

Abahani bury Barisal T&T

NITOL-TATA NAT'L FOOTBALL LEAGUE

IQBAL SIDDIQUEE, Sylhet
Defending champions Dhaka Abahani Kirra Chakra put behind their disappointment in Chittagong in the most commanding fashion with a 7-0 whitewash of Barisal T&T in their second Nitol-Tata National League match at the Sylhet Stadium yesterday.

Abahani, who drew goalless with Sylhet Chaturanga their inaugural match at Chittagong last week, found their feet through attacking partners Mojibur Rahman Ritu and Rokonzaman Kanchan.

The lethal striking duo each blasted hat-tricks as Abahani ran over the Barisal minnows after Asad had opened the floodgates the 8th minute.

Ritu scored the second goal in the 16th minute stabbing home a rebounder after a fierce shot from Mohammad Hossain came off the cross bar.

The nimble attacker struck his second goal in 33rd minute and completed the first hat-trick in the League after two minutes later, shooting home a cross from left-

back Mahmudul Hasan. The game was as good as over by the first half with Abahani leading 4-0.

There was no respite for the hapless T&T after breather as Kanchan decided to prove his scoring prowess. The shaven-headed striker struck his first goal a minute after the lemon break with a spectacular drive from outside the box.

Kanchan got his second in the 52nd minute with a brilliant individual effort. He completed his treble four minutes later capitalizing on a beautiful pass from Titumir.

Kanchan of Abahani was adjudged man of the match. Dider Hossain MP, handed over prizes after the game.

TEAMS
Abahani KC: Rakib Mahboob Apel, Firoz Mahmood Titu, Nazrul Islam, Sujon, Mahmudul Hasan, Iqbal Hossain, Arman Mia, Asadur Rahman, Tanvir Chowdhury, Mujibur Rahman Ritu, Rokanzaman.

Barisal T&T: Pappu, Jewel (I), Shimul, Titu, Polash, Liton, Khan, Rikta, Sumon, Dipu, Zakir, Shamim, Arif, Jewel (Jr) and Liton.

Referee: Saidul Islam Lulu.

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days to go



Did U Know?

Like Julius Caesar before him, Salvatore 'Toto' Schillaci came, saw and conquered. For three weeks he was Italy's hero. Originally from Palermo but on the books of Juventus, he had played only one international match before the World Cup Italy 90 started. In the first Italian game he came on as a substitute and scored the 1:0 winner against Austria four minutes later. He was back on the bench again for the USA match, but was then used in every game and scored in every one too.

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Cricket Programming

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TALK TURKEY



Salvatore 'Toto' Schillaci
(Former Italian striker)
"Yes, he should go because there is a month to go to the World Cup so he can pick up his fitness."
On Roberto Baggio's chances to go to the World Cup.

Star WHIZZ KID COMPETITION 170

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Competition closes at 8 pm May 10, 2002 and draw shortly afterwards

1. How many Test tons has Tendulkar scored so far?
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2. Who won the Standard Chartered Bank National School Cricket Championship?
Comilla High Scholastica BKSP

3. Who became champions in the AUB Cup inter-private university cricket tournament?
AUB NSU A+UB

4. Who clinched the New White Plus GM chess tournament title?
Zia Reefat Sermek

5. Which sport does Paoto Maldini play?
Cricket Hockey Football

Name

Class. Roll No.

School Address

Phone: (If any)

BLAST FROM THE PAST



Lothar Matthaus (R) holds the FIFA World Cup aloft to celebrate West Germany's triumph, as a tearful Pierre Littbarski looks on. With four goals to his name, the German midfielder general took his side to absolute heights, and a third successive personal FIFA World Cup campaign to boot. Matthaus will go on to play in a further two, in the process breaking the record for the most games played in FIFA World Cup finals' history (25 in all).

JEB defeat DEB

SPORTS REPORTER

Jessore Education Board (JEB) defeated Dhaka Education Board (DEB) by 15 runs in the 21st National Youth Cricket Championship at the BKSP in Savar yesterday.

Batting first JEB scored 163 before being all out in 48.2 overs with Hasan scoring exactly 50.

