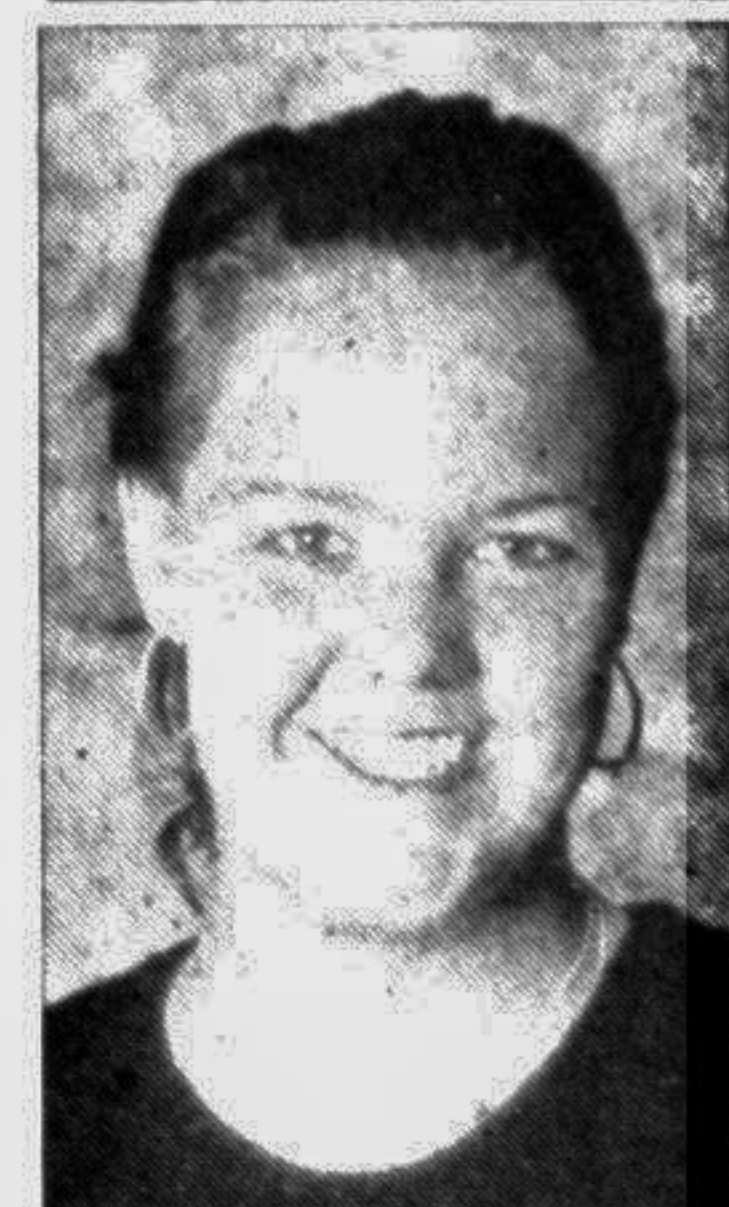


Column One

SPORTS TALK



Lindsay Davenport (American tennis player) "I don't feel sick, I just feel out of it."

After losing to Linda Wild in the fourth round of the US Open.

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Tiger Cup soccer scores

SINGAPORE, Sept 3: Thailand and Indonesia cruised to comfortable wins in their 1996 Tiger Cup debuts...

But Vietnam, runners-up in the Southeast Asian Games last year, were rattled by their Mekong rivals Cambodia and had to fight hard for a 3-1 win.

Thailand made easy work of the Philippines with a four-goal burst in the first half.

Yuthana Polsak added the only goal of the second half to complete a 5-0 win.

Indonesia totally dominated their match against Laos and, like Thailand, took a four-goal lead before halftime.

Laos pulled one back after the break before Indonesian captain Savadty Sayasana restored his side's four-goal lead 15 minutes from time to give Indonesia a 5-1 victory.

Sheffield Wed going great guns

SHEFFIELD, England, Sept 3: Sheffield Wednesday maintained their 100 per cent record and went five points clear at the top of the English Premier League on Monday by beating newly-promoted Leicester City 2-1, reports Reuters.

Wednesday, who escaped relegation on the final day of last season, have now made their first start in 65 years, winning their first four matches and scoring twice in every game.

Ritchie Humphreys set the Yorkshire side on their way in the 25th minute with his third goal of the season.

