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DMFA Cup battlelines drawn

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ball tournament as Group A champions but ended their round robin league campaign on a sourish note when their neighbours Arambagh Krira Sangstha held them to a 1-1 draw in the second match at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

The braved Arambagh boys displayed an attractive brand of soccer throughout the 90minute encounter rendering the Mohammedans midfield totally off-colour in the match.

Mohammedans, who fielded one of their two Russian players in the match, got their goal in the 21st minute when their most promising new signing in this year's sensational players' transfers, Asaduzzaman gave black and , whites the lead with a powerful right footer from inside the box.

Syed Hasan Kanan, the Mohammedan's goalkeeper, who

was sidelined throughout the tournament for his poor performance, made a brilliant come back except on one occasion which cost his side a

He rescued Mohammedans in the 15th minute fisting away a 30-yard shot of Arambagh's Tushar before referee R. Alam awarded a free-kick inside the box as Kanan delayed to take a high shot in the 36th minute. Anwar (JR) found an open

net after a fierce free-kick by Shah Alam Babu came his way rebounding off the Mohammedan wall.

Mohammedans survived another close call in the 55th minute when a Shah Alam Babu header went out hitting the crosspiece while referee over looked an apparent penalty when a Mohammedan defender brought down a menacingly poised Jahangir in the forbidden zone midway through the second half.

Mohammedans, who re cruited four Russian players after losing some key booters

in this year's players' transfers. appear duped by their alien saviours as they failed once again to live-up to the expectations of the heavyweights of local football.

With two Russians already sent back home, the others -Mickail Karatev was sidelined in vesterday's match and Andrev Kazakov was withdrawn in the second half after a poor

Mohammedans, who finished on top of Group A will appear in the first semifinal against Group B runners-up Brother Union on Saturday from 5:30 pm.

MUKTIJODDHA MARCH

In the other match of the day, star-studded Muktijoddha Sangsad KC blanked lowly Bangladesh Boys 4-0 to be among the last four as Group A runners-up.

Muktijoddha will face Group B champions Abahani KC in the second semifinal scheduled for a 5:30 start Sunday.

Another Russian

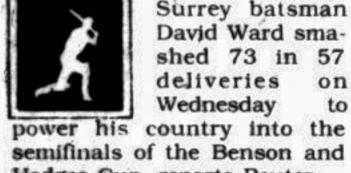
MOSCOW, May 26: Star striker Sergei Kiryakov became the latest of Russia's soccer mutineers to relent and announced his availability for the World Cup finals, reports Reuter.

Five months after 14, mainly foreignbased, players announced they would not play for Russia until national manager Pavel Sadyrin had been sacked, only a handful are still

Kiryakov, who plays for Karlsruhe in Germany and on his day is one of Russia's to strikers, sent a telegram to the Russian Soccer Federation late on Tuesday, saying he was ready to play after all, according to Commonwealth Televi-

Wednesday that despite the problems caused by the rebellion, Russia would not be whipping-boys during the World Cup finals in the United

Surrey storm into B & H semis Yorkshire England batsman Robin



semifinals of the Benson and Hedges Cup, reports Reuter. Ward's whirlwind innings, containing six sixes and three

ensure their semifinal berth.

LONDON, May 26:

fours, set up a six-wicket Surrey victory over Nottinghamshire in their quarter-final at Trent Bridge. Notts had compiled an ap-

parently testing 275 for eight in their 55 overs before rain curtailed play on Tuesday, but Surrey ultimately cruised home at 278 for four in 51.4 Opener Darren Bicknell laid

109 but it was Ward's savage hitting, including three sixes in one over from pace bowler Kevin Evans, that made a mockery of the target.

a solid base with a composed

THE PERENNIAL PROBLEM: Muktijoddha striker Mizan(L), who recently came into the

limelight following a string of outstanding performances, misses an absolute sitter with

Bangladesh Boys' custodian Tota at his mercy during the first match in the DMFA Cup

football tourney at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. Muktijoddha trounced the Boys 4-0 to

Alistair Brown, who lashed two sixes and a four in his 26 not out, finished the task in style against a Notts attack weakened by the absence from the game through illness of England paceman Chris Lewis.

semifinals after beating Kent 5-4 in a bowl-out in the indoor school at Edgbaston.

The unsatisfactory conclusion, with five players from each side bowling two balls at three stumps, followed the abandonment of their rain-hit

quarter-final.

Smith lashed an unbeaten 73 from 55 balls to fire Hampshire into the semifinals with a nine-wicket win over Essex in a rain-reduced match at Southampton.

Essex made 124 for three in their 19 overs, and Smith swept Hampshire home at 127 for one with 10 balls to spare.

Smith struck four fours and two sixes, sharing an unbroken Warwickshire reached the second wicket partnership of 114 in 13 overs with his captain Mark Nicholas, who hit 46 not out.

Hampshire, Warwickshire and Surrey go into the semifinals with Worcestershire, who knocked out holders Derbyshire on Tuesday.



