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## Abahani, Biman victors

## Cricket

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Title aspirants Abahani Krira Chakra, riding on half-centuries by Tareq Mahmud, Akram Khan and Asadullah Khan, handed Young Pegasus a five-wicket defeat in one of the three GrameenPhone Premier Division Cricket League matches yesterday.

Tareq, the right handed Pakistani recruit, scored 57 while Akram and Asadullah added 55 and 52 not out respectively as the popular Dhanmondi-based team, chasing 248 in 50 overs, sailed home making 253 with 16 deliveries yet to be bowled at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

Tareq scored his runs off 61 balls. He clubbed a six and eight boundaries while Akram hit a couple of boundaries during his 68-ball innings. Middle-order Asadullah faced 51 balls for his knock which included two sixes and three fours.

Earlier, the Young Pegasus innings was built around a superb 92 by opener Junayed Siddique. He hit ten fours in his 131-ball knock. It was Abahani's fourth win in five

matches that raised their tally to 24 points and placed them in the second position along with Mohammedan. On the other hand, it was

Pegasus' third defeat in four out-

## **BIMAN V CITY CLUB**

Away at the Fatullah Cricket Stadium, Biman registered their second win in the League when they defeated high-flying City Club by 32 runs.

In a low scoring match, Biman, put in to bat, were all out for only 171 in 48.5 overs with opener Rashedul Haque making highest 35.

But in the end, the seemingly poor total proved too much for the City boys as they were shot out for 139 in 40.4 overs.

Biman paceman Aminul Islam took highest three wickets for 17 runs from eight overs while Anisur Rahman, Halim Shah and Mosaddek Hossain bagged two wickets apiece.

The win raised Biman's tally to 12 points from five matches. But it was City Club's first defeat for after winning three matches in a row. **BCB DEV SQUAD V** 

### SURJO TARUN In the other match of the day, a

brilliant century from opener Nayeem Islam propelled BCB Development Squad to a stunning 63-run over Surjo Tarun Club at the Bangabandhu National Stadium. It was the BCB side's second success in the League.

Nayeem smashed 134 off 157 balls as his side piled up a mammoth 289 for five in 50 overs after being invited to bat.

In his three-hour vigil, Nayeem, smote one six and 16 boundaries to amass the highest individual score Rajin c Mortuza b Saiid in the League so far. It was the third Hasan c Sajid b Anisur

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century of the League. In reply, Surjo Tarun were restricted to 226 for nine in the stipulated 50 overs. <b>SCOREBOARD</b> Scoreboards of the three GrameenPhone Premier Division Cricket League matches yesterday. <b>Abahani v Young Pegasus</b> Venue: DCS <b>YOUNG PEGASUS</b> Junayed st Mukhter b T Mahmud 92 Jamil Ibw b Russell 0 Murad run out 42	Kadir Ibw b A Alamgir c Ar Tareq Ibw b Nazmul not Saifullah b S Extars: (b-1 Total: (All ou Fall of wicke 47, 6-59, 7-5 Bowler Aminul jr Anisur Sajid
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## Stay tuned to

## **ESPN STAR** PRESS RELEASE

ESPN STAR Sports, India's premier sports broadcaster, has begun telecasting special Cricket World Cup review and preview shows to millions

The special programmes are preview show 'Taking Guard' and 'Follow Through'. review show Celebrated Sunil Gavaskar, Alan Wilkins, Ravi Shastri, Navjot Singh Sidhu and Harsha Bhogle are hosting the shows from the special studios constructed in South Africa itself.

Both 'Taking Guard' and 'Follow Through' are thirty-minute programmes. These shows also announce daily winners of the Super Selector South Africa 2003. During the shows viewers are taken around scenic South Africa.

'Taking Guard' is aired an hour before the start of the game and

## Rajib champ SPORTS REPORTER

International Master Enamu Hossain Raiib of Biman became unbeaten champion with a match in hand in the Shahialal Bank Interntional Rating Chess Tournament at the conference room of National

so far. Saifuddin Lavlu of Titas finished runner-up with 7 points in the competition, jointly organised by Leonine Chess Club and Rotary Club of Dhaka Mid City in association with Bangladesh Chess Federation

## English umps boycott Zim

**REUTERS**, Johannesburg

English umpires Peter Willey and Neil Mallender have withdrawn from their World Cup matches in Zimbabwe, the International Cricket Council (ICC) said on Monday. Last week, England refused to

travel to Harare for their scheduled cup opener against Zimbabwe on February 13 because of both security and moral concerns. An ICC spokesman told Reuters:

"They did not feel comfortable after the England team had pulled out of their match in Harare and they confirmed that to us."

