

Transcom schools hockey Aminul amerces Police Lines

Sports Reporter
Aminul Islam earned a rare distinction of scoring a double hat-trick when Jessore Zilla School romped home with a 7-0 win against an eight-man Police Lines High School in one of the two Transcom national schools hockey championship matches at the Hockey Stadium yesterday.

The Police Lines School, who lost half of their sixteen listed players on the grounds of over-age following a medical test prior to the match were completely outmanned by the Jessore outfit in an expectedly one-sided affair.

But the interesting feature of the match was brilliant performance by Aminul, who scores all the seven goals for the winners.

Aminul gave the Jessore Zilla School a 2-0 lead at the breather with strikes in the 18th and 19th minute respectively, completed the second hat-trick in the meet with a nice field goal two minutes into the second half.

He then scored three more goals in a span of only eleven minutes on his way to notch up a double hat-trick before completing the Police run scoring the seventh goal one minute away from the final whistle.

In the other billing of the day, Chittagong Municipal Model School edged past Govt Jubilee High School of Patuakhali by the odd goal in three with Nishan scoring both the goals for the winners.

Tyson's first bout Aug 19

LAS VEGAS, May 25: Former heavyweight champion Mike Tyson's first fight in four years will be here on August 19 against little-known Boston fighter Peter McNeely, promoter Don King said on Wednesday, report agencies.

For Tyson, who was paroled from prison on March 25 after serving three years for rape in Indiana, it will be the first step toward an attempt to regain the world heavyweight title.

Tyson lost his titles in 1990 in Tokyo when James "Buster" Douglas knocked him out. Tyson, 28, last fought in June 1991 when he beat Donovan "Razor" Ruddock.

McNeely is 36-1 against opponents with little stature in boxing.

In a very brief comment after the announcement, Tyson, who converted to Islam in prison said: "I'd like to give praise to Allah, because without Allah this wouldn't be happening."

Tyson is 41-1. Meanwhile, Mike Tyson's intention to attend the graduation ceremony for Georgetown Medical School on Saturday has prompted the university to ban the media from the event.

Tyson plans to see his 29-year-old fiancée, Monica Turner, receive her medical degree. More than 200 students are to get their degrees at a ceremony at Washington's Kennedy Centre.

University spokesman Michael Tebo said officials feared Tyson's presence would spark a media circus.

Boca in want of Maradona

BUENOS AIRES, May 25: Boca Juniors want Diego Maradona back, reports Reuter.

But the First Division side who have managed just one Argentine Championship title since Maradona led them to glory in 1981 only want him as player, not coach.

Boca president Antonio Alegre told DYN news agency: "By unanimous decision Boca Juniors will start negotiations with Diego Maradona's representatives to try to get him back in the club as a player exclusively."

Only a week ago Alegre said Maradona's very presence in the stadium as a spectator put pressure on the team, after they went down 2-1 to lowly Argentinos Juniors.

But Boca fans were of a different mind, chanting their idol's name and demanding to see him once again on the blue and yellow strip — as well as demanding the removal of coach Silvio Marzolini, responsible for the 1981 championship win.

The 34-year-old former Argentina captain has expressed his determination to play again in September when his 15-month ban for testing positive for drugs at last year's World Cup finals ends.

Nat'l kabaddi on Sports Reporter

Defending champions Bangladesh Police easily won their opening encounter against Comilla 45-11, in one of the ten final round matches of the 21st national kabaddi championship yesterday at the Kabaddi court adjoining Dhaka Stadium.

Fifteen teams split in to four groups are taking part in the championship.



Speakers address a press briefing at the NSC conference room yesterday in connection with the Beximco 13th Federation Cup that kicks off today. —Star photo

13th Fed Cup kicks off today

Sports Reporter
The first leg of the Beximco 13th Federation Cup involving twenty teams begins at the Dhaka Stadium today.

Two matches are billed for the opening day with Public Works Department (PWD) Sports Club taking on Police Athletic Club at 4 pm while Sadharan Bima will be involved in the second match against Abahani Krira Chakra of Chittagong, scheduled for a 6 pm start.

