



An ever dependable Mohammedan custodian Ponir (second from right) collects the ball before Brothers Union striker Chibuzor (extreme right) could pose any threat during their Beximco 13th Federation Cup semifinal engagement at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. Mohammedans won 1-0. — Star photo.

BFF earns Tk 7.32 lakh

Sports Reporter
Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) has earned Taka 7,32,260 as gate receipt from yesterday's second semifinal of the Beximco 13th Federation Cup football tournament.

According to the BFF, a total of 28,220 gallery tickets worth Taka 25 each have been sold which is equivalent of Taka seven lakh five thousand and five hundred.

But the near-packed audience revealed that many spectators might have entered the venue without any tickets mainly because of poor gate management.

The persons posted at different entrances of the big bowl were so incompetent that even the press box was overcrowded with the people other than journalists.

In the press box the beleaguered journalists had to perform their duties literally standing on their feet amidst heavy rainfall. And some of them had to cover the match holding an umbrella in one hand under the open sky, a rare scene that one can never ever think of in any other country.

Barwick guides Glamorgan home

LONDON, June 19: Sunday league leaders Glamorgan hung on to top spot after clinching an exciting 29-run victory over Middlesex at Golwyn Bay on Sunday, reports Reuter.

Set a victory target of 250, Middlesex looked on course for victory with Mike Gatting (50) — using a runner — and Keith Brown (47) putting on 88 in 11 overs.

But needing 35 from the final three overs, Stephen Barwick claimed two wickets in one over and effectively ended Middlesex's chase. Barwick finished with five for one.

Yorkshire slumped to one of their lowest ever Sunday league totals as Kent stayed in contention for the title.

Kent clinched an 86-run victory at Headingley to retain second place after bowling out Yorkshire for just 75, only one run more than their lowest ever total in the 40-over competition.

It could have been even worse but for Bradley Parker top-scoring with an unbeaten 21 and helping to add 37 for their final three wickets after Yorkshire had slumped to 38 for seven chasing a victory target of 162.

Third-placed Lancashire completed a limited-overs double over Worcestershire with a comfortable seven-wicket victory at New Road.

Chasing 190, Lancashire cruised home with eight overs to spare following their dramatic Benson and Hedges Cup semifinal victory last Tuesday.

A third-wicket stand of 115 in 18 overs between John Crawley and Neil Fairbrother effectively decided the outcome after Lancashire had been reduced to 24 for two. Former England leg-spinner Ian Salisbury claimed for 39 — his best Sunday display of the season — to help Sussex beat Surrey by 10 runs at Horsham.

Salisbury grabbed three wickets in four balls as Surrey, chasing 223 off 37 overs, slipped to 186 for nine before finishing on 212.

Another former England player, Mark Lathwell, played a key role in Somerset's 19-run victory over Derbyshire at Derby.

Lathwell hit 55 as Somerset reached 212 for seven before restricting Derbyshire to 193 for six, despite a knock of 76 from South African Daryll Cullinan.

