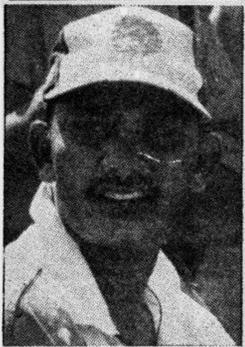


Column One SPORTS TALK



MOHAMMAD AZHARUDDIN

(India cricket captain)
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9 wickets 10 wickets 53 runs

3 How many wickets did NZ bowler Geoff Allott capture in the World Cup

18 21 20

4 Saqlain Mushtaq scored his hat-trick 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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Surrey tighten their grip

LONDON, July 4: Surrey extended their lead at the top of the English county championship to 16 points when they completed an easy 226-run victory over bottom team Durham on Saturday, reports Reuters.

Pakistan spinner Saqlain Mushtaq demolished the visitors with seven for 38 from 21 overs in the second innings, giving him match figures of 12 for 110.

Having resumed at 32 for two on the final day on 32 for two, Durham were bowled out for 139.

Despite losing four players to the England team for the victorious first Test against New Zealand, Surrey were never in any danger of losing the championship's only unbeaten run.

It was their sixth win in the last seven matches and confirmed them as favourites to win the title for the first time since 1971.

With Warwickshire having lost the previous day, Hampshire moved into second place by beating Glamorgan at Swansea.

The margin was an innings and six runs, Shaun Udall taking six for 47 as Glamorgan, following on, were bowled out for 177.

The whole of the second day had been lost to rain but Hampshire still had plenty of time in hand in securing their first win in four matches.

Reigning champions Leicestershire joined the contenders with a nine-wicket victory over Yorkshire.

Bowled out for 52, the lowest score of the season, on the first day, Yorkshire managed 251 in their second innings.

But that left Leicestershire needing only seven runs to win, which they achieved in eight balls.

Durham were left even more isolated at the bottom after victories by Lancashire on Friday and Derbyshire, who beat Middlesex at Lord's by nine wickets.

Middlesex were bowled out for 221 in their second innings, leaving Derbyshire to score only 66 for victory.

On Saturday's other matches, Somerset beat Sussex by eight wickets and Gloucestershire defeated Nottinghamshire by seven wickets after Jon Lewis had taken seven for 56.

Youth Asia Cup starts today

Bangladesh face HK

Sports Reporter



Bangladesh take on Hong Kong today in the first match of the Youth Asia Cup at Kallang Oval in Singapore.

Fahim Muntasir will lead defending champions Bangladesh, who will play their next match against Malaysia on July 6. Their last Group A match is against United Arab Emirates on July 7.

The under-19 tournament, a qualifier for the Youth World Cup 2000 in Sri Lanka, will be played from July 5 to 11 at different venues of Singapore. Eight teams divided into two groups will participate in the meet and the top two finishers will be the gate-pass for the Lanka showpiece, scheduled to be held in January next year.

Meanwhile, Papua New Guinea, Singapore, Thailand and Nepal are pencilled in to Group B. Top two teams from each group will move for the cross-cross semifinals, beginning on July 9.

In other matches of the day

Malaysia will face UAE at the Singapore Recreation and Singapore Cricket Club have turf wickets, while Singapore Indian Association and Ceylon Sports Club have astro turf.

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Bangladesh team
Fahim Muntasir (captain), Imran Ahmed, Hannan Sarkar, Sadiq Hasan, Nahidul Haq Shaon, Mazharul Haq Mridul, Golam Murtuza (w), Imran Rahim Lulu, Bikash Ranjan Das, Rezaul Haq Nayeem, Tarique Hasan Tushar, Mohammad Selim, Mosaddek Hossain Rubel and Rajin Salah Alam

BFF picks 27 for camp

Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) yesterday picked 27 booters for the residential training camp at the BKSF to form the national squad for the Asian Youth Under-16 tournament to held in 2000, reports UNB.

Samir Shakir will conduct the month-long camp beginning on July 10.

Players: Sohag, Shamim and Ripon (Netrakona), Piru and Mintu (Jessore), Tareq (Munshiganj), Sahas, Kalu Miah and Dipak (Nilphamari), Aminul (Gazipur), Ibrahim (Lakshmipur), Murad (Chudanga), Sajjad (Rangamati), Dulal (Dinajpur), Tawhid Kamal (Gaibandha), Jony, Chandan, Liton and Sujon (Pabna), Selim (Khulna), Nazim (Naogaon), Ujjal Tang-changa (Bandarban), Enam (Comilla), Aryadeep (Ranga-mati), Opel (Rangpur), Arman (Kushtia) and Biplob (Cox's Bazar).

