

Khulna reach Suhrawardy Cup semifinals

Sports Reporter
Khulna DSA yesterday moved into the semifinals of the eighth national youth-19 football championship for the Suhrawardy Cup.

They outplayed the seventh Suhrawardy Cup champions Pent DSA by five goals to three in the tie-breaker after the match ended goalless at the Naogaon Stadium.

Biswajit, Chapal, Jaglu, Hemayet and Motaleb scored for the winners in the tie-breaker while Babul, Shaheen and Jashim converted three of the five spot kicks for Pent.

Khulna will now take on their semifinals opponents Tangal DSA on January 3. The last semifinal berth will be filled up by the winners of today's match between hosts Naogaon and Netrokona.

The winners of this clash will meet Pabna in the second semifinal on Saturday, Jan 4.

Pioneer soccer

Sports Reporter
Three matches of the 1991 Janata Bank Pioneer football league were held at two different city venues yesterday.

The match between Muktabhanga Tarun Sangha and K R Boys Sporting Club at the Outer Stadium ended in a goalless draw.

In the other match at the Outer Stadium, between Swadesh Sansaj Kalyan Sangha and Azimpur Kishore Sangha, Swadesh beat Azimpur by two goals to one.

Md Ferdous Rana and Partha scored for the winners while Shiblee reduced the margin for Azimpur.

At the Jagannath University College ground, Mokim Bazar Kirta Chakra edged past Red Sun Kirta Chakra 1-0.

Ziaur Rahman scored the all-important goal for the winners.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Nawab Kaira Juba Sangha vs Chankhar Pool Kishore Sangha (1:45 pm Outer Stadium)

Kalindi KC vs Dhaka Dynamo Club (3 pm Outer Stadium)

Mantknagar Unnayan Samity vs Paddagar Kirta Sangha (1:45 pm Jagannath College ground)

Kaliganj Palli Unnayan Samity vs Shatadal Samajik Sangha (3 pm Jagannath College ground)

Mugdipara KS vs Swarup KC (3 pm Dhoopkhola ground)

MSC maintain winning spree



Sports Reporter
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Bowling: O M R W Subroto 8 1 16 2 Anis 8 0 51 2 Weerasinghe 8 0 25 0

Anis bowled well in the first spell but received some bashing to end up with a demoralising analysis of two for 51. Subroto, however, returned



Mohammedan paceman Gamagee ends Lalmatia's resistance by clean bowling Rome for 24 at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

ing still eleven. The Lalmatia opening bowlers, particularly left-arm Anis thrived well in conditions ideal for seam bowling.

Also the wicket, freshened by the rest (because of the current inclement weather) and the rain that had seeped under the covers, helped the pacemen who exploited the conditions well.

Mohammedan would have been forced to encounter a tragic new year had the experienced Rafiq Alam not played a responsible knock of 49 off 87 balls.

He sent the ball four times to the fence during his 127 ball tenure at the wicket.

In-form batsman Aminul Islam Bulbul also played a brief and breezy 36-ball innings of 29 that featured four boundaries.

with excellent figures of two for 16. Lalmatia, chasing a target of 181, started badly but were boosted by a fine knock of 44 from Sri Lankan Sanjiva Ranatunga who had a reward- ing day with both bat and ball.

Ranatunga played 70 balls and hit three fours.

But the later batsmen capitulated under pressure and the Mohammedan pacemen led by Golam Faruq Suru nipped any Lalmatia ambitions in the bud and their innings folded at 131.

Only Rome among the middle-order showed some defiance with 24.

Suru was the most successful Mohammedan bowler with figures of three for 19.

Mohammed Ali got two for 39.

Table with 5 columns: Player, O, M, R, W. Includes players like Atiq, Ranatunga, Utam, etc.

Lalmatia Club: Liton c Ilyas b Dulu 2, Anwar st Ratan b Wahid 10, Ranatunga run out 44, Shahid c Ratan b Ali 7, Weerasinghe lbw Ali 6, Rome b Gamagee 24, Kaiser b Suru 13, Anis b Suru 3, Utam not out 4, Subroto b Suru 0, Atiq did not bat 19, Extras 2 131

Bowling: O M R W Gamagee 7 2 15 1 Dulu 6 2 10 1 Md Ali 8 0 39 2 Rafiq 1 0 2 0 Wahid 4 0 14 1 Bulbul 6 0 24 0 Suru 6.3 0 19 3

Jahangir is No. 1 again



JAHANGIR KHAN

LONDON, Jan 1: Jahangir Khan has regained the world number one squash ranking he lost to fellow Pakistani Jansher Khan 14 months ago, reports Reuter.

