Boys atop

Bangladesh Boys Club took a solo lead in the Lifebuoy Metropolis First Division Football League, beating Sadharan Birna KS by a solitary goal at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday, reports

With yesterday's victory. the Gopibagh booters have secured the highest 13 points from seven outings while the Insurancemen remained at their previous total of nine points, also from seven encounters.

Bangladesh Boys won the match through an own goal in the 31st minute when Ayub of Bima sent the ball in to his own net while trying to foil a Shubro run.

Both the teams failed to display their usual skills owing to the heavy ground.

After conceding the goal Sadharan Bima dominated the match and tried their best for an equaliser, but their forwards let them down.

Yellow cards : Selim, Sipper (Bangladesh Boys), and Biplob, Anwar and Sagar (Sadharan Bima).

BANGLADESH BOYS: Selim Sr. Sipper, Barat, Jahangir. Badal. Shubro (Mamun) Selim Jr., Rubel, Tipu, Azad and Bapan.

SADHARAN BIMA KS: Faiz, Rabbani (Jabar), Ayub. Haider, Kamal, Sajedul, Biplob. Zakaria (Tutul). Anwar. Sagar (Ripon) and Palash. Referee: Bimol Kar.

The other First Division engagement between Dhan mondi Club and Police AC ended in a goalless draw at the Mirpur Stadium.

Dhanmondi Club have so far earned 11 points and Police AC have seven points, from seven matches each.

Pioneer soccer

Sports Reporter

A superb hattrick by Abul Hossain was the highlight of a busy day of Pioneer Division football league action at different venues around the city. At the Rajuk ground adja-

cent to the Dhaka Stadium Abul's triple strikes helped Rainbow SC sink K R Boys without reply.

- Koshaituli Samaj Kalyan recorded an easy 4-0 victory over Senpara Jubo Kalyan. Jatrabari KC overpowered

Paradagar Krira by 5-0, while Diba Sangsad outplayed Mansoor SC by 2-0 goals.

Nababpur SC registered a facile 4-1 win over Redson KC in another match.

Rampura Natun Kuri, Abokash Tarun Sangha and Arambagh KC defeated National Football Training Centre, Sutrapur SC and Rising SC by the identical 2-1 scores respectively.

Nabab Katara SC and Angels Club won their respective matches by lone goals.

Other matches between Kalindi KC and Dogair Chantara, and Sawdesh Samaj Kalyan and Survoshena SC ended in goalless draws. Golam Mostafa Lane drew 1-1 with Lalbagh KC in the days another encounter.

Khulna varsity soccer Sports Reporter

The inter-department

football tournament-95 of Khulna University is scheduled to begin on July 30, said a press release yesterday. Vice Chancellor of the

University Professor Golam Ali Fakir will inaugurate the tournament. . Department of Business

Administration will take on Department of Marine Biology on the opening day.

Lotus-Kamal final round begins tomorrow

The final phase of the Lotus-Kamal Second Division cricket league qualifier gets underway tomorrow at different venues around the city. reports UNB:

Lalkhuti CC will take on Lancashire CS at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium while Stampford CC will encounter Peererbagh KC at the Mirpur City Club ground on the the opening day

The following day Udayachal Club will face Ward Number Four at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium while Siddeswari CC will meet Indira Road KC at the Mirpur City

ground. Eight teams, divided in four groups, will compete on a knock out basis.

Later, four group champion teams will play the se mifinals to be held on August 2.

Nantes keep winning

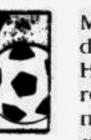
PARIS, July 27: Chad's Japhet N'Doram struck a hattrick to lead holders Nantes to an impressive 4-0 win at Martigues on Wednesday which put them on top of the French soccer league after two matches. reports Reuter.



with consummate ease during their Lifebuoy Premier Division league engagement at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday, unleashes a thunderous right-footer which narrowly missed the net. The black and whites won 3-2 after trailing 0-2. — Star photo

MSC back from the grave

Sports Reporter



Muktijoddha's defender Arif Hossain Moon revived the living nightmare of a la Escober act

as title aspirants Mohammedan Sporting Club came from a 0-2 deficit to earn a sensational 3-2 win over the last year's runners-up in a crucial Lifebuoy Premier football tie at the Dhaka Stadium vesterday.

With one minute to go in a breath-taking encounter with both sides locked in a 2-2 draw. Moon, the former national captain, in a bid to thwart an Arman low cross from the right headed the ball into his own net leaving Mohammedans to return to the top flight with an improbable but scintillating victory.

