

Duminda GMCC's hero

Sports Reporter

SRI LANKAN all-rounder Duminda hit his second century of the season to power the Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club to a hard-fought two-wicket win over Surj Tarun Club in their Nanova Premier Division league match at the Dharmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

The result left Surj Tarun and the Greater Mymensingh CC par on points, each earning ten, but GMCC have a game in hand — against Kalabagan. Tarun completed their 1990-91 league programme of nine matches while GMCC have a chance to tie the big two — Mohammedan Sporting Club and last year's champions Abahani Kira Chakra who collected 12 points each.

The soft-spoken Duminda, who was 31 not out in GMCC's score of 90 for two wickets after 29 overs Friday played a match-winning knock yesterday, racing to a 99-ball century



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despite the fact only three of his teammates managed to enter double figures. GMCC, helped by Duminda's dashing and defiant knock, overhauled Surj Tarun's total of 225 all out in 62.2 overs by reaching 226 for the loss of eight wickets in 70.3 overs.

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the fall of Gazi Ashraf Lipu's wicket with the board showing 40 for two, Duminda and opener Tutul, who was 21 overnight, added 93 runs for the third wicket before Tutul was dismissed for 33 after a patient stay at the wicket.

By this time Duminda was in full cry and dominated his bowling with his well-executed drives, pulls, cuts and fine placements. He was batting with such panache that Selim Jr, who joined him after the fall of Tutul's wicket, could contribute only nine of the 51 priceless runs he and Duminda added for the fourth wicket.

Wicketkeeper Nasu, who had such a rewarding day with the gloves Friday snapping up five catches behind the stumps, came a cropper with the bat yesterday and fell for just one run.

Duminda, the sixth man out, had done his job for the side. His 103 runs, worth their weight in gold for GMCC, were made with the help of a dozen

boundaries and three huge sixes. He became only the fourth batsman this season — and the first among the foreign players in our league — to hit two or more centuries. His teammate Gazi Ashraf Lipu and Mohammedan Sporting skipper Minhasul Abedin Nanno have a couple of centuries to their credit while Biman's young opener Jahangir Alam, who started the season with a ton in his very first innings is the only one to hit three hundreds this year.

Duminda made his first century against Gulshan Youth on Feb 13 in that high-scoring match in which both sides crossed the 300-mark. In that game Gazi Ashraf Lipu had hit the first of his two tons. Duminda had made 112.

Other scorers for GMCC yesterday were Sanwar who made 16 and Lipu, out Friday, for 20.

Tanjib Ahsan Saad claimed four wickets for 63 while Morshed, Aruna de Silva and skipper Shaheen got one each.

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overnight total of 39 for three in reply to Abahani's 244 for nine.

Just when it appeared that lady luck had been a shade unkind to the bankers this season, she appeared to flesh a silvery smile the bankers' way yesterday. The bankers were given an excuse for not having to go through the motions of yet another defeat in their last league engagement when the girl guides, who have been practising their routine for the Independence Day children's rally at the Dhaka Stadium, failed to finish their routine by the scheduled start of the cricket match. The guides, and boy scouts, overstayed and it

wasn't until 11:30am that the ground was made available to the cricketers.

It was at this point that Rupali Bank's players, and more particularly their harassed officials found it convenient to clutch at the last straw that might give them survival in the top division through some manipulation of the rules and by-laws. They refused to resume the match, perhaps reasoning that they would have a case to plead before the BCCB on grounds that their league programme hadn't been duly completed for them to be relegated to the lower division next season for

not having managed a win the whole season.

However, the two umpires Atau'l Huq Mullick and M. A. Aziz, in their report, didn't appear to show any undue favours to the Bankers by dismissing their claim that the Guides and Scouts had adversely affected the condition of the pitch with their drills. In all likelihood, Rupali's fate appears to have been sealed.

Theirs has been a bankrupt account this season and there seems hardly any scope for writing off their abject poor performance that does not become of a team playing in the very top league of the country.

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Today's Matches

Eskaton Sabuj vs Victoria (Mirpur)

City Club vs Azad Boys (FT & T)

Ispahani cricket

CHITTAGONG: Chittagong Mohammedan Sporting Club beat Customs and Excise Club by eight wickets in the CJKP Ispahani First Division cricket league at the Chittagong Stadium, March 22, reports BSS.

Customs batted first and were all out for 110 runs in 45.5 overs.

Jahangir 25, Liton 18, Shahid 12 and Abbas 11 were the main scorers of Customs.

Rubel, Ripon, Dulu and Nannu of Mohammedan took two wickets each for 10, 13, 17 and 29 runs respectively.

