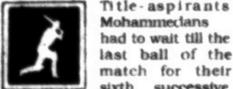


Arup's spin brings Victoria's maiden win

MSC's tardy triumph over BU

Sports Reporter



Title aspirants Mohammedans had to wait till the last ball of the match for their sixth successive win in this year's Navana Premier Division league...

with Sajjal Mansur Shipon. The low profile, stylish right hander made 68, the highest score of the match in his usual, unburied manner. His 95 ball in-

which the bowler accepted gleefully in his followthrough. Fanciful though it might sound but this gangling opener appears to reveal only against the

balls for 15 and both fell to the off spin of Shahed who finished with excellent figures of two for 24 from eight overs.

But Ashoka de Silva took the most number of wickets as the rush for runs in the slog overs grew intense. He took three for 44 followed by Athar's one for 31. Prince came under a lot of stick and gave away 46 runs for his one wicket.

VICTORIA'S FIRST

Arup Bhattacharya's deadly spin and Roqibul's sensible batting gave Victoria their first win in this year's Navanna Premier league as the success starved team scraped past stronger Kalabagan by two wickets in a low scoring match at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Arup, the burly Calcuttan southpaw, had season's best bowling analysis capturing six wickets for 19 runs with his left arm spin on a helpful wicket.

Kalabagan skipper Ishtiaq, a former national player lost the toss in the morning and with it the match as his team had no answer against a tight Victoria attack.

On a rather beastly wicket Victoria were reduced to 127 for eight when their cherished victory came in the 44th over.

Dipu took four for 20 while Gamage bagged three wickets for ten runs only.

TODAY'S MATCHES Biman vs Guishan (Dhaka Stadium) Udity vs Wari (DCS).

Div I chess results Sports Reporter Brothers Union maintained top position after the fourth round of the First Division chess league at the chess room of the National Sports Council yesterday.

Brothers Union beat Noore-Alam Khan Chess Club 3.5 - 0.5.

Pakistani International Master (IM) Lodhi, Indian IM Sahu and Hanif won their respective matches for Brothers while Sheikh Anwar drew with Milky.

Brothers Union have so far secured fourteen points.

The other title aspirants Bangladesh Biman defeated Parijat Chess Club 4-0. IM Zia, (FM) Tahmid, Reza and Tanima of Biman won in their respective fourth round games.

Konika Sangskritik Sangha stayed in the third position when they beat Mohakhal Propd Sangha by 3-1.

Dhaka University chess team got ten points with a 4-0 win over Patuakhali Chess Club.

In the other matches of the day, Bangladesh Ansars beat BTMC 3.5-0.5, Genius Chess Club beat Golden Chess Club 4-0, Pony Electronics beat Narayanjanj Chess Club 2.5-1.5 and Chalanika KC beat Protiva Daba Gosthi 3-1.

City's winning start

Sports Reporter

A power packed innings of 68 by Munna and incisive opening spell by new ballbowler Al Amin powered City Club to a 37 run win over Evergreen Club in the Milnara First Division cricket league at the Pallabi Cricket Ground yesterday.

Munna clobbered three fours and two sixes in his 93 ball knock as City Club playing on their home ground collected 200 after the opponent skipper asked them to bat first after winning the toss.

Babar with 40 and skipper Wahid with 23 were the other contributors for City.

Tutum was the most successful bowler for Evergreen bagging three for 38.

A patient 52 by Azim went in vain as Evergreen chasing 201 for a win were all out for 163 in 44.1 overs.

Al Amin of City made early inroads with the ball finishing with figures of three for 15 only and Evergreen never recovered from those shocks.

Mamun for Asian All-Star hockey team

Mamun-ur-Rashid, a defender of the Bangladesh national hockey team and league champions Abahani KC, has been selected to play for the 'All-Asian Star Eleven', reports UNB.

This was disclosed by Bangladesh Hockey Federation (BHF) officials while talking with local sports journalists about the Bangladesh team's performance in the just concluded 4th Asia Cup Hockey Championship in the Japanese city of Hiroshima yesterday at the BHF conference room in Dhaka.

Mamun is the only Bangladeshi player to be included in the elite Asian team.

