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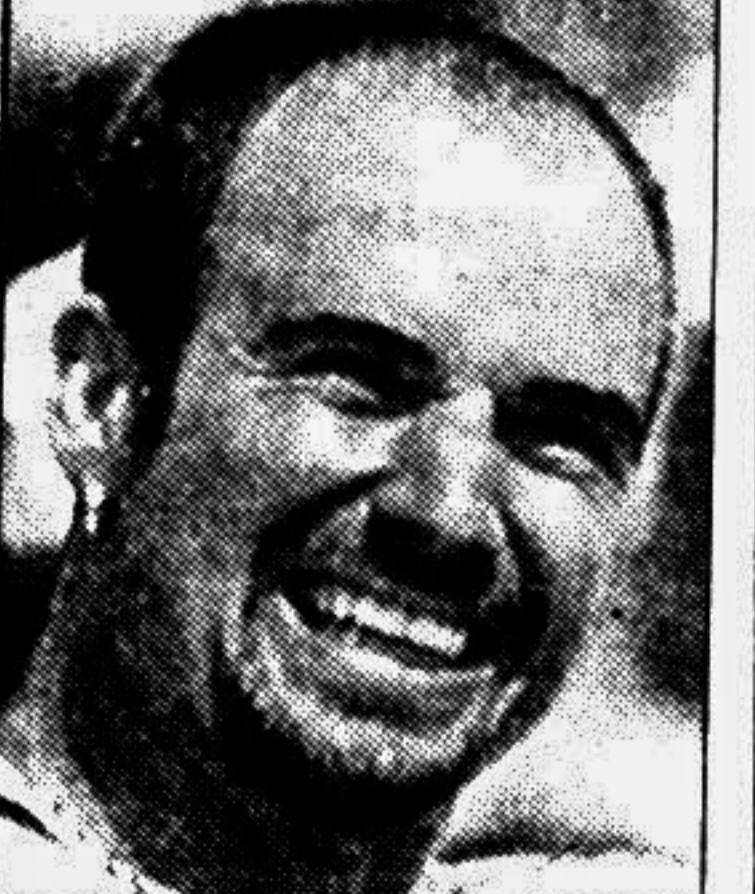
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SPORTS TALK



Andre Agassi (American tennis player) "The fact is I am extreme in what I do."

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Roshan Perera(C), the Sri Lankan striker of Abahani, slots the ball past a diving Rahmatganj custodian Arifur Rahman to score his first goal during yesterday's Mahanagari Cup match at the Mirpur Stadium. Perera scored both the goal is Abahani's 2-1 over the old town outfit.

Perera pulls Abahani thru'

Sports Reporter. Striker Roshan Perera struck twice in the space of ten minutes as title aspirants Abahani Krishna Chakra came from behind to record a hard-fought 2-1 win over Rahmatganj Muslim Friends Society (MFS) in a Shamsuddin Spinning Mahanagari Cup football match at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday. The dark and dapper Sri Lankan marksman, who made a rusty debut in the Dhaka football on Thursday, neutralised a two minute lead from the old town outfit with a cool placing shot in the 19th minute and then added his second, stabbing home from an acute angle. But apart from Perera's delightful double, which helped the Federation Cup champions to avoid a debacle at the nascent stage of the tourney, it was a rejuvenated Rahmatganj who gave their awe-inspiring opponents a run for their money. The promotees in the Premier league this year, stunned the sparse crowd at the big bowl when Asif Volleyed home a spectacular Tawhid floater from the right, even before Abahani could settle in the middle. Taking the advantage of Abahani's non-existence in the midfield, Rahmatganj almost got their second goal when Tawhid found himself only having to beat the helpless...

