

# Abahani in V-Day final

Sports Reporter

As expected, Dalim Summer champions Abahani Krishna Chakra moved into the final of the Victory Day cricket tournament beating last year's league runners up Bangladesh Biman by 22 runs at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Resuming their overnight score of 10 without loss from seven overs, Biman openers batted in slow but assured manner to launch a foundation for the later batsmen.

Saiful was first to go for 30 with the Biman score on 55.

Ahmed Iqbal Baichhu was stumped of century Selim twenty runs later.

The departure of the openers paved the path for the best part of Biman batting.

Skipper Shahnuwan Shanu teamed up with young Selim Shahed to score 104 runs off 136 balls in 22.4 overs.

Shahed batted sedately with occasional crisp hits to the fence to complete a fine fifty.

His knock of 58 made off 128 balls with the help of three fours was terminated by left arm paceman Morshed.

Shanu cut and drove well in

his 57 being bowled by Morshed, again.

He struck six fours in his bright innings and his departure was a body blow for the airlines team from which it never recovered.

Morshed drove another nail in Biman's coffin by removing Zakaria on the same score and the loss three precious wickets within nine runs took wind out of Biman's sails.

Enamul Haq Moini in tandem with young Piai tried to stage a last ditch battle but too many wickets were lost and Biman had to bite the dust in the end leaving Abahani victorious by 22 runs.

Morshed returned fine figures of three for 43 on an unhelpful track.

Sri Lankan spinner Ashoka Di Silva was too much for the Biman tail-enders and finished with excellent bowling analysis of three for 31 from fourteen overs.

None of the Abahani bowlers were required to complete the stipulated quota of fifteen overs.

Abahani Krishna Chakra will play the winners of the second

semifinal between Brothers Union and Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club.

**SCOREBOARD**

**BIMAN**

Saiful Ibw Masum	30
Baichhu st Pappu b Selim	31
Selim Shahed b Morshed	58
Shanu b Morshed	57
Moini c Farouque b Ashoka	21
Zakaria c Effic b Morshed	0
Masum	23
Shabbir not out	14
Ali Ahsan Babu c Pappu b Ashoka	6
Dalim b Ashoka	7
Ashar run out	1
Extras	11
Total (all out in 72.1 overs)	260

Fall of wickets: 1/55, 2/75, 3/179, 4/188, 5/188, 6/231, 7/231, 8/239, 9/253, 10/260.

**BOWLING**

O	M	R	W
Prince	10	3	27
Morshed	10	2	43
Ashoka	14	4	31
Effic	14	1	54
Masum	14	0	49
Selim	10	1	49

**TODAY'S MATCH**

Mohammedan Sporting Club vs Brothers Union.

# Udity defeat City by 31 runs

Sports Reporter

Udity Club outplayed City Club by 31 runs in the Milnars First Division cricket league at the Dhaka Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Winning the toss, Udity's skipper Imran elected to bat.

Udity batsmen maintained a healthy run-rate although wickets fell at regular interval.

Rokon who played a major role in his side's winning the RV six-a-side cup scored an enterprising 43, with the help of two fours.

Rinku chipped in with a useful 21.

Durjoy, the star of the recently held RV six-a-side cup failed with the bat.

Anup with 21 and skipper Imran with a lusty 23 including one six and a four helped Udity to reach a total of 165 in 42 overs.

Opening bowler Salahuddin was the most successful for City Club with figures of three for 37 from seven overs.

Bapji with two for 36 and Nahid with two for 25 gave

him good support.

City Club got off to a very promising start with some purposeful batting by its openers.

But Durjoy making amends for his poor performance with the willow appeared in the role of a destroyer with the leather.

He removed the City openers, Zakir and Moini.

Then Rokon joined in the act to send their opponents reeling, with wonderful figures of five for 22 from eight overs.

