

## Afridi to marry on October 19

KARACHI, Sept 7 (Internet report) The Afridi family has announced the marriage plans of their flamboyant son Shahid. The wedding ceremony would take place on October 19 while the reception would be held on October 22.

Although the family said the wedding would be purely on Karachi culture with glimpses of Pathan tradition, it would be a big party.

"It will be a party that people will remember for a very long time. It will be a mixture of Karachi and Pathan culture," Shahid's elder brother Tariq told a website.

Shahid minced no words in saying that he wanted to get married and adored the girl who was about to become his life partner.

"I like the girl and I have made no secrets about it to my family. But there was no affair between us as it is not our tradition," Shahid said. He was hesitant to speak about his would-be bride. "We don't discuss about women in the public. What I can tell you is that her name is Nadia and she lives in Peshawar. Rest is classified."

Shahid said he wanted to get married chiefly because he wanted to lead a more responsible life. "I have enjoyed very much as teenager. But now I have certain responsibilities towards my profession and family. The only solution was marriage."

Shahid has not planned his honeymoon but says if he is selected for the tour of New Zealand, his bride would certainly accompany him.

"Frankly, I think the chances are bleak but I have not lost hope."

### Africa Cup cricket

## Uganda upset South Africa

NAIROBI, Sept 7: Just when they looked as if they had victory within their grasp, South African cricketers collapsed to lose by four runs to Uganda in their Africa Cup cricket one-day tournament match at Nairobi's Impala club on Wednesday, reports AFP.

But both countries qualified for Friday's semifinals, alongside hosts Kenya and Zimbabwe.

After winning the toss and putting Uganda to bat, the South Africans, led by Allan McLaren, restricted the East Africans to a paltry score of 165 for nine in 50 overs.

Uganda had made a slow start when they lost easy early wickets. Opening batsmen Charles Lwanga and Joel Olowenye fell to South African bowler Teon Caraulous, who claimed three wickets for 28.

Matters were made worse when their star batsman, Nehal Bibodi, suffered a concussion after being hit on the face with the ball. Bibodi was rushed to hospital for some stitches.

### Asif saves

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have been a different story.

Although Brothers have long since lost the tag of third force behind Mohammedan and Abahani with the emergence of Mukti Joddha in 1994, they showed remarkable resilience against their much-vaunted opponents.

The Gopibagh outfit eliminated from the preliminary stage of this year's Federation Cup, however, looked a vastly improved unit with the inclusion of three Nepalese booters — Hari Khadka, Basanta Thapa and Bal Gopal Mahajan.

They fought neck and neck in the first half before Mukti Joddha established their domination in the second session. Only lady luck kept Brothers in the contest as Mukti Joddha's star Indian recruit IM Vijayan and Asif haplessly watched their efforts come off the metal-work in the 62nd and 85th minutes respectively.

The match was heading ominously for penalty shootout after a hattrick hero against Rahmatganj Vizian, hit the far post from a free-kick on the edge of left-hand box. But persevering Mukti Joddha held their nerve to snatch victory.

It was Brothers' first defeat after their 1-0 win against Arambagh.

**Yellow Cards:** Shahjadha, Sabbu and Munir (Brothers)

### TEAMS

**MUKTI JODDHA:** Aminul, Hasan-Al-Mamun, Rajani, Prodip, Masud Rana, Shamsher (Asif), Mintu, Tushar, Liton (Saurav), Farhad (Johnny) and Bijay.

**BROTHERS UNION:** Tony, Shahjadha, Chanchal, Polash, Sabbu, Pushtina, Bal Gopal, Parvez, Salauddin (Munir), Hari Khadka and Thapa.

Referee: Ibrahim Nesar

### ARAMBAGH WIN

Meanwhile, in the first match of the day Arambagh scored a 4-2 tiebreak win against Farashganj Sporting Club.

The match went into lottery after the regulation 90 minutes failed to produce any goals.

Arambagh however still managed to get two valuable points when their custodian Hima saved the shots of Mithu and Ashraful.

For Arambagh Ritu, Choton, Nayan and Bakhtiar made no mistake to convert the 12-yards.

It was their first points in the league.

### TODAY'S MATCHES

**Premier Division**  
Badda Jagarani v Dhanmondi Club (5.30pm)

**First Division**  
Shantinagar Club v Sadharan Bima (3.30pm)

### Premiership

## Silvinho silences Chelsea

LONDON, Sept 7: History came back to haunt Chelsea on Wednesday when they threw away a two-goal lead at 2-2 with their London rivals in the English Premiership, reports AFP.

In the same fixture at Stamford Bridge last season Nwankwo Kanu scored a second half-trick to earn all three points for the Gunners

after Chelsea had led 2-0 at half-time.

