

Column One

SPORTS TALK



Richard Krajicek

(Dutch tennis star)

"What I have done is beyond my wildest dreams. When I walked on centre court I was very emotional because I had all these images of when I used to watch Wimbledon finals on TV as a boy. For me it was like a movie. How could I believe one day, I would be part of it."

After becoming the Wimbledon men's singles champion.

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Fed Cup b'ball

Sports Reporter

Dhaka Mariner Young Club

recorded their second victory in the 8th Federation Cup basketball championship when they trounced Chandpur Club 93-48 at the Dhanmondi gymnasium yesterday.

Mariner, who earlier in their opening match on Friday night beat Surul Sangha 92-56, led the first half 42-22.

Cagers Adam Ali scored highest 52 points for Mariner followed by Mukim who collected 26 points. On the other hand, Lintu scored 19 points for Chandpur.

Tough battle awaits Bologna

ROME, Sept 21: Newly-promoted Bologna's surge to second place in Italy's Serie A will be tested thoroughly on Sunday when they face reigning champions AC Milan at home, reports Reuters.

Whatever the outcome a 38,000 full house and a 1.1 million box-office are guaranteed.

Milan are still smarting after successive league and European Cup defeats — a problem more mental than anything else, according to their Uruguayan coach Oscar Washington Tabarez.

"It's a psychological question that involves everyone," he said. "When we take the lead, that's the moment to make the most of your psychological advantage."

"Instead, against both Porto and Sampdoria, we didn't do enough to wrap up the game immediately."

Milan captain Franco Baresi and schemer Roberto Baggio are both injured but Montenegri forward Dejan Savicevic returns after suspension and injury.

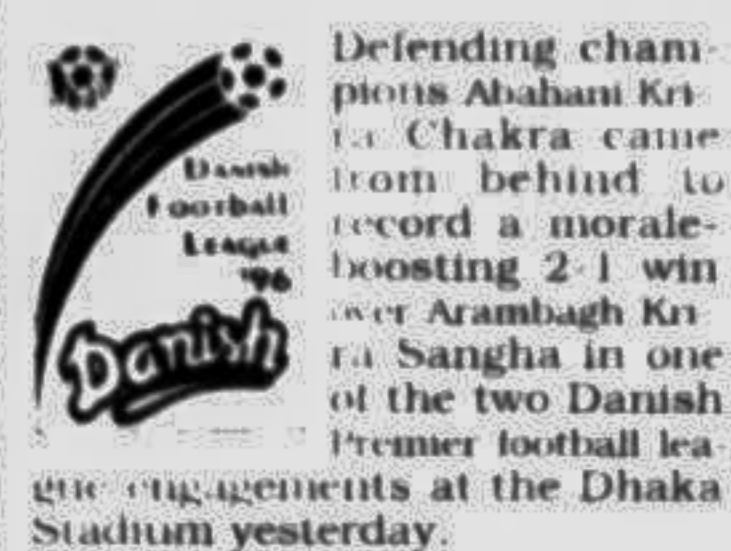
Bologna, winners of their two games to date, expect to field their strong strike force of Russian Igor Kolyanov and Swede Kennet Andersson. Davide Fontolan and Giancarlo Marocchi add experience to midfield.

Internazionale, third and also with a six-point maximum, face a selection dilemma for their home game against Lazio on Saturday.

With the return from injury of Dutch midfielder Aron Winter, Inter's English coach Roy Hodgson can call on a complete squad and may be tempted to field seven non-Italians.

Arambagh make AKC sweat

Sports Reporter



Defending champions Abahani Kr...

Chakra came from behind to record a morale-boosting 2-1 win over Arambagh Kr...

Sangha in one of the two Danish Premier football league engagements at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Rakib Hassan, the workman-like midfielder of the sky blues, struck the match winner in the 88th minute with a brilliant header to help his side return to winning ways after their disappointing draws against Farashganj and Agrani Bank.