The officials expressed their satisfaction with the overall performance of the team in the Asian championship.

They called for immediate laying of the synthetic turf at the Hockey Stadium.

Pakistan and Malaysia have extended invitations to the Bangladesh team to visit their countries for one month some time early next year, they added.

The press conference was addressed by acting president of Bangladesh Hockey Federation Mirza Farid Ahmed Milu, general secretary Shamsul Bari, team manager and federation treasurer Shabbir Yusuf and coach Ehtesam Saitan.

Div II soccer Sports Reporter

The Muslim Institute outplayed Shantinagar Club 3-1 in the Sonali Bank Second Division football league at the Hockey Stadium yesterday afternoon.

The other match played at the same venue, between Lalbag Sporting Club and City Club ended in a barren draw.

Div III soccer Sports Reporter

A goal by Kashem helped Aminbazar Krija Sangha record a 1-0 win over Dilkusha Sporting Club in the Pragati Insurance Third Division football league at the Outer Stadium yesterday.

In the other tie, Kadamtala Sangsad shared points with Sunrise Sporting Club in a goalless encounter.

South Africa bite the dust



MOHALI, Nov 22: India on Monday slapped a convincing defeat on South Africa by 43 runs in the five-nation limited over cricket championship, reports AP.

A steady 56 by Jonty Rhodes couldn't restrict Indian bowlers from clinching the victory. The result had no bearing on either team entering the knockout stage which starts in Calcutta on Wednesday, since both have already qualified.

Chasing a victory target of 222 runs, the visitors were 178 runs for 9 wickets in the allotted 50 overs. India's medium pace bowler Sali Ankola claimed 3 wickets for 33 runs.

The visitors suffered an early blow when skipper Kepler Wessels snicked an outswinger from Javagal Srinath into the gloves of wicket keeper Vijay Yadav. He scored one run.

Andrew Hudson was trapped leg before wicket by Kapil Dev for 27 runs. Hansie Cronje and Jonty Rhodes put up 68 runs with quick running amid poor fielding by the Indians.

But it was Ajay Jadeja who tempted Cronje for a big drive and found a gap between bat and pad to upset the middle stump. Cronje hit three boundaries.

McMillan fell leg before to off spinner Anil Kumble for two.

Rhodes kept the visitor's hopes alive. Dave Callaghan, who joined Rhodes, gave a catch to Kapil Dev at mid-off. Jadeja to end his personal innings.

Soon after Rhodes was trapped leg before by Ankola for 56 runs.

The South African tail did

not last long and the visitors were restricted to 178 for 9 in the allotted 50 overs. Earlier, hosts India were all out for 221 runs in 49.2 overs. A flawless 86 runs by Vinod Kambli was the highlight of the Indian innings.

Cronje claimed 3 victims for 29 runs in 10 overs. India suffered the first blow with



KAMBLI... man-of-match opener Manoj Prabhakar being trapped leg before off de Villiers for one run.

Ajay Jadeja stabilised the innings, slamming across the field at regular intervals. He hit three boundaries to make 39 runs.

The other teams taking part in the tournament are West Indies, Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe are out of the semi-final round.

India will now meet again South Africa in the first semi-final at the Eden Gardens at Calcutta on November 24. West Indies will take on Sri Lanka in the second semi-final also at Calcutta on November 25.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard, of the one day

match between India and South Africa in the five-nation Cricket Association of Bengal's diamond jubilee tournament today.

INDIA: Prabhakar lbw b De Villiers 1, Jadeja run out 39, Kambli b Cronje 86, Tendulkar c Richardson b Cronje 3, Azharuddin run out 31, P Amre c Donald b Cronje 2, Kapil Dev c Wessels b De Villiers 22, Yadav b Snell 2, Kumble run out 2, Srinath c Hudson b Snell 1, Ankola not out 2, Extras: (lb-10, b-1, nb-3, w-16) 30, Total: (in 49.2 overs) 221

Fall of wickets: 1-6: 2-94: 3-129: 4-180: 5-188: 6-192: 7-196: 8-199: 9-211.

