



Did U Know?

The red football shirt, worn by hattrick striker Geoff Hurst during the 1966 World Cup final between England and Germany, was sold for 91,750 pounds (134,393 pounds) in an auction at Christie's, London, on September 28, 2000. Hurst is the only man to have scored a hattrick in a World Cup final. From 1959 and 1972, he made over 400 league appearances and scored 180 goals, helping West Ham win the FA Cup in 1964 and the European Cup Winner's Cup the following year. Hurst's second goal in the 1966 World Cup final was one of the most controversial in World Cup history. His shot hit the crossbar and was judged to have bounced over the line by the linesman, but the validity of the goal is still a topic of debate. Hurst had made his debut against West Germany, only five months before the World Cup, and it was an injury to striker Jimmy Greaves that saw him into the side in the final, where he scored the winner against Argentina in the quarter-finals. The shirt was sold as part of The Sir Geoff Hurst Collection of Football Memorabilia auction, which fetched 274,410 pounds (401,948 dollars) in total.



PHOTO: STAR
 Rahmatganj defender Kingshuk (R) clears the ball against Mohammedan striker Nakib during their Nitol White Cement 17th Federation Cup fixture at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

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Mohammedan Sporting Club advanced into the semifinals of the Nitol White Cement 17th Federation Club football tournament with a hard-fought 2-1 win over Rahmatganj Muslim Friends Society at the floodlit Bangabandhu National Stadium on Wednesday.

But it was again a tale of two contrasting halves for the runners-up of last year, who lived dangerously during the second session to scrape through with the slender lead.

Mohammedan came from behind to take the lead in the first half with their two new recruits Monwar and Tipu scoring within a space of 14 minutes.

Rahmatganj drew the first blood in the fifteenth minute with their captain Saifur Rahman Moni heading home a low cross from his striking partner Falal.

Jalal released a low cross from the left that caught two Mohammedan central defenders napping and Moni, who was running down the right hand post, made no mistake to put the ball into the far corner of the net past an aging custodian Bijon Barua.

But Mohammedan needed

only five minutes to level the score. The stunned loyal black and white supporters erupted into jubilation when Monwar restored parity with a blazing left-foot volley that rattled onto the net after winning a wicked deflection off Rahmatganj defender Amit Khan.

It was Monwar's second goal from as many matches. The energetic midfielder, who joined Mohammedan this year from Badda Jagorani, scored the third goal for his newly adopted side's 4-2 win over Prantik in the first match on Monday.

The popular Motijheel outfit took the lead in the 34th minute through a back volley from striker Sahajuddin Tipu. But the ruling of the referee did not satisfy the Rahmatganj players, who demanded a foul on their goalkeeper Anwar. Anwar gripped an innocuous left side cross from Masud Rana hitting the ball against the side post in the 57th minute and Tipu's fierce shot blocked by Rahmatganj goalkeeper Anwar.

Mohammedan will take on Muktijoddha in the championship-deciding match of Group B on Friday.

Yellow Cards: Selim, Milon (Rahmatganj) and Joy (Mohammedan).

TEAMS

Mohammedan SC: Bijon, Papel, Faisal, Jewel, Masud Rana, Tushar, Monwar, Joy, Tipu, Alfaz (Anwar) (Shoib) and Nakib (Narayan).

Rahmatganj MFS: Anwar, Apu, Kingshuk, Amit Khan, Jagangir, Shamim, Saiful Islam (Ibomy) (Rabib), Kamruzzaman Selim, Jalal, Milon and Moni.

Referee: Abdur Rakib.

But just as they did in the first match against Prantik, Mohammedan looked tired and sluggish in second half, which allowed the spirited old town outfit to give their more illustrious opposition a good run for their money.

Strangely, Mohammedan's Sri Lankan coach Pakir Ali opted to sit on the delicate advantage by tak-

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