

U-16 booters drub visitors

Sporting United FC of the United Kingdom suffered a 0-4 thrashing against Bangladesh under-16 team in their first friendly match at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

The national under-16 team dominated the first half and led 1-0 over the London-based team of resident Bangladeshis.

Hanif, Eco, Dipu and Azad scored one goal each for the local side.

Hanif opened the under-16 account in the ninth minute with a placing shot after dodging past opponent custodian Helal.

Eco doubled the margin in the 59th minute.

A brilliant solo effort by Dipu in the 63rd minute saw his team go three up. He received the ball in the midfield and dodged past two opponent defenders before slotting home.

Azad completed the rout just three minutes before the final whistle scoring from a goalmouth melee. Sureth Miah of the visiting team got marching orders in the

56th minute after receiving second yellow card for rough tack-Referee: Monirul Haq

Sporting United takes on the Bangladesh under-19 team in their second friendly match at the same venue today at 5 pm.

Portuguese football

LISBON, Apr 12 (AP): Results from the 29th round of the Portuguese First Division soccer league (home teams listed first): Friday's Games Campomaiorense 3, Sport-

Saturday's Games Belenenses 2, Academica 0 Setubal 1. Rio Ave 0 Leca 0, Braga 0

Amadora 2, Farense 1 FC Porto 3, Chaves 1 Varzim 1, Guimaraes 2 Maritimo 1, Boavista 0 Salgueiros 0, Benfica 2 Sunday, April 18

Sporting vs Setubal Boevista vs Varzim Guimaraes vs FC Porto Rio Ave vs Academica Braga vs Campomaiorense Farense vs Leca Chaves vs Amadora Benfica vs Maritimo Salgueiros vs Belenenses



REJUVENATED: AC Milan's George Weah (shaven headed) leaps above the rest to head in one of his three goals during a Serie A match against Atlanta at the San Siero Stadium in Milan on Apr 11. Weah's hattrick saw the local giants win 3-0. — AP/UNB photo

Barca just a whisker away



MADRID, Apr 12: Barcelona are only a win away from becoming the Spanish champions after a 2-1 victory at Merida on Saturday,

reports Reuters. Nearest rivals Real Madrid went down 2-1 at Celta Vigo to

continue their dismal streak of not having won away from home this year. Barcelona have 70 points

from 33 matches while Real are a distant second with 56 points. The 14-point advantage means Barcelona can clinch their 15th Spanish league title if they win at home next Satur-

day against Real Zaragoza. "It would be fitting if we could win it in front of our own fans." Barcelona captain Luis Figo said. The Catalan club were al-

ways the better side and had

more than two-thirds of the possession during the first half. They were, however, effectively smothered by the Merida defence. But the tide turned in their favour early in the second

half. After 62 minutes Brazilian

SIX NO TRUMPS

A K Sayeedul Huq

A FINE CONTRACT BY NORTH (Hand # 13)

North

West 4 S : K 10 X X . H: KQXXX . D:QX + C:8X

· D:KXX 4 C: 10 X South (D) AS:QX WH:AX +D:XXX +C:AK9XXX

AS: AXXX

· H: JXXX

East &S:JXX ♥ H: 10 X . D: AJ 10 X X +C:QJX

Pass

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East (Mazumdar)

Bidding (East-West Vulnerable)

South (Saveed) West (Akram) Pass Pass Pass Pass

*Artificial ** Artificial; 7-9 HCF

South opened a minimum hand, and when North showed 7-9 points, he wanted to settle into a part game in Clubs. However, North pushed on to the game contract in No Trump on the assumption of 6 Club tricks in the South hand.

