

Column One

SPORTS TALK



Sachin Tendulkar
(Indian cricket superstar)

"It's very hard to go out there and play on a cricket field."

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Competition-117

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1	How many matches have been scheduled for the World Cup 99?
40	41
42	
2	Pakistan beat New Zealand in the semi-final by
9 wks	10 wks
3	How many wickets did NZ bowler Geoff Allott capture in the World Cup?
18	21
4	Saqibain Mushtaq scored his hat-trick against which country?
Kenya	Zimbabwe
5	How many runs did Minhazul Abedin score in the World Cup?
120	140
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Badda's 'bad boys' blunder

Sports Reporter



Arambagh Kriya Sangha and Badda Jagorani Sangsads shared points in a 2-2 draw in the lone Kya Premier Football League match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Although Badda, one of the two promoted in the Premier League this year, led twice in the eventual match they also managed referee R Alam and left the field with the ignominious reputation of bad boys.

The match came to a grinding halt when Badda, who were leading 2-1 midway through the second-half, swooped on the man in uniform in protest against a penalty awarded in the 69th minute.

R Alam pointed at the dreaded spot after defender Riad handled the ball in the forbidden zone to thwart an Arambagh attack.

Riad, who thought otherwise, took no time to vent his anger by pushing Alam vehemently. The situation seemed to have calmed down after Alam showed Riad a yellow card and Asif stepped up to convert the 12-yarder for Arambagh.

No sooner had Asif shot the ball into the net, the Badda players attacked Alam in unison for the second time. Things turned grave when an unidentified Badda official chased the man in uniform wielding his umbrella like a sword.

Normalcy returned to the pitch after Police drove the troublemakers away. Play was disrupted for nine minutes and Riad got the marching order, reducing Badda to ten men for the last 21 minutes. Still, the babes had the opportunity to win the match when Monwar came up with a spectacular header, but only to be denied by the metal-work.

Earlier, Khonon gave Badda the lead in the 41st minute, heading home a Tanvir floater from the left.

Arambagh restored parity 11 minutes into the second-half when Adil Akin, one of the two Nigerian recruits of the Motijheel outfit, nodded the ball into the net off a Mithu flag-kick.

Badda regained the lead in 67th minute as their Indian recruit Dipankar drove a sudden thunderous volley.

The outcome from the penalty-kick later left Badda with four points from as many matches while it was Arambagh's third draw against a defeat from four outings.

TEAMS

Arambagh KS: Tony, Bishu, Choton, Mian, Mithu, Montu (Shamim), Tajul, Akin, Asif, Moizib Rahman and Olenu (Jhon).

Badda Jagorani: Appel, Papel, Tanvir, Lajuk, Riad.

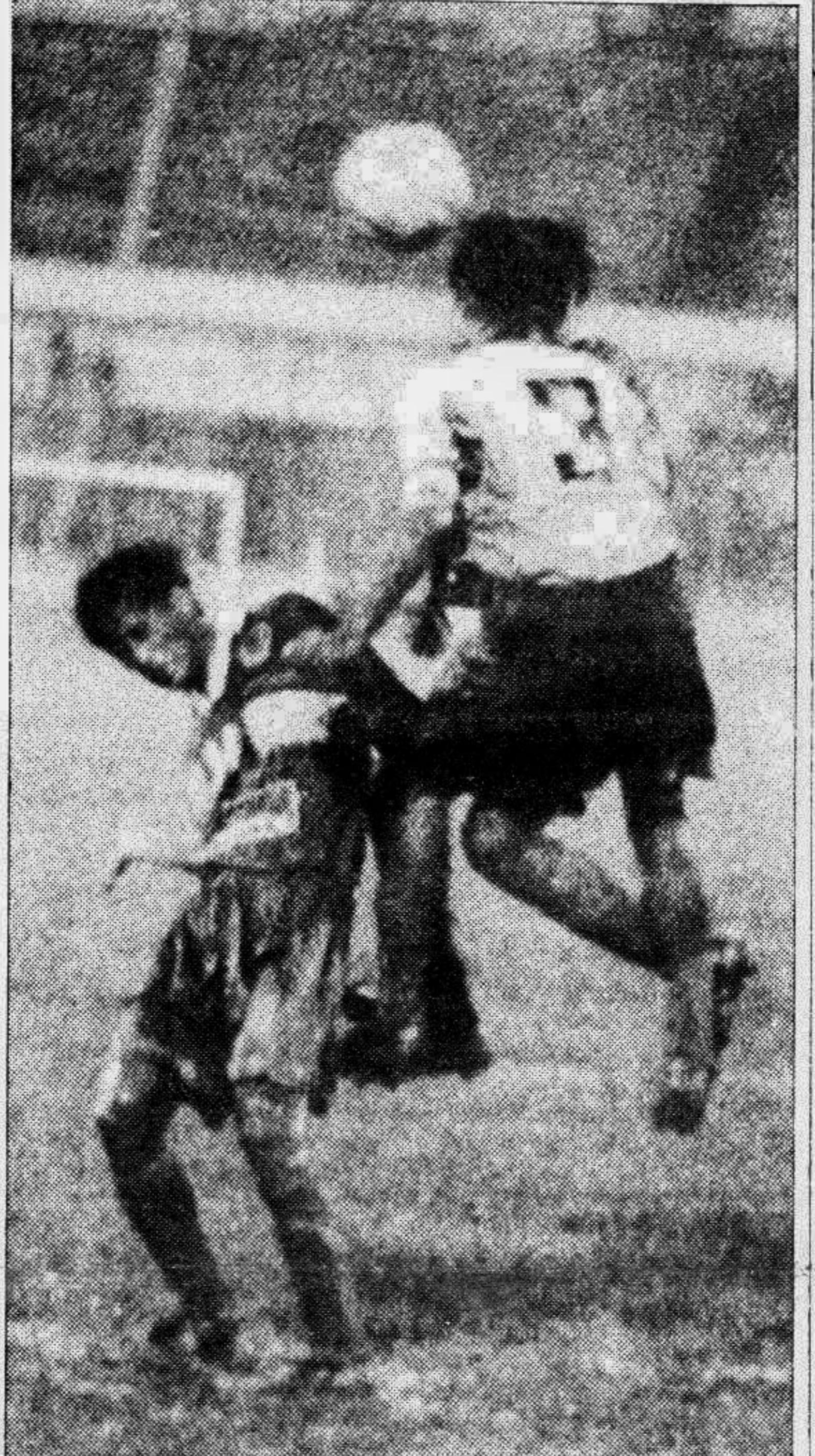
Shamim, Parvez Babu, Monwar (Uzzal), Haider, Khonon and Dipankar (Hasan).
Referee: R Alam.

