

Sport

Partex b'ball

Sports Reporter

Defending champions Azad Boys had another close call when they were stretched 56-52 by Dhumketu Club in a keenly contested match of the Partex First Division basketball league at the Outer Stadium wooden floor gymnasium yesterday.

Azad managed to hold on to a 25-22 points lead in the first half.

Parvez, Aklas and Sadi were the main scorers for Azad with 14, 12 and 10 respectively.

Titas and Nahad caged 14 and 11 respectively for the losers.

Azad have earned 15 points playing nine matches while Dhumketu have collected 14 points from ten outings.

Angels take on Eagles in today's match.

Pallab stays ahead

Sports Reporter

Shawkat Hossain Pallab maintained his lead securing five and a half points, when he drew with Tamina Parveen in the sixth round match of the United Insurance International Masters' (IM) chess competition at the chess room of National Sports Council yesterday.

Four players remained in the second position with five points each.

They are : Arifuzzaman Sikder, Aminul Islam, Tamina Parveen and Moniruzzaman Moni.

Arif beat Monzur Alam, Aminul defeated Din Mohammad, while Moni won against Hanif in their respective matches.

Players who stayed in the third positions on four and a half points were : Amir Hossain, Khurshed Alam, Badrul Alam, Sheikh Nasir Ahmed, Tayebur Rahman, Kazal Mahmud, Monzur Alam, Khalid Shakhat Prince, Abu Sufian Shakeel, Enayet and M R Mir.

In brother's footsteps

JOHANNESBURG, Feb 23: European striker Hossam Hassan has joined his brother Ibrahim on the sidelines after being sent off in a national league match, reports AFP.

Hossam, 27, was dismissed for trying to hit an opponent. When shown the red card, the temperamental star tore off his jersey and flung it on the ground.

His defender brother Ibrahim Hassan received a worldwide one-year ban for trying to hit the referee after the African Super Cup final in South Africa, which Al-Ahly lost 1-0 to Zamalek.

Hossam was suspended until April 30 — the final day of the domestic season. It is a severe blow to his club and national team.

Hossam plays for Cairo team Al-Ahly, who top the championship but are being hotly pursued by Ismailia and Zamalek.

The consistent scorer is also a key member of the Egyptian squad preparing for the African Nations' Cup finals next month where he could make match practice.

Al-Ahly support the suspension, according to manager Tarek Salem. "Hossam is a great loss to the club, but principles should not be compromised," he said.

Al-Ahly refused to defend the African Cup Winners' Cup in protest at the suspension of Hossam's brother. But that move backfired when they were barred from Africa for two years and fined 5,000 dollars.

HPA hails appointment

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Hockey Players' Association (HPA) welcomed the appointment of Major General Mohammad Abdur Rahim as the president of the Bangladesh Hockey Federation (BHF), according to an association press release issued yesterday.

Snow stalls soccer

LONDON, Feb 23: Heavy snow in northern England forced the postponement of Wednesday's second leg of the English League Cup semifinal between Sheffield Wednesday and Manchester United, reports AP.

Officials at Sheffield's Hillsborough stadium reported no problems with the field, but the winter weather was causing havoc on the mountain roads that would be used by many Manchester fans to travel to the game.

The match was rescheduled for March 2.

Manchester United won the first leg 1-0 Feb. 13 at Old Trafford. The winner will play either Tranmere of Aston Villa in next month's final at Wembley Stadium.

Dutch dilute dreams

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh's hyphenated up campaign for a place in cricket's big league was severely jolted yesterday as they suffered a 46-run defeat to favourites Netherland in a quarter-final tie of the fifth ICC Trophy at the Premier Club ground of Nairobi, Kenya.

Although Vicse took four Bangladeshi wickets, skipper Lubbers and Lefebvre did the damage as they handled the new ball superbly to restrain the Bangladeshi openers from

wrapped up in 48 overs. Suffice it will be for a clue to the pathetic batting display that only skipper Faruque Ahmed and Selim Shahid, following up his half-century in the previous match made it to the double figures.

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However, part-time bowler Minhazul Abedin Nannu was statistically the most successful bowler with a haul of three for 33.

Van Oosterom was Netherlands' top scorer with 64 as his side was all out for 205 in 48.3 overs.

Skipper Lubbers who later bowled tightly made 34 while Afonso and Vicse chipped in with useful quickfire scores of 22 and 21 respectively.

SCOREBOARD

HOLLAND			
N Clarke b Saikat	13		
R V Oosterom run out	64		
S Lubbers (capt) c Abedin b A Khan	34		
J D Leede run out	18		
R Lefebvre c F Ahmed b Saikat	12		
R Scholte run out	4		
F Aponso c J Dulu b M Abedin	22		
H Vissee c E Haq b M Abedin	21		
B Kuijiman not out	7		
E de Man run out	2		
F Jansen c M Abedin	0		
Extras:	8		
Total:	205		
Fall of wickets: 1-18; 2-88; 3-124; 4-142; 5-150; 6-155; 7-182; 8-200; 9-204; 10-205.			
Bowling: O M R W			
Jahangir Talukder Dulu 6 - 20			
Saikat Sharafodina 10 1 27 2			
Mizanur Rahman 2 - 16			
Minhazul Abedin 8.3 - 33 3			
Athar Ali Khan 10 - 50 1			
Enamul Haq Moni 9 - 138			
Selim Shahid 3 - 16			
BANGLADESH			
Athar Ali Khan b Lefebvre	7		
Jahangir Alam c S Lubbers b H Vissee	48		
Faruque Ahmed (capt) c R Scholte b Lubbers	11		
Minhazul Abedin c R Scholte b F Jansen	1		
Aminul Islam run out	2		
Akram Khan b F Jansen	4		
Selim Shahid c R V Oosterom b H Vissee	18		
Enamul Haq Moni not out	29		
Jahangir Talukder Dulu b H Vissee	4		
Mizanur Rahman b H Vissee	28		
Saikat Sharafodina b Lefebvre	2		
Extras:	5		
Total:	159		
Fall of wickets: 1-15; 2-38; 3-43; 4-45; 5-51; 6-95; 7-96; 8-103; 9-156; 10-159.			
Bowling: O M R W			
S Lubbers (capt) 10 - 20			
R Lefebvre 9 - 4 10 2			
F Jansen 9 - 44 2			
F Aponso 10 - 1 29			
H Vissee 7 - 32			
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Other ICC results