## Notice

The photo of Bangladesh opene Hannan Sarker was mistakenly used in place of fast bowler Mashrafee bin-Mortuza in the front page report of our Tuesday's issue. We regret the inadvertent error.

The decision to hire former

Bangladesh coach Gordon

Greenidge as a batting consultant

for ten days also backfired and only

served to belittle Kamal's confi-

would be used.

Cup.



PHOTO: AFF WELL WISHERS: A group of young cricketers, putting on their gears, brought out a peace rally in Kolkata yesterday. They condemned the burning of Indian cricketers' effigies and attacks on their houses.

## **Keepers under pressure**

## ICC Cricket World Cup SOUTH AFRICA 2003

You've got to hand it to the World Cup wicketkeepers when the pressure's on, some of the great

names make big mistakes For Mark Boucher, the torment has been particularly acute and his pain was all to see in the heat of the Bullring, the apt nickname for the Wanderers ground here on Sunday.

With South Africa defending 306, Boucher let New Zealand skipper Stephen Fleming off the hook when he dropped a simple catch off the bowling of Jacques Kallis when the Kiwi was on 53.

Fleming went on to score an unbeaten 134 as the Black Caps clinched a dramatic nine-wicket win which could end the hosts' World Cup dreams

Poor Boucher. At Potchefstroom earier he dropped Kenyan opener Ravindu Shah when he had made just two. Shah went on to score 60 out of a total of 140.

South Africa still won the match but the scoreline could have a bearing on run-rate which will decide the Super Six qualifiers should Pool B be too close to call on points

"Boucher has dropped two relatively straightforward catches during this event and when he did catch Craig McMillan off Allan Donald on Sunday his body lanquage was one of intense relief. said former coach Bob Woolmer. The pressure has also told on

others Kenya's David Obuya, worry-

Get things

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ingly described as having a safe pair tion, then changed his mind Gilchrist got on with the job in hand of hands in the tournament media quide, had his moment of madness smashing 48 as Australia took out against Canada their frustration on India in their next Chasing a simple skied shot from

dame Joe Harris off the bowling of Maurice Meanwhile, Lou Vincent proved Odumbe, Obuya, who is keeping elder that 'keepers can have many roles brother Kennedy out of the team, let at this World Cup. the ball slip through his gloves. Having been behind the stumps

Harris went on to make 31, but Obuya's embarrassment was saved he was sent to the outfield to face by his teammates as they registered the West Indies and proved his a win in the Pool B encounter. value by fielding the ball with an

Elsewhere, pressure of a different kind was played out in the full glare of publicity for Australia's Adam Gilchrist and Pakistan's Rashid Latif after the teams' bitter Johannesburg confrontation last week

Gilchrist alleged that Latif had made a racial remark to him, which the Pakistani denied and the whole sorry mess ended up at an ICC inquiry which dismissed the whole

Latif made noises about litiga-

Indian MPs concerned

damage

ahead

following the incident at Kaif's home. Newspapers Tuesday contained acid editorials dissecting the team's performance and splashed photographs of fans torching effigies of

their former darlings in protest of the team's nine-wicket rout Saturday by world champions Australia and its lacklustre win over minnows The Netherlands last week

Much of the invective, however, was directed at the players' personal business dealings, an issue of ongoing concern among Indians.

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Cartoonists lampooned Ganguly's men as being more concerned with winning plum off-field corporate endorsements than matches and thousands of e-mails and mobile phone SMS messages were circulating calling for a boycott of products master. promoted by the "men in blue." Heath Streak's Zimbabwe are Some sponsors, sensing the now well-placed to ioin Australia in public mood, said they were considthe Super Six from Pool A, leaving ering yanking television commer-India, Pakistan and England to cials featuring the cricketers, who battle for the third spot. have superstar status in this billion-A clash between arch rivals India strong country. and Pakistan March 1 at the "The Indian team is not wearing Centurian Supersport is being billed the nation's cap, they are wearing Pepsi, LG, Coke and Hero Honda caps," said Santosh Mangaonkar, an advertising professional and ardent cricket fan from the western commercial hub of Bombay.

