

Div II cricket

Sports Reporter
A breezy 95 from Monty of Gandaria Cricketers went in vain when they suffered a three-wicket defeat at the hands of Dhaka Wanderers Club in the only match of the Second Division cricket super league at the Dhanmondi Club ground yesterday.

Sent in to bat Gandaria Cricketers were all out for 196 in 39.4 overs with Monty top-scoring with 95 from 109 deliveries with the help of as many as 11 fours.

Bulbul made 27 off 49 balls and Rafique scored a 13-ball 14, hitting a six and a four.

Nital and Rana bagged two wickets each conceding 27 and 53 respectively while Jahangir and Gouri took a wicket apiece for Wanderers.

Wanderers reached the target making 197 for the loss of seven wickets in 39 overs.

Liton top-scored with 47 from 73 balls, a knock embellished with three over boundaries and a couple of boundaries.

Nripen scored 31 off 51 balls with the help of four fours while skipper Jahangir got 31 from 40 deliveries, an innings that included five hits across the fence.

Rashed claimed two wickets for 20 while Rafique, Dipu and Nadim got one wicket each for Gandaria Cricketers.

The victory took Wanderers' tally to four points while Gandaria cricketers have two points from three matches each.

Amoryoti Club take on Wari Krira Chakra in today's match at the Dhanmondi Club ground.

Pioneer soccer

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Saifuddin slammed a hat-trick to power Rampura Natun Kuri to 6-2 victory against Jagaroni Sangsad (Jrs) in the Janata Bank Pioneer football league at the Mahakhali T & T ground yesterday.

Altaf, Golap Hossain and Masud Haider netted the other three goals for the winners while Rumel and Ripon reduced the margin for Jagaroni Sangsad (Jrs).

Titas Sporting Club edged past Kendro Kishore Kafela by three goals to two at the Bashabo ground.

Ashgar put Titas in the lead in the fifth minute (1-0) while Iqbal Mahmud drew level for Kishore Kafela in the tenth minute (1-1).

Akbar put Titas Club again in the lead in the 25th minute (2-1) but Iqbal restored parity in the 50th minute (2-2).

Mosharraf netted the decider seven minutes from time (3-2).

Kashatuli Samaj Kalyan Parishad defeated Nawabganj Kishore Sangha by three goals to one at the Lalmitia Housing Society ground. Mahub netted twice and Faruk once for Kashatuli while Jahangir Alam pulled one back for Nawabganj Kishore Sangha.

Islampur Uttara Krira Chakra beat Birkampur XI by a solitary goal in the other match at the same venue.

Mizanur Rahman was the scorer.

KR Boys Club edged past Rainbow Athletic Club of Narayanganj by two goals to one in the only match at the Outer Stadium.

Saiful Islam scored both the goals for the winners while Ashim Kumar reduced the margin for Rainbow Athletic Club.

Following are the brief results of the other matches of the day:

Dhoochkhola ground: Sourav Krira Chakra outplayed Mansur Sporting Club 3-0; Aganagar PMS edged past Abakash Tarun Sangha 1-0; Red Sun Krira Chakra drew goalless with Shatadal Club and Mokimbazar Krira Chakra shared points with Mukti Khelaghar, also in a goalless draw.

Banani ground: Jatrabari Krira Chakra beat Kurmitola Apollo Club 2-0 and Uttaran Sporting Club edged past Eastern Sporting Club 2-1.

Dhanmondi ground: Kalindi Krira Chakra beat Golam Mostafa Lane Kishore Sangha by two goals to nil.

Mirpur Outer Stadium: Sonali Krira Chakra drew goalless with Surja Shikha Sangsad.

Khilgaon School ground: Khilgaon Juba Sangha shared points with Mirkadim Krira Chakra, also in a scoreless draw.

Faridpur cricket

FARIDPUR, Mar 10: Fricnds Cricket Club beat Zia Smriti Sangha by 49 runs in the inaugural match of the Faridpur cricket league played at Rajendra College ground yesterday, reports BSS.

Friends Club elected to bat and scored 150 runs for the loss of five wickets in 28 overs.

Smriti Sangha, in reply, were bundled out for 101 in 25 overs.

Deputy Commissioner of Faridpur KM Nurul Huda inaugurated the league.



Akram Khan and Khaled Mahmud Sujon of Abahani Krira Chakra come off the ground after seeing their team through to a facile seven-wicket victory over the Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club (GMCC) in the Navana Premier Division super league at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. It was a sweet revenge for the last year's runners-up over their first-phase conquerors.

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BTV to telecast live W Youth soccer final

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Bangladesh Television is likely to telecast live the final of the world youth football championship from Australia on March 20, a highly-placed BTV official told The Daily Star yesterday.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the match would start at 3:09 pm Bangladesh standard time.

The state-run BTV will have to spend 600 US dollars for live coverage of the final.

BTV has already obtained rights to telecast the match but the official announcement in this connection will be made as soon as the satellite booking is confirmed, the official said.

For sports-loving viewers there is more good news. BTV has planned two special sports programmes over the Eid-ul-Fitr holidays which, BTV officials hope, will be very well-received by the viewers.

"Nothing of this sort has been telecast before," the BTV source stressed.

BTV also plans to telecast the recorded highlights of the recently held one-off Test match and three one-day internationals between world champions Pakistan and New Zealand.

Though devastating pace bowling by Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis helped Pakistan win the Test, New Zealand clinched the one-day series 2-1.

The tapes of the one-day series have already reached Dhaka while the Test match highlights should be available by the end of this month. The Test highlights will be telecast in two instalments after the one-day matches next month. The recorded highlights of the 1992 World Cup cricket final between Pakistan and England will be shown soon after the Eid festival.

The recorded highlights of the World Series Cup one-dayers recently held in Australia between Pakistan, West Indies and Australia will be aired starting sometime next May.

The West Indies clinched the WSC Cup by winning the first two of the best-of-three finals against hosts Australia.

BTV will also telecast the highlights of the exciting fourth Test between the West Indies and Australia which the former won by a solitary run in Adelaide last January.

However, BTV will not be able to telecast live the forthcoming one-day matches between Pakistan and hosts West Indies for financial constraints, the official said.

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Pak squad for Caribbean tour announced

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ISLAMABAD, Mar 10: Pakistan Wednesday announced radical changes to beef up their middle order batting on their upcoming eight-week Caribbean tour, reports AFP.

Left-arm master of swing and slogger of the ball Wasim Akram, 24, will lead the side with Waqar Younis, considered the world's fastest bowler, as his deputy.

Four new faces have been included in the side while another wicketkeeper has been recalled by the selectors, who dropped opener Shoaib Mohammad, Salim Malik, Ghulam

runs in 39 Tests, was a big surprise in Lahore, where the team was announced by the Board for Control of Cricket in Pakistan, because he scored two centuries on the last West Indies tour and 55 in the Test against England at the Oval last summer.

But Shoaib did not click in the South African series and after starting with a brisk 49 against the West Indies was out for a duck on three successive occasions.

Wasim Akram had expressed the need to reorganise the batting which failed Pakistan many a time during the last five months, especially in South Africa.

Experts also blame frequent changes and experiments in the batting order for the failures.

Waqar Younis in an interview Wednesday stressed the

need to display 'more maturity and discipline' to achieve success.

He considered too much cricket to be the cause of Pakistan's failures "because the players had gone a bit stale after a plethora of one-day games."

Former Pakistan selector and manager Hasseb Ahsan did not consider the selection good, saying the "chances of winning in the West Indies were very slim."

He added that "in view of Wasim and Waqar's speed, the wickets will be tailored to suit batting."

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