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Competition closes at 8 pm July 2, '99 and draw shortly afterwards

1 How many matches have been

scheduled for the World Cup 99?

40 41 42

2 Pakistan beat New Zealand in the

semifinal by

9 wkt 10 wkt 53 runs

3 How many wickets did NZ bowler

Geoff Allott capture in the World

Cup

18 21 20

4 Saqlain Mushtaq scored his

hattrick against which country?

Kenya Zimbabwe Bangladesh

5 How many runs did Minhazul

Abedin score in the World Cup

120 140 140

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Imran Khan
(Pakistan cricket legend)

"If you are scared of losing,

you can never win."

**BOA budget for
SAF Games**

Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA) has earmarked Taka 2.50 crore for the preparation and participation in the next South Asian Federation Games, to be held in Kathmandu in September this year, BOA secretary general Zafar Imam said yesterday, reports UNB.

The Games will take place in the Nepalese capital from September 25 to October 4 featuring 12 disciplines — athletics, boxing, football, judo and karate, kabaddi, shooting, swimming, table tennis, taekwondo, volleyball, weightlifting and wrestling.

Bangladesh will take part in all the 12 disciplines, he said.

Two foreign coaches — one for football and the other one for volleyball — are already working in Dhaka. BOA will get five more coaches from China soon, the BOA secretary general said.

"Chinese coaches for swimming and athletics are arriving on June 30 while two coaches for shooting (pistol and rifle) and one for weightlifting are expected to reach here in the first week of July," Zafar Imam said.

Div I soccer

The Muslim Institute and Victoria Sporting Club won their inaugural matches in the Metropole First Division football league at the Mirpur Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

In the first match, Muslim Institute beat Agrani Bank 3-2. The match was locked 1-1 in the first half. Pintu put Agrani Bank ahead in the 19th minute but Sharafat equalised in the 40th minute.

Biplob scored the second goal in the 63rd minute while Nazmul widened the margin in the 77th minute. Alamgir grabbed a late goal for the losers in the 79th minute.

Victoria Sporting defeated Prantik Krira Chakra 2-1 after the first half ended in a 1-1 draw. Babu put Victoria ahead early in the 7th minute while Sohel equalized in the 43rd minute. Parvez netted the winner in the 69th minute.

TODAY'S MATCHES

BRTC Sporting Club vs Dharmundi Club (3 pm)
Dhaka Wanderers vs Shantinagar Club (5 pm)



Scene from the Premier Division football league match between Abahani and Arambagh at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday evening. The game ended 1-1. —Star photo

Little joy for Abahani

Sports Reporter

Title aspirants Abahani Krira Chakra got off to a disappointing start in the Keya Premier football League when they were held to a one-all draw by Arambagh Krira Sangha at the flood-lit Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

On resumption after an unscheduled day's rest on Wednesday, the mediocre teams stole a march over favourites both the fixtures. Old timers Rahmatganj caused the first upset on a heavy outfield when they shared honours with Brothers Union in a 1-1 draw in the first match.

But the day's sensational stuff was provided by none other than Abahani's long-standing nemesis Arambagh, who stunned a couple of thousand sky blue supporters with a second minute lead.

Abahani, fresh from their Federation Cup triumph, got the shock of their lives when Arambagh striker Moizibur Rahman, latching on a defense-slicing through from Tajuddin, moved down the middle before rounding off national custodian Arambagh.

The goal encouraged an early onslaught by the Motijheel outfit and had not their goal-shy strikers missed a couple of easy sitters, it would have been a three nil lead for the giant-slayers even before Abahani could settle down.

It could have been 2-0 for Arambagh in the ninth minute but Masud Khan failed to beat Aminul in a one to one situation.

With an ever energetic Nurul Haq Manik, the balding former national midfielder, operating in the middle with great authority, Arambagh got another chance three minutes later which Moizibur wildly swung over the bar.

