

Shah Sports soccer on

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Ek Jhak Patra 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 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 Reuters.

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 1986 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 Manerio 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, Manerio usually plays Ricardo Canals at free fullback and uses a four-man defensive line with Gustavo Mendez, Jose Herrera, Fernando Kanapakis 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 falls 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 Maracana 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 Maracanao," 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 Krishna Chakra regained their touch but may have just missed the bus for this year's title when they thrashed Arambagh Krishna Sangstha 5-0 in the Star Premier Division football league at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.



Mamun 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.

Egged on by industrious and intelligent midfield play, the champions of the last two years sealed 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's midfield assumed control of things.

After a few airy-fairy attempts, Abahani shot into the lead through Russian midfielder Alexander Dozmarov. 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).

The Thai national number two goalie made a spectacular save minutes later when Rumi headed a Munna cross from the left into the goal. Chaidong flew across to his right and tipped the ball away for a corner, much to the applause of the sizeable crowd. Abahani's second goal came in the 29th minute when skipper Rumi Rizvi Karim fired a low left-footer to raise his tally of goals to eight in this year's league (2-0).

Although Monem Munna returned to the field after two matches, because of a leg injury without any apparent loss of his tremendous confidence, his showmanship almost cost Abahani a goal at the end of the first half. Samart Narkasumpurana, Arambagh's one of the three Thai players, got past a overconfident Munna in a sudden counter-attack but the little striker's fierce grounder went straight to Mohsin, the Abahani custodian.

the ball adroitly only to add to the frustration of Arambagh defenders.

No wonder Abahani got three more goals in this half to revive the memories of their 5-1 win against the same outfit in the first-phase encounter. Mamun, whose excellent form made Abahani fans forget the absence of skillful Gaus presently nursing a leg injury, in fact scored in the very first minute of the second half. He cut in from the right to thunder in a left-footer past a fuddled Chaidong (3-0).

Abahani's fourth goal came in 36th minute when Mamun again stalked with a cheetah's agility to finish a powerful Dozmarov 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 Samart 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.

Dozmarov, who had an excellent match last night,

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 Swapan 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

league leaders Mohammedans. Arambagh, on the other hand, look destined for a relegation from Premier league with 11 points from 16 matches.

Abahani coach Kazi Salahuddin, who had reportedly resigned after Abahani-Rahmatganj match, did not accompany the team to the ground. The star striker was the bull's eye of the frustrated club fans in the previous match. Abahani, who now have no chances of retaining the title without some extraordinary aid of the dame luck, set the imagination of their fans afire of an unprecedented second hat-trick of titles.

RAHMATGANJ WIN

Rahmatganj MPS recorded their only second win the Star Premier league when they beat Muktiyoddha Sangsad by the odd goal in the three at the Hockey Stadium yesterday.

Both teams were locked at 1-1 at half time.

Chapal of Muktiyoddha scored the first in the ninth minute of the match.

Ranjan hit the equaliser in the 41st minute.

Badal converted a spot-kick 37 minutes into the second half to seal the fate of the match.

Rahmatganj now have nine points from 16 matches but no less nearer from the relegation than they were before yesterday's match. Mukti remained on 13 off 16 matches.

DULL DRAW

Promotes Bangladesh Boys and Eskaton Sabuj Sangha shared points in the lone Star First Division encounter at the Hockey Stadium.

The match ended in a goal-less draw.

Boys have 17 and Eskaton 14 points respectively having played 15 matches each.

Spikers end Asian meet without a win

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 BVF 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 Rachamangkhal 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 Thompson will try to persuade Astn 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 Thompson 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," Thompson 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.

German 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 3-1-1.

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 AFP.

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 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 were 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.

The Palestinian committee has made a string of applications for recognition since 1987.

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.

Lankans absorb early shock

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 APP.

