

Column One

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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	53 runs
3	How many wickets did NZ bowler Geoff Allott capture in the World Cup?	18	21	20
4	Saqib 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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SPORTS TALK



Jacques Kallis  
(South African all-rounder)  
I regard myself as a batter  
who bowls a bit."

Badda's Prince,  
Riad punished

Sports Reporter

The disciplinary committee of the Dhaka Mohanagar Football League Association (DMFLA) slapped a Taka fifty thousand fine on Badda Jagorani Sangsad and declared its manager Prince *personae non grata* for manhandling referee R Alam during a Premier Football League match on Saturday.

Besides, the committee also punished Badda's defender Riad with a six-match ban. Riad, who got the marching order for punching the referee in protest against a penalty in favour of Arambagh, was also fined take five thousand.

Div II hockey

Dhaka Wanderers Club earned an easy 5-0 win over Udy Hockey Club in the Green Delta Second Division hockey league at the Maulana Bhasani National Hockey Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

The winners led the first half 3-0.

Lily struck twice while Tofiq, Muhib and Zartaj netted one goal each for Wanderers. All were field goals.

The day's other match between Uttara Hockey Club and Tejgaon Agragami ended in a goalless draw at the same venue in the afternoon.

Asian Snooker

Mofazzel bright  
Majumder dim

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh enjoyed mixed fortunes on the opening day of the Asian Snooker Championship in the Thai capital of Bangkok yesterday.

Mofazzel Hossain stamped his class in no uncertain manner when the national number one played brilliantly to trounce Rukmal Yatigammana of Sri Lanka by 4-0 frames.

Young Sajjad Majumder, the national number two, however, lost both his encounters against the host's top seed and the Singapore number two.

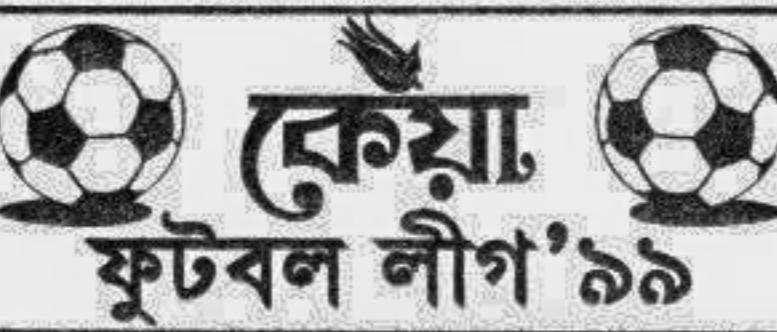
Meanwhile, Saleh Mohammed of Pakistan recorded the highest break of the meet with a score of 118.



Action from yesterday's Premier Division soccer league match between Brothers Union and Mirpur Chalantika at the Bangabandhu National Stadium. — Star photo

Mizan's encore for Brothers

Sports Reporter



Striker Mizanur Rahman struck twice as Brothers Union came from behind to record a hard-fought 3-2 win over Mirpur Chalantika in the lone Kya Premier Football League match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Mizan scored his fourth goal of the League with a powerful low right-footer to give Brothers a 2-1 lead in the first half.

The lanky forward then decisively sealed a defeat on Chalantika when he clipped the ball into the upper right side of the net over an out-of-position custodian Humayun with yet another trademark shot mid-way through the second half.

The second win for Brothers from four outings took their points tally to seven, three points behind joint league leaders Muktijoddha Sangsad and Mohammedan Sporting.

But were Chalantika, one of the two promoted in the league, who stunned the traditional third force of domestic football by taking the lead as early as in the ninth minute. Latching on a long ball, Alaudin fired a sudden thunderous shot from outside the box that crushed into the net, giving no chance to Brothers' goalkeeper Milon on the way.

The joy of the babes in the elite echelon, however, lasted only five minutes as Brothers pulled off the equaliser through a delightful display of combination by the Swapani duo. The junior Swapani lobbed a perfect cross from the right, which his

senior namesake made no mistake in shooting home with a neat grounder.

Swapani (Jr) then set the stage for his side's second goal



MIZAN ... two goals

in the 22nd minute with a fine flag-kick from the left, which an unmarked Mizan volleyed home.

Brothers took a seemingly unassailable 3-1 lead in the

64th minute of the proceedings when Mizan came up with a classified shot after being fed by mido Asad inside the Chalantika box. The double strike took the lanky striker with a lethal right foot atop the individual scorers' list with five goals.

Although Chalantika tried their best to earn at least their first point in the league, they could only manage to reduce the margin when substitute Rabi fired a first-time right-footer past a bemused Milon at the stroke of the final whistle.

It was Chalantika's fourth defeat on the trot.

Meanwhile, the other match of the day between defending champions Muktijoddha and Fakirpool Youngmen's could not be held due to unplayable ground conditions. The match will now be played at the same venue at 5.30 pm today.

