

Footballer Debinash passes away

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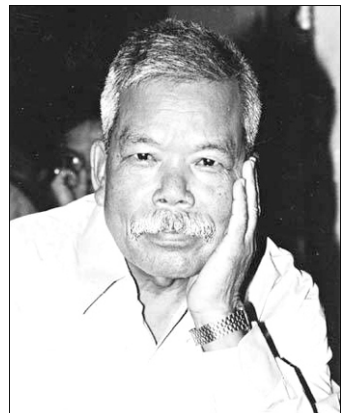
Debinash Sangma's family had appealed for financial help from the authority only a couple of days earlier for the treatment of the ailing footballer. But the star defender of the 60s went beyond any help when he breathed his last at the Abeer General Hospital at Eskaton yesterday afternoon.

Debinash, who was 75, will be buried at his native village in Dhairpara in Dhubaura upazila, Mymensingh, today. He left behind his wife and two sons.

Debinash, who played for Mohammedan Sporting Club for 12 years and also played for Victoria and Wanderers during a career spanning from 1956 to 1969, was suffering from bladder blade cancer since 1997.

His body was taken to the Green Road Church before being kept at the ICDDRB mortuary.

"I hoped people would at least come to see my ailing father after the news was published in the papers yesterday. We appealed for help because the entire family savings went for his treatment and



DEBINASH SANGMA

we became desperate to save him. But we got no response and may be, we were too late to seek for help," said his eldest son Donald Debashish.

A one-minute silence was observed in his memory before the start of the second half of the Premier Football League match between Abahani and Dipali last evening.

Debashish was the only Bangladeshi (then East Pakistan) footballer to play in the Pakistan national team in the 1963 pre-Olympics in Iran.

Abahani's strong

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Yellow card: Rajib (Dipali)

TEAMS

ABAHANI: Nizam, Obaidur, Marshall (Shipon), Pradeep, Wali, Ujjal, Joy, Ndem, Ibrahim (Tushar), Farhad (Zahid) and Tipu.

DIPALI: Sameer, Domba, Apu, Tarek, Azad, Tajul, Chanchal (Biplab), Rizvi (Daulat), Rajib, Idris and Rubel (Jalal).

Referee: Abdur Rakib.



Did U Know?

The first woman to win an Olympic event was England's Charlotte Cooper, who won the tennis singles title at the 1900 Games in Paris.



TALK TURKEY



Sourav Ganguly

(Indian star batsman)

"To be among the first three batsmen to reach 10000 runs and to be the second Indian after the great Sachin Tendulkar is very satisfying."



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'I'll be fine'

Football

REUTERS, Madrid

Brazilian forward Robinho believes he will have few problems adapting to European football when he makes his move from Santos to Real Madrid at the end of the month.

"I've always dreamed of playing in Europe, and in particular Spain, because the league there suits my style and is the closest to the type of football played in Brazil," the 21-year-old told Spanish sports daily AS yesterday.

"In Spain, they tend to pass the ball around a lot and play in space and that will be perfect for me."

Robinho signed a five-year contract with Real at the end of last month when Santos finally agreed to accept a US\$30 million offer from the Spanish giants.

However, the deal between the two clubs included a clause that allows the slightly built forward to

play a handful of league matches with Santos before joining Real on Aug 25.



ROBINHO

Robinho believes the presence of former Santos boss Vanderlei Luxemburgo at the Spanish club will also help ease his transition to European football.

Luxemburgo took charge of the nine-times European champions at the end of last year immediately after steering Santos to the Brazilian title.

"Luxemburgo knows me perfectly and I know how he works," he said. "I have got a particular style and technique and Luxemburgo has always put me in positions where I'm used to playing."

"We were Brazilian champions together in 2004 and now I hope we can win other trophies together at Real Madrid."

Robinho was also looking forward to linking up with fellow Brazilian internationals Ronaldo, Roberto Carlos and Julio Baptista at his new club.

"Every time we have played together for the national side, we have got on really well," he said. "I'm delighted that I'm going to be playing with them at Real and believe that we have got a great chance of winning a lot of trophies together."

Thousand pound fine on Jones

AFP, Birmingham

England fast bowler Simon Jones was fined 20 per cent of his match fee for gesturing at Matthew Hayden after dismissing the Australia batsman Saturday during the second Ashes Test here at Edgbaston.

The fine, which equates to approximately 1,000 pounds, was imposed by match referee Ranjan Madugalle after Jones was reported by all the umpires, including the off-field officials, for a breach of the International Cricket Council's code of conduct, the world governing body said in a statement Sunday.

Jones, who after having Hayden caught at slip by Marcus Trescothick for 31, ran down the pitch and pointed at the batsman, was charged under section 1.6 of the code, "pointing or gesturing towards the pavilion in an aggressive manner by a bowler or other member of the fielding side upon dismissal of a batsman."

Nafees flays

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22 from 13 deliveries that featured four boundaries.

This was the last one-day fixture for the touring Bangladesh A. They have won only one game on the tour so far and that came in their last one-dayer against Lancashire.

