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SPORTS TALK



Viv Richards (Former West Indian cricket wizard)

Spanish soccer scene

MADRID, Sept 2: Bulgarian striker Hristo Stoichkov struck twice in the second half to help Barcelona to a 4-2 win over Oviedo on the first weekend of the Spanish Championship on Sunday, reports Reuter.

Former Barcelona striker Romario also scored on his return to Spain but Valencia squandered a 2-0 lead at Racing Santander to go down 3-2 after seeing international goalkeeper Andoni Zubizarreta sent off for handling the ball outside the area.

Former Ajax midfielder George Finidi scored on his home debut for Real Betis who recorded an impressive 3-0 win over Athletic Bilbao, while First Division newcomers Extremadura scored their first goal ever in the top flight, only to go down 2-1 at Hercules.



Action from yesterday's Danish Premier football league match between title aspirants Mohammedan Sporting Club and Agrani Bank. Mohammedans recorded a squeaky 3-2 win. -Star photo

MSC jive with Jewel

Sports Reporter

Defender Jewel Rana scored two goals in the second half as title-chasers Mohammedan Sporting Club came from behind to pull off a sensational 3-2 win over a spirited Agrani Bank Sports Club in a Danish Premier Division football league encounter at the Dhaka Stadium last night.

After trailing 0-1 at the breather, Jewel Rana, the captain of the Mohammedan Sporting Club, rose to the occasion to convert a penalty early in the second half and then blasted the match-winner in the 86th minute to guide his side to their fourth successive victory in the league.

Although the black and whites eventually emerged as a winner, it was lowly Agrani Bank captivated a strong 15,000 audience at the big bowl with their entertaining brand of soccer.

The bankers, who gave their more illustrious opponents a run for the money, enjoyed a deserved 1-0 lead in the first 45 minutes with their Munna blasting a fierce grounder from the edge of the box. The tall midfielder after winning a ball in the 26th minute raced down the right flank before unleashing a sudden right-footer past an out-of-position Mohammedan custodian Ponir (1-0).

Stunned by the early setback, Mohammedans came up firing all their four cylinders for the equaliser but were frustrated by a stubborn Agrani defence. To add to their misery, Alfaz, who had earlier missed a simple sitter, deprived Mohammedans a possible equaliser when the dark and

dapper midfielder turned striker failed to capitalise a Sabbir floater from the right at the stroke of the lemon break.

Mohammedans came in to the second session with renewed vigour and levelled the score after only six minutes when referee Subhash Roy awarded them a penalty after Bank defender Raj brought down a menacingly poised Arman inside the box. Jewel Rana converted the 12-yarder with a low drive (1-1).

Spurred by the equaliser, the marauding Mohammedans, who went all out with their two midfielders Arman and Sabbir initiating a series of offensives, needed another five minutes to take the lead through their left winger Shahidul Ahmed Rana.

The Tangaal booter, who once again turned out as a mere traveller in the match with his bizarre display, however, leapt at the right chance to enable Mohammedans a much needed lead with a scorching acute angled left-footer (2-1). It was Rana's third goal in the league.

On the other hand, Agrani Bank, after surviving those close calls, regrouped magnificently with their nimble midfielder Sentu operating a series of attacks towards the opponent's citadel. And the Mohammedan defence which had gone through three changes buckled under tremendous pressure in the 77th minute when substitute Johnny headed home a Munna cross past a hapless keeper Ponir (2-2).

But Jewel Rana saved the day for Mohammedans when he stabbed the ball home four minutes from the long whistle after the ball came his way following a series of abortive shots in front of a crowded Bank defence (3-2).

With the win, Mohammedans raised their tally to 11 points from four matches. Mohammedans had to surrender one point from their account after being penalised by the Dhaka Metropolitan Football Association following their refusal to play a match against Brothers Union Club on August 20.

On the other hand, this was the third defeat in a row for the Bankers after their win over Youngmens Club Fakirerpool in their league opener.

Yellow cards: Ruhul Amin (Mohammedan) and Raj (Agrani Bank). TEAMS MOHAMMEDAN SC: Ponir, Mansoor Ali (Parvez), Ruhul Amin, Jewel Rana, Rajani (Munna), Iqbal, Marik (Kaisar Hamid), Arman, Sabbir, Ranjan and Alfaz. AGRANI BANK: Milan, Shariful (Kala/Chun), Pons, Rafiqul, Raj, Sentu, Munna, Rana, Nayan (Johnny), Tutul and Jahangir. Referee: Subhash Roy.

