

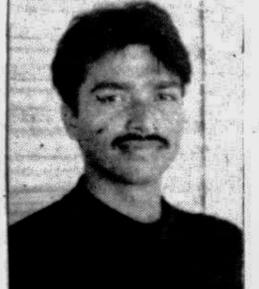
# Sport

## BCCB XI wind up with a win

**Sports Reporter**  
Barladesh Cricket Control Board Eleven rounded off their tour of Pakistan on a winning note beating Karachi Airport Gymkhana by 24 runs in the tenth and last one-dayer in Karachi yesterday, according to a telephonic message received at the BCCB office last night.

Left-arm pacesman Anisur Rahman captured four wickets for 45 runs as the Karachi outfit chasing 252 for a win from 50 overs were all out for 227 in 47.3 overs.

Moni completed a fine day



**FARUQUE... 70**  
for the southpaws bagging two wickets for 36 runs with his accurate left-arm spin.

But the pick of the Bangladeshi bowlers—regarding one day requirement—was once again the young new-ball bowler Mizanur Rahman Babul

who bowled his full quota of ten overs to give away 35 runs for his one wicket.

Amrul Islam Bulbul who had a haul of five wickets besides a magnificent ton only the previous day also exhausted his quota bagging one wicket at the cost of 41 runs.

Former national skipper Minhazul Abedin Nannu put up with some stick to pocket one wicket for 60 runs.

For the home team Zafar Ahmed top-scored with a power-packed 65. He was followed by Zahid Ahmed who made 44, opener Sajid Raja 42 and lower order batsman Tahir who made 33.

Earlier in the morning skipper Faruque Ahmed vindicated his decision of batting first after winning the toss with a solid innings of 70. Faruque who had returned to the helm after lay-off on Thursday helped BCCB XI to a 79-run win against AOC with a gutsy innings of 66.

Opener cum wicketkeeper Jahangir Alam made 56 while Nannu set the tempo in the slog overs with an unbeaten 41.

Enamul Huq Moni hammered a carefree 28 while young opener Sajid Hassan carved a niche among the notable scorers with 25.

Zahid Ahmed the left-arm spinner who accompanied a Pakistan team touring Bangladesh couple of years back, was Gymkhana's best bowler snaring two BCCB batsmen for 49 runs.

Tahir Nissar took two for 51

while veteran left-arm spinner Amin Lakhani claimed one for 58.

Shahbuddin, however, had the most economical analysis giving away 34 runs from his ten overs.

BCCB XI return home today on having completed a 15 day tour of Pakistan as a part of Bangladesh's preparation for the ICC Trophy scheduled to begin in Kenya from next month. Bangladesh are gunning for a place among the top three finishers of the most important meet for the associate members of the ICC. The top three teams



**ANIS... 4 for 45**  
of the meet will play in the next World Cup to be played in the subcontinent in 1996.

The BCCB XI, comprising the probabilities for the Kenyan trip won four and lost six of their ten-match programme spanning 15 days.

## Rakib rocked

**Sports Reporter**  
Abdullah Al-Rakib the runner-up of the recently concluded national sub-junior championship suffered a shock defeat at the hands of unheralded Enamul Hossain Rajib on the third day of the 15th national junior chess championship at chess room of the National Sports Council yesterday.

Although Rakib suffered a set back, eleven players including some of the favourites for this year's title reigned at the top of the points table with full three points at the end of the third round.

The notable victors of the day were International Master (IM) Ziaur Rahman, national champion Reefat bin Sattar, current sub-junior champion Mahfuzur Rahman Imon and Shawkat Hossain Pallab.

Ziaur Rahman who plays for Biman in the local league beat Javed Hossain. Reefat another Biman player got the better of Farhadur Rahman Shahab.

Imon who was recently crowned as the sub-junior champion pipping hot favourite Rakib at the post yesterday beat Nazrul Islam while two-time sub-junior title-holder Pallab settled Khandaker Aminul Islam's hash in another encounter.

**Div II soccer**  
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Bangladesh Police registered a 3-1 win over Avijatrik Mallbagh in Sonali Bank Second Division football league at the Hockey Stadium yesterday.

