

# Revenge so sweet for MSC

Sports Reporter



Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club killed two birds with one stone yesterday at the Dhaka Stadium when they nonchalantly outplayed their arch-rivals Abahani Krira Chakra by seven wickets in the crucial Navana Premier Division Cricket league match.

It was the sixth consecutive victory for the title aspirants in this year's league while Abahani, the more fancied side in yesterday's prestigious contest after their Damal Summer and Victory Day wins against Mohammedans, tasted their first defeat of the season in six games.

Mithazul Abedin Nannu, the Mohammedan skipper, put a correct step in the cricket field after a prolonged absence due to a leg injury by winning the toss in the morning. It wasn't the easiest of decisions in view of the prospects of batting second against a strong spin attack as well as risking his own unimpressive and rather pedestrian attack against Raman Lamba and company on a placid wicket.

Khaled Mahmood Sujon, the other Abahani opener, sent credibility to the wisdom of Nannu's decision when in the fourth over, with the score just seven, he tried to steer a straightish delivery from Jahangir Talukdar Dulu only to edge it behind to wicket-keeper Ratan.

Abahani skipper Farouque Ahmed, regaining his lost touch, was in no mood to let things go his counterpart's way and together with the thoroughly professional Lamba started putting things in perspective slowly but solidly. Farouque, although deprived of the strike, was in fine form, playing everything right out of the middle of the blade.

Lamba, as usual, took no risks and waited for the bad balls with the determination and patience of a hunter. He was at times discomfited by Fine home win City Club Sports Reporter

City Club beat Ajax Sports Club by 48 runs in the solitary fixture of the Milnars First Division cricket league yesterday at their home ground in Mirpur, Pallabi.

Electing to bat, City Club scored 162 runs before being all out in 43.5 overs. Zakir scored 31 and Shipon 29 for the winners.

Alfal of Ajax took four City wickets for 20 while Bobby claimed four for 22. In their turn, Ajax were booked for only 144. Only Dodul with 26 and Biplob with 19 offered some resistance for Ajax. Pappu took three wickets for 14 and Nahid two for 14 for City.

Gamagee's lift and once he was lucky when a fierce rising fuzzer from the Sri Lankan flew from the handle of the defensive bat of the Indian to an unattended gully area.

But the limited and mostly wayward Mohammedan bowling did not concentrate on the shortcomings of the vaunted, adored batsman who stroked his way to his second hundred against Mohammedans, hitting eight fours and a six clouted off leg-spinner Wahidul Ghani over his favourite long-on and mid-wicket area.

Lamba played 128 balls to gather 106 runs before slamming one from Gamagee to Nannu at extra-cover in a desperate bid to force the pace. Although statistically more than satisfactory, Lamba, with his penchant for over-much shuffling across the line, robbed his side of some vital run in the slog overs.

Gamagee, the tall Mohammedan, exploited this flaw intelligently and curbed the flow of Lamba's runs considerably.

Farouque, who scored a splendid 58 with two fours and one effortless, superbly executed sixer over long-on off Suru, helped put on 122 runs for the second wicket in 31 overs.

After completing his well deserved half-century off 108 balls, Farouque left, when spooning a catch to Nannu who ran back a few yards, juggled, but made sure Bulbul got his deserved wicket.

Bulbul struck again, clean bowling Akram Khan for seven. Ashoka de Silva and Mahubur Rahman Selim took Abahani to 194 for four in the 44 overs that Mohammedans managed to send down.

Gamagee did well on a dead track to finish with one for 29. Bulbul, however, eclipsed him statistically, taking two for 40. Chasing a victory at an asking rate of 4.93, Mohammedans were given a dream start by Jahangir Alam and the left-handed Sri Lankan's Gurugee.

The two calmly tore the Abahani attack apart on a feather-bed with clinical precision, putting on a match-winning 141 for the first wicket.

Gurugee was superb with controlled pulls off the spinners and sure, solid drives in front of the wicket.

He took Mohammedans to the threshold of a cherished victory with a chanceless 93 off 126 balls with eleven exquisitely executed boundaries.

Jahangir with a few delightful, almost classical cuts, made 54 off 69 balls with four hits to the fence before falling to a spectacular return catch by Ashoka de Silva.

Aminul Islam Babul looked more than good enough to take his side past the winning post with a bright 26 off 29 balls with two fours before returning a full-toss from Effece back to the bowler.

Rafiq with seven and Nannu with five were unbeaten at the kill.

Prince, who deprived Gurugee of a well-merited hundred, was the pick of the Abahani bowlers with one for 22 from nine overs.

