

# Abahani crush Kalabagan

Sports Reporter

Abahani Krita Chakra literally took by their opponents in the Navana Premier Division cricket league, when the former posted a massive nine-wicket victory over Kalabagan Krita Chakra at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Parouque Ahmed the Abahani skipper, won the toss and predictably invited former Abahani player and his counterpart Tamim to bat first. Kalabagan could muster only 138 runs for the loss of six wickets from the 40 overs set down by the Abahani bowlers.

Sri Lankan Sujit Pereira was the mainstay of the Kalabagan batting with a resolute 50 off 77 balls, inclusive of four hits to the fence.

Wicket-keeper pilot, a consistent customer with the bat, followed him with 30.

Morshed, the left-arm Abahani bowler making it to the team in the absence of strike bowler Prince, bowled economically to return figures of one for 19.

His partner Khatruzzaman Babu, the tall right-arm medium-pace bowler from Mymensingh, however, left others behind, taking two for 26.

Raman Lamba with his slow medium pace and Effece, currently the finest off-spinner, picked up one a piece.

Raman Lamba guided Abahani to their target with a rather sedate, unbeaten 60 with the help of four boundaries.

Mahbubur Rahman Selim, who opened with Lamba, was the only casualty for Abahani, falling before left-arm spinner Gem after making a bright 63. He played only 60 balls and hammered ten fours and one sixer, as Abahani overhauled the Kalabagan score in 26.2 overs.

Gem was, naturally, the lone success in the Kalabagan attack claiming one for 27.

With yesterday's defeat, Kalabagan's ambition to make it to the six-team super league took a nosedive. They have completed their league engagements with eight points from eleven matches and are now poised to fight it out in the relegation league.

Abahani Krita Chakra's collection so far to 20 from eleven matches. With one loss to Dhaka Mohammedan sporting Club, in the twelve-team Navana Premier Division cricket league.

The super league phase will begin soon.

The other Navana tie, between Gulshan Youth and PWD at the Danmondi Cricket Stadium, fell through because of unfit ground conditions caused by the rain on Friday evening.

## SCOREBOARD

KALABAGAN KC	
Dipu b Babu	6
Ishtiaq c Ashif b Morshed	12
Tanvir b R Lamba	2
Sujit c Ashika b Babu	50
Shawon c Asif b Effece	13
Pilot run out	30
Reddy not out	12
Pappu not out	4
Extras	9
Total	138

Bowling:				
O	M	R	W	
Babu	8	0	26	2
Morshed	8	2	19	1
R Lamba	5	0	15	1
Effece	8	0	33	1
Ashoka				
De Silva	8	0	28	0
Asif	3	0	16	0

ABAHANI KC	
R Lamba not out	60
Selim lbw b Gem	63
Asif not out	10
Extras	6
Total	139

Bowling:				
O	M	R	W	
Reddy	6	2	23	0
Dipu	4	0	25	0
Shawon	2	0	13	0
Gem	6	1	27	1
Tamim	2	0	17	0
Pappu	4	0	24	0
Tanvir	2	0	8	0
Mohammad	0.2	0	7	0

Umpires: Ashgar Khan and Aziz Siddiq.

## TODAY'S MATCHES

Bangladesh Biman vs Mohammedan SC (Dhaka Stadium)

Gulshan Youth Club vs PWD (DCS)

# Lankans beat Bangladesh 4-1

COLOMBO, Feb 2: Sri Lanka beat Bangladesh 4-1 in their Davis Cup tennis Asia-oceania Zone Group Two quarter-finals which concluded here today, reports AFP.

Sri Lanka will meet the winners of the Hong Kong-Pakistan tie in the semi-finals scheduled for March 27 to 29. Jayendra Wijeyesekera, Sri Lanka's top player, won the third singles 6-2, 6-2, 4-6, 6-1 over Bangladesh's leader Hira Lal at the clay courts here of the Sri Lanka Tennis Association.

Dishan Herath beat Bangladesh's Faisal Hq 7-6 (7/2), 7-5, in a match reduced to the best-of-three sets after Wijeyesekera gave his country an unbeatable 3-1 lead Sunday morning.