In the first phase, the participating teams including five divisional outfits, split into four groups, will play on a knock-out basis. The top finishers from the respective groups will join the four semifinalists of last year in the eight-team final round, scheduled to begin from June 6.

Defending champions Muktiyodha Sangsad Krira Chakra along with Brothers Union and the top finishers from Group A and D will form one group, while last year's runners-up Abahani Krira Chakra will lead the other group along with

Mohammedan Sporting Club and the champions from Group B and C respectively. The final leg will be held on a round robin league basis.

And top two finishers from each group will play criss-cross in the semifinals, scheduled to be held on June 13 and 14 respectively while the final will be played on June 16.

Meanwhile, at a press briefing held in connection with the meet, the tournament committee secretary Abu Yousuf revealed that the winners will receive a cash award of Taka one lakh as prize money while the runners-up will be richer by Taka 75,000.

The losing semifinalists will also get a cash award of Taka 50,000 each. Sheikh Akmal Hossain, the general secretary of the BFF, who was also present on the occasion, said that Beximco Limited, the sponsor of the meet, will provide Taka 10,00,000 which is equal to the estimated budget for the successful holding of the tournament.

Chaired by the tournament committee chairman Shamuzzaman Basunia, the press briefing was also attended by Shah Abul Kasem, a joint secretary of the BFF.

An upbeat BFF

Sports Reporter
Despite dwindling funds, the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) is optimistic of a financially successful tournament when the Beximco 13th Federation Cup begins at the Dhaka Stadium today.

The present committee of the BFF, which has only half of their fund since they took over with Taka one crore and 69 lakh in 1992, had cut a sorry figure in the 12th version of the Federation Cup last year which collided with the World Cup. They had earned only Taka 27,26,645, including Taka ten lakh from the sponsors, the Bangladesh Export Import Company (BEXIMCO), a leading business house in the country.

But this year, BFF, is expecting to earn Taka 35 lakh as gate receipts from the tournament.



Action from yesterday's Transcom national schools hockey tournament match between Jessore Zilla School and Police Lines School of Sylhet at the Hockey Stadium. Jessore won 7-0. —Star photo

Susanti, Bang in quarters

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, May 25: Susi Susanti's eagerly-awaited rematch with Bang Soo-Hyun became a step nearer to reality as both reached the quarter-finals at the World Badminton Championships here on Wednesday, reports AFP.

World and Olympic champion Susanti of Indonesia pushed South Korean Bang into the runner-up spot in both of those events.

But when Bang won the Asian Games in Hiroshima in October last year, beating Susanti's conqueror Huziko Mizui of Japan in the final, she vowed to get revenge at these World Championships.

"I'm out to get here," Bang said of Susanti at the time. Top-seed Susanti beat China's Yao Yan with little difficulty. Susanti trailed 7-4 in the second game, but then went into overdrive to win 11-7, 11-8.

Bang beat the last player from outside Europe or Asia in the fourth round, Bang ousted Denyse Julien of Canada 11-2, 11-7.

China's Zhang Ning is continuing to prove a dangerous floater as she beat her second seeded player in succession.

Zhang won the tightest match of the round against 5-8 seed Ra Kyung Min of South Korea 12-10, 12-11. On Tuesday, 71-yr-old world-ranked 29th, beat Sweden's 9/16 seed Christine Magnusson.

All-England runner-up and Europe's best hope for gold Camilla Martin of Denmark breezed through against

Japan's Yasuko Mizui. And China's sixth world ranked Ye Zhaoying, who beat Bang in last week's Sudirman Cup, now meets Martin having disposed of Yuni Kartika of Indonesia.

Han Jingna of China, seeded 5/8, marched past Yulianna Sentosa of Indonesia 11-6, 11-8.

China-born Lim Xiaoming of Sweden struggled slightly in her match, she beat China's world number 20 Hu NINH 7-12, 9-12, but Lim trailed 7-2 in the second set and needed four match points before winning with an accurate lob.

In the men's singles, top seed Heryanti Arbi thrashed Russian Vladislav Tichimorov 15-8, 15-7 to set up a fifth

round tie with South Korea's Lee Kwang Jin.

