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SPORTS TALK



FATAL FATAL: Badda Jagorani's Nigerian recruit Fatai (R), whose own goal let his team down, duels with Mohammedan captain Alfaz for possession during their National Bank Premier Division Football League clash at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. — Star photo

MSC owe Fatai one

Sports Reporter

A suicidal goal from Badda's Nigerian defender Fatai allowed Mohammedan Sporting Club to walk away with a 2-1 win in the National Bank Premier Football League at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

The tall Nigerian, in a bid to thwart an Alfaz cross from the right, headed the ball into his own net fourteen minutes away from the final whistle, letting the holders squeak into their sixth successive win and consolidate their lead with maximum 18 points.

Apart from the fatal blunder from Fatai, both sides scored one goal each in the first half.

Former national captain and central defender Jewel Rana gave Mohammedan a fifth minute lead with a back header off a Rakib flag-kick.

But the Mohammedan joy did not last long as Badda pulled off the equaliser in the 20th minute with their substitute forward Bulbul driving a neat ground from inside the box past a bemused veteran custodian Ponir.

Playing with their left wing back Ruhul Amin, suspended for one match after picking up his third yellow card in the previous game against Farashganj, Mohammedan lacked the necessary firepower in their attack.

Besides, the heavy outpour caused by incessant rain denied both sides of playing their usual game. The green top at the big bowl was so badly damaged that it only led the players to play physical game instead of making any concerted effort.

As the match grew older, the middle of the pitch, which was totally damaged by then, became a no-man's land with players from both teams trying hard not to step on to the injury-inviting zone.

Despite the unplayable ground condition, Mohammedan got a couple of opportunities in the first half. They came close to scoring when Motiur Munna lobbed a neat cross from the right, which Nakib headed wide off the mark.

Mohammedan created their best chance three minutes away from the short whistle when Rakib needed only to shot the ball into an empty net. But he not only missed it but also found himself lying on the ground at the courtesy of slippery turf.

The second half was a spectator's plight. The other notable incident apart from the late goal was an eight-minute suspension of the game following a foul committed by Jahangir of Mohammedan against Badda's captain Monwar.

Jahangir apparently knocked his marker Monwar down while Badda were about to take a free kick from outside the Mohammedan box. Although the incident failed to catch the attention of referee Maruf Shikder, he made it up by consulting with the linesman. While everyone was expecting him to flash the card, he it a red or yellow, he unnecessarily delayed the procedure by asking Jahangir to come forward.

But the event got further twist when Ponir floored another Badda player following a heated exchange that took place while Maruf was trying to assert himself. The 'witty' referee came with a delayed solution to the stalemate when he flashed his yellow cards both to Jahangir and Ponir.

According to the game's rule, any off-the-ball foul is a red card offence.

Maruf however become the latest example of poor refereeing, which grows in numbers as the League is progressing.

Yellow cards: Ponir, Rezaul, Jahangir (Mohammedan), Shamim and Nurul Islam (Badda).

TEAMS

Mohammedan SC: Ponir, Rezaul, Faisal, Jahangir, Jewel Rana, Titu, Motiur Munna, Bipul (Shoaib), Rakib, Alfaz and Nakib.

Badda Jagorani: Shamim, Riad, Pavel, Lajuk, Mahmudul Hasan, Fatai, Monwar, Tanvir, Asad (Sayed), Sadek (Bulbul) (Uzzal) and Nurul Islam.

Referee: Maruf Shikder

Batohi to return empty-handed

NEW DELHI, Sept 20 (AFP): South Africa's chief prosecutor is likely to return home without the vital tapes linking former Proteas skipper Hansie Cronje to cricket's biggest match-fixing scandal, Indian officials said Wednesday.

Shamila Batohi, the chief prosecutor for the Edwin King Commission of Inquiry, was set Wednesday to meet Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) officials, who are probing match-fixing charges against some of India's top cricketers.

"Probably they will have to come back for it (Cronje tapes)," said Delhi Police Commissioner Ajay Raj Sharma, explaining how complex legal hurdles prevented him from handing over the incriminating tapes.

Batohi is hoping to return home with copies of eight audio cassettes which purportedly contain Cronje's conversations with a London-based Indian lookie, Sanjeev Chawla, during South Africa's tour of India in March.

