

## Khokon ploughs in the sands

### Sports Reporter

An unbeaten hundred by Khokon proved inconsequential in the end as Kakrall Boys Club conceded an 11-run defeat to Ajax Sporting Club in the lone Second Division cricket league match at the Dhanmondi Club ground yesterday.

It was the second century in this year's league. Tushar of Progoti Sangha achieved the distinction of becoming the first batsman to have garnered the three-digit score when he hit 103 against United Heroes on January 3.

Tushar's ton paved the path for a big Progoti victory that day but Khokon's effort went in vain as Kakrall, set an imposing target of 227 for victory in 40 overs, exhausted their stipulated overs with the score on 215 for seven.

Kakrall's chase, however, did not quite get off to a convincing start as they lost their first four batsmen with only 11 runs on the board. But then Khokon joined forces with Asif to feature a 157-run fifth-wicket partnership to the Kakrall outfit on the right track.

When Asif left to the penultimate ball of the 33rd over after a responsible 88-ball 60, punctuated by six fours and two sixes, Kakrall needed 59 runs off 43 balls. Although Khokon kept up the charge he could not find enough support from the other end to see his side through.

Khokon remained unbeaten on just 100. He sent ten shots across the fence and one over in his 109-ball stay.

Earlier in the day, Ajax, aided by a superb 87 from their opening bat Rafique, piled up 226 in their quota of 40 overs. Dola followed Rafique with a useful 34.

In the other match of the day, held on the western strip of the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, all-round performance by Krishna helped Rupali Bank record a six-wicket win over Lalbagh Anwar Cricket Club.

Put into bat Lalbagh Anwar were all out for 145 runs in 37.2 overs. Masum, Mamun and Milon with scores of 45, 27 and 22 respectively were the main run-getters for Lalbagh.

Khokon captured five wickets for only six runs.

Rupali Bank posted 146 runs in the 33rd over, losing four wickets.

Khokon, who earlier accounted for five Lalbagh batsmen, did one better with the bat when Rupali Bank went in to chase the victory target. Krishna made 32 and together with Antu and Nripen, who made 41 and 21 respectively, paved the path for an easy win.

Shaheen claimed two for 13 for the losers.

### Biman Cup U-14 nat'l soccer results

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Three more teams entered the finals of the Biman Cup (under-14) national football championship at different venues across the country yesterday.

At Bandarban, the hosts recorded a 2-0 win over Cox's Bazar to meet Feni in the zonal final on Friday.

Suniti Barua scored the first goal for Bandarban while the second one came from a suicidal goal, courtesy Nazimuddin of Cox's Bazar.

At Gopalganj, the host team beat Manikganj by a similar margin.

Milan and Jewel scored once each for the winners.

Gopalganj will take on Dhaka in the zonal final on Friday.

At Gaibandha, the home side edged past Laimonirhat 2-1 to face Nilphamari in the zonal final on Friday.

Rubel and Helal netted once each for Gaibandha while Raju pulled back for the losers.

At Sathkhira, Khulna outclassed Jhenidah 4-1.

Ohidur Rahman scored twice while Ashiqul and Moazzam scored once each for the winners. Abul Bashar reduced margin for the losers.

Four zonal final matches are scheduled to be held today.

Sunamganj play Sylhet at Sunamganj. Pabna face Rajshahi at Pabna, Mymensingh take on Narayanganj at Mymensingh.

### Venue shifted

The matches of the Hatkhola Sporting women's handball club cup championship '94 scheduled to be held at the wooden floor at the gymnasium at the Outer Stadium today have been shifted to Dhanmondi Women's Complex due to unavoidable reasons, a Handball Federation source said here last night, reports BSS.

The inaugural function was presided over by Prof Syed Abdul Kalam Azad, Provost of A F Rahman Hall.

## BCCB XI plight continues

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One Abdullah Khan bulldozed the touring Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) Eleven's hopes of

turning around as the itinerants suffered their fifth defeat on a trot, losing to Karachi Electric Supply Corporation (KSEC) by 26 runs in a friendly one-dayer in Karachi yesterday — a faxed message received at the BCCB office last night divulged the doleful story.

BCCB XI, who played their eighth of the ten friendly matches in the current tour of Pakistan, arranged in order to perfect the temperament of the Bangladeshi cricketers who would go to Kenya next month for the forthcoming ICC Trophy, could yesterday muster 166 for seven after being set a victory target of 193 by the home team.

KSEC's opening bowler Abdullah ripped through the upper order of the BCCB batting, prising out three batsmen — openers Jahangir Alam, Sajid Hassan and Selim Shahed — cheaply and then returned to remove two more batsmen including topscorer Habibul Bashar Suman to finish with an excellent figures of five for 32.

Suman made 46 off 83 balls, sending the ball across the fence twice. He was followed by stop-gap skipper Akram Khan who kept up his superb form with a blazing 38 not out off just 34 balls including a four and a sixer.

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Minhazul Abedin Nannu underlined his form with a steady 30 off 46 balls.

Young opener Sajid, who perished in Abdullah's opening burst, was the only other batsman to be in the double figures with 17 off as many balls.

Fahim Zaidi was the other successful KSEC bowler with figures of one for 49 off nine overs as BCCB collected 166 for seven from the reduced quota of 40 overs. The match got off to a delayed start because of overnight rain.

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Zafar Qureishi played excellently in the slog-overs with a 41-ball came of 43 which included two massive sixes and a pair of fours.

Babul once again showed that now he is an integral part of Bangladesh's attack with excellent figures of one for 13 from eight overs.

His Biman teammate Enamul Huq Moni, who later had a dismal day with the bat, took one of the three wickets that fell in KSEC's total of 192 for three from 40 overs.

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Maradona reappears

Buenos Aires, Jan 12: Diego Maradona has restarted training after a 40-day lay-off caused by a leg injury, reports Reuter.

Maradona completed his first

training session with his club

Newell's Old Boys without problems and told reporters: "The

injury is fine but the team doctor told me to take care because I'm not 20 years old."

Newell's do not have an official match until the Argentine

Championship restarts at the

end of February but Maradona said he hoped to play in Club

friendlies before then.

He was also hoping to be re-called by Argentina coach Alfio Basile. "I want to be picked for Argentina's next friendlies," he said.

Newell's are near the bottom

of the Argentine league table

and fighting to stave off the

threat of relegation. "I hope we

can fulfil the dream of saving

Newell's from the drop," he said.

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