

Waqar in fresh controversy

SINGAPORE, Aug 23 (Internet report): Waqar Younis was picked up by television cameras apparently tampering with the condition of the ball in the Singapore Challenge match against South Africa on Wednesday.

Pakistan captain Waqar Younis could be heading for hot water after he was seen rubbing the ball on the zipper of a back pocket on his trousers.

The incident occurred after the umpires changed the ball in the 36th over, handing the Pakistani paceman a new ball.

Television replays clearly showed how Waqar polished one side of the ball on the front of his trousers, before grinding the other side of the ball against the prominent metal zipper at the back.

Waqar was handed a one-match ban in July when cameras spotted him scraping a ball's seam with his thumbnail.

No cricket at Dubai?

DUBAI, Aug 23: A three-match one-day series between Pakistan and Sri Lanka scheduled for Dubai next month has been called off after the ICC failed to approve it, reports Reuters.

"We have not yet received approval from the International Cricket Council, though we applied for it well in advance," said Vikram Kaul, secretary of the Dubai Cricket Council (DCC).

"Raman Subba Row, representing the ICC team, visited Dubai on August 18 to inspect the facilities at the DCC grounds. He was impressed with the infrastructure here, but still we have not heard from them."

Muktis beat

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drive home a searing left-footer in the 88th minute.

Coming in as a substitute to Mamun Joarder, who retired from competitive football yesterday, Liton silenced the black and white supporters when he, after receiving the ball from Asif, took a first time shot over the reserve Mohammadan custodian Rezaul Hakim.

The goal apart, the only notable incident of the match was an emotional farewell of former national winger Mamun Joarder. Sporting his trademark number 15 shirt, Mamun played about 35 minutes for Muktijuddha before calling it a day.

Both Mohammadan and Muktijuddha players garlanded Mamun in a traditional goodbye on the pitch. But many feel that it would have been a fitting farewell for the speedy winger had he been allowed to don his famous sky-blue shirt.

TEAMS

Muktijuddha: Aminul, Barua (Shamer), Pradeep, Rajani, Masud Rana, Joy, Mamun Joarder (Liton), Mintu, Asad, Farhad and Johnny (Saurav).

Mohammadan: Nizam (Rezaul Hakim), Ruhul Amin, Faisal, Jewel Rana, Titu, Motiur Munna, Selim, Rakib, Nakib and Montu (Rezaul) and Shaib (Bipul).

Referee: Ibrahim Nesar.

RAHMATGANJ V PRANTIK

Meanwhile, in the first match of the day, Prantik held a big-spending Rahmatganj Muslim Friends Society 2-2.

Rahmatganj led the first half by a lone goal.

Interestingly, it was a field day for substitute players, where Prantik's super sub Shahidul struck twice and Rahmatganj's Monsur Ali, coming in the second half, scored with the first touch of the ball.

Shamim gave Rahmatganj a 36th minute lead stabbing the ball home from close. Prantik restored parity in the 63rd minute with Shahidul, who came in place of Roaza after the lemon break, driving home a neat grounder off a Riton missed.

Rahmatganj regained the lead again in the 83rd minute with Monsur firing a powerful right-footer after being fed by Anwar deep inside the opponent's box. But Rahmatganj's joy lasted for only a couple of minutes as Shahidul scored his second goal with a neat grounder.

With this draw both Rahmatganj and Prantik picked up their first points after successive defeats against Muktijuddha and Mohammadan.

Premiership

MU stumble at Ipswich



LONDON, Aug 23: An early strike from Fabian Wilnis was enough to bring Manchester United's run of 12 consecutive Premiership victories to an end as Ipswich saved from Martin Reuser as both teams searched for the winner to no avail.

Bradford's attempt to take on their cosmopolitan opponents at their own passing game paid off as Chris Hutchings' side took the lead after 24 minutes.

Lee Sharpe found space down the left flank and swung over a cross which Windass nodded back across Ed de Goey and inside the far post.

And Carbone sealed the game 16 minutes from time with a wonderous strike after a lapse from Chelsea substitute Christian Panucci.

The Blues' full-back sold colleague Emerson Thome short with a pass just inside his own half and Windass instantly scored.

The points were shared at the Riverside Stadium where Middlesbrough hit back to draw 1-1 with Tottenham.

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Portman Road, already at fever pitch to welcome Ipswich back to the Premiership, erupted when Wilmis applied a thumping right-foot finish to a sweeping move, started by a quick midfield exchange between Jim Magilton and Matt Holland.

Barthez kept United in the game with a string of fine saves before United pulled level in the 39th minute.

Wilmis collected a booking for fouling Philip Neville wide on the United left and Beckham stepped up to take the free-kick.

The United winger swung a dipping ball right-footed into a crowded goalmouth and home keeper Richard Wright was deceived by Ronnie Wallwork's dummy and the ball bounced into the far corner of the net.

Dwight Yorke, booked as he left the field at half-time, was narrowly off target with a long-range strike after the restart and Wright had to be alert to save from Ole Gunnar Solskjaer.

Intertoto Cup

Stuttgart, Celta in UEFA Cup



PARIS, Aug 23: A second-half goal from Bulgarian ace Krassimir Balakov was the turning point for VfB Stuttgart as the German side drew 1-1 with valiant Auxerre to prevail 3-1 on aggregate in one of three Intertoto Cup final matches on Tuesday, reports AFP.

Spanish giants Celta Vigo who reached the quarter-finals of the UEFA Cup last season will also be in the hat for the first-round draw this time round as they came from behind to beat Zenit St Petersburg 3-2 on aggregate.

However, in the 32nd minute Zenit's striker Gennady Popovich gave his side a 1-0 lead after he managed to beat the offside trap, sliding between two Spanish defenders and lobbed the ball home over Celta's goalkeeper Jose Manuel Pinto.

After the break the Spaniards moved up a gear and forced the Zenit keeper Roman Berezovsky to make several key saves but failed to find an equaliser.

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VfB Stuttgart's Bulgarian star Krassimir Balakov (R) being congratulated by an ecstatic team coach Rolf Rangnick after scoring against AJ Auxerre during their Intertoto Cup fixture at Stuttgart on August 22. — AFP photo

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Venus, Monica move into qtrs

NEW HAVEN, Aug 23: Venus Williams showcased all facets of her game - the good, the bad and the blistering - and beat Elena Likhovtseva 6-3, 7-5 to advance to the Pilot Pen quarterfinals, reports AP.

Williams has not lost a set to Likhovtseva in five matches and had to fend off five set points in the 10th game of the second set Tuesday night to keep the straight-set streak alive.

Middlesbrough and Tottenham preserved their unbeaten starts to the new season in a hard-fought draw at the Riverside Stadium.

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Sergi Rebrov crossed from the right and Norwegian Leonhardsen rose to head into the top corner.

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On Day One in the majority of matches around the country, James (193 not out) and Elliott (177) both hit big hundreds to make a mockery of Sussex captain Chris Adams' decision to put the Welshmen in.

Elliott, who lost his Australian Cricket Board contract prior to the 1999-2000 domestic season, eventually played on to paceman James Kirtley after a county record stand for the first wicket.

But there was to be little respite for the visitors, with James ploughing on mercifully and Michael Powell (48 not out) joining in the fun in a total of 457 for one.

But in the 83rd minute Celta's Russian international midfielder Valery Karpin levelled the aggregate scores, firing into the net from just inside the box.

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