Wari, Badda split points

Sports Reporter

Wari Club and Badda Jagrani Sangsad split points in the Danish First Division league as their dreary engagement ended in a goalless draw at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday afternoon.

This was the second draw for both the teams, raising their account to five points each from four outings.

Komen erases Morceli's 3,000m

RIETI, Italy, Sept 2: Deniel Komen of Kenya made it third time lucky on Sunday when he shattered Noureddine Morceli's 3,000 metres world record by nearly five seconds at an international meeting, reports Reuter.

The 20-year-old Kenyan, who failed to qualify for the Atlanta Olympics, clocked seven minutes 20.67 seconds, breaking Morceli's time of 7:25.11 set two years ago in Monte Carlo.

The Kenyan failed to qualify for the Olympics but has been on blistering form on the Grand Prix circuit since and was only 0.05 of a second outside Morceli's mark in Monaco last month.

He then clocked 7:25.87 at the Brussels Grand Prix on August 23, the third fastest time in history, with Morceli finishing well back in sixth place.

Kenyan David Kisang led the field through 1,000 metres in 2:25.89 before Komen took the lead, clocking 4:53.18 at the 2,000 mark and carrying on to finish more than 20 seconds ahead of his nearest rival.

Kenya's Shem Kororia, was second in 7:43.17 with Italian Genaro Di Napoli third in 7:46.39.

Morceli, the Olympic and world 1,500 metres champion, said he would be back.

"Komen is young and very good and deserves today's result," Morceli told Reporters. "I'm sure he has the means to do other things, but I've still got something to say."

Morceli, who holds the world 1,500 metre and mile records, comfortably won the 1,500 in 3:29.99 ahead of Burundi's Olympic 5,000 metres champion Venuste Niyongabo.

Kenyan-born Wilson Kipteter, who runs for Denmark, set the third fastest time in history in the 800 metres clocking one minute 41.83 seconds.

Chilavert stuns Argentina

RIO DE JANEIRO, Sept 2: Goalkeeper Jose Luis Chilavert stunned Argentina when he scored from a free kick to earn unfancied Paraguay a 1-1 draw in Buenos Aires in a World Cup qualifying match on Sunday, reports Reuter.

Striker Faustino Asprilla scored a hat-trick including a brilliant individual goal, as Colombia hammered Chile 4-1 to stay top of the single South American qualifying group while Ecuador are second after beating Venezuela.

Chilavert, who as far as most South Americans are concerned is the world's best goalkeeper, thumped a 25-metre shot past the Argentine wall and into the net of rival keeper German Burgos just before halftime.

Earlier, Chilavert had been helpless as Gabriel Batistuta's Exquisite free kick flew past him and into the net to put the two-times world champions ahead.

It was Batistuta's 35th international goal, making him the top scorer in the history of the Argentine national team.

In the dying minutes, Chilavert, who plays for Argentine champions Velez Sarsfield, made a fine save to deny Batistuta a last gasp winner.

Chilavert scored four goals in the Argentine Championship which finished last month, two from penalties and two from free kicks when Burgos was one of the victims.

Chilavert had said before the match: 'Burgos is mediocre. If I can I will score a goal to help my country in this important meeting.'

'If we get a free kick on the edge of the penalty area, I want to take it because I want to score against Argentina.'

Argentina's previous results have included a 2-0 defeat by Ecuador and a 0-0 draw with Peru.

Asprilla who plays for English Premier League side Newcastle, scored with two first-half headers in the steamy Caribbean port of Barranquilla.

But he saved the best for early in the second half, when he ran through a demoralised defence and scored with a powerful left foot shot, defender Jorge Bermudez scored Colombia's other goal, also from a first-half header, while Ivan Zamorano converted a penalty to give Chile a consolation.

Colombian defender Alexis Menozza was sent off for the challenge on Zamorano which led to the penalty.

Colombia lead the group, from which the top four teams qualify for the 1998 tournament, with ten points out of a possible twelve. Each team plays 16 matches.

