



The picture shows a nasty foul overlooked by referee Sheikh Badruddin during a Premier league engagement between Mohammedan SC and Brothers Union at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. Here Brothers' striker Don (grounded in the middle) holds his face in pain after being struck in the mouth by an arrant limb of Mohammedan's tall defender Kaiser Hamid (L) in the forbidden zone. — Star photo by A K M Mobsin

Pioneer soccer
Sports Reporter

Four teams — Lalbagh KC, Gullistan Club, Rainbow AC and Islampur Uttaran KC won their respective matches while the three other engagements were drawn in the Pioneer Division football league at the different city grounds yesterday.

Rainbow defeated Lalbagh Tarun Sangha by 2-0 at the Rajuk ground with Nayeem and Khokon scoring one each for the winners.

Lalbagh KC came from behind to beat Azimpur Heroes by 3-1 at the Dhanmondi Club ground.

Shaju, Shahid and Billal netted one goal each for the victors while Monir scored one for the losers.

Meanwhile, Gullistan Club prevailed over Kamal Young Society by 2-0 goals at the T and T ground.

Abul and Habibur shared one goal apiece for the winners.

Islampur Uttaran beat Aganagar PMS by a lone goal at the Dhipukhola metropolis ground. Ismail scored the all important goal.

However, Eastern Football Club drew 1-1 with Nababpur SC at the Jagannath College and University ground. Mahfuz of Eastern Club and Anwar of Nababpur scored one each.

The match between Kawran Bazar Progoti Sangha and Diganita Majlish also ended in a 1-1 draw at the Banani ground. Mosharrar and Jahangir scored one goal each.

Another match between Dogair Chand Tara Club and Nabab Katra KC ended in a goalless draw at the Dhanmondi Club ground.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Lifebuoy First Division football league:
Eskaton Sabuj Sangha vs Badda Jagaran Sangsad (4.30 pm Dhaka Stadium)
Victoria SC vs Sadharan Bima K. S. (6.30 pm Dhaka Stadium)

East End Club vs Police AC (5 pm Mirpur Stadium)

Pioneer Division football league:
K R Boys vs Badshah Smriti-Sangsad (2.30 pm RAJUK ground)
Azimpur Kishore Sangha vs Rising SC (4 pm RAJUK ground)
Shawdesh Samaj Kalyan Sangha vs Golam Mostafa Lane Kishore Sangha (4 pm Dhanmondi Club ground)
Rampura Natun Kuri Sangsad vs Badda Jagaran Sangsad (Junior) (2.30 pm Mohakhali T and T ground)
Gazipur Ekadosh vs Chaitali Club (4 pm Mohakhali T & T ground)
Nakhapara Juba Kalyan Sangha vs Manikdi Provati Sangha (2.30 pm Banani ground)
Tejgaon Nabataranga Krira vs Modhubag Friends Club (4 pm Banani ground)
Railway Blues vs Abokash Tarun Sangha (2.30 pm Dhipukhola Metropolis ground)
Bikrompur Ekadosh vs Shurapur SC (4 pm Dhipukhola Metropolis ground)

NBL First Division volleyball league:
Titas Club vs Bangladesh Police (4 pm volleyball court)
Bangladesh Rifles vs Power Development Board

BSJA meeting

The special general meeting of the Bangladesh Sports Journalists Association (BSJA) will be held at its office here today at 10 am, reports BSS.

All officials and members have been requested to

MSC's maiden defeat
Sports Reporter

A dream display in the second half enabled Brothers Union to come from behind to record a sensational 2-1 win over Mohammedan Sporting Club in one of the two Premier League engagements at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

With this win Brothers Union not only ended Mohammedans' unbeaten run this season but also avenged their defeats in the DMFA Cup early this year.

Besides, the crucial victory deadlifted the Gopibagh outfit from a precarious position to the title race.

While, the defeat after two successive draws was a severe blow for Mohammedans campaign of a clean sweep. They had earlier won both the DMFA Cup and the Federation Cup.

In front of a near-packed audience at the big bowl Mohammedans, who relied on their local resources resting Lulu Babul, produced an attractive brand of soccer in the first 45 minutes and deservedly took the lead at the stroke of the breather when an Arman free-kick entered

the Gopibagh net through the far post.

