

### Navana league resumes today

Sports Reporter

The Navana Premier Division cricket super league resumes today after a day's break with Bangladesh Biman taking on the Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club (GMCC) at the Dhaka Stadium.

The programme remained suspended yesterday for the 13th Beximco youth cricket championship final between Dhaka and Comilla DSAs.

Biman, still unbeaten in the six-team super league, have 18 points from 13 matches while GMCC have 16, also from 13 outings.

However, the league championship will be decided in the grand finale between defending champions Mohammedan Sporting Club and their arch rivals and last year's runners-up Abahani Krira Chakra, to be held next Saturday.

Both teams have 22 points from 14 matches each.

### Div II cricket

**Sports Reporter**

A fine all-round performance from Asad powered Shantinagar Club B to a convincing 48-run victory against Wari Krira Chakra in the only match of the Second Division cricket super league at the Mirpur Pallabi ground yesterday.

Sent into bat, Shantinagar B were all out for 165 in 39.4 overs with Asad topscoring with 37 from 61 balls with the help of four fours.

Happy made 22, Bappi 19 and Raja 16.

Biplab, Monju and Shahid evenly shared a six wickets among them while Mizan and Montu took a wicket each.

Wari Krira Chakra were bundled out for 117 in 34.3 overs with Shahid topscoring with 24 off 32 balls and Firoz and Nantu making 21 each.

Asad with four wickets for 28 ripped through the Wari Krira Chakra batting while Tuhin, Sentu and Bappi got two scalps each for Shantinagar Club B.

Shantinagar now have four points from three matches while Wari Krira Chakra have also collected four points from as many matches.

### TODAY'S MATCH

Amoryjoti vs Kajhalbagan  
Three Star (Mirpur Pallabi)

### Pioneer soccer

Sports Reporter

Two hat-tricks, that too in a single match, were the highlight of the Janata Bank Pioneer football league yesterday.

Md Shakil and Ahmed Ali Mahboob scored three goals each when Kashiutuli Samaj Kalyan Parishad outplayed Mohammad Ali Sporting Club by six goals to nil at the Lalmeta ground yesterday.

Agrani Krira and Samaj Kalyan Sangha beat Bikrampur XI by a solitary goal in the other match at the venue.

Noor Alam scored the decider.

At the Mahakhali T&T ground Dipali Juba Sangha trounced Rising Star by five goals to nil.

Tarif Imam scored twice and Kazi Ansur Rahman, Jalaluddin and Tanvir Imam got a goal each for Dipali.

Nakhalpara Juba Kalyan Sangha defeated Uttarban Sporting Club by three goals to nil at the Banani ground.

Shahidul Islam, Sohail Rana and Jalaluddin were the scorers.

Tejgaon Nabataranga Club beat Jatrabari Krira Chakra by three goals to one in the other match at the same venue.

Aziz scored two goals and Manik the other one for Tejgaon Nabataranga while Shakil Ahmed pulled one back for Jatrabari Krira Chakra.

At the Dhanmondi Club ground Khwaje Dewan Juba Sangha edged past Dhaka Dynamo Club by the odd goal in three.

Masud Hossain and Gazi Shamim scored for the winners while Selim reduced the margin for Dynamo Club.

Titas Sporting Club shared points with Matuati Juba Sangha in a two-all draw at the Bashabo ground.

Aggar and Akbar scored for Titas Sporting while Sohail and Jamal were the scorers for Matuati Juba Sangha.

Abakash Tarun Sungha edged past Anirban Pathagar by a solitary goal at the Dhooophola ground.

Ashraf was the scorer.

Monsur Sporting Club drew goalless with Railway Blues in the other match at the venue.

At the Jagannath College ground, the scheduled match between Mukti Khelaghar and Eastern Sporting fell through when the latter failed to turn up.

At the Mirpur Outer Stadium Apurba Juba Sangha shared points with Nabarun Sporting Club in a one-all draw in the other match of the day.

Mainur Rahman scored for Apurba Sangha while Monwar Hossain netted for Nabarun Sporting.



The players of Dhaka DSA, winners of the 13th Beximco national youth cricket championships, seen with the chief guest Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. AF Sohel Rahman, chairman of the sponsoring company Beximco, is also seen, among others.

