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MSC tame Ctg Abahani

SPORTS REPORTER

A youthful Mohammedan SC came from a goal down to beat hosts Chittagong Abahani 3-1 in their first match of the second leg of the Manyavar Bangladesh Premier League at the MA Aziz Stadium yesterday. The port city side stunned the visitors when new signing Choumrin Rakhain headed them ahead in the 27th minute. The lead lasted for almost 40 minutes before Mohammedan mounted a challenge and took the game away. The Black and Whites, switched to 4-4-2 formation from 4-2-3-1 formation, restored parity in the 66th minute, thanks to a powerful header from Guinean forward Ismael Bangoura.

FENI SOCCER	0 - 0	MUKTIJODDHA
CTG ABAHANI	1 - 3	MOHAMMEDAN
TEAM BJMC	2 - 2	BROTHERS

Defender Mintu Sheikh gave the visitors the lead from a free-kick on in the 79th minute before Towhidul Alam Sabuj wrapped up the victory two minutes into the stoppage time.

The win took the Old Dhaka outfit to 23 points, just three behind league leaders Sheikh Jamal DC while Chittagong Abahani remained at 10th position with five points from 11 matches.

"We were ahead of Chittagong Abahani both technically and tactically even though they adopted a negative approach of wasting time after taking the lead. However, we were always confident of making a comeback," said Mohammedan coach Josimuddin Ahmed Joshi.

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WALSON RESCUES BROTHERS

In the second match of the day in Dhaka, Augustine Walson scored twice to salvage a point for Brothers Union against Team BJMC. The Haitian, who was on top of the scorer's chart with 11 goals before this match, scored in either half but saw his strikes cancelled by Team BJMC's Elelta Kingsley and Samson Iliasu. Walson had the chance to score a hat-trick, but missed from the spot in the first half.

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MUKTIS HELD BY FENI

Meanwhile, Muktiyoddha Sangsad were held to a goalless draw by Feni Soccer Club at the Bangabandhu National Stadium in Dhaka.

Muktiyoddha Sangsad had the opportunity to reduce the gap with the league leaders Sheikh Jamal to four points, but their forwards wasted numerous opportunities either side of the break.

The All Reds had signed up Guinean Vasseba Toure in the



World number one Novak Djokovic of Serbia celebrates winning his men's singles first round match against Germany's Philipp Kohlschreiber in Wimbledon yesterday.

Booters to play away at Malaysia

SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh national football team will play an international FIFA friendly against Malaysia in Kuala Lumpur on August 29, confirmed the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) yesterday. The friendly match will come four days ahead of Bangladesh's third match of the Joint Qualifiers for the World Cup and the Asian Cup against Australia in Perth on September 3.

It has been learnt that head coach Lodewijk de Kruif, who is currently in Netherlands and is expected to return in mid August to resume national team camp, had asked BFF to arrange two friendly matches before taking on the Socceroos.

Bangladesh started their qualifying campaign with a 3-1 defeat against Kyrgyzstan on June 11 before holding Tajikistan to a 1-1 draw on June 16. Both matches were held in Dhaka.

Zia remains in third

SPORTS REPORTER

Grandmaster Ziaur Rahman remained at the third position after the seventh round of the Commonwealth Chess Championship in New Delhi yesterday.

Zia drew against Indian GM Sriram Jha to secure 5.5 points from seven games. He was sharing the third position along with 13 other players, said a press release from Bangladesh Chess Federation yesterday.

Lim acquires C'Ron image rights

AFP, Singapore

Singaporean billionaire Peter Lim, the owner of Spanish club Valencia, has expanded into sports marketing by acquiring the image rights for football superstar Cristiano Ronaldo, it was announced Monday.

Mint Media, a Hong Kong-based firm owned by Lim, said in a statement the six-year contract with Ronaldo would help grow the Portuguese icon's brand in Asia.

Under the deal, Mint Media "will own and administer all of Ronaldo's image rights" except for those relating to his professional football club Real Madrid.

Argentina lead final 4

AP, Santiago

The Copa America semifinals are again missing a local favourite.

Argentina did their part, but Brazil - as in the World Cup a year ago, and in this same South American championship four years ago - no longer shine like it once did and is again out early in a major championship.

Paraguay knocked out the five-time World Cup winner Saturday 4-3 on penalties after a 1-1 draw. This was not as shocking as Germany's 7-1 humiliation of Brazil in the semifinals a year ago in Brazil's own World Cup, but it's a reminder that the country has lost some of its mystique and no longer plays the so-called "jogo bonito."

Paraguay are no stranger to this tournament. They were the losing finalist four years ago against Uruguay and could be headed to the finals again. They face Argentina on Tuesday in one semifinal, and host Chile goes against Peru on Monday in the other.

The final is on July 4.

Not only is Argentina in the semifinals, but all four teams are coached by Argentines: Jorge Sampaoli with Chile, Ricardo Gareca with Peru, Ramon Diaz with Paraguay and Gerardo Martino with Argentina.

Argentina star Lionel Messi is under pressure to finally deliver, the way he has for his club team Barcelona. Two-time World Cup champion Argentina have not won a major title in 22 years, and Messi is expected

AFC CUP QUALIFYING Sheikh Jamal against Alga, Benfica

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Premier League Champions Sheikh Jamal Dhanmondi Club will play against five-time Kyrgyzstan league champions FC Alga and Macau's current league champions Benfica de Macau in the qualifying leg for the play-offs of 2016 the AFC Cup. The draw was held at the Asian Football Confederation headquarters in Kuala Lumpur yesterday where Sheikh Jamal were pitted in Group B. Group A features Druk United of Bhutan, Khoromkhon of Mongolia and K-Electric FC of Pakistan.

Sheikh Jamal will take on Benfica de Macau on August 13 before facing FC Alga Bishkek on August 15. Both matches will be held in Kyrgyzstan capital Bishkek. The two group champions will earn their berth in the play-offs.

Group A: Druk United, Khoromkhon, K-Electric FC
Group B: FC Alga Bishkek, Sheikh Jamal DC, Benfica de Macau

Chile have never won the title, and this is supposed to be the year with top players - called the "Golden Generation" - like midfielder Arturo Vidal of Juventus, forward Alexis Sanchez of Arsenal, and goalkeeper Claudio Bravo of Barcelona in the side.

Chile have been the best - and highest scoring team - in the tournament.

Jara thrown out

AFP, Santiago

Chile defender Gonzalo Jara was thrown out of the Copa America on Sunday over his attempt to shove his finger into the backside of Uruguay striker Edinson Cavani, the Chilean Football Federation confirmed.

A statement said Jara had been suspended for three matches following a disciplinary hearing by South American football's ruling body CONMEBOL into the lurid flashpoint during last week's quarterfinal.

"The Chilean Football Federation has been informed of the suspension for three matches of Gonzalo Jara by the disciplinary committee of CONMEBOL," the statement said.

"We regret this sanction but we will accept it," the federation added in the statement on its website.

The ban rules Jara out of Chile's semifinal with Peru on Monday as well as the final if the hosts progress that far.

CONMEBOL opened disciplinary proceedings against Jara on Saturday, saying the body was obliged to do so after receiving a formal complaint about the player's conduct by Uruguayan officials.

However Chile coach Jorge Sampaoli criticised the suspension on Sunday, saying it set a dangerous precedent.

"If you start acting on allegations outside of the referees report, things are going to get very complicated," Sampaoli said.

"If people start getting suspended on the basis of allegations from one side, then everyone will start trying to do it," he added.

Jara triggered a wave of revulsion and condemnation over his bizarre assault on Cavani, who was sent off for retaliating as a result.

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