

## Column One

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1 Who scored the first hattrick in this year's Fed Cup football?  
 Ritu Kanchan Tanveer

2 Who is Pakistan's cricket team captain?  
 Wasim Waqar Moin

3 Who is the captain of Bangladesh cricket team?  
 Aminul Akram Nazmul

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



**Mohinder Amarnath**

(Former Bangladeshi cricket coach)

"I am happy that I am teaching a new game to a bunch of disciplined youngsters."

Who is currently on a coaching assignment in Morocco.

### Langer lifts Middlesex

LONDON, Aug 22: Middlesex captain Justin Langer continued his excellent run of form with an unbeaten 76 on a rain hit opening day of the County Championship Division Two match with Gloucestershire at Bristol on Monday, reports AFP.

The Australian star, with two centuries from his previous two games, pulled Middlesex round from 24 for three in the 12th over to 151 for five at tea, when heavy rain ended play.

Jon Lewis claimed three for 61, to move past 50 wickets for Gloucestershire this season, while there was one apiece for Mike Smith and Tim Hancock.

The sides occupy the bottom two places in the table, but such is the tightness of the league that promotion remains a possibility for both counties.

Gloucestershire, with a game in hand on most of the other sides, went into the match without veteran batsman Kim Barnett and wicketkeeper Jack Russell, who were rested ahead of Saturday's NatWest Trophy final with Warwickshire at Lord's.

Langer elected to bat when he won the toss, but he might have been wondering about his decision as Andrew Strauss, Mike Rosebury and Mark Ramprakash departed cheaply.

In the day's other match century-maker Vikram Solanki and rookie James Pipe spearheaded a spirited Worcestershire fight-back against midlands rivals Warwickshire at New Road.

The hosts helped their side recover from just eight for three to close from a more impressive 231 for five off 64 overs in this Division Two encounter.



An Abahani attack on the Badda Jagorani goal during their Federation Cup clash at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. — Star photo

## Abahani stay in the race

Sports Reporter

With their reputation on the line, Abahani Krira Chakra staged a remarkable comeback in the 16th Federation Cup when the popular Dharmondi outfit served Badda Jagorani a 2-0 defeat at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Arambagh Krira Sangha put the holders on the verge of elimination at the nascent stage of the season's curtain-raiser meet when they upended Abahani 3-1 in their previous match. But the big guns did exactly what they needed to do on their way to semifinals from

Group A, that is winning the match by no less than a margin of two goals.

The victory of Abahani was a trial of strength by a proven force against a team that is good enough to pull up one or two upsets.

Although Badda have had a reputation of being the bogey team for Abahani since their elevation into the top flight, but they seriously lacked big match temperament and were simply outclassed by the mentally bruised Abahani under lights last evening. Badda had won three out of their four meetings last season.

Midfield playmaker Abdul

Reefat's hattrick GM hunt

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Sports Reporter

International Master Reefat bin-Sattar continued his excellent form in the Penta Media Grand Masters Chess Tournament in Madras, India, with an upset win over local Grand Master Dibendu Barua yesterday.

It was his third successive win, all against Grand Masters, in four days. Reefat, who has a Fide rating of 2467, started his giant-killing run on Saturday, beating Russian Grand Master Alexander Fomin in the sixth round. The next day he toppled Uzbek Grand Master Saidali.

Playing with white pieces against the Petrof defence of Barua, Reefat checkedmate his more vaunted opponent (2502) after 36 moves.

With yesterday's eighth round win, Reefat moved to the fourth place along with three others, each having collected four points.

Reefat will meet Indian International Master Devaki Prasad today, according to a Bangladesh Chess Federation email message last night.

Kazakh Grand Master Yevgeny Vladimirov is leading the 12-round league with six points. With half a point less, Indian Grand Master Shashikaran follows hard on the heels of Yevgeny. International Master GB Prakash of the hosts is in the third position.

The two-goal win enabled Abahani to finish second ahead of Badda on superior goal aggregate after all the three teams — Badda, Arambagh and Abahani — ended up with six points each in a virtual group of death. Arambagh, with a better goal difference, finished atop the table.

Although Badda had a far

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## Mohammedan squeeze thru'

Sports Reporter

Holders Mohammedan Sporting Club continued their winning spree in the Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League with a hard-fought 3-2 win over Mariner Youngs Club in a crucial match at the Maulana Bhasani Stadium yesterday.

In a see-saw encounter, Shamim Reza, Tahir Zaman and Shahidullah Tito scored one goal each to propel Mohammedan to their sixth straight win in the nine-team elite league. They also remain atop the table with a maximum 18 points from six matches.

On the other hand, two Pakistani recruits Ghulam Ghous and Mohammad Razzaq scored one goal each for Mariner. It was the second defeat for the Arambagh-based outfit having also played six matches. They stay in fourth position with 12 points.

From their five previous matches Mohammedan had scored 36 goals, but Mariner proved a stiff test of their character.

However, it was Pakistani legend Shahbaz Ahmed and his compatriot Tahir Zaman who helped Mohammedan dominate the first session and enjoy a 2-1 lead during the drinks break.

Tahir initiated the first goal with a neat minus to Shamim Reza after a brilliant solo run down the left in the 14th minute. Tahir, after going past two Mariner defenders and an advancing custodian Ashiqul, passed the ball to an unmarked Reza who took no time in sending the ball home with a reverse hit.

