

## BKSP burn up Rajshahi

**Sports Reporter**

Bangladesh Krira Shiksha Protisthan (BKSP) shattered Rajshahi's hopes of qualifying for the final beating the outstation team by 33 runs in a crucial match of the 14th BEXIMCO 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.

Skinner Al Shariar Rokan 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 Rafiqul (35) and lower order batsman Ahad (26) tried 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, Rokan 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 Rehman 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 terraces had been increased.

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

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

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

International Cricket Council match referee Ram Subba Row, New Zealand Cricket (NZC) chairman Peter McDermott, Pakistan's manager Majid Khan and coach Intikhab Alam 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

**Sports Reporter**

The selection meet for Pioneer football league began under the aegis of Dhaka Metropolitan 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 Rehman (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 Rehman was struck on the side of his head by a small glass bottle thrown from the crowd.

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.

Rehman, who was not seriously hurt, had earlier been struck by the match after security was beefed-up and they were given assurances of their safety.

Pakistan made a modest 146 all out in their innings, which lasted just 43.3 overs, but New Zealand were then dismissed for 110 in reply.

"We should have got the runs on that wicket," said New Zealand coach Geoff Howarth.

"The wicket was perhaps a bit up and down but I don't think there are any excuses apart from some disappointing batting."

Bryan Young was out in the first over of the innings and Andrew Jones was superbly caught by Aamir Sohail, who dived low to his left at square leg in the third over.

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.

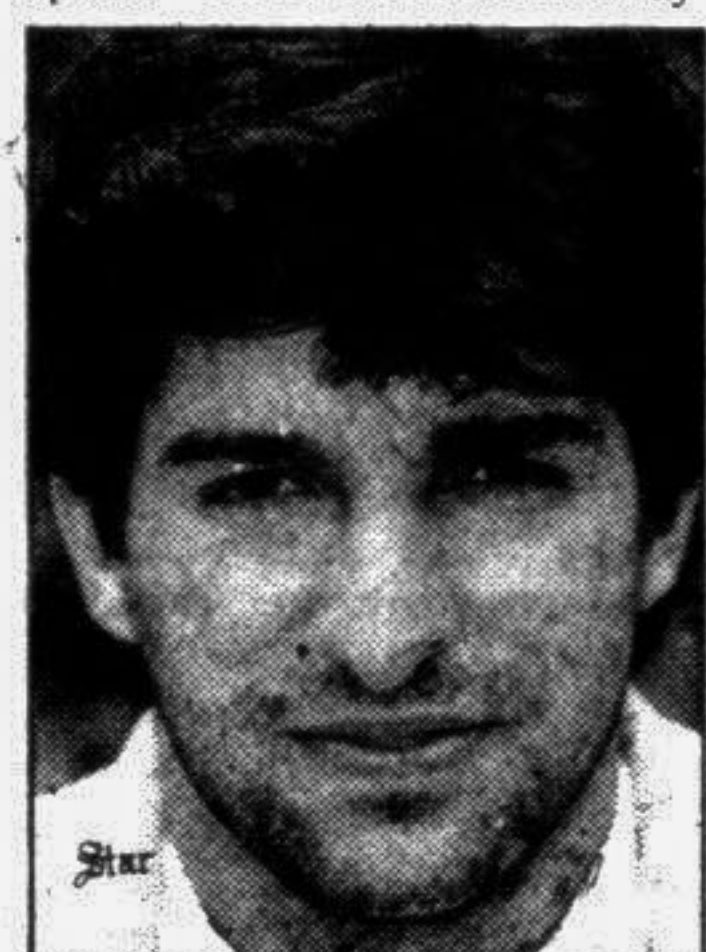
Rutherford was run out in a mix-up with Chris Harris for 37 to leave New Zealand 86 for six in the 35th over.

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.

Akram collected the man-of-the-match award for his bowling, coupled with an important 33 in 55 balls earlier in the day.

Pakistan's top-order batting got off to a shaky start as they lacked discipline and the visitors were in trouble at 65 for six.

Although never completely comfortable, left handed opener Sohail battled his way



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

Sohail 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

Wellington on Wednesday.

