

- In which year did Pakistan and India suspend Test tours between them?
1988 1989 1987
- Who won the Italian Super Cup football title?
Vicenza Bologna Juventus
- Who is the England cricket captain?
Stewart Hussain Atherton
- Who lifted the inter-division women's volleyball trophy?
Pahna Khulna Comilla
- Which team clinched the Second Division chess league title?
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SPORTS TALK



Javagal Srinath
(Indian pace bowler)
"I'll be back to big business very soon."

IUB chess

Sports Reporter

Defending champion Rafiur Rahman Roni earned a solo lead in the second IUB chess tournament defeating Debashish Biswas in the fifth round yesterday.

In the penultimate round of the six round Swiss League competition, Roni initiated Ruy Lopez variation with black pieces and checkmated Debashish to post his fifth successive victory in the meet.

With the win, Roni raised his tally to five points and earned half a point lead over Numayr Enam, Murad and Kamrul.

On the day, Murad defeated Quader while Numayr and Kamrul shared the point.

The final round will be held on Sunday.

Grammar Open school chess

Sports Reporter

The Grammar Open school chess tournament, organised by Lalmatia based Dhaka Grammar School, will begin from September 26.

Interested Dhaka-based school students have been asked to register their names at the school, located at house No-2/6, Road No-4, Block A, Lalmatia, from 9 am to 2 pm on any working day.



Abahani striker Maksudul Amin Rana (L) on the verge of scoring the first goal on his way to a hat-trick against Farashganj Sporting Club at the Mirpur Stadium last night. Abahani won the match 5-2. — Star photo

Rahmatganj hold Brothers Abahani off to a flyer

Sports Reporter

Forward Maksudul Amin Rana scored a hat-trick as Federation Cup champions Abahani Kira Chak- ra got off to a flying start in the final round of the Shamsuddin Spinning Mahanagari Cup with a 5-2 thrashing of Farashganj Sporting Club in the Group Two opener at the floodlit Mirpur Stadium yesterday.

Rana, one of the super-flop stars of Bangladesh in their disastrous SAFF championship campaign early this month, lived up in the domestic circuit to score his second hat-trick of the season. The short and dapper striker scored his first hat-trick against Agrani Bank during the Federation Cup last month.

Rana apart, defender King-shook and latest Sri Lankan import Roshan Perera struck one goal apiece for the sky-blue outfit while Mujibur Rahman Ritu and Alamgir reduced the margin for the old Dhaka side scoring one goal each.

Abahani, who won the season's first major trophy — Federation Cup — last month, took the lead as early in the sixth minute through a corner from the right side. Defender Kingshook outfoxed the opponent defenders heading home a cosy floater sent by Mamun Joarder.

Rana, the brilliant performer in SAFF meet who failed to impress spectators on his debut in Dhaka football, tapped in the fourth goal for Abahani cashing in on a left side cross from substitute Uzbek forward Anatoliy in the 69th minute while Rana completed his treble with a right-footer from the top of the box in the 80th minute.

In their next match tomorrow, Abahani will meet First Division side Rahmatganj Muslim Friends Society who earlier in yesterday's first match, held powerful side Brothers Union Club to a one-all draw.

In a boring and dull encounter, Rahmatganj gave their illustrious counterparts a good run for their money by operating some all-out attack. But due to lack of experience, all of their offensives went down the drain while giving the finishing touch.

On the other hand, Brothers Union, who were automatically through to the second round as 1995 DMFA Cup semifinalists, failed to justify their rating against the rankoutsiders of the first Division outfit.

Although, they launched some assaults in the late second half, but the half-hearted efforts were smartly staved off by the ever-alert Rahmatganj defence.

Brothers Union will take on Farashganj Sporting Club in their next match tomorrow afternoon.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Muktijoddha Sangsad vs Arambagh KS (3 pm)

Mohammedan SC vs YMC Fakirerpool (5 pm)

Poul-Eric makes it perfectly

ORANGE, California, Sept 18 (Reuters): The timing was perfect for Poul-Erik Hoyer-Larsen to win a major championship for the first time since the 1996 Olympics and the Dane cashed in at the US Open.

Gone was China's Dong Jiong, the world's second-ranked player and the tournament's top seed in men's singles.

Gone was Denmark's Pater Rasmussen, the defending world champion who is rated fifth internationally.