Apart from the final suicidal act Moon had earlier enabled his black and white opponents a chance to reduce the margin with a cynical foul, incidentally against Arman, in the forbidden

But Muktijoddha, thanks to Mohammedans Jewel Rana whose 12-yarder from the resultant penalty awarded in the 34th minute flew miles above the cross-piece, heaved a sigh of momentary relief.

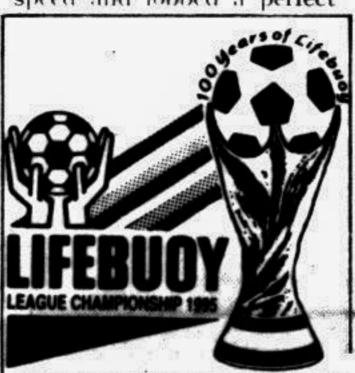
However, the outcome of

the match once again proved the sheer weight of the Mohammedan jersey as the lethergic Muktijoddha enjoying a 2-0 lead at the breather capitulated meekly in the face of spirited display by the Mohammedan booters. The luck-lorn Muktijod-

dha, who are yet to win a single match against Mohammedans in the league, not only lost their unbeaten record in this league, but also sinned by once again crumbling on big occasions, making mockery of their namesake freedom fighters."

Muktijoddha enjoyed a 2-0 lead in the first half not because they played better as a team but because of sheer brilliance of their striker Mizan, who set Rakib to score the first goal in the 22nd minute and himself added the second three min-

utes later. Mizan after receiving a ball on the right flank staved off the challenge from three Mohammedans defenders — Ruhul Amin. Jewel Rana and Kaisar, with a sudden burst of speed and lobbed a perfect



cross to Rakib, who had little to do but nod the ball home

from close.

The lanky forward then scored his fifth goal in the league with a fierce rightfooter from an acute angle with Ponir, the otherwise reliable Mohammedan custodian, only managing to lend his hand to aid the ball to the far corner of the net. Undaunted by the early

setback the DMFA Cup and the Federation Cup champions, backed by a full throated cheers from their ardent supporters, ignited all their four cylinders in the second half with Arman playing his best match in the league.

The midfield powerhouse, who almost single handedly guided Mohammedans to lift the first two titles of the season, returned to his former self as his side simply tore apart the Muktijoddha de-

fence with a wave of attacks. However, Mohammedans first goal came from a dead ball situation when Bode Baba, the tall Nigerian striker, after receiving a long Ruhul Amin throw from the left via a Kaiser back-header

ponents' net with a first time right footer. The goal added fuel to the Mohammedans attack but they had to wait till the 84th minute before Ladhi Baba neutralised the margin with a

into the box blasted the op-

gem of a header. Ladhi, latching on to a high cross from compatriot Bode, dived full length to head the ball home at the near post and the delirious Mohammedan supporters gave a deafening cry.

Five minutes later when Moon headed the ball into his own net Mohammedans' jubilation turned into ecstasy while the Muktijoddha booters collapsed in despair With this win Moham-

medans moved into the third place raising their collection to 14 points from seven league engagements while Muktijoddha, who were jointly holding the top slot with Abahani Krira Chakra, remain stuck to their previous collection of 16 from seven matches. Yellow card: Bode, Ladhi

and Alfaz (Mohammedan SC): Arun, Moon and Mamun (Muktijoddha Sangsad).

TEAMS

MOHAMMEDAN SC: Ponir. Parvez (Rupu). Kaiser Hamid. Ruhul Amin. Munna, Jewel Rana, Manik, Arman, Bode, Ladhi and Alfaz (Rangan).

MUKTIJODDHA SANG-SAD: Arun, Barun, Moon, Kingsuk, Masud, Mamun (Ga

us). Tito. Jakir (Rana). Raquib. Mizan and Naquib. Referee: R Alam.

Judokas off to New Delhi

Sports Reporter

An eight-member Bangladesh judo team leaves Dhaka for New Delhi today to take part in the second Rajiv Gandhi international judo championship.

S A Razzak Raju will act as team manager for the judokas with Syed Ali Anwar as coach.

The six participants will compete in the following weight categories: 50 kg -Babul Miah, 55 kg — Golam Mustafa, 60 kg — Mainul Islam, 65 kg — Md Shameem, 71 kg - Nazrul Islam and Moniruzzaman in open division.

