

Fakirerpool hold Wari Club 1-1

Sports Reporter
Wari Club and Youngmen's Fakirerpool shared points in their first encounter of the Star First Division football league in an entertaining match under the floodlights at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday.

Wari dominated the first half of the day's second match, leading one nil with a goal from Sudhir. Fakirerpool held sway in the second half with Akram pulling off the equaliser for them.

Wari, playing in their traditional red jersey, white shorts and red socks, drew the first blood in the third minute of the match when Lewis Okeri, brother of Cheema Okeri, thundered in a beautiful first-time left-footed volley from the top of the box but Akram of Fakirerpool headed the ball from the goal-line. Shortly after this Tutul of Wari chased a through from the midfield but the Fakirerpool custodian Dhanu came out in time to foil him.

Wari, looking more imaginative in their attacks, got the goal a few minutes later. Tutul took a corner and Manik attempted a shot, but his misdirected grounder was deflected by Sudhir into the roof of the net in the 26th minute.

Fakirerpool, looking rather smart in their yellow-blue outfit, pressed hard for the equaliser right from the start of the second half.

Montu had his shot blocked by a Wari defender in the 17th minute and after enjoying clear territorial domination Fakirerpool equalised in the 27th minute through Akram. The midfielder, getting hold of a faulty fly by the Wari custodian, lobbed it into the net with the goalkeeper well out of his position.

Yellow cards: Babu and Shahabuddin of Fakirerpool and Perth of Wari.

Whitbread quits

LONDON, Jan 14: Former women's world javelin champion Fatima Whitbread, who dominated her event during the late 1980s, announced here retirement on Monday because of a persistent shoulder injury, reports Reuter.

The 30-year-old Briton, also a former world record-holder, decided to quit after dislocating her throwing shoulder in December while training for a comeback attempt. She has been sidelined through injury since the 1988 Seoul Olympics.

"I'd already had two operations on it and the shoulder socket is now so unstable that I could not afford the risk of throwing flat out in competition again because I might end up crippling myself," she said.

Whitbread won gold at the 1987 World Championships, silver in the 1983 championships and silver and bronze medals at the last two Olympic Games. She was European champion in 1986 where she set her former world record of 77.44 metres.

"It was a big decision to have to quit doing something which has been almost a religion to me," she said. "I'd worked really hard at rehabilitating."

Abahani run riot against Usha

Sports Reporter
Defending champions Abahani Kriya Chakra crushed Usha Kriya Chakra 5-1 in the Green Delta First Division hockey league yesterday at the Hockey Stadium.

Abahani led the first half 2-0.

From the very start of play Abahani asserted their superiority over their much weaker opponents, who had lost their maiden league outing to Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club 3-1 on Saturday last.

Abahani made their intentions abundantly clear in the eighth minute when their forwards carried out a sharp raid near the Usha goalmouth. But the Usha defenders cleared the danger.

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Arambagh win by solitary goal

Sports Reporter
Arambagh Kriya Sangtha defeated Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation (BRTC) by a lone goal in their maiden outing of this year's Star First Division football league yesterday at the Mirpur Stadium. Arambagh, in black and white jerseys, dominated almost the entire proceedings against BRTC who turned out in all red.

Sohel scored the all-important goal in the fourth minute



An Arambagh forward tries to go past a BRTC defender in yesterday's Star First Division league match at the Mirpur Stadium. Arambagh won by a solitary goal.

of the second half.

Arambagh settled early and in the 13th minute Dablu (Jr), the long-haired right sweeping back and skipper of Arambagh, floated the ball across the goalmouth from the north-eastern side of the ground. Sunny, the well-built sweeper, nodded in from close but goalkeeper Moslem tipped the ball over the bar for a corner.

Arambagh came close to scoring again two minutes later when Harun (Jr)'s cross was headed by Jahangir but Moslem again came to the rescue of his side.