DEB, in reply, were bundled out for 148 with 12 balls yet to be bowled. Bishwajit scored highest 48 for the vanquished.

Imdad, with four for 29 was the wrecker-in-chief for JEB.

At Madaripur, Narayanganj recorded a three-wicket win against Mymensingh.

Set to score 166 for a win in 50 overs Narayanganj made 167 for seven with more than five overs to spare. Sumon hammered a brilliant 70.

All-India U-19 meet

Bangladesh meet Hyderabad today

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh will take on Hyderabad in one of the four opening day matches of the All-India Under-19 Invitational Inter-State Cricket tournament in Kolkata today.

A 15-member Bangladesh youth team, placed in Group B along with Hyderabad, UP, FOS and Assam, left Dhaka for Kolkata Thursday night to participate in the 10-team prestigious Indian youth cricket meet.

Bangladesh will play UP on April 29, FOS on May 1 and Assam on May 2 in the group encounters.

The Daily Star

Rangs Toshiba World Cup Quiz 1 winners

First Prize: Dharendra Nath Hazra (Shantinagar, Dhaka)
Second Prize: M Shah Alam (Ansar-VDP Academy, Shafipur, Gazipur)
Third Prize: Mohammad Firoz Khan (N Hossain Jewelers, Barisal)
Fourth Prize: Mohammad Zashimuddin (Fazul Haque Hall, Dhaka University)
Fifth Prize: Dr MA Muquith (Monipur, Mirpur, Dhaka)

CORRECT ANSWERS

- World Cup 2002 kicks off at
Ans: Seoul
- Most World Cup champions are
Ans: Brazil
- Number of teams in WC 2002 is
Ans: 32
- Frist World Cup football winners are
Ans: Uruguay
- Who is this?
Ans: Zidane

CUP CORNER



AFP, Tokyo

Some 400,000 people are expected to visit Japan during the World Cup finals starting May 30 and ending June 30, Japan's Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport said Friday.

The figure was some 46,000 less than the ministry's February estimate because many Japanese people bought tickets which were on sale overseas, the ministry said.

It estimated spectators at some 337,000 and officials and others concerned with organising the competition at 60,000. 161,000 of the spectators are expected to come from South Korea, joint hosts of the finals.

Japan will receive the biggest single influx of 19,000 visitors on June 1, the day of matches between Germany and Saudi Arabia in Sapporo and between Ireland and Cameroon in Niigata.

The ministry said a total of some 99,300 people would go to Osaka, a quarter-final venue, 55,400 to Yokohama, the venue for the final, and 47,700 to Saitama, a semi-final venue.

In other host cities, some 33,500 would go to Sapporo, 38,800 to Miyagi, 30,800 to Ibaraki, 37,900 to Niigata, 38,300 to Shizuoka, 28,600 to Kobe and 33,700 to Oita, the ministry said.

A total of 3.16 million people, including Japanese spectators, are expected to travel on planes and trains and 2.26 million people are expected to stay at hotels, the ministry said.

URUGUAYAN STRIKER INJURED IN CAR CRASH

Montevideo
Uruguayan international striker Gustavo Varela suffered head injuries and broken fingers as he took part in a race against another driver on one of Montevideo's main avenues, police said on Thursday.

Varela, who plays for top Uruguayan side Nacional, and his club and international team-mate Richard Morales collided with another vehicle. Morales, 27, escaped injury but Varela, 23, was taken to hospital.

Varela is expected to miss Nacional's next league match this weekend and the club's Copa Libertadores second round second leg tie against Colombian side America de Cali on May 2.

It was not immediately known if Varela's prospects of playing in the World Cup finals will be harmed.

He played in Uruguay's last match, a 1-1 draw against Italy earlier this month before being replaced by Manchester United striker Diego Forlan in the 72nd minute.

Lagos

Nigerian forward Finidi George is seeking a truce which will allow him to play at the World Cup after a row over air ticket refunds led to him and captain Sunday Oliseh being blacklisted by officials.

"I want to play in the World Cup to crown my service to my fatherland," George told monthly magazine Complete Football.

