Lifebuoy First Division football league Dhanmondi Club vs Badda

Jagoroni (4:30 pm, Mirpur Stadium) Bangladesh Boys vs Eskaton Shabuj Sangha (6:30 pm, Mirpur Sta-

Pioneer Football league West Zone, Ka Group K.R Boys SC vs Kendriyo Kishore Kafela (2:30 pm, Rajuk Ground) Badsha Smriti Sangshad vs Azimpur Kishore Sangha (4:30 pm, Rajuk

Ground). West Zone, Kha Group Swadesh Samaj Kalyan Sangha vs Dogair Chan Tara Club (4:00 pm, Dhanmondi Club Ground)

NBL, volleyball league: Matches begin from 4:00 pm at

the volleyball court. Yousuf top seed

for Asian snooker

The draw for the week-long 12th Nescafe Asian snooker championship beginning in Bangkok on August 6 was held there on July 6, according to press release in Dhaka yesterday, re-

ports BSS.

Reigning world amateur champion Mohammed Yousuf of Pakistan got the top slot for the meet and Hong Kong veteran Franky Chan was seeded second, Thai national champion Sakchai Simnagam was ranked

Malaysian national champion Yong Kien Foot and Filipino Marlon Manalo have been seeded fourth and fifth respectively considering their performances in the last year's Asian Championship here. Thirty players from 14 countries

will participate in the tournament. Besides hosts Thailand, players from Bangladesh, Malaysia, India, Pakistan, Singapore, the Philippines, Hong Kong, China, Sri Lanka, United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Brunei and Indonesia will take part.

NBL v'ball results Sports Reporter

Last year's runners-up Power Development Board (PDB) earned their fifth successive win when they comfortably beat Chand Textile in the NBL First Division volleyball league a the court adjacent to the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

PDB secured a facile 15-1, 15-2, 15-6 win. Meanwhile, East End Boys de-

feated Dhaka Shabuj 15-10, 15-6, 11-15, 15-11, while Bangladesh Police outplayed Sonali Bank 15-8, 9-15, 15-

n other matches, Fire Service East End Club 15-12, 15-1, 15-6 d Bangladesh Bank Club defeated Madertek 15-2, 15-3, 15-4. In the day's last match, Wari

bounced back in the last set to prevail over Azad SC 4-15, 15-10, 15-11, 9-15, 15-7.

Earlier, in the Second Division league, Victoria SC won over Srijani Sangsad 15-1, 15-4, 15-6, while Partners Club defeated Shantibagh 15-13, 15-5, 15-3.

Pioneer football

Sports Reporter

Rainbow AC defeated Rising SC in the inaugural Pioneer Division football match by a lone goal at the Rajuk ground adjacent to the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Abul Hossain scored the match winner in the 59th minute.

Seventy seven teams, split into five zones will take part in the league. **Earlier State Minister for Indus**tries Lutfur Rahman Khan inaugurated the league.

Among others M Azizul Haque, President of the Dhaka Metropolise Football Association (DMFA), was present during the ceremony.

Faruq Cup football

Monsur Sporting Club (Junior) emerged champions of the third Faruq Cup football tournament defeating Sharai Ekota Sangha 3-2 at Sharai ground at Demra here yester-

day, reports UNB. Wahid scored thrice for the winners while Monir scored two goals for

the vanquished. Ex-Marseille coach's version

MARSEILLE, July 8: An ex-coach for Olympique Marseille says the scandal-tainted soccer club spent up to six million francs (1.2 million dol lars) annually to throw matches and buy off referees, a newspaper reported Saturday, reports AP.

Jean-Pierre Bernes, fined and given a suspended sentence in May for a match-fixing scandal, also pointed a finger again at the team's former owner and leftist lawmaker

Bernard Tapie. "It's Bernard Tapie who decided which match to buy," Bernes said in testimony June 30 to an investigative judge, the Marseille daily Le Provencal

The probe focuses on the finances of Marseille, who were placed in receivership in April after the former European champion team ran out of money to pay its players and 240 million francs (48 million dollars)

in debt. "Every year, four to five matches in the championship were the object of illegal dealings," Le Provencal re-

ported, citing Bernes. Bernes said the club "each year invested five million to six million francs (one million to 1.2 million dollars) to buy off opposing players and international referees," the newspaper quoted him as saying.

