

Abahani's star defender Monem Munna (L) snatches a ball from Mohammedans workmanlike Nigerian striker Bode Baba during their crucial Lifebuoy Premier football league engagement at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. The Dhaka derby ended in a one-all - Star photo draw.

Dhaka derby drawn

Sports Reporter



mpions Ababani Krira Chakra and their archrivals Moham-

honours in a one-all draw in a crucial Lifebuoy Premier football league engagement at the Dhaka Stadium vesterday. But in front of a jam-

packed audience when referee Monirul Islam blew the final whistle the outcome left a different meaning for the two giants in the local sports circuit.

For Abahani, the draw left them to enjoy a five-point lead from Mohammedans on completion of the penultimate round of the first leg. Abahani, who are now

leading the table with 20 points from their eight league engagements, with this draw also remained as the only unbeaten team is the fray against an unprecedented topsysturvy turn at the early stage. However in their 39th

league clash the only blemish of the sky blues came in the 33rd minute when Mohammedans recently blooded Russian striker Andre Kazakov shot the first goal against Abahani in the league.

Kazakov, who had scored 11 goals for Mohammedans last year, appearing for the first time this season gave the black and whites a lead with a powerful right-footer from close.

But one minute later when Abahani's fleet-footed winger Jahangir neutralised the margin one half of the strong 50,000 crowd erupted into jubilation.

Apart from both the goals, the high voltage drama will

be remembered for some

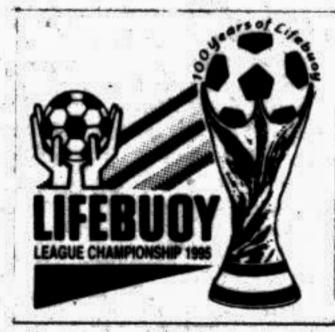
nasty tackling by the booters of both sides which once agam deprived the football buffs of a fairly contested

Although the Dhaka derby started at a snail's pace it picked up the heat soon with Mohammedans creating the first positive attack in the 9th minute through Bode

The tall Nigerian latching on to a defence splitting through from compatriot Ladhi Baba lobbed a neat cross to Arman.

But the mercurial Mohammedan midfielder shot the ball miles over the crosspiece from a delicate varder at the cost of a corner. position.

In the 26th minute Ruhul Amin's scorching drive from



inside the box rebounded off Abahani defender. Kazakov found the net stabbing a Bode Baba floater seven minutes

But Mohammedans' joy evaporated soon after Jahangir winning a longthrow from Sergei, shot the ball home with an acute an-

But thanks to central defender Munna, who some what managed to quell a fired-up Jahangir, with grat aplomb.

Jahangir, who was certainly the unofficial man-ofthe-match, gave Jewel Rana a run for his money with a sudden burst of speed.

Besides, skipper Monem Munna, who had to be content with his job as a defender, almost gave his side a sensational win at the stroke

of the final whistle. But thanks to a brilliant save by a reliable Mohammedan custodian Ponir, who fisted away Munna's 40-

The draw now left Mohammedans to be satisfied with the fourth slot collect ing 15 points from eight matches.

Yellow cards: Sohel Reza. Vladimir and Jahangir (Abahani KC). Monwar Munna. Bode Baba and Ladi Baba (Mohammedan SC).

TEAMS

ABAHANI KC : Dhanu. Hasan al Mamun, Sohel Reza, Monem Munna, Mansur Ali, Vladimir, Iqbal (Biplob), Sergei, Swapan, Jahangir (Shamim) and Aslam (Jamal).

MOHAMMEDAN SC: Ponir. Kaiser Hamid. Ruhul Amin. Jewel Rana (Sunny). Monwar Munna, Manik, Arman, Bode Baba, Andre Kazakov (Ranjan). Alfaz (Rupu) and Ladi Baba. Referee: Monirul Islam.

MATCH STATS

| gle. | | MSC | Abahani |
|-------------------------------|------------------|-----|---------|
| In the second half Abahani | Fouls: | 28 | 17 |
| exploring a loophole in the | Off-sides: | 0 | 7 |
| left flank gave Mohammedans | Corners: | 4 | 2 |
| a tough time with wave of at- | Attempts on goal | 9 | 6 |

Zimbabwe knocked out



OUAGADOUGOU. July 31: As outsiders Burkina Faso stormed nto the African Nations' Cup

finals on Sunday, Bruce Grobbelaar's highly-rated Zimbabwe crashed out 1-0 in Cameroon, reports Reuter.

