



Brothers Union custodian Atiq collects the ball before Muktiyoddha's Mamun Joarder could pose any threat during their Beximco 13th Federation Cup football tournament engagement at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. Muktiyoddha won by a lone goal. — Star photo

### Baba duo register Abahani-MSC clash today

**Sports Reporter**  
The two Nigerian booters — Baba Lha Lode and Baba Lha Bode — are expected to make their maiden appearance in the domestic football for Mohammedan Sporting Club when the black and whites meet their arch-rivals Abahani Krira Chakra in their last group engagement of the Beximco 13th Federation Cup football tournament at the Dhaka Stadium today.

The Dhaka derby kicks-off at 7 pm with Radio Bangladesh covering the match live on air from the big bowl.

Meanwhile, the Mohammedan officials, who had earlier opted to take more time to decide the fate of their two African imports, finally fell in love with them.

In a dramatic development Mohammedans had registered the Baba duo with the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) late last night.

It means the DMFA Cup champions, who are badly in need of a quality striker, may field at least one of them to know their worth.

However, apart from the prestige involved, the match has no significance as both the giants of the domestic circuit have already moved into the semifinals from Group B.

But for 'record's sake' it is going to be the tenth clash in the Federation Cup between the two most popular and crowd-pulling outfits.

In their last nine engagements Mohammedans have won on four occasions while Abahani, who had credentials in the meet, won twice. They have shared honours on two occasions while the other in 1984 was abandoned following crowd violence.

### Afsar tennis results

**Sports Reporter**  
Syed Aziz Raz became champion in the 12 years age group of the Afsar tennis championship defeating Kanhan Ram 6-2, 6-2 in the final at the Ramna National Tennis Complex yesterday.

Shathi Sarkar moved into the women's singles final beating Chowdhury Rawshan Kabir 6-0, 6-1 set.

Later Shathi paired with Rina to move into the women's doubles final overcoming Mithun and Urmi in a tough three setler.

After conceding the first set 2-6, Shathi and Rina rallied to take the next two 6-3, 7-5.

In the men's doubles, Shamim Ahsan Roni and Fahim Ahsan Rumi reached the semifinals defeating Tawfikul Islam Mamun and Samsuddin Siddiqui 7-6, 6-0.

Khaled and Kukshan entered the mixed doubles final beating Shibulal and Shawni 6-2, 7-5.

### Office cricket Plate final on June 16

**Sports Reporter**  
The plate final of the Office cricket league between Grindlays Bank and Eurotex will be held at the Dhankhondi Stadium on June 16.

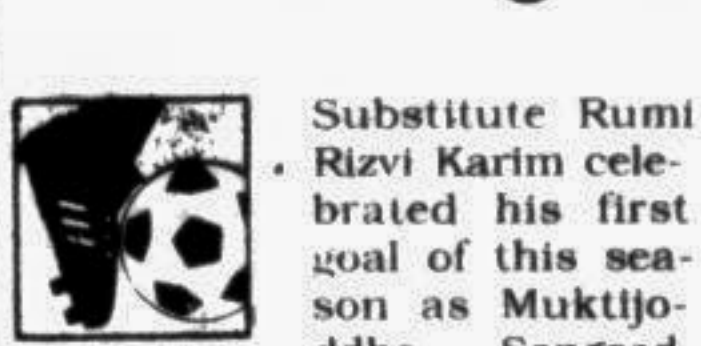
The Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) in a press release have asked the finalists to take necessary steps for the match.

### Brazilian duo Benfica bound

**LISBON, June 13:** Brazil's Valdo and Ricardo have joined Portuguese side Benfica from Paris Saint Germain, their agent Manuel Barbosa said on Monday, reports AFP.

Midfielder Valdo signed a three-year contract and central defender Ricardo has signed a one-year deal. The transfers cost a total of 250 million escudos (about 1.5 million dollars) to be paid in 18 monthly installments, Barbosa added.

## Muktiyoddha ride on Rumi



**Substitute Rumi Rizvi Karim** celebrated his first goal of this season as Muktiyoddha Sangsad Krira Chakra finished top from Group A with a lone goal victory over Brothers in their last round robin league engagement of the Beximco 13th Federation Cup football tournament at the floodlit Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Rumi, who came on as a substitute for an out of form Zakir in the second half, struck the match-decider five minutes from the final whistle with a neat grounder giving the star-studded Muktiyoddha a morale boosting win.

