

Dhaka, Faridpur in semis



Dhaka DSA cruised but Faridpur had to sweat all the way as the two teams booked their places in the 13th national youth hockey championship semifinals.

At the Bangladesh Krira Shiksha Protisthan ground in Jirami, Savar yesterday, Dhaka forwards found scoring an easy proposition as they pumped five goals into the Patuakhali goal en route to the round of last four.

However, Dhaka didn't quite have things under control from the very beginning and had to wait until the 33rd minute for their first goal in the face of determined Patuakhali defence.

Nevertheless, once Wahab sounded the board two minutes from the short whistle, Patuakhali resistance simply fell apart.

Although after the break, the Dhaka players took a while

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to gear up, four goals in the space of 16 minutes dashed the slender Patuakhali hopes of shunning humiliation.

After Wahab's strike, the visitors were kept at the bay for some 17 minutes before Tareq Adel scored the first of his two goals in the 50th minute.

Three minutes later, Tareq slotted home again but just in the space of next three minutes saw his chances of a treble evaporate when Anwar Kabir netted the fourth goal of the match.

Wahab, who opened account for the visitors, rounded off the tally with a 66th-minute strike.

Dhaka DSA take on Dhaka Education Board (DEB), who won by a solitary goal against Rajshahi DSA on Sunday, in the final semifinal today.

Earlier in the first match of the day, Faridpur were made to strive by the youngsters of the Rajshahi Primary Education Institute, before a

last minute goal from Imtiaz, who scored both the goals for the eventual semifinalists, saw them through.

Faridpur, however, started the match in style, scoring through Imtiaz in the 11th minute to go one up. But their joy was short-lived as Sajid nullified the lead nine minutes later to initiate a nightmare patch for Faridpur.

Rupali Bank won the toss and decided to bat first.

They piled up 200 runs for three in the stipulated 40 overs.

Nripen made 111 off 140 balls.

Other contributions came from Shobuj with 39 and extra 26.

Atiq and Bulbul took one wicket each.

Cantonian were all out on 111 in 33.4 overs.

Bulbul top scored with 26 while Senthil and Liton made 24 and 15 respectively.

Babu, who took four for seven, proved most successful among the Rupali bowlers.

In the other game, Kathalbagan beat Kakrail Boys Club by 29 runs, Kathalbagan, winning the toss, decided to bat first.

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