

TODAY'S MATCHES

LIFEBUOY PREMIER FOOTBALL LEAGUE
 Youngmen's Fakirpool vs Rahmatganj MFS (4:30 pm, Dhaka Stadium)
 Abahani KC vs Agrani Bank SC (6:30 pm, Dhaka Stadium)

NBL FIRST DIVISION VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE
 (Stadium Courts)
 Wari Club vs BDR (4:00 pm)
 East End Boys vs Bastra Kal (4:00 pm)
 Brothers Union vs East End Club (5:30 pm)

Lotus-Kamal cricket results

Sports Reporter
 Lalkuthi CC, Lancashire CA and Stamford CC registered wins in their respective matches of the Lotus-Kamal Second Division qualifying cricket league yesterday.

Powered by two brilliant all-round performances from Shuvo and Lalat, Lalkuthi CC handed a crushing 82-run defeat on Young Star Club (Kajla) at the Jagannath Hall ground. Sent into bat, Lalkuthi CC scored a fighting 155 for nine off the stipulated 35 overs with Lalat making highest 33 followed by Shuvo and Moyna, who contributed 32 and 30 respectively.

In reply, chasing a victory target of 156, Young Star Club (Kajla) were shot out for a meagre 73 in 26.5 overs.

Shuvo of Lalkuthi, who ran through the Young Star batting lineup finished with an enriched figure of four 14 while Lalat and Lancashire CA thrashed Shawkom's CC by 60 runs at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

Battling first, Lancashire CA managed 139 for five in the allotted 25 overs with Nadim scoring a dazzling 72 off only 63 balls, which included three fours and a six.

In reply, Shawkom's CC were skittled out for a paltry 79 in 24.4 overs. Nadim, who scored the most number of runs shone with the ball too by grabbing two for 10. Prince and Intiaz also captured a couple of wickets each.

In the day's other match at the City Club ground, Stamford CC defeated Milu Smrity Sangsad by 12 runs.

NBL Div I v'ball

Sports Reporter
 Defending champions Titas Club extended their all-win record to eight when they whitewashed East End Boys Club by three sets to nil in one of the four NBL First Division volleyball league engagements at the court adjacent to the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

The Titas spikers, who are yet to concede a set in their fabulous run, needed only 51 minutes to win the rather one-sided affair 15-4, 15-7 and 15-3.

In the other two matches Brothers Union and Nabajagorani Sangha also earned identical 3-0 wins over their opponents.

The Gopibagh outfit defeated Dhaka Sabuj Club 15-4, 15-8 and 15-6 while Nabajagorani blanked Madertek Mitani Sangha 15-6, 15-5, 15-6.

Meanwhile, in the third match of the day Water Development Board had to fight for a gruelling 90 minutes beat Wari Club 15-12, 15-9 and 16-14.

Romario in hot water

AMSTERDAM, July 13: Dutch tax authorities are seeking Brazilian World Cup hero Romario for tax delinquency, a national tax service spokeswoman said Wednesday, reports AP.

"There is a debt and he has only two days to contact our office," Wincke Logt said.

Romario, FIFA's 1994 player-of-the-year who led Brazil to an unprecedented fourth World Cup title last summer, played for the Dutch Club PSV Eindhoven between 1988 and 1993, and reportedly made 2 million guilders (dfls 1.29 million) per year.

He transferred to FC Barcelona in Spain and then, earlier this year, back to Brazil and Rio Club Flamengo.

Logt said Romario de Souza Faria failed to pay income and wealth taxes between 1991 and 1992.