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Abahani custodian Biplob. But the nimble winger blasted the ball miles over the cross-piece much to the relief of the Dhanmondi supporters. After surviving the close call Perera then came up with two clinical finishes to decisively saddle Abahani on the horse. It was a delight to watch the way the lanky Sri Lankan capitalise on those half chances. Especially, his second goal, a perfect placing shot from an acute angle off a Reelat pile-driver that had missed the far post, only speaks of his class and vision. Undaunted by the setback Rahmatganj, however, pressed hard in search of an equaliser with their striker Milon roaming down the right flank with menacing pace. The fleet-footed forward, who with his speed gave the Abahani defence a torrid time, almost got the equaliser in the 39th minute. But his rainbow shot over an advancing Biplob missed the mark by an inch. After the breather, Rahmatganj began firing on all cylinders. But all their attempts were faded against the wall of an huffing and puffing Abahani defence. With this win, their second consecutive victory, Abahani confirmed their berth in the last four with one match to spare against Brothers Union.

BU, F'GANJ DRAW. Meanwhile, in the first match of the day, Brothers Union shared honours with Farashganj after a goalless draw. The disappointing draw, Brothers' second from as many matches, left their fate for a berth in the semifinals in the balance. With two points from as many matches, the traditional third force in the domestic football are now left with a daunting task of defeating Abahani to ensure their berth in the final four.

Ambar Roy dead. NEW DELHI, Sept 20: Former Indian Test cricketer and national team selector Ambar Roy has died of a heart attack, the Hindu reported today, says Reuter. Roy, who played two Tests against New Zealand led by Graham Dowling and two against Bill Lawry's Australians in India's 1969/70 season, died on Friday at a hospital in Calcutta, the newspaper said. A nephew of former Indian Test cricketer Pankaj Roy, he had captained the Bengal team in the Ranji Trophy.

Titumir BN h'ball champs. KHULNA, Sept 20: The annual handball championship of the Bangladesh Navy concluded at the BNS Titumir playground on Thursday, an ISPR release said, reports BSS. The host team became champion defeating BNS Issa Khan by 12-5 goals in the final. The winners led the first-half 7-3. MN Mia of Titumir was adjudged the best player-of-the-meet. Kaiserslautern keep winning. BONN, Sept 20: Surprise leaders Kaiserslautern extended their unbeaten run to seven matches with a hard-fought 4-2 win for their first victory at Karlsruhe SC in 22 years in the German First Division on Friday, reports Reuter.

Mozaffar sets new shot put mark

Sports Reporter. Mozaffar Hossain of Bangladesh Army set a new national record in the men's shot put on the inaugural day of the three-day summer athletics championships, which got underway at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday. The stockily-built shot putter hurled a distance of 14.25 metres, eclipsing the previous mark of 14.12m to win the third gold for Bangladesh Army in the morning session. Earlier, Ansar Ali won the first gold for Bangladesh Army in the 1500m while Alef Uddin captured the triple jump event for Army, the undisputed monarchs in the men's section. In the women's section, Rahima Khatun Juthi of Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation (BJMC) won the 800m run. Juthi, the lone Bangladeshi woman to earn international laurels by winning the 1500m at the Islamic Solidarity Games in Islamabad last year, clocked 2:25.50 seconds to beat her twin sister Halima Khatun in a close finish. Meanwhile, Mahabubul Alam has retained his 200m title. The SAF gold medalist clocked 21.30 seconds while Humayun Kabir of Bangladesh Navy won the men's pole vault event with a new national record. The sailor soared 4.13m, erasing the previous mark of 4.10m. Earlier, State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader declared the three-day meet open in a colourful ceremony. Two hundred and twenty athletes including forty-two women are taking part in the meet.

MEDALS TABLE. Table with 4 columns: Team, G, S, B. Rows include Army, BJMC, Navy, Air Force, Customs, Ansars, Munshiganj.

Zimbabwe 115 for no loss. HARARE, Sept 20: Zimbabwe, 91 runs ahead on first innings, were 115 without loss in their second innings at the close on the third day of the first Test against New Zealand today, reports Reuter. Earlier, the tourists were bowled out for 207 in reply to Zimbabwe's first innings total of 298 on the day.

