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1. Who is the new England cricket coach?

Fletcher Hussain Marsh

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?

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

Sampras Moya Agassi

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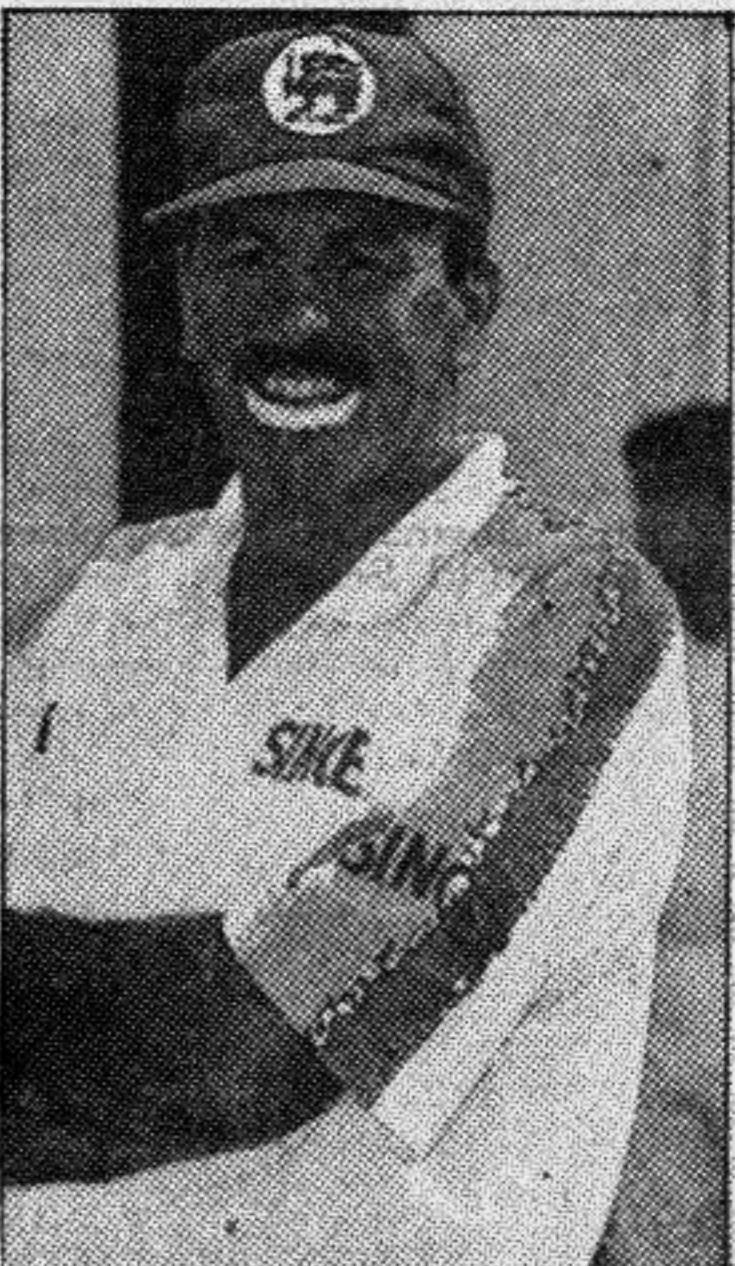
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SPORTS TALK



Bruce Yardley

(Former Sri Lankan coach)
"Arjuna had to go and I always thought Jayasuriya would make a wonderful captain because he has a great passion for his country and the players like him."

On Ranatunga's sacking.

Shamsunnahar Hall in handball final

Sports Reporter

Holders Shamsunnahar Hall of Dhaka University moved into the final of the Delta Life Inter-College-Hall Women's Handball Tournament thrashing Ispahani Girls' School and College 11-1 in the first semifinal played at the Sultana Kamal Women's Sports Complex ground in Dhanmondi yesterday.

The winners led the first half 5-0.

Rashida struck highest five goals to the winners' credit followed by Ritu who added two goals.

The winners will now wait for the outcome of today's second semifinal between Vi-quarunnissa Noon School & College and Mirpur Ideal Laboratory Institute for Friday's final to be held at the same venue.

Div I soccer

Dharmundi Club registered their second win in the Keya Metropolis First Division football league beating East End Club 3-1 at the Mirpur Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

The winners led the first half 2-0.

Bulbul scored two goals in the 14th and 34th minutes while Babu netted the other goal in the 77th minute for the winners.

Dharmundi Club so far collected 11 points while East End remained at their previous credit 11 points from eight matches.