MSC maintain clean slate

Sports Reporter

otball league thrashing Agrani Bank 3

0 in one of the two matches billed for

and midfielder Alfaz blasted the third

for Mohammedans, who after a dis-

appointing performance last season

year's conquerors would obviously

boost the Mohammedans morale,

both the DMFA Cup and the Federa-

tion Cup in their enviable campaign.

serving a two-match ban, was not at

their best but enjoyed a clear domi-

nance against the bankers. Last year,

Agrani turned the tables on their awe-

inspiring opponents by winning the

26th minute before Milon broke the

lead lock shooting from close after

Mohammedans had to wait till the

first phase engagement 2-1.

Striker Milon scored two goals

the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

twelve this year.

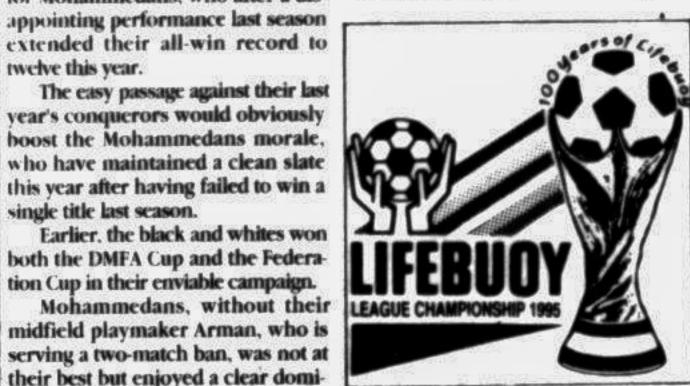
single title last season.

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> nored the linesmen's signal for an off Seven minutes later Mohammedans put to rest any contro-

protested because the referee had ig-

versy when Alfaz scored the third goal



from a planned attack. It matured through the left flank and Lodhi Baba, the gradually improving Nigerian midfielder, after receiving a pass from Ranjan dodged past one Agrani Bank defender with sheer brilliance

in the forbidden zone twelve minutes

from the final whistle. The neatly taken spot-kick by substitute Nayan was brilliantly saved by a diving Mohammedans custodian Ponir, who returned to action vesterday after being sidelined in the pre-

vious match due to injury. The win left Mohammedans with full six points from their two league engagements. They had earlier earned a squeaky lone goal win over Farash-

ganj in the inaugural match. On the other hand with this defeat Agrani Bank, who held Brothers Union to a goalless draw in their previous match, remained stuck to their one point tally on completion of their second league match.

TAME DRAW

Meanwhile, in the day's first match promotees Farashgani and traditional 'giant-killer' Wari Club shared honours in a goalless draw.

With this draw Wari raised their collection to two from as many matches while Farashgani, who lost to the defending champions Abahani Krira Chakra in their opening match by a lone goal, earned their first point after their second league engage-

> BIMA WIN Away at the Mirpur Stadium Sad-



BALANCING ACT: Mohammedan's Nigerian midfielder, Lodhi Baba (19) tip toes to avert hurting Agrani Bank's custodian Manu who has the ball firmly cradled in yesterday's Premier football league. Manu later failed on three occasion at the Dhaka Stadium. - Star photo

an intelligent back header from the Nigerian recruit Lodhi Baba.

Milon, the highest individual scorer of the First Division football league last year for Rahmatgani, cele-

brated his second goal of the evening

in the 59th minute. The agile but a raw

forward latching on a Manik through

before setting up an onrushing Alfaz to bang into the opponent's net. However, Agrani Bank got a

golden chance of reducing the margin when Sheikh Badruddin, the man in black, awarded them a penalty after Mohammedans defender Munna fouled a menacingly poised Jahangir league when they blanked Shantinagar After a barren first half Ershadul

haran Bima celebrated their first win

in the Lifebuoy First Division football

Huq and Sajedul Karim notched up one goal apiece for the winners.