The police chief said the South African authorities will have to appeal to the Indian judiciary for copies of the tapes, which have been sealed by Delhi Police crime branch detectives as "court property."

Sharma said since Batohi and her deputy Jeff Edwards were scheduled to return home Friday it would not be possible for the pair to clear the legal procedures in just two days.

Batohi, who arrived in India on Saturday, has met Sharma and a host of senior detectives in the past two days but the procedural hurdles have dashed her hopes of collecting legally-validated evidence in India.

She on her part has, however, told Sharma that samples of Cronje's voice would be sent to the Delhi Police once a court in South Africa granted permission.

Detectives here claim that they secretly taped conversations of Cronje and London-based Indian lookie Sanjeev Chawla before slapping the match-fixing charges.

They plan to use the recorded conversations as evidence against Cronje in a court trial next month.

Safin sent packing

TENNIS

SYDNEY, Sept 20: Barely 24 hours after arriving in Australia, US Open champion Marat Safin was bounced out of the Olympic tennis tournament by Frenchman Fabrice Santoro 1-6, 6-1, 6-4, reports AP.

The top men's seed won the President's Cup on Monday in Uzbekistan. That victory moved the 20-year-old Russian ahead of Pete Sampras in the ATP Champions Race, but the wear and tear of the last month finally caught up with him.

Lindsay Davenport, the top-seeded woman and defending gold medalist, won her opening match against Paolo Suarez of Argentina, 6-2, 6-2. That made the US women 3-0, with No 2 seeded Venus Williams and No 3 Monica Seles winning Tuesday.

"The competition is very strong here, mostly from my teammates," Davenport said. "Obviously we would like to sweep the medals. We think we have a good chance to do that."

Tenth-seeded Russian Elena Dementieva, a semifinalist at the US Open earlier this month, eliminated wildcard Miroslava Vavrinec of Switzerland 6-1, 6-1. No. 14 Ai Sugiyama of Japan lost to Australian Jelena Dokic 6-0, 7-6.

In men's play, No 7 Tim Henman of England lost to

Raj Shah eying gold

Sports Reporter

Raj Shah, a Bangladeshi American girl, has her sight set for a gold medal for the women's rowing event at the Olympics in Sydney, according to a message from Albany, New York. She is the Coxswain (captain) of the US national Women's Eight which is participating at the Olympics. Earlier her team finished runners up to Romania in the past two world championships held in Cologne in 1998 and Ontario in 1999.

Her father Dhuraj Shah who is from Jessore and graduated from Dhaka Medical College and later emigrated to America, is the Director of the Institute of Vascular Health at Albany. Dr Dhuraj is planning to found a hospital in Dhaka. Raj's mother who is from Bogra is an eminent painter and held solo exhibitions in New York and Boston.

Raj Shah, 25, also coxed for both men's and women's team at Brown University. At Brown she coxed men's team to back to back national championships in 1994 and 1995 before graduating.

She is now studying for Master's in Physiology at San Diego State University and plans to attend medical school to follow her father's path.

Tom McCarthy b'ball BKSP, BAF Shaheen in last four

Sports Reporter

BKSP and BAF Shaheen College sailed into the semifinals of the Tom McCarthy School basketball tournament after winning their respective games held at the Dhanmondi basketball gymnasium yesterday.

BKSP won the first match 94-33 against Saint Joseph High School.

The winners led the first half 43-20.

BKSP's Amjad and Shaheen caged in 18 and 16 points respectively.

In the other match, BAF Shaheen College recorded a 78-36 victory over Sunbeams.

Adnan scored highest 24 points for the winners.

BKSP will take on Saint Gregory High School in the first semifinal while BAF Shaheen College will meet BN School in the second semifinal today.

Indo-Pak war in KL?

LONDON, Sept 19 (Internet report): Kuala Lumpur may host the Sahara Cup series between India and Pakistan next year, the Gulf News reported on Tuesday.

Although the Indian government is yet to decide, plans have been made to renew the series, previously held in Toronto. The series of the last two years were cancelled as the Indian government refused permission for the national side to meet Pakistan in light of the Kashmir crisis.

"The PCB has entered into an agreement with Sahara Television to stage the series next year in Kuala Lumpur," Zahid Bashir, marketing advisor of the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) told the newspaper.

