

SPORTS TALK

**Sachin Tendulkar**

(Indian star cricketer)
"I would like to tell the Olympic squad that all Indians are behind them, just go and fight it out. We will be praying for their success and for medals. Not just cricketers but all countrymen wish you all the best."

On the eve of the Indian squad's departure for Sydney.

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1 Who scored the first hattrick in this year's Fed Cup football?
Rum Kauchan Tanner

2 Who is Pakistan's cricket team captain?
Wasim Waqar Moin

3 Who is the captain of Bangladesh cricket team?
Aminul Akram Naimur

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

5 Who was voted Germany's footballer of the year in 2000?
Kahn Sammer Reuter

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Rajshahi soccer

From Our Correspondent
RAJSHAHI, Sept 22: Moon Sporting Club, Benji Sporting Club, Makhon Smriti Sangha and Ali Smriti Sangha won their respective matches of the Mayor Cup football tournament at the Rajshahi Collegiate School playground.

In the first match, Moon beat Sattara 3-2 in tiebreaker.

In the second match, Benji blanked Yeng Star 6-0.

In the third match, Makhon Smriti trounced A.S. Enterprise 4-0.

Not the way he liked it to end

SYDNEY, Sept 22: Canada's former 100 metres world recordholder Donovan Bailey saw the last of his individual crowns — the Olympic one — disappear here on Friday as he trailed in an also-ran in his second round heat, reports AFP.

The 32-year-old, who won the Olympic title in 1996 establishing the then world record of 9.84 seconds to add to his 1995 world title, said that although he had been sick with flu for four days prior to the heats on Friday he would not let it stop him from running.

"I have been sick for four days and have a lot of fluid in my lungs," he said.

"Normally I wouldn't have raced but this was my Olympic title and I have never been one to back down."

"I said to myself I can't lay down ... I can't do that," he added.

Bailey, who had his bitter rivals and founders of the Club (Anyone But Bailey) Ata Boldon and the man who has taken his world title and world record from him Maurice Greene watching after they won their heats, said that despite his illness it was still a very hard pill to swallow.

"I am very upset," he said.

"I didn't want it (my Olympic title) to end this way because the Olympics are the ultimate," he added.

Bailey, who has found it tough going since he returned last year after rupturing his Achilles tendon playing basketball, didn't come out and announce his retirement though he added he was going to call his family.

One of Bailey's training partners Bajan Obadele Thompson, who breezed through his second round heat in 10.04 and was nominated by Greene as his toughest opponent, paid tribute to the Jamaican-born former marketing executive.

Muktijoddha upended

Sports Reporter

Title aspirants Muktijoddha Sangsad Krira Chakra suffered a big blow in the National Bank Premier Division football league when they lost to promoted Dhamondi Club in a thrilling tie-breaker at the Bangabandhu National Stadium last night.

The score was level at 1-1 during the regulation 90 minutes of the day's second match. The tie-breaker reached a nerve-racking stage when each of twenty players from the two teams went on to score one goal apiece, forcing referee Maruf Sikder to invite both the custodians -- Bijan Barua (Muktijoddha) and Nayan (Dhamondi), to break the tie. Much to the amusement of the spectators, none of the goalkeepers could emerge winner as their shots failed to find the net.

Muktijoddha skipper Rajani then stepped forward and sent the ball wide off the left-side post. Dhamondi forward Ashraful, in his turn, kept his cool under the high-pressure situation and beat Bijan fair and square to help his side earn two valuable points.

With this commendable win, Dhamondi have collected six points from as many matches.

On the other hand, Muktijoddha were pushed further down in the points table behind joint leaders -- Mohammadan Sporting Club and Abahani.

Muktijoddha now have 15 points from six matches while Mohammadan and Abahani have 18 points each.

After a barren first half, Asif put Muktijoddha ahead heading home a Mintu cross from the right in the 52nd minute but Manju levelled only after 15 minutes. Interestingly, he sent in a perfect header on a Parvez flag-kick from the left.

Apart from the two goals, the match was a boring affair where Muktijoddha struggled throughout the match against their unheralded opponents, who have won only one match so far.

Earlier in the day's first match, Farashganj Sporting Club recorded their second win with a 2-1 victory over promotes Victoria Sporting Club. The winners led the first half 1-0.

Alamir shot Farashganj into the lead having been set up with a Mithu pass in the 37th minutes while substitute Jalal added the other in the 83rd minute.

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TODAY'S MATCHES**Premier Division**

Brothers Union v Rahmatganj MFS (5:30 pm)

First Division

BRTC v Sadharan Bima (3:30 pm)

Venue: Bangabandhu Na-

national Stadium.

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