

Sport

Schools b'ball

Saint Nicholas School and Tejgaon Shaheen School qualified for the final of the National King Fan schools basketball tournament winning their respective semi-final at the wooden floor gymnasium yesterday, reports UNB.

Saint Nicholas School eliminated Nabakumar Institution 32-30 in a keenly contested encounter. The winners were trailing 11-12 in the first session.

Nirmal scored 10 and Satya six for the winners while Nazrul caged 16 and Atizul seven for the losers.

In the second semifinal, Tejgaon Shaheen School overcame Kurmitola Shaheen School 44-43. The match was locked at 20-20 at the breather.

Sadek contributed 13 and Rezwan 14 for the winners while Mahmudul made 16 and Moudud 11 for the losers.

The final match between Saint Nicholas School and Tejgaon Shaheen School will be held today at 3 pm.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain will be chief guest in the final while the Managing Director of the sponsors National Electrical Industries M Habibullah will be present as a special guest.

Kabaddi league

Sports Reporter

Suryakamal finished Group B runners-up when they beat Jagarani Sangsad 38-8 in the last group match in the Metropolis kabaddi league at the Outer Stadium yesterday.

The winners, who led the first half by a comfortable 14-4 scoreline, earned three bonus.

Suryakamal upped their tally to four points from three matches, two adrift from the group leaders Sonali Bank Club, who have won all their group engagements to finish with six points.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Jurain Janata Club vs Maniknagar Unnayan Samity
Bangladesh Boys Club vs Srijani Sangsad.

Shah Sports Cup
soccer results

Sports Reporter

Saat Rawja Nabob Sangha defeated Dhaka Football Coaching Centre by a solitary goal at the Outer Stadium yesterday in the Shah Sports Cup juvenile football tournament.

Abed scored the match-winner in the 11th minute of the first half from spot kick.

In the other match of the day, Tejkunipara Rafti Smriti Sangsad drew one-all with Chandnighat Tarun Sangha.

Apu scored for the Tejkunipara side six minutes of the second half while Harun restored parity thirteen minutes later.

Maldives to send 67-strong squad for SAF Games

Maldives will send a 67-member team to the sixth South Asian Federation (SAF) Games to be held in Dhaka from December 20-27 next, reports BSS.

According to the SAF Games organising committee, the Maldivian contingent includes 53 athletes and players and 14 officials. The island country will take part in seven of the 11 disciplines in the Games being held in Dhaka for the second time.

Inter-service swimming on

The inter-service swimming championship '93 got underway at the naval headquarters complex swimming pool at Banani yesterday under the auspices of the Bangladesh Navy, an ISPR press release said, reports BSS.

Out of the three final events held yesterday, Salim Mia of Bangladesh Navy improved inter-service record in 200 metre butterfly, covering the distance in 2 minutes 17.82 secs. The previous record in the event was 2 minutes 19.15 secs.

Mukhlesur Rahman CPO, also of Bangladesh Navy improved inter-service record in 100 metre breaststroke. He took 1 minute 10 secs while the previous record was 1 minute 10.93 secs.

Earlier, the chief of air staff Air Vice Marshal Altaf Hossain Choudhury inaugurated the four-day meet and later distributed prizes among the winners in different events.

Army v'ball

COMILLA, Sept 26: Four matches of the Bangladesh Army annual volleyball championship were held at the Comilla Cantonment here, reports BSS.

Anti-Aircraft Artillery trounced Dhaka Signals 15-11, 15-2 and 15-6 while Myfensingh Area beat Dhaka Infantry 15-17, 15-12, 16-14 and 15-5 this morning.

Earlier, on Saturday afternoon, Savar Area defeated Chittagong Area 15-12, 15-12 and 15-9 while Comilla Area beat Bogra Area 15-9, 11-15, 15-10 and 15-7.

Abahani steal a march on rivals

Nannu quits Mohammedans

Sports Reporter

Minhazul Abedin Nannu, skipper of the national cricket team, parted ways with Mohammedan Sporting Club after seven long years when the star batsman returned to his old side Abahani on the second day of cricketers' inter-club transfer.