North (Mizan)

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3NT

The Play

ACROSS

1 Holyfield

4 U.N. gift-

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12 Rhoda's

13 Anger

14 Bakery

15 Sophia's

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18 Capricom

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20 Command DOWN

19 Trolley

22 Jack's

24 Barrier

25 Just so-so 29 Under the

30 Conversa-

32 With mel-

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34 Concerning

36 lapetus or

Tethys

31 Ewing's

17 Lamb's

East opened a small Diamond from 5-card holding headed by Ace. The declarer took West's Q with the King and played the 10 of Clubs which was covered by East with the Queen and South took the trick with the King. He came to his hand with the Ace of Spades, and played 7 of Clubs; East played low, dummy 9 which won the trick. The rest was easy. The declarer made 6 Club, 1 Diamond, 1 Heart and 1 Spade tricks for his

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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striker Rivaldo unleashed a rasping free kick from outside the penalty area which beat the Merida wall and goalkeeper Carlos Montoya only to bounce

Four minutes later Barcelona got the breakthrough.

of the post.

Sonny Anderson crossed from the right and Portuguese international Figo was on hand to stab the ball into the net from close range.

Figo was also instrumental in Barcelona's second goal after 71 minutes. His intended cross after a

solo effort down the left wing was meant for Anderson but the Brazilian was bundled to the floor before he could get to the However the ball had enough momentum to find the feet of

Luis Enrique Martinez and the Spanish international midfielder slotted it home for his 18th goal of the season. Merida closed the gap 10 minutes from time after a lapse of concentration by Barcelona

defender Albert Ferrer let through second half substitute Leo Biagini. Biagini played a neat onetwo with Juan Sabas and finished it off with a shot past the

outstretched arms of Barcelona goalkeeper Ruud Hesp. Despite the victory, Barcelona coach Louis Van Gall may still have some harsh words for his team over their slack defending and the number of second half chances squan-

dered including an astonishing miss in injury time by Rivaldo. Figo found him unmarked but he blasted the ball over the bar from only a few metres.

Ironically Figo, the outstanding player against Merida. will miss next Saturday's game after he collected his fifth yellow card on Tuesday at Real Betis.

Easter holidays by Wednesday and were unable to confirm the

Real Madrid are now on the verge of relinquishing their title and their chances of hanging onto it were reduced when Russian international Alexander

equalised thanks to a successful Fernando Hierro penalty three minutes into first half injury

Daniel Dutuel got the deciding goal for Celta 20 minutes from

second Champions' League spot Real Sociedad and Mallorca both play today. Atletico Madrid improved

They were quickly off the mark due to brilliant individ-

Their second goal was credited to the luckless Deportivo defender Paco Jemez who turned a Kiko Narvaez cross into his own net after 21 min-

Atletico went further ahead a minute from the break when Kiko was brought down in the penalty box by Armando Alvarez.

Santil Denia was successful from the spot but they failed to add to their 3-0 halftime tally in a disappointing second half.

He should have been suspended for the match against Merida but the Spanish soccer lederation's competitions committee had all gone on their

ban.

Mostovoi put Celta Vigo ahead after 28 minutes. The Spanish champions

However French midfielder

Celta move up to third with 54 points after their win and could yet overtake Real for the although fellow challengers

their chances of securing a place in the UEFA Cup next season with a 3-0 win over Deportivo Coruna to move to seventh.

ual effort from Jose Mari Romero after two minutes.

Lens in French Cup final



PARIS, Apr 12: Lens took another step towards a domestic trophy on Saturday when they beat Lyon 2-0

to qualify for their first French Cup final in over 20 years, reports Reuters. Two fine moves from play-

maker Stephane Ziani in the 24th and 90th minutes boosted their chances of the league and cup double, two honors they have never won. The league leaders were far

too consistent for Lyon, who faded away after a good start. Ziani opened the scoring with a close-range shot from a

pass by Czech striker Valdimir Smicher four minutes after Yugoslav Anto Drobnjak had hit the post.

Lyon pushed hard to equalize and had numerous opportunities before the break but Lens. who have not conceded a goal at their Felix Bollaert stadium in the last three months, got several fine saves from their goalkeeper, Guillaume Warmuz.

Ziani finished the job with his second goal in injury time putting Lens into their fourth cup final and their first since

Four times winner Paris St Germain host last year's finalist En Avant Guingamp in the other semifinal at the Parc Des Princes today.