"We have got a written offer of 13 million USD from Sahara Television to play against India for the next five years in Kuala Lumpur. Sahara Television officials will also be talking to India and try to enter into an agreement soon."

"Sahara Television is yet to approach us. We are yet to hear from them," board secretary Jaywant Lele told Gulf News.

Nat'l boat race

The 25th national boat race will be held on November 23 and 24 at Baridhara Lake and Buriganga river adjacent to China-Bangladesh Friendship Bridge respectively, reports BSS.

The events are as follows: Three-oar (men) boat, seven-oar (men) boat, three-oar (women) boat, seven-oar (women) boat, 25-oar (men) boat (international standard), 50-oar (men) boat (Koshi), 50-oar (men) boat (Saraty type) and 50-oar (men) boat (chhip).

Bangladesh Rowing Federation requested all divisions, affiliated districts, services teams, organisations and affiliated clubs to send their entries with fees to its Bangabandhu National Stadium office by October 5.

Jabbar Memorial tennis

Nazmul Huda and Robin of BKSP moved into the final of boys' under-10 in the MA Jabbar Memorial tennis tournament beating Joy of Rajshahi and Naimul of Naogon respectively at the Engineers Club yesterday, reports BSS.

Amol Roy of the Engineers Club reached men's singles final beating Shafi of Rajbari 6-1, 6-4 in the semifinal.

The other semifinal between Dilip Pasha of BTF and Collins of Rajshahi was postponed and will take place next week.

Russel of Rajshahi reached the boys' under-16 final, defeating Babu of BPS 6-4, 6-2.

The matches will resume on September 27.

Sonali Bank Kamaled

Sports Reporter

A fabulous five-goal burst from one national forward Rafiqul Islam Kamal powered Usha Krira Chakra to a 12-2 demolition of Sonali Bank in a Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League return fixture yesterday.

Kamal, who is in devastating form this season, scored twice in the first session and then added three more after the break to take his personal goal tally to 18—only second to Mohammedan's Shamim Reza's league highest of 20.

Kamal apart Moududur Rahman Shuvo (three goals), Pakistani recruit Mohammad Saqlain (two goals) and Mamunur Rashid (two goals) also joined in the party.

Bank skipper Irteza Quader Guddu was the scorer of both his team's goals.

Usha who have 28 points from 12 matches, can now fancy their chances of finishing runners up to runaway leaders and defending champions Mohammedan Sporting Club (36 points from 12 games). Abahani are Usha's main rivals with 26 points having played one game less than Usha.

Kamal made his intentions clear as early as in the second minute when he flicked home a Raju cross. Saqlain doubled the margin the eighth minute before Kamal scored his second. The clock had barely crossed the 13 minute mark.

Shuvo then had a brace in the 17th and 25th minutes.

In between Guddu had pulled one back by converting a penalty corner. Usha had a 5-1 lead going into the break.

Guddu made it 2-5 from another penalty corner early in the second half but that was as far as he and his team would go.

Usha, who had earlier in the month handed a 12-1 mauling to Farashganj, then gave another lesson in high-scoring to their shell-shocked opponents by hitting seven goals in the last 27 minutes. Kamal found the net in the 46th, 48th and 61st minutes. Mamunur converted two penalty corners in the 43rd and 63rd minutes while Saqlain and Shuvo struck one each in the 58th and 65th minutes to round off a ruthless exhibition.

The day's first match, First Division joint-leaders Wari Club and Railway ended in a 1-1 draw.

After a barren first half, Arif put Wari ahead with a field goal in the 59th minute while Tabrez equalised for Railway through a penalty corner at the stroke of the final whistle.

The outcome of yesterday's match left both teams, who have already confirmed promotion to the Premier Division next season, joint top of the seven-team league with 26 points from 12 matches.

The sides will now take on each other in a championship play-off on September 24.



Shuvo (No 11) of Usha Krira Chakra, who scored a hat-trick, pushes in his third goal against Sonali Bank in the Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League encounter at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday. — Star photo

Cairns turns up heat

HARARE, Sept 20: New Zealand put an early stranglehold on the second cricket Test against Zimbabwe during the second day here with a first innings score of 465 all out, reports AFP.

