

# Brothers join Mohammedans, Abahani Muktijoddha lone leaders

## Sports Reporter

Brothers Union, the so-called third force of the domestic football circuit behind defending champions Mohammedan Sporting Club and Abahani Krira Chakra, joined their illustrious rivals in a curious pattern of losing first point in the second match when they were held to a one-all draw by Arambagh Krira Sangsta in the second Star Premier Division football league match billed for the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

However, Muktijoddha Sangsad, tipped a strong bidder for this year's title after their superb showing in the DMFA and Federation Cups, avoided the pitfall, registering a comfortable 3-0 victory over bates Bangladesh Boys in the first match at the same venue earlier in the afternoon.

Brothers 1-1 draw added spice to what is expected to be a very open league and held semblance to the previous upsets in the span of forty-eight hours in between which the spectators at the Dhaka Stadium saw two biggess fumble to draws of similar margin with virtually innocuous opponents. The Gopibagh outfit may, however, get solace from the fact that they capitulated a point to a team of better stature since Arambagh finished fifth in last year's league.

Yesterday's results left Muktijoddha one point clear at the top ahead of the three traditional giants Mohammedans, Abahani and Brothers.



Action from yesterday's Star Premier Division football league match between Muktijoddha Sangsad KC and debutants Bangladesh Boys Club at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

— Star photo

# Bangladesh ease into final

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Bangladesh cantered into the final of the invitational youth cricket tournament, making short work of Denmark in a rain-interrupted match at Seremban, Malaysia yesterday.

According to a fixed message, the Bangladesh Eleven comprising mostly young cricketers registered their fourth successive win by a flattering margin of eight wickets.

Skipper Naimur Rahman Durjoy won the toss and elected to field first after the match reduced to 47 overs-a-side affair, finally got off an hour behind the schedule because of heavy overnight rain.

Left arm new ball bowler Morshed Ali Khan and his partner Al Amin had the Danish batsmen in a tangle right from the word go and the

team went on to score 180 runs.

One drop Mihrab Hossain Opi who got a scintillating ton in an earlier match, hammered 35 to make it even easier before failing to Loretans.

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The ground convalesced considerably in the after lunch

session and Bangladesh, whose win was hardly ever in doubt, progressed merrily to their target of 138 for a win in 47 overs.

Only Loretans, who topped with 38 before being bowled by Morshed and Muller, who chipped in with a defiant 25, offered any resistance.

But with all the Bangladeshi spinners, led by skipper Durjoy who collected two with his right-arm offspin, joining the demolition act the Danish innings could only go far upto 137 for nine wickets when overs ran out.

Morshed alias Sumon the dark wiry left armer who is quite pacy through the air, had a splendid analysis of three for 20 from eight overs.

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Bangladesh are expected to play a young Sri Lankan selection in the final.

## Calcutta MSC held

CALCUTTA, Aug 4: Strong contenders Mohammedan Sporting were held to a 1-1 draw by a spirited Peerless in the Calcutta Super Division league match at their home ground here yesterday, reports PTI.

Mohammedan Sporting were a pale shadow of themselves as they failed to play cohesively till their Nigerian recruit Lulu struck the equaliser late in the second session in a rather lacklustre encounter.

Peerless forged ahead in the 28th minute of the opening session when striker Somnath Ghosh made no mistake from close off a pass from their Sudanese recruit Jalaluddin.

The men in black and white, who appeared a trifle rusty, managed to find the equaliser 10 minutes before the long whistle when Lulu headed home from inside the box following a measured centre from Mushtaq Ali.

The game took an ugly turn when Mohammedan Sporting's Mohd Shamim and the Peerless custodian Kaushik Pal were engaged in a heated exchange and given marching orders by the referee.

## WI tour of India



BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, Aug 4: West Indies will play three Tests during their forthcoming tour of India as well as two separate one-day series, the West Indies Cricket Board of Control said on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

The tour, which begins on October 5, starts with a six-match, one-day series against India prior to Test matches in Bombay, Nagpur and Chandigarh.

West Indies will then play in a triangular one-day tournament against India and New Zealand starting October 23 and with the final in Calcutta on November 5.

October 5: Arrive  
9: One-day match, opponents venue to be announced.  
12: 1st one-day international (in Baroda).  
15: 2nd one-day international (Jaipur).  
17: 3rd one-day international (Faridabad).  
20: 4th one-day international (TBA).  
November 7: 5th one-day international (Cuttack).  
9: 6th one-day international (Visakhapatnam).  
12-14: v Bombay (Calcutta).  
18-22: 1st Test (Bombay).  
25-27: v Board President's XI (Bangalore).  
December 1-5: 2nd Test (Nagpur).  
10-14: 3rd Test (Chandigarh).

\*Triangular one-day tournament:  
October 23: v India (Madras).  
26: v New Zealand (Goa).  
30: v India (Kanpur).  
November 1: v New Zealand (Guwahati).  
5: Final (Calcutta).

## Sport

### BCCB announces players' pool

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The Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) yesterday announced a twenty-member national players pool for the 1993-94 domestic cricket season.

The bracketed cricketers are: Faruque Ahmed, Akram Khan, Minhazul Abedin, Aminul Islam, Enamul Huq, Athar Ali Khan, Jahangir Alam, Saiful Islam Khan, Jahangir Talukdar, Sharfuddowla Ibn Shaheed, Selim Shahid, Mizanur Rahman, Sajid Hassan, Shariful Huq, Al Shahriar, Anisur Rahman, Sajjad Mansur, Salahuddin Zahid Razzak, Nurul Abedin.

In the first match of the day, the Mukts, who earlier produced a somewhat lacklustre performance in their league opener although they had a similar victory, showed signs of improvement in the midfield and enjoyed total dominance right from the start.

The ever dependable Ponir could only blame himself for coming up with a poor goal-kick that landed straight at the feet of a grateful Jahangir.

Ranjan, who scored a hat-trick in Brothers' 3-1 win over Wari, once again came to his side's rescue when his left flank minus struck the hand of Arambagh defender Faisal in the penalty box leaving referee R Alam with little option but to point to the dreaded spot.

In an exciting encounter with forays and counter forays, Brothers slightly dominated Arambagh but the Motijheel outfit never resorted to negative football to cling to their slender lead.

Farashganj and Dhaka Wanderers shared points in a goal feast 3-3 draw in the lone Star First Division football league match at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday.

While Debashis and Nasir stayed out of contention as usual because of their identity tags as wicket keepers.

Every Navana Premier Division club is allowed to register a maximum of four pool players and four foreigners. However, two foreigners will be eligible to take the field on a match day.

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**TODAY'S MATCHES**

Sadharan Bima KS vs Muslim Institute 4:30 pm (Dhaka Stadium).

Rahmatganj MFS vs Eskat Sabuj Sangha 6:30pm (Dhaka Stadium).

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