The final is at the Stade de France on May 2.



Merida's Juan Sabas (R) is being guarded by Barcelona's

FRANCE '98 SIDELINES

dink.

ventus," he said.



· UNDATED, Apr 12 (AP): The Argentine national soccer team coach said Wednesday he wants Midfielder Edgar Davids his team to achieve at the should be rejoining the Nether-France '98 World Cup a similar lands after a two-year absence. performance to the Atlanta The 25-year-old player, who recovered from a broken leg to Olympics.

"We played really well in At-lanta," coach Daniel Passarella told reporters at a press confer-

Argentina won the silver medal, losing the final to upstarts Nigeria.

TOUGH

soccer coach Phillipe Troussier

won't win any popularity con-

Marks Maponyane, a former player and now columnist for

Johannesburg's Saturday Star.

attended a training session and

said Troussier bullied players

and was generally disagreeable.

being downright rude," wrote

Maponyane in Saturday's pa-

behaviour included screaming

at the players and accusing

them of making him look bad

BETTER LATE THAN

NEVER

Pay us, or we won't play.

cer officials say they'll soon pay

late player bonuses - an issue

that has threatened to derail

preparations for Nigeria's entry

have been paid last year, when

Nigeria became the first

African team to qualify for the

Cup. With player complaints

mounting the Nigerian Football

Association decided to finally

pay the bonuses later this

month, Radio Lagos reported

The bonus was supposed to

in this year's World Cup.

Not to worry. Nigerian soc-

in the press.

"His conduct has bordered on

Maponyane said Troussier's

New South African national

the world which is run by the Passarella said he will apply United Cricket Board of South in France the same tactics as in Africa (UCBSA). the Olympics, with four defend-The course will begin in the ers, three midfielders, an offirst week of May and continue fensive midfielder and two till September. But according to strikers. a faxed massage received here at TROUSSIER, TOO the Bangladesh Cricket Board

week of June. Rajshahi cricket

(BCB) office, the selected duo

will be attending the Plascom

Academy from May 5 to the last

UCBSA invites

2 cricketers

for coaching

Sports Reporter

Two young cricketers Ehsanul Haq and Manjurul Is-

lam will take part in a nearly

two-month long coaching stint at Plascom Cricket Academy in

batsman and a useful off-spin-

ner, and left-arm seamer Man-

jurul will train at the famous

academy, considered as the old-

est cricket coaching centre in

Ehsan, a talented right-hand

South Africa.

From Our Correspondent RAJSHAHI, Apr 12: Diganta Prosari Sangha and Upashahar Cricket Club won their respective matches in the Rajshahi First Division cricket super league today.

Diganta Prosari defeated Willow Krira Chakra by 24 runs at the Rajshahi Government College playground.

In the second match, Upashahar Cricket Club beat Mukti Sangha by 40 runs at the Shaheed Qamruzzaman Sta-

BRIEFSCORES

DIGANTA PRASARI: 233 all out in 43.4 overs (Tomal 14. Saad 60, Labbu 10, Dola 15, Sanwar 76, Saaeb 22, Extras

WILLOW KC: 209 all out in 41.5 overs (Sohrab Hossain Opi 52. Prince 12, Tarek 21, Shanu 46, Appollo 28, Azad 15, Tore 11, Extras 19).

Result: Diganta Prasari Sangha won by 24 runs. UPASHAHAR CRICKET CLUB: 203 all out in 41.4 overs (Tony 54, Beril 49, Rozel 27 Rana 23, Suman 16, Extras 23).

MUKTI SANGHA: 163 all out in 38.2 overs (Ripon 23. Moti 13. Babu 28, Topon 19. Tony 54, Rana 13, Extras 10). Result: Upashahar Cricket Club won by 40 runs.

