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SPORTS TALK



A goalmouth action during the green Delta Premier Division Hockey League encounter between Mohammedan Sporting Club and Azad Sporting Club at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday.

Mohammedan eat Azad

Sports Reporter

Holders Mohammedan Sporting Club continued their relentless march towards retaining the Green Delta Premier Division hockey league title for the fourth successive season with an 8-2 demolition of Azad Sporting Club in one of the two return leg matches played at the Maulana Bhasani Stadium yesterday.

Pakistani play-maker Tahir Zaman struck thrice, Mahbubul Ehsan Rana added two while Shamim Reza, Ranij and Shahidullah Tito scored one goal each for the winners. Defender Yem and forward Tulin reduced the margin for Azad who look destined to be relegated to the First Division having earned only four points from 12 matches so far.

It was Mohammedan's 12th successive win which raised their tally to 36 points and kept them atop the nine-team league table with a massive 10-point lead over second placed Abahani.

Rana put the black and whites ahead through a penalty corner in the 21st minute while the league's topscorer Shamim Reza doubled the margin with a field goal in the 32nd. It was Reza's 20th strike of the season. There were no more goals in the first half.

Mohammedan appeared more hungry the second session and blasted six more with Tahir getting his three goals in the 49th, 57th and 63rd minutes. Rana, Tito and Ranij got on the score sheet in the 46th, 50th and 67th minutes respectively.

Earlier, in the day's first match, Ajax Sporting Club registered a 3-2 win over Farashganj Sporting Club.

The match was locked 2-2 in the first half.

Molnuddin Jhunu, Aleem Raja and Siam-e-Noor scored a goal apiece for the winners while Sabir and Nadeem acted for Farashganj.

It was the third win for Ajax against a draw and eight defeats which pulled them out of the dreaded relegation zone and placed them sixth in the table with 10 points.

On the other hand, Farashganj remained fifth with their previous collection of 12 points from as many matches.

TODAY'S MATCHES
Premier Division
Ushia Kirta Chakra v Sonali Bank (4 pm)
First Division
Railway v Wari Club (2:15 pm)
Venue: Maulana Bhasani Stadium

Batohi faces legal bar

NEW DELHI, Sept 19 (AFP): South African and Indian officials on Tuesday discussed a match-fixing scandal involving former Proteas skipper Hansie Cronje but legal hurdles dogged both parties, officials said.

Shamila Batohi, South Africa's chief prosecutor for the Edwin King Commission of Inquiry, met Delhi Police Crime Branch officials for talks aimed at collecting key evidence against Cronje.

Batohi, who arrived in India on Saturday, met Delhi Police Commissioner Ajai Raj Sharma on Monday but the initial round of talks was bogged down by legal formalities, the officials said.

Batohi hopes to take back copies of eight audio cassettes which reportedly contain Cronje's conversations with a London-based Indian bookie, Sanjeev Chawla, during South Africa's tour of India in March.

Crime Branch detectives, however, said they expressed their inability to hand over the incriminating tapes to the South African, who is accompanied by her deputy Jeff Edwards.

"Since it is a criminal case, the court's permission has to be obtained before the evidence (tapes) is handed over," said Crime Branch Deputy Police Commissioner Pradeep Srivastava.

The stand leaves the South Africans with no alternative but to apply to the court here for copies of the tapes, legal experts said.

Bomb hoax delays India's training camp

NEW DELHI, Sept 19 (Inter-net report): A bomb hoax held up the Indian side's training camp in Chennai on Sunday, delaying preparations for next month's ICC Trophy.

According to reports on the web, an anonymous caller raised a false alarm of a bomb being planted at the MRF foundation ground in the city (formerly Madras) on Sunday, bringing to a halt to proceedings at the camp, as interim coach Anshuman Gaekwad thinned 23 probabilities into a 14-man squad to meet Kenya in the opening match of the Nairobi tournament on October 2.

Ashok Kumbhat, secretary of the Tamil Nadu Cricket Association received the phone call and informed city police commissioner P Kalimuthu.

However, the call turned out to be a hoax after a bomb detection squad with sniffer dogs made a thorough search of the ground.

The Indian squad is expected to be announced on Wednesday, the deadline set by organisers for submission of team sheets.

Delhi police detectives plan to use the secretly-recorded conversations as evidence against Cronje in their match-fixing charges slapped on the former South African cricket captain in April.

Besides Cronje, the police also framed charges of corruption against his teammates Herschelle Gibbs, Nicky Boje and Pieter Strydom.

Other police officials said the talks Tuesday would focus on the legalities of obtaining the tapes and other evidence sealed as "court property" in line with local laws.

