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Competition-135

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shortly afterwards

1 Who scored the first hat-trick
in this year's Fed Cup
football?

Rinu Kanchan Tanver

2 Who is Pakistan's cricket
team captain?

Wasim Akram Moin

3 Who is the captain of
Bangladesh cricket team?

Amirul Alam Naimur

4 Who won the AB Bank Men's
TT title?

Armanola Bisan Martiros

5 Who was voted Germany's
footballer-of-the-year in 2000?

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SPORTS TALK

Javed Miandad
(Pakistan cricket coach)

"I will do my best to establish this team as a winning combination."

After his contract as Pakistan coach was extended until the 2003 World Cup.

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Boost winner

Md. Arif Uddin Chowdhury

Terial High School, Sitakunda, Chittagong.

(Please bring your ID card and a passport size photograph while collecting the winner's prize from the Sport Desk of The Daily Star on August 24 at 7:30pm)

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correct answers

1 Who is the world's most expensive football player?

Ans: Figo

2 Who won the ICC Under-17 Asia Cup?

Ans: Sri Lanka

3 Bangladesh's opening match in the second ICC knockout tournament is against:

Ans: England

4 Who won the NatWest tri-series?

Ans: England

5 Name the winner of the British Open golf.

Ans: Woods

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Boost winner

Labanna

(Pakista Public High School, Tangaila)



Abahani's Don, who scored two goals against Shantinagar Club yesterday, shooting in the first during the Federation Cup fixture at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

Don's dream start for AKC

Sports Reporter



Holders Abahani Krira Chakra began their 16th Federation Cup campaign with an easy 3-1 win over

Shantinagar Club in their second round Group A opener at the floodlit Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

National striker Mizanur Rahman Don made a brilliant debut for the popular Dhanmudi club with a goal in each half while Rokonzaman Kanchan put the issue beyond doubt.

Masud grabbed a consolation goal for Shantinagar who created a sensation in the first round defeating Brothers Union and Youngmen's Club Fakir-erpul last week.

The winners led the first half 2-0.

Don, who left Mohammedan last month, fired Abahani ahead after only 15 minutes. He smashed the ball into the net after Shantinagar keeper Shakil fumbled a Kanchan volley.

The margin could have been doubled after five minutes had Don's flick from a goalknower rebounder not hit the cross piece.

A piece of individual magic by Kanchan in the 30th minute then resulted in Abahani's second goal.

The dark and dapper na-

tional striker, after getting the ball from a defensive error, ran down the left and dodged past two Shantinagar defenders before unleashing a left foot thunderbolt past the keeper.

After the breather, Don had two good chances. His first effort in the 58th minute from close range sailed over bar and then seven minutes he saw his power-packed grounder from the edge of the box rebound off the cross bar.

The handsome marksman finally doubled his tally with a 74th minute goal. He was on target after a right side cross from substitute midfielder Sentu.

As soon as Abahani took their foot off the accelerator Shantinagar succeeded in pulling one back four minutes later. Masud found the net with a right footer from a Faruque pass.

Don had a chance to complete a deserved hat-trick in the 84th minute.

Tito delivered a perfect cross from the right, however to the shock of seven thousand fans expecting to see their new star complete a hat-trick, saw instead his right foot grounder balloon over near post.

Yellow card: Arman (Shantinagar).

TEAMS
Abahani KC: Biplab, Nazrul, Tito, Dulal, Partho, Zakir.

Iqbal, Arman, Saiful (Sentu), Don and Kanchan.

Shantinagar Club: Shakil, Ramzan, Abul (Yasin), Mizan, Mithu, Abed (Arman), Shankar, Faruque, Shipon, Masud and Munna (Motaleb).

Referee: Tayeb Hasan.

BADDA BEAT ARAMBAGH

Earlier, in the day's first match, Badda Jagarani Sangsad recorded a 2-1 win over Arambagh Krira Sangha in their Group A opener.

After an action packed first half which was locked 1-1, forward Walid scored the match winner for last year's semi-finalists with a left foot placing shot capitalising on a left side cross from Lazuk in the 48th minute.

In the first half, Badda went ahead through a penalty when forward Nurul Islam was fouled by Arambagh defender Shamim inside the danger area in the 18th minute. Haider converted the spot kick sending the Arambagh custodian diving to his right.

But the lead was surrendered in injury time of the first half when Arambagh striker Khokon headed home a Nayan cross from the right.

TODAY'S MATCHES
Muktijoddha Sangsad v Rahmatganj MFS (3:30 pm)

Mohammedan SC v Prantik KC (5:30 pm)

Enough is enough



NEW DELHI, Aug 18: India's cricket icon Kapil Dev put his job as national coach on the line Friday.

saying the match-fixing and corruption charges against him forced him to snap all ties with the game.

"If this is what I get for being a cricketer, I don't want to be part of it," an emotional Kapil told AFP in an interview.

"I know I am clean. I have nothing to hide. The investigations will prove that. But I am finished with cricket. It's not worth it."

