

Sport

Feni move into nat'l soccer semis

From Our Correspondent

KHULNA, Feb 14: Feni DSA advanced to the semifinal of the 18th Sher-Bangla Cup national football championship eliminating Bangladesh Ansars by a lone goal in the opening match today at the Khuina Stadium.

In the inaugural game, Ratan of Feni scored the winner in the 51st minute from inside the box.

Ansars missed at least half a dozen scoring opportunities.

Lokman and Arman of Ansars were cautioned for rough play.

Newly elected Khulna City Corporation Mayor Sheikh Tayebur Rahman formally inaugurated the 13-day meet in the afternoon.

Int'l Masters' chess from Feb 18

Sports Reporter

The second United Insurance International Masters' chess tournament will start from February 18 under the auspices of the Bangladesh Chess Federation (BCF), a federation press release said yesterday.

Interested participants have been requested to complete entry formalities by the 17th of this month.

Four top players from the preliminary round will qualify for the final round.

National level players from Pakistan and India will take part in the final round games.

Nirman cricket

Sports Reporter

Scholastica and Udayan-Bidyalaya recorded easy wins in their respective 12th Nirman schools cricket championship matches in different city venues yesterday.

At the DCG, Scholastica trounced Arab Mission School by ten wickets.

Arab Mission scored 93 in 24.2 overs while Scholastica made 94 without loss in 18.2 overs.

At the DCS, Udayan-Bidyalaya outplayed St Margaret's by six wickets.

Batting first, St Margaret's were all out for 133 in 29.2 overs. Udayan reached 134 to win the match in 22.3 overs losing only four wickets in the process.

Div II cricket

Sports Reporter

Himel's unbeaten 60 helped Gopibagh Friends Association score a massive eight-wicket against Young Pegasus A in a super league match of the Second Division cricket league on the eastern strip of the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Winning the tons, Young Pegasus decided to bat first and were all out for 113 in 34.2 overs.

Gopibagh reached 114 losing two wickets in 29.1 overs.

In another match held at the Jagannath Hall ground, Kathalgagan outplayed Mirpur Nabin KC by four wickets.

Mirpur Nabin, batting first, were all out for 100 in 39 overs.

Kathalgagan posted 102 for six in 39 overs.

In the other game Dhanmondi Progoti Sangha beat Gandaria cricketers by 57 runs at the Dhanmondi Stadium. Dhanmondi made 235 for 5 in the allotted 40 overs. Gandaria, in reply, scored 166 all out in the same number of overs.

Guyana gain revenge

GEORGETOWN, Feb 14: Deposed title holders Guyana had a small measure of revenge as they spun new Red Stripe Cup champions Leeward Islands to defeat by 40 runs on the final day of the last match of this season's competition on Sunday, reports Reuter.

Leeward Islands, who clinched the title by winning first innings points, had been set a moderate victory target of 175 and all day in which to get the runs but crumbled to be all out for 134.

Architects of their defeat were Guyana's two off-spinners Roger Harper and Clyde Butts who ran through the Leeward Islands batsmen after they had looked well on course for victory at 75 for one.

Harper, the Guyana captain, finished with five for 38 and Butts, playing his final first class match before retiring, captured four for 38.

King's Cup

Soccer

BANGKOK, Feb 14: South Korea's industrial bank held last year's runnerup, Thai A, to a 1-1 draw with both goals scored in the first half of a Group A first round match in the 25th King's Cup football tournament here Sunday, reports AFP.

Bangladesh do it in style

Sports Reporter



Bangladesh duly won their ICC Trophy opener beating Argentina by seven wickets as Sunday's rain-affected unfin-

ished match was played to a deserving conclusion at the Simba Union Sports Club ground yesterday, a faxed message received by the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) last night.

Bangladesh started from where they had left off Sunday — racing to go for a victory target of 121 only in 50 overs but thwarted by rain after having bowled Argentina for a scant 120 in 43.2 overs.

Given the relative strength of the two teams, Bangladesh's eventual win was never in

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of the match, gave Bangladesh an ideal start in tandem with his shorter but perkier partner Jahangir Alam. Together they raised 68 runs for the first wicket.

Jahangir, who is his team's second wicketkeeper, after Nasir Ahmed Nasu, was the first to go for a positive 37, made off 52 balls.

