



Abahani booters are lined up to pay attention to some wise words from their Russian coach Valari Boghdanov (second from R) at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday. Abahani will clash with Mohammedans in the Beximco 13th Federation Cup final today. The match kicks-off at 5.30 pm. — Star photo

## Giants' Fed Cup clash today



The Met office forecast a sunny afternoon but the football buffs in the country will be taken by the storm of a match when the two most crowd-pulling outfits - Mohammedan Sporting Club and Abahani Krira Chakra face each other in the final of the Beximco 13th Federation Cup football tournament at the Dhaka Stadium today.

The Dhaka derby kicks-off at 5.30 pm. Bangladesh Television and Radio Bangladesh will cover the match live from the venue.

Meanwhile, both sides are all set for their seventh final engagement in the meet with Mohammedans looking for their second successive title this year.

The black and whites, who had a disappointing season last year failing to win a single title, this time have produced the most balanced outfit and deservingly won the DMFA Cup, the season's curtain-raiser meet.

Their nine wins from nine matches this season including a 1-0 win over Abahani a reveals that without a doubt they are the most consistent team at the moment.

"We are the most consistent outfit. So our boys deserve to win the final" said an optimistic Badal Roy, the manager of Mohammedan Sporting Club, during a light practice session at a city ground last afternoon.

Badal Roy, who was also in charge last year, disclosed that all the players except Ranjan and Milton were fit and raring to go.

Ranjan is nursing a calf-muscle injury but is confident of baking his place in the final eleven while striker Milton, who twisted his left arm in Mohammedans semi-final engagements against Brothers Union, will be replaced by Lodhi Baba Lola, one of the two Nigerian recruits of Mohammedans.

Abu Yousuf, a former national defender and the chief coach of Mohammedans, while elaborating about the

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"Clash of the titans" explained that his team will rely on Arman, their midfield powerhouse.

Yousuf, who retired as a player last year, termed Arman as a potential match-winner. "He has the quality of keeping his cool in a nerve-wrecking situation and possesses the necessary firepower to turn the table at any moment."

"But my motto is not to play for a win only," said Yousuf and added that his boys will have a positive approach in the match.

On the other hand, Abahani will be looking for maiden title this season after failing to retain the DMFA Cup.

The new-look Abahani with at least eight youngsters in their ranks, will, however, bank on their two foreign recruits - Vladimir and Sergei.

"The two booters are very good players," said Mohammedan coach Abu Yousuf.

However, his Russian counterpart Boghdanov spoke little about the match but summed up with a very significant remark "Both are equally balanced and the chance is fifty fifty."

Because one can never predict the outcome of a match when the two giants of the country clash to uphold their prestige.

Meanwhile, the organisers Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) have made all necessary preparations for a smooth holding of the final.

Rate of tickets for the gallery has been fixed at Taka 30 while for the VIP enclosure it will be Taka 50 each. The tickets will be on sale from 2.30 pm and the gates will also open simultaneously.

## Reefat keeps on winning

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International Master (IM) Reefat bin Sattar maintained his solo lead with maximum points after the completion of round six of the 21st national championship at the chess room of the National Sports Council (NSC) yesterday.

Reefat overcame Sheikh Shahadat Hossain in 44 moves.

Khondakar Kayes Hassan who defeated Arman Monir in 46 moves, is lying in second position with five points.

Defending champion IM Ziaur Rahman and youngster Enamul Hossain Rajib both with 4.5 points were joint third in the table.

Ziaur beat Ziaul Qader while Rajib won against Saifuddin Labu.

In other matches: Abdulah Al Rakib of Narayanganj beat Khorshed Alam of Leonine Chess Club, Arifuzzaman Sikder of Ansars beat Ali Amjad Mintu of Bobby Fisher Chess Club, Ataur Rahman of Railways beat Sumon Malik of Jahangirnagar University and Rezaul Huq of Biman beat Teybur Rahman of Khulna University.

## Dhaka junior TT

Dhaka metropolis junior table tennis league began at the NSC wooden floor gymnasium yesterday, reports UNB.

Ten metropolitan teams are taking part in the single league basis competition organised by the Bangladesh Table Tennis Federation.

Five matches were decided on the opening day.

Wari Club beat Gulshan Club, Swamibagh TTS beat Cynthia Sporting, Armanitola Junior outplayed Udayachal Club, Victoria SC beat Swamibagh Boys Club, all by straight 3-0 sets, while Kalpataru Club beat Lalmatia Club 3-1.

