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The stalemate centering the football players' transfers entered the zone of confirmation from speculation as Mohammedan Sporting and Abahani Krira Chakra, the two top clubs of the country, served a joint ultimatum in reply to the DMFA's revised. two-phased dates for the transfer of booters for the next football season.

In a hastily called meeting stretching late into last night at the Mohammedan tent Tanveer Mazhar Tanna, one of the directors of Abahani and Anwarul Hug Helal, acting general secretary of Mohammedan Sporting Club, in a joint communique, made it quite clear that the two clubs would not take part in the transfers unless the Dhaka Metropolis Football Association (DMFA) agrees to hold the inter-club player trading between April 20 and 26, the dates earlier proposed by the two most popular clubs.

If their pica goes unheeded, they warned, the two clubs would stay away from all sporting activities.

Earlier yesterday the DMFA came up with a peculiar rearrangement of the transfer dates with the first phase continuing upto March 21 starting today. It will resume after a month's gap - designed to accommodate the forthcoming Eid holidays — from April 2 and continue till the 25th of the month, the last day of transfers for booters.

On an eventful day, Mohammedans and Abahani had earlier submitted memorandum to Sadek Hossain Khoka, the State Minister for Sports, to resolve the deepening crisis. The Minister, who is also the Chairman of the National Sports Council, forwarded the letter to the DMFA president for an amicable solution.

The ultimatum is the latest development in a cat-andmouse game between the DMFA and the two big clubs who have stellenbosched the presence of the other 18 clubs of the Senior Division football league who have sided with the | tack to put on 119 for the first

### Beximco cricket final today

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The final of the 13th Beximco national youth cricket championship between Dhaka DSA and Comtla DSA will be played today at the Dhaka

Foreign Minister and president of the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board, ASM Mustafizur Rahman will give away the prizes as chief guest.

Sadek Hossain, State Minister for Sports and Youth and AFS Rahman, chairman of the sponsors Beximeo group will be present as special

Comilia DSA reached the final with a resounding sixwicket victory over last year's champions Jessore on Friday while Dhaka's journey to the final was stylish. They outplayed the Bangladesh Krira Shiksha Pratishthan (BKSP) by an emphatic 55-run margin.

### Kasparov needs a draw for victory

LINARES, Spain, Mar 14 World champion Kasparov was a half-point away from winning the Linares super-tournament Saturday as his most dangerous rival, former champion Anatoly Karpov failed to win the full point from an adjourned game, reports AFP.

Karpov drew against his Russian compatriot Vladimir Krahnik to stay a point behind Kasparov with only one round remaining, to be played Sunday.

Only Karpov and India's Viswanathan Anand, on cight points from the 12 games so far played, can now equalise

with 18 were the other players with Kasparov. to assist Shaju in his bid to . A draw with the Russiansnatch victory for the Jessore

born US junior Gata Kamsky would suffice to put Kasparov ahead of the field which includes rine of the world's 10top-ranked players.

It would be his third win the prestigious Linares tour-

In other adjourned games Saturday, Kamsky beat Vasily Ivanchuk of Ukraine and Alexander Belayavsky of Ukraine beat the Russian Valery Salov. Standings after 12 rounds

out of 13: .

 Kasparov (Russia) 9 pts; 2. Anand (India), Karpov (Russia) 8 pts; 4. Alexei Shirov (Latvia) 7.5 pts; 5. Kramnik (Russia) 6.5 pts; 6. Invanchuk (Ukraine), Salov (Russia) 6 pts; 8. Kamsky (US) 5.5 pts, 9. Jan Timman (Netherlands), Yevgeny Bareyev (Russia), Belyavsky (Ukraine) 5 pts; 12. Artur Yusupov (Russia), Boris Belfand (Belarus, 4.5 pts; 14. Ljubomir Ljubojevic (Serbia) 3.5.

