

## Column One

### DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

THAT pocket billiards, also called Pool, is most popular in the United States and Canada. It is played with a white cue ball and 15 consecutively numbered balls on a rectangular table with six pockets (one at each corner and one at the mid-points of both longer sides). The dimensions of the table are usually 4 by 8 feet or 4 1/2 by 9 feet.

Why do I get this uncanny feeling that you are thinking of something else?

### SPORTS TALK



#### Lindsay Davenport

(American tennis star)  
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1. Who is the new England cricket coach?

Fletcher Hussain Marsh

2. Brazilian footballer Rivaldo plays for

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3. Who is the captain of Argentina soccer team?

Simeone Batistuta Ayala

4. How many Grand Slam titles has Steffi Graf won till now?

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5. Who is ATP's top ranked player right now?

Sampras Moya Agassi

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### BRTC gives away prize-money

Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation (BRTC) yesterday handed over prize-money for the World Cup cricket at a simple ceremony, reports BSS.

BRTC Chairman M Azmal Chowdhury handed over cheques for Taka 122,000 to Minhazul Abedin and Taka 64,000 to Mehrab Hossain.

The corporation had announced during the World Cup that many Bangladeshi cricketers scoring 50-plus would get Taka 1,000 for each run.

Minhazul scored 68 runs against Scotland at Edinburgh and 54 runs against Australia at Chester-le Street while Mehrab hammered 64 against the West Indies at Dublin.

Whitaker to call it quits

LONDON, July 20 (Internet report): James Whitaker has decided to stand down as Leicestershire's captain and retire as a player.

The 37-year-old Yorkshire-born batsman broke the rest of the players on the eve of their National League game at Worcester.

Whitaker, who has led Leicestershire to two county Championship titles in the last three years, has been forced to quit because of a serious knee injury which kept him out of action all last summer and has limited him to just four games this season.

## Effieni's early blast blows BU

Sports Reporter

Muktijodda Sangsad Krira Chakra crossed a tough hurdle in their chase for retaining the League title when they recorded a lone goal win over Brothers Union at the flood-lit Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Effieni, one of the two Nigerian recruits of the defending champions, scored the all-important goal in the seventh minute of the match to ensure Muktijodda's sixth win in the Keya Premier Football League.

With this win the 'all reds' maintained their lead at the top of the table, extending their point tally to 19 from seven engagements.

On the other hand, the defeat effectively evaporated Brothers' chances to stay in the title race. Moreover, the fourth defeat of the traditional third from seven games also decimated their chances to progress to the super four.

According to the new format in the League, four top finishers from the first round will fight it out for the coveted title. Although unlike the previous year, the topsy-turvy League promises a three-way heady battle between holders Muktijodda, Mohammedan Sporting and Abahani, Farashganj and promotes Badda Jagorion are the two probable contenders to fill the fourth slot.

Back to the day's match, Muktijodda got the only goal from the first positive attack.

The goal originated from a dead-ball situation. Left-back Masud Rana let loose a perfect free-kick from the top left of the box, which Jewel Rana pushed back to an unmarked Effieni, who made no mistake to find the net with a first-time right-footer.

It was Effieni's fifth goal in the League. Incidentally it was his first goal with his favourite

right-foot after scoring his first four goals with his head. Playing without his attacking partner and compatriot Alieu Rahman, the dapper Nigerian got another chance to increase his personal tally in the second half. But his powerful header in

the 49th minute off a Monsur cross from the right deflected off the cross bar.

Alieu with two yellow cards apparently had to take a forced day of rest as his coach Shafiqul Haq Manik did not want to take any unnecessary risk ahead of Muktijodda's more important next match against Abahani.

The absence of Alieu in the firing line, however, did not affect the balance of Muktijodda. They got another golden chance to double the margin in the 11th minute when their lanky national forward Imtiaz Ahmed Nakib came up with a scorching right-footer, which was spectacularly saved by Brothers' custodian Saidur.

Although the first half solely belonged to Muktijodda, Brothers gave them a torrid time in the second session with some quick counter attacks on a heavy outfield.

Brothers, who in the recent years turned into a mediocre outfit due to acute financial problem, got their first real scoring chance three minutes after the lemon break. Swapna drove a fierce 25-yarder from a set piece, but only to be denied by the agile Muktijodda custodian Biplob, who tipped the ball over the bar for a corner.

Tipu added the third for Rahmatgan fifteen minutes from the final whistle. Milon sealed the fate of the match scoring his second goal in the 82nd minute.

The victory elevated Rahmatgan's points tally to five from six matches. On the other hand Arambagh remained glued to their previous collection of six from as many games.

The reserve national goalie came to Muktijodda's rescue again in the 65th minute when he stretched fully to his left to stop a brilliant left-footer from Brothers forward Asad.

Bakhtiar and Joy of Muktijodda and Abdullah Sereki of Brothers Union were cautioned with yellow cards.

**TEAMS**

**Muktijodda:** Biplob, Hasan al Mamun, Jewel Rana, Rajani, Monsur (Mamun Joarder), Masud Rana, Joy, Bakhtiar, Liton (Tushar), Effieni and Nakib (Walid).

**Brothers Union:** Saidur, Polash, Salauddin, Swapna, Barun, Shuvro, Riaz (Swapna Sr), Asad, Sereki, Jamal (Zahid) and Mizan.

**Referee:** Ibrahim Nesar.

**RAHMATGAN'S FIRST**

Meanwhile, in the first match of the day, Rahmatgan relished their maiden victory in the League with a 4-2 defeat on Arambagh Krira Sangha.

Milon scored twice for the old-town outfit after Nayan opened the floodgate in the 16th minute of a seesaw encounter.

Milon gave Rahmatgan a 2-0 lead at the breather with a strike in the 21st minute.

But Arambagh hit back in the second session with Asif scoring two goals in the 52nd and 76th minute. The double strike took Asif's personal tally to four goals in the League.

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## From Knight to movie star

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Now Dumbarton Football Club, who play in the Scottish Third Division, have lined up Sir Alex to appear in Robert Duvall's movie The Cup, which is being filmed at the club's Boghead ground.

Already 1,400 free tickets have been given out for scenes being shot at the ground this

Sunday when Sir Alex is due to play a cameo role seated in the director's box.

Club spokesman Ian MacFarlane said a good crowd for the club would normally be just over 600.

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