**SCOREBOARD**

**UDITY CLUB**

Sajid b Salahuddin	6
Tipu c Nahid b Bapji	12
Rokon b Shipan	43
Rinku c Kamu b Nahid	21
Durjoy c Kamu b Nahid	1
Anup c Goutam b Shoel	21
Imran c Salahuddin b Bapji	23
Fahim c Salahuddin b Shoel	0
Rahul b Salahuddin	11
Munir b Salahuddin	0
Mukul not out	1
Extras	26
Total (all out in 42 overs)	166

**CITY CLUB**

Salahuddin	7	0	37	3
Bapji	7	0	36	2
Nahid	9	0	25	2
Pappa	6	0	33	0
Shoel	9	2	16	2
Shipan	4	0	11	1

**TODAY'S MATCH**

Agrani Bank CC vs Ajax Club (DCS)

# Chehnum

Sports Reporter

The chehnum of Mrs Sabera Haq, wife of Syed Ashraf Haq, a former secretary of the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board, will be held today after the Jumma prayers at 14, Texturi Bazar.

Sabera Haq was killed in a tragic road accident in Sharjah on 24 October last.

**JU cricket**

Sports Reporter

Economics Department recorded a massive 88-runs victory over Anthropology Department in the quarter-finals of the inter-department cricket competition of the Jahangirnagar University played at the Mir Mosharraf Hossain Hall playground yesterday.

Electing to bat, Economics scored 200 runs in their stipulated 30 overs for the loss of only six wickets.

In their turn, Anthropology could muster only 112 runs for six wickets in their 30 overs, thus allowing their opponents to go into the semi-finals.

# Ctg in Suhrawardy Cup finals

Sports Reporter

Chittagong DSA advanced to the final round of the eighth annual youth football competition for the Suhrawardy Cup, now being played at different venues across the country, beating Laxmipur 3-1 at Bahiganj yesterday.

Sakhawat opened the account for the winners in the very first minute of the match. Ikram doubled the margin nineteen minutes later.

Zahid completed the tally with a 39th minute goal.

Saifuddin reduced the margin for the losers in the second half.

Chittagong will play in the final round of the tournament which will be held at Naogaon from December 26.

At Netrokona, the hosts outplayed Gazipur by the odd goal in three to move into the

# BSJA meet held

Sports Reporter

The annual general meeting of Bangladesh Sports Journalists Association was held at its office here today with BSJA president Masud Ahmed Rumi in the chair, reports HSS.

Almost all the members of the association attended the meeting. General secretary Manzurul Haq presented a brief report of last year's activities of the association while member Mahfuzul Haq read out the resolutions of the last annual general meeting, which were accepted unanimously.

**V-Day programme of Swadesh SKS**

Sports Reporter

The three-day long programme in commemoration of the Victory Day of the Swadesh Samaj Kallyan Sangha, Dhaka will get underway at 9 am on December 16 with a voluntary blood donation by the sangha's members.

The programme includes games and sports, drawing competition for children and discussion meeting.

The awards-giving ceremony, followed by a cultural show, will be held at 4 pm on December 17.

Lt Gen (ret) Mir Shaukat Ali, MP, will attend the occasion as chief guest.

Major (ret) Abdul Mannan, State Minister for Textiles, will be present as a special guest.

# Athletico's pace may unsettle Real

Sports Reporter

MADRID, Dec 12: Atletico Madrid, already six points behind Spanish First Division leader Real Madrid, knows it has to pick up the pace this weekend to keep the season from slipping away, reports AP.

But the 14th round might provide Atletico with a prime chance to gain some ground by defeating seventh-place host Sevilla on Saturday.

Real Madrid will be coming off Thursday's third-round UEFA Cup match against Swiss Neuchatel Xamax and face a tough fifth-place Real Zaragoza club on Sunday. Neuchatel is the only team to beat Real Madrid this season, beating the 25-time Spanish champion 1-0 in Switzerland two weeks ago.

The advantage has to lie with Real Madrid, however, Real has won 12 of 13 games, drew the other one, and has 25 of 26 points on the season. Atletico, at 9-1-3, has struggled on offense.

Real Madrid "has no problems". Atletico midfielder Bernd Schuster told Marca, a Spanish sports daily, "Since Sunday, the league championship has been so far off that we can't even talk about it."

Schuster made a splash this week by suggesting the team might need another forward to

help solidify their attack.

Elsewhere in Spain on Sunday, defending champion FC Barcelona will face this year's surprise team, Burgos, in sixth place with a 6-4-3 record.

A relatively low-budget team, Burgos has impressed Spanish fans with its spunky play, but lost last week to Albacete.

