

### BCCB juniors lose by 1 run in Nepal

**Sports Reporter**  
The Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) youth under-19 team bowed out of the silver jubilee tournament in Birganj, Nepal.  
BCCB XI, placed directly in the quarterfinals, conceded a one-run defeat in the hands of Patna Cricket Association of India at the Narayani ground in Birganj last Friday, according to a faxed report sent by manager Roqibul Hassan, late Friday night.  
BCCB XI, comprising the promising young players of the country, after restricting their opponents to 129 in the allotted 40 overs, were all out for 128 in 32.5 overs.  
BCCB XI skipper Sharf-uddowlah ibne Shahid Saikat won the toss and asked the Patna Cricket Association to bat.  
Majhee registered the first success for BCCB XI when he dismissed opener Neeraj Kumar for two with the score-board reading eight.  
Then medium-pace Rahul got Ram Bhagat caught by Durjoy for 31.  
Rahul then dismissed Sanjiv Kumar with the score on 49.  
Wickets kept on falling at regular intervals and Patna were 109 for 9 towards the end of their innings. But Ahmed defied the Bangladesh attack and remained unconquered on 29 with the team total on 129 when overs ran out.  
Taran Kumar with 21 and Ajay Kumar with 17 were the other two Patna players to reach the double figures.  
Rahul, who plays for Uddy Club in the Navana league, with three wickets for 11 from seven overs was the pick of the Bangladesh bowlers while Majhee claimed two for 26 from eight overs.  
Skipper Saikat also bagged two for 26 from seven overs and Durjoy got one for 19 from five overs.  
In reply, despite some brave innings from Pilot, Sajid Hassan and Durjoy, the Bangladesh boys were dismissed for 128, two runs short of the target.  
Pilot, the promising wicket-keeper-batsmen of Kalabagan Krira Chakra, topscored with 42 while Sajid Hassan, son of manager Roqibul Hassan, who opened the innings with Shipon, made 35 and Durjoy got 24.  
No other Bangladesh batsmen could make the double figures.  
Sanjiv Kumar claimed three wickets for 18, and Manaj bagged two for 42 while Bhagat took one for 24 for the Patna Cricket Association.  
The Bangladesh team reportedly left Birganj for Kathmandu yesterday and is likely to return home today.

### FIDE infuriated

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"Fide has the legal title to the world championship and will take all necessary legal steps to protect those rights," the federation said in a statement released from its headquarters in Lucerne, Switzerland.  
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### FIH secretary general resigns

BRUSSELS, Feb 27: Spain's Juan Angel Calzado is resigning as Secretary General of the International Hockey Federation (FIH) here, reports AFP.  
The Spaniard, who has held the post since 1984, wants to pursue his professional interests. A replacement will be appointed in April.  
The FIH has also announced changes in Oceania, with New Zealand's David R Appleby taking over from Australian Finlay McNab as president of the regional federation. Australia's Pamela Tye has been named secretary general.

## Niaz outmaneuvers Norwood

**Sports Reporter**  
Niaz Murahed, the lone Grandmaster of the country, etched a spectacular win over English Grandmaster David Norwood in the seventh round of the ongoing Grandmasters' meet at the Jalsaghar of Hotel Purbani current national champion, moved within one and a half points of his first International Master title norm when he beat Indian Verghese Koshi. Refat adopted the Alpine variation of the Sicilian defence to force his opponent to resign on the 40th move. Refat needs six points to win his



Indian Grandmaster Dibyendu Barua (L) moves his rook's pawn during his seventh round tie against Bangladeshi IM Zillur Rahman Champak at the Jalsaghar, Hotel Purbani yesterday. After five consecutive losses Dibyendu got back to winning ways, registering his second win of the meet. — Star photo

dmaster in the fray. Daniel King, came out an easy winner against Indian IM Neeraj Kumar Mishra in only 23 moves. King, whose collection stands at four and a half points, played with white in a game of the Modern defence. Mishra has two to his name.  
Indian Grandmaster Dibyendu Barua found the winners' luck after the consecutive defeats when he took care of Bangladeshi IM Zillur Rahman Champak. Dibyendu needed 34 moves in a game of Advance variation of the French Defence.  
FIDE Master Ziaur Rahman split point with International Master Arun Vaidya of India. Zia, who also drew with Koshi in their adjourned sixth-round match, preferred the Catalan system but found it was taking him nowhere after 44 moves. Zia has three and a half points while Vaidya took his tally to one and a half points.