**SCOREBOARD**

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

**PAKISTAN**

Anwar c Blain b Morrison 9  
Sohail c Rutherford b Thompson 48  
Inzamam lbw b Pringle 14  
Malik c Blain b Larsen 5  
Basit Ali c Blain b Larsen 8  
Mujtaba lbw b Morrison 1  
Latif c Greatbatch b Harris 3  
Wasim Akram c Greatbatch b Thompson 33  
Akram Raza run out 3  
Younis b Thompson 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:**

Morrison 8 0 16 2  
C Pringle 8 0 31 1  
Cairns 7 1 24 0  
Larsen 10 0 27 2  
Harris 7 0 29 1  
Thompson 3.3 1 14 3

**NEW ZEALAND**

Greatbatch c Raza b Rehman 23  
Young lbw b Akram 0  
Jones c Sohail b Akram 1  
Rutherford run out 37  
Thompson c Malik b Raza 6  
Garns 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:**

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

**Result: Pakistan won by 36 runs.**

**Man-of-the-match: Wasim Akram**

**Pakistan lead five-match series 2-0.**

## Silva powers Marseille home

PARIS, Mar 6: Brazilian striker Anderson da Silva scored twice to help Marseille to a hard-fought 3-2 home win over lowly Lille in the French soccer league on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Anderson, who joined last year on loan from Swiss side Servette after Marseille were forced to sell several key players in the wake of a bribery scandal, opened the scoring after 21 minutes and put his team 2-0 up three minutes before halftime.

Marseille looked on their way to a comfortable victory but Lille striker Eric Assadourian scored within a minute of Anderson's second goal and then made it 2-2 in the 52nd minute.

German veteran Rudi Voeller, however, enabled the troubled European champions to pick up two precious points by scoring the winner in the 68th minute.

"It was tough because Lille are fighting to avoid relegation and they gave it all they had," said Marseille deputy chairman Jean-Louis Leveau. "But the most important thing was to win and hard-fought victories are important for a team's confidence."

Second-placed Marseille closed the gap on leaders Paris St Germain to three points but the mighty Paris club appear to face an easy task at home against struggling Martigues on Sunday.

Nantes climbed from fourth to third by beating Lyon 1-0 in an incident ridden match in which Lyon goalkeeper Pascal Olmeta was sent off after 30 minutes for punching Nantes Striker Nicolas Queduc.

Queduc took revenge by scoring the winner in the 77th minute.

Promising Queduc shares top spot in the scorers' list with Youri Djorkaeff on 17 goals. Djorkaeff helped Monaco beat Caen 3-0 by scoring their opener in the 11th minute.

German striker Juergen Klinsmann made it 2-0 in the



Manchester United's Keane and Robson (L) land in the goal while goalkeeper Dimitri Kharine of Chelsea stop their attempt to equalise during their English Premiership soccer match in Manchester, England on Saturday. Chelsea beat Manchester 1-0. — AFP photo

## UAE ICC champions

NAIROBI, Mar 6: The United Arab Emirates beat Kenya by two wickets in the final of the International Cricket Conference (ICC) Trophy today, reports Reuter.

Scores: Kenya 281-6, United Arab Emirates: 282-8.

## Unseemly Warne

JOHANNESBURG, Mar 6: Australian leg spinner Shane Warne was ordered to appear before International Cricket Council's match referee for misconduct during the first Test against South Africa Sunday, reports AP.

Match referee Donald Carr said Warne was to appear after the second day's play.

Warne ran behind South African batsman Andrew Hudson, pointing towards the dressing room and yelling, after bowling the opener in his first over of the innings.

The matter was immediately brought to the notice of ICC's independent umpire, Englishman David Shepherd, by his local colleague, Barry Lambson.

Shepherd summoned skipper Allan Border, who spoke to his bowler at the end of the wicket taking over.

While the Australians played down the incident, Carr had requested footage from South African television, which is televising the game live at home and in Australia.

If Warne is found to have violated the ICC's code of conduct, he could face a fine amounting to 75 percent of his match fee or be suspended for up to three Test matches. An Australian cricketer earns up to \$2,800 per Test match.

Last season, Pakistani fast bowler Aqib Javed was the first cricketer to be suspended under the new code.

## Josephites finish on high

**Sports Reporter**

Josephites dunked Backstroke 108-57 in the lone match of the Parxet First Division basketball league at the wooden floor gymnasium yesterday.

