

Anis' ripping bowling destroys Gulshan Mohammedans, GMCC win easy

Sports Reporter

Devastating medium pace bowling by Anisur Rahman helped Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club (GMCC) beat Gulshan Youth Club by six wickets in one of the two Navana Premier Division cricket league matches at the Dhanmohi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Such feat this season after a six-wicket haul by Gulshan's Joydev. Plaban bagged three wickets for 22 runs as Gulshan were bowled out for 101 in 38 overs. GMCC ensured Gulshan's third defeat collecting the necessary runs in 28.1 overs for the loss of four wickets.



ANIS ... 5 for 22

The left-arm paceman, once a member of the Bangladesh national youth team, took five wickets for 22 runs from eight overs of accurate and at times hostile bowling.

After skipper Raman Lamba, the Indian Test-discard, won the toss and asked his counterpart Rafiqul Alam to make the first use of the wicket, Anis reduced them to 21 for four in the ninth over.

The young seamer began by clean bowling Sajid Hassan, Gulshan's opener, for a nought, then trapped Rafiq leg before for a nought and crowned the superb spell by having Indian Test-batsman Arun Lal taken behind the stumps off a thin edge for two only.

Only Arun's compatriot Ashok Malhotra, a classy bat in his own right, defied Anis' aggression scoring an unbeaten 38 off 78 balls. Ehsan was the other batsman to make it to the double figures as wickets fell, first in the face of Anis' pace then to Plaban's spin, like nine pins.

Anis returned to capture two more wickets to have match figures of five for 22, only second

recorded a huge 101 run win against Udiy Club at the Dhaka Stadium.

Sent in to bat first Mohammedans collected 219 for nine wickets with skipper Aminul Islam Bulbul scoring 64 off 77 balls to signal a welcome return to form.

Shri Lankan allrounder Ashaoka de Silva gave Bulbul excellent support with a positive knock of 43 made from 44 balls and the two added 96 runs for the sixth-wicket.

Durjoy Shahed and Pilot were the other notable scorers with 29.20 and 17 not out. Khokon, Nahid and skipper Munir took two wicket each for Udiy.

Mohammedans' off-spinner Salahuddin captured four wickets for 22 runs to restrict Udiy to 118 for nine from the stipulated quota of 45 overs.

Although, Silva, Durjoy and Bulbul got one wicket apiece, national player Golam Nowsher Prince, who took the field for Mohammedans first time this year, did not get any wicket from his seven overs that cost him 13 runs.

For Udiy opener Tipu top-scored with 26, followed by his partner Rupam who made 19. Subir and Chapal scored 16 each.

Mohammedans have so far won all five matches while Udiy are in search of their first win.

TODAY'S MATCHES
Biman vs Brothers (Dhaka Stadium)
Victoria vs Wari (DCS)

IR win in DU cricket

Sports Reporter

International Relations, aided by two fine knocks from Suman Biswas and Atiquzzaman, registered a huge 104-run victory over minnows Applied Physics in the Dhaka University inter-department cricket at the Jagannath Hall ground yesterday.

International Relations batted first and amassed 175 for the loss of three wickets in the stipulated 30 overs.

Simon Biswas made 71, while Atiquzzaman made 73. Speed took two wickets by giving away 42 runs.

Applied Physics could only make 71 runs for the loss of eight wickets in their turn.

Pareesh top-scored with 21 runs. Shafkat Rana spared only nine runs to claim two wickets while Afzal took two for 10 runs.

Div II hockey

Sports Reporter

Udiy Hockey Club and Tejaon Agraami Club registered similar margin wins over their respective opponents in the Green Delta Second Division hockey super league at the Hockey Stadium yesterday.

In the first encounter of the day, Tejaon Agraami beat Agraami Bank by three goals to nil.

Walid, Belal and Ratan caged once each in the 40th, 56th and 59th minutes respectively. All were field goals.

In the other match, a hat-trick by Moza led Udiy Club to a comfortable 3-0 triumph over East End Green Club.

Moza scored three field goals in the 15th, 27th and 29th minutes of the match.

Div II soccer results

Sports Reporter

Shantinagar Club defeated Prantik Kirra Chakra 2-0 in the Sonali Bank Second Division football league while the other match between Rayer Bazar AC and Badda Jagoroni ended in a goalless draw at the Outer Stadium yesterday.

Emdadul and Rezaul netted once each for Shantinagar Club.

One more for Jansher

DOHA, Nov 18: World champion Jansher Khan of Pakistan proved too good for Australian Rodney Martin as he retained his Qatar International squash title with a masterful 15-7, 15-8, 15-9 victory on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

Cheered on by hundreds of countrymen living in Qatar, Jansher won convincingly in 44 minutes, never allowing the world number three from Brisbane into the match.