In a see-saw encounter marked by forays and counter forays, the holders, who were trailing by a solitary goal at the breather, rode on a suicidal attack from Arambagh defender Choton to neutralise a 34th minute lead from striker Apu.

Choton headed home a right flank cross from Abahani's right back Sohail Reza 11 minutes into the second half to earn the dubious distinction of becoming the second player with a la Escobar act in this year's league. Choton eventually turned out as the scapegoat of his side's negative approach in the second half after a 45-and-neck battle in the first 45 minutes that enabled Arambagh a deservedly take the lead in the 38th minute with Apu heading home a crispy left-flank cross from medio Jahangir.

With Abahani, who are yet to find a suitable player to operate in the middle, it was Arambagh enjoyed a better territorial dominance in the first half with Shoab, Tushar and Jahangir playing the lynchpin in

every move. On the other hand, Abahani once again relied on midfielder Rakib to have a go against the spirited Motijheel outfit. Also captain Monem Munna, after a dismal showing as a make-shift midfielder, returned to his former position as a central defender.

Rakib initiated the first positive move on a heavy outfield with a left-flank corner in the 20th minute. But Partha's scorching grounder from the edge of the box was parried off by Arambagh defender Prodip from the line.

Seven minutes later Arambagh opened the Abahani defense with Prodip airing a long throw deep into the opponents' defence which came by Apu's way via a Shoab back header.

But, the nimble striker spoiled the simple sifter with a hurriedly-taken bicycle shot that sailed over the cross-piece much to the relief of an stranded Abahani custodian Bibop, the reserve keeper of the Dhanmondi squad who had a very busy but successful day under the bar with some spectacular saves.

However, Apu more than amended his previous blunder midway through the first-half when he touched the opponents' net with a cool header to complete a combined move (1-0).

Stunned by the early setback, Abahani came up with more determination in the second session and capitalising on a defensive approach by the boys of Wazed Gazi, the most competent yet unheralded coach in the domestic circuit, stormed the opponents citadel with a wave of sorties.

In the 50th minute, Jahangir cracked against the near post

much to the horror of a strong band of the sky supporters, who thronged at the big bowl for a desperately needed win for their side.

Agony transformed into ecstasy six minutes later when Choton, in a desperate attempt to thwart a deceptive cross from Sohail Reza, headed into his own net (1-1).

After the much-needed equaliser Abahani, made two changes to strengthen their attack. Mamun Joarder, who came in place of an off-coloured Mizan, celebrated his maiden appearance in this year's league with a gem of a cross from the right which Rakib headed home for an enthralling and significant win.

With this win Abahani returned to the title race after a dismal showing in their first five matches. They are now holding the second position with Muktiaddha, both having collected 14 points from six matches. Their arch-rival Mohammedan Sporting Club lead the table with 16 points.

On the other hand, it was Arambagh's fourth defeat after a win and a draw to remain content with their previous collection of four points from six outings.

Tony of Arambagh and Aslam of Abahani were shown yellow cards.

TEAMS

ABAHANI KC: Bibop, Chanchal, Munna, Sohail Reza, Partha, Swapan, Liton, Raquib, Rumi, Mizan (Mamun Joarder) and Jahangir (Aslam).

ARAMBAGH KS: Tony, Pradip, Choton, Faisal, Yousof, Tushar, Roxy (Sunny), Yousof, Jahangir, Apu (Minhaj Babu) and Shoab.



Arambagh custodian Tony makes a brilliant save off a Rumi (not in the picture) shot during yesterday's Danish Premier league match at the Dhaka Stadium. Abahani won the match 2-1. — Star photo

Light in East End's tunnel

Sports Reporter

Promotees East End Club earned their second point in the Danish Premier Division football league when they held mediocore Agrani Bank Sports Club to a 2-2 draw at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday afternoon.

