

Div II cricket
Sports Reporter

Gopibagh Friends Association, Young Pegasus 'A' and Uttara Sporting Club won their respective matches in the Second Division cricket league held at different city grounds yesterday.

Gopibagh FA trounced Shantinagar 'A' by 83 runs at the Dhanmondi Cricket Ground.

Batting first, Gopibagh piled up 213 runs in 37.1 overs.

Though opener Ripon hit stormy 61 from only 65 deliveries, their middle order batsmen did not stay long at the crease. Tail-ender Rose scored 33 while Mamun (junior) remained not out on 25 and the extras contributed valuable 38 runs.

Sumon was the pick of the Shantinagar bowlers, claiming five for 38.

Chasing a big score of 213, Shantinagar innings ended on 129 in 38.1 overs.

Shubra with 25, Babu with 22, Aamer with 19 were the main scorers while extras amounted 37.

In another tie, held at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, Young Pegasus 'A' beat Evergreen Club by three wickets.

Evergreen Club gathered a paltry 105 in 25.4 overs losing all their wickets.

Nadil top scored with 39 for Evergreen.

Rumi with four wickets and Sujon with three were the most successful Pegasus bowlers.

Pegasus tail-enders snatched the win from the jaws of defeat after Pegasus had lost their five wickets for 20.

Mamun, Sohel, Baki made 26, 22 and 18 not out respectively.

In day's another match, played at the City Club Ground, an all round performance by Shyamol helped Uttara record an impressive 50-run win over Bangladesh Boys Club.

Uttara SC batted first and collected 215 runs for the loss of nine wickets in the stipulated 40 overs. Their captain Chinu top scored with an unbeaten knock of 47 runs including three boundaries and two sixes.

Bangladesh Boys Club's paltry 165 was 50 run short of their target of 215 runs.

Shameen with 46, Kamrul with 29 were the major run-getters for the losers.

Shyamol took three for 28 while Rana took three for 26.

Hatkhola h'ball
begins today

The first Hatkhola Sporting women's handball club cup championship, organised by the Bangladesh Handball Federation, begins today at the NSC wooden floor gymnasium, reports UNB.

Six teams — two from the capital and four from different district headquarters — are competing in the six-day tournament, first of its kind in the country.

Three matches will be played on the opening day. Two in the morning and one in the afternoon.

Dhaka Old Ideals Club will take on Barisal Mohammedan SC in the opening match at 10:00 am. Rangpur Friends Society Club meet Baghmaria Sporting Club of Jessore at 11:00 am while Dhaka Brothers Union face Rangamati Youth Sporting at 2:30 pm.

The tournament will be initially be played on a league basis with the top two teams qualifying to meet in the final to be later.

Former chairman of the National Sports Council (NSC) Lt Col (Retd) Rezaul Jalil will inaugurate the competition in the afternoon.

Ferreira,
Reneberg
in final

HONOLULU, Jan 9: Top seeds Wayne Ferreira and Richey Reneberg moved into the final of the Hawaii Open with victories Saturday, reports AP.

Ferreira, seeded first and No 22 in the ATP rankings, overcame fifth-seeded Jonathan Stark 4-6, 6-4, 6-4, in 2 hours, 3 minutes. It took defending champion, Reneberg, seeded second and ranked 30th, an hour less to defeat unseeded Robbie Weiss 6-3, 6-2.

Stark broke Ferreira's serve twice in the first set, the second time in the 10th game to win it. Ferreira netted a backhand at break point, dropping his racket in the process.

His racket flew into the back wall when he missed an overhead five points later, but his composure and rhythm came back later in the second set.

"He started missing a few first serves, which gave me a chance on his second," Ferreira said of Stark. "I started moving forward and trying to hit out on the ball ... kind of made him worry about it so he didn't serve as well."

Ferreira missed a chance to break Stark's serve in the seventh game, but succeeded in the ninth by winning five straight points, then served out the set.

Ferreira got the only service break he needed in the fifth game of the final set, held off one break point in the next game, then finished Stark off.

BCCB XI go down fighting

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Akram Khan and Aminul Islam Bulbul wielded their willows to launch a brilliant assault but Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) Eleven went down fighting by two runs in a friendly 50 overs a side match against Pakistan Gymkhana at the UBL ground in Karachi yesterday, according to a faxed message received at the BCCB office last night.

Bulbul who returned to form with a half-century in the previous match, the fifth of touring BCCB XI's ten friendly matches, remained unbeaten on a superb 95 and Akram Khan who just recovered from a bout of tonsillitis was on an undefeated 52 when the itinerants ran out of overs with the total 245 for four wickets falling just two short of Gymkhana's 247 for six wickets.

Needing 20 runs from the last over for an outright win BCCB XI who were without the services of skipper Faruque Ahmed, star batsman Minhazul Abedin Nannu, Shahinawaz Shahid Ghani and experienced seamer Golam Nowsheer Prince, were given a magnificent charge by the stand-in skipper Akram Khan. The burly Chittagonian smashed two sixes but in the end his and Bulbul's pyrotechnics were just short of what Bangladesh needed to pull off a memorable win.