Sampras outguns Ivanisevic

FRANKFURT, Nov 18: World number one Pete Sampras won his battle of the big servers against Goran Ivanisevic in the ATP World Championships here on Wednesday night, reports AFP.

Sampras swept through 6-3, 4-6, 6-2 in the Arthur Ashe Group tie, and had no doubts about where his strength lay.

Graf still too good for Zvereva

NEW YORK, Nov 18: An efficient Steffi Graf continued her domination of Natalia Zvereva and advanced into the second round of the Virginia Slims Championships with a 6-2, 6-4 victory, reports AP.

The first round of the season-ending \$3.5 million tournament was completed when fourth-seeded Conchita Martinez played Manuela Maleeva-Fragniere and No 8 Anke Huber took on Magdalena Maleeva.

Graf's Wednesday night thrashing of Zvereva wasn't as through as the first time they met, in the 1988 French Open final when the German won 6-0, 6-0. But while Zvereva has added a more attacking game, taking to the net at every opportunity, she still doesn't have a weapon to cause Graf problems.

Graf's quickness around the court and the power of her strokes gave Zvereva nothing but trouble. Numerous times, especially early in the match, Zvereva was in perfect position to cut off Graf's passing shot, only to bury her volley into the net.

Graf broke Zvereva's serve in the third game after the two had battled through two deuces, then broke her again in the seventh game. When she closed out the first set on her own serve, the match was 30 minutes old.

The second set took four minutes longer, with Graf posting her only service break in the third game, the last point coming when Zvereva double-faulted.

Argentina make it to the finals but

Neighbours locked out of 24-club



LONDON, Nov 18: Relief for Italy, humiliation for Britain and shock for France.

The results of Wednesday's final round of qualifying for the 1994 World Cup were as notable for the teams that made it as for those that didn't.

After nearly two years and 497 qualifying matches, the United States, now known as the United States of America, will be arriving next June for soccer's biggest show, reports AP.

Eight of the nine remaining berths were filled by European teams: powerhouses Italy and the Netherlands, along with Spain, Ireland, Switzerland, Belgium, Romania and Bulgaria.

Argentina claimed the 10th and final spot by beating Australia 1-0 in Buenos Aires.

Teams that missed out included England, France and European champions Denmark. Italy, who have a large ethnic following in the United States, qualified for the ninth straight time with a 1-0 victory over Portugal in Milan. The "Azzurri" played tentatively for the first half, but Dino Baggio scored the winner with seven minutes left.

The most dramatic finish came in Paris, where France were eliminated by Bulgaria on a goal by Emil Kostadinov with 10 seconds remaining. French players were in tears after the game.

France, who needed only a tie, were also a minute away

from qualifying on Oct 13 but gave up two goals in the final minutes and lost 3-2 to Israel.

"There are no words to describe it," said Jean Verbeke, vice president of the French soccer federation. "It's catastrophe. We all are in shock."

It marked another blow for French soccer, still reeling from

their 7-1 victory over San Marino in Bologna, Italy, was coupled with the Netherlands' 3-1 victory at Poland.

In order for England to qualify, they had to beat San Marino by seven goals and the Netherlands had to lose.

The English were stunned — and their chances dented — when San Marino's Davide Gualtieri scored after just 10 seconds. It was one of the fastest goals ever in international play and only the second ever scored by San Marino.

"I believe I let the boys down tonight," said England captain Stuart Pearce, who set up San Marino's goal with a sloppy back pass.

England bounced back with seven goals — four by Ian Wright — but it probably wasn't enough to save manager Graham Taylor's job.

"It's very painful for a lot of people but no one can feel the pain more than myself," Taylor said. "I'm not making any public comment about whether I want to stay or go until I've discussed a lot of things with officials of the Football Association (England's governing body)."

Wales had a chance to qualify for the first time since 1958 but lost 2-1 in Cardiff to Romania. Florin Raduciu scored the winner with seven minutes left to send Romania to their second straight World Cup.

It was the fourth time in the last five qualifying tournaments that Wales fell one game short.

"It has all dealt Welsh football a cruel blow again," Wales

manager Terry Yorath said. "We will be stuck with that nearby-man tag again."

The game was marred by the death of an elderly male spectator who was hit in the neck by a firework fired at the final whistle.

There were no serious incidents reported in Belfast, where Ireland qualified with a 1-1 tie with Northern Ireland.