MSC in Fed Cup final

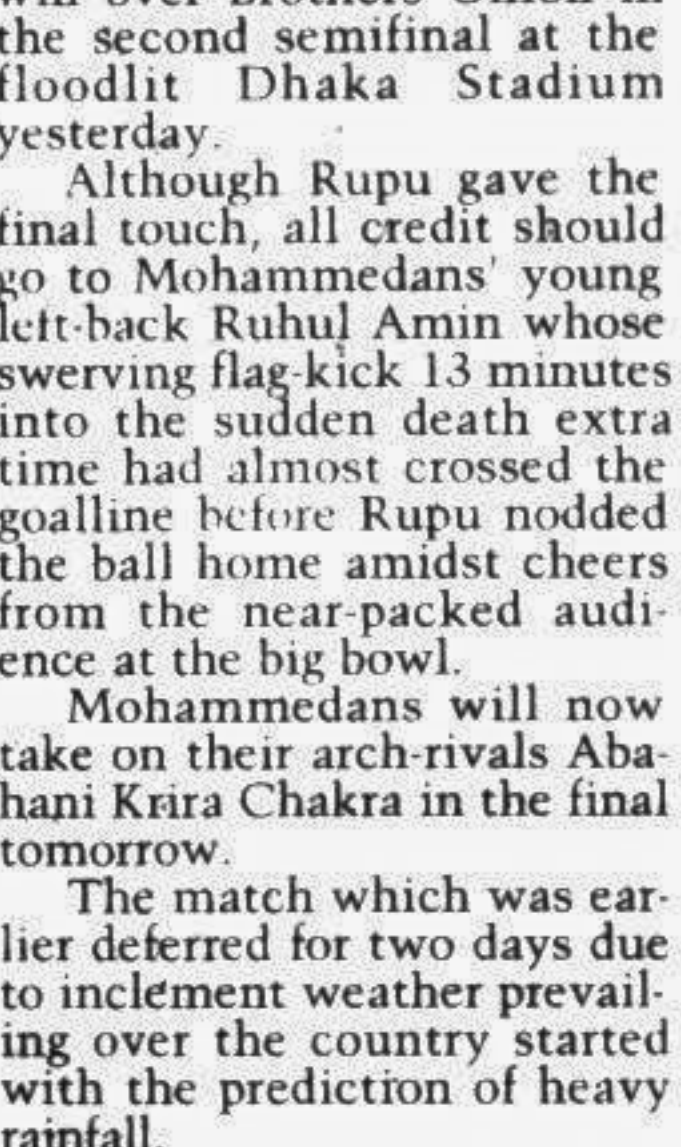
Sports Reporter
Substitute Sattayajit Das Rupu scored the second 'golden goal' in the Dhaka football to propel Mohammedan Sporting Club to the final of the Beximco 13th Federation Cup football tournament with a lone goal win over Brothers Union in the second semifinal at the floodlit Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Although Rupu gave the final touch, all credit should go to Mohammedans' young left-back Ruhul Amin whose swerving flag-kick 13 minutes into the sudden death extra time had almost crossed the goal line before Rupu nodded the ball home amidst cheers from the near-packed audience at the big bowl.

Mohammedans will now take on their arch-rivals Abahani Krira Chakra in the final tomorrow.

The match which was earlier deferred for two days due to inclement weather prevailing over the country started with the prediction of heavy rainfall.

However, on an ideal pitch Mohammedans, who possess the best midfield in the country comprising Arman, Alfaz and captain Manik, dominated the first half with waves of attacks.



SATTYAJIT DAS

Lacking a quality striker the black and whites were frustrated with the makeshift forward, Milon, who spoiled two easy chances in the first ten minutes shooting wide off the mark from close much to the dismay of his teammates.

The only threat in the first half came from Brothers as in the 13th minute when Mohammedan box shot out from only six yards.

Seven minutes later Chibuzor fired a thunderous 50-yard right-footer but was denied by the wood-work as the ball rebounded off the cross-piece.

On the otherhand, Mohammedans were off coloured despite fielding Ladi Baba Lola, one of the two African recruits of the black and whites, for the first time in the place of lackluster Milon and also brought on Rupu for Shahidul Islam Ranjan to accelerate the attack.

The play failed to inspire Mohammedans as they lost control of the midfield with Arman and Alfaz running listlessly.

While Ladi Baba who admittedly had an unimpressive debut, still was by far a better player than Milon exhibiting good ball control.

But after a disappointing second half Mohammedans came up firing all their four cylinders in the sudden death 30-minute extra time.

A new-look Mohammedan then went on random attacks and cornered their opponents into their own zone until the DMFA Cup champions got the much needed goal, a compliment from Ruhul Amin, who not only successfully thwarted any move of Brothers Union from the right, but also created several opening down the flanks with consummate ease.

Apart from Ruhul Amin, another Mohammedans' young central defender Monwar Hossain Munna played the sheet anchor role in the rear.

For Brothers, Bakhtiar was the lynchpin of every attack while in defence captain Pijush and Bishu along with custodian Kawar stood firm against any Mohammedan move.

Kawar's only flaw occurred when he failed to clear the Ruhul Amin flag-kick that cost his side dearly.

Yellow card: Ladi Baba (Mohammedan)

TEAMS
MOHAMMEDAN SC: Ponir, Alamgir, Kaiser Hamid, Ruhul Amin, Jewel Rana, Munna, Manik, Arman, Ranjan (Rupu), Alfaz, Milon (Ladi Baba).