Twenty-four countries are expected to participate in the three-day championship that gets underway from

August 2. The squad is likely to re-

turn home on August 10. Schools chess

opens Sports Reporter

President of the chess federation and Finance Secretary Nasimuddin inaugurated the Tenth Schools chess tournament as the chief guest in the National Sports Council auditorium vesterday.

The matches will begin today at the NSC chess room at 3 pm. Eighty two schools featuring 312 players are scheduled to participate in the nine-round Swiss League tournament.

The prizes include a trophy for the champion as well as cash Taka ten thousand for each of the top seven finish-

Japanese spikers in qtrs

BANGKOK, July 27: Japan beat defending champions Cuba 15-7, 15-8, 15-12 in the second round competition in the eighth women's junior world volleyball championships here Wednesday, reports AFP.

As a result, Cuba rounded out while Japan advance into the quarter-finals.

Eight teams have entered the quarter-finals, to be played on July 28 as follows: Russia vs Netherlands. Brazil vs South Korea, Germany vs Japan and China vs Italy.

Now tax free Mercedes for champions BEIJING, July 27: Merce

des cars given to gold medalists at the World Athletics Championships in Gothenburg next month will be delivered tax free to athletes' homes, the Sports Daily said Tuesday, reports AFP. The ruling by the

International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) on Tuesday, means athletes will not have to pay the import Mercedes were given to gold medalists for the first

time at the World Champiouships in Stuttgart, Germany, in 1993, but many athletes complained that they were hit with taxes when they took the cars back home. Foreign cars in China are

taxed at 150 to 200 per cent The issue became a sore point between Wang Junxia, world champion in the 0.000 metres. Liu Dong. winner of the 1500 metres. and their high profile trainer Ma Junren when the team came home from Stuttgart.

Wang accused Ma of keeping the three Mercedes won in Stuttgart for himself. The trainer denied the charge saying he was in no position to pay the taxes. A team rebellion against

Ma led by Wang ended in the break up of Ma's army of champion runners.

Windies 216 all out

Shaky start for England

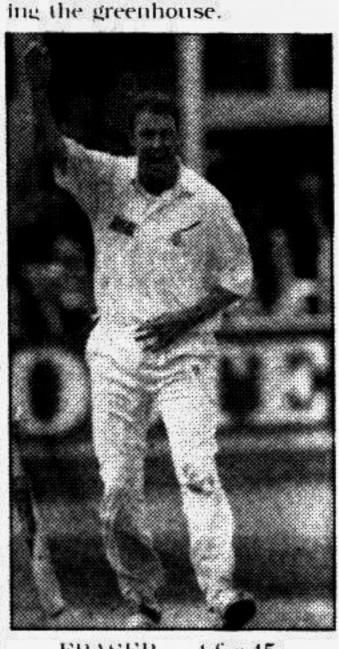


MANCHESTER. England, July 27: England were 65-2 in reply to West Indies first

innings total of 216 at close of play on the opening day of the fourth cricket Test at Old Trafford today, report agencies.

Test matches in the north of England are often cut short by rain or bad light, but it was a rare display of brilliant sunshine which forced the players from the field as the West Indies tumbled to 216 all out.

A blinding reflection off a greenhouse roof behind the bowler's arm beamed straight into the batsmen's eyes and made batting impossible. When Junior Murray was the seventh man out 15 minutes before tea was scheduled, play was held up for five minutes until it was decided to take an early break while groundstaff worked on cover-



FRASER ... 4 for 45

But the sunshine was no excuse for the West Indies who wasted their wickets on a good batting pitch with a lightning quick outfield after Richie Richardson won the toss and made the right decision to bat.

Jimmy Adams, Brian Lara

and Richardson were the only batsmen out to good balls, while Carl Hooper, Sherwin Campbell, Keith Arthurton and Murray got, themselves out with rash and undisciplined slashes. Lara dominated the scoreboard with a sparkling 87,

but is still to reach three figures on tour. Dominic Cork trapped him leg before wicket as he shuffled across the crease to a ball which pitched on middle stump and came back on the left hander, hitting him directly in front of middle stump.

Angus Fraser did the initial damage though, sending the tourists into lunch at 94 for four with three morning session wickets including Adams and Richardson in the three overs before the break.

Fraser finished with four for 45, and Cork with four for

Mike Watkinson took two wickets on his Test debut and although 42-year-old John Emburey didn't claim any, he troubled and frustrated the batsmen, including Lara, and bowled well. He also took a good high catch at long off to dismiss Murray and give Watkinson his second Test wicket. As he has been all series.

