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Competition-135

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Competition closes at 8 pm
Sept 22, 2000 and draw
shortly afterwards1 Who scored the first hat-trick
in this year's Fed Cup
football?

Ritu Kanchan Tamer

2 Who is Pakistan's cricket
team captain?

Wasim Akram Moin

3 Who is the captain of
Bangladesh cricket team?

Aminul Akram Naeem

4 Who won the AB Bank Men's
TT title?

Armenio Biman Mariners

5 Who was voted Germany's
footballer-of-the-year in 2000?

Kahn Svenja Reuter

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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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gaining 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 emerging
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 Wednesday."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 competition
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
corners and 12 other shots at the
goal."It's a game we should have
won," Dutch coach Maurits
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 referee at the far
end.Television replays showed it
was a fair goal because the ball
hit the top net and then came
out, he said.A protest by the Dutch was
however turned down by the
tournament's technical committee.The Malaysians were over-
joyed at taking a point off the
World Cup, Olympic and
Champions' Trophy winners."We may have played an
ugly game, but defending is our
strength and it served our purpose," coach Stephen van
Huizen said.Canada, returning to the
Olympics after 12 years, ap-
peared set for an upset win
against Germany when Bindu
Kumar put them ahead with
nine minutes to go.But the Germans drew level
the next minute through Bjoern
Michel, before Ulrich Moissi
scored the winner two minutes
before the end.

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 Bank Premier Football League match at the Badda Jagorani 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 Dharmodi 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 Mohammedi Sporting Club. Both teams have collected maximum 15 points each so far.

Substitute Uzzal lobbed a nice ball over the Abahani defence wall to an unmarked Monwar, but the national mid-fielder failed to connect it in 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 opportunity three minutes away from the regulation time when Papel 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 margin. But Kennedy was not ready to lose his reputation as the lone marksman to score in every game.

The macular forward, who had his share of bluntness early in the second session blasting a Titu cross miles over the crossbar from about six yards, did not commit the mistake again during the injury time. Senthil, 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, Mithu, Iqbal, Zakir, Arman, Kanchan (Senthil), Galib (Saiful) (Partho) and Kennedy.

Badda Jagorani: Shamim, Riad, Fatahi, Pavel, Mahmud, Lajuk, Monwar (Towhid), Asad, Noor Islam, Tanvir and Sadek (Uzzal).

Referee: Maruf Shikder

Although Badda had a better possession of the ball on a rain-soaked outfit, 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

Sharma managed to get her to pose for some pictures, and Batoohi added that she had asked for a copy of the Cronje tapes, or at least an authenticated transcription.

Batoohi, who leads in the investigation in the Judge Edwin King Commission set up to probe the Cronje confessions and their fallout, is in India looking to gather additional evidence for the case. Her primary objective is to obtain a copy of the tapes Delhi Police have made of conversations the former South African cricket captain had with alleged bookies.

Delhi Police broke the case open on April 7 this year saying that they had Cronje's voice on tape making deals during the one-day series South Africa played here in India early this year.

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".

The tapes Batoohi is seeking, or even an authenticated transcription, contain recorded conversations with a bookmaker, allegedly the absconding Sanjeev Chawla about payments for "banking" selected one-day matches and related payments.

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