Ronaldao rescues Brazil



RIVERA, Uruguay, July 8: Brazil gained one of their luckiest victories in recent times when they beat Ecuador 1-0 in

their opening Copa America game on Friday, reports Reuter. Brazil needed a 74th-minute goal,

headed in by defender Ronaldao at the far post from a corner, to finally break down Ecuador's well-organised defence in a first-round Group B

have not come as close to defeat since they were beaten by Germany in November 1993, 21 games ago.

Ecuador had created enough chances to have won the game before Ronaldao, who ironically had performed dreadfully in defence, struck.

The goal came almost immediately after Ecuador defender Juan Gunman had been sent off by Argentine referee Javier Castrilli, known as "lawman" back home for his tough approach. Brazil striker Edmundo "the ani-

mal" missed a penalty six minutes after the goal, his effort being superbly saved by Carlos Morales, who made two more outstanding saves in

the dving minutes.

"The animal," who was far from his best, spent most of the second half complaining to his teammates and the more he complained, the less they passed him the ball.

Midfielder Juninho and full-back Roberto Carlos were Brazil's most dangerous players. Flamengo striker Savio also livened up the Brazil attack after coming on for Tulio in the second half.

But for most of the game, Ecuador coach, Francisco Maturana The world champions appeared to have outwitted his Brazilian counterpart Mario Zagalo.

"I didn't see any defects. We didn't concede a goal, we attacked a lot, we did enough and we began the competition with a win," said Zagalo.

Brazil were caught up in Ecuador's defensive web, with Maximo Tenorio keeping Edmundo safely under

Brazil midfielder Juninho hit the Ecuador crossbar early on but Ecuador, who broke out of the defence quickly when they had the ball, replied with two dangerous attacks of their own.

Striker Educardo Hurtado picked up a terrible pass by Ronaldao, closed in on the Brazil goal but saw his shot saved by Dida. Shortly afterwards,



Sonali Bank spiker successfully smashes in yesterday's NBL volleyball league against Bangladesh Police at the - Star photo volleyball court.

Alex Aguinaga latched onto a poor clearance by Aldair and fired the ball narrowly over Dida's goal.

Hurtado missed another excellent chance early in the second half after being set up by a lucid pass from Aguinaga. Shortly afterwards, Hurtado was close with a dipping shot.

Special Olympics Nepal lift soccer bronze

NEW HAVEN, Connecticut, July 8: Nepal's Special Olympics soccer team accepted bronze despite the loss of a teammate, who was feared

drowned, reports AP. During the ceremony late Friday five team members bowed their heads as the medals were placed around their necks. Then they held hands and raised their arms in tri-

Teammate Ramesh Mali disap peared off the Connecticut coast on Thursday while swimming with his friends.

Hours before the medal cere mony, the team took to the field a final time, determined to go on with a match against the Ivory Coast, They played poorly but were cheered

Former Gov Lowell P Weicker. chairman of the Special Olympic World Games, was on the sidelines to give his support. So were members of the Utah soccer team, who had lost to Nepal two days earlier.

'They've got a tough opponent buy they're playing gamely, and the fact that they're playing at all is a testament to their courage," Weicker The game started with a long

moment of silence in honour of Mali. His teammates bowed their heads and shut their eyes tightly. Mali's name was still on their roster Friday.

Even with some deft passing by the team in purple and white and cheers from a small but devoted group of fans, Nepal was unable to score. They lost 6-0 to the Ivory

After a long meeting Thursday night with Timothy Shriver, the president of the 1995 Special Olympic World Games, the team decided to continue to compete. The Nepalese were escorted to the field Friday by police and about a dozen Olympic organizers, who guarded them heavily and declined requests from reporters for interviews with the team and

The US soccer team from Utah, which had lost to Nepal 3-1, came to give their former rivals moral support. 'I sat my boys down this morning

and we talked about what happened," said Utah coach James Bradshaw. "We decided then and there we would come out and cheer for them."

Uneasy calm in Judo Fed

Sports Reporter

Posters demanding the resignation of the president and others of the Bangladesh Judo and Karate Fedcration indicated that all was not well for the martial artists. On enquiry, i was learnt from a reliable source tha three members have resigned from the federation. The cause of severing their ties was their dissatisfaction with the running of the federation.

Since the last SAF Games in Dhaka in December 1993, the federation held only the National Championships of judo and karate.