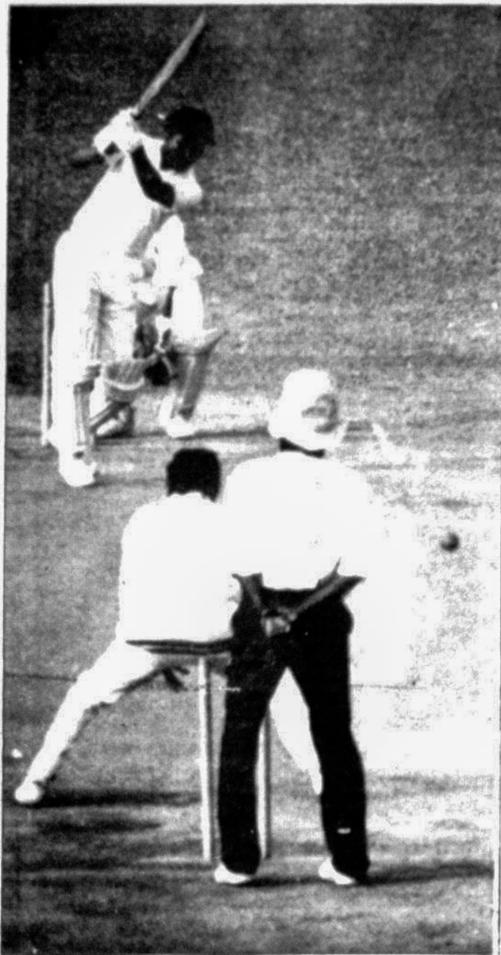
Overall, the umpiring left a lot to be desired, after appearing to be sacrificing its integrity and obligation for the sake of crowd sentiment and the pressures created by the two big names of our sports arena.

The win gave Mohammedans a sweet revenge as well as a handy lead in the league championship race.

### SCOREBOARD

Abahani KC	
Sujon c Ratan b Dulu	01
Lamba c Nannu b Gamagee	106
Farouque c Nannu b Bulbul	58
Akram bowled Bulbul	07
Selim not out	13
De Silva not out	01
Extras (b2 lb3 wb3)	08
Total (for four wickets)	194
Fall of wickets - 1/7:	
2/129; 3/151; 4/184	
Bowling:	O M R W
Gamagee	9 2 29 1
Dulu	9 1 15 1
Mohammad Ali	4 0 18 0
Suru	1 0 9 0
Bulbul	9 0 40 2
Rafique	4 0 18 0
Nannu	2 0 14 0
Wahid	6 0 46 0

Mohammedan SC	
Jahangir c and b Ashoka de Silva	54
Gurugee c Pappu b Prince	93
Bulbul c and b Effece	26
Rafique not out	07
Nannu not out	05
Extras (b1 lb4 wb4 nb1)	10
Total (for three wickets)	195
Fall of wickets 1/141:	
2/179; 3/189	
Bowling:	O M R W
Prince	9 3 22 1
Babu	4 4 0 28 0
Lamba	5 0 27 0
Effece	8 0 46 1
Asif	2 0 12 0
Ashoka de Silva	9 1 32 1
Selim	3 0 23 0
Umpires: M Milki and Mamun	



Mohammedans' hero Gurugee drives fellow-Lankan Ashoka de Silva in the course of his brilliant knock of 93 against Abahani KC in yesterday's Navana league match at Dhaka Stadium. —Star photo

## Div II cricket from tomorrow

Sports Reporter

The 1992 Rank Xerox Second Division cricket league will begin from tomorrow, January 15 in the city.

Participating teams have been advised to submit their players' lists along with the registration numbers to the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board at the Dhaka Stadium by this evening.

On the inaugural day, two matches will be played. At the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium (West) Western Club will take on Young Pegasus (B) while Evergreen will face DOHS Club at the Dhanmondi Club ground.

Thirty teams — split into five groups — will contest the league, to be followed by a super league.

The top two teams will win promotion to next year's Milnars First Division.

## Bima trounce Azad 4-0

Sports Reporter

Sadharan Bima Krira Sangstha trounced Azad Sporting Club 4-0 in the Green Delta First Division hockey league yesterday at the Hockey Stadium.

The winners led the first half 2-0.

Bima, who had won the 1983-84 league title, established their supremacy over their more fancied opponents from the beginning of play.

In the fifth minute they forced a penalty corner but failed to convert it. But Murad made amends soon afterwards when he sent the ball past Shamim Ahmed, Azad's custodian (1-0).

In the seventeenth minute, Chand scored another field goal to double the margin (2-0).

After the breather, Chunnun scored the third one for Bima by converting a penalty corner (3-0).

Fazlu completed the tally for the winners from a penalty

# Muktijoddha, PWD start well

Sports Reporter



Muktijoddha Sangsad edged past Dhanmondi Club by the barest of the margins to start their Star First Division league campaign on a winning note at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday.