Yesterday's meeting was just protocol but today and tomorrow we will get to the nitty-gritty of the business as we also want voice samples of Cronje and other evidence from Batohi," a senior crime branch source told the news agency.

"But the evidence from South Africa has to come through authenticated legal sources for us to use them as evidence in court," he said, describing it as "yet another legal hurdle" in the way of India-South Africa cooperation.

The South African prosecutor also hopes to meet two Indian bookies, Rajesh Kalra and Kishan Kumar, who were arrested in connection with the scandal and later released on bail.

Batohi is also likely to meet with Indian cricket board officials during her stay in India, sources said.

Batohi on Monday told reporters the meeting with police chief Sharma was "very positive, very good and very encouraging," adding that she hoped the legal hurdles would be "sorted out."

An Indian federal inquiry into match-fixing and corruption is likely to point fingers at several national and overseas cricketers later this month.



Shamila Batohi (C), South African's chief prosecutor in the King Commission of Inquiry, her aide Captain Jeff Edwards (R) and Delhi Police Commissioner Ajai Raj Sharma pose for photographers outside the latter's office after a meeting at the Police Headquarters in Delhi on September 18.

Victoria open account

Sports Reporter

Victoria Sporting Club registered their first win in the National Bank Premier Division football league defeating Brothers Union through the breaker (5-3) in one of the two matches played at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

The match was tied 1-1 during the regulation 90 minutes.

Rahel, Sohel, Kabir, Abul and Polo were the successful penalty takers for Victoria while Parvez, Palash and Chanchal found the net for Brothers. Shahzad spilled his attempt by sending the ball over the cross piece.

On a rain washed ground where ball frequently stopped by the muddy outfield, Brothers, who have also won one match in four outings so far, made a brilliant start against the new comers and took an early first half lead through a right side attack.

Basanta Thapa, one of the three Nepalese national team booters playing for the Gopibagh outfit, scored the goal capitalising on a goal mouth rebounder in the eighth minute.

Sohel levelled the margin heading home a Kaiser cross from right in the 58th minute.

Victoria, with the win, earned two points but still remained at the bottom of the table. On the other hand, it was the fourth defeat of Brothers in five matches. They are now sharing the seventh position along with Dhanmondi Club with each having four points.

TODAY'S MATCHES
Premier Division
Mohammedan SC v Badda Jagan (5:30 pm)
Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium

Zimbabwe make early inroad

HARARE, Sept 19: Mark Richardson and Matthew Sinclair rescued New Zealand from an early setback on the first day of the second Test against Zimbabwe here Tuesday and by lunch the Kiwis had made 60 for one, reports AFP.

With only five runs on the board, New Zealand lost the wicket of newcomer Craig Spearman in the third over.

Bowling with lively pace through a side-on breeze, Henry Olonga tempted Spearman to clip the ball to wicket-keeper Andy Flower on only his 11th delivery.

Both Spearman and Olonga had been drafted into their respective teams.

Spearman replaced Matthew Horne, whose century at Bulawayo last week set up a first Test victory but he incurred a chipped thumb in the process. Olonga returned to Test cricket after a long lay-off through injury.

Richardson, scorer of a triple-century in a warm-up match early in New Zealand's tour here but who failed twice in the first Test with scores of six and 13, looked comfortable at the crease and had scored 21. Sinclair, picking up from his undefeated second innings 43 in Bulawayo, is on 35 and the pair have put on 55 so far for the second wicket.

They reached a 50 partnership in the penultimate over of the morning session.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard at lunch on the first day of the second Test match between Zimbabwe and New Zealand on Tuesday:
NEW ZEALAND: First innings
Richardson not out 21
Spearman c A Flower b Olonga 2
Sinclair not out 35
Extras 2
Total: (For 1 wkt in 26 overs) 60
Fall of wicket: 1-5
To bat: Stephen Fleming (captain), Nathan Astle, Craig McMillan, Chris Cairns, Adam Parore, Dion Nash, Paul Wiseman, Shayne O'Connor.

Bowler O M R W
Olonga 7 3 12 1
Streak 9 1 21 0
Nkala 4 0 17 0
Mbangwa 4 1 6 0
Strang 2 0 4 0

ZIMBABWE: Grant Flower, Gavin Rennie, Alistair Campbell, Stuart Carlisle, Andrew Flower, Guy Whittall, Heath Streak (captain), Mhuleki Nkala, Paul Strang, Mpuumelo Mbangwa, Henry Olonga.

Umpires: Ian Robinson (Zimbabwe), David Shepherd (England).

