

WC qualifier

Iran blank

Maldives 17-0

DAMASCUS, June 2: Iran defeated Maldives 17-0 Monday in their World Cup soccer qualifier, reports AP.

Iran stayed on the offensive, dominating the 90-minute match from the start. The first half ended with the score 6-0.

Iran's top scorers were Karim Baqeri with five goals and teammate Hameed Astley with four goals.

The match was the opener in Group 2, which also includes Syria and Kyrgyzstan. The teams are seeking a berth in the 1998 World Cup.

Soccer coaches' licence course

Sports Reporter

A football coaches' course for Grade C licence, organised by Bangladesh Football Federation, will begin in the city from June 15.

A total of 25 selected coaches from different parts of the country will participate in the 15-day course schedule to end on June 29.

The following coaches have been instructed to report to BFF by June 10 for the said course: Madhab Chandra Dutt (Satkhira), M. Shaheed (Jajpurhat), Ali Asgar Nasir (Khulna), Amir Roy (Bagerhat), Showkat Ali Tuly (Nilphamari), Moslehuddin (Comilla), Mokbul Hossain (Magura), Utpal Kanti Roy (Kurigram), Al-Mamun (Natore), Alamgir Hossain (Barguna), Jahangir Hossain Samrat (Faridpur), Fazul Haque (Naogaon), Zahid Hossain (Barisal), Mohammad Mala (Rahmatganj MFS), Jafarullah Pradhan (Nayab), Abu Yusuf (Abahani KC), Mahmudul Haque Liton (East End Club), Mosharraf Hossain (Air Force), Abdul Hamid Miah (Agrani Bank), Abdul Latif (BRTC), Farhaduddin Ahmed (Agn University), Rezaul Karim (PWD), Selim Khan (Police), Ashish Bhadra (Chittagong) and Sayeed Hasan Kanan (Mohammedan SC).

Cute h'ball

Sports Reporter

Manjris Krira Chakra registered a huge 2-1 victory over Dhaka Wanderers Club in one of yesterday's two Cute Premier handball league matches at the court near Dhaka Stadium.

The winners led the first half 12-5.

Indian recruits Gurucharan Singh and Rajesh scored highest eight goals each for the winners while Khokon and Jewel added two apiece. On the other hand, Shaheen scored three goals for the losers.

In the other encounter, Bangladesh Ansars beat West Jatrabari Krira Chakra 17-8. Ansars' Rafique scored highest eight goals followed by Kadir Nazir who added three goals.

Div III cricket super league on

Sports Reporter

PROGOTI SHEBA SANGHA: 261 for six in 45 overs (Tutul 66, Bapji 46, Hero 40, Tipu 34 not out; Rajan 2/43).

NEW EAGLES CLUB: 217 all out in 44.1 overs (Sumon 50, Alam 40; Iqbal 3/29).

MONIPUR CC: 147 all out in 40.5 overs (Iqbal 32, Nannu 22; Arman 5/10).

YOUNG CRICKETERS: 151 for one in 19.2 overs (Sumon 54 not out; Badsha 53 not out).

Young Cricketers and Progoti Sheba Sangha won their respective Division Third Division super league openers at different city venues yesterday.

At the remote Mirpur outer stadium, skipper Arman, with a five-wicket haul, inspired Young Cricketers to huge nine-wicket win over Monipur CC. Arman finished with fantastic figures of five for only 10 runs in his nine nagging overs as Monipur, electing to bat after winning the toss, were skittled out for a paltry 147.

In reply, Young Cricketers rattled up 151 in only 19.2 overs with opener Sumon and Badsha putting on 98 runs for the undefeated second-wicket partnership.

In other match of the day on the eastern strip of the Dhanmndi Cricket Stadium, Progoti scored an impressive 44-run win over New Eagles.

In a high-scoring affair, Progoti, sent into bat piled up a commanding 261 in the stipulated 45 overs.