Jansher has dropped to second, where he is now under pressure from Australia's Chris Dittmar.

Dittmar moved above compatriot and world champion Rodney Martin into third place in the International Squash Players' Association new year rankings.

Jahangir dropped from first to fourth after a four-month layoff because of mental and physical exhaustion but a string of good results put him back in the position he has held for much of the last 10 years.

Top ten rankings:

- 1. Jahangir Khan (Pakistan) 1,004,839
2. Jansher Khan (Pakistan) 864,833
3. Chris Dittmar (Australia) 690,679
4. Rodney Martin (Australia) 671,896
5. Chris Robertson (Australia) 651,929
6. Brett Martin (Australia) 351,659
7. Sami Elopuro (Finland) 340,409
8. Ross Norman (New Zealand) 299,754
9. Mark Macleod (Scotland) 293,000
10. Tristan Naiscarrow (Australia) 286,625

Barrios on course for Barcelona

SAO PAULO, Brazil, Jan 1: World 10,000 metres record holder Arturo Barrios won the annual Sao Silvestre race through the streets of Sao Paulo on Tuesday - then stated his priority in 1992 was an Olympic gold medal, reports Reuter.

Barrios took the men's race for the second consecutive year by running the 15,000 metres in 44 minutes four seconds to complete a Mexican double triumph, compatriot Maria Luisa Scrvin having won the women's event.

Confident despite a four-month break from training after an injury, Barrios took the lead in the first kilometre and stayed ahead throughout.

Barrios said the race was good preparation for next year's Olympic Games in Barcelona. "Everything I do is orientated towards Barcelona I want to run the 10,000 and win a gold," he said.

Juan Castillos of Peru was second, 29 seconds behind.

Servin snatched the lead from Brazil's Rita De Cassia De Jesus after 10 kms and finished the 15,000 metres in 54 minutes two seconds - the third straight Mexican victory in the women's race.

"I didn't expect this. It was a big surprise for me. I'm very happy," Servin said.

Handball results

Sports Reporter
Bangladesh Air Force and Bangladesh Ansars won their respective matches of the 1991 Federation Cup handball tournament yesterday at the Outer Stadium handball court.

Air Force edged past Surjodoy Boys Club 18-17 in a keen contest.

Both teams were locked 10-10 at the end of the first half. Ferdous and Nabuat slammed six and five goals respectively for the winners while Kamal netted five goals and Tapu and Salahuddin three each for the losers.

In the other match of the afternoon, Bangladesh Ansars trounced title aspirants Brothers Union 32-17.

Ansars led the well-fought first session 11-10. Jewel and Akram Hussain slotted 12 and 10 goals respectively for the winners while Rashedul and Helal netted seven and four goals respectively for the losers.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Brothers Union vs Surjodoy Boys Club (2:15 pm), Bangladesh Rifles vs Bangladesh Police (3:30 pm).

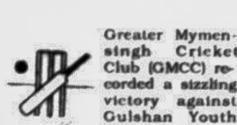
Ansars-VDP meet

RAJSHAHI, Jan 1: The three-day annual sports and cultural competition of Ansars and VDP of Rajshahi Division concluded here today at the Physical Education College, reports BSS.

State Minister for Land Kabir Hossain was present as chief guest in the prize-distributing ceremony and gave away prizes among the winners.

Rajshahi District Ansars and VDP became champions in the competition.

GMCC outplay Gulshan Youth



Sports Reporter
Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club (GMCC) recorded a sizzling victory against Gulshan Youth Club in yesterday's Navana Premier Division cricket league match at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

The euphoria of GMCC's creditable victory, however, could not console their opener Horun-ur Rashid Liton, who missed his century by a solitary run.

Liton, however, served his sides' cause magnificently as GMCC were put in to bat by Gulshan Youth, rejuvenated by the presence of former Indian Test batsman Arun Lal.

Liton's scintillating unbeaten 99 formed the backbone of GMCC's total of 175 from 35 overs, the quota of overs curtailed owing to a delayed start.

The merit of this opener's knock can well be judged from the fact that only one other batsman Anisuzzaman Pika,

made a contribution worth mentioning with 29. Liton, in his cavalier innings of 117 falls, hit four massive sixes and seven fours.

Shamin was the most successful Gulshan bowler with two for 31.

Gulshan, in their reply, were shot out for 87 with GMCC's Sri Lankan left-arm spinner Duminda Perera ripping through the batting with figures of four wickets for 12.

Indian Test discard Arun Lal offered brief resistance with 27 off 28 balls, that included three elegant fours.

