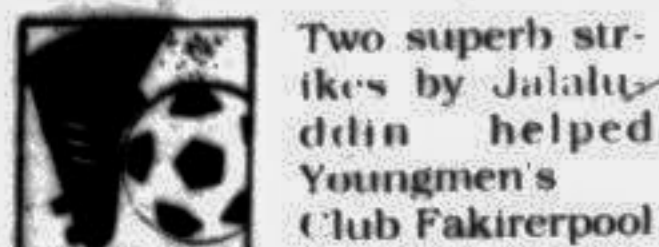
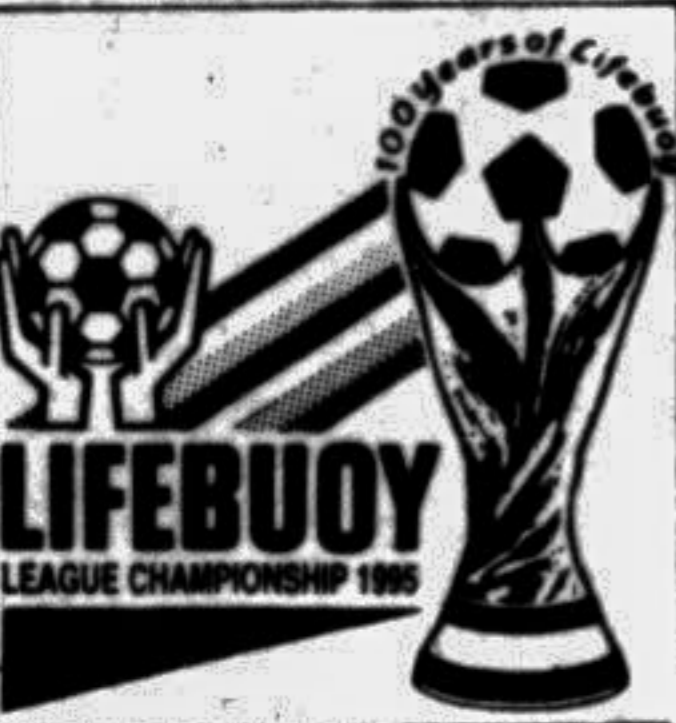


Fakirerpool beat Bankers

Sports Reporter



Two superb strikes by Jalaluddin helped Youngmen's Club Fakirerpool to register a 2-1 win over Agrani Bank SC in one of the two Lifebuoy Premier Division football league engagements at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