SCOREBOARD. Table with 4 columns: Team, Runs, Wickets, Extras. Rows include Zimbabwe and New Zealand.

NEW ZEALAND: First innings (overnight 91-3). Spearman c Campbell b B Strang 23. Brock run out 21. Home c Whittall b B Strang 24. Fleming c A Flower b B Strang 52. Astle c A Flower b B Strang 7. Cairns run out 12. Parore not out 42. Harris lbw b Huckle 16. Vettori c J Rennie b P Strang 2. Connor c Houghton b P Strang 2. Davis c G Rennie b Huckle 1. Extras: (b-4, lb-1) 5. Total: 207. Fall of wickets: 1-44; 2-44; 3-89; 4-96; 5-135; 6-146; 7-189; 8-198; 9-204. Bowling: O M R W. J Rennie 8 1 32 0. B Strang 19 10 29 3. P Strang 15 2 31 2. Whittall 5 0 15 0. Huckle 14 3 32 2. ZIMBABWE: Second innings. J Rennie not out 45. G Flower not out 60. Extras: (lb-2, nb-8) 10. Total: (for no wicket) 115. Bowling: O M R W. O'Connor 8 1 22 0. Davis 9 2 24 0. Cairns 5 0 16 0. Vettori 13 2 40 0. Harris 5 3 11 0.

Glamorgan on the verge of victory. LONDON, Sept 20: Glamorgan moved a step closer on Friday to claiming their first county championship title since 1969 after some spirited batting by Matthew Maynard and Hugh Morris at Taunton contrasted sharply with Kent's fortunes at Canterbury, reports Reuter. Rain delayed the start of the second day of Glamorgan's match against Somerset until mid-afternoon but overnight pair Maynard and Morris quickly made up for lost time. Maynard struck 172 and Morris 136 not out to claim maximum batting points. Glamorgan finished on 353 for four, giving them a 101-run lead. Surrey's England wicket-keeper Alec Stewart and Darren Bicknell tamed Canterbury's controversial pitch to allay Kent's fears of losing points for a sub-standard wicket.

SA's proposal to England. JOHANNESBURG, Sept 20: South Africa have invited England to play a friendly soccer international in May, shortly before the World Cup finals, officials said on Friday, reports Reuter. The South African Football Association said England had been invited to play in an annual match honouring President Nelson Mandela in Johannesburg. South Africa's final warm-up match at home before heading to the World Cup in France.



Bangladesh Navy's Mahbub (L) breasts the tape to clinch the 200m gold in the Summer athletics championships at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday.

India name Sixes squad

HONG KONG, Sept 20: India's team for next weekend's swashbuckling Hong Kong international six-a-side cricket tournament was announced today, completing the line-up for "the most competitive field since 1993," reports AFP. India's team for the quick-fire six-a-side includes Test regulars Javagal Srinath, Anil Kumble and Navjot Sidhu alongside sixes specialist Sanjay Manjrekar and Rohan Gavaskar, son of the famous Sunil Gavaskar. England and Australia will field their battling brothers — the Holoakes of Surrey and the Waughes of New South Wales. The West Indies, reigning champions and traditional favourites among neutrals here, will bring along Carl Hooper as captain, as well as Shivnarine Chanderpaul and Phil Simmons. Captaining Pakistan, who won the inaugural tournament in 1992, will be fast bowler Wasim Akram, who has recovered from a long-term shoulder injury well enough to end Lancashire's interest in Australian leg-spin wizard Shane Warne. South Africa will be captained by veteran batsman Adrian Kuiper, who played in the 1995 winning side here. Also returning will be Transvaal's Derek Crookes who won 6,666 Hong Kong dollars that year for hitting the most sixes in a tournament which favours big-hitters and all-rounders. "If you look at all the teams now we have a pretty impressive line up, with probably the most competitive field since 1993," said organiser Brian Catton. "If you offered me this group of players at the start of the year I would have given it my wholehearted approval." The tournament will be held at the Hong Kong Government Stadium on Saturday and Sunday with the nine teams split into three groups to decide the finalists. Matches last five overs per side with everyone but the wicketkeeper bowling one over. The event is rapidly becoming a second string sports here, with crowds similar to the better established annual Hong Kong rugby sevens tournament. Hard hats are favourite items at the merchandising kiosks as the big-hitters swing for short boundaries in the small ground. Underdogs Hong Kong will be competing for the first time after the July handover of sovereignty from Britain.