Gone were Indonesia's Ardy Wiranata and Hermawan Susanto, formidable veterans ranked seventh and 10th in the world, respectively.

Gone was Dutchman Jeroen van Dijk, who upset Rasmussen and Susanto in earlier rounds.

The only hurdle that remained for Hoyer-Larsen was another Dane, Peter Gade-Christensen, and the Olympic champion cleared that challenge with a 15-6, 7-15, 15-6 victory Saturday at the Orange County Badminton Club.

Hoyer-Larsen, ranked fourth in the world, not only claimed the 13,000 dollars top prize at

the US Open, but also captured his first significant victory since winning gold in Atlanta.

Though Hoyer-Larsen won the Russian Open in August, there were not so many good players as there are in this tournament," he said.

"It's very important for me to show that I'm able to win," Hoyer-Larsen said before the final. "It's very important for me to prove that I'm very close to the level where I was in 1996."

Between the 1996 Olympics and 1997 US Open, Hoyer-Larsen reached the finals of four events and the semifinals of five others, including the World Championships in June.

"That's amazing for a guy who won in the Olympics," said Henrik Lyngby the Danish national coach.

But victory proved elusive and the Olympic gold seemed like a mixed blessing to Hoyer-Larsen.

On one hand, the medal enabled him to participate in a whirlwind schedule of talk shows, autograph sessions and exhibitions, on the other hand, the rigorous schedule — combined with significance of Olympic gold — took a mental

toil.

"All of a sudden, you're not able to focus as you did before," Hoyer-Larsen said. "Our motivation is not as high because winning such a big title satisfies you a great deal."

"I felt it was as if I was climbing the last mountain, and it was very tough."

Hoyer-Larsen, 31, now feels he has other mountains to scale and does not believe his age will slow him down.

"Even though I'm going to be 32 very soon, it really doesn't matter," he said. "The most important thing is that I still have the speed."

"As long as you have the speed, it will give you a big advantage in being able to think where the opponent will play the next shot."

Lyngby, for one, feels confident about Hoyer-Larsen's immediate future.

"He's not young anymore but he's up to standards," he said. "And if you can maintain Olympic standards, you are the best in the world."

Cute handball

Christian Youths Club defeated Arambagh KS by 24-15 goals in the CUTE First Division handball league at the ground near Dhaka Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

The winners led the first session by 14-8 goals.

Shafiqul scored 10 goals for Christian Youths while Dulal netted five goals. Razaul Kabir scored seven goals for the losers.

Bangladesh Air Force will meet Sathira Club in today's match.

Schools TT

Top seed Pappu of Narail clinched the boy's single crown of the Green Delta Insurance National School table tennis championships yesterday, reports UNB.

At the NSC wooden floor gymnasium, Pappu outplayed Anup of Rajshahi 21-8, 21-8 and 21-11.

Earlier, Pappu beat Hasan of Narail in the first semifinal while Anup beat Sharif of Dhaka in other semi on their way to final.

In the girl's singles, Rumi of Narail beat Ratna of Jessore 21-7, 21-15, and 21-9 to lift the title.

In all 98 paddlers, including 30 girls from 21 institutions, took part in the four-day meet.

Hostel opened

Minister of State for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader inaugurated the newly built hostel for sportsmen at the National Hockey Stadium yesterday, reports BSS.

Champions' League scores

ISTANBUL, Sept 18: European champions Borussia Dortmund passed the first Test of their European Champions' League campaign on Wednesday with a smooth tactical performance and a 1-0 win over Galatasaray, reports Reuters.

After a quiet first half dominated by tight defensive work by both teams, Dortmund grabbed the game's only goal in the 73rd minute with a fine strike by Stephane Chapuisat.

The Swiss striker slipped through the Turkish defence to hit a perfectly weighted right-footed shot past the outstretched Volkan Kilimci.

A last minute curling free-kick from the edge of the penalty area by Romanian star Gheorghe Hagi failed to save the home side as it deflected cruelly of the cross-bar to give the game to the visiting Germans.

Close marking of Hakan Sukur by Brazilian Julio Cesar Silva meant Galatasaray's top scorer failed to make any impression on the game.

Dortmund, meanwhile capitalised on one of the few chances they had to take the advantage in their first match as defending European champions.