Barcelona, in third place at 7-3-3 and 17 points, played a strong defensive match against Benfica of Lisbon in a European Champions Cup third round game on Wednesday. The 0-0 tie gave Barcelona three points in two games in the league-system competition and a boost for this weekend's league action.

Fuelling between Dutch coach Johan Cruyff and Bulgarian striker Hristo Stoichkov seems at a lull. Although Stoichkov was pulled from the Benfica match minutes before its end, Cruyff told the Spanish press, "I have to be satisfied with his play because he put in a great effort."

Also on Sunday, Mallorca is at Albacete. Espanol visits Deportivo. Longones hosts Real Sociedad. Valencia plays at Valladolid, and Tenerife is at Cadix.

Oviedo visits fourth-place Sporting de Gijon. Since both

# ACW Cup results

Sports Reporter

TOKYO, Dec 12: Result of the quarter-finals of the Asian Cup Winner's Cup in Hiratsuka, Japan, on Wednesday night:

Nissan FC (Japan) 4 East Bengal (India) 0 (Halftime 2-0)

Scorers - Rikizo Matsuhashi (23rd, 52nd minutes), Takuya Jinno (33th, 75th).

**Anirban cricket**

Sports Reporter

A Victory Day cricket tournament under the auspices of the Anirban Krira-o-Sangskriti Sangha begins today at Manikdi, Dhaka Cantonment today.

Maj (ret) Qamrul Islam, MP, will formally inaugurate the meet at 9:30 this morning at the Manikdi School playground.

Mashtur Rahman, Principal of the Adamjee College, will attend the opening ceremony as a special invitee.

# MSC lose 1-2 to Al-Sabah

Sports Reporter

Al-Sabah Club of the United Arab Emirates defeated Bangladesh Federation Cup champions Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club by two goals to one in their opening robin league match of the 11th Asian Club Cup championship finals in Doha, Qatar yesterday, according to telephonic message received in Dhaka late last night.

The teams were tied 1-1 at half-time.

Mohammedans will next play the champion team from Thailand, Port Authority, on Saturday, Dec 14.

Their last group match will be against Al-Baiyyan Club of Qatar on Dec 15.

**BTPA's V-Day tennis tourney**

Sports Reporter

The Bangladesh Tennis Players' Association (BTPA) will organise the Victory Day national junior tennis competition on December 15 and 16 at the National Tennis Complex, Dhaka to commemorate the Victory Day.

The tournament will be played in two age groups - under-18 and under-12.

Interested players have been asked to contact the secretary of the BTPA by 4 pm on December 14 at the Ramna Tennis Complex.

Meanwhile, a nine member executive committee of the BTPA was formed following the sacking of Byazidur Rashid, the former president of the association.

Sardar Iftikhar and Towfiqul Islam Chowdhury were elected as the president and secretary of the new committee respectively.

**V-Day hockey from Dec 16**

Sports Reporter

The Victory Day hockey tournament begins at 3 pm on December 16 at the Dhaka Hockey Stadium.

Nineteen teams will take part in the competition organised by the Bangladesh Hockey Federation.

On the opening day Bangladesh Sporting Club will take on Bangladesh Air Force.

Shah Sports, a local sports goods company, will sponsor the competition.

In all likelihood, Sadeque Hossain, State Minister for Youth and Sports, will inaugurate the tourney.

# Waugh's fielding ruins Windies

Sports Reporter

MELBOURNE, Dec 12: Craig McDermott bowled Anderson Cummins with the first ball of the first over Thursday to lift Australia to a nine-run victory over the West Indies in a World Series Cup limited overs cricket match at the Melbourne Cricket ground, reports AP.

Australia scored 173 for nine in its 50 overs and then dismissed the West Indies for 164, thanks to some tight bowling and athletic fielding.

Australia now has 2-1 record and leads the triangular series with four points. India has three points from three matches and the West Indies one point from two matches.

All-rounder Steve Waugh was named man-of-the-match for taking two wickets, a catch and making two run outs with direct hits.

He dismissed Keith Arthurton and Malcolm Marshall with superb throws.

"We kept the pressure on all the time tonight," Waugh said. "We put a lot of emphasis on our fielding and today our hard work paid off."