SCOREBOARD

GMCC: Liton not out 99, Salim c Arun Lal b Raj Kumar 12, Nasu c Ishraq b Shamin 1, Duminda b Shamin 5, Pika c Ashique b Rupam 29, Sharath run out 14, Saiful not out 0, Extras 15, Total (for 5 wkts in 35 overs) 175

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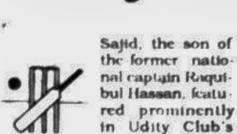
Gulshan Youth: Iftekhar c Pika b Saiful 0, Arif run out 3, Mamun c Sharath b Zakir 2, Arun Lal c Sharath b Rubel 27, Rupam c Nasu b Zakir 10, Raj Kumar run out 0, Ishraq b Duminda 6, Ashiq c Nasu b Duminda 13, Babul st Nasu b Duminda 1, Shamin not out 13, Ali Haidar lbw Duminda 0, Extras 12, Total (all out in 29.4 overs) 87

Bowling: O M R W Saiful 6 1 13 1 Zakir 7 1 15 2 Sharath 3 0 19 0 Duminda 7.4 1 12 4 Rubel 3 0 11 1 Lipu 3 0 15 0

TODAY'S MATCHES

Abahani vs Surjo Tarun (Dhaka Stadium), Wari Club vs PWD (DCS).

Udity too good for Eskaton



Sports Reporter
Sajid, the son of the former national captain Raquibul Hassan, featured prominently in Udity Club's 92-run victory over newcomers Eskaton Sabuj Sangha in yesterday's Mirpur First Division cricket league match at the Mirpur City Club ground.

Electing to bat first, Udity rattled up a formidable total of 199 from their stipulated 45 overs.

Sajid scored 53 with the help of two fours from 93 balls. Rokon followed him with 28, inclusive of two fours.

Rinku chipped in with a useful 27 with one hit to the fence.

Rahul with 16 and skipper Imran with 15 off 14 balls were the other notable Udity scorers.

Eskaton's plight was increased by the large number of extras they conceded - as many as 31.

Going in to bat, Eskaton were never in the chase and their ultimate collection of 107 was the predictable finale of a futile endeavour.

After Udity skipper and paceman Imran dealt them early blow by clean bowling opener Biddut for four, one down Mona teamed up with opener Opi to add 56 runs for the second wicket.

But the partnership was broken by Durjoy who had turned in a superb all-round performance in the recently concluded R V Cup six-a-side tournament.

Opi made a patient 25 off 67 balls before being caught of Durjoy.

Mona was next to go, for 21, a knock that included one hit to the fence. Durjoy had him caught by Rokon who later ran through the Eskaton fall with consummate ease.

Wicket-keeper Sobel stood amid the ruins with a brave 25 off 41 balls as wickets fell like nine pins around him.

Rokon's spin was too much for the Eskaton batsmen and the bowler returned with the dream figures of four for 13 from six overs.

Imran's analysis of five overs, two maidens, seven runs and one wicket could have fetched him a man-of-the-match award in the World Series Cricket Cup contest in Australia.

Durjoy finished with figures of two for 33.

Nafis was the other main sharer of the spoils with two for 20.

SCOREBOARD

UDITY CLUB: Sajid std Shoel b Babul 53, Tipu run out 10, Rokon c Aminul b Adil 28, Rinku lbw Opi 27

Imran b Khosru 15, Durjoy c Babul b Faruque 3, Rahul b Aminul 16, Fahim c Khosru b Faruque 2, Monir c Shoel b Aminul 4, Anup not out 2, Nafis run out 8, Extras 31, Total (all out in 44.3 overs) 199

Bowling: O M R W Zahid 5 1 14 4 Aminul 6.3 0 28 2 Faruque 9 1 39 2 Khosru 9 0 34 1 Opi 8 0 28 1 Adil 4 0 25 1 Babul 3 0 13 1

Eskaton Sabuj Sangha: Opi c Nafis b Durjoy 25, Biddut b Imran 4, Mona c Rokon b Durjoy 21, Adil b Nafis 2, Babul b Rokon 15, Shoel not out 25, Nayan sid Fahim b Rokon 1, Zahid sid Fahim b Rokon 1, Khosru b Rokon 0, Faruque c Fahim b Nafis 0, Aminul run out 1, Extras 12, Total (all out in 37.3 overs) 107

Bowling: O M R W Imran 5 2 7 1 Rahul 6 1 15 0 Durjoy 9 0 33 2 Monir 4 1 11 0 Nafis 7.3 1 20 2 Rokon 6 1 13 4

TODAY'S MATCH

Agrant Bank vs Wanderers Club (Mirpur Pallabi)

Karpov dubs Kasparov 'lucky'

REGGIO EMILIA, Italy, Jan 1: Former Soviet world chess champion Anatoly Karpov on Tuesday hailed his rival Garry Kasparov as a great player but said he owed his world title to luck and would not manage to keep it until the year 2000, reports Reuter.