### BTF warns two Lankan players

**Sports Reporter**  
The Bangladesh Tennis Federation (BTF) has warned Sri Lanka tennis players Lasith Dissanayake and Pravin Waas for misconduct with the umpire and referee as well as verbal abuse during the boys' doubles semifinal of the seventh Bangladesh International junior tennis championships which concluded in the city Friday.  
BTF sources said they would lodge an official complaint with the International Tennis Federation against the two players on five grounds—unreasonable delays, ball abuse, verbal abuse, abuse of racket, and unsportsmanlike conduct.  
The semifinal between Lasith-Pravin and Subel Malhotra (India)-Chandragupia Soya (Sri Lanka) was held up for 45 minutes when the two accused Lankan argued with the umpire in an unbecoming manner on Wednesday evening.

### Pioneer soccer

**Sports Reporter**  
Nobodoy Sangha trounced Sonali Krira Sangha by eight goals to nil in one of the twelve matches of the Janata Bank Pioneer football league at the Mirpur Outer Stadium yesterday.  
Following are the brief results of the other matches of the day:  
At the Outer Stadium KR Boys Sporting Club beat Amigola Tarun Sangha by five goals to one and Adhshah Smriti Sangsad drew goalless with Mukta Bihanga Tarun Sangha.  
At the Dhanmondi Club Ground, Khwaze Dewan Juba Samaj beat Lalbagh KC 2-1.  
At the Jagannath College ground, Maniknagar Unnayan Samity and Eastern Football drew goalless.  
At the Banani ground, Kawranbazar Pragati Sangha beat Uttara SC 2-1 and Tejgon Naba Taranga Sangha swamped Eastern SC 8-0.  
At the Mahakhali T & T ground, Dipali Juba Sangha received a walkover against Berad XI.  
At the Lalmatia Housing Society ground, Islampur Uttaran Samity defeated Mohammad Ali SC 1-0.  
At the Bashabo ground, Gulbagh KC trounced Mirkadim KC 5-0; and Ek Jhak Patra beat Titas SC 4-0.

### Holford insists it's poor batting not the pitch

**JOHANNESBURG, Feb 27:** West Indies cricket manager David Holford said on Friday that poor batting, not the pitch, was to blame for Pakistan's collapse against his side on Thursday, reports Reuter.  
West Indies bowled Pakistan out for 43 at Newlands in Cape Town, the lowest total in international one-day cricket. West Indies made 45 for three and the game was over in less than three hours.  
"I don't know why everybody is going on about the pitch," Holford said. "It wasn't a disgrace. Forty-three runs, now that was a disgrace."  
"People must get out of the habit of always laying the blame for poor batting at the door of the pitch."  
Leading South African cricket officials have threatened to stop using Newlands as an international venue and West Indies captain Richie Richardson said the pitch was very dangerous.  
But Holford insisted bad batting was to blame and cited the first-ball dismissal of West Indies opener Desmond Haynes.  
"The pitch had nothing to do with Des's dismissal. It was a poor shot, and frankly there were a lot of poor shots," he said. "I honestly don't believe the groundsman should be hauled over the coals."  
Newlands groundsman Dave Tamkin has been summoned to a disciplinary inquiry into his preparation of the pitch.  
He was given a written warning after the previous match at Newlands, between West Indies and South Africa, because the pitch was not covered during a storm two days before the game.  
The president of the Western Province Cricket Association, Percy Soon, said on Thursday the problem was that Newlands was not exclusively a cricket club.