Iva Majoli (rear) of Croatia and Romania's Ruxandra Dragomir lie on the court after their grueling French Open quarterfinal yesterday. Majoli won 6-3, 5-7, 6-2. — AFP/UNB photo

Majoli, Dewulf in semis



PARIS, June 3: Filip Dewulf became the first qualifier to reach the semifinals of the French Open.

In a match between two unseeded players, the turning point came late in the third set. Norman wasted four break points and received a warning for smashing his racket to the ground.

Norman dropped his serve in the next game to fall behind 5-4 and he never recovered. Dewulf served out the set and cruised through the last one, clinching the match on a forehand winner.

Dewulf, No. 124 in the world, set a personal and Belgian Grand Slam best by reaching the semifinals.

"I started thinking that I could make the semifinals at Roland Garros and I felt that perhaps it wasn't my place. I got a little bit afraid and perhaps that's why I lost the second set," Dewulf said.

Only two qualifiers previously have reached the semifinals of Grand Slam tournament in the Open era, both in 1977. Bob Giltinan at the Australian Open and John McEnroe at Wimbledon.

Earlier, Iva Majoli reached the first Grand Slam semifinal of her career when she beat doubles partner Ruxandra Dragomir 6-3, 5-7, 6-2 in the women's quarterfinals.

The seventh-seeded Croatian collapsed to the ground with relief after the two-hour, 23-minute battle and while she lay

on her back, Dragomir slowly somersaulted over the net and lay next to her. Then they got up and walked away with their arms around each other. Dragomir was the only unseeded player in the women's quarterfinals.

"I was really exhausted, she was chasing every ball," Majoli said.

Serving for the match at 5-3 in the second set, Majoli squandered one match point and dropped her serve.

Dragomir saved two more match points in the next and won four straight games to force a third set.

Majoli went up 5-2 and Dragomir received treatment for a groin injury during the changeover. Although Dragomir was visibly hampered by the injury, Majoli needed three more match points before putting it away with a volley.

On the men's side, no player has been able to establish his mark on clay so far this year and the trend has held true, with six unseeded players reaching the quarterfinals, a Grand Slam record.

The only seeds left are No. 3 and defending champion Yevgeny Kafelnikov and two-time winner Sergi Bruguera, No. 16.

At least two unseeded players will be in the semifinals.

The previous record for the fewest number of seeds reaching the quarterfinals of a Grand Slam was three, set at last year's Wimbledon and the 1994 US Open.

Bruguera, who only became seeded following the withdrawal of Michael Stich, rallied to oust No. 2 Michael Chang 3-6, 6-4, 6-3, 6-4 Monday.

Hicham Arazi, a poetry-reading Moroccan ranked No. 53, overcame a tooth ache to beat seventh-seeded Marcelo Rios — one of the title favourites — 6-2, 6-1, 5-7, 7-6 (7-4) in the second upset of the day.

Remaining men's quarterfinal line-ups:

16-Sergi Bruguera (Spain) v Hicham Arazi (Morocco), Galo Blanco (Spain) v Patrick Rafter (Australia), 3-Yevgeny Kafelnikov (Russia) v Gustavo Kuerten.

Astle steps into Zahid's shoes

LONDON, June 3: New Zealand Test batsman Nathan Astle has signed for Nottinghamshire to fill their overseas vacancy, the English county announced today, reports Reuters.

The 25-year-old from Canterbury is to play for Nottinghamshire for the remainder of the season after their officials secured his release from Lancashire league club Accrington.

He replaces Pakistan fast bowler Mohammad Zahid whose contract was terminated last week because he has a stress fracture of the back.

Grobelaar & co's re-trial starts today

WINCHESTER, England, June 3: The re-trial of three former Premiership footballers accused of match-fixing will start here at Winchester Crown Court on Wednesday, reports AFP.

The first trial of football stars Bruce Grobelaar, John Fashanu and Hans Segers along with London-based Malaysian businessman Heng Sun Lim collapsed at the beginning of March with the jury hopelessly deadlocked.

Another blow to Aussies

BIRMINGHAM, England, June 3: Australia's unsettled first Test preparations have been further compounded by injury worries, leaving the tourists struggling to field 11 fit players for the start of the six-Test Ashes series, reports AP.