Bowling: O M R W Donald 8 0 39 0 De Villiers 8 2 0 27 2 Snell 10 0 54 2 McMillan 10 0 45 0 Cronje 10 0 29 3 Symcox 3 0 16 0

SOUTH AFRICA: Wessels c Yadav b Srinath 1, Hudson lbw Kapil Dev 27, Cronje b Jadeja 39, Rhodes lbw Ankola 56, Callaghan c Kapil Dev b Jadeja 6, McMillan lbw Kumble 2, Richardson not out 23, Symcox b Prabhakar 2, Snell c Kumble b Ankola 2, De Villier c Yadav b Ankola 1, Donald not out 5, Extras: (3-nb, 7-w, 4-lb) 14, Total: (for 9 wickets in 50 overs) 178

Fall of wickets: 1: 7: 2-40: 3-108: 4-124: 5-127: 6-144: 7-147: 8-150: 9-157.

Bowling: O M R W Prabhakar 10 0 36 1 Srinath 7 1 22 1 Ankola 10 1 33 3 K Dev 8 1 32 1 Kumble 10 0 35 1 Jadeja 5 1 16 2

One of the unbeaten trio, along with reigning champions Abahani and former holders Bangladesh Biman, Mohammedans yesterday exhausted themselves of their quota of 45 overs for the necessary 203 runs with skipper Aminul Islam Bulbul remaining unbeaten on 41 in the company of young allrounder Naimur Rahman Durjoy.

One wonders how Brothers with all those appalling bloomers on the field could keep Mohammedans waiting so long. Their wicketkeeper missed simple stumping chances, fielders placed in the deep, dropped sitters and opposition batsmen on toast while taking runs were given new lease of life in a manner that would have done Haji Mohammed Mohsin proud a man known for his proverbial generosity.

Nevertheless, Selim Shahed, the young one drop batsman who switched to Mohammedans this year from Victoria should not feel cheap for his polished performance with the bat. He in fact laid the foundation of Mohammedans' victory in tandem



Selim Shahed raises his bat to acknowledge the applause of the crowd on his way back to the pavilion during the Navana Premier league match between Brothers Union and Mohammedans at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. The young all-rounder scored 68 and captured two wickets.

ings which included two very sure hits to the fence, had only one blemish, an aired drive to long on which Habibul Bashar Suman spilled for no good reason. But that was well after he had completed his fifty and the bowler's guile had no part in it.

Shahed added 73 runs for the second-wickets with Shipon after national player Athar Ali

new ball and Mohammedans skipper would do well to try him as an opener, the role in which he visited his present team like nightmares only last year.

Earlier in the morning, Brothers recovered well from an unpromising start to muster 202 for eight wickets, thanks to some enterprising batting by young allrounder Al Shahrar Rokon and Sri Lankan Amal Dalugoda and of course, some sincerely sloppy out cricket and keeping.

Khaled Masud Pilot, a very promising middle order batsman, gave hint that he is yet to fit himself in the role of Mohammedans' number one choice as a wicketkeeper. He dropped catches and missed stumpings and none suffered most than Sri Lankan leg-spinner Ashoka De Silva whose fastish deliveries on a wicket of variable bounce were a source of constant torture to the young man.

Returning to the mutton, Rokon made 60 off 106 balls while Dalugoda who blasted a disdainful sixer of Golam Nowsher Prince, the most experienced seamer of the country, made 47 off just 39 balls including two sixes and two fours before being sent on his way to the pavilion rather disgruntlingly following a leg before decision.

Neither of the hard hitting Brothers openers — Zahid Razzak Masum and skipper Nurul Abedin Nobel did anything worthwhile. Masum who suffered a shoulder injury later in the match played 48 balls for his 21 while Nobel needed 30

Khan played all over a Fernando inswinger to lose his off stump for 11. At long last Shipon got some runs playing quite competently for his 38 before being adjudged leg before to Suman, part-time off-spin.

Once again Mohammedans' prized Sri Lankan batsman Athula Samarasekera failed to impress the eager supporters waiting to see his overdue fireworks with the bat. The tall batsman known for his explosive batting abilities appeared almost tired while struggling to pierce the field against spinners. After an uneasy stay he gave Rokon a simple chance

ARUP... 6 for 19



Without Jean-Pierre Papin and Zvonimir Boban and with Frenchman Marcel Ossally making his debut, Milan struggled to gain the initiative against a defiant Napoli.

