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

Proteas to tour West Indies next year

JOHANNESBURG, Aug 19: South Africa will play five Test matches and seven one-day internationals when they tour the West Indies early next year, the United Cricket Board of South Africa announced Saturday, reports AFP.

"In the African context, a tour to the West Indies is very significant," said UCBSA managing director Ali Bacher when he announced the itinerary of the first full South African tour of the West Indies since re-admission into international cricket.

"We in South Africa have great admiration and enormous respect for the West Indies, who have maintained their consistently high position in world cricket over many decades," said Bacher.

"The UCBSA has a very good relationship with the West Indies Cricket Board and we are confident that this tour will further strengthen our close ties."

ITINERARY
Mar 1: SA team arrive in West Indies
Mar 4-6: 3-day practice match, Guyana
Mar 9-13: 1st Test, Guyana
Mar 17-21: 2nd Test, Trinidad
Mar 24-26: 3-day match, Barbados
Mar 29-Apr 2: 3rd Test, Barbados
Apr 6-10: 4th Test, Antigua
Apr 14-16: 3-day practice match, Jamaica
Apr 19-23: 5th Test, Jamaica
Apr 25: one-day practice match, Jamaica
Apr 28: 1st one-day international, Jamaica
May 2: 2nd one-day international, Antigua
May 5: 3rd one-day international, Grenada
May 6: 4th one-day international, Grenada
May 9: 5th one-day international, Barbados
May 12: 6th one-day international, Trinidad
May 16: 7th one-day international, St Vincent



An effort by Mohammedan midfielder Munna (L) being foiled by Prantik custodian Mohsin during their Federation Cup fixture at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. —Star photo

Prantik sizzle in Alfaz fire

Explosive start for Mohammedan

Ace striker Alfaz Ahmed scored a brilliant hat-trick to fashion an exciting 5-2 win for Mohammedan Sporting Club against Prantik Krira Chakra in their 16th Federation Cup Football tournament opener at the floodlit Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

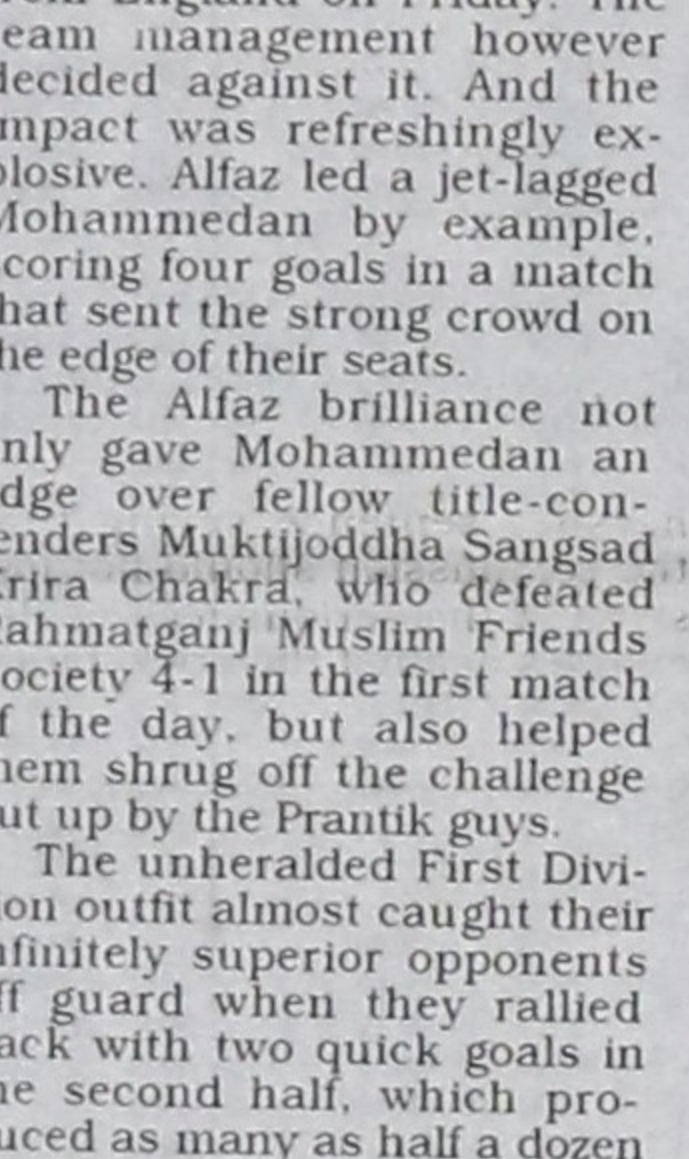
The rapper national forward was supposed to be stripped of captain's armband on Mohammedan's return from England on Friday. The team management however decided against it. And the impact was refreshingly explosive. Alfaz led a jet-lagged Mohammedan by example, scoring four goals in a match that sent the strong crowd on the edge of their seats.

