SPORTS TALK



Paulo Rossi

(Italian soccer star) "It would have been better if I had been appraised a bit less, and the rest of the money had gone to housing or some other project. (1978. On his £1,664.000 transfer fee)

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

HAT imperialism has at least one positive feature. Without the Romans, the British, the French, the Dutch and other European adventurers, sports and games would never have been as international, as global as in the present. It's amazing, but the game of hockey was played by the Nile thousands of years ago The Romans brought it fron Egypt to Europe where it was consolidated in England. The British carried it to India South Africa and Argentina You can be certain that this i one item the Brits wish they had never exported to the Indian sub-continent.

During Bangladesh's Wa of Liberation, India and Pakistan were at loggerheads politically, but hockey matches between them wen on as usual. A commentator said at the time: "It takes more than a war to stop the Indians enjoying their hockey.

Sports WHIZZ KID

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August 25, 1995

Who captained the Swadhir Bangla football team? Shabbir Zakaria Monen Pintoo Munn How many goals did Pele score for Brazil? 101

Sir Gary Sobers scored 365 not out against England Pakistan India Which boxer became known

as the "Louisville Lip"? Muhamma Joe The 1996 Olympic Games

will be held in Atlanta. Hiroshima. Sydney Japan Australia

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Column One Abahani manage to win

Sports Reporter header which went away. Defending ch Asiam once again tried vainly ampions Aba hani Krira Chawhen he made a weak header, although Rahmatgani kra moved anocustodian Lahul fumbled, but ther step fornone of the Abahani forwards ward in their quest for repeating last year's could take advantage of the feat when they edged past

relegation-threatend

Rahmatganj Muslim Friends

Society by 2-1 goals in a sec-

ond leg encounter of the

Lifebuoy Premier Division

football league at the floodlit

Skipper Monem Munna

Vintage striker Aslam

stepped in just before the

breather after his fellow for-

wards found it difficult to

break the Rahmatganj rear

doubled the margin eleven

minutes in to the second half

which was just as good be-

cause Rahmatganj reduced

the margin three minutes

from time. Rahmatganj were

denied an apparent penalty

just after narrowing the

scoreline. Referee Mozaffar

turned down the vehement

stretched their lead to eight

points from their nearest ri-

vals Mohammedan Sporting

Club, who have played one

clinch either of the trophies

lodging at the top of the

league table they have man-

aged to win as many as seven

by the narrowest margin out

squeaky win in their previous

encounter against Farashganj

Sporting Club, possibly due to

the absence of their two key

players - Monem Munna and

Sergei Moichev, suffered

one-match ban for receiving

three yellow cards. But, de-

spite their inclusion Abahani

found the Rahmatganj de-

had the domination in terms

of ball possession but they

could not create any real

It was true that Abahani

fence a hard nut to crack.

Abahani, who also had a

of their nine victories.

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With this win Abahani

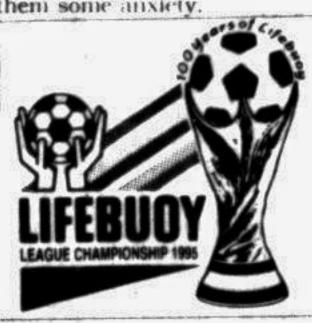
appeals

match less.

guard throughout the half.

Dhaka Stadium on Saturday.

situation. In the 24th minute Rahmatgani defender Biplob Marma deflected Sergei's cross for a corner which otherwise may have caused them some anxiety.



Just before the breather Munna once again took the driving seat with a thunderous 25-yard shot. The goal originated from a corner by Christian, who flicked the ball to Lorenzo. The latter crossed to the goalmouth and the Rahmatganj defender Biplob Marma in a bid to thwart the attempt headed the ball to facilitate Munna. Abahani, who failed to The defender-turned-striker blasted the ball home with a first time drive to freeze the Rahmatgani custodian Lahul and bringing respite to

> Abahani fans (1-0). A few moments later Munna once again took a similar powerful long range shot but Lahul rose to the occasion with a fine block.