According to inside sources, the Metropolis Judo and Karate Sangstha had to serve a legal notice on the federation before being able to hold their metropolis competition in October, 1994.

Bangladesh did pretty well in the event during the Dhaka SAF Games. winning four silvers and five bronzes. According to persons close to the federation, the quibbling among the officials was triggered off by the fact that Bangladesh failed to earn a gold in the last Games. Federation highups were certain of fetching at least one gold and the training programme was entrusted to officials who re portedly gave them goldish assur ances.

DC Gold Cup soccer

Savar Thana Krira Sangstha linched the title of the Deputy Commissioner Gold Cup football tournament beating Nawabganj Thana Krira Sangstha by a solitary goal in the final at Dhamrai on Friday reports BSS. State Minister for Textiles Abdul

Mannan witnessed the final as the chief guest and gave away the tro-

Dutch end decades of drought

AACHEN, Netherlands, July 8: Willy van der Kerkhof gave the Netherlands some measure of revenge two decades late Friday, scoring in the 83rd minute to lift the Dutch to a 2-1 victory over Germany in a oldtimers rematch of the 1974 World Cup final, reports AP.

A crowd of 12,000 watched six of their starting heroes from the 1974 Dutch squad — including Johan Neeskens and Arie Haan - avenge their 2-1 loss in Munich's Olympic Stadium 21 years later to the day. Rinus Michels even resumed his place on the Dutch sideline as the Netherlands'

His counterpart, Helmut Schoen, could not attend because of illness and was replaced by Frankfurt manager Jupp Heynckes.

Nine of the starting 11 from the German world champion team returned, including captain Franz Beckenbauer, Berti Vogts, Gerd Muller, Wolfgang Overath and Sepp Maier. Only Paul Breitner and Georg Schwarzenbeck were missing.

Wim Wininstekers, who did not play in the 1974 final, put the Dutch ahead in the 21st minute, a lead that held until Rainer Bohnhof, Vogts' assistant coach on the German national team and head coach of their Olympic squad, drew Germany even in the 62nd.

That set up Van de Kerkhof for his game-winning heroics with seven minutes remaining.

Besides being the 21st anniversary of one of the most memorable finals in World Cup history, Friday's game also served as a symbol of a new cooperation agreement between the German and Dutch federations, formalized in a deal announced Thurs-

day. The pact supposedly will improve relations between the two long-time soccer rivals, and also included the announcement of an April 26, 1996 friendly in Rotterdam between the two national teams.



West Indian fast bowler Courtney Walsh leaves England's skipper Mike Atherton in a lurch with his middle stump uprooted with an immaculate swinging delivery during the third day proceedings of their 3rd Test at Edgbaston on July 7. Walsh blaze with a devastating spell of five for 45 in England's second innings.

Windies work a three-day wonder

Walsh wags in time



BIRMINGHAM, July Test starting at Old Trafford on July 8: England were routed by an innings and 64 runs on the third morning of the third Test at Edgbaston today. West Indies wrapping up

Resuming on 59 for three, England were all out for 89 with opener Alec Stewart unable to bat because of a badly bruised right index finger.

Courtney Walsh was the destroyer-in-chief, taking four of the six wickets to fall to finish with five for

from Ian Bishop who took four for 29 as West Indies bounced back from their defeat in the second Test at Lord's to take a 2-1 lead in the sixmatch series. A full-house Edgbaston crowd of

He received excellent support

nearly 20,000 saw just 86 deliveries and a chant of "what a load of rubbish" rang in the defeated England team's ears as the final wicket fell. The chanting continued during the presentation ceremony. It was England's first home defeat inside three days since the West

Indies won by an innings and 40 runs at Old Trafford in 1966. The only times England have scored fewer runs against the West Indies were 71 al out in Manchester in 1976 and an em barrassing 46 in Trinidad last year. The win also revived the West Indies morale who had been battered

by the second Test loss, an innings defeat by county team Sussex last week and internal discipline prob-"The pitch was diabolical. It's difficult to play bowlers who are six feet six, six feet eight, banging it in

the middle of the pitch not knowing if it's coming stump height or chin height," Atherton said. "The pitch was totally unsuited to our attack. We've got to get the

groundsmen to prepare suitable pitches for Test match cricket. "Obviously when you're playing at home you ask the groundsman to help

you out - that's the point of having home ground advantage." After the match West Indies skipper Richie Richardson, who has been under pressure following the second Test defeat, was quick to

praise Walsh and Bishop. With Curtly Ambrose injured early in the match there was a lot of pressure on them but they bowled superbly. I would not have liked to have

batted against them," he said. Richardson said he thought Ambrose would be fit for the fourth England hopes that overnight pair