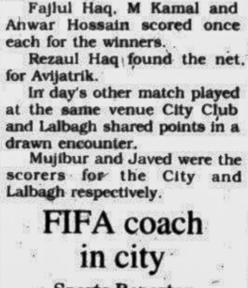
Fajlul Haq, M Kamal and Awar Hossain scored once each for the winners.

Rezaul Haq found the net for Avijatrik.

In day's other match played at the same venue City Club and Lalbagh shared points in a drawn encounter.

Mujibur and Javed were the scorers for the City and Lalbagh respectively.

**FIFA coach in city**  
**Sports Reporter**  
Jack Gallagher, the FIFA coach from Ireland, arrived in



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Dhaka to conduct a week-long coaching programme for the young football coaches of the country.

The programme labelled as the Coke go for goal will start under the aegis of the Bangladesh Football Federation from January 18.

**Div III soccer**  
**Sports Reporter**  
BG Press and Fire Service split points in a barren drawn encounter of the Pragati Insurance Third Division football league at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday.

Kallol dismissed four including Chayan for 39 in his nine-over spell. Ullash and Fazlu evenly shared four wickets between them while the other wicket went to Masum.

## Eskaton's second in a row

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Eskaton Sabuj Sangha staved off a late tweak by offie Rubel to squeeze out their second win in the Milnars First Division cricket super league, beating Bangladesh Railway by three wickets at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Eskaton, chasing a modest target of 155 to win in 45 overs, found themselves all at sea when Rubel, introduced late into the attack, removed

**Div II cricket**  
**Sports Reporter**  
Captain Limto's allround performance powered Rainbow Club to a 72 run win against Rayer Bazar in the lone Second Division cricket league encounter at Dhanmondi Club ground yesterday.

Limto scored 40 as Rainbow made 240 runs for six wickets from the stipulated 40 overs.

However, Sharmin top-scored with 51. Milon and Shohan made 27 each while Ujjal chipped in with 25.

Aasad and Russel bagged one wicket each for 32 and 42 runs respectively among the Rayer Bazar bowlers.

Limto collected three wickets for 24 runs as Rayer Bazar were all out for 168 runs.

Mridul and Shanu gave Limto fine support claiming two Rayer Bazar wickets each.

Haider top-scored with 31 runs followed by Raju, who made 29. Shaiful with 23 was the other notable run-getter for Rayer Bazar.

four batsmen to reduce them to 147 for seven in the 42nd over from a comfortable situation of 87 for three.

But Jewel, who carried his bat through the run chase, found somewhat a steady hand in Shabbir and together they steered Eskaton home in 43.2 overs.

When Jewel got back to the pavilion along with Shabbir, who made six, the scoreboard showed 155 for seven. Jewel played a sedate knock of 41 that spanned 112 balls and featured three fours and a sixer.

Biplob, who put on 59 runs for the first wicket with Jewel, contributed 20 while Khokon and Kaiser were the two other Eskaton batsmen to have managed double-digit scores.

Rubel, who must have left his captain ruing for not having introduced him earlier into the attack, spent only 20 runs for his four victims in 8.2 overs. Suman and Jamal chipped in with one each.

Earlier in the morning, Railway, sent in to make the first use of the strip, began their innings on the wrong foot, losing half of their wickets for a paltry 42 in 15.5 overs.

With the team precariously placed, Shahid, the Railway skipper and a former national player teamed up with his wicketkeeper Harris in a seemingly preposterous proposition of inching the innings to respectability. The two stayed

at the crease together for the next 22.4 overs and added 71 runs for the sixth wicket to drag Railway out of the lurch.

Thanked to Shahid and Harris, Bangladesh Railway eventually ended their innings on a presentable 154 for nine in the stipulated 45 overs. Shahid missed a half century by just a single while Harris ran himself out for 40.

Colonel claimed three wickets for 32 to finish as the pick of the Eskaton bowlers while Raj Kumara and Khokon (jr) bagged two apiece.

In the lone engagement of the relegation league at the Mirpur Pallab ground, Public Works Department (PWD), piloted by a superb allround performance from Kallol, posted a 19-run triumph over Lalmatia Club.

PWD, put in to bat first by the Lalmatia skipper, piled up 221 for nine wickets in the stipulated 45 overs.