Collecting a loose ball on the halfway line, the 18-year-old apprentice striker cut through the heart of the Leicester defence, pulled the ball on to his left foot, and coolly lobbed goalkeeper Kasey Keller from the edge of the area.

Three minutes later an equally spectacular goal brought Leicester level.

Steve Claridge, who sealed his side's promotion to the Premier League with a last-minute extra-time goal in a play-off at Wembley in May, played past former England defender Des Walker and blasted the ball into the top left-hand corner of Kevin Pressman's goal from 25 metres.

Farashganj trip champs up

Sports Reporter



Defending champions Abahani Krira Chakra suffered a setback in their chase for second hat-trick title at the ongoing Danish Premier football league when a stubborn Farashganj Sporting Club held them to a goalless draw at the floodlit Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

The spirited defence of the old-town outfit, forming into an appreciable cohesive force against their awe-inspiring opponents, especially in the second half, deservedly went away with a crucial points, leaving Abahani in depths of despair.

It was Abahani's first draw after their third successive wins in the league. The disappointing draw pushed the title hopefuls down to the second position behind their arch rivals Mohammedan Sporting Club in the ten team elite group on completion of four league matches.

The outcome has once again indicated that Abahani, who hardly played like a champions this year, were painfully out of their depths in the absence of a quality midfielder.

Abahani had, however, tried to fill the void with their skipper Moniem Munna. But the defender turned-midfielder seemed to have problems to fit in with the demanding job this year. Munna played for only 35 minutes before he was pulled off to make the way for young Liton.

The holders lacked the bite in the first 45 minutes while Farashganj were well in command in terms of control over the ball. The old-timers, who came up with a defensive approach after the lemon-break, successfully stuck to their play against a toothless Abahani attack which could hardly penetrate the rock-solid Farashganj defence. Especially, the

rear four comprising Prodip, Nazrul, Kajal, Sufian and custodian Aminul were simply invincible against any Abahani sorties.

Although Abahani got nine corners in the second half they were able to expose the Farashganj defence only twice.

In the 58th minute striker Mizan, latching on a long-pass from defender Ali Monsur, raced down the right flank deep inside the Farashganj box. But with a hapless custodian only at his mercy, the lanky national striker blasted the ball mile away from the near post much to the horror of the sky blue supporters.

Abahani got their last chance in the match ten minutes from the final whistle when Aslam, the old horse of the azzurries who came as a substitute in the 65th minute, made a spectacular header right into the target.

But defender Sufian, one of the heroes of Farashganj who played with a bandage on the head, staved off the goal-bound header much to the relief of his

teammates. Things would have been even worse for Abahani had not their defender Ali Monsur come to the rescue in the 62nd minute with a goal-line save of Munir's low-shot from inside the box.

Apart from the lone chance in the second session, Farashganj also came close to score early in the first half with Ritu blasting a pile-driver from the right-hand corner of the box.

On the other hand Mizan and Rakib, two of the five new recruits of Abahani from Muktiyoddha this year, spoiled a couple of easy sitters midway through the first half.

Yellow card: Mainul Haq (Farashganj SC).

TEAMS

ABAHANI KC: Dhanu, Mamun, Sohel Reza, Ali Monsur, Partha, Munna (Liton), Swapan, Rumi (Aslam), Rakib, Mizan and Jahangir.

FARASHGANJ SC: Aminul, Pradip, Nazrul, Sufian, Kajal, Dulal, Monir (Munna), Saiful, Mainul, Towhid (Akhtar) and Ritu.

Referee: R Alam.

PREMIER DIV TABLE

Table with 10 columns: Teams, M, W, D, L, GA, GF, Points. Lists teams like Mohammedan SC, Abahani KC, Muktiyoddha, Sangsad KC, YMC Fakirpool, Arambagh KS, Farashganj SC, Brothers Union, Aghani Bank SC, East End Club, Bangladesh Boys.

* One point from Mohammedan SC and Brothers Union account were reduced as they denied to play each other on August 20.

Hattricks: Mizan (Abahani) against East End Club. Leading scorers: 5 goals - Nakib (Muktiyoddha), 4 goals - Mizan (Abahani), 3 goals - Ranjan (Mohammedan), Romy (Arambagh), 2 goals - Rumi (Abahani), Jahangir (Abahani), Alfaz (Mohammedan), Jewel Rana (Mohammedan), Munna (Aghani Bank), Jamal (Brothers Union) and Saorav Majumdar Raju (East End Club).



