

Sport

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 signs 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 hattrick by Riazul Hassan helped Gulistan Club to earn a thumping 6-0 win over Badda Jagarani Sangha (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; Nakhalpara Judo Kalyan Sangha-0.

Manikd Provt Sangha-1 (Kamru); Kawran Bazar Provt Sangha-1 (Mosharraf).

Rampura Natun Kuri-2 (Bilal, Babu); Chatital Club-0; Azimpur Heroes Club-1 (Monir); Kalindi KC-0.

Spondon Krira Chakra-3 (Mansoor, Masud-2); Apurba Juba Sangha-3 (Jamal, Motiur-2).

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Lifebuoy Premier Division football league: Mirpur vs. Wari Club at the Dhaka Stadium.

Mohammed Sporting Club vs. Parashanji 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 Dhankundi Club ground).

Swades 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 Khelaghara 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).

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

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

Uttara Friends Club vs. Digno Mojlish (4 pm Banani ground).

Rashid passes away

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Rashid Ahmed, a merciful 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 Mohammadians 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 Lam 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

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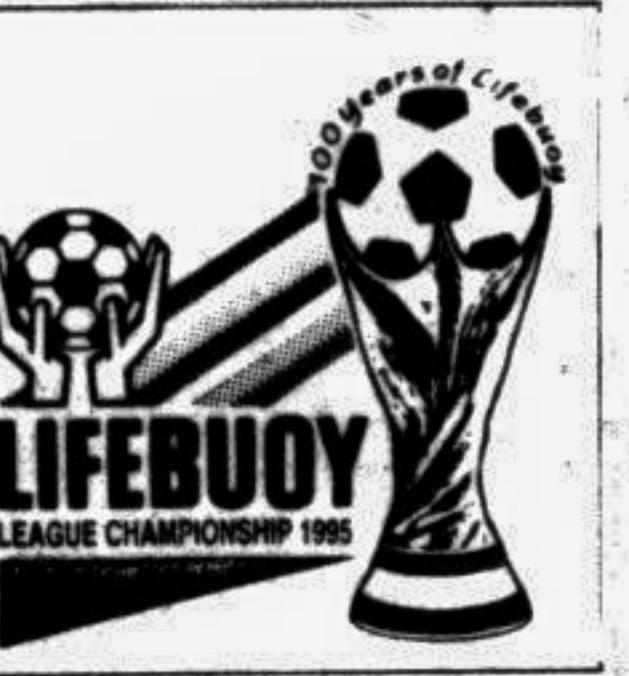
Veteran striker Sheikh Mohammed Aslam was among the scorers as holders Abahani Krira Chakra recorded their fifth win in the Lifebuoy Premier football league with a crushing 3-0 defeat on Wari Club at the floodlit Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

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-footed 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 woes 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



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.

Referee: Ehsanul Haq.

Copa America final today

Revenge Rio's only remedy

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.

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.