Grobbelaar, playing in his first competitive match since last week following matchfixing allegations in Britain, had mixed fortunes in the match - but was helpless to prevent the Cameroon winner which put them in the finals in South Africa in January.

The Southampton goalkeeper was beaten from close range in the 50th minute by Augustine Simo following a wayward back-pass by Zimbabwe defender Claudius Zvirippave.

He made some superb saves to keep his side in the match — but almost gave away a goal in the 24th minute.

The goalkeeper raced well out of his penalty area in an

effort to halt a Cameroon attack — but completely missed

A goal looked certain as a Cameroon player lobbed the ball towards the empty net, but Grobbelaar managed to scramble back and brilliantly tipped the ball over the bar. But while Grobbelaar and

Zimbabwe were suffering. Burkina Faso were celebrating after finishing as the only unbeaten team in the qualifying rounds. The Burkinable, who had

qualified for the finals of the biennial tournament only once before in 1978 and were forced to withdraw from African competition because of lack of funds a few years ago, secured the top place in Group Seven with a 1-1 draw against neighbours Ivory Coast in Ouagadougou.

The Ivorians also qualified in second place in a group which included World-Cup finalists Morocco, who were eliminated.

The last seven places at the Hi-team final were decided on Sunday, with Angola, Mozambique, Algeria and Tunisia also going

through The Angolans reached their first finals with a 4-0 drubbing of Botswana in Luanda, while Mozambique also qualified from Group Six

with a 0-0 draw in Namibia. Algeria, 2-1 home winners over Tanzania, and Tunisia. who played a goalless draw in Mauritania, were the Group Four qualifiers.

But it is unlikely that any of the qualifiers will go to South Africa with as much fervour and passion as Burkina Faso, whose capital is already bedecked with Slogans and Flags celebrating their achievement.

"We started building the team about three years ago and they have developed superbly," said coach Idrissa Traore.

"To qualify for the finals was our main objective, but to also finish unbeaten is a great achievement for us," he



Thanks to BTV, the state controlled media, whose callousness deprived the millions of soccer faithful across the country to enjoy the clash of the two most crowd-pulling titans yesterday. Here a section of dejected sports buffs, who found the Dhaka Stadium too small to squeeze in. -Star photo

BU beat Rahmatganj

Brothers Union recorded their third victory beating newcomers Rahmatgani MFS 3-0 in the Lifebuoy Premier Division football league at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

All the three goals came in the second half.

Brothers, who lost their wo previous matches 1-2 to Muktijoddha Sangsad and 0-1 at the hands of Abahani KC. shot into the lead in the 47th minute through a suicidal

Bhutto claimed the goal after Rahmatgani defender Shakil put the ball into own net while trying to clear a

Striker Don doubled the Brothers' margin in the 70th minute.

And five minutes later, substitute Mintoo sealed the fate of the game netting from a rebound.

Rahmatganj also created some chances but could not utilise them due to poor marksmanship.

The day's result left the Gopibagh outfit at 12 points from eight matches while Rahmatganj remained at their previous collection of four points from eight encounters.

Brothers Union will play their last match of the first phase against Youngmen's Club Fakirerpool on August 3 while Rahmatganj MFS face Mohammedan SC in their last match on the same day.

Yellow card: Lahul (Rahm-

Pioneer soccer

Sports Reporter

A hattrick by Abed Hossain led Koshaituli Samai Kalyan Parishad to a thumping 5-0 victory over Solna SC in a Pioneer Division football league match at the Mirpur Outer Stadium vesterday.

The results of the remai ning matches are:

Venue: Mirpur Outer Sta-Kalabagan KC-4 (Barkat, Ma-

sum Rafigul, Jahangir) Senpara Jubo Kalyan San

Venue: Dhupkhola ground Railway Bluer-2 (Borhan Monsur SC - 0

Venue: Banani ground Uttara Friends-3 (Mizan-2, Sabbir-11

Kawran Bazar-0 Venue: Mohakhali ground Gulisthan Club-1 (Momin) Jubo Shikha Sangsad-0

Man Utd cause a stir

LONDON, July 31: Manchester. United could be in more trouble over Eric Cantona after reportedly fielding the banned French international in a practice match. reports Reuter.

The British Sunday newspaper News of the World said the English Football Association (FA) have asked United to explain Cantona's appearance against Third Division Rochdale at the club's training headquarters in midweek.

The tabloid quotes FA spokesman Mike Parry as saying: "We are concerned because very strict terms apply to the ban.

"We've written to Manchester United... we are now awaiting their response.

Cantona is suspended from all football until October as a result of his attack on a Crystal Palace fan in January.