Skipper Arjuna Ranatunga and his deputy Aravinda de Silva staged a fourth wicket re-

pace bowling of Richard Snell. But Rhodes made an astonishing stop in the covers and snapped the ball to Snell who whipped off the balls at the bowler's end.

The young Dassanayake was on trial after being promoted from the bottom order to the frontline berth due to the absence of regular number three batsman Asanka Gurusingha.

day of the third and final Test between Sri Lanka and South Africa today.

SOUTH AFRICA: First innings (overnight 231-5)
Hudson c Tillekeratne b Dharmasena 22
Wessels b Lyanage 26
Cronje b Ramanayake 24
Cullinan c Ramanayake b Jayasuriya 102



Daryll Cullinan (helmeted) is running as if his shirt is on fire with teammate Pat Symcox and Sri Lankan keeper Pubudu Dassanayake forming an interesting frame. The young South African did not know till that time that the ball would reach the fence to mark his maiden hundred during the second day of the third and final Test in Colombo yesterday. — AFP photo

covery to take Sri Lanka 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 56 balls and De Silva cracked seven boundaries for an unbeaten 44 as they put on 62 runs for the fourth-wicket.

Daryll 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.

Sri 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.

Sri 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

who was missing his second consecutive Test through injury.

Dassanayake only managed eight runs off 56 balls.

Opener Roshan Mahanama continued to bide his time by waiting patiently for the wayward deliveries.

He scored the first of his two boundaries by driving paceman Brian McMillan through the covers to bring up Sri Lanka's 50 in the 28th over.

But the opener fell to left-arm Brett Schultz for the fourth time in the three-Test series with a stroke that confirmed the vulnerability of Sri Lankan batsmen against genuine pace bowling.

Confronted by a ball that lifted sharply, Mahanama helplessly tried to fend off the delivery but succeeded only in offering a simple catch to McMillan at second slip. Mahanama faced 96 balls to score 25.

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 Muralidharan in the fifth over the morning.

Muralidharan returned best figures of four for 64 while seamer Champaka Ramanayake finished with three for 75.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the second

Rhodes at Dassanayake	b
Muralidharan	b
McMillan c Jayasuriya	b
Muralidharan	2
Richardson c De Silva	b
Muralidharan	62
Symcox c Tillekeratne	b
Ramanayake	30
Snell not out	13
Donald lbw b Ramanayake	1
Schultz c De Silva	b
Muralidharan	0
Extras: (b-6, lb-10, nb-11)	27
Total:	316

Fall of wickets: 1-15; 2-53; 3-96; 4-108; 5-128; 6-250; 7-281; 8-311; 9-315; 10-316.

Bowling:	O	M	R	W
Ramanayake	25	4	75	3
Lyanage	21	4	58	1
Hathurusinghe	6	4	6	0
Dharmasena	28	5	79	1
Muralidharan	35.1	8	64	4
De Silva	1	0	9	0
Jayasuriya	5	1	9	1

SRI LANKA: First innings
Mahanama c McMillan b Schultz 25
Hathurusinghe c Richardson b Donald 1
Dassanayake run out 8
De Silva not out 44
Ranatunga not out 30
Extras: (b-1, lb-2, nb-6) 9
Total: (for three wickets) 117.

Fall of wickets: 1-1; 2-27; 3-55.

To bat: H. Tillekeratne, S. Jayasuriya, K. Dharmasena, D. Lyanage, H. Ramanayake, M. Muralidharan

Bowling:	O	M	R	W
Donald	9	2	31	1
Schultz	12	3	17	1
McMillan	16	4	41	0
Snell	11.2	4	25	0

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

Council yesterday afternoon, BABF president Professor Rashiduddin Ahmed revealed that the budget of the tournament has been earmarked at Taka 60,000 and the sponsors will provide the whole amount.

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 Talbur Rahman also spoke on the occasion.

On the opening day, Udayan Vidyalaya take on KL Jubilee School at 4 pm while in the

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.



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).