With this win Muktiyoddha collected seven points from their three engagements. They had earlier beat Chittagong Abahani 6-0 and managed to split points with a spirited Fakirpool Youngmens Club in a goalless draw.

While it was Brothers' first defeat, who had earlier ensured a berth in the semifinals with two wins from their first two engagements.

Both will now have to wait for the outcome of today's match between Mohammedan Sporting Club and Abahani Krira Chakra to know their opponents in the criss-cross semifinals.

In the day's second match Muktiyoddha, dubbed as the most balanced outfit by virtue of having at least eight current national players in their ranks, merely lived up to their repu-

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tation on a heavy outfield.

In the absence of a midfield playmaker and as two wingers Mamun Joarder and Rakib continuing their lacklustre performances, the freedom fighters were pathetic on their approach during the first half. They managed to create their only chance in the 27th minute. But Mamun Joarder, who is now only a pale shadow of his former self, failed to shoot the ball home from a goalmouth melee with the Brothers' custodian Atiq beaten fair and square.

On the other hand, Brothers Union with their three Nigerian recruits — Chibujor, Bernard and Christopher — enjoyed a better territorial dominance in the first half and came close to score twice.

In the 26th minute striker Chibujor after receiving a defence splitting through pass from midfielder Bakhtiar, slammed a fierce right footer from the edge of the box but the ball slightly missed the mark much to the dismay of the robust Nigerian.

Eleven minutes later substitute Aamer Khan, who scored two goals in his side's 4-0 win over Chittagong Abahani, deprived the Gopibagh outfit of a lead when the shaven headed forward shot the ball wide over the bar from only six yards.

However, it was only in the second half Muktiyoddha cashed in on the defensive approach of Brothers Union to assume command of the midfield and dominate the remain-

ing proceedings with waves of attack.

In the 58th minute Mamun shot straight at Brothers custodian Atiq and one minute later Masud Rana blasted a left-footer wide over the cross-piece to the growing frustrations in the Muktiyoddha tent.

And when Rakib failed to head home a neat Mizan left-flank cross in the 73rd minute the match seemed to be heading for a draw.

But it was not to happen as Muktiyoddha had the last laugh in the 85th minute when Rumi, the gifted former national midfielder, after receiving a pass from Mizan executed a neat grounder that rolled into the net hitting the far post.

### RAHMATGANJ WIN

Meanwhile, in the day's first match, an insignificant affair, Rahmatganj Muslim Friends Society defeated Bangladesh Boys 2-0.

Ripon and substitute Zakir were the scorers for the old-tout outfit, who along with Bangladesh Boys had earlier made their exit from the meet suffering successive defeats at the hands of their two more illustrious opponents Mohammedans and Abahani in their first two Group B engagements.

### TODAY'S MATCHES

Fakirpool YMC vs Chittagong Abahani (5 pm)  
Abahani KC vs Mohammedan SC (7 pm)

## Imran likes politics, but ...

**OXFORD, June 13:** Former playboy cricketer Imran Khan on Monday conceded for the first time he might actively enter politics in his native Pakistan, but said the time was not yet right, reports AFP.

Khan, 42, who divides his time between Britain and Pakistan, told students at Oxford University Union that, for the time being, he would instead concentrate on educating his compatriots and raising their awareness of their rights.

"I would enter politics if I could change something but it is not possible through politics now," he said, criticising the Pakistani elite, or "brown sahibs," who he said feared change because it would threaten their lifestyles and their monopoly on political power.

Khan, who retired from professional cricket after leading Pakistan to victory in the 1992 World Cup, has been criticised in Pakistan for his marriage last month to 21-year-old heiress Jemima Goldsmith.

The ruling classes, in trying to "ape" Western ways, had brought a loss of cultural identity, destruction of the sense of community and disappearance of the village schools.

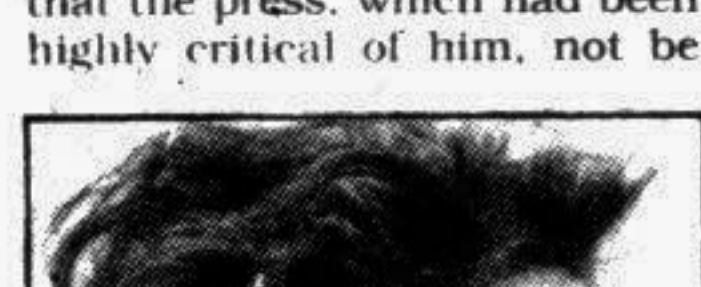
The Pakistani people's ignorance of their rights has led to abuses of power, Khan said in outlining a programme — "my next campaign" — to lower the country's 85 per cent illiteracy rate by resurrecting community schools.