Security was extremely tight at Windsor Park following the recent deaths of 27 people in sectarian violence in the province. Police were on alert for trouble with a team from exclusively Catholic Ireland visiting a predominantly Protestant part of the city.

Ireland are coached by an Englishman, Jackie Charlton. Another English coach, Roy Hodgson, guided Switzerland to a World Cup berth with a 4-0 win over Estonia.

Spain knocked out Denmark, winning 1-0 after playing 79 minutes with only 10 players following the ejection of its goalkeeper.

Although the Irish and Danes wound up level on points and goal differential, Charlton's Irish team advanced because they had scored more goals, 19, to Denmark's 15.

Greece edged Russia in a match between two teams who had already qualified from Group Three, and Scotland won 2-0 at Malta in a meeting of two who had already been knocked out.

England struggled to shake off the effects of that goal but went on to score seven.

Bergkamp fired the Dutch ahead after only 10 minutes in Poznan, while Marek Leśniak leveled the score two minutes later. It was all over for Poland — and England — when Berghkamp and Ronald de Boer hit more second half goals.

Goalie Filip de Wilde was Belgium's hero, making repeated saves against the RCS attack in the second half as his team made it to the finals for the fourth time in a row.

For the Czechs and Slovaks, the defeat was probably the last match they play together before splitting into two national teams.

Greece's winner against Russia came in the 68th minute when Nikos Mahlas headed in a free kick taken by Nikos Tsiantakis.

Some 60,000 fans watched the game in Athens Olympic Stadium as the Greeks finished top of the group standings.

In Malta, Billy McKinlay scored on his debut for Scotland in the 16th minute and Colin Hendry tallied the second goal in 29 minutes into the second half.

Fifteen minutes before kickoff, the Scots name Craig Brown as team manager in succession to Andy Roxburgh, who quit two months ago.

In an exhibition game in Cologne, World Cup holders Germany gained a 2-1 victory over visiting Brazil, another qualifier, with all three goals coming in a three-minute spell shortly before half time.

Strikes by Guido Buchwald and Andreas Moller in the 38th and 41st minute sandwiched a goal for Brazil by Evar.

The top six

NEW YORK, Nov 18: Italy, Belgium, Brazil and Argentina will join the hosts United States and defending champions Germany as seeds at next month's World Cup draw, reports AP.

The announcement was made Wednesday by Alan Rothenberg, chairman of the World Cup USA organizing committee during a telephone conference call from Milan, Italy.

Rothenberg spoke before Wednesday night's game between Argentina and Australia, won 1-0 by Argentina. Had Argentina lost, Spain would have been the final top seed.

The teams will not be officially placed in groups until the week of the Dec 19 draw at Las Vegas.

But US organisers already have said the United States will play in Group A, with one game at the Pontiac Silverdome and two at the Rose Bowl; Germany will play in Group C with two games at Chicago's Soldier Field and one at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas; and Italy will play in Group E, with two games at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J. and one at Washington's RFK Stadium.

Teams other than the seeds will be drawn at random.

"I don't think there is any particular pocket of Belgian support," Rothenberg said. "But with teams like Mexico, Colombia, Greece, and South Korea also, they have large indigenous populations."

The three teams that troubled US organizers — England, Iraq and Iran — all failed to qualify. England's fan cause trouble and Iraq and Iran would have caused political difficulties.

"I guess the expression is 'I'd rather be lucky than good,' and the field that is ... completed shows we were lucky," Rothenberg said.

Zimbabwe relive sensation

INDORE, India, Nov 18: Zimbabwe's last man John Rennie scambled a leg bye off the final delivery to force India to tie a heart-stopping Hero Cup league match here Thursday, reports AFP.

Needing two off Manoj Prabhakar's last ball to surpass India's 248 for five, Rennie ran for his life after padding the ball and easily completed the run.

But his partner Heath Streak ran himself out when he attempted an ambitious second and winning run even as wicket-keeper Vijay Yadav swooped on the ball from silly mid-off.

The tie gave a point each to both teams, but may still not be enough for winless Zimbabwe to sneak into the semifinals of the five-nation tournament being organised to celebrate the diamond jubilee of the Cricket Association of Bengal.

Zimbabwe, who have two points from three matches — they also gained a point through a rain-abandoned match against South Africa — face the unenviable task of defeating the mighty West Indies in their final match Sunday to qualify.

West Indies head the league with four points from three matches, followed by South Africa and India (three from three) and Sri Lanka (two from three).

It was, however, a match the babes of international cricket will remember for a long time.

Chasing a stiff target of five runs an over, Zimbabwe put up a valiant fight with skipper Andy Flower leading the way with a superb 56 and useful contributions coming from the others.

