Mohammedans drub Wari

Sports Reporter

Title aspirants Mohammedan Sporting Club celebrated their recently found form with a crushing 3-0 win over Wari Club in the lone Premier football league engagement at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

The DMFA and Federation cup champions with this facile victory not only took a sweet revenge against Wari Club, who held the black and whites to a goalless draw in their first leg engagement, but also close the gap with their arch-rival and defending champions Abahani Krira Chakra collecting 30 points on completion of 13 league matches. Abahani have a two-point lead.

In front of a handsome crowd and on a heavy outfield Mohammedans took the lead through Arman even before Wari could settle themselves in the middle.

Arman, the midfield playmaker of the black and whites, put his side into the lead in the very second minute with a sudden 30-yard right-footer to celebrate his second goal in the league.

After the early lead it appeared that Mohammedans had taken their engagement with the traditional giant-slayers as preparation for their next crucial league engagement against Brothers Union, who had handed them their only defeat in the league.

But, despite their casual approach, Mohammedans enjoyed the upperhand for most of the proceedings with Ranjan, the speedy winger with a lethal left-foot unearthing his richest vein of talents.

The Tangail booter, who with his sudden burst of speed tore apart the Wari defence, set Ladhi Baba for Mohammedans' second goal at the stroke of the half time.

Ladhi, one of the two Nigerian recruits of Mohammedans, after being set by Ranjan at the top of the Wari box, made no mistake to send the ball into the far corner of the net with a powerful low drive past a helpless Wari custodian, Dilip.

Ranjan, who had earlier spoiled a hattrick of opportunities, completed the Wari rout with a strike in the 67th minute and carved a gem of a goal. The speedy forward, latching on a Ladhi Baba through dodged past three Wari defenders with consummate ease before unleashing a neat grounder with his pet foot from inside the box. It was Ranjan's third goal in the league.

But Ranjan, who has already earned a dubious reputation of being miss-master, deprived Mohammedans of victory by an even bigger margin when he spoiled three chances before scoring.

In the 39th minute Ranjan with all the time in the world and with Dilip at his mercy, cracked the ball straight to the helpless custodian much to the dismay of his team-mates. One minute later Ranjan spoiled the easiest chance of the day when he failed to tap home a rebounder from barely four yards.

Nine minutes into the second half he repeated his previous blunder before lady-luck finally smiled upon him in the 67th minute.

Apart from the one-sided affair, the other notable feature was the reappearance of Mohammedans right-back Alamgir, who was sidelined for the entire league after sustaining a knee injury during the Federation Cup semi-finals against Brothers Union early this year. The reliable Mohammedan defender came as a substitute for Ruhul Amin in the second half amidst applause from the stand.

With this win Mohammedans are now trailing league leaders Abahani by two points. The defeat for Wari Club means that they are barring a miracle destined to be relegated after being in the elite group for a long time. Wari, who are yet to win a match, remained glued to the bottom of the table with six points from 13 matches.

Yellow card: Akram Hossain (Wari)

TEAMS

MOHAMMEDAN SC: Pamir, Ruhul Amin (Alamgir), Jewel Rana, Munna (Suny), Parvez, Manik, Arman (Alfaz), Ranjan, Ladhi Baba, Bade Baba and Kazakov.

WARI CLUB: Dilip, Atiq, Shahed, Razzak, Siraj, Shankar, Paritosh Dewan, Rikta, Akram Hossain, Babu Zaman and Zakir (Mong Bathuei).