Robin Smith and Dominic Cork would provide solid resistance were shattered after only five balls. Cork played at a wide ball from

Walsh and presented substitute Stuart Williams, fielding for the injured Ambrose, with a straightforward catch at third slip. Worse was to follow. In Walsh's

second over Peter Martin and Jason Gallian fell without scoring, leaving England a pathetic 63 for six and Walsh with three wickets in eight Martin was leg before to a ball

wicket second ball to complete a miserable Test debut. Smith stood firm amid the carnage but twice needed treatment after being struck a painful blow on the elbow by Bishop.

which kept low and Gallian, coming in

with a hairline fracture of a finger on

his right hand, was caught behind the

Darren Gough at least showed some defiance as he hooked Bishop for six to great cheers from the dispirited crowd. But he soon became another

Walsh victim. A vicious lifting deliv-

ery had Gough desperately fending the ball away from his face and he was caught in the gully. To Walsh's chagrin it was ruled a no-ball. But it was a momentary reprieve for the Yorkshireman. He steered the next ball to the same po-

sition where this time Sherwin

Campbell took a legitimate catch. His dismissal for 12 left England all but counted out on 88 for seven. Smith's brave two-and-a-half hour innings of 41 was then finished by an inside edge on to his stumps as he tried to take his bat away from a Bishop

Richard Illingworth needed treatment after being hit on the left hand by another Bishop lifter - and was out next ball.

He edged to Carl Hooper at second slip and with Stewart's finger injury preventing him from batting the match was over. Sherwin Campbell was named

the top score of the match. SCOREBOARD

man-of-the-match by former England

captain David Gower for his fine 79,

Scoreboard on the third day of the third cricket Test between England and West Indies at Edgbaston today:

ENGLAND: First innings 147 (I Bishop 3-18, C Walsh 3-54) WEST INDIES: First innings 300 (S. Campbell 79: D Cork 4-69)

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R Illingworth c Hooper b Bishop

Did not bat: A Stewart

(overnight 59-3)

A Fraser not out

Extras: (nb-12)

Total

Fall of wickets: 1-17; 2-20; 3-26; 4-61; 5-62; 6-63; 7-88; 8-88; 9-89. Bowling:

Bishop Benjamin **Result: West Indies won** by an innings and 64 runs.

First Test (Headingley): West Indies won by nine wickets. Second Test (Lord's): England won by 72 runs.

Fourth Test : Old Trafford (July 27-31). Fifth Test: Trent Bridge (August 10-14). Sixth Test: The Oval

(August 24-28).

Cairns completes Sussex's

annihilation LONDON, July 8: New Zealander Chris Cairns completed his demolition of Sussex on Friday by claiming seven for 36 in the second innings as Nottinghamshire raced to a 10wicket county championship win inside two days at Arundel, reports

hosts, who beat the West Indies earlier this week, were skittled out for 149 leaving Notts just 29 for victory. After career-best figures of 8-47 on the opening day, Cairns again put the skids under Sussex by producing

Paceman Cairns finished with su-

perb match figures of 15 for 83 as the

an opening spell of three for 19 in 10 overs, quickly removing openers Bill Athey and Keith Newll before bowling skipper Alan Wells for only two. Former Nottinghamshire allrounder Franklyn Stephenson and Keith Greenfield showed some defi-

of 63. But Cairns' return signalled the end as he grabbed four of the last five wickets for 17 funs in eight overs.

ance by sharing a fifth-wicket stand

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Saturday's Cryptoquip: A GIDDY FISHING EN-THUSIAST IS CALLED A FINATIC. Today's Cryptoquip clue: A equals C The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one

locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

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 "Message From -

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