On the first day, Lal recorded his first Davis Cup win in a match against Herath in a hectic five-setter.

## Dhaka annex university hockey

By BUET Correspondent

Dhaka University (DU) denied defending champions Chittagong University (CU) a hat-trick of triumphs by clinching the inter-university hockey championship with a facile 4-0 victory in yesterday's final at the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) playground.

DU got their first goal in the 12th minute when veteran Waz scored a spectacular goal from a fine through pass provided by Farooq.

Despite several hopeful attempts of the CU players in the first half, the robust DU side gradually dominated the second session and launched a series of rigorous forays near the CU goal, virtually turning the match into a one-sided affair.

In the 49th minute DU were awarded a penalty stroke and Mashook made no mistake in placing the ball past the CU goalie to double the margin.

A minute later Mashook scored his fifth goal of the tournament (3-0) by converting a penalty corner.

A couple of minutes later the DU forwards swamped the CU zone and from a goalmouth melee Faisal slammed home a stinger with his stick which first struck the crossbar and bounced into the net deceiving the CU keeper Ajoy (4-0).

CU, who blasted the BUET team 2-0 in their previous game Saturday, could have challenged DU but their poor finishing let them down.

The DU defence, which was surprisingly vulnerable, was cracked by the CU forwards on numerous occasions but each time they failed to exploit the opportunity.

The Vice Chancellor of BUET Dr M Shahjahan witnessed the game as chief guest and gave away prizes to the winners.

## BU, Police win in handball

Sports Reporter

Last year's runners-up Brothers Union recorded their third consecutive win in the CUTE First Division handball league when they outplayed Dhaka Wanderers Club 26-17 yesterday at the Outer Stadium handball court.

The title-aspirants from Gopibagh led 13-5 at the breather.

But the second half of play was a keener session in which the Gopibagh side scored 13 goals while Wanderers got 12.

Helal netted eight goals while Ivan and Shabbir got six and four respectively for the winners.

Abul and Rahat had five goals each were the main scorers for Wanderers.

Earlier in the afternoon, Bangladesh Police also registered their third successive victory when they trounced South Maishundi Krita Chakra 37-11 in another one-sided affair.

Police led 18-4 at the lemon-break.

Police now have six points while Maishundi have two points from three outings each.

Salam and Nazrul netted 11 goals each and Shahiduzzaman got ten for the winners while Babu (JR) and Babul scored five and three goals respectively for South Maishundi.

# Aussie pace has India on rack

PERTH, Australia, Feb 2: The explosive pace of Australia's strike bowlers had India on the rack again by the close of the second day's play in the fifth and final test at the WACA Ground here Sunday, reports AFP.

Chasing Australia's first innings total of 346, the tourists had slumped to 133 for five when stumps were drawn.

India's not out batsmen at the close were Sachin Tendulkar, who had made a fine 31 in 98 minutes, and Venkatapathy Raju on one.

India's top order was destroyed by new-ball bowler Merv Hughes, who removed Navjot Sidhu, Sanjay Manjrekar, who scored 31, and Dilip Vengsarkar to end with figures of three for 44.

Craig McDermott, chimed in with the scalps of Krish Srikkanth and captain Mohammad Azharuddin, to finish with two for 34. In the process, the big 26-year-old Queenslander became the leading Australian wicket-taker in a series between the two countries.

He has captured 30 wickets, one more than Alan Davidson and Richie Benaud, who each took 29 wickets in India in the 1989-90 season.

The record for both countries is held by India's left-hand spinner Bishen Bedi, with 31 victims in the 1977-78 series in Australia.

But McDermott has every prospect of breaking that record before the end of this game.

He has a remarkable tally of 72 wickets in 12 Tests in the past 12 months, and looms as a trump card for Australia in the World Cup one-day contest starting in Australia and New Zealand in three weeks.

India, already 0-3 down in the series, now face the prospect of finishing as 0-4 losers, despite their fighting efforts in the Sydney and Adelaide Tests.

India did well early in the day to capture Australia's last six first innings wickets for 124 runs.

Fast bowler Manoj Prabhakar excelled to take four more wickets to finish with five for 101, one of his finest Test performances.

