

Bobby bamboozles MSC

Sports Reporter

Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club, last year's runners up and one of the traditional bidders for the league title, lost to middleweights Wari Club by a

'terror' Tutul cutting from the left and unleashing a fierce shot that grazed past the post. Mohammedans got their best chance midway through the first half with Shamim who was pushed up in the position of a wing-half from his familiar

They, however, resorted to blanked defence at the fag end of the match with Mohammedans, egged on by the disconsolate, angry even hostile supporters, became desperate for the equaliser which never came.



Wari goalie Totam rises to punch away a Mohammedan threat in yesterday's Star league match at Mirpur Stadium. Wari won 1-0.

solitary goal in the most starting result of this year's Star First Division football league at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday.

Bobby Hamid, who overnight became a celebrity after scoring two goals in Wari's two-all draw against another heavy weight Brothers Union, scored the only goal of the game.

The men in red shirts began yesterday from where they had left off in the last match against Brothers with Tutul, the kingpin of their attack, fooling the slow, tattered Mohammedan defence with a delightful body dodge and pace.

Sudhir, Jamal and Bobby gave him admirable support. With an ounce of more luck Wari could have made the scoreline look a rather incredible 3-0, such was the incisiveness of the winners who totally outclassed their more fancied, privileged and adored opponents, with a virtuoso performance.

For the Black-and-Whites it was like the final blowing out of a lambent flame with the popular team peaking the withering heights.

Even a layman could predict from the earlier matches, the coming a cropper of the side that was enacted under the flood lights last evening.

Mohammedans, playing without their best player, game maker and rescuer Shabbir, fished out a brand of football that without their familiar jerseys would have made it impossible to recognise them.

Wari made it clear that their illustrious opponents would have a hard row to hoe in the first few minutes with

right back position, lobbing the ball from the right across the Wari goalmouth. Naktb, Mohammedans' 'janean' striker failed to position himself properly with only two opponents around.

Mohammedans' new combination of four backs, four medios and two attackers, Roky playing the dual role of a medio and winger, could not do justice to either.

Kaiser Hamid, Jewel, Abul and Barun were more busy in clearing the balls with the midfielders unable to hold their own and make any head-way.

Custodian Kanan was the only player to emerge with his reputation intact.

Mohammedans' second half display was pathetic with their forwards unable to challenge the Wari defenders seriously. Only once, Riaz laid a fine pass on Naktb's path but the striker, of whose maladroitness the less said the better, failed to take a proper shot from an ideal shooting zone.

Wari ran all over Mohammedans, particularly after wresting the control of the midfield with Tutul, Sudhir and Jamal sending shivers down the legs of the Mohammedan players.

Sudhir's powerful grounder narrowly missed the mark with Kanan well beaten. Jewel's faulty backpass was pursued by Tutul but Kanan raced out to clear the ball. The Mohammedan goalie came to the rescue of his side in a similar fashion earlier.

The magic and the most dramatic moment of this year's league came in the 34th minute of the post-lemon session.

Kaiser Hamid, every now and then going up to bolster the hopeless offence, lost a ball to his younger brother Bobby, the Wari medio.

The tall player, known more for his skills as a handballer, after snatching the ball from his older brother, entered the box and unleashed a lethal left-footed grounder from the top of the box that gave Kanan no chance (1-0).

Wari did not fall back immediately after the shock lead and kept up the pressure on their beleaguered opponents.

Fed Cup b'ball

The fifth Federation Cup basketball competition will begin from February 22 at the Wooden-floor gymnasium near the Outer Stadium, says a press release of the Bangladesh Amateur Basketball Federation (BABF).

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Greatbatch dropped for 2nd Test

WELLINGTON, Jan 26: New Zealand have included Sam Oan-born fast bowler Murphy Su'a as one of five changes in their team to meet England in the second cricket Test starting on Thursday, reports Reuter.

All-rounders Shane Thomson and Chris Harris — 12th man in the first Test — have been dropped along with batsman Mark Greatbatch and pacesman Chris Pringle.

In addition, Adam Parore takes over from wicketkeeper Ian Smith who has withdrawn with a finger injury.

Batsmen Rod Latham and Ken Rutherford come into the side along with medium-pace Willie Watson, who was originally picked for the first Test ahead of Pringle but withdrew through injury.