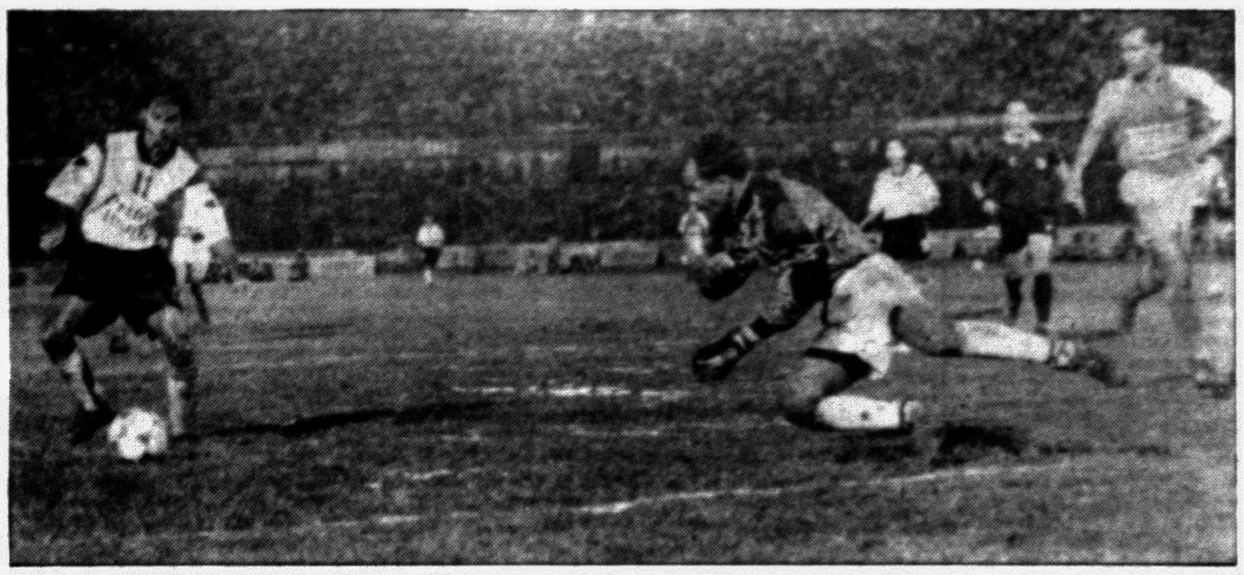
Referee: Abdur Rahman (Malaysia).

STANDINGS

Teams	M	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Abahani KC	13	10	1	1	20	4	32
Mohammedan SC	13	9	3	1	23	8	30
Muktijoddha	13	8	2	3	25	9	26
Youngmen's Club	13	6	3	4	18	14	21
Brothers Union	13	3	6	4	14	13	15
Agrani Bank	13	4	2	7	12	18	14
Arambagh KS	13	2	7	4	9	11	13
Farashganj SC	13	1	7	5	4	10	10
Rahmatganj MFS	13	1	4	8	8	22	7
Wari Club	13	0	6	7	8	26	6

Hattricks: Tutul (Agrani Bank) against Wari Club.

Leading scorers: 10 goals — Naquib (Muktijoddha), 8 goals — Tutul (Agrani Bank), 6 goals — Mizan (Muktijoddha), 5 goals — Kazakov (Mohammedan), Mamun Joarder (Muktijoddha) and Asif Yusuf (Youngmen's Club).



Ranjan (11) of Mohammedan Sporting Club about to do his routine of missing from handshaking distance with only Wari's custodian Dilip at his mercy in yesterday's match of the Premier Division League. Mohammedans won 3-0 with Ranjan finally getting the third goal. — Star photo

Column One
SPORTS TALK

Johann Cruyff

(Dutch soccer superstar, after signing a one million dollar's contract with Barcelona in 1973).

"Listen, for the next three years while I am in Spain I am not a man, I am not a football player, I am an industry."

DID U' KNOW?
(The Professor does)

THAT sportsmen are very tolerant. Well, up to a level, that is. An example may suffice. In the late 1940s, one of cricket's outstanding left-handed batsmen, New Zealander Martin Donnelly advised his Oxford classmates thus: "And a word about catching. If you miss one, don't worry. Concentrate on catching the next. And if you miss that, don't worry. Could happen to anyone. Concentrate on catching the next. And if you miss that, don't worry. You won't be playing for us anymore."

This is when I remembered a totally different game called SAF football. If we didn't get the gold, don't worry. Concentrate on the silver. If we didn't get the silver, don't worry. It could happen to anyone. Concentrate on getting the bronze. If we don't get the bronze, don't worry. There is nothing else to win.

Sports WHiZZ KID
COMPETITION FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN

Sports WHiZZ KID competition-3.

√ Tick the Correct Answer

(Competition closes: 8 PM, Sept 8, 1995)

1.	Where was the 1992 Olympics held?		
	Barcelona	Atlanta	Seoul
2.	The national game of Bangladesh is		
	Kabaddi	Football	Cricket
3.	In cricket the distance between the wickets is		
	22 yards	33 feet	44 metres
4.	How many players play in a basketball team?		
	5	7	9
5.	Bangladesh youths are better than Great Britain in		
	Handball	Football	Volleyball

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Dutch to miss Kluivert

ROTTERDAM, Netherlands, Sept 5: The Netherlands go into Wednesday crucial European Championship qualifier against Belarus without Ajax Amsterdam's talented teenage striker Patrick Kluivert, reports Reuter.