# MSC join Abahani at the top

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wicket, much to the frustra-Reigning cham pions Mohamtion of the Mohammedan bowlers. medan Sporting Club fortified Wickets started failing like themselves in a

dead-set position

for the dual race for this year's

league title with arch-rivals

Abahani Krira Chakra when

**ZR MASUM ... 73** 

they won the their penultimate

encounter of the Navana

Premier Division cricket super

league with a comfortable 35-

run victory at the Dhaka

lollowing Abahani's nine-run

defeat to Gulshan Youth on

Saturday, Mohammedans have

22 points from 14 outings, a

statistics shared by Abahani,

the other most popular club in

local cricket. They meet on

Saturday, March 20 to decide

Sent in to bat, Moham-

medans collected 241 runs for

six wickets from their quota of

45 overs and then restricted

the Goptbagh club to 206 for

nine to walk away with a 35-

Mohammedans, however,

owe their victory to a lack-

adaistcal performance by the

Brothers batsmen who, chas-

ing a not-so-formidable total of

242 for victory on a bland

wicket, threw away a fine start

by their opening batsmen.

Skipper Nurul Abedin Nobel

and Zahid Razzak Masum

Jessore Sammilani Institute

and Rajbari Government High

school won their respective

matches of the eleventh

Nirman School championship

final round at different city

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On the eastern portion of

the Dhanmondi Cricket

Stadium, Jessore Sammilani

Institute recorded an exciting

two-wicket victory against

Madaripur United Islamia High

Madaripur school batted first

after winning the toss and

were all out for a paltry 90 in

'Ripon topscored with 32,

followed by Shipu who made

for 20 among the Jessore

bowlers. Jangi took two for 22

while Shaju captured another

to victory with a knock of un-

beaten 25 as the Jessore

school lost eight wickets in

their pursuit of 91 runs for vic-

Islamia High was the man be-

hind Jessore's miseries as he

captured five wickets for only

Nannu of Madaripur United

Wahed with 17 and Tokon

Nannu apart, Mithu was the

Shaju of Jessore was named

other successful Madaripur

IOC's concern

International Olympic

Committee is concerned that

construction has not been

started for the 1996 Olympic

Games in Atlanta, its president

Juan Antonio Samaranch said

with three years to go to the

Games, not one brick has been

laid," Samaranch declared at

reception here on Friday

claims that last year's

Barcelona Games was the lux-

ury of the economic crisis cur-

to the Games, the crisis is only

just beginning to be felt," he

"It's not their fault. Thanks

rently raging in Sapin.

Samaranch also rejected

"The IOC is nervous because

here, reports AFP.

evening.

BARCELONA, Mar 14: The

bowler. He took two for 14.

the man-of-the-match.

Liton bagged four wickets

Shaju then guided his side

In a low scoring match, the

School.

24.3 overs.

two for 13.

twelve runs.

venues yesterday.

A day of low scores

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grinded the Mohammedan at-

With yesterday's win,

Stadium yesterday.

this year's title.

run win.

nine pins once Masum, after having notched the day's topscore - 73 made off 115 balls with the help of six boundaries - was stumped by Moham medan wicketkeeper Ratan off Azhar Hossain Shantu, the bespectacled off-spinner. Ma sum, who had a seventy-plus knock in Brothers' lost match against Bangladesh Biman, left with the score on 159. Habibul Bashar Suman, the

talented one-down batsman, was batting freely at long last to race to quick 21 off 23 balls before he was run out from a mix up off the very next ball after Masum's departure.

Fernando used his strong fore-arms to whack Shantu for a sixer over widish midwicket, first ball, but slammed the next down to Zakir at long off. Shantu went on to pick up

two more wickets to finish with figures of four for 36 as Brothers were stalled at 206 for nine off their quota off 45 Earlier in the morning.

Nurul Abedin Nobel beat his younger brother Nannu in the spin of the coin and opted to field first. Mohammedans were off to a reasonably satisfactory start

with Harun-ur Rashid Liton

and Shantu putting on 42 for

the first wicket.