However, the custodian looked shaky when a Dablu (Jr) shot from the right caught him napping but luckily for him it missed the mark.

Speedy Jahangir on the right flank led another Arambagh foray minutes before the short whistle. He latched on to a fine pass from Dablu (Jr) and cut in from the right and then found an unmarked Harun (Jr) with a left-footed

minute by Joel Tiehl sealed their victory.

Algeria were reduced to 10 men in the first half when defender Kamel Adjas was sent off.

They were trailing 1-0 at the time. Adjas had been cautioned for a foul after 16 minutes and was shown the red card 12 minutes later for a vicious tackle on Omar Ben Salah.

Ben Salah was taken on a

minus but the latter delayed and was thwarted by the custodian.

Arambagh shot into the lead in the fourth minute after the breather.

Midfielder Kamal gave the ball to the dexterous Jahangir and the latter sent in a neat low minus for Sohul who, placed perfectly, scored an easy goal (1-0).

Immediately after this BRTC winger Litu fired at the Arambagh goal from a distance but Bijoy was in position and

collected the ball safely.

Arambagh's Jahangir wasted a golden opportunity to consolidate the lead when running on a long clearance from the defence he outpaced his marker but instead of giving the ball to a free Sohul he selfishly ballooned the ball over the advancing goalkeeper.

Minutes after this Jahangir again ran clear from an apparently offside position, with linesman Hamiduzzaman keeping his flag down for reasons best known to himself, but Shahin saved BRTC with a last-minute tackle.

Arambagh's grip over the proceedings did not slacken with Dablu (Jr) in defence Sunny and Kamal in the midfield and the attacking trio of Harun (Jr), Sohul and Jahangir, spearheaded by the last mentioned.

Harun (Jr) headed wide from a wickedly curled corner-kick by Dablu (Jr) in the 29th minute.

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Arambagh lost an opportunity to score with the BRTC goalie leaving his charge for the ball with an unguarded goal behind him. Harun (Jr) dodged past the goalie but his lob was cleared by a BRTC defender before Sohul could do any damage.

BRTC came close to leveling in the 42nd minute when Masud fired a powerful right-footed volley from inside the box after the ball had come to him from a deflection but Bijoy, the young Arambagh

custodian who showed the promise of a good goalkeeper with speed and sense, spectacularly gripped the stinging shot, flinging himself to his right.

Before this, Jahangir of Arambagh missed a half-chance when his shot from a difficult angle was blocked by the BRTC custodian.

Sohel of Arambagh was shown the yellow card for rough play.

TEAMS

ARAMBAGH: Bijoy, Dablu (Jr), Sunny, Azmat, Harun (Sr), Anwar (Sr), Shamim, Kamal, Jahangir, Shimul (Harun Jr), Sohul.

BRTC: Moslem, Ranjit (Chanchal), Humayun, Mukul (Kamrul), Nomen, Debashis, Shahin Masud, Nipu, Ratan (Manju), Litu.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Rahmatganj MFS vs Police AC 3 pm.

Abahani KC vs Eskaton Sabuj Sangha 5 pm.

English GM King upsets Anand

CALCUTTA, Jan 14: English Grandmaster Daniel King scored a sensational win over Indian Grandmaster Vishwanathan Anand (3.5) at the Goodricke international chess tournament at the Gorky Sadan here yesterday, reports PTI.

King also shared the lead with Grandmasters Georgiev (Bulgaria) and Alexy Vyzmanavian (Russia) with 4.5 points each at the end of the fifth round. The Grandmasters were followed closely by eight players with four points each.

Anand went all out with a razor sharp Souza attack against Daniel King's Sicilian defence Najdouf Variation and got a slightly better position after 20 moves.

In a complex mid-game struggle, Anand tried for a tricky tactical finish which backfired and resulted in his defeat after 37 moves.

India's T N Parameshwaran (3.5) missed a drawing line in time pressure and went down to Grandmaster V Engorn (4) of Ukraine in 40 moves of Bogo-India defence.

