

Column One

Announcement

Hey kids! Watch out! WHIZZ KID-2 begins today. Results of WHIZZ KID-1 tomorrow.

DID U KNOW?

(The Professor does)

HAT in 1978, a Japanese pigeon fancier paid \$25,000 for a bird to become the owner of the world's most expensive pigeon...

SPORTS TALK



George Best

(Irish soccer star) 'I do not expect to play on a losing side. You'll find I have a nice personality when we start winning.'

SPORTS TALK WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN

- 1. The Sports WHIZZ KID Competition is a property of The Daily Star. 2. The Competition is open only to school-going children...

Sports WHIZZ KID competition-2

Tick the Correct Answer (Competition closes: 8 PM, Sept 1, 1995)

- 1. How many players in a handball team? 5 7 9 11

Name: Class: Roll No: School Address: Phone: (if any)

Bengal beat Aggragami

CALCUTTA, Aug 25: Title aspirants East Bengal struggled hard to suppress Tollygunge Aggragami by a solitary goal in their Charns Super Division league match at their home ground here yesterday, reports PTI.



A jubilant Bangladeshi coach Ali Asgar rejoices with his boys after they defeated a strong Nigerian side in the sixth Commonwealth youth handball championship at the Mirpur Indoor Stadium yesterday. — Star photo

Boys win, girls lose

Sports Reporter

Hosts Bangladesh notched up their second successive victory in the sixth Commonwealth Youth Handball championship defeating the talented Nigerians by the skin of their teeth in a nerve-racking encounter at the Mirpur Indoor Stadium yesterday.

In a match marred by poor refereeing and unruly crowd behaviour, the hosts edged past their younger looking opponents 30-29. The victors led 13-12 at half-time.

The two Indian referees, P S Dillon and Syamal, made a total hash of their responsibilities when they let the match go out of their control. Their lenient attitude towards the game and inconsistent whistle-blowing eroded both teams to display their physical strength rather than handball skills.

In the latter stages of the match an innocent bystander could easily have mistaken it for a free-for-all kabaddi encounter.

The match was suspended for about eight minutes in the second half due to rowdy crowd behaviour. Reacting to the two minute time penalty received by the Bangladesh goalkeeper Bappi, who had been arguing with the men in black, the emotionally charged crowd showered the court with soft drink cans and various fruits. The crowd even chanted slogans asking the organisers to change the two officials. But after continuous appeals from the Bangladesh bench, good sense prevailed and the game resumed.

The controversies apart, the local boys presented a superior brand of handball and came out of the match as deserving winners.

Vice captain Swapan again played an important part in the team's success with Palash and captain Akul giving able support.

Swapan received two ferocious hits in the abdomen and was ruthlessly elbowed in the eye by the Nigerians but valiantly went on to score

Robinson spoils Northants plan

LONDON, Aug 25: Nottinghamshire skipper Tim Robinson made county championship contenders Northamptonshire pay dearly for dropping him when he had scored three by compiling an unbeaten 204 on Thursday, reports Reuter.

Robinson, dropped by Rob Bailey at second slip off Kevin Curran, went on to post his seventh century of the season while storming past the 1,500-run mark on the opening day of the match at Northampton.

He put on 285 with Graeme Archer (93) for the second wicket as Notts romped to 353 for one.

Northants ended the day without a single bonus point as they looked to keep pace with title rivals Middlesex and Warwickshire, who both enjoyed successful days.

Mark Ramprakash scored a chanceless unbeaten 141 — his fifth century in his last seven matches and sixth in the championship this season — for leaders Middlesex who reached 346 for four against Yorkshire at Headingley.

Roger Twose was another unbeaten century maker as defending champions Warwickshire amassed 403 for six against Worcestershire at Edgbaston.

Opener Twose, dropped on 60 and 73, had reached 179 by the close.