Australia, still coming to terms with their unexpected defeat against Derbyshire, is well short of a fit bowling attack after strike bowler Jason Gillespie joined Andy Bichel on the casualty list.

Gillespie, suffering from a badly bruised toe, managed just five overs in the Derbyshire second innings and is unlikely to be 100 per cent fit on Thursday, the first day of the Edgbaston Test.

But Australian captain Mark Taylor, who scored his first half-century in 18 months in the Derbyshire encounter, believes his opening bowlers will shape up for the challenge against England.

With medium paceman Bichel requiring at least 10 days rest to recuperate from a back injury, the third paceman in the tourists' line-up will either be Brendon Julian or Michael Kasprzowicz, the only seamer to have endured the opening stages of the 16-week tour without an injury.

Warne efforts go in vain

DERBY, England, June 3: Australian spin king Shane Warne warmed up for Thursday's first Test against England by delivering a seven-wicket performance on Monday, but that wasn't enough to prevent Derbyshire claiming a dramatic one-wicket victory over the tourists, reports AFP.

The inspirational leg-spinner grabbed seven for 103 as Derbyshire, chasing a formidable 371 after the tourists declared on 265 for four, claimed victory with three balls to spare.

During the final over from Brendon Julian, last man Kevin Dean sparked celebrations throughout the sparse Derby crowd by pushing through mid-wicket for two of the third ball after they had been gifted three of the previous delivery by a wayward throw from Greg Blewett.

Nagano tickets go on sale

TOKYO, June 3: Tickets for next year's Nagano Winter Olympics went on sale on Monday in Japan as more than 100 local fans stood in line overnight in the host city of the nation's second Winter Games, organizers said, reports AFP.

About 300,000 tickets went on sale for events and ceremonies for the Nagano Winter Olympics, which run from February 7 to 22, officials from the Nagano Olympic Winter Games Organising Committee (NOC) said.

Tickets for expected popular events, such as the opening ceremony, sold out immediately at some stands, the officials said.

Marsh rallies behind Taylor



LONDON, June 3: Australian coach Geoff Marsh has ended speculation over the immediate future of Mark Taylor by confirming the skipper would lead the side for the first Ashes Test against England at Edgbaston on Thursday, reports AFP.

Marsh has dismissed Australian newspaper reports saying Taylor was ready to stand down after a run of low scores — finally broken with an unbeaten half-century at Derby on Sunday.

"In the dressing room he has been fantastic but I know that deep down he's been hurting," Marsh said.

"He's been picked to captain the side and after the run about he has had on this tour, he's stuck to his guns. He scored 63 against Derby and hopefully he can get a big hundred next time."

Speaking on BBC radio, Marsh added, "This innings will make him a lot happier, we'll sit down after this game with the three selectors and pick the best side to win the Test match and I'm sure he'll be there."

Today's Sydney Daily Telegraph claimed in a front-page article that Taylor had decided to step down from the Australian team of the first Ashes Test, finally conceding defeat after 18 months of disastrous form.

The report was written after Taylor scored only five in the

first innings of a three-day match against Derbyshire, but before his hint to return to form.

"His second innings half-century was his first since February and only his third first-class 50 in 18 months but he has not scored a Test 50 since

1995. And in a syndicated newspaper column, former record-breaking Australian captain Allan Border accused the national selection panel of passing the buck in the Taylor debate.

Border said the issue was too big to leave to the Ashes tour panel of Taylor, coach Geoff Marsh and captain-in-waiting vice-captain Steve Waugh.

"It's simply not good enough for the selection panel to pass

the hot potato that is Taylor's future to tour selectors Steve Waugh and Geoff Marsh just as the issue is reaching a shattering climax," wrote Border.

"It's arguably the most important selection issue in the history of Australian cricket and one of the most dramatic and controversial sagas in the annals of Australian sport," he added.

"It's too big to be made by his teammates and his coach who should not be asked to be the hatchet men in a decision which would reshape Australia's cricketing landscape."

