

## Column One

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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 hatrick 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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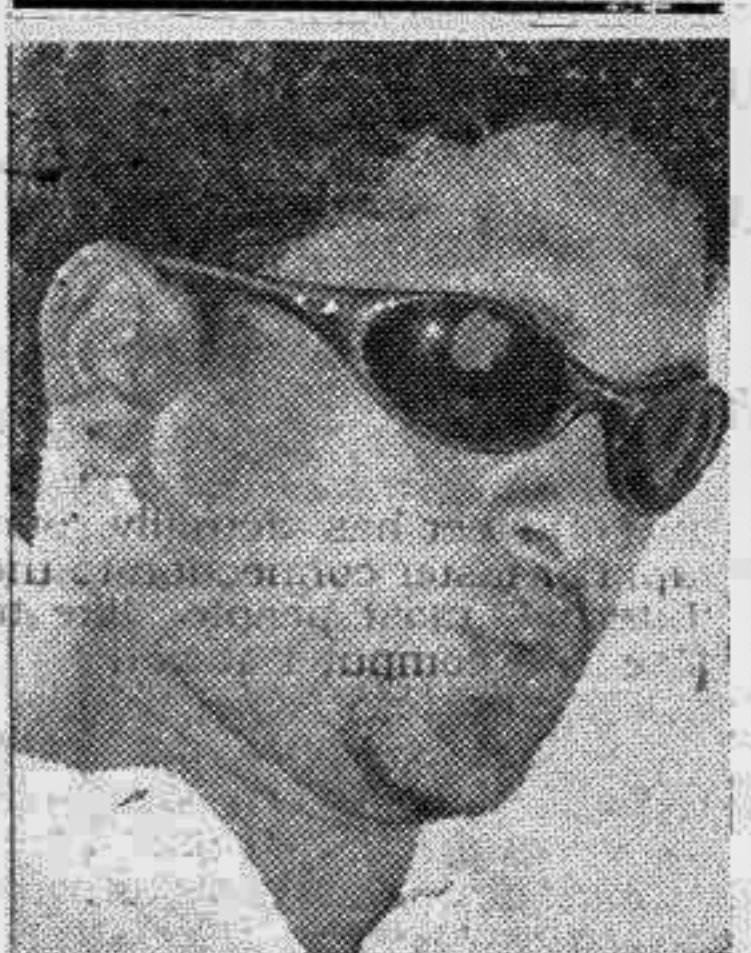
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### SPORTS TALK



### Sachin Tendulkar

(Indian cricket star)  
"I would like to be a player and contribute to the team's success."

When he was asked on captaincy.

Schools h'ball

### Viquarunnissa's 9th in a row

Viquarunnissa Noon School and College clinched the Bata schools handball title for the ninth consecutive time defeating Scolastica by 16-7 at Dhanmondi Sultana Kamal Women's Sports Complex yesterday, reports UNB.

Smriti contributed highest seven and Diana scored five goals for the winners while Hera, Rashan and Shima netted all goals each for the losers.

Diana of Viquarunnissa was adjudged as the best player and Agrani Girls' High has been named as the most disciplined team of the tournament.

Deputy Speaker of the Jatiya Sangsads Advocate Mohammad Abdul Hamid was the chief guest in the day's final and distributed the prizes.

Narayanganj Adrasha Girls' High placed third in the tournament beating BAF Shaheen School and College by 5-0 in a place-deciding match.

### Nat'l junior athletics

#### BKSP clinch top spot

Bangladesh Krira Shikha Protishthan (BKSP) clinched the top slot of the Milk Vita 17th national junior athletics championship that concluded yesterday at the Mirpur Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium, reports UNB.

BKSP secured 18 gold, 17 silver and two bronze medals while Rajshahi Education Board finished distant second with six gold, four silver and five bronze medals.

State Minister for Youth and Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader was the chief guest at the closing function of the two-day meet. He also distributed prizes.

A total of 225 promising athletes including 60 girls representing 24 teams from all over the country, took part in the meet.

