LIFEBUOY PREMIER FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Youngmen's Fakirerpool vs Rahmatgani MFS (4:30 pm, Dhaka

Abahani KC vs Agrani Bank SC (6:30 pm, Dhaka Stadium)

DIVISION NBL FIRST VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE (Stadium Courts)

Wari Club vs BDR (4:00 pm) East End Boys vs Bastra Kal (4:00

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. Batting first, Lancashire CA man-

aged 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 Imtiaz 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

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 is one of the four NBL First Division volleyball league engagements at the court adjacent to the Dhaka Stadium yes-

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

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 Mitali Sangha 15-6, 15-5,

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. Winneke Logt said.

Romario, FIFA's 1994 player-ofthe 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 mil lion guilders (dlrs 1.29 million) per

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 For est to Liverpool 7.5m Paul Ince Man Utd to Inter

7.5m Dennis Bergkamp Inter Mi-

lan to Arsenal 6m Les Ferdinand OPR to New

4.75m David Platt Sampdoria to

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 Sheff

Wed to Nottm Forest 1.5m Mark Hughes Man Utd to Chelsea

by tribunal)

(++ exact fee to be determined

B Boys defeat East End

Sports Reporter uations by importing refereeing man-

power from abroad. In the match concerned Boys had an easy run, leading by a couple of goals from Rubel and Bapon at the breather. East End closed the difference with a penalty conversion by Raju in the second half. However, Badal Das put the matter at rest for

Untoward incidents

at the Mirpur

Stadium vesterday

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

The incompetence of referees,

particularly their inconsistency, and

partisan emotions of the participat-

ing 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 point sit-

Pioneer soccer

scores

Sports Reporter

Sangha handed Dogair Chan Tara Club

a humiliating 3-0 defeat in the

Pioneer Division Football league at

the Dhanmondi Club ground

the victors, while Kurban Ali sealed

the fate of the match striking in

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.

twelve minutes of the second half.

Shahidul Islam scored twice for

Meanwhile, in the day's other

vesterday.

Golam Mostafa Lane Kishore

vellow card showed to a Boys' man.

Tempers were understandable, though not acceptable, as this was

the Boys by notching up their third

East End's first defeat in four outings. Their tally of five points is two worse than Bangladesh Boys, for whom this was the second win in four matches.

Earlier in the first match of the day, Badda Jagoroni kept Bangladesh Police at bay by a lone goal from Rashed.

Yesterday was a rest day for the elite teams with a blank fixture for the Premier Division clubs.

First Match

SR DIV STANDINGS

Standings of the two-tier Senior Division football leagues on completion of three matches by each team.

PREMIER DIVISION

Teams:	M	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts.
Muktijoddha	3	2	1	0	6	1	7
Abahani KC	3	2	1	0	4	0	7
Mohammedan SC	3	2	1	0	4	0	7
Brothers Union	3	1	2	0	4	2	5
Arambagh KS	3	0	3	0	1	1	3
Youngmens Club	3	0	2	1	1	2	2
Ferashgani SC	3	0	2	1	0	1	2
Wari Club	3	0	2	1	1	3	2
Agrani Bank	3	0	1	2	0	5	1
Rahmatganj MFS	3	0	1	2	0	6	1
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Teams: Sadharan Bima Badda Jogorani East End Club B Boys Dhanmondi Eskaton SS Victoria SC



Police AC

PWD SC

Shantinagar SC

Jose Cardozo of Paraguay drives the ball home past Venezuela's hapless custodian Rafael Dudamel during their Copa America encounter at the Campus Stadium in Maldonado, Uruguay on July 12. Paraguay won 3-2 to reach the quarter-finals. -AFP/UNB photo

Bid for jt ROK-Japan 2002 WC

Co-host idea hits snag

committees are against such an idea.

ferocious campaigning by both sides

that they have brought forward the

decision date from next June to early

the extravaganza were not welcomed

by the South Korean committee.