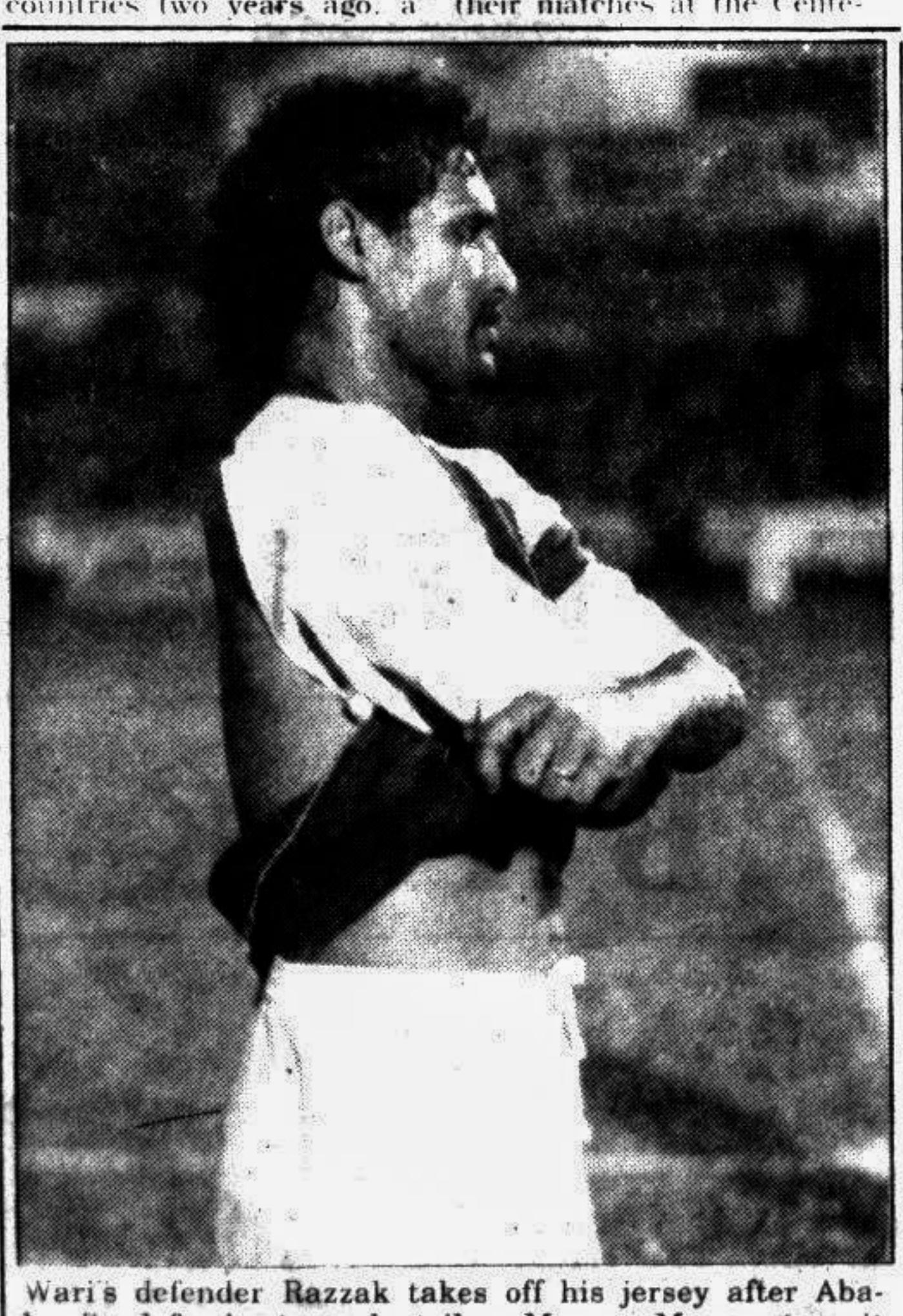
URUGUAY: 1-Fernando Alvez, 14-Gustavo Mendez, 4-Jose Herrera, 3-Eber Moas, 18-Tabare Silva, 5-Alvaro Gutierrez, 21-Diego Dorta, 10-Enzo Francescoli, 11-Gustavo Poyet, 7-Marcelo Otero, 9-Daniel Fonseca.

Gazza's dream debut

GRENAA, 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.



Wari's defender Razzak takes off his jersey after Abahani's defender-turned striker Monem Munna tore during their Lifebuoy Premier Division encounter at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Imran back home with bride

LAHORE, July 22: Pakistani cricket hero Imran Khan brought his British bride, Haifa 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 hajj 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 Haifa, 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 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 Bathule (Wari club) and Munna (Abahani KC).

TEAMS

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

WARI CLUB: Minar (Dilip), Razzak, Shahed, Atiq, Siraj, Shankar, Opu (Sohag), Mong Bathule, Parkosh, Babu Za-man and Zahir Sr.

Referee: Ehsanul Haq.

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



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 sprees.

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 leg-side field, earned him a

brief scores:

Nabaran Sangha: 126 for 8 in 20 overs. Shoeb 39. Tanmoy 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. Ranji 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. Mutassim 12. Nomi not out 10; Liton 2/5. Asim 2/13.

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

In reply, Lord's CC were skinned 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.

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 re-opened the old debate about whether he is technically equipped to survive against genuinely hostile pace.

But it seems more likely that the England selectors will decide to move him down the order to protect him from Curtly Ambrose, Courtney Walsh and Ian Bishop whose hostility with the new ball so obviously un-

worth. Mike Atherton, Fred Titmus and David Graveney — when the met in Cheltenham tonight is to establish exactly who can be discounted.

England have dropped him three times in similar circumstances — during the home series against West Indies (1991), Pakistan (1992) and Australia (1993) — and he has been moved up and down the order before.

Were England winning rather than losing 2-1, and not confronted by a long casualty list then Hick might go again.

If he does survive the selectors axe he is sure to be asked to do a fair amount of spin bowling on an Old Trafford pitch likely to offer an encouraging amount of turn.

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worth, Mike Atherton, Fred Titmus and David Graveney — when the met in Cheltenham tonight is to establish exactly who can be discounted.

Alec Stewart, Jason Gallian and Richard Illingworth — with an assortment of hand injuries — and Peter Martin (torn ankle ligaments) would all seem to be non-starters.

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.

Warwickshire's left-handed Nick Knight and Yorkshire's David Byas are opening candidates, veterans Peter Bowler and Tim Robinson may also be considered.

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

Larwood retired from cricket in 1936 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