

Khelaghar, Bashabo in Second Division cricket league

Sports Reporter

Bashabo Tarun Sangha and Khelaghar Samaj Kalyan Sangha became the newest member of the Second Division cricket league as the two teams entered the final of the Lotus-Kamal qualifying tournament with wins of identical margin in their respective semifinal encounters at different city venues yesterday.

In a reduced 25-over-a-side match due to overnight rain Bashabo Tarun Sangha thrashed Gopibagh Seven Brothers by seven wickets at the Jagannath Hall ground.

Chasing a target of 101 runs for victory, Bashabo attained their goal in 21.1 overs with Sabder hitting an excellent half-century.

Sabder, who came into bat at number four with Bashabo totalling at three for only 22 runs, steered his side to a comfortable victory hitting an unbeaten 55 with the help of four hits to the fence.

He shared an unbroken 79-run partnership for the fourth wicket with Monir who scored 20 not out.

Rashid, the only successful Brothers bowler, claimed two wickets for 11 runs in his five-over spell.

Earlier, sent in to bat first Gopibagh Seven Brothers managed 100 runs before being all out in the 25th over.

Seven Brothers, who made a good start scoring 46 runs for the first wicket crumbled against the spinners losing nine wickets for only 54 runs.

Spinner Sahabat Ali, who broke the backbone of the Seven Brothers innings, returned with a superb analysis of 5-0-6-4. He was well assisted by Nadim who took two for 18.

Openers Tapan and Sadat with 30 and 20 respectively were the only double-digit scorers for the vanquished.

In the other semifinal played at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium Khelaghar earned a facile seven-wicket win over Sunrise SC.

Batting first, Sunrise could muster 99 before being skittled out in 29 overs.

Ashraf and Imran with 17 runs each were the top scorers while Mustafa and Mahfuz scored 15 and 11 respectively.

Mehdi claimed three wickets for 26 runs while Rowan captured two for 12.

In reply, Khelaghar posted 101 in 26.2 overs for three wickets with opener Jewel making 48.

Jewel's patient 73-ball innings included only one boundary.

Shamsul with 28 was the other notable scorer for the winners. Mahfuz of Sunrise took two wickets for 22 runs.

The final between Khelaghar SKS and Bashabo Tarun Sangha will be held on Wednesday.

Hockey team off to India

Sports Reporter

A 21-member Bangladesh hockey team left Dhaka yesterday afternoon to take part in the 57th Obaidulla Gold Cup hockey tournament which is already underway in the Indian city of Bhopal.

Bangladesh play their first match on June 9.

DeFreitas proves Kiwis' bane again Super start for England



NOTTINGHAM, England, June 6: England mopped up New Zealand's tail before lunch on the final day of the first Test on Monday to win by an impressive innings and 90 runs, reports Reuter.

The inexperienced New Zealand side were all out for 226 in their second innings after scoring 251 in the first. England, comfortable on an easy batting wicket, had scored 567-8 when they declared during Sunday's morning session.

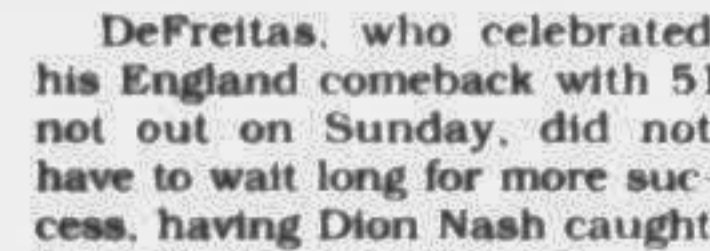
Phillip DeFreitas took two of the final three New Zealand wickets standing overnight to finish with five wickets in the innings and career-best match figures of 9-165.

But it was paceman Angus Fraser who broke the stubborn eighth-wicket stand between Adam Parore and Matthew Hart, which lasted more than two hours and produced 54 runs.

Nearly half-an-hour into the morning session Fraser produced a fine ball which straightened back into the left-handed Hart and pinned him lbw for 22.

DeFreitas came on to bowl shortly afterwards in place of Devon Malcolm and quickly showed the fine form he had displayed throughout the match with both bat and ball.

Parore survived a vociferous appeal for a catch off his second ball and an lbw shot two balls later. The next ball he was dropped in the gully by Craig White, who fumbled an apparently easy catch straight to his chest.



DeFreitas, who celebrated his England comeback with 51 not out on Sunday, did not have to wait long for more success, having Dion Nash caught behind off an inside edge.

The end came for New Zealand when the gallant Parore on 42 nicked a DeFreitas outswinger to Steve Rhodes for the wicket-keeper to take his sixth catch of the match.

