

## Dhanmondi baffle Boys

Sports Reporter

League leaders Bangladesh Boys suffered a severe jolt when Dhanmondi Club handed them a 2-1 defeat in the lone Lifebuoy First Division football league encounter at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

In an evenly contested match, all the three goals were scored within a span of five minutes.

After a barren first half Younis put Dhanmondi into the lead in the 76th minute before Towhid doubled the margin two minutes later.

On the other hand Bangladesh Boys showed sign of a comeback as they retaliated in the 80th minute through Kabir.

But the Dhanmondi defence successfully thwarted a Boys late counter to earn their third win in the league.

With this win Dhanmondi raised their collection to ten points from six matches while Bangladesh Boys remained glued to their previous tally of 10 on completion of their six league engagements.

## Pioneer soccer

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A superb hatrick by Riazul Hassan helped Gulistan Club to earn a thumping 6-0 win over Badda Jagarani Sangshad (Junior) in one of the seven Pioneer Division football league engagements at the Mohakhali T and T ground yesterday.

Riazul netted four goals while Momin and Abul Hassan scored one goal apiece for the winners.

Results of the six other matches are following: Rising SC-2 (Mamun, Riaz); K R Boys-2 (Liton-2)

Modhubagh Friends Club-0; Nakhapara Jubo Kalyan Sangha-0

Manikdi Provati Sangha-1 (Kamrul); Kawran Bazar Progoti Sangha-1 (Mosharraf)

Rampura Natun Kuri-2 (Billal, Babu); Chaitali Club-0; Azimpur Heroes Club-1 (Monir); Kalindi KC-0

Spondon Kira Chakra-3 (Mansoor, Masud-2); Apurba Jubo Sangha-3 (Jamal, Motiur-2)

## TODAY'S FIXTURES

**Lifebuoy Premier Division football league:**

Mohammedan Sporting Club vs Farashganj Sporting Club (6:30 pm Dhaka Stadium)

**Lifebuoy First Division football league:**

Shantinagar Club vs Police AC (4:30 pm Dhaka Stadium)

**Pioneer Division football league:**

Lalbagh Tarun Sangha vs Kendriyo Kishore Kafela (2:30 pm RAJUK ground)

Arambagh KC vs Azimpur Kishore Sangha (4 pm RAJUK ground)

Suryosena SC vs Dogair Chand Tara Club (2:30 pm Dhanmondi Club ground)

Swadesh Samaj Kalyan Sangha vs Nabab Katara KC (4 pm Dhanmondi Club ground)

Railway Blues vs Sutrapur SC (2:30 pm Dhupkhola metropolis ground)

Mansoor SC vs Aganagar PMS (4 pm Dhupkhola metropolis ground)

Mukti Khelaghar Ashor vs Nababpur SC (2:30 pm Jagannath University ground)

Red Sun KC vs Jatrabari KC (4 pm Jagannath University ground)

Gazipur Eleven vs National Football Training Club (2:30 pm Mohakhali T and T ground)

Jubo Shikha Sangshad vs Kamal Young Society (4 pm Mohakhali T and T ground)

Tejgaon Nabataranga Kira and Samaj Kalyan Parishad vs Angels Club (2:30 pm Banani ground)

Uttara Friends Club vs Digganto Mojlish (4 pm Banani ground)

## Rashid passes away

Sports Reporter

Rashid Ahmed, a mercurial footballer of the yester-years, died at his Dhanmondi residence last night after a prolonged illness. He was 79.

Rashid, then first chairman of the Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation (BJMC), was a renowned left-winger of the Calcutta Mohammedans in 40s.

The namaz-e-janaza of the deceased will be held at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium at 11 am today.

Later the body of Rashid will be taken to Narayanganj where it will be laid to rest.

## Cricketer killed

COMILLA, July 22: Rezaul Laam Bhuiya (22), a cricket player of Comilla district team, was killed and two others injured in a road accident near Kala Kachua this evening, reports BSS.



Action from yesterday's Lifebuoy Premier Division match between Abahani Krira Chakra and Wari Club at the Dhaka Stadium. Abahani won the match 3-0. — Star photo

## Abahani wreck Wari

Sports Reporter

Veteran striker Sheikh Mohammed Aslam was among the scorers as holders Abahani Krira Chakra recorded their fifth win in the Lifebuoy Premier Division football league with a crushing 3-0 defeat on Wari Club at the floodlit Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

After Jahangir gave Abahani a 43rd minute lead Aslam, who at the twilight of his career is still as dangerous as his early days, doubled the margin eleven minutes into the second half, with a magnificent left-foot grounder from the edge of the box.