"There is no change in our indepen-

dent efforts, and I believe Japan is

the same," said Park Kyung-Shil, a

Marinos stretch

lead

Yokohama Marinos needed a penalty

shootout to beat bottom team

Kashiwa Reysol and extend their lead

in the J-League on Wednesday, re-

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

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

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

scoring chances and never recovered

from Katsuhiro Minamoto's penalty

goal in the second minute as they

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 internationals Leonardo and

straight win when Masahiro Fukuda

scored an extra time goal that gave

his side a 3-2 win over Shimizu S-

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

scored the sole goal to give Sanfrece

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

Dutch striker John Van Loen

sudden death extra time.

Fluggis.

Verdy Kawasaki, champions in

Reds coasted to their fifth

Jorginho on Copa America duty.

went down 1-0 to Cerezo Osaka.

JEF United repeatedly missed

Leading goal scorer Salvatore

With three games left for each in

But former Brazilian World Cup

Argentine striker Ramon Ismael

TOKYO, July 13: Front-runners

in 1996.

ports AFP.

in the 80th minute.

shootout 6-5.

to their name.

FIFA is now so concerned at the

The new moves to jointly stage



SEOUL, July 13: New ation general secretary Peter Velapmoves to make pean. But FIFA and the two bid South Korea and Japan co-host the 2002 football World

Cup finals sparked a new controversy over the event today, reports AFP.

The South Korean government appeared divided, with Prime Minister Lee Hong-Koo seeming to endorse the idea but Sports Minister Choo Don-Shik and the World Cup bid committee rejecting such a proposal.

The controversy erupted over reports that South Korean and Japanese lawmakers agreed to propose that both countries host the first World Cup finals in Asia.

Kim Yoon-Hwan, secretary general of the ruling Democratic Party said that during a recent visit to Tokyo, he and former Japanese Premier Noboru Takeshita had agreed to promote the idea.

Kim quoted Takeshita as saying a joint event would help remove negative feelings between the two na-

South Korea's Prime Minister gave his backing in parliament on Wednesday, saying,

His office said the Prime Minister was giving personal approval to the co-hosting idea. **But Culture and Sports Minister**

Choo Don-Shik rejected Lee's remarks, saying he had never considered joining with Japan to stage the "Politicians may raise the issue,

but our position that (South) Korea would host the finals alone has not changed," Deputy Culture and Sports Minister Choi Chang-Shin told re-

Since campaigning started, South Korea and Japan have emerged as the only candidates to stage the event, but they have become bitter rivals in lobbying the world body FIFA.

Co-hosting was first proposed last year by Asian Football Confeder-

Ponting powers Young Aussies

READING, England, July 13: Tasmanian opener Ricky Ponting struck a superb century before lunch to lay the foundations for Young Australia's emphatic 71-run victory over the Minor Counties in a 55-over match here on Wednesday, reports

Ponting twice survived dropped catches — the second a difficult low chance to wicketkeeper Mark Humphries when he was on 95 — as he scored his 120 in 119 balls in Australia's 316 for five.

spokesman for South Korea's World Cup bidding committee.

Park cited national feelings here over Japan, which colonised the Korea peninsula from 1910 to 1945.

He also pointed to a recent survey in which some 81 per cent remained opposed to the idea, adding South Korea would be better off linking with North Korea.

"We still hope to co-host the finals with North Korea, which has changed its (hardline) position by accepting rice from us," Park added.

Japan is thought to have a better technical and financial package. But it would be the first country to stage the event without having ever reached a World Cup finals. South Korea has been to the three previous

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.

appeals

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 Thurs-

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

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 Rucediger 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 quarterfinals, reports AFP.

Venezuela opened the score through Gabirel Mianda in the 13th minute and equalised through Jose Dolguetta in the 68th but went down to their third straight defeat. Jose Cardoza (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

Police have drafted in reinforcements at Rivera 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 555,000 dollars Swiss Open, reports AFP.

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-andcoming Marcelo Rios from Chile.



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. — Star photo

Morceli betters own mark Seles' lawyer



13: Algeria's Noureddine Morceli smashed his won 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, Morceli's younger brother Ali set

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

the early pace and ran the first lap in

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

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 Nivongabo 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 perfor-

Jackson was first over the first four hurdles but the German proved to strong in the finish to win in 13.29. Jackson clocked 13.35 secs. Franckie Fredericks, in his last 200

metres before the World Championships in Gothenburg, found himself outrun by Britain's John

Regis timed 20.26 while the defending world champion Fredericks clocked 20.30.

