

## Column One

## SPORTS TALK



Mariner Young's Club returned to their winning ways with a marginal 2-1 victory over Wari Club in one of the two Green Delta First Division league matches held at the National Hockey Stadium yesterday.

In a dull affair, two centre forwards Musa Miah and Biaka Lusai struck the goals for the winners while Rubel Ahmed reduced the margin for Wari.

It was the ninth win for the Arambagh outfit in 11 outings which raised their tally to 29 points and kept them at the fourth place in the 16-team league table with a six-point lead over fifth placed Ajax Sporting Club.

## Shahid Afridi

(Promising Pakistani all-rounder)

"My job is to bowl, but I have discovered that I can bat as well."

## Boost sports WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

## Competition-72

✓ Tick the Correct Answers

Competition closes 8 pm, June 27, '97

1	How many countries will participate in the sixth Asia Cup cricket?	Four	Six	Three
2	The number of associate members in the International Cricket Council are	21	26	23
3	Who has scored a double hattrick in the Green Delta First Division hockey league?	Sadek	Kamal	Siam
4	The Bangladesh vice-captain in the 6th Asia Cup is	Minhajul	Aminul	Saful
5	The new French Open champion is	Brugera	Kuerten	Chang

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## Errata

In our issue on Monday under the heading "Bangladesh gain one-day cricket status" it was inadvertently mentioned "When the neighbours — India and Pakistan — obtained the Test status immediately after the partition in 1947, the cricket-crazy country wandered in the wilderness for more than two decades". In fact India got the Test status in 1932 while Pakistan joined the elite group in 1951.

— Sports Editor

## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

## Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (Gender Issues Section)

## Appointment of a Local Consultant:

Applications are invited from Bangladeshi female nationals for one post of Gender Issues Consultant in Gender Issues Office under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

## A. Qualification and Experience:

The consultant is expected to have minimum of a Master's degree in Social Science or related subject with at least 10 (ten) years experience in project planning and implementation. She must be proficient in speaking and writing English and Bangla fluently. Knowledge of government procedures will be treated as an additional advantage.

## B. Other Conditions:

- Preference will be given to persons having special knowledge in Computer Science with an extensive experience in project planning and implementation in the field of Population and Health with an emphasis on WID issues.
- Persons convicted in any court will not be eligible to apply for this post.
- Those who are in service must apply through proper channel.
- Primarily appointment will be for 1 (one) year on a contract basis but this may be terminated with one month's notice or one month's pay in lieu thereof.
- Salary and allowances will be paid by Canadian CIDA for 6 (six) months and the Dutch Embassy for the rest 6 (six) months which may be Tk 40,000/-00/50,000/-00 per month according to eligibility.
- Interested persons should apply with bio-data, two copies of necessary educational and experience certificates and 2 (two) copies passport size photos. Applications should be addressed to the Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (Attention: Ms. Roxana Quader, Senior Assistant Secretary). It must reach the undersigned on or before 25-6-1997 positively with necessary papers. Incomplete applications will be cancelled.

## Mariners back on track

## Sports Reporter

On the other hand, the defeat pulled Wari down to the eighth spot with their previous collection of 17 points.

The match was locked 1-1 in the first half.

Biaka, the Mariner skipper who scored a hattrick against Bachelor's Sporting Club last month, put his side ahead in the fifth minute converting a penalty corner. But the lead was sustained for only 11 minutes as Wari levelled through Rubel who pushed the ball home capitalising on a defence splitting right side cross from Imran.

Babul reduced the margin for Ansars in the 30th minute.

With yesterday's win, Farashganj moved to the sixth place in the table having raised their account to 19 points, one point lead over seventh place Sadharan Bima.

On the other hand, it was the eleventh successive defeat for Ansars which kept them at the bottom of the table along with Police with both having no points.

Meanwhile, there will be no matches today because of the maintenance of the synthetic turf of the stadium. The league will resume tomorrow with two matches. In the first engagement Bangladesh Sporting Club will face Bangladesh Railway while holders Mohammedan Sporting Club take on Ajax Sporting Club in the next.

## World youth soccer

## Morocco win opener

KUALA LUMPUR, June 17: Morocco came from behind to ruin Malaysia's football party with a 3-1 win in the opening match of the World Youth Football Championships here on Monday, reports AFP.

Morocco now need to draw one of their remaining league matches against Uruguay or Belgium to qualify for the pre-quarterfinals. Malaysia will have to win both their games to move ahead.

The first game in the three-week tournament was preceded by a colourful hour-long opening ceremony.

Among the guests were FIFA president Joao Havelange, general secretary Joseph Blatter and chief organiser Sultan Ahmed Shah.