Brazilian Silvinho rifled home a stunning equaliser for Arsene Wenger's men seven minutes from time after Frenchman Thierry Henry had hauled Arsenal back from the dead with a smartly taken goal after 76 minutes.

Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink scored his second league goal of the season to give Chelsea the upper hand after 31 minutes, taking advantage of a dreadful

tangle between Oleg Luzhny and Gilles Grimandi.

The Dutch striker picked up the loose ball and fire past David Seaman from 20 yards.

Gianfranco Zola then doubled Chelsea's advantage 13

minutes after the interval.

Frank Leboeuf's chipped free-kick was chested down by Gus Poyet on the edge of the area into the path of Zola who took his time before knocking the ball past Martin Keown and slotting past the despairing dive of David Seaman.

Hasselbaink hit the post moments before Silvinho's sucker punch and instead of leading 3-1 they were pegged back by plucky Arsenal and had to be satisfied with a point.

Liverpool's Michael Owen grabbed a stunning first-half hat-trick to underline his impressive scoring form in his side's 3-1 win at home to Aston Villa.

His last three games have been devastating. Owen scored twice in his previous league match at Southampton, grabbed a cracker for England in a friendly international in Paris against France, and then turned his talents on poor Villa.

Steve Stone scored a late consolation for Villa seven minutes from time.

Alan Shearer scored his 200th league goal by firing a first-half penalty in Newcastle's 2-0 win at Coventry.

It capped a memorable period for the former England captain whose wife had given birth to their first son, Will, on Friday.

Kevin Gallacher wrapped up the points for Bobby Robson's men.

Derby pulled off a remarkable comeback at home to Middlesbrough coming back from 3-0 down to draw 3-3 at Pride Park.

Leicester conceded their first goal of the season but were still too strong for Premiership newcomers Ipswich 7-1 at Filbert Street, running out 2-1 winners.

Elsewhere Charlton were held 1-1 at home to Southampton. Latvian striker Marian Pahars gave the Saints the lead after 82 minutes before Jonatan Johansson levelled the scores eight minutes from time.

Arsenal players celebrate after their side's second and equalising goal against Chelsea in the Premiership at Stamford Bridge on September 6. — AFP photo

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## Surrey openers shine

LONDON, Sept 7: Mark Butcher and Ian Ward pushed Surrey a giant step nearer another County Championship title on Wednesday with an unbroken opening stand of 243 against struggling Durham at The Oval, reports AFP.

Needing victory to tie up the title, Butcher and Ward certainly showed they had only one thing on their minds.

At the close the holders had reached 243 off 76 overs with both openers still at the crease. Ward led the way with 103 and he was backed up by Butcher's 127 not out.

The pick of Glamorgan's unbeaten century was Steve Watkin who took four wickets.

David Hemp scored a century to steer visitors Warwickshire to a second day total of 416 all out against Middlesex at Lord's.

Prittipaul finished the opening day on 149 not out as the Derbyshire attack struggled. Kendall scored 143, his 100 including 14 fours while Prittipaul's century included 17 boundaries.

Second Division leaders Northamptonshire saw the start of their match at home to Essex delayed because of rain at Northampton.

But it could not stop them from winning promotion to the First Division for next season as a second bowling point was enough to send them up.

Visitors Essex must have been regretting their decision to bat after winning the toss as they floundered on 233 all out. Stuart Law top-scoring with 59,而已 backed up by 45 extras.

Jason Brown did most damage to the Essex batting line-up claiming four victims. North-

amptonshire's 25 without loss at the close.

Glamorgan's hopes of trying to close the gap on Northants were put on hold as they too fell foul of the weather against Nottinghamshire.

The first four Nottinghamshire wickets fell with less than 100 on the board but Jason Gallian helped to steady the home side's innings.

Gallian's unbeaten century saw Nottinghamshire to 309 for seven by the end of the day's proceedings. Gallian included 17 fours and one six during his century, and went on to make 127 not out.

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David Hemp scored a century to steer visitors Warwickshire to a second day total of 416 all out against Middlesex at Lord's.

Hemp took nearly four hours to put his 100 on the board, which came off 160 deliveries and included 13 fours. Together with Mike Powell's opening day 92, Hemp put Warwickshire on the road to their large first innings total.

Having helped Warwickshire on their way to five bonus points, Hemp was finally out for 129 when he was caught off the bowling of former England seamer Angus Fraser.

The Middlesex bowlers had shared the wickets around with Fraser and spinner Phil Tufnell taking two apiece.

By the close Middlesex had taken their reply to 74 without loss.

**SCORE SUMMARIES**  
County Cricket Championship score summaries on

Bordeaux's David Jemmali (R) is under pressure from Stephane Ziani of Nantes during their French First Division encounter at Nantes on September 6. — AFP photo

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