

Sport



Fakirerpool's young left-back Sohul Al Masum thwarts an Agrani Bank sortie during their Group D championship deciding match of the Beximco 13th Federation Cup at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. Fakirerpool won 1-0. — Star photo

Beximco 13th Federation Cup

Fakirerpool in final round

Sports Reporter
Fakirerpool Youngmen's Club became the last member in the eight-team final leg of the Beximco 13th Federation Cup football tournament when the Motijheel outfit eliminated Agrani Bank by a lone goal in the Group D championship deciding match at the flood-lit Dhaka Stadium yesterday. In an evenly contested match with forays and counter forays Arifur Rahman Mamun struck the match-winner just 12 minutes away from the final whistle. The win enabled Fakirerpool to qualify for the final leg of the meet for the second successive year. The Premier Division outfit will now play in one group along with defending champions Muktiyodha Sangsad Krira Chakra, Brothers Union and Abahani Krira Chakra of Chittagong. While last year's runners-up Abahani Krira Chakra will lead the other group along with Mohammadan Sporting Club, Rahamatganj Muslim Friends Society and Bangladesh Boys. The final leg, which is scheduled to begin from June 6, will be played on round robin league basis from where top two finishers from each group will qualify for the semi-finals. However, in the day's match the last engagement of the first phase, Fakirerpool duly rolled up their fellow Premier Division outfit with a better brand of soccer specially during the second half. But it was Agrani Bank who dominated the first fifteen minutes creating a couple of easy chances. In the fifth minute Bank defender Kala offered a neat cross from the right. But Fakirerpool custodian Bijon, who played a pivotal role in his side's victory over Badda Jagorani on Thursday, brilliantly saved a spectacular header from Munna diving to his right. Two minutes later striker Tutul spoiled an ample sitter shooting the ball wide off the mark from close. After surviving those threatening but fruitless attacks Fakirerpool gradually took control of the match with their striker Maksudul Amin Rana making some effective moves down the middle. During the injury time of the first half a mincingly poised Rana has only to beat the Bank custodian Manu before defender Rafique brought him down in the forbidden zone. But referee Mozaffar

First round of chess meet rounded off

Sports Reporter
Fide Master Rezaul Huq along with thirteen others led the way into the final round of the 21st chess championship on completion of the eleven-round first phase Swiss league meet at the NSC chess room yesterday. Biman's Rezaul Huq, who was leading the table for the last four rounds, finished top as an unbeaten campaigner collecting highest eight and a half points at the end of the first phase. He drew with Ali Amzad Mintu in this round. The chronology of the fourteen top finishers, who qualified for the final round, are—Rezaul Huq, Abdullah-al Rakib, Saifuddin Dabu, Shahadat Hossain, Arifuzzaman, Ali Amzad Mintu, Sumon, Aatur Rahman, Tayebur Rahman, Khurshid Alam, Arman Monir, Khandaker Kayes Hassan, Enamul Hossain Razib and Ziaul Kader Tuhin. The fourteen along with defending champion IM Ziaur Rahman and IM Rezaul Binn Sartar—the last year's runner-up, will play in the final round, expected to begin in the second week of this month.

Hampshire humble Glamorgan

LONDON, June 4: Hampshire defied the showers to wrap up an eight-wicket victory over Glamorgan as Saturday's English county championship action was badly hit by rain, reports Reuter. The weather delayed resumption of Glamorgan's second innings at Cardiff until the afternoon but Hampshire wasted no time taking the last four wickets in 75 minutes as their overnight 155 for six. Tony Cottee was Glamorgan's mainstay, occupying the crease for over three hours and hitting nine boundaries in his side's top score of 62. Zimbabwean Test seamer Heath Streak was the pick of Hampshire's bowlers, finishing with three for 41. Somerset, 248 for four overnight in reply to Yorkshire's 413, took their total to 351 for five before conceding a first innings deficit of 62 amid rain delays at Taunton. Richard Harden, 65 overnight, made his third century in successive home games, hitting an unbeaten 129 with 18 fours. Tim Robinson and Mathew Dowman became the ninth opening pair in Nottinghamshire's history to register century stands in both innings in another rain-affected match at Trent Bridge. Notts, 50 for no wicket overnight in their second innings against Essex, lost Robinson for 48 with the total on 103. Dowman hit six fours and was 56 not out as the home side took their overall lead to 127 by reaching 114 for one at the close. Only 12 overs were possible at the match between Sussex and Gloucestershire because of rain. Rain prevented any play in the matches between Middlesex and Derbyshire, Durham and Kent, and Worcestershire and Surrey.

Baggio vents his agony

ROME, June 4: Juventus and their skipper Roberto Baggio look certain to go their separate ways next season. After the talented playmaker fired a broadside at the club's top officials on Saturday, reports AFP. Baggio who said last week he would announce his decision on June 12 after the Italian Cup final second leg, looks to have made his feelings clear in the Corriere dello Sport. Last year's FIFA footballer of the year accused Juventus management of opening talks with Inter Milan president Massimo Moratti without his knowledge. "I don't deserve to be treated like that," he said. "Juventus could have told me that I was no longer part of their plans and that I was free to leave. Instead they have been trying to make out that I want to leave over money." Club and player have been trying to negotiate a new contract, but Juventus have reportedly offered a deal which would mean a pay cut. "I wanted to stay at Turin with a good team, an excellent coach and teammates that I really appreciate." Baggio, meanwhile, listed the clubs who have contacted him for next season—Real Madrid, Barcelona, Blackburn Rovers and Brazil's Flamengo, who have the other star of last year's World Cup, Romario. But the Italian added that he had yet to respond to any of them.



