

Sport

St Nicholas High win National King Fan basketball

Sports Reporter

St Nicholas High School clinched the National King Fan schools basketball title beating BAF Shaheen School, Tejgaon by 51 points to 38 in the final at the Outer Stadium wooden floor gymnasium yesterday.

The visitors led the first half by a shaky 25-22 scoreline.

Abdul Ali spearheaded the St Nicholas High attack plamdunking 18 points. Nirmal and Jewel played their role well enough contributing ten and nine points respectively.

Fahmid kept the losers in the game caging 16 points while Hasibul and Rubul scored ten and six points respectively.

Earlier in the semifinals, St Nicholas High School beat Nakshinur, Institution while BAF Shaheen School eliminated Kurmitola Shaheen School.

Siddique Qudus of the Tejgaon School was adjudged the best player of the tournament.

The champions received Taka 1,500 while the runners-up went home richer taka 1,000.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain witnessed the final as chief guest and later distributed prizes.

Fakirerpool half a point away

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Fakirerpool Youngmen's Club are now within half a point from the Star First Division football league title as well as promotion to the Premier Division after beating Dhanmondi Club by a solitary goal in their penultimate league engagement at the Hockey Stadium yesterday.

Fakirerpool YC, who top the points table with a collection of 23 points from 17 matches, only need a draw in their last league encounter against Farashganj Sporting Club.

East End Club and Bangladesh Boys Club are also in contention for the two promotion berths with 21 points each from 17 matches.

Yesterday, Arifur Rahman Mamun made amends for a spoilt chance by scoring in the 55th minute when he made no mistake in guiding the ball home after teammate Amin power-packed drive bounced back into the game off the Dhanmondi custodian Ratan.

Mamun, earlier, could not latch onto a golden chance when he failed to toe the ball into the Dhanmondi goal with the goalie beaten hollow.

Dhanmondi Club remained stuck to their previous collection of 17 points from as many matches.

TODAY'S MATCHES

BRTC SC vs Adamjee Sports Club (Hockey Stadium)
Eskaton Sabuj Sangha vs East End (")

Kabaddi results

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Jurain Janata Club moved into the quarter finals of the '93 Kabaddi league with a 23-20 win against Maniknagar Unnayan Samity at the kabaddi court yesterday.

They emerged as the Group G champions with full six points from three matches.

The winners led the first half 14-13.

In the other match of the day, Bangladesh Boys got a walkover against Srinjani Sangbad who failed to turn up.

Inter-service swimming

One more national and one inter-service records were bettered on the second day of the inter-service swimming championship at the Naval Headquarters Complex swimming pool at Banani yesterday, an ISPR press release said, reports BSS.

Hab Samsul Islam, Hab Abdus Salam, Hab Yasin Ali and NK Asaduzzaman of Bangladesh Army set the new national record in 4x200m free-style relay. They took 8 min 40.25 secs against the previous record of 8 min 46.47 secs.

Milans Hossain of Bangladesh Navy improved inter-service record in 200m individual medley clocking 2 min 23.46 secs. The previous record in the event was 2 min 24.17 secs.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh Navy, with 6 gold and 6 silver medals, were leading medals' table while Bangladesh Army followed them with 1 gold, 1 silver and 6 bronze medals.

Bangladesh Navy trounced Air Force by 12-0 in the opening match of the water polo championship. The winners led the first half 6-0.

Chief of the Naval Staff Rear Admiral Mohammad Mohamadul Islam witnessed the events and later distributed the prizes.

Principal staff officers, officers and a large number of service personnel were also present.

Mohammedans manage Prince

Sports Reporter

Mohammedan Sporting Club, one of the two most consistent bidders of the league champion ship title, made a belated entry into the transfer market when they roped in Golam Nowsher Prince, the newly appointed skipper of the national team, along with a few other upcoming player on the third day of cricketers' inter-club transfers.