> Rahmatgani, who have the highest number of foreign players among the lower echelon clubs but the impor tees are yet to revert their

Before the breather Rahmatganj's lone opportunity came in the 30th minute. Rahmatgani skipper Nazimuddin caught the Abahani custodian Dhanu out of line but his blurred vision scoring chance before the compelled him to head wide.

Munna's score. After the breather Abahani Abahani got three half played rather well and chances before they shot into Rahmatganj custodian Lahul the lead. Two minutes in to passed a busy and anxious the match Aslam took a weak time under the bar. But the Abahani spirit appeared dampened later in the half.

In the first minute of the second half Lorenzo entered the danger zone with a solo run but was effectively blocked by Lahul.

Two minutes later Lorenzo took a long range shot which was deflected by Lahul for a corner. But Lahul could not prevent Abahani from doubling the margin.

Medio Swapan cornered the ball from the left flank and Aslam rushed quickly before anyone could say Jack Robinson to head the ball home (2-0).

Lorenzo, who once played for the Romanian Olympic team and scored nine goals in 15 matches in Thailand, just before his arrival in Dhaka, is yet to find the net. In the 70th minute, Lahul foiled his attempt to maintain blank account.

However, in the last 15 minutes Abahani played in a manner as if the result had already been settled. Utilizing the negative approach, Rahmatgani pulled one goal back. Substitute striker Abul Hassan headed the ball home after capitalizing on Zaved's cross (1-2).

Soon afterwards Rahmatganj demanded a penalty. Russian Oumed Alidov pulled off his jersey as part of his resentment after he was brought down by the Abahani skipper Munna inside the danger zone. But the man in black was firm in his decision to relieve Abahani and thousands of its supporters, much to the dismay of Rahmatgani fans.

Yellow card: Biplob Marma. Igbal Hossain, Abul Hasan, Alidanov (Rahmatganj), Swapan (Abahani KC).

TEAMS

ABAHANI KC: Dhanu, Mansur Ali, Munna, Sohel Reza, Partha, Sergei, Christian (Biplob), Swapan, Lorenzo (Jamal), Aslam (Iqbal) and Jahangir.

RAHMATGANJ: Lahul, Biplob Marma, Iqbal Hosain. Shakail, Shahid, Nazimuddin (Abul Hasan), Javed, Azim (Shahin), Alidanov Ninaskin, Kobjev (Jafar)



The 19-member Indian Olympic (under-23) football team who are in Dhaka to play two exhibition matches, pose for photographers at the Zia International Airport upon their arrival yesterday afternoon.

Muktis take on Indians today



The visiting Indian Olympic football team will take on star-studded

Muktijoddha Sangsad Krira Chakra at 5:30 pm at Dhaka Stadium today.

The Indian under-23 outfit are in the city to play two exhibition matches in preparation for the Atlanta Games qualifying tournament to be held in mid-October.

Brothers Union has agreed to play in the second of the friendlies after Mohammedan Sporting Club declined to do so at the last minute. That encounter will be held on Tuesday at 5:30 pm at the same venue.

The gallery tickets for both matches have been fixed at Tk 20 each while the entrance fee for VIP Gate No 1 will be Tk 60 and that for VIP Gate Nos 2 and 3, Tk 40

apiece respectively. Earlier the nineteenmember Indian contingent comprising sixteen players

Sports Reporter Dhaka yesterday afternoon.

After witnessing the Lifebuoy Premier Division match between Abahani and Rahmatgani their Uzbek coach Dr Rustam A Akramov expressed dissatisfaction at the amount of time his team has had to prepare for their qualifying matches.

Addressing newsmen at a brief press conference at the BFF office last night, Dr Akramov, who is simultaneously incharge of the Indian national team, informed that he has been able to train the current side for only three months, for too short a period for a tournament of such

stature. Asked about the make-up of the team, Dr Akramov said that most of the players are new to the international stage with only captain Joe Paul Ancheri and Sabir Pasha playing currently for the national squad. He said playing against Muktis will greatly

enhance his boys experience. The Indian team has been grouped with Pakistan and

Oman in the first round of the qualifying matches. They are scheduled to play away in Pakistan on October 11, in Oman on October 18. Their home matches are to be held on October 22nd (Pakistan) and October 29th (Oman).