PARTING WAYS: Minhazul Abedin Nannu sets his seven-year old relationship with Mohammedans at nought with one stroke of a pen. The former captain of the national team joined his old club Abahani yesterday, the second day of the cricketers' inter-club transfers. — Star photo

In a day of resounding success, reigning Navana Premier League champions Abahani also roped in Saiful Islam, reportedly the fastest bowler of the land and wicket keeper Nasir Ahmed Nasu.



SAIFUL ISLAM

While it will be young Saiful's first year with one of the giants of local cricket both Nannu and Nasu should find the change of tents as some sort of homecoming, having spent considerable time of their ca-

Wari stay afloat

Rahmatganj MFS were relegated to the First Division after suffering a 0-1 defeat against Wari Club yesterday in a relegation play-off match of the Star Premier Division football league at the Hockey Stadium, reports UNB.

A club from the city's old area, Rahmatganj Muslim Friends Society, who began their journey in the Dhaka Senior Division football league nearly 30 years back, made their shocking departure from the Premier Division despite playing superbly in the last few matches.

Wari Club and Rahmatganj MFS had to fight it out in the relegation play-off to decide who stay in the top tier match after securing 13 points each on completion of all their 18 league engagements.

Another traditional club of Dhaka, Victoria Sporting Club were earlier relegated to the First Division after finishing at the foot of the Premier league points table with 12 points from 18 matches.

In the day's crucial match, Mokbul scored the match-winner for Wari in the eighth minute of the last half by a gentle push from a goalmouth missile (1-0).

The match was a closely contested affair from the very beginning till the final whistle, which saw Ranjan of Rahmatganj and Bobby of Wari

rears with Abahani.

Although Nannu's fans among Mohammedan supporters have reasons to feel shocked, the move was always on the cards for the knowing circle. The temperamental cricketer from Chittagong was having problems with the management of Mohammedans from the middle of last season.

On a day when Abahani succeeded in retaining five of their old players including the redoubtable Akram Khan, Gulshan stumper Nasu's joining was a big bonus for the Dhanmondi Club.

The former Abahani player Nasu really excelled in his job behind the stumps last year for Gulshan Youth.

The roping in of Nasu will not cause Abahani any unnecessary hassle as a recent BCCB ruling exempted wicket-keepers from the pool comprising 17 national players.

Every Premier league team is allowed to register maximum four players from the pool.

Akram, who took over and submitted in favour of Abahani once again, along with Khaled Mahmud Sujan, Ziauddin Shovon, Khatruzzaman Babu and Ripon give rise to the number of pool players in Abahani to four with the inclusions of Nannu and Saiful.

However, the calculation is valid as long as Faruq Ahmed, a pool player, does not seek new allegiance. A very talented batsman who is yet to fulfil his promise, Faruq had an indifferent and luckless season last year. With veteran Gazi Ashraf Hossain Lipu almost sure to lead Abahani in the forthcoming season, the middle order batting may be too crammed to make room for Faruq at his favourite number three position, and if Abahani persists with the motion of having an allrounder batsman like Athar Ali, Faruq may well switch to a new club, possibly Mohammedans.

GMCC, one of the better teams known for their giant killing acts, had a successful day too. They succeeded in caging Mahbubur Rahman Selim, a pool player who played for Biman last year. Also joined him was Zakir Hossain, the right arm medium pacer who had a fairly ordinary season with Mohammedans last year.

Apart from these two new signings GMCC managed to retain are wicketkeeper Pappu and promising batsman Sanwar.

Notable among others who changed teams was Sajid Hassan. The young opening batsman better known for his filial connection with former national skipper Roqibul Hassan, yesterday parted with Victoria to join Gulshan Youth.

Nine out of eighteen players who took tokens changed teams on the second day of cricketers' transfer will close on Thursday, September 30.

PRINCE TO LEAD BCCB XI

Meanwhile, the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) yesterday announced a 19-member squad for the BCCB XI which will leave Dhaka on October 5 for India to play a number of exhibition matches as a part of Bangladesh's preparation for the ICC trophy to be held in Kenya in February next year. This will be the second visit of the BCCB team to India following their recent package trip which included participation in over-limit competition apart from number of exhibition matches.

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