



Arambagh custodian Shimul thwarts a Mohammedan attack during the Lifebuoy Premier Division Football league engagement at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. Arambagh held Mohammedan to a goalless draw. — Star photo

BU end drought

Sports Reporter

After two successive draws Brothers Union finally ended their barren spell when they beat Wari Club 3-1 in the first match of the Lifebuoy Premier Division football league at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

The winners led the first half 2-0. Aamer Khan, the shaven-headed forward of Brothers Union put his side into the lead in the 26th minute nodding home a high ball from medio Dox, who doubled the margin in the 33rd minute with a neat placing shot after being fed by Bakhtiar in the box.

Wari threatened to bounce back into the game when their substitute Babuzzaman pulled one goal back heading home a rebounder seven minutes into the second half.

But Dox ensured Brothers Union a comfortable win when he scored his second goal in the match with a right footer in the 72nd minute.

With this win Brothers Union collected five points from three matches while it was Wari's first defeat after two successive draws to remain stuck to their previous collection of two points after three matches.

BINA'S SECOND WIN
At the Mirpur Stadium, Sadharan Bina recorded a comfortable 3-1 win over Dhanmondi Club in the long Lifebuoy First Division football league match.

Ersahdul, Shabbir and Anwar scored one goal apiece for the winners while Shahid struck the consolation goal for Dhanmondi four minutes from the final whistle.

Pioneer soccer

Sports Reporter

Surya Sheha Sporting Club defeated Lalbagh Krira Chakra by a lone goal in one of the four Pioneer Division football league matches while the other three matches ended in a draw at different city venues yesterday.

At the Dhanmondi Club ground Abdul Latif scored the all-important goal in the 43rd minute for Surya Sheha.

The match between Swadesh Samaj Kalyan Sangha and Azimur Herces Club ended in a goalless draw at the same venue.

Meanwhile, both the encounters at the Rajuk ground adjacent to the Dhaka Stadium produced a 1-1 draw.

Eddy Baggio ala Roberto

PRATO, Italy, July 12: Eddy Baggio is following in the footsteps of brother Roberto, who recently left Juventus after they offered to renew his contract for less money, by arguing over financial terms with Italian club Prato, reports Reuter.

Eddy, 21, ended last season with northern Italy team Palazzuolo and was set to join fellow Third Division club Prato next season.

But he said on Tuesday he had not signed a contract because he and the club disagreed on financial details.

MSC follow Abahani's suit

Sports Reporter



Title aspirants Mohammedan Sporting Club followed the pedestrian way of their arch-rivals Abahani Krira Chakra when a spirited Arambagh Krira Sangha held them to a goalless draw in one of the two Lifebuoy Premier Division football league matches at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

In an unprecedented topsy-turvy turn at the early stage of the league Mohammedans were the last cropper among the top guns after Brothers Union, Muktiyoddha and defending champions Abahani Krira Chakra.

Brothers Union fumbled in their inaugural match against the last night's heart-wrecker of Mohammedan Sporting Club, Muktiyoddha, the last year's runners-up, after a resounding start collapsed in their second match against Fakirpur Club, who also held Abahani for their second successive draw 48 hours ahead of yet another debacle.

The outcome of yesterday's second match now left Mohammedan, Abahani and Muktiyoddha to share the lead with seven points each on completion of their three league engagements.

But Arambagh's creditable draw was something special as they ended Mohammedans' all-win record this season.

Mohammedans had earlier won all of their 12 matches this season. However, in the day's match, Mohammedans were literally lethargic against a lively display of their neighbours.

Specially their midfield were totally off-coloured even after the presence of Arman, who was a pale shadow of his former self.

The mercurial winger, who appeared for the first time in this year's league after serving a two-match ban, miserably failed to make any impact in the match.

Among the other players Altaz and Jewel Rana ran behind the ball listlessly while Rajan continued his poor marksmanship in the upfront.

On the other hand, Arambagh, who not only successfully thwarted any Mohammedan attacks but also scared their illustrated opponents on numerous occasions.

Their custodian Shimul, obviously the unofficial man-of-the-match, stood firmly under the cross-piece making some spectacular saves.

While in the upfront Shoab remained a constant threat with his sudden burst of speed down the flank.

Six minutes later Shimul again rescued his side when he tipped a Kaiser free-kick over the cross-piece. And from the resultant flag-kick Lodhi Baba was denied by the wood-work as his spectacular header rebounded off the cross-bar.

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tall defender Kaiser Hamid fell on the ground quite intentionally.

R Alam became so incorrigible that at one stage the aggrieved Arambagh players found no other way but crowded him protesting his apparently dubious role.

However, in an enterprising encounter with forays and counter forays Mohammedans got two easy chances in the first half.