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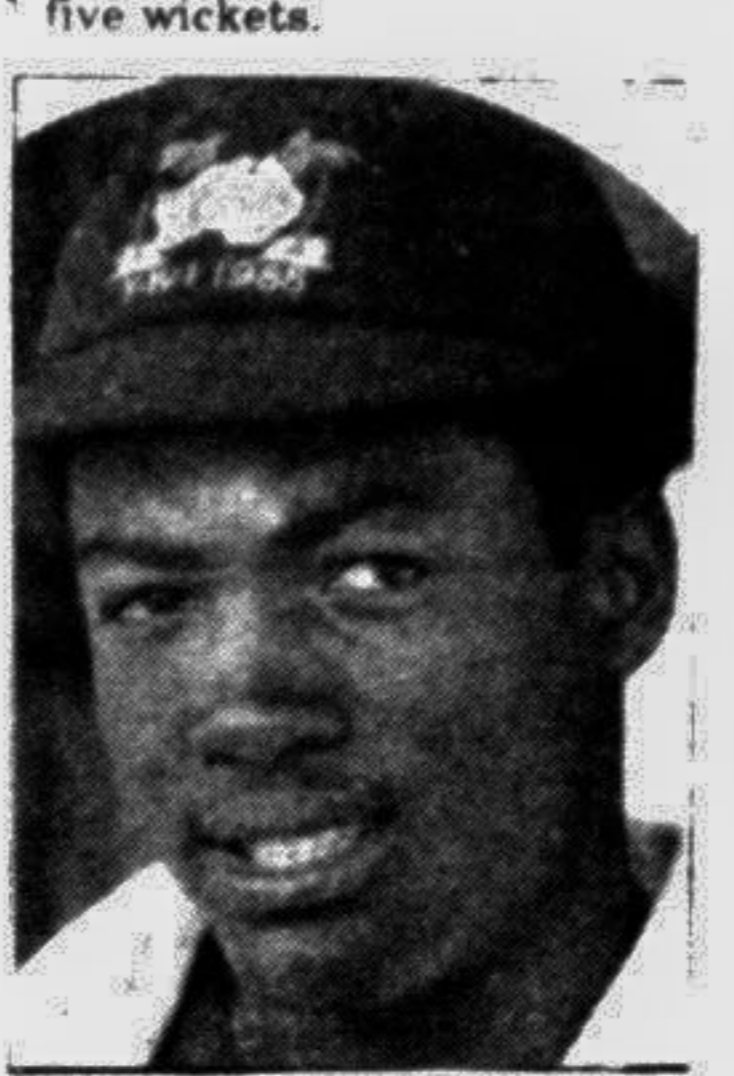
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## Windies deserving winners

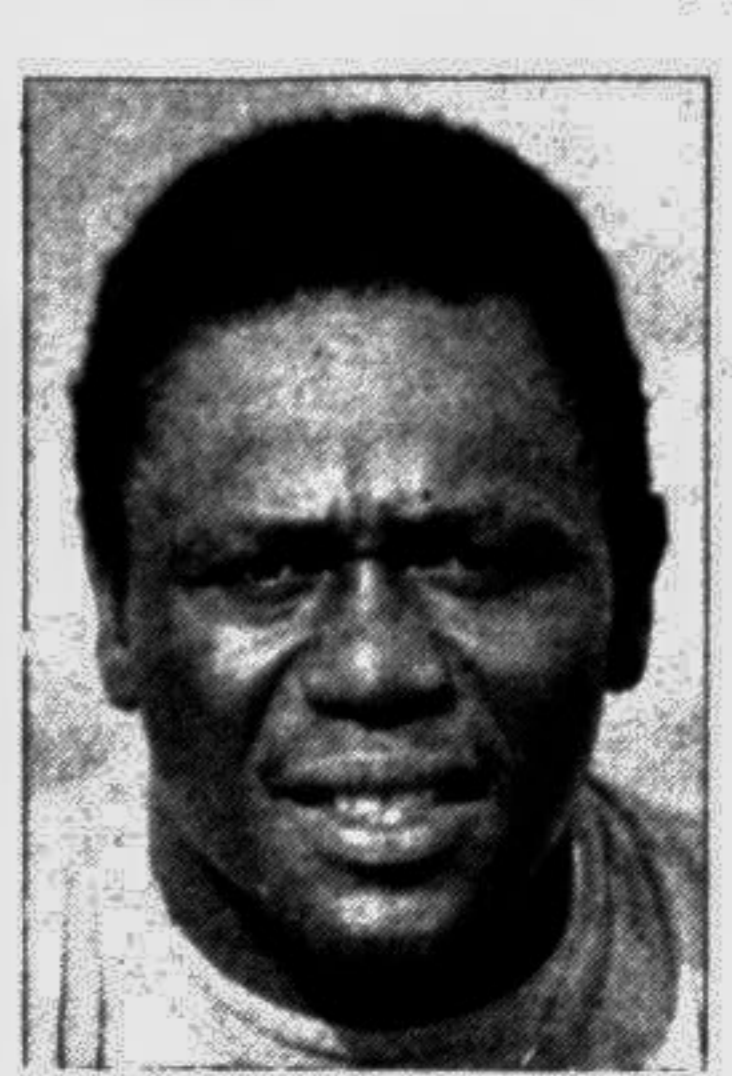
**JOHANNESBURG Feb 27:** A century opening stand by Desmond Haynes and Brian Lara spurred West Indies to a comfortable five-wicket win over world champions Pakistan in the final of the triangular one-day series here today, reports Reuter.  
His dismissal triggered a mini-collapse, four wickets going down for 30, but West Indies were never under any real pressure.  
They went into the final 15 overs needing just 28 to win with five wickets in hand. Gusa Logie made the target ac-