### TODAY'S MATCHES

Armanitola Juniors vs Gulshan Club, Wari Club vs Udayachal Club, Kalpataru Club vs Cynthia Sporting, Swamibagh TTS vs Swamibagh Boys Club, and Victoria SC vs Lalmatia Club.

## Best woos Ince to stay

MANCHESTER, June 20: Manchester United legend George Best called on Paul Ince to reject Inter Milan and stay at Old Trafford on Monday, reports AFP.

England midfielder Ince is considering a seven million-pound (£11 million-dollar) move to Inter Milan after United gave the Italians permission to talks to the player.

Ince, who is said to have been stunned by the club's decision to let him go, is believed to have been offered a contract of around 25,000 pounds a week and flew to Milan last week with his wife to discuss terms.

But best, who played for United in the late 1960s and early 1970s, insisted: "I would stay. Look at the British players who have gone over there - very few have come out smelling of roses."

## Figo on a mission

MADRID, June 20: FC Barcelona signed star Portuguese striker Luis Figo on Tuesday as the first new team member hired to rebuild the traditional Spanish powerhouse, reports AP.

The 22-year-old midfielder from Sporting of Lisbon, one of Portugal's top First Division teams, is a bulky attacker who combines brute strength with nimble moves.

Barcelona hope he can restore the fortunes of a side that won four consecutive league titles until sputtering through most of this year to end in fourth place, nine points behind league champion Real Madrid.



Mohammedans' Nigerian coach Audu Kadiri Ikhana (L) makes a point to his boys during a light practice session at the Fazole Rabbi Hall ground yesterday. — Star photo

## Top guns in topsyturvy



LONDON, June 20: World number one Andre Agassi will play a qualifier to open his bid for a second Wimbledon singles title on Monday but could run into trouble in round three, reports Reuter.

The Flashy American, the 1992 champion who suffered a hip injury during the French Open, could face a testing third round match against a tall and dangerous compatriot, world number 25 David Wheaton, a Wimbledon semifinalist four years ago.

And if he survives that, he should come up against Ukrainian 15th seed Andrei Medvedev in the fourth round before a quarter-final against the survivor of a section that includes seventh-seeded Wayne Ferreira of South Africa and German ex-champion Michael Stich, seeded ninth.

Third-seeded Boris Becker of Germany could face a fourth-round battle against Swede Stefan Edberg, now the 13th seed after a disappointing year.

The two have won five Wimbledon singles titles between them, Becker winning three. They met in three successive finals from 1988 to 1990, the Swede winning two of them.

With Becker drawn to face Agassi in the last four, should they both get that far, the potential repeat of last year's final between holder Pete Sampras and Croatian Goran Ivanisevic would take place this time in the semifinals, they are seeded second and fourth respectively.

Becker's opening clash is against 1994 French finalist Alberto Berasategui of Spain, unseeded because he has no known form on grass.

Then he should face Swede Jan Apell better known as a doubles exponent.

Edberg, who seems to have been on a downward spiral this year, could find himself under pressure in a second-

round clash against 1987 champion Pat Cash of Australia.

Ivanisevic should progress smoothly through the early rounds but his first encounter with a seed is against the towering American Todd Martin in round four.

Martin, the 14th seed, has not shown the form lately that brought him the 1994 Queen's Club title and a semifinal place at Wimbledon. But he insisted last week he is getting close and if he finds it in time, Ivanisevic could face a premature exit.

The survivor of the section has a potential quarter-final against Yevgeny Kafelnikov of Russia, the sixth seed but not a noted grass-court player.

Sampras, chasing a third successive title, begins his quest against Karsten Braasch, a German ranked 119th in the world, and should progress smoothly to the last 16.

There he could face Frenchman Guy Forget, whom he beat on Sunday to win the Queen's Club title. Forget has reached the quarter-finals in his last three Wimbledon appearances over the past four years.

The other seeds in Sampras' quarter of the draw are Spain's 1993 and 1994 French Open champion Sergi Bruguera, at number eight, and Olympic champion March Rosset of Switzerland, who is 10th.

Women's top seed Steffi Graf, five times champion but ousted in the first round last year by American Lori McNeil, was given a glamorous first-round encounter with rising Swiss star Martina Hingis.

The 14-year-old Hingis can count herself hugely unlucky because at 19th in the world she only just missed out on a seeded place.

Another intriguing first-round clash brings together seventh-seeded Lindsay Davenport and fellow American Gigi Fernandez, who reached the semifinals unseeded last year.