Colombia coach Hernan Darjo Gomez was forced to make rare changes to his side due to the suspension of midfielders Freddy Rincon and Leonal Alvarez.

But it was veteran Carlos Valderrama who put Colombia on the road to victory with a perfect cross onto the head of Asprilla in the 35th minute.

Francisco Maturana, the manager led Colombia to the last two World Cups, is now in charge of Ecuador, whose 1-0 home win over minnows



Venezuela kept them one point.

Midfielder Alex Aguinaga scored the only goal for Ecuador in the fourth minute but the 45,000 crowd in Quito jeered them off the field, having expected a bigger tally against opponents who lost their last

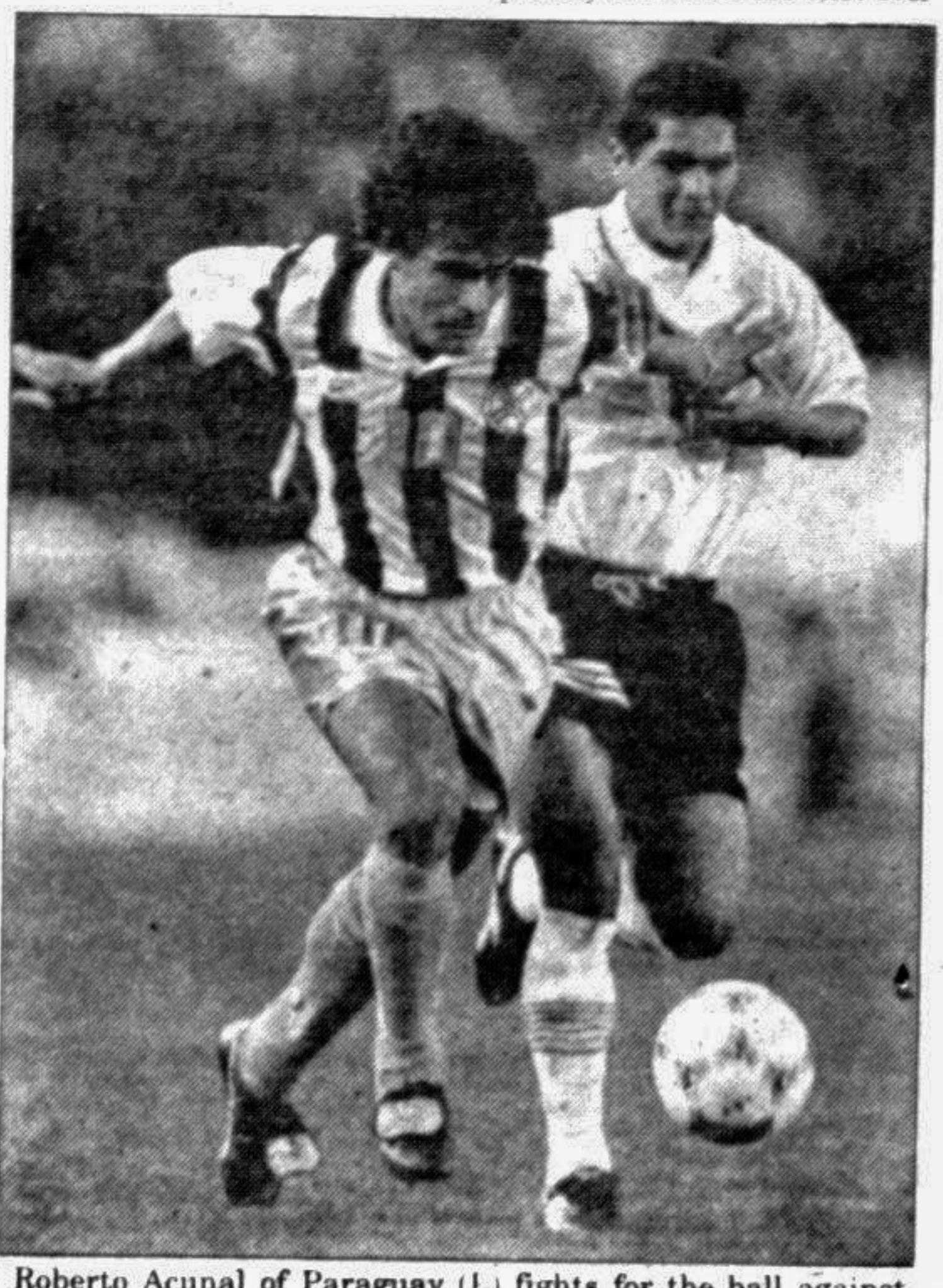
Argentina are third with five points followed by Paraguay, Bolivia and Chile with four each. However, Paraguay are in a healthier position, having played all three of their games so far away and with a game in hand over Argentina.