Div II cricket from today

Sports Reporter

The Rank-Xerox Second Division cricket league begins today in the city.

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.

Matches begin at 9-15 in the morning.

Thirty teams — split into five groups — vie for the championship.

The top two will be promoted to next year's Milnars First Division league.

Nirman cricket

Sports Reporter

The 14th Nirman schools cricket competition starts today at several venues across the country.

While the preliminary competitions will start today, tomorrow and the day after at 17 district headquarters around the country the schools of the Dhaka metropolitan and suburban areas must wait until Jan 20 before seeing action.

The Dhaka school competition, with about twenty teams split into two groups.

Organisers of the meet Bangladesh Cricket Control Board have allowed the respective host DSAs to draw up their own fixtures but set a Jan 25 deadline for completion of the preliminary rounds. The winners of each zonal contest will qualify for the second round.

The host DSAs are: Naryanganj, Patuakhali, Chittagong, Sylhet, Rajbari, Comilla, Netrakona, Tangail, Madaripur, Jhalakathi, Barisal, Faridpur, Nilphamari, Jessore, Dinajpur, Khulna, Rajshahi and Thakurgaon.

Pioneer soccer

Sports Reporter

A brilliant hat-trick by Zahid helped Mirpur Nabaran Sporting Club record a 3-0 victory against Eastern Sporting Club in the Group A fixture of the North Zone in the Janata Bank Pioneer football league at the Banani ground yesterday.

Khelaghar Samaj Kalyan Samity also beat Mukhtola Winners Club 3-0 in the Group B affair of the North zone at the Mohakhali T & T ground.

Masud Rana slammed home two goals while Mithun netted the other for the winners.

Matuail Udayan Sangsod recorded yet another 3-0 victory over Sabujbag Muktyoddha Sangsod Kriya Sangtha in the Group A encounter of Central Zone at the Bashabo ground.

Rawshan Ali netted two goals and Liton one for Matuail.

Crushing defeat for India

SYDNEY, Jan 14: Australian batsmen David Boon and Tom Moody led the world limited-overs champions to a crushing nine-wicket victory over India in a World Series Cup cricket match Tuesday at the Sydney Cricket Ground, reports AP.

India batted first and were bowled out for just 175 in 49.4 overs. Australia, with Boon underfired on 79 and Moody not out 87, reached the target with 10.4 overs to spare, finishing on 177 for one.

It was Australia's last match before the finals of the three-nation series, also including the West Indies.

Australia finished their eight preliminary matches with 11 points, India, with five points, and the West Indies, with six, meet in the last match in Melbourne on Thursday to decide the home team's opponents for the best-of-three final series starting Saturday.

Superb fielding and tight bowling restricted India to 175 after a bright start from openers Kris Srikkanth and Ravi Shastri yielded 52.

Australian fast bowler Craig McDermott gave nothing away in taking two for 17 from his 10 overs, while new cap Paul Reffel had a memorable debut with two for 27.

Steve Waugh picked up two wickets. Tom Moody and Mike Whitney one each, and dangerous Sachin Tendulkar (31) and Kapil Dev (7) were run out with direct hits.

Srikkanth top scored for India with 42, but the visitors collapsed from 111 for three to lose seven for 64 and leave Australia an easy target.

Boon continued his superb form of the season in taking his 79 off 100 balls, while Moody made the most of his promotion to No 3 with 87 from 123 balls.

It is: David Boon, Geoff Marsh, Steve Waugh, Mark Waugh, Allan Border (captain), Peter Taylor, Ian Healy, Paul Reffel, Craig McDermott, Mike Whitney, Tom Moody, Dean Jones.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of India's innings in the World Series one-day match against Australia at the Sydney Cricket Ground here today:

INDIA
Shastri b Reffel 22
Srikkanth b Reffel 42
Sedhu c Boon b S Waugh 1
Manjrekar c Marsh b Moody 16
Tendulkar run out 31
Azharruddin c Border b McDermott 22
K Dev run out 7
Prabhakar c and b Whitney 8
S Pandit c Healy b McDermott 2
Raju not out 6
Srinath b S Waugh 5
Extras (b3, lb5, nb1, w4) 13
Total (49.4 overs) 175

Fall of wickets: 1-52, 2-57, 3-69, 4-111, 5-129, 6-150, 7-156, 8-161, 9-163.