BROTHERS UNION: Kawar, Pijush, Mizan, Bishu, Pappu, Amer Khan, Bakhtiar, Christopher, Bernard, Mintu (Swapan) and Chibuzor. Referee: M R Mukul.

Another Uzbek arrives for Abahani

Sports Reporter
Matbey Evgani Anatoliavich, another Uzbek booter of Abahani Krira Chakra arrived in the capital yesterday to play for the defending champions in the forthcoming Premier Division football league.

Matbey, who was earlier scheduled to accompany Vladimir to pay for the sky blues in the ongoing Federation Cup football tournament, will certainly miss the final as Abahani had not yet registered him with the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF).

The 25-year-old striker, who plays for Netchi Fergana in the domestic football league along with Vladimir, however, had his maiden practice session last evening.

With the inclusion of Matbey Abahani's collection of foreign recruits rose to three. They had earlier signed up Sergei and Vladimir, who are now playing in the Federation Cup.

The Dhanmondi outfit are now left with an option to have one more player to fulfil their quota of four foreign booters this season.

And a reliable source said that another Uzbek player currently engaged in the Hungarian league may join the team in the first week of next month.

BAF aquatic meet

Four more swimming events of the Bangladesh Air Force aquatic meet were decided at the Bangladesh Navy Central Swimming Pool yesterday, an ISPR press release said, reports BSS.

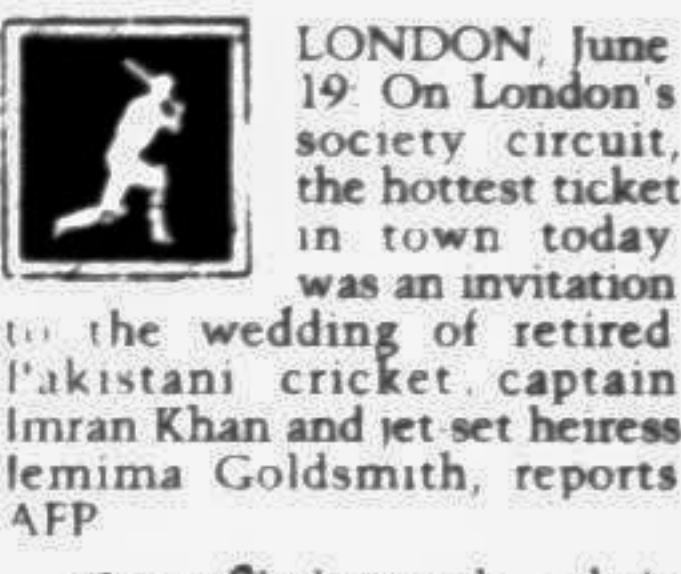
Tayab and flight sergeant Haroon, both from the BAF-Base Matiur Rahman, captured goldmedals in 100m freestyle and in 100m breaststroke respectively.

Corporal Zahed of BAF-Base Pahar Kanchanpur won gold in 200m butterfly and flight sergeant Shabbuddin of Air head-quarters unit bagged gold in 200m breaststroke.

In water polo, BAF-Base Matiur Rahman defeated BAF-Base Bashur by 7-5. In another match, BAF-Base Zahirul Haque beat BAF-Base Pahar Kanchanpur by 8-5.

Pakistan has selected just

Imran's London party today



IMRAN KHAN

LONDON, June 19: On London's society circuit, the hottest ticket in town today was an invitation to the wedding of retired Pakistani cricket captain Imran Khan and jet set heiress Jemima Goldsmith, reports AFP.

The unlikely couple — he's 42 and Muslim, she's 21, half-Jewish, half-Protestant, and has just converted to Islam — were wed in an Islamic ceremony in Paris last month.

They will repeat their vows in an austere state ceremony on Tuesday in the public registry office in the southwest London suburb of Richmond, to be followed by a lavish reception at the home of the bride's father, Franco-British industry magnate Sir James Goldsmith.

More than 150 guests are to dine in giant marquees on the lawns of Goldsmith's 1.5 million pound (2.5 million dollar) 18th century Ormely Lodge, to be followed by a midsummer ball featuring Welsh pop singer Shirley Bassey.

The guest list, a society who's who, includes Prince and Princess Michael of Kent, Princess Alexandra and husband Sir Angus Ogilvy, and Goldsmith's friend Lord White, whose daughter, Sita, is a former girl friend of Khan and the mother of his two-year-old child.