#### MEDALS TABLE

Team	G	S	B
BKSP	18	17	2
Rajshahi Board	6	4	5
Khulna DSA	2	3	3
Khulna Division	2	1	1
Noakhali DSA	1	2	4
Barisal DSA	1	2	2
Jessore DSA	1	2	2
Natore DSA	1	0	6
Kishoreganj DSA	1	0	1

## AKC falter at Fakirerpool fort

Sports Reporter

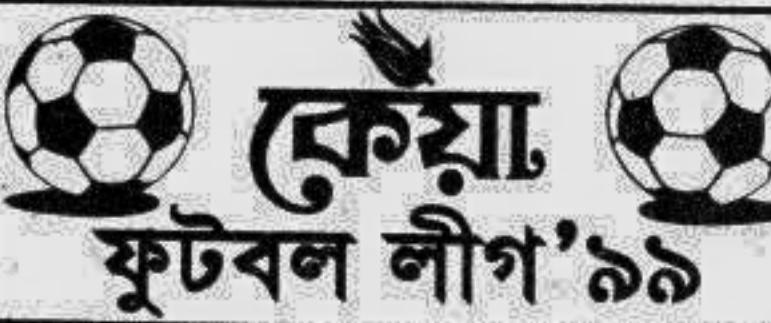
Abahani Krira Chakra faltered again at the nascent stage of the Keaya Premier football league when the title-aspirants settled for a goalless draw with Fakirerpool Youngmen's Club at the Bangabandhu Stadium yesterday.

The Federation Cup winners, who started off the league on the wrong foot with a one-all draw against Arambagh, suffered the second blow in three games after an impressive 3-1 win over Rahmatganj on Tuesday.

It was a spectator's plight to watch the giants play against Fakirerpool, the weakest lot among the 12-team Premier League, and for a few thousands

consecutive defeats, including a 4-0 thrashing by Brothers Union in their previous match.

The mediocre outfit ended on the heavy outfield to



snatch a point from their more colourful opponents. Their pronounced intention was quite evident when they employed ten men to defend their citadel. The ploy did the trick as central de-

Jalal fired a powerful right-footer four minutes later but the ball kissed outside the bar much to the relief of Abahani. A constant threat for Abahani, Jalal got another golden chance to break the evening's duck in the 63rd minute. But his header on a spectacular Nazrul free-kick narrowly missed the post.

Although Fakirerpool tried their best to enthrall the crowd generating several counter attacks, Abahani had hardly come up with anything to cheer their supporters.

Surprisingly though, in the 90 minutes of dull and insipid



Fakirerpool goalkeeper Khairul Hasan fists the ball away when surrounded by a group of Abahani players during their Premier Division encounter yesterday. —Star photo

sky-blue supporters at the big bowl the outcome was a shocking experience.

The Dhanmondi outfit displayed an exhibition of highly erratic and equally unimaginative football to cost them two invaluable points. With this draw Abahani slipped four points behind league leaders Muktijoddoh and Farashganj, who have recorded three consecutive wins so far.

The latest debacle of Abahani left their Sri Lankan coach Pakeer Ali not only to readjust his strategy with an injury-plagued side, but also to wait with his fingers crossed for an early return of manager Monem Munna, who is now in Ghana in search of foreign players.

In contrast to Abahani Fakirerpool however had every reason to celebrate their first point in the league after two

fender Ibram and his men fended off the persistent yet not-penetrating Abahani attacks.

On the other hand, Jalal, their lone man in the up-front, tested the Abahani defence time and again with his brilliant running, wonderful sway and sharp shooting. With Jalal playing like a spring chicken Fakirerpool almost got a lead in the 20th minute. Latching on to a long ball, the stocky Fakirerpool striker got rid of Sohel Raza before releasing a nice square pass to Amin. But Amin's scorching grounder was parried off by Abahani's custodian Aminul.

Amin, however, had had another try at an empty net after he got the ball following a faulty clearance from Abahani defence. But Amin even failed to shot the ball with Aminul beaten fair and square.

