



Monju pulls off a stunner

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The fleet-footed forward earned the distinction of notching the third treble in the league so far after Mohammedi's Nakib and Muktiyoddha.



Action from yesterday's National Bank Premier Division football league match between Dharmondi Club and Youngmen's Club Fakirpool at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

— Star photo

POINTS TABLE								
Teams	M	W	WT	L	LT	GF	GA	Points
Abahani	3	3	-	-	-	10	1	9
Mohammedan	3	3	-	-	-	9	1	9
Muktiyoddha	3	2	1	-	-	5	1	8
Farashganj	3	1	-	-	2	1	-	5
Arambagh	3	1	1	1	-	1	1	5
Badda	3	1	-	2	-	2	2	3
Brothers Union	3	1	-	2	-	1	4	3
Dharmondi	3	1	-	2	-	3	9	3
Victoria	3	-	-	3	-	4	10	0
Rahmatganj	3	-	-	3	-	0	7	0

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Leading goalscorers : 5 - Nakib (Mohammedan), 4 - Kaneddy (Abahani), 3 - I M Vijayan (Muktiyoddha), Don (Abahani), Manju (Dharmondi), Sohel (Victoria), 2 - Alfa (Mohammedan), Zakir (Abahani), Mithu (Farashganj).

Mariner maul Farashganj

Sports Reporter



Mariner Club crushed Farashganj Sporting Club 7-1 in a Green Delta Premier Division hockey league match yesterday at the Maulana Bhashani Stadium.

Forward Musa Mia scored three goals while Pakistani midfielder Ghulam Ghousi struck twice for the Arambagh based club. Musa's elder brother Isa Mia and midfielder Asif added the other two.

Mukti scored the consolation goal for Farashganj.

Mariner, with yesterday's win (their sixth in ten matches), remained fourth in the nine-league table with 20 points. For Farashganj, it was their sixth loss in ten outings, they have collected 12 points so far.

Mariner meant business from the start and went ahead in the very second minute when National defender Isa converted a penalty corner.

Musa then took over and scored two goals in eleven minutes. The tall centre forward flicked home a Ghousi pass in the 16th minute and then blasted the board from a goal

Lutt injured

SYDNEY, Sept 12: The head of a US marching band that caused an uproar when its members were chosen to perform in the Sydney Olympics opening ceremony instead of Australians, was injured in a car crash on Monday, reports Reuters.

Police said Bill Lutt, 44, was in hospital with six broken ribs after his car overturned while he was driving to Sydney from a country town where the band had been training for Friday's opening ceremony.

Lutt, head of World Projects Corporation of San Diego, hit headlines last year when his band became embroiled in an expensive and embarrassing dispute with Sydney Games organisers.

Several hundred American students were dumped by Games organisers when it bowed to local pressure to include more Australians.

In reply, Russell Sangha shot out for 101 in 23.2 overs. Shafeen with 25 was the top-scorer. Tarun took four wickets giving away 21 runs.

mouth melee in the 27th minute. In between Ghousi had his first in the 18th.

Five minutes into the second half Musa completed his treble.

Asif's brilliant hit from the top of the box made it 6-0 in the 44th minute while Ghousi finished the rampage seconds later.

Farashganj, who had suffered a 1-12 thrashing at the hands of Usha Krira Chakra in their previous match, pulled one back, thanks to Mukti's field goal from a Remon pass in the 49th minute.

In the other match of the day, Dhaka Wanderers Club and Victoria Sporting Club shared played out a 3-3 draw.

In a keenly contested affair, Mohammad Ramzan, Khwaja Anadel and Imran Haider scored one goal apiece for Wanderers while Ramzan Haider, Nannu and Mamunur Rashid got the goals for Victoria.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Premier Division
 Ajax SC v Azad SC (2:15 pm)
 Usha KC v Bangladesh SC (4 pm)

Mariner Young's Club striker Musa (C) dodges past Farashganj defender Rajib (L) during yesterday's Green Delta Premier Division hockey league engagement at the Maulana Bhasani Stadium.

Wari scrape past F'pool

Sports Reporter

Wari Club recorded a marginal 2-1 win over Youngmen's Club Fakirpool in the lone National Bank First Division football league encounter at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Besides, Victoria also muffed up a series of chances in the second session, which they entirely dominated.

It was Dharmondi's first win after two consecutive defeats. On the other hand Victoria conceded their third defeat to remain at the bottom of the table with no points.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Premier Division
 Mohammedan SC v Brothers Union (5:30 pm)
First Division
 Mirpur Chalantika v Agrani Bank (3:30 pm)
Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium

Tom McCarthy school b'ball

Sports Reporter
 BAF Shaheen College (Kurmitola), and Bangladesh Navy School won their respective matches in the Tom McCarthy School basketball tournament at the Dharmondi basketball gymnasium yesterday.