Bowling: O M R W
McDermott 10 2 17 2
Whitney 10 1 36 1
Reffel 10 1 27 2
S Waugh 5.4 0 29 2
Taylor 9 0 40 0
Moody 5 0 18 1

AUSTRALIA
Marsh b Prabhakar 3
Boon not out 79
Moody not out 87
Extras (lb5, w2, nb1) 8
Total (one wicket, 39.2 overs) 177

Fall of wicket: 1-10.
Bowling: O M R W
Kapil Dev 6 0 11 0
Prabhakar 8 0 29 1
Tendulkar 2 0 14 0
Srinath 8 1 28 0
Shastri 8 0 40 0
Raju 7 0 46 0
Manjrekar 0.2 0 4 0
Result: Australia won by nine wickets.

WSC STANDINGS
SYDNEY, Jan 14: Standings after Tuesday's match in the World Series Cup limited-overs cricket series:

	W	T	L	No	Points
Australia	5	0	2	1	11
West Indies	2	1	3	1	6
India	2	1	4	0	5

SA selectors' choice under fire

JOHANNESBURG, Jan 14: A row over the South African cricket selectors' World Cup short list deepened on Monday after a poll showed most first-class players opposed the exclusion of veterans Clive Rice, Jimmy Cook and Peter Kirsten, reports Reuter.

Selectors' panel chairman Peter Van Der Merwe dismissed a poll in the Johannesburg Sunday Times showing 47 out of the country's top 66 players opposed the exclusion of the trio from a list of 20 to be reduced to a final 14-man squad.

Van Der Merwe, asked whether he was concerned by the result of the confidential survey, replied: "No, not at all. We were elected by the Board (United Cricket Board of South Africa) and answer only to them."

But Sunday Times Sports Editor Edward Griffiths wrote: "This distressed chorus of anger will not be drowned."

Opener Jimmy Cook, 38, scored the most runs (2,755) in English first-class cricket last year — his third and final prolific season with Somerset. Kirsten, 36, was one of the leading batsmen of South Africa's recent tour of India.

Rice, 42, was widely seen as a candidate because of his experience of one day cricket gained from a 13-year stint on the county circuit with Nottinghamshire.

Players were quoted in the Sunday Times as saying the selectors were "clowns" and should resign for omitting three "automatic choices."

Board president Geoff Dakin hit back, describing the poll as a vicious attempt to discredit and oust the panel chairman.

The Star newspaper reported that Cook was being reconsidered for the squad to be chosen by early February.

Van Der Merwe, however, told the Port Elizabeth Post that Cook was unable to repeat at home his good performances overseas.

"When he's here he doesn't shine. I must pick what I see," he was quoted as saying. "It's not been a great season for Rice or Cook or to a certain extent, Kirsten."

"Rice was a star, but he is a waning star... the sadness is that all these players were born at the wrong time."

ably robbed him of a century. Lamb scored 76 not out to get himself in shape for the Test match.

England's declaration allowed causal bowlers such as Mark Ramprakash and Robin Smith to turn their arms. Gooch was blasted during his five overs, finishing with nought for 54.

Poock will probably try to complete his century on Wednesday before the New Zealand XI declare and try to set England a target of about 350. England's only real health concern five games into their tour, which will include the cricket World Cup, is pace bowler David Lawrence, whose side injury has delayed the naming of the Test team until Friday.

Scores: New Zealand XI 207 for seven declared and 224 for two (Poock 94 not out, Thomson 62 not out), England 159 for three declared (Stewart 71 not out, Lamb 76 not out).

