

## BUET cagers in V-Day semis

**Sports Reporter**

Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) moved into the semifinals of the 1992 Victory Day basketball tournament with an emphatic 69-30 victory against Bangladesh Army Greens at the Outer Stadium wooden-floor gymnasium yesterday.

BUET will take on reigning national basketball champions Bangladesh Navy in the semifinals tomorrow, December 16, the Victory Day.

The other semifinal between Bangladesh Army Reds and yet-to-be decided winners of the Group A final between the 1992 First Division league champions Azad Boys Club and Josephites Club which ended in a flasco Sunday, will also be held on the same day.

The semifinals were earlier scheduled to be held today, Tuesday. However, the final of the Victory Day championship will be held on December 17 as was initially scheduled.

The Group A championship deciding match between Azad Boys and Josephites Club was abandoned only 32 seconds before time with Azad Boys leading by 82 points to 52.

The Bangladesh Amateur Basketball Federation, the organisers of the meet, are likely to decide the issue today.

In yesterday's match, BUET led the first session 35-17.

Tipu and Titas scored 13 and 12 points respectively for BUET while Mahbub caged nine points for Army Greens.

## DU picks 11 cagers

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Dhaka University has called up eleven players for the forthcoming 16th national basketball championships, scheduled for December 19-25 as part of the quadrennial Bangladesh Games at the Outer Stadium wooden-floor gym.

The players — Asif Zafar, Saeed, Asghar Hossain, Imon, Wahid, Rajeev, Toufique, Aslam, Mobay, Barshan and Julian — have been asked to be at the university gymnasium at 11 am today.

## Lankans leave, finally

**Sports Reporter**

The stranded Shri Lankan cricket team finally left Dhaka for home yesterday.

Forced to stay in Dhaka after an abrupt postponement of the ill-fated four-nation SAARC cricket tournament the Sri Lankans were the last to leave after Pakistan and India teams.

Departure of the foreign teams were delayed because of the volatile situation all over the subcontinent following the demolition of a mosque in India. Disruption in flight operations in Calcutta and Delhi forced the Indian squad to leave in fragments.

# Dhaka, DU post easy wins

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Earlier, the last Games champions Bangladesh Army, Dhaka Education Board, and Rajshahi DSA secured berths in the eight-team final round.

BUET, who had trounced Pirojpur DSA 6-0 Sunday, woke up to a bitter reality yesterday as Dhaka, comprising national players, forced a 3-0 lead at the breather with consummate ease.

Sadek opened the account for the winners in the fifth minute, cashing in on a penalty corner.

Centre-forward Jamil Parvez Lulu doubled the margin with a field goal 15 minutes later.

Khawaja Irtaza Kader Guddu made the most of a penalty corner in the 23rd minute.

Veteran Barkatullah Chapal scored the fourth Dhaka goal shortly after the resumption again from a penalty corner.

The veteran Lulu weaved his way through the BUET defenders to sound the board in the 63rd minute and Chapal took a cue from him to complete the tally with another

field goal two minutes later.

Dhaka DSA forced five penalty corners while BUET, always struggling against the wind, could manage none.

**DU DOMINATE**

The first match of the day also saw the rather tedious dominance of one side with Dhaka University holding the whip hand.

Interestingly enough, DU had to wait till the 58th minute of the match for the inevitable breakthrough, mainly because of the clumsy finishing of their front-liners.

Alamgir Alam relieved his team-mates and supporters in the 58th minute when his well-directed hit off a penalty corner beat the Gazipur custodian all ends up (1-0).

Two minutes later Gias-i-Noor sealed the fate of the match with a field goal (2-0). Mamunur Rashid rounded off the day in the 62nd minute from a penalty corner (3-0).

**TODAY'S MATCHES**

Patuakhali vs Sylhet (1.30 pm) Jessore vs Munshiganj (3 pm)

**Defending champions Dhaka DSA gave Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) a taste of their own medicine when they thrashed the students six-nil in one of the two matches of 15th national hockey championship at the Hockey Stadium yesterday.**

In the first match of the day, Dhaka University registered a comfortable three-nil victory against Gazipur DSA.

Both Dhaka DSA and Dhaka University, the fourth Bangladesh Games runners-up, have qualified for the final round of this year's national championship to be held as part of the fifth Bangladesh Games scheduled for December 18 to 25 in the city.