Mariner Young's Pakistani forward Abdur Razzaq (foreground) tries to dodge past fellow countryman Tahir Zaman of Mohammedan during their Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League engagement at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday. — Star photo

to Razzaq's superb individual effort through the right in the 36th minute.

But it was the popular Motijheel outfit who had the last laugh. Tito scored the winner in the 55th minute after being brilliantly fed by Rana from the right.

Mohammedan take on Usha Krira Chakra in their next match on Friday.

**TODAY'S MATCH**  
 Abahani KC v Usha KC (4 pm)



## Bevan eyeing Test berth

SYDNEY, Aug 22 (Internet report): Sure, he has challengers to his one-day crown and there will be days when he is not as effective as he would like to be. But at the end of the day, Bevan is a dashing of cricket capable of wonderful things at the crease and in the field.

Basically, I just try to bat the time. From four the ultimate aim, I guess, is to get 100 balls. You have to play a different way. A . . . you have to work singles to start your innings because the field is already out; at four you can hit boundaries as well as take quick singles."

Steve Waugh recently said



MICHAEL BEVAN

Bevan said that a few years ago he had a taste at No. 4 and enjoyed it so much that he jumped at the opportunity to play there permanently.

So what is the main difference between batting at No. 6 and batting at No. 4?

The main difference is simply that at four you can bat for a longer time, Bevan said.

Many cricket judges have hoped to see Bevan bloom as an all-rounder. Many also believe that he can repeat his heroics of three years ago when he scored 85 not out against the West Indies at Adelaide; and bowled 4-31 and 6-82, capping a series of the finest all-round performances ever seen in Australian cricket.

Given the opportunity, Bevan has the brilliance to trouble the West Indies again when they visit Australia in the coming summer.

But as a one-day specialist or Test all-rounder? That's the question that needs to be answered.

"At the end of the day, I still believe I'm good enough and I'm going to try to keep improving," Bevan said of his Test hopes.

"Since I played my last Test (January 1998) I've averaged almost 80 in first-class cricket so I can't do much more."

"All I can do is be patient, keep improving and be in good form when it comes."

Michael Bevan can make a contribution not just as a champion one-day player but also as a day Test all-rounder. All he needs is the opportunity to do so.

### Fed Cup changes

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) has made an amendment to the schedule of the 16th Federation Cup football tournament.

According to the change, the semifinals will take place on August 25 and 26.

As a result the final will now be held on August 28.

All three matches will kick off at 5 pm everyday.

### Fed Cup changes

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Arambagh Krira Sangha, powered by a superb hattrick by Mohammed Bakhtiar, romped into the 16th Federation Cup semifinals of the 16th Federation Cup following a comprehensive 5-1 win over First Division side Shantinagar Club in one of the two Group A matches played at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Bakhtiar scored the second, third and fourth goals for his side while Mujibur Rahman Ritu and Lutfar Rahman Nayan were the others to get on the score sheet.

Arambagh dominated the match from the start and had a decisive first half lead of 4-1. Ritu, the lanky Arambagh forward, was the star of the show with a 2-0 victory over Badda later in the day.

Arambagh will take on either Mohammmedan Sporting Club or Muktijoddha Sangsad in the first semi-final on Friday.

**Yellow card:** Kamal (Arambagh)

## Arambagh sail on Bakhtiar

Sports Reporter

after being nicely fed by man of the match Bakhtiar.

Bakhtiar then took over the charge himself and scored three goals in a row in the 24th, 29th and 34th minutes take the game beyond Shantinagar's reach.

Shantinagar had a couple of wonderful chances to come back into the match. They were awarded two penalties in either halves but Arambagh custodian Pannu thwarted both the spot kicks.

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### TEAMS

**Arambagh KS:** Pannu, Govinda, Biplob, Barat, Nira (Shamim), Kamal, Bakhtiar, Taju (Prince), Nayan, Ritu (Alok) and Munna.

**Shantinagar Club:** Jahangir (Shakil), Ramjan, Mizan, Abul, Arman, Lavlu, Faruque (Jainal), Abed, Masud, Shakil and Munna.

**Referee:** Golam Mustafa.

**TODAY'S MATCHES**

Rahinatganj MFS v Prantik KC (3:30 pm)

Mohammedan SC v Muktijoddha Sangsad (3:30 pm)

Shantinagar SC v Muktijoddha Sangsad (3:30 pm)

Arambagh's hattrickman Bakhtiar (R) is about to score his second goal against Shantinagar Club in their Federation Cup fixture at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. — Star photo

**GROUP A TABLE**

Teams M W D L GF GAPS

Arambagh 3 2 0 1 9 4 6

Abahani 3 2 0 1 6 4 6

Badda 3 2 0 1 5 3 6

Shantinagar 3 0 0 3 2 11 0



Arambagh's hattrickman Bakhtiar (R) is about to score his second goal against Shantinagar Club in their Federation Cup fixture at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. — Star photo

**Pak-SA battle today**

SINGAPORE, Aug 22: It will be a battle of equals when South Africa and Pakistan square off in the Singapore Challenge 2000 triangular cricket meet at the Kallang ground on Wednesday, reports AP.

The South Africans will be out to avenge their Sharjah Cup loss to Pakistan earlier this year, which incidentally was disgraced skipper Hansie Cronje's last assignment.

Under new captain Shaun Pollock — who has led by example — the South Africans appear

strength at the moment does not worry the team management much. They flew second-choice wicketkeeper Nic Pothas from Barbados, where he was