

## Lucky day for DMFA

## Sports Reporter

The Dhaka Metropolis Football Association (DMFA), organisers of the ongoing DMFA Cup football tournament, had another lucky day at the negotiation table as Abahani Krira Chakra, who had already announced their decision to stay out of this year's meet on grounds of gross irregularities regarding the tournament schedule, not only refused to back down but added another dimension to what they termed a legitimate reason for their abstention.

In a press release issued yesterday, the Dhanmondi outfit, one of the superpowers of the domestic football league, reiterated their demand to do away with the behind the curtain string-pulling by a known quarter which has vitiated the atmosphere in country's soccer arena.

Abahani's decision might leave the organisers with the only option of postponing the tournament although the DMFA officials, who adjourned the talks until 5 pm tomorrow, in what seemed to be an effort to buy some time, implied their determination to continue with their bid to cajole Abahani into reconsidering their stance. However, they made it clear that in the case of Abahani's negative response they might have to consider the option of calling the meet off but added such a decision wouldn't be made until tomorrow's meeting is over.

## Div II qualifying cricket results

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Kurmitola Samaj Kalyan and Agragami Sangsad won their respective Lata Kamlan Second Division qualifying matches despite a short-lived heavy downpour that interrupted the matches at different city venues yesterday.

At the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, Mugda Cricketers chasing a revised target of 76 runs in 15 overs due to rain, could muster 71 runs for six wickets.

Earlier, sent in to bat first, Agragami Sangsad scored a moderate 177 for six wickets in the stipulated 35 overs with Mizan Rahman hitting an excellent 52.

His 55-ball innings included five hits to the fence. He was followed by Ariful Haq (31) and Badrul, who remained not out on 20.

In the other match of the day at the Jagannath Hall ground Kurmitola Samaj Kalyan earned a facile seven-wicket win over Jupiter KC.

Batting first Jupiter were bundled out for a paltry 88 in 26.3 overs. Opener Rana, who retired hurt and Lebu were the top scorers with 19 each while Moin, who scored 11 was the other double-digit contributor for the losers.

Latif was the most successful among the Kurmitola bowlers finishing with an excellent analysis of 5.3-1-7-3. Wasim and Tito claimed two wickets each. But Tito, who took hammered an unbeaten half century, gave only two runs in his two overs.

Chasing 89 runs for victory Kurmitola reached the target in 20.4 overs losing three wickets.

Opener Tito, who almost single-handedly guided his team to an easy win remained unbeaten on 55 at the kill. His 56-ball unconquered innings included eight boundaries and a huge sixer.

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18	Involve	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
19	Jima	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72
21	Lassie	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73
22	Be	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74
26	generous	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75
27	Scot off	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76
29	Durocher	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77
30	"Pup-	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78
31	Belittle,	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79
32	in	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
33	modern	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81
34	slang	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82
35	big rig	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83
36	Abby's sis	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84
37	Hector's	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85
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