He said the government in Pakistan views him as a threat to the political status quo, and bars him from advertising a cancer hospital he is building in Lahore with contributions in memory of his mother, who died of cancer.

Khan described himself as a former "pompous," roving ambassador for Pakistan, and said the role had brought him criticism for his disparate images of playboy-socialite and "born-again-Muslim."

Khan's recent remarks that Pakistanis should wear traditional clothing, the *shalwar kameez*, and not mimic the West brought loud murmurs from students noticing that both he and his wife wore Western clothing.

His talk here was his first public address since the marriage. It was held on condition that the press, which had been highly critical of him, not be



**IMRAN KHAN** allowed to attend, and his remarks were conveyed by students who were present.

Khan called Pakistan "a nation with an inferiority complex" born of British colonialists' creation of "an elite class which did things for their own benefit, not for that of the country."

The ruling classes, in trying



Prince Edward (C) poses photograph with players at the launching ceremony of British, Channel 4's Real Tennis TV series at London on June 12. — AFP/UNB photo

## Nat'l chess begins today

**Sports Reporter**  
The number draw for the final round of the 21st national chess championship was held at the chess room of the National Sports Council (NSC) yesterday.

However the tournament proper involving 16 players is scheduled to begin today. The 15-round Swiss league meet includes defending champion International Master (IM) Zaur Rahman and last year's runner-up (IM) Reefat-bin-Sattar.

The other 14 top finishers from the preliminary rounds are Toyabur Rahman, Arman Monir, Khondokar Kayes Hassan, Ziaul Qader Tuhin, Rezaul Haque, Sayefuddin Lavlu, Abdullah-Rakib, Sumon Malik, Arifuzzaman Shikdar, Ali Anzad, Ataur Rahman, Khorshed Alam, Enamul Hossain and Sheikh Shahadat Hossain.

**Dhaka junior TT league from Jun 20**  
**Sports Reporter**  
Dhaka metropolis junior table tennis league '95, will begin at the National Sports Council wooden-floor gymnasium from June 20.

The single league, involving ten teams, will begin at 4:30 pm everyday.

## Signori wins, Cragnotti loses

**ROME, June 13:** Sergio Cragnotti announced he is quitting as president of Lazio today, after being forced by team supporters to keep his international striker Giuseppe Signori, reports AFP.

Cragnotti was about to sell his goalmaker to Parma after receiving a particularly attractive offer, worth about 15 million dollars.

But after street protests here on Monday night, involving hundreds of Lazio fans who want Signori to stay, the club has changed its mind.

Dino Zoff, Lazio's sporting director, said: "Signori is staying at Lazio and we have taken him off the market."

However, the turn of events have infuriated the president. "I'm retiring from Lazio," Cragnotti said.

## Moody on marauding mood

**LONDON, June 13:** Australian Tom Moody struck his second century of the match against Nottinghamshire at Trent Bridge to help lift Worcestershire off the foot of the county championship table on Monday, reports Reuter.

England batsman John Crawley performed a similar feat for Lancashire at Old Trafford but his side were forced to settle for a draw with Glamorgan.

All-rounder Moody, who hit 157 in the first innings, revitalised Worcester after they had lost their first three wickets for just 11 runs after setting off in pursuit of a 261-run target.

He dominated a fourth-wicket partnership of 151 with Gavin Haynes, who made 55.

Moody struck 15 fours in his 106 made off 115 deliveries to set up a three-wicket victory.

## Brazil: Brilliant, bionic

**RIO DE JANEIRO, June 13:** For a new generation of Brazilian soccer stars, the future has arrived.

A year after winning a record fourth World Cup, Brazil is deep into a rebuilding programme with an eye to the Atlanta Olympics next year and the 1998 World Cup in France.

But the new-look team hasn't missed a beat. Exit Bebeto and Romario, enter Edmundo and Juninho. And the Brazilian soccer machine just keeps rolling.

