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'The animal' put in a cage

Former Brazil forward Edmundo was arrested on Thursday in connection with a car crash in 1995 that left three dead, police here reported. Edmundo was detained in a Sao Paulo hotel following an arrest warrant which had been issued for him on Tuesday, police said. The 40-year-old, known throughout his playing days as 'the animal', received a four and a half year suspended sentence for his role in the accident in December 1995 in Rio de Janeiro. He has only served one night of his sentence as a result of repeated appeals by his defence team.

— AFP



Brothers confirm Super Cup berth

Beat Rahmatganj 2-1

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Brothers Union confirmed their Super Cup berth with a 2-1 win over Rahmatganj MFS in the Bangladesh League fixture at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday, thanks of a double-strike from Brazilian playmaker Everton Souza.

The eighth win in 20 matches pushed Brothers to the fifth position with 29 points, five ahead of seventh-placed Rahmatganj are out of Super Cup contention with only 24 points and a match left to play.

The outcome not only ensured the Orange's Super Cup berth but also took Mohammedan along with them in the six-team Super Cup as the Black and Whites who have 29 points from 21 matches.

Rahmatganj, who were recently hit by match-fixing allegations after a controversial 5-2 defeat at the hands of Sheikh Jamal Dhanmondi Club, finished the first-leg staying in the fourth position with 16 points but they failed to keep up the momentum in the second leg losing five out of 10 matches they played.

Rahmatganj coach Ali Ashgar Nasir claimed that the lack of practice in the second leg cost them dearly as officials of Rahmatganj were reluctant with the team's practice but were seemingly serious in interfering into his works.

Asked about the match-fixing allegation against Sheikh Jamal, Nasir said they would only speak about it after their last match against Muktijoddha.

Back to the game, the players of the both sides seemed to struggle to take control on a soggy pitch. However, Brothers took the lead in the 28th minute when midfielder Kabir played Everton on the right and the

Brazilian playmaker raced into the danger zone to drive an angular shot past Rahmatganj goalkeeper Iran Sheikh. Rahmatganj though hit back in the second half through Idris Kasirye, who converted a spot-kick after he was tackled from behind by Brothers defender Tara inside the danger zone in 53rd minutes.

Everton though made sure of all three points, and more importantly Super Cup qualification, in the 69th minute as he broke an off-side trap to beat goalkeeper Iran to placing the ball at the far post.



Brothers Union's Brazilian playmaker Everton Souza (2nd from L) is the toast of his teammates as his brace confirmed a 2-1 win over Rahmatganj MFS in their Bangladesh League fixture at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

Windies reduce margin India clinch series

Cricket

AFP, Kingston

World champions India were trumped by half-centuries from Darren Bravo and Ramnaresh Sarwan that guided West Indies to the final one-day international on Thursday.

The Indian bowlers conceded 96 inside the last 10.4 overs, as West Indies, in pursuit of 252 for victory, hit the jackpot with 14 balls remaining.

India appeared to be in control of the match, despite a career-best 86 from Darren Bravo and 75 retired hurt from Ramnaresh Sarwan.

But they failed to maintain the pressure in the closing overs, and Kieron Pollard formalised the result, when he

dragged a delivery from Ishant Sharma through mid-on for four.

"Credit to our bowlers, the way they got us back into the match because at one stage it looked like we would chase something much bigger, but Andre Russell and Kieron Pollard gave us a few key breakthroughs, and it was good to see how we were able to pull things back," said West Indies captain Darren Sammy.

India won the five-match series 3-2, having won the first three ODIs.

They had failed to build on 94 from Virat Kohli and 57 from Rohit Sharma, and were dismissed for 251 in 47.3 overs.

Kohli struck 10 boundaries from 104 balls, and Sharma hit two fours and one six from 72 deliveries in a 110-run stand for the second wicket, propping up the Indians after they were sent in to bat on a hard, bouncy Sabina Park pitch, and

stumbled to 79 for three in the 17th over.