Suman, who notched up 48 in 59 balls, was run out, too short of a deserved half century. Kallol followed him with a rapidfire 34-ball 40, inclusive of five fours.

Suman and Kallol apart, Atiq, Boghu, Obayed and Arif were among the runs with scores of 33, 31, 23 and 20 respectively.

Lalmatia, in their turn, were all out for 202 in the penultimate ball of the last over with Chayan topping the scorecard with solid, but perhaps a bit too slow 66.

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**Bangladesh Bank sports**  
The annual sports competition of the Bangladesh Bank was held today at the Notre Dame playground.

Kazi Saidur Rahman and Hosne Ara Begum won the individual men's and women's events respectively.

**Sher-e-Bangla nat'l soccer from Jan 18**  
The 18th Sher-e-Bangla Cup national football championship begins in different zones of the country on January 18, reports BSS.

Sixty district sports associations and six services teams will take part in the nine zonal competitions, according to the fixture prepared by Bangladesh Football Federation.

Nine zonal champions, last year's champions Dhaka University, runners-up BUET and hosts Khulna will play in the final round beginning on February 6 at Khulna.

Khagrachari, Shariatpur and Panchagar did not enter.

On the opening day hosts Feni will take on Rangamati.

The zones are:

Rajbari zone — Narayanganj, Dhaka, Madaripur, Narsingdi, Munshiganj, Faridpur, Gopalganj and Rajbari.

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Dhaka became zonal champions beating Gopalganj by a solitary goal from a penalty.

Gaibandha clinched the zonal title defeating Nilphamari 3-1 in the final at the home ground. Tutul, Rubel and Mosharraf netted once each for Gaibandha while Nilphamari's only goal was scored by Selim Reza from a penalty.

At Bandarban, the home side annexed the title with a 2-0 win over Feni. Mong Wang and Omong Ching were on the score-sheet for the winners.

**Indira Gandhi men's hockey from Feb 27**  
NEW DELHI, Jan 14: The fixated Indira Gandhi men's hockey tournament, which has been postponed by communal riots, the Bombay bombings and the September earthquake, is to be held next month, organizers said Friday, reports AFP.

Egypt, Japan, South Africa and South Korea will line up alongside hosts India for the tournament to be held in Lucknow from February 27 to March 5, Indian Hockey Federation president Raghunandan Prasad said.

Rescheduled for March it was postponed again after a series of bomb blasts rocked host city Bombay, killing more than 300 people. One bomb exploded in a hotel being used by the players.

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## S Africa cling to life-line

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The South Africans whipped out the Kiwis for a paltry 150 off 44.2 overs before belting 5-151 off 30.3 overs.

South Africa now trails New Zealand by only two points in the competition and can draw level by beating Australia here on Sunday.

To qualify for the show-down, they must also hope New Zealand do not beat Australia next Wednesday in the last qualifying game.

South African captain Hansie Cronje was delighted his side had at last beaten the Kiwis for only their second win in six completed games in the competition.

"The wicket suited us better than the ... and I think we used it well," he said.

"We can now certainly get into the finals if everything falls right for us — but first of all we have to beat Australia, here."

A crucial element in South Africa's late drive for the final is run-rate, and that was improved greatly by the overwhelming win.

South Africa's opening batsmen, brothers Peter and Gary Kirsten, did a fine job for their side, hammering 80 for the opening wicket.

Peter made 50 from 84 balls and Gary 31 from 54.

Cronje also played his part with a quickfire 40 from 35 balls, with six boundaries.

New Zealand's batsmen found lamentably to handle South Africa's fast and medium pace attack on a pitch providing generous bounce.

Pace spearhead Allan Donald (3-15) and Brian McMillan (3-39) used the helpful conditions superbly.

The Kiwi innings was saved from a complete rout by Tony Blain (32) and Chris Harris (29 not out), who hammered 49 for the seventh wicket after the score had topped to 6-84.

All-rounder Cris Cairns weighed in with a vigorous 29 from as many balls, with five characteristically lusty boundaries.

Slipper Ken Rutherford engineered a fighting 25, with three boundaries, in the number three position, but received scant top order support.

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P Kirsten, run out 50  
G Kirsten c Blain b Pringle 31  
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b Thomson 40  
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