It was Aslam's second goal in the league, who celebrated his return in the first eleven with a gem of a goal in Abahani's solitary goal win over Agrani Bank in their previous match.

In an one-sided affair Iqbal, who came as a substitute of Aslam, compounded Wari's woe when he added the third before stroking of the final whistle.

On a heavy outfield Abahani took control of the match from the word go but

were frustrated by a stubborn defensive approach from Wari until Jahangir broke the stalemate from an organised attack.

Earlier, in the 50th minute Swapan spoiled an ample chance when the diminutive midfielder headed a Munna flag-kick wide off the mark much to the dismay of his captain.

Four minutes later Sergei, the Russian recruit of the Dhanmondi outfit, helplessly watched his fierce left-footer from the top of the box slightly miss the mark.

The win now left Abahani maintaining the top slot collecting highest 16 points from six league engagements while it was Wari's third defeat to remain stuck to their previous collection of three points.

Yellow card: Mong Bathuie (Wari club) and Munna (Abahani KC).

**TEAMS**

**ABAHANI KC:** Dhanu, Mamun, Ali Mansur, Sohail Reza, Mansur, Vladimir, Sergei, Swapan (Joy), Aslam (Iqbal) and Jahangir.

**WARI CLUB:** Minar (Dilip), Razzak, Shahed, Atiq, Siraj, Shankar, Opu (Sobag), Mong Bathuie, Parkosh, Babu Za-man and Zakir Sr.

Referee: Ehsanul Haq.

The fleet-footed winger, who donned the sky blue jersey after enjoying a resounding season with Agrani Bank last year, finding an Aslam back header into the Wari box blasted the opponent net with a first-time right-footer much to the delight of a handsome crowd at the big bowl.

In the second half Abahani came up with more motivation and deservedly notched up their second goal in the 56th minute.

## Copa America final today

## Revenge Rio's only remedy

MALDONADO, Uruguay, July 22: Brazil coach Mario Zagallo promised that his team will silence Montevideo's Centenario Stadium when they meet host nation Uruguay in the final of the Copa America on Sunday, reports Reuter.

In Rio de Janeiro in 1950, the stadium was full of Brazilians but Uruguay silenced them," he said, referring to the decisive game of the 1950 World Cup in which Uruguay stunned Brazil by winning 2-1 to lift the trophy.

The 1950 game at the Maracana Stadium which provided one of the biggest shocks in the history of the World Cup, is invariably mentioned when the two South American neighbours meet in international soccer.

Shortly before a World Cup qualifier between the two countries two years ago, a

foreign television crew attempted to set up a meeting between Brazil goalkeeper Taffarel and Barbosa, who was in goal for the Brazilians in 1950.

Brazilians see every meeting with Uruguay as a chance for revenge, even though their country has won numerous encounters since then, Brazil's 2-0 win two years ago meant that Uruguay failed to reach the 1994 World Cup finals.

Brazil also won 2-0 in the final of the 1989 Copa America in another match played at the Maracana Stadium.

In Sunday's game, Brazil will face two opponents — Uruguay and the bumpy, boggy pitch at the Centenario Stadium which has been criticised by almost everybody who has played on it.

"The pitch eats up the players' legs," said Hector Nunez, coach of the Uruguay team who have played all their matches at the Centenario.

Uruguay, who have hosted the Copa America six times before and won it on every occasion, desperately want another triumph to pull their soccer out of the doldrums.

Apart from their failure to reach the 1994 World Cup finals Uruguay's club sides have also fared badly in South America since their last Libertadores Cup triumph by Nacional in 1988.

Veteran Enzo Francescoli, 33, has been Uruguay's inspiration throughout the tournament in a team that has been solid but far from spectacular.

Nunez said striker Daniel Fonseca, injured during the quarter-final win over Bolivia, has a 65 per cent chance of playing. Sergio Martinez is considered the most likely replacement for Fonseca.

Brazil midfielder Cesar Sampaio, who missed the uncomfortable close 1-0 semi-final win over the United States on Thursday through suspension, is likely to return for the final.