Kapil, however, said it was up to the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) to determine whether he should serve out his two-year term as national coach.

"I took on the job last year, despite my heavy business commitments, because I wanted to give something back to the game."

"I never shirked responsibility during my playing days, and will not do so now. If they want me for one more year, then fine."

"I will do the job to the best of my ability. But after that I will have nothing to do with cricket," he said.

The BCCI is expected to discuss the fall-out of the match-fixing scandal at its meeting in Bangalore this weekend.

Board chief A.C. Muthiah has said players being investigated, like Kapil, former captain Mohammad Azharuddin and Ajay Jadeja, will not be punished unless they are found guilty by federal authorities.

But the BCCI is under pressure from Sports Minister Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa, who wants the tainted players to step down on moral grounds.

Kapil argues: "I have done nothing wrong. Why should I resign because my house has been raided by income-tax authorities."

"By that reckoning, everyone who has been raided should step down."

Kapil, Test cricket's most successful bowler, till West Indian Courtney Walsh overtook him in March this year, took a swipe at cricket officials for messing up the game.

"If the Board had acted earlier, the game's reputation would not have suffered."

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Ajax men make Mariner sweat

Sports Reporter

Mariner Young's Club overcame a defiant Ajax Sporting Club to register their fourth win in the Green Delta Premier Division hockey league at the Maulana Bhasani Stadium yesterday.

They beat Ajax 4-3 in the hard-fought match; first half of which ended in a 2-2 draw. Forward Mohammad Razaq struck twice for Mariner while his Isa Mia and Pakistani recruit Ghulam Ghous added one apiece.

On the other hand, Zahid Biswas and two Pakistani player Aleem Raja and Akmal Naved scored one goal each for Ajax.

With this win, Mariner raised their collections to 12 points from five matches and moved to the third place behind leaders Mohammedan Sporting Club and Usha Krira Chakra, each of whom tallied 15 points from five matches.

On the other hand, for Ajax, it was their fifth defeat in six matches. With only a draw, they kept occupying the bottom slot.

In the day's First Division match, Sadharan Bima Krira Sangstha blanked Mukta Bihanga Tarun Sangha by four goals to nil.

Murad Ekramullah, Jewel, Manun and Rashed Hasan Rony scored one goal each for the winners, who led the first half 2-0.

TODAY'S MATCHES
Premier Division
Azad SC v Sonali Bank (4 pm)

First Division
Bachelors SC v Dhaka Wanderers (2:15 pm)

Lankan coach coming today

Sports Reporter

Sri Lankan Carlton Bernard arrives in the capital this evening to work as the co-ordinating coach at different age-group cricket camps being organised by the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB).

The Board of Control for Cricket in Sri Lanka (BCCSL) is sending the coach in response to the BCB request a month back.

Carlton will have meeting with BCB officials about his job before signing an agreement, sources said.

MSC booters return home

Sports Reporter

Mohammedan Sporting Club footballers returned home yesterday morning after completing their ten-day tour to England.

During their first ever visit to England, Mohammedan beat Sporting Bengal United 3-2 on August 12 and then lost to the under-19 selection of Premier League club West Ham United 1-4 on August 15.

The tour was arranged by the Bangladesh Football Association in UK and sponsored by Canary Wharf, a leading property developer in England.

Mohammedan will take on Prantik Krira Chakra in their Federation Cup opener at the Bangabandhu National Stadium today.

BFF turns to security men

Sports Reporter

The Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) has appointed a private security company to check illegal entry into the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

Guards of the Solid Security Service were seen manning all the gates as the second round of the Federation Cup began yesterday. First round matches were however open to all.

"This will help us in getting more gate money as nobody will be able to enter the stadium with out any ticket," said a top BFF official.

"Despite recent sad developments, cricket will survive and

King has lost his crown

Premier League rolls into action

Lenin Gani



Expect the unexpected. That's what people usually say.

But for two seasons running Sir Alex Ferguson has proved the pundits wrong. The Scottish manager of English Premier League champions Manchester United has made it a habit of finishing the 20-team elite table in first place.

As the first championship of the millennium kicks off today, there is every likelihood not even Sir Alex's fallismen will secure the Red Devils a hat-trick of league titles.

MANCHESTER UNITED: Whereas rivals Liverpool,

Champions they might be but there are moments when United's conduct has not been that of champions. A classic example was David Beckham at the inaugural World Club Championship in Brazil in January. United didn't perform at all well, and to make matters worse the England star midfielder was sent off. Remember, they even forfeit a FA Cup place in order to boost England's failed 2006 World Cup bid.

So, Ferguson shouldn't be thinking just yet of emulating Herbert Chapman, who led Huddersfield Town three times to glory after the Second World War.

LIVERPOOL: Only a defeat at the hands of Bradford City denied Gerard Houllier's motley crew a rightful place in Europe's elite. Ironically, on Saturday, Liverpool face the same opponents. Strangely, for all the troubles at the front with Owen and Fowler missing the crucial phase of the league, they were the best defensive unit conceding only 30 goals from 38 games.