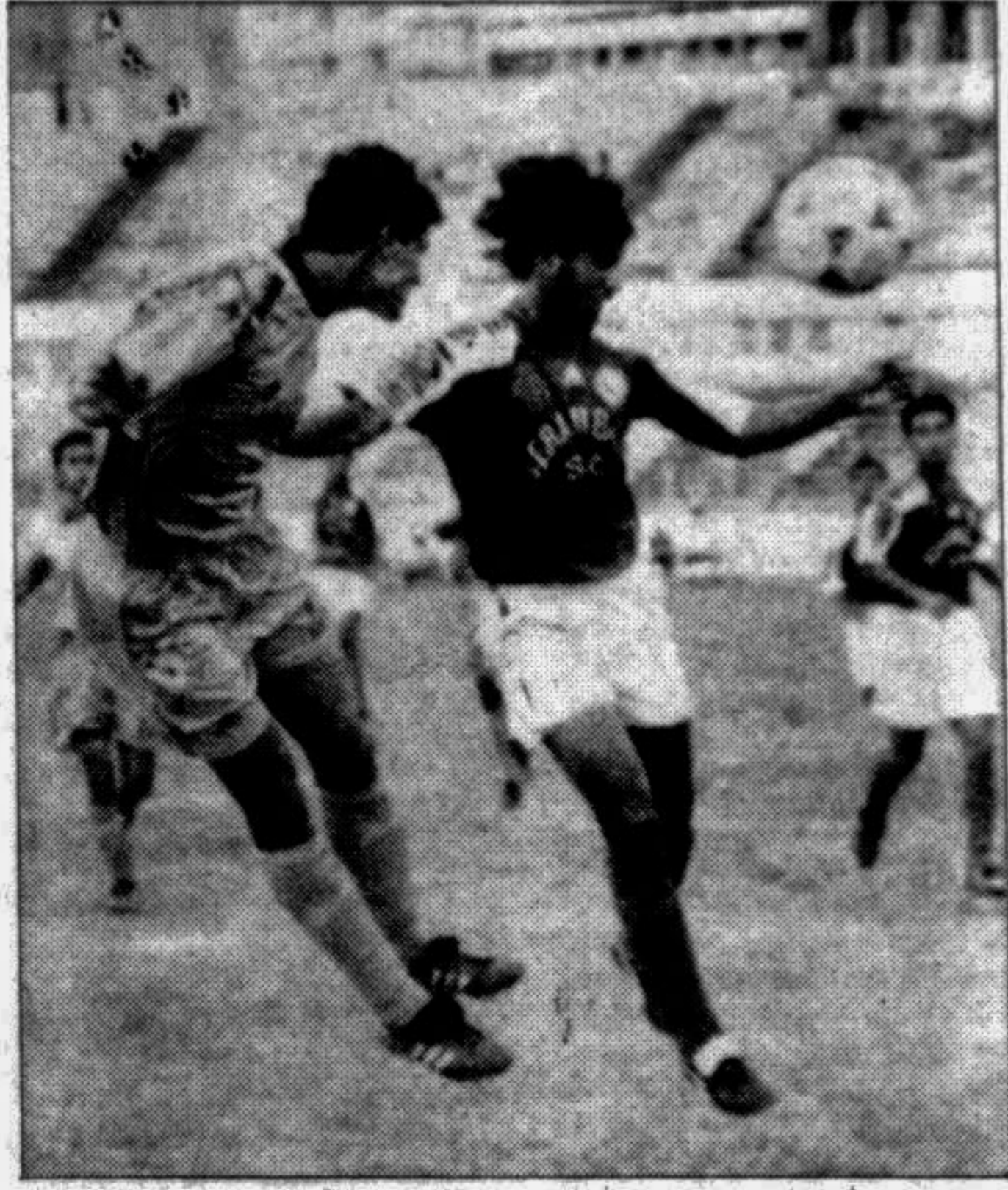


Muhamm. Nayan, Tutul and Jahangir.

Jalal, after winning a cross from Apu from just outside the Agrani box, dodged two defenders before striking the ball home in the 27th minute with a neatly placed right-footer.

Referee: SM Mansur Azad.

TEAMS
YOUNGMEN'S CLUB FAKIRERPOOL: Bijon, Gobinda, Masum, Ibrahim, Montu, Apu.



Action from yesterday's Lifebuoy Premier Division football league encounter between Youngmen's Club Fakirerpool and Agrani Bank SC at the Dhaka Stadium. Fakirerpool prevailed 2-1. — Star photo

Van Basten back in training Milan seem optimistic



MILAN, July 21: Dutch striker Marco Van Basten, whose career appeared finished due to an ankle injury two years ago, is back in training with AC Milan, reports Reuter.

and bought Futre from re-integrated Italian club Reggiana. Weah's seven goals led PSG to the semifinal of this year's European Cup where they lost to Milan.

Milan's starting attack is expected to feature Baggio, Weah and Montenegro Dejan Savicevic, but coach Fabio Capello can also rely on Marco Simone and Futre, who is returning to form.

"I asked, 'Baggio?' and he said, 'No, Futre.'" Meanwhile, Berlusconi warned that Italian striker Andrea Silenzi's imminent move from Torino to English Premier League Nottingham Forest could lead to a greater exodus.

"Silenzi to Nottingham Forest is just the beginning."

other fixture Arambagh Krira Sangha and Rahmatganj MFS split points in a 1-1 draw at the same venue played under floodlights. Rahmatganj took control of the game from the word go.

Vladimir scored for the Rahmatganj in the 25th minute and Jahangir levelled the margin in the 74th minute.

Yellow card: Shahid (Rahmatganj)

TEAMS
ARAMBAGH KS: Shimul, Daboo, Shtoton, Faisal, Anwar, Mitul (Minhaz), Tushar, Roxy (Opu), Jahangir, Satar and Shoaib.

RAHMATGANJ: Lahul, Shahid, Sibul, Shakil, Nazimuddin, Javed, Badal, Vladimir, Alexander (Azim) and Ripon. Referee: MR Mukul.

Lalkhuti emerge group champs

Lalkhuti Cricket Club became group champions of the Lotus-Kamal Second Division qualifying cricket league beating Green Road Estate Ekadosh by convincing 71 runs at the Jagannath Hall ground yesterday, reports UNB.