## Dhaka DSA nat'l youth champions



Spurred by a fine innings of 90 from opening batsman Biplab (Jr), favourites Dhaka DSA clinched the title for the third time when they beat Comilla DSA by a convincing margin of 78 runs in the final of the 13th Beximco national youth under-19 cricket championship at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Chasing 242 for victory in 45 overs, Comilla got off to a bright start only to be shot out for 163 in 42.3 overs.

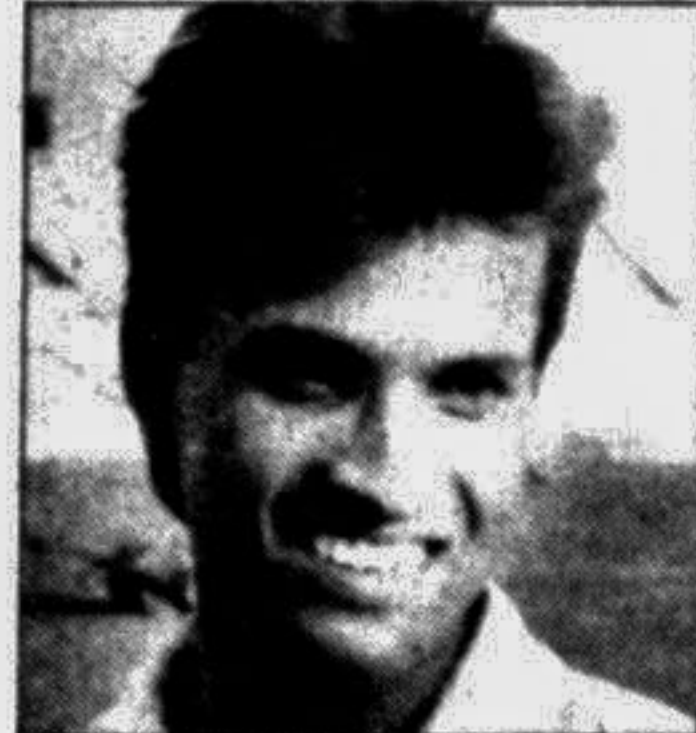
After openers Anis and Boglu had put on 77 in 19.1 overs Comilla were reduced to 101 for five and although Ullas remained unbeaten on a rapid 39 the last five wickets fell with the addition of another 62 runs as Dhaka's spin trio of Mukul, skipper Opee and Shamsul gunned up the works of the outstation team.

Earlier in the morning, Comilla skipper Lipu won the toss and asked his counterpart to make the first use of a good batting track. The experienced pair of Sajid Hassan and Biplab (Jr) batted comfortably to gather 81 runs in 21 overs before Sajid, a member of the national youth team and a regular opening batsman of Victoria Sporting Club, was bowled by Boglu for 18.

Mukul then joined Biplab to sustain the tempo and the new pair batted with increasing freedom to take the score to 160 before Mukul, another national youth cricketer, left for 40 in 33.5 overs.

Skipper Opee was dismissed cheaply but Biplab (Sr) joined his junior name sake at

the wicket to take Dhaka in the vicinity of two hundred before Biplab (Jr) the long staying



**BIPLAB... 90**  
opener fell ten short of a well-deserved century.

Biplab's 90 came off 134 balls with the help of seven fours.

Dhaka lost some quick wickets in their attempt to force the pace and when the 45-over quota was over the fancied side had 241 runs in their kitty for the loss of nine wickets.

Boglu of Comilla, who later

lared well with the bat, was the most successful bowler claiming four wickets for 47 runs. Shipon was the only other Comilla bowler to meet any success with figures of three for 41 as two Dhaka batsmen were run out.

Boglu was yet to regain the energy he lost while wheeling his arms for his side when he was saddled with the task of opening the Comilla innings with Anis. Boglu clearly did not dislike the job as he, along with his partner, played soundly to put on 77 runs in 19.1 overs for the first wicket.

Boglu was the first to go, for 31, stumped by Atia off Mukul's off-spin. It proved to be a disaster because next man Himu was bowled by left-armers Shamsul Huda for nought, with Comilla on 78.