Hira scored for the winners in the 13th minute of the first half with an angular shot from close with the Rana doing the spadework.

In a match that was mostly confined to the midfield and never rose above mediocrity, Dhanmondi were unlucky not to have got the equaliser when mid-fielder Halim's side-volley returned to play after ramming the cross-piece in the 28th minute.

In the second match of the

day, Public Works Department (PWD) also made an auspicious start in their league campaign defeating another office team Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation (BJMC) by a solitary goal.

Playing positive football under the able coaching of Sri Lankan Packer Ally, PWD dominated most of the proceedings against their opponents, studded with young BKSP students.

Munna scored the decider for PWD in the 19th minute of the match.

He pushed the ball home after a shot by another PWD forward slipped out of the grasp of the BJMC custodian Selim.

Munna muffed up two fine chances by shooting over the

bar after this. PWD came close to scoring again when medio Sham-suddin's pifedriver returned off the woodwork in the 34th minute with the BJMC goalie beaten all ends up.

BJMC had their share of a rare chance in the 35th minute when Arif latched on to a pass from the mid-field but PWD custodian Abdullah Lahul rushed out to snatch the ball from the feet of the charging forward.

Shamim (Sr) and Sham-suddin of PWD were shown the yellow card.

### TODAY'S MATCHES

BKTC vs Arambagh KS (3 pm)  
Fakrapool YMC vs Wari Club (5 pm)

# Lalmatia end losing streak

Sports Reporter

Lalmatia Club recorded their first victory in six outings in this year's Navana Premier Division cricket league when they defeated Wari Club by 65 runs at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Winning the toss, Lalmatia elected to bat and piled up 208 for eight wickets in 44 overs.

Sanjeeva Weerasinghe, the Sri Lankan youngster, scored

53 with the help of three fours.

Shahid supported him well with 45, inclusive of two fours.

Rome was the other prominent scorer with 43.

Kajal was the most successful Wari bowler with figures of two for 20. Rafiq backed him up taking two for 38.

Wari, in their turn, could muster only 143 for the loss of nine wickets with Kajal again emerging as his side's best performer by scoring 35 with the help of three fours.

Sumon with 21 and Biddut

with 19 were the other notable scorers.

Left-arm spinner Atiq ran through the Wari batting claiming four wickets for only 18 runs.

Sanjeeva Weerasinghe, who also bowls leg-spin, bore Atiq a hand with figures of two for 26.

## Pioneer soccer results

Sports Reporter

Mansur Sporting Club swamped Abakash Tarun Sangha 6-1 in the Group B fixture of East Zone in the 1991 Janata Bank Pioneer football league yesterday at the Dhoochokla ground.

Barkat and Masud slammed home two goals each while Delwar and Swapan netted a goal apiece for the winners.

Iqbal reduced the margin for Abakash.

Top-seeded Stefan Edberg, appearing in a major tournament for the first time after a two-month layoff to recuperate from injuries, was nervous before his match. But he quickly picked up steam in ripping doubles partner Jeremy Bates of Britain 6-4, 6-2 6-4.

Lendl took his Australian Open record to 42-7 with a 6-4, 6-2, 6-2 win over the 121st ranked Fromberg in the opening match on Centre Court.

## Seeds sail in Melbourne

MELBOURNE, Monday, reports AP.

Monica Seles, the defending champion and top women's seed, rebounded from a first-game service break and barely broke a sweat in cruising past Japan's Akiko Kijimuta 6-2, 6-0 in 48 minutes.

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## Goodrike chess

CALCUTTA, Jan 13: Six leaders of the third round of the Goodrike international chess tournament drew their games and continued to share the lead with 3-1/2 points each, with three others at the end of the fourth round here yesterday, reports PTI.

On the top board, English Grandmaster Norwood (3-1/2) opened with the Queens Pawn and Indian super GM Vishwanathan Anand (3-1/2) opted for the symmetrical pattern against him and signed the peace treaty in 32 moves when there was no possible breakthrough left.

Hungarian GM Zoltan Ribli (3-1/2) and English GM Daniel King (3-1/2) agreed for a "Grandmaster's draw" in 20 moves of the London system, while Indian national champion IM D V Prasad (3-1/2) could not force the issue even after getting space advantage and settled for a draw with C Garma (3-1/2) of the Philippines in 37 moves of the French defence winwar.

### Mediator Maradona

BUENOS AIRES, Jan 13: Diego Maradona acted as peacemaker when fighting broke out among fans during the Argentine indoor soccer championship at the weekend, reports Reuter.

The disgraced Argentine captain also scored a hat-trick as he led his club Parque Social team to victory in the final.

Maradona, banned from regular soccer last year for taking cocaine, is awaiting trial in Argentina on charges of cocaine possession and trafficking.

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