

# Gulshan dash Tarun hopes

Sports Reporter

Gulshan Youth Club ended Surja Tarun's ambitions to qualify for the super league of this year's Navana Premier Division Cricket with a five-wicket victory in the second of the three-match play-off series played at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Gulshan skipper Rupom won the toss and put Tarun in to bat on a wicket that offered some assistance to the bowlers. Gulshan opening bowlers Shamim and Shri Lankan Raj Kumara bowled superbly to undermine the Tarun batsmen and had them reeling at 56 for five.

Skipper Rodrigo, the Shri Lankan all-rounder fought

valiantly with an unbeaten 40. Javed Omar Belim Golla struggled for more than an hour to make 23. Titu with 16 and Babu with 15 were the other Tarun batsmen to reach the double figures as their side collected 123 for seven wickets from their full quota of 45 overs.

Shamim bowled beautifully to finish with figures of two for 17 from nine overs. Rajkumara, Babul, Rupam and Manju took one wicket apiece.

Gulshan got off to an equally wobbly start, losing opener Mamun and Ashiq quickly with the total on 15. Arif, the other opener, then teamed up with Indian Test discard Arun Lal to improve the situation for Gulshan. Arif scored 26 with the

help of three boundaries while Arun made 17 before steering one from promising left-arm spinner Saikat to Golla. Raj Kumara batted sensibly to make 21 while skipper Rupom and wicket-keeper Ishtiaq remained unbeaten on 20 and 21 to guide Gulshan to an important win.

Saikat was the best Tarun bowler with admirable figures of one for 20 from nine overs. Babu took one for 14 and Majbee claimed one for 16 while two other Gulshan batsmen were run out.

Gulshan play Bangladesh Biman today at the Dhaka Stadium in the last play-off match to decide the sixth and the last qualifier for the super league.

# Norris stops Daniels

SAN DIEGO, Feb 23: Terry Norris successfully defended his World Boxing Council (WBC) super welterweight title against fellow American Carl Daniels on Saturday when the referee stopped the fight at 2:37 of the ninth round, reports Reuter.

The bout was stopped after Norris pinned Daniels to the ropes and then knocked him to the canvas with a pair of combinations.

The win improved Norris's record to 31-3. Daniels, who had been ranked fifth by the WBC lost for the first time in 27 fights.

Negotiations are under way for Norris's next defence, probably in Europe this spring against former champion Aaron Davis, who is ranked third by the WBC.

"I just want to keep building myself up," Norris said, "I feel like there is not one in the world who can beat me."

Despite more than 20 bouts Daniels had little experience fighting in the upper Echelons. Daniels tried to take the fight to Norris in the first two

rounds and he was fresh enough to evade most of the hooks and jabs Norris fired at him. He even managed to connect a few times himself.

"He had quicker hands than I thought and he came out pumped up," said Norris.

In the hard fought third round, however, the game Daniels began to slow down and came out of the round with a bloodied nose and the momentum swinging to Norris.

"In the first two or three rounds I thought I could box my way out of it, but he thought of something and it must have worked," Daniels said.

With Norris's hometown crowd cheering him on, Daniels tried to dance away from the champ and draw out the inevitable, but he was not able to avoid Norris's sniping or mount much of a counterattack.

Norris blasted Daniels with a right that closed his left eye in the sixth round.

In the ninth, Daniels was knocked down, he got quickly to his feet, but was finished off moments later by Norris's closing flurry.

# Majumder snooker results

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Ten first round robin league matches were decided by the second day of the inaugural FH Majumder memorial snooker championship at the Narayanjan Club, Sunday.

Muniruzzaman Bachehu of host Narayanjan Club beat Jamaluddin Ahmed of Comilla Club by 3-0 frames; Yakub Sattar of the same club beat Siddiq Rahim of Chittagong Club by three frames to one; Syed Mahbub, the national snooker federation secretary who is representing Dhaka Club beat Monir Hossain of the host club in a keen contest by 3-2 frames; Sarder Iftekhar, the former national tennis champion playing for the Engineers' Club beat Md Amirullah of Dhaka Club by 3-0 frames; Syed Mahbub posted his second win in the preliminary league by beating Rafiuddin Bablu of Gulshan Club 3-1 frames; NC Ghosh of Narayanjan Club got a walkover against Manwar Ahmed of Comilla Station Club; Jamaluddin Ahmed of Comilla Club beat

Anwar Hossain of Narayanjan Club by 3-1 frames; Rafiqul Islam of Narayanjan Club beat KP Akbar Ali of Gulshan Club by 3-0 frames; JFD Costa of Dhaka Club beat teammate Ziauddin Aslam 3-1 frames; and former national champion Rashedul Ameen Bappa of Dhaka Club beat S Mansur Haider of Comilla Station Club by 3-0 frames.