In an up and down affair, which saw both teams taking a lead once and then conceding it the other, Tutul and Masudur Rahman Rana scored for the Bankers while Saurav Majumder Raju and Ratan netted once each for the old Dhaka outfit.

Agrani Bank, who forced defending champions Abahani to a 2-2 draw in their previous match, began yesterday's encounter on a promising note taking the lead as early as in the fourth minute when their aplomb striker Tutul beat the East End keeper with a power-packed grounder from a Rana pass (1-0). But the lead sustained for only three minutes as East End levelled the score through a

penalty when their emerging forward Raju was narrowly fouled by Bank defender Liton inside the box and referee R Alam signalled to the spot. Raju converted the spot shot to bring his side back in the match (1-1).

After the breather, winger Ratan put East End ahead in the 62nd minute with a placing

shot from a goal-mouth melee (2-1).

In the remaining time, the Bankers did everything possible for an equaliser and after a series of fruitless moves, they finally levelled the match in the penultimate minute with a penalty as East End defender Santosh brought down Tutul inside the danger area. Rana converted the 12-yarder with a brilliant grounder past a hapless East End custodian Sohan (2-2).

The draw raised East End's tally to two points from six matches while Bankers earned five, also from six outings.

Yellow cards: Jahangir (Agrani Bank), Sohan, Badal and Ratan (East End).

TEAMS

AGRANI BANK: Milan, Kala, Rafique (Chunty), Hafiz, Sentu, Rana, Nayan (Johnny), Jahangir, Tutul, Raj and Anwar.

EAST END CLUB: Sohan, Badal, Mustafiz, Haran, Selim, Santosh, Zahid, Arman (Swapan), Uzzal (Mansoor), Raju and Ratan.

Referee: R Alam.

Khulna football

KHULNA, Sept 21: Town Club blanked Bankers Club 4-0 in the Bull-Head Premier Division football league at the local stadium today, reports BSS.

At half time the score was 2-0.

In the 13th minute of the first half right winger Saiful scored the first goal and Sarwar increased the margin in the 41st minute.

Town Club added two more goals through Rahmat in the 62nd and Khelafat in the 69th minute.

Saiful and Anjan of Town Club and Ashis of Bankers Club were shown yellow card.

Liverpool bank on Berger

LONDON, Sept 21: Liverpool hope Czech forward Patrik Berger will hope to extend his remarkable scoring spree when he makes his home debut in the English Premier League top of the table clash with Chelsea on Saturday, reports Reuters.

Berger, signed from Borussia Moenchengladbach in the summer, scored twice last week when he came on after the interval as Liverpool went top by

beating Leicester City 3-0.

He scored two more in a midweek World Cup qualifier as the Czech Republic crushed Malta 6-0 and is likely to hold his place in the Liverpool line up at the expense of the striker he replaced last week England international Stan Collymore.

Chelsea two points behind the league leaders in third place recall two of their foreign signings, Italian striker Gianluca Vialli, and French sweeper Fabrice Lehoucq, who both missed a midweek League Cup

game with niggling injuries.

Second-placed Manchester United, also two points adrift of Liverpool face a tough away game against Aston Villa but will have the tough-tackling Roy Keane back in midfield after missing six matches with injury.

Alex Ferguson has an embarrassment of strikers to choose from with Andy Cole staking his claim for a recall by hitting a hat-trick in a midweek Old Firm clash with Celtic.

Gunners Solskjaer could make way for him.

Arsenal managerless until Arsene Wenger joins them at the end of the month travel to Middlesbrough where they face the highest-scoring team in the league.

Italian Fabrizio Ravanelli, top scorer with six league goals and with a further four in his first League Cup game will be joined up front by Nicky Barry who is back from injury.

Arsenal, fearful of a hang-over, welcome back England centre-back Tony Adams who declared last week he was fighting alcoholism but the defender is likely to start on the substitutes' bench.

Former Arsenal manager George Graham, still waiting for his first victory with new club Leeds United, may have to continue to be patient as he had five first-teamers out with injury against Newcastle United.



