

## Zakir, Sohel await BFF call

### Sports Reporter

Abahani's midfielder Zakir Hossain along with teammate Sohel Reza are in the line to be reckoned as a part of what appears to be a relentless chopping and picking spree of the Bangladesh Football Federation to form a strong national team.

On completion of a week's training with 28 players at the BKSP residential camp at Savar, the South Korean Coach Man Young Kang recommended the two names, said a highly placed BFF official.

The newly appointed coach following Bangladesh's debacle in the Sixth SAF Games, it was learnt, also forwarded a proposal to drop six players from the present lot.

The six rather unfortunate booters are yet to be confirmed by the BFF.

## DU football, cricket results

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Shaheen and Shafiquzzaman evenly shared six goals as the Department of Philosophy romped past Psychology 6-0 in the Dhaka University inter-department football championship at the central university ground yesterday.

In a one-sided affair the winners led 4-0 at the breaker.

Meanwhile, in the inter-department cricket championship, Economics recorded a convincing 38-run win over Soil Science at the Jagannath Hall ground.

Sent in to bat first, Economics scored a moderate total of 150 in the allotted 28 overs for eight wickets with Fahim notching a sparkling 76.

On a heavy outfield and dampish pitch caused by intermittent drizzle, Soil Science could muster 112 runs for seven in their chase for a victory target of 151.

Shaheen, who tore through the Soil Science batting, finished with a haul of six for 26 in his quota of five overs.

## Rear to Zimbabwe's relief

ADELAIDE, Nov 24: Zimbabwe fought back on the second day of their three-day match against the Australian Institute of Sport Cricket Academy, but still face a hard struggle to win the contest, reports AP.

The Academy XI had an overall lead of 147 at stumps Thursday with five second-innings wickets in hand.

The young Australians were 121 for five in their second innings with Ian Harvey not out on 31 and wicketkeeper Craig Glasscock on seven. Corey Richards top-scored with 38.

Zimbabwe declared their first innings just before tea at 245 for nine, conceding a 26-run lead to the Academy XI.

Leg-spinner Paul Strang was the last man out, caught at long-on by Shane Jurgenssen off the bowling of spinner Daniel Marsh for a brilliant 57.

Strang and Wayne James (59) put Zimbabwe back into the match with a quick 91-run stand for the seventh wicket which ended when James tried to smash a Matthew Nicholson half-volley through cover, only to edge it to the keeper.

Captain Andy Flower top-scored for the tourists with a stubborn 70 while paceman Shane Lee ended up with three for 45 from 17 overs for the Academy.

Marsh, the son of former Australian Test wicketkeeper Rod Marsh, followed his century Wednesday with a short but successful bowling stint that returned two for 23.

Bad light ended play nine minutes just before a violent storm hit Adelaide.

### Scores:

Australian Institute of Sport Cricket Academy 271-7 declared and 121-5. Zimbabwe 245-9 declared (Andy Flower 70; Shane Lee 3-45).

## Dean Jones pads up again

MELBOURNE, Nov 24: Flamboyant Australian batsman Dean Jones ended a brief retirement from international cricket on Thursday by making himself available for the Ashes series against England, reports Reuter.

Jones, 33, who heads the Australian batting averages after a spectacular start to the domestic Sheffield Shield season, offered his services for both Test and limited-overs matches.

The Victoria state captain announced his retirement in April on his return from a disappointing tour to South Africa.

"If the selectors wish to consider me I would be pleased to represent any Australian XI," said Jones, who has scored two centuries in six innings this season at an average of 84.



Members of the Brothers Union team which retained the First Division chess league title yesterday with a round to go in the 17-team fray.

— Star photo

## Brothers secure title

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Brothers Union have retained First Division chess league title.

Yesterday at the chess room of the National Sports Council, last year's champions put a premature end to this year's title race with a convincing win over Narayanganj Mashgul Mihfil whom they outwitted 3-1 to up their tally to 50 from 15 matches, an untouched position though a round is still to go in this 17-team fray.

Grandmaster Niaz Mursheed and Indian Sharavanan were in the forefront of Brothers' final assault to defend the crown they had won last year.

Niaz took care of Mashgul's Milton while his teammate from across the border checked Monir.

Once Niaz and Sharavanan reaped full points from their respective encounters it broke no squares on the eventual outcome when Abdullah Al Rakib and Hanif of Brothers drew their engagements against Monirul and Subrata.

Brothers, who confirmed their sixth league title since the commencement of the championship in 1977, had in their ranks: GM Niaz Mursheed, Pakistani IM Mehmood Ahmed Lodhi, Sharavanan, Abdullah Al Rakib, Hasibul Hassan Hanif and Sheikh Anwar Hossain.

The Gopibagh team's stay at the top for the second successive year meant Bangladesh Biman, another starstudded equipo was foiled in its bid to regain the title they lost in 1992.

Barisal, who too won the title

### Barisal soccer

#### From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Nov 24: Abahani Krira Chakra suffered a lone goal defeat at the hands of Fifth Armed Battalion in the Emma Overseas First Division football league at the local stadium today but still qualified for the next round beginning from November 27.

In a thrilling encounter Mustafa struck the all-important goal for the services team in the 23rd minute of the proceedings.

Abahani apart, three other teams bound for the next round are — Fifth Armed Battalion, Touch Video Club and Brothers Union.

Bangladesh Ansars stayed in the third position registering a narrowish 2.5-1.5 against Protibha Daba Goshthi.

Dhaka University, who sprang a surprise recently by handing the champions one of their two defeats in the league beat Farashganj Sporting Club yesterday to hold the fifth spot after Bangladesh Textiles Mills Corporation (BTMC).

In day's other matches BTMC won against Genius Chess Club 3-1, Nur-e-Alam Khan Daba Sangsads prevailed over Narayanganj Chess Club 3.5-5 and Mahakali Pradeep Sangha pipped Leonine Chess Club to the post 2.5-1.

The match between Bobby Fischer Chess Club and Konika Sangskritik Sangha ended in a draw.

The championship is scheduled to conclude today following the completion of the seventeenth round.

### ROLL OF HONOUR

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1981	Brothers Union
1982	Bangladesh Biman
1983	Bangladesh Ansars
1984	Bengal Groups
1985	Binam
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1988	do
1989	Binam
1990	Binam
1991	Binam
1992	Binam
1993	Brothers
1994	Brothers

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There was no time for celebration, however.

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To make matters worse, Manchester, who crashed 4-0 to Bracelona in their previous group match, had Paul Ince sent off in the second half.

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home match against Casino Salzburg, crashed 2-0 at home to Ajax — a result which propelled the unbeaten Dutch side into the next stage of the competition.

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Salzburg will need only a draw to go through after chalking up their first win when they defeated AEK Athens 3-1 away. Heimo Pfeiffer Berger headed home two early killer goals to put Casino 2-0 clear after just nine minutes.

Vlahos, also with a header, pulled one back for AEK in the 29th minute, but Ralf Hasenhuette settled the tie with a quarter-hour to go when he finished off a sharp counter attack with a neat shot.

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