Su'a, 25, is a left-arm bowler of disconcerting pace if sometimes erratic direction who impressed the England players while playing for a New Zealand selection side.

England won the first match of the three-Test series by an innings and four runs.

New Zealand: Martin Crowe (captain), John Wright, Blair Hartland, Andrew Jones, Ken Rutherford, Rod Latham, Dipak Patel, Chris Cairns, Adam Parore, Danny Morrison, Willie Watson, Murphy Su'a.

RU reach final

RAJSHAHI, Jan 26: Hosts Rajshahi University reached the final of the Inter-University cricket tournament with a facile eight-wicket victory over Chittagong University in the first semi-final at the University Stadium here today, reports AP.

In the final, Rajshahi University will take on the winners of second semi-final between Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) and BUET to be held tomorrow.

Chittagong University batted first after winning the toss and were bowled for 63 runs in 37 overs.

In reply, Rajshahi University hit the winning 64 runs in just 10 overs, losing only two wickets.

Nurul Ferdous, an official of the Chittagong University team, was assaulted by some local fans during the match when he protested certain decisions of the umpire.

Eskaton win in Milnars cricket

Sports Reporter

Eskaton Sabuj Sangha outplayed Ajax Sports Club by five wickets in the Milnars First Division cricket league yesterday at the Mirpur Pallabi ground.

Electing to bat first, Ajax were all out for a narrow 93 in 37.5 overs.

Moti, Ajax's man behind the wicket, scored the highest 21 with the help of three boundaries.

Dohal and Zia scored 11 and 10 respectively while on other Ajax batsman reached the double figures.

Shaheen took three wickets for 13 and Aminul another three for 14 for Eskaton.

In reply, Eskaton reached home safely in 31.5 overs for the loss of five wickets.

Bulbul scored 19 and Babul 16 for Eskaton.

Feroz, the most successful Ajax bowler, bagged two wickets for 19.

Eskaton now have six points from six outings while Ajax have just two points from a similar number of games.

TODAY'S MATCH Railway vs Young Pegasus (Mirpur Pallabi).

Nirman cricket

Sports Reporter

The Nirman Schools cricket tournament of Dhaka zone will begin from February 7, says a BCCB press release.

Schools already enrolled have been advised to submit their completed registration forms by February 3.

Participating schools have also been asked to make necessary arrangements for the competition.

Samad soccer

The 'Judukur Samad Smriti Kishore Football' competition will be formally inaugurated by Maj Gen Mahbubur Rahman, Chairman of the National Sports Council (NSC) at 3 pm today at the Outer Stadium.

The NSC's cooperation has facilitated the way to hold the championship to commemorate the late Samad, the legendary footballer of the sub-continent of the early '30s and '40s.

Bridge results

Picwic Bridge Club — Pink won the national duplicate bridge team championship which concluded last Friday at the Officers' Club, says a Bangladesh Bridge Federation (BBF) press release.

The champions Picwic-Pink led by Dr. Md Anwar Hossain beat Bangladesh Bank Club-Blues in the final by 130.5 international match points.

Indians manage a slender lead



ADELAIDE, Jan 26: India marginally held the balance of power at the close of the second day of the fourth Test against Australia which continued to buck recent Adelaide Oval history, reports Reuter.

The famed bowler's graveyard harvested a further nine dismissals as India survived a determined home fightback to end the day 44 runs ahead with one Australian second innings wicket already captured.

Having collapsed from their overnight 45 for two, 100 behind Australia's first innings total to 70 for six, India were bowled out for 225, a lead of 80.

Kapil Dev, who made the match's top score of 56, then bowled Geoff Marsh for five to leave Australia 36 for one wicket at the close.

Australia's Craig McDermott took his fifth five-wicket haul in a year in another impressive spell of pace bowling which garnered five for 76.

McDermott was one of three bowlers no-balled under the new law banning persistent short-pitched bowling. India ended the day noticeably upset over two umpiring decisions that went against them.

McDermott said later: "It is a terrible rule, like telling Geoff Marsh he can only play one out shot an over. If this had applied to Dennis Lillee and Jeff Thomson it would have changed their game plan."

Hughes was also called as was Manoj Prabhakar, the only bowler already penalised in the series.

Prabhakar had earlier found himself called on as a batsman rather earlier than expected after India lost four wickets for 15 runs. As number eight batsman, he could scarcely have expected to be at the crease 65 minutes after play

resumed but shared an effective stand of 65 with Dev, the highest partnership of the match.