TODAY'S MATCHES

(Premier League)

Brothers Union vs Mirpur Chalantika (3:30 pm)
Muktijoddha Sangsads vs Youngmen's Fakirapool (5:30 pm)
Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium

(First Division)
BRTC SC vs East End (3:00 pm)
Dhaka Wanderers vs Muslim Institute (5:00 pm)
Venue: Mirpur Sher-e-Bangla Stadium



Action from yesterday's Premier Division match between Badda Jagorani and Arambagh. — Star photo

Div II hockey

Combined Sporting Club defeated PWD SC 5-0 in the Green Delta Insurance Second Division Hockey League at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

The winners led in the first half 1-0 after Swapna netted the first field goal in the 21st minute. He doubled the margin in the 41st minute from a penalty corner. Seven minutes later Masum widened the margin by a field goal. Masum scored another field goal in the 66th minute while Alam netted in the 63rd minute.

In the day's another match, Karna Samra got walkover against Agrani Bank Club.

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Shishu Kishor Sangha vs East End Green Club (2:30 pm)
Shantinagar SC vs Dilkusha SC (4 pm).

Boys' h'ball

Tejgaon BAF Shaheen School earned a massive 19-4 victory over Wari High School in the 10th Bata Schools boys' handball tournament at the Outer Stadium court yesterday, reports UNB.

The winners led the first half by 9-2 goals.

Ishtiaq was the top scorer for the winners with ten goals and Saiful netted two while Jony score two for the losers.

In the day's other match, BCIC School beat Kormitoria BAF Shaheen School 8-7 after leading the first half 4-3.

Zakir netted four goals while Gulzar two for BCIC while Shaon score four goals for Kormitoria.

Bebeto agrees to stint

in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, July 10: Former Brazil international striker Bebeto agreed a one-year contract with Mexican First Division side Toros Neza Friday with a two-year renewal option, reports AFP.

The club president Juan Antonio Hernandez confirmed the deal was going ahead although he gave no financial details for the player whose full name is Jose Roberto Gama de Oliveira.

Bebeto, 35, will arrive with his wife and representative at Mexico City to be presented officially on Tuesday.

Bebeto was a member of Brazil's 1994 World Cup winning side and also played in France '98.

Austin, Nash rule the day

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Asian Y-Cricket final

Bangladesh meet Nepal today

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh will take on Nepal in the final of the Asian Youth Cricket Championship at Singapore's Kalang Oval ground today.

The defending champions, who stormed into the final with a 175-run thrashing of Papua New Guinea in the first semi-final on Friday, will certainly start as favourites to retain the title against surprise-setters Nepal.

The match, apart from an act of ego-nursing, is left with only academic interest as both Bangladesh and Nepal have already qualified for the World Youth Championship to be held in Sri Lanka in January next year.

Nepal, who only got acquainted with cricket by staging the ACC Trophy in Kathmandu early this year, made their first final in any international cricket event by defeating Malaysia by 137 runs in the second semi-final yesterday.

He said the AFC's role would be examined.

"We shall also identify the responsibility lies," he said. "We have talked to some associations who say they were forced."

"It's a disgrace," said Blatter, heading his first congress since his controversial election as FIFA president just over a year ago in Paris.

"FIFA as an institution cannot give in to this kind of pressure. If we do that, we will die as an institution," said Blatter, who had been caught unaware by the Asian action.

"It is an unhappy event. More than that: shameful," he added.

The AFC is upset at being handed only four-and-a-half places at the 2002 World Cup by FIFA. The Asian walkout was a bitter blow to the FIFA president who had appealed directly to the members of the Asian national associations to ignore AFC's call to leave. Explaining their action AFC general secretary Peter Velappan said: "It's a simple request for three places plus the hosts."

He stressed that their argument was not with the European federation, who had appealed to the tournament director Jay Snyder through the US Tennis Association said.

The final Grand Slam tournament of the year runs from August 30-September 12 at the National Tennis Centre at Flushing Meadows, New York.

Graf, who has battled career threatening injuries in recent years, capped her resurgence with a victory over Martina H