PATRIK BERGER

Chalantika beat Badda Jagarani

Sports Reporter

Mirpur Chalantika Sporting Club registered their third win in the Danish First Division football league when they beat Badda Jagarani Sangsad 2-1 at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday afternoon.

Al-Amin and Mehdi Hasan scored for the Mirpurians in the 11th and 42nd minute respectively while Masud Karim reduced the margin for Badda in the 89th minute.

With yesterday's victory, Mirpur Chalantika increased their tally to 10 points from six matches while Badda have six points from as many outings.

In the day's other engagement, Rahmatganj Muslim Friends Society and Dhanmondi Club shared points with a 2-2 draw.

Rahmatganj's Azim and Khoka scored once each for their side while Towhid netted twice for the Dhanmondi outfit.

It was the sixth league encounter for both teams from which Rahmatganj have 12 points while Dhanmondi raised their account to seven points.

BTTF calls 19 to form nat'l squad

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Table Tennis Federation has called 19 players, including nine women, to form a national team which, if allowed by the NSC, will participate in the 13th Asian table tennis championships, scheduled to begin in Singapore from December 4.

According to a press release yesterday, the following players were instructed to report to BTTF by September 30 evening for the camp which will start at the wooden floor gymnasium from October 1. The players called for the camp are: Rochi, Mahbub, Saadi, Kochi, Hamlet, Mustafa, Rubel, Manash, Pappu, Adison, Goutam Tuhin, Linu, Rinu, Shamima, Tumpa, Rumi, Ratna, Jemi, Eti and Saleha.

WC qualifiers

Qatar trounce Sri Lanka

DOHA, Sept 21: Qatar beat Sri Lanka 3-0 in the first match of the Asian Group 10 World Cup soccer qualifiers Friday, reports AP.

The lackluster game, held in the Khalifa Stadium in the Qatari capital of Doha, saw Qatar go ahead in the 36th minute through a close-range tap in by striker Mahmoud Soule.

The Qataris stepped up the pressure in the second half and scored when forward Mohammed Salem Al Enazi fired home a first-time volley in the 51st minute.

Sri Lanka, who hardly threatened the Qatari goal, conceded a penalty 10 minutes before the end.

Midfielder Mubarak Mustafa netted the ball in at the second attempt after the Lankan goalkeeper saved the initial shot.

In addition to Qatar and Sri Lanka, the group includes the Philippines and India, who will play on Saturday.

Ctg soccer

Blue Star champs

CHITTAGONG, Sept 21: Blue Star Club won the Seraj Memorial Kishore football championship, beating Pathantuly Boys Club by a solitary goal at the Dampara Police Line ground here today, reports BSS.

Muktar Hossain of Blue Star scored the all-important goal in the second half.

Laikat Ali of Pathantuly was adjudged the best player-of-the-final while Shahajan Sattar of Nabatuli Club won the prize of highest scorer, with a haul of 10 goals.

Sixteen teams participated in the competition held under the auspices of Chittagong Mahanagar Sports Association.

3 accused of match-fixing in Tiger Cup

SINGAPORE, Sept 21: Three people including two Malaysians were charged in court here Friday for alleged involvement in game-fixing at the recently-concluded Tiger Cup football tournament, local media said, reports AFP.

Malaysian businessman Kandasamy Karuppan and Yam Hung and a Singaporean personnel manager, Chong Thin Hoong, were accused of offering 50,000 US dollars in bribes to a Philippine player identified in the reports as S Judy on September 6.

IOC fact-finding team in Stockholm

STOCKHOLM, Sept 21: Fifteen members of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) arrived in Stockholm on Friday to evaluate the city's possibilities for the 2004 Summer Olympics, city officials said, reports AFP.

The committee, consisting of experts in various fields, will spend four days in the Swedish capital to study 21 different aspects of the city, ranging from political stability in the country to sports arenas, installations, media arrangements, lodging and transport.