The second string Bangladesh side will play two more three-day games before returning home.

Sahin breaks Bundesliga's age record

AFP, Wolfsburg

Borussia Dortmund's Turkish prodigy Nuri Sahin made Bundesliga history on Saturday becoming the youngest player to grace the German top-flight at the age of 16 years and 335 days.

Sahin started Dortmund's 2-2 draw with VfL Wolfsburg at the Volkswagen Arena on Saturday as he eclipsed the previous record held by Eintracht Frankfurt goalkeeper Juergen Friedl.

Friedl made his debut in 1976 at the age of 17 years and 26 days.

Dortmund coach Bert van Marwijk recently said Sahin, voted best player at the last under-17 European championship, was one



NURI SAHIN

of the biggest talents he had ever seen claiming the teenager was mature beyond his years.

"He plays as smart as a 24-year-old, almost as though he has played with us for a long time," lauded van Marwijk.

English Premiership giants Arsenal recently had a 2.8 million euro bid for Sahin turned down by Dortmund even though the club have acute financial problems.

Owen turns to Eriksson

SUNDAY MIRROR

Michael Owen has asked England manager Sven Goran Eriksson for advice about how to resolve his career crisis.

After a month of international diplomacy, Owen's advisers, Sfx, have failed to arrange their client's transfer from Real Madrid.

The 25-year-old striker is mindful that with the 2006 World Cup Finals on the horizon, he can not afford to be sitting among the Real reserve players for the coming season.

That's why he has sought the advice of Eriksson.

Given the lack of interest from leading clubs like Chelsea, Arsenal and Manchester United, Owen's advisers are now ready to ask Real to allow the player to leave the Bernabeu on a long-term loan deal.

That approach will be made this week and Owen is well aware that, for a number of reasons, he may end up having to sit tight and endure life as a Real reserve.

He currently sits fifth in the pecking order, behind Brazilians Ronaldo, Julio Baptista and Robinho, and Spanish star Raul.

Liverpool are believed to have reconsidered their view on Owen's return.

Trying to bring him back would gain support in the Anfield boardroom but manager Rafael Benitez does not appear to be keen on the idea. Only Newcastle have so far been prepared to offer Owen an escape route but a year-long loan deal was rejected by both Madrid and the player.

Incredibly, Madrid have been demanding £18million for Owen. A £10m profit on the fee they paid to Liverpool last summer.

And with Owen's wages topping £100,000 a week even a loan move may prove prohibitive to some clubs.

Ivanova sets new WR

Athletics

AFP, Helsinki

Olimpiada Ivanova of Russia broke the women's 20 kilometres walk world record when she won the world title over the distance here on Sunday and walked away 160,000 dollars richer.

The 34-year-old timed 1hr 25min 41sec - breaking the world record in the process - coming home clear of Rya Turava of Belarus (1hr 27min 05sec) while Susana Fator of Portugal took bronze in a time of 1hr 28min 44sec.

Ivanova's time of 1hr 25min 41sec broke the old mark of 1hr 26min 22sec jointly held by Yan Wang of China, who set it in November 2001, and Yelena Nikolayeva of Russia, who equalled it in May 2003.

Another woman also set the track alight as women's Olympic 400m champion Tonia Williams-Darling of the Bahamas looked most impressive in her first round heat, though she faces a real challenge from world champion Ana Guevara and leading American Sanya Richards.

The early session was all women as the epic heptathlon duel between Olympic and reigning champion Carolina Klufft and France's 2001 champion Eunice Barber was set to go down to the wire as the Swede led her Sierra Leone-born rival by just 18 points with Sunday evening's 800m to come.

The men had a look in as the bitter rivalry between Qatar's former Kenyan Saif Saaeed Shaheen and his ex-patriots continued apace in the 3,000m steeplechase.

Ivanova, the 2001 world champion and 2004 Olympic silver medalist, earned a 100,000 dollars bonus for her record-breaking efforts and another 60,000 dollars for winning the title.

The Russian's path to glory was eased when Chinese number one Jing Jiang - who owned the second best time this season going into the championships - was disqualified after receiving three warnings.

There were tears too for Greek walker and Olympic champion Athanasia Tsoumeleka, who was in fourth position and challenging for a medal with the stadium in sight

when she was called for a third time. For Ivanova it represents redemption after she received a two year doping ban in 1997 after winning silver in the 10,000m walk at the world championships - she used her time well to become a black belt in the martial arts.

Williams-Darling looked untroubled as she cantered home in her heat in a comfortable time of 51.04sec with Russia's Olesya Zykina and Shericka Williams of Jamaica filling the two other automatic qualifying placings.

Williams-Darling, whose dramatic improvement last year saw her climax with the Olympic title

leaving a devastated Guevara trailing in second, said that she was not already looking towards the final.

Guevara looked sharp as she came home first in her heat in a time of 51.15sec, the 28-year-old bronze medalist at the 2001 world championships looking fresher than she did last year at the Olympics having taken on a lighter schedule this term.