English Premier transfer deals

LONDON, July 13 (AFP): A list of the top transfers involving English Premiership clubs since the end of the season (figures in millions of pounds):

8.5m Stan Collymore Nottm Forest to Liverpool
 7.5m Paul Ince Man Utd to Inter Milan
 7.5m Dennis Bergkamp Inter Milan to Arsenal
 6m Les Ferdinand QPR to Newcastle

4.75m David Platt Sampdoria to Arsenal
 4.5m Chris Armstrong Crystal Palace to Tottenham
 4m Warren Barton Wimbledon to Newcastle

3.5m Savo Milosevic Partizan Belgrade to Aston Villa
 3.25m Mark Draper Leicester to Aston Villa

2.5m Gareth Southgate Crystal Palace to Aston Villa
 2.5m David Ginola Paris St Germain to Newcastle
 2m+ Kevin Campbell Arsenal to Nottm Forest
 2m+ Chris Bart-Williams Sheffield Wed to Nottm Forest
 1.5m Mark Hughes Man Utd to Chelsea

(++ exact fee to be determined by tribunal)

B Boys defeat East End

Sports Reporter
 Untoward incidents at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday marred the First Division football league match billed for 6:30 pm, in which Bangladesh Boys prevailed over East End Club 3-1. Play was held up in the second half as officials and players of both teams were engaged in dispute following a yellow card showed to a Boys' man.

The incompetence of referees, particularly their inconsistency, and partisan emotions of the participating teams have been a stumbling block in the way of positive football in this country for as long as one cares to remember. Organisers had in the past tried to pacify boiling pit sit-

uations by importing refereeing manpower from abroad.

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Pioneer soccer scores
Sports Reporter
 Golam Mostafa Lane Kishore Sangha handed Dogair Chan Tara Club a humiliating 3-0 defeat in the Pioneer Division Football league at the Dhanmondi Club ground yesterday.

Shahidul Islam scored twice for the victors, while Kurban Ali sealed the fate of the match striking in twelve minutes of the second half.

Meanwhile, in the day's other engagement, Nabab Katara Krira Chakra and Kalindi KC were locked in a 1-1 draw at the same venue. Katara were ahead at the breather with an early 6th minute strike from Majnu. Shahid equalised the margin in the 47th minute for Kalindi.

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Seles' lawyer appeals
HAMBURG, July 13: The lawyer for Monica Seles has appealed the lenient sentence given to the man who stabbed Seles in 1993 and halted the career of tennis' top-ranked woman player, reports AP.

In his trial in October 1993 and retrial in April, Guenter Parche, 41, was convicted of causing grievous bodily harm and given a suspended two-year sentence both times.

Gerhard Strate, Seles' lawyer, has appealed against the verdict and the sentence, court officials said Thursday.

The lawyer said Parche should have been tried and convicted on attempted manslaughter charges, which carry a stiffer sentence. After both trials, Parche walked free.

The prosecution also appealed after the retrial, arguing that Parche should serve at least some time in prison.

But the prosecution has dropped the appeal. "We decided not to proceed with the appeal because we concluded that we could not get a different sentence," prosecutor Ruediger Bagger said.

If the appeal is upheld, there could be another trial. No decision is expected for months.

Seles, who has not played competitively since the stabbing in April 1993 at a tournament in Hamburg, is expected to return for an exhibition match against Martina Navratilova July 29 at Atlantic City.

Paraguay in Copa America quarters
MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, July 13: A goal eight minutes from time by left-back Carlos Gamarra earned Paraguay a 3-2 win over Venezuela at Maldonado on Wednesday and a place in the Copa America quarter-finals, reports AP.

Venezuela opened the score through Gabriel Miranda in the 13th minute and equalised through Jose Dolgueta in the 68th but went down to their third straight defeat.

Jose Cardozo (35th) and Juan Carlos Villamayor (63rd) had scored earlier for Paraguay who qualify as either Group A runners-up or one of the best third-placed teams.

Uruguay have already qualified with two wins but Mexico can still overtake Paraguay by beating the hosts later on Thursday. Lashing rain, which restricted the crowd at Maldonado to 500, prevented Mexico's match with Uruguay at Montevideo from being played.

A draw would still qualify Mexico as one of the best third-placed teams.

Police have drafted in reinforcements at River for Thursday's Group C game between Peru and Ecuador who fought a frontier war earlier this year.

World champions Brazil, already qualified for the last eight, play Colombia in their last group match.

