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Competition-135

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Sept 1, 2000 and draw
shortly afterwards1 Who scored the first hattrick
in this year's Fed Cup
football?
Ritu Kanchan Tanveer2 Who is Pakistan's cricket
team captain?
Wasim Waqar Moin3 Who is the captain of
Bangladesh cricket team?
Aminul Akram Naimur4 Who won the AB Bank Men's
T11 title?
Amanita Biman Mariner5 Who was voted Germany's
footballer-of-the-year in 2000?
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SPORTS TALK



Hansie Cronje

(Former South African
cricket captain)"In my opinion, Herschelle
should be given another chance
to play."SL-India opener
in Sharjah

SHARJAH, Aug 26 (Internet report): India will play Sri Lanka in the opening match of the Sharjah tournament this autumn.

The tournament, sponsored by Coca-Cola, begins on October 20. Zimbabwe make up the three teams competing who will play each other twice in a round-robin before the two leading sides go on to play in a one-match final. All the matches are due to be played under lights.

FIXTURE

Oct 20: India v SL
Oct 21: Zimbabwe v SL
Oct 22: Zimbabwe v India
Oct 25: SL v Zimbabwe
Oct 26: India v Zimbabwe
Oct 27: India v SL
Oct 29: FinalAthletics team
off to Jakarta

Sports Reporter

A six-member Bangladeshi
athletics team has left for
Indonesia yesterday morning to
take part in the 13th Asian
Championship.The four-day meet is to be
held in the Indonesian capital of
Jakarta from August 28.The team: Shahidul Islam
(100 and 200 metres), Biplob
Uddin Bhuiyan (200 and 400),
Kamiz Farhana (100m sprint
and 100m hurdles), Nazmin
Najah (400m sprint).Coach: Mehbuba Hossain,
manager: Nuruddin Chowdhury.Venus, Seles
enter finalNEW HAVEN, Connecticut,
Aug 26: Wimbledon champion
Venus Williams won her 18th
consecutive match and moved
within a victory of her fourth
tournament title in a row with a
semifinal triumph here Friday at the WTA Pilot Pen, reports AFP.Top seed Williams beat
South Africa's Amanda Coetzer
6-3, 6-4 to win a berth in Saturday's final opposite second seed
Monica Seles, who fought back
after losing the first four games to
beat France's Nathalie Tauziat 2-6, 6-2, 6-1.Madrid's French midfielder
Claude Makelele earned a yellow
card in the 19th minute for a
tackle in a first half marked by
numerous fouls.A couple of minutes later
Raul, named best striker on the
continent by European football-Taufarel dived to his right for
the equalizer.

Stage set for Abahani-MSC finale

Aminul lets Muktis down

Sports Reporter

Abahani Krira
Chakra survived a
second half onslaught from
Muktijoddha
Sangsdar KriraChakra to eke out a 2-1 win in the
second semifinal of the 16th
Federation Cup football tournament at the
National Stadium yesterday.The victory set the holders up for a blood and thunder final clash with bitter foes
Mohammedan Sporting Club on Monday. Incidentally, it will be the first meeting in the final of the traditional curtain-raiser between the two crowd-pulling sides since their last encounter in 1995.The victory against
Muktijoddha was fashioned by their striking duo of Don and
Kanchan, who shared both goals for the popular
Dhamondi outfit in the first half. Farhad scored the only goal for Muktijoddha, also in the first half.

Although the meeting of the two combative sides promised a battle within a battle especially after their war of words during the inter-club booters transfer, but eventually it was Abahani who stole the show.

Abahani were dealt a severe blow when national custodian
Aminul was hijacked by
Muktijoddha at the Zia
International Airport when the
Bangladesh team returned from England.

But the Aminul episode was forgotten after a stunning performance from Biplob, whose flamboyant presence under the bar kept Muktijoddha at bay.

While Biplob excelled nervous Aminul had a nightmare of a match. He was responsible for both the goals Muktijoddha conceded.

It was a terrible lapse from Aminul that gave Abahani a fifth minute lead.

Pakistan's custodian
Aminul could have increased their lead in the first half, which they dominated, but not Don, Zakir, Iqbal and Kanchan and Iqbal squandered those chances.

Don cracked the ball against the post in the 24th minute and then drove the rebound miles over the bar. Five minutes later Iqbal had only Aminul to beat but missed the mark by an inch.

On the other hand Muktijoddha saw a beefy attempt from their star Indian forward IM Vijayan spectacularly fisted away by Biplob for a corner.

The second half saw the momentum swing the other way with Muktijoddha firing on all cylinders. But most of their attacks were thwarted by industrious Abahani full back Ghansha. And if any did get past the Ghanaians then Biplob

referred: Ram Krishna Ghosh

was ever ready.

Playing probably his second best match after the heroes during the SAF Games semi-final against India last year, Biplob's acrobatics proved a thorn in Muktijoddha's concerted effort to keep the match into the sudden-death extra

Ghanaians duo of Charles
Ghansha and Kennedy, lift back
with a series of offensives.While a lanky Ghansha
stood like a rock in the rear, Kennedy provided the firepower up front in combination with midfield playmaker Sento.

SINGAPORE, Aug 26: Pakistan's grit and South Africa's versatility will be on show when the two sides clash Sunday in the final of the Singapore Challenge 2000 triangular cricket series at Kallang ground, reports AP.

The South Africans bounced back nicely on Friday with a resounding eight-wicket win over New Zealand after having lost to Pakistan in their opening game.

Pakistan, with an all-win record in the league games, have displayed an admirable temperament while defending moderate totals on a flat wicket and a small ground.

South Africa's strengths are its all-round skills.

The presence of four genuine all-rounders — Shaun Pollock, Lance Klusener, Jacques Kallis and Nicky Boje — not only means that they bat deep down the order, but it also gives their attack plenty of depth and variety.

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