Left-hander Lee, seeded 9/16, was on court 42 minutes before beating Sweden's 6th Bin Thomas Johansson 15-13, 18-17.

World champion Joko Suprianto, who beat Germany's Todor Velkov, now faces South Korea's Dong Jong, conqueror of Denmark's Martin Lundgaard Hansen.

China's 27th ranked Chen Gang caused a surprise to get the better of 9/16 seeded Indonesian Loe Tong Ping 15-9, 15-12.

Ping's netted backhand ended the match, but Indonesia still have five of the top eight seeds in the competition as a formidable consolation.

Chen will have a tougher test against All-England champion Poul Erik Hoyer Larsen of Denmark, who knocked out Sweden's Henrik Bengtsson 15-7, 15-11.

Earlier, men's doubles top seeds Rexy Mainaky and Ricky Subagdjia and Women's favourites Ge Fei and Gu Jun cruised through two rounds.

China's Ge and Gu, the 1995 Asian champions, easily disposed of New Zealand's Rhona Robertson/Tammy Jenkins and England's Gillian Gowers/Joanne Muggidge in the second and third rounds.

Mainaky and Subagdjia had a bye in their second round match, before beating Australia's Paul Staigt and Peter Blackburn 15-5, 15-11.

The Indonesian All-England champions have their first real test against 9/16 seeds Henrik Svarrer and Michael Sogaard of Denmark in the fourth round.

Matthaeus makes rusty return

MUNICH, May 25: Four months after a torn Achilles tendon threatened to end his career, former German national team defender Lothar Matthaeus made an early comeback at a reserves match, reports AP.

The hero of Germany's 1990 World Cup triumph played the first half at libero for Bayern Munich's reserves in a 4-1 loss to SV Waldhof Mannheim late Tuesday.

Matthaeus, 34, was originally projected to miss this entire season, but will originally project to miss this entire season, but will be on the reserve bench for Bayern Munich's Bundesliga game Saturday at Bayer Leverkusen.

Pakistan, SL to announce WC venues soon

CALCUTTA, May 25: The venues for the matches of the 1996 Wills World Cup cricket to be held in Pakistan and Sri Lanka would be announced in a few days, according to Jagmohan Dalmiya, the convener of Pakistan-India-Lanka Committee, here yesterday, reports PTI.

Dalmiya said, the final list of venues for the matches to be held in Pakistan and Sri Lanka were yet to be received by him, but it was expected any day.

Pakistan would stage 16 matches of the World Cup, including the final match which would be played in Lahore on March 17 and two quarter-final matches. Sri Lanka would hold four matches of their group against West Indies, Australia, Zimbabwe and Kenya.

Local cricketers denied UK visas

Sports Reporter
Four young cricketers, who were expected to play in a minor league in the United Kingdom, were denied of visas by the British High Commission in the Dhaka earlier this month.

The four players — national right-arm seamer Hasbul Hossain, wicketkeeper Khaled Masud, left-arm spinner Mohammed Rafique and middle order batsman Al-Shahriar, who were scheduled to play in the Slinger League in Surrey for a team named Abahani, were refused by the High Commission on the grounds of not having the status of a first-class cricketer.

According to the existing laws, players only having the first-class and Test status can only play in any league in the Britain.

Spurs beat Guangzhou

GUANGZHOU, China May 25: Tottenham Hotspur's initial test of life without star striker Juergen Klinsmann was an uninspiring win on Wednesday in their first match in China, reports AFP.

Their 2-1 victory against southern Chinese side Guangzhou was an unconvincing performance with both the 6,500 crowd and the Spurs players missing the English Premier League's player-of-the-year.

Klinsmann pulled out of Tottenham's post-season Asian friendly tour with a back strain picked up during their 7-2 victory in Hong Kong on Sunday. That game, in which the German international scored twice, has proved to be his last for the north London team.

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England's left-handed middle-order batsman Neil Fairbrother looks on to his dishevelled wicket after being bowled by the West Indian fast bowler Ian Bishop during their first one-day international at Trent Bridge on Wednesday. The visitors won the match by five wickets. —AFP/UNB photo

A tonic win for weary WI

NOTTINGHAM, May 25: Three weeks after losing their unofficial title as the world's best cricket team, the West Indies have roared back to life, completing a five-wicket victory Thursday in the first one-day international against England, reports AP.