The case with which they played, and the way Venkat Raju (19 not out) and Jawagal Srinath (21) later constructed a 33-run last-wicket partnership, put to shame the earlier Indian batting.

Although they faced a hostile McDermott and Hughes,



C. McDERMOTT...5 for 76 the morning collapse unhinged India's hopes of dominating the Test.

McDermott took three wickets in six overs, including those of captain Mohammad Azharuddin for one and Sachin Tendulkar for six to lbw decisions.

Azharuddin, a man who averages 48 in Tests, has now made 51 runs in six innings during the series and is in dire need of a good knock.

Tendulkar, the one Indian demonstrably in form, appears wasted at number six but for once the failed, trapped in front by McDermott whose delight was obvious in his jig of

joy. Up to that stage only Navjot Sidhu, at last showing the ability that had him summoned from India in mid-tour, had batted capably for 27 but the tail then showed the fault lay not so much in the newly-laid Adelaide pitch but in those using it.

The last-wicket partnership lasted 50 minutes was cut to 19 overs the time available for



KAPIL DEV...56

India to attack the Australian second innings.

They needed only seven overs for the breakthrough, Kapil Dev squeezing one between Marsh's bat and pad. With only 35 runs in his last five Test innings, the vice-captain will be waiting nervously for the announcement of the team for the fifth Test.

He had already survived a run out appeal which television revealed should have sent him back to the pavilion for nought. Umpire Peter McConnell further upset the touring team when he denied a strong leg before appeal against David

Bloom by Kapil Dev. The bowler had a prolonged discussion with McConnell at the crease after stumps were drawn. With the first Adelaide result in seven Tests in prospect it remains to be seen whether Azharuddin will become only the second captain in 50 Tests here to put the opposition in and win. The only other was Percy Sherwell of South Africa in 1910-11. He would also be only the second Indian captain to do so successfully in 271 Tests. Kapil Dev succeeding against England in 1986 at Lords.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the second day of the fourth Test between Australia and India today.

INDIA: First Innings (over-night 45 for two wickets) Srikanth c Healy b McDermott 17 Sidhu c Healy b Hughes 27 Manjrekar lbw Hughes 2 Venkateshwar c Waugh b McDermott 13 Azharuddin lbw McDermott 1 Tendulkar lbw McDermott 6 K. Dev c Border b Hughes 56 Prabhakar lbw Whitney 33 Pandit c Boon b McDermott 15 Raju not out 19 Srinath c Healy b Whitney 21 Extras: (lb-5 nb-10) 15 Total: (all out) 225

Fall of wickets: 1-30, 2-33, 3-55, 4-64, 4-64, 5-70, 6-70, 7-135, 8-174, 9-192

Bowling O M R W McDermott 31 9 76 5 Whitney 26 2 6 8 2 Hughes 18 4 55 3 Warne 7 1 18 0 Waugh 2 1 3 0

AUSTRALIA: second Innings

Taylor not out 18 Marsh b Dev 5 Boon not out 11 Extras: (lb-1, nb-1) 2 Total: (for one wicket) 36

Fall of wickets: 1-10

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Gulshan Youth beat Kalabagan



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Gulshan Youth Club, engaged in last-ditch battle to escape the relegation league, carved out an important five-wicket victory over Kalabagan Krira Chakra in the only match of the Navana Premier Division cricket league yesterday at the Dhaka Stadium.

As usual Gulshan owed their victory to their former Indian Test players, Arun Lal and Ashoke Malhotra who excelled in both bowling and batting to take the wind out of a galvanised Kalabagan side that had caused the biggest upset of this year's league by upstaging babes but fancied PWD recently.

Gulshan skipper Rupam won the toss and put Kalabagan into bat.

Kalabagan were soon in a soup with Gulshan bowlers, spearheaded by young pacesman Shamim on the nail right from the word 'go'.

Shaon made a valiant effort to take his side out of the woods with a fine half-century before being run out in a mix up.

The right-handed batsman hit one four and a six in his 92-ball knock.

Wicket-keeper Pilot was the other batsman to reach double figure scoring 33 off 64 balls with two hits to the fence.

Kalabagan crawled to 149 with a rather generous dose of extras from 43 overs.

