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(Sri Lankan former Test star)
 "Even a genius like Tendulkar doesn't sit back on his achievements instead practises for hours in the nets before the next assignment."

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3	Who is the captain of Bangladesh cricket team?	Amimul	Akram	Najmuz
4	Who won the AB Bank Men's TT title?	Armanita	Bijan	Mariners
5	Who was voted Germany's footballer of the year in 2000?	Kahn	Samer	Reuter

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Nairobi tourney

Kapil going with India?

MADRAS, India, Sept 10: Kapil Dev, who is facing speculation over his future as India's national coach following an inquiry into his alleged role in a match-fixing scandal, may train players for the ICC Knock-out tournament in Nairobi, reports Reuters.

A C Muthiah, president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), said that Dev, who appeared before federal police last week, could keep his job for the International Cricket Council's tournament starting on October 3.

"I may even think of inviting Kapil Dev to coach the probables," Muthiah said in a statement issued today.

Dev was questioned last Thursday by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in New Delhi in the wake of allegations of match-fixing levelled against him by former Indian all-rounder Manoj Prabhakar.

Dev has vehemently denied the allegations and has so far kept his job as coach.

Fresh speculation about Dev's future sprang up on the day of his meeting with CBI investigators when Muthiah said in Sharjah that he would meet Dev soon.

"I will meet him personally as soon as I reach India. It is only after the meeting that I will decide whether to fire him or retain him," Muthiah said.

Tax officials raided Dev's New Delhi home in July during a nationwide swoop on cricketers, administrators and bookmakers to look for evidence in the match-fixing scandal.

Indian Sports Minister Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa has said that any player accused in match-fixing should step down until his name is cleared. But so far, no-one has offered to quit.

India dropped former captains Mohammad Azharuddin and Ajay Jadeja and off-spinner Nikhil Chopra from the list of probables for the ICC Knock-out trophy one-day tournament.

Selectors said the three, under investigation in the match-fixing scandal, were rested because they were felt to be under strain.

Brothers sink further

Sports Reporter

Abahani thumped down a 3-0 defeat on Brothers Union in the National Bank Premier League Football at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

The surprisingly facile win of the popular Dhanmondi outfit only suggested that an Abahani-Brothers match is no longer heart-wrecking battle.

Having stripped off the tag of football's traditional third force by Mukti Joddha Sangsads Krira Chakra, the Gopibagh outfit continued to go down further in an endless abyss. Their pathetic performance in recent past hardly reminded anyone of the brilliant football they used to play only a few years back.

Although there were a few hundred supporters of the Gopibagh club present at the terraces with a giant orange flag, they eventually returned home with even a heavier heart following the harsh treatment of the lopsided affair.

The strike duo of Don and Kennedy were again in the thick of things as Abahani romped to their third successive win. Veteran midfielder Zakir, who won the Federation Cup for Abahani, scored the third goal in the lopsided affair.

Don gave Abahani a lone goal lead in the first half with a powerful right-footer from inside the six-yard box. It was the third League goal for the diminutive national forward. His attacking partner Kennedy, one of the two Ghanaian recruits of Abahani, scored the second goal in the 55th minute after being nicely fed by Arman. It was Kennedy's fourth goal so far.

Playing his first League match Arman, who was sidelined with an injury for about three weeks, also set up the last goal for Zakir four minutes from the final whistle.

But Abahani could have won by even a bigger margin had not Kanchan, Iqbal and Don, with the four-man Brothers defence gasping for air, missed those sitters in the last quarter of the match.

The presence of the Nepalese trio of Hari Khadka, Bal Gopal and Basanta Thapa had hardly helped Brothers to match the excellence of Abahani, who dominated the entire proceedings with Arman and Iqbal operating down the middle.

The only realistic chance Brothers got in the match was early in the first half when Hari delivered a niggling cross from



Brothers Union's substitute custodian Milon thwarts an Abahani attempt during their National Bank Premier Division Football League fixture at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

— Star photo

some agitated Abahani supporters continued to hurl different articles in second half protesting a ruling during against them.