with their much vaunted batting lineup collapsing with just 125 runs on the board on Saturday.

the first game against Sri Lanka,

accurate throw to Chris Cairns to

run out Brian Lara before the batting

maestro could cause too much

The Kiwis won the game, went

India's Rahul Dravid has been

on to see off the South Africans and

are now thinking of greater things

forced to don the gloves to lend

balance to the side. The pressure's

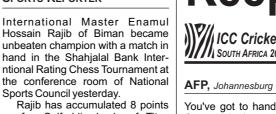
showing. Mr Reliable has failed with

the bat in both matches so far

In their first match against Holland, India failed to shine and were dismissed for 204 runs by the Dutch before the end of their allotted 50 overs

Ganguly's team need a win against Zimbabwe on Wednesday to stay in contention for a place in the Super Six and the desperate situation has forced a reshuffle of the struggling batting order.

Sachin Tendulkar will be retained to open but out-of-form Ganguly slipped down the order. Batting sensation Virender Sehwag, who batted at number three in the first two games, will partner the little



## Positive again

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only between us and Shane," Winnett said.

Victorian Supreme Court Justice Bill Gillard who chaired the ACB's two previous anti-doping hearings ruled himself out of the Warne case Justice Gillard revealed that he had acted for Warne during a "procedural

matter" 10 years ago. Meanwhile, the ACB is expected to wait until after the Warne hearing before announcing a replacement fo the World Cup squad in South Africa.

Former off-spinner Peter Taylor was selected to sit on the threeperson Australian Cricket Board antidoping committee. Taylor played 13 Tests for Australia but was dumped from the side to make way for Warne in January 1992.

Queensland Justice Glen Williams and medical specialist Dr Susan White complete the ACB panel that will decide Warne's cricketing fate

But a date for the hearing remains unclear because the champion leg spinner is yet to notify the board of the findings of the test of his B-sample.

## have Down in dumps

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miraculous comeback he is worried to know the extent of damage on right ankle. "The doctor told me it might take

me another three months to recover. I don't mind even it requires more time. I will definitely be back."

A three-man medical panel is observing Mashrafee's condition. They will wait four or five days before making a decision whether he needs surgery

The BCB is keen to have the operation performed in South Africa. Whatever happens it is yet another sad chapter in the promising career of the young paceman.



GrameenPhone Premier Cricket League Orient SC v Indira Road KC Venue: BKSP Victoria SC v Uttara SC Venue: BNS

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took such a hard decision after failing to get any response from the board over his demands for the team.

Moreover, the players failed to develop themselves as a team. It seems as though only a few play with some sort of conviction while the rest do not even understand what it means. Chaminda Vaas' hattrick off the first three balls of the Bangladesh innings on Friday was a perfect illustration of how irresponsible the batsmen can be.

Besides, the players are not that keen to pick up on what they are being taught time and again. If they had implemented even ten per cent of what they had been taught so far, they would have played more care-

fully Some pointed at the lack of experienced players in team. But most of the observers still believe it is the best possible selection we

## ORGANISATION

Ever since Ali Asghar took over as BCB president from interim president Akmal Hossain after the October 2001 election, drastic changes had been made in the whole set-up of the Board. Asahar first removed his suc-

cessful predecessor Saber Hossain Chowdhury as the chairman of the Development Committee and put Prime Minister Khaleda Zia's youngest son Arafat Rahman in his place. The move angered many as Arafat had no credible record as a cricket organiser in comparison to the experienced Saber.

Asghar then changed the Cricket and Tournament Committees. Nurul Kabir MP was made the new chairman of the Tournament Committee in place of BCB director Dewan Shafiul Arefin while board director Mahbubul Anam was appointed the Cricket Committee chairman replacing Syed Ashraful Hug who is now the executive secretary of the Asian Cricket Council (ACC). Asghar kicked up a row by

removing BCB director Ahmed Sajjadul Alam as the manager of the New Zealand-bound Bangladesh team in December 2001 The Board of Directors split into two distinct groups by the controver-

sial nature of Asghar's actions. The icing on the cake came for Asghar when the High Court, following a writ petition by BCB councilor Rafiqul Islam, suspended the activi-

ties of the Board of Directors last August and asked Asghar to run the board single-handedly!

