

Arambagh win at last

Sports Reporter

Arambagh Krira Sangha achieved their first win in the Lifebuoy Premier Division football league when they wiped out Wari Club by a superb 4-0 margin in the opening match of the second leg at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Matiev Evzeny, the Russian debutant of Arambagh, who displayed an excellent performance throughout the proceedings, scored two brilliant goals besides creating few chances.

Matiev opened the winners' account in the 16th minute, his first two attempts blocked by a Wari defender and the custodian Minar respectively, however from his third try he gave the Arambagh outfit a 1-0 lead before the breather.

Jahangir doubled the margin with a neat placing shot, after winning a Roxy through from the midfield, defeating the onrushing custodian in the 60th minute.

Matiev netted the third goal five minutes later, when he got the ball from Tushar just outside the Wari box, with an accurate lob over the onrushing custodian.

Three minutes later, Shoeb passed to Matiev, who toed the ball over the Wari custodian's head but Minar saved the ball brilliantly.

In the final minute Matiev freed the ball from the left flank to the substitute Minhaz who netted the ball with a placing shot.

Yellow card: Roxy (Arambagh) and Siraj, Shahed (Wari).

TEAMS

ARAMBAGH KS: Shimul, Chhotan, Faisal, Anwar, Tushar (Minhaz Babu), Yousuf, Roxy, Jahangir, Shoeb (Hiru), Pradip and Matiev.

WARI CLUB: Minar, Shahed, Maloy, Siraj (Saiful), Atiq, Mong, Bathule, Paritosh (Mahidur Rahman), Akram, Shankar, Sohag and Babu Zaman (Masud Rana).

Referee: Manirul Islam.

Badda beat B Boys

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Badda Jagoroni Sangsad defeated Bangladesh Boys Club by a solitary goal in the lone Lifebuoy First Division football league engagement at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday. Abu Zahed scored the all-important goal in the 40th minute for the victors.

Top accolade for Van Himst

BRUSSELS, Aug 11: Paul van Himst, former Belgium striker and now national coach, was named the country's player of the century. Het Nieuwsblad newspaper said on Friday, reports Reuter.

Van Himst polled 1,403 votes to win the "golden boot of the century" trophy, awarded during the Belgian Soccer Union's centenary by a panel of journalists, referees, soccer union officials and the readers of two Belgian newspapers.

Jan Ceulemans, a coach for Belgian First Division Aalst, was runner-up with 1,130 votes.

Van Himst, 51, won 81 caps and played for Anderlecht, Molenbeek and Aalst.

12th Asian snooker

Exit the veterans

The upset-laden first round of the 12th Nescafe Asian snooker championship has proved one thing: the days of veterans like Mohammad Yousuf and Franky Chan are over.

Reigning world champion Yousuf of Pakistan, the top seed of the tournament, and experienced campaigner Chan of Hong Kong, who was seeded second, were both upset in their last first round matches Thursday at Bangkok's Thai-Japan Youth Welfare Centre, reports UNB.

While Yousuf's exit from the championship was somewhat respectable, Chan crashed out in contrasting manner, according to a faxed message received from Bangkok.

Eighth-seeded Jin Weifeng of China, nervous to the extent of gasping in the deciding frame, ended Yousuf's stay in the tournament with a spine-chilling 4-3 victory. Thailand's seventh-seeded Anurat Wongjan sent Chan packing, registering a 4-2 victory.

The two matches were crucial to all the four cueists as loss simply meant elimination.

However, third-seeded Sakchai Sim-ngam, winner of the inaugural Asian meet 12 years ago, who is now 43, salvaged some respect for the oldies by cruising into the second round.