**TEAM**  
**BROTHERS UNION:** Milon, Barun, Shuvro, Swapani (Jr), Amin, Khan, Swapani (Sr) (Asad), Zahir (Miraj), Abu Lafta (Polash), Sufian, Riaz and Mizan.

**CHALANTIKA:** Humayun, Kabeer, Rafique, Shariful, Uzal, Sohel Rana (Munna), Alauddin, Pappu, Liton (Rabi) and Sohag (Ripon).

**Referee:** Sheikh Badruddin.  
**TODAY'S MATCHES**  
(Premier League)  
Muktijoddha vs Youngmen's  
Fakirpool (5.30 pm)  
Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium.

officials said.

Mendis is the latest victim of a radical overhaul of the national squad who failed in England in May to defend their 1996 World Cup victory and were thrown out of the preliminary round.

Yesterday, both sides produced their quota of crunching tackles and both were equally guilty of theatrics. The referee had an impossible task telling real from dives with so much playacting going on.

Argentina struck in the 10th minute on an unpretentious shot by Juan Pablo Sorin that bounced off the knee of defender Joao Carlos and into the net, as goalie Dida was caught leaning on the wrong way.

The Argentines continued to be the more coherent side but three minutes of individual brilliance won the game for Brazil.

The first was the free kick from which the otherwise ineffective Rivaldo equalised in the 33rd minute.

Rivaldo skinned the wall and found the upper left corner. The Argentine custodian Burgos was left dumbfounded.

Three minutes into the second half, Brazil produced a small gem. Emerson raced up the middle and laid off to his Bayer Leverkusen teammate Ze Roberto, who spun and left the ball for a charging Rivaldo to fire into the lower left corner for a 2-1 lead.

Still, it was Dida who saved the day. With 13 minutes left, Beto flattened Lopez in the penalty area, and Ayala sent his shot hard and low towards the left corner. But Dida somehow reached it for the save, his second of the tournament.

Brazil coach Wanderley Luxemburgo was diplomatic in victory but Ronaldo could not contain his joy at beating such bitter rivals.

"To beat Argentina is a marvellous feeling, wonderful," he said with a smug grin. "It's always good to beat Argentina."

**SQUADS**  
**BRAZIL:** Dida, Cafu, Joao Carlos, Antonio Carlos, Hamilton, Ricardo, Emerson, Flavio Conceicao, Ze Roberto (Beto), Rivaldo, Amoroso (Christian), Ronaldinho, (Brazil), Edwin, Congo (Colombia), Ivan, Cordoba (Colombia), Neider Morantes (Colombia), Jhonson, Montano (Colombia), Jose Sierra (Chile), Ariel, Graziani (Ecuador), Atsuhiko Miura (Japan), Daniel Osorno (Mexico), Isaac Terrazas (Mexico), Jorge Soto (Peru), Israel, Zuniga (Peru), Gabriel, Urquiza (Venezuela), Roberto, Palacios (Peru), Jose, Pereda (Peru), Nolberto Solano (Peru), Gerardo Torrado (Mexico), Jorge Bolano (Colombia), Juan, Roman, Riquelme, Ariel, Ortega, Martin, Palermo and Christian Gonzalez.

**ARGENTINA:** German Burgos, Roberto, Ayala, Juan, Pablo Sorin, (Diego, Cagna, 69), Mauricio Pochettino, Walter Samuel, Javier Zanetti, Diego Simeone (Gustavo Lopez, 69), Juan, Roman, Riquelme, Ariel, Ortega, Martin, Palermo and Christian Gonzalez.

**Referee:** Gustavo Mendez, Uruguay.

Cricket cubs come home

Sports Reporter

The victorious national youth cricket team returned home last night.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader received the victory from Singapore at the Zia International Airport at 9.30 pm.

The president of the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) Saber Hossain Chowdhury was also present to welcome the heroes, who lifted the Asian Youth Championship title for the second time running by defeating Nepal in the final by six wickets on Sunday.

The victory for Bangladesh was, however, the icing on the cake as they already confirmed their berth in the forthcoming World Youth Championship along with Nepal by virtue of reaching the final of the Singapore showpiece.

The World Youth Championship, involving 16 teams, including the nine Test-playing nations, will be held in Sri Lanka in January 2000.

Mendis gets the sack

COLOMBO, July 12 (AFP): Sri Lanka's veteran cricket manager Duleep Mendis has been sacked hot on the heels of the dismissal of skipper Arjuna Ranatunga following the islanders' dismal defence of the World Cup, officials said today.

Mendis was replaced by a low-profile business executive, Chandra Schaffer, for next month's triangular tournament with Australia and India as well as the Test series with the Australians.

An official statement on the appointment is expected later.

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