Lara was quick to play his shots, an approach which has brought him several quick half centuries but nothing more.

He played a couple of glorious pull shots against some ineffective short balls and brought up his 50 with three more superb fours from a pull, square drive and off-

He hit 16 fours from 118 alls in his 155 minute in-

He and Adams (26) put on a 51-run stand which took them to 86 for two, until Fraser turned Adams around and gave Nick Knight a catch at second slip in his first Test. No other batsman reached 20.

England, desperate to win here to level the series after the West Indies took a 2-1 lead with a devastating innings and 64 run win in the third Test, left Darren Gough and Graeme Hick out of the team, amid six changes. John Crawley replaces

Hick at No 3, opening batsman Knight and all-rounder Watkinson make their debuts, while Craig White also returned to bat at No 6 and act as the third seam bowler. Emburey is playing his first Test in two years and wicketkeeper Jack Russell, who made his 100th Test dismissal when he caught lan Bishop, has also been re-

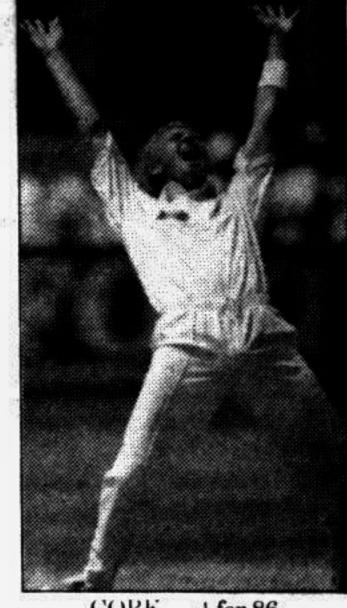
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Fall of wickets: 1-21; 2-35; 3-86: 4-94; 5-150; 6-166; 7-184: 8-185: 9-205

Bowling: Fraser Cork White 23 Emburey 10 2 33



CORK ... 4 for 86

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Modahl earns a reprieve



LONDON, July 27: British athlete Diane Modahl declared herself on Wednesday thrilled, delighted and ex-

cited after having her appeal against a four-year drugs ban upheld, reports Reuter. But the International Amateur Athletic Federation

(IAAF) reacted swiftly, saying

the final decision about her eligibility to run lay with them. A three-strong panel, chaired by barrister Robert Reid, found in Modahl's favo-

ur after a hearing in London

on Monday and Tuesday.

The panel overturned the verdict imposed last December by a British Athletic Federation (BAF) disciplinary committee which ruled that Modahl was guilty of committing a doping offence.

She had tested positive at a low-key track and field meeting in Lisbon in June 1994.

Her urine sample was said to contain massive levels of the male hormone testosterone. The former Commonwealth 800 metres champion, who was sent home from last year's Common

wealth Games in Victoria, Canada, had consistently protested her innocence. However, in a quick re-

sponse on Wednesday night, the Monaco-based IAAF expressed its surprise after learning "that an appeal panel has attempted to reinstate Diane Modahl". A statement read: The

IAAF's legal adviser in London, Mark Gay, was informed that new evidence was produced, seemingly of a theoretical nature and based on remote possibilities, but is baffled why this new evidence was not offered to the BAF to allow the federation to make a thorough investigation and provide a satisfactory and considered response. "It should be made clear

that the final decision regarding the eligibility of any athlete lies only with the IAAF which will now consider this new development in the Modahl case." At her news conference,

Modahl, who is expecting a

baby in October, said: "I am absolutely thrilled, delighted and excited." "I would like to thank ev-

ervone involved in this fight

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Lifebuoy Premier Division football league:. Abahani Krira Chakra vs

Brothers Union (6.30 pm Dhaka Stadium) Lifebuoy First Division football league: PWD SC vs Victoria SC (4.30 pm Dhaka

Stadium). Shantinagar Club vs Eskaton Sabuj Sangha (5 pm

Mirpur Stadium). Pioneer Division football league:.

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Sangha vs Angels Club (2.30 pm Banani ground). Nakhalpara Jubo Kalyan Sangha vs Uttara Friends Club

Gulistan Club vs National Football Training Club (2.30 pm Mohakhali T & T ground). Rampura Natun Kuri Sang-

(4 pm Banani ground) .

sad vs Jubo Shikha Sangsad (4 pm Mohakhali T & T Ground. Railway Blues vs Aganagar PMS (4 pm Dhupkhola Me-

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to clear my name — my family, friends, the whole of the medical team and the general public who have been very supportive.