In the fourth minute Lodhi Baba headed a Ruhul Amin left-flank cross over the bar while in the 26th minute Ranjan's left-foot volley from close went wide off the mark.

Fifteen minutes into the second half Arman fired a volley from inside the box which was saved by an airborne Arambagh custodian Shimul for a corner.

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Sufia shines in Germany

National athletics coach and former fastest woman of Bangladesh Sufia Khatun performed impressively during an athletics meet for 40-50-year-olds in Mainz, Germany recently, reports BSS.

According to a message received in the city yesterday, Sufia finished first in the long jump and second in both the 75 and 200-metre sprints.

Lotus-Kamal cricket results

Adarsha Kishore Sangha, Shahidbagh Cricket Club and BHB Cricket Club won their respective qualifying round matches of the Lotus-Kamal Second Division cricket league at the city's different venues yesterday, reports UNB.

Adarsha Kishore Sangha registered a nine-run victory over Mirpur Young Star Club at the Jagannath Hall ground, Shahidbagh CC earned a 23-run win over Poolpar Youth Club at the City Club ground while BHB Cricket Club defeated Kagojitola Social Club at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

BRIEF SCORES
Adarsha KS — 119 for 9 in 30 overs. Salimullah 34, Liton not out 32, Masud 15, extras 14; Rony 3/37 and Rownak 2/22.

Mirpur Young Star — 110 all out in 29.3 overs. Rahman 24, Sirajee 20, Anwar 16, Tariq 15, extras 18; Masud 2/13, Liton 2/17 and Pinto 2/33.

Shahidbagh CC — 128 for 6 in 25 overs. Salim 66, Shahnewaj 21, extras 18; Khokon 2/9.

Poolpar Youth Club — 105 for 9 in 25 overs. Nadim 19, Tuku not out 15, Bappi 14, Khokon 10, extras 12; Hossain 3/25.

BHB Cricket Club — 105 for 7 in 25 overs. Shubro 35, Shovon not out 33 and Riad 16.

Kagojitola SC — 75 all out in 21.5 overs. Rose 15, Appolo 13, extras 21; Ujjal 2/6 and Riad 2/13.

Kiwis' WI tour itinerary
BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, July 12: Only two Test cricket matches have been set between West Indies and New Zealand next year, reports AFP.

The itinerary, released by the West Indies Cricket Board of Control, showed that apart from the two Tests, five one-day internationals and two first-class matches will be contested on the six-week tour.

The Tests will be played at Kensington Oval here in Barbados, from April 19 to 24, and at the Recreation Ground in Antigua, from April 27 to May 2.

The New Zealanders open the tour with a one-day practice match at Jamaica's Sabina Park against Jamaica on March 23, three days before the first one-day international at the same venue.

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Soccercide
PAYSANDU, Uruguay, July 12: One man was stabbed to death and dozens injured in fighting between rival Argentine fans at a Copa America soccer match here on Tuesday, police said, reports AFP.

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Argentina amerce Chile



PAYSANDU, Uruguay, July 12: Two-time defending champions Argentina blanked Chile 4-0 Tuesday to qualify for the quarter-finals of the Copa America, and Bolivia revived hopes of qualifying by shutting out the United States 1-0, reports AP.

International stars Gabriel Batistuta, Abel Balbo and Diego Simeone paced Argentina's victory. Argentina, with superb passing in the midfield outplayed Chile at will.

Argentina lead Group C in the first phase of the tourney with six points, followed by Bolivia and the United States with three each and Chile none.

Batistuta caught a pass by Ariel Ortega to open the scoring in the 2nd minute. Five minutes later, Simeone raised it to 2-0 with a violent shot after receiving from Balbo.

The Argentines missed several chances to score, until the early minutes of the second half.

Batistuta scored the third goal in the 51st minute from a pass by defuncted Fernando Caceres who had joined the attack. In the 54th, Balbo raised it to 4-0 from a centre by Arata.

The Americans best chance came in the 60th minute when Ernie Stewart barely missed with a header after a pass from Cobi Jones.

"It was sort of a last-ditch effort at the end there," US defender Lolas said. "The whole second half was basically us pounding at them, and to their credit they didn't cave in."

The United States (1-1-0) beat Chile in the opener of the South American Championship and will make the second round if they defeat Argentina in their final first-round game Friday night. The Americans still have a mathematical chance with a tie or loss.

Bolivian coach Antonio Lopez Habas said the victory showed "We are still alive and fighting. I think we can beat Chile on Friday."

Habas added, "I really have to congratulate the US side, which is very strong on tactics."

Bolivia are now in a position to advance to the next round despite losing their opener to Argentina. The Bolivians (1-1-0) face Chile in their last game of the first round. For Chile to advance they must defeat Bolivia on Friday night by a wide margin.

Among those on hand for both games were Diego Maradona, suspended for drug use during the last World Cup and is to begin playing again in September with his former Argentine club Boca Juniors.