At Turin, Alessandro Del Piero scored twice as Juventus, last season's beaten finalists, shrugged off the dismissal of Angelo Di Livio to thrash Feyenoord 5-1 in their Group C match.

The Italian champions were three up in the opening 34 minutes with two goals from Del Piero and one from Filippo Inzaghi as they outclassed the Dutch side with their superior movement and passing.

It was a demonstration of Juve's dominance that their final two goals — from Zinedine Zidane and Alessandro Birindelli — were scored after Di Livio's dismissal for handling on his own goal line in the 57th minute.

The performance marked the Turin club's 100th match in the European Champions' Cup, a run which began in 1958 against Austria's sporting club Vienna. Fittingly, the landmark has been achieved in Juve's centenary year.

At Newcastle, Colombian striker Faustino Asprilla scored a hat-trick as Champions' League debutants Newcastle beat Barcelona 3-2 on the greatest night in their European history.

The 36,000 capacity crowd, just a third of the number the Spanish giants can pack into their Nou Camp Stadium, roared over their appreciation as Asprilla gave the English league runners-up a shock 3-0 lead inside 49 minutes.

"Are you watching, Sunderland?" the fans shouted, in a parochial taunt to their eclipsed local rivals, but Newcastle were playing on a far bigger stage and savouring every moment of their sudden superiority in the Group C clash.

Barcelona, one of a select group of clubs to have captured every European club competition, refused to lie down and came back with 73rd and 89th minute goals and a frenetic finish which could so easily have ended in an undeserved draw.

Both sides could have scored more, with Asprilla in a devastating partnership with young Northern Irish winger Keith Gillespie which repeatedly split Barcelona Open and the Spanish club's Brazilian striker Rivaldo hitting the crossbar.

In Slovakia, Manchester United eased past newcomers FC Kosice 3-0 in their opening Group B match.

Dennis Irwin, Henning Berg and Andy Cole scored for United to deflate the home side's dreams of an upset victory.

"This was a good result for us and a good start in the competition," said United manager Alex Ferguson. "We played a very strong first half and showed some good passing."

"This was a cruel result for us," said Jan Border only hours before the game. Bodnar had been called in to replace veteran Kosice manager Jan Kozak who resigned for health reasons.

"We started out with too much respect and that led us to make mistakes that we do not make even in the easiest league matches," Bodnar said.

At Lisbon, two deadly free-kicks from Frenchman Didier Lang set Sporting Lisbon on their way to a comfortable 3-0 victory over Monaco.

Goals from two Lang set pieces inside the opening 10 minutes of the Group F match dealt Monaco a body blow from which they never recovered.

Oceano Cruz rose at the near post to head home a precise cross from Lang after just three minutes.

Then, with Portuguese fans still celebrating, Lang again found Oceano on the near post with a free kick, this time the Sporting captain flicked the ball on for Moroccan striker Mustapha Hadji to head home in the seventh minute.

At Prague, Sparta Prague of the Czech Republic and Italy's Parma drew 0-0 in a hard-fought Group A match.

Both sides had their chances but in the end both seemed happy to settle for a draw. Sparta enjoyed equal possession but lacked ideas in attack, relying largely on high crosses to their front men.

The Italians, whose defence looked the more secure, were content to soak up the pressure but frequently threatened on the break.

In a match of uncompromising tackles, 10 players were booked, Parma captain Antonio Benarrivo and Sparta's Miroslav Baranek, who were already on one yellow card before the game began, were among those cautioned and miss their club's next match.

At Athens, fine saves by Greek goalkeeper Kyriakos Tzochouroglou earned Olympiakos a precious 1-0 victory against Porto in their Group D match.

Greek midfielder Stelios Yannakopoulos scored the winning goal in the 6th minute with a 25-metre thunderbolt.

He came close to a second goal in the 82nd but shot narrowly wide from 15 metres.

Tochouroglou, Olympiakos' reserve goalkeeper, stopped at least three good chances in one-on-one encounters inside the penalty box with Porto's Brazilian striker Mario Jardel.

Bayer Leverkusen clung on for a final frantic 13 minutes after playmaker Stefan Bein-

lich was sent off to claim a 1-0 win over Lierse of Belgium in their first-ever Champions' League match.