Ctg soccer

CHITTAGONG, July 31: The Seraj Metropolitan Kishore football league, or ganised by the Chittagong Metropolitan Sports Association, kicks-off at the Dampara Police Lines ground here tomorrow, reports BSS.

Pathantuly Boys' Club will take on Central Plaza Krira Chakra in the opening match.

Nineteen teams are participating in the meet.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Lifebuoy Premier Division football league:

Wari Club vs Agrani Bank SC (6:30 pm Dhaka Stadium) Lifebuoy First Division football league:

PWD SC vs Badda Jagaroni Sangsad (4:30 pm Dhaka Stadium)

Dhanmondi Club vs Eskaton Shabuj Sangha (4:30

pm Mirpur Stadium) Pioneer Division football

Angels Club vs Manikdi Probhati Sangha (4 pm Banani ground) National Football Training Club vs Badda Jagaroni

Sangsad (Jr) (4 pm Mohakhali T&T ground) Eastern Football Club vs Paradgar Club (2:30 pm Dhupkhola ground)

Nababpur SC vs Jatrabari KC (4 pm Dhupkhola ground) Tenth Bata schools chess tournament (NSC chess room)

Rangers revel, Gazza too



GLASGOW, July 31: Goals from Gordon Durie Ally McCoist, and

another inspira tional performance by Paul Gascoigne gave Glasgow Rangers a 2-0 win over Italy's Sampdoria in the final of the Ibrox International Tournament on Sunday, reports Reuter.

And Remanian champions Steaua Bucharest came back from a two-goal deficit to beat English Premier League club Tottenham 3-2 in the third place playoff match, the first of two entertaining games on a hot day in front of almost 20,000 spectators. As on Saturday when

Rangers beat Steaua 4-0, all

eyes were on Gascoigne,

whose recovery from the leg

he broke almost 16 months ago, continued with another influential performance. Although he failed to improve on his tally of five goals in his first five games for his new club following the 4.3 million pounds (6.87 million dollars) move from Lazio, he gave another whole-hearted performance and was given a

vidual goal after finking Gordan Petric, his new 1.5

NEW YORK. July 31:

Nigerian-born centre Hake-

Houston Rockets to the last

two National Basketball

Association Championships,

will represent the United

States on Dream Team III at

the 1996 Olympics, reports

American to play just last

week. He played for his na-

tive country in international

competition as a teenager

and would therefore have

been ineligible without the

. He joins four veterans of

the original Dream Team that

owed the world at the 1992

team, former Los Angeles

star Magic Johnson, was not

named, even though he has

said he would like to play in

spots kept open for the time

being could eventually be

One of the two roster

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filled by Johnson.

Olajuwon, a naturalised

em Olajuwon, who led the

standing ovation when he was

substituted 20 minutes from

through the opposition defence, but unlike Saturday when he scored against Steaua, he failed to find the

Despite the near miss he tested former Italian international 'keeper Walter Zenga with three blistering freekicks, and went through his usual reportoire of cunning trickery. But of possible greater

England manager Terry Venables, is that he came out of some shuddering tackles unscathed. The England midfielder is still short of stamina and fit-

significance for Rangers, and

ness but for the 70 minutes he was on the field, he could not be faulted. He said afterwards: "I en-

very pleased with my fitness. When I stay injury-free know what I am capable of. I have been accepted very easily and with 51,000 in here it is going to be deafening, frightening." Gascoigne said he was also pleased Rangers had beaten

joved it immensely and I am

this season. Rangers manager Walter Smith made six changes from Earlier Gascoigne went the side which started on close to scoring a fine indi- Saturday and gave a debut to

Action from yesterday's Lifebuoy Premier Division football league encounter between

Brothers Union and Rahmatganj MFS at the Dhaka Stadium. Brothers won the match

Dream Team sans Jordan

declined to play, as has

The 10 players announced

on Sunday were Olajuwon,

Orlando guard Anfernee

Hardaway, Detroit forward

Grant Hill. Utah forward Karl

Malone, Indiana guard Reggie

Miler, Orlando centre

Shaquille O'Neal, Chicago

forward Scottie Pippen, San

Antonio centre David

Robinson. Milwaukee forward

Glenn Robinson and Utah

and Stockton were on the

the best career record of all

NBA coaches, will coach the

team. He said he would try to

build a team that has its own

the first team," he admitted.

"I don't think you'll see a

team like that again. Each

team will make it's mark.

We're going to go out there

and be us and not somebody

else. We're not going to try to

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"I'm a little bit partial to

Malone, Pippen, Robinson

lenny Wilkens, who has

guard John Stockton.