## WI-Durham match drawn



CHESTER-LE-STREET, England, June 20: West Indies were reduced to four fit pace bowlers ahead of the second Test against England and their weakened attack was thwarted in a bid to beat Durham on Monday, reports Reuter.

Durham, 98 behind on first innings, slumped to 102 for six at one stage on the third and final day before staging such an effective fightback that they finished 259 all out.

West Indies needed 162 to win in 21 overs but, with eight overs lost to rain, the touring team ended on 16 for one and the match was drawn.

However, the result was of less concern than the hamstring and knee injuries which prevented paceman Winston Benjamin from taking the field on the last day.

With Kenny Benjamin already doubtful for the

second Test starting at Lord's on Thursday because of a side strain, West Indies have only four of their six pace bowlers fit - Curtly Ambrose and Courtney Walsh, who did not play at Durham, Ian Bishop and Ottis Gibson.

All-rounder Gibson, who appears to have a good chance of making his Test debut at Lord's, took four for 64 in Durham's second innings. He and Bishop reduced the country from their overnight 31 for no wicket to 38 for four.

Wicketkeeper Courtney Browne held two excellent catches to contribute to the slide which was stopped initially by David Ligertwood with a stubborn 38.

As conditions eased in the afternoon sunshine, off-spinner James Bowling more than doubled his previous first class best score of 34 not out, made for his previous county Surrey against Durham two years ago.



Scene from one of yesterday's matches during the sixth round of the 21st national championship at the NSC chess room. — Star photo

## Italy beat Switzerland

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, June 20: Striker Pierluigi Casiraghi thrust Italy to a 1-0 win over a Swiss side reduced to 10 men for the last 20 minutes of their triangular tournament match on Monday, reports Reuter.

Casiraghi's winner came in the 55th minute of the opening game in the competition, marking the Swiss Football Association centenary and also involving Germany.

Switzerland were depleted when captain Alain Geier was sent off in the 70th minute for a professional foul, bringing down Dino Baggio, who had a clear chance to score.

The World Cup finalists found it hard going against a tight Swiss defence and most of the early action remained largely in midfield.

In the 17th minute Sebastian Fournier drove just wide after a good defencesplitting move with Kubilay Turkerilmaz and two minutes later Swiss goalkeeper Marco Pascolo was forced to dive low to his right to stop a sharp drive from Giuseppe Signori.

Eight minutes into the second half Ciri Storza could have put the Swiss ahead when he was sent clear by Fournier but he shot wide.

Baggio, who came on after the interval, put new life into an Italian attack which lacked punch and his arrival to responding cheers acted like a tonic.

Pascolo failed to get his hands cleanly on a high cross 10 minutes into the second half and could only deflect the ball to the waiting Casiraghi, who slammed it home.

Down to 10 men after Geiger's dismissal, the Swiss defended stubbornly and Pascolo twice saved brilliantly.

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## Euro transfer case opens

LUXEMBOURG, June 20: One of soccer's foot soldiers Tuesday asked the European Union's highest court to rid the game of the current transfer system and break the hold of clubs over players, reports AP.

If Belgian Jean-Marc Bosman wins his case before the European Court of Justice here, clubs will no longer be able to claim transfer fees when contracts expire and must allow players to freely market their talents around the 15-nation EU.

"If there is no more transfer system, salaries can only rise" because some of the fees passed between club owners would end up in the pockets of players, Bosman said in an interview with The Associated Press on Tuesday.

But in a hearing Tuesday, the European soccer, federation UEFA claimed that such a move would have dramatic consequences for the game, driving many small clubs to bankruptcy and letting a few clubs monopolise the best players.

"For hundreds of clubs the transfer system is the cornerstone of their financial situation," lawyer Ian Forrester, who represented UEFA, told the judge.

## Asian b'ball results

SEOUL, June 20: Japan trounced Indonesia 95-39 for their third straight win at the Asian Basketball Championships that took them closer to a place in the finals of the Olympic qualifying event, reports AFP.

Japan led Indonesia 54-16 at the break and the win consolidated their lead at the top of Group C.

Hosts South Korea also recorded their third win in Group B, downing the Philippines 98-76.

In Group A, Kuwait scored its first 71-58 over Jordan.

Results:  
 Japan bt Indonesia 95-39 (54-16)  
 South Korea bt Philippines 98-76 (46-38)  
 Kuwait bt Jordan 71-58 (34-31)  
 Iran bt Thailand 95-58 (56-24)  
 Saudi Arabia bt Hong Kong 87-60 (57-24)

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