"It was a disappointing end to the series for us," said India captain Suresh Raina. "But they played really well in the last two matches.

"Now that we have formally won the series, I still think it is important for us to enjoy the moment, and much credit must go to our bowlers, especially Amit Mishra, so I am really happy for the boys."

When Kohli was run out in the 36th over, failing to beat Ramnaresh Sarwan's throw to wicketkeeper Carlton Baugh Jr going for a second run, the visitors batting collapsed under mean, purposeful West Indies bowling.

The World champions lost their last seven wickets for 62 in the space of 70 deliveries, as Andre Russell, playing an international match for West Indies on

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NAT'L YOUTH KABADDI

Rajshahi, Dhaka in today's final

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Rajshahi take on Dhaka today in the final of the Meizan National Youth Kabaddi Competition at the Kabaddi Stadium.

Rajshahi beat Tangail 13-11 in the first semifinal while Dhaka defeated Jessore DSA 37-16 in the second semi to ensure their final berth.

Earlier Tangail outplayed Manikganj 36-11, Jessore defeated Dinajpur 39-27, Rajshahi outclassed Khulna 25-11 and Dhaka defeated Comilla 48-21 to make it through to the semifinals.

Cantonians, Shoans win in basketball

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The Shaons club continued their winning streak in the Citycell Basketball League beating Josephites 67-45 in their latest match at the Dhanmondi Basketball Gymnasium yesterday. Courtesy of 28 points scored by Bashar, The Shaons took a first-half lead of 32-18. Lincoln scored 16 for Shaons while Tanvir and Shakib scored 16 and 9 points respectively for the losing side.

Earlier on Thursday night, Rangers beat Mohammadpur Basketball Club 66-45 while Cantonians thrashed Josephites by 70-26 points.

WOMEN'S KHO KHO Munshiganj champs

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Munshiganj clinched the title of the 5th Women's Kho Kho Championship for the fourth in a row when they defeated Khulna by an innings and two points in the final at the Volleyball Stadium on Thursday.

Satkhira finished third with a 16-3 win over Natore.

Information and cultural affairs minister Abul Kalam Azad distributed prizes among the winners.

Sachin doubts 'consistency' of UDRS

AFP, New Delhi

Batting superstar Sachin Tendulkar has defended India's refusal to use the Umpire Decision Review System (UDRS) during an upcoming tour of England, saying it needed to be more consistent.

"I am not against UDRS, but I feel it will be more effective with the support of the Snickometer and Hot Spot technology. This will give more consistent results," Tendulkar was quoted as saying by the cricinfo website Friday.

UDRS, which allows teams to challenge the umpire's on-field decisions, has been accepted by most of cricket's leading nations and was in use at the recent World Cup, which was co-hosted and won by India.

India, however, have been against the system from the time it was used on a trial basis in their series against Sri Lanka in 2008.

The International Cricket Council (ICC) recently called for UDRS to be used across all formats but India have maintained their stance,

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SOLIDARITY: West Indies batsman Marlon Samuels (R) celebrates the win over India with Chris Gayle in the fifth and final ODI at Kingston on Thursday.

PHOTO: AFP

Siddikur swings back

Golf

SPORTS REPORTER

Siddikur Rahman moved up to joint fourth at the end of round two of the Queen's Cup with a sparkling 68 at the Santiburi Samui Country Club in Thailand yesterday. Coupled with his first round score of 69, Siddikur was tied with three other golfers at five-under-par 137 (71-par-course) as some 67 players made the cut into the final two rounds. Last year's champion Tetsuji Hiratsuka shot a 70 but is six shots back.

Siddikur, who pulled off his first top-10 finish at this course last year, before going on to lift the Brunei Open, was satisfied with his day's work.

"When I started in the afternoon, it was blowing and I dropped two shots in the first three holes. But I stayed confident and got the round together with five birdies. I'm hitting it good and I'm in a good position," said the 26-year-old, who is currently second on the Asian Order of Merit.

South Africa's Jbe Kruger hold joint lead along with Japan's Daisuke Maruyama with

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