Although the statistics meant a third successive defeat for the Bangladeshi cricketers now touring Pakistan with a view to honing themselves for the ICC Trophy scheduled for a start from the next month in

Kenya, the resilience and fighting qualities displayed by the batsmen should be a timely booster for the BCCB XI who had been smarting under another painful, narrow one-wicket loss suffered in the previous match.

Young opener Sajid Hassan who made 66 was another batsman apart from more experienced Bulbul and Akram who rose to the occasion to help his side recover from the early in runs made by Pakistan Test

Almost all the bowlers barring Jaffer who bowled only five overs came under heavy stick. Tauseef Ahmed known for his stinginess with the ball gave away 52 runs from ten overs for nothing. Yahiya who got Sajid finished with one for 57.

Earlier, sent in to bat, Gymkhana who had two more players with Test experience in offie Tauseef Ahmed and batsman Mansoor Akhtar were sent back-pedalling as Sajid, Bulbul and Akram braced themselves for a photo-finish.

Team physiotherapist Errol Alcott said McDermott has an acute case of patella tendinitis of his left knee — soreness behind and below the knee cap.

"I'd rather wait to see how he pulls up tomorrow morning but in this case I think it's more of an acute injury. It happened at a particular time rather than as a gradual breakdown," Alcott said.

"He wasn't sure whether he twisted it in his delivery stride but it didn't give any warning signs."

McDermott felt the injury during the third ball of his last over and left the field after fielding a ball in the following over from Glenn McGrath.

Team manager Ian McDonald said a decision would be made on Monday whether a replacement would be needed for the Sydney game.

Openers K Ahmed and Wasim Arif contributed 38 and 32 respectively.

Bulbul who later displayed splendid batting form was BCCB's best bowler capturing two for 27 from five overs.

Left-arm new-ball bowler Anis bowled well to concede 36 runs for one wicket from nine overs.

Athar imitated his younger teammate in figures while Moni took another one for 47 runs.

Eight teams move into Biman Cup zonal semis

Sports Reporter



Impressive wins for Bandarban, Nawabganj and Narayanganj was the highlight of yesterday's action as eight more teams made it to the zonal semifinals of the Biman Cup national under-14 football championship at different venues across the country.

At Bandarban, the hosts recorded an emphatic 5-0 victory over another hill district team, Khagrachhari DSA to play in the zonal semifinals on Wednesday against the winners of the Noakhali and Cox's Bazar DSA match.

Monizuddin scored twice while Nazimuddin, Paya Marun and Shaila Hacha netted one goal apiece for Bandarban DSA.

At Gopalganj, Madaripur DSA got a walkover against Faridpur DSA who did not turn up on time.

Madaripur will now take on formidable Dhaka DSA in the group semifinals on Tuesday.

At Satkhira, Jessor DSA were declared the winners against Meherpur DSA as all the players of the losing team were found over-aged.

They will now play in the zonal semifinals on Thursday against the winners of the Magura DSA and hosts Satkhira DSA match.

Four zonal semifinal matches will be held today at different venues of the country.

They are: Sylhet DSA will take on Habiganj DSA at Sunamganj, Natore DSA face Rajshahi DSA at Pabna, hosts Mymensingh DSA meet Gazipur DSA at Mymensingh and hosts Patuakhali DSA play Pirojpur DSA at Patuakhali on Tuesday.

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Div II soccer

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Akijatrik Malibagh beat Lalbagh SC 2-0 in the Sonali Bank Second Division football super league at the Hockey Stadium yesterday.

Jabbar Khan and Rezaul Haq scored for the winners.

In another match, Jurain Janata Club drew 1-1 with Shantinagar Club at the same venue.

Abdul Motaleb netted for Jurain Janata and Mohammed Siraj for Shantinagar.

Gustafsson top seed

AUCKLAND, Jan 9: Top seed Magnus Gustafsson of Sweden faces Zimbabwe's Byron Black in the first round of the US dls 313,750 Benson and Hedges New Zealand Open tennis tournament, reports AP.

Gustafsson, ranked 14th in the world, plays his opening match in the 32-draw tournament on Tuesday.

Fourth-seeded South African Marcos Ondruska goes quickly into action when the tournament starts Monday. He faces qualifier Lars Burgsmuller.

Canadian Greg Rusedski, seeded fifth, is the only other seed slated to play Monday. Rusedski plays Frenchman Rodolphe Gilbert.

Alexander Volkov of Russia, who was defeated Sunday in the final of the Australian hard-court championship in Adelaide, is the No 2 seed and does not play until Tuesday.

Eleven of the top 60 players in the world have entered the hard-court tournament, which is one of a series of lead-up events to the Australian Open.

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