Arun Lal's three for 21 eclipsed the figures of the bowlers employed before him. Sham's one for 22 and one for 15 by Babul, however, de-

Rain the spoiler

Sports Reporter

NEW PLYMOUTH, New Zealand, JAN 26: England's three-day cricket match with New Zealand's Central Districts was abandoned at lunch Sunday after continuing rain made play impossible, reports AP.

On a rain-shortened day Saturday, Graeme Hick and Alec Stewart scored centuries to put England at 246-2 in reply to Central District's 189-7 declared. There was no play Sunday.

Stewart was 101 not out while Hick scored 114. Scott Brisbane top-scored for Central Districts with 41.

Ian Botham, playing his first match for England, was taken to hospital Saturday for precautionary x-rays after being hit on the right index finger by a drive. But he said he was not seriously injured.

"It's not serious," Botham said. "It's a bit stiff, but I'm fine, there's no real damage."

England is unbeaten on its New Zealand tour, winning the first Test match and a one-day international. They also beat the country's Emerging Players, New Zealand XI and drew with a country districts side.

Reuter adds: England took an early flight to Auckland to prepare for the second Test match starting on Thursday.

Fast bowler David Lawrence will have a fitness test on Monday while captain Graham Gooch, who failed against Central Districts and in the first Test, will want some intensive net practice.

All rounder Ian Botham who joined the team last week is not expected to be considered for the second Test.

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Lopsided handball league results

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Last year's runners-up Brothers Union made an auspicious start to their 1991-92 CUTE handball league campaign when they trounced Victoria Sporting Club 41-9 in a totally one-sided affair yesterday at the Outer Stadium handball court.

The title-aspirants from Gopibagar led 21-4 at the breather.

Helal, Palash and Shabbir netted eleven, nine and seven goals respectively for the winners while Barua and Omar got three goals apiece for Victoria.

Earlier in the afternoon Bangladesh Police swamped Dhaka Mariner Youngs Club 53-4 in yet another mismatch. Police led the first session by 29 goals to one.

Nazrul and Slam scored 17 and 16 goals respectively for the winners while Sabuj netted two and Dipu and Apu one apiece for Victoria.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Bangladesh Ansars vs Bantanager SC (2:15 pm) Surjodoy Boys Club vs Tarun Sangsad (3:30 pm)

Wari upset Bima

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The Green Delta First Division hockey league resumed yesterday at the hockey stadium after a four-day interregnum.

Two matches were held yesterday. In the second tie of the day, Sadharan Bima Krira Sangstha tasted their first defeat in the league when they lost to Wari Club 4-3 in a keenly-contested encounter.

The first half ended with both teams scoring twice. Both Wari and Bima concentrated on attacking hockey, making the engagement an enjoyable contest.

Boas Barla, Wari's Indian recruit, put their side ahead in the very fourth minute of play by scoring a field goal in style (1-0).

But the insurancemen levelled the margin just after two minutes when Chunu converted a penalty corner (1-1).

Chunu put Bima in the lead in the 12th minute by scoring a field goal (1-2).

Nurul Amin equalised for Wari in the 20th minute by scoring a field goal (2-2).

Pioneer soccer

Sports Reporter

Nabataranga Krira-0-Sangskritik Sangsad swamped Eastern SC 5-0 in the Janata Bank Pioneer football league yesterday at the Banani ground.

Shafiquzzaman scored three goals while Akhter and Nurul Amin got the other two for the winners.

At the Mohakhali T & T ground, Govt, Printing Press S & RC beat Krelaghar Samaj Kalyan Samity by two goals (Farhad, Mintu) to nil.

Badda Jagoroni Sangha recorded yet another 2-0 victory over Beraid XI in the other match at the venue.

At the Khilgaon ground, Barnali Sangsad edged past Harijan Sebak Samity 1-0, Rubel being the scorer.

The match between Nawabkhatra Juba Sangha and Lalbagh Krira Chakra ended goalless at the Dhanmondi ground.

Lalbagh Tarun Sangha and Nawabkhatra Juba Sangha have qualified for the super league from the West zone. The other qualifiers for the super-league are Maniknagar KC, Aganagar PKMs from the East Zone, Eskaton Sabuj Sangha (Jrs), Govt. Printing Press from North Zone and Sunrise SC, Gulbagh KC from Central Zone.