Mariners stun Abahani

Sports Reporter

Defending champions Abahant Krtra Chakra ended their preliminary round robin league campaign on a sour note when Dhaka Mariner Young's Club handed them a 2-1 defeat in one of the two Green Delta Insurance First Division hockey league matches at the Hockey Stadium yesterday.

The creditable win put Mariners on top of Group A with 18 points while Abahani. who suffered their first defeat in the league, finished third behind Ajax Sports Club with 16 points on completion of their group engagements.

However, all the three have qualified for the super league along with three other top finishers from Group B.

Meanwhile, in the day's second match. Mariners led the first half through Giasuddin, who scored in the 27th minute and Musa Miah doubled the margin three minutes into the second half from a penalty stroke

Akhter scored the consolation goal for the defending champions five minutes away from the final whistle.

In the first match of the day. Dhaka Ansars confirmed a relegation play-off match with Dhaka Wanderers when Farashgani forced them to a 1 1 draw

After a goalless first half Masud Rana rekindled Ansars hopes of staving clear from the relegation zone with a nice field goal in the 46th minute

But Romen shattered Ansars hopes when he pulled a late equalizer also from a field

GROUP A STANDINGS

Teams	w	D	L	Œ	GA	Pts
Dhaka Martners	6	0	1	15	3	18
Ajux SC	6	0	1	14	3	81
Abahani KC	5	1			2	
Wart Club	3	1	3	8	5	10
Bangladesh Rallway	2	0	5	3	19	6
Farashganj SC	1	2	4	2	9	5
Bachelors SC	1	1	5	3	7	4
Dhaka Ansar	1	1	5	3	20	4
				2.72	3	

Railway ride on Rubel

Sports Reporter

Rubel ripped through the Udity Club batting to carve a 19-run victory for Bangladesh Railway in the Yamaha First Division cricket league at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday. Rubel returned fantastic

figures of five for 20 as Udity. chasing the Railway total of 164 for nine in 45 overs, were restricted to 145 for nine when overs ran out.

A 50-run opening stand between Rubaiyat and Riaz Zahid gave Udity a slow but steady start but two quick run-outs. which saw the openers leave in the space of three runs, and Rubel's double strike in consecutive deliveries of the 22nd over sent the eventual losers downhill

In the Morning, Railway made 164 for nine wickets in their 45-over quota, mainly due to a team effort.

Enqvist's third

AUCKLAND, Jan 15: Thomas Enqvist of Sweden swept past fifth-seeded American Chuck Adams 6-2, 6-1 Sunday in the final of the US dlrs 328,000 New Zealand Open tennis championship, reports

Enqvist, an unseeded 20vear-old, collected his third career title after victories in Bolzano, Italy, in 1992 and Schenectady. New York, in

ment I've ever won," said Enqvist, who took just 57 minutes to down Adams and earn himself US dirs 43,000.

This is the biggest tourna-

"I don't think I've ever played this good in a whole match in my life," he said.

"Today I just felt so confident I could do anything I wanted with the ball. It's a great feeling."

Adams was able to stay with Enqvist only for the first four games before he was completely dismantled by the Swede in a compelling onesided display.

The keys to Enqvist's game, a thunderous first serve and consistent power from the baseline, were rock solid and the American could find no an-

Rajshahi Div I cricket

Probhati Sangha and Bright Star Club won their respective matches in the Rajshahi Bhorer Kagoj First Division cricket league yesterday, reports UNB.

At the Rajshahi Divisional Stadium. Probhati Sangha crushed Upasahar Sporting Club by 10 wickets.

Batting first, Upasahar SC were bundled out for 78 runs. In reply. Probhati Sangha reached their target making

82 runs without loss with Ranak scoring unbeaten on 35. in the other match. Bright Star Club beat Sunrise Club by eight wickets at the Rajshahi

Monibajar ground.



Action from yesterday's Green Delta Insurance First Division hockey league encounter between holders Abaham and Dhaka Mariner Youngs Club at the Hockey Stadium. Mariners edged the champions 2-1.

Wari add to GMCC plight

Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club (GMCC) needed just seven runs off the last over

with four wickets in hand for an outright win in their Navana Premier Division cricket league match against Wari Club at the Dhaka Stadium vesterday.

