

Saikat sends Gulshan on a spin

Sports Reporter

Victoria Sporting Club joined the second round qualifiers of the 14th Damal Summer cricket championship with an emphatic 38-run victory against Gulshan Youth Club at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

For the second consecutive day the stage belonged to a young promising cricketer. After Kainbagan's Pilot had distinguished himself on Sunday

with an abortive but highly commendable innings Saikat, the young left-arm spinner of Victoria Sporting Club put paid to the glimmer of Gulshan hopes with a superb exhibition of spin bowling that earned

two for twenty. Asif was costly, giving away 59 runs for his one wicket while the senior of the two Shabbirs took one for 20 in four overs.

Gulshan did not begin too badly as Liton and Mamun gar-

Prince for 13 while Liton fell to the guiles of Saikat to become first of the young bowler's six victims. He made 23.

Arun Lal, the bearded Indian cricketer with considerable experience of Test cricket, became Saikat's second victim for 36.

Lal's compatriot Ashok Malhotra, another Test veteran, reached the thirties before perishing to the right-arm off-spin of Selim Shahed. The portly Haryana-born player scored 34.

The rest of the Gulshan batting was simply mesmerised by Saikat who bowled in tandem with the two offices — Rubel and Shahed — to bowl out the team from the tournament for 157 in 33.5 overs.

Saikat's staggering analysis of six for 30 was well supported by Selim Shahed's two for 47 and Rubel's one for 24.



SAIKAT ... 6 for 30



GAUTAM SOME ... 62

him a gorgeous analysis of nearly eight overs, one maiden, thirty runs and six wickets!

Saikat, who a couple of years ago had engineered a Mohammedan defeat to Surja Tarun with a similar six-wicket haul, spun a web around the Gulshan batsmen who had two former Indian Test players — Arun Lal and Ashok Malhotra — in their ranks yesterday.

Sent in to bat, Victoria were off to reasonable good start with Roqibul and his son Sajid laying a solid foundation of 68 runs for the first wicket.

Sajid scored 37 while his father departed for 22 before Selim Shahed and Calcuttan Gautam Some dug in further to help the innings spread runs.

Shahed scored a solid 47 before being run out while Gautam Some hit a fine half-century, 62 to be precise, off only 55 balls to gear up things for a costly cruising Victoria.

Although Raja Venkat, the other Calcutta recruit of Victoria did not play yesterday, the side with several local stars managed a healthy total of 195 for five wickets.

Medium-pacer Ehsan was the pick of the barely successful Gulshan bowlers bagging

nered 27 for the first wicket. Mamun was bowled by medium-pacer Golam Nowsher

S Bima beat Wari

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A fine allround performance by Zia of Wari Club was sunk in the mire of defeat as his team crashed out of the Damal Summer cricket tournament following a 30-run defeat to a spirited Sadharan Bima Krita Sangsha at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Zia took four wickets as Bima scored only 147 for six wickets after having decided to bat first.

Dear of Bima top scored with 45 off 85 balls which included three hits to the fence.

Boglu batted enterprisingly down the order to smack a punishing 34 off 38 balls, also containing three boundaries.

Opener and captain Towab made a patient 23 while paceman Nakib had just enough time to chip in with an unbeaten 13 off 15 balls.

Zia's four wickets cost him

32 runs. Asim took for 33. Nakib started from where he had left off in the previous match and had two Wari batsmen back in the pavilion pretty quickly to throw cold water on any positive plan the chasers might have conjured.

Skipper Didar hit a quickish 18 with one sixer and a four before falling to Dear and only a gritty 25 by Zia procrastinated the inevitable doom. Timir, who was conquered countless times, had the good fortune of remaining unconquered on 26 when the last Wari wicket fell, at 117, off the second ball of the 42nd over.

Halm Babu, the right-arm spinner took two for 19 while Nakib bagged two for 18. Litu, Dear and David took one each.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Abahani vs Evergreen (Dhaka Stadium)

Dhanmondi vs Surja Tarun (DCS)

Olympics didn't cost the exchequer a paisa, JS told

The government did not spend any money for participating in the Barcelona Olympics, rather it saved Tk 1,25,000, State Minister for Sports Sadeq Hossain told Jatiya Sangsad yesterday, reports UNB.

Replying to a question from Mizanur Rahman Manu (Dinajpur), the minister informed the House that a 9-member delegation including six sportsmen and three officials represented the country in the Olympics.

He said that the sportsmen took part in various events of athletics, swimming and shooting.

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) bore all the expenses of the delegation, he informed the House.

Replying to another question, the minister said that the National Sports Council will distribute sports materials worth about Tk 25 lakh through the parliament members during fiscal 1992-93.

Besides, the Sports Directorate will purchase sports materials worth about Tk 60 lakh this year, he said, adding that the Ministry of Youth and Sports had proposed to increase the funds.

He informed the House that the National Sports Council purchases the sports materials from China, Japan, Korea, India, Pakistan, France and Taiwan through international tenders. Besides, the Directorate also purchases materials locally through proper tender.

B' ball league resumes today

Sports Reporter

After a 11-day break the Partex First Division basketball super league resumes at the Outer Stadium wooden-floor gymnasium this afternoon with defending champions Angels Club taking on Panthers SC.

The league remained postponed from October 16 to 26 due to 'unavoidable' reasons, a jargon popular with our sports federations.