Opting to bat first, Lalkhuti piled up 164 for seven in the allotted 30 overs. Later, they bundled out Green Road for 93 in 28.5 overs.

In the other match, Pallabi Club trounced Swakom's CC by a 155 runs at the CCG ground.

Electing to bat first, Pallabi rattled up a huge 254 for nine in 34 overs. In reply, Swakom's perished for a paltry 96 in 27.4 overs.

In another match at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, Maniknagar recorded a three-wicket victory over Poison CC.

Put in to bat first, Poison were all out for 143 in 34.5 overs. In reply, Maniknagar reached their target making 144 for seven in 29.4 overs.

Pioneer soccer

Sports Reporter

Dipa Sangsad overpowered Aganagar PMS by 4-1 in one of the eight Pioneer Division football league engagements at the Dhupkhola metropolis ground yesterday.

Dipok scored twice while Mostak and Shafiqur netted one each for the winners. Shafiqur reduced the margin in the 20th minute scoring for the losers.

Islampur Uttaran SC and Mansoor SC drew goalless at the same venue.

Arambagh Kishore Sangha (Junior) defeated Kendriyo Kishore Kafela by 3-0. Suft Sadi scored one and Russel netted twice for the victors. Suryoshena SC drew with Nabab Katara Krira Chakra 1-1 at the Dhanmondi Club ground.

The other match held at the same ground between Lalbagh KC and Dogair Chan Tara Club ended in a goalless draw.

Jatrabari KC handed Eastern Football Club 2-1 defeat. All the goals were scored in the second half. Maruf and Khalil shared one goal apiece for the victors while Masud reduced the margin scoring for the losers five minutes into the second half.

Utara Friends Club recorded a comfortable 3-0 win over Angels Club with Mijan, Akram and Ripon scoring for the winners.

At the Mohakhali T and T ground Jubo Shikha Sangshad and National Football Training Club drew goalless.

Kanchelskis to join Everton

LIVERPOOL, England, July 21: Everton have beaten newly-promoted Middlesbrough in the chase for Manchester United's unsettled winger Andrei Kanchelskis, reports Reuter.

The Ukraine-born Russia international has agreed to join the English FA Cup winners in a four-year deal worth around 13,000 pounds sterling (20,770 dollars) a week.

Everton manager Joe Royle, who is expected to complete the transfer today for a club record five million pounds (7.99 million dollars) said, "He has agreed to join us and his agent said he will sign for Everton this morning."

"We have one or two contractual thins to sort out but there won't be a problem."

Royle said that Kanchelskis talked to Everton before meeting his former Old Trafford teammate Bryan Robson, now manager of Middlesbrough.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

- Lifebuoy Premier Division football league:** Abahani Krira Chakra vs Wari Club (6.30 pm Dhaka Stadium)
- Lifebuoy First Division football league:** Bangladesh Boys Club vs Dhanmondi Club (4.30 pm Dhaka Stadium)
- Pioneer Division football league:** Gulistan Club vs Badda Jagarami Sangsad (Junior) (2.30 pm Mohakhali T and T ground).
- Rampura Naton Kuri Sangsad vs Chaitali Club (4 pm Mohakhali T and T ground).
- Kawran Bazar Progoti Sangha vs Manikdi Provat Sangha (2.30 pm Banani ground).
- Nakhalpara Juba Kalyan Sangha vs Modhubagh Friends Club (4 pm Banani ground).
- Kalindi KC vs Azimpur Heroes Club (4 pm Dhanmondi Club ground).
- NBL First Division volleyball league (volleyball court):** Titas Club vs Bangladesh Rifles (4 pm).



The victorious Dhaka Bodhir Krira Sangha team poses with the champions trophy of the second Metropolitan football competition for the deaf. The champions overcame Dhaka Bodhir High School 4-2 on tie-breaker in the final yesterday. — Star photo



Brazil's captain, full-back Aldair (No.3), heads a Juninho free-kick past an airborne US custodian Brad Friedel to score his side's match-winning goal in the second semifinal of the Copa America in Maldonado, Uruguay on July 20. Aldair's strike gave the world champions a hard fought 1-0 victory over the determined Americans thus setting up a final clash with hosts Uruguay on July 23. — AFP/UNB photo

Brazil burst US bubble

United States on Thursday to reach the final of the Copa America and end the Americans' heroic run in the tournament, report agencies.

half with the skill and almost-constant possession by the Brazilians.