After surviving those early close calls, Abahani had a sigh of relief when Ranjan struck the equalizer in the 30th minute from a goalmouth scramble. But the popular Dhamondi outfit needed a certain degree of luck coupled with a fatal fumble by the Arambagh custodian Masudur Rahman for that goal.

A shaky Masudur failed to

Kick-off times changed

The Metropole Football League Committee yesterday brought forward the timing by half an hour all matches of the Keya Premier Division football league at the Bangabandhu National Stadium from Saturday, reports UNB.

The first match will now start at 3:30 pm instead of the earlier 4:00 pm and the second match at 5:30 pm in place of 6 pm.

The lemon-breaks between the two halfs have also been reduced to 10 minutes from 15 minutes.

Rahmatganj have only themselves to blame for failing to capture full three points as their star recruit Sahajuddin Tipu spoiled at least three siters in the first half.

Yellow cards: Shuvro, Zahid (Brothers) and Tipu (Rahmatganj).

TEAMS

Brothers Union: Milon,

Chanchal, Shuvro, Swapna (jr),

Faiyaz, Zahid, Barun, Asad,

Swapna (Salahuddin), Mizan

(Anwar) and Jamal.

Rahmatganj MFS: Bijan, Biplob, Deen Mohammed, Kamal, Shafiq, Shaurov Raju, Munir, Nayan, Nurul Islam, Tipu and Milon.

Referee: R Alam.

Hadlee has no doubts

LONDON, June 24: Sir Richard Hadlee is backing New Zealand to build on their World Cup achievements and beat England in the forthcoming four-Test series, reports Reuters.

"New Zealand have only won two Tests in England in our cricket history. But I think the timing is absolutely perfect for us to make it three, four, five and six, in all seriousness," Hadlee said.

Hadlee, who played in the Test-winning sides at Headington in 1983 and at Trent Bridge in 1986, where New Zealand clinched their only series victory in England, explained his thinking at a reception at the New Zealand High Commission.

"England have got problems. They are going to have a new coach after David Lloyd (stepped down). It appears they are going to have a new captain. One or two new players will probably be tried or experimented with," Hadlee said.

"If we New Zealand can just hold it together, get our act together, then there's no reason why we can't be very competitive in this series and perhaps go on and win another Test series in this country."

TODAY'S MATCHES

had received for being a "border" side, since they arrived in England.

"We have basically some good hard-working players. We haven't got any stars. We go about doing our job in a fairly mechanical role if you like," he said.

Hadlee said left-arm swing bowler Geoff Allott, who took a record-breaking 20 wickets in the World Cup, was crucial to New Zealand's chances.

"Allott had an outstanding World Cup. He's arrived on the international scene. It's important he continues that form in the Tests."

"We need (paceman) Simon Doull back in the side. With Doull/Allott going well, (all-rounder) Chris Cairns and (left-arm spinner) Daniel Vettori, the bowling looks good."

"But you would have to be concerned about our batting. The top-order has been pretty disappointing. We have got to get some starts, get some partnerships going. Otherwise it puts too much pressure on the middle order."

According to Hadlee, England need to follow the example of World Cup winners Australia if they are to get back to the top in the world game.

RICHARD HADLEE

"I always felt we would struggle to make it to the Super Six (second) stage. But beating the Australians in Cardiff was a tremendous result. To get into the semifinals was fine effort in a tough competition," Hadlee said.

The former all-rounder insisted he was not worried about the negative press New Zealand

Nat'l hockey results

Narayanganj, Rajshahi, Bangladesh Air Force and BKSP won their respective matches in the BRTC 21st national hockey championship at the Maulana Bhashani National Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

Narayanganj thrashed Kushtha 7-0 after dominating the first half 6-0. Rubel scored a hattrick while Sohel, Jamil, Imran and Shahabuddin netted one goal each for the winners.

Rajshahi routed Patuakhali 5-1 after leading the first half 3-1. Maman Hossain and Shamim Reza scored two goals each while Bulbul Hossain netted one goal. Jasimuddin netted a consolation goal for the losers.