Although Brothers' custodian Kawsar was responsible for the goal as Arman's swerving free-kick slipped through his defences, his side survived on several occasions early in the first half due to poormarksmanship of the black and white booters.

But undaunted by the setback Brothers produced their best performance of the season leaving Mohammedans in complete disarray. With Bernard, the robust Nigerian recruit of the Gopibagh outfit, along with compatriot Nike Lulu unearthing their richest

vein of talents, Brothers simply tore apart Mohammedans' defence with waves of attacks.

Bernard was irresistible through the left flank creating the first move in the 49th minute with a neat cross. But Nike Lulu's fierce right-footer from inside the box was brilliantly fisted away by a vigilant Mohammedans custodian Ponir for a corner.

But seven minutes later Mohammedans defence was bogged down in the face of consistent sorties as Brothers Union neutralised the margin through their striker Don.

The nimble forward capitalising upon a half-hearted clearance slotted the ball into an open net from a rebounder after a Barnard's grounder came by his way slipping through the gloves of the Mohammedan custodian.

After the equaliser the rejuvenated Brothers booters gave the Mohammedan defence a torrid time and in the 58th Arman's spectacular header off a Barnard floater rebounded off the woodwork Bakhtiar sealed the victory with a gem of a goal eight minutes later.

The diminutive midfielder after receiving a neat cross from Lulu on the top of the Mohammedan box took a few steps before the found the net with a scorching right-footer that whistled past a helpless Ponir.

Lulu appearing after a long time in the absence of Chibujor, who was banned for one match after receiving his third yellow card, eventually brought laurels for his side playing with great aplomb.

In the 70th minute Lulu almost scored his first goal in the league but his scorching drive sent out kissing the cross-piece.

Three minutes from the final whistle Brothers were deprived of yet another goal when Don's left-footer from outside the box was spectacularly fisted away by Ponir.

Yellow card: Pjush, Pappu, Lulu (Brothers Union) and Jewel-Rana (Mohammedan SC).

TEAMS

MUKTIJODDHA SANGSAD, KC: Arun, Barun, Moon, Kingshuk, Masud Rana (Emadul), Mamun Joarder, Tito (Rumi), Zakir, Raquib, Naquib and Mizan (Babu Das).

WARI CLUB: Minar, Atiq, Shaheed, Tuhin, Razzak, Siraj, Partoshi, Sankar, Rikta (Bazul), Mong Bathule, Babuzaman and Zakir.

Referee: Ibrahim Nesar.

DHANMONDI'S SECOND

In the First Division league at the Mirpur Stadium, Dhanmondi Club registered their second victory beating PWD Sporting Club 2-1.

Shamsuddin and Towhid scored one each for the Dhanmondi outfit in the first half while Bulbul netted the solitary goal for PWD in the second half.

Muktis Maul Wari
Sports Reporter

Title aspirants Muktiyoddha Sangsad Krira Chakra recorded their fourth win in the Lifebuoy Premier League with a crushing 3-0 defeat on traditional giant-slayers Wari Club in the first match at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

After a goalless first half the last year's runners-up pumped in all the three goals in the second session with Mamun Joarder scoring twice after striker Naquib broke the stalemate in the 51st minute.

In an one-sided affair Muktiyoddha were frustrated by their forwards during the first 45 minutes before Naquib opened the account with a powerful left-footer from inside the Wari box.

Nine minutes after the first goal Mamun Joarder who spoiled several easy sitters in the first half, doubled the margin heading home a Mizan floater from the right flank.

The speedy winger scored his second goal in the match with a magnificent left-footer from the edge of the box that whistled past a frozen Wari custodian Minar into the far.

TEAMS

BROTHERS UNION: Kawsar, Pjush, Bishu, Mizan, Pappu, Aamer Khan, Bakhtiar, Christopher, Bernard, Lulu and Don.

MOHAMMEDAN SC: Ponir, Kaiser Hamid, Ruhul Amin, Jewel, Munna, Rupu, Manik (Uttam), Arman, Ranjan (Bade Baba Lola), Alfaz and Milon (Asad).

Referee: Shaikh Badruddin.