Resuming on 76 for 1 after 19.1 overs, the tourists passed England's modest 55 overs target of 199 for 9 with 2.2 overs to spare in the rain-hampered match at Trent Bridge.

Sherwin Campbell (78 runs) and Brian Lara (70) scored almost at will against both pacemen and spinners, but it was Junior Murray who hit the winning shot when he drove Phillip DeFreitas for four to bring his team to 201 for 5.

Lara, displaying the usual excellent footwork that has made him the best batsman in the game, scored his tally off 95 balls with seven fours plus a theatrical six-over spinner Shaun Udal's head to delivery to Michael Atherton at mid-on, ending a 114-run partnership with Campbell.

Campbell had eight fours off 136 balls before being run out with his team only six runs from victory. It was his first half-century in eight one-day internationals.

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runs in 11 overs. The victory serves as a welcome morale-booster for the West Indies, who lost their first Test series in 15 years against Australia earlier this month and had struggled against county teams in the first matches of the English tour. England and the West Indies meet in a six-Test series beginning June 8 at Headingley.

"It's a very good start for us," Walsh said. "We came here as a team which just been beaten."

The triumph also ended England's six-match home winning streak against the West Indies in one-day internationals. The tourists' last one-day victory in England came in 1974.

The match was forced into a second day by three rain delays and bad light on Thursday, when Courtney Walsh and Carl Hooper staked the tourists to a big lead.

Walsh took three wickets for 28 runs with one maiden in 10 overs, moving him ahead of Malcolm Marshall as the all-time West Indies wicket-taker in one-day internationals.

Only England vice-captain Alec Stewart, who scored 74, and Mark Ramprakash, 32, could master the tourists' tight, controlled bowling.

Hooper hit 34 off 57 balls to start the reply before being bowled by Cork.

Neither team has time to dwell on the result.

The second one-day international is Friday at the Oval, followed by the third Sunday at Lord's.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard from the first

one-day international between England and the West Indies at Trent Bridge on Thursday:

ENGLAND
Michael Atherton c Lara b Walsh 8
Alec Stewart b Hooper 74
Graeme Hick c Murray b W Benjamin 8
Graham Thorpe c Murray b Walsh 7
Neil Fairbrother b Bishop 12
Mark Ramprakash b Walsh 32
Phillip DeFreitas run out 15
Dominic Cork b Atherton 14
Darren Gough run out 3
Shaun Udal not out 5
Angus Fraser not out 4
Extras: (lb-1, W-5, nb-1) 17
Total: (9 wickets, 55 overs) 199

Fall of wickets: 1-25; 2-60; 3-85; 4-121; 5-125; 6-157; 7-186; 8-190; 9-191.

Bowling

	O	M	R	W
Almrose	8	1	33	0
Walsh	10	1	28	3
Bishop	11	2	30	1
W Benjamin	8	1	22	1
Hooper	10	0	45	1
Atherton	8	0	30	1

WEST INDIES:
Carl Hooper b Cork 34
Sherwin Campbell run out 80
Brian Lara c Atherton b Gough 70
Richie Richardson c DeFreitas b Gough F
Jimmy Adams lbw b Cork 2
Keith Arthurton not out 1
Junior Murray not out 7
Extras: (lb-1, w-4, nb-1) 6
Total: (5 wicket, 52.4 overs) 201

Fall of wickets: 1-66; 2-180; 3-183; 4-191; 5-194.
Did not bat: Curtly Ambrose, Courtney Walsh, Ian Bishop, Winston Benjamin.

Bowling

	O	M	R	W
DeFreitas	10.4	1	44	0
Fraser	10	2	29	0
Gough	11	1	30	2
Cork	11	0	48	2
Udal	8	0	37	0
Hick	2	0	12	0

Umpires: Nigel Plews and David Shepherd.

Result: West Indies win five wickets

Ajax shatter AC's Euro Cup dream

VIENNA, May 25: Ajax Amsterdam's attacking football earned them the continent's highest honour here on Wednesday night when they beat holders AC Milan 1-0 in the European Cup final here, reports AFP.