Angels have collected four points from two matches so far while Panthers are at the bottom of the six-team super league.

Azad Boys Club, the only other unbeaten team in the group, led the points table with three straight wins with last year's runners-up Dhaka Winners Club who also have six points from four matches with a two against two record.

The Greys Club have five points from three encounters, with a two to one record.

Dhukmetu, like Panthers, have yet to win a match and are at the bottom of the table.

Muktijoddha in Kalinga Cup semis

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CUTTACK, Oct 26: Muktijoddha from Bangladesh moved into the semifinals of the Kalinga Cup football tournament defeating George Telegraph by three goals to one here today, reports PTI.

Muktijoddha, fitted directly into the quarterfinals of the tournament, displayed a splendid team spirit and with a better blend of football kept their opponents under pressure right from the kick off. However, the first success came in the 40th minute through centre forward Reaz.

After the change-over, Rana scored the second goal for the Bangladesh team from a spot kick, while left out Heera made it three-nil in the 23rd minute.

Striker Tapanjana of George Telegraph reduced the margin in the 32nd minute.

Hooligans again

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MIAMI, Oct 26: Nineteen people received minor cuts and bruises after football fans pounding on a glass partition at a stadium broke it and sent glass flying into a lower level during Sunday's Indianapolis-Miami NFL game, authorities said, reports AP.

Jose Herrera, spokesman for Metro-Dade Fire and Rescue, said Ambulances took at least four people to a hospital after the evening incident during Indianapolis' 37-29 victory. Many people went in their own cars to area hospitals for treatment, he said.

Stadium manager Glenn Monn was unavailable for comment late Sunday.

Jansher, Dittmar set for another showdown

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AMSTERDAM, Oct 26: Jansher Khan and Chris Dittmar looked set for a repeat of last month's World Open squash final as they moved in to the semifinals of the Dutch Open on Sunday, reports Reuter.

But Pakistan's world number one Jansher hardly looked convincing as he struggled for 67 minutes to beat Brett Martin of Australia 15-8, 15-13, 11-15, 15-12 in the quarterfinals.

Martin, bidding to restore family pride after the shock defeat of his brother Rodney in the second round, fought superbly and was unlucky not to take the match into a deciding game after leading 10-5 in the fourth.

Martin, ranked sixth in the world, was victim of a series of disputed refereeing decisions, and at the end of the match the usually calm Australian threw his racket across the court in disgust.

"It's not often that you get the chance to beat this man, and when you do a referee just takes it away from you," Martin said.

Dittmar, in contrast, had a comfortable passage in to the last four.

The Australian world number two crushed unseeded Welshman Adrian Davies 15-8, 15-8, 15-9 in 39 minutes and now meets England number one Peter Marshall, conqueror of Rodney Martin, for a place in the final.

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In the Navana Premier Division cricket league, six top teams out of the eleven will qualify for the super league. The five last teams will fight for at the top division with the bottom three of the quintet being relegated to the Milnars First Division league next season.

Five teams will make it to the super league of the Milnars First Division comprising ten teams. The last two teams of the relegation play-offs will be demoted to Division Two.

The Navana Premier Division league will begin two days after the final of the ongoing 14th Damal Summer cricket tournament. However, the Milnars league is scheduled for a November 6 opening.

Meanwhile, the second round of the Damal Summer meet is likely to begin from October 30.

India given hearty welcome in SA

Sports Reporter

JOHANNESBURG, Oct 26: India became the first team to tour South Africa since the country's re-admission to world cricket and received a tumultuous welcome on Monday upon arrival at Jan Smuts Airport, reports AFP.

Hundreds of cheering supporters turned up and formed a guard of honour as the team entered the arrivals hall.

The Indians are scheduled to play four Tests and seven one-day internationals against the South Africans.

The first warm-up game takes place on Thursday, while the opening Test will take place in Durban on November 13.

Indian captain Mohammad Azharuddin told journalists he was "delighted to be here," and was anticipating a tough series between the two countries.

United Cricket Board of South Africa managing director Ali Bacher said it was a "tremendous day in the history of South Africa," and he hoped the Indian presence would help heal the divisions in South African society.

Among the Indians' many engagements on the tour will be a meeting with African National Congress president Nelson Mandela.

South Africa were allowed back into the international cricketing fold last year as a worldwide boycott was lifted following reforms to dismantle the apartheid system.

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Zia receives trophy & cheque

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dedicated in the annals of the QM Hossain tournament.

Zia who now awaits the official recognition of his international Master title, completed his second norm in this tournament raising his rating to 2400 in the process.

The tournament also brought some special benefits for two Bangladeshi players — Khandaker Kayes Hassan and Jamilur Rahman. Both these players now have the status of being rated players.

Meanwhile, the Prantik Chess tournament, scheduled to begin from tomorrow, may be deferred by a day or two because of the feared delay in the arrival of the foreign players.

Of those who played in the QM Hossain tournament, Pakistani IM Lodhi and Indian IM Lanka Ravi will take part in this tournament too.

Ziaur Rahman is one of the notable omissions from the Prantik tournament which offers a cash award of Taka 25,000 to the champion.



Players of Dhaka University, last year's runners-up, during a practice session at the Hockey Stadium yesterday. Star-studded DU are in the final round of the Sher-e-Bangla national soccer championship. —Star photo