Action from Green Delta First Division league clash between Mariner Young's Club and Wari Club at the National Hockey Stadium yesterday. — Star photo

nowadays, they started settling scores.

Police in the Vladimir region, east of Moscow, were still investigating the apparent contract shooting of Nekhayeva, who was the director general in charge of finance and sponsorship at the league champions. She was number two to club president Oleg Romantsev, the former head coach of the Russian national side.

One club source said she was a particularly close associate of Romantsev, an authoritarian figure who retained close control over the club during his 1994-96 tenure with the national squad.

Nekhayeva and another woman on the Spartak management team, named by police only as Rudzake, were gunned down at a club villa on Sunday afternoon. Her driver was in intensive care.

The murderer's name less than two months after the unsolved assassination of Russian Ice Hockey Federation president, Valentin Sych, who was sprayed with bullets as he drove to work.

Sych, 60, had spoken out against pressure from business groups who take advantage of post-Soviet Russia's legal vacuum to employ the sort of Mafia-style tactics that made contract killings common place across the country.

One senior Russian soccer official said on Monday he was alarmed by the general rise in the use of sports clubs to launder Mafia money. Other allegations, never proved, that have circulated in the Russian sports world in recent years involve the abuse of special tax breaks and widespread match-fixing.

Some of Russia's biggest sports stars, now based abroad, say they fear to return home for fear of pressure from crime gangs.

Spartak spokesman Alexander Lvov conceded Nekhayeva's murder was a contract hit. But he hotly denied any suggestion the club, four times Russian champions in the past five years and one of the richest in the country, had any links to the underworld.

"There is no connection to organised crime. This contract killing could have been prompted by any kind of reason — personal contacts, other private matters," he told Reuters television on Sunday. "It has nothing to do with allegations of the so-called criminal entourage around our club."

He added he was not aware of any threats towards Nekhayeva. Other Spartak officials declined to comment on Monday.

## Div III SOCCER

## Sports Reporter

A brilliant hattrick by Shakil guided Lalbagh Sporting Club to a 4-3 victory over Maghbazar Kisholoy Sangha in one of the two Third Division football league matches held at the Army Stadium yesterday.

The winners led the first half 3-2.

In a see-saw encounter, Shakil scored in the 6th, 22nd and 27th minutes while Javed added the other in the 57th minute. On the other hand, Arif, Jashim and Liton scored one each for Maghbazar in the 34th, 38th and 65th minutes respectively.

In the next match, Kawranbazar Pragati Sangha beat Fire Service 2-1.

Meanwhile, the day's other match between Deepali Juba Sangha and Rahmatganj Sporting Club scheduled at the Rajbari ground, ended in a goalless draw.

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## Sport



THE ORIENTAL CHARMER: Mercurial former Pakistan captain Shahbaz Ahmed (L), who arrived here yesterday to feature in the Green Delta First Division league in favour of Mohammedan Sporting Club, having a light practice session along with his teammates at the National Hockey Stadium in the afternoon.

— Star photo

## Shahbaz in city

## Sports Reporter

Former Pakistan captain Shahbaz Ahmed (32) arrived in the city yesterday morning to don the Mohammedan Sporting Club colours once again for the remainder of the Green Delta First Division hockey league.

This is the second trip for the Faisalabad-based hockey magician who earlier in 1994, inspired the black and whites to lift the league championship. Shahbaz, better known as an artful dodger, has played 221 matches for his country. His last appearance was during last year's Olympic Games in Atlanta.

After leading Pakistan to the World Cup triumph in 1995, Shahbaz retired. But following a request by the then Pakistan Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, he resumed his chequered career.

Before coming to Bangladesh, Shahbaz was playing in the Dutch pro-league.

Shahbaz is the second of the four Pakistanis likely to play for Mohammedans. Waheed Shahid has already played one match while compatriots Tahir Zaman and Kamran Ashraf are expected to arrive soon.

After a light practice session in the afternoon, the mercurial forward completed his registration formalities last evening.

## BDR clinch Cute Premier h'ball title

## Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Rifles emerged unbeaten champions in the Cute Premier handball league title with a 28-28 draw against Menjis Krira Chakra in the last match held at the court near Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

In a see-saw affair, Menjis, spearheaded by three Indian players Gora, Rajesh and Guru Singh, led the first half 15-12.

But a second half rally by the riflemen enabled them to make a brilliant come back and drew the match with 28-28 at the end.

BDR's Jahangir scored highest eight goals while Rafique added six goals. On the other hand, Gora and Guru scored ten goals apiece for Menjis.

With the draw, BDR, who have earlier won six matches, remained atop the eight-team league table having raised their tally to 19 points, three points adrift of Menjis who finished third with their previous collection of 16 points. Bangladesh Police earned the runners-up trophy with 18 points to their credit.

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