Shaheen struck the first blow against his former country by ambling home ahead of Ezekiel Kemboi, who took silver behind the Qatari in 2003, and set the fastest time in the first round.



PHOTO: AFP

Olimpiada Ivanova waves the Russian colours after creating a world record in the women's 20km walk at the 10th IAAF World Athletics Championships in Helsinki on Sunday.

Yuvraj takes

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Extras: (b-4, nb-3, w-9) 16
Total: (For 4 wks in 50 overs) 262
Fall of wickets: 1-21, 2-21, 3-51, 4-216

Did not bat: Pathan, Kumble, Zaheer, Nehra

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Butler	8	1	30	1
D Powell	7	2	35	1
Best	7	0	40	0
Banks	10	0	41	1
D Smith	10	0	43	0
Deonarine	8	0	69	1

WEST INDIES
Marshall lbw b Pathan 19
Morton c Dravid b Nehra 84
Joseph c sub (Harbhajan) b Pathan 4
Deonarine c Kumble b Nehra 6
Banks lbw b Kumble 6
Smith lbw b Kumble 26
R Powell c sub (Rao) b Kumble 4
Raminid not out 74
Best b Sehawg 3
Butler run out (Kaif) 9
D Powell not out 5

Extras: (b-2, lb-5, w-7, nb-1) 15
Total: (For 9 wks in 50 overs) 255
Fall of wickets: 1-37, 2-44, 3-59, 4-70, 5-98, 6-112, 7-195, 8-208, 9-240

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Pathan	8	1	34	2
Zaheer	10	0	51	0
Nehra	9	0	60	3
Kumble	10	0	38	3
Sehawg	10	0	43	1
Yuvraj	3	0	22	0

Result: India won by 7 runs.
Man-of-the-match: Yuvraj Singh.
Toss: India.

Umpires: Daryl Harper (Australia) and Tyron Wijewardene (Sri Lanka).
Final: India vs Sri Lanka, August 9.

Amritolal chess

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Grand Master Ziaur Rahman shared the lead along with three other players in the fifth Amritolal Dey International Rating chess tournament after the fourth round at the Kalbari Road Auditorium in Barisal on Sunday.

Zia, Chanchal Kumar Gosh, Delwar Hossain and Abdul Malek secured full four points.

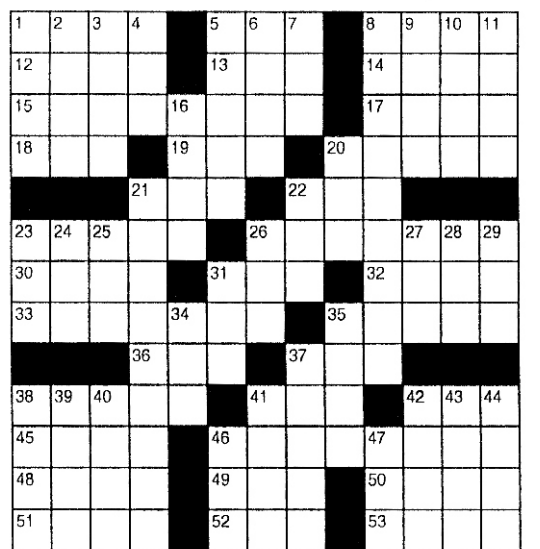
Indian Sumon Bose followed the leaders with 3.5 points.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Soldier for the king
5 Rotating part
8 "White Flag" singer
12 2004 hurricane
13 "The Greatest"
14 Valhalla VIP
15 Bullfighter
17 Depend (on)
18 Shock partner
19 Hound healer
20 Worshipers' poem
21 Speck
22 Red or Black
23 Board
26 Men-servants
30 Love (Sp.)
31 Charged bit
32 Recap
35 Recoil
36 Squid squirt
37 Hideaway
38 See 41

DOWN
41 With 38-Across, Wonder-land event
42 Ram's ma'am
45 Sandwich treat
46 Retriever variety
48 Pseudologist
49 Away VIP
50 "Young Frankenstein" role
51 Luck, in song
52 Scores (Abb.)
53 Ohio nine
54 Citadel student
55 Muchly Russian spacecraft
56 "Gypsy" whiz!
57 Russian "Jaws"
58 "Jaws" protrusion
59 Concept
60 Pickle flavoring
61 Name (Suff.)
62 Scores (Abb.)
63 Shake-speare's river
64 Household member
65 Picket
66 anagram
67 "dirty room"?

Solution time: 21 mins.
39 Lacking slack
42 Advantage
43 "Gypsy" star
44 Messages up
46 Cut off
47 Atmosphere



CRYPTOQUIP

V T S Y S Y J J G H N V Z E T V I
T E J T V Z Z T T I G R H U .
U D H O H V S Y O Y R O N S D T F S
E F B S D H B Y I N H F .
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF CLOCKMAKERS GET INTO A HEATED ARGUMENT, I SUPPOSE THEY GET REALLY TICKED OFF.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: T equals O
The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.