It was 30 minutes before the home side managed a shot on target, and that effort from Dejan Savicevic cannoned off the goalkeeper's legs.

In the closing minutes of the first half, Napoli took the lead when a shot from Paolo Di Canio rebounded off a defender into the path of the unmarked Pechhia five metres from goal.

Milan rarely threatened until, in the 61st minute, the ball fell to Panucci on the edge of the penalty area and the defender calmly stroked a curling shot beyond goalkeeper Raffaele Di Fusco.

The game looked set for a draw until Albertini struck his dipping free-kick into the roof of the net from 30 metres.

Cup winners' Cup holders Parma made heavy work of defeating lowly Atalanta, with Colombian Faustino Asprilla squandering several golden opportunities.

Brolin, playing his 100th match in the Italian First Division, broke the deadlock in the 63rd minute, coolly chipping the ball over goalkeeper Fabrizio Ferron from 20 metres.

Zola sealed victory in the 80th minute, bending a free-kick round the Atalanta wall for his seventh goal of the season.

Second-placed Sampdoria kept up the pressure on Milan and Parma with victory at Foggia, despite falling behind to a 12th-minute goal from Dutchman Bryan Roy and missing a first-half penalty.

Roy's better-known compatriot Gullit started the Sampdoria fightback, fastening on to a pass from Englishman David Platt to flick a right-foot shot past goalkeeper Francesco Mancini.

In the 33rd minute, Sampdoria captain Roberto Mancini fired a penalty straight at the goalkeeper for the second successive match.

But Foggia's Giovanni Stroppa returned the favour straight after the interval with a penalty which ricocheted off both posts before rolling back into play.

Sampdoria clinched victory when the Foggia goalkeeper failed to clear his line and Lombardo drove the ball into an open goal.

Juventus, for whom substitute Gianluca Vialli returned after a two-month lay-off with a broken foot, narrowly avoided losing to Cagliari.

The Sardinian side, who had not won in Turin in 25 years, took the lead with a fine individual goal from Oliveria, and only a late effort by Kohler saved the home side's blushes.

Second win for nat'l booters in Malaysia

Bangladesh national football team, now visiting Malaysia, defeated the Malacca State team by 3-0 goals in their second exhibition match yesterday according to a message received by Bangladesh Football Federation in Dhaka, reports UNB.

Munna got the ball rolling, for Bangladesh in the 44th minute utilising a pass from Arman.

Rumi doubled the score 19 minutes after the breather off a Munna pass while substitute Jahangir completed the rout six minutes later.

Bangladesh will play their next match against Chempaka Laxmi Textiles on Wednesday.

Bangladesh: Saidur (Lahul), Alamgir, Moon, Jewel Rana, Masud Rana, Arman (Tito), Munna (Kaiser Hamid), Rupu, Rumi (Gaus), Naquib (Jahangir) and Raquib (Mamun Joarder).

Farashganj Div II hockey champions

Farashganj SC emerged unbeaten champions in the Green Delta Second Division hockey league and earned promotion to the First Division beating Victoria SC by a solitary goal in a title-deciding play-off at the Hockey Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

Shoaib netted the match winner from a field goal in the 58th minute.

The championship was decided by the play-off after both teams secured equal 19 points on completion of all their seven super league engagements.

AC leave it late at Napoli

ROME, Nov 22: International Demetrio Albertini scored with a spectacular last-minute free-kick

on Sunday night to help AC Milan beat a spirited Napoli 2-1 and stay level on points with Parma at the top of the Italian First Division, reports Reuter.

The champions, playing at home, trailed at the interval following an opportunist goal by Fabio Pecchia. But young defender Christian Panucci equalised with his second goal in two games to set the match up for a thrilling finale.

Earlier Swedish international Tomas Brodin in a Gianfranco Zola struck second-half goals to give Parma a 2-0 away victory over Atalanta. Parma and Milan, both on 18 points from 12 matches with Parma top on goal difference, meet in the league next Sunday.