"Kasparov is still four victories ahead of me, but I still believe that I could return to the title of champion," he said. "It gives you many opportunities. I am still waiting for our

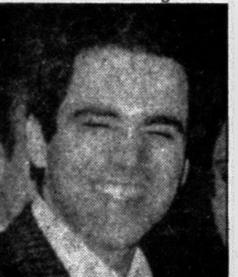
1993 World Championships in Los Angeles. Earlier, Kasparov said he hoped Karpov would not be his challenger in Los Angeles because they had played so many

games and become boring for the audience," Kasparov said. The rivalry between the two Soviet champions escalated into a bitter personal and political conflict during Kasparov's successful bid to unseat Karpov - with the former casting the later in the role of a privileged Communist Party apparatchik.

Clearly, Karpov is still seething over Kasparov's campaign against him. Six years later when the Soviet Union and its former ruling Communist Party no longer exist, the worst thing he can still say about his rival is that he is a Bolshevik.

"As a matter of fact Kasparov is a Bolshevik," Karpov said, referring to the old name of the Russian communists who staged the October 1917 revolution that established Soviet power.

Karpov said that for him "chess is just a nice game." "It is my life, but not a whole life," he added.



GARRY KASPAROV

sixth match and I hope that happiness will not always be on his side," Karpov said. The former titleholder is hoping for revenge over the 28-year-old Kasparov at the



ANATOLY KARPOV

games together their matches had become boring. "I would prefer to play my next match with somebody else, not Karpov. We have played five matches and 160

Spurs resent Lazio's tactics over Gazza's sale

LONDON, Jan 1: The Paul Gascoigne transfer became a bitter verbal dispute here when Tottenham managing director Terry Venables accused Lazio of trying to sign the England star on the cheap, reports AFP.

twists and turns in this deal it's ridiculous," stormed Venables. "This is not the way we want to do business.

"The fact is that we have an agreement to sell Paul Gascoigne to Lazio for 5.5 million pounds providing he is fit on May 31. We don't want to do this deal, but we will honour it. We will not renege on it.

Two or three weeks ago, though, Lazio started saying that they were ready to do a deal now, not in the summer.

"Lazio said they would knock off the 400,000 pound interest we expected to earn on the money from the fee, which has already been deposited in a bank, and give us 5.1 million pounds immediately and take Paul Gascoigne now.

"They asked for a meeting, which we agreed to attend, and at that meeting they actually tried to get the fee down to four million pounds instead of the 5.1 million pounds which we had expected.

"They were saying We know you need the money now, so we'll do you a favour we'll give you four million now."

"But we don't need any favours. We already have a deal and we won't be accepting even a penny less than the price agreed.

"They're trying to get him on the cheap, but we think the price is more than reasonable as it is. We would see it as an insult to reduce it further.



Action from yesterday's Federation Cup handball tournament match between Brothers Union and Bangladesh Ansars at the Outer Stadium.

Sunderland keen on Bobby Robson

SUNDERLAND, England, Jan 1: Bobby Robson is being linked with the vacant manager's job at English Second Division club Sunderland, reports AFP.

at a hastily-convened board meeting. Murray recognised Smith's



BOBBY ROBSON

"honest endeavours and dedicated hard work" - then put first team coach Malcolm Crosby in temporary charge.

Smith, the season's 13th managerial change, took over from Lawrie McMenemy in May 1987.

STRACHAN DOUBTFUL

Meanwhile another report from Leeds said: Leeds skipper Gordon Strachan is an unlikely starter for the New Year's Day visit to lowly West Ham.

The inspirational 34-year-old Scottish midfielder, who defied back and hamstring pains to complete Sunday's vital league match against his old club Manchester United, will have more treatment before the match on Wednesday when boss Howard Wilkinson will decide whether to risk him.

Mel Sterland, Tony Dorigo and Lee Chapman are all expected to recover from leg injuries in time to play, while Steve Hodge is responding well to treatment for a strained back.

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No one wants to fight great British hope Lennox Lewis

LONDON, Jan 1: Lennox Lewis, the British and European champion, is fast becoming the man everyone wants to avoid in the queue for Evander Holyfield's world heavyweight title, reports AFP.

His manager Frank Maloney believes that is the reason his American connections have so far failed to come up with a high-enough rated opponent for Lewis's next planned fight in Las Vegas on February 1.



Chief of Air Staff Air Vice Marshal Altaf Hossain Choudhury giving away the trophy to Khalid House, winners of the Rajshahi Cadet College annual sports meet held on Dec 31.