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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.

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

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

"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.

MUKTIS HELD BY FENI

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

Muktijoddha 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 Copa America semifi-

nals are again missing a

Argentina did their part,

but Brazil - as in the World

Cup a year ago, and in this

local favourite.

same South American championship four

years ago - no longer shine like it once did and

World Cup winner Saturday 4-3 on penal-

ties after a 1-1 draw. This was not as shock-

ing 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

Paraguay are no stranger to this tourna-

ment. 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

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

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

longer plays the so-called "jogo bonito."

Paraguay knocked out the five-time

is again out early in a major championship.

Argentina lead final 4

to change that.

Messi and Argentina were knocked out of

this tournament four years ago in the

quarterfinals at home in Argentina, and lost

the World Cup final 1-0 to Germany a year ago.

tournament, and Argentina have scored

only four in four matches. They defeated

Colombia 5-4 on penalties after a scoreless

for the national team," said Messi, who has

46 goals for Argentina, second to leader

winning a single match. They had three

draws in group play, and two more in the

quarterfinals and semifinals, where they

qualifying from South America, but have

rebounded under new coach Diaz, who was

the most successful coach at Buenos Aires

Uruguay and Brazil, and none could beat

group play, and 1-1 with Uruguay before

supposed to be the year with top players

called the "Golden Generation" - like

Alexis Sanchez of Arsenal, and goalkeeper

Chile have been the best - and highest

Claudio Bravo of Barcelona in the side.

scoring team - in the tournament.

"We've played against Argentina,

Paraguay drew 2-2 with Argentina in

Chile have never won the title, and this is

club River Plate before moving to Paraguay.

Paraguay finished last in 2014 World Cup

"It's terrible how hard it is for me to score

Paraguay reached the 2011 finals without

draw in the quarterfinals on Friday.

Gabriel Batistuta with 56.

won on penalties.

us," Diaz said.

Argentina star Lionel Messi is under midfielder Arturo Vidal of Juventus, forward

ousting Brazil on Saturday.

Messi has scored only one goal in the

FENI SOCCER MUKTIJODDHA **CTG ABAHANI** MOHAMMEDAN TEAM BJMC 2 - 2 **BROTHERS**

mid-term transfer window to strengthen the midfield but the lanky midfielder hardly impressed in his maiden appearance. They also struggled in the absence of Maruf Ahmed, who was terminated by the club recently and eventually dropping two points against a side they beat 2-1 in the first leg.

Muktijoddha's Senegalese striker Camara Sarba wasted the first opportunity as he failed to beat goalkeeper Golam Mustafa in a one-on-one situation in the 12th minute while Feni Soccer saw unmarked Iqbal Hossain spoil their lone opportunity with a weak header which hardly troubled Muktijoddha goalkeeper Titumir Chowdhury.

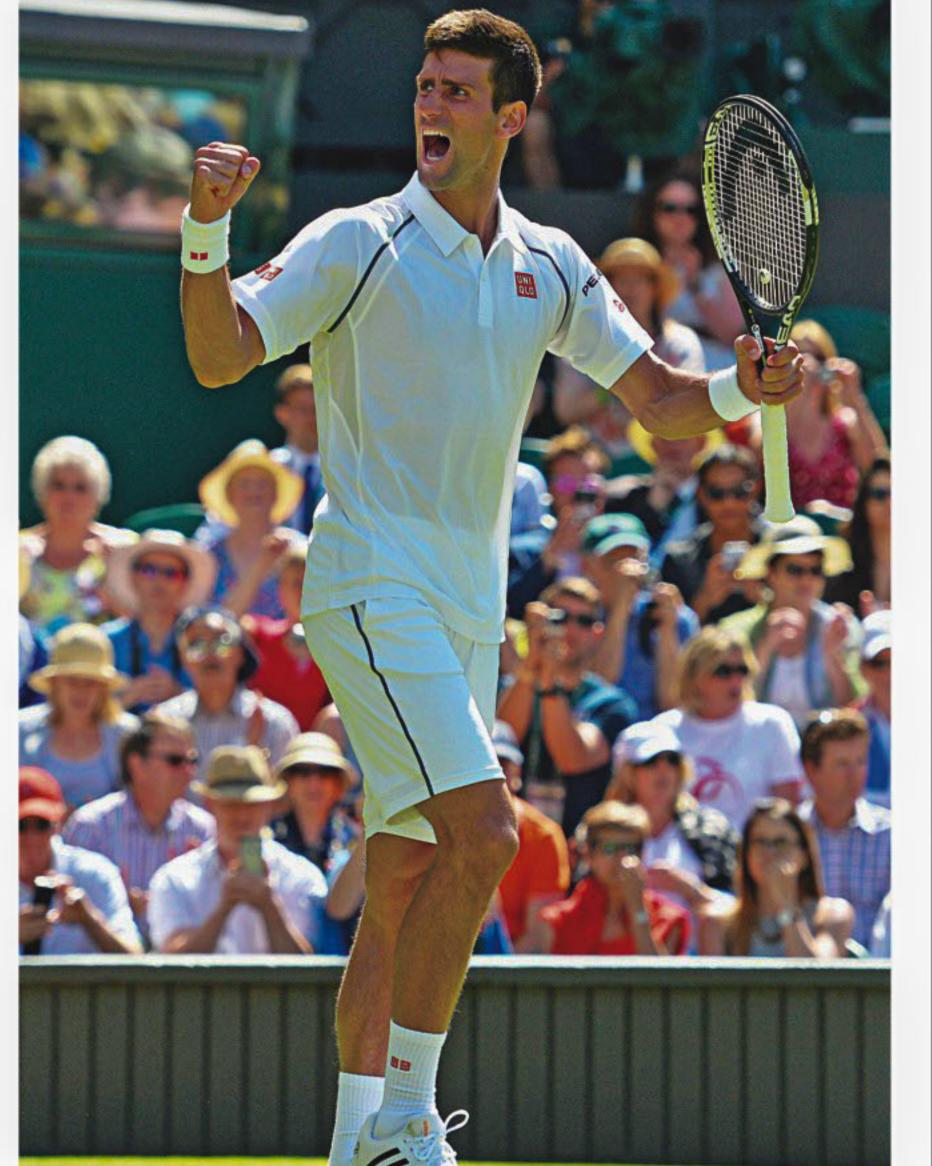
After resumption, Muktijoddha's Naimur Rahman Shahed was denied by the woodwork while substitute Rokonuzzaman Kanchan squandered two sitters from close-range in the dying moments.