Bruguera keeps the pace
GSTAAD, Switzerland, July 13: Sergi Bruguera kept up his momentum on the clay on Wednesday dismissing fellow Spaniard Alberto Costa 6-4, 6-1 to reach the quarter-finals of the \$55,000 dollars Swiss Open, reports AP.

Third seed Bruguera handed his compatriot a no-nonsense defeat, breaking the back of his world number 30 opponent's resistance in the tenth game of the opening set.

"It was very difficult to break him," said Bruguera afterwards. He now faces Spain's Javier Sanchez, who beat France's Lionel Roux 7-6 (7-3), 6-3.

Last year's finalist Guy Forget of France got no further than the second round when he lost 6-2, 6-3 to up-and-coming Marcelo Rios from Chile.

Marinos stretch lead
TOKYO, July 13: Front-runners Yokohama Marinos needed a penalty shootout to beat bottom team Kashiwa Reysol and extend their lead in the J-League on Wednesday, reports AP.

Argentine striker Ramon Ismael Medina Bello equalised the score at 1-1 with a shot which went between the Reysol keeper's legs in the 21st minute, and Satoru Noda made it 2-1 in the 80th minute.

But former Brazilian World Cup star Careca was brought down in the area in the injury time, giving Reysol the chance to extend the match. Marinos eventually won a penalty shootout 6-5.

With three games left for each in the first stage, Marinos now lead JEF United Ichihara, Jubilo Iwata and Urawa Red Diamonds by four points. They have 15 wins and eight defeats to their name.

JEF United repeatedly missed scoring chances and never recovered from Katsuhiko Minamoto's penalty goal in the second minute as they went down 1-0 to Cerezo Osaka.

Leading goal scorer Salvatore Schillaci of Italy got his 22nd goal of the season as he led Jubilo Iwata to a 2-1 win over Kashima Antlers, who had Brazilian international Leonardo and Jorginho on Copa America duty.

Reds coasted to their fifth straight win when Masahiro Fukuda scored an extra time goal that gave his side a 3-2 win over Shimizu S-Pulse.

Verdy Kawasaki, champions in the first two J-League campaigns, beat Nagoya Grampus Eight 2-1 — their ninth win in a row — with Shinji Fujiyoshi getting the vital goal in sudden death extra time.

Dutch striker John Van Loen scored the sole goal to give Sanfrecce Hiroshima a 1-0 win over Bellmare Hiratsuka. Another Dutchman Hans Gillhaus scored twice to lead Gamba Osaka to a 4-1 win over Yokohama Flügels.

Action from the third-fourth place decider of the sixth Bata schools handball tournament between Motijheel Model High School and Rifles School at the court adjacent to the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. Motijheel Model won 19-18.

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Morceli better's own mark

NICE, France, July 13: Algeria's Noureddine Morceli smashed his own world 500-metre record here Wednesday night when he clocked 3 mins 27.37 secs, report agencies.

The 25-year-old was more than a second faster than his previous record of 3.28.86 set in 1992 in Rieti, Italy.

Morceli's younger brother Ali set the early pace and ran the first lap in 54 secs.

Morceli took the lead on the last lap and left the rest trailing as he ran away.

"This record is just reward for all the training I have done over the last few months," the Algerian said afterwards.

First to congratulate him was his older brother Aberhamane, who is also his trainer.

"It was a real family success tonight," said Noureddine.

Earlier Venuste Niyongabo of Burundi ran the second fastest 2000 metres in history. The 22-year-old, attempting to beat the 10-day old world record of 4 mins 47.88 secs set by Morceli, timed 4:48.69.

"I am determined to beat the world record," said Niyongabo, who was paced by Ireland's Marcus O'Sullivan in his record bid.

Britain's Colin Jackson, still undecided about whether or not he will run at the World Championships next month as he attempts to get back to 100 per cent fitness, lost in the 110 metres hurdles to Germany's Florian Schwarthoff.

It was a bitter blow to Jackson who before the race has said he wanted to give a convincing performance.

Jackson was first over the first four hurdles but the German proved strong in the finish to win in 13.29. Jackson clocked