The winners dominated the first half 42-26.

Fozle top scored with 42 while Asif with 22 and Mamun with 19 excelled for the winners.

## BSF reshuffled

The National Sports Council yesterday revamped the adhoc committee of Bangladesh Swimming Federation, reports BSS.

According to a notification issued yesterday, M Asaf-Uddin remains as president of the 23-member committee.

Former ace-swimmer Mo-sharraf Hossain Khan has been made new general secretary while former general secretary Dr Sultanul Aziz and Alhaj Abdus Sattar have been made vice presidents.

The other officials and members of the committee are:

Joint secretaries — Arun Kumar Nandi and Sq. Ldr. Rafiqul Islam.

Treasurer — Shahjahan Mizi.

Members — A K M Mohsin, M Soltanul, Nazrul Islam, Nimai Chandra Bare, Rowshan Ali, S M Zahirul Islam, Rezaul Huq Badshah, Lutfur Rahman, M A H Dhali, Golam Mostafa, Nazrul Islam, M Israfil, representative of Rajbari District Sports Association (DSA), Bangladesh Navy Sports Control Board, Director (Training) of Bangladesh, Krira Shiksha Protisthan (BKSP) and representative of the National Sports Council.

## Cronje puts SA in saddle

JOHANNESBURG, Mar 6: A century from Hansie Cronje gave South Africa the edge in the first cricket Test against Australia, whose frustrated bowlers Shane Warne and Merv Hughes were reported for abusive language today, reports Reuter.

Cronje hammered the Australian attack for 122 to continue his phenomenal run of scores against them and push South Africa into a commanding 338-run lead at the end of the third day.

With half centuries from opener Andrew Hudson and captain Kepler Wessels, South Africa reached 335 for five in their second innings.

As South Africa took the upper hand, Australia's frustrated bowlers turned to verbal tactics to try to unsettle the batsmen.

Hughes was reported by umpires Barry Lambson and David Shepherd to match referee Donald Carr for sledging Gary Kirsten while bowling to him and also when he took the catch to remove him for 35.

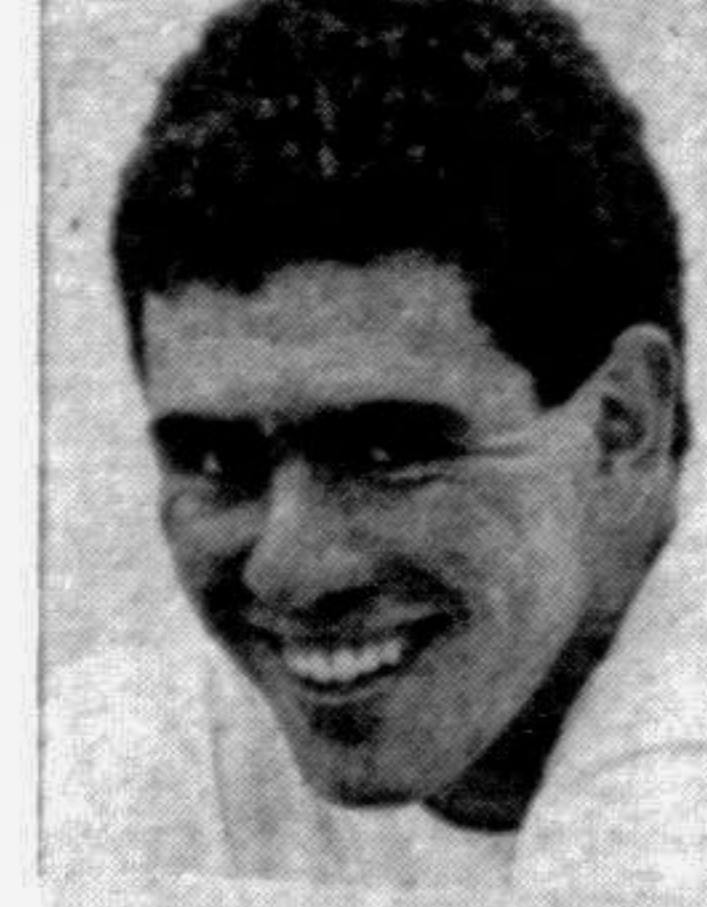
Warne was reported after sending Andrew Hudson on his way with a few choice words after the opener was bowled around his legs for 60.