Houllier's pre-season shopping bill totalled 50 million pounds. Bayern Munich's Markus Babel has been reunited with German teammate Dietmar Hamann and there is talk of Christian Ziege moving to Anfield as well.

He has also strengthened the goalkeeping department and spiced up the midfield.

Liverpool starved of success for the past decade have now assembled a squad worthy of challenging United over the next ten months.

Yet again the onus is on Owen's young shoulders. Fowler's absence at the start of the campaign means Emile Heskey will have to justify his 12 million-pound price tag.

The once mighty giants build up to the 2000-01 season includes a 5-0 thrashing of Serie A Parma.

CHELSEA: A shortage of goals cost the London Club dearly. Ten million pound man Chris Sutton proved to be nightmare for Gianluca Vialli. In his place comes Jimmy Floyd Hasebaink. After the Dutchman scored a handful of goals for relegated Atletico Madrid, Vialli was more than willing to pay 15 million pounds for his services.

Hasebaink has made his intentions very clear during the Charity Shield. The former Leeds hit-man twice was the league's leading striker and there is every chance he will repeat the feat.

May be then will the new Dutch coach consider him for the World Cup qualifiers starting in October.

The Italian manager has also extra firepower in Parma's Mario Stanic.

Failure to reach the Champions League may be a

bleeding in disguise. Since it will provide an opportunity to concentrate on the title race.

Arguably the most attractive side going forward, Chelsea will have to remember that sometimes a simple goal is worth as much as one borne out of several intricate moves.

Consistency is the key word for Vialli who will be trying to underline.

As expected the two-time FA Cup winners will not relinquish the trophy without a fight.

ARSENAL: The sale of Marc Overmars and Emmanuel Petit to Barcelona will definitely affect the Gunners' hopes of destabilising Man United's

world. The best now that Arsene Wenger can hope for is a place in the UEFA Cup.

Six-million-pound signing Robert Pires from Marseille may require time adjusting to his new surroundings. Too much depends on Thierry Henry's goals.

Cameroon international Laureano Bisan Etame Mayer, an inspirational member of the side that lifted the African Nations Cup should settle in nicely with Nigerian teammate Kanu. Wenger paid Real Mallorca seven million pounds for the 23-year-old talented midfielder.

All Wenger has to do now is figure a way of bringing adequate replacements to Highbury. Currently the Gunners were attempting to lure France striker Sylvain Wiltord from Bordeaux for 13 million pounds.

If the sale, which was set to fall because Bordeaux refused to lower their 15 million pound asking price, goes through, Wiltord will be available for Arsenal's opening match at Sunderland.

LEEDS: David O'Leary's team is no doubt young at heart nevertheless.

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Bradman wishes cricket well

SYDNEY, Aug 18: Cricket legend Sir Don Bradman has broken a long public silence to send a message of hope for the future of cricket, which he said would survive the scandals now tarnishing its gentlemanly image, reports AFP.

He also appeared to forecast his own early demise in a speech delivered by his son to a function late Thursday in honour of the frail old man acknowledged in every cricketing nation as the greatest cricketer who ever lived.

"As my days on earth rapidly draw to a close, I am proud to have set an example of all that is best in our noble game," he told an audience which included Australia's most prominent cricket fan, Prime Minister John Howard.

"Despite recent sad developments, cricket will survive and

remain our most noble game and I shall always remain proud of the part I played in its history and development."

Bradman, who will be 92 on Sunday week, has only rarely entered the public arena or made any public comment in recent decades, and has never appeared since his wife died a year or two ago.

But it had been hoped the great man would record a video message for the black-tie audience that included hundreds of cricketers, past and present, at the Australian Cricket Board's inaugural Sir Donald Bradman oration, delivered by Howard.

However, Bradman's son John rose to make the speech, penned by Bradman at his home in Adelaide where he has lived since retirement from the game with a batting average of 99.94, the highest ever attained by a long margin.

Next best was South Africa's Graham Pollock with 60.83 in the 1960s. Of the current cricketing generation nobody has come close, with Sachin Tendulkar reaching 54.84, and the second highest scoring Australian, Allan Border, making 50.

"Little did my parents dream that on 27th August, 1908 their new-born son would have an oration named after him and delivered by the Prime Minister," Bradman told 250 guests at the dinner, in Melbourne.

On their behalf, I thank the Australian Cricket Board for the idea and our most distinguished citizen for so generously giving of his time to deliver the address."

He also told how his father had taken him to a Test match

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England well in front



LEEDS, England, Aug 18 (Reuters/Internet): A seven-wicket stand of 98 between Michael Vaughan and Graeme Hick lifted England to a first innings lead of 100 over West Indies on the second day of the fourth Test at Headingley on Friday.

Vaughan batted with application and mounting authority to score 76 and Hick, playing freely from the outset, struck 59 as England were