England, Colombia to clash

LONDON, Sept 5: Paul Gascoigne makes the England starting lineup for the first time for 18 months in Wednesday's exhibition game against Colombia at Wembley, reports AP.

Now playing in Scotland for Glasgow Rangers, the talented but injury-prone midfielder was named Tuesday by England coach Terry Venables, who has monitored his form closely since they were together at Tottenham four years ago.

The former Lazio star has played only as substitute for Venables in three game since his last starting appearance against Denmark in March 1994. He was replaced during that game by Matthew Le Tissier, ironically now the centre of speculation that he may play for another country, Wales, having been ignored recently by Venables.

Gascoigne lines up in an adventurous England selection with Liverpool midfielder Jamie Redknapp making his debut and Steve McManaman and Nicky Barmby starting for the first time, having played before only as substitutes.

Venables has made eight changes from the team that lost 3-1 at home to Brazil, June 11.

Chelsea's Dennis Wise returns, having won his appeal against an assault conviction and three-month jail term for assaulting a taxi driver. He lines up in a midfield full of creative players rather than tough tacklers.

Arsenal midfielder David Platt, usually captain of the team, misses the game because of a knee injury and Newcastle's Peter Beardsley is left out for the same reason.

But McManaman, Barmby, Redknapp, Gascoigne and Wise form a talented squad capable of unlocking the Colombian defence on the spacious Wembley field.

Manchester United's 20-year-old fullback Gary Neville retains his place instead of Liverpool's Rob Jones and Newcastle centreback Steve Howey plays for the second time because Gary Pallister is sidelined through injury. Arsenal centreback Tony Adams will be captain in place of Platt.

Blackburn's Alan Shearer, top scorer in English soccer last season when he club won the title, is the lone striker.

Colombia, who overpowered the United States 4-1 in the Copa America in July, replaced Croatia as England's opponent. When violence escalated in that part of former Yugoslavia, England decided not to go through with that game on the basis it was inappropriate to play against a country at war.

The Colombian lineup is expected to include star players such as Faustino Asprilla, Carlos Valderrama, Fredy Rincon and goalkeeper Rene Higuita, who all were on the team that beat the US.

Rutherford to skipper Transvaal

JOHANNESBURG, Sept 5: Sacked New Zealand cricket captain Ken Rutherford has been appointed skipper of South African provincial side Transvaal for the forthcoming season, it was announced on Monday, reports Reuter.

The Transvaal Cricket Board said Rutherford had signed a two-year contract.

He was relieved of the New Zealand captaincy earlier this year following a string of poor performances but Transvaal coach Jimmy Cook said he had been impressed by the 30-year-old batsman when he led New Zealand on their tour of South Africa earlier this year.

"He brings a wealth of experience and we hope he can add a little steel to the side to turn draws into wins," Cook said.

The contract means Rutherford will not be available for next year's World Cup even should New Zealand want him.

Vogts relieved

NUREMBERG, Germany, Sept 5: Juergen Klinsmann's early return after injury has a come as a huge relief to German coach Berti Vogts ahead of his team's crucial European Championships qualifier against Georgia in Nuremburg on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

Vogts' squad has been weakened by suspensions and injuries and needs the striking of the Bayern Munich star who has made a remarkable recovery after hurting ankle ligaments on the opening day of the season on August 12.

With Bulgaria leading Group Seven by five points, the Germans and Georgians are battling to qualify for next year's finals in England.

The second-placed former world champions have a one-point lead over Georgia and a game in hand. Despite Germany's 2-0 victory in Tbilisi last March when Klinsmann scored both goals, Vogts is well aware Georgia will be no pushover.

"I am happy Juergen is fit and has no health problems, Vogts said."

Mid-field parley in the opening match of the 17th national hockey championship between Bangladesh Navy (whites) and Narayanganj DSA at the BKSP ground yesterday. Navy drowned their opponents five to naught. — Star photo

Pepsi 18th national basketball

Navy begin defence in style

Sports Reporter

Nine times champions Bangladesh Navy got off to a flying start in the defence of their national basketball championship crown when they bombarded their way through to victory against minnows Jessore DSA on the opening day of the 18th edition of the tourney at the Dhanmondi Gymnasium yesterday.

The sailors, winners of the meet for five consecutive years, won by an awe-inspiring margin of 111-43. They led 54-18 at the breather.

The star-studded outfit took full advantage of a weak Jessore side with national players Goswami and Wasit scoring 22 and 13 points each. Monir chipped in with 18 more.