The selected players have been advised to report at the BFF office at 4 pm.

Div I soccer

Muslim Institute registered their second successive win in the Metropolitan First Division football league beating East End Club 1-0 at the Mirpur Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

Earlier, in their first league appearance, the Institute defeated Agrani Bank Club 3-2.

In the day's match, Abul Hossain netted the all-important goal in the 43rd minute.

The other match between Agrani Bank Club and Dhanmondi Club ended in a 2-2 draw.

The match was locked 1-1 in the first half after Alamgir put Agrani Bank ahead in the 26th minute while Apu levelled the margin for Dhanmondi in the 44th minute.

Pintu again took the bankers in front in the 8th minute of the second half but Kamal Hossain Rupom replied for Dhanmondi in the 70th minute from a penalty.

Finest hour for Paes, Bhupathi

LONDON, July 4: Top seeds Leander Paes and Mahesh Bhupathi became the first Indians to win the men's doubles title at Wimbledon on Sunday when they beat Dutchman Paul Haarhuis and his American partner Jared Palmer in four sets, reports AFP.

The top seeds, who won their maiden Grand Slam title at the French Open last month, won 6-7, 6-3, 6-4, 7-6 on Court One.

BTF officials off to Holland

A two-member delegation of Bangladesh Tennis Federation (BTF), led by its vice president Yeak Ali Fakir left yesterday for the Netherlands to attend the annual general meeting of the International Tennis Federation (ITF), reports BSS.

The four-day meeting begins today.

The other member of the delegation is BTF general secretary Sanaul Haque.

Bangladesh will contest in the sub-committee election.

Jakarta plans to bid for 2006 Asiad

JAKARTA, July 4: Indonesia will not build any new sports venues to support its bid to host the 2006 Asian Games, chairman of the Gelora Senayan Management Board Muladi said, reports Xinhua.

Muladi, also Minister of Justice/State Secretary, said that instead of constructing new venues, which would cost a lot of money, the government preferred to renovate its 100 hectares of sports complexes to host the quadrennial event.

"It's really difficult to build a new sports complex because it costs a lot of money. It's better to renovate sports venues around the capital since they still meet international standard," he was quoted by The Jakarta Post Sunday as saying.

Indonesia's bid to host the 2006 Asiad must be submitted in October 2000. The proposal must contain information on available funds, sports facilities, athletes' village, media center, transportation, catering and security.

The Senayan sports complex was built by Indonesia's first president Soekarno to host the fourth Asian Games in 1962.

Pavarotti will have the honour

SYDNEY, July 4: Opera singer Luciano Pavarotti will open the Sydney SuperDome Olympic Games venue with a concert on November 6, reports AP.

In a video recorded message played at the announcement of the first round of sporting and the entertainment fixtures for the SuperDome, Pavarotti said being given the opportunity to open the indoor stadium was a great honour.

The 200 million Australian dollars (132 million US) SuperDome will host basketball and gymnastics during next year's Summer Olympics.

Farashganj keep flying

Sports Reporter

Farashganj Sporting Club continued their fairy-tale run in the Keya Premier football league when they shocked Brothers Union to record their third consecutive win at the floodlit Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

The old town outfit, jointly leading the table with holders Muktiyoddha, stunned the traditional third force in the domestic football when Bidyut struck the match-winner five minutes from the final whistle after the barren first half.

Hot on the heels of their impressive 3-1 triumph over Mirpur Chalanitika in their second match, Farashganj, who opened their league campaign with a lone goal win against Fakirpool, demonstrated a trial of strength in their first tough match.

The mediocre outfit-turned-giant-slayer took a deserving lead in the 21st minute when Rokonzaman headed home a right-side cross from Shafiq. But their joy lasted only one minute before Brothers striker Jamal restored parity with a spectacular header.

Abdul Latif, the Nigerian recruit of the Gopibagh outfit, was the man behind the equaliser, playing his first match. Latif however failed to impress the audience apart from a beautiful flourish that sailed over the Farashganj defence wall and landed on the waiting head of Jamal.

But Brothers, fresh after their 4-0 victory over Fakirpool, never looked like a cohesive force against a more determined Farashganj, who enjoyed a territorial dominance

throughout the 90 minutes. Although Farashganj dictate the second match of the day, they needed a certain degree of luck to slam home the match decider in the 85th minute. Bidyut fired a 25-year left footer that took a wicked deflection

Referee: R Alam.