Acting Lancashire captain Wasim Akram produced a devastating burst of bowling to wreck Hampshire at Portsmouth, taking a season's best seven for 52. The hosts were dismissed for just 154.

six goals and set up many more. Palash was very effective with his sudden shots from well outside the six-metre box, going home with seven goals to his name. Akul scored five goals while Robiul converted four spectacular attempts.

Bappi continued his glorious run in the competition with another brilliant performance under the bar.



Mannir, the Nigerian skipper, produced a spirited display of his skills despite receiving constant battering from his marker Nayan. Afolabi, the lanky No. 5, repeatedly found a gap in the local defence scoring 11 goals.

In the press briefing that followed the match the management of both sides complained about the standard of refereeing claiming that the officials were not technically correct. Bangladesh manager Hasanullah Khan Rana said that the officials showed poor judgement and did not play advantage. Ali Asgar, the chief coach, complained that if the referees had managed the game competently, several injuries on both sides could have been avoided.

The Nigerian coach

Danlami Aliya also expressed his disappointment at the way the match was conducted. He also accused the crowd and his opponents of being unsportsmanlike claiming that the local boys instigated the crowd's misbehaviour.

The official scoresheet supplied by the organisers yet again did not tally with the journalists' own list of scorers. Mugu, who had actually scored six goals, was credited with none while Abjullahi, who spent much of the game on the bench was mentioned to have scored seven.

PAKISTAN BEAT HK

In the other match of the day Pakistan defeated Hong Kong 23-15. The leaders led the keenly contested opening half 9-7.

Zubair of Pakistan scored eleven goals while Faraz Amjad chipped in with five.

Earlier in the morning session Bangladesh girls' team suffered a major setback in their hopes to run away with the title when they lost to India 15-32.

The winners led 12-8 at the end of an evenly balanced opening half.

The taller and more agile Indian girls dominated the game from the word go. Kamla Devi, the lanky Indian No. 2, notched up seven goals with her swift movements and fine dodging skills. Jwala Khulsange also showed impressive talents with six goals to her name.

Sworna Dewan, the opportunist Bangladeshi front liner, fought a lone battle with her ten conversions.

FIXTURES

Table with columns: Date, Match, Time. Includes fixtures for Aug 26, 27, 28, 29, 30.



Jwala Khulsange (R) of India aims for the goal as the Bangladesh skipper Asma Begum Moyna tries to pull her back in the sixth Commonwealth youth handball championship at the Mirpur Indoor Stadium yesterday. The hosts went down to their neighbours 15-32. — Star photo

FIFA rankings Bangladesh now 130th

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh slid further behind in the FIFA world ranking of national soccer teams when a recent survey among the 178 nations reveals the position of the football-crazed country at 130.

According to a FIFA monthly bulletin Bangladesh, which had been placed at number 129 during the last survey in July, now stood behind India and Sri Lanka with 11.45 points.

Neighbours India hold the 113th slot while Sri Lanka are 127th.

In the top ten list world champions Brazil remains No 1 followed by Norway, Spain, Germany, Argentina, Italy, Denmark, Russia, Portugal and Mexico respectively.

Arambagh hold Brothers

Sports Reporter

Brothers Union, the traditional third force in the domestic football circuit, continued their miserable performance in the Lifebuoy Premier League when Arambagh Krira Sangha forced them to a goalless draw.

The Gopibagh outfit, who are currently holding the sixth position, hardly showed any sign of regaining respectability in a lacklustre match.

In an eye-soring encounter the ball was mostly confined in the middle with players of both sides running listlessly.

With this draw Brothers raised their paltry collection to 12 on completion of their eleven league matches while Arambagh got 11 points from as many outings.

Away at the Mirpur Stadium, Dhanmondi and Badda Jagorani Sangsad split points in yet another goalless drawn match in the Lifebuoy First Division football league.

The draw now left Badda, promotees in the First Division, 18 points from eleven matches while Dhanmondi raised their tally to 13 from 11 outings.

Sino spikers rout ROK

JAKARTA, Aug 25: Olympian Lai Yawen led China to a one-sided 3-0 victory Friday against South Korea in the opening match of the women's World Volleyball Grand Prix championship, reports AP.