At 83, Anis, the eventual topscorer in the Comilla innings, was run out for 41, made off 52 balls, and Comilla slid to 83 for three in 22.1 overs.

Opee accepted a return

catch from his counterpart Lipu, one of the mainstays of Comilla's batting in their run up to the final, with the batsman managing to score eleven only.

Panic crept in the Comilla camp and suddenly 242 seemed a very long way. Two more wickets were lost as Dhaka, led by their experienced spinners, turned on the heat.

Only Ullas showed some nerve and mettle to handle the pressure as he freely attacked the bowlers. The only thing Ullas seemed to be wanting in was a very difficult if not impossible ability to keep the strike and see his side attain the target in the stipulated overs. That did not happen as Comilla succumbed to a 78-run defeat with Opee bowling Hassan with the penultimate delivery of the 43rd over. Comilla were still 78 run adrift and Ullas unconquered on 39 made off 43 balls with the help of four fours.

Opee was the most successful Dhaka bowler with figures of three for 25. Shamsul Huda gave away the same number of runs to pick up a couple of scalps while Mukul snared another three for 42 runs.

Biplab (Jr) was adjudged the man-of-the-match for his enterprising innings.

Winners Dhaka DSA won a cheque worth Taka 10,000 while runners-up Comilla had to be satisfied with one worth Taka 7,000.

Foreign Minister A S M Mostafizur Rahman, who is also chief of the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board, gave away the prizes as the chief guest.

### ROLL OF HONOUR

Year	Champions	Runners-up
1978-79	Dhaka DSA	Dhaka Board
1979-80	Chittagong	Mymensingh
1980-81	Dhaka DSA	Rajshahi
1981-82	Chittagong	Rajshahi
1982-83	Mymensingh	Sylhet
1983-84	Chittagong	Dhaka
1984-85	Chittagong	Khulna
1985-86	Chittagong	Mymensingh
1986-87	not held	
1987-88	not held	
1988-89	Chittagong	Mymensingh
1989-90	Chittagong	BKSP
1990-91	BKSP	Dhaka DSA
1991-92	Jessore	Rajshahi
1992-93	Dhaka DSA	Comilla

## Another happy day for Opee

Once again Opee, the talented young all-rounder of Eskaton Sabuj Sangha, had a doubly satisfying day yesterday, playing in two different matches on the same day — and ending up on the winning side on both occasions.

Opee, who had made a history of sorts by participating in two matches last Saturday, yesterday played for Dhaka DSA in the 13th national youth final at the Dhaka Stadium and then featured for his school Willes Little Flower in the eleventh Nirman schools cricket championship at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

Dhaka won the national youth title under Opee's captaincy and the promising youngster's school team cruised into the quarterfinals by beating Radhanagar Memorial Academy of Pabna by four wickets.

The schools cricket programme yesterday also saw last year's runners-up Sylhet Aided High School and Khulna Gazi Memorial High School moving into the quarter-finals.

At the Dhanmondi Club ground, Sylhet Aided School registered a massive 195-run victory against Mymensingh Edward Institute, thanks to a superb all-round performance by Parvez.

Sent into bat, Aided High School amassed a massive 289 for the loss of six wickets in the stipulated 40 overs.

Parvez top-scored with a whirlwind 72 from only 37 deliveries with the help of eight boundaries and four sixes.

Mishu scored 66 from 73 deliveries, an innings inclusive of four fours and three sixes while Amin made 46 off 71 balls and Ruheeb remained unconquered on 55 off just 23 balls with the help of four sixes and as many fours.

Mymensingh Edward Institute were shot out for a paltry 94 in just 18 overs with wicket keeper Iqbal making 31 and extras adding 23.

Parvez, who had top-scored for Aided School, went one better with the ball claiming three wickets for 15 while Emdad bagged two wickets for 22 and Naim and Mishu took a wicket each.