But last year's runners-up, lost attacking opening batsman Harun-ur-Rashid Liton to arch-rivals Abahani, who succeeded in luring away Mohammedans' long serving middle order batsman Minhalul Abedin Nannu on Sunday. Shahidul Alam Ratan, a dispensable stumper, also left Mohammedan for Gulshan last evening.

Checkmated in their bid to bag national wicketkeeper Nasir Ahmed Nasu and paceman Saiful Islam, both of whom joined Abahani on Sunday, Mohammedans yesterday but tonholed promising wicket-keeper batsman Khaled Masud Pilot. More of a batsman with pleasing footwork and fine temperament than a wicketkeeper, Pilot caught the eye of cricket lovers with a couple of ripping knocks for Kalabagan last year.

Two more players of Pilot's age group — Sajjad Ahmed Shipon, an opening batsman and Natimur Rahman Durjoy, an all rounder — left Udyoti to join Mohammedans yesterday.

League champions Abahani Krira Chakra, who by Sunday seemed to have stolen a march on their rivals, carried on their consolidation operation. Gazi Ashraf Hossain Lipu, who made a return of the native sort of a comeback to Abahani last year after a rather prolonged association with GMCC and inspired his side to regain the title predictably, submitted his token for Abahani.

The fact that Lipu, a former national captain now in the twilight zone of his career, stayed with Abahani to lead the Dhanmondi side once again was considerably paled yesterday by another anecdote of success by the club officials.

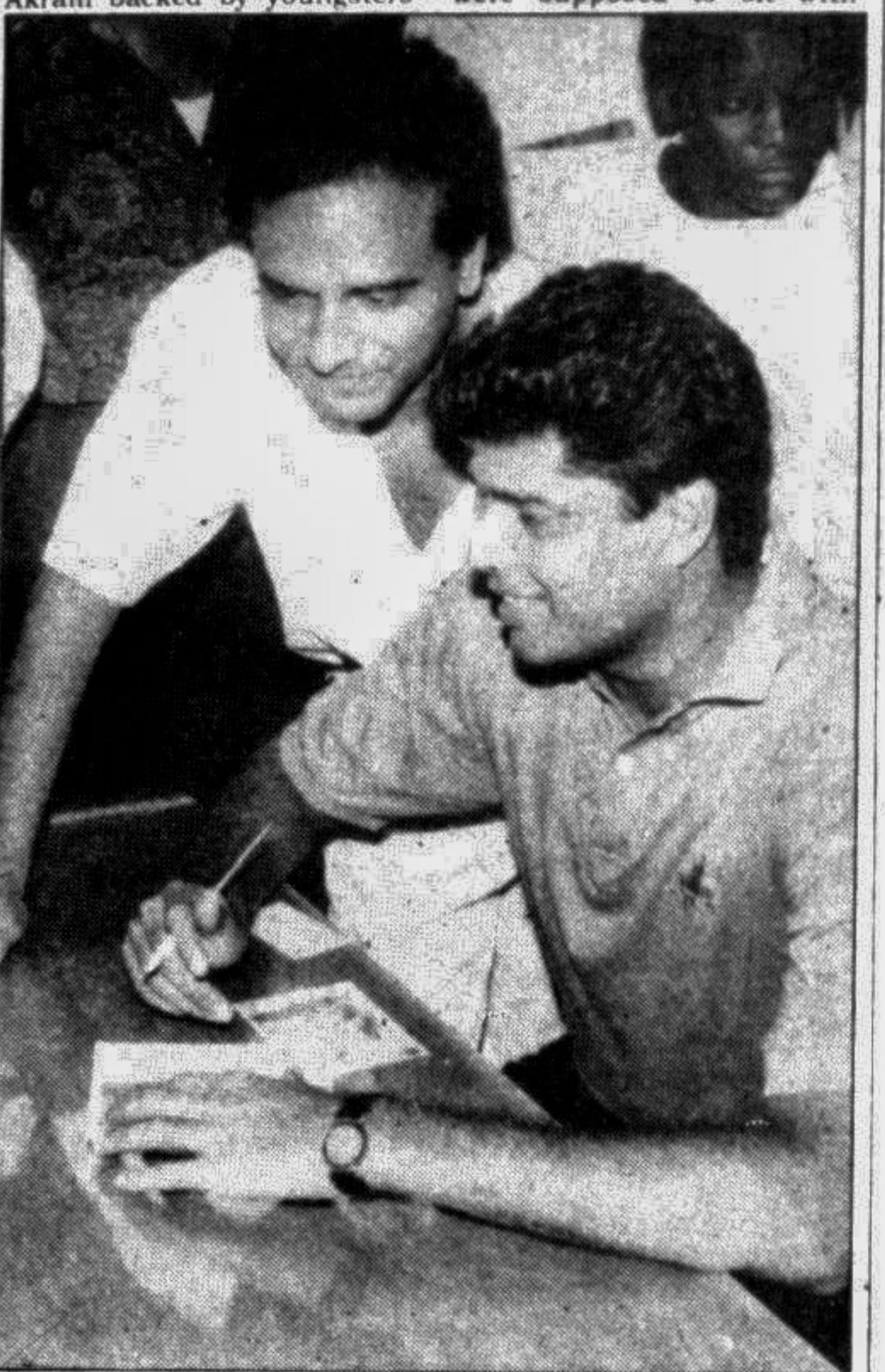
Faruq Ahmed, the former Abahani skipper who had to step down last year to pave the path for Lipu's return to the helm, shook off the doubts and last evening submitted his token in favour of Abahani.