GIVE ME YOUR FIVE: Anne Pope and Dave Pearson, the coaches from England, have a taste of local punctuality as they wait two hours with no sight of anyone of the Bangladesh Olympic Association which scheduled the opening of Olympic Solidarity coaches course (Gymnastics) for 4:30 pm yesterday at the NSC auditorium. — Star photo

Rs ready to retaliate

MADRID, Sept 21: Brazilian strikers Ronaldo and Romario hope to silence their critics this weekend, reports Reuters.

Romario is expected to return to the Valencia line-up on Saturday after being dropped. Barcelona's Ronaldo hopes to shine in the top Spanish league clash with Real Sociedad on Sunday.

"They ought to talk to me before the press. I want to continue with a goal a game," was Ronaldo's measured reaction to suggestions by Barcelona's assistant coach Jose Mourinho that he did not work hard enough for the rest of the team.

Few would deny that Bobby

goal difference, while Racing Santander and Real Sociedad also have seven points from three games.

Portuguese goalkeeper Vitor Baia, another costly season signing, has aggravated a leg injury, leaving him doubtful for the clash with Sociedad — to be played on newly-laid turf at the Nou Camp Stadium.

Romario looks likely to reappear for the home game with Tenerife after threatening to leave the club when he was dropped for the UEFA Cup tie against Bayern Munich.

But Romario has subsequently made his apologies, and limited his criticism of coach Luis Aragones.

"The bench isn't made for me. If I'm not in the side, I get annoyed," said a tactful Romario this week.

Despite Romario's problems, Spain still cannot get enough of Brazilian forwards.

Deportivo Coruna — who already have a goalscorer called Rivaldo — are reportedly interested in acquiring another named Ronaldo. Real Madrid supremo Lorenzo Sanz has just returned from a scouting mission to Brazil.

Sanz's team are looking to set their championship challenge in motion after being saved from their first defeat of the season on Monday by another Brazilian Roberto Carlos.

Analysis of the defender's blistering 25-metre equaliser against Real Betis showed that the ball left his boot at an incredible 162 kph.

Roberto Carlos made up for the deficiencies of strikers Dado Suker and Predrag Mijatovic, who have only managed one goal between them since signing in the close season.

Both will be looking to put the record straight in the home game against neighbours Rayo

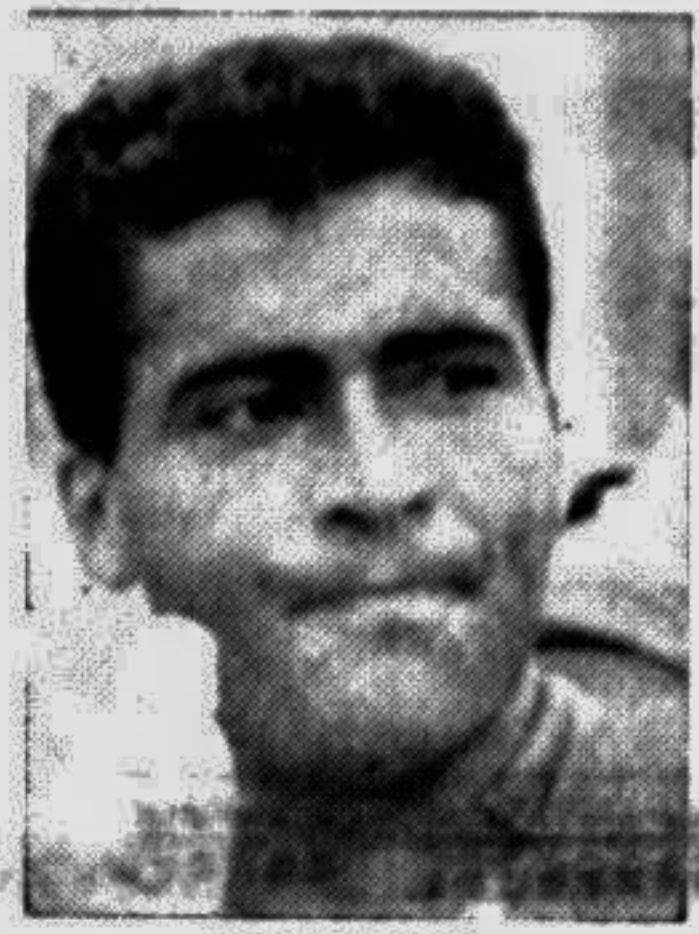
Vallecano, traditionally regarded as Madrid's third team.