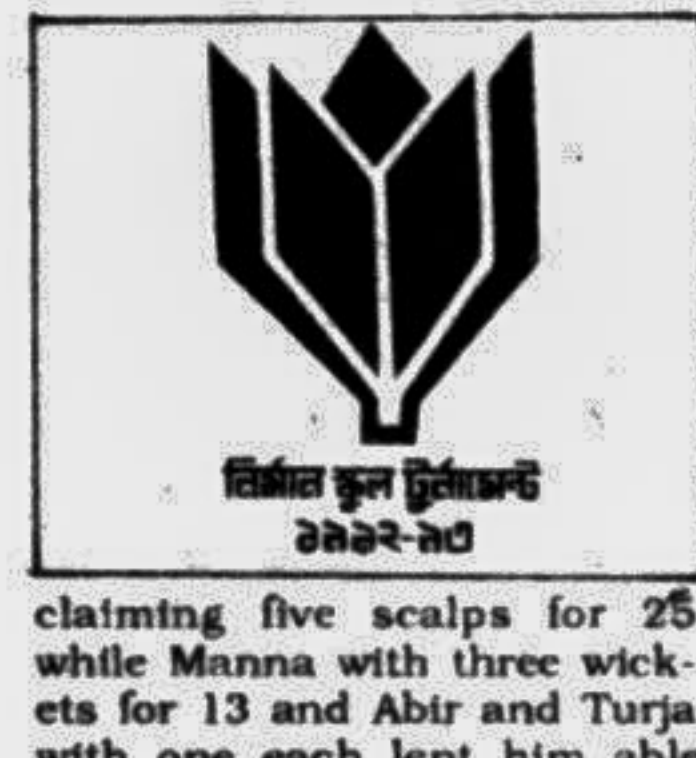
Naturally, Parvez was adjudged the man-of-the-match.

At the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium (East), former cham-

ions Willes Little Flower School defeated Pabna Radhanagar Majumdar Academy by four wickets.

Batting first, Radhanagar Academy were skittled out for a meagre 94 in 26.4 overs with Jewel topscoring with 33, Proloy 28 and Shakil 16.

Halim, scythed through the Radhanagar Academy batting



claiming five scalps for 25 while Manna with three wickets for 13 and Abir and Turja with one each lent him able support.

Willes Little Flower School, the Dhaka zonal champions and the only among four city teams still in the fray, reached the target making 95 for the

loss of six wickets in 21.2 overs.

Abir top-scored with 29 from 44 balls with the help of three boundaries.

Opee, who scored only three in the youth cricket final, made amends here by remaining unbeaten on 25 off 28 balls with the help of three boundaries.

Halim of Willes Little Flower School received the man-of-the-match award for his devastating bowling.

At the DCS (West), Khulna Gazi Memorial High School crushed Gaibandha Govt High School by nine wickets to qualify for the quarterfinals.

Opting to bat, Gaibandha School were skittled out for 89 in 30 overs with skipper Biddyt making 17 and Rajib and Shaon scoring 15 and 12 respectively.

Khulna Gazi Memorial School were home and dry, making 94 in 17.4 overs with Selim topscoring with 42 from 33 balls with the help of seven fours and Karim remaining unbeaten on a patient 63-ball 26.



Action from the final round tie of the 11th Nirman schools cricket tournament between Dhaka's Willes Little Flower High School and Radhanagar M A School of Pabna at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday. Willes High won the match by four wickets.

## Another crown for Kasparov

LINARES, Spain, Mar 15: World champion Gari Kasparov defeated American Gata Kamsky in 35 moves Sunday to win the Linares International Chess Tournament, reports AP.

The 29-year-old Russian, playing white, finished with 10 points in the tournament, winning dls 8,000 after taxes. A player receives one point for a victory and a half point for a draw.

Fellow Russian and former world champion Anatoly Karpov finished second, with 8.5 points.

## Schools handball

**Sports Reporter**

Rajabagh Police Lines High School trounced St Gregory's High School by 35 points to 12 in the fifth Bata schools handball tournament at the Outer Stadium handball court yesterday.

Narinda Govt High School outplayed Bhashanlek High School by 28 goals to 15 in the other match of the day.

## Spikers for SAF camp

**Sports Reporter**

The Bangladesh Volleyball Federation has made the preliminary selection of 31 male spikers and as many women players to attend coaching camp for the sixth South Asian Federation (SAF) Games to be held in the city next December.

