

Latynina. Competing in three Olympics, etween 1956 and 1964, she won 18 medals





VVS Laxman (Indian star batsman) "I would like to dedicate this hundred to my parents, who have been a great source of inspiration for me.



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ual scorer's list with seven goals.

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Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

ogey team for Abahani.

Khokon set the picture of where

he match was eventually heading

or with a double strike in the first-

half including a 90-second minute goal and completed his second

reble midway through the second

WESTERN Union

মানি ট্র্যান্সফার

Abahani's Brazilian forward Saiful Islam Kho-Sandro scored the second hattrick kon slammed his of the night, putting behind the four-match disappointment. During this period he could mansecond hattrick konallegasidade as hot favourites Abahani Krira age to score only one.

Chakra recorded the biggest win of The biggest victory in recent the season with a 7-3 thrashing of times also confirmed a pompous Dhanmondi Club in the Western return to winning ways for the Union Premier Football League at eague leaders after a frustrating the Sher-e-Bangla National goalless draw against Badda Jagorani in the previous game. The sky blues now lead the table with 10 Khokon might have missed his

partner Maxim, who had to sit out points, two points clear from holdthe match due to suspension, but ers Mohammedan Sporting Club. his scoring boots did not stop The defeat on the other hand left Dhanmondi glued to the botalking against a side that has over the years been considered as a tom of the ten-team table with only one point from five outings.

Although Dhanmondi suffered most in the battle of neighbours, but Kennedy and Donald had the satisfaction of scoring once each against their old club. Both Kennedy and Donald were regular faces for Abahani in the last few seasons.

The nimble attacker, who cored the first hattrick in his side's Dhanmondi also had the misopening match against Dhaka Wanderers, now leads the individfortune of playing with ten men for

the last 21 minutes after defender Prodeep got the marching orders for punching his Abahani counterpart Hasan without the ball in the 69th minute.

But that was nothing to do with a rampant Abahani, who took a 3-0 lead in the first-half. In fact the sky blues scored all those goals inside the first 12 minutes and it was none but an evergreen Masud Rana, who created the opportunities.

Considered the country's best left wing back, Masud Rana lobbed an intelligent free-kick to Parvez, who drove a low cross from the left hand side of the post that Khokon made no mistake to tap in.

It was again Masud Rana, who sent in a curling cross from the left to an unmarked Nikolai. The Russian, playing in his first League match, pushed the ball up for Khokon to score his second goal in the seventh minute.

Masud Rana then perfectly executed a plot from a set piece that Sandro finished clinically.

Prodeep scored the first goal for Dhanmondi shooting home a

rebounder in the 53rd minute, but Sandro widened the gap again four minutes later.

Kennedy struck the second goal for Dhanmondi in the 58th minute from a penalty, which was awarded after Abahani defender Osamanu handled the ball inside the forbidden zone.

Khokon scored his third goal in the 73rd minute and Parvez made it 6-2 after nine minutes with a sublime left-footer from the top of the box that crashed into the net after hitting the crossbar. Donald scored the third goal for

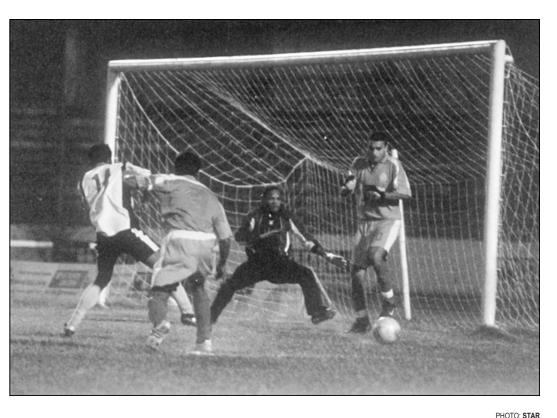
Dhanmondi a minute before the long whistle. But it was Sandro, who completed a memorable night scoring his third goal from a penalty with the match already into its injury time.

Red card: Prodeep Yellow card: Khokon (Abahani)

and Maruf (Dhanmondi).

TEAMS

ABAHANI KC: Nizam (Munna), SEE PAGE 14 COL 5



Abahani's Saiful Islam Khokon (2nd from L) pushes in his hattrick goal against Dhanmondi in their Western Union Premier Division Football League encounter at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur vesterday.

Shahriar wants to roar back ability. And I'm now trying to improve my fitness level, for which

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

From playing in the country's firstever Test to being nowhere, Shahriar Hossain knows how it feels to suffer. So after spending the last three years remodelling his technique, the discarded national opener now feels he is ready to make a comeback.

The right-hander expressed the optimism when the national cricketers began their preparation for the upcoming tour of Zimbabwe at the Maulana Bhasani National Hockey Stadium yesterday.

Shahriar, who last played for Bangladesh in the inaugural Test match against India in November 2000 in Ďhaka, said that he is hope ful of being one of the Tigers in Zimbabwe

"I feel that I'm at the peak of my

Cricket

Indian cricketers will undertake a full tour of Pakistan for the first time since 1989 with three Tests

and five one-dayers in the rival neighbour beginning in March, the cricket board announced here on Sunday.