The heroes of the night: Bakhtiar (L) and Don, who scored one goal apiece for Brothers Union's 2-1 win over Mohammedan Sporting Club, poses for a photograph along with coach Abu Noman Nannu (R) after a Lifebuoy Premier league engagement at the Dhaka Stadium. — Star photo

Lotus-Kamal cricket results
Sports Reporter

Mirpur CPK, Udayachal Club and Banani Youth Club came out victorious in yesterday's Lotus-Kamal Second Division qualifying cricket league matches played at three different grounds of the city.

Mirpur CPK handed out a 77-run defeat to Anirban Sangha, thanks to polished half-century from Sahin and a fine all-round show by Parvez at the Jagannath Hall ground.

Batting first, Mirpur CPK scored a useful 153 for eight in the allotted 35 overs. Salim topscored with 51 in 71 balls while Parvez made 32. Babu captured three for 35 for Anirban Sangha.

In reply, Anirban Sangha were skittled out for a poor 76 in just 19.5 overs. Parvez made his mark with the ball as well by claiming three for 15.

Banani Youth Club escaped with a single run with against Lord's Club at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

Rana scored the highest 40 and Bhutto contributed 30 as Banani Youth compiled 140 for seven off 30 overs.

Lord's Club in their quest, finished tantalisingly close to their target of 141 by scoring 139 for seven at the end of the 30 overs despite a brave 44 by Mamunur.

Udayachal Club defeated Friends Union Club by five wickets in the day's other match at the City Club ground.

Put in to bat, Friends Union made a modest 104 for eight in the stipulated 35 overs.

Set 105 to win, Udayachal raced to their target in only 19.3 overs, with Rupak making a run-a-ball 30 and Chanchal scoring 26.

Bastia baffle St Germain

PARIS, July 19: A last-minute goal by Croat striker Anton Drobnjak gave Corsican side Bastia a 2-2 home draw with dethroned champions Paris St Germain in the opening game of the French League season on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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4 Cover of gloom
8 Forbidden
12 Half of dos
13 On the Caribbean
14 Comic-strip penguin
15 Vegetarian-pizza topping
17 Small plateau
18 Bony
19 Macabre writer
21 Build on
22 Vegetarian-pizza topping
26 Panic
29 Oppositionist
30 One of the Perons
31 Kiln
32 Blokes
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34 Torched
35 Change shades
36 Hawks
37 Vegetarian-pizza topping

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21 Solution time: 28 mins.

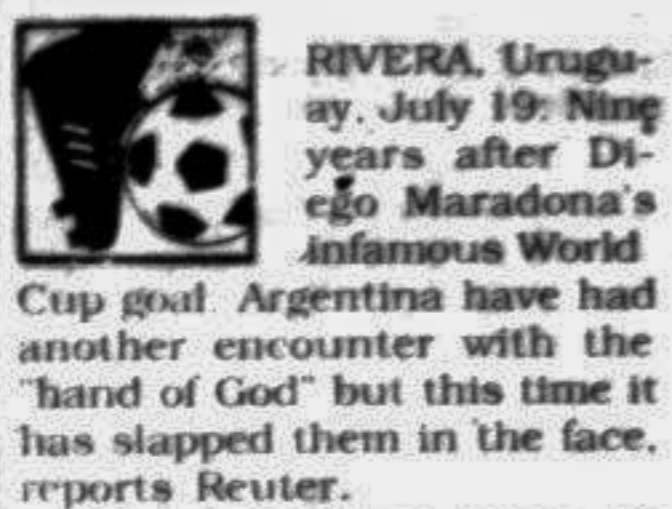
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41 Pedro's pals
45 "Turandot" tune
48 Vegetarian-pizza topping
50 Waste no time
51 Highland dance
52 Slippery
53 Pearl Mosque locale
54 Bygone days
55 John Ritter's dad

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One's delight, other's plight



RIVERA, Uruguay, July 19: Nine years after Diego Maradona's infamous World Cup goal Argentina have had another encounter with the "Hand of God" but this time it has slapped them in the face, reports Reuter.

The Argentines were 10 minutes away from beating arch-rivals Brazil on Monday to win a Copa America semi-final place when striker Tullio equalised after appearing to control the ball with his arm.

Everybody in the stadium saw it and even most Brazilian newspapers admitted Tuesday morning that the goal was not legitimate. But Peruvian referee Alberto Tejada allowed it to stand.