Former England captain Graham Gooch, who turns 41 next month, was named man-of-the-match for his confident

innings of 210 which gave the home side a commanding position on the second and third days of the match.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the final day of the first cricket Test between England and New Zealand at Trent Bridge on Monday.

NEW ZEALAND: First innings 251 (S Fleming 54, P DeFreitas 4-94).

ENGLAND: First innings 567-8 declared (G Gooch 210, M Atherton 101, R Smith 78, P DeFreitas 51 not out).

NEW ZEALAND: Second innings (overnight 184-7)

Hartland lbw b DeFreitas 22

Young c Rhodes b Fraser 53

Rutherford c Atherton b Such 14

Crowe lbw b DeFreitas 28

Fleming c White b Hick 11

Thomson c White b Such 6

Parore c Rhodes b DeFreitas 42

Larsen c Stewart b DeFreitas 2

Hart lbw b Fraser 22

Nash c Rhodes b DeFreitas 5

Davis not out 0

Extras (lb-1, nb-20) 21

Total 226

Fall of wickets: 1-59; 2-95; 3-95; 4-122; 5-141; 6-141; 7-147; 8-210; 9-224.

Bowling: O M R W

Malcolm 10 2 39 0

Fraser 23 8 53 2

DeFreitas 22.3 4 71 5

Such 34 12 50 2

Hick 14 6 12 1

White 3 3 0 0

Result: England won by an innings and 90 runs

Second Test - June 16-20, Lord's

Third Test - June 30-July 5, Old Trafford

DeFREITAS... career best

Organisers allay fans' fears



ORLANDO, Florida, June 6: Foreign World Cup visitors of a timid disposition may find reading about life, or death, in the nine American venues to be an alarming experience, reports Reuter.

Fatal shootings, violent muggings and carjackings led one British tabloid newspaper to describe Florida the "state of terror" last year after 41 tourists were killed.

Washington has been called "murder capital USA". Los Angeles has had riots and gang violence and Chicago has a couple of killings on an average weekend. Parts of Detroit suffer an equally distressing reputation.

But the message from police and organisers of the month-long soccer tournament is that, as long as visitors hang on to their common sense and do not stray into bad areas, there is little to fear.

The sunshine state of Florida is making a special effort to help the army of foreign fans visiting Orlando.

Organisers are expecting 100,000 people to attend each of the five games there between June 19 and July 4, and estimates are that 65 per cent will be foreigners.

The squad was set up eight years ago to protect the hordes of visitors who flock to the area to visit nearby Walt Disney World. Its officers have helped train tourist police units in Miami and Anaheim, California.

Wood said tourist police

have had calls from foreign soccer fans who are worried about Florida's spate of crimes against tourists, including one from a cautious Dutchman.

In October 1992 a 42-year-old British tourist, Keith Thompson, was shot and killed after refusing to give up his wallet to robbers who accosted him, his wife and two friends outside an Orlando-area motel.

Still, Wood said the tourist-related crime rate is relatively rare in Orlando. "Currently, we average five robberies a month in the whole tourist area. Keep in mind we have roughly 150,000 (tourists) a day," he said.

Typically, three of those will be purse-snatchings and two will involve confrontation with a gun or knife.

Visitors are advised to keep valuables out of sight, get detailed directions before leaving the airport in rental cars, and avoid stopping in dark and lonely areas. Wood said Orlando's airport is generally safe.

"Our biggest problem here is damage to vending machines and burglary to autos," he said.

Gary Sherwin of the Los Angeles Visitors and Conventions Bureau, stressed the importance of awareness in a city where violent crime has often hit the headlines. "Just because you are on vacation doesn't mean your common sense should also be on vacation," he said.

Officials cautioned the mere fact that an area is affluent and well maintained is no reason to lower the guard. "I had two

separate friends from Spain who were carjacked in Santa Monica," said one city employee.

Sometimes the carjacking, a term used for stealing a car at gunpoint, can be fatal as in a recent case involving two Japanese students in Los Angeles.

To help tourists in Orlando, World Cup organisers have installed an information booth in the middle of the airport.

Rental car companies and hotels also provide maps and safety brochures, which include telephone numbers to call for directions or tourist assistance.

For those who don't speak English, police have a list of county employees who can translate tourist inquiries in 60 languages.

The World Cup games come during the peak summer travel season, so police expect major traffic jams. "We'll have our normal summer visitors as well as conventioners and World Cup fans," Wood said. Many hotels offer complimentary shuttle buses to and from the airport, for those who want to avoid traffic backups and the risk of getting lost in an unfamiliar neighbourhood.

In Dallas and Washington, walking near the stadiums at night is definitely not recommended. On game days, World Cup ticket-holders are encouraged to use the park-and-ride lots where they can catch shuttle buses to stadiums.

Four lots will be set up in the major tourist districts of Orlando, Wood said.