President of the Board of Control for Cricket in India Jagmohan Dalmiya said the Indian team would leave in the first week of March and

stay in Pakistan until the middle of

"The tour programme is yet to be decided but India will play three Test matches and five one-day internationals," he said. "We're not

worried about the venues for the matches."

India played four Tests and three one-day internationals on their 1989 tour after which they made a short tour of Pakistan in 1997 when they played just three

AFP, Calcutta

April.

India to cross the

Rashedul knock goes in vain

Cricket

I faced a lot of criticism," said Shahriar after the first day of Dav **SPORTS REPORTER**

The selectors in an effort to Opener Rashedul Haq hit a brilliant assess the player sent him along 72 but that was not enough for with other Test caps to Pakistan as part of the Bangladesh A team. It Bangladesh A team to escape another defeat in the Patron's Cup was a wise decision as Shahriar limited-overs tournament yestermade runs aplenty on the tour. The highlight of the trip was a magnificent 218 against Defence day.

The visitors suffered a fivewicket defeat against a formidable Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) at the at the Quaid-e-Azam Park in Karachi where they will play the four-day match against the

first four-day. He rates that knock "The Pakistan tour gave me immense confidence that a return same opponents starting today.

to the national team was possible. want to continue in that way if I get the nod," he said talking to The Daily Star Sport. Besides Shahriar, Hannan

Sarker is the other specialist opener i n the SEE PAGE 14 COL 5

Housing Authority (DHA) in the

Whatmore's camp

as the best of his career.

Rashedul scored his runs off 92 balls as Bangladesh A made 215-7 in 50 overs. New captain Tushar Imran was

the second highest scorer with 30 off 38 deliveries

In reply, PIA reached 216-5 in 46.2 overs with opener Sajid ham-mering 75 off 112 balls.

Spinner Jamal Uddin and Alamgir Kabir captured two wickets each for the visitors.

It was the second successive defeat in the one-day competition for the second string Bangladesh team. They also lost their previous two four-day games against PTCL and WAPDA

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Dhaka's Mehrab Hossain plays and misses one off the bowling of Abdur Razzak Raj (not in picture) of Khulna on the opening day of their four-day Ispahani Tea National Cricket League fixture at Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Wickets tumble everywhere

ague leaders decided to bat.

had Mehrab caught behind.

ing eight wickets for only 67 runs.

ended up with three wickets for 73

who hit an match-winning 61-run

knock against the same opponents

in the limited-overs match, smashed 92 off 157 balls that fea-tured eleven fours and three over-

National discard Al-Shahriar,

PHOTO: STAR



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Western Union Premier FootballLeague Brothers Union vs Dhaka Wanderers (3:00 pm) Muktijoddha vs Arambagh (5:00 pm) Venue: Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium Nat'l Cricket League Rajshahi vs Chittagong (Day-3) Venue: Cricket Garden, Rangpur

Barisal vs Sylhet (Day-3) Venue: Sylhet Stadium Dhaka vs Khulna (Day-2) Venue: Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium Patron'sTrophy (Day-1) Bangladesh Avs PIA Venue: Quaid-e-Azam Park, Karachi ISPAHANI Mirzapore Tea 5th National Cricket League Garden. DHAKA VS KHULNA

SPORTS REPORTER

Young Khulna paceman Syed Russell captured seven wickets as Dhaka tumbled from a position of strength to be dismissed for 224 on the opening day of their Ispahani Tea Fifth National Cricket League match at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Away at Sylhet, Barisal off-spinner Tariqul Islam also snapped up seven wickets but Sylhet managed to take a decisive 225-run first innings lead by the close of play on the second day. The home team amassed 355 runs in reply to Barisal's Saturday total of 130.

On a day where bowlers dominated Rajshahi tweaker Saifullah Khan grabbed five and Imran Parvez four wickets respectively to plot Chittagong's downfall. The port city team could only

score 104 runs before being all out when the four-day finally began on

His fellow right-hand partner Mehrab made 57 off 138 balls with

runs.

boundaries.

the Day Two. No play was possible seven hits to the fence. In reply, Khulna were 2-1 at on Saturday at the Rangpur Cricket

stumps.

Neeyamur Rashid Rahul took the wicket sending Sajjadul Hasan to Naimur Rahman at slip. Openers Al-Shahriar and Mehrab got Dhaka off to a flying start the SYLHET VS BARISAL

The pair added 142 runs before Four batsmen narrowly missed to left-arm spinner Abdur Razzak Raj score half-centuries but their efforts still helped Sylhet to smell victory against Barisal at the Sylhet trapped Ål-Shahriar lbw. He also Stadium

That opened the door for left-arm Number eight batsman Mohammad Rana was the top-scorer with 47 off 92 balls while new ball bowler Russell to be unleashed on the rest of Dhaka's batting order. They quickly lost their remain-Golam Mabud (45), Rezaul Haq Nayeem (43) and Golam Mowla (40) were the other notable scorers. The 19-year-old pacer from Jessore finished with career-best seven for 55 in 26 overs while Raj

Tarigul captured seven wickets conceding 116 runs in 43.3 overs but Sylhet piled up the runs after resuming on 101 for one.