BADDA BEAT CHALANTIKA
Meanwhile, in the first match of the day, Badda Jagarani recorded their first win in the league with a 3-1 defeat on Mirpur Chalanitika.

In the battle of the babes, Badda rode on two late strikes from Khokon and Ujjal after the match locked 1-1 in the first half.

Ujjal gave Chalanitika a 28th minute lead before Monwar, the young national midfielder, neutralised the margin for Badda five minutes later.

Khokon made it 2-1 in the 86th minute before Ujjal sealed the fate of the match, scoring the third goal one minute from the final whistle.

With this win Badda opened their account with full three points after two defeats while it was Chalanitika's third loss on a tort.

TODAY'S MATCH

Premier football league
Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium
Muktiyoddha vs Rahmatganj 5.30 pm

STANDINGS

Premier football league standings:

Team	M	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Muktiyoddha Sangsad	3	3	0	0	10	3	9
Farashganj SC	3	3	0	0	6	0	9
Mohammedan SC	3	2	1	0	4	0	7
Abahani KC	3	1	2	0	4	2	5
Brothers Union	3	1	1	1	6	3	4
Badda Jagarani	3	1	0	2	4	5	3
Arambagh KS	3	0	2	1	3	4	2
Rahmatganj MFS	3	0	1	2	2	5	1
Fakirpool YMC	3	0	1	2	0	5	1
Mirpur Chalanitika	3	0	0	3	2	11	0

Sampras sweeps Agassi aside

LONDON, July 4: American top seed Pete Sampras won his sixth Wimbledon men's singles title on Sunday by beating compatriot Andre Agassi 6-3, 6-4, 7-5 in the final, reports AFP.

The stunning victory clinched Sampras a winner's cheque of 455,000 pounds (724,133 dollars) but far more important, saw him match Australian Roy Emerson's record of 12 Grand Slam victories.

It was his sixth Wimbledon title in seven years, surpassing Bjorn Borg's Open era record of five and moving to within one of W.C. Renshaw's all-time record of seven set in the last century.

The all-American clash, appropriately on Independence Day, had been billed as a shootout between the best serve-volleyer in the game and the best returner of the serve.

But Agassi couldn't get close to the famed Sampras delivery in the first two sets and quickly found himself facing a mountain.

Sampras secured the first set for 5-3 when Agassi netted a forehand.

The 27-year-old delivered a double whammy by breaking Agassi to love in the opening game of the second set, and it was only a matter of time -- 35 minutes to be precise -- before he was 2-0 up.

Sampras was at his absolute best, impenetrable on serve and out-returning his opponent.

In the third Agassi tried desperately to draw some inspiration from a superb forehand cross court winner which fired up the crowd.

But Sampras was totally unruffled and at 5-5 Agassi cracked again, losing serve with a backhand into the net as his first serve deserted him when

he needed it most. Sampras was left sprawled on the turf as Agassi bravely battled back from 30-0 to 30 all. Typically, he picked himself up to hammer his 16th ace for match point.

But the grass master saved the best for last, crashing a second service ace to take his place among the tennis gods.



SIMPLY SUPERB: American tennis legend Pete Sampras is over the moon as he has defended the Wimbledon title beating Andre Agassi in the final yesterday.

LAST 10 WINNERS

1989: Boris Becker (Ger)
1990: Stefan Edberg (Swe)
1991: Michael Stich (Ger)
1992: Andre Agassi (USA)
1993: Pete Sampras (USA)
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1996: Richard Krajicek (Ned)
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A Dhaka DSA forward launching an attack from the left during the national hockey championship final against Bangladesh Army at the Maulana Bhashani National Stadium yesterday.

Title belongs to Dhaka

Dhaka retained their title beating Bangladesh Army 2-1 in the final of the BRTC 21st national hockey championship at the Maulana Bhashani Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

This is the seventh national championship triumph for the Dhaka District Sports Association.

In the day's final match, Jamil Ahmed Hasan and Rafiqul Islam Kamal scored one goal each for the winners while Maksudul Haq netted the lone goal for the losers.

Star-studded Dhaka led the first half 1-0 with Jamil scoring in the 25th minute from a goalmouth melee following a pass by Tarek Reza who was set by from Sadeq the leg-side.

Army played well in the first 20 minutes and created several chances but Maksudul Haq and Hasan Shahid were to blame for missing the opportunities.

Despite an erratic performance in the first half, Dhaka forced two penalty corners, but Army custodian Jahangir Alam performed brilliantly to save on both occasions.

The forward duo, Sadeq and Kamal, failed to fire in the first half, but played the second half with their normal attacking style.