Although the High Court asked Asghar to hold fresh elections within two months, the ruling party MP kept has been running the Board by forming an 11-member Advisory Council The Development Committee

has so far failed to bring about any improvement in the game. Moreover, the committee is yet to reveal a long-term plan for the development of the game. The Tournament Committee.

meanwhile. looks determined to change everything that was introduced by the now defunct board.

They squeezed the National Cricket League, the only First Class tournament prevalent in the country, and converted it into a Dhaka based tournament this season. Instead of ten matches, each of the six divisional teams were allowed to play only five First Class matches in the first round while the two finalists played one more match. The concept of playing the final in a league format also became a point of discussion.

The experiment was a complete failure. The 2000-2001 National League produced cricketers like Tushar Imran and Mashrafee-bin-Mortuza. Alok Kapali and Taposh Baishya followed them into the national team through the 2001-2002 season. But this year's competition did not produce a single promising newcomer to represent the national team.

The Premier League of Dhaka has also experienced a change through the inclusion of BCB Development Squad. Many think this will not bring about any good results as the development squad (consisting of under-19 cricketers) do not have any motivation.

The Cricket Committee also failed to understand the players properly. Reducing the number of cricketers in the pay-roll to half has sparked division among the players. According to Asghar's latest deci

sion announced last month, only six players instead of 15 are now getting monthly salary while the rest are getting match fees and salaries when playing for the national team.

Asghar also must ultimately shoulder the blame for the ridiculous decision of replacing Trevor Chappell with Mohsin Kamal.

The Board has also made a mockery of the selection process by replacing the Mainul Haq-led selection committee without any prior notice

In their place Aliul Islam who with his inability to be harsh on the never played cricket for the national players when required. team, was made the chief selector while Omar Khaled Rumi (who has been out of touch with the game for the last one decade and now mostly involved in pop music) and former Bangladesh pacer GM Nowsher were appointed as the other members of the committee.

Ultimately, the principal reason is a lack of accountability on the part of everyone involved in cricket, ranging from the players to the organisers. Nobody seems willing to take any responsibility for the sorry state of affairs and only seem intent on blaming other parties. If cricket is to develop in Bangladesh, everyone involved in it must realise that every time they point a finger at someone else, there are four others pointing straight back at them.

## MANAGEMENT

Bangladesh have easily the most incompetent team management at this year's World Cup.

Coach Mohsin Kamal does not command the respect of his players and therefore finds it difficult to control them. He has failed to guide the players according to the demands of the situation. He has failed to motivate his players and improve their performances. Simply put, the former Pakistan pacer has failed to get through to the players in any sense or form.

Habibul Bashar. once regarded as Bangladesh's top batsman, has hardly played a single innings worth writing home about ever since Kamal took over ten months back.

The inclusion of a trainer and a psychologist in addition to the physic has proved a futile move by the BCB, since no co-ordinated plan was formulated as to how they

hat is critical to our success.

"At critical times we've been too aggressive and we've taken the wrong option. Our batting plan is simple, and that is to keep wickets in hand.'

The die was cast for the ninewicket hiding India were handed by Australia on Saturday when they were bowled out for 125, their lowest ever World Cup total.

"The game against Australia was dence even more prior to the World always going to be tough," Wright said

Last but not least, the manager of "It was obviously a big game for the team, ASM Faruque, lacks the us, and it would have meant a lot to qualities required of a leader. He have been successful. (The loss) might be a respected former crickdidn't help from a morale point of eter but as a manager he has failed view.' to create any impact on the team

"They are playing only for money and nothing else.

as the clash of Titans amid reports the tie could see 200 million dollars in wagers changing hands. Meanwhile, police in Calcutta busted a cricket betting racket, arresting two bookies and seizing documents revealing bets worth 7.5

India slumped against Australia million rupees (156,000 USD)

## India take guard

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spinners if the wicket at the Harare Sports Club favours seam bowling

India can ill-afford another poor display against Zimbabwe who beat them at the last World Cup when Henry Olonga took three wickets in the final over to fashion a dramatic three-run victory.

Left-hander Andy Flower alone is enough to give the Indians nightmares.

The 34-year-old loves India's bowlers against whom he averages a phenomenal 94.93 in Test matches and 41.16 in one-day internationals.