After losing 9-15 both in the first and second sets, the Korean spikers fought hard in the third set, leading 13-11, but failed to bring the game into extra sets.

A hard smash by Yawen ended the gruelling 100-minute match by winning the last set 15-13.

The three-day round-robin competition pits four of world's top teams — China, South Korea, Cuba and Russia — to compete for two berths in the grand prix's final round in Shanghai, China.

Another match between Cuba, which won the inaugural grand prix tournament in 1993, and Russia is to be played later in the day before 3,000 spectators at the same venue, Jakarta's indoor Senayan Sports Palace.

It is the second successive time for Indonesia to be the annual Grand Prix series.

MSC survive a scare

Sports Reporter



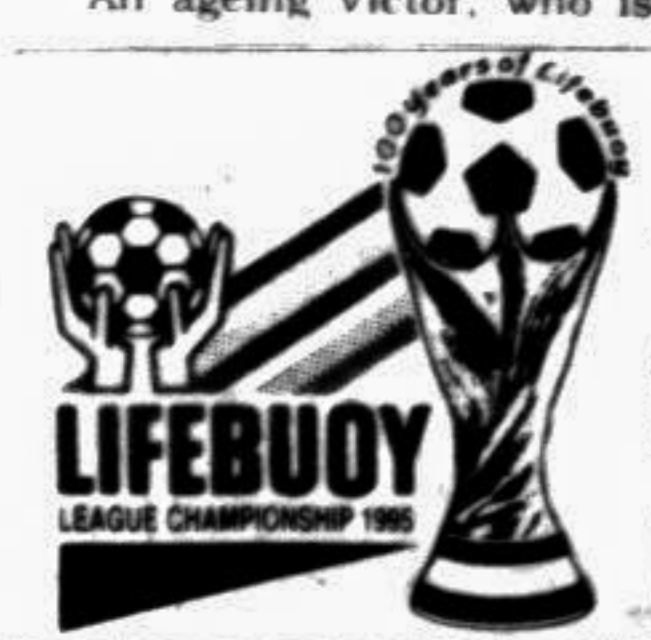
Mohammedans Russian striker Andrej Kazakov was in the thick of things as the black and whites picked up a hard fought 2-1 win over a spirited Agrani Bank in one of the two Lifebuoy Premier League matches held at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

In front of a near-packed holiday crowd Kazakov, who set Manik up for the first goal and scored the winner, was the only player held up to the expectations in an otherwise disappointing Mohammedan campaign against a valiant display from Agrani Bank.

The bankers, who gave the Mohammedan booters a run for their money, could have gone away with a sensational 2-2 draw had not Ruhul Amin made a miraculous goalline save at the stroke of the final whistle.

With only two minutes remaining of the high-voltage

But the highest paid booter this season, who had only to beat a helpless Agrani custodian Manu, cracked the ball into the side net much to the horror of his teammates. An ageing Victor, who is



too slow to move with the ball, deprived Mohammedans on yet another occasion at the stroke of the half time. He was later replaced by Ranjan in the second half but the later was not inspiring at all.

On the otherhand Agrani Bank undaunted by the early setback came up firing all

half to bolster the Mohammedans attack, lobbed a perfect floater to Kazakov, who after controlling the ball with great efficiency fired into the opponents net with a first time volley past a crowded Agrani defence.

But the lead hardly inspired a shaky Mohammedans defence, who miserably failed to deal with the sudden Agrani attack.

Tutul, who failed to have the last laugh due to alert Ruhul Amin, earlier found an ever Mohammedans custodian Ponir in his way in the 69th minute when the later made a diving save from a low drive by Tutul.

Yellow Card: Kazakov (Mohammedan SC) and Kala (Agrani Bank).

TEAMS MOHAMMEDAN SC: Ponir, Kaiser Hamid, Ruhul Amin, Jewel Rana, Munna, Rupu, Manik, Ladi Baba, Alfaz (Arman), Kazakov and Victor (Ranjan) (Asad).