The stalemate took Muktijoddha to 20 points while Feni Soccer moved to eighth position with nine points from 11 matches.

WALSON RESCUES BROTHERS

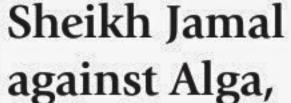
In the second match of the day in Dhaka, Augustine Walson scored twice to salvage a point for Brothers Union against Team BJMC. The Haitian, who was on top of the scorer's chart with 11 goals before this match, scored in either half but saw his strikes cancelled by Team BJMC's Elelta Kingsley and Samson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

The draw left Brothers Union in third position with 21 points from 11 matches while BJMC were at ninth position The All Reds had signed up Guinean Vasseba Toure in the with nine points from same number of matches.



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

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AFC CUP QUALIFYING

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Bangladesh Premier League

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

Novak, Serena cruise

AFP, London



Novak Djokovic, Stan Wawrinka, Serena Williams and Maria Sharapova reached the Wimbledon second round on Monday as 2002 cham-

pion Lleyton Hewitt's 17-year All England Club career came to a bruising end. French Open champion and third

seed Wawrinka reached the Wimbledon second round with a 6-2, 7-5, 7-6 (7/3) win over Portugal's Joao Sousa. Defending champion Djokovic

enjoyed a 6-4, 6-4, 6-4 win over Germany's Philipp Kohlschreiber with crucial breaks for a place in the last 32. in the ninth game of each set. But the world number one and top

seed again found himself defending allegations that coach Boris Becker is using various means to coach him from the sidelines, a practice which is banned. "I'm just trying to figure out what you

want to achieve with this story. Do you want to say I'm cheating, my team?" fumed the 28-year-old Djokovic.

He next faces Finland's Jarkko Nieminen who defeated Hewitt 3-6, 6-3, 4-6, 6-0, 11-9 in a four-hour marathon.

It was Hewitt's last singles match at the tournament -- and 44th five-setter at the

majors -- as he plans to retire after next year's Australian Open.

Top seed Serena Williams, bidding to become the first woman since Steffi Graf in 1988 to wrap up all four majors in one season, endured a nervy start and was warned for swearing before completing a 6-4, 6-1 win over Margarita Gasparyan, the world number 113 from Russia who has never won a tour-level match in four years as a professional.

Fourth seed Sharapova also reached the second round with a 6-2, 6-2 win over Britain's Johanna Konta.

Sharapova, the 2004 champion, will face Dutch qualifier Richel Hogenkamp

Five-time champion Venus Williams wasn't to be outdone as the 34-year-old American took just 42 minutes to crush compatriot Madison Brengle 6-0, 6-0. In the men's first round, Australia's 26th

seed Nick Kyrgios, who knocked out Rafael Nadal last year, eased past Argentina's Diego Schwartzman 6-0, 6-2, 7-6 (8/6).

Germany's Tommy Haas, at 37 years and 100 days old, and who first played Wimbledon in 1997, beat Serbia's Dusan Lajovic 6-2, 6-3, 4-6, 6-2 to become the oldest man to win a match at Wimbledon since Jimmy Connors (38 years 308 days) in 1991.

Booters to play away at Malaysia

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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 Kongbased 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.

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ওয়ালটন ফ্রিজের

Jara thrown out

AFP, Santiago

the other.

Argentina.

The final is on July 4.



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

"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

retaliating as a result.

obliged to do so after receiving a formal complaint about the player's conduct by Uruguayan officials. However Chile coach Jorge Sampaoli criticised the sus-

pension 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

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

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

WALTON আমাদের পণ্য



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