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Pakeer Ali made a change in the second half to give more bite into the attack, but that was not enough to help penetrate the water-tight Fakirerpool defence.

TEAMS

Abahani KC: Aminul, Partho, Sohel Reza, Kingshuk, Dulal, Mintu, Arman, Iqbal, Sentu, Zakir and Dabloo (Ranjan).

Fakirerpool YMC: Khairul, Ibrahim, Nazrul, Jahangir, Anupam, Tofazzal, Nasir, Delwar, Amin (Jalal jr), Enamul (Arman) (Sohagh) and Jalal.

Referee: Sheikh Badruddin.

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final.

Defending champions and star studded Dhaka outplayed Bangladesh Air Force 6-2 after dominating the first half 2-1.

National striker Rafiqul Islam Kamal and Mohammad Sadek struck two goals each while Mohammad Hasan and Khawja Guddu netted one goal each for the winners. Azam netted both goals for the Air Force.

The two losing semifinalists meet in the third-place deciding the match in the morning.

### Cricketers off to Singapore

A 14-member Bangladesh cricket team, led by Fahim Muntasir Sumit, left for Singapore yesterday to defend the title of the Asia Youth Cup cricket tournament, reports BSS.

The tournament begins in Singapore on July 5 with defending champions Bangladesh taking on Hong Kong in the opening encounter.

Eight teams, split into two groups, are taking part in the round robin league tournament.

Bangladesh have been grouped with Hong Kong, Malaysia and the United Arab Emirates while the other group comprises Papua New Guinea, Thailand, Nepal and Singapore.

After opening encounter with Hong Kong, Bangladesh will take on Malaysia on July 6 and play the last group match against the United Arab Emirates on July 7.

The two semifinals will take place on July 9 and the final on July 11.

#### SQUAD

Fahim Muntasir Sumit (captain), Imran Ahmed (vice captain), Nahidul Huq Shaon, Hannan Sarkar, Rajin Saleh, Mazharul Huq Mirul, Golam Mortaza (wk), Mosaddek Hosain Rubel, Bikash Ranjan Das, Imran Rahman Lal, Sadik Hasan, Tariqul Hasan Tushar and Mohammad Selim Kutubuddin Aksir (manager) and Abdul Hadi (coach).

### Nat'l hockey final today

Holders Dhaka and Bangladesh Army reached the final of the BRITC 21st national championship at the Maulana Bhasani National Hockey Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

The final is today at 3:30 pm.

In the first match, Army came from behind Faridpur 3-1. The match was locked at 1-1 in the first half.

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"It wasn't easy," said the 27-year-old Agassiz. "I dug myself into a hole. I took me a while to settle out there as I haven't played much all week."

Now he cannot wait for his Independence Day showdown with Agassiz, whom he has played 23 times, winning 13.

"I'm playing the best returner of serve of all time. It's gonna be an unbelievable atmosphere," I'm sure," said the 27-year-old.

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The Briton broke again for 3-1 after losing his own serve and it proved enough to seal the first set, which the 24-year-old



A combo of AFP photos of defending Wimbledon champion Pete Sampras (L) and Andre Agassi who will contest the all-American men's singles' final today.

## The 'Fourth of July' final



LONDON, July 3: Pete Sampras took another step towards matching Roy Emerson's all-time Grand Slam haul of 12 when he reached the men's singles final at Wimbledon by beating British sixth seed Tim Henman 3-6, 6-4, 6-3, 6-4 on Saturday, reports AFP.

The American, who is going for his sixth Wimbledon title in seven years -- an Open era record -- faces compatriot Andre Agassi in the final on Sunday.

Earlier, the fourth seed Agassiz reached the final by beating second-seeded Australian Pat Rafter 7-5, 7-6, 6-2 in the semifinals.

"It's disappointing," said Henman, who also lost to Sampras in the Queen's Club final last month.

"I played okay but I lost to the better player. I made the best possible start and I was getting on his serve. It was a question of making a second push in the second set but I couldn't do it today. It wasn't to be."

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