However, Noureddine Morceli will attempt to shatter the world, 1500 metres record he set on Wednesday night when he returns to the Mediterranean coast at the Monte Carlo Grand Prix on July 25, reports

Just minutes after lowering his



Noureddin Morceli of Algeria having a lap of honour with his country's flag after bettering his own 1500metre world record mark in Nice, France, on July 12. Morceli clocked 3 mins 27.37 secs. — AFP/UNB photo

own three-year-old mark three min utes 28.86 seconds to 3:27.37 with one of the most awesome displays of front-running ever seen, Morceli was already looking ahead to the Mote Carlo meeting where he set a 3000metre world record last year.

"If the conditions are right I can run faster than I did tonight, I can run 3:26 or 3:27," he said, hardly stopping

to draw breath following his victory. "I know the track there very well. it is a very good track and I will try and beat this record again."

And he also said he was thinking of attacking one of the oldest records in the book - Sebastian Coe's 14-year-old 800 record of 1:41.73 — as well as future attempts on the 5000 and 10,000 metres records.

Turning to Wednesday's achievement Morceli said: "I'm really happy with tonight's time, but the even greater motivation for me is to reach 3:26. I think I could have achieved that tonight if I had some-

one running with me in the last lap." Exactly 10 years ago this week Briton Steve Cram set a then world 1500 metres record of 3:29.67 in the same stadium, edging home the great Moroccan runner Said Aouita by half-

a-stride in the first sub 3:30 race. Aouita was one of the biggest influences on Morceli's early career, and ironically when Morceli broke the 2000 metres record last week. He took away the last world record held by the Moroccan, the man Morceli is most often compared with when the all-time greats of middle-distance

running are discussed. The links with the past did not end there, Cram was in Nice to see Morceli's run on Wednesday and if Morceli does lower his 1500 record again in Monte Carlo, it will be the quickest trio of new world marks established by one man since Cram set three world records in 19 days in 1985. Morceli would complete his set in 22 days.

"It was an awesome display," said Cram, "and if he could run 3:26 if someone was pushing him that is fine. Except there is no one around who can run that sort of time with him. If you think he would have beaten me by about 20 metres on my world record, you know you are dealing with an exceptional talent." Morceli's success was very much a family affair, his elder brother

His younger brother Ali set the early pace. Noureddine himself broke the record. Ali, 21, took the field through the first 600 metres, after an opening lap of 54.89 seconds, while his brother waited until 550 metres from home to make his move. He hit the bell in 2:34 and streaked the last lap with con-

Abderahmane organises his training

seconds. His world record was the first set at the Nikaia meeting since 1989 but only just.

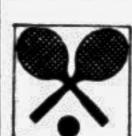
summate ease, running alone in 53.4

Evert to join glamour club her imprint on the sport. "I was very

"It was all timing. I came along at

In 1971, as a 16-year-old American

school girl, she reached the semifinals



NEWPORT, Rhode Island, July 13: Chris Evert, the winner of 15" tournament titles, will be enshrined

in the International Tennis Hall of Fame Sunday. She enters with style, just as she played the game, reports AP. Evert is the 44th woman and

163rd person to be inducted into the

tennis hall, but only the sixth chosen unanimously. In fact she was the only candidate this year, making 1995 the Class of Chrisic. Evert will receive her induction certificate during Sunday's stadium court ceremony from former US President George Bush, a frequent

Florida, native while he was in the White House and at recent charity Taught the game by her father, Jimmy, Chris first gained notice when, as a 15-year-old, she beat Margaret Court, then No. 1 in the world, in a tournament in Charlotte,

tennis partner of the Fort Lauderdale,

North Carolina, Today, she says That's where it all started for me." At the time, the world's top play ers all played a serve-and-volley game.

"No one could hit three straight groundstrokes without hitting one into the net or out of the court," Evert remembers.

But consistency was her game.

She could hit stroke after stroke, finding all the lines, winning as much with her temperament and confidence as with her racket. "I came along at a time when Bjorn Borg and Jimmy Connors were

coming up. We all had a baseline

game and a two-handed backhand,"

Evert explains, trying to play down

one-sided, one-dimensional.

a great time."