The Alfaz brilliance not only gave Mohammedan an edge over fellow title-contenders Muktiyoddha Sangsad Krira Chakra, who defeated Rahmatganj Muslim Friends Society 4-1 in the first match of the day, but also helped them shrug off the challenge put up by the Prantik guys.

The unheralded First Division outfit almost caught their infinitely superior opponents off guard when they rallied back with two quick goals in the second half, which produced as many as half a dozen goals, including five within a space of nine minutes.

But, morning might not always show the day. At the early stage of the match, nobody could think that it would turn into a cracker of a match.

Nakib scored the only goal in an otherwise mundane first 45 minutes. Returned to Mohammedan this season after serving Muktiyoddha for the last five years, an airborne Nakib gave Mohammedan a ninth minute lead with a spectacular header off a Ruhlul



Alfaz Ahmed being attended by an on-duty physician at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. The Mohammedan captain got injured after scoring his side's fifth goal against Prantik. An X-ray report later revealed there was nothing serious and the striker was advised to take a day's rest. —Star photo

Amin right flank floater. Apart from the goal, a farewell appearance by Ahsanullah Montu was the other notable incident during the lifeless first half. A former national and Mohammedan player, Montu played for Prantik about fifteen minutes before calling it a day amidst applause from the stand. Mohammedan players paid tributes to Montu by garlanding him in a traditional goodbye on the pitch.

The match however experienced a remarkable change after the lemon break. Alfaz started a nine-minute drama in the 50th minute with a sublime header that sailed into the far corner of the net past an outstretched Prantik custodian Mohsin.

Mohammedan supporters were still celebrating their side's 2-0 lead when Prantik's Shuvankar let loose a 35-yarder that crashed into the black and whites net, much to the bewilderment of out-of-position goalkeeper Nizam.

But Mohammedan agony turned into ecstasy within a couple of minutes when Alfaz struck his second goal. After winning the ball on the edge of the Prantik box the nimble striker dodged past a defender before rounding off Mohsin with sheer skill (3-1).

But the fickle fortune shifted its side again to Prantik in the 56th minute when substitute Abul shot the ball home from close after Apu's grounder came by his way hitting the far post.

Alfaz however put the fate of the match beyond any doubt when he scored his third goal in the 68th minute.

And as if it was not enough for the day, the number one national forward added the fifth goal in the 73rd minute with a diving header. But the partying spectators of the popular outfit turned silent when Alfaz was carried off the ground after the goal with a badly bruised shoulder.

TEAMS
Mohammedan SC: Nizam, Rezaul (Titu), Faisal, Ruhlul Amin, Jewel Rana, Selim (Pappu), Motiur Munna, Rakib, Jahangir, Nakib and Alfaz (Shoabir)
Prantik KC: Mohsin (Selim), Sayed Ali, Shipon, Yousuf, Montu (Khalek), Moniruzzaman, Alauddin, Ripon, Imrul, Shuvankar and Abul (Abul Jr)
Referee: R Alam

Nasser thanks comrades

LEEDS, Aug 19: England captain Nasser Hussain was understandably elated after England beat West Indies emphatically in the fourth Test here at Headingley on Friday.

"It's been an incredible two days," said Hussain after England's win.

Hussain praised batsmen Graeme Hick and Michael Vaughan, whose stand of 98 helped England to a first innings lead of 100.

"They were exceptional, they played really well."

"I enjoy batting with Graeme and without wanting to blow my own trumpet I thought I gusted it out well," said Hussain who made a battling 22.

Vaughan, whose 76 was his best Test score wasn't the only Yorkshireman to enjoy himself on home soil — in the first innings Craig White took five for 57 and in the second Darren Gough took 4-30 including two in two balls, while Somerset fast bowler Andy Caddick got in on the act with 5-14, the wickets coming in a spell of five for five in 14 balls.

"Darren gets good players out — Brian Lara (lbw b Gough 2), Wavell Hinds (lbw b Gough 0) people like that. The reason they got 400 at Old Trafford was because we didn't get wickets with the new ball."

"When you do that you are always ahead of the game."

Caddick did the damage in a devastating spell of well-directed bowling from the Football Stand end.

"I wanted to get him bowling from that end throughout the match but I couldn't do it in the first innings because Craig White was on his way to five wickets."