NAIROBI, Feb 23: Results of ICC (International Cricket Council) Trophy 50-over quarter-final matches today, reports Reuter.

Kenya beat Hong Kong by eight wickets. Hong Kong 86 in 33.1 over (Alfred Niguna 5-24, Martin Suji 3-17). Kenya 90-2 off 16 overs (Kennedy Otiemo 52 not out).

Bermuda beat Canada by eight wickets. Canada 149-9 in 43.2 overs (ingleton Liburd 42, Noel Gibbons 4-31). Bermuda 151-2 off 35 overs (Albert Steede 48, Dexter Smith 4-49).

United Arab Emirates beat Ireland by 59 runs. United Arab Emirates 295-4 innings closed (Mazhar Hussain 122, Azhar Saad 54), Ireland 236-9 innings closed (Angus Dunlop 44, Arshad Laq 4-49).

Mizanur Rahman (Sr) scored two goals while Muraduzzaman Shimu netted the other for the winners.

Dhaka University who had six national players in their ranks staged a late rally to score two goals. Sattajit Das Rupu netted both the goals for the losers.

Feni who dominated the better part of the proceedings

Feni dump DU out of Cup

From Staff Correspondent got the first goal in the 11th minute.

The goal came from a penalty after Pappa (Sr) of Dhaka University handled the ball in the danger zone to thwart a Feni attack. Mizan converted the spot kick for Feni (1-0).

The sprited Feni enjoying full-throated support from the local crowd established an apparently formidable 3-0 lead in the 38th minute.

Mizan took full advantage of a defensive lapse and slotted past Dhaka University custodian Sayed Hasan Kanan from close range (2-0).

One minute into the breather Shimu of Feni sealed the fate of the match shooting on target from a goalmouth melee 3-0.

Dhaka University who did little to justify their seeding found their rhythm midway through second half pulling

back two goals.

In the 27th minute of the second half Rupu reduced the margin for Dhaka University 3-1.

He scored his second goal four minutes before the long whistle by a power-packed right footer 3-2.

Mizanur (Jr), Shahjada, Ratan and Jilan of Feni and Pappa (Sr) of Dhaka University were cautioned with the yellow card for rough play.

Feni will meet the winners of the Khulna-Narayanganj tie, in the final on Saturday.

TEAMS

FENI: Selim, Shahjada, Mizanur (Jr), Ataur, Shimu (Dulal), Mizanur (Sr), Bachchu, Ratan and Jilan.

DU: Kanan (Bijoy), Alamgir, Faisal, Masud Rana, Pappa (Sr), Roxy, Rupu, Pappa (Jr), Amir Khan (Shoyeb), Zahir and Mintoo.

Walsh gets his due at last



KINGSTON, Jamaica, Feb 23: Courtney Walsh, often the unsung hero among the West Indies fast bowlers, stepped into the spotlight at Sabina Park with a blistering spell that put England on the ropes in the first Test, reports Reuter.

Walsh captured two for 35 in 14 overs of sustained hostility on Monday's third day to leave England reeling at 80 for four, still needing 93 more runs to avoid an innings defeat when the Test resumes on Wednesday after the rest day.

Jamaican paceman Walsh undermined England by dispatching key pair Robin Smith, who earned his reputation as an accomplished player of fast bowling, and captain Mike Atherton.

Walsh used the bouncer effectively and varied his angle of delivery by going round the wicket, a tactic that earned him Atherton's wicket.

Puttpong will face compatriot Witoonpanich Bhee in the quarter-final. Bhee earned an easy passage in the last eight of boys' singles eliminating Shamim Ahsan Roni of Bangladesh 6-1, 6-0.

Besides, the boys' singles matches, eight girls' singles and boys' doubles matches and two girls' doubles matches were decided on the second day of the five-day long meet.

The boys' singles quarter-finals will start at 9 am today.

Meanwhile, Yenny Kamalawati and Priscilla Mertins of Indonesia and Anuchan Montika and Wongkamalasai of Thailand qualified for the girls' doubles semi-finals.

The Indonesian pair routed Bangladesh's Sathyi Sarkar and Yasmin Ahmed Urmil 6-3, 6-2 in the quarter-final.

They will take on Thailand's Saksamran Phorhatthai and T Phornsarin in the first semi-final today.

Montika and Wongkamalasai conceded only three games to Bangladesh's Taslima Khatun Lucky and Khaleda Fowzia Chaitaly in their 6-1, 6-2 win.

Reuter

Australia, Walsh has served West Indies staunchly and successfully, though rarely makes the headlines.

Fellow fast bowlers Michael Holding, Joel Garner, Malcolm

COURTNEY WALSH

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