI, Sept 15: Germany will face Argentina in a rematch of the 1990 World Cup final Dec 15 at the Orange Bowl, reports AP.

US Soccer officials announced the matchup Tuesday.

Germany won the 1990 game and also won the World Cup in 1974 and 1954. Argentina won the World Cup in 1966 and 1978.

Earlier this year, Germany won US Cup '93 with a 2-0-1 record, including a 4-3 victory over the US National Team.

Germany will face the US team again Dec 18, one day before the FIFA World Cup draw in Las Vegas.

Tension grips
Uruguayan coach

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, Sept 15: Uruguayan coach Ildo Manero faces his toughest task since taking over the national soccer team three weeks ago: how to win in Brazil on Sunday to qualify for the 1994 World Cup, reports AP.

Uruguay returned to training Tuesday after last Sunday's 2-1 win over Bolivia, but without striker Carlos Aguilera, who was expelled and is therefore ineligible to play against Brazil.

Either Daniel Fonseca, who scored the winning goal against Bolivia, or Adrian Paz, were expected to replace Aguilera and join Ruben Sosa on the front line.

Fonseca received a hard blow to the head from Bolivian forward Edwin Sanchez, but he is recovering well, team doctors said.

In away games, Manero usually plays Ricardo Canales at free fullback and uses a four-man defensive line with Gustavo Mendez, Jose Herrera, Fernando Kanapits and Jose Batista. The midfield starters are Diego Dorta, Alvaro Gutierrez and Enzo Francescoli.

Brazil, Bolivia and Uruguay lead qualifying Group B with 10 points each. Uruguay, with the smallest goal difference of the three (plus 5), must win or in case of a tie, hope that Bolivia fails to Ecuador.

Brazil (plus 14) and Bolivia (plus 11) need only a draw to qualify.

Uruguay is scheduled to fly to Rio de Janeiro on Friday to prepare for the game at Maracanã Stadium.

An anonymous Uruguayan fan quoted by the Argentine sports magazine *El Grafico* said: "If we want to qualify, we'll just have to repeat the Maracanã," referring to the 1950 Cup final in Brazil, when Uruguay beat the host team 2-1 to win the second of its two World Cups.

Handsome win for Abahani

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Reigning champions Abahani Krira Chakra regained their touch but may have just missed the bus for this year's title when they thrashed Arambagh Krira Sangtha 5-0 in the Star Premier Division football league at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

There was no let up in Abahani's pressure on the Arambagh defence with Dozmanov, fellow Russian Sudarikov and Mamun Joarder forming a devastating combination. Mamun was constantly set on his menacing darts down the right flank with Dozmanov releasing some excellent through passes. Sudarikov worked on

fittingly scored the last goal when in a fine demonstration of off the ball sense he arrived in time to put the ball into the net that came to him following a feeble header of substitute Swapna off a Mamun cross one minute before time (5-0).

The win raises Abahani's collection to 25 from 16 matches three points short of



Maman Joarder, the fleet-footed Abahani winger, sets on one of his telling runs as an Arambagh defender chases him in yesterday's Star Premier Division match at the Dhaka Stadium. Abahani won 5-0.

— Star photo

Egged on by industrious and intelligent midfield play, the champions of the last two years secured the fate of the match with clean two-nil lead at first half.

The match began on an exhilarating pace with both sides concentrating on purposeful football. The ball switched ends unceasingly for about a quarter of an hour before Abahani midfield assumed control of the game.

After a few airy-fairy attempts, Abahani shot into the lead through Russian midfielder Alexander Dozmanov. He got a good pass from Mamun with a perfect view of the goal and the big media's powerful left-footer zoomed into the net giving no chance to Arambagh's Thai custodian Chaidong in the 25th minute of the match. (1-0).

Abahani's fourth goal came in 36th minute when Mamun again stalked with a cheetah's agility to finish a powerful Dozmanov grounder from left that came out of Chaidong's tummy (4-0).

Arambagh missed a fine chance of pulling back a goal against the run of play when Samrat volleyed goalwards after getting possession of the ball inside the box following a Munna faux pas, but the ball hit the post high.

Rumi retaliated in the same manner when he cut in from right only to see his shot bounce back of the post but none of his teammates was around to guide the loose ball home.

Dozmanov, who had an excellent match last night,

Khulna soccer

KHULNA, Sept 15: Abahani Krira Chakra beat Moheswarapasha Club by three goals to two in the Star First Division football league played yesterday at the Khulna Stadium, reports BSS.

The winners led the first half by a solitary goal.

National King Fan schools
b'ball begins today

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The National King Fan schools basketball championship '93 begins at the Outer Stadium wooden-floor gymnasium today.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain will inaugurate the 12-day meet, organised by the Bangladesh Amateur Basketball Federation with financial assistance from National King Electrical Industries, at 4 pm. Habibullah, managing director of the sponsoring company, will also be there as a special guest.

At a press conference convened at the National Sports

day's second match, Tejgaon BAF Shaheen School and College go up against Bangladesh Rifles School one hour later.

Thirteen school teams, split into two groups, are taking part in the tournament, which runs through till September 27.

St Gregory's, St Nicholas High, KL Jubilee, Bangladesh Navy School, Rifles Public, ad BAF Shaheen are placed in Group A while Group features St Joseph's, Kurmitola BAF Shaheen School, Mirpur Siddhanta High, Bangladesh Rifles High, Nabakumar Institution and Mohammadpur High.

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ABM Firoz, a BABF vice president who also represented the sponsors at the conference, Shahidul Alam, secretary of the tournament committee and acting BABF general secretary Talibur Rahman also spoke on the occasion.