The Kiwis' performance was based mainly on a Chris Cairns century and other big contributions from Mark Richardson, Nathan Asle and Dion Nash.

It was New Zealand's biggest score against Zimbabwe in their 10 clashes, and it effectively eliminates any prospect of the home side winning the match and squaring the series, with them having lost the first Test in Bulawayo by seven wickets last week.

In reply, during an awkward final hour, Zimbabwe were 31-1, losing Gavin Rennie for four, Grant Flower on 11 and Stuart Carlisle (15) saw out the day.

Cairns 124 was two short of his best in Test cricket. He hit three sixes and 13 fours and he needed only 172 balls for his fourth century. When he reached 71 he achieved a personal Test career landmark of 2,500.

He also figured with Dion Nash in New Zealand's new record eighth wicket partnership of 144.

Also among the runs for the Kiwis were Mark Richardson, who was out with the last ball Tuesday on 99, a misfortune which prevented his maiden century.

Nathan Asle's 86 ended with a run out by Mpmulelo Mbangwa just when he also had his sights on a century — in his case it would have been a sixth. That was in the final over of the morning session.

Dion Nash hit a merited 62, not far short of his best Test score of 89.

Grant Flower, at the centre of a bowling delivery controversy during the first Test when Darrell Hair no-balled him for what the Australian umpire perceived to be an illegal action, was not challenged either by the Zimbabwe official Ian Robinson or the vastly experienced English umpire David Shepherd.

Shepherd made a point of viewing Flower from both square leg and off-side umpiring positions. On that basis Hair's view of Flower's action is so far a lone one.

Zimbabwe are 434 runs behind with nine wickets standing and face an uphill task Thursday.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the second day of the second Test

	B	O	M	R	W
Bowler					
Olonga	27	5	115	3	
Streak	29	6	74	0	
Nkala	15	0	60	1	
Mbangwa	28	10	58	2	
Strang	38	11	80	2	
G Flower	20.3	6	59	1	
Rennie	3	0	16	0	
ZIMBABWE: First Innings					
G Flower not out					11
Rennie c Spearman b O'Connor					4
Carlisle not out					15
Extras: (b-1)					1
Total: (For 1 wkt 17 overs)					31
Fall of wickets: 1-5					
Bowler					
Cairns	6	2	9	0	
O'Connor	6	2	9	0	
Nash	4	1	14	0	
McMillan	2	0	3	0	

CROSSWORD by Eugene Sheffer

1 Catchers need
5 Sticky situation
8 Unescorted
12 Garfield's pal
13 Pay with plastic
14 Money of Ghana
15 Aduloscen
17 Projection room
18 Seraglio
19 Chewed the scenery
21 Blow the whistle
24 Commotion
25 West Side Story
28 Rowan Atkinson character
30 Kennedy
33 Sleeve stash
34 Infinitesimal
35 Parisian

contribution
37 Choral rendition
38 Fingerprint or DNA
39 Small number
41 Mystery writer
43 Anglican kid
40 Rn
50 Exceptional
51 Growing pain
54 It takes the cake
55 Einstein's birthplace
56 "My Life As"
57 Becomes a couple
20 Oodles
22 Act the robot
23 Abounds
25 Discard
26 Ounce
27 Didn't go steadily?
29 Stymie's daughter
31 Flightless bird
32 Backgammon need
34 Grand total?
38 China, once
40 Songbirds
42 Q followers
43 Cornfield intruder
44 Possess
45 AC meas.
47 Staffer
48 Recognize
49 Ova
52 Wallace or
53 Caligula's title (Abbr.)

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DAYDREAM LAMA
DON OMAHIAN
FADEO KNIT
IRAN DAYLIGHT
NIT TERMS ROW
DAYTIMES LIMO
ALAN LINES
CARMEN DTM
ATOP DAYLEWIS
VOTIE EVE NORA
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Yesterday's answer
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UTH EYDKDTHDH
KWS DU RUTROKDY XVO
EQUVTQJ UZQOD CWWH.
Yesterday's Cryptquip: IF YOU FAIL MUSIC CLASS, I'D BET YOU MIGHT GET HELD BACK FOR A YEAR.
Today's Cryptquip Clue: Z equals F
The Cryptquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals Q, it will equal Q throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words are an anagram that give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.