A strange case, for Faruq, inspite of having all the technique and class at least at this level of cricket, has been failing to score as much as he would have liked to for the last couple

years. This year the one drop batsman reportedly gave serious thoughts over a change of tents. Circumstances appeared quite encouraging for such an option as Abahani packed the middle order batting by retaining and regaining all the big names in the circuit. What a glittering array of names — Liton Faruq, Lipu, Nannu, and Akram backed by youngsters

Aminul Islam Bulbul, the Mohammedan skipper for the forthcoming season. Three more players from Brothers Union — Athar Ali Khan, Zahid Razzak Masum and Nurul Abedin Nobel — may opt for Mohammedans, who are almost certain to lose veteran Rafiqul Alam and Abu Hamid Piyal.

Athar, Masum and Nobel were supposed to sit with



Golam Nowsher Prince is all smiles as he signs for Mohammedan Sporting Club. The left arm paceman celebrated his appointment as the new captain of the national team by returning to his old team. Prince played for Victoria last year.

—Star photo

Brothers officials last night over arrear payment. A fruitful breakthrough there might have gummed up the works of Mohammedan recruiters.

Forty-two players — highest for a single day — so far took tokens yesterday but Anisuddin Bhuyian of GMCC attracted special notice as the only player who could not make up his mind and held his token close to his chest. Perhaps a good night's sleep will help him to make a decision today.

Raghunandan Prasad, president of the Indian Hockey Federation (IHF), said the tournament would be played in Bonbay from October 17 to 20.

The Indira Gandhi tournament has been reduced to four teams from the original eight due to withdrawals by other nations after three postponements, Prasad added.

Belgium, Egypt, Russia and India are the four nations left in the tournament. To be played on a round-robin basis.

The tournament was first postponed in January because of Hindu-Muslim violence in Bonbay and again as the dates coincided with the England-India cricket Test in the adjoining stadium. The third postponement was due to Bonbay being rocked by bomb explosions in March.

Zimbabwe needed a glut of goals to improve their qualification chances and looked set for a feast when agent Sawu netted after just three minutes of the Group C match in Harare on Sunday — his seventh goal in Zimbabwe's qualifying campaign.

But 21-year-old Sawu, recently returned from an unsuccessful trial with Liverpool in England, and his teammates were unable to add to the tally and must now beat Cameroon away in Yaounde in their final match on October 10 to ensure their place in the finals.

Cameroon, who reached the last eight in the 1990 World Cup finals in Italy, share top place with Zimbabwe in the standings, but the Camerounians have a better goal difference and will be favoured to clinch their third appearance at the final tournament.

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