In their first international test, Brazil easily handed Sweden, Japan and hosts England to win the Unbro Cup. In the final game, the Brazilians manhandled the Brits 3-1 in Wembley Stadium, reports AP.

"We are creating a winning tradition," said team captain Dunga, one of just five remaining starters from the 1994 Cup champions.

But just as important for Brazilians was how their team won, showing speed, grace and poise. In a word, art-soccer.

"We have an attractive style, that respects the show without disdaining efficiency," said coach Mario Zagalo. "It is a blend of art and competition that right now is without equal anywhere, even as we are re-energizing the players."

It was that style that was missing last summer, and left fans with the feeling that the victory was somehow incom-

plete. Brazil was tense, rigid, uncomfortable in the tactical straitjacket designed by coach Carlos Alberto Parreira.

And many feared the worst when Parreira was replaced by his assistant Zagalo, a former all-star player with a rap as a zealot for defence. His critics joked that Zagalo would rather not lose than win.

The team's tactics have changed since the World Cup, said Zagalo. "This title shows we are on the right path. Brute force was taking the place of talent and ability."

On Tuesday, Zagalo is to announce the roster for the America Cup. He said Brazil will call up its "maximum force" — although he has made no secret that he considers the South American tournament a waste of time.

His goal is to win a gold medal at the 1996 Olympics, the only trophy that has eluded Brazil. And while Bebeto, Romario and other veterans may still have a place on the team, the future belongs to rising stars such as Ronaldo, Amoroso, Savio, Souza and Marques.

It is no coincidence that all are attackers, play-makers and scorers.

"I was always very hurt to be called defensive-minded, because I never was," said Zagalo, who played on Brazil's World Cup champion teams in 1958 and 1962 and coached others in 1970 and 1994. "I'm a winner, and you can't win playing just defence."

MARIO ZAGALO

But the team he put together soon dispelled the worries. Calling on an exceptionally talented generation of midfielders and forwards, Zagalo assembled an offence that gave them freedom to create.

His field general is the diminutive Juninho, heir to Pele's No 10 jersey. A ball-handling magician, Juninho

## Spurs stalling Klinsmann

**BONN, June 13:** World Cup striker Juergen Klinsmann, reacted angrily on Monday to an official Tottenham complaint about his recent transfer to Bayern Munich which could hold up his return to the German game, reports Reuter.

English Football Association (FA) officials confirmed that they had passed on a Tottenham letter of complaint to world governing body FIFA about Klinsmann's departure from the English Premier League club last month.

But Klinsmann, who plans a return to Bundesliga action at the start of the new season in August, said: "I don't understand Tottenham chairman Alan Sugar's actions at all and I don't know what he is trying to do."

"He is not going to drive a wedge between me and the Spurs fans."

The FA refused to comment on the details of the Tottenham letter but a Tottenham spokesman claimed Bayern had "seriously broken FIFA regulations."

Juergen Klinsmann has breached his contract by disclosing to Bayern strictly private and confidential information which has enabled Bayern to induce him away from Tottenham.

"The flowery words coming out of Germany at the moment are merely a sideshow to divert attention away from the real issue," said the spokesman.

The English club are unhappy with the way Klinsmann broke his two-year contract after a year.

Tottenham are said to have understood that the 30-year-old player, who was very popular in England, could put out of his contract only if he was

desperately unhappy.

But Klinsmann said in a statements "I make a point of working out contracts so that there are no misunderstandings about meaning or detail."

"It was crystal clear in the contract between Tottenham and me that I could leave the club after a year if I wanted — with no ifs or buts. The level of the transfer fee was just as clear."

"I still have great feelings about Tottenham ... the English fans showed me the meaning of fair play in their country."

The chairman, who also signed the contract himself, is leading my opinion away from this fair play. My goal was to leave Tottenham with style and not to leave any bitter tastes behind."

Klinsmann signed a three-year deal with Bayern which starts on July 1. Tottenham were paid a two million dollars transfer fee for the striker who is expected to earn around 1.75 million dollars a season.

Bayern said they were unconcerned by the complaint. "This is just Tottenham's attempt to push up the fee."

Parreira, fired by Spanish First Division club Valencia last week, met with Steinbrecher for two days last week and said he was excited about the challenge of making football into a major US sport.

"He feels he can make a difference," Steinbrecher said. "He has said, at this point, money is not the most important thing in his life."

