

## Big wins for Angels, Fleet

Sports Reporter

Title-aspirants Angels made light work of giant-killers Josephites to maintain a clean slate as they raced to a thumping win in yesterday's one of the two encounters of the Partex First Division basketball league at the wooden-floor gymnasium.

Former champions Angels, who with yesterday's one notched their fifth win in a row, slam-dunked Josephites 103-60. The winners led the first half 58-30.

Josephites, who created a major upset by beating reigning champions Azad Boys in their previous match, were no match to the star-studded Angels, who had three notable scorers on the day in Daul, Siddiq and Raju.

National player Dulal scored 29 while Raju and Siddiq chipped in with 24 each.

For Josephites Mamun and Fazle were the major contributors with 19 and 11 respectively.

Angels' big win was foreseen earlier in the day when table-bottomers Fleet Club recorded first win, dunking Kurmitola Apollo Club on a damp, cold day.

Fleet swamped Apollo 136-75 after leading the first half 55-32.

Fazle of Fleet was in phenomenal scoring form collecting 40 of his team's total. His peer Atiq toted up another 28.

For the losers Enam and Tuhin figured in notably with 24 and 23 respectively.

**Shady dealings**

RIO DE JANEIRO, Feb 9: Four soccer directors and five referees have been accused by federal police of fraud for their alleged involvement in Brazilian soccer's match fixing scandal, police said on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

The directors included Eduardo Viana, president of the Rio de Janeiro Soccer Federation, and Eurico Miranda, a director of leading club Vasco da Gama, a federal police spokesman said.

The accusation were brought following a month-long investigation by federal police into the scandal, which erupted in December.

The nine have also been accused of forming a criminal gang, a punishable offence under Brazilian law.

Under the Brazilian judicial system, the police report will decide whether the nine should be formally charged and sent for trial.

The scandal blew up when the three tried to rig the results of matches in the 1994 Rio de Janeiro Championship.

Rio de Janeiro Federation director Wagner Canazaro had told referees they would be responsible for ensuring that the results of certain matches were "in the federation's interests," the referees said.

Referee Claudio Cerdiera later repeated the allegations to a Rio Federation tribunal, which subsequently suspended Canazaro for one year. Canazaro, one of those accused by the police, has denied the allegations all along.

The scandal took a new twist when former referee Reginaldo Mathias told Rio de Janeiro police that match-fixing had been common in the competition since 1985, the year Viana became president.

Mathias added that some referees were corrupt and said that Americano, Viana's preferred club, were the main beneficiaries.

Federal police became involved because some of the matches involved may have featured on a government run lottery. Their investigation has concentrated on the lottery aspect of the scandal.

Rio police are also holding their own investigation.

**BGF VP leaves for Hiroshima today**

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Selim Nazrul Chowdhury, the vice-president of the Bangladesh Gymnastics Federation (BGF), leaves Dhaka today for the Japanese city of Hiroshima to take part in the Asian Gymnastics Congress, scheduled to be held from February 14 to 20.

**BSJWA reception**

Bangladesh Sports Journalists and Writers Association will give prizes to the best footballer and highest scorer of the 1993 Senior Division and First Division football leagues at a function at the National Sports Council today at 6:30 pm, reports BSS.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain will be present as the chief guest.

The recipients are:

Sabir — best footballer, Premier League

Mintu — best footballer, First Division League

Naqib — highest scorer, Premier League

Liton — highest scorer, First Division League.

## Comedy of elements, errors

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Ali Ahmed High School suffered an elemental and instant retribution for immoral practice when they lost their Nirman Schools tie against Ahmed Bawani Academy yesterday.

In a rain-affected truncated match, Bawani, who were chasing 156 in 35 overs for an outright win, were declared winners for having a better run rate at the end of the possible 27 overs.

Steady drizzle made it impossible for the umpires to carry the match to its conclusion. It was rather fortuitous elemental intervention for Bawani, who were quite perilously placed at 122 for seven, still 34 runs adrift of the victory target and just three wickets to spare, when the play was called off.

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They totalled 155 for nine wickets with Javed notching a topscore of 42 not out with seven hits to the fence. Skipper Tipu made 26 while wicket-keeper Babu deposited another 21.

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varying costs.