The camp will begin from April 3 at the BKSP in Savar.

Following are the selected spikers:

**Men**

Md Ali Farhad, Md Akramuzaman, Probir Kumar Mullick, Md Shahidullah, Kazi Azadul Alam, Md Abdus Salam, Md Halim Sarder and Md Jaan-e-Alam of Bangladesh Navy; Md Sohrab Hossain, Md Kabir Hossain, Md Zakir Hossain, Noor Ahmed, Md Ertazul Islam, Shamsur Rahman and Md Jahangir Alam of Bangladesh Army; Md Shafiquddin, Md Faruk Hossain, Asit Kumar, Abul Kalam, Naim Chowdhury and Sarder Mohammad Alamgir of Bangladesh Rifles; Taimur Rahman and Golam Mostafa of Bangladesh Air Force; Kausul Haq Mukul, Ziaul Haq Tuul and Akhteruddin Shekhi Bachchu of Rajshahi University; Ramesh Chandra of

## Controversial inter-club transfers begin

# DMFA, big clubs stick to guns

**Sports Reporter**

Bishu Das of Agrani Bank and Alok Kumar Bakshi of Badda Jagarani Sangha were the first



BISHU DAS

players to take tokens on the first day of the controversial inter-club players transfers which, after stints of hectic parleys, seem destined for another adjustment under the cumulative pressure of Mohammedan Sporting and Abahani Krira Chakra — the two soccer giants of the country who have refused to have any truck with the process.

Uncompromising in their attitude towards the two-phased transfer dates announced by the Dhaka Metropolitan Football Association (DMFA), Mohammedans and Abahani rallied enough support to drive home their demand for the refixation of the transfer dates — from April 20 to 26, to be precise — and left the DMFA with the option of calling an emergency meeting, not on till the filing of this report.

It was nothing new for observers familiar with the 'haggard' of the 'Dhaka football'! The seriocomic and, to some extent, sensational duel between the DMFA and the two heavyweights seemed to melt in a flow of symbiotic

harmony in the end from the day the on-going imbroglio cropped up.

The representatives of the two big clubs, who had served a joint ultimatum to the DMFA on Sunday threatening a total boycott from all sporting activities unless of course their plea was not heeded, yesterday submitted a joint petition to the DMFA with 14 other clubs proving weather-wise. Shahharan Bima, BRIC, East End and Brothers Union were the four teams which did not back the petitioners asking for the

transfer date to be limited to the second phase of the DMFA-announced dates, i.e. from April 21 to 25.

Before drafting the petition at the Arambagh Krira Sangha-the tent, officials of Mohammedans and Abahani had earlier met State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain Khoka at the Secretariat. The palaver was participated by Anwarul Huq Hela, acting general secretary of Mohammedan Sporting Club, Tanweer Mazhar Tanna and State Minister for Textiles Major (ret'd) Abdul Mannan, who is also the chairman of the governing body of Mohammedan Sporting Club.

Later, in the evening, club officials gathered for a meeting of the newly-formed Dhaka Metropolitan Clubs Association (DMCA) and came up with the idea of a joint petition to put off the transfer dates.

One of the officials told The Daily Star that the fact that two players made the DMFA's transfer dates operational by taking tokens would not matter. The busy official of one of the two 'biggies' could not be nearer to the truth because who does not know that a football league of any consequence in this country is unconceivable without Mohammedans and Abahani.

## Uphill task for Zimbabweans

**Sports Reporter**

NEW DELHI, Mar 15: India were looking to enforce a follow on for the fourth successive match

after piling up 536 for seven declared against Zimbabwe here Monday, reports AFP.

In reply the visitors groped to 152 for three by the close of the third day's play, 185 runs short of avoiding the follow on in the one-off Test at the Kotla here.

India, who made hapless England follow on in each of the three Tests of their recent series, used a pace-spin combination to rattle the Zimbabweans on a slow wicket.

Any hopes the latest entrants to Test cricket hold of doing better than their English counterparts, whom India defeated 3-0, Test with the Flower brothers, Andy and Grant, who batted through the final session to add 69 for the fourth wicket.

Grant, who opened the innings was unbeaten on 47 at the close. Left-hander Andy was looking confident on 46.

