

## Boost sports WHIZZ KID

Competition-135

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Competition closes at 8 pm

Sep 22, 2000 and draw

shortly afterwards

1 Who scored the first hat-trick

in this year's Fed Cup

football?

Rita Kanchan Tanveer

2 Who is Pakistan's cricket

team captain?

Yasir Waqar Mohd

3 Who is the captain of

Bangladesh cricket team?

Aminul Akram Nazim

4 Who won the AB Bank Men's

TT title?

Amrutesh Bhanu Mariner

5 Who was voted Germany's

footballer-of-the-year in 2000?

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SPORTS TALK

Marion Jones

(American star sprinter)

"I have a chance to achieve

something nobody has done

before... It's going to test my

mind, my body and my spirit,

but I know I can do it."

On her chances of achieving

a feat never before accom-

plished by a woman - to

win four gold medals in the

same event.

It's tennis

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gimning to come," said Kucera,

who beat Henman in a titanic

five-setter in the final of the

Basle indoor tournament last

year.

If he can get past Kucera,

Henman is scheduled to meet

Michael Chang, who is emerg-

ing from the worst slump of his

career, in the third round and

then Safin at the quarterfinal

stage.

The Russian however has no

easy task in the first round

against Fabrice Santoro of

France. Safin has never beaten

the Frenchman in four attempts

and lost to him as recently as

August.

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and the midfield was always in

the right position.

A distressed Dancer, how-

ever, said he was confident

Britain would recover from the

defeat before their next match

against Malaysia on Wednes-

day.

"We have 48 hours to re-

group, this team has recovered

from such situations in the

past, it can do that again, he

said.

Malaysia defended stoutly

against the Dutch to snatch

their first point in the competi-

tion after losing to Germany 1-0

on Saturday.

The Dutch, who struggled to

defeat Britain on the opening

day, have themselves to blame

after wasting nine penalty cor-

ners and 12 other shots at the

goal.

"It's a game we should have

won," Dutch coach Maurice

Hendriks said. "You just cannot

miss so many chances if you

hope to win."

Hendriks was annoyed that

a goal by Stephen Veen late in

the second-half was turned

down by the umpire at the far

end.

"Television replays showed it

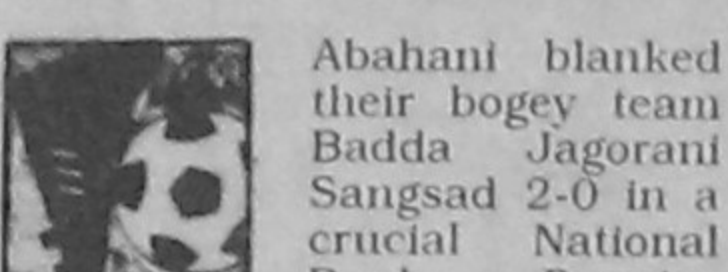
was a fair goal because the ball



Abahani's Ghanaian forward Kennedy (R) shoots the ball ahead of Pavel Mahmud of Badda Jagorani during their National Bank Premier Division Football League match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. —Star photo

## Abahani stay on course

Sports Reporter



Abahani blanked their bogey team Badda Jagorani Sangsad 2-0 in a crucial National Premier

Football League match at the floodlit Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Abahani forged forward nine

minutes into the second half

with their young striker Saiful

stabbing the ball home from

close. Kennedy, the Ghanaian

recruit of the popular Dhan-

mondi outfit, then sealed the

fate of the match scoring at the

stroke of the final whistle.

The victory, Abahani's fifth

on a trot, placed them atop the

table alongside holders Mo-

hammedan Sporting Club. Both

teams have collected maximum

15 points each so far.

On the other hand, Badda,

who had an impressive 3-1

head-to-head record against

their infinitely superior oppo-

nents last season, slumped to

their fourth defeat from five

games.

Although Badda had a better

possession of the ball on a rain-

-soaked outfield, it was Abahani

who showed their scoring prowess

in a match where fortune

fluctuated from one end to the

other.