Shantu's cheap dismissal was made up by enterprising batting by Bulbul and Liton with the latter in a particularly aggressive mood. The bald, hard-hitting batsman in fact emerged as the top scorer for Mohammedans with 58, studded with seven fours, off 97

Amtrul Islam Bulbul, sadly out of form, was forced to face 50 balls for his 27 before Suru

caught him off Masum. Nannu then paired with Sanjeev Sharma to rev up the Mohammedan batting with the skipper chipping in with a brisk 32. He smacked a full toss from Masum straight into the sight screen in his 40-ball knock.

However the most timely

On the western portion of

Batting first, Patuakhali

Mohiuddin was the main

Rajbari scored 131 for

three wickets in 21.4 overs.

Palash with 23 not out and

Arman with 21 were the other

man-of-the-match for his half

Barisal got a walk over in the

other match of the day as their

opponents from Rajshahi fatled

to turn up at the Dhanmondi

Mir Kamal was adjudged

Brajomohan School of

run-getters for the victors.

scorer with 27 followed by 16

the same ground, Rajbari Government High School beat

Patuakhali Adarsha High

were all out for 128 in 36.1

School by seven wickets.

Kochi and Gopal.

Rajbari school.

century.

Club Ground.

knock of the day was played by Sanjeev Sharma. The Indian Test discard polished up his impressive batting average in his first year of club cricket in Bangladesh with another halfcentury. The Delhi paceman, now enjoying himself as a batsman in the less demanding



HRLITON ... 58 melicu of club cricket, took only 43 balls for a well-compiled 52 that contained four hits to the fence.

Morshed had commendable figures of two for 20 from nine overs in unfavourable circumstances. Suru, too, picked up two wickets but gave away 39 runs. Shamsul Huda and Masum had one each.

Brothers frittered away their fine start with Masum and Nobel garnering 119 in 29.1 overs. Nobel was the first to go for 50 when he holed out to Zakir off Nannu. Masum left for 73 and Suman 21 as Brothers suffered a dramatic collapse to fall 35 short of the defending champions' total.

Besides Shantu's four for 36 from nine overs, Sanjeev Sharma bagged two for 30 while Rafiq and Nannu picked up one wicket each.

It was Brothers Union's 14th match and their collection remains on 12 points while Mohammedans advance to 22 points from 14 matches, the same as Abahani.

There is no super league fixture for today. The league resumes on Tuesday with GMCC playing against Bangladesh Biman.

### Jahangir shines for Wanderers

Sports Reporter

Veteran Jahangir turned in a brilliant allround performance to engineer a huge 91run victory for Wanderers Club against Young Pegasus A in the solitary encounter of the Second Division cricket league at the Mirpur Pallabi cricket ground yesterday. On a day that saw skippers

from Suman and 13 each from of both sides - Jahangir of Wanderers and Shahinur of Tarco of Rajbari Govt High Pegasus - excelling both with was the pick of the bowlers the bat and the ball, the forclaiming three for 19. Azam mer struck a whirlwind 88 as with two for 32 and Rafi Kamal Wanderers made the first use with two for 22 and Pavel with of the wicket to rattle 237 for two for eight were the other four and then mesmerised successful Rajbari bowlers. Pegasus with magical figures of Mir Kamal's fine knock of five wickets for only six runs to 56 paved the path for an easy skittle Pegasus out for 146 seven-wicket victory for the

Jahangir's 88 was followed by an unbeaten 41 by Garv. Babu with 35 and Shafiq with 26 and Nripen with 17 not out were the other notable scor-

Shahinur captured three wanderers wickets for 59 runs. Pegasus were all out for 146 in 35.1 overs, Kader topscoring with 42. Skipper Shahinur made 34 and Liton chipped in with 31 as Jahangir ripped through the Pegasus batting.