Mizanur Rahman and Antsur Rahman, who put on 41 runs for the seventh wicket, were at the crease and the stage appeared set for a GMCC victory. a victory that never came into

In a dramatic turnaround, GMCC, comfortable placed at that stage on 148 for six, were restricted to just four runs. falling painfully short of the Wari total of 154 for eight in 45 overs. Pakistani left arm spinner

Aamir Wasim, who had bowled eight economical wicketless overs prior to the last over. sent both Mizan and Anis back as GMCC helplessly saw the match slip out of their grips.

Yesterday's outcome, which added to a rather prolonged GMCC plight, marked Wari's third victory in their four league matches so far. The Mymensingha campaigners... who suffered their third loss yesterday, were left waiting for their second win after a nine-

wicket triumph over Gulshan Youth in their second match.

GMCC. however, didn't quite begin the run-case in a convincing style, losing three wickets for 37 in 17 overs. Javed Omar Belim, the in-form opening batsman who was named for national squad for the first time although didn't feature in the regular eleven.

and Sri Lankan Tushara

Koddikara were at the receiv-

ing and from the very onset

with Morshed Chowdhury and Ariful Islam going great guns. Javed Omar went for a pathetic 42-ball five to become the second victim of Morshed who also had the wicket of Rafigul Hassan to finish with a stunning analysis of 9-5-10-2. Koddikara fared little better

but managed only 14 before

Arif had him trapped leg be-

fore wicket With the team precariously placed at 37 for three, GMCC skipper Mahbubur Rahman and Pakistani Rais Ahmed teamed up to steady the rocking boat. They put on 33 valuable runs for the fourth wicket before Rais left for a 33-ball 20, inclu-

sive of one four and a six. Mahbub followed him nine runs later after scoring a sedate 24 off 66 balls, leaving GMCC once again in dire straits. But Sanwar Hossain. Anis and Mizan weren't ready

Anis, the national new ball bowler, along with his striking partner Mizan put GMCC on course for a victory with a 41run stand off 42 balls after Sanwar shared 28 useful runs with the southpaw.

But in the end, the revved up GMCC rear caved in the face of a cool, clinical Aamir

Earlier in the morning. Shahriar Hossain produced a gritty 103-ball half century to lay the bulwark of a respectable Wari total

Having lost his opening partner Masudur Rahman at 12. Shahriar played anchor to two vital stands to set his side for a fighting score. The promising right-hander shared 35 runs for the second wicket with Obaidullah (20) and than added another 41 for the fourth with skipper Halim Shah before falling to Shariful Hug for 50.

Halim Shah made 23 while Azam Igbal hit a rapidfire 21ball 20 as Wari exhausted their 45-over quota for 154 runs.

Meanwhile, no Navana Premier Division matches will be held today and tomorrow Dhaka Stadium. However, all other leagues will continue as planned

Windies begin in style



HAMILTON, Jan Openers Stua rt Williams and Sherwin Campbell both scored centuries Sunday

as the West Indies made an impressive start to their cricket tour of New Zealand. reports AP.

Williams and Campbell shared a 237-run partnership for the first-wicket, guiding the West Indies to 273 for three in their allocated 50 overs against Sir Ron Brierley's

The Brierley XI could only make 232 for six in response as the tourists cruised to a 41run victory.

Williams, who made 121. and Campbell (108) fell in the 46th and 47th overs respectively against the moderate bowling attack of the team playing for Brierley, a New Zealand millionaire businessman and cricket fan.

Former New Zealand International John Wright and English professional Roger Twose, who becomes eligible for New Zealand selection in

April. had the Brierley XI on target to match the Windies total when they raised 50 for the first-wicket in the 17th over - only one over more than it took Campbell and Williams to reach the same

But Twose went with the score at 51, caught at square leg by Shivnarine Chanderpaul off the bowling of Courtney Walsh. Wright was out with the score at 69, brilliantly caught on the boundary by Keith Arthurton off leg spinner Rajindra Dhanraj.

Dhanraj, who only came into the side after star batsman Brian Lara pulled out an hour before the start with a twinge in his hamstring, took three for 35 in a tidy spell.

Dooley arrested

KIRKHAM. England. Jan 15: Former England rugby union lock forward Wade Dooley was arrested Saturday after the car he was driving knocked over and injured a 15-year-old girl. police said, reports AP.

After the openers were out the Brierley XI struggled for runs even though the tourists only used their flery pacemen, Walsh, Winston Benjamin and Curtly Ambrose for a handful of

Walsh bowled his first four overs for five runs, while Ambrose bowled six overs for 11 runs before retiring to the outfield for the rest of the in-

Batsman Keith Arthurton bowled nine overs - about six more than he could expect normally- and Walsh later returned to bowl off a short run-

up. conceding 12 more runs. The tourists, once they had the match under control, were content for the Brierley XI to indulge in some big hitting with Nathan Astle swinging lustily for six sixes in his innings of 59 off 41 balls.