Sita White, 34, has been quoted in the press here as saying that when her affair with Imran was about to end, she had asked him to father her child.

Khan and Goldsmith met last November at Annabel's Nightclub here, named after her mother. After converting to Islam, she changed her name to Haiqa Khan.

News of the wedding stunned people both here and in Pakistan, where the ex-cricketer had been trying to shrug off his playboy image in favour of that of a devout Muslim with aspirations to a career in politics.

Jemima Goldsmith, pictured in the British press with cascading golden locks and plunging necklines, was considered unlikely to take to Islam's traditional role for women.

But she has said she was 'more than willing to forgo the transient pleasures derived for alcohol and nightclubs.'

'Of the traditional Islamic dress worn at the Paris ceremony, she said: 'I find the



HAIQA KHAN



shalwar kameez worn by most Pakistani women far more elegant and feminine than anything I have ever had in my wardrobe.

Dispute over WC venue



NEW DELHI, June 19: Three former Indian Test cricketers, angered by a controversy over the selection of venues for next year's World Cup, have threatened to resign from the tournament's technical committee, reports AFP.

Sunil Gavaskar, Kapil Dev and Srinivas Venkatraghvan have taken exception to criticism by cricket officials in northeast India for not clearing Guwahati as a venue for the mega-event.

The trio, along with another former star Ravi Shastri, were appointed by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) to inspect various venues in India bidding for a money-spinning World Cup match.

Shastri refused to clear the northeastern city of Guwahati, which has held a number of international matches in the past, citing lack of adequate facilities for the players and media at the Nehru Stadium there.

The Assam Cricket Association (ACA) lodged a written protest with the BCCI, saying Shastri's recommendations were "factually incorrect and politically motivated" and demanded that Guwahati be allotted a match.

Sources in the BCCI said today that Gavaskar and company have threatened to resign from the tournament's technical committee if the ACA did not tender a public apology for the outburst against Shastri.

Pakistan has selected just

seven venues for its 16 matches, Lahore's Gaddafi Stadium will host four matches including the final on March 17.

Karachi, Faisalabad and Rawalpindi have been given three matches each.

In Sri Lanka, Colombo will hold three matches and the tourist resort of Kandy one.

The 12 teams taking part in the World Cup have been divided into two groups for the preliminary league with the top four in each half advancing into the knock-out rounds.

Defending champions Pakistan, England, New Zealand, South Africa, the Netherlands and United Arab Emirates have been placed in Group B.

The other group consists of India, Australia, West Indies, Sri Lanka, Zimbabwe and Kenya.

"This is a serious matter and the board is very concerned," a source told AFP. "We have taken great care to select the venues so that the best facilities are provided for the players and the media."

India, which co-hosts the game's premier limited-over tournament with neighbouring Pakistan and Sri Lanka from February 14 to March 17 next year, has chosen 17 different venues for its matches.

These include Calcutta and Chandigarh for the semifinals, Madras and Bangalore for two quarter-finals and 13 other venues for matches in the preliminary league.

New Delhi and the eastern town of Cuttack, which were not originally cleared by the technical committee, were later awarded matches on the condition that they be organised directly by the BCCI instead of the local associations.

Windies run riot



CHESTER-LE-STREET, England, June 19: Four West Indians made their highest scores of the tour in England, with three completing centuries against Durham's threadbare attack on Sunday, reports Reuter.

West Indies amassed 462 for five off 95 overs and, in 10 overs, Durham moved to 31 for no wicket in their second innings, reducing the deficit to 67.

West Indies captain Richie Richardson, Sherwin Campbell and Courtney Browne all made hundreds but the most dazzling innings came from Brian Lara, who looked reluctant to depart after being given out lbw to Melvyn

Betts for 91, made off 90 balls with 16 fours.

It was his highest score of the tour but, after making a world record 501 not out against Durham last season, Lara was clearly hoping for many more and seemed to think he had edged the ball which dismissed him on his pad.

Lara put on 151 for the second-wicket with Campbell, who went on to complete a 135-ball century before sky-ing an attempted pull to give Betts another wicket.