**Abarani cricket**

**Sports Reporter**

Shahabuddin and Hashem were devastating with ball to give Sunshine Cricketers a comfortable 71-run win over Plabon Sangsad in the Abarani Cup cricket tournament at the Armanitola ground yesterday.

Sent in to bat, Sunshine Cricketers scored 136 for the loss of six wickets in their quota of 30 overs. Shahnaz hit a breezy with 39 with three fours and a couple of over boundaries followed by Fardin with 16 and Hashem an unbeaten 13. However, the top scorer's slot went to extras which provided some 41 runs.

Chasing a target of just over 4.5 runs an over, the Plabon batsmen were all at sea against the fierce bowling of Shahabuddin and Hashem.

Shahabuddin claimed four wickets for 12 runs and Hashem three for 14 as the Plabon innings crumbled for just 65 with no batsman crossing into double digits. Once again extras contributed most runs to the Plabon total with 31. Tanzim gave able support to Shahabuddin and Hashem with figures of two for 15.

Islamabad Kishore Sangha will take on EK Jhak Paira in today's match.



Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation (BJMC) retained their women's national volleyball championship title beating Ansars at the Outer Stadium volleyball court yesterday.

## Army, BJMC stay champs

**Sports Reporter**

It was once again history repeating itself when Bangladesh Army beat arch-rivals Bangladesh Navy to clinch the BGIC 16th national men's volleyball title at the Outer Stadium volleyball court yesterday.

The big crowd which gathered at the volleyball court to witness the final between the familiar foes must have recalled the 15th national final held earlier this year when the

soldiers had gotten the better of the sailors.

But for Army, victory in this year's final was much easier compared to the last occasion when they were extended to five sets before finally prevailing by three sets to two.

Yesterday Army outplayed Navy by three sets to one.

It was Army's fourth national title in a row while Navy had to settle for the second best five years in succession.

**ROLL OF HONOUR**

Following is the roll of honour of the national men's volleyball:

Year	Champions	Runners-up
1973	Dhaka DSA	Comilla DSA
1974	Dhaka DSA	Kushtia DSA
1975	Dhaka DSA	Tangail DSA
1976	Tangail DSA	B Air Force
1977	Dhaka DSA	B Air Force
1979	Dhaka University	Tangail DSA
1981	Wapda	Bangladesh Rifles
1982	Bangladesh Army	Bangladesh Rifles
1983	Bangladesh Army	Bangladesh Army
1985	Bangladesh Navy	Bangladesh Rifles
1986	Bangladesh Rifles	Bangladesh Navy
1987	Bangladesh Army	Bangladesh Navy
1989-90	Bangladesh Army	Bangladesh Army
1992	Bangladesh Army	Bangladesh Navy
1992-93	Bangladesh Army	Bangladesh Navy

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1981	Khulna	Rajshahi
1982	Khulna	Rajshahi
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1985	Khulna	Rajshahi
1986	Khulna	Bangladesh Ansars
1987	Khulna	Ansars
1989-90	Khulna	Dinajpur
1992	BJMC	Rangpur
1992-93	BJMC	Bangladesh Ansars

At one stage in the third set some spectators even booed and pelted stones at the soldiers following a controversial call by referee A S M Mofazzal Hossain. Army won the third set 15-8 and then had very little problem in clinching the issue by winning the fourth set 15-10.

One thing to the credit of the soldiers was that they never lost their cool which perhaps helped them win the prestigious contest.

A tremendous late rally by Air Force helped them secure the third position in the play off against Bangladesh Rifles earlier in the morning.

The border guards, who bagged the first two sets quite convincingly 15-6 and 15-8, ran out of steam and lost the final three sets to Air Force 11-15, 11-15 and 10-15.

Eleven teams in four groups competed in the men's event with the four group champions playing in the semifinals.

The women's meet was participated by seven teams in two groups with the top two teams from each group moving into the semifinals.

The top eight male and six female teams of the national championships will participate in the volleyball competitions for the fifth Bangladesh Games scheduled for December 18 to 25.

Law Minister Mirza Golam Hafiz distributed the prizes as chief guest. M A Samad, Chairman and Managing Director of the Bangladesh General Insurance Company, the sponsors was present as a special guest.

The national championships, which began on December 10, were organised by the Bangladesh Volleyball Federation.

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He replaces left-armers Brett Schiltz who played in just one of the first four matches.

Pringle was injured when the ball went through the gap above his visor last month.

While he has played no senior cricket since then, Pringle proved his fitness in a club match on Saturday.

