

Column One

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COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Competition-75

✓ Tick the Correct Answers

Competition closes at 8 pm, August 8, '97

1 Who is the soccer coach of AC Milan?

Sachin Capello Tabare

2 Who lifted the Leg Mason Classic tennis title this year?

Korda Chang Wheaton

3 Which is the new club of Roberto Baggio?

Bologna Atletico Vicenza

4 Who won the Ali Sports 7th schools kabaddi title?

Millat Rifles Nawabpur

5 Who scored the first hat-trick in this year's Federation Cup football?

Iqbal Al-Amin Sohag

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SPORTS TALK



Maksudul Amin Rana, one of the fresh recruits of Abahani Krira Chakra, was on a rampage against Agrani Bank in a Federation Cup football match at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday. The nimble striker scored one and set up another in his side's 4-0 thrashing of the bankers.

— Star photo

Muktijoddah muddle thru'

Sports Reporter

Muktijoddah Sangsas Krira Chakra began their Federation Cup football tournament campaign with a 2-0 victory over BRTC at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday.

Striker Reaz shot Muktijoddah into the lead in the 23rd minute while his more illustrious teammate national forward Imtiaz Ahmed Nakib scored the second goal 19 minutes into the second session to ensure a predictably sound start for the former champions.

The outcome was, however, by any standard not an inspiring start for the star-studded Muktijoddha, who hogged the headlines in this year's inter-club booters' transfer by roping in a bunch of national players.

Muktijoddha broke the evening's duck from their first positive attack with Reaz finding the net with a placing shot after being fed by an always-agile Rakib, who returned to his former club after having a successful year with Abahani last year.

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this year, then completed a move down the left-flank with a clinical finish.

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Referee: Ram Krishna Gosh.

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In an exhibition of poor marksmanship Gaus, one of the four stalwarts in the new-look Muktijoddha line-up, let his side down at the stroke of the short whistle shooting an absolute blinder out from close.

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Abahani trounce bankers

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Abahani, runners up in the last version of the curtain-raiser way back in 1995, took some time to settle down with a new set of young players. With only four from last year's squad, the Dhamondi outfit faced trouble initially against the mediocre Bank side.

But when Munia, the veteran and inspirational Abahani defender, gave his side the much needed lead midway through the first session, they gradually gained in confidence and put up a better show in the second half pumping three more.

It was left winger Amin Rana who initiated the first goal in the 22nd minute. The nimble winger, who joined Abahani this season after a spell with Youngmen Club Fakirpool last year, overran the Bank defence through the left flank and sent a neat pass to Munia whose grounder from the top of the box took a deflection hitting the inner edge of the cross-piece.

After the breather, Abahani's Amin Rana doubled the margin in the 61st minute. After receiving a through from substitute striker Rumi, the acrobatic winger dodged past two

advancing Bank defenders before slotting the ball with an accurate angular shot. Rumi, who replaced the out of form forward Mizan early in the second half, made it 3-0 after seven minutes with a placing shot from a Munna pass and Liton completed tally with a banana free kick from outside the box in the 81st minute.

The winners will take on BRTC Sports Club in their next match tomorrow evening.

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