Action from yesterday's Transcom second national schools championship engagement between holders Narayanangaj Govt. High School and Residential Model School at the Hockey Stadium. The match ended in a one-all draw. — Star photo

Transcom national schools championship N'ganj crawl into semis

Sports Reporter
A 60th minute strike from Shahabuddin gave defending champions Narayanangaj Govt High School a berth in the last four in the Transcom schools national schools championship at the Hockey Stadium yesterday. The holders needing only a draw in their last league engagement against Residential Model School to confirm their spot in the last four from Group A started on a wrong foot conceding a goal in the 10th minute of the proceedings. But thanks to a late equaliser from Shahabuddin who after receiving a pass from Mustafizur Rahman coolly slotted the ball home to ensure a face saving draw for Narayanangaj outfit. It was Narayanangaj's third draw from three group league matches to finish second behind Mojuddin Multi Lateral High School of Faridpur, who collected five points from their three league engagements. Narayanangaj will now take on Rajshahi Medical College Campus High School in the semifinal tomorrow.

Police v'ball

Dhaka Metropolitan Police lifted the Bangladesh Police volleyball championship '94 beating Khulna RRF 7-14, 14-10, 14-13 in the final at the RRF Uttara playground yesterday, reports BSS. Ten teams from different police ranges participated in the competition. Nk Md Kabir Hossain of Khulna RRF was adjudged the best player. Inspector General of Police ASM Shajahan inaugurated the tournament and distributed the prizes among the winners.



A young fan pleads soccer star Paul Gascoigne for an autograph after his arrival at the Glasgow airport on June 3. — AFP/UNB photo

Robin Smith, Illingworth recalled

LONDON, June 4: Robin Smith has been recalled to the England lineup for the first Test against the West Indies starting Thursday, possibly as an opener. The big surprise, however, is the recall of spin bowler Richard Illingworth after a four-year absence, reports AP. England manager Ray Illingworth, no relation to the bowler, decided Sunday that vice-captain Alex Stewart, who usually opens the innings with team captain Mike Atherton, will be the wicketkeeper instead of Worcestershire's Stephen Rhodes. Smith, a 31-year-old Hampshire batsman who played the last of his 53 Tests against New Zealand last summer and missed the series against South Africa and Australia, probably will open with Atherton so that Stewart can bat lower down the order, possibly as low as six. The rest of the batting lineup contains no surprises, with Graeme Hick, Graham Thorpe and Mark Ramprakash lining up behind the openers. But the recall of 31-year-old Worcestershire spinner Illingworth, who has played only two Tests, wasn't expected. Phil Tufnell of Middlesex or Yorkshire's Richard Stemp were figured as more likely to get the spinner's job at Headingley. The only uncapped player in the 12-man squad is Lancashire's tall pacesman, Peter Martin, who took four wickets on his one-day debut against the West Indies. With seam bowler Philip DeFreitas the nearest England squad has to an all-rounder, the selectors likely will leave out either Angus Fraser or Devon Malcolm when the team takes the field Thursday.

SQUAD

Mike Atherton (Lancashire), Robin Smith (Hampshire), Alec Stewart (Surrey), Graeme Hick (Worcestershire), Graham Thorpe (Surrey), Mark Ramprakash (Middlesex), Phil De Freitas (Derbyshire), Darren Gough (Yorkshire), Peter Martin (Lancashire), Richard Illingworth (Worcestershire), Angus Fraser (Middlesex), Devon Malcolm (Derbyshire).

Gazza belongs to Rangers

GLASGOW, June 4: England midfielder Paul Gascoigne confirmed on Saturday that he would be leaving Italian club Lazio to join Scottish champions Glasgow Rangers, reports Reuter. "I am in brox bound," he said on arriving at Glasgow airport. Gascoigne said he was in Scotland for further talks with Rangers manager Walter Smith about his five million pounds sterling (7.5 million dollars) move from the Rome club. He told a group of delighted Rangers fans: "I am not interested in any other club now. Everything has been agreed and I am coming to Rangers." Hours earlier Gascoigne had ended a 15-month exile from international soccer when he appeared as a second half substitute in England's 2-1 victory over Japan in the international Challenge Cup tournament. Gascoigne said the expected his transfer to be finalised early next month.

No ball bowled on Day One

NORTHAMPTON, England, June 4: Brian Lara returned to the West Indian fold here on Saturday but any chances of him making a quick return to action were dashed when the first day's play against Northamptonshire was washed out without a ball being bowled, reports AFP. Lara missed the tourists' win over Leicestershire earlier this week after being allowed to fly home to Trinidad to sort out "urgent personal business." He arrived back in England on Friday and was named in the West Indies' team to face Northants but steady drizzle delayed the start of play at the county ground yesterday morning before the umpires gave up all hope of play after tea. Former West Indies captain Sir Garfield Sobers believes that Lara's return is crucial to the tourists' chance in the Test series against England. "Brian must learn to concentrate a little more and work a little harder. The team needs him to turn his 60s and 70s into big hundreds this summer," said Sobers during a television interview on Saturday. Grobbelaar comes under fire HARARE, June 4: Zimbabwe goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar and other players will be disciplined for pulling out of the National squad through fear of contracting the Ebola virus in a game against Zaire, officials said Sunday, reports AFP. Grobbelaar, the Southampton goalkeeper, was one of at least six players who refused to travel to Kinshasa for an Africa Cup of Nations qualifier on Sunday, local newspapers reported.

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