When India last played Zimbabwe at the Champions Rain swept Wellomoore Park yes-Trophy in Sri Lanka in September, terday much to the disappointment Flower hit a superb 145 before of a few thousand South African Ganguly's team won by 14 runs.

Heath Streak's home team thrashed newcomers Namibia in their first World Cup match before earning four bonus points when England decided to forfeit their game here for security reasons.

Zimbabwe are now well-placed to join Australia in the Super Six from Pool A, leaving India, Pakistan and England to battle for the third spot.

India have won six of the seven World Cup matches against Zimbabwe, but Wednesday's game could change the trend if the Indian batting continues to falter.

Meanwhile, Zimbabwe's new ball bowler Andy Blignaut will undergo a fitness test later on Tuesday following a long-standing ankle injury.

The wicket sports a tinge of grass which could prompt the captain winning the toss to bowl first. LINE-UPS

ZIMBABWE (from): Heath Streak (captain), Andy Blignaut, Dion Ebrahim, Sean Ervine, Andy Flower, Grant Flower, Travis Friend, Douglas Hondo, Douglas Marillier, Brian Murphy, Henry Olonga, Tatenda Taibu, Mark Vermeulen, Guy Whittall, Craig Wishart.

(captain), Rahul Dravid, Virender Sehwag, Sachin Tendulkar, Anil Kumble, Harbhajan Singh, Javagal Srinath, Zaheer Khan, Ashish Nehra, Dinesh Mongia, Parthiv Patel, Sanjay Bangar, Ajit Agarkar, Yuvraj Singh, Mohammad Kaif. Umpires: Asoka De Silva (Sri) and Rudi Koertzen (Rsa) TV umpire: Darrell Hair (Aus) Match referee: Clive Lloyd (WIs)

INDIA (from): Saurav Ganguly

## FORM GUIDE

### AFP, Harare

Form guide for Zimbabwe and India ahead of their World Cup Group A match at the Harare Sports Club here on Wednesday: **ZIMBABWE** (won 4 lost 5 NR 1) Feb 13 2003 beat England (match forfeited) Harare Harare Feb 10 2003 beat Namibia by 86 runs (D/L) Dec 15, 2002 beat Kenya by 9 wickets Bulawayo Dec 11, 2002 beat Kenya by 47 runs Kwekwe Dec 8, 2002 v Kenya NR Harare Dec 1, 2002 lost to Pakistan by 70 runs Harare Nov 30, 2002 lost to Pakistan by 8 wickets Harare Nov 27, 2002 lost to Pakistan by 48 runs Harare Nov 24, 2002 lost to Pakistan by 104 runs Bulawayo Nov 23, 2002 lost to Pakistan by 7 runs Bulawayo INDIA (won 3 lost 7) Feb 15 2003 lost to Australia by 9 wickets Centurion Feb 12 2003 beat Netherlands by 68 runs Paarl Jan 14 2003 lost to New Zealand by 6 wickets Hamilton Jan 11 2003 beat New Zealand by 1 wicket Auckland beat New Zealand by 2 wickets Jan 8 2003 Wellinaton Jan 4 2003 lost to New Zealand by 7 wickets Queenstown lost to New Zealand by 5 wickets Jan 1 2003 Christchurch lost to New Zealand by 35 runs Dec 29 2002 Napier lost to New Zealand by 3 wickets Dec 1 2002 Auckland Nov 24 2002 lost to West Indies by 135 runs Vijayawada

## African treats FROM PAGE 13 West Indies. We really enjoyed the bowling and fielding in this game", said 25-year-old Liton.

Gulzar, a Pakistan-born Bangladeshi, originally decided not to watch the match but when news reached him that his team was doing well, he rushed to Willomoore Park. "I have changed my mind. I will watch the match," he said while looking for a ticket.

They were backing Bangladesh

hoping against hoping that a win

against the West Indies would do

the Proteas' chances of a Super Six

berth a world of good. Their eyes lit

up when rain intervened. Had the

match gone to 25 overs,

Bandladesh were on course for an

unlikely victory under the

of boost as the match had to be

abandoned because of rain leaving

the West Indies in a spot of bother

from the game in which they surely

are still delicately poised after their

nine-wicket defeat against New

The Windies got only two points

South Africa's World Cup dreams

In the end they did get some sort

Duckworth-Lewis method.

expected four.

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