

## Column One

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2. Brazilian footballer Rivaldo plays for	Lazio	Barcelona	Arsenal
3. Who is the captain of Argentina soccer team?	Simeone	Batistuta	Ayala
4. How many Grand Slam titles has Steffi Graf won till now?	22	23	24
5. Who is ATP's top ranked player right now?	Sampras	Moya	Agassi

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## SPORTS TALK



### Tiger Woods

(American golf superstar)  
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### Rafter becomes number one

PARIS, July 26: Nine years after joining the ATP Tour at No. 444, Pat Rafter became the world's number one men's tennis player when the latest Tour rankings were released here on Monday, reports AFP.

Rafter became only the 17th player since the volatile Ilie Nastase in August 1973 and the first Australian since current Davis Cup coach John Newcombe to hold the ATP's top ranking.

The 26-year-old shot to the top on 3673 points, overtaking French Open champion Andre Agassi, now in third on 3467, with America's Pete Sampras in second place on 3594.

However, the coveted spot could be prised back by Sampras before the end of the week, Rafter's Australian manager George Minis warned.

Rafter is likely to lose the No.1 spot to Sampras this week after deciding to give the US summer hardcourt season-opening Los Angeles Open a miss this week.

He is preparing in his tax-haven home of Bermuda for his upcoming North American hardcourt campaign, starting with the defence of his Canadian Open title from August 2.

Winning in Montreal and Cincinnati and successfully defending his US Open crown last year is a major reason Rafter takes over the No.1 ranking.

### ATP'S TOP 20

Player	Points
Rafter	3673
Sampras	3594
Agassi	3467
Kafelnikov	3212
Henman	2690
Kuerten	2451
Krajicek	2431
Corretja	2345
Martin	2332
Rusedski	2307
Philippoussis	2295
Moya	2259
Rios	2237
Kucera	2071
Haas	2005
Mantilla	1841
Kiefer	1673
Enqvist	1607
Hrbaty	1579
Lapentti	1466



A midfield tussle during yesterday's Kaya Premier Division football league encounter between Mohammedan Sporting and Mirpur Chalantika at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

— Star photo

### Brothers survive Badda scare

## MSC take the lead

Sports Reporter

### TEAMS

Mohammedan SC: Ponir Nizam, Ruhul Amin, Faisal, Jahangir, Monwar Munna, Selim, Rakib, Shoib (Shahajada), Shamim (Rezaul), Askar Babu and Alfaz.

Mirpur Chalantika: Amzad, Dulal, Munna, Shariful, Zakir (Uzzal), Tariq, Kakon, Pappu, Mamun (Rabil), Liton and Sohag (Babu Das).

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who will take on Abahani in the last match of the first phase, remained glued to their previous collections of 11 points. But among the three contestants for one slot, Farashgan appeared to be in a comfortable position with nine points from seven matches. The old town outfit, who had relatively weak opponents, will take on Arambagh today.

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With this win Brothers rekindled their hopes for a place in the next round. On the other hand, the defeat served a severe blow in Badda's chances to fill the remaining slot of the 'super four' behind Mohammedan, Mukti Jodha and Abahani, ahead of both Brothers and Farashgan.

With this win Brothers improved their tally to 10 points from eight match while Badda,

Around 300 paddlers including, women, boys and girls, are expected to take part in the six-day long meet.

## Bangabandhu Cup lures 12 countries

Sports Reporter

The Executive Committee of Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) will meet this evening to discuss various aspects of the forthcoming 2nd Bangabandhu Cup scheduled to be held at the Bangabandhu National Stadium from August 25 to September 7. The 1st Bangabandhu Cup was held at the same venue in December and January 1996-97.

BFF president and Mayor of Dhaka City Corporation, Mohammad Hanif, will preside over the meeting while State Minister for Youth and Sports, Obaidul Quader, is also expected to attend the meeting.

Mohammedans, however, had to wait for another nine minutes before Shiekh Badruddin, the man in uniform, pointed at the dreaded spot after a rather innocuous Shoib's cross from the left-hand side of the box struck Tariq on his hand. Chalantika players protested the ruling in vein.

Faisal stepped forward to convert the spot-kick with aplomb. But Mohammedans' hopes of a goal-feast against the relegation-threatened Chalantika, who conceded most goals in the League, never looked a reality due to poor marksmanship.

Mohammedans denied by the metal-work for the second time in the match when Askar Babu's right-footer from a goal mouth scramble ricocheted off the bar.

Mohammedans lived dangerously with the slender lead, and had not Chalantika's lone striker Sohag muffed up the easiest chance in the 68th minute; it might have been a different story. Chalantika's hopes of an upset was well and truly over when Askar Babu slotted the ball into an empty net in the 79th minute.

It was Chalantika's seventh defeat from eight games. The Mirpur outfit got their only point from a one-all draw encounter against Rahmatganj in their previous match.

Sohag of Chalantika was cautioned with the yellow card.

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