A grounder by Swapan (not in picture) beats the Farashganj custodian Bijoy during one of the Lifebuoy Premier League second-leg fixtures at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

— Star photo

Squeaky win for Abahani

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League champions Abahani Krira Chakra fared well on the opening day of the second leg of the Lifebuoy Premier football league with a lone goal win against lowly placed Farashganj Sporting Club at the Dhaka Stadium on Friday evening. The win keeps Abahani very much on course for the title having earlier finished the first-leg with a five-point advantage over their nearest rivals Youngmen's Club Fakirpore and Mohammedan Sporting Club.

After a barren first half in an otherwise dull encounter Shawpan scored the match-winner in the very first minute into the second half. Shawpan in a sense played a captain's role as he was wearing the red arm-band pon the evening in place of Monem Munna who was serving a one-match ban along with Russian striker Sergei; both having received three yellow cards in the first-leg matches.

George Christian, another Russian recruit for Abahani, cornered from the right flank to Hasan Al Mamun who

Abahani created some

similar margin.

Abahani failed to impress their large following who also crowded the stands on the evening in anticipation of a convincing start by the champions. Although Abahani dominated the proceedings, with the bite missing from their attack, their performance was not up to the expectations of the crowd.

Abahani created some

more chances after their goal but Biplob's poor shot and Christian's volley could not find their mark.

Farashganj made a late rally but their striker Riaz did not deliver the goods to a point when he had to be subbed.

It was, however, Abahani who drew the final blood. Biplob's thunderous shot in the 84th minute was pounced for a corner. Lorenzo went a step closer as his shot in the dying minutes ricocheted off the cross-piece.

The win gives Abahani 26 points while Farashganj are stuck to their earlier tally of five.

Yellow card: Vladimir (Abahani); Monir and Sagar (Farashganj).

TEAMS

ABAHANI KC: Dhanu, Mamun, Sohel Reza, Chanchal, Mansur Ali, Vladimir (Iqbal), Shawpan, Christian (Jamil), Lorenzo, Vismi (Biplob) and Jahangir.

FARASHGANJ SC: Bijoy, Nazrul, Sufian, Santosh, Sagar, Selim, Liakat (Rinku), Monir, Ratan, Munna (Ritu) and Riaz (Alamgir).

Referee: Mozaffar Hossain.

Defending champion

Abdullah-al-Rakib of Narayanganj High School took the solo lead with full eight points defeating Shakil in the eighth round of the tenth Bata schools chess tournament at the NSC chessroom yesterday.

Seven players are joint in second position securing seven points each. They are: Enamul Hossen Rajib (St. Gregory's), Mahfuzur Rahman and Shakil (Magura High School), Nazmul Haq (Baranamala Adarsha High School), Firoz Ahmed (Narayanganj IET School), Sabir Ahmed (Nabokumar Institute) and Ibrahim Hossain (Armanitola High School).

Earlier on Thursday, captain Mike Atherton scored England's first century of the series but it was West Indies bowlers who took the honours on the opening day of the fifth Test at Trent Bridge.

Four players are in the third position with 6.5 points each.

His coach Francisco Rivas

tried to convince her to return home Wednesday but she persuaded him to let her swim the 200 and see how she felt afterwards. She has withdrawn from Sunday's 800-metre freestyle but she plans to swim the 100 and 400-metre freestyle.

Poll was treated at a hospital Tuesday night. She is taking antibiotics.

"I'm in no condition to swim," Poll said. "But I like to compete and I wanted to swim. I want to be here. They didn't break my meet record so I am still happy."

The biggest surprise of the night was the failure of American Olympians Melvin Stewart and Summer Sanders to make Thursday night's finals.

Stewart, 26, the 1992 Olympic gold medalist and former world record holder in the 200-metre butterfly, was the third fastest American in the event and did not qualify for the championship final. Only the top two swimmers from each country qualify for the championship final.

Sanders, 22, 1992

olympic gold medalist in the 200-metre butterfly, also failed to make the final. She was the fifth fastest American in the event and finished eighth in 2:14.73. Sanders is coming back after nearly a two-year absence.

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Results of the remaining

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