On the day, he outshone his more illustrious partner Kapil Dev, who was unable to snatch the solitary scalp he needs to become only the second player in history to top 400 Test wickets.

Captain Mohammad Azharuddin gave the 33-year-old veteran every opportunity to reach the milestone, allocating him another 14 overs, but it was just not to be the great all-rounder's day.

He will now have to wait until Australia's second innings, provided India make enough runs to force the home side to bat again.

While Kapil will have to be patient, one India player has already ensured that his name will be engraved in the record books.

Srikkanth took five catches in the Australian innings equalling the Test record for players other than wicket-keepers.

He shares the record with two other Indians, Azharuddin and Yajurvindra Singh and Australia's Victor Richardson.

Australian number three batsman David Boon, dropped at 12 on the opening day, carried his overnight 91 to 107 before becoming Prabhakar's second victim of the day.

# England poised to clinch series

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, Feb 2: England ended an eventful fourth day of the second cricket Test on Sunday on the brink of a victory which would give them an unbeatable two-nil win in the three-match series, reports Reuter.

New Zealand were 203 for eight wickets, 180 runs short of the 383 victory target. With just two wickets standing only the weather can save them and the forecast is for fine weather.

Debutante Murphy Su'a was there at the close on 36 and Danny Morrison on six.

The win should be a formally on Monday, for England it would be the first series win in New Zealand since 1975 and for New Zealand the first home series defeat since Pakistan beat them in 1979.

New Zealand had only a slim chance of scoring the runs on a wicket which has assisted the bowlers through the match and any hopes they had were shattered in a dramatic first seven overs.

Philip DeFreitas had Blair Hartland caught behind off the second ball of the innings to give the unfortunate young opener a pair in his second Test, and Chris Lewis trapped John Wright in the second over with still no runs on the board.

Worse followed for New Zealand, DeFreitas, bowling the odd unplayable ball, had their most reliable batsman, Andrew Jones, leg before with the total on seven.

Captain Martin Crowe with Ken Rutherford and Dipak Patel gave the score respectability, but New Zealand's master batsman never looked secure in his two-and-a-half hour innings.

Lewis, DeFreitas and Derek Pringle often beat the bat on a wicket which increasingly played with variable bounce.

Rutherford, on 32, surrendered his wicket as he did in his first innings, after starting to look more comfortable, as did Patel who made a bright 17 before giving Philip Tufnell a return catch in the left-arm spinner's second over.

New Zealand's only glimmer of hope went third ball after tea when DeFreitas got a ball to lift and Crowe fended a catch to Allan Lamb at first slip. Crowe hit seven fours in his 56.

When Adam Parore was out to Lewis for 15 he became the 12th lbw victim of the match, one of the highest totals in Test cricket, an indication of how the ball often kept low.

England's best bowler, DeFreitas, finished the day figures of three for 57 off 22 overs.

New Zealand's day had begun quite promisingly in a morning of drama and tumbling wickets.

England initially batted freely but then lost their last four wickets in 19 balls.

Starting the day on 272 for six, England were all out for 321 with the last three wickets falling on that score.

Jack Russell on 24 began England's tailend collapse after playing some sweetly-timed drives when Hartland took a sharp catch diving forward in the gully off Cairns' bowling.

Lewis, who had also been batting easily, was then foolishly run out on 23 going for a second run which his partner, Pringle, refused to take.

Cairns then had Pringle lbw and DeFreitas quickly followed, caught by Wright at mid-off off Danny Morrison.

Including the two New Zealand openers, five wickets fell without a run being scored, a rare occurrence in Test cricket.