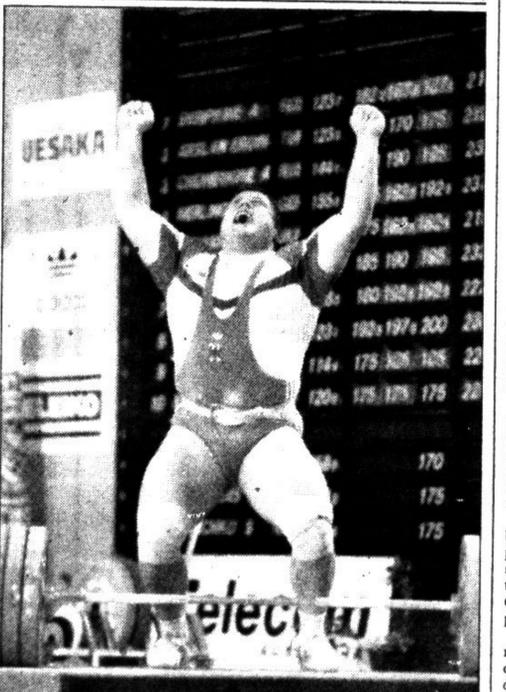
Sampdoria stayed just one point adrift after coming from behind to beat Foggia 2-1 with goals from Dutchman Ruud Gullit and Attilio Lombardo.

German defender Jerugen Kohler saved fourth-placed Juventus from a rare home defeat against Cagliari, heading an 84th-minute equaliser after Brazilian Luis Oliveria had given the visitors an early second-half lead.

Portuguese international Paolo Futre marked his first match in the Italian league with a goal in Reggina's 2-0

victory over Cremonese but was later carried off on a stretcher with suspected torn knee ligaments.

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Last clash of titans today



KARACHI, Nov 22: Jahangir and Jansher Khan will meet for the last time in a World Open final after crushing English opposition in their semifinals on Monday, reports Reuter.

The great Khans, with 10 world titles between them, were devastating, with Jahangir beating eight-seed Chris Walker 15-7, 15-5, 9-15, 15-4 in 50 minutes and Jansher taking just two minutes fewer to defeat fourth seed Peter Marshall 15-5, 15-6, 15-8.

The final is scheduled for Tuesday.

The last time they set in a World Open final was in Amsterdam in 1988 when Jahangir won 3-0 to collect the last of his six titles. The only previous all-Pakistan final was in Karachi in 1984 when Jahangir beat Qamar Zaman.

Walker was flying high after his shock victory over second seed and former champion Rodney Martin on Sunday night. But he was soon brought down to earth by Jahangir, playing his last tournament before retirement but looking good enough to go on for years.

Jahangir maintained a relentless assault, keeping Walker on the defensive then ruthlessly punishing any errors with winners to all parts of the court.

He took the first game on his second game ball in 11 minutes and sped through the second in eight minutes.

It was little more than a massacre, but to his credit the Englishman fought back in the

third as Jahangir relaxed his concentration and his adoring fans blinked in disbelief as he made four unforced errors in succession.

Earlier on Sunday, the Australian Martin brothers suffered a dramatic double blow. Brett and Rodney both getting knocked out in the quarter-finals.

First, third-seed Brett went down 17-16, 17-15, 15-11 to a revitalised Jahangir Khan. Then second seed Rodney, the champion two years ago, crashed out 13-15, 17-14, 15-10, 15-11 to English outsider Chris Walker.

It was a stunning blow for the in-form Rodney Martin, who reached the finals of the last three tournaments in Hong Kong, Dubai and Qatar. He was considered the chief threat to Pakistan's Jansher Khan taking the title or a fifth time.

And the 28-year-old from Brisbane looked well set for a semifinal place as he took the opening game and held his early initiative in the second.

But he seemed unprepared as Walker, the world number ten and seeded eighth here, came storming back to level his match on his fourth game point.

The Pakistani crowd were solidly behind the Englishman probably with Martin's stormy match against their own Zarak Jahan Khan on Saturday still in mind and with next week's hostilities to come between Pakistan and Australia in the team event.