Agrani Bank custodian Manu foils an attempt from Mohammedans Ranjan (R) during yesterday's Lifebuoy Premier League football encounter at the Dhaka Stadium. Mohammedans prevailed 2-1. — Star photo

drama and the Mohammedan rear huffing and puffing for the final whistle. Agrani striker Tutul almost scored his second goal in the match with a pile-drive from inside the box.

But thanks to Ruhul Amin, posted at the far corner of the post, made a reflex save with a counter shot much to the relief of the black and white supporters.

The win now enabled the DMFA and Federation Cup champions to regain the second position with 24 points on completion of their eleven league engagements, five points adrift of league leaders Abahani Krira Chakra.

In the day's second match Mohammedans, who failed to produce their best even because of flu that caught sidelined some of their key booters including the tall Nigerian Bode Baba, relied heavily upon Kazakov for a squeaky win.

The robust Russian, who remained the linchpin of every Mohammedan sortie, opened up the Agrani defence in the 13th minute with a brilliant through, and an onrushing Manik made no mistake slotting the ball into an open net.

Kazakov, the highest scorer for Mohammedans last year, then provided his compatriot Victor with a serving cross from the right in the 29th minute.

their four cylinders with midfielders Sentu and Nayan along with striker Tutul unleashing their richest vein of talents, the Mohammedans defence finally collapsed in the 41st minute when their long served defender Kaiser Hamid made a cynical foul on a menacingly poised Tutul in the forbidden zone. The Malaysian referee Halim Abdul Hamid did not hesitate to point to the dreaded spot.

Tutul, the dark and lithe Agrani forward, then stepped up to score his eighth goal in the league. With this goal Tutul, who had earlier earned a rare feat of scoring the only hat-trick in the Premier league, joined Naqub of Multijoddha in the highest individual scorers' list.

The equaliser added fuel to the Agrani attack and in the second half they tore up the Mohammedans defence with waves of attacks.

But thanks to a brief spell of Kazakov magic that gave a beleaguered Mohammedans an improbable win.

The black and white stalwart blasted a powerful left-footer against the cross-piece in the 73rd minute. Two minutes later Kazakov's blistering 25-yarder was brilliantly fisted away by Manu for a corner which eventually set the Russian for his successful third attempt.

Arman, running a fever, who came on in the second

AGRANI BANK: Manu, Kala, Raj (Nayan), Panash, Rafiq, Sentu, Munna, Rajani, Akthar, Tutul and Reza (Tipu) (Moin).

Referee: Halim Abdul Hamid.

Sugiyama in Pathmark Open semis

MAHWAH, New Jersey, Aug 25: Ai Sugiyama of Japan advanced to the semifinals and Austrian Judith Wiesner and American Chanda Rubin reached the quarterfinals of the 150,000 dollars Pathmark women's tennis tournament on Thursday, reports Reuter.

Sugiyama, who upset top-seeded Conchita Martinez Wednesday night, rallied to beat Nicole Bradtke of Australia 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (7-3) Thursday afternoon.

'I felt that I might lose but I just kept going, running for everything and trying to cover the whole court,' said the 19-year-old Sugiyama, who is ranked 63rd to Bradtke's 36. 'She rallied to win from 2-4 deficits in each of the second and third sets.'

Wiesner also was forced to three sets before putting away Lisa Raymond of the United States 6-2, 5-7, 7-5. The Austrian Fed Cup player is ranked 23rd, three places behind Raymond.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes solution time: 26 mins.

Cryptoquip puzzle grid with letters and numbers.

CRYPTOQUIP 'UPDOXVXJ SDY-RTXJJ,' GDVL TIO STZYPO, 'VG RIGZ ZVUP DXL POOTO.' Yesterday's Cryptoquip: BORING COWBOY PROPOSED TO HIS GIRLFRIEND; HE FINALLY DECIDED TO SADDLE DOWN. Today's Cryptoquip clue: O 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.