In the day's other match, Wari Club and Shantinagar Club split points in a 1-1 draw at the same venue.

Paritos scored first for Wari in the 9th minute while Royal of Shantinagar restored parity in the 64th minute.

Wari so far earned 11 points while Shantinagar secured nine points from eight outings.



WE HAVE DONE IT AGAIN : Ecstatic Badda Jagarani booters celebrate their triumph over Abahani yesterday.

— Star photo

Badda again Abahani's bane

Sports Reporter

Badda Jagarani Sangsads caused a major ripple in the Keya Premier Football League when the boys in the men's group handed heavyweights Abahani Krira Chakra a lone goal defeat at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

The promotes in the Premier League this year stepped on to the ground alongside the popular Dhanmondi outfit with a pronounced intention for a victory which will keep their hopes alive for a place in the 'Super Four'. On the other hand, Abahani needed three crucial points from their newfound nemesis to stay in the title race.

But at the end of the day, it was the spirited boys of Sayeed Hasan Kanan who waded in glory, sending Abahani and its loyal supporters to depths of despair.

The toast of the Badda celebration after the match was none other than their striker Khokon, whose seventh minute beauty of a left-footer into the upper right-hand corner of the net eventually sealed the fate of a battle between two unequal—at least on paper—opponents.

It was Khokon's fifth goal in the League. But the young and energetic forward must have gone through mixed moments of joy and agony for not being called in the provisional list of 26 players for the forth-coming SAF Games.

Few might suggest Badda's triumph a stunning upset in the topsy-turvy league, but their record against Abahani tells a different story. This was their fourth meeting with Abahani this year and Badda enjoys 3-1 edge over their more colorful opponents. Abahani's stumped their only victory against Badda in the Federation Cup semifinal.

But the latest defeat served a severe blow in Abahani's hot pursuit to regain the coveted league title. Abahani finished the first phase with 17 points, five points behind leaders Mohammad Sporting Club, who, however have one match in

Badda broke the evening's duck from their first positive attack. Papel played a couple of one-twos with Dipankar before the Indian pushed the ball back to Papel, who made a great running down the left flank.

Papel held the ball for a while before releasing it to an onrushing Khokon, who made no mistake to find net with a scorching left-footer from the top of the box, leaving Abahani's national custodian Aminul flat footed.

Referee: R Alam.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Farashganj SC vs Rahmatganj MFS (3.30 pm)
Brothers Union vs Arambagh KS (5.30 pm)

The knowledgeble crowd at the big bowl, who had high hopes for the Ghanaians, were shell-shocked and took little time to vent their anger at Abahani's manager Monem Munna, who had spent about three weeks in Ghana to eventually return with the worst possible recruits for the sky blues.

Abahani, however, came close to scoring twice after conceding the goal. Iqbal's 29th minute pile driver was brilliantly saved by Badda's custodian Apel while Sabir Pasha, the Indian recruit of Abahani, got the other chance two minutes later. But his shot from an acute angle crushed on the side.

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BFF names 28 for SAF trials

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Football Federation has mostly relied on experienced booters in naming a 28-man primary squad yesterday for the forthcoming 8th SAF Games to be held in Kathmandu from September 25 to October 4.

Sixteen of the eighteen footballers from the SAFF championship squad have been retained in the primary selection along with 12 new inclusions. But the most surprising omission was that of attacking midfielder Zahir Hossain. The Abahani player, who played as a makeshift forward and scored five goals before suffering a severe leg injury last week, and Mukti Jodha Sangsads defender Masood Rana are the two from the 18-member SAFF squad that have not been called. Bangladesh emerged runners-up in the SAFF football Championship last May.

Mukti Jodha striker Imtiaz Ahmed Nakib, who went to the SAFF Championship as a reserve, has also been excluded.

The sixteen booters who have been retained in the primary squad for the SAF Games are: Goalkeepers—Aminul Islam (Abahani) and Biplob Bhattacharya (Mukti Jodha), Defenders—Jewel Rana, Rajani Kanta Barman, Hasan Al-Mamun (Mukti Jodha), Prodeep Kumar Podar (Abahani) and Kazi Nazrul Islam (Farashganj SC), Midfielders—Rakib Hossain, Matiur Rahman Munna (Mohammedan SC), Iqbal Hossain (Abahani), Monwar Hossain, Mustafa Anwar Parvez Babu (Badda Jagarani), Forwards—Alfaz Ahmed, Mizanur Rahman Dorn (Mohammedan SC), Sourav Majumder, Shaharuddin Tipu (Rahmatganj MFS).

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