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blue, it's

But Michael Jordan has compete with what that team

Charles Barkley.

two foreign sides this week

end: "That will give us confi-

dence and help us in Europe

million pounds (2.40 million dollars) defender from Dundee United.

Petric was also substituted at the same time as Gascoigne but provided he is likely to play a significant part in Rangers' bid for domestic and European glory when the serious business begins next month.

Durie sidefooted Rangers ahead after 13 minutes and McCoist wrapped up the victory with a rising drive 10 minutes from time to give Rangers revenge for their 4-2 defeat by Sampdoria in this friendly, but highly competitive, tournament a year ago.

In the third place playoff, Tottenham went 2-0 up with goals from Andy Turner (11th) and Darren Caskey (25th), with Caskey's goal the result of superb work by Romanian Ilie Dumitrecu back at the club following his loan spell at Spanish club Seville, and playing against his former teammates from Bucharest.

But Steaua came back to win with goals from loan Vladoju (33rd and 54th minutes) and the strike of the day from Damian Militaru. who gave Spurs' Norwegian international goalkeeper Erik Thorstvedt no chance with a powerfully struck angled drive after 62 minutes.

Egypt rout Uganda

CAIRO, July 31: Egypt beat Uganda 6-0 (halftime 4-0) in an African Nations' Cup Group Four qualifying match in Alexandria on Sunday, reports Reuter.

(4th, 65th, 72nd), Ahmed Sari (8th. 43rd), Salah Abu Greisha (38th).

Bickering **Brazilians**

ports said, reports Reuter. Ze Elias, a midfielder with

-Star photo

This time around there

are more younger players, on

the squad. O'Neal has played

three pro seasons, Hardaway

two and Hill and Glenn

Robinson have both just fin-

themselves out of the run-

with their antics on Dream

Team II at the 1994 World

Detroit's Derrick Coleman

and Seattle's Shawn Kemp

were passed over after what

NBA officials viewed as un-

sportsmanlike showboating

Even so, Wilkens knows

"The toughest part is that

everybody's a go-to guy and

everybody's used to playing a

lot of minutes," he said. "I

will try to get everybody as

many minutes as possible.

That will be the hardest part.

his job will involve a lot of ago

during the World Champion-

Charlotte's Larry Johnson,

Championships.

massaging.

I think."

ning for an Olympic berth

A few youngsters put

ished their rookie seasons.

Elias, whose arm was not

Guinea down Mali CONAKRY, July 31: Guinea

beat Mali 4-1 (halftime 2-1) in an African Nations' Cup group Six qualifying match on Sunday, reports Reuter.

Guinea — Aboubacar Titi Attendance: 40,000.

(65th, penalty). Mohamed Camara (87th) Mali - Djibril

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CRYPTOQUIP

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Today's Cryptoquip clue: J equals N 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.

soccer! JAKARTA. July 31: At least one man died and up to 40 people were injured as fire. rioting and a stampede swept the final of Indonesia's prestigious national soccer com-

petition, according to reports today, reports Reuter. One newspaper reported up to six people died in the melee at Jakarta's Senayan Stadium on Sunday night, but a Jakarta police spokesman said the final had claimed

only one casualty. "The only person who died was a 60-year-old man who had a heart attack," Lieutenant-Colonel Bambang Permantoro told Reuters.

The official news agency Antara said dozens were injured jumping fences or by stones. Antara, which said more

than 110,000 people watched Persib Bandung defeat Petrokimia Gresik in the match, identified the dead person as Sutaryone from Bandung, west Java. Permantoro said there were no other incidents, but

Antara reported some 40 people were injured jumping fences or getting hit by stones. The police spokesman denied the report in today's edition of the Bandung newspaper Pikiran Rakyat that six

people had been killed, two

as a result of falling from the

stadium and four crushed in a

rush for the exits after a fire

started in stands.

Scorers: Ahmed El Kas

Attendance: 25,000

RIO DE JENEIRO, July 31: A top Brazilian soccer player ended up in hospital after he and teammates fought with police on Sunday, news re-

Corinthians, may miss next weekend's second leg of the Sao Paulo state championship final after allegedly being beaten repeatedly on the arms with a truncheon by police. a Corinthians doctor said

"They just kept hitting the hell out of me, five, maybe six times on the arm," the player said. "When it comes to arresting thieves they do noth-

broken as first suspected but must be kept immobile for at least three days, also said a police officer had threatened to shoot him.

Scorers:

Camara (28th and 45th minutes), Abdoul Salam Sow Diawara (13th).