Aslam killing condemned Sports Reporter

Different sports organisa-

tions have condemned the murder of Aslam Sarder yesterday. Aslam, a joint-secretary of Brothers Union Club, was killed by hoodlums at the club premises in broad day-light on Saturday. The Bangladesh

Cricket Board (BCB) has ex-

pressed shock at the death of

Aslam and prayed for the salvation of the departed soul. A former member of the BCB, Aslam has also represented the Gopibagh outfit in the Cricket Committee of Dhaka Metropolitan this sea-

son.

Surjo Tarun and Arambagh Club also expressed outrage at the tragic demise of Aslam, a former football player, whose namaz-e-janaza was held at the Brothers Union Club after Zohr prayers yesterday. Later, he was buried at the Azimpur grave-

Bundesliga roundup

MUNICH, Apr 12: Mehmet Scholl, Carsten Jancker and Lothar Mattaeus tallied goals for Bayern Munich in the 3-1 win Saturday over cross-town rivals 1860 Munich, reports AP. The three teammates scored

in the 39th, 43rd and 47th minutes, respectively, in Bundesliga action. Abderrahim Ouakili knocked one in for 1860 Munich in the 73rd to keep his team from leaving scoreless. In Gelsenkirchen, VFB

Stuttgart beat Schalke 4-3, despite Schalke's early 2-0 lead through goals in the first ten minutes from Marc Wilmots and Michael Goossens. Jonathan Akpoborie and

Gerhard Porchner tied it up for Stuttgart with goals in the 15th and 45th, respectively. Marco van Hoogdalem brought Schalke ahead again in the 46th, with Akpoborie tying it up again in the 69th. Frank Verlaat scored the game-winner off a corner kick in the 90th.

Elsewhere in the Bundesliga. visiting Werder Bremen beat Hertha Berlin in the capital 2-0. SV Hamburg downed Arminia Bielefeld, also by a 2-0 tally, at home.

EDGAR MENDS HIS FENCES WITH GUUS

become a key midfielder for de-

fending league champions Ju-ventus said Friday he had re-

solved misunderstandings with

Netherlands' coach Guus Hid-

"I'm likely to rejoin the na-tional team before the World

Cup. Now I want to think of the

present and win titles with Ju-

with the Dutch in a friendly

BATISTUTA KEEPS ALL

GUESSING

striker Gabriel Batistuta could

tuta is being pursued by First Division Parma and several

courting me," Batistuta was

quoted by Milan's Gazzetta

he would decide his future after

the World Cup finals. An exten-

sion of his contract with

Fiorentina is also possible, he

VIOREL UNHAPPY

WITH ENGLAND

Out of shape. Blame it on

That's the approach of Ro-

manian Viorel Moldovan, who

plays for Coventry City.

Moldovan was asked to be

taken off in the 67th minute of

Romania's 2-1 win Wednesday

"It was a surprise for me

when I arrived in British to see

that training sessions are much

too easy," Viorel Moldovan told

Moldovan said adding he hoped

to be back to top fitness when he

worked out with the national

"I have to train by myself,

reporters after the game.

other teams for next season.

be leaving Fiorentina.

dello Sport as saying.

England.

over Greece.

Argentine international

Reports in Italy say Batis-

"Parma is not the only team

The Argentine forward said

against Cameroon on May 27.

Davids is expected to play

squad before the World Cup. MILAN MAKES BA

> AC Milan's poor season eighth in Serie A is putting at risk Ibrahim Ba's place on France's World Cup team.

WORRIED

"The French coach (Jacquet) looks at AC Milan standings and believes I am also doing poorly," the French player said.

GINOLA'S PLAN B

Tottenham's French midfielder David Ginola will be at the World Cup - though may be only in the press box.

Ginola has agreed to work for French television channel TF1 and Britain's BBC during the finals.

But that's Plan B.

"I still hope people are going to open their eyes and see what I'm worth," Gonola said, referring to French coach Aime Jacquet.

Ginola last played for France in their final qualifier for the 1994 World Cup - when a last-minute goal by Bulgaria knocked the French out.

AUSSIES' COMPLAINT Now the Australians are up-

set about the World Cup ticket situation.