Ajan pulls for new policy
SYDNEY, Sept 19: Anti-drugs crusader Tamas Ajan defended weightlifting's controversial "three strikes and you are out" drug policy on Tuesday, saying it was aimed at cleaning up the sport not punishing "clean" athletes, reports AFP.

Ajan, general secretary of the International Weightlifting Federation (IWF) and a member of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), has been under fire since the IWF kicked out the whole Romanian team from the Sydney Olympics after three drug positives and then allowed them back in after payment of a 50,000-dollar fine.

Romanian weightlifters Traian Chiriac and Adrian Mateas were unmasked as drug takers by a mass doping exercise carried out by the IWF in the lead up to the Sydney Olympics.

As a third Romanian lifter had also tested positive in May, the IWF activated a rule which banned the entire squad from the Olympics and international competition for a year.

BCB seal the deal secretly

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) has sold its TV and partial Internet rights to the WorldTel for the next five years. The deal, first of its kind for a sports organisation of this country, will expire on October 31, 2005.

Interestingly though, the Board officials were found to be extraordinarily tightlipped about the financial aspect of the agreement with the American-based television production company on Monday night.

The Board, which promised transparency in its high-profile annual general meeting earlier this month, seems to have made sure that Mark Mascarenhas, the controversial Indian who owns the WorldTel, could leave Dhaka without meeting local journalists.

Mascarenhas, who is under the CBI investigation for his alleged involvement in match fixing, was supposed to sign the deal yesterday. But, following an unknown development late in the night, he sealed the deal before rushing off to Calcutta on the same night. And, none of the Board officials was eager to say a word about the matter yesterday.

Although BCB president Sabir Hossain Chowdhury on September 11 said that he would disclose the details to the press after the deal is struck, he was not available to make any statement at the BCB office yesterday.

The most interesting aspect of the deal was the minimum guarantee money, which many felt that the Board should disclose to the public.

Despite the tight-lipped policy of the Board, it was learnt that the WorldTel will pay BCB 80 per cent of the revenue. The WorldTel will hold the television and the Internet rights but give a concession on the net-casts in BCB web page and also some audio highlights. The Board however has decided to invite Cricinfo, a popular cricket host on the net, to handle its rights.

Five companies, including a local aspirant - Satview Media Group of Companies, were gunning for the rights.

After preliminary assessment, the Board announced on September 11 that the WorldTel was the highest bidder among the five companies. It ruled out Satview on grounds of poor credentials.

A Bengali daily had reported that Satview offered a staggering amount of Taka 240 crore for all the rights, involving Bangladesh's local cricket, for next 12 years.

Rahmatganj owe ref one

Sports Reporter

Rahmatganj Muslim Friends Society wrestled to their second successive win in National Bank Premier Football League when the old town outfit prevailed over a spirited Dhanmondi Club by a lone goal at the floodlit Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Playing on a virtual paddy field caused by intermittent rain, the big-spending Rahmatganj scored the all-important goal in the sixth minute with their star national striker Moni driving home an angular shot that slipped into the net after hitting the far post.

Rahmatganj however can consider themselves lucky to walk away with the slim lead as Dhanmondi, having been promoted in the Premier League this year, missed a penalty two minutes after conceding the goal.

Referee Golam Mostafa pointed at the dreaded spot after Rahmatganj's Monsur pulled down a menacingly poised Asad in the forbidden zone. Striker Asad shot the 12-yarder against the right-side post of Rahmatganj's Nepalese custodian Upendra Man Singh.

Although players of both teams had to struggle for staying on their feet on a heavy outfield, Dhanmondi could still enforce a draw had not the man in uniform ruled it out for any good reason. Ikrum came up with a spectacular header off a Shaiful free kick that crashed on to the net three minutes away from the final whistle, but referee Mostafa cancelled the goal for a controversial foul.

It was a horrible call as none but Mostafa saw the foul play between Upendra and Ikrum. A few hundred fans vented their anger throwing in stones on the field.

POINTS TABLE

Teams	M	W	L	T	GF	GA	Points
Mohammedan	5	5	-	-	15	1	15
Abahani	5	5	-	-	13	1	15
Muktijoddha	5	4	1	-	9	1	14
Arambagh	5	1	2	2	2	5	7
Rahmatganj	5	2	-	3	5	8	6
Farashganj	5	1	-	2	2	5	5
Brothers Union	5	1	-	3	1	2	4
Dhanmondi	5	1	-	3	4	11	4
Badda	5	1	-	4	2	8	3
Victoria	5	-	1	4	6	15	2

Hattricks: Nakib (Mohammedan) against Dhanmondi Club, IM Vijayan (Muktijoddha) against Rahmatganj and Manju (Dhanmondi) against Victoria SC.