CHITTAGONG VS RAJSHAHI

Title contenders Chittagong were all out for 104 runs after put into bat by Rajshahi.

Spinner Saifullah started the carnage sending back Masum-SEE PAGE 14 COL 1

border in March

one-davers

The last Test series between the nuclear-armed South Asian rivals was held in India in 1999, when Pakistan undertook a tour despite threats from Hindu fundamental-

India refused to allow any bilat-India retused to allow any bilat-eral cricket against Pakistan in 2000 following rising tensions over disputed Kashmir, although the arch-rivals played in multi-nation events such as the World Cup in South Africa last year.

A recent thaw in relations saw the revival of cricket ties in November last year, when an Indian under-19 team toured Pakistan for a four-nation tourna-ment ment.

A second-string Pakistan side led by all-rounder Shahid Afridi also played in a triangular tourna-ment for A sides here last month.

The announcement came as the leaders of India and Pakistan met on the sidelines of a South Asian summit in Islamabad amid hopes

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PHOTO: STAF

The home side piled on 161 runs

at five an over in the two hours after lunch to be 210 for one at tea.

for 117 off 149 balls shortly after tea to Kumble when he attempted a

pull shot and skied a catch at mid-

wicket for wicketkeeper Parthiv

stand of 147 with Matthew Hayden their 10th since coming together

against England at The Oval in

Langer combined in an opening

Hayden cracked 12 fours and a

six in ĥis 67 off 88 balls. However,

he hit against the spin of Kumble and skied a catch to Ganguly at

Ricky Ponting, who topped the 2003 calendar year with 1,503 runs at 100.20, was out for 25, trapped

leg before wicket to Kumble four

Damien Martyn struggled

But the little left-hander was out

National cricket team members (L-R) Hannan Sarker, Mohammad Selim and Tapash Baisya run in front of the bleep test device during a practice session at the Maulana Bhasani National Hockey Stadium yesterday.

Patel.

August 2001.

deep mid-on.

overs later.

India include Rohan for tri-series

AFP, Calcutta

Rohan Gavaskar, son of legendary opening batsman Sunil Gavaskar, was on Sunday named in the Indian squad for the upcoming triangular tournament in Australia.

The middle-order batsman replaces the injured Mohammad Kaif for the tournament, which also features Zimbabwe. Kaif was ruled out because of a

thumb injury sustained in a recent tri-series here featuring secondstring sides from Pakistan and Sri Lanka

Rohan has been a prominent player on the domestic circuit, coring 4,913 runs in 81 first-class matches, and leads Bengal in the national Ranji Trophy championship.

The 27-year-old is considered a utility player as he also bowls leftarm spin in first-class and domestic one-day matches.

The tournament gets under way Melbourne on January 9.



Australia captain Steve Waugh trudging off the field after being dismissed for 40 in his side's first innings on the third day of the fourth and final Test against India in Sydney yesterday.

Australia endangered

Cricket

AFP, Sydney

Steve Waugh was out for a deflating 40 in his farewell Test as Australia were confronted with a desperate fight to save the fourth and seriesdeciding match against India at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Sunday.

The Australian skipper, the most influential world cricketer of his era, was given a rapturous welcome by the capacity home-town crowd who willed on his every

But a stunned silence greeted his demise nine overs before stumps on the third day.

With Waugh's downfall Australia lurched into further trouble with the wicket of bighitting Adam Gilchrist in a Test that Saurav Ganguly's tourists have dominated with an avalanche of runs since winning the toss on Day

PHOTO: AFF Experienced leg-spinner Anil Kumble was causing problems for the Australians on a cracking SCG

pitch that was expected to turn more over the final days. Justin Langer hitting 17 boundaries and a huge six for his second hun-dred of the series and 17th overall.

Kumble had taken 4-103 off 31 overs, while young paceman Irfan Pathan was the surprise packet claiming the key wickets of Waugh and Gilchrist.

At the close, Australia were 342 for six and still 164 runs from the follow-on target of 506.

The Australians are under threat of losing a first-ever home series to India and their first home-series defeat since going down 2-1 to the West Indies in 1992-93.

At stumps, Simon Katich was unbeaten on 51 with Brett Lee yet to score.

"We still have to get four wickets and the wicket is going to get harder as the game goes on ... I think we have a very good chance to win," Kumble said.

India batted on into the third day further building their imposing first innings to a record 705 for seven before Ganguly declared with Sachin Tendulkar reaching his highest first-class score.

before he was out meekly caught and bowled by Kumble for seven. Australia began bullishly after India's monumental total with

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