The members of the Indian team are: Shabbir Ali manager, Rustam A Akramov — coach, Joe Paul Ancheri — captain, Arpan Dey, Felix Edward, Debashis Pal Chowdhury, Ranjan Dey. Amitava Chanda, Gurtek Singh, Jaya Kumar, Basudeb Mondal, Ranjan Choudhury, Shameem Ahmed, Ajay Singh, Shamsi Raza, Prasanta Chakraborty, Sabir Pasha, M Najeeb, Dr N R Choudhury doctor.

LIFEBUOY LEAGUES SUSPENDED

Meanwhile, the Lifebuoy Senior Division football leagues has been suspended for four days to accommodate the two exhibition matches into the local football sched-



The Bangladesh women's handball team takes a breather during their ongoing preparation for the 6th Commonwealth Youth handball competition which is to commence in Dhaka on August 24. - Star photo Boys, Police split points

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Boys and Police Athletic Club played to a one-all draw in the lone Lifebuoy First Division football league match at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday

The captain of both sides shook hands before the word go and maintained the spirit of an undoubted friendly at mosphere throughout the eye-soring encounter and deservingly went home happy with one point each.

The only notable incident in the lack-lustre match was two penalties awarded in quick succession during the first half.

In the 20th minute referee Hamiduzzaman Noman pointed to the dreaded spot in favour of Bangladesh Boys. relegated from the Premier Division last year, when Police's Haridas brought down a menacingly potsed Badal Das in the forbidden zone. Defender Badal stepped up to convert the resultant spot-kick.

But two minutes later Police, promoted to the First Division this year, restored parity when Masud Rana side-footed the second spotkick on the day.

The draw now left Bangladesh Boys raise their collection to 16 points from 11 matches while Police earn 11 from as many encounters.

Rapid chess from Aug 23 Sports Reporter

The Afsar rapid chess tournament, organised by country's lone Grand Master Niaz Murshed, will begin at

the NSC chess room from August 23. Interested players have been asked to complete the formalities regarding registration with the Bangladesh Chess Federation (BCF) office

The seven-round Swiss league meet, sponsored by the Afsar Group, offers a lucrative cash award of Taka 12.000 for the winners.

by Tuesday next.

Hamps skip humiliation

SOUTHAMPTON. England. Aug 19: Hampshire, whose bowlers were savaged by Carl Hooper during his 195 Thursday redeemed themselves with a staunch batting performance to draw with West Indies on Friday reports Reuter.

The touring team declared at their overnight 696 for six - 504 ahead on first innings - and Hampshire batted through the third and last day in their second innings to end on 302 for five.

West Indies did break through in the afternoon session when leg-spinner Rajindra Dhanraj snapped up three wickets to reduce Hampshire to 230 for five.

Dhanraj removed Paul Terry, John Stephenson and Tony Middleton, but Kevan James and wicketkeeper Adrian Aymes halted the slump with an unbroken sixth wicket stand of 77 in 38 overs to spare Hampshire further embarrassment.

Hampshire started well, with openers Jason Laney and Paul Terry sharing in a stand of 61 off only 10 overs before Laney cut lazily at a short ball from Andy Cummins and was caught at backward point.

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Abaham - Romanian striker Lorenzo chases the ball in vain as the visibly relived Rahmatganj custodian looks on during their Lifebuoy Premier Division football league encounter held at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. Abahani prevailed winners by two -Star photo goals to one.

Biman's carnival cut short

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Biman made an ignominious exit from the Benson and He-

adges Cricket carnival when Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) handed them a crushing 123-run defeat in one of the two semifinals at the RRIC Ground in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on Friday.

On an artificial turf, Biman after wining the toss, elected to take the field. But the decision proved an expensive one for the Airliners as the Bankers amassed a mammoth 341 for nine in their share of 50 overs.

According to a faxed message received in Dhaka yesterday. Selvakumara, who along with Shivaprashad toyed with the Biman bowlers, plundered 90 runs in his pyrotechnic innings. While Shivaprashad provided the Indians a solid foundation with a sparkling 78.

