

Transcom schools hockey Rajshahi rout Chittagong

Sports Reporter
Rajshahi Medical College Campus High School and Mouljuddin Multilateral High School of Faridpur moved into the final round of the Transcom national schools hockey championship after winning their respective first round openers at the Hockey Stadium yesterday.

In the day's first match, Rajshahi Medical College Campus School recorded a thumping 8-0 win, the biggest margin victory for any outfit in the meet, so far, over Chittagong Municipal Model High School.

The winners led the first half 2-0. Shamim, who scored the second goal in the 24th minute after Bachchu opened the floodgate in the 22nd minute, added two more goals after the breather to complete the Municipal school rout.

In a goal-feast one-sided affair, Ashraful scored twice and in the mean time Bachchu picked up his second goal in the 40th minute while Zahid notched up the sixth goal for the winners-13 minutes away from the final whistle.

Mouljuddin High School, who faced Jessore Zilla School in the second match of the day, also picked up a convincing 3-0 victory, with Arif, Proshanta and Ashraf sharing one goal apiece.

Office cricket league Biman-Partex semi tomorrow

Sports Reporter
Biman Bangladesh Airlines will take on Partex Group in the first semifinal of the second Office cricket league at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium tomorrow.

Meanwhile, the second semifinal between Acme Lab and Regency Lines, which was earlier scheduled to be held on the same day at Jagannath Hall ground, will now be held on May 31 at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, said Golam Faruque Apu, a joint-secretary of the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB).



A midfield-tussle between the rival booters of Bangladesh Boys and Touch Club of Barisal during their Beximco 13th Federation Cup football tournament match at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. Bangladesh Boy's won the match 2-1. —Star photo

Wari move into finals

Sports Reporter
Wari Club, a traditional giant-slayer in the domestic football, moved into the final from Group C defeating East-End Club by a lone goal in one of the two first phase matches of the Beximco 13th Federation Cup football tournament at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Bazlu netted the all-important goal for the Premier Division outfit in the 24th minute of the proceedings. Wari Club will now meet the winner of the match between Arambagh KS and Bangladesh Boy's Club on June 3 to decide who to join the eight-team final leg, scheduled to begin from June 6.

In the day's second match, Wari took control of the midfield from the word 'go' with Poritosh Dewan, who played for Mohammedian Sporting Club last year, and Hasan Imam operating from the middle.

The Mouljiblood outfit drew the first blood in the very fourth minute through their striker Bazlu, who lobbed a neat cross into the heart of East End defence. But an unmarked Jamal spoiled the easy sitter, heading out from the close.

Wari had to wait till 24th minute for the match-winner before Bazlu, who sprinted down the middle for a defence splitting through from Hasan, sent the ball home with a neat placing shot that moved past a diving East End custodian Tota.

But the sparse crowd at the Dhaka Stadium, who were expecting a better brand of soccer from East End following their stunning 1-0 win over Muktiyodha in recently concluded DMFA Cup, hopelessly witnessed a pedestrian display by the old town outfit.

It was only halfway through the second half when East End regained their touch and played with some purpose.

In the 81st minute East End got a golden chance of neutralising the margin. But their substitute Chapal, who had only to beat an out of position Wari goalkeeper Minar, shot the ball wide off the mark much to the horror of his teammates.

Meanwhile, in the day's first match, Bangladesh Boy's Club edged past Touch Club of Barisal by the odd goal in three.

The winners led the first half by an 11th minute strike from Azad before substitute Zahid of the Barisal outfit levelled the margin with an angular drive four minutes into the second half.

In the 78th minute Shuvro scored the match winner with a spectacular low-drive from inside the box.

Bangladesh Boy's was, however, denied yet another goal in the 18th minute when a Bapan fierce shot rebounded off the far post.

The winners will now take on Arambagh in the Group C semifinal on May 31.

TODAY'S MATCHES
Udayan KC vs Eskaton SS (4 pm)
Shantinagar vs Fakirerpool YMC (6 pm)

Meanwhile, Masum of Rafa Cricket Club won the highest scorer's prize with a total score of 156 runs in the league while Nuruddin of Rising Star claimed the highest wicket-taker prize with a haul of 13 wickets.

AHM Abul Kashem Deputy Commissioner of Chittagong distributed the prizes among the winners as chief guest.

CJKP Ispahani youth cricket

Sports Reporter
CHITTAGONG, May 28: Gosaidanga Jubo Goshthi beat Town Club by five wickets in the CJKP Ispahani youth cricket tournament at the Outer Stadium here today, reports BSS.

Town Club batted first and were all out for 121 in 28.3 overs.

In reply, Gosaidanga made 122 for five in 29.1 overs. Bappi of Town Club scored 25, Farhan 23 and Sazzad 21. Baimul of Gosaidanga scored 30 runs with three boundaries.