Mithun Karmakar of Madaripur United Islamia High School looks back at his rattled stumps after being clean bowled during the final round tie of the eleventh Nirman schools cricket tournament against Jessore Sammilani Institute at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday. The Jessore school boys scraped home with a tow-wicket - Star photo win.

### Imran predicts 'real contest' in Pak-Windies Tests

KARACIII, Mar 14 : Former l'akistan cricket captain, Imran Khan said Sunday that Test matches in the upcoming Caribbean series would be the "real contest" between the world champions and the West Indies, reports AFP.

Imran said "Pakistan should adopt aggressive posture and its batting must click and Inzamamul Haq and others must get themselves recogntscd.

Meanwhile skipper Wastm Akram, who left here early Saturday with the team for a 56 day tour starting with a four-day match in Jamaica March 18, said, "An infusion of new blood in the side was needed because our batting had failed time and again."

"It is a young team passing through a formative phase and needs three to four years to become a compete team, Akram said. But former Pakistan selec-

tor and manager Haseeb Ahsan and wieketkeeper-skipper Wasim Bari though,"It was not wise to have four new players on such an important team." "It is not fair," they said,

adding that "Induction of new faces should have been in graduated manner and from home series." The four new names are

Nadeem Khan, Basit Ali, Shakeel Ahmed and Aamir

### Pioneer soccer

Sports Reporter

Shipon struck twice to lead Shatadal Samaj Kalyan Sangha to an emphatic 3-0 victory over Pardogar SS in the Janata Bank Pioneer soccer league at the Jagannath College play ground yesterday.

In the one-sided affair Sajal scored the other goal for the winners.

The Ray Saahib Bazar Tarun Sangha strikers also netted thrice in their match against Sutrapur at the Dhupkhola Ground but in the process saw their custodian beaten once.

Munir was right on target twice while Islam completed the tally. Azad was the lone scorer for the losers.

But Golam Mustafa Lane Kishore XI's win didn't come

Their forwards had to toil hard to keep their one-nil edge over Swadesh Samai Sangha at the Dhanmondi Club ground. Biddyut's goal made the difference.

Manda Sangsad and Madartek played to a 1-1 draw at the Bashabo ground with Khorshed and Kabir scoring for their respective sides. The other match at this ground, between Khilgaon Juba Sangsad and Khilgaon Srtjani Sangha, could not produce any

Just a few blocks away at the Khilgaon ground, Chaitali Club edged past Badda Jubo Sangsad, thanks to Russel's

### Schools handball

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Rifles High School registered an easy 18-6 victory over Rahmatullah Model High School in the fifth Bata schools handball tournament at the Outer Stadium yesterday.

After leading the first half by six goals to three the BDR High students stepped up the pressure in the second session, netting as many as 12 goals against their opponents' three.

Abu Bakr and Selim found scoring easy on the day, being on target seven and six times respectively. Rafiqul ended the day with four goals to his

For the losers none scored more than one goal.

The other match scheduled for the day fell through as Karatitola High failed to turn up for their game against Badda Vidya Niketan.

### Zaragoza Open results

ZARAGOZA, Spain, Mar 14: Top-seeded Karel Novacek of the Czech Republic lived up to expectations Sunday, defeating Sweden's Jonas Svensson to win the dlrs 175,000 Zaragoza Open, reports AP. Novacek started out the fi-

nals slowly, dropping the first seat 3-6 before overwhelming fourth-seeded Svensson 6-2, 6-1 to walk away with the dirs 25,000 first prize. On his way to the winner's

prize.

podium. Novacek deseated Sweden's Jan Apell, American Richard Matuszewski, Spain's Francisco Roig, and, in the semifinals, third-seeded Anders Jarryd of Sweden. Svensson took home dirs

16,800 for his second-place finish. The weeklong tournament

proved lucrative for Novacek. He and countryman Martin Damm defeated American Michael Bauer and Czech David Rikl 2-6, 6-4, 7-5 on Saturday to win the dirs 10,000 doubles

# Kambli joins select band



NEW DELIII, Mar 14: India's young left-hander Vinod Kambli totned the clite company of Wally Hammond

and Don Bradman Sunday by notching up a second successive double Test century here, reports AFP.

player, who made 224 against England in Bombay last month, joined England's Hammond and Australian Bradman as the only batsmen to score double centuries in consecutive Test innings, albeit in separate matches.