That makes the US team a realistic option. Parreira made 750,000 dollars at Valencia but would likely have a US base salary of only 300,000 dollars and the added burden of guiding youth and development programmes when not directing the national squad.

"It was really positive," Steinbrecher said of the meeting.

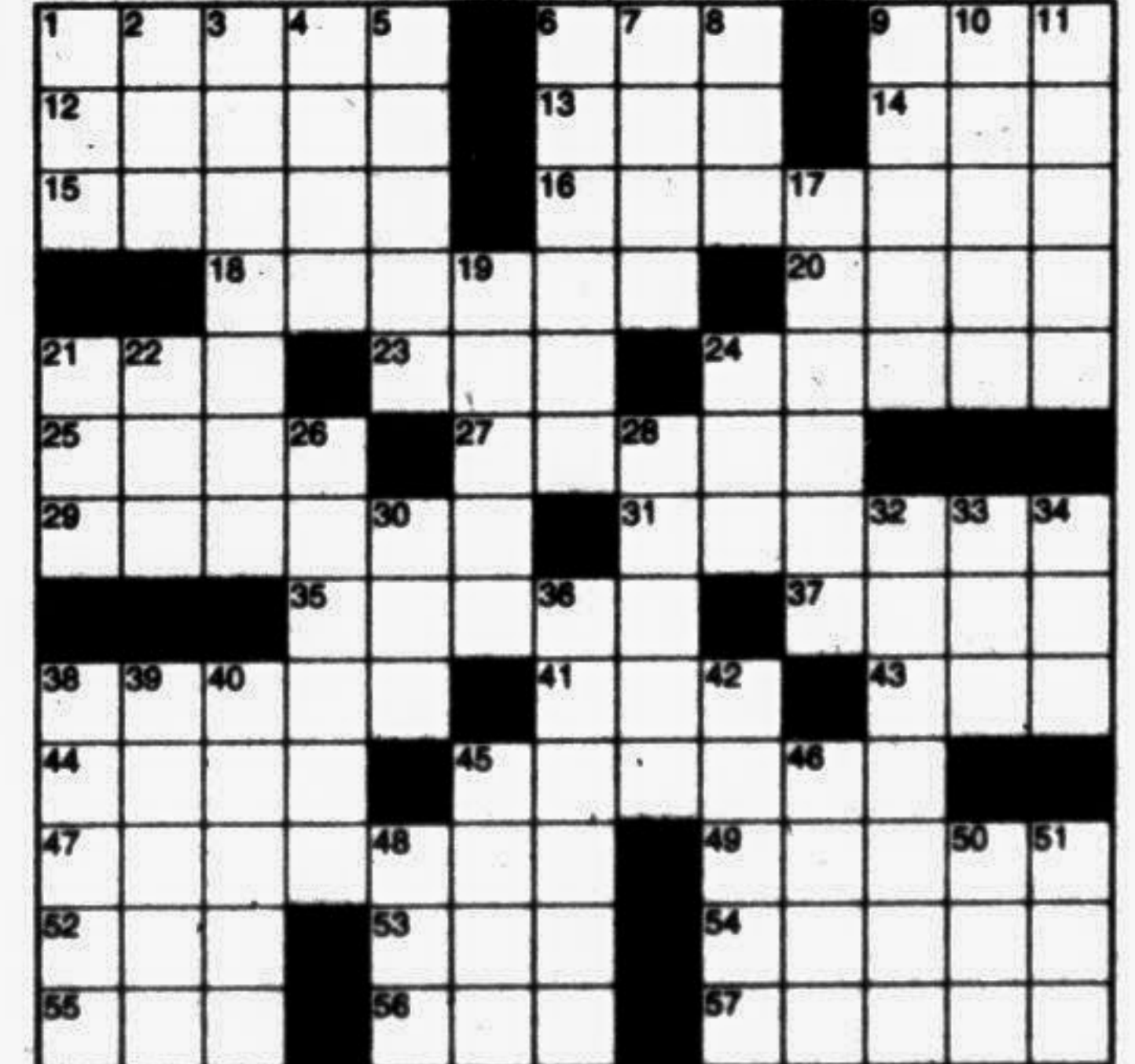
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**CRYPTOQUIP**  
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**Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN HE WAS A BABY, THE PRIEST SPENT TIME IN HIS PRAY PEN.**  
 Today's Cryptoquip clue: D equals R  
 The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which 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.