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Column One

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Competition-134

✓ Tick the Correct Answers

Post to The Daily Star

Win attractive prizes

Competition closes at 8 pm

Aug 11, 2000 and draw

shortly afterwards

1 Who is the world's most

expensive football player?

Crespo Zidane Rigo

2 Who won the ICC Under-17

Asia Cup?

Pakistan Sri Lanka India

3 Bangladesh's opening match

in the second ICC Knock-

out tournament is against:

South Africa West Indies England

4 Who won the NatWest tri-

series?

West Indies Zimbabwe England

5 Name the winner of the British

Open Golf:

Paldo Woods Els

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SPORTS TALK

Imran Khan

(Pakistan cricket legend)

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Zurich last night.

The election of the regional

soccer federation was held in

the Swiss capital yesterday

with SAFF president Ganesh

Thapa in the chair.

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Sirajganj cricket

From Our Correspondent

SIRAJGANJ, Aug 4: Rahmat-

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wicket in the First Division

cricket final on Wednesday at

the Shaheed Shamsuddin Sta-

dium.

Winning the toss Ovaztari

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84 runs in the stipulated 20

overs losing 5 wickets.

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the winners.

State Minister for Youth and

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tended the games.



An Usha attack in front of the Sonali Bank goal during their Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League encounter at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday. —Star photo

Usha knock over the bank

Sports Reporter

Two minutes before the lemon

break.

Usha maintained their

stranglehold on the proceedings

with a Prince field goal in the

42nd minute. Alam increased

his tally with another short

corner in the 47th minute and

Kamal drove the last nail into

the bankers' coffin with a field

goal in the 64th minute.

Undoubtedly the man-of-the

match was Mohammad

Saqin. The tall and bearded

Pakistani play-maker was in

the thick of the action.

The bankers were clearly out

of their depth pitted against

such superior opposition. In

fact, whenever they got the

chance to enter Usha's half the

Sonali Bank forwards failed to

create any problems for the

solid defence.

The victory meant Usha

joined holders Mohammedan

Sporting Club at the top of the

nine-team table having raised

their tally to nine points from

three matches. On the other

hand, Sonali Bank, who held

last year's runners-up Abahani

1-1 in their previous outing,

have collected one point to on

completion of their third

match.

TEAMS

Usha KC: Javed, Navid

Alam, Mamun, Imtiaz, Khur-

shid, Tutul, Raju, Tyebe Reza,

Prince, Shuvo, Kamal, Rana,

Shibbi and Saqlin.

Sonali Bank: Guddu, Kuddus,

Monir, Farid, Shimul, Hasan,

Raihan, Zahid, Sekander, Atiq,

Mortuza, Rubel and Shaif.

FIRST DIVISION

Earlier, in the day's first

match, Wari Club recorded a 2-1

win over Sadharan Bima Kiria

Sangstha in a First Division

encounter.

After a barren first half,

Pappa and Arif scored for Wari

in the 40th and 56th minute re-

spectively. Asif grabbed a con-

solation goal for Bima in the

57th minute.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Premier Division

Ajax SC v Farashganj SC (4 pm)

First Division

Railway v Bachelors Club (2:15

pm)

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Inaugural Test

England rejects BD's request

LONDON, Aug 4: England

announced on Thursday they

would not be playing the in-

augural Test in Bangladesh hav-

ing failed to agree on a suitable

date for the historic event, re-

ports AFP.

Weeks of talks with the

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB)

ended Thursday without agree-

ment after England had consid-

ered extending their already

hectic winter itinerary by visit-

ing Dhaka.

Awarded Test status by the

International Cricket Council

at its annual meeting earlier

this summer, Bangladesh had

invited England to become their

first ever opponents before

their scheduled tour to Sri

Lanka in January.

But a statement from the

England and Wales Cricket

Board Thursday said: "It has

been agreed that it will not be

possible for England to play an

inaugural Test against

Bangladesh either at the end of

this year or in early 2001 before

they depart for Sri Lanka.

"At this late stage, it was not

possible to find a mutually

convenient date and the ECB will

now examine alternative

options for playing their inaugu-

ral Test match."

This announcement is likely

to come as a considerable relief

to the players, who revealed

their concerns about the length

of the winter tours earlier this

year after a 123-day trip to

South Africa and Zimbabwe.

They will leave for the ICC

Trophy tournament in Kenya

on September 25 and providing

they progress to the latter

stages, will travel straight to

Pakistan for an eight-week tour

comprising three Tests and

three one-day internationals

which ends in mid-December.

Peaceful transfers

on third day

Sports Reporter

With the top clubs already

completing their transfer mis-

sion, the third day of the four-

day long inter-club footballers'

bourse passed off quietly at the

Bangabandhu National Sta-

dium yesterday.

Fifty one booters shifted

their allegiances on Friday.

Among those, notable was that

of former national team player

Mahbub Alam Roxy who is fac-

ing a one-year ban along with

five other booters for misbe-