"I am and always will be a staunch supporter of doping controls in sport."

"But what I would like to say is that the testing procedure has to be fair. My views of drug-taking in sport have not changed."

When the hearing began on Monday the BAF had asked for an adjournment so its medical experts could fully consider new evidence from Modahl's advisers but the appeal panel decided to proceed.

Sampras, Agassi struggle MONTREAL, July 27: Pete

Sampras, in his first match since winning his third consecutive Wimbledon title. beat Jonathan Stark 6-3, 4-6, 6-4 in clammy heat Wednesday in the second round of the Canadian Open, reports AP. Play started two hours late

because of a cloudburst and rain fell again in the evening. just as Jeff Tarango broke serve to take a 2-1 first-set lead over Andre Agassi, the top seed and defending champion. After another twohour pause. Agassi broke Tarango and then cruised to a 6-3, 6-4 victory.

Johan jeered!

BARCELONA, July 27: Barcelona coach Johan Cruyff was heckled by around 40.000 fans here on Wednesday after he presented his squad for the new season. reports AFP. "Hristo yes. Johan no,"

they chanted, protesting over the recent departures of strikers Hristo Stoichkov of Bulgaria and Brazilian Romario, as well as Dane Michael Laudrup and Dutch defender Ronald Koeman. For Dutch international

Cruyff led Barcelona to four league titles in a row but saw his side lose last year's championship to Real Madrid. He spent around 16 million dollars during to close

season to recruit Romanian defender Gica Popescu. Portuguese striker Luis Figo and Bosnian Meho Kodro as well as Croatian midfielder Robert Prosinecki.

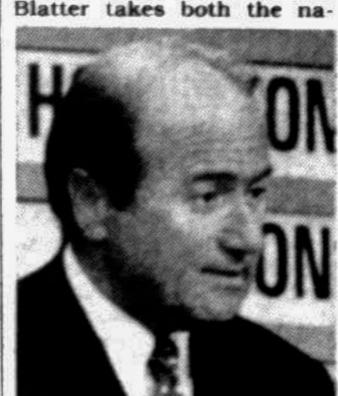
Cheats, cons and dives



BONN, July 27: German players have been accued by soccer's governing body

the penalty area into an art form, reports Reuter. In a hard-hitting column in Germany's most respected soccer magazine Kicker. FIFA general secretary Sepp

FIFA of turning the dive in



SEPP BLATTER

tion's players and officials to

The players lose their tempers, swear at the referee and opposition, have turned the dive into an art form and fake injury," he said.

"The German stars sur-

passed other countries in 8

this area some time ago." Earlier this week FIFA threatened Germany with a World Cup ban after officials ordered matches to be replayed because of alleged refereeing mistakes, saying they had disregarded the principle that "a referee's factual decisions are irrevocable."

Blatter said: "German referees have a hard job. Specially since the German Soccer Federation (DFB) has deviated from the the principles of FIFA rules more than The cases have not only

cost time but also caused

general discord and misunderstandings and set off a course of events that will be even more difficult to stop." The DFB upset FIFA when they ordered a Second Division match between Chemnitz and Leipzig in June

to be relayed because of ref-

ereeing mistakes. FIFA

ordered the national federa tion to reverse the decision. Last season the DFB also imposed a ban on Borussia Dortmund's German international midfielder Andy Moeller after television pictures showed how he had taken an obvious dive in the penalty area. The referee

awarded a penalty. Last year they also ordered another game be tween Bayern Munich and Nuremberg to be replayed after television pictures showed the referee had made a mistake in awarding a goal.

Injury won't

hinder Martina SARASOTA, Fla. July 27 Martina Navratilova has no plans to opt out of her her alded exhibition tennis match with Monica Seles on Saturday, despite an injured groin.

If the Bundesliga wants to remain a trend setter, it needs to show it is prepared to be responsible in the role. Blatter said. "There are not only trends in the commer cial field but also in the moral and ethical area. Germany is a country of

terms with human error.

perfectionism. But even perlectionists must come to

Marrassy Zsolt of Hungary (L) and Affandi Julaihi of Malaysia (R) struggle for the ball during their Merdeka Cup tournament semifinal in Kuala Lumpur on July 26. — AFP/UNB photo

√ room).