Abahani's prolific striker Mizan (L) lobs the ball towards the Farashganj box during their Danish Premier football league encounter at the Dhaka Stadium last night. The match ended in a goalless draw. — Star photo

'Tenniscams' food for thought

NEW YORK, Sept 3 (AP): There, you see, I was right all along," said John McEnroe, the glee showing in his voice. "I've been right for 20 years."

Much of the arguing and fussing that McEnroe did during his brilliant tennis career concerned line calls, deciding whether a ball had hit the line or landed out of bounds. The linesman would see it one way and McEnroe another, and the screaming would start.

Well, it turns out that McEnroe might have been right more times than he was wrong.

CBS has been using two high-speed, slow-motion cameras at the US Open, one at each baseline, to give viewers and enhanced replay of close calls. And most times the cameras, capable of shooting 1,000 frames a second compared to 90 frames for regular super slow-motion cameras, have supported player views on most of the controversial calls.

And that has left McEnroe, working as a TV analyst for the Open, cackling in the booth. "Players see the ball quite well," he said.

"You're hitting balls from the time you're 8 years old. That's millions of balls. Your eye is so used to seeing the ball.

I'm not surprised the players have been right." So right, in fact, that there have been discussions of using replays for the WTA Championships at Madison Square Garden in November. Discussions are going on between sponsors and officials of the tournament.

They could be speeded along by a couple of calls in the fourth-round match between Martina Hingis and Arantxa Sanchez Vicario. Twice, chair umpire Jane Harvey overruled calls ruling shots out. Both times the camera showed the ball landing squarely on the line.

McEnroe is rooting for the technology. For evidence, he offers the challenge of line calls in Tuesday's fourth round match between the booming serves of Pete Sampras and Mark Philippoussis.

"On services with Sampras-philippoussis," McEnroe said, "in all honesty, not too many humans can see that serve."

Instant replay was used for six years in the NFL with varying degrees of success. It still has its supporters in that sport and made a trial return during the preseason. The NFL has had it on goal calls for three years. Tennis has never used it. Introducing it would mean a revolu-

tionary change for a sport that suffers change every so slowly.

McEnroe thinks it ought to be employed. "With cameras like that, no doubt instant replay would work in tennis," he said. "It's a better idea. Two changes would be fine for tennis, timeouts for players to talk to their coaches and replays."

Brian Earley, chief, referee of the Open, said replays are not in tennis immediate future.

"It's something we'll discuss after the Open," he said. "As a viewer, I love it. As a referee, it puts me in a difficult position."

"The fact that we can't use it one every court is one aspect that would keep us from using it. It's like playing with different rules. That's a serious problem. It would have to be universal and I don't see that happening."

The McEnroe, that is all secondary. Getting calls right is what counts.

"You don't want a bad call deciding a match," he said. "This technology works. It's quick. It wouldn't interfere. You just need a monitor, give it to a net budget like they do in hockey. Make that his job."

Any other ideas for improving the sport?

"No umpires," McEnroe said. "You don't need them when you have stuff like this."



The Bangladesh cricket team which will leave the country for Malaysia today to participate in the ACC Trophy. — Star photo

Akram & Co off to Malaysia

Sports Reporter

A 16-member Bangladesh national cricket team, led by hard-hitting batsman Akram Khan, will leave the country this morning for Malaysia to participate in the Pepsi ACC Trophy championship scheduled to begin in the Malaysian capital of Kuala Lumpur from September 6.

A total of 12 nations, split into two groups, will take part in the first round of the 10-day met with the top two sides from each group competing in the semifinals billed for September 13.

The winners of the September 15 final will qualify for the next Asia Cup which will be held in Colombo in September 1997.

Bangladesh have been placed in Group A along with Nepal, Fiji, Brunei, Japan and Hong Kong while the other group features hosts Malaysia, Thailand, UAE, Singapore and Maldives.

Bangladesh will take on Nepal in their opening first round encounter on September 6. The other matches are: against Fiji on September 7, against Brunei on September 8, against Japan on September 10 and against Hong Kong on September 11.

The Bangladesh squad: Akram Khan (captain), Aminul Islam Bulbul, Harun-ur Rashid Liton, Selim Shahed, Saiful Islam, Anisur Rahman, Mohammad Rafique, Khaled Masud Pilot, Habibul Bashir Sumon, Hasibul Hasan Shanto, Sheikh Salahuddin, Sajal Chowdhury, Shahriar Hossain Bidyut and Jahangir Alam.