Hammond, in fact, achieved the feat twice, making 251 and



VINOD KAMBLI 2nd double Test century 200 in Australia in 1928-29

The 21-year-old made 207 not out as India took their overnight score of 340 for three to 411 for four by close of the rain-curtailed second day's play in the one-off Test against Zimbabwe at the Feroze Shah Kotla here.

Just 71 minutes' play was possible through the day because of bad weather, but it was enough for Kambli to record his second double century in only his fourth Test match. The elegant stroke-

and then 227 and 336 in New Zealand during the 1932-33 The legendary Bradman scored 304 and 244 in suc-

cessive innings against England in 1934. Play began half an hour before tea after a heavy downpour

slippery and wet patches on the outfield. And when it ended an hour

shortly before the scheduled

start left the bowlers run-ups

before stumps following a mild thunderstorm, Kambit was left just 30 short of surpassing the best by an Indian - 236 by Suntl Gavaskar against the West Indies in Madras in 1983-84.

I am aware of Gavaskar's record-which Indian isn't but it is great to be labelled with Hammond and Str Don.

Kambli said after the day's play "I am not a record keeper so there was no way of knowing that only two others had achieved the feat."

I just hope I can keep going in the same vein and help India do well."

India added a brisk 33 in 30 minutes before the tea break but lost skipper Mohammad Azharuddin who was run out after taking his overnight score of 29 to 42. Kambii flicked David Brain

to deep square leg where the athletic Ali Shah swooped on the ball and banged in a return to the wicket keeper as Azharuddin turned for the second run. The Indian captain hit six

boundaries in a 107-run partnership for the fourth wicket - the third century stand of the innings.

Kambli, who began the day on 176, reached his double century 20 minutes after tea, driving veteran off-spinner John Traicos through the cover for his 26th boundary.

#### SCOREBOARD

Second day's scoreboard in the one-off ericket Test between India and Zimbabwe at the Kotla here today. INDIA: Overnight 340-3

M Prabhakar c Andy Flower b N S Sidhu lbw b Traices V G Kambli not out S R Tendulkar c Traicos b Ranchod M Azharuddin run out P K Amre not out Extras : (b 16, lb6, w2) Total: ( for four wickets, 102.4 overs

To bat : K Dev. V Yadav, A Kumble, M Singh, R K Chouhan. Fall of wickets: 1-19; 20-

126; 3-263; 4-370 Bowling 93 Brandes

78 Brain 3 43 Ali Shah 3 130 35.4 Traicos Ranchod 0 45

## England squander a good start



14: England collapsed after a good start and were all out Sunday for 380

COLOMBO, Mar

runs, losing eight wickets to Shri Lankan spin pair in the first innings of the one-off Test, reports AP. In reply, Shri Lanka closed

the second day on 140 for 1 after openers Roshan Mahanama (64) and unbeaten Chandika Hathurusinghe on 53 clobbered spin and pace alike. The English total was far

less than hoped earlier in the day when part-time opener Robin Smith (128) completed his first Test century outside England and shared a 122-run partnership for the fourth wicket with skipper Alec Stewart [63].

But once the two were out. the last seven wickets fell for 64 runs, continuing England's nightmare against spin attack that started during a disastrous tour of India this winter. Sunday's demoltshers were

off-spinner Muthiah Muralidharan and off-cutter Jayanand Warnaweera who finished with



MI RALIDHARAN, 4 for 118 four wickets each.