Of an encounter of aliens

LONDON, Sept 20: Ruud Gullit and Arsene Wenger are both hoping to claim a special place in English soccer history as the first overseas coach of a title-winning team, reports Reuter. Gullit achieved one landmark first last season when he became the first foreigner to lead his team to victory in the FA Cup final. And based on both team's early season from their is no doubt that the biggest prize in English is within sight for both the Frenchman at Highbury and the Dutchman at Stamford Bridge. Of course, both need to dislodge Manchester United from top spot, and overcome challenges from the likes of Liverpool, Newcastle and Blackburn Rovers. But both men have had such a huge impact on their clubs since they arrived, built up such momentum and have forged such powerful teams, that it is an ambition both feel they could realise. Wenger's Arsenal would seem to be better placed than Gullit's Chelsea at this stage of their development. "Arsenal have always been a big club usually with the potential to do very well and that is certainly the case right now", Wenger said recently. "You can not be associated with Arsenal and not say you are trying to win the championship. It is what this club expects to be challenging for and that is what we will be trying very hard to achieve." Gullit's Chelsea have been accused of being a cup team, not

good enough or consistent enough to win the title, but the Dutchman disagrees. "Last season we did it when we had to win the Cup. We beat Liverpool in a crunch game, Leicester and Wimbledon and then we won the final." "It was true that we were not the same team in league matches, but we were under so much pressure to get out first trophy and the Cup was always a possibility. I wasn't happy with it, but I understood it. The pressure to win a trophy is off now and I think it will be different for us in the league as a result." Although the two men have vastly differing footballing backgrounds, they have very much in common. Both have signed far more overseas players than English players and both have revolutionised training and the off-field arrangements at their clubs. There are now 13 foreign players at Chelsea, but when asked in a recent interview about his foreign signings, Gullit merely shrugged. "So what? we are all Europeans now. Besides, I don't think of myself as a foreigner. I think of myself as a traveler." Chelsea chairman Ken Bates, who has sanctioned the arrival of the overseas stars, fully supports his manager. Wenger, meanwhile, has pursued a similar philosophy, buying 11 players in this year at Highbury — five Frenchmen, and one each from the Netherlands, Austria, Germany, Portugal, England and Liberia. Really, up to a point it does not matter what nationality a player is," says Wenger. "It is important that you can buy great players in Europe for three times less than they cost in England, but if a player can perform for you, he will perform. "And once he is in an Arsenal site he is an Arsenal player, not a French or a Dutch Arsenal player, he's an Arsenal player full stop."

Sound start for Blue Star. CHITTAGONG, Sept 20: Defending champions, Blue Star, got off to a sound start in the 10th Seraj Mahanagari Kishore football league demolishing Little Flower 8-0 in the inaugural match at the Dampara Police Lines ground here today, reports BSS. The winners led the first half 4-0. Junior tennis circuit begins. CHITTAGONG, Sept 20: Elite Paint national junior tennis circuit begins at the Chittagong Club tennis court on Monday, reports BSS. At least 30 players including eight girls from 12 clubs will participate in this circuit in two age groups — under 14 and 18. Mirza Mohammad Babar and engineer Shafayet Hossain Khan, president and secretary respectively of the organising committee said this at a press conference at Chittagong Club today.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer. Table with crossword clues and answers. Includes a small image of a person.