For the vanquished, Ripu caged twelve and Dipu ten.

BDR RIFLE RAJSHAHI

In another one-sided match, an impressive Bangladesh Rifles made mince meat out of a lowly Rajshahi DSA side when they virtually walked all over their opponents 117-51. The winners practically confirmed their victory halfway through the match when they led 61-18.

Ayub played an instrumental part in the routing with his 36 points. National team reject Sohan made a valiant yet vain attempt to lift the morale of the team from Rajshahi with 38 points.

KHULNA CRUISE

Meanwhile, in the day's first match, Khulna DSA recorded a comfortable 73-28 win over Brahmanbaria DSA. The winners led 30-6 at half time. Khaled scored the highest 30 points for Khulna.

Earlier, State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadeque Hossain inaugurated the competition which is being participated by thirteen teams split into two groups. President of the Bangladesh Basketball Federation Dr Rashiduddin Ahmed and Mosharraf Hossain, sales and marketing director of Pepsi, the official sponsor, were also present on the occasion.

Nat'l hockey begins

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Navy blanked Narayanganj DSA five goals to nil in the opening match of the 17th national hockey championship held at the BKSP ground in Savar yesterday.

Mohammed Saiful struck twice while Lokman, Momtaz Ali and Farhad scored one each.

The win takes the sailors directly to the quarterfinals where they will meet the winners of the match between Rangpur DSA and the strong Dhaka University team on September 11.

Earlier the Bangladesh Hockey Federation president Major General M Abdur Rab inaugurated the 11-day meet. Seventeen teams are taking part in the knock-out tournament.

England party for South Africa named

Johnson makes top flight

LONDON, Sept 5: Uncapped Middlesex bowler Richard Johnson was the surprise selection today in England's 16-man cricket squad to tour South Africa this winter, reports Reuter.

The 20-year-old seamer, best known for taking 10 for 45 against Derbyshire last season, goes as one of six pacemen in Mike Atherton's squad which leaves England on October 18 for a five-Test series.

This season Johnson, after missing the first three championship matches through injury, has taken 40 first-class wickets at an average of 20.30.

He toured with England A in India last winter but had little success and has played just 27 first-class matches.

Elsewhere John Crawley and Mark Ramprakash have both been selected, which means bad news for Warwickshire opener Nick Knight, who played in the Old Trafford and Trent Bridge Tests against the West Indies before a broken finger cost him his place at The Oval two weeks ago.

The squad is comprised, as expected, of seven batsmen, six fast bowlers, a wicketkeeper and two spinners.

There has been no recognised all-rounder selected, although wicketkeeper-batsman Alec Stewart — named as vice-captain — could qualify for that status as could Dominic Cork and Mike Watkinson.

Yorkshire paceman Darren Gough has been chosen despite this summer's foot problems which ruled him out of the last three Tests against the West Indies.

England's party of 14 for the World Cup does not need to be finalised until January 22, the day after the end of the seven-match one-day series against South Africa.

SQUAD

Mike Atherton (captain), Alec Stewart (vice-captain), Dominic Cork, John Crawley, Angus Fraser, Darren Gough, Graeme Hick, Richard Illingworth, Mark Ilott, Richard Johnson, Devon Malcolm, Mark Ramprakash, Jack Russell, Robin Smith, Graham Thorpe, Mike Watkinson.

Tour manager: Ray Illingworth.

The following players to make themselves available for one-day internationals in South Africa in January and also the World Cup in February-March: Neil Fairbrother, Dermot Reeve, Neil Smith.

ITINERARY

Oct 24 — v Nicky Oppe-nheimer XI, Randjesfontein
Oct 25 — v Eastern Transvaal, Springs (Day/ Night)
Oct 27-30 — v South Africa Invitation XI, Soweto
Nov 2-5 — v Border, East London
Nov 9-12 — v South Africa, A. Kimberley
Nov 16-20 — First Test, Pretoria
Nov 23-26 — v Orange Free State, Bloemfontein
Nov 30 December 4 — Second Test, Johannesburg
Dec 7-10 — v Boland, Paarl
Dec 14-18 — Third Test Durban
Dec 20-22 — v Combined South Africa Universities, Pietermaritzburg
Dec 26-30 — Fourth Test , Port Elizabeth
Jan 2-6 — Fifth Test, Cape Town
Jan 9 — First one-day international, Cape Town (Day/Night)
Jan 11 — Second one-day international, Bloemfontein (Day/Night)
Jan 13 — Third one-day international, Johannesberg
Jan 14 — Fourth one-day international, Pretoria
Jan 17 — Fifth one-day international, Durban (Day/Night)
Jan 19 — Sixth one-day international, East London (Day/Night)
21 Jan — Seventh one-day international, Port Elizabeth