Early in the first minute of the second half, national striker Kamal scored from solo effort to double the winners' margin.

Veteran striker Sadeq, who earned the best scorer trophy of the tournament with 10, squandered two easy chances.

Maksudul scored the consolation goal for the Army in the 67th minute from a penalty stroke.

Four Dhaka players earned individual trophies in the tournament. They were Javed (best goalkeeper), Mohammed Faruque (best defender), Tarek Reza (best medio) and Sadeq (best scorer).

Rahajuddin of Army earned the best striker trophy while Faridpur the fair play trophy.

TEAMS
DHAKA DSA: Javed, Kader,

Khokon, Reza, Mitul, Ehtesham, Jamil, Sadeq, Kamal, Rana and Faruque.

BANGLADESH ARMY: Jahangir, Rafiqul, Sanjit, Khui Nu Marma, Ferdous, Rahaj, Maksud, Shahid, Sirazul, Salam and Sadeq.

Earlier, in the day's third place deciding match, Faridpur blanked Bangladesh Air Force 3-0 after a goalless first half.

Yousuf netted two goals while Issa Miah one for the winners.

After the final match, Bangladesh Hockey Federation president and Navy Chief Air Vice Marshal Jamaluddin Ahmed distributed the prizes.

ROLL OF HONOUR

Following is the roll of honour of the national hockey championship.

Year	Champions	Runners-up
1974	Comilla Dst	Bangladesh Police
1975	Dhaka DSA	Faridpur DSA
1976	Faridpur DSA	Dhaka DSA
1977	Dhaka DSA	Faridpur DSA
1978	Dhaka DSA	Comilla DSA
1979	Bangladesh Army	Bangladesh Railway
1981	Bangladesh Army	Jessore DSA
1982	Bangladesh Army	Dhaka Metropolitan
1983	Bangladesh Army	Dhaka DSA
1984	Bangladesh Army	Dhaka DSA
1985	Bangladesh Army	Dhaka DSA
1986	Bangladesh Army	Dhaka DSA
1988	Bangladesh Army	Dhaka University
1990	BKSP	Dhaka University
1991	Dhaka DSA	Dhaka University
1992	Dhaka DSA	Bangladesh Army
1994	Bangladesh Army	Dhaka DSA
1995	Dhaka University	BKSP
1996	Dhaka University	Dhaka DSA
1998	Dhaka DSA	Dhaka University
1999	Dhaka DSA	Bangladesh Army

Davenport's double delight

LONDON, July 4: American Lindsay Davenport won her first Wimbledon singles title on Sunday by beating Germany's Steffi Graf 6-4, 7-5 in the final, reports AFP.

The 23-year-old American, seeded three, won her only two break points of the match in a near-perfect display and sealed victory on Centre Court in 1hr 15mins.

Graf, the 30-year-old second seed who had been seeking an eighth singles crown here, had no answer to Davenport's powerful serve and bludgeoning

ground strokes. The 1998 US Open champion who regained the number one spot from Martina Hingis by reaching the final, was immediately into her stride, crashing forehands from the back court and breaking the Graf serve in the opening game with a slightly mishit backhand service return down the line.

Davenport's heavy serve was also firing as she imposed herself on the German, who was making her ninth singles final appearance here.

Graf looked unhindered by the strapping on her left thigh but could do nothing about the

Davenport delivery. At 4-5 Graf saved one set point with a superb forehand winner but Davenport took the set 6-4 in 32 minutes when the German netted a backhand on the second.

Davenport saved a break point at 0-1 in the second with another trademark forehand and held serve.

Graf could not match the depth of Davenport's groundstrokes and was finding it impossible to get anywhere near the net.

In contrast the 1.89m-tall American was volleying with assurance and at 2-2 Graf was left pleading for an over-rule on one Davenport shot which clipped the line as her frustration boiled over.

But at 4-5 with Davenport serving to stay in the set rain began spotting on Centre Court forcing a 30-minute interruption.

The American was unfazed though and held for 5-5 before earning only her second break point of the match at the right time in the next game.

Just as in the first set Davenport grabbed her opportunity with a trademark forehand which Graf couldn't retrieve to move to within a game of her first Wimbledon title.

The 23-year-old produced two match points with her fourth ace. On the second Davenport forced Graf to net her maiden All England Club singles title, holding her hand to her mouth and wiping away the tears as her achievement sank in.

Davenport, who admits she used to hate playing on grass, said: "It seemed almost like a dream, I'm almost more numb than in shock."

LAST 1