Former national skipper Gazi Ashraf Hossain Lipu and Gayum Reza Chowdhury will accompany the squad as team and tour manager.

BFF's decision

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) will advise Mohammedan Sporting Club to drop their Asian Cup Winners' Cup first round second leg match against Laos Electricity scheduled to be held in Laos on September 7.

The decision was taken last night by the BFF in an emergency meeting headed by its vice-president Anjan Chowdhury. According to a senior BFF official, the decision stemmed from three obvious reasons: the successful completion of the ongoing Danish Senior Division football league, the preparations for the forth-coming Asian Youth (under-19) football championship, and the SAARC football championship which will be held in South Korea and Nepal in October and November respectively.

Talking to The Daily Star over telephone last night, the BFF official informed that BFF has handed over the responsibilities to the president and secretary of the Metropolitan Football League Committee to negotiate the matter with Mohammedan Sporting Club.

Spurs in a stew

LONDON, Sept 3: Tottenham's injury crisis deepened on Monday with the news that England star Teddy Sheringham has been ruled out for up to three weeks, reports AFP. Sheringham pulled a thigh muscle while training with England last week, which means Spurs will be without both their main strikers for Wednesday's Premiership clash at Wimbledon.

With Chris Armstrong still recovering from a damaged ankle, Tottenham boss Gerry Francis could be forced to throw in 18-year-old Rory Allen for an emergency debut at Selhurst Park.

But Francis is not happy about the prospect, admitting: "he's an excellent prospect but still probably a year away from first team level."

Francis, who also has doubts over England reserve goalkeeper Ian Walker (back) and midfielder Darren Anderson (groin), said he has been stunned by the sudden crisis.

"I don't know what we've done to deserve this but I am going to be without my two main strikers and, probably, my most gifted midfield player as well," he said.

Skipper Gary Mabbutt is already on the long-term Spurs casualty list after breaking his leg on the opening day of the season and fullback Dean Austin is still recovering after a knee operation in the summer.

The only good news for the Spurs boss was the arrival of new 1.65 million pound (about 2.5 million dollars) signing Alan Nielsen who scored for Denmark in their 2-0 World Cup win in Slovenia and looks certain now to make his Premiership debut against Wimbledon.

Epic journey!

TOKYO, Sept 3: Nine-year-old Ken Ichiyama finished a 3,600 kilometre (2,235 mile) journey across Japan on unicycle just in time to return to school on Monday, reports AFP.

The boy pedalled from the northern to southern tips of Japan and on arriving in Cape Sata, Kagoshima prefecture, Sunday said "I feel great, now I can go home to Tokyo," newspapers reported.

Ichiyama, who started from Cape Soya, in the north of Hokkaido Island, on June 15 was followed all the way by his father, who was in a car.



Action from the Danish Premier division football league match between Brothers Union club and East End Club at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. Brothers Union won 2-0. — Star photo

Brothers back on song

Sports Reporter

Brothers Union finally came out of their pale shadow, registering their maiden win in the Danish Premier Division football league over East End Club at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday afternoon.

Brothers, once dubbed as a traditional third force, recorded a 2-0 victory through their strikers Tipu and Jamal.

Brothers, who got off to a terrible start this year managing only one point in their previous three outings, went all out against the promoters from the word go.

But the Gopibagh outfit failed to celebrate their first league victory by even a bigger margin due to their languid midfield rally, especially some irresponsible soccer from skipper Amer Khan and Don.

The Gopibagh boys, who appeared in dark navy blue jersey

yesterday instead of their traditional orange colour, took the lead as early as in the fourth minute into the match with Tipu driving the ball home from a Jamal cross.

After the breather, Jamal doubled the margin as he tapped the ball home off a Tipu floater from the right in the 60th minute.

With this win and a draw earlier, Brothers have collected three points so far. They had to surrender one point after being penalised by the league committee following their refusal to play in a disputed match against Mohammedans on August 20.

On the other hand, East End have only one point after being accused on completion of four matches.

Inter-Service soccer ends

Bangladesh Army retained the title of the annual inter-service football championship which concluded at the Army Stadium at Banani in the capital yesterday. They collected four points.

Navy, became runners-up with two points. Sepoy Md Tutil Miah of the Bangladesh Army was adjudged the best player of the three-day meet, says an ISPR press release.