Playing his first League

match Saiful, who came as a

substitute for rookie Galib in

the third minute of the game,

could hardly do anything to

impress his coach Amalesh

Sei.

Still, the long-haired attacker

stole the spotlight with a one-

stroke brilliance. Having muffed

an easy chance early in the first

half, Saiful made amends for

his previous blunder tapping

home the loose ball that slipped

out of the grip of Badda custo-

dian Shamim, who could only

partially parry off a spectacular

Ghansha header from an Arman

flag-kick.

After conceding the goal,

Badda pressed hard for the

equaliser. They opened up the

Abahani defence on a number

of occasions, but none was out

there to convert those.

Substitute Uzzal lobbed a

nice ball over the Abahani de-

fence wall to an unmarked

Monwar, but the national mid-

fielder failed to connect it

front of an empty net. Badda

however got their best chance

four minutes before the short

whistle when Noor Islam came

up with a diving header off a

Tanvir cross from the left. But

the ball missed the left-hand

post by an inch.

They got their last opportu-

nity three minutes away from

the regulation time when Pavel

lobbed a good cross deep inside

the Abahani defence, but an

unmarked Tawhid headed the

ball wide off the mark.

After surviving those close

calls Abahani looked happy to

run away with a lone goal mar-

gin. But Kennedy was not ready

to lose his reputation as the

lone marksman to score in

every game.

The marauder forward, who

had his share of blemish early

in the second session blasting a

Titu cross miles over the cross-

bar from about six yards, did

not commit the mistake again

during the injury time. Sentu,

who came into the second half

for an injured Kanchan, won

the ball just outside the left-

side box and delivered it to

Arman, who set up Kennedy

with a defence slicing through.

The Ghanaian, waiting inside

the box, drove a neat grounder

past an outstretched Shamim.

It was Kennedy's sixth goal.

**Yellow cards:** Noor Islam

and Riad (Badda).

### TEAMS

**Abahani:** Biplob, Titu,

Nazrul, Ghansha, Mitthu, Iqbal,

Zakir, Arman, Kanchan (Sentu),

Galib (Saiful) (Partho) and Ken-

edy

**Badda Jagorani:** Shamim,

Riad, Fatahi, Pavel, Mahmud,

Lajuk, Monwar (Towhid), Asad,

Noor Islam, Tanvir and Sadek

(Uzzal)

**Referee:** Maruf Shikder

## Batohi busy in Delhi



NEW DELHI, Sept 18 (Internet re-

port): South African special pro-

secutor Shamila Batohi, here in In-

dia to pursue her investigations

in the Hansie Cronje case back

home, entered Delhi Police head-

quarters to pay a call on

Police Commissioner Ajai Raj

Sharma on Monday.

Having raised a great deal of

interest in the run-up to her

arrival here, Batohi, accompa-

nied by a South African Police

captain, Geoff Edwards, battled

her way through an enormous

media contingent before entering

the headquarters building.

Batohi spent about 50 min-

utes with Sharma before leav-

ing. All she told the waiting

media contingent was that it

had been a "good meeting".

The sensational revelations

has opened a can of worms, the

aftermath of which are still

being felt here in India. Four

days after Delhi

Police went public, Cronje

confessed to having received

money after initially having

denied the charges calling them

"rubbish".

or even an authenticated tran-

scription, contain recorded con-

versations with a bookmaker,

allegedly the absconding San-

jeev Chawla about payments for

"tanking" selected one-day

matches and related payments.

The King Commission, cur-

rently in recess, resumes hear-

ing on October 2 and it is evi-

dent, the officers concerned

with the probe consider the

tapes as important evidence in

their pursuit of the truth in the

Cronje case.

Batohi is also slated to travel

to Mumbai, and is reported to

have sought a meeting with

former India captain Moham-

med Azharuddin, whom Cronje

initially named in his confes-

sion but subsequently, re-

tracted.

## Kent's final day act

LONDON, Sept 17 (AFP):

Kent's seam attack procured a