One Argentine newspaper used the headline "The hand of the devil and Argentine president Carlos Menem described the incident as armed robbery" in a radio interview.

Menem criticised the referee and said: "It was so evident that something strange must have happened."

Asked afterwards if he thought his side had been robbed, Argentina coach Daniel Passarella replied: "Yes, of course yes."

And asked who would go on to win the Copa America, he said: "If the referees are like that, it will be Brazil."

Striker Abel Balbo, who scored Argentina's first goal in the 2-2 draw, said the decision was "robbery" and that it reduced the prestige of the tournament in European eyes.

But Brazil, who went on to win 4-2 on penalties after the 2-2 draw, accused the Argentines of playing dirty and said the goal was poetic justice.

"Brazil played to win," said their captain Dunga. "I have one thing to say. The winners celebrate, the losers look for excuses."

"Did anyone complain

when Maradona scored that goal in the World Cup?" he added.

Tullio, at the centre of the storm, gave his version without finching. "I controlled the ball on my chest," he said.

Argentina benefitted from a similar decision in the 1986 World Cup when Maradona appeared to punch the ball into the net against England. He said he scored

with the help of "the hand of God."

Meanwhile, Uruguay's players, who face Colombia in the first semi-final today, were more worried about the state of the pitch at the historic Centenario Stadium.

The pitch has been in poor condition throughout the tournament and Uruguay have played all of their games on it. On Monday, organisers attempted to dry it by flying a helicopter over it.

In the second semi-final on Thursday, Brazil face the United States, who knocked out Mexico on penalties in Monday's quarter-final.

Meanwhile, Brazilian newspapers waxed lyrical on Wednesday's over a blatantly illegal goal scored by striker Tullio in Brazil's Copa America quarter-final win over arch-rivals Argentina.

"Tullio's was an illegal goal of top pedigree, of untouchable respectability," columnist Verissimo Enthused in journal Do Brasil. "I would let Tullio's goal marry my sister."

The way Tullio brought down the ball with his arm before equalising on Monday night can be attributed to his "desire... to defy the barriers of the possible," he said.

But Armando Nogueira, also writing in journal Do Brasil, recalled how Diego Maradona, then Argentina's captain, scored with his hand against England in the 1986 World Cup.

"In the conscience of Argentine football there will always be a ghost reciting the Line of (Brazilian poet) Augusto Dos Santos: The hand that caresses is the hand that strikes," Nogueira wrote.

Only Alberto Helena Jr in the Folha de Sao Paulo sounded a negative note. "Not only am I dispensing with the victory celebrations over our historic rival, I lament the fact it was achieved in this way," he intoned.

Gazza to enter fatherhood?

LONDON, July 9: "Gazza to be a Dadda."

That was the front-page headline Thursday in The Sun newspaper, which reported that England soccer star Paul Gascoigne, nicknamed "Gazza," is set to become a father, reports AP.

The report said his girlfriend, Sheryl Kyle, is two months pregnant and expecting Gascoigne's first child in February.

"He's still walking around in a daze — he can't believe he's going to be a dad," an unidentified friend was quoted as saying.

But Gascoigne, 27, and Kyle, 30, who has two children of her own, were not saying anything.

Gascoigne, who recently completed a transfer from Lazio of Rome to Glasgow Rangers, refused to answer questions when he arrived for training at Ibrox Stadium.

"He told us this morning he has nothing to say about this," a Rangers spokesman said. "It is a personal matter for Paul Gascoigne and it is his decision not to comment."

Gascoigne and Kyle have had a stormy relationship. He admitted in a newspaper interview that he had hit her, and the couple split up for 10 months last year before getting back together.

Did anyone complain

Graham now banned worldwide
FIFA follows FA's lead



ZURICH, July 19: Former Arsenal manager George Graham was banned by FIFA on Tuesday from playing any part in soccer worldwide for the next 12 months, reports Reuter.

The world governing body endorsed the one-year suspension imposed on Graham by the English Football Association after he was found guilty of taking 425,000 pounds sterling (680,000 dollars) in illegal transfer payments.