Confident Germans set off for a title defence

FRANKFURT, June 6: A confident German team left Monday for Canada for a final week of preparations to defend its World Cup title, reports AP.

"It will be a long and tough tournament, and it won't be easy to retain the title," said captain Lothar Matthaus, who is traveling to his fourth World Cup finals.

"Many teams have improved a lot and there are no great differences between teams," Matthaus said. "But we will do our best, we want to come back here in July as the world champions again."

Several hundred fans came to bid farewell to the 22-man squad led by coach Berti Vogts as it took off for Toronto, where it will play Canada in its last warm-up match Wednesday.

The team will train in Canada until it travels to Chicago June 13. Germany kick off the month-long World Cup tournament June 17 in Chicago against Bolivia. Spain and South Korea are also in Germany's group.

The Germans left with their confidence boosted by a 5-1 victory against Austria last Thursday in Vienna.

"We've prepared well and we are ready," said new mid-field star Mario Basler, a rookie who is expected to be a starter in the United States.

Vogts was planning to test veteran forward Rudi Voeller against Canada, but the 34-year-old striker, who is making a comeback in the national team after coming out of retirement, has a hamstring injury and may miss the game.

The coach appears inclined to play with one striker, Juergen Klinsmann, against Bolivia, with offensive midfielder Andreas Moeller providing help in the front.

That combination has worked well in the past. Moeller scored twice against Austria, while Klinsmann added one.

Akram antics save Lancs

LONDON, June 6: Pakistan all-rounder Wasim Akram produced irresistible form as Lancashire beat Northamptonshire by eight runs for their third consecutive victory in the Sunday League, reports Reuter.

Akram smashed 33 off 21 balls to lift Lancashire to 191 for nine in their 40 overs at Northampton and captured five for 41 with his left arm fast bowling to help dismiss the home county for 183.

Former England batsman Allan Lamb-raised Northants' hopes by hitting 78 off 102 balls, but when he was bowled with 13 still needed from eight deliveries, Wasim proved too much for Curtly Ambrose and fellow tail-ender Nick Cook.

West Indies paceman Ambrose earlier took four for 20 in the Lancashire innings that was anchored by Neil Fairbrother (38) and Mike Watkinson (30) before Akram's assault.

Warwickshire beat Durham by 84 runs at Edgbaston after the West Indian Test batsman made just six to add to his previous league score of 19, 11 and 0.

Glamorgan captain Hugu Morris hit a Sunday-best century for the league's champions against Surrey at Swansea.

But his unbeaten 127 from as many deliveries was all to no avail as rain forced the game to be abandoned after Glamorgan made 220 for one and Surrey reached 46 for one.

Morris gained some satisfaction, however, in becoming the second Glamorgan player to reach 4,000 league runs, while the seven sixes he hit equalled the county record set by West Indian Roy Fredericks in 1971 and repeated by Pakistani Majid Khan a year later.

A whirlwind 74 by west Indian Carl Hooper, who struck seven fours and two sixes, paved the way for Kent's five-wicket win over Sussex with 13 balls to spare at Tunbridge Wells.

Hooper shared a match-winning partnership of 73 in 11 overs with Neil Taylor, who made 33 off 39 balls, to drive Kent home at 212 for five in reply to Sussex's 208 for six.

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The Kamal inter-club squash tournament jointly organised by Gulshan Club and Bangladesh Squash Racket Federation will begin at the Gulshan Club court today.

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Romario, Brazil's best World Cup bet tries to hoodwink a Canadian defender during a prep match in Edmonton, Canada on Sunday. The hot favourites were held to an uninspiring 1-1 draw. — AFP photo

Canadians dent Brazilian ego



EDMONTON, Alberta, June 6: Brazil suffered a morale shattering blow 15 days before their first World Cup match when they were held to a 1-1 draw by unbeaten Canada on Sunday, reports Reuter.

The game at one stage appeared to be little more than a pleasant afternoon stroll in the Alberta sunshine for Brazil's stars against a side made up of players based with either minor European sides or North American semi-professional teams.

Brazil took the Canadian defence apart almost at will for the first hour and took the lead on the stroke of halftime with a typically cheeky individual goal by Romario.

The Barcelona striker collected a throw-in, dribbled past three Canadian defenders and then beat goalkeeper Craig Forrester with a well placed shot into the corner of the goal.

But, after Brazil had missed a host of chances, Canada hit back with a shock equaliser in the 71st minute when Eddy Berdusco, based with Swiss club FC Will, broke through a

hesitant defence to shoot past a helpless Taffarel.

Belaguered-looking Brazil coach Carlos Alberto Parreira was left fishing for explanations as hordes of Brazilian radio reporters swarmed around the door of his team's dressing room afterward.

