

Column One SPORTS TALK



Pete Sampras (US tennis star)

It's just so confusing for everyone to understand how the points work. I just wish there was a race from the beginning of the season to the end to whoever has the most points (at the end) wins. But it's not like that.

Commenting on the present computer ranking system. Sports WHIZZ KID COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

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Ravanelli, Di Matteo drafted. ROME, Sept 20: Middle-brow striker Fabrizio Ravanelli and Chelsea midfielder Roberto Di Matteo will be in the Italian team for the upcoming World Cup qualifying matches...

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Cricketers greeted. By Staff Correspondent. Convenor and member secretary of Bangabandhu Kalyan Samity, Nehal Shikder and Kazi Rashed Ahmed Arju respectively, in a joint statement yesterday congratulated the Bangladesh cricket team for their convincing victory in the ACC Trophy.

Muktijoddha emerge men among Boys



Title aspirants Muktijoddha Sangsad Kriha Chakra registered their fourth win in the ongoing Danish Premier Division football league when they defeated promoters Bangladesh Boys 2-0 at the Dhaka Stadium last night.

second half during which they produced at least four distinct chances to take lead. But due to lack of seasoned strikers, they failed each time by either sending the ball wide or handing the opportunity to the Muktijoddha keeper Panu. This is not to take anything away from yet another sterling performance from Panu.

Nat'l schools & madrasah sports

COMILLA, Sept 20: The 25th national schools and madrasah sports competition began here today, reports BSS. Competitors and teams who qualified from the regional competitions are taking part in three disciplines - swimming, handball and football.

hands of Panu. Four minutes later, midfielder Rubel sent the ball wide off the near post from a Tipu cross that had made a wide opening. After the breather, Rubel and Asad once again fumbled a clean chance in the 51st minute when they both mis-timed another Tipu cross which should otherwise have been an easy goal.

Chess Olympiad Bangladesh, India level-pegging

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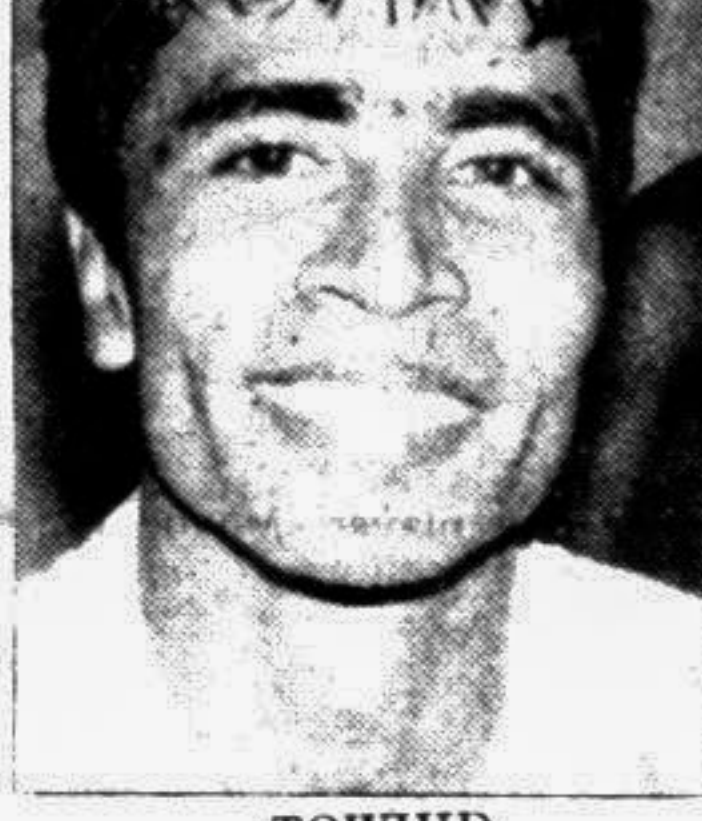
The thread-like championship hopes of Brothers Union Club suffered a big jolt on Friday afternoon when Farashganj Sporting Club handed the fancied Gopibaghians a solitary goal defeat in a match of the Danish Premier football league at the Dhaka Stadium.

match-winner for the old Dhaka outfit in the late second-half. The first half, clocked 0-0, saw both the teams content in painfully roaming in the midfield without any notion of

midfielder Uttam got an open net from a close range. But the experienced booster lost control and sent the ball soaring over the cross-bar.

Bosnia-Croatia tie Oct 8

ZURICH, Sept 20: The World Cup qualifier between former Balkan war enemies Bosnia and Croatia has been moved forward a day to October 8, FIFA said on Friday, reports Reuter.



TOWHID

planned football. After failing to take the lead in the first half, Brothers Union, who had a lacklustre season last year finishing eighth in the elite group, tried their best to break the deadlock with a series of offensives midway through the second half.