**Squad:** Kepler Wessels (captain), Andrew Hudson, Peter Kirsten, David Callaghan, Jonty Rhodes, Hansie Cronje, Brian McMillan, Dave Richardson, Craig Matthews, Alan Donald, Fanie de Villiers, Meryick Pringle.

## Richardson may play in Windies' next WSC tie

**MELBOURNE, Dec 14:** Inspirational West Indies captain Rich Richardson rates himself an even chance of playing in Tuesday's World Series Cup cricket one-dayer against Australia at the Melbourne Cricket Ground, reports AFP.

Richardson, who has shouldered much of the batting responsibility on the tour of Australia, damaged his lower back during last Saturday's four-run win over Pakistan in Adelaide.

Richardson said here Monday he would have a fitness test prior to the start of the clash between the two leading WSC teams.

"I'll see again tomorrow how I feel, but it has been improving really fast," he said.

"I think there's an even chance I'll play. My problem is when I throw the ball and also when I swing the bat. I feel the pain then but I feel a lot better than yesterday and I'm getting a lot of treatment, so I'm very hopeful."

Should Richardson not play against Australia the tourists will be led by vice-captain Gus Logie, who skipped the side while Richardson was off the field seeking treatment during last Saturday's match.

Australia head the WSC standings with five points from the West Indies on four and world champions Pakistan three.

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## Wessels guides SA to win

**JOHANNESBURG, Dec 14:** Kepler Wessels led his South African side to a commanding 3-1 lead over India in the seven-match day-night series with another solid innings on Sunday, reports Reuter.

Wessels, who has made at least 30 in all four matches, scored 45 after being dropped on seven as South Africa eased to a six-wicket victory with nine balls to spare.

Arguably an equally important contribution was winning the toss as India struggled in difficult early conditions to be held to 161 for nine in their 50 overs.

Only skipper Mohammad Azharuddin batted with any comfort on a wicket livened by being under covers for almost 48 hours.

His 49 was the highest score of a match dominated by bowlers, particularly South African opening pair of Allan Donald (three for 27 in 10 overs) and Fanie de Villiers (one for 24 in 10).

Donald's opening spell was a mixture of penetrative peace and wild deliveries with five wickets being given away in the five overs.

But he only conceded five off the bat in that spell, dismissing Friday's centurion Woorkeri Raman for nought and Praveen Amre for two in five balls.

Donald then returned to capture Sachin Tendulkar's (21) wicket just as he was looking dangerous.

Kapil Dev had bad luck, suffering an ankle injury that

made him cut his run up to a handful of places. He still bowled three tight overs before going off for treatment.

The injury, which may keep him out of Tuesday's match in Bloemfontein, followed the anguish of seeing Wessels inexplicably dropped by Azharuddin at second slip.

There were three calls for television replay judgements in South Africa's innings with India eventually rewarded when Dave Callaghan (12) was run out from Ajay Jadeja's direct hit.

By then, however, Jonty Rhodes (42 not out) was taking South Africa to a victory he celebrated with a six and the man-of-the-match award. A crowd of 30,000 watched.

Rain caused the match to be postponed from Saturday to Sunday, and the wet turf helped the bowlers and fielders keep the run rates down.

The two sides play three more one-day matches to finish the seven-match series on India's first-ever tour of South Africa.

Two official Tests, the first between the countries, ended in draws because of rain.

South Africa returned to international cricket last year after being banned two decades because of apartheid.

**SCOREBOARD**

Scores from South Africa's six-wicket win over India in the fourth one-day international in Johannesburg on Sunday.

**INDIA:**

A D Jadeja lbw b Callaghan 18  
W V Raman b Donald 0  
P K Amre lbw b Donald 2  
M Azharuddin c Richardson b Matthews 19

**SOUTH AFRICA:**

A C Hudson c Azharuddin b Kumble 22  
K C Wessels c Jadeja b Srinath 45  
P N Kirsten lbw b Srinath 21  
J N Rhodes not out 42  
D J Callaghan run out 12  
W J Cronje not out 11  
Extras: (lb-9, nb-1, w-2) 12  
Total: (Four wickets, 48.3 overs) 165  
Fall of wickets: 1-47; 2-88; 3-95; 4-133

**Bowling:**

O M R W  
Kapil 9 0 23 0  
Prabhakar 8 1 24 0  
Tendulkar 3 0 4 0  
Kumble 9 1 33 1  
Shastri 10 1 33 2  
Srinath 9.3 2 39 1