Friends CJKP Ispahani cricket champs

Sports Reporter
CHITTAGONG, May 28: Friends Club became unbeaten champions in the CJKP Ispahani First Division cricket league beating Rising Star Club by 115 runs in the concluding match at the Chittagong Stadium here today, reports BSS.

Friends won the toss and decided to bat first and scored 173 runs for seven in the stipulated 40 overs.

In reply, Rising Star were bundled out for only 58 runs in 28.1 overs.

England 276 for seven

Sports Reporter
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Surprisingly, Atherton took 27 balls to score his first run and scored only three off his first 43.

But with support from Graeme Hick, 24, Graham Thorpe, 28, and Mark Ramprakash, 29, not out, he went on to score heavily off a West Indies attack including fiery pacemen Curtly Ambrose, Ian Bishop, Winston Benjamin and Otis Gibson.

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Hick helped Atherton put on 67 for the second wicket before he was bowled by off-spinner Carl Hooper trying a late cut.

Thorpe played aggressively with powerful cuts and drives before he lobbed a catch to Hooper off Gibson after England had moved on to 152. It was then that Atherton began to hit out and England scored 98 off the last 10 of the 55 overs.

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Roberts blames Dickie Bird

Sports Reporter
LONDON, May 28: West Indies coach Andy Roberts claimed here on Saturday that an error by umpire Dickie Bird probably cost his side victory in Friday's one-day international against England at The Oval, reports AFP.

Bird gave England batsman Neil Fairbrother not out after the Lancashire left-hander had tailed to scramble a leg bye.

But TV replays, which the world's most experienced umpire declined to use, showed that Fairbrother was nearly a foot short of safety when Cutley Ambrose kicked the ball against the stumps.

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Schools open badminton

Sports Reporter
Schools open badminton tournament, organised by the Bangladesh Badminton Federation (BBF), begins today at the NSC wooden floor gymnasium, reports UNB.

State Minister for Finance and BBF president M Mojibar Rahman will inaugurate the five-day competition at 5 pm.

Hooligans horrify Kuwait

Sports Reporter
KUWAIT, May 28: An outraged soccer fan flies feet and fist through the air and lands a kung-fu kick on the chest of a referee, reports Reuter.

Rival supporters at a handball game waded into each other, fists flying, in a dispute over a result.

Europe? South America? No it's all happening in the staid Gulf Emirate of Kuwait.

Both incidents are examples of unruly behaviour that sports officials say is a growing problem among spectators and players in the rich oil-exporting country.

While most incidents are tame compared to the average afternoon on the soccer terraces of Europe or South America, they shock many in a small country of 1.8 million people where the restrained behaviour of the Arabian Peninsula is the norm.

Japan win Kirin Cup

Sports Reporter
TOKYO, May 28: Kazuyoshi Miura scored a pair of goals on penalty kicks as Japan beat Ecuador 3-0 Sunday and won the three-nation Kirin Cup Soccer '95 tournament, reports AP.

Japan and Scotland played to a 0-0 draw in the first match, and Scotland defeated Ecuador 2-1 in the second match. Japan and Scotland both had one-win, one-draw records, but Japan won the title on goal differences. Scotland finished second and Ecuador was third with 0-2.

Celtic clinch Scottish Cup

Sports Reporter
GLASGOW, May 28: Celtic put an end to a six-year trophy drought with a 1-0 triumph over First Division underdogs Airdrie in a closely-contested Scottish Cup final at Hampden Park on Saturday, reports AFP.

Dutch international striker Pierre van Hooydonk's ninth-minute goal was enough to land the club their first piece of silverware since they beat Old Firm rivals Rangers in the final of the same competition in 1989.

Barcelona beat Real Madrid

Sports Reporter
MADRID, May 28: Barcelona, determined to complete a relatively disappointing season of a winning tone, turned on a magical display in front of 100,000 partisan fans to beat bitter rivals and championship pacesetters Real Madrid 1-0 at home on Saturday, reports AFP.

Midfielder Peter Grant, who had missed two previous Cup finals in his Celtic career, was awarded the man-of-the-match for an outstanding performance.

Schalke stun Bremen

Sports Reporter
BONN, May 28: Werder Bremen's Bundesliga title assault suffered a shock setback on Saturday when they crashed 4-2 at Schalke, reports Reuter.

Bremen, only two points clear of Borussia Dortmund who face Borussia Moenchengladbach today, conceded four goals before Andreas Herzog replied twice in the last eight minutes.



Action from yesterday's Transcom national schools hockey championship engagement between Rajshahi Medical College Campus High School and Chittagong Municipal Model High School at the Hockey Stadium. The Rajshahi outfit romped home with an 8-0 victory. —Star photo



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Ecuador's Juan Carlos Garay (L) and Tsuyoshi Kitazawa of Japan fight for the ball during the three-nation Kirin Cup football tournament final in Tokyo yesterday. Japan whitewashed Ecuador 3-0. —AFP/UNB photo