"It's very emotional to see the US playing at a very high level," he said. "As South Americans we are so proud to see the country that we thought had only baseball, basketball and American football play the game so well."

The United States and Mexico were the only countries outside South America invited to the 12-nation tournament. Eight teams qualify for the quarter-finals, and so far Argentina, Uruguay and Brazil have made the last eight.

Sao Paulo soccer results
RIO DE JANEIRO, July 12: Portuguesa and Corinthians both won at the weekend to remain neck and neck in the Sao Paulo State Championship, reports Reuter.

Portuguesa, unfancied at the start of the season, clinched a 2-1 victory away to Santos on an 87th-minute winner from Caio while Corinthians beat Uniao Sao Joao 2-0 with a penalty from Marcelinho and a powerful 25-metre strike by Tupazinho.

Portuguesa and Corinthians both have 10 points with two Group Two games to come in the second stage of the championship. They meet next weekend in a match which is likely to decide the finalist from the group.

In Group One, lowly Mogi Mirim snatched a surprise 2-1 win away to former world club champions Sao Paulo and are one point ahead of Palmeiras with two games left.

The top teams in each group qualify for the final.

Diego Simeone of Argentina (top) is lifted by his teammate Gabriel Batistuta after he scored the second goal against Chile in the Copa America match in Paysandu, Uruguay on July 11. Argentina won 4-0.

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Hauge on Graham's side

LONDON, July 12: Rune Hauge came out into the open on Tuesday to defend former Arsenal manager George Graham in the misconduct case brought by the Football Association, reports AFP.

The Norwegian agent at the heart of the 'bung' all allegations which brought down the Arsenal manager earlier this year, left his Guernsey home to give evidence on Graham's behalf at the Watford hearing.

But he shrugged aside all questions about what he told the three-man FA commission as he waited for a taxi back to Heathrow.

"The air conditioning was good," was his Cantonese-style replay, before curtly asking journalists to leave him alone.

"I am not interested in speaking to you so you might as well stop asking questions, do you understand?" he added.

Hauge's unexpected arrival at the hotel hosting the three-day hearing prompted a rearrangement of the schedule, with the evidence of Arsenal chairman Peter Hill Wood and chief executive Ken Friar delayed until the afternoon session.

"All sides agreed that Hauge could appear and he was questioned from 10 am to just before 1 pm," said David Davies the FA director of public affairs.

The proceedings are due to conclude today with Graham himself expected to give his explanation of events before both sides' barristers sum up.

However, Davies does not rule out the possibility of an adjournment and said: "It's not a court case and no-one can be sure how long it will take."

Three days have been set aside to see what progress one can make. The key thing is that one is testing everything, not taking anything as heard so that the case is heard fully and fairly."

Even if the commission completes its hearing, they are expected to delay announcing a verdict and any potential sanctions to take legal soundings.

They do not want to risk having their decision overturned in the way Tottenham chairman Alan Sugar succeeded last season. Edward Grayson, a top sports lawyer, warned today: "They will be really cautious."

The procedural elements, as distinct from the punishment elements, are equally important to getting their act together so that the courts do not have an opportunity of intervening."

Hauge, himself under investigation by the Norwegian tax authorities, is thought to have insisted that Graham was innocent of any wrongdoing over the transfers of Pal Lydersen and John Jensen.

That is likely to have conflicted with the evidence given by Arsenal bosses, Old Etonian Hill Wood and Friar.



Action from yesterday's Lifebuoy Premier Division league match between Brothers Union and Wari Club at the Dhaka Stadium. Brothers won 3-1. — Star photo

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

- Bike with an engine
- "Activity" for Dagwood
- Bother
- Want real bad
- Jima
- Sartorial woe
- Passover feast
- Innkeeper
- Perturbed
- So be it
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- preceder
- Make-up artists
- Leonine comment
- Categorized
- Angora goat's coat
- Experts
- Poultry purchase
- Bar
- Stickum
- Leprechauns' dance
- Actress

DOWN

- Galena or cinnabar
- Kentucky city
- Uniform
- "10" star
- Comic poet
- Russell
- Vacationing
- Spacecraft compartment
- Bakery lure
- "Greasy spoon"
- Admits clients
- L.A. grider
- The Singing Cowboy
- Pitcher's pride
- Greet the villain
- Began
- Roof timber
- Helen's captor
- Anger near a stable
- Father's Day gift
- Cunning
- Bumps
- Pontifical
- Calculators' ancestors
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- Corroded
- Aries
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Solution time: 26 mins.

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CRYPTOQUIP

"WB HBGZ X EMUXLS"
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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: TOSCANINI, THE AUTOCRATIC MAESTRO, WAS FAMOUS FOR THROWING TEMPO TANTRUMS.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: Z equals N

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.