## PROBABLE TEAMS

**BRAZIL:** 1-Taffarel, 2-Jorginho, 3-Aldair, 14-Andre Cruz, 6-Roberto Carlos, 5-Cesar Sampaio, 8-Dunga, 10-Juninho, 11-Zinho, 7-Edmundo, 21-Savio.

**URUGUAY:** 1-Fernando Alvez, 14-Gustavo Mendez, 4-Jose Herrera, 3-Eber Moas, 18-Tabare Silva, 5-Alvaro Gutierrez, 21-Diego Dorta, 10-Enzo Francescoli, 11-Gustavo Poyet, 7-Marcelo Otero, 9-Daniel Fonseca.

## Gazza's dream debut

GRENA, Denmark, July 22: Paul Gascoigne capped an impressive debut for his new club Glasgow Rangers with a goal in the 2-1 win over Danish side Brondby in a friendly match on Friday, reports Reuter.

The England midfielder struck after 40 minutes, his right foot shot from 10 metres going in off the post to give the Scottish champions a 2-0 halftime lead.

Two minutes earlier former England striker Mark Hateley had given Rangers the lead from the penalty spot after Danish international Brian Laudrup was pulled down by Per Nielsen.

## Imran back home with bride

LAHORE, July 22: Pakistani cricket hero Imran Khan brought his British bride, Haqia Khan, home today to loud cheers from his fans, reports Reuter.

Hundreds of people greeted the couple at Lahore Airport as they arrived at Imran's home town from Saudi Arabia after performing Umra haj there, witnesses said.

They took separate routes to come out of the airport. Imran, whose wedding last month to the daughter of a Jewish financier caused an uproar, came via the ordinary passengers' exit, dressed in the traditional Pakistani baggy trousers and long shirt, and passed through the slogan-chanting crowd.

But Haqia, wearing a white Muslim scarf, was taken through the VIP lounge apparently to avoid the crowd and was quietly whisked away to Imran's home in a central district of Lahore, capital of the populous Punjab province.

Imran, who denies having political ambitions, just waved and immediately drove out in a separate car to his home in Lahore's Zaman Park district.

## Lotus-Kamal cricket results

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Udayachal Club along with Mirpur Ward No-4 moved into the eight-team final leg of the Lotus-Kamal Second Division qualifying cricket league after winning their respective matches at different city venues yesterday.

At the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium Udayachal recorded a comfortable five-wicket win over Nabarun Sangha and a passage into the next round as Group G champions. It was Udayachal's fourth win from their four group league engagements.

**Brief scores:**  
Nabarun Sangha: 126 for 8 in 20 overs. Shorb 39, Tanmay 29, Ripon 16, Sarwar 10, extras 14; Iqbal 2/22 and Rashed 2/26.

Udayachal Club: 129 for 5 in 19.1 overs. Chanchal not out 33, Ranju 28, Tipu 21, Mona unbeaten 15, Rupak 10, extras 15; Nipu 2/35.

At the Jagannath Hall ground a Mirpur outfit funny named, as Ward No 4 beat Amateur Cricket Club by 22 runs in a rain-reduced 15-over-a-side match.

With this crucial victory Ward No-4 moved into the final round as Group A champions by virtue of a better run-rate than Indira Road. Both collected six points from their four group league engagements.

**Brief Score:**  
Ward Number 4 CC: 82 for 9 in 15 overs. Kartik not out 17, Saiful 15, Asim 11, extras 11; Russel 3/11, Imran 2/17.

Amateur Club: 60 all out in 13.5 overs. Paban 18, Mustasim 12, Nomi not out 10; Liton 2/5, Asim 2/13.

Away at the City Club ground in an insignificant match Shreejani Cricketers earned a facile 55-run win over Lord's CC.

In reply, Lord's CC were skittled out for a paltry 49 in the face of an accurate spell from Rana, who finished with a haul of four for only 11 runs.

His performance there reopened the old debate about whether he is technically equipped to survive against genuinely hostile pace.

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Stewart's absence is the most serious, leaving gaps for both an opener and wicket-keeper.

Jack Russell, whose last Test appearance was against the West Indies in Antigua 15 months ago, should fill the second vacancy as he has been in great form for Gloucestershire on both sides of the stumps.