Bolivia missed a chance to improve their position when they were held to a 0-0 draw in La Paz, where they had won their previous seven World Cup qualifying matches, by Peru. Bolivia twice hit the woodwork.

Bolivia took control early in the second half when Erwin Sanchez with a long range shot, and Etcheverry, from a free kick both threatened the Peruvian goal.

In the 53rd minute defender Oscar Sanchez headed against the Peruvian crossbar and three minutes later Etcheverry again hit the Peruvian custody with an angled shot.

In the 67th minute Peru's Pablo Zagarra, unmarked in the penalty area fired his shot over



Roberto Acunall of Paraguay (L) fights for the ball against Argentine Hugo Morales during their World Cup qualifier in Buenos Aires on Sept 1. The match ended in a one-all draw. -AFP/UNB photo

game 6-1 to Bolivia.

Aguinaga snapped up a rebound following a shot by Brazilian-born Gilson de Souza in the fourth minute but Ecuador were unable to add to their tally.

But they still have a long way to go and questions were asked when they lost 4-1 defeat by Chile in Santiago last month on their only venture outside Ecuador so far.

Ecuador, who have never taken part in the finals, and Colombia have both played the marathon qualifying automatically as holders.

the bar and two minutes from the end German Carthy had another chance on the break but saw his effort saved by goalkeeper Carlos Trucco.

Peru, who like Chile are hoping to qualify for the first time since 1982, have drawn their last three games but desperately need a win. For the second match in a row, their finishing let them down as they wasted several good chances on the break.

South America's other country, Brazil are exempt from the marathon qualifying automatically as holders.

Hoddle makes the grade



while to assert their supremacy over the underdogs from the former Soviet Union and had to wait until the 24th minute before they went ahead through Barmby.

Right back Gary Neville supplied the cross for Barmby to sidefoot home from close range.

Less than two minutes later Paul Ince lobbed the ball up for Gascoigne to score with a looping header.

Shearer should have made it 3-0 three minutes before half-time but lofted Barmby's cut-back pass over the bar from close range.

However, Shearer, who cost Newcastle 15 million pounds sterling (£23.4 million dollars) from Blackburn Rovers after his goal-scoring heroics in the Euro '96 made amends when he pounced to score in the 61st minute.

The victory put England atop the group standings before their rivals, Italy, Poland and Georgia, get into the action.

In Other qualifying matches for '98 finals in France, Israel upset 1994 semifinalists Bulgaria, playing without prolific marksman Hristo Stoichkov 2-1.

In the second upset in two days after Azerbaijan's 1-0 victory over Switzerland, the Israelis went a goal down after two minutes through a Krasimir Balakov penalty. Israeli captain Tal Ben Hanin set up an equaliser for Ronen Harazi in the 34th and then scored the winner himself from the penalty spot in the 62nd.

Russia overpowering Cyprus 4-0 in Group 9 and Greece downed Bosnia Herzegovina 3-0 in Group 1.

In Kalamata, Greece made it six points from two games after goals by Marinus Güzourov, Stratos Apostolakis and Demis Nikolaidis.

Only 12,000 fans showed up in Moscow to see Yuri Nikiforov score twice and set up another as the Russians overpowered the visitors.

Div II chess from Sept 5

Sports Reporter

The Second Division chess league, organised by the Bangladesh Chess Federation, will begin in the capital from September five, says a press release.

The league is open to any team and will be held on Swiss League basis.

Interested teams and clubs are requested to submit their entries by September 3 at the federation office near NSC building.



Agrani Bank Custodian Milon (R) fisting the ball away before a dangerously poised Mohammedan striker Alfaz could cause any problem during their Danish Premier Division match at the floodlit Dhaka Stadium yesterday. -Star photo

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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