## EXTRAS EXCEL

Post Office School careered to an emphatic 90-run win against Mirpur Govt High School at the Dhanmondi Club ground but the match had staked a claim for some sort of statistical notification for the ludicrous number of extras conceded by both teams.

Mamun bagged two for 21 and Javed claimed one for 21.

At the end of the day, it seemed to be a fitting punishment for Ali Ahmed School, who, in the morning, were thwarted in their bid to field an unregistered player in the form of Shafiq.

Shafiq, who was kept at the bottom of the batting order, was not allowed to bat eventually under protests from Bawani School and Ali Ahmed School had to come to a rather ignominious end after 34.4 overs, two balls remaining of the stipulated quota of 35 overs.

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## Friday league

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Eight teams — Eastern Bank, Holiday Cricket Club, Friends United Cricket Club, Commonwealth Cricket Club, Cricketers, G-Team, Shri Lankans, Renegade Cricket Club — will take part in the first ever Friday league six-a-side cricket tournament to be held under the auspices of Renegades Cricket Club on Friday 11, Friday at the Gulshan Park.

The one-day meet will begin from 10:00 am and will continue up to 5:00 pm.

**BDR maintain clean slate**

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League leaders Bangladesh Rifles Club (BDR) trounced Brothers Union 26-9 to extend their all-win record to six in the ongoing Phoenix Insurance handball championship '94.

In the lone match of the day, played at handball court adjacent to the Dhaka Stadium, the winners led the first half 12-4.

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## Rain may get in Hughes' way

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JOHANNESBURG, Feb 9: Merv Hughes returns to the Australian side for their first match in South Africa on Thursday — a friendly one-day outing against a Nicky Oppenheimer XI, reports Reuter.

Hughes has been out of the side since last August, because of knee surgery.

Allan Border will lead Australia, who drew a three-test series with South Africa earlier this year.

But top spinner Shane Warne will not play on Thursday because of a nagging shoulder injury which is likely to keep him out for the first few matches of the tour.

The team are hoping for their first outdoor nets of Friday since arriving last Sunday to persistent rain.

Weather permitting, they will then travel to Soweto to take part in the United Cricket Board's development programme. The trip has twice

been cancelled because of bad weather.

The tourists will face two players who have come through the development programme in the halfway house match on Thursday.

Jacob Malao is a left-arm spinner from Soweto who is on Transvaal's books. Jeffrey Toyana is an exciting teenaged batsman who recently captained an invitation side against the England A touring West Indies.

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## Gilbert, McEnroe advance

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MEMPHIS, Tennessee, Feb 9: Americans Brad Gilbert and Patrick McEnroe advanced to the third round of the 675,000 dollars indoor tennis tournament in Memphis with easy victories on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

The seventh-seeded Gilbert overwhelmed Xavier Daufresne of Belgium 6-2, 6-1, while 11th-seeded McEnroe handily ousted qualifier Alrs Wahlgren of Sweden 6-4, 6-1.

Sixteenth seed Jakob Hlasek of Switzerland also advanced to the third round when his opponent Jean-Philippe Fleurian of France retired with a right groin pull. Hlasek led 7-5, 4-2.

In one hour flat, the 39th-ranked Gilbert broke his Belgian opponent twice in the first set and twice more in the second to gain the win. Early on, Gilbert realised that victory was imminent.

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United Cricket Board of South Africa (UCBSA) managing director Ali Bacher said three plain clothes policemen had been assigned to the touring party, in line with arrangements made last year for teams from India, Pakistan and West Indies.

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## Bangladeshi trio fares well in MRF academy

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Three young Bangladeshi pacemen — Raimur Rashid, Rahul, Morshed Ali Khan and Shahid Chowdhury — impressed Dennis Lillee, the legendary Aussie fast bowler enough to have their stay in the Indian city of Madras extended up to the end of this month.

The Bangladeshi youngsters, who are now undergoing a coaching stint under scholarships of Madras Rubber Factory (MRF)-sponsored Pace Bowling Foundation, are three of the eleven chosen by Lillee, the chief instructor of the residential academy, established mainly with a view to unearthing fast bowlers for India.

However, scholarships are offered to other countries also and the three Bangladeshi players, who started their lessons there from January 25 this year, were to complete the course by February 5. But their performances, particularly that of Rahul, earned them an extended lease of tenure there.

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