Number three Cronje, who already had scores of 112, 97, 45 and 50 in the one-day internationals, 44 and 251 for Orange Free State, added a potentially-decisive 122 to his

list — his third Test century and 12th in first-class cricket.

Cronje arrived at the crease when the opening partnership of 76 was broken with Kirsten miscuing an attempted pull off Tim May to Hughes at mid-on.

Hudson played fluently to record his eighth 50 in 12



Cronje ... 122

Tests before Warne, with his third ball of the morning, span one round his legs.

His dismissal brought in Wessels, who shared an important 135-run partnership with his vice-captain.

While Wessels played with solid assurance, Cronje looked unsure in the period immediately after lunch when, on 35, he offered an extremely difficult running chance to Michael Slater at mid-on.

Once past his 50, which came in 111 balls, he began to

open up and his next 50 runs took just 62 balls.

His hundred, which came just after Wessels was scooped up by Allan Border at silly-point for 50, included 12 fours and one six.

Cronje added another four fours before slashing a ball from Hughes to Steve Waugh in the gully.

**SCOREBOARD**

Scoreboard after the third day of the first cricket Test between South Africa and Australia at the Wanderers today:

**SOUTH AFRICA:** First innings 251 (J Rhodes 69, M Hughes 3-59, C McDermott 3-63)

**AUSTRALIA:** First innings 248 (S Waugh 45 not out)

**SOUTH AFRICA:** Second innings (overnight 42-0)

Hudson b Warne 60  
G Kirsten c Hughes b May 35  
Cronje c S Waugh b Hughes 122  
Wessels c Border b Warne 50  
P Kirsten not out 32  
Rhodes c Healy b S Waugh 14  
De Villiers not out 4  
Extras: (11-b, 2-lb, 5-nb) 18  
Total: (for five wicket, 109 overs) 335  
Fall of wickets: 1-76, 2-123, 3-258, 4-289, 5-324.

To bat: B McMillan, D Richardson, C Matthews, Donald.

**Bowling:**

McDermott 26 0 96 0  
Hughes 25 5 86 1  
May 23 7 67 1  
S Waugh 10 3 28 1  
M Waugh 6 2 14 0  
S Warne 19 5 31 2

## Haynes, Harper, elements extend England's miseries

## Windies clinch series

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, Mar 6: The spin of Roger Harper destroyed England's middle order batting as West Indies took an unbeatable 3-1 lead in the five-match one-day series on Saturday, reports Reuter.

West Indies' victory was initially set up by a flamboyant century from opener Desmond Haynes, his 17th in one-day internationals, and he deservedly won the man-of-the-match award.

Two heavy rain showers curtailed West Indies to 265 for seven in 45.4 overs and England were set a reduced target of 209 from 38 overs.

England initially looked to be in with a fighting chance as they reached 86 for the loss of only one wicket but then Harper dismissed Robin Smith, Graeme Hick, Matthew Maynard and Chris Lewis in rapid succession.

His four wickets for 40 from seven overs effectively ended any hopes England had.

England ended on 194 for nine from their 36 overs and West Indies won on a faster run rate.

Haynes, seemingly out of form when the tour began, now looks to have secured his Test place with his 115 following swiftly on the 83 he made in Kingstown on Wednesday as West Indies crushed England by 165 runs to register their biggest win in 222 one-day internationals between the two sides.

Haynes and fellow opener Phil Simmons looked intent on a repeat performance as they raced to 45 at a run a ball.

Once again England's pace quartet turned in a lacklustre performance and Alan Iggle-son left the field suffering from dehydration after conceding 16 runs in his first three overs.

There was a glimmer of

hope for England when Simmons was caught by Graeme Hick at slip off Chris Lewis and Angus Fraser then removed Brian Lara (19) and Keith Arthurton (0) in the space of three balls.



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Ramprakash at square leg and West Indies were wobbling slightly at 98 for four.

Haynes, dropped at slip on 18, prevented any further mishaps with cavalier batting, plundering 13 boundaries as he raced to his century from only 102 balls.

Together with Jimmy Adams (40) he added a rapid 124 for the fifth wicket and although both were dismissed in the final chase for runs, they had made a West Indies win almost certain.