The Australians looked likely to struggle after making a disappointing total in front of a crowd of 59,426.

Only a fighting 51 from Tom Moody off only 44 balls gave the Australians a respectable score.

Pace bowler Malcolm Marshall had career-best pacy figures of four wickets for 18 and only Moody - whose innings included two sixes and two fours - was able to cut loose. Opener Geoff Marsh made a gritty 43 and captain Allan Border made 37.

West Indies opener Desmond Haynes laid a solid platform for his teammates with 62 runs from 106 balls, but the rest of the West Indies team found it hard to cope with some accurate bowling, particularly from McDermott and spinner Peter Taylor.

McDermott finished with figures of three for 23, while Taylor took two for 36 and medium-pace Waugh two for 16 from six overs.

Arthurton made 28 for the West Indies and Curtly Ambrose hit a defiant 18 from 23 balls, including one towering six.

"Initially I didn't think we had enough runs on the board, but in the end it did prove enough," said Australian captain Border.

"That was one of our best fielding performances. We kept hitting the stumps when we got run-out chances."

West Indies Captain Richie Richardson said the slick Australian fielding made the difference.

"They did well in the field

and we didn't bat as well as we could have," Richardson said.

The West Indies next face India in Adelaide on Saturday, while Australia faces India on Sunday.

**SCOREBOARD**

Scoreboard in Thursday's World Series Cup limited-overs cricket match between Australia and the West Indies at the Melbourne Cricket Ground:

**AUSTRALIA**

Boon b Marshall	8
Marsh c Richardson	43
Jones c Williams b Marshall	43
Borders at Williams b Hooper	37
Moody run out	51
Waugh c Williams b Cummins	5
Healy b Patterson	8
Taylor c Lara b Ambrose	3
McDermott lbw Marshall	0
Whitney not out	2
Reid not out	2
Extras: (9 lb 2w 3nb)	14
Total: (for nine wickets)	173

Fall of wickets: 1/21, 2/29, 3/97, 4/103, 5/141, 6/154, 7/159, 8/167, 9/170.

**BOWLING:**

O	M	R	W
Ambrose	10	2	31
Patterson	10	0	49
Marshall	10	4	18
Anderson	10	1	35
Hooper	10	0	31

Hatting time: 199 mins.

**WEST INDIES**

Haynes c and b Taylor	62
Best c Border b McDermott	5
Richardson c Waugh b McDermott	10
Lara c and b Waugh	11
Hooper lbw Waugh	0
Arthurton run out	28
Marshall run out	3
Williams run out	10
Ambrose b Taylor	18
Cummins b McDermott	6
Patterson not out	1
Extras (1b 5lb 2w 2nb)	10
Totals:	164

Fall of wickets: 1/9, 2/34, 3/64, 4/64, 5/119, 6/124, 7/129, 8/145, 9/162, 10/164.

**BOWLING:**

O	M	R	W
Bruce Reid	9	1	33
McDermott	9	1	23
Whitney	10	3	29
Steve Waugh	6	0	16
Tom Moody	5	0	21
Peter Taylor	10	1	36

Batting time: 206 mins.

Overs: 49.1

Australia won by nine runs. Crowd: 59,426.

**POINTS STANDING**

Standings in the World Series Cup limited-overs cricket tournament after Thursday's match.

Team	MP	W	D	L	Pts	Run Rate
Australia	3	2	0	1	4	3.03
India	3	1	1	1	3	3.39
West Indies	2	0	1	1	2	2.90

# Jayasuria defies Pak pace at Sialkot

Sports Reporter

SIALKOT, Pakistan, Dec 12: Sanath Jayasuria defied Pakistan's pacemen with an unbeaten 62 to halt a collapse by Sri Lanka in the first cricket Test today, reports Reuters.

Left-hander Jayasuria shared an unbroken sixth-wicket stand of 63 with Hashan Tillekeratne after Aaqib Javed and Waqar Younis had reduced Sri Lanka to 128 for five.

The touring team were 191 for five when play ended 15 minutes early because of poor light on the opening day of the three-Test series.

Aaqib, who had a burst of three wickets in 18 deliveries, and Waqar jolted Sri Lanka after they won the toss and opted to bat on a bouncy, seaming pitch.

