



Action from yesterday's Group C match of the Bangabandhu Cup between Iranian side Barga Shiraj and Eastern All Star of Thailand at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. Barga Shiraj won 1-0.

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E Bengal stumble early

Sports Reporter



A late strike from Sunil Tuladhar enabled Friends Club of Nepal register a sensational long goal win over East Bengal of India in one of the two matches of the Bangladesh Cup invitational tournament at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

The pony-tailed Nepalese defender stabbed the ball home in the 88th minute as the high-flying Calcutta giant, who on their arrival in the capital promised to win the trophy, bit the dust in their Group B opener.

The dire defeat for East Bengal, one of the three leading clubs of India, not only risked their hopes of wresting a semi-final berth in the 12-team meet, but also served a black-lash in their claim as one of the pioneering sub-continent outfit.

And for the local football buffs, the lacklustre display of East Bengal against a lowly-rated Friends Club from neighbouring Nepal, it was certainly

a disappointing day. In a surprisingly lop-sided affair where the Calcutta giant had to dance to a spirited Friends Club's tune, especially in the second half, were lucky enough to avoid the ignominy of a larger margin defeat. Thanks to some brilliant saves by custodian Hemantha Dora.

Besides, a goal-shy Narendra Sreshtha of Friends Club, who spoiled at least half a dozen sitters in the match, served a lot for the opponents' cause, leaving his side in a daze.

The fleet-footed striker, who had earlier played in the Dhaka league for East End, got the first scoring opportunity in the 25th. But with all the time in the world and a helpless Dora at his mercy, Narendra blasted the ball straight to the hands of an advancing East Bengal custodian much to the dismay of his teammates.

Frustration mounted in the Friends Club tent in the second session as Narendra continued with his poor marksmanship shoot-

ing twice straight to Dora from close. And when in the 87th minute Narendra missed another chance, the match looked heading for an obvious draw before Sunil emerged from nowhere to kill off the East Bengal resistance with a cool placing shot.

The deserving victory for Friends Club brightened their hopes for a semifinal berth from Group B. The winners will meet Mohammedan Sporting Club in their last group league match tomorrow.

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TEAMS

Friends Club (Nepal): Manik, Babu Kaji Pushpa, Babu Bista, Sunil, Gyanu Pulami, Raju Pulami, Mani Shah, Sambir Shah (Ram Saran), Naresh Joshi and Shrestha.

East Bengal (India): Hemant, Ilias Pasha, Derjit Ghosh (Ranjan), D Pal Chowdhury, Amitava Chandra, Amit Das, Mondal, Ranjan Dey, Deb Narayan, Tasuif Jamal and Sarwanon (Tushar Rakshit).

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The Iranians could have easily taken a lead as early in the 6th minute when Mohsan dodged past two Thai defenders from the right flank and sent an accurate minus to Zayal who saw his fierce header rebounded to play after hitting the near post with Thai custodian completely beaten.

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Yellow cards: S Somku and J Bundit (All Star FC).

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4. Place for submission of tender: Department of Supply & Inspection (4th floor), 48, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000.

Asstt. Director, Supply (CDN).

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Lalmatia Club recorded a massive 108-run win over Gulshan Youth in the lone Premier cricket league match on the eastern strip at the Dhankundi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Pakistani Kamran Hossain hammered a blazing 73 as Lalmatia, after winning the toss and electing to bat first, piled up a mammoth 262 before being all out with more than three overs to spare in the 50-over-a-side affair.

Kamran, who opened the Lalmatia innings with Anup Kumar, clouted 14 savage hits across the rope in his 46-ball pyrotechnics to lay a solid foundation for his side.

Skipper Shovon, who is in the fine nick of time with the willow, scored a patient 44 while Asif Iqbal and Amir Uddin, the other Pakistanis in the Lalmatia tent, contributed 33 and 36 respectively.

For Gulshan Youth spinner Ershadul Huq, who fought a lone battle with the cherry, gave away only 34 runs to finish with a five wicket haul. While Qamru Islam and Monirul Huq evenly shared four wickets among them.

In reply, the lowly Gulshan Youth were skittled out for a paltry 154 in 35.1 overs. Opener Moniruzzaman with a rapid-fire 59 of 52 balls was the only 20-plus scorer for the vanquished.

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Pakistan spoil Aussie party

SYDNEY, Jan 1: Experienced batsmen Aamir Sohail and Ijaz Ahmed snared three wickets and Sohail Minshad snared two run outs as

beaten Australians was the form of leg-spinner Shane Warne, who captured two wickets in his first over and played a lone hand with 4-37 as Australia used eight bowlers to try and defend a modest total.

Seamer Paul Reiffel broke down with a hamstring strain in his fourth over and joins a growing list of Australian strike bowlers out of action this season.

Young South Australian paceman Jason Gillespie succumbed to a side strain after just three overs of the third Test loss to the West Indies in Melbourne last week.

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In an embarrassing dismissal for tall Australian all-rounder Tom Moody, Afridi thought he had Moody lbw and was still vociferously appealing when Sohail pounced on the ball at short third man.

Before the festive new year's day crowd of 37,476, Wasim Akram's Pakistanis won with the luxury of 27 balls to spare after reaching 203 for six in 38.3 overs.

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