Ex-national player Ahsanullah Montu, flanked by his former Mohammedan teammates Sabbir (L) and Ponir, waving to the crowd after he announced his retirement from competitive football at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. —Star photo

Sonali score success

Sonali Bank tasted their first win in the Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League beating Azad Sporting Club 2-1 at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

The bankers earned full points from their sixth encounter. Earlier they managed only a point from the match against Abahani.

On the other hand, it was the fifth defeat for Azad.

The winners led the first half 1-0 when Golam Murtoza found the net in the second minute from a penalty corner.

Earlier in the second half Hasan doubled the margin with a field goal. Habul of Ajax SC netted a consolation goal five minutes ahead of the long whistle.

BACHELORS WIN

In the day's First Division match, Bachelors Sporting Club also recorded their maiden victory beating Dhaka Wanderers Club 2-0.

After the barren first half, Daush and Akil scored for the winners.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Premier Division
Abahani KC v Ajax SC (4 pm)
First Division
Dhaka Railway v Victoria SC (2.15 pm)

Div II chess from today

The Second Division Chess League begins at the National Sports Council (NSC) chess room today.

Twenty-two teams are taking part in the League to be played on Swiss League format. Top three teams from the event will advance to the First Division next year.

The matches will start at 2.30pm.

England's epic win

LEEDS, Aug 19: England beat West Indies by an innings and 39 runs on the second day of the fourth Test at Headingley here on Friday in an extraordinary match to take a 2-1 lead in the five-Test series, reports AFP.

Andy Caddick took five wickets, including four in six legitimate deliveries, as West Indies already in deep trouble at 49 for five slumped to 61 all out, Ramnaresh Sarwan 17 not out.

It was only the 16th time that a Test had been won inside two days in Test history and the second time since World War II. The last time was when Australia beat New Zealand by an innings and 103 runs at Wellington in 1945/46.

It was the first time a Test in England had been won inside two days since Australia beat England by 10 wickets at Trent Bridge in 1921.

England had not won a match in such a short space of time since they beat South Africa at The Oval by 10 wickets in 1912.

England must be confident of recording their first series victory over the West Indies since they beat them 2-1 in England in 1969. The final Test in the Oval on August 31.

After Dominic Cork had bowled tourists lynch pin and captain Jimmy Adams for 19, Somerset fast bowler Caddick who finished with figures of 11.2-5-14-5 took over.

Wicketkeeper Ridley Jacobs moved across his stumps and was given out lbw by New Zealand umpire Doug Cowie for one although the ball looked to be going down the leg-side.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard after England beat West Indies by an innings and 39 runs at Headingley on the second day of the fourth Test on Friday.

WEST INDIES: First innings 172 (R Sarwan 59, R Jacobs 35; C White 5-7, D Gough 3-59)

ENGLAND: First innings 272 (M Vaughan 76, G Hick 59, G Thorpe 46; C Ambrose 4/42, C Walsh 4/51)

WEST INDIES: Second innings
Campbell c Hick b Gough 12
Griffith b Gough 0
Hinds lbw b Gough 0
Lara lbw b Gough 2
Adams b Cork 19
Sarwan not out 17
Jacobus lbw b Caddick 1
McLean b Caddick 0
Ambrose b Caddick 0
King b Caddick 0
Walsh b Caddick 3
Extras: (lb-3; nb-4) 7
Total: (All out in 26.2 overs) 61
Fall of wickets: 1-3, 2-3, 3-11, 4-21, 5-49, 6-52, 7-52, 8-52, 9-53

Bowler O M R W
Gough 10 3 30 4
Caddick 11.2 5 14 5
Cork 5 0 14 1

Result: England beat West Indies by an innings and 39 runs and lead the five-match series 2-1.
Man-of-the-match: Michael Vaughan.
Fifth and final Test: Aug 31-Sept 4, The Oval.

Muktis jive to Johnny beat

Muktijoddha Sangsad Krira Chakra got off to a flying start in the 16th Federation Cup Football Tournament when the all-reds recorded an impressive 4-1 victory over Rahmatganj Muslim Friends Society at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Masud Khan Johnny with a terrific treble was the architect of Muktiyoddha's surprisingly smooth sail against an impressive line-up of the old town outfit.

The little-known former striker of Arambagh and younger brother of Muktiyoddha's midfielder Arif Khan Joy, opened his new side's account in the 16th minute with a powerful shot that took an wicked deflection into left hand post after hitting Rahmatganj defender Deen Mohammedan.

Johnny scored his second goal eleven minutes into the



MASUD KHAN JOHNNY ... hat-trick

son's curtain-raiser in the 63rd minute with a close range shot from a goalmouth melee.