Australian soccer officials say they'll lodge an official complaint with the sport's world governing body FIFA following reports that tickets for this years World Cup are selling for up to 10 times their original value.

think certainly Soccer Australia will be making representations to FIFA about this,' Soccer Australia chairman David Hill said.

Dutch soccer

AMSTERDAM, Apr 12 (AP): Results Saturday from the 29th round of the Dutch First Division soccer league (home team listed first): NEC Nijmegen 2, Fortuna

Sittard 2 Roada JC Kerkrade 2, FC Twente 0

Ajax Amsterdam 7, SC Heerenveen 2



Competition Information, Prizes and Rules

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A. The Daily Star World Cup Quiz '98 is a series of competitions on World Cup Soccer being held in France from June

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for the Bumper Draw, which will have even bigger prizes. E. For each round, sets of questions will be published in The Daily Star Sport Pages.

F. Names and addresses of all prize winners will be published in The Daily Star. G. Winners will have to collect their prizes from The Daily Star

office after satisfactory authentication of their identity. H. Any taxes or levies, as per law, for all the above prizes will have to be borne by the prize winners.

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Nos. One Philips 20" Smart CTV Philips 14" B/W TV 2nd One One Philips Mini Food Processor Ten 2 dozs Philips Bulbs

25 T-shirt and cap Rules Residents of Bangladesh are eligible to participate in The

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Star and Transcom Electronics Ltd and their immediate

All entries must be submitted in the original form printed

The Daily Star World Cup Quiz '98, Round One

family members shall not be eligible to participate.

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side their answer to each question. A person may send numerous entries. Entry forms should be completed with a ballpoint pen. Name, address, father's name and particulars of participants must be clearly written. Each entry form must also

Participants are to put a tick () mark in the box along-

bear the signature of the participant and date. Incomplete forms will not be accepted. Entries must reach the office of The Daily Star on or before the closing date marked on the entry form. Late

entries will not be accepted. Envelopes of entries must be clearly marked "Star Quiz 1." Entries may be hand delivered or posted to The Daily Star, House No: 11, Road No: 3, Dhanmondi R/A,

Dhaka 1205. 12. Entries will be placed in a sealed box for the draw to be held on a notified date in public in presence of invited

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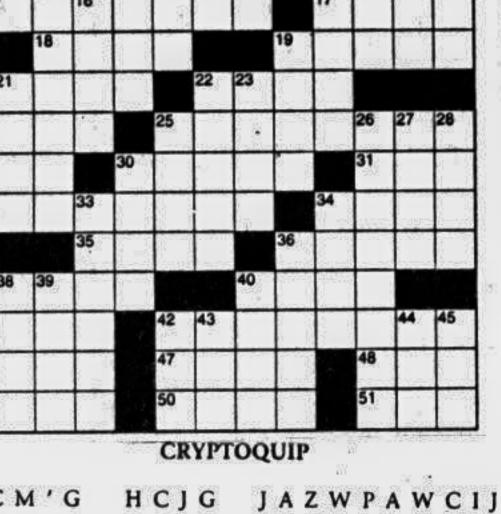
Tick (✓) the correct answers June 12 World Cup '98 begins on June 11 June 10 Brazil has won the World Cup Thrice ____ Twice ____ Four times: 48 32 16 🔲 No. of teams in WC '98 is 1934 1926 1930 First World Cup football was held in Ronaldo's Gullit's Zola's Whose eyes? Write with a ballpoint pen in clear BLOCK letters. Cut along the dotted lines and mail to OR drop in the Quiz Box at The Battly Star. You may send as many entries as you like. Envelopes of entries must be clearly marked "Star Quiz 1."

CRYPTOQUIP

"BZD, HZM!" JZD

THE LIME. Today's Cryptoquip clue: A equals C letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short

PAINTER WAS NOW SURE IT WAS TIME TO DRAW



PZAB CGBPW?

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THE FED-UP STILL-LIFE





Roger Garcia in a Spanish First Division encounter at - AP/UNB photo Merida on Apr 11. Barca won 2-1.