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Firoz Ahmed, representative of sponsors National King Electrical Industries Limited, is seen addressing a press conference held at the conference room of the National Sports Council in connection with a schools basketball meet. Sitting to his right is Dr Rashiduddin Ahmed, president of the Bangladesh Amateur Basketball Federation (BABF).

Spikers end Asian
meet without
a win

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Bangladesh finished last in Group D of the 7th Asian men's volleyball championship after suffering their fourth consecutive defeat yesterday, according to a faxed message received by BPF last night, reports UNB.

Bangladesh lost to Qatar 15-11, 6-15, 15-7, 11-15 and 10-15 in the keenly-contested last group match at the Rachamangkhala Gymnasium in the Thai city of Korat.

In the day's other matches, Iran beat New Zealand 3-1, South Korea beat Chinese Taipei 3-0 and China outplayed the Philippines 3-0 sets at the same venue.

Thompson counts
on Bosnich's
better sense

SYDNEY, Sept 15: Australian national soccer team coach Eddie Thomson will try to persuade Aston Villa goalkeeper Mark Bosnich to play in the upcoming World Cup playoffs against two-time champion Argentina, reports AP.

Bosnich said earlier this season that he had retired from international soccer, but Thomson said Wednesday that he hoped to change Bosnich's mind.

Bosnich was a starter for the English First Division club last season, but has been a reserve this season behind veteran Nigel Spink.

"I'm certainly going to try and get him," Thomson said.

"We've all had big decisions to make at sometime and hopefully I can convince Mark to play against Argentina."

Bosnich pulled out of the Australian side before the July series against Canada, citing business and other commitments.

Australia will play Argentina in Sydney on Oct. 31, with the return game scheduled two weeks later in Buenos Aires. The winner of the home-and-away series will qualify for the 1994 World Cup finals in the United States.

Germany, ROK in
U-21 hockey semis

TARRASA, Sept 15: Germany and South Korea advanced to the semifinal round by winning their respective six-team pools Wednesday in the women's portion of the Under-21 field hockey Junior World Cup, reports AP.

Germany finished atop Pool A, defeating Spain 3-2 on Wednesday to finish at 5-0-0 in the round-robin portion of the tournament.

South Korea defeated Australia 2-0 to finish atop Pool B at 5-0-0.

In semifinal games on Thursday, Germany will play Australia and South Korea face Argentina. Australia finished second in Pool B at 4-0-1 and Argentina were second in Pool A at 3-1.

In other women's games Tuesday: China defeated England 6-1, Argentina won over Kenya 4-0, the Netherlands defeated Canada 5-0, and Trinidad and Tobago topped Scotland 2-1.

In men's play, Germany defeated Cuba 10-2 and Malaysia and Egypt drew 1-1. Men's semifinal qualifiers will be determined after play Wednesday. Germany leads Pool A at 4-0-0 and Australia and Pakistan at tied atop Pool B at 3-1-0. The women's championship game in Saturday and the men's final is Sunday.

There are no women's games on Wednesday.

Samaranch to
meet POC
representative

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, Sept 15: The president of the International Olympic Committee, Juan Antonio Samaranch, is to meet a representative of the self-styled Palestinian Olympic Committee here on Wednesday, reports AP.

The move follows Monday's mutual recognition by Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation, signed in the grounds of the White House in Washington.

Samaranch told AFP: "This committee had asked several times to be recognised by the IOC, but now I think the moment has come."

The meeting would pave the way for Palestinian athletes to compete at the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta.

"We'll start talking about that later this week, during the 101st IOC session in Monaco. But we're not in a hurry."

"As soon as the Palestinians have their own territory and the headquarters of their Olympic Committee is on this territory, we could recognise them," he said.

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That first move came 15 years after a Palestinian commando launched an attack and hostage-taking raid on the Israeli delegation at the Munich Olympics which left 11 Israelis dead.

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Lankans absorb early shock

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COLOMBO, Sept 15: Sri Lanka recovered from an early shock to end to second day of the third Test against South Africa on an even keel here Wednesday, reports AFP.

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covery bowler to 117 for three when bad light stopped play 7.4 overs before the scheduled close.

The two senior batsmen ended the day on a confident note after surviving a hostile pace attack at the beginning of a 73-minute partnership.

Ranatunga and De Silva were dropped on 8 and 12 respectively.

Ranatunga made an unbeaten 30 off 50 balls and De Silva cracked seven boundaries for an unbeaten 44 as they put on 62 runs for the fourth wicket.

Daryl Cullinan had earlier scored his maiden century to help South Africa reach 316 in their first innings. The tourists were bowled out 25 minutes after lunch.

Shri Lanka got off to a shock start when opener Chandika Hathurusinghe was dismissed with only one run on the board — pace bowler Allan Donald again proving to be the opener's bugbear.

This was the seventh successive innings in which Hathurusinghe has been removed by Donald. The only occasion the right-hander escaped from Donald's clutches was in the rain-marred first one-day international.

Shri Lanka slipped 5 to 27 for two in the first over after tea when Jonty Rhodes brilliantly ran out wicket keeper Pubudu Dassanayake.

Dassanayake, playing in the unaccustomed number three slot, set off for a run after unleashing a powerful drive off the wicket.

Cullinan grabbed the spotlight in the morning session when he scored his first century in his fourth Test.

He compiled a fine 102 off 231 balls to prop up the South African innings. His 357-minute innings included 17 fours.

Cullinan had earlier shared a 122-run sixth-wicket stand with wicket-keeper Dave Richardson who made 62 before falling to off-spinner Muttiah