The Sri Lankans made painstaking progress throughout the day against an accurate attack. Aaqib took three for 56 and Waqar two for 58.

Waqar made the initial breakthrough when Athula Samarekera pushed forward to an outswinger and edged a simple catch to wicketkeeper Moin Khan after scoring 19.

Sri Lanka, 55 for one at lunch, were jolted in the second session as Aaqib made his triple strike, starting with the wicket of Chandika Hathurusinghe, well caught by Akram Raza at square leg having scored a labourious 17 in 137 minutes from 106 deliveries.

Asanka Gurusinha was Aaqib's second victim, losing his leg stump as he moved too far across the line after making 33 with four fours.

Without addition to the to-

tal, Aaqib also sent back Arjuna Ranatunga. Sri Lanka's leading Test run scorer, who was kg before for nought to make the score 89 for four.

Captain Aravinda De Silva had made a positive 31 with five fours from 48 balls when he was beaten by Waqar's pace, and Sri Lanka limped to 135 for five at tea.

However, in the final session Jayasuria and Tillekeratne were unyielding. Jayasuria posting the second half century of his short Test career with his eighth four.

**SCOREBOARD**

Scoreboard on the first day of the first cricket Test between Pakistan and Sri Lanka today:

**SRI LANKA**

First Innings

Samarekera c Moin b Waqar	19
Hathurusinghe c	19

Akram b Aaqib

Akram	17
Gurusinha b Aaqib	33
Aravinda De Silva b Waqar	31
Ranatunga lbw b Aaqib	0
Jayasuria not out	60
Tillekeratne not out	17
Extras (b-1 lb-7 nb-9)	14
Total (five wickets)	191

Fall of wickets: 1-21, 2-70, 3-89, 4-89, 5-128

To bat: C Ramanayake, R Ratnayake, P Wickremasinghe, D Anurath.

**BOWLING:** (to date)

O	M	R	W
Waqar Akram	22	4	38
Waqar Younis	17	2	58
Akram Raza	14	7	19
Aaqib Javed	17	3	56
Imrari Khan	9	1	16

Pakistan - Shoab today: Mohammad, Rameez Raja, Zahid Fazal, Salim Malik, Javed Miandad, Imran Khan (Captain), Waqar Akram, Moin Khan, Waqar Younis, Akram Raza, Aaqib Javed.

# Sri Lanka spruces up for SAF Games

Sports Reporter

COLOMBO, Dec 12: Sri Lanka is spending lavish amounts on sprucing up sports centres to host South Asia's most important Games here later this month, turning the event into a mini Olympics for the world's poorest region, reports AFP.

Private sector firms and state institutions have been scrambling to fork out large donations to sponsor the fifth South Asian Federation (SAF) Games and win advertising rights, or rather as some opposition politicians have charged, to jack up price.

The Games from December 22-31 will cost Colombo more than million dollars, an unprecedented sum for a single sports event in this strife-torn island republic.

"Naturally, we want it to be the best. It has to get top billing because it is the biggest (sporting) event to be held here," said Prema Pinnawale, secretary general of the National Olympic Committee (NOC).

Ten different sports will be spread over seven venues, each of which have undergone a face lift to make certain the fifth SAF Games will not fall short in terms of grandeur.

Officials said preparations were under way to decorate the streets with flags, bunting and wooden images depicting the sports and culture of Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, The Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

The organisers believe the successful staging of the Games will pave the way for future international events to be held in Sri Lanka, which seldom sees foreign athletes.

"Our success in organising the Games will bring free publicity to the facilities available here. Now is the time for us to put our act together," said one organising committee official.

Colombo's athletes, who lack overseas competition, may not sweep the medals, but they have already won a brand new indoor swimming pool and a new electronic rifle range.

The authorities have also taken their sportsmen and women more seriously, providing them with foreign coaches for nine of the 10 sports at the Games.

State radio and television, meanwhile, has launched a massive advertising blitz on local audiences, with lottery

firms announcing special Games to coincide with the sporting competition.

The central bank has issued two special coins in 100 and 500 rupees denominations to mark the event.

