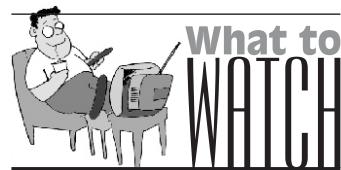




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Wasim Akram

(Pakistan cricket legend)
"Cricket can achieve as much, if not more, as the politicians in bringing



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BAND OF BROTHERS: The newly crowned Premier League football champions Brothers Union pose at the Sher-e-Bangla Stadium yesterday.

Brothers become big

SPORTS REPORTER



An agonising wait of three decades ended for Brothers Union Club when they clinched their maiden league title, courtesy of a solitary goal victory over Muktiyoddha Sangsab Krira Chakra at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

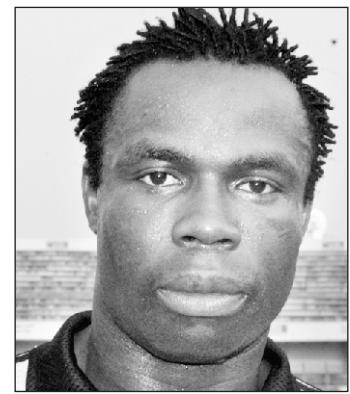
Still haunted by the events of 1985 when the Gopibagh outfit had the title in their grasp but let it go to Abahani in the final match, Brothers were facing a similar a do-or-die state in the last match of the Western Union Premier Division Football League.

But midfielder Monwar Hossain made the dream true when he netted the all-important goal in the 48th minute to make history for a team that had entered the top flight in 1974.

Some two thousand fans of the men in orange had made the trip from Gopibagh fully expecting to celebrate. But nothing happened

in the first half despite Brothers having the lions share of possession over a seemingly disheartened Mukti who had little to play for except a third place finish.

However Monwar eased the



ETIGO ... highest scorer

nerves when he unleashed a right-foot grounder from top of the box which found its way into the net

past a diving national custodian Aminul Islam.

Crackers were blasted with earth-shattering noise, fireworks illuminated the night sky and the Brothers faithful had already started celebrating. For the rest of the game, the Reds also showed no signs of enterprise as most of their attacks ran short of ideas in the midfield.

The outcome of the last match was a touch on the sadder side of a finish for the gallant Sheikh Russell Krira Chakra who had run Brothers close till the end. A loss for Brothers would have given Russell the championship while a draw would have resulted in a play-off showdown between the two. But Wajed Gazi's group of unknowns exceeded all expectations and runners-up was no mean achievement for the side who were making their first appearance in the highest level of domestic football.

Brothers ended the season with 40 points from 18 matches to Russell's 38.

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Last year's champions Mohammedan clubbed relegated Dhanmondi 6-0 in their final encounter but they were only in fifth position and will regret the refusal to play the last six minutes of the first leg match against Muktiyoddha. The hot-tempered decision saw them lose four points as a disciplinary measure and Mohammedan were never in contention since.

Their bitter rivals and last year runners-up Abahani came third after going off the boil in the later part of the competition while the Mukti failed to add to their National League and Federation Cup silverware through some inconsistent display.

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