Farhad, who forms a formidable partnership with Johnny, scored the other goal three minutes into the second half.

Although the crowd expected a tough contest with Rahmatganj producing as many as three national players, they failed to put on even a decent contest.

An impressive attacking set up with little defensive abilities; big-spending Rahmatganj paid the price for being over ambitious against a proven force.

They however managed a late consolation goal from a penalty awarded after Muktiyoddha and national defender Rajani fouled Jalal inside the box. Moni stepped up to convert the 12-yarder past an otherwise rock solid Aminul.

The most expensive transfer of the year Aminul however survived a close shave early in the first half when he intentionally handled the ball outside the box. Although it was a red card offence, referee Ibrahim Nesar showed only a yellow to the star national custodian much to the surprise football experts.



Action from yesterday's Federation Cup clash between Muktiyoddha and Rahmatganj at the Bangabandhu National Stadium. —Star photo

Final one-dayer today

Boucher-Rhodes scare for SA

MELBOURNE, Aug 19: A freak injury and a more routine sporting setback appear to have robbed South Africa of two key players for Sunday's deciding one-day cricket match against Australia, reports AFP.

Wicketkeeper Mark Boucher severed a tendon in his left index finger while preparing some food after Friday night's thrilling tie against Australia at Colonial Stadium here.

Outstanding fieldsmen Jonty Rhodes suffered a hamstring strain near the end of his top-score innings of 54 and is also in doubt.

Boucher, who made 51 and shared in a crucial 87-run stand with Rhodes, saw a specialist Saturday and needed stitches for a damaged tendon.

A team spokesperson said his condition would be reassessed Sunday, but given the wound needed stitching Boucher would be unfit for the stresses of wicketkeeping.

Opening batsman Gary Kirsten and captain Shaun Pollock could put on the gloves if needed.

South Africa A team vice-captain and glove man Nic Potlhas will be sent from Barbados, where his team is touring to Singapore for next week's international tournament.

Pollock also said Friday night Rhodes was "unlikely" to play Sunday.

Rhodes was in the 40s when he pulled up awkwardly at the end of a run and needed a runner for the rest of his innings.

Injury has plagued this three-match series, which stands at 1-0 in the home side's favour after it won game one on Wednesday by 94 runs.

Left-arm spinner Nicky Boje was ruled out of game one when he hurt a finger at Tuesday practice and showed Friday why Pollock was so keen for him to return to the side.

He took 2-33 from 10 overs and held up the Australians in the middle of their innings as they chased South Africa's 226 for eight.

Boucher was also involved in another finger injury on Friday night — when on eight he skied a ball to deep square leg where game one centurion Michael Bevan spilled the chance and dislocated his finger.

Bevan did not field for the rest of the innings and batted down the order as Australia made 226 for nine, but will play Sunday.

Several Australian players also pulled up sore after Friday's tied result and the 13-player squad called in Victorian Shawn Craig as a standby fieldsmen for the final game.

South African opening batsman Andrew Hall and Australian paceman Jason Gillespie were unlikely heroes in Friday's thriller.

Hall, brought on near the end of the Australian innings, snared the key wickets of Bevan and captain Steve Waugh with his medium pacers as well as conceding only eight runs from three overs.

While he is in the side as an opening bat and made 37, his bowling earned him man-of-the-match honours.

"I enjoy it quite a lot," Hall said of performing under pressure.

"I find I raise my game to a higher level when placed in that situation."

Gillespie, playing his first international since the horrific on-field collision with Waugh last September in Sri Lanka, responded to his pressure with an encouraging 3-40 from 10 overs.

The South Australian is in competition with Brett Lee for the other opening slot behind Glenn McGrath for this series, but has no illusions about where he stands overall.

"They gave Brett a rest (last night), basically just to give me a roll ... I'm sure Brett will be back in the side for Sunday," he said.

"I'm probably last cab off the rank (among Australia's top fast bowlers).

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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30 Traveled
32 Picks
34 Henhouse
35 Bentley's bonnet
36 Big 3 conference site

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1 June or Adams
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23 Irate
25 Fuel
26 MP's quarry
27 Booby
29 Sweater
31 Pollution watchdog grp.
33 Porter's nom de plume
34 Poolside structure
36 Bigfoot's cousin
37 Drinks
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39 Pillow
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Solution time: 24 mins.

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yesterday's answer

CRYPTOQUIP

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Saturday's Cryptquip: DO IRRITABLE CATTLE RANCHERS GET SHUNNED BECAUSE OF ALL THEIR BEEFING?
Today's Cryptquip Clue: G equals D

The Cryptquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.