BAF Shaheen School beat Saint Gregory High School by 77-65 points in the first match. The winners led the first half 39-18.

Rahat caged in highest 29 points for the Shaheen School while Gregorian Babu scored 23 points.

In the other match of the day, Bangladesh Navy School recorded a hard-fought 62-59 win over Mastermind School. Harun with 29 points was the leading scorer for the winners who led the first half 25-20.

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Black Caps call in ODI specialists

WELLINGTON, Sept 12: New Zealand cricket selectors on Monday named a specialist one-day international squad for matches in southern Africa over the coming months, reports Reuters.

New Zealand have one-day internationals in Zimbabwe later this month, the ICC Knock-out tournament in Nairobi next month and a one-day series against South Africa in October and November.

Specialist one-day batsman Roger Twose, all-rounder Chris Harris, wicketkeeper/batsman Chris Nevin and bowler Geoff Allott will join the team, which is currently on a two-Test tour of Zimbabwe.

Once the Test series is over, Test players Mark Richardson, Matt Horne, Matthew Sinclair, Daryl Tuffey and Shayne O'Connor will return home.

Nevin is selected subject to a fitness test on Thursday.

Convenor of selectors Sir Richard Hadlee said developing specialist Twose and one-day sides was likely to produce the best overall results.

"While there is a nucleus of players in the side for test and one day international cricket, the skills required for each form of the game are different and the programme for each is also becoming much more demanding," he said in a statement.

"It makes sense to be heading towards specialty sides," he said.

The one-day squad is: Stephen Fleming (captain), Nathan Astle, Chris Nevin, Roger Twose, Chris Cairns, Craig McMillan, Chris Harris, Dion Nash, Scott Styris, Daniel Vettori, Geoff Allott, Paul Wiseman, Adam Parore, Craig Spearman.

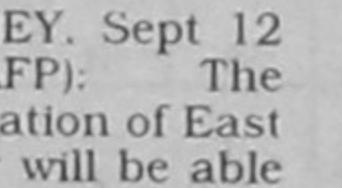
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COUNTDOWN
2 Days to go

AQUATIC : Australian Clementine Stoney balancing a water bottle on her forehead while practicing backstroke at the International Aquatic Centre in Sydney yesterday.

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SYDNEY SIDELINES



SYDNEY, Sept 12 (AP/AF): The population of East Timor will be able to watch the Sydney Games on television.

The International Olympic Committee said Thursday it has arranged for a TV feed to be beamed to East Timor so the island can watch the nation's four athletes competing in Sydney.

"What is wrong with this picture?" Pound said. "We appreciate the coverage and exposure of extra media. But this may create increased demands on an organizing committee."

"The problem is far more difficult to wrestle with than cutting an odd sport from the Olympic programme."

TICKET RECORDS

The Sydney Olympics are set to break records in terms of ticket sales and the number of people who will access the Internet for information on the games, the IOC said Tuesday.

The four athletes are marathon runners Aguda Amaral and Calisto Da Costa, weightlifter Martinho De Araujo and boxer Victor Ramos. They have been training in Darwin for the past two months.

He predicted Sydney will soon break the record held by the 1996 Atlanta Games, where 82.3 per cent of the tickets were sold. Many more tickets will be sold by the end of the games on Oct 1, Pound said.

The IOC also estimates that 35 million people will log onto official Olympic Internet sites - compared to 2 million at the 1998 Winter Games in Nagano, Japan.

The Sydney Olympics will be watched by an estimated 3.7 billion TV viewers in 220 countries an increase of 700 million over 1996, according to IOC projections.

Thousands more waited along its path through the suburbs towards Parramatta, where it will stay overnight Tuesday night.

"It was totally overwhelming," 1984 Olympic pentathlete Daniel Esposito of Australia said after taking the torch to Liverpool. "If the Olympics are like this, then it's going to be a great competition, a great atmosphere."

Walsh urged to go on

PERTH, Sept 12 (AFP): West Indies fast bowler Courtney Walsh should put on hold his plans for retirement so he can take part in the approaching five-test series against Australia, former teammate Eldine Baptiste said here yesterday.

Walsh, 38 next month, is considering quitting despite his superb fast bowling in the recent series against England, where he captured 34 wickets at a marvellous average of 12.82.

If Walsh does hang up his whites, the West Indies will be without both of their top strike bowlers -- Curtly Ambrose has already announced his illustrious career is over.

Baptiste is in Perth with a young Natal team preparing for the new season with a series of warm-up matches against Australian State sides, Western Australia and Victoria.

He urged Walsh to prolong his career by a few more months to give him the chance to snap up the extra 17 scalps he needs to become the first bowler to take 500 Test wickets.