## SCOREBOARD

AUSTRALIA: First innings	
overnight 222 for 4:	
Boon c Sidhu b Prabhakar	107
Moody c Vengsarkar	
b Prabhakar	50
Healy c Mort b Srinath	28
Hughes c Srikkanth	
b Srinath	24
Reffel c More b Prabhakar	9
McDermott c Srikkanth	31
Prabhakar	31
Whitney not out	1
Extras: (lb, 7b, 12nb)	20
Total:	346

Bowling:				
O	M	R	W	
Kapil Dev	40	12	103	2
Prabhakar	32.5	9	101	5
Srinath	25	5	69	2
Tendulkar	5	2	9	0
Raju	23	6	56	1

Fall of wickets: 1-10, 2-21, 3-134, 4-145, 5-232, 6-259, 7-290, 8-303, 9-336.	
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India: First innings: Srikkanth c Boon b McDermott 34

Sidhu c Healy b Hughes	5
Manjrekar c Jones b Hughes	31
Tendulkar not out	31
Vengsarkar c Taylor b Hughes	1
Azharuddin c Healy b McDermott	11
Reju not out	1
Extras: (lb 13, nb 8)	21
Total: (5 wkts)	135

Fall of wickets: 1-25, 2-69, 3-100, 4-109, 5-130.

Bowling: O M R W				
McDermott	16	4	34	2
Hughes	17	4	44	3
Reffel	10	3	24	0
Whitney	8	1	20	0

India: Second innings: Gooch run out 114

Stewart c Parore b Su'a	8
Hick lbw b Su'a	4
Smith b Morrison	35
Lamb c Watson b Patel	60
Reeve lbw b Watson	25
Lewis run out	23
Srinath c Hartland b Cairns	24
Pringle lbw b Cairns	2
DeFreitas c Wright b Morrison	0
Tufnell not out	0
Extras: (b-8, lb-16, nb-2)	26
Total:	321

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New Zealand: Second innings: Hartland c Russell b DeFreitas 0

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Parore lbw b Lewis	15
Su'a not out	36
Morrison not out	6
Extras: (nb-11, lb-1)	12
Total: for eight wicket	203

Yet to bat: W Watson

Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-0, 2-7, 4-77, 5-109, 6-118, 7-153, 8-173.

Bowling: O M R W				
DeFreitas	22	8	57	3
Lewis	23	2	77	2
Pringle	7	2	23	1
Tufnell	17	5	45	2
Hick	1	1	0	0

## SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the fourth day of the second cricket Test between New Zealand and England on Sunday:

ENGLAND: First innings 203 (C Cairns six for 52)

NEW ZEALAND: First innings 142 (C Lewis five for 31)

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# Three Star, Evergreen win

Sports Reporter

A good knock by skipper Johnny helped Three-Star Boys' Club earn their second win in the Rank-Xerox Second Division cricket league yesterday. They beat Young Pegasus 'B' by an impressive 88 runs at the Dhanmondi Club ground.

Three-Star Boys now have four points from three outings while Young Pegasus 'B' are yet to open their account.

## Agrani Bank beat Railway

Sports Reporter

Agrani bank outplayed Bangladesh Railway by four wickets in the Milnars First Division cricket league yesterday at the Mirpur Pallabi ground.

Agrani Bank now have eight points while Railway have four points from eight outings each.

Winning the toss, Railway skipper Selim elected to bat. The Railwaymen made 140 runs for eight wickets in 38 overs, seven over less than the stipulated 45, because of a delayed start.

Sahir, one of the opening batsmen, scored 31 with the help of two fours while Afzal and Selim made 27 and 19 respectively.

Chapal, the most successful bowler, bagged three wickets for 26 while Babu took two for 30 for the bankers.

Agrani Bank reached their target in 37.1 overs losing six wickets only.

Atique got 30 while skipper Intoo made 27 runs for the bankers.

Suman, Afzal, Titu, Azam and Ripon bagged a wicket apiece for Railway.

## TODAY'S MATCH

Young Pegasus vs City Club (DCS)

Put into bat, Three-Star Boys piled up a massive 241 for the loss of eight wickets in their stipulated 35 overs.

Johnny remained not out with 68, made with the help of two sixes and eight fours off just 35 deliveries.

Jewel scored 42 off 28 deliveries hitting four sixes and a couple of fours while Robi made a useful 37 for Three Star.

Jewel and Tuhin bagged two wickets apiece for Pegasus.

Chasing an almost impossible target at an asking rate of more than 7.8 runs per over, Pegasus could muster only 153 in their allotted 35 overs.

Opener Paltu made 36 while Robi got 26 and Jasim 17 for Pegasus.