Army blanked the Air Force 6-0 in the last match. The winners led the first half 2-0.

TODAY'S MATCHES

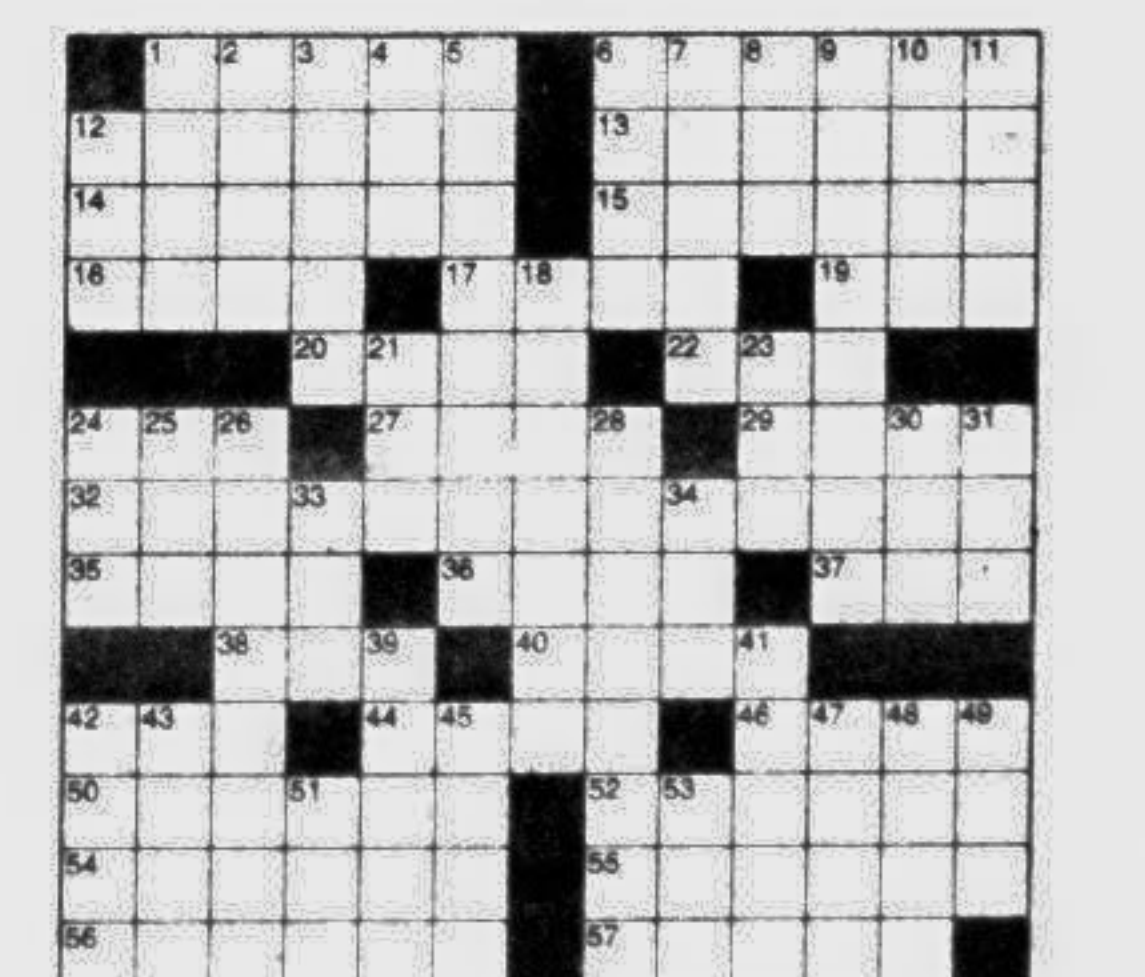
Danish Premier Division football league (venue: Dhaka Stadium) Muktiyoddha - Sangsad vs YMC Fakirpool (6 pm) Danish First Division football league (venue: Dhaka Stadium) Victoria SC vs Sadharan Bima KS (4 pm)



Dahir A Siddiki, the president of the Dhaka Club, giving away prizes among the winners of Ishaque memorial golf tournament. — Star photo

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Yesterday's Crypticquip: CAN AN ATTACK BY GIANT WARRIORS REALLY BE KNOWN AS A LONG TALL SALLY?

Today's Crypticquip clue: U equals C. The Crypticquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that A 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.