Leading goalscorers: 7 goals - Nakib (Mohammedan), 6 goals - Kennedy (Abahani), 4 goals - Alfaz (Mohammedan), 3 goals - IM Vijayan (Muktijoddha), Don (Abahani), Manju (Dhanmondi), Sohel (Victoria), Asif (Muktijoddha), Moni (Rahmatganj).



THREE CHEERS FOR KOREA: South Koreans Mi-Jin Yun (C), Kim Nam Soon (L) and Kim Soo Nyung, who swept the women's individual archery competition winning the gold, silver and bronze medals respectively, pose for photographers after the final yesterday.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Impairment
5 Scrooge's word
8 Hanks' role
12 Surface measure
13 Self-importance
14 List-ending abbr.
15 Reverie
17 Tibetan monk
18 Gel dressed in
19 Nebraska city dweller
21 Lost color
24 Heal
25 OPEC member
26 Part of DST
30 Goose egg
31 Contract clauses
32 Line
33 Sunlit periods
35 Wheels of fortune?

DOWN
1 Swindled
2 Coach song
3 Parseghian
4 Tyne
24 Carpenter or
4 Incense
5 Existed
6 Khan title
7 Sound-alikes
8 Rich ice creams
9 Sundance Film Festival locale
10 One of the Three Bears
11 Blueprint in the
16 Angler's need
20 Wire units
21 Locate
22 38-Across song
23 Actress
24 Tyne
26 Put
27 Cheshire countenance
28 Base-runner's goal
29 Pairs
31 Mah-jongg piece
34 Monkey (with)
35 Elegy
36 Abner's adjective
38 Vena -
39 Teensy bit
40 Sunday paper section
41 Went blonde?
44 Ms. Gardner
45 Court
46 A
47 Gloomy

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CRYPTOQUIP

WB HJK BMWQ CKP WY
YQMPP. W'V IGU HJK
CW XZU XGU ZGQV
IMYZ BJD M HGMD
Yesterday's Cryptquip: AFTER A LARGE PACKAGE OF FISH FELL ON HIS HEAD, HE GOT A SPLITTING HADDOCK.
Today's Cryptquip Clue: M equals A
The Cryptquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Kapil Dev
(Former Indian cricket coach)
"I felt bad when some media people asked my daughter if she knew of any currency being recovered from the beds and sofas in the house."

Recalling the time when Income Tax officials came to his house.

Blame it on press

SYDNEY, Sept 19: Indian weightlifting bronze medalist Kariam Malleswari said on Tuesday that she was driven harder to become the country's first female Olympic medalist by press jibes which claimed she was "overweight, drinking beer and eating too much chicken and cheese", reports AFP.

The comments, printed by the India Today magazine, had also put undue pressure on her, said Malleswari.

The magazine said I was overweight, drinking beer and eating too much chicken and cheese. Also, that I was getting old and was not serious about my training. I was feeling very sad about what was printed especially as nobody asked my opinion or tried to confirm anything with me," said Malleswari, who finished third in the 69kg division behind China's Lin Weining and Erzebet Markus of Hungary.

"They wrote these things but had no source. It put pressure on me but also made me try harder for a medal," said Malleswari, who started lifting weights when she was 12. "Let them ask me or my coach now if I was overweight - I have won a medal for India."

Malleswari lifted a total of 240kg and made a bold bid for silver by attempting a clean and jerk of 137.5kg, 7.5kg heavier than her previous successful lift. She cleared the weight to her shoulders but could not hoist it overhead.

The 25-year-old from Andhra Pradesh confirmed that she would bow out at the top after becoming the first woman medalist for India, the second largest country in the world in terms of population with more than one billion people.

India's eight gold medal in 20 Olympics were all won by their men's hockey team, the last in 1980.

The hockey team also won a silver and two bronzes with the other bronze medals being lifted by tennis star Leander Paes and a wrestler.

"I am overwhelmed with pride - this will be my last competition. You cannot top being the first Indian woman to win an Olympic medal," said Malleswari, who was world champion in 1994 and 1995.

"It was thrilling and I would like to thank my coach, my husband and my family. Also, I am grateful for the support the Sports Authority of India have given to me during my career."

General secretary of the Indian Olympic Committee, Randhir Singh said: "This is so exciting for everyone - there will be tremendous excitement back in India. We have always been strong at women's weightlifting and were hopeful of a medal. I am very proud of her."