"We weren't fast enough on the break and we resorted to the long ball forward too often," he lamented.

Assistant coach Mario Zagallo admitted Brazil's forwards had been too fancy with their finishing.

Brazil had only themselves to blame for the result after they missed a host of chances.

Romario had missed two clear opportunities before making amends with his goal while his striking partner Bebeto wasted another good first half chance, heading against the post from an unmarked position.

Bebeto squandered two further chances early in the second half, on both occasions doing the difficult part by beating his man brilliantly but then shooting wide when it seemed easier to score.

Canada goalkeeper Craig Forrester, who plays for English

Premier Division side Ipswich Town, also kept the score down with three brilliant reflex saves early in the second half, when a Brazilian goal rush looked imminent.

The face of the game changed dramatically after Berdusco's equaliser, which came from Canada's second real chance of the match.

The Canadians, who made five second-half substitutions, were clearly buoyed by the goal and pressed forward in the last 20 minutes, giving Brazil some uncomfortable moments with high crosses into the penalty area.

TEAMS

CANADA: Craig Forrester; Frank Yallop, Mark Watson, Randy Samuel, Ian Fraser, Ian Carter (Geoff Aunger, 60th); Colin Miller, George Limniatis (Lyndon Hooper, 45th minute), Nick Dasovic (Doliscat 74th), Dominic Mobilio (Eddy Berdusco 62nd), Carlo Corazzini (John Catliff, 57th).

BRAZIL: Claudio Taffarel; Jorginho (Cafu 65th), Rocha, Ricardo Gomes, Leonardo, Mauro Silva (Mazinho 55th), Dunga, Zinho, Rai (Paulo Sergio 65th); Bebeto, Romario.

Etcheverry: The adored devil



LA PAZ, Bolivia, June 6: For millions of Bolivian soccer fans, The Devil is a blessing.

The Devil is Marco Antonio Etcheverry, the talented midfielder who led the Bolivia into the World Cup, reports AP.

It isn't clear why the 24-year-old won the nickname, but apparently it comes from what some rival called his "devilish dribble."

But he doesn't worry being called El Diablo. "El Diablo is my nickname, but my guide is God," he once said.

Etcheverry plays for Colo Colo, Chile's most popular club, which last year paid him \$700,000 to Bolivia for Bolivia for the transfer.

Etcheverry has been idled by a serious left leg injury since last November, but is expected to have recovered by June 17, when Bolivia open the World Cup against defending champion Germany.

"I'll definitely be recovered by then, I'm exercising heavily already," he said in mid April as he left to join the Bolivian team at its training camp in Barcelona, Spain.

"I'm a bit scared about coming back, but I'm psychologically ready for it," he told the Santiago sports magazine Bón.

Balon. "All I want know is to go back into a field and shoot and shoot the ball."

Etcheverry was instrumental in Bolivia's qualifying, including an upset 2-0 victory that ended the Brazil's unbeaten streak in World Cup qualifying.

Etcheverry wears No. 10, often the symbol of a team's

star. Pele and Maradona both wore the hallowed figure.

In fact, he says the player he admires the most is Zico, who inherited No. 10 from Pele in Brazil.

Etcheverry is a favourite of

those who love highly skilled ball handlers.

His precise, long distance, left-foot passes often spring teammates on scoring runs. And he is hot on free kicks or penalties.

For Etcheverry, qualifying for the World Cup is the greatest honour for Bolivian soccer. The country only played in the big show once before, in 1950 when it was invited.

Whatever happens in the United States, Etcheverry said it will be good for the sport back home.

"It's encouraging for the future of soccer in Bolivia," he said. "Ours is a team always prepared for hard work and sacrifice, and we are of course not seen as the favourite."

"The progress, the change of attitude of Bolivian players are very impressive," he said. "Before, we felt defeated before stepping into the pitch."

Etcheverry, like many Bolivian players, is a product of the internationally renowned Tahuichi Soccer school in his native city Santa Cruz.

He would like his 2-year-old son to follow him in to soccer. But he has another idea for a daughter expected by the start of the World Cup.

"I would like her to be a medical doctor, so she can take care of my injuries."



MARCO A. ETCHEVERRY

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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leader 61 Bribe 49 Ooze

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Solution time: 24 min.

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CRYPTOQUIP

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Saturday's Cryptquip: THE STOLEN MUSICAL COMPOSITION IS DULY CALLED A SYM-PHONY.

Today's Cryptquip clue: J equals P

The Cryptquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

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Tazin Shah, one of the lucky winners of the fourth Daily Star World Cup 94 quiz receives her prize from Industries Minister A M Zahiruddin Khan with A S Mahmood (R), chairman of the sponsors Transcom Electronics Limited watching at the Jatiya Press Club auditorium yesterday. — Star photo