Beinlich was both hero and villain, putting Leverkusen ahead in the 40th minute from the penalty spot but receiving his marching order in the 77th for a second bookable offence.

"It's all about points in the Champions' League and the most important thing for us was that we started with three points and didn't lose a goal," Leverkusen coach Christoph Daum said.

Right from the start, Daums' players took the game to the Belgian side, also playing in the League for the first time.

Germany striker Ulf Kirsten, who had been unable to train in the lead-up to the game because of back problems, put the Lierse defence under pressure and was unfortunate not to score from two good chances inside the first 12 minutes.

Carsten Ramelow and Beinlich also went close in the first half before Italian referee Stefano Braschi ruled Kirsten had been impeded inside the box as he tried to latch on to a cross from Hans-Peter Lehnhoff.

At Paris, goal-happy Paris St Germain took their tally to 19 in five home games this season as they beat IFK Gothenburg 3-0 in their opening match.

Brazilian captain Rai, who controlled midfield with ball-winner Bruno N'Gotty, took his European tally to four with a penalty nine minutes from time. Rai scored a hat-trick in the preliminary round against Steaua Bucharest. N'Gotty opened the scoring in the Group E match in the 28th minute.

Striker Marco Simone looked set to take a high cross from the left outside the penalty box when N'Gotty stepped in front of his Italian teammate to volley a low shot into the far corner of goalkeeper Thomas Ravelli's net.

The French side went 2-0 up six minutes after the interval when IFK defender Teddy Lucic turned the ball into his own net trying to clear a dangerous Franck Gava cross. Lucic completed a sorry night when he pushed Simone to give away the late penalty.

IFK coach Mats Jingblad praised PSG's precision passing that had the Swedes chasing the ball for long spells and defending en masse.

In Munich, Bayern Munich marked their return to the League with a comfortable 2-0 win over Turkey's Beşiktaş.

The German champions, who were forced to watch arch-rivals Borussia Dortmund lift the European trophy last May, scored in both halves of a Group E game they were never in danger of losing.

Captain Thomas Helmer showed the way with a goal in the third minute.

The Bayern defender, who earlier hit a post with a header, sent another against the woodwork but this time reacted quickly enough to push the ball over the line.

Looking nervous under pressure, the Istanbul side, coached by former Liverpool star John Toshack, almost went further behind in the 17th minute when Alpay Ozalan surprised keeper Fevzi Tuncay with a headed pass.



A grounded Rahmatganj MFS custodian Pannu snatches the ball from Brothers Union forward Jamal (R) during yesterday's Shamsuddin Spinning Mahanagari Cup clash at the Mirpur Stadium. The match ended in a goalless draw. — Star photo

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
- Understand
 - Finger
 - Needle
 - Tail story
 - Spider
 - Gluten, e.g.
 - Troubled
 - soother
 - Laundromat
 - Thin paper
 - Prophet
 - Big Ten
 - Deep black
 - Reveille's antithesis
 - Listening device
 - Crucifix
 - Talk a blue streak
 - Little Women's character
 - Pugilistic
 - Ocho
 - Jamaica
- DOWN**
- Hydrogen, e.g.
 - Grounded Aussie
 - Lagniappe
 - Any of three
 - Penian Kings
 - Mad About You's role
 - Instant "Encore"
 - Selem
 - Lovers' quarrel
 - Mischief-maker
 - Eastern potentate
 - Humorists
 - Dawn goddess
 - Revolution time?
 - Young'uns
 - "Mommy Kissing Santa Claus"
 - Big celeb
 - Thanksgiving veggie
 - Timber wolf
 - Cheese choice
 - Je ne — quoi
 - Veneration
 - Friars Club honors
 - Stare angrily
 - Go suck an egg?
 - Jillian or Reinking
 - Invaluable
 - Emanation
 - Acres
 - Zedora
 - Kyoto cummerbund
 - Energy
 - Horned vicer

Solution time: 27 min.

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Saturday's answer

CRYPTOQUIP

D J D N D B B S L S W
P C W P O V R V J J V R D C V J
X F W N V O R S I V B X F P Y V F
O S C V X F L

Saturday's Cryptiquip: TO LEARN A GOOD BIT ABOUT OWLS, I SUGGEST READING "WHO'S WHO?"

Today's Cryptiquip clue: Y equals G

The Cryptiquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.