The United States, whose results included a 2-1 win over Chile, an amazing 3-0 victory over Argentina and a quarterfinal win on penalties against Mexico, had come further than anyone expected in the tournament.

The performance was a vast improvement on their Copa America debut two years ago when they were knocked out in the first round and failed to win a single match. They face Colombia in the third-place match on Saturday.

Here we beat a two-time world champions (Argentina) 3-0 and only just lost to a four-time world champions (Brazil), said US coach Steve Sampson after the match.

Both Zinho and Cesar Sampaio are in Brazil's squad for the Copa America final against Uruguay to be played on Sunday.

The US are competitive and have shown that they're not just any side," he said. "But we had four or five chances and our goalkeeper Taffarel had no saves to make in the 90 minutes."

The Americans came close to an equaliser with a header from Alex Lalas shortly after the break and striker Eric Wynalda had to be replaced in the 77th minute after pulling a leg muscle while being tackled.

Flugels confirm it

KUALA LUMPUR, July 21: Top J-League side Yokohama Flugels have confirmed their Brazilian stars Zinho and Cesar Sampaio will make a trans-Pacific dash for next week's 150,000 dollars Asian Football Confederation Super Cup against Thailand's Thai Farmers Bank, reports Reuter.

The Flugels also announced they were pulling goalkeeper Atshuhiko Mori and midfielder Masahiko Maezono from the J-League all star soccer exhibition on the same day to bolster their side for the inaugural Super Cup tie.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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- Lady of the Haus
- Salt
- Parent-to-be's choice
- Lawrence's place
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- Influential
- Newcomer, perhaps
- Candy
- Accolades
- Fill till full
- Book before
- Mess up
- Obadiah 3 V.I.
- Ulyanov
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- It's exciting in the long run
- Medieval weapon
- Demagnitize a tape
- Part of RSVP
- Finish
- In the Red?
- Master of the manor
- Small, low island
- Shirk work
- Prepare to fight
- Mess up
- Dinner for Dobbin
- Jason's craft
- Where the Vikings landed?
- Ram's ma'am
- Get-together for quilters
- Ostrich's kin

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Patrice not a loony

PARIS, July 21: French football star Patrice Loko, released from a psychiatric unit, was in police custody here Friday under investigation for alleged offence including criminal damage and exposing himself to a policeman, reports AFP.

Loko, 25, was released from a police psychiatric unit where he had spent the night in a secure cell, after doctors maintained that he was responsible for his own actions.

Later Friday, the leading scorer in the French league last season will face an exorbitant magistrate heading the investigation into events leading up to and following his arrest on Thursday.

Friedel did not have to make another save in the rest of the first half although as an attacking force the Americans were almost nonexistent.

Loko, who joined Paris St Germain from champions Nantes last week for two million pounds, was held by police after a bizarre series of incidents which began in the early hours of Thursday outside a fashionable Paris night club.

The Americans came close to an equaliser with a header from Alex Lalas shortly after the break and striker Eric Wynalda had to be replaced in the 77th minute after pulling a leg muscle while being tackled.

A valet apparently refused to park Loko's car. The player responded by smashing up the Opel, supplied by the company which sponsors PSG, then began destroying a BMW parked nearby.

Wynalda's team's top score in the competition with three goals, said the better team won on the night.

He is then alleged to have attacked three policemen who were called to the scene and allegedly insulted medical staff and attacked doctors after he was transferred from treatment to a hospital.

"I hate to say this but unfortunately we did not give it our best today," he said. "We are all very disappointed. The loss was like a knife stabbing you through the heart."

The player was dispatched to a psychiatric unit after a woman police officer alleged that he had exposed himself to her while she was questioning him.

The world champions looked dangerous with sporadic counter-attacks and Juninho, Savio and Tulio, who came on as a substitute for Savio, all had clearcut chances which they wasted.

Ferguson having second thoughts

LONDON, July 21: Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson said on Thursday Eric Cantona's comeback could be put on hold, reports Reuter.

The volatile Frenchman is due to end his worldwide ban from the game on October 1 in a Sunday game against arch-rivals Liverpool at Old Trafford.

CRYPTOQUIP

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 Yesterday's Cryptoquip: HOW DID RICK WIN THE FLOUNDER-FISHING CONTEST? IT WAS A FLUKE.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: D equals P

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.