Quite by accident, the Games will immediately follow the once-aborted South Asian leaders' summit and some of the visiting heads of state are expected to participate at the opening ceremony.

Nearly 800 competitors and officials are expected for the event, while the authorities have planned to accommodate 80 foreign journalists.

The Indian contingent will be the largest foreign squad with 205. Bangladesh 195, while the smallest will be from Bhutan which is sending eight table tennis players. The hosts will field 240 participants.

Pinnawale expects Sri Lanka to bag the honours mainly in athletics, swimming

and tennis but was confident that the local contingent would go flat out to grab the spotlight in all ten disciplines.

"Performing before a home crowd will be a great advantage and encouragement to our sportsmen," Pinnawale said.

For the first time at the SAF Games, women will compete in volleyball, tennis and rifle-shooting. Previously they entered athletics events, swimming and table tennis.

The other events will be football, basketball, weightlifting, and boxing.

India has traditionally dominated the SAF Games, first held in Kathmandu in 1984. Dhaka hosted the Games in 1985, Calcutta in 1987 and Islamabad in 1989.

At the fourth SAF Games in Islamabad, India won 61 golds followed by Pakistan with 42 and this year's host Sri Lanka with six.

# Forget to face Stich in qtrs

Sports Reporter

MUNICH, Germany, Dec 12: Todd Woodbridge of Australia advanced to a quarterfinal by beating Aaron Krickstein 6-3, 6-3 in the opening round of the dlr 6 million Grand Slam Cup, reports AP.

Guy Forget, one of the stars of the French Davis Cup victory, and Wimbledon winner Michael Stich moved into a

quarterfinal meeting. Forget has a 3-0 lifetime mark against Stich.

Stich downed Goran Prpic, a Croatian-born Yugoslav, 6-4, 6-3, in 62 minutes.

Forget beat Peru's Jamie Yzaga, 6-3, 6-3. Forget was down 0-3 then won six consecutive games to take the match.

Ten days ago Forget provided the clinching point in France's victory over the United States.

Also Wednesday, American David Wheaton moved on by defeating Dutchman Paul Haarhuis 1-6, 6-3, 6-2 in the first match of the afternoon. Wheaton plays Woodbridge on Friday for a spot in the semifinals.

Woodbridge almost doubled his 1991 earnings with a guaranteed dlr 300,000 just for reaching the second round. He had dlr 358,679 in prize winnings this year from official tournament play and is the lowest ranked player of the 16 competing here, at No 78.

However, by making the round of 16 in the Australian Open and the third round of Wimbledon and the US Open, he gained enough points to rank 19th in the Grand Slam Cup's scoring system.

When Becker and US Open champion Stefan Edberg bowed out, and Andre Agassi declining the invitation, Woodbridge moved into the final draw. Just for showing up in Munich he would have won dlr 50,000.

The tournament gathers the

top finishers from the four Grand Slam tournaments.

But of the four Grand Slam champions only Stich is still in competition.

On Tuesday, Australian Open winner Becker pulled out of the event when he failed to improve enough from a virus which forced him to default the European Community Championship final on Sunday to Krickstein.

It was the third rich tournament Becker has been forced to miss in the past five weeks because of illness.

Last month, he had to bow out of the Paris Open in the third round because of fever and the flu. He returned to compete in the ATP championship but failed to make it out of the preliminary round.

As for the other missing champions, Edberg, the No 1 ranked player in the world, has tendinitis in the knee and defending champion and ATP championship winner Pete Sampras did not qualify.

French Open winner Jim Courier quietly bowed out late Tuesday, a 6-4, 6-2 loser to Michael Chang.

Chang is set to meet Patrick McEnroe on Thursday in one quarterfinal for a chance in the final four. The other match Thursday is Jakob Hlasek of Switzerland against Ivan Lendl.

Hlasek beat Jimmy Connors Tuesday night. Connors was later fined dlr 1,000 by the Grand Slam Cup committee for an audible obscenity in an argument in the third set of his 0-6, 6-4, 6-4 loss to Hlasek.

German tennis star Michael Stich sends a forehand to his Yugoslavian counterpart Goran Prpic during the Grand Slam tennis tournament. The Wimbledon champion defeated Prpic 6-4, 6-3 in Munich on Dec 11.

- AFP photo