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## End of an immortal icon

SYDNEY, July 22: Harold Larwood, England's demon fast bowler of the early 1930s, who died in Sydney on Saturday, immortalised himself in cricketing history with a technique of "bodyline" bowling which almost soured relations between Britain and Australia, reports Reuter.

His menacing short-pitched deliveries aimed at the body were hurled down at the end of a long run-up at speeds estimated at 100 miles (160 km) an hour to intimidate the facing batsman.

The technique led to one of the stormiest controversies in the annals of cricket over the potential dangers to

record 33 wickets in five Tests but caused alarm.

Irate Australian fans threatened to tar and feather him, discussion arose as to whether he could legally be charged with manslaughter if his bowling killed a batsman, and the Australian Cricketing Board of Control protested to the English board.

Bodyline was eventually outlawed. Larwood was made something of a scapegoat for the controversy and never played for his country again.

His contribution to cricket was finally recognised 60 years later when he was awarded a royal honour in 1993, receiving the Member of the British Empire (MBE) decoration at a ceremony in Sydney last September.

Larwood listed the reasons for his devastating success in the Bodyline series.

Larwood retired from cricket in 1938 and 12 years later sold his confectionery shop in Blackpool and came to live in Australia with his wife and their five daughters.

The controversy of previous years was forgotten and Australians welcomed him warmly.

He took a job in a soft drinks factory from which he retired in 1968 and went to live in the Sydney suburb of Kingsford.

Of medium height, almost frail-looking, Larwood did not in his youth give the appearance of a sportsman destined to become one of the world's great cricketers.

Born in Nuncargate, Nottinghamshire, on November 14, 1904, he began work as a coalminer at the age of 14.

A year later he was playing for the village second team as a fast bowler and took 76 wickets for less than five runs a wicket in his first season.

At 18, he joined the ground staff of the Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club where, in his spare time, he perfected his technique, particularly his renowned 12-yard sprint to launch his deliveries.

Inevitably he was engaged to play for Nottingham and his bowling prowess earned him selection to the England side.

He made his first trip to Australia in 1928 aged 24 — and in one game took six wickets for 32 runs and scored 70 runs.

One cricket writer said Larwood's performance, the key to England's victory established him as one of cricket's immortals.

Another of England's great cricketers, the late Wally Hammond, once said: "So long as the game is played, Larwood will be remembered as one of the best-loved figures in the game."

In Adelaide, Bradman said his rival should be remembered as one of the titans of the game.

"I am sad to learn that my old cricket rival Harold Larwood has passed away," Bradman said in a statement.

"Although we were arch enemies on the field, this was because of Jardine's tactics," he said.

An AFP photo taken on Aug 21, 1980 shows former England Test cricketer Harold Larwood who died in Sydney yesterday. He was 90 years old.

batmen of a style of bowling designed to curb phenomenal Australian batsman Don Bradman's run spree.

During England's 1932/33 tour of Australia under the captaincy of the austere Douglas Jardine, who masterminded the Bodyline tactic, Larwood's aggressive bowling, pitched short with a packed legside field, earned him a

In his later book called Bodyline, Larwood maintained his methods were sound. He claimed that although he bowled 1,777 balls in the 1932/33 tour, only two batsmen were badly hit, one of whom admitted it was his own fault.

In a rare interview with the Australian Broadcasting Corporation in the 1970s,

## Bad bounce Hick's horror

LONDON, July 22: Injuries and fresh doubts about Graeme Hick's ability against England to make wholesale changes to their side for next week's Test against West Indian at Old Trafford, reports AFP.

There is a persuasive case for dropping Hick after his failure — three runs in each innings — during the crushing third Test defeat at Edgbaston.

His performance there reopened the old debate about whether he is technically equipped to survive against genuinely hostile pace.

