

Column One

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Competition-72

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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 hat-trick in the Green Delta First Division hockey league?	Sadek	Kamal	Siam
4	The Bangladesh vice-captain in the 6th Asia Cup is	Minhajul	Aminul	Saiful
5	The new French Open champion is	Bruguera	Kuerten	Chang

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SPORTS TALK



Mushtaq Mohammad
(Pakistan cricket coach)
"Cricket followers must learn to accept defeat. It is part of the game."

Pioneer soccer

Sports Reporter

Twelve Pioneer football league matches were held at different venues of the city yesterday.

At the Rajuk ground, Badshah Smriti Sangha beat Azimpur Kishore Sangha 4-2. Sumon and Shahidul struck two each for the winners while Nantuo reduced the margin twice for Azimpur.

In the other match, Lalbagh Sporting Club handed Surjo Sena a 1-2 defeat.

Swapan and Liton netted one each for Lalbagh while Anwar pulled one back for the losers.

Away in Mirpur, an early first half goal by Iqbal guided Agrani Krira Sangha to a solitary goal victory over Nawabganj Krira Sangsad. The other match between Shankar Sporting Club and Salna Sporting Club ended in a 2-2 draw.

At the Dhanmondi Club ground, Golam Mustafa lane KC beat Dhaka Mahanagar KC 1-0. Tutul scored the match-winning 22 minutes into the second half.

In Basabo, Murapara KC trounced Goran Barnali 5-1.

Oli, Anis, Zakir, Shahid and Islam scored one apiece for the winners while Habib netted a consolation goal for Goran. The other match between Dilkusha SC and Suritola right Brothers ended in a goalless draw.

Abakash Sangsad beat Suprapur SC 2-0 in a lone engagement at the Dhupkhola ground.

Mosharrar and Zahir struck one each for Abakash Sangsad.

At the Jagannath University ground, Abdul Hadi Lane beat Red Sun KC 2-1 while Paragadgar KC recorded a solitary goal victory over Avijatrik KC.

At the T & T ground in Mahakali, Tejgaon, Nabataranga Sangsad defeated Diganta Majish 3-1 while Maghbazar Sabuz Sangha earned a walk-over against Uttara Friends Club.

Mugabi wins Aussie belt

GOLD COAST, Australia, June 21 Former world champion John (The Beast) Mugabi overcame a fourth-round knockdown Thursday to win the vacant Australian super middleweight boxing title in a unanimous points decision, reports AP.

Australian Jamie Wallace, 23, knocked Mugabi down for a count of eight with a straight right and left hook combination before a large crowd at the Gold Coast Arts Centre.

Taller and heavier than the Ugandan-born Mugabi, Wallace was given little chance of an upset and attacked the former World Boxing Council junior middleweight champion in the dying seconds of the round.



Rafiqul Islam Kamal (R) of Usha Krira Chakra gets the ball past Wari Club custodian to score his sides first goal during their Green Delta First Division league match at the Hockey Stadium yesterday.

Usha hit the jackpot

Sports Reporter



Title contenders Usha Krira Chakra celebrated their 100th goal in the ongoing Green Delta First Division league yesterday when they outplayed Wari Club by 12 goals to nil in one of the two matches played at the National Hockey Stadium.

The winners led the first half 4-0.

The Usha goal feast, which began with their 93rd goal of the league and ended with the 104th, was brilliantly marked by their inform national centre forward Rafiqul Islam Kamal's sixth hat-trick of the league. Kamal apart, his partner Mohammad Sadek, centre half Tutul Kumar Nag and Indian defender Anil Aldrin struck two goals each while three substitutes Abdur Rashid, Irteza Kader Guddu and Fazle Noman Pappu added one apiece.

It was the 12th successive win for the old Dhaka outfit, which kept them at the top of the 16-team league table along with defending champions Mohammedan Sporting Club having raised their tally to 36 points, three more than second placed Abahani Krira Chakra.

On the other hand, it was the fifth and the worst defeat for Wari so far in their 12 outings which kept them glued to their previous collection of 17 points. Kamal, the leading goal-scorer of the league who has slammed five hat-tricks including a double before yesterday's match, put Usha ahead in the eighth minute from a Sadek pass.

The speedy youngman then doubled the margin with a neat placing from a goalmouth melee in the 21st minute before completing the treble after two minutes with yet another field goal from a Zia's pass. Kamal, who has already stepped into record book for achieving highest number of goals and hat-tricks in a league this season, has scored 36 goals so far.