The match, watched by some 30,000 home fans at the Nehru Stadium, swung from one extreme to another as ragged India fielding allowed Zimbabwe to bounce back.

Resolute batting by Andrew Waller (32), Ali Shah (37) and Guy Whittall (33) put Zimbabwe in a winning position at 207 for five in the 44th over.

Seamer Javagal Srinath removed both Shah and Whittall in the 45th over and Prabhakar accounted for David Brain in the 46th as India came roaring back into the match.

But as the Indian fielding wilted in the mounting tension, the Zimbabwe tail wagged merrily to take their team closer to victory.

Needing 36 off the last four overs, Zimbabwe prospered through Stephen Peall, who hit 17 off 15 balls, and the last wicket pair of Streak and Rennie.

Indian bowlers were slaughtered for 26 runs in three overs which left them needing 10 off Prabhakar's final over.

After two singles off the first three balls, Rennie pulled a full toss to the mid-wicket fence and took two off the fifth to leave Zimbabwe just two runs in arrears from the final ball.

The result was a great disappointment for the Indians, who appeared to have shrugged off Tuesday's defeat against the West Indies with an impressive batting display.

Prabhakar, who opens both the batting and bowling, top-scored for India with a polished 91. Skipper Mohammad Azharuddin contributed an unbeaten 54 while Vinod Kambl made 55.

Prabhakar, who also took two wickets in Zimbabwe's innings, was voted man-of-the-match.

In the next match, unbeaten South Africa take on Sri Lanka in the eastern city of Guwahati on Friday.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Hero Cup one-day international between India and Zimbabwe played here Thursday:

INDIA:
Prabhakar st A Flower b Peall 91

Raman c Houghton b Brain 0
Kambl c Rennie b Peall 55
Yadav c G. Flower b Peall 0
Azharuddin not out 54
Tendulkar c and b Streak 24
Amre not out 1

Extras: (b-4, lb-8, nb-3, w-8) 23
Total: (For five wickets, 50 overs) 248

Fall of wickets: 1-6; 2-128; 3-128; 4-197; 5-239
Did not bat: K Dev, A Kumble, J Srinath, R K Chauhan

Bowling O M R W
Brain 10 0 37 1
Streak 10 2 44 1
Rennie 9 0 36 0
Ali Shah 5 0 31 0
Peall 10 0 54 3
G Flower 6 0 34 0

ZIMBABWE:
A Flower st Yadav b Chauhan 56
G Flower b Prabhakar 7
Campbell b Srinath 2
Houghton lbw b Kapil 22
Whittall run out 32
Ali Shah c Chauhan b Srinath 37
Peall c Yadav b Srinath 17
Brain c Azharuddin b Prabhakar 11
Streak run out 1
Rennie not out 9
Extras: (b-10, w-11) 21
Total: (All out, 50 overs) 248

Fall of wickets: 1-10; 2-23; 3-67; 4-131; 5-143; 6-207; 7-208; 8-212; 9-237.

Bowling: O M R W
Prabhakar 10 0 41 2
Srinath 10 0 44 3
Kapil 6 0 31 1
Kumble 8 0 42 0
Tendulkar 8 0 48 1
Chauhan 8 0 32 1

Results: Match ended in a tie
Man-of-the-match: Manoj Prabhakar

STANDINGS

League standings after Thursday's match (played, won, lost, tie, points):

West Indies	3	2	1	4
South Africa	2	1	1	3
India	3	1	1	3
Sri Lanka	3	1	2	2
Zimbabwe	3	1	2	2

Rutherford sure of success

ADELAIDE, Nov 18: Stand-in skipper Ken Rutherford is confident the New Zealand cricket team has enough character to overcome the potentially disastrous loss of injured captain Martin Crowe, reports AP.

Rutherford, the 27-year-old Otago captain who has led New Zealand only once before in a Test, said Thursday that he believes the Kiwi side has the resources to build on the good work put together so far on the tour.

He said the loss of Crowe was a knee injury came at a time when things were falling into place after a rusty start to the tour.

"We have to say things are not as bad as they seem," Rutherford said. "We are quite capable, even without Martin performing."

Rutherford had been the mainstay of the New Zealand batting during the last year. He has raised 698 runs (an average of 53.69) in eight Tests, inclusive of 298 runs at an average of 59.60 in the home series against Australia.

A stylish right-hander, he said he had ambitions to cap-

tain New Zealand full-time in the future.

"Being a vice-captain for two years has made life relaxing for me at the top. I don't feel over-awed at all about the enormity of the task — if it is enormous at all," he said.

