

Sport

Abahani, Wari post comfortable victories

Pak players prevail

Nawana Premier Division cricket league reverberated with Pakistani dominance yesterday as champions Abahani and Wari picked up easy wins.

At the Dhaka Stadium, Babes Eskaton Sabuj Sangha grovelled under the weight of Abahani, who following the completion of a hattrick of Damal Summer titles recently, registered their second win in the league by the massive margin of ten wickets.

Pakistanis — leg spinner Iqbal Sikander and allrounder Naveed Anjum — were to the fore.

Opting to bat first after winning the toss Eskaton were bamboozled by Sikander who snared four batsmen for 23 runs.

Eskaton, pinned down by Abahani's new ball attack spearheaded by Naveed Anjum, did well to put 52 for the first wicket in 22 overs.

But once Iqbal Sikander came in to the attack with his wrist spin, Eskaton batting just caved in.

Opener Rownakul Islam, who topscored with 27, and his partner Mofizul Islam, closely following with 21, fell to Sikander in the space of eleven balls.

Once these two were gone it was only a matter of who was accounting whom.

Although Sikander was statistically more successful bagging four for 23 from nine overs, Anjum, a former Test cricketer, finished with one for ten from nine overs in an awesome though unchallenged exhibition of medium pace

Sports Reporter

Salifur Islam was equally tight giving only 14 runs for his one wicket.

Off-spinner Jewel Hossain collected two for 17.

Naveed Anjum, promoted to the opener's slot, threw his bat around with not a care in the world.

When Abahani posted 110 in just 18 overs, overhauling Eskaton's meagre collection of 103 for nine, Anjum's blade had savaged an unbeaten 78 off 62 deliveries with the help of 11 boundaries and a sixer.

Harun Ur Rashid, who was mostly a spectator of this blitzkrieg from the other end, could get 31 against his name when the mockery of a match was over.

SCOREBOARD

ESKATON SS:

	O	M	R	W
M. Islam b Iqbal Sikander	21			
R. Islam lbw b Iqbal Sikander	27			
G. Saha c Jewel Hossain	11			
S. Parvez c N Anjum b Minhazul				
Abedin	10			
Ihsan b Jewel Hossain	02			
D. Hossain not out	17			
Kajal c Khaled Masud b N Anjum	06			
S. Islam b Iqbal Sikander	01			
Rafiqul Islam b Saitul	01			
S. Islam c & b Iqbal Sikander	01			
Khokon not out	03			
Extras: (1b-2, nb-2; W-5)	09			
Total (for nine in 45 overs)	109			
Fall of wickets: 1-52; 2-59				
: 3-70; 4-77; 5-86; 6-98; 7-				
101 : 8-104; 9-105.				

BOWLING:

	O	M	R	W
Naveed Anjum	9	4	10	1
Zakir Hassan	5	0	24	0
Jewel Hossain	8	1	17	2
Saiful Islam	9	2	14	1
Iqbal Sikander	9	0	23	4
Minhazul Abedin	5	1	19	1

ABAHANI KC:

Biman vs Victoria (Dhaka Stadium)

Harunur Rashid not out 31

Naveed Anjum not out 78
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Total (for one in 18 overs) 110
BOWLING: O M R W
Kajal 3 1 16 0
Khokon 2 0 15 0
Ehsan 6 0 19 0
Rafiqul Islam 4 0 27 0
R Islam 1 0 10 0
S Parvez 2 0 13 0

WARI WIN

However the day's best bowling analysis belonged to Wari's Pakistani left-arm spinner Amir Wasim, who bagged four wickets for just seven runs from nine overs to pave the path for a seven-wicket victory of his side at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

The outcome of Wasim's finest finger spin was that Surja Tarun, despite the presence of Pakistani Test cricketer Rizwan Uz Zaman, could muster 103 for nine.

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Green Delta Div I hockey

Sports Reporter

Abahani romped past lowly Bangladesh Railway 7-0 in one of the two Green Delta Insurance First Division hockey league fixtures at the Hockey Stadium yesterday.

The defending champions, who beat Farashganj 3-0 in their league opener, managed slender 1-0 lead in the first half through center forward Javid Parvez Lulu.