Fruitful lemon break for PWD

Sports Reporter

The lemon break in yesterday's second match of the Lifebuoy First Division football league at the Mirpur Stadium proved fruitful for the Public Works Department who thrashed relegation-threatened Shantinagar by four second half goals. Shimul (50th minute), Bulbul (65th), Mushtaque (67th) and Ainal (86th) scored for the winners.

The win gave PWD 16 points from 13 matches. Shantinagar share the bottom league position with Eskaton Sabuj Sangha with 11 points from 13 outings.

BCCB to play Jadeja's Public Sector Friday

Sports Reporter

A last minute change in the fixture of the Moin-ud-Dowla Gold Cup invitational cricket tournament, now being held in the Indian city of Hyderabad, means that the BCCB Eleven are to play against Public Sector in their next group league match on September 8.

According to a faxed message received here in Dhaka yesterday, the visiting Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) Eleven, who were scheduled to play against Indian Cement in their third match today, will face them in their last league engagement on September 9.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Cat's "dogs"
5 Owns
8 Foolhardy
12 "— Rhythm"
13 Man-mouse link
14 Canal zone
15 Tasseled long hair
17 Protuberance
18 Calif. airport
19 Bricklayer's tool
21 Mocked
24 Hammer feature
25 Freudian concerns
26 Buns
30 To and —
31 Datum for Bob Barker
32 Vanna's cohort
33 Hair on the brow
35 Mandlikova of tennis
36 Hazard
37 Pass along
38 Causes panic
41 Flower garland
42 Actress Nazimova
43 Hair that's puffed and piled
48 Contemptible
49 Personal
50 Turkish bigwig
51 Little lake
52 Drenched
53 — -poly (pudgy)

DOWN
1 Spade, heart, club or diamond
2 Past
3 Triumphed
4 Beauty-parlor choices
5 Hoodwink
6 "Exodus" character
7 The buck stops here
8 Fame
9 Queued up
10 Faction
11 Cad
16 Lincoln boy
20 Anger
21 Mutt's pal
22 Farming prefix
23 Indigent
24 He comes from a broken home
26 Medieval weapon
27 Autumnal stone
28 Singer Mouskouri
29 Command to Fido
31 Ballet bend
34 It may be run by a child
35 A little lower?
37 1994 movie, "The —"
38 Corn porridge
39 Basset hound of old TV
40 Ladd or Thicke
41 Fontanne's partner
44 Use plastic
45 Part of a Latin I trio
46 Nothing
47 Attempt

Solution time: 24 mins.

P	B	S		C	O	M	I	C		T	R	Y
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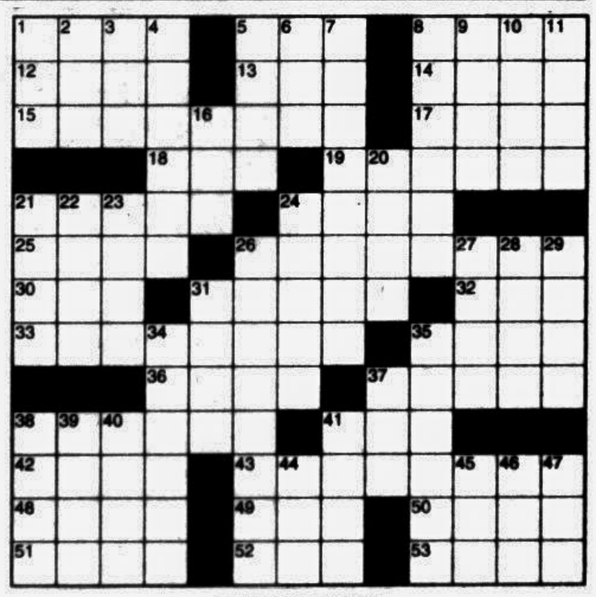

CRYPTOQUIP

C P S V H Q Q O N C L F A G S F M F G ' B G C N N A T M B C T "H G V S F B M N H B G H S C W" : "O P W A W C L A F M ."

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN A SAVVY TRAVELER NEEDS NEW CLOTHES, SHE CHOOSES READY-TO-WHERE.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: N equals M

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.