"I've learned quite a bit from watching men like Allan Border, Mike Gatting and Graham Gooch in the middle."

Rutherford said he would be instilling in his players the need to concentrate for all five days of next week's second Test in Hobart.

"We are not firing on all cylinders at the moment," he said. "Test cricket is five days of hard work. I think we performed well three days out of five in Perth."

Meanwhile, injuries to captain Martin Crowe and medium-pace Willie Watson have left two spots on the New Zealand cricket test team up for grabs.

Coch Geoff Howarth said Thursday that performances in the four-day match against south Australia would decide who fills the vacancies.

"The gap left by Martin throws a batting spot wide open and there are a couple of bowling spots at stake," Howarth said.

"The players outside the Test team must realize they have to perform against South Australia to get the selectors' attention."

The match against south Australia begins on Friday with the second Test scheduled for Hobart next week.

Replacements Chris Harris and Richard de Groen both will play against South Australia, the current Sheffield Shield leader. De Groen will take the new ball with Simon Doull.

"Richard is a useful performer and I was actually a little surprised he wasn't in the original party," Howarth said.

"He will be a little thin on practice but he is very competitive and will slot straight into a game."

New Zealand strike bowler Danny Morrison will be rested, along with Andrew Jones and allrounder Chris Cairns.

Of the South Australians, only Tim May has realistic hopes of playing in the second Test and the off-spinner said he wanted some work in the match without bowling flat out.

"I'll have a bit of a bowl, but I don't want to work myself into the ground here," he said.

"I've had a fair bit of work in the first three games so a few of the other guys may get to do a bit more for a tour game."



Diego Maradona, captain of the Argentine team, breaks through the defence of Australia's Marad Alex Tobin (L) and Jason van Blerk during the World Cup qualifying match in Buenos Aires on Nov 17. Argentina won 1-0 to qualify for the finals. — AFP photo

Bulgaria, China roll on

MELBOURNE, Nov 18: Ivan Tchakarov of Bulgaria upset Olympic champion Khaki Kakiachvili Thursday to win two gold medals in the 91-kilogram division at the world weightlifting championships, reports AP.

Tchakarov, who finished fourth at the Barcelona Olympics, collected gold medals for the snatch and total, setting world records in both categories. He also took the silver in the jerk.

He became the fifth Bulgarian to win an overall title at the championships.

China, meanwhile, continued its domination of women's events at the championships when Hua Ju won the snatch and overall titles in the 76-kilogram division and Li Chang Ping won the clean-and-jerk gold medal with Hua second.

It was the fifth overall title for Chinese women, who have won every division they have competed in.

Kakiachvili, a Georgian, finished second overall in men's 91-kilogram competition, won

the jerk and took the bronze in the snatch, while veteran Anatoli Khrapatyi of Kazakhstan took the silver in the snatch and bronze in the jerk and overall. Khrapatyi was the 1988 Olympic champion for the Soviet Union.

Tchakarov, a 27-year-old who splits his time between Sofia and Germany — where he lifts for the Tus Luchow club — lifted 185 kg (407 3/4 lbs) in the snatch and 225.5 kg (499 1/2 lbs) for a total of 407.5 kg (898 1/4 lbs).

"I know it would be a very tough competition and, honestly, I did not expect to win," said Tchakarov, who won his first world title in five attempts.

"It is an exciting feeling considering I have been competing since I was 10 years old."

Tchakarov said he modelled his lifting on that of former Bulgarian world champion Blagoi Blagoev, who now is resident in Australia but withdrew from the world championships last week because he was not satisfied with his fitness level.

Lifting in 10 men's divisions and nine women's divisions continues at the Royal Exhibition Building through Sunday.

Kakiachvili lifted the same total as Tchakarov in the jerk, but won the gold by virtue of his lighter bodyweight.

Milena Trendafilova of Bulgaria swept all three gold medals in the women's 70-kilogram class on Wednesday, while Ivan Ivanov, Nikolai Peshalov and Yoto Yotov also have won overall titles in Melbourne.

These championships are the first event in which world records can be officially recognized in new weight classes introduced earlier this year.

The new classes have been introduced as the sport continues its crack-down on drug abuse in an attempt to have "clean" world records in each of the new divisions.

Hua Ju lifted 105 kg (231 1/2 lbs) in the snatch and 125 kg (275 1/2 lbs) in the jerk for a total of 230 kg (507 lbs).

Maria Takacs of Hungary took the bronze medal in the snatch and overall, while the bronze in the jerk went to Valkana Toseva of Bulgaria.

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