Dinar of Mohammedan topscorer with 38 followed by Azam not out 25 and Akram not out 15.

Tapan and Faruq of Customs took one wicket each for 7 and 24 runs respectively.

Faridpur cricket

FARIDPUR: The current cricket league championship, organised by Faridpur District Sports Association, began at the local stadium on Thursday.

In the opening match, defending champions Shahid Sufi Club outplayed Alipur Suchanay by 175 runs.

Shahid Sufi Club winning the toss elected to bat and scored 229 runs in the stipulated 30 overs. In reply, Alipur Suchanay were bundled out for a paltry 54 runs. Kazal of Shahid Sufi Club hit a magnificent knock of 105.

Mohammad Abdur Rahim, Deputy Commissioner of Faridpur, inaugurated the championship.

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Public Ad in final

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At least 15 persons were injured in a fracas that followed Public Administration's win over Management in yesterday's semifinal of the Dhaka University inter-department cricket competition at Jagannath Hall playground.

Trouble started when some Management Department supporters rushed towards one of the umpires and started roughing him up for allegedly favouring Public Administration, with some of his decisions. In the free for all that ensued, around 4:15 pm, students of either department started pelting each other with coke bottles and other missiles. Eye-witnesses also reported the use of bamboo sticks and iron rods.

The injured were given first aid at the Dhaka University Medical Centre and the Medical College Hospital.

Public Administration, thanks to a fine all-round performance by Farooq who made 81 runs and took four wickets for just 23 runs, made the final beating Department of Management.

Batting first, Public Ad made 153 for nine in their stipulated overs, to which Management replied with 137 all out. Ranjan was Management's top scorer with 25.

Batting first, Public Ad



Unification is bound to make the German women's handball team even more strong.

—INP photo

Seraj cricket from Mar 27

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The eleventh national junior cricket championship for the Seraj memorial trophy begins at five separate venues around the country from March 27.

Split into five zones, the limited-overs tournament for under-16 players is organised by the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board with sponsorship from AB Bank Limited who have put up 3.36 lakhs of the estimate a budget of Taka 4.50 lakhs.

Thirty-two teams, including 31 district sports associations and the Bangladesh Kira Shikha Protisthan (BKSP) will be competing from five clusters on a knock-out basis. The final round of the meet

with the five zonal champions will be held in Chittagong after Edul Fit'r.

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The participating teams are:

GROUP A (Sathkhira) - Barisal, Sylhet, Manikganj, Chandpur, Sunamganj and Dhaka DSAs.

GROUP B (Barisal) - Jessore, Magura, Jhalakati, Faridpur, Patuakhali, Khulna and Comilla DSAs.

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This was disclosed by BCCB President Kazi Bahauddin Ahmed at a press conference yesterday afternoon.

BCCB Joint Secretary Sheikh Bashiruddin Mamun, AB Bank Vice-President Ahsanul Haq and Director Ramjul Seraj also spoke.

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Both men registered relatively comfortable wins in Friday's quarter-finals. Robertson dismissed compatriot Brett Martin 15-9, 15-11, 11-15, 15-8 in 11 minutes while Jahangir needed only 44 minutes to oust Scott Mark Maclean 15-13, 15-6, 15-9.

Robertson has loomed large in what has so far proved a frustrating season for Jahangir.

The Australian won their semifinal at the stretch challenge in Vancouver in October, after which Jahangir withdrew from the world circuit for nearly five months with mental and physical exhaustion.

Jahangir returned to the tournament scene at the Welsh Classic in Cardiff last month but again went down to

Robertson in the semifinals — a result which dropped the Pakistani to fourth spot in the world rankings.

The two men should be fresh for Saturday's clash. Jahangir dominated his match with Maclean, while only a lapse of concentration at the end of the third game prevented Robertson from recording a equally comprehensive victory over Martin.

Also though to the semifinals is Jansher Khan, the top-seeded world champion who is attempting to win his 11th successive Grand Prix title.

The Pakistani thrashed England's captain Ryan Beeson 15-5, 15-6, 15-8 and was expected to face a grudge meeting with Chris Dittmar, the Australian world number three who has described Jansher as a nightmare of a world champion, and a total disgrace to the game in two separate outbursts this season.

But Dittmar lost in five games to Rodney Martin, his Australian compatriot winning 15-13, 15-5, 15-8, 12-15, 15-11 in 79 minutes.

Martin was the last man to beat Jansher on the world circuit in semifinal at the Australian Open in August last year.

Meanwhile Reuter from London adds: The increase in player-referee conflicts in top class squash has prompted the sport's governing body to impose stricter requirements for tournament officials.