Tutul, the hard working Usha centre half, sealed the first session utilising a Sadek pass in the 27th minute.

After the breather, Usha intensified their attacks and were rewarded with eight more. Anil converted two penalty corners in the 36th and 38th minutes. The dark and tall South Indian penalty corner specialist who received his second yellow card in the league during the first

half, remained at the side line for the rest of the time other than penalty corners to avoid a possible third yellow card.

Sadek made it 7-0 in the 40th minute which was their 99th goal while Rashid then scored the 100th goal after nine minutes pushing the ball home from a Sadek pass to put Usha up 8-0.

Usha netted four more through Sadek, Tutul, Guddu and Pappu respectively to complete the dozen.

Sadek has scored 28 goals and remained second in the leading goalscorer's list behind Kamal.

Usha will take on Abahani Krira Chakra on June 24.

ANSARS' FIRST

Earlier in the day's first match, Dhaka Ansars recorded their first victory defeating Police Athletics Club by a solitary goal.

Sagor struck the all-important goal in the 48th minute.

The win enabled to escape Ansars probable relegation after eleven successive defeats.

On the other hand, pointless Police are now almost certain of demotion next season.

Tale of an untold trophy



LONDON, June 21: A replica of the World Cup trophy was passed off as the original for two years, it was revealed on Friday, reports AP.

The decision to commission a replica was taken following England's World Cup victory in 1966 when the entire country was clamouring for a glimpse of the famous gold Jules Rimet Trophy.

Four months before the final the trophy had been stolen from an exhibition in Westminster, but was later recovered after a mongrel called 'Pickles' discovered it in bushes in the front garden of a South London house.

Officials worried about a second theft commissioned a copy from a firm of London Silversmiths which from 1968 went on show at official func-

tions and often appeared on television as though it were the gold original.

The secret has only just emerged because the gilt-bronze duplicate is to be sold at auction by Sotheby's next month.

An FA spokesman said, "After England won the World Cup there was great demand for the trophy so the FA secretary Sir Dennis commissioned a replica to put on public display while the real one was kept in the vault."

But the pretence ended when Brazil won the Cup in 1970 for a third time and were allowed to keep the gold version permanently so the fake was returned to the Silversmiths and given to George Bird, who ran the firm.

Graham Bird, his son, is now selling the family treasure, which he said had been kept under the bed at home — just as Frenchman Jules Rimet had kept the original during Ger-

man occupation in World War Two.

He said that his father had believed that it had no value as it was made of gilt-bronze but Sotheby's expect the replica to fetch up to 30,000 pounds (about 48,000 dollars).

According to Bird whenever the replica was shown on television as the real thing between 1968-70 "it caused some amusement at home."

"We could see everyone on television making a great fuss of this thing and we knew the real story, so it was quite hilarious."

Bird claimed that his father always regretted not being able

to tell Sir Stanley Rous, president of FIFA, the organisers of the competition and one of football's grandees, the truth about the replica.

The cup will be auctioned on July 11th.

A matter of equation



KUALA LUMPUR, June 21: An air of uncertainty looms large as the World Youth Football Championship resumes on Sunday after a day's rest, report agencies.

Only Uruguay in Group A and Brazil in Group B are assured of pre-quarterfinal spots from three of the six groups which will be decided on Sunday.

The race is wide open in Group C with Ghana leading the table with four points, just one ahead of the United States and Ireland. China bring up the rear with a solitary point.

Ghana could still be out of the tournament if they lose to the United States and Ireland.

China in Sunday's last round at Alor Setar.

Even China have a chance to

finish among the top two, provided they beat Ireland and the United States stumble against Ghana.

With Brazil already through in Group B, the last match between France and South Africa at Kuching will decide the other knock-out spot.

France, with four points, need only a draw to go through while the South Africans (one point) must win. But South African captain Matthew Booth is not willing to concede defeat yet.

Asian champions South Korea, who have one point, are faced with the unenviable task of defeating Brazil to stay in the tournament.

"I know our chances against Brazil are very low, but it can be done," South Korean coach Park Lee-Chun said. "Anyway we don't have much choice but to pray for a miracle."