Pakistan vice-captain Waqar Younis writhes in pain after an Ian Bishop lifter hit him on the abdomen when he went for a pull during the final of the triangular series against the West Indies at the Wanderers Stadium in Johannesburg yesterday. West Indies won by five wickets. — Star TV photo



B LARA... man-of-series



D HAYNES... 8000-plus runs



AAMIR SOHAIL... m-o-m

The result was seldom in doubt after Pakistan, asked to bat first, were bowled out for a modest 187 in their 50 overs.  
West Indies completed their fourth victory over the world champions in this tournament with 10.2 overs to spare.  
Pakistan, seeking to erase the memory of their world record lowest one-day international score of 43 against West Indies in Cape Town on Thursday, never came to terms with losing half their wickets for 87.  
They spent 35 overs compiling 100—opener Aamir Sohail propping up the innings with 57 off 95 balls, and only some lusty late hitting by pace bowlers Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis gave the score respectability.  
Waqar hit off-spinner Carl Hooper for two successive sixes in making 37 off 35 balls and skipper Akram hammered 34 before being run out following a misunderstanding with Asif Mujtaba.  
But their efforts were put in perspective by the fluent batting of Haynes and Lara.  
During their stand of 112, Haynes, who made 59 off 75 balls, became the first player

demis, scoring freely off both Waqar and Akram in his unbeaten 41 as West Indies cruised home in 39.4 overs.  
Pakistan's only consolation was the man-of-the-match award, won by Sohail. He followed his half century with two for 32 from 10 overs of left-arm spin.  
Akram said he thought Pakistan were in with a chance of defending their 187 total if they had taken a couple of early wickets.  
But once Haynes and Lara had settled in he did not at any stage "feel his side would take the trophy."  
West Indies captain Richie Richardson said the one-day wins over the world champions had given his side a psychological boost for the home Test series against Pakistan starting next month.

Bowling	O	M	R	W
Akram	10	2	33	3
Walsh	10	3	28	0
Simmons	10	2	23	2
Bishop	10	0	46	2
Hooper	10	0	50	0

**WEST INDIES:**  
Haynes b Waqar 59  
Lara b Aamir Sohail 49  
Simmons b Waqar 45  
Hooper b Aaqib 12  
Richardson c Rameez b Aamir Sohail 11  
Logie not out 41  
Adams not out 5  
Extras: (lb-4, nb-3, w-1) 8  
Total: (For five wickets, 39.4 overs) 190  
Fall of wickets: 1-112; 2-114; 3-124; 4-142; 5-158  
Did not bat: Murray, Bishop, Ambrose, Walsh.

**SCOREBOARD**  
Scoreboard of the final between Pakistan and the West Indies in the triangular series which also includes South Africa at the Wanderers Stadium in Johannesburg on Saturday.  
**PAKISTAN:**  
Aamir Sohail c Hooper b Ambrose 57  
Mushaq Ahmed not out 0  
Aaqib Javed b Ambrose 0  
Extras: (lb7, w5, nb3) 15  
Total: (All out 50 overs) 187  
Falls: 1-46; 2-48; 3-55; 4-73; 5-87; 6-141; 7-142; 8-187; 9-187