Sunder with 55 and Kan-

nana, who chipped in with 46, were the other notable run-getters for the eventual winners.

Among the Biman bowlers, left-arm seamer Anisur Rahman, with a four-wicket haul, was the most successful in an otherwise depleted attack. But Anis, on loan from

> Transcom bridge

M Waliul Haque and N H Shamsuzzaman Kamal lifted the Khandker Fazle Sobhan Trophy by winning the Transcom national pair duplicate bridge championship, 1995 which concluded here on Friday, reports BSS.

The two-day champion ship was inaugurated by Foreign Secretary Farooq Sobhan on Thursday. Fifty pairs in two sections participated in the meet.

GMCC. gave 68 runs in his

The Indians, who set the field afire hitting each and every Biman bowler around the ground, were particularly harsh on Mohammed Raftque, who conceded highest 75 runs in his ten overs. He

While Jahangir Talukder Dulu gave 26 runs in his three overs, skipper Ziaur Rashid Rupon finished with one for 60 and although Enamul Huq Moni returned wicketless was most economic. He gave 50 runs in his ten overs.

took two wickets.

In reply, Biman, chasing an uphill task of scoring more than 6.5 runs per over, could muster only 218 before being all out with three balls to spare.

Shahnewaz Shanu with 62 was the top willow-wielder for Biman followed by national skipper Akram Khan and Moni, who scored 40 and 25 respectively.

Basten bids San Siro adieu



MILAN. Aug 19: Retiring Dutch striker Marco Van Basten received an emotional, standing

ovation from a crowd of 63,000 Friday night as he paraded the San Siro field to say goodbye for the last time to AC Milan fans, reports AP.

The Milan powerhouse, whose offence was sparkled by Van Basten for eight years, showed they badly missed the goals and the imagination of their former Dutch starforward as they struggled to a goalless draw against league champions Juventus in the Luigi Berlusconi Trophy - a traditional pre-season match

between leading teams. Van Basten, one of the game all-time greats, announced his retirement on Thursday as a result of a chronic ankle injury which had sidelined him since May

He showed in the arena of his past triumphs, and waved at the fans, shortly before kickoff the match.

AC Milan eventually lost the game and the trophy to the Turin rivals trailing Juventus 5-6 in a penalty shootout.

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Liberian-born French striker George Weah, who took over Van Basten's role in AC Milan's lineup, missed the decisive penalty and Juventus got away with their second victory in five editions of the trophy.

A huge crowd watched

the match featuring the first showdown between the top title contenders in the upcoming First Division campaign and the first appearance of Roberto Baggio against his former teammates of Juventus. Baggie, Italy's World Cup hero who joined AC Milan in

the off-season after five years with the Turin team, made some good passes, converted a penalty but failed to produce the outstanding performance Milan fans had been expecting from him. The "stellar" AC Milan of-

fence including Baggio, Weah, Dejan Savicevic and Zvonimir Boban, had a few chances fence.

against Juventus' tight de-Striker Fabrizio Ravanelli led a few but very dangerous attacks by the visitors, who had to do without their best forward GianLuca Vialli who

was sidelined with a light

knee injury.

Although quality of play was less than impressive. If was a hard-fought. thrilling match with four players cautioned for rough tackles.

it was an emotional match for me, my first time against my former teammates," Baggio said. "Both teams showed they are not vet in their peak condition, but will be for sure the protagonists in the upcoming season.

The 34-round Italian soccer campaign kicks off on Aug 27 with Milan visiting Padova and Juventus taking on low-ranked Cremonese.

Former premier and AC Milan president Silvio Berlusconi handed the trophy, named after his late father, to Juventus' captain Ravanelli after the shootout. Milan have won the three

previous editions of the trophy, against Inter, Real Madrid and Bayern Munich. Juventus captured the opening edition in 1991.

The Turin team won the 1994-95 league title ending a winning streak of the Milan team, which won the "Scudetto" for three consecutive years between 1992 and 1994.

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CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SCOTSMAN DIDN'T MIND THAT HIS FETCHING GIRLFRIEND TRIED TO LASS-O HIM INTO MARRIAGE.

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Today's Cryptoquip cluc. U equals R

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.