Teenage substitute Patrick Kluivert scored the winner five minutes from the long whistle, after a thrilling final had swung back Ajax's way after being dominated by the Italians in the first half.

Ajax, playing their first Champions' league final since beating Juventus in 1973 for their third title, had already beaten Milan twice during the league phase of the competition.

The match looked to be heading for extra time, or even penalties, when Kluivert settled the outcome.

Former Milan stalwart Frank Rijkaard took possession on the edge of the area, slipped the ball between French defender Marcel Desailly and Franco Baresi, and although Zvonimir Boban got a tackle in, 18-year-old Kluivert managed to stab the ball past Sebastiano Rossi with his left foot.

Ajax skipper Danny Blind should have made it 2-0 just before the whistle when another second half substitute, 18-year-old Nigerian Nwankwo Kanu, broke free on the right and crossed into the middle.

But Blind's unchallenged shot drew a fine save from Rossi and the Italians earned a short-lived stay of execution.

Ajax coach Louis van Gaal will take much of the credit, for his inspired, but risky decision to bring on two striker substitutes — Kluivert and Kanu — and play with five men up front.

Milan, who had been hoping to equal Real Madrid's record of six European Cup titles, had been forced to play without their star playmaker Dejan Savicevic.

The Montenegrin, who played a key role in the holders' route to the final, failed to shake off a thigh strain picked up in training two weeks ago

and was replaced by veteran striker Daniele Massaro.

Rijkaard, who becomes one of an elite group to win European Cup medals with two clubs, retires from the game in Ajax's final league match this weekend.

Yet his ultimate victory here had not been a foregone conclusion.

In a tense, attacking opening 45 minutes, the closest to a goal came seconds before the break when Marco Simone fired a magnificent volley from Roberto Donadoni's floated cross from the right.

But Ajax goalkeeper Edwin van Der Sar made an equally stunning reflex save, punching the ball away from a corner.

Both sides had showed their attacking skills straight from the kick-off. But after the young Dutch side had made a promising start, Milan gradually forced their way into the driving seat.

Ajax's Finnish striker Jari Litmanen nearly had a golden opportunity from a couple of yards after barely five minutes. But the low cross from Frank de Boer was intercepted just in time by Desailly.

Simone, wearing distinctive white boots, nearly managed the same for Massaro after a quarter of an hour — but Blind cannoned the ball away for a corner.

Seconds later, Christian Panucci sought a penalty after a collision with Litmanen in the area, but Romanian referee Ion Craciunescu would have none of it.

The pressure then swung the other way, with defender Frank de Boer sending a powerful header just over from Nigerian Finidi George's corner on 20 minutes.

But for the rest of the half, the experienced Milan side gradually turned the screws on their young challengers.

Winger Marc Overmars paid the price for the pressure, being booked after 33 minutes for a foul on Panucci.

Panucci was at the centre of the action minutes later, with a superb looping cross from Paolo Maldini being knocked back by Donadoni and the 22-year-old defender's shot being deflected narrowly over the bar.

Ajax coach Van Gaal was also displaying some acrobatics

of his own, leaping into the air in an impression of Desailly's high-kicking clearance from Litmanen.

Desailly wasted a fine opportunity within minutes of the restart, his long range header going wide with the Ajax keeper on the ground and beaten.

The Italians countered immediately, Massaro turning 90 degrees on the spot but shooting narrowly wide from just outside the area.

Litmanen was then replaced by Kluivert, as Van Gaal sought to increase the firepower up front as the match began to swing back the Dutchman's way.

After a brief lull in the battle, there was a chance for each side within a minute towards the end, with Simone wriggling clear of his mark to fire on target from outside the area and Kanu shooting wide.

Kluivert became the second youngest scorer in European Cup final history after Manchester United's Brian Kidd, who was 16 on the day he headed in United's fourth goal against Benfica.



Ecstatic players of Ajax Amsterdam break into tears holding the hard-fought European Champions' trophy after beating AC Milan 1-0 in the finale in Vienna, Austria, on May 24. —AFP/UNB photo