**Bowling**  
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## Giants' 'no' to players' transfers

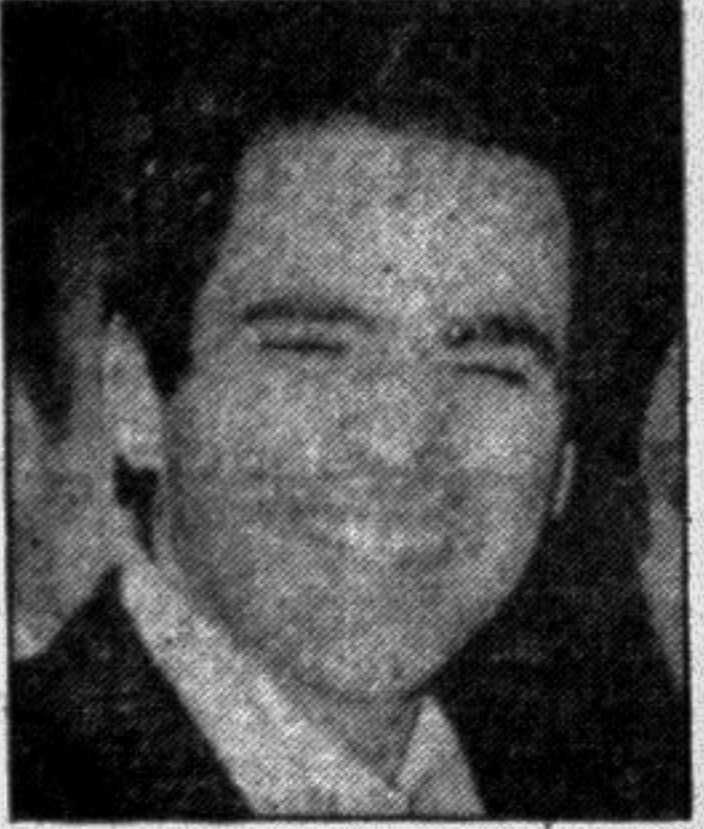
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not start immediately after the transfers, it would be meaningless to complete the player signings so hastily, because such huge sums of money are concerned.  
Abahani and Mohammedans reportedly succeeded in winning the support of eight other clubs when they held a meeting at the Arambagh Club premises yesterday with SA Sultan in the chair.  
The meeting unanimously protested the DMFA decision and said that they would not take part in the players' transfers in March, according to sources.  
However, they reportedly expressed their willingness to complete the transfers sometime in April if Bangladesh does not play in the World Cup qualifying rounds to be held in Japan and the United Arab Emirates in mid-April and

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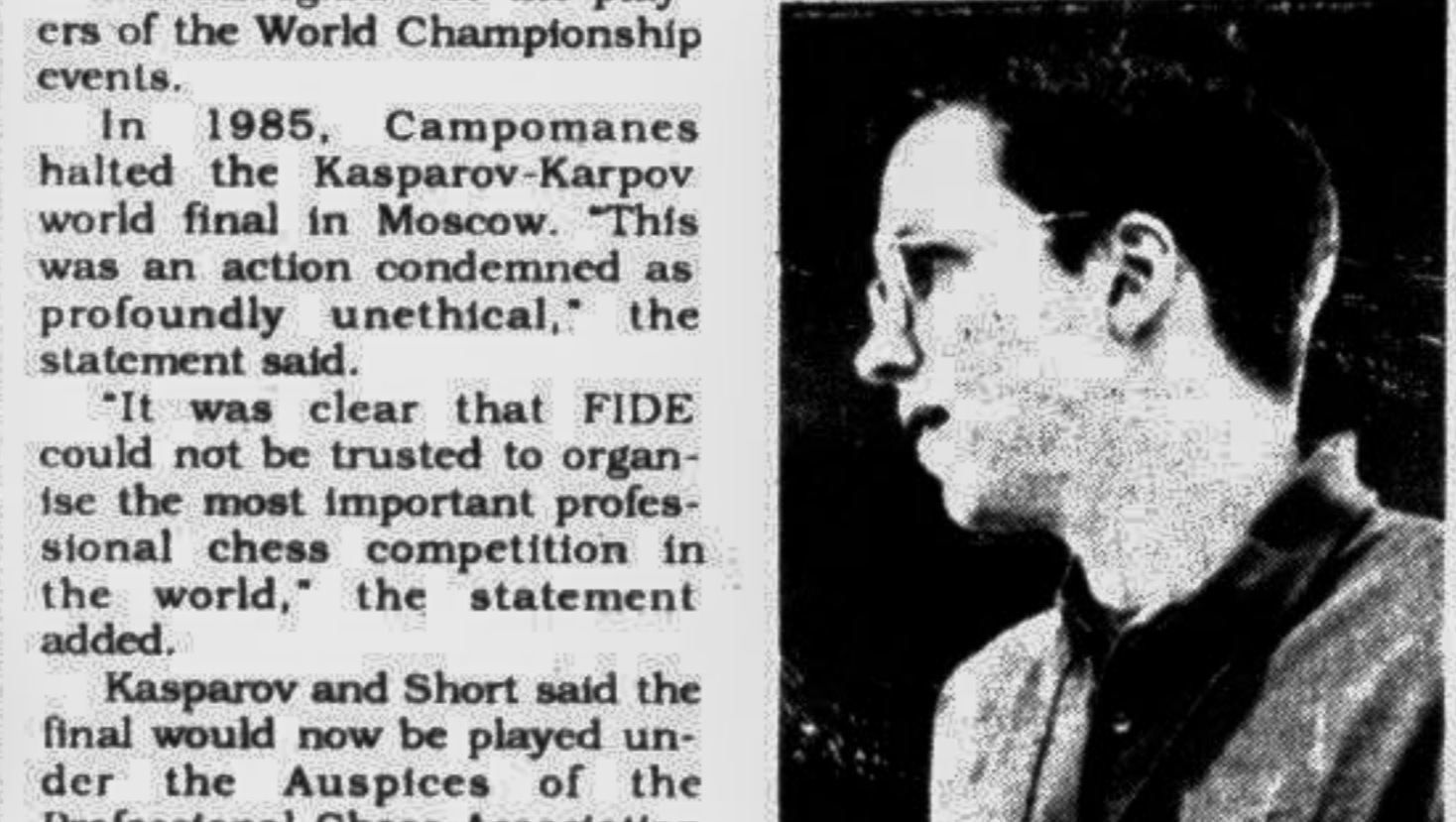
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## Kasparov unmoved