Zimbabwe lost dependable opener Kevin Arnott first ball, leg before to Kapil Dev from one that kept low and rapped him on the back foot.

It was the 34-year-old all-rounder's 420th Test wicket, leaving him just 11 short of Richard Hadlee's world record of 431.

Grant Flower and left-hander Alistair Campbell repaired the early damage with a 53-run second wicket stand before Campbell was bowled for 32, attempting a wild sweep of spinner Rajesh Chauhan.

Zimbabwe, 83 for two at tea, lost skipper David Houghton (18) to the first ball after the break as Anil Kumble earned a close leg-before verdict with a top spinner.

India, resuming at their overnight score of 411 for four, added 125 runs in the morning session before declaring their first innings at lunch.

Left-hander Vinod Kambli, 207 overnight, added 20 runs before he played early at off-spinner John Traicos and gave the bowler an easy return

over long-off against left-arm seamer David Brain.

Debutant wicket-keeper Vijay Yadav cracked three boundaries and two sixes in a breezy 30 off 25 balls as India hit a run-a-minute to allow an early declaration.

The 45-year-old Traicos was Zimbabwe's most successful bowler with three for 186 from 50 overs of steady off-spin. Brain had two for 146.

## Mushtaq can make the difference, says Imran

BRIDGETOWN, Mar 15: Imran Khan says leg spinner Mushtaq Ahmed could be Pakistan's key player in the forthcoming three-Test series against West Indies, reports Reuters.

"West Indies must start favourites because of Pakistan's suspect batting but the Tests could be very close," former Pakistan captain Imran told a local newspaper here.

"A lot will depend on how well he can bowl. He's outstanding and he could be the real trump card," said Imran, who is to do television commentary on the five one-day internationals preceding the Tests.

Imran said the omission of the experienced Salim Malik was not a surprise but he thought the selectors might regret the dropping of fellow batsman Shoaib Mohammad.

"I've been told that Salim had completely lost confidence in himself and was walking out to bat expecting failure. If that's the case, I can understand the decision."

"It's a big mistake to leave out Shoaib. He is a very solid player who is needed in the Test team. He did well in the West Indies last time and they might find they will miss him badly," added Imran.

Pakistan, who are due in the Caribbean on Sunday, open their tour with a four-day match against Jamaica starting on Thursday.

### SCOREBOARD

Scorecard at stumps on the third day of the one-off Test between India and Zimbabwe on Monday.

**INDIA:** (First innings overnight 411 for four)

Imran Khan	c A Flower b Brain	3
Sidhu	lbw Traicos	61
Kambli	c and b Traicos	227
Tendulkar	c	6
Traicos	b Ranechod	62
Azharuddin	run out	42
Amre	not out	52
Kapil Dev	st G	0
Flower	b Traicos	16
Yadav	b Brain	30
Kumble	not out	18
Extras: (b-17, lb-6, w-2)		25
Total: (for seven wickets dec)		536

Fall of wickets: 1-19; 2-126; 3-263; 4-370; 5-434; 6-464; 7-507.

**Bowling:**

	O	M	R	W
Brands	26	4	93	0
Brain	34	1	146	2
Shah	10	3	43	0
Traicos	50	4	186	3
Ranechod	12	0	45	1

**ZIMBABWE:** First innings

Arnott	lbw to Kapil Dev	0
G Flower	not out	47
Campbell	b Chauhan	32
Houghton	lbw b Kumble	18
A Flower	not out	46
Extras: (b-5, w-1, nb-3)		9
Total: (for three wickets)		152

Fall of wickets: 1-0; 2-53; 3-83.

To bat: A Shah, G Brian, E Brands, D Brain, J Traicos, U Ranechod.

**Bowling:**

	O	M	R	W
Kapil Dev	5	2	13	1
Prabhakar	11	3	16	0
Chauhan	19	3	49	1
Kumble	19	5	42	1
Maninder Singh	13	1	27	0



Zimbabwean Grant Flower drives one to covers during his unconquered knock of 47 on the third day of the one-off Test against India at Delhi's Feroze Shah Kotla yesterday. The man behind the stumps is Vijay Yadav.