

Sport

BKSP burn up Rajshahi

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Krira Shiksha Protishthan (BKSP) shattered Rajshahi's hopes of qualifying for the final beating the outstation team by 33 runs in a crucial match of the 14th BEKIMCO national youth cricket championship at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Needing a victory in their last round robin league encounter following three straight wins, Rajshahi found the BKSP score of 203 too tall for overhauling and were bundled out for 170 in 43.2 overs.

The win brightened BKSP's hopes of carving a place in the Group B final for which they have to beat Comilla in the last round robin league match to be played at the same venue today.

BKSP were well served by an enterprising 58 from opener Ujjal. The right-handed batsman who played 85 balls hit only two boundaries in his patient knock.

Skipper Al Sharif Rokon with 40 and Sohel with 37 shared two vital stands of 66 and 63 runs respectively with the grafting opener as BKSP posted 150 of the innings in 29.1 overs.

Munna and Nafiz then shared 42 runs for the seventh wicket stand to see the winners across the 200 boundary. Munna scored 26 while Nafiz made 20 before falling to spinner Torey.

Torey who took four wickets for 32 runs in eight overs was the most successful among the Rajshahi bowlers. Litu captured three wickets for 40 in 7.3 overs.

Needing 204 for victory Rajshahi never appeared to be in the hunt as wickets kept falling at regular interval.

Opener Raftiqui (35) and lower order batsman Ahsad (26) dented their best to swim against the tide but the other Rajshahi batsmen were simply swept away by the athletic fielding and tight bowling by the BKSP bowlers.

Rahul, Rokon and Munna — all veterans of Navana Premier league — captured two wickets each to ensure a 33-run win for BKSP.

Pakistan walk off in protest

AUCKLAND, Mar 6: The Pakistan cricket team walked off the field during a one day match against New Zealand today after one of their players was hit on the head by a missile thrown from the crowd, reports Reuter.

Pace bowler Ataur Rahman was fielding near Eden Park's terraces — traditionally a rowdy part of the ground — when he was hit. Debris had been thrown onto the ground from the eastern terraces throughout the day.

Led by captain Salim Malik, the Pakistan team walked off the field after the incident and only returned after team management were reassured that police presence around the field had been increased.

Ataur Rahman's injury was slight and he bowed again soon after the team went back on the field after an 11-minute hold up.

Rahman, fielding at third man, had earlier been struck by an object thrown in the opening over of the New Zealand innings.

Rahman was treated by Pakistan's physiotherapist Asif Rauf after he was hit in the incident which led to the walkout. New Zealand batsmen Ken Rutherford and Mark Greatbatch remained on the field throughout the incident.

International Cricket Council match referee Raman Subba Row, New Zealand Cricket (NZC) chairman Peter McDermott, Pakistan's manager Majid Khan and coach Intikhab Alami were involved in discussions while the tourists were off the field.

McDermott gave Pakistan assurances their players would be safe and the police presence around that edge of the boundary was significantly increased when play resumed.

"It's really disappointing and very stupid. No sport needs that kind of behaviour," McDermott said.

When play stopped New Zealand were 25 for two from 8.2 overs, in reply to Pakistan's score of 146.

Pioneer trial on

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The selection meet for Pioneer football league began under the aegis of Dhaka Metropolis Football Association at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday.

General Secretary of the Bangladesh Football Federation Shaikh Akmal Hossain inaugurated the meet.

In the opening encounter, Pioneer West Zone defeated Central Zone 2-0.

Rahmat Ullah scored both the goals for the winners.

The other match, between North and South Zone, ended in a goalless draw.



Pakistan's fast bowler Ataur Rahman (L) is being helped out of the field after getting hit by a coke bottle thrown by a spectator during the second one day cricket match against New Zealand in Auckland yesterday. The incident resulted in a walk off by the Pakistani team.

— AFP photo

Akram again foils Kiwis



AUCKLAND, Mar 6: Wasim Akram was outstanding with both bat and ball Sunday as Pakistan scored a 36-run victory over New Zealand in the second limited-overs cricket international at Eden Park, reports AP.

The victory gave Pakistan a 2-0 lead in the five-match series, but was marked by a brief but dramatic walkoff by the tourists.

The entire Pakistan team walked off the field early in New Zealand's innings after bowler Ataur Rahman was struck on the side of his head by a small glass bottle thrown in the day.

Pakistan's top-order batting lacked discipline and the visitors were in trouble at 65 for six.

Play was halted for 11 minutes — the first such stoppage in an international match in New Zealand — while the boundary area in front of the terraces was cleared of debris thrown during the game.

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Opener Mark Greatbatch, out of form, was dropped by Rehman at mid-off when he was on one, but got to 23 before being dismissed.

New Zealand captain Ken Rutherford had to fight for his runs and with the Pakistan bowlers maintaining a tight

line and length and their teammates working hard in the field, New Zealand's task steadily became more difficult.

Rutherford was run out in a mix-up with Chris Harris for 37 to leave New Zealand 86 for six in the 35th over.

Akram finished the match by removing Danny Morrison and Gavin Larsen in successive overs, to end with the best figures in the innings, four for 23.

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Wellington on Wednesday.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in the one-day cricket international today between Pakistan and New Zealand:

PAKISTAN

	O	M	R	W
Anwar c Blain b Morrison	9			
Sohail c Rutherford				
b Thomson	48			
Inzamam lbw b Pringle	14			
Malik c Blain b Larsen	5			
Basti Ali c Blain b Larsen	8			
Mujtaba lbw b Morrison	1			
Latif c Greatbatch b Harris	3			
Wasim Akram c Greatbatch b Thomson	33			
Akram Raza run out	3			
Younis b Thomson	7			
Ataur Rehman not out	0			
Extras: (w-8, b-1, lb-4, nb-2) 15				
Total: (43.3 overs) 146				
Fall of wickets: 1-10, 2-33, 3-41, 4-60, 5-61, 6-65, 7-127, 8-139, 9-139.				

Bowling:

O	M	R	W
Morrison	8	2	16
Sohail	8	0	31
b Thomson	8	1	24
Cairns	10	0	27
Larsen	7	0	29
Harris	3	1	14

Total:

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Bowling:

O	M	R	W
Young	0	0	0
lbw b Akram			
Jones c Sohail b Akram	1		
Rutherford run out	37		
c Malik c Raza b Raza	6		
Cairns b Sohail	3		
Harris c Latif b Younis	18		
Blain st Latif b Raza	2		
Larsen b Akram	5		
Morrison c Latif b Akram	0		
Pringle not out	4		
Extras: (w-8, lb-2, nb-1)	11		
Total: (44.3 overs) 110			
Fall of wickets: 1-3, 2-8, 3-45, 4-62, 5-71, 6-86, 7-90, 8-104, 9-105.			

Bowling:

O	M	R	W
Wasim Akram	7.3	0	23
Waqar Younis	8	0	18
Ataur Rehman	9	2	25
Salim Malik	2	0	4
Akram Raza	10	1	21
Aamir Sohail	8	0	17

Result:

Pakistan won by 36 runs.

Man-of-the-match:

Wasim Akram

Pakistan lead five-match series 2-0.

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to 48 in 173 minutes to put some cement in the Pakistani innings.

Soil and Akram added a crucial 62 in 89 balls before off-spinner Shane Thompson came in to take three quick wickets for 14 runs.

Fast bowler Morrison was the pick of the New Zealand attack, taking two for 16 in his eight overs.

The third match in the series will be played at

41st minute and Belgian playmaker Enzo Scifo put the issue beyond doubt in the 71st minute.

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