Steve Waugh's prime function is to bat, Geoff Marsh's is to coach, it's the selectors job to select. I can't agree with the cop-out line that you shouldn't ask the national selectors to rule on an issue on the other side of the world."

But Border added he would choose Taylor. "I like him and want to see him do well and respect him for what he has done for Australia. I'd give him one last chance and hope the team rallied around him," he said.

But Border's remarks were dismissed by chairman of selectors Trevor Hohns. He said, "I wouldn't waste my breath on such publicity-seeking garbage."

Criticism of Taylor and the Australian selectors has reached a crescendo in recent days, with former Australian Test captain Ian Chappell and Greg Chappell calling for his dismissal.

On Saturday, it quickly became apparent that world and Olympic 1,500 metres champion Morceli was in no sort of shape to challenge Gebrselassie over two miles.

The world and Olympic 1,500 metres champion dropped out early, leaving Gebrselassie to race against the clock in a ultimately doomed bid to break eight minutes and pick up a million dollars.

Officially Gebrselassie, who reduced the world record by 2.46 seconds to eight minutes 01.08 seconds, earned nothing for his

efforts, apart from honorary citizenship of Hengelo.

It Saturday was anti-climax. Sunday's 150 metres showdown between Johnson and Bailey bordered on the tasteless.

Canadian Bailey, who broke the world 100 metres record in last year's Atlanta Olympics, appeared genuinely aggrieved that he had not received appropriate recognition in the United States.

"He's just a chicken," said Bailey, richer by one and half million dollars, in a graceless post-race comment.

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No. 74 of Sylhet Road Division, 1996-97

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2. Name of works : Tender for macadam, repairing with carpeting method and seal coat work at 13th, 14th & 15th (P) km of Sylhet-Sultanpur-Balaganj Road.
3. Charge to : 266 (Development).
4. Estimated cost : Tk 10,44,969/-
5. Earnest money : Tk 20,900/-
6. Whom estimate : Superintending Engineer, RHD, Road Circle, Sylhet.
7. Time allowed : 45 (forty-five) days.
8. Name of offices : Additional Chief Engineer, RHD, Comilla Zone, Comilla/ Divisional Commissioner, Sylhet/ Superintending Engineer, Road Circle, Sylhet/Superintending Engineer, RHD, Monitoring & Evaluation Circle, Dhaka/ Undersigned & Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Moulvibazar/ Sunamganj/Hobiganj.
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The Daily Star Entertainment Guide

Wednesday 4th June
(All programmes are in local time. There may be changes in the programmes)

BTV

3:00 Opening Announcement
Al-Quran Programme Summary
3:15 Reiteration from the Geeta
3:15 Re-telecast of Drama Serial 4:00 News in Bangla 4:15
Cartoon film: Top Cat 4:45
Geetebitan: Programme on
Tagore Song 5:25 Sutashikha
7:00 News in English 7:05
Open University 7:25 Pro-
gramme on Classical Dance
8:00 News in Bangla 8:45
Package Drama 10:00 News in
English 10:30 Programme on
Health 10:35 Aparanah: A Pro-
gramme for elderly citizen 11:30
News in Bangla 11:35 Thrus-
day programme summary
11:45 Close down

BBC

6:00am BBC World News 6:30
Time Out: Film 7:00 BBC

World News inc. World Business
Report/Asia Today/24 Hours
10:00 BBC World News 10:30
World Focus: Britain in View
11:00 BBC Newsdesk 12:00
BBC Newsdesk 12:30 Hard
Talk 1:00 BBC World News
1:30 World Focus: Britain in
View 2:00 BBC World News
2:30 Time Out: Tomorrow's
World 3:00 BBC World News
3:30 Hard Talk 4:00 BBC World
News 4:30 Time Out: Film 97
5:00 BBC Newsdesk 6:00pm
BBC Newsdesk 6:30 World Fo-
cus: Britain in View 7:00 BBC
World News 7:15 World Busi-
ness Report 7:30 BBC News-
hour Asia & Pacific 8:30 Time
Out: The London International
Boat Show 1997 9:00 BBC
World News 9:30 Hard Talk
10:00 BBC World News 10:30
Time Out: Holiday 11:00 The
World Today 12:00am Hard
Talk 1:00 BBC World News 1:30
World Focus: The Money Pro-
gramme 2:00 BBC World News
2:30 Time Out: Top Gear 3:00
BBC Newsdesk inc. World Busi-
ness Report/24 Hours 4:00

