

U-17 Asia Cup
Pakistan sail into the final

Sports Reporter
Hosts Pakistan set up a final clash with Sri Lanka in the ICC Under-17 Asia Cup when they thumped down a ten-wicket defeat on United Arab Emirates (UAE) in the second semifinal at the Karachi National Stadium yesterday.



A goalmouth scramble during the Abahani-Bangladesh Sporting encounter in Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday. —Star photo

Dour win for Abahani

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Title aspirants Abahani Krira Chakra struggled past newcomers Bangladesh Sporting Club 3-0 in their opening Premier Division hockey league match at the Maulana Bhasani Stadium yesterday afternoon.

Goalkeeper Bappa, Hasan Roni, Nakib. Kanchan, Mirazul Ahsan, Moksed Alam, Alamgir Alam, Giasuddin Rubel added the other for the winners, who led the first half 2-0.

Sangtha recorded a 3-1 win over Mukta Bihanga Tarun Sangha in the First Division opener. Mamun, Murad and Tito scored once each for the insurance outfit while Wasim pulled a goal back for Mukta Bihanga.

BRIEFSCORES

UAE: 85 all out in 29 overs (Abdullah 15, extras 36; Altaf Hussain 3/13, Zaheer Maqsood 3/20)
Pakistan: 89 for no loss in 15 overs (Sulman 55 not out and Khalid 28 not out)

Booters off to

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uled to return home on August 1. But most of the 19 booters will stay back in England to join Mohammedan, the popular Premier League Club who will play three matches against different teams in East London.

England have

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babwe were quickly in trouble, even though left-hander Johnson hit Andy Caddick for four off the first ball of the day. They eventually made 169 for seven in their allotted quota of 50 overs.

SCOREBOARD

Table with columns: Bowler, O, M, R, W. Lists bowling figures for England and Zimbabwe.

TV Guide

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(All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme)

Sprint aces on collision course

SACRAMENTO, July 23 (AP): The celebrated, trash-talking showdown between Michael Johnson and Maurice Greene will come sooner than expected in the 200 metres in the U.S. Olympic trials.

Maurice and Maurice stared at him and Michael stared back. Lewis said: "They laughed at each other. They were doing it for pride, I guess."

Johnson's coach, Clyde Hart, said Johnson would test the injured leg before Sunday's semifinals, and that the sprinter would not race if there is a problem.

Shahbaz, Tahir in town

Sports Reporter
Pakistan hockey legend Shahbaz Ahmed and his compatriot Tahir Zaman arrived in the capital yesterday to play in the Premier Division hockey league for Mohammedan Sporting Club, bidding for their fourth successive league championship.

This is not a new mission for both former Pakistan captains who have already played for the Mottjheel outfit in the past and inspired them to four league titles.

AB Bank TT

Sports Reporter
Inter Sports, Engineers Club and Armanitola JS won their respective matches of the AB Bank Metropolitan Senior Division Table Tennis League at the NSC Wooden-floor Gymnasium yesterday.

Squillari in final

STUTTGART, July 23: Fifth seed Franco Squillari ended the dream run of eager German Daniel Elsner, overcoming stiff resistance Saturday from the local challenger to reach the final of the one-million-dollar Mercedes Cup, reports AFP.



HAND-IN-HAND: Spanish players Joan Balcells (L), Alex Corretja (3rd from L) and Albert Costa (4th from L) and team captain Javier Duarte (2nd From L), celebrate after beating USA in the Davis Cup semifinal in Santander on July 22. —Internet photo

Spain book their place

SANTANDER, Spain, July 23 (AP): Round and round the court, the Spanish team danced deliriously with hands joined as music played and fans sang in celebration of the end of more than three decades of Davis Cup anguish.

Slipping away sullenly, John McEnroe and his merriest men spoke of lost opportunities and lost teammates. McEnroe could only shake his head, a sour expression on his face, when asked if the team had heard at all from Pete Sampras and Andre Agassi.

It was a 4-hour, 2-minute match filled with exquisite rallies, rapid-fire exchanges at the net, deft drops and crafty lobs, and in the end the Spanish players showed both better skill and greater endurance on the red clay they love.

Captain America to stay

SANTANDER, Spain, July 23: John McEnroe has ruled out quitting as captain of the US Davis Cup team despite going down 3-0 to Spain in the opening two days of the Davis Cup semifinal here this weekend, reports AFP.

McEnroe found out -- "He's strong as an ox," he said -- but couldn't resist a left-handed compliment: "He's got the greatest 83 mph serve in the history of tennis."

McEnroe admitted that the US faced an uphill battle without top players Andre Agassi and Pete Sampras, and against a determined home side on their favoured red clay.



Anup of Mariner Young playing against Sumon of Purbachal (not in picture) during their AB Bank Metropolitan First Division Table Tennis League at the NSC Wooden-floor Gymnasium yesterday. —Star photo

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