Brazilian coach Toninho

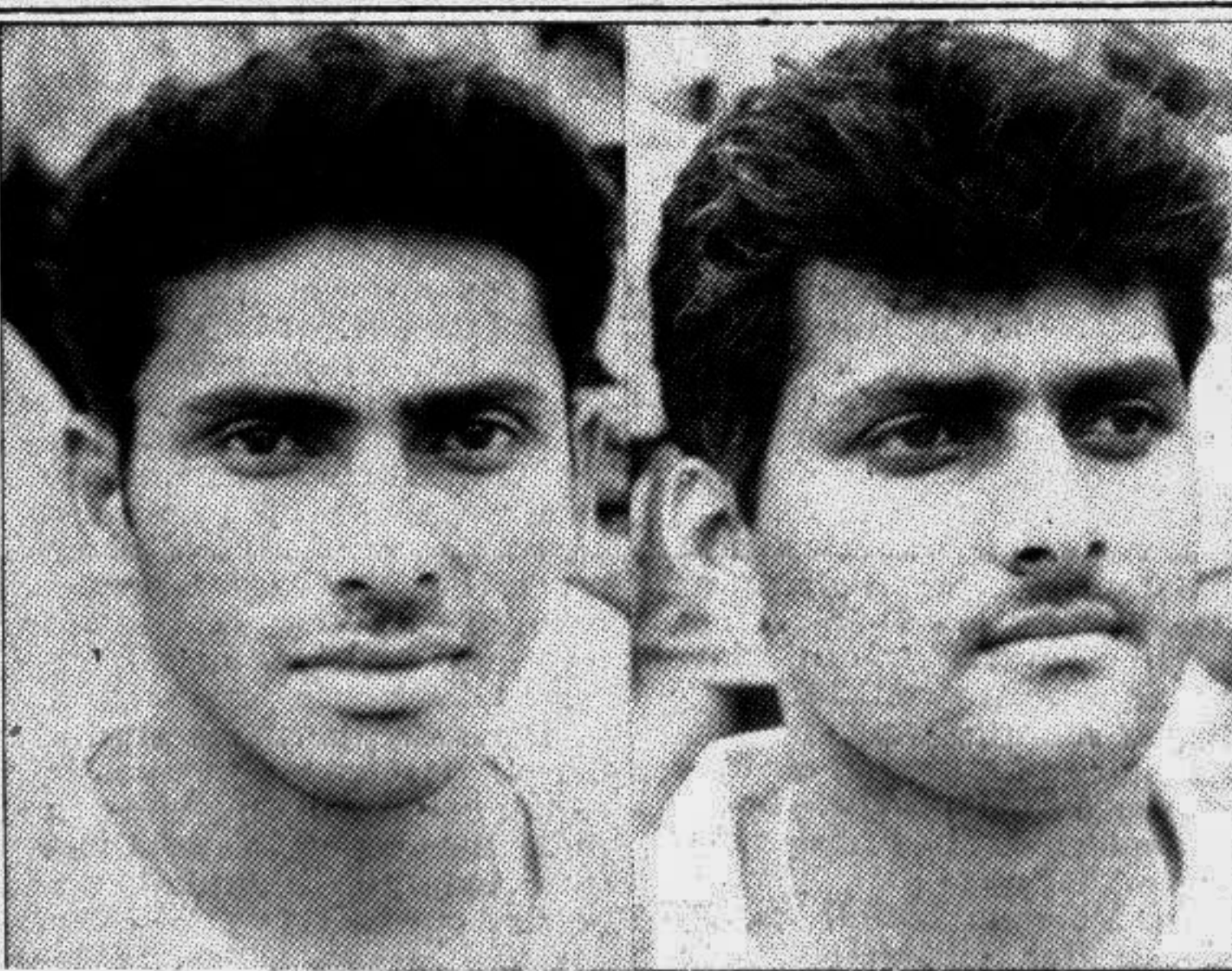
Barroso, however, warned against taking the South Koreans lightly.

Uruguay lead Group A with six points, two more than Morocco, their opponents on Sunday. Belgium follow with one point while hosts Malaysia have drawn a blank so far.

Belgium could finish second if they beat Malaysia in the first game at Shah Alam and Uruguay defeat Morocco later in the evening. But Morocco have the advantage of knowing whether a draw will see them through.

Malaysia themselves have a last chance of qualifying as one of the four best third-placed finishers if they upset Belgium with a big margin.

The top two and four more teams from the six groups will advance to the pre-quarterfinals, the last round of matches in Groups, D, E and F will be played on Monday.



SHAKEEL AHMED (L), ASHISH BALLAL (R)

Bribery scam

BCCI forms probe body

CALCUTTA, June 21: The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has formed one-man enquiry committee, headed by a former chief justice of India, Y V Chandrachud, to look into allegations of betting and match-fixing in Indian cricket, reports PTI.