CHANNEL V

6:00am Hebat VJ Alessandra
7:00 Rewind VJ Sophia 8:00
Frame by Frame 9:00 The
Vibe VJ Luke 12:00noon
Rewind VJ Sophia 1:00 By
Demand VJ Trey 2:00 Frame by
Frame 2:30 Liberty First Day
First Show 3:00 Soul Curry 3:30
Son of Time Pass 4:00 Planet
Ruby 4:30 Big Bang VJ
Alessandra 6:00pm Rewind VJ
Sophia 7:00 By Demand VJ
Trey 8:00 V's 9:00 The Vibe
9:30 Videcon Mangia Hai
10:00 Liberty First Day First
Show 10:30 Mojo Working
11:00 House of Noise VJ Luke
12:00noon Rewind VJ Sophia
1:00 Haysah 2:00 By Demand
VJ Trey 3:00 Big Bang VJ
Alessandra 4:30 Asian Top 20

STAR PLUS

6:30 Ninsad 7:30 Good Morn-

ing India 9:30 Nine To Five
10:00 Madeleine Cooks 10:30
Holiday Special Children Hour
Gi Joe 11:00 Eek! The Cat
11:30 The Oprah Winfrey Show
12:30 Chicago Hope 1:30
Santa Barbara 2:30 The Bold &
The Beautiful 3:00 Meri Awaz
Suno 3:30 Bunyaad 4:00 Kya
Baat Hai 4:30 Lost In Space
5:30 New Adventures of Black
Beauty 6:00 Charles In Charge
6:30pm Madeleine Cooks 7:00
The Great Escape 7:30 Star
News (Hindi) 8:00 Small Won-
der 8:30 Banjara Guest House
9:00 Kohra 9:30 Star News
10:00 Alio Alio 10:30 The X
Files 11:30 The Bold & The
Beautiful 12:00am Santa Bar-
bara 1:00 Star News 1:30 L A
Law 2:30 Picket Fences 3:30
Vega 4:30 The Oprah Winfrey
Show 5:30 Barnaby Jones

STAR SPORTS

6:30am English Cricket 97
Tetley's Challenge Series Der-
byshire Vs Australia 12:30 Trans
World Sport 1:30 FILM World
Motorcycle Championships Aus-

Iran Grand Prix Highlights 3:00
Sports India 3:30 Same Day
Delay Touni de France Ex-
tunes TBC 5:30 International
Motorsports News 6:30pm Nike
Hoop Summit 7:30 World Cup
Hall of Fame 8:00 Asia Sport
Show 8:30 European Tour
1997 Deutsche Bank Open
Highlight 9:30 Trans World
Sport 10:30 Spanish F'ball
League H/L 11:30 Tour de
France Fixtures TBC 1:00 Trans
World Sport 2:30 World Bad-
minton Championships 5 x
Quarter Finals 1 x Semi Final

STAR MOVIES

7:30am Action: Dragonfire 15
9:30 Comedy: Mermaids 15
(Arabic Subtitles) 11:30 Film
Club: Heart Of Dixie 15 1:30
Comedy: State Park 15 3:30
Action: Fall From Grace 15
(Hindi Subtitles) 5:30 Family:
Gulliver's Travels 7:00 Decan
Dream 7:30 Classic: Tarka the
Other 9:30 The Movie Show
10:00 Double Bill: Jodie Foster
Somersay 12 12:00 Double

Bill Jodie Foster Nell 18 (Arabic
Subtitles) 2:00 Film Club:
Raggedy Winney 18 4:00 Hor-
ror: Critics 11 15 5:30 Action:
The Glass Shield 15

