

Nirman Schools
cricket

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Armanita High School and St Gregory High School won their respective matches in the 12th Nirman Schools cricket championship at different city venues yesterday.

At the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, Omar Faruque's all-round performance could not prevent his team T&T High School's defeat by 53 runs against Armanita High School.

Armanita batted first and were all out for 181 runs with two balls to spare of their 35 overs.

Extras contributed top to the total while Zahirul, Mohsin, Shamim and Shahidul were the notable run-getters for Armanita with scores of 34, 31 (not out), 22 and 21.

Omar Faruque and Zaman took three wickets each giving away 25 and 23 runs respectively.

Chasing a target of 182 to win T&T High School were restricted to 128 in 31.1 overs.

Omar Faruque again sparked with the bat hitting five boundaries in his 33 for the losers.

Extras added 37 runs.

Arif captured three wickets for 16 while Javed and Afzal took two wickets each.

At the Dhanmondi Cub ground St Gregory High School captain Moin Sobhan's had a great day helping his team record a 34 run convincing victory over Nazrul Shikhalaya.

Put into bat St Gregory piled up 195 for the loss of seven wickets in the stipulated 35 overs.

Moin top scored with an unbeaten 47. He was closely followed by Simon with 42 and Rumi's 39.

Nazrul claimed two for 34 for Shikhalaya.

Shikhalaya fell 34 runs short of their victory target when they were shot out for 161 in 32.3 overs.

Shaky start
for Pakistan

HAMILTON, Jan 30: Pakistan opened their cricket tour of New Zealand here today with a four-run win in a not-too-serious one-day game, reports AFP.

Pakistan faced a scratch team of provincial players under the captaincy of former New Zealand Test player Lance Cairns, now 44.

It was called the Sir Ron Brierly XI after the wealthy businessman and cricket patron who heads Brierly Investments.

The match as billed as a festival, an opportunity for local fans to see the world one-day champions in action, and they were rewarded by seeing batting star Inzamamul Haq hit a fine 105 after a shaky opening to the Pakistan innings.

Cairns, who has taken more Test wickets than any other New Zealander, except Sir Richard Hadlee, showed he could still turn his arm over and captured 2-16 in seven overs.

Pakistan scored 211 for six wickets and the home team had the chance of beating them in the final over. They failed, reaching 207 for seven off their 50 overs.

Pakistan meet an Emerging Players XI in a three-day game later this week before the first Test against New Zealand starting on February 10.

SCOREBOARD

PAKISTAN

Saeed Anwar c Doull b Cairns

Shakeel Ahmed c Astle b Cairns

Inzamamul Haq b Nash

Salim Malik c Parore b Astle

Basit Ali b Bradburn

Asif Mujtaba c Doull b Bradburn

Shoaib Mohammed not out

Mushtaq Ahmed not out

Extras: (lb-3, w-1) 4

Total: (for 6 wkt, 50 overs) 211

Fall of wickets: 12, 33, 36, 53, 97, 185

Bowling: O M R W

Nash 7 1 33 1

Cairns 7 1 16 2

Astle 10 2 33 1

Bradburn 10 0 42 2

Cooper 10 1 48 0

Doull 6 0 36 0

SIR RON BRIERLY XI:

Pannam c Shakeel b Nazir

Pocock b Ashfaq

Burnett c Malik b Mujtaba

Cooper c and b Malik

Fleming lbw b Malik

Bradburn not out

Nash c Basit b Mujtaba

Parore st Shakeel b Malik

Cairns not out

Extras: (lb-6, nb2, w3, b2) 13

Total: (for 7 wkt, 50 overs) 207

Fall of wickets: 1, 48, 72, 87, 104, 198

Bowling: O M R W

Azam Rehman 10 1 39 0

Namir Nazir 9 1 42 1

Ashfaq Ahmed 4 0 28 1

Mushtaq Ahmed 4 0 16 0

Salim Malik 9 1 29 3

Asif Mujtaba 10 1 28 2

Shoaib

Mohammed 4 0 17 0

Result: Pakistan won by four runs

Kenya B beat Bangladesh

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which boasted six national players. A sudden collapse saw Bangladesh crumble from a comfortable 83 for one to 144 all out in 40 overs.

Jahangir, whose blazing 109 was the foundation for the side's victory Saturday, topped with 41 followed by his opening partner Athar, who made 32. Faruque failed once again with the bat, managing only 13 and so did Selim Shahed, the young right-hander, who could collect only seven.

Steane led the charge for the host squad with an unbeaten 46 followed by Sayeed Khan and Aminul Islam Bulbul who scored 18 each.

Former national captain Minhazul Abedin Nannu was one of the two Bangladesh batsmen to be dismissed for no score with the other being new ball bowler Saiful.

Zahoor was by far the best Kenya B bowler with figures of four for 34 in his ten-over spell. Intikhab claimed two for nine in three overs while Steane bagged one for 16.

In their turn, despite facing a spirited spell of medium pace

bowling from Golam Nawsher Prince, Kenya B careered past the victory target in 41.3 overs, posting 146 for six.

Left-arm Prince, who opened the Bangladesh attack with Saiful, nevertheless, finished with handsome figures of 10-1-23-3. Enamul Huq Moni, the left-arm spinner, who conceded 37 runs Saturday for his two wickets, claimed two for 27 from nine overs. Nannu bagged the other wicket, giving away 27 runs in five overs.

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and he was rewarded when

Kuiper safely pouched on a

catch on the square leg bound-

ary.

England A
bounce back

PORTE ELIZABETH, South Africa, Jan 30: Alan Wells struck his second successive century here Saturday to lead England A into a strong position against South Africa A, reports AFP.

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