Fast bowler Kenny Benjamin jolted England by bowling openers Alec Stewart for two and captain Mike Atherton for 41.

England hopes flared briefly as Smith cracked 45 and England were almost up with the required run-rate as they reached 110 for two but then Harper stepped in.

He removed Smith, Hick (10), Maynard (8) and Lewis (4) in consecutive overs and England were doomed.

The final one-day match in the series takes place on the same ground on Sunday. There is little to suggest West Indies will not comfortably wrap up the series 4-1.

**SCOREBOARD**

Scoreboard in the fourth one-day international between West Indies and England at the Queen's Park Oval on Saturday:

**WEST INDIES**

Haynes b Lewis 115  
Simmons c Hick b Lewis 16  
Lara lbw b Fraser 19  
Arthurton c Stewart b Fraser 0  
Richardson c Ramprakash b Caddick 13  
Adams c Caddick b Fraser 40  
Harper b Lewis 23  
Cummins not out 13  
W Benjamin not out 0  
Extras: (b-4, lb-4, w-13, nb-5) 26  
Total: (for seven wickets, 45.4 overs) 265  
Fall of wickets: 1-45, 2-75, 3-75, 4-98, 5-222, 6-238, 7-265.

Did not bat: C Ambrose, K Benjamin

**Bowling:**

Iggle-son 3 0 16 0  
Caddick 10 0 60 1  
Fraser 10 0 31 3  
Lewis 9.4 1 59 2  
Salisbury 9 0 58 0  
Hick 4 0 33 0

**ENGLAND**

Atherton b K Benjamin 41  
Stewart b K Benjamin 2  
Smith b Harper 45  
Hick c and b Harper 10

Maynard b Harper 8  
Ramprakash b Ambrose 31  
Lewis c Lara b Harper 4  
Caddick not out 21  
Salisbury b Cummins 5  
Iggle-son run out 0  
Fraser not out 4  
Extras: (b-1, lb-9, w-11, nb-2) 23  
Total: (for nine wickets, 38 overs) 194  
Fall of wickets: 1-23, 2-86, 3-110, 4-121, 5-130, 6-145, 7-177, 8-184, 9-185.

**Bowling:**

K Benjamin 8 0 37 2  
Cummins 6 0 34 1  
Ambrose 8 0 35 1  
W Benjamin 7 0 38 0  
Harper 7 0 40 4

**Result: West Indies won on faster scoring rate to take a 3-1 winning lead in the five-match series.**

**Final match: Port of Spain, Trinidad, Sunday.**

## Dismal start for Dhaka Mohammedas

CALCUTTA, Mar 6: Bangladesh league champions, Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting were held to a goalless draw by Titanium of Kerala while another Bangladeshi outfit, Abahani Krira Chakra also failed to assert their supremacy as they battled to a 1-1 draw against Calcutta's Mohammedan Sporting in their league matches of the SJFI-organised Churns Cup invitational football tournament at the East Bengal ground, reports PTI.

Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting, playing their first match of the eight-team tournament, failed to impress much as their forwards missed a number of chances in a rather lacklustre encounter.

In the other league match, striker Mizan struck the lone goal for Abahani in the 54th minute but Mohammedan restored parity eleven minutes later through Ohidul Islam after both the teams were locked goalless at the interval.

After an uneventful opening session, striker Mizan produced a brilliant goal when his 30-yard grounder found the net giving the sporting custodian Naser Ahmed no chance at all.

Undaunted by the goal, the local outfit stepped up the pace of the game and drew level when Ohidul Islam climaxed a combined move with a neat header from inside the box.

Mahindra and Mahindra of Bombay will take on Food Corporation of India (FCI) while Titanium lock horns with IFA Eleven in their league matches tomorrow.

## Toney retains IBF title

LOS ANGELES, Mar 6: Undefeated James Toney stopped Tim Littles to retain his International Boxing Federation super-middleweight title on Saturday when the referee halted their fight in the fourth round, reports Reuter.

In a co-featured match, hometown favourite Oscar La Hoya, a 1992 Olympic champion, took away Denmark's Jimmi Bredahl's World Boxing Organisation junior lightweight title after the referee stopped their bout after the 10th round.