CHRIS EVERT

of the US Open. She went on to win six US titles, as well as a record seven French Opens, three Wimbledons and two Australian Opens. And the "Ice maiden" - so dubbed because of her poker face while deep into concentration on the court - became America's tennis sweetheart.

reaching at least the semifinals in 16 consecutive US Opens before falling to Lori McNeil in the quarterfinals of the 1987 tournament.

She had a remarkable string of

She won at least one Grand Slam event for 13 consecutive years 1974-1986 and reached at least the semifi-

nals of 32 consecutive Grand Slam! tournament before falling to Kathy Jordan in the third round at Wimbledon in 1983. "She came in as a winner and

stayed that way," 1977 Wimbledorf winner and fellow Hall of Famer Virginia Wade of Britain said of Evert. Ranked No. 1 eight times

throughout her career, Evert never fell below fourth in the women's rankings in her 18-year career, which she retired from in 1989. She reached the semifinals or better in 52 of the 56 Grand Slam events she played.

Evert's 125-match win streak on clay from August 1973 to May 1979 endures as the best record of any player for any single surface and she became the first player, male or female, to win 1,000 singles matches accomplishing that feat in 1984.

Evert also has been a winner of the court. She served as president of the

Women's Tennis Association a record nine times and received numerous awards for her sportsmanship and charity work. In 1985, she was named the greatest Woman Athlete of the last 25 Years by the Women's Sports Foundation, an American organisa tion founded by Billie Jean King. Married to former Alpine skier

Andy Mill, they have two sons. Besides Evert, others since 1980 to be selected unanimously to the International Tennis Hall of Fame were Rod Laver in 1981, John Newcombe in 1986 and Wade in 1988 Two others — "builder" Lamer Hunt in 1993 and journalist-television commentator Bud Collins in 1994

were unanimously elected by a special

Yorkshire in NatWest qtr\$ Byas 50 from 60 — his effort span-

ning 67 deliveries and bringing him six

and New South Wales teammate, was

the Essex bowler who suffered most.

He conceded 96 in 12 overs.

Mark Waugh, Bevan's Australian

fours and a six.



LONDON, July 13: Inspired by a breathtaking unbroken partnership of 120 in 11 overs by Aus-

White. Yorkshire beat Essex by 9' runs on Wednesday to book their place in the NatWest quarter-finals, reports AFP. Their stunning assault carried Yorkshire to 307 for three, an unbelievable total considering it took the

visitors 23 overs to reach 50 earlier in the day. Bevan finished with 91 from 76 balls, an effort containing eight fours and a six, while White's 51 arrived from only 28 deliveries and included a six among his five boundaries.

Bevan, who was to claim the manof the match award, and White came together after Simon Kellett and David Byas had prised away the initiative from the Essex attack.

Worcestershire set a target of 272, with England star Graeme Hick Kellett made 92 from 157 balls and

hitting a brilliant 87 in 78 balls add opener Tim Curtis unbeaten of 106. And Lancashire openers Steve Titchard and Mike Atherton launched

masters panel.

Essex found the total way beyond their reach, ending up all out for 210 with more than 10 overs remaining. Lancashire's hopes of stocking up

the trophy cabinet this season re-

mained alive after they knocked out

holders Worcestershire to reach the last eight The red rose county, who play Kent in the Benson and Hedges Cup final on Saturday, have hopes of matching their double achievement

of 1990. But they had to fight all the way for their four-wicket win at Old Trafford, getting home with just six balls

Warwickshire, last year's treblewinning county stayed in the only competition they failed to win in 1994 by beating Kent in dramatic style at Edgbaston.

the reply by scoring 167 in the first 40

for seven, needed 14 runs off the final over when Dermot Reeve ripped out rival captain Steve Marsh's middle stump to end the visitors' innings with 10 runs to spare. Surrey also failed in the chase

Kent, chasing Warwickshire's 262

against Middlesex at The Oval where Toby Radford, on his NatWest debut, top-scored with 83 as Middlesex put on 304 for seven in their 60 overs. Surrey stumbled to 225 in 56

overs, with paceman Richard Johnson taking three for 41 and running out Tony Pigott.