"It is sad that after serving this great nation for 10 years, one can be so treated because of a conflict which was not just in the interest of the two of us."

"We deserve better. We were fighting for the entire team but it was unfortunate we were misunderstood," he added.

George insisted he will not discuss the air ticket refunds episode at the

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Asian U-20 soccer

BD take on Maldives today

UNB, Dhaka

Jubilant Bangladesh Under-20 football team take on the Maldives in their second match of the Group-5 Asian Under-20 Football Championship in Karachi today.

The youth team made a good start beating Sri Lanka 2-0 on Thursday and they will play their last group match against Pakistan on Monday.



Nitol-Tara National Football League Chittagong Abahani v Rajshahi Abahani
Venue: Sylhet Stadium

Brothers baffle Y Cricketers



SPORTS REPORTER

Brothers Union recorded a massive 135-run victory over Young Cricketers in the opening

GrameenPhone Premier Cricket Relegation League match at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

The traditional giants, who only missed out on a Super Six berth to Kalabagan Kirra Chakra and Young Pegasus due to inferior net run-rate after all three finished on equal points, put up a commanding total of 298 for nine in the stipulated 50 overs.

Former national opener Harun-ur Rashid's 92 helped Brothers post their highest total in the League. The attacking right-hander clubbed 15 boundaries and six in his 95-ball knock before being trapped leg before by Helal.

Harun featured in three vital stands including a 86-run third wicket with his captain Athar Ali Khan.

Athar also played an important knock of 60. The tall and experienced batsman struck three boundaries and a six in his 68-ball vigil.

Mahbubur Rahman, another experienced batsman in the Brothers line-up, scored 32 and former national paceman Sajal Chowdhury played a little cameo 22-ball 34 that included two sixes and three fours.

Young Cricketers, in their chase, were bundled out for 163 in 33.4 overs with Brothers' left-arm paceman Morshed Ali Khan claiming four wickets for 41 runs.

Only Kamal Faruque with a run-a-ball 50 offered any resistance for Young Cricketers, who seem destined to be demoted to the First Division. It was their 12 straight defeat to remain at the bottom in the 12-team League.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the GrameenPhone

Premier Cricket Relegation League match between Brothers Union and Young Cricketers at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday:

BROTHERS UNION

Sajjad b Sentu	28
Jewel c Hanif b Babu	9
Harun lbw b Helal	92
Towhid c Babu b Imran	1
Athar run out	60
Mahabub st. Hanif b Kamal	32
Ziauddin st. Hanif b Sentu	7
Sajal c Sentu b Babu	34
Emon not out	15
Imran run out	0
Extras: (b-1, lb-3, nb-2, w-14)	20
Total: (For 9 wickets in 50 overs)	298
Fall of wickets: 1-12, 2-78, 3-95, 4-181, 5-224, 6-234, 7-250, 8-297, 9-298	

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Babu	6	0	40	2
Tanvir	4	0	31	0
Sentu	10	4	36	2
Imran	9	0	50	1
Helal	9	0	52	1
Iftekher	3	0	18	0
Shiplu	1	0	12	0
Kamal	8	0	55	1

YOUNG CRICKETERS

Imran c Harun b Morshed	17
Hanif c Salim b Morshed	9
Emon b Jewel	27
Bari c Harun b Morshed	2
Imran c Athar b Sajjad	9
Iftekher c Imran b Athar	14
Sentu c salim b Jewel	1
Kamal c Sajjad b Imran	50
Babu c Jewel b Imran	4
Helal b Morshed	5
Shiplu not out	5
Extras: (b-8, lb-3, nb-4, w-5)	20
Total: (All out in 33.4 overs)	163
Fall of wickets: 1-27, 2-29, 3-38, 4-61, 5-81, 6-84, 7-95, 8-113, 9-149	

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Morshed	9	1	41	4
Sajal	5	0	35	0
Sajjad	3	0	12	1
Jewel	8	1	31	2
Athar	4	0	11	1
Imran	4.4	1	22	2

Result: Brothers Union won by 135 runs.

Wanna have dog meat juice?