LINARES, Spain, Feb 27: Garry Kasparov stayed aloof on Friday as a storm raged over the world chess champion's rejection of the international body FIDE, reports Reuter.  
The Azeri-born champion who plays for Russia adjourned after six hours play and 60 moves against Russian Artur Yusupov



GARRY KASPAROV



NIGEL SHORT

Manchester was due to stage the 24-game match in August, under a FIDE decision announced earlier this week.  
But Short, 27, who is the first Briton this century to challenge for the world chess title, and Kasparov, 29, said they had not been consulted by FIDE before its decision.  
A spokesman at FIDE's headquarters in Lucerne, Switzerland, said the federation had no immediate comment.  
The statement was issued through Simpson's-in-the-Strand, London's foremost chess venue.  
Adam Black, spokesman of the British Chess Federation (BCF), said Short, who is in

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## Tangail reach zonal final

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At the Jhenidah Stadium, Nawabganj registered a massive 157-run victory against Sirajganj in the Group C quarterfinals.  
Electing to bat, Nawabganj amassed 241 for the loss of seven wickets in 35 overs, Jewel topscoring with 64 and Suman getting 31.  
Aziz and Shamsu made 26 each and Andren and Faisal collected 25 and 23 respectively.  
Tito and Pallab evenly shared four wickets between them for 34 and 64 respectively.  
Sirajganj were shot out for a paltry 84 in 30.4 overs with Nannu, Tito and Mamun making 30, 16 and 15 respectively.  
Zahid ripped through the Sylhet batting lineup claiming four wickets for 36 while Santur chipped in with two wickets for 13.  
In reply, Tangail found scoring difficult in the face of some accurate bowling by the Sylhet bowlers but somehow succeeded in leveling the score with one wicket in hand in 40 overs.  
Sajjad, Saikat, Mehdi and Nirmal made 26, 15, 12 and 10 respectively.  
Sylhet were directly placed in the semifinals while Tangail beat Sunamganj in the quarterfinals on February 25, the inaugural day of this year's youth cricket championship.  
Four other teams moved into their respective zonal semifinals yesterday. They were Nawabganj, Dhaka, Patuakhali and Joypurhat.

## Today's matches

Comilla: Chittagong vs Manikganj  
Tangail: Sherpur vs Kushtia  
Jhenidah: Comilla vs Satkhira  
Satkhira: Jhenidah vs Bakerganj  
Thakurgaon: Gaibandha vs Dinajpur

**Title retained**  
SEOUL, Feb 27: South Korea's Moon Sung-Kil retained his World Boxing Council (WBC) super-flyweight title with a first round victory against Hilario Zapata of Panama in Seoul on Saturday.