NZ pick two new caps

WELLINGTON, Jan 14: New Zealand named two new caps today for the first of three cricket Test matches against England, which starts in Christchurch on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Canterbury batsman Blair Hartland and his teammate Chris Harris, whose father Zin was a New Zealand Test player in the early 1960s, were selected.

England today called in journeymen bowler Neil Mallender, wintering in New Zealand, to cover in case pace bowler David Lawrence is ruled unfit for the first Test.

Lawrence suffered a strained side last week and visited a doctor in Nelson — where

Rude shock for holders Algeria

DAKAR, Jan 14: Ivory Coast produced the first shock of the African Nations' Cup soccer finals on Monday when they beat holders Algeria 3-0 in their opening Group C match in Ziguinchor, reports Reuter.

Two goals in the first half from Abdoulaye Traore and Yousof Fofana put them on top before a third in the 89th

stretcher, returned briefly but was substituted one minute before the interval.

In addition to Adjas's dismissal, three Ivory Coast players were cautioned—Arfene Hobou, Didier Otokore and Kouame Aka.

Traore opened the scoring when he was left unmarked to volley in at the far post. Fofana, who plays for Monaco, added the second with a low, swerving left-foot shot from 15 metres.

Tiehl eluded the Algerian defence to net the third with a low, diagonal shot.

Kalusha Bwalya scored the only goal as Zambia, who finished third in the 1990 tournament, made a winning start against World Cup finalists Egypt in their opening Group D match in Ziguinchor.

Bwalya, who plays for Dutch First Division side PSV Eindhoven, struck after 61 minutes.

A high cross into the penalty area caused panic among the Egyptian defenders and as they attempted to clear the ball Bwalya bundled it over the line.

Egypt's best chance came after only 14 minutes when defender Ibrahim Hassan hit the bar with a 20-metre drive.

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Kalabagan romp against Rupali

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Rupali Bank, in their turn, could crawl to a meagre 147 for nine. Belal top scored with 37 while skipper Khokon followed him with 35.

Dipu Roy Chowdhury was the most successful Kalabagan bowler taking three for 26.

Zaki picked up two for 26.

Kalabagan

Nripen 4 0 26 1
Ratan 8 1 36 2
Partha 1 0 13 0

Rupali Bank
Jahangir c Pappu b Zaki 7
Nripen c Ishtiaq b Zaki 30
Khokon b Dipu 25
Partha c Pappu b Dipu 37
Belal c Sujit b Dipu 30
Dulu c Pilot b Reddy 0
Prince run out 0
Hasnat not out 12
Plabon b Pappu 4
Khaled st Pilot b Jam 2
Ratan not out 2
Extras 22
Total (for 9 wks in 36 overs) 147

Bowling O M R W
Reddy 8 0 26 1
Zaki 8 0 26 2
Dipu 6 0 26 3
Shaon 4 0 22 0
Jam 4 0 21 1
Pappu 5 0 12 1
Tanvir 1 0 5 0

TODAY'S MATCHES

Brothers vs Surja Tarun (Dhaka Stadium)

Gulshan Youth vs Wari Club (DCS)

Kalabagan Kriya Chakra recorded an important 55-run victory over Rupali Bank yesterday in the only match of the Navana Premier Division cricket league at the Dhaka Stadium.

Sujit played an excellent innings of 80 off as many balls to lay the foundation of the impressive Kalabagan total of 202 for eight wickets from 36 overs.

His knock was studied with six fouls and one six. Veteran Dipu Chowdhury who opened the innings chipped in with a useful 41.

Gajanan Reddy, Kalabagan's Indian recruit, was the other notable scorer with 32.

With the axe of relegation looming overhead like a Damocles' sword, the Rupali Bank skipper, driven by desperation, employed as many as nine bowlers but only Plabon with two for 39 and Ratan with two for 36 deserved any atten-