Twenty-eight players, split into eight groups, are competing in the best-of-five frames preliminary robin league which will be followed by the pre-quarter-finals.

"I feel as though she was lying" Dinkins said. "Maybe not about the act that took place, but the part she had in it. She was too rehearsed. This girl is being protected all the way. She is being shielded.

This lady got herself into a situation, and she is using this tactic to get out of it.

"She has done what she said she wanted to get done. She will not change any minds tonight."

Dinkins said, he doesn't believe Washington's story that she was naive to accompany Tyson to his room at the Canterbury hotel, where the incident occurred.

"There is no doubt that she will prosper monetarily", Dinkins said. "Why has she said she is not after any money but has said she hasn't decided on whether to file a civil suit if she isn't looking for money."

Washington, 19, of Coventry, R.I. said she hoped appearing on national television would sway her critics.

"If they still feel negatively toward me after this interview, then there is nothing I can do," Washington told interviewer Barbara Walters.



England first bowler Chris Lewis runs across Indian batsman Ravi Shastri in an attempt to get the ball early in the Indian innings in Perth on Feb 22. England narrowly defeated India by 9 runs.

# McColgan sets world record



BIRMINGHAM, England, Feb 23: Liz McColgan wrote one more chapter in her remarkable success story here on Saturday when she produced another strength-sapping solo run to break the world indoor 5,000m record, reports AFP.

McColgan, the world 10,000m champion from Scotland, pulled the record out of the hat less than an hour after Algerian Noureddine Moreci had obliterated the 1,000m world record — the first time two new world bests had been set on the same day at a meeting in Britain.

McColgan ran alone for 25 exhausting laps to shatter the previous record by 10 seconds.

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# Hughes rekindles United's hopes

LONDON, Feb 23: Mark Hughes, Manchester United's goal-hustling striker, revived his side's flagging pursuit of the English league title on Saturday, reports Reuter.

The man dubbed "Sparky" by his team mates produced another typically lively performance on Saturday and scored both goals in Manchester's 2-0 win against Crystal Palace, their first victory for five games.

It was precisely the kind of inspirational display that manager Alex Ferguson hoped would result from his team's two-week rest and boosted United's quest for their first championship in 25 years after an indifferent last few weeks.

United had won only two of their last seven league games before Saturday as a packed programme of Cup and League matches sapped their strength.

"Before this break, I felt that 11 games in 44 days had taken its toll," said Ferguson.

Victory calmed tense nerves at Old Trafford and.

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# No dopers found

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Nimble midfielder Uttam scored twice in the second match of yesterday's Star First Division football league to write a three-nil victory script for federation Cup champions Brothers Union against Farashganj Sporting Club. The winners led by a goal the first half.

Although the Gopibagh boys enjoyed the better of the exchanges and kept up pressure on their opponents Farashganj put up a spirited display and with an ounce of luck they could have reduced the margin.

Brothers, who collected 13 points from seven matches after yesterday's win, was put into the lead one minute before the short whistle. Uttam fired a low grounder into the net after Ahmed had sent a cross from the left flank 1-0.

Fifteen minutes into the second half Uttam doubled the margin with a placing shot 2-0.

Ponir, the Brothers custodian, pulled off a brilliant save as Salahuddin of Farashganj had a shy at the goal. Farashganj was deprived of another chance to reduce the margin when Shimul's shot grazed past the post midway through the second half.

Samart, who came in as a replacement for Waseem, sealed the fate of the match in the last minute of the match when he powerfully headed home a Jagu centre from the left.

The first match of the day, between Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation and Bangladesh Police ended in a goalless draw.

With both teams showing a pronounced inclination to confine the tussle to the midfield, one could not help smelling an 'arranged affair.'

**TODAY'S MATCHES**  
Muktijoddha vs Agrani Bank (3 pm)  
PWD vs Sadharan Bima (5 pm)

# Pioneer soccer

Sports Reporter  
Gulbagh KC and Govt Printing Press fought to a goalless draw in the first match of the Janata Bank Pioneer football super league played at the Outer Stadium, yesterday.

The match, which was marked by rather boisterous play, saw Md Farid, Khairul Islam and Mazharul Islam of Gulbagh KC and Abdus Saki of Printing Press receiving yellow cards.

The other match of the day, between Aganagar PMS and Spandan KC, also ended in a draw, both teams scoring once.

Latifur Rahman scored for the Spandan while Md Selim of Alamnagar levelled the margin.

Firoz Alam and Faruk Ahmed of Alamnagar PMS were shown yellow cards for rough play.