The ban, which runs until June 30, 1996, followed last week's hearing into misconduct concerning the transfers of Norwegian Pal Lyderzen and Danish international John Jensen to Arsenal.

It covers all involvement in football administration, management and coaching, including the signing and transfer of players.

A statement issued by FIFA read, "In extending the ban, FIFA applied Article 54 of its statutes, which obliges all member associations to recognise suspensions and expulsions imposed by other member associations."

Graham, meanwhile, has still to announce whether he is to appeal against his punishment.

FIFA will now be taking a

closer look at the activities of the man who provided Graham with his transfer cuts, Norwegian agent Rune Hauge.

FIFA have asked the English FA to give them more details of Hauge's involvement in the transfer deals.

world licence withdrawn, which would prevent him from playing any part in future transfer deals.

FIFA's ban completes Graham's downfall since he was sacked by Arsenal in February after the details of his transfer dealings became known.

He was the most successful Arsenal manager since Herbert Chapman in the 1930s and brought six trophies to Highbury in his eight years in charge.

During his playing career he won 12 Scottish caps and a league championship medal as member of Arsenal's double-winning team of 1971 but his playing achievements were eclipsed by his success as a manager learning his craft at Millwall before moving back to Arsenal in 1986.

Under Graham Arsenal won the league championship in 1989 and 1991, the FA Cup and League Cup double in 1993, the League Cup in 1987 and the European Cup Winners' Cup in 1994.

Graham claimed in his defence that he "never profited" from the unsolicited payments made to him by Hauge and handed the money back to Arsenal.

Ironically, his success as Arsenal's manager was built on a solid defence but, in the end, he had no defence of his own to save himself.

GEORGE GRAHAM

They will then be reviewed by the FIFA players' status committee at its meeting next month during the under-17 World Championship in Ecuador.

Hauge, who gave evidence to the FA commission, faces the threat of having his FIFA

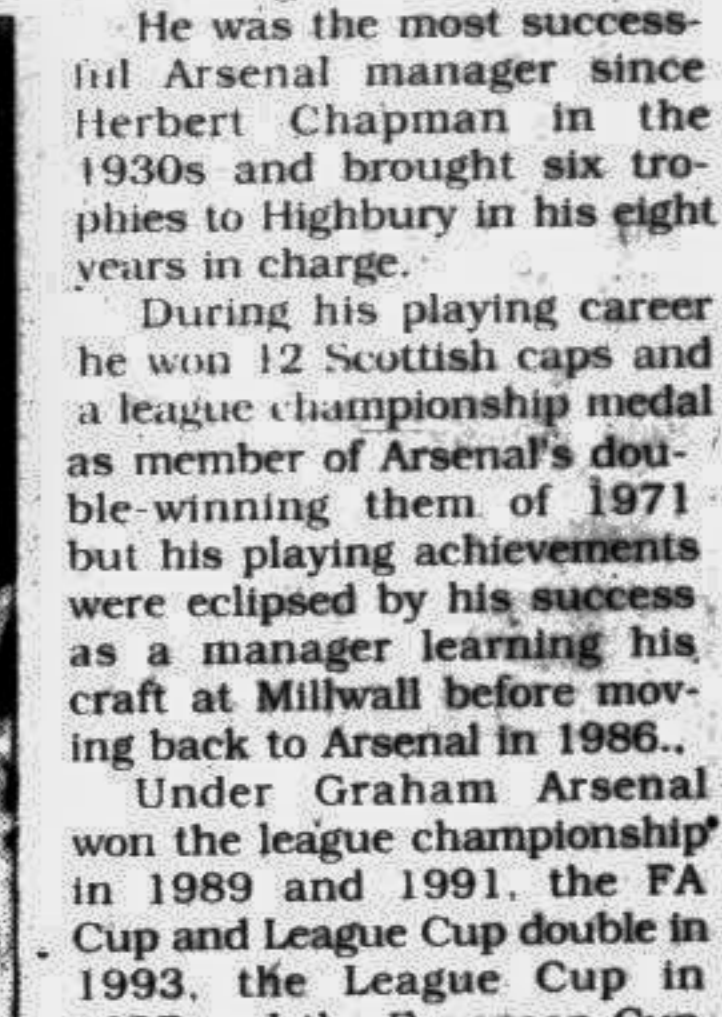
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