PISCATAWAY, New Jersey, May 26: The United States hoping the injection of European-based pla-

yers would boost their World Cup prospects settled for a disappointing 0-0 draw on Wednesday with fellow finalists Saudi Arabia, reports Reuter.

The draw was the Americans' eighth in 16 internationals in the last six months, in which they have won only four

In a match played in humid conditions and delayed for 23 minutes in the second half by a violent storm, either side could have snatched victory in the final minutes.

Saudi defender Ahmed Jamil Madani headed against the post in the 73rd minute and American goalie Tony Mela made a pair of desperate saves near the end.

The Americans had looked much sharper in the second half, when coach Bora Milutinovic brought on strikers Ernie Stewart, who hit the post, and Eric Wynalda in place of the ineffective Frank

Klopas and Cobi Jones. Two more European exiles Roy Wegerle and Tab Ramos gave the Americans more bite

after the interval.

First Thomas Dooley forced Saudi goalie Mohammed Al Deayea to fumble his low shot round the post, then defender Alexi Lalas twice narrowly headed over the bar.

Stewart, who plays professionally in the Netherlands, beat, Al Deayea in the 60th minute with a low left footer that hit the post and bounced behind.

With 20 minutes to play. the games was suspended because of severe thunder and lighting and the 5,576 fans in

the open College Stadium were warned to return to their cars. The Americans had several chances to go ahead in the

first half through midfielders

Dooley and Hugo Perez. Dooley hit a glorious leftfoot volley inches over the bar in the 10th minute then missed an easy header in the 40th, when he was alone in

front for a left wing cross. Perez twice forced AL Deayea to make stretching

The Americans offside trap looked shaky, with central defenders Lalas and Marcelo Balboa constantly turned by the speedy Saudi frontline of Hamzah Saeed Falatah and

Sami Al Jaber.

Falatah headed the ball into the net from a corner but he was called offside in the 20th minute. Falatah also had a fierce shot saved by Meola minutes earlier.

The Americans have won

only four of 15 previous friendlies ' since losing to world champions Germany 3-0 last December. "Right now, there's no

more excuses in trying things. saying were only preparing," midfielder Ramos said after rejoining the squad from his club team Real Betis in Spain. The only key US player now

missing is midfielder John Harkes, who is still in England playing with Derby county in the First Division playoffs.



Abdullah Al Dossari of Saudi Arabia (in white) has to leap over American Thomas Dooley to avoid a collision during a World Cup friendly match at the Rutgers Soccer Stadium in New Jersey on Wednesday. The game ended goalless.

- AFP photo

Abahani sign one Iraqi

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Abahani Krira Chakra Limited yesterday signed Nazar Al Hossain - one of the two Iraqi footballers recruited recently - in a bid to beef up their famished frontline.

While his compatriot Jamal Jabbar will, in all likelihood, go back to his country soon. striker Nazar Ali is all set to make his debut in the local soccer circuit on May 29, Sunday with the sky blues seeking passage to the final of the third DMFA Cup against formidable Muktijoddha in the second semifinal

The 26-year-old striker from Iraq's First Division Oil Club with a haul of 30 goals last season will don number 20 shirt for Abahani, the runners up of last year's curtainraising meet.

The Dhanmondi outfit who were hit hard in this year's soccer players transfers with some of their key footers pledging allegiance for Muktijoddha Sangsad Krira Chakra are planning to recruit a defender also from lraq.

rebel returns

holding out.

Sadyrin said earlier on

humble Kiwis LEEDS, England, May 26:

Yorkshire beat New Zealand by an innings and 33 runs in their three-day cricket match which ended on Thursday, reports Reuter.

Scores: Yorkshire 408-5 declared. New Zealand 173 and 202.

Ecuador shock Argentina,

GUAYAQUIL, Ecuador, May 26: World Cup qualifiers Argentina, with Claudio Caniggia making his return after a suspension imposed last year for drug abuse, suffered a demoralising 1-0 defeat against unrated Ecuador in a friendly on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

Central defender Byron Tenorio headed an 82ndminute winner for Ecuador. who were missing their two top players and were playing their first game under new coach Carlos Torres Garces.

Argentina, playing in the same stadium where they won last year's Copa America, had already been under criticism at home for their performance in a 3-3 draw away to Chile last

Coach Alfio Basile now has just two friendlies left to sort out Argentina's problems before their opening World Cup game against Greece on June

Ecuador, who have never qualified for the World Cup. had assembled their team at the last minute for the game, hastily arranged after Argentina pulled out of a tour to Japan when Diego Maradona was refused a visa. Central defender Raul Nor-

iega, based with Boca Juniors of Argentina, and player Alex Aguinaga, based in Mexico, were absent for Ecuador, eliminated in the World Cup qualifiers by Brazil and Bolivia. Maradona, who made two of

the goals in the game with Chile, was again slow and covered little ground in midfield but produced some touches which often took his own teammates as well as the Ecuador defence, by surprise. Caniggia, whose ban ended last month, was isolated in at-

The first half was evenly balanced, with most of the play concentrated in midfield. Ecuador showed better technique but Argentina had the best chances when Dario Franco sent a diving header

tack and ineffective.

narrowly wide. The home team became more daring in the second half and created several chances before Tenorio's goal.