But after the breather, the Dhankondi outfit came out firing on all their cylinders pumping in six with Lulu adding two more to his name.

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Pakistan paste S Africa



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Pakistani paceman Waqar Younis starts the walk back to the top of his bowling mark after South African wicketkeeper survived a close call in the Mandela Trophy one-day match at Kingsmead, Durban yesterday. Younis took four wickets and Pakistan won the tie by eight wickets.

— AFP photo



JAZ AHMED... 114 n.o

vere on Aqib Javed, with Craig Matthews plundering 18 runs off last over of the innings to take South Africa past the 200 mark.

Brazilian tennis player Jaime Oncins and two other men were in the car with Elias but escaped unhurt, police said.

The incident happened at a junction in the west of Sao Paulo early on Friday following Thursday night's Brazilian soccer championship final first leg between local clubs Palmeiras and Corinthians.

Witnesses said another vehicle pulled up beside Elias' car carrying four men wearing shirts of the Palmeiras supporters group Mancha Verde (green stain).

Shortly afterwards, another vehicle appeared with Corinthians fans.

When the rival supporters began arguing, one of the Palmeiras fans pulled out a gun and fired several shots, one hitting Elias in the head. He died shortly after arriving at hospital.

Callaghan c Inzamamul Haq b Aqib Javed 44
Ijaz Ahmed not out 114
Sohail Malik not out 36
Extras (W-3, nb-1) 4
Total: (for two wickets, 208 overs)

fall of wickets : 1-13 ; 2-72

Did not bat : Inzamamul Haq, Basit Ali, Rashid Latif, Waqar Younis, Akram Raza, Manzoor Elahi.

Aqib Javed 5
Rindel run out 10
Rhodes lbw b Aamir Sohail 61
Richardson c Ijaz Ahmed b Waqar Younis 53
Simons b Waqar Younis 19
Snell not out 27
Matthews not out 3
Extras: Lb-4, w-8, nb-4) 16
Total: (for eight wickets, 50 overs)

Fall of wickets : 1-2 ; 2-10; 3-20; 4-27; 5-44; 6-132; 7-174; 8-178;

Did not bat: Fanie de Villiers

Bowling O M R W
Waqar Younis 10 0 52 4
Aqib Javed 10 3 37 2
Manzoor Elahi 10 1 27 0
Akram Raza 10 0 39 0
Sohail Malik 3 0 13 0
Aamir Sohail 7 0 34 1

PAKISTAN:
Saeed Anwar c Richardson 10
De Villiers b De Villiers 6 0 46 1
Simons 6 0 31 0
Snell 7 0 49 1
Callaghan 3 0 28 1

Result: Pakistan won by eight wickets.

STANDINGS

Standings in the Mandela Trophy cricket tournament after today's match between South Africa and Pakistan (tabulated under played, won, lost, no result, points)

Pakistan 5 4 1 0 8
South Africa 5 3 2 0 6
Sri Lanka 4 1 2 1 3
New Zealand 4 0 3 1 1

SL keep alive hopes for final

BLOEMFONTEIN, South Africa, Dec 17: Sri Lanka beat South Africa by 35 runs on Thursday to keep alive their slim hopes of qualifying for the finals of the Mandela Trophy, reports Reuter.

Chasing Sri Lanka's 226 for eight, South Africa were bowled out for 191 in 48.5 overs to lose their 100 per cent record in the competition.

The hosts made a confident start, openers Andrew Hudson and Dave Callaghan putting on 48 against a limited seam attack.

But the introduction of spin in the 16th over changed the complexion of the match. After Chaminda Vaas had disposed of Callaghan for nine, Hudson struggled against the offspin of Muttiah Muralidharan and Ravi Kalpage.

Attempting to boost the scoring rate, he ran himself out for 44.

Hansie Cronje (14) spooned a simple catch to square leg in the 23rd over and the innings then went into terminal decline as five wickets fell for 34.

Darryl Cullinan was bowled by Kalpage for 16, Dave Richardson lobbed a simple catch to square leg off Aravinda de Silva and there were two more panic-induced run outs.

Jonty Rhodes (27) and Eric Simons (21) staged a mini-recovery. But, needing 100 off the