Abahani supporters only stopped pelting after fourth referee Kalidas replaced Tajul. The match remained suspended for two minutes because of the incident.

It was Brothers' second successive defeat after their upset win against Badda Jagorani on their opening match.

Yellow cards: Sabbu (Brothers), Kennedy, Galib and Arman (Abahani)

Mohammedan's perfect 10

Sports Reporter

Holders Mohammedan Sporting Club recorded their tenth straight win in the Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League when they tormented Babes Bangladesh Sporting Club by seven goals to nil in their return leg at the Maulana Bhasani Stadium yesterday.

In an one-sided affair, which the black and whites led 2-0 in the first session, young marksman Shamim Reza struck twice while playmaker Tahir Zaman, Ramji, Shilpi, Rana and Ashique added the other goals.

Mohammedan raised their tally to 30 points from 10 matches, to remain top of the nine-team table with a 10-point lead over second-placed Abahani who have 20 points from nine matches.

On the other hand, it was the sixth defeat for Bangladesh Sporting in ten outings which kept them on eight points.

Mohammedan -- on the verge of retaining their crown, after finishing seven points clear at the end of the first round -- adopted a casual first half approach against the new-

DU soccer

By DU Correspondent
 The inter-department football competition of the Dhaka University kicked off yesterday at the central sports ground

Pro-Vice Chancellor of the university and chairman of Sports Board Prof M Shahadat Ali inaugurated the competition at 4:00 pm while president of Dhaka University Football Committee Prof Md Anwar Hossain and director of Physical Education ASM Mofajjal Hossain were present.

A total of 43 teams and institutes are taking part in two groups in the meet.

Luxemburgo charged with tax fraud

RIO DE JANEIRO, Sept 10: Brazil coach Wanderley Luxemburgo has officially been charged with tax evasion between 1993 and 1997, it emerged Saturday, reports AFP.



Action from yesterday's Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League encounter between Mohammedan Sporting Club and Bangladesh Sporting at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium.

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Asian U-16

Iran humble Bangladesh

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh were thrashed 4-0 by tournament favorites Iran in their third Group B match of the 9th Asian Youth (under-16) football championship at the Danang Stadium in Vietnam yesterday, according to a fax received here.

Bangladesh, who beat Kuwait 1-0 and lost to Oman 1-3 in their previous two outings, conceded three goals in the first half.

The margin could have been bigger had Bangladesh custodian Munna not saved a penalty in the 65th minute.

The fax also mentioned that the Bangladesh team management has lodged official complaints about the age of the booters from Iran and Oman.

Bangladesh will meet defending champions Thailand in their last group match tomorrow.

Asian Junior Chess

Rajib in third spot

Sports Reporter

Fide Master Enamul Hossain Rajib beat John Paul Gomez of Philippines in the 10th round of the Asian Junior Chess Championship in Mumbai yesterday.

Rajib joined Indian Nitol Das in third position. Both have six points.

Four players -- Harikrishna, Tajes Bakre, S Kidambi of India and Syed Mohammad of Qatar -- were jointly leading the table with seven points.

BCB selects

Imran for Africa mission

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) has retained the services of national coach Sarwar Imran for the forthcoming ICC knockout tournament in Kenya and the tour of South Africa.

This was confirmed by BCB General Secretary Syed Asifulla Haque yesterday.

Imran, the former coach of Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protisthan (BKSP), took over the national squad on an interim

SARWAR IMRAN

basis last May after South Africa coach and BCB's Director of Development Eddie Barlow suffered a cerebral infarction just before the Asia Cup.

His future with the team was in doubt as the BCB decided to attach another Bangladesh under-19 coach Dipu Rai Chowdhury with the Africa bound national squad when their conditioning camp began at the BKSP on 16th August.

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Earlier, Victoria Sporting Club recorded a 2-1 win over Wari Club in their First Division encounter.

The winners led the first half

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Four minutes later it was Rami's turn to get into act with a brilliant field goal from another Tahir pass.

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