Atletico Madrid won their incessant battle against being labelled as the Spanish capital's second team by taking the league and cup double, but so far this season have struggled to find their form.

Coach Radomir Antic travels to Logrones after seeing his team lose consecutive games for the first time.

"The injury of a player hurts me more than a punch, said Antic, referring to knocks that could leave him without Kiko Narvaez, Radek Bejbi, Jose Luis Caminero and Leonardo Blagini.

After going top for the first time in a decade, Real Betis travel to Celta Vigo for a game



ROMARIO

Robson's side are not still not working well together. But even fewer would point to Ronaldo as a problem.

His superb individual effort against Racing Santander last week earned Barcelona the point that kept them in second place.

Barcelona trail Real Betis on



RONALDO

that has been brought forward an hour to allow Celta midfielder Haim Revivo time to return home to celebrate the Jewish Yom Kippur holiday.

For Betis goalkeeper Toni Prats and opposite number Jose Luis Diezma the game will be a curious experience after switching clubs in the close-season.

Plea to scrap 'golden goal'

LONDON, Sept 21: A proposal to abolish the newly-introduced sudden-death "golden goal" concept is to be submitted to UEFA by the Football Association of Ireland, reports Reuters.

Instead they suggest the first goal scored in extra-time should be scored in the event of a draw, so the team scoring first in extra-time would win.

If there were no goals the match would go to penalties.

Des Casey, Ireland's representative on UEFA's executive committee, said at UEFA's Euro '96 round table on Friday the system could be one way of reducing the risk of the unpopular penalty shoot-out in major competitions.

Although the system of the sudden-death "golden goal" winner, introduced for the first time in a UEFA tournament in June's European Championship finals, was unpopular, Casey said: "The concept of the golden goal shoot-out to decide matches should not be discarded but looked at again."

"One idea is that the first goal scored in extra-time should count as double, that extra-time should be played for the full 30 minutes and that if the teams finish level at 1-1, for example, the team that scores first wins because their goal counts as double."

"It is the same principle as the away-goal rule already used in European club matches and means the team falling behind has to score twice to win."

"This system could help to ease the fear of the match being over as soon as a goal is scored."

"We need to change the ethos among coaches that to defend in extra-time and aim for penalties is a viable alternative."

Casey said the Irish soccer federation would formally present the proposal to UEFA's executive board as soon as possible.

Terry Venables, whose England team were eliminated in a penalty shoot-out in the European Championship semifinals by Germany, backed the idea.

The round-table discussion, following this week's national coaches convention in Copen-

hagen, featured UEFA president Lennart Johansson, UEFA secretary-general Gerhard Aigner and Euro '96 organising committee chairman Egidius Braun as well as Venables and top referee Serge Muhmenthaler of Switzerland.

Johansson said he welcomed Casey's proposal, which would be examined by UEFA in due course.

An idea from the panel that video replays could be used to help referees on borderline penalty decisions whether a foul was committed inside or outside the penalty area — or whether a goal has been scored — was welcomed by 82-year-old Millichip.

"There could be a camera on each goal-line for example and this could help the referee and stop mistakes such as we had in Euro '96 when Romania had a perfectly good goal disallowed."

But Muhmenthaler said: "It is not practical. Every time you would have a controversial decision in the match players would be demanding to have the video replayed."

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