



Did U Know?

The most Olympic gold figure skating medals won by a woman is three by Sonja Henie (Norway) at the Winter Olympic Games of 1928, 1932, and 1936. Sonja was born in Oslo, Norway, in 1912, and won her first skating championship aged five. Following success in national figure skating competitions, she entered her first Olympic Games in 1924, when she came last. Undeterred, she carried on winning national competitions and, in the winter of 1926-27, aged 14, she won her first world championship, becoming the youngest person ever to do so. At the next Olympics in 1928, she won gold and her career took off. She won a further two Olympic golds and 10 consecutive World Championships between 1927 and 1936. Following her success at the 1936 Olympics, she turned professional and embarked on a national tour of the USA, signing a five-year film contract with 20th Century Fox. Although she made 10 films, Sonja carried on performing ice-ballet shows until her retirement in 1953. She died of leukaemia in 1969.



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Mohammedan's hattrick hero Alfaz Ahmed (L) and a Prantik Krira Chakra player fight for possession during their Federation Cup encounter at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Alfaz bites Prantik again

Football

Sports Reporter

Ace national forward Alfaz Ahmed scored a brilliant hattrick and set up the other goal for midfielder Monwar as title contenders Mohammedan Sporting Club started their football season with a 4-2 win over Prantik Krira Chakra at the floodlit Bangabandhu National Stadium on Monday.

The 'black and whites' were on a roll in their first match of the Nitol White Cement 17th Federation cup with Alfaz unearthing his scoring prowess once again against the First Division outfit. Incidentally Prantik suffered at the hands of Alfaz at the same stage last year too when the dapper forward blasted four goals in a 5-2 thrashing.

The match was over as a contest in the first half with Mohammedan marching into a 4-0 lead with Alfaz, arguably the number one marksman in the country, striking twice in the space of six minutes.

Alfaz sent the MSC supporters into ecstasy shooting the ball home from top of the box after

being fed by new team captain Imtiaz Ahmed Nakib. Alfaz then dribbled past a couple of Prantik defenders after receiving a hopeful through pass from midfielder Tushar and beat the pocket-size Prantik custodian Selim Miah with a left-foot grounder.

Monwar, the hard-working midfielder who joined Mohammedan this year from Badda Jagorani, scored his first goal for the traditional giants when he beat substitute custodian Moshir with a neat placing shot in the 28th minute.

Two minutes later Alfaz completed his when he raced into the left-hand corner of the box before unleashing a fierce right-footer past Moshir.

The second half saw a sea of change with Mohammedan, deciding to sit on their comfortable goal cushion. That gave Prantik the chance to take the attack to their much-vaunted opponents.

The only First Division side, in the eight-team second phase, Prantik got their reward when Monwar and Anwar pulled two goals back.

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WASIM AKRAM

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