His partner left for a 92-ball 41, the top score of the innings with Bangladesh sitting smug on 90. Athar was caught by Forrester, the top score of the Argentine innings, off the bowling of Gooding. Top to top, quite a way to go!

Skipper Faruque Ahmed, a pugnacious character, was perhaps too keen and upright to see his side get off to a good start and failed to play his natural game. He was out for 12, made from 38 balls.

Faruque's loss with the total on 115 was the third and last casualty in store for the Bangladesh innings as Aminul Islam Bulbul with an unbeaten 15 from 20 balls and Minhazul Nannu on eight not out guided them to 123 for three in 35.2 overs, more than enough for a win.

On Sunday, Argentina were all out for 120 with Bangladeshi bowlers in full cry. Left-arm paceman Prince and left-arm spinner Enamul Huq Moni captured three wickets apiece.

There were two wickets for Nannu and one each for Jahangir Talukdar Dulu and Athar Ali.

Bangladesh play their next match against East Africa today at the Impala Club ground.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the ICC Trophy cricket championship match between Bangladesh and Argentina concluded yesterday at the Simba Union SC ground in Nairobi.

ARGENTINA:

Ferguson c Athar b Nannu 11
Roberts b Dulu 0
Alonso c Nannu b Athar 11
Forrester b Prince 11
Kirchbaum c Bulbul 39

Result: Bangladesh won by seven wickets.

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ATHAR ... man-of-match

b Kirchbaum 12
Bulbul not out 15
Nannu not out 08

Extras: 10

Total: (for 3 wickets in 35.2 overs) 123

Fall of wickets: 1/68. 2/90. 3/115

Bowling:

O M R W

Forrester 7 1 25 0

Pereyra 10 2 31 1

Ferguson 9 1 23 0

Kirchbaum 4.2 0 24 1

Gooding 2 0 4 1

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ICC Trophy other results

NAIROBI, Feb 14: Results of 50 overs ICC (International Cricket Conference) Trophy matches on Monday, reports Reuter.

Hong Kong beat Denmark by two wickets. Denmark 192. Hong Kong 192-8 (John orders 63 not out, Stuart Brew 42, Ole Mortensen 4-21).

United Arab Emirates beat East and Central Africa by seven wickets. East and Central Africa 92 in 37.3 overs (Johan Samarakera 4-14, Arshad Laiq 3-18). UAE 93-3, 26.5 overs (Azhar Saeed 44).

Kenya beat Singapore by nine wickets. Singapore 76 in 34.5 overs (Asif Karim 5-20, Rajab Ali 4-9). Kenya 77-1 in 9.2 overs.

Canada beat Namibia by ten wickets. Namibia 51 in 15 overs (Bhawa Singh 7-21). Canada 52-0 in 10 overs.

Netherlands beat Gibraltar by ten wickets. Gibraltar 80 on 44.4 overs. Netherlands 85-0 in 10 overs (Nolan Clarke 49 not out).

Ireland v Papua New Guinea, no play due to rain.

Marvellous Majumdar

NEW DELHI, Feb 14: A young Indian cricketer has broken a 73-year-old world cricket record by scoring 260 runs on his debut in first class cricket, the Press Trust of India (PTI) said on Monday, reports Reuter.

Amol Majumdar, 19, playing for Bombay against Haryana in a Ranji Trophy match passed the record of Transvaal's W F E Marx, who scored 240 against Griqualand West in Johannesburg in the 1920-21 season, PTI said.

The knock by Majumdar, a former 19 national skipper, enabled Bombay to pile up 718 runs before they were all out. Majumdar overhauled Marx's record on Sunday when he hit 30 boundaries to make an unbeaten 245. He was out after adding 15 runs on Monday, stumped as he stepped out to hit Pankaj Thakur.

He was involved in a 228-run partnership with Bombay captain Ravi Shastri. The former Indian skipper scored 118.

India's return to desert

NEW DELHI, Feb 14: Indian cricket authorities Monday lifted a three-year ban on playing in Sharjah and decided to take part in the Australasia Cup there in April, subject to government clearance, reports AFP.

A special general body meeting of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) here accepted an invitation from the Sharjah-based Cricketers Benefit Fund Series (CBFS) to take part in the seven-nation tournament in the Gulf from April 12-22.

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