Bangladesh Air Force trounced Rangpur 8-0 after leading the first half 1-0. Azam earned a hattrick while Ibrahim, Omar, Selim Reza, Ali and Masud scored one goal apiece for the winners.

BKSP crushed Gazipur 11-0 after leading the first half 3-0. Moksed Alam scored three goals. Yamin and Kutubuddin two goals each, and Ashraful, Mazarul Islam, Imtiaz and Aziz one each.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Dhaka vs Comilla (2:15 pm)

Faridpur vs Tangail (4:15 pm)

Fallen heroes back home

KARACHI, June 24 (AFP/Reuters): Pakistan's cricket World Cup squad returned home to face hundreds of angry fans who pelted them with rotten eggs at the heavily guarded Karachi Airport, reports UNB.

National hero Shahid Afridi was welcomed (home) like heroes. Here we are left to justify the defeat in the final," Afridi said.

Afridi criticised the fans' reaction to the defeat.

"We are asked to take the responsibility. What do they want? To hang us? The players are not detected than anyone," he said.

"We were drubbed in the final like the way we drubbed Zimbabwe and New Zealand before the final. The Australians played really well in the final," Afridi said.

Pakistan were dismissed for a paltry 132 by the Australians in the final with leg-spinner Shane Warne taking four wickets.

"We failed to handle Warne well and Steve Waugh's catch of Abdur Razzaq was the turning point."

Afridi criticised the lack of practice facilities for the team in England and said Pakistan had lodged an official protest after its shocking defeat to Bangladesh in the first round as the pitch was worn.

The others left the airport under police guard.

Team manager Zafar Afridi reacted sharply to allegations of match fixing levelled against his team after their poor showing in the final.

"I am not going to answer this question," he said as he stormed out of a press conference.

Pakistan lost to Australia in the final by eight wickets and angry Pakistanis revived match-fixing charges against players.

"South Africa lost in the

Vigarnissa Noon will take on BCIC School at 4pm in one of the three opening day fixtures. The day's other matches are — Kamalapur Sher-e-Bangla Railway School vs Ispahani School, and Sher-e-Bangla Girls' School vs Bangladesh Rifles School.

President of Bangladesh Olympic Association and Chief of Army Staff Lt Gen Mohammad Mustafizur Rahman will inaugurate the meet in the afternoon. Managing Director of Bata and chief patron of the tournament F Garcia will be present as special guest.

The boys' competition will begin on July 5 at the handball court near Bangabandhu Stadium, said general secretary of the Bangladesh Handball Federation Asaduzzaman Kohinoor at a press briefing yesterday.

President general Fazlul Haq Hamid, representative of tournament sponsors Bata Shoe Co, KMS Alam and tournament chairman and secretaries of both groups (boys' & girls') were also present at the briefing.

According to the agreement Bata will provide Tk 80,000 out of a budget of Tk 129,700 for the girls' tournament and a similar amount for the boys with the same budget.

The final of the girls' event will be held on July 3 while the semifinals are on July 2.

A total of 17 metropolis school teams, split into four groups, will be participating in the girls' meet.

TEAMS

Group A: Vigarnissa Noon School, Kadamtala Girls' High School, BCIC School and Lake Circus Girls' High School.

Group B: Scholastica School, Mirpur Girls' Ideal Institute, Dhamondi Govt Girls' High School and Agrani Girls' High School.

Group C: Narayanganj Govt Girls' High School, Ahmed Bawany High School, Mohamadpur Preparatory School and Mirpur Bangla Shaheed.

Group D: BAF Shaheen School, Kamalapur Sher-e-Bangla Railway High School, Sher-e-Bangla Mahabidyalaya, Rifles' School and Ispahani School.

Fourth-seeded Agassi triumphed 6-3, 6-4, 6-3 to book a match with Spain's Alberto Martin, a four-set winner over Morocco's Younes El Aynaoui.

Raymond, who has never been past the fourth round in six previous visits to the All

England Club, shocked Sanchez-Vicario 7-6, 6-1.

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