ZEE TV

6:00 Jagran 6:30 ZED 7:00
ZED 7:30 Ghoomba Aana 8:00
News 8:30 Insight 9:00 Disney
Hour 10:00 Gaane Anjana
10:30 Hath Cement Aashiana
11:00 Hum Zameen 11:30
Shant 12:30 Hi Zindagi Bye
Zindagi 1:00 Ek Duje Ke Liye
1:30 Silsila 2:00 Hum Paanch
2:30 Kurukshetra 3:00 Raahat
3:30 Celeste 4:00 Aur Shama
Jalti Rahe 4:30 Dhara Zahe
Ka Safar 5:00 Siyaram's Cine
Magic 5:30 Throat The Gear
6:00 Kodak Klick Klick 6:30
Gaanees Anyang 7:00 Disney
Hour 8:00 Panying Guest 8:30
Mrs. Madhuri 9:00 Khiladi
9:30 Banegi Agni Baat 10:00
Andaz 10:30 The News 11:00
Pampara 11:30 Karz 12:00
Salaah 12:30 TVS Sa Re Ga
Ma 1:00 Vakaal 1:30 Zee

PTV

8:00am Tilawat Aur Tarjuma
Hamd/Naat 8:20 Cartoon 8:30

Horro Show 2:00 Panying Guest
2:30 Roshani 3:00 Hindi Futura
Film: Chacha Chaudhary

EL TV

7:00 Yadan Ki Baral 7:30
Standby 7:40 Kishore Kumar
Special 8:20 Haseen Pal 8:30
Fat Of Ft 9:00 Awaz Naye An-
daz Wah 9:30 Scandal 10:00
HFF: Jaadugar 1:00 Parool Su-
perhit Hangama 2:00 Sapana
Na Vavaler 2:30 Amaas Na
Tara 3:00 Lamsa Tea Chalo
Cinema 3:30 Sorry Meri Lory
4:00 Tanav 4:30 Zed 5:00
HFF: Jab Andhera Hota Hai
7:50 Haseen Pal 8:00 Aahaa
8:30 Yakeemz Mast Mast
Show 9:00 VIP No. 1 9:30
Amar Prem 10:00 Archie Top
of the Tops 10:30 Standby 10:45
HFF: Priyatama 12:30 HFF
1:30 Teri Bhi Chup Meri Bhi
Chup 2:00 Orlem Purskshetra
4:00 Hindi Feature Film: Ustad
Maanu

DD 7

10:30 Janmadin 10:35 Classical
Music 11:00 Folk Song 11:15
Adhunik Gaan 11:30 Parliament
Hour 12:30 Gaurab 1:00 Jan-
mahumi (Serial) 1:30 Ishna
(Serial) 2:00 Kushta Zakhn
2:30 Mone Rakho More Gaan
(Serial) 3:00 Shalbani Katha
(Serial) 3:30 Chetana (Serial)
5:05 Nepali Programme 5:30
News 5:35 Chingch Fank 6:00
Palli Katha 6:30 Gaurab 7:00
Drama 7:30 Bangla Sambad
8:00 Prasangaki 8:30
Sushastha 9:00 Janmahumi
(Serial) 9:30 Panchay (Serial)
10:00 Bengali Movie Club Film
Show: Naaye Adhikar 1:00
Closed

DD METRO

9:30 India News 9:45 Dham
Puja (S) 6:13 10:15 Film: Ki
Duniya Se 10:45 Yeh Ganga
Duniya (S) 5:10 11:15 Spirit of
Unity Concerts-1 (S) 12:15
Shabad Gurbani (S) 12:15
Bharat Samachar 12:22
Aalayam (Serial in Tamil) 14:30
1:00 Farzi (S) 1:30 Feature Film
(NFCD) 4:00 Repeat of Cap-
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7:00 AM to 2:00 PM

8:00am Tilawat Aur Tarjuma
Hamd/Naat 8:20 Cartoon 8:30

SONY ET

8:30 Rangaela Re 9:00 Double
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Menace 10:00 I Dream Of
Jeannie 10:30 Bewitched
11:00 Taak Jhank (Serial)
11:30 Gaane Jaane Maane
12:00 Ghavav 12:30 Premier