Openers Roshan Mahanama and Chandika Hathurusinghe gave the home side a flying start by hammering 99 runs before Mahanama was out caught at silly point off John Emburey. The aggressive Mahanama

pummelled the English bow lers, particularly Phil Tufnell, for a well compiled 64 which included 11 boundaries. The quieter Hathurusinghe also hit an unbeaten half-cen-

tury being 53 not out. With him was Asanka Gurusinha not out on 12 at the close of play. Mahanama htt 11 fours in

his 84 ball innings and remained 20 runs short of his 1,000 Test runs. He was caught by Smith at silly point while trying to drive off-spinner John Emburey, Hathurusinghe has hit seven fours

and looked in great form against the spinners. Resuming from an overnight 245 for 3, Smith and

of the pitch.



ROBIN SMITH ... 128

Stewart appeared to be marching toward a big total. The chances dimmed when both were out a little before lunch, and faded as the remaining batsmen collapsed in 70 minutes of the next session.

The innings once again exposed England's vulnerability to spin bowling, which was so evident in the miserable Test series against India that they lost 3-0.

In the present Test, England had the consolation of making their biggest score so far in the 10-week-old tour. Their previous highest was 347 in the first innings of the third Test against India in Bombay.

In a rare bad shot in his 447-minute innings, Smith tried to sweep Muralidharan, got an inside edge that uprooted the middle stump. Muralidharan finished with

career-best figures of 4 for 118. His mate Warnaweera, who was luckless on Saturday, got four for 90, including Stewart's wicket. A cautious Smith pushed for

singles to move from 91 overnight to 96. Then a perfeetly timed drive to mid-on brought up his eighth Test century, the first on an over scas tour. England, desperate for a

good opening combination, may have found in Smith an ideal partner for Graham Gooch in the Ashes series against Australia this summer. Smith's remarkably patient

finnings that lasted 335-balls was studded with 20 fours, spread over practically every position on the field. Apart from Smith and Ste-

wart, only Chris Lewis looked

at case against spin bowling. Lewis used the long handle to bludgeon four fours in his 22 before being run out in mix up with John Emburey which saw both batsmen at one end

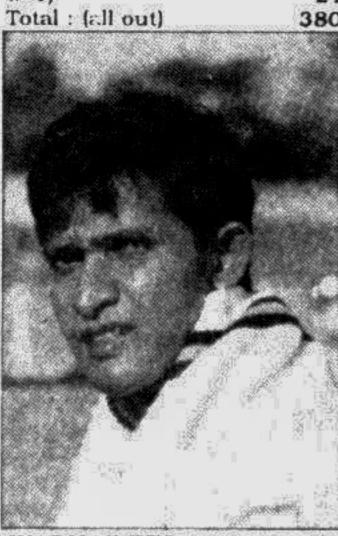
### SCOREBOARD

R Smith b Muralidharan

M Atherton lbw

Scoreboard on the second day of the one-off cricket Test between Shri Lanka and England on Sunday **ENGLAND:** 

b Ramanayake M Gatting c Jayasuriya b Muralidharan G Hick c Tillekaratne b Muralidharan A Stewart c Tillekaratne b Warnaweera N Fairbrother b Warnaweera C Lewis run out J Emburey not out P Jarvis Ibw Warnaweera P Tufnell Ibw Muralidharan D Malcolm c Gurusinha b Warnaweera Extras : (b-5, lb-3, nb-15, Total : (all out)



WARNAWEERA ... 4 for 90 Fall of wickets: 1-40: 2-82; 3-194; 4-316; 5-323; 6-358; 7-366; 8-366; 9-367, Bowling

Ramanayake 17 Gurusinha Hathurusinghe 8 2 Murlidharan 45 12 118 Jayasuriya 3 0

llick

26 18 AWIS. 50 Tufnell Emburey 10

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11 0 Ranatunga SHRI LANKA: U C Hathurusinghe not out 53 R S Mahanama c Smith b Emburey A P Gurusinha not out Extras: (lb3, nb7, w1) Total: (for one wkt) 140 Fall of wicket: 1-99 Bowling

Malcolm Jarvis