Acid test for Parreira



May 26: Of all the coaches at the Brazil's Carlos Alberto Parreira will be sitting in the hottest

seat, reports Reuter. Parreira knows that any thing other than winnings the World Cup will be regarded as failure by the country's foot-

World

ball-mad population. He may prefer not to remained himself of the fate of Brazil's last two World Cup coaches, who both returned home empty-handed.

Tele Santana, coach in 1982 and 1986, had his flat stoned and his wife received threatening phone calls.

Sebastiao Lazaroni slipped out of Rio Airport through a back door to avoid hostile fans on returning home from the 1990 World Cup. He later said he had been treated like a criminal. Perhaps significantly, both

men's next jobs were abroad. "I know that at the Cup the

pressure will be enormous."

Parreira said. "People go crazy

Even people who are not nor mally interested in football become obsessed." This obsession has rubbed off on Parreira, who seeks escape from his travails by devoting most of his spare time

to landscape painting.

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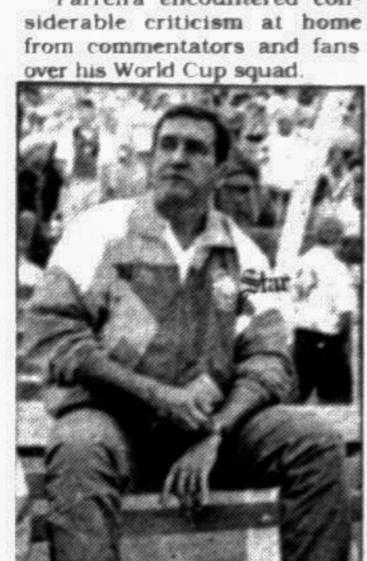
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more and more preoccupied as the World Cup finals loom. "All I can thing about is the Cup. I can't even concentrate on my painting," he said.

Parreira admits to being

He knows that whatever team he picks he will be upsetting thousands of people. "Everyone has his own ideal team. I just have to shut myself off from everything," he said.

Parreira encountered con-



Brazilian

Despite claiming to be restoring Brazil's traditional attacking skills. Parreira was accused of putting too much emphasis on tactics and lacking creativity in a midfield section with a surplus of ballwinner and markers. Parreira also faces potential

internal rifts, chiefly in Barcelona striker Romario's outspoken views about his teammates. He once said Sao Paulo's Muller, also in the squad, was not good enough for international football.

It will be the likeable Parreira's third World Cup as a coach. He was in charge of the United Arab Emirates in 1990 and Kuwait in 1982.

Never a professional player Parreira was the team physiotherapist when Brazil last won the World Cup in 1970 and he still remembers the tri umphant parade through the streets.

Will Parreira get the same hero's reception this time or will he be forced to flee an enraged crowd baying for his blood?

Romania beat Nigeria

BUCHAREST, May 26: Romania beat Nigeria 2-0 (halftime 1-0) in a friendly soccer international on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

Scorers: Ilie Dumitrescu (22nd minute). Dan Petrescu

France nip Australia

KOBE, Japan, May 26: France beat Australia 1-0 (halftime 1-0) in the annual three-nation Kirin Cup soccer tournament on Thursday, reports Reuter. Scorer:

Eric Cantona (42nd minute) Attendance: 25,000.

Ill omen for Colombia?

BOGOTA, May 26: The spanking new uniforms that Colombia's national soccer team was going to wear for the World Cup next month in the United States have mysteriously disappeared, the country's soccer federation said Wednesday, reports Reuter.

The Colombian Soccer Federation (FCF) said hundreds of jerseys, shorts, socks and runners went missing shortly af arriving in the southwester city of Cali.

The FCF said sports clo ing manufacturer Umbreo Manchester, England, wo it had commissioned to make the uniforms, set the order by pair cargo to Bogota 10 days

Police suspect the uniforms were stolen from Cali's airport after being flown in from Bogota, it said.

Local news reports said some of the uniforms had been seen being sold in sport stores throughout Cali, the federation's headquarters located about 180 miles (290 km) southwest of Bogota.

go to the World Cup with up to 18 uniforms, they now will only be able to bring six each. The federation said the uni-

Each team member was to

forms cost a total of 30,000 to manufacture.

Agassi fined PARIS, May 26: Andre

Agassi was fined dlrs 2,250 on Thursday for using offensive language during his five-set loss to Thomas Muster at the French Open, reports AP.

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	Who scored Germany's winning goal in the 1990 WC Final?	Klinsmann	Voeller	Brehme	
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