AFP, Seoul

Foreigners will be invited to try specially prepared dog meat juice outside the World Cup stadium in a bid to fight "prejudice" against the South Korean delicacy, restaurateurs said Friday.

"We plan to develop canned dog meat tonic juice, which football fans can enjoy in their stadium seats while watching games," said Choi Han-Gwon, a leader of a national association of dog meat restaurants.

"They will enjoy it instead of Coke," he said.

The association will recruit volunteers among foreigners to help hand out free dog meat juice in disposable containers outside the Sangam Stadium in Seoul, he said.

"They will help us explaining to foreigners about the innocence of consuming dog meat," he said.

But he flatly denied local press reports that the association would offer up dog meat hamburgers and sandwiches during the football event.

"We don't want sensationalism or excessive publicity about dog meat as we fear that there would be a backlash from the government," Choi said.

Earlier this month, the association invited French high-school students living in Seoul to a dog-meat tasting event held at a restaurant in the capital and many of them said they loved the taste.

The old habit of consuming dog meat has become a hot issue once again after animal rights activists including former French actress Brigitte Bardot urged the French team and others to boycott the World Cup.

South Korea will co-host the World Cup with Japan from May 31 to June 30.

Dog restaurants were told to close or move to the backstreets when Seoul hosted the 1988 Olympics but no similar move is planned for the World Cup.

The authorities say the practice is slowly disappearing in Korea.

But about one million dogs are sold every year for food in South Korea and 92 percent of men aged 20 and above and 68 percent of adult women have tasted dog meat, a recent survey showed.

NZ need to boost morale



REUTERS, Lahore

Injury-hit New Zealand will be seeking a consolation win in the third and final one-day international against Pakistan here on Saturday.

A victory in the day-night match at Lahore's Gaddafi Stadium would not only salvage the tourists' pride but would also boost their confidence ahead of the two-Test series.

"Pakistan have already won the series but our team development programme continues. This match is very important because if we get a win here, it would restore the confidence of the boys ahead of the Test series," New Zealand captain Stephen Fleming said.

New Zealand, who arrived in Pakistan last week without the injured Chris Cairns, Dion Nash, Shane Bond and Daniel Vettori, lost their one-day international at Karachi by 153 runs and the second at Rawalpindi on Wednesday by three wickets.

Nathan Astle and Jacob Oram have been ruled out of rest of the series through injury and will return home on Saturday, while Chris Harris, the Black Caps' most suc-

cessful one-day bowler, has not recovered from food poisoning.

Vettori, the left-arm spinner, opener Mark Richardson and seamer Chris Martin joined the squad on Thursday evening, but will not play on Saturday.

"We will use Daniel (Vettori) in key matches which are the Tests obviously," Fleming said.

The first Test starts in Lahore on May 1.

"I think we played pretty well in the second one-dayer and stretched Pakistan to the limits. But we need to do better in tomorrow's game, bowl tight and within the sticks because we lack the fire power and penetration in the absence of frontline bowlers," Fleming added.

Pakistan are likely to rest two players for Saturday's match but skipper Waqar Younis refused to name them.

"There will be two changes in the team. But I cannot confirm at this time who those boys will be," Waqar said.

However, it is likely that Wasim Akram and Saqlain Mushtaq, with almost 700 one-day wickets between them, will give way for seamer Mohammad Sami and all-rounder Shoaib Malik.

"We have been carrying the reserve players for the last few weeks and they must be hungry for success. I think it is the right time to put them in while the series is already in the bag," Waqar said.

Shoaib made a century in the same match Sami grabbed a hat-trick against West Indies in the second one-day international at Sharjah in February. Sami repeated the feat against Sri Lanka in Lahore last month in the Asian Test Championship final.

The Pakistan captain said he would like to sweep the series to put more pressure on the tourists.

"I think we are playing excellent cricket and if we are able to maintain our performance, I have no reasons to believe why we can't make it three out of three," Waqar said.

"Naturally, it will be morale boosting to go into the Test series with a 3-0 win in the one-day series."

Pakistan have not won a home Test series since 1998. They lost to Australia, Zimbabwe, Sri Lanka and England before Sri Lanka returned to win the Asian Test Championship title.