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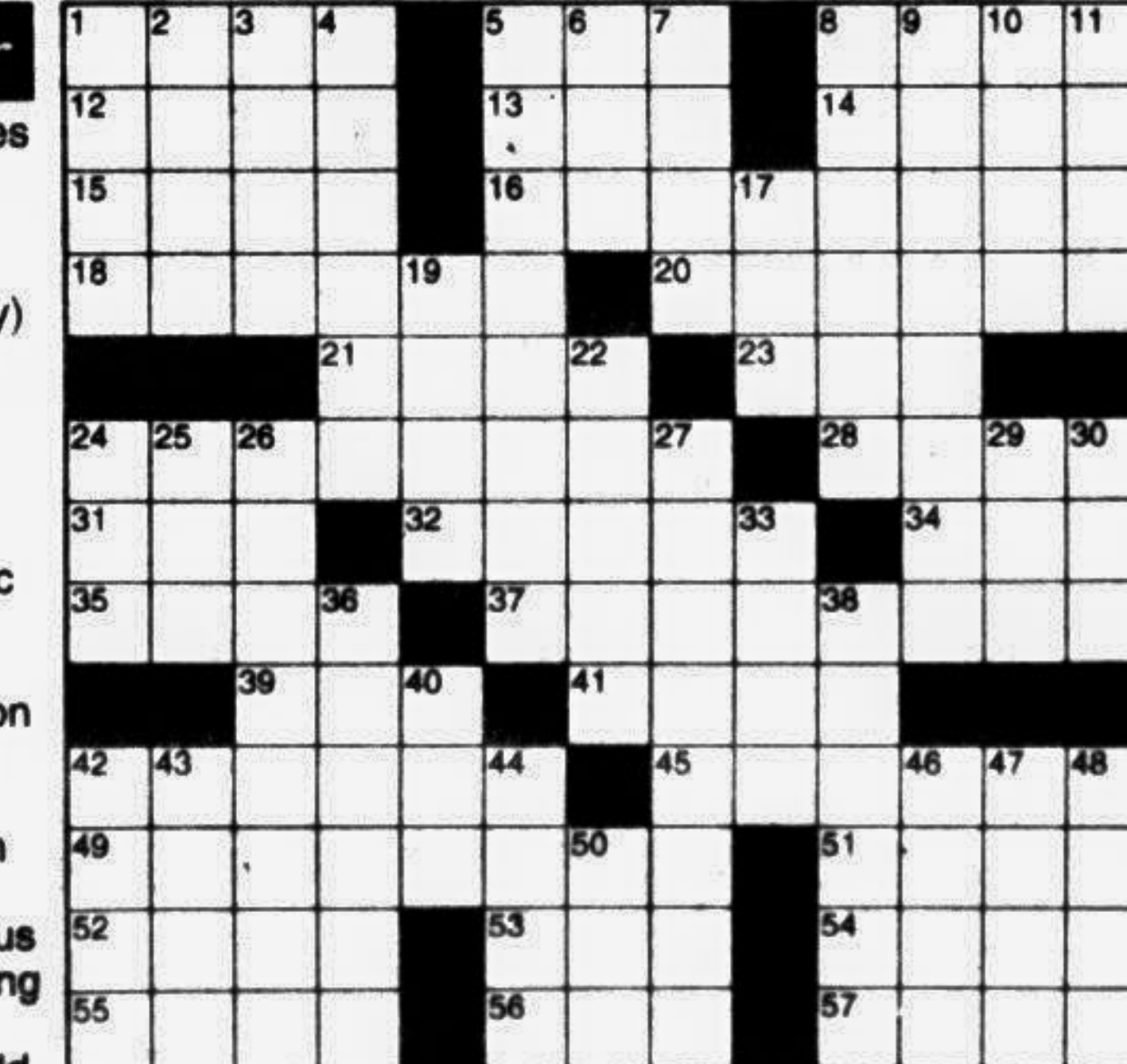
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13 Bottom line	5 Like some bathing suits
14 Ward of TV's "Sisters"	6 Attention getter
15 Watermelon residue	7 Goblet feature
16 Visor	8 Hindu retreat
18 Foot part	9 Ursine
20 It's worth looking into	10 Late-show actor Ray
21 Pelvic bones	11 Costar with Ebsen and Ryan
23 Chum	17 Sample the
24 "Mouse"	
28 Spanish surrealist	
31 Fabulous flyer	
32 It's all part of the act	
34 Author	
35 Aardvark's lunch	
37 Alert watchfulness	

**Solution time: 26 min.**

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## CRYPTOQUIP

Today's Cryptquip clue: F equals R

The Cryptquip 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. Solutions by trial and error.

**Saturday's Cryptquip: MEDIATORS THAT KEEP THE PEACE IN VENOMOUS DIVORCE CASES ARE MAKE-UP ARTISTS.**