Their support seemed to

Inspire Walker as he dominated the third game and then withstood a determined Martin fightback in the fourth to clinch victory in 51 minutes.

But Walker is not expecting much crowd courage to today when he faces the remarkable Jahangir Khan for a place in the final.

Jahangir is treated as a god-like figure in his home city and enhanced his stature even further with his win over Brett Martin — recent winner of the Hong Kong Open and semifinalist in Qatar.

Playing in only his second tournament in nine months, the six times world champion put on a performance which was little short of sensational. But he insisted afterwards he would retire at the end of the event, win or lose — only coming back to play for Pakistan in next week's team event.

The semifinals will be Pakistan v England affairs with holder and top seed Jansher Khan meeting Marshall in the other match.

Jansher ended Australian interest as he dismissed fifth seed Rodney cycles from Brisbane 15-7, 15-7, 15-7 in 43 minutes.

At least it gives the Aussies some time to get their act together before they defend their team title next week.

Marshall, the England number one and fourth seed, overcame compatriot Tony Hands 15-8, 15-11, 15-14 to earn another crack at Jansher after taking the world champion to five games in the Qatar semifinals last week.

China sweep DPRK aside

JAKARTA, Nov 22: Seventime champions China retained their title Sunday after they beat North Korea in the finals of the 17th Korea in the Asian Basketball Confederation (ABC) Championship here, reports AFP.

China clinched the game against North Korea at 93-72 after taking the first-half 47-39. The two camps showed playmanship and strategies resembling those seen in their semifinal matches.

The Chinese, playing to a crowd cheering to their favour, displayed an energetic game market by swift moves and good coordination but the North Koreans appeared able to meet their style.

As in its semifinal match against Iran on Saturday, North Korea depended mainly on 2.32 metre-tall (seven feet six inches) Ri Myong Hun, who most of the time, finished off most of his team's attacks.

Ri's steady defence, helped by his height, also caused repeated faults by his Chinese shadows. In the last first half, the North Koreans kept the Chinese lead mostly below 10 points.

The two teams traded medium and long shots, especially in the last minutes, reducing China's lead to 44-39 but another long shot by China's Wu Qing Long ended the first half 47-39.

In the second half, the Chinese stepped up their pace, depending on fast breaks to

score and changing their defence to a loose man-to-man defence which turned effective in dealing with Ri's gigantic frame.

China's Adiljan, despite his relatively short stature at 1.80 metre (six feet), displayed a very fast drive that resulted in several medium and long shots for his team that helped widen the score gap rapidly.

By the middle of the second half, China was more than 20 points ahead of the Koreans. Ri also appeared tired and less agile in the second set.

The game turned noticeably in China's favour after the score reached 69-52, a point after which the North Koreans continued to lag further behind.

China's top scorers for the evening were Hu We Dong and Wu Qing Long who scored 18 points each for their team, while Ri scored a total of 27 points that made him the top North Korean scorer.

Ri was also declared as the player with the best personal average score per game with an average of 26.6 points.

ABC RANKINGS

The full results of matches to determine the top ten rankings on the last day of the 17th men's Asian Basketball Confederation (ABC) Championship here Sunday:

- 1. Kuwait bt Jordania 65-62(39-24) 2. Japan bt United Arab Emirates 83-7 (36-36)

- 3. Taiwan bt Saudi Arabia 75-74 (43-37) 4. South Korea bt Iran 86-70(51-30) 5. China bt North Korea 93-72(47-39)

Ranking: 1. China 2. North Korea 3. South Korea 4. Iran 5. Taiwan 6. Saudi Arabia 7. Japan 8. United Arab Emirates 9. Kuwait 10. Jordania 11. Philippines 12. Indonesia 13. Hong Kong 14. Malaysia 15. Thailand 16. Singapore 17. Pakistan 18. Bangladesh

Japanese Olympian dead

TOKYO, Nov 22: Masaru Furukawa, who won Japan's first Olympic swimming gold medal after World War II, has died of heart failure, family members said today, reports AFP.

Furukawa died Sunday at a hospital in Kobe, western Japan, at the age of 57, they said.

Furukawa swam under water for as long as 45 metres from the start in winning the Olympic race.