The BCCI secretary, Jagmohan Dalmiya told a press conference here today, Justice Chandrachud will have wide range of authority to conduct the enquiry and will be at liberty to call any board official, team official, cricketer or journalist who published the allegations any others he feels as necessary.

Dalmiya said that the president of the board, Raj Singh Dungarpur instituted the one-man enquiry committee.

Former Test cricketer, Manoj Prabhakar, in an article published in a weekly news magazine recently, had alleged that he was offered 25 lakh rupees by a teammate to sabotage a match in Pakistan's favour during the Singer Cup in Sri Lanka in 1994.

The same issue of the magazine carried a story by its correspondents entitled "cricket's dirty games." In which serious charges and allegations were levelled against Indian cricketers and journalists for betting and match fixing.

Bangladesh to play 3 warm-ups before WC

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh will play three warm-up matches against county teams prior to the start of the World Cup in England in 1999.

This was disclosed on June 17 by the organising committee of the seventh edition of the over-limit cricket championship scheduled to kick off at Lord's on May 14.

Bangladesh, who are making their maiden appearance in the quadrennial extravaganza, will play their first warm-up match against Essex on May 8. They will meet Middlesex on May 10



before taking on Northamptonshire on May 14.

Bangladesh, who have been placed in one group along with Australia, New Zealand, Pakistan, West Indies and Scotland, are one of the three non-Test playing nations in the big league.

The ICC champions, who earned the right to play in the World Cup along with Kenya and Scotland, will feature in their Cup-opener against New Zealand on May 17.

Office cricket washed out

Sports Reporter

Rain washed out yesterday's lone Office cricket league encounter between Biman and Manami International scheduled at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

According to the tournament by-laws both teams were given one point each.

World youth soccer

England enter round of 16

KUALA LUMPUR, June 21: England whitewashed the United Arab Emirates 5-0 on Friday to sail into the last 16 at the World Youth Soccer Championship with one game to play, reports AP.

They joined defending champions Argentina, Mexico and Spain in the knock-out round of the 24-nation under-20 tournament.

England surged to the top of the group with six points after main rivals Mexico were held to a surprising 1-1 draw by Cote d'Ivoire in another Group F game Friday.

In Group E at Kangar, Argentina survived a scare before downing spirited Canada 2-1 through a 65th minute penalty converted by Roman Riquelme.

Bernardo Romeo gave Argentina the lead in the 32nd minute, but Jason Bent levelled the score a minute before half-time as Canada thwarted their fancied rivals during a fast-paced encounter.

Also in the Group, Australia edged Hungary 1-0 on a last-minute header goal from substitute Daniel Allsopp, who came in the 82nd min.

At four points, Australia are now two points behind Argentina who won two games.

In another lopsided game, Japan drubbed Costa Rica 6-2 in Group D at Kuantan. Scoring thrice in each half.

Japan, with three points from two matches, now need a draw in their last group game against Paraguay on Monday to move up from the group.

Spain maintained their unbeaten run in the same group with a 2-1 win over Paraguay, who were left with a solitary point.

Lanka rule Arnos Vale



KINGSTOWN, St Vincent, June 21: Sanath Jayasuriya hit 80 not out and led Sri Lanka quickly past a

paltry West Indies first innings total of 147 on the opening day of the second and final Test on Friday, reports Reuter.

World champions Sri Lanka dismissed the home side before tea, with pace bowler Ravindra Pushpakumara claiming five wickets, and ended the day on 157 for three, 10 runs ahead with seven wickets in hand.

Jayasuriya showed scant respect for the West Indies pace attack, striking 11 fours in 107 balls during his three undebated hours at the crease to raise Sri Lankan hopes of squaring the series after losing the first Test in Antigua by six wickets.

The left-handed explosive opener held the centre stage in a fine third-wicket stand of 76 runs in just 63 minutes with Aravinda de Silva, who made 35 off 45 balls.

Pushpakumara, 21, took two wickets off consecutive balls in the day's second over after Sri Lanka had won the toss and put West Indies in to bat. He finished with figures of five for 41 off 12.4 lively overs.

Pushpakumara received admirable support from off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan, who took three for 28 off 12 probing overs.

West Indies, at one stage five for three, were indebted to Carl Hooper for saving them from greater embarrassment with a

majestic innings of 81, including 10 fours and a six.

Jayasuriya and Roshan Mahanama provided the visitors with a solid foundation, featuring in an opening stand of 63.

Fast bowler Franklyn Rose struck twice in the space of 13

overs.