"I hope he comes out this summer because his bowling is getting better with age -- just like wine," Baptiste said. "The older he gets, the better he gets."

Baptiste said the West Indians, beaten 3-1 by England, were paying the price of the failure of young players to fill the gaps left by the departure of the team's many stars in the past two decades.

The young bowlers have not been coming to the party, and the batting has not been coming through, either," he said.

"I believe they have got to pick themselves up and play more positive and aggressive cricket."

"They are simply not aggressive enough. It is in our nature to take people on, but they seemed to be trying to make sure they didn't lose the series in England - and look what happened."

In the recent England series, Walsh snared nine more wickets than the next best bowler on either side. English paceman Darren Gough, who finished with 25 at an average of 21.20 apiece.

badly in a one-day match against arch-rivals Pakistan in 1994.

After Dev denied the charge, a senior BCCI official questioned his leadership of the side during the Ahmedabad Test against New Zealand last year.

"If this is what I get for being a cricketer, I don't want to be part of it," an emotional Kapil had told AFP last month.

"I know I am clean. I have nothing to hide. The investigations will prove that.

Among those whose premises were searched were Jagmohan Dalmiya, former president of the ICC who remains a powerful player in BCCI affairs, and board member Kishore Rungta.

Kapil, Test cricket's most successful bowler until West Indian Courtney Walsh overtook him in March this year, had attacked cricket officials for messing up the game.

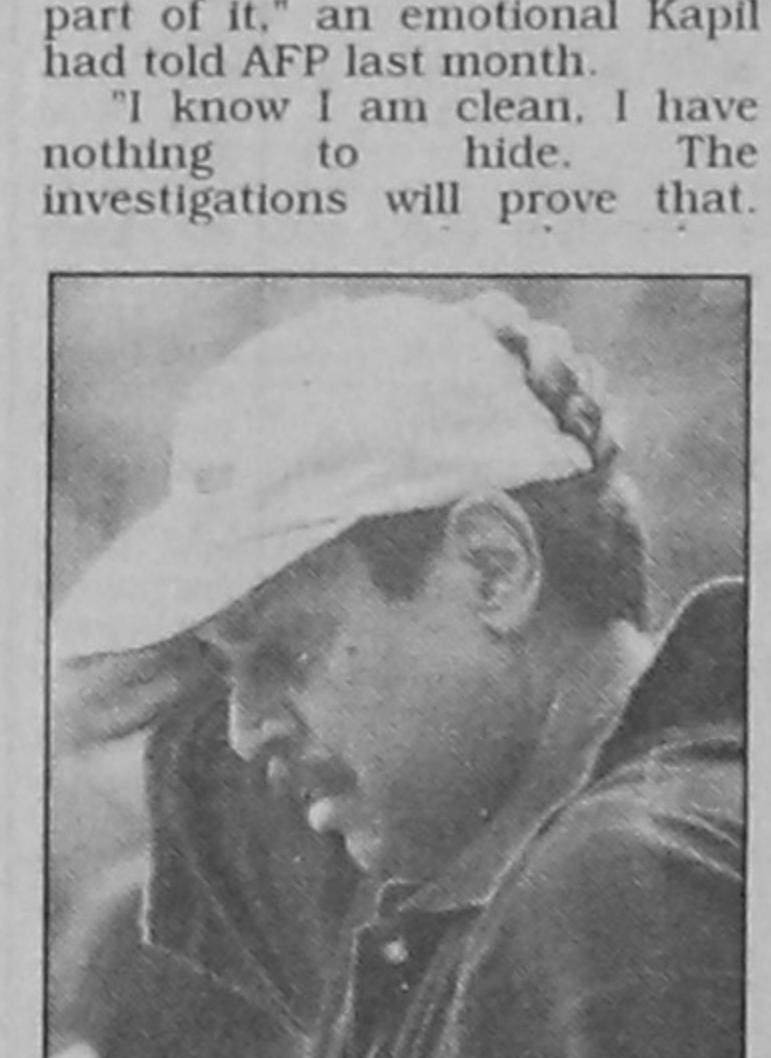
"If the Board had acted earlier, the game's reputation would not have suffered."

Kapil hoped the government would release its findings soon, so that the guilty are not punished and the innocent spared the trial by media.

"My life has changed forever. I am a fighter, but I know it's time to move on when the media hounds my five-year-old daughter and asks her how much money was recovered from under the bed."

Kapil, one of the game's finest all-rounders, took 434 wickets and scored 5,248 runs in a 131-Test career spanning 16 years from 1978 to 1994.

The highlight of his outstanding career was leading India to victory in the 1983 World Cup in England. He also played 225 one-dayers, scoring 3,783 runs and claiming 253 wickets.



KAPIL DEV

But I am finished with cricket. It's not worth it."

BCCI president Muthiah had said earlier that