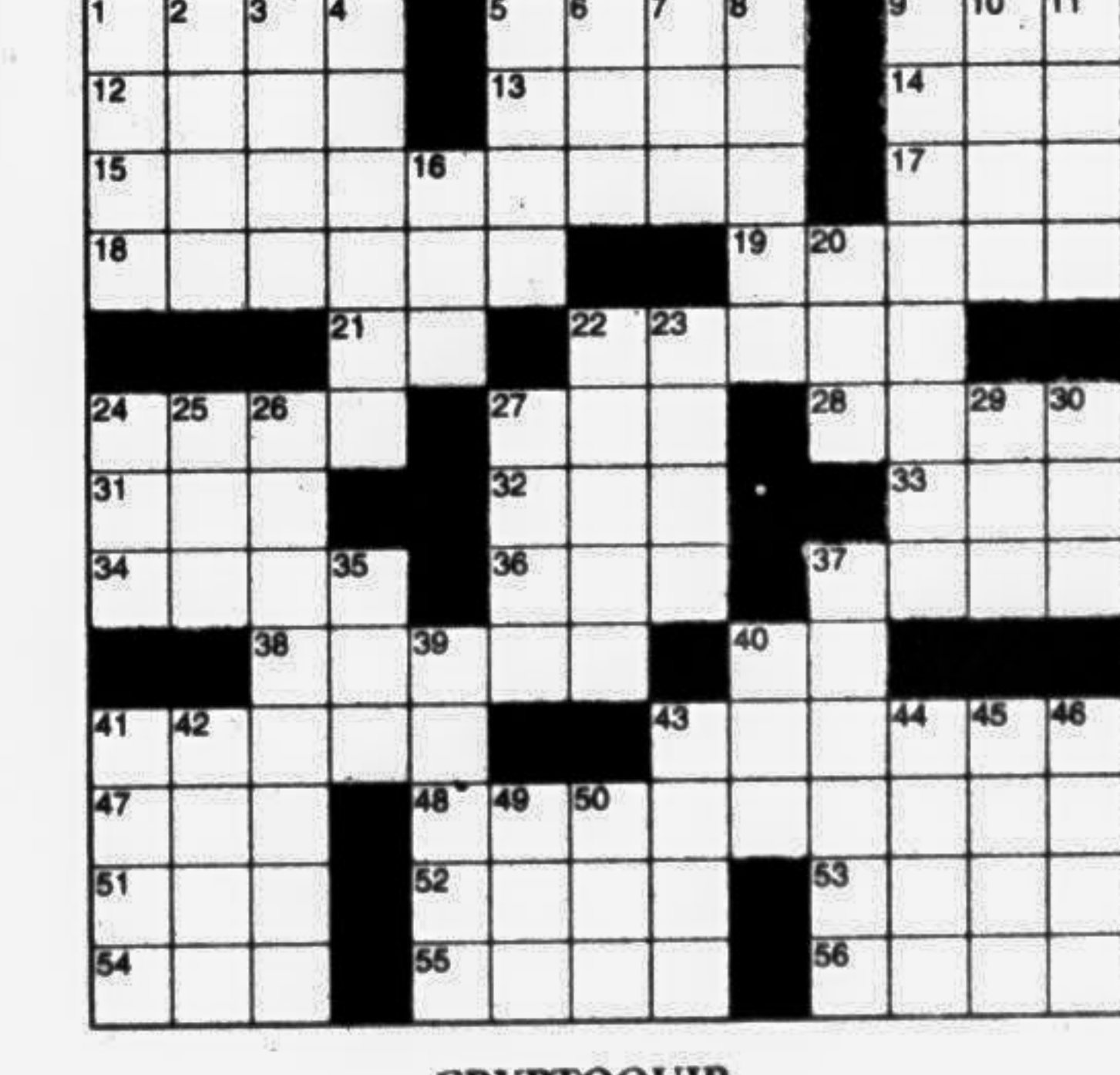
With Carl Hooper pulling to long leg to give paceman Neil Killen his maiden first-class wicket, the West-Indians slipped from 219 for one to 292 for five.



Brothers' Nigerian midfielder Christopher (R) staves off a challenge from Mohammedans tall defender Kaiser Hamid (middle) during their second semifinal of the Beximco 13th Federation Cup football tournament engagement at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. — Star photo.

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CRYPTOQUIP
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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: MY PLUMBER'S OBSTREPEROUS SON WAS ALWAYS GETTING INTO HOT WATER.

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.