On the other hand, Farashganj earned the match winner against the wind in the 81st minute when Towhid headed the ball home from a sudden Rupu cross from the right flank (1-0).

After conceding the goal, Brothers Union behaved more like an old injured lion and exerted immense pressure on their counterparts for at least an equaliser in the remaining nine minutes. Time was nigh and, moreover, Farashganj put extra barricade to safeguard their fort, confirming their third league win of the season.

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along the way. The good news is that if you're fit and careful, you shouldn't have to worry about keeping up your exercise routine during the summer. In fact, the more you work out, the better you'll be able to face the hot weather.

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England's fences came down in the wake of the 1989 Hillsborough disaster in Sheffield when almost 100 Liverpool fans died after being crushed against the perimeter fencing.

Div I football roundup

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TODAY'S MATCHES

- Danish Premier Division football league (Venue: Dhaka Stadium) Agrani Bank SC vs East End Club (4 pm) Abahani vs Arambagh KS (6 pm) Danish First Division football league (Venue: Mirpur Stadium) Badda Jagarani vs Mirpur Chalanika (4:30 pm) Rahmatganj MFS vs Dhanmondi Club (6:30 pm)

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IM Ziaur Rahman posted a very valuable victory against IM D V Prasad of India. The English opening game transposed into Sicilian game though type position, where Zia took great risk to launch and attack on the enemy King. After a lot of complications the Bangladesh IM who was playing with white pieces prevailed.

With this result Bangladesh men now have 10 points out of 19 games and stand somewhere around 50th position out of 127 countries. There is still 9 rounds to go. The Bangladesh women so far are having a disappointing run. Although they defeated Angola 3-0 in the third round after two successive defeats, they lost again to Finland 0.5-2.5. Today they face lower rated Ireland. So far only Rani Hamid game has finished in a draw. The women have standing below the first half.

AP adds: On Thursday the Chinese team defeated Cuba to maintain the lead in the tournament, but Russia moved into second place just a half point behind.

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Crossword

Crossword puzzle grid and clues. Across: 1 Ending for duck, 5 Morning moisture, 8 Valhalla VIP, 12 Culture medium, 13 Eventual avas, 14 Lump, 15 "Lisa", 16 Military conflict, 17 The hole job, 18 Boldly shameless, 20 Its business is picking up, 22 Foul up, 23 Calendar abbr., 24 Begins to develop, 27 Too young to love, 32 No seats, 34 Carpenter's tool, 35 Delictive eye woe, 38 Born, 40 Cagers.



A midfield fiasco from yesterday's Danish Premier football league encounter between Farashganj SC and Brothers Union which the former won 1-0. - Star photo

Points Milan's priority

MILAN, Sept 20: AC Milan travel to Bologna this weekend in search of three points and an end to the crisis which threatens to envelop the Italian champions, reports AFP.

leaving Liberian George Weah and Marco Simone to lead the attack. Aside from the physical setback, Baggio is also having to cope with Tabarez's decision to axe his favourite position - playing behind two main strikers as a third forward.

But defeat in Bologna, after a week's training with coach Oscar Tabarez and a pep talk from club owner Silvio Berlusconi, would be a hammer blow to morale after successive losses to FC Porto and Sampdoria.

The Croatian striker rejuvenated after his arrival from Lazio, hammered home the goal which won Manchester United in the Champions' League and then opened the scoring in Sunday's 2-1 win over Cagliari.

Dejan Savicevic returns from suspension in midfield but Roberto Baggio remains doubtful with an ankle injury.

Options included leaving Branca on the bench, moving Winter into Djorkaer's midfield slot and putting the Frenchman in attack with Chilean Ivan Zamorano, or freeing up a midfield slot for Winter by pulling last week's match-winner Javier Zanetti back into defence.

Barnes, the perfectionist

LONDON, Sept 20: Premiership leaders Liverpool are sloppy, inconsistent and unprofessional - according to their captain John Barnes, reports AFP.

While other Premiership sides stumbled at lowly opposition in the midweek's League Cup encounters, Chelsea overcame a tricky tie at windswept Blackpool.

Reflecting on last weekend's 3-0 demolition of Leicester which took them two points clear ahead of champions Manchester United, Barnes warned: 'We're not happy with our form at the moment in terms of doing the business from start to finish.'

But the former Arsenal manager is refusing to panic as he prepares to blood more youngsters against Kevin Keegan's multi-million pound all-stars.

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Sampdoria, buoyed up after beating Milan, were brought down to earth on Wednesday night by city rivals Genoa, who held them to a bruising 2-2 Italian Cup draw in which three players were sent off.

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