De Silva c Lara b Hooper 35

Extras: (lb-3, nb-5) 157

Total 147

Fall of wickets: 1-2; 2-3; 3-5; 4-34; 5-92; 6-126; 7-123; 8-140; 9-145

Bowling O M R W

Sanjeeva 13 2 46 1

Pushpakumara 12.4 1 41 5

Dharmasena 7 1 26 1

Muralitharan 12 1 28 3

SRI LANKA: First innings

Jayasuriya not out 80

Mahanama c Browne b Rose 28

Atapattu c Hooper b Rose 7

De Silva c Lara b Hooper 35

Ranatunga not out 0

Extras: (lb-2, nb-5) 157

Total (for 3 wickets) 157

To bat: S Ranatunga, Kaluwitharaha, Dharmasena, Sanjeeva de Silva, Pushpakumara, Muralitharan

Was fell at: 63; 75; 151.

Bowling O M R W

Amrose 6 0 15 0

Walsh 13 1 42 0

Rose 7 0 33 2

Bishop 7 0 51 0

Hooper 7 2 13 1

Dejected Uruguay dump Nunez



MONTEVIDEO, June 21: The Uruguayan Football Association (UFA) fired national coach Juan

Ahunchain on Friday after the holders exit from the Copa America in the group phase, report agencies.

The UFA did not reveal who would replace Ahunchain, who took over from Hector 'Pichon' Nunez late last year.

Elimination from the Copa, represents another international failure for a country that used to be one of the football's major powers.

Uruguay have won the Copa 13 times and the World Cup twice, a tremendous record for a nation of only four million people, but their recent soccer history has been one of a seemingly unstoppable decline into obscurity.

They failed to qualify for the last World Cup and are in danger of not reaching the 1998

tournament in France either. Their triumph in the last Copa, which they hosted two years ago, seems to have had brought no long-term benefit.

Only four of the 12 South American teams were knocked out in the first round but the once mighty Uruguayans were one of them with their only points coming in a 2-0 win over minnows Venezuela. Their other results included a 1-0 defeat by a young, inexperienced Peruvian team.

Uruguay had a chance of going through as one of the two best third-placed teams but were edged out on goals scored by Colombia, who qualified despite losing 2-0 to Brazil on Thursday to go through in their place.

Meanwhile, the battle continued for the other teams.

Colombia, who scraped through as the second best third-placed team, have been rewarded with a quarterfinal in La Paz today against the hosts

Inter land Ronaldo



SANTA CRUZ, Bolivia, June 21: Brazilian striker Ronaldo ended months of speculation over his

future by signing a five-year contract with Italian club Internazionale on Friday, reports Reuter.

But Barcelona insisted that Ronaldo still belonged to them, Josep Maria Antras, the club's lawyer, said the Spanish football federation had not yet authorised the transfer.

Ronaldo's agent Alexandre Martins announced the signing in Santa Cruz.

"A contract was signed between Ronaldo and Internazionale for a period of five years," he said.

"He will present himself to the club on July 1 for a medical and then he will go on holiday."

Martins said the financial details of the deal would be announced by the club in Italy.

Earlier, Ronaldo, with the national team at the Copa America, said at the team's hotel: "I am very happy. This is a problem that has been affecting the national team and now it is out of the way."

Ronaldo's form appears to have suffered as the seemingly interminable negotiations have dragged on.

He scored two goals in the team's opening Copa America game against Costa Rica but his displays in the subsequent two matches were patchy and he was substituted in Thursday's 2-0 win over Colombia.

The deal was announced

shortly after Ronaldo's lawyer in Spain said he had paid the four billion pesetas (27.5 million dollars) necessary to re-



RONALDO

lease the player from his contract with Barcelona.

Although the payment technically makes Ronaldo a free agent, a FIFA circular has decreed that only Spanish clubs are allowed to sign him without negotiating with Barcelona.

"From yesterday the player no longer belongs to Barcelona," said Fernando Rey, the Brazilian's lawyer. Negotiations to keep Ronaldo at Barcelona broke down at the end of last month.

Robson stays put

LONDON, June 21: Former England boss Bobby Robson Friday ruled himself out of the vacant manager's job at Everton and announced he will stay at Spanish giants Barcelona until the end of next season, reports AP.

Robson was approached by the English Premiership club but said he will see out his contract in Spain — though he admitted he was not too happy about the arrival of Ajax coach Louis van Gaal.

Robson, who has also been linked with Celtic, has 12 months of his two-year contract to run and appears willing to accept a move upstairs at Barca to a post such as general manager.

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