Scores: West Indies 273-3 (Stuart Williams 121, Sherwin Campbell 108) def. Sir Ron Brierley XI 232-6. (Nathan Astle 59 not out: Rajindra Dhanraj 3-35) by 41 runs.



Former Argentine soccer star Diego Maradona gives instructions to his players on his coaching debut at Racing Club during their match against Independiente in Mar Del Plata on Jan 14. The teams split points in a goalless encounter. - AFP photo Liakat the bully Sports Reporter

Rowdy East End Boys officials triggered off a reign of terror during their Pragati Insurance Third Division football league encounter against Matuail Juba Sangha at the Outer Stadium, forcing the opponent captain and manager to run for their lives.

Liakat Ali, secretary of the East End Boys who virtually took control of the field following a ruling in the first half. chased the Matuail captain off the venue and then went after Khandaker Alamgir, the Matufail team manager, reported Referee Nazir Hossain.

The match, which East End won by a lone goal, was suspended for ten minutes before Dhaka Metropolis Football Association (DMFA) officials managed to bring things under control. All the while, the members of the law-enforcing agency played the role of silent on-lookers.

It is not for the first time Liakat, an elected commissioner from the ruling BNP. bullied around. He was declared persona non grata for off-the-field misconduct during a Star First Division football league match between his side East End Club and Victoria Sporting Club last year. Meanwhile, in the first

match of the day. Aminbazaar KC earned a convincing 3-0 win over Azad Sporting Club. Noor Mohammad struck

twice and Monwar netted the other for the winners.

Rare result in Acme cricket

Sports Reporter A brilliant run-a-ball 82 by

igbal went in vain as Spreadeagles only managed a tie in their Acme Second Division cricket league match against Young Pegasus A at the City Club ground yesterday.

Chasing Pegasus 163 Spreadeagles finished at just 163 for the loss of eight wickets when their quota of 40 overs ran out.

Meanwhile, in the other three engagements of the day. Gandaria Cricketers Club. Kathalbagan GGC and Millbarracks won their respective matches played at different city venues.

At the Dhanmondt Club ground. Gandaria posted a huge 173-run win over Cantonian SC

Chasing Gandaria's mammoth total of 279-9 in the stipulated 40 overs. Cantonian owing to unavailability of the could muster only 106 before being bundled out in 25.1

On the western strip of the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium. Kathalbagan recorded a convincing four-wicket win over Mirpur Nabin KC.

Away at the Mirpur Outer Stadium, Milbarrack beat Kakrail Boys by one wicket.

Camacho floors Foster

ATLANTIC CITY, Jan 15: Hector "Macho" Camacho befuddled Todd Foster with slickness, then overwhelmed the 1988 US Olympian with power in stopping him in the fifth round Saturday night at the Convention Centre, reports

Camacho jabbed and countered Foster's face lumpy in the first four rounds, cut him over his left eye and knocked

him down. The knockdown came from two straight lefts to the jaw at 2:50 of the fourth round and Camacho did not have enough time to finish Foster off.

He took care of that in the fifth round. The left-handed Camacho hurt Foster with two straight lefts at 1:20 of the round and then swarmed all over him before dropping him with a left and right hook to the jaw. Referee Frank Cappuccino immediately stopped the fight at 1:45 of the round.

The match for the vacant International Boxing Council welterweight championship was a preliminary to the Vinnie Pazienza-Roberto Duran super middleweight fight.

Russian divers reign at Sydney

SYDNEY, Jan 15: World Champion Dimitry Sautin turned in a masterful performance in the platform final to spearhead Russia's domination on the final day of the Southern Cross diving Grand Prix here Sunday, reports AEP.

Sautin took a 12-point lead into the second section and routed his rivals with a series of high-scoring dives. The 20-year-old from

Varonesh totalled 667.68 points to win handsomely from compatriot Vladimir Timoshinin 592.92, with tiny Chinese 12 year-old Li Chengwei third on 544.14. When Timoshinin took the

silver it ensured each of

Russia's four divers won at

least one medal. Russia's Yulia Pakhalina became the only diver at the three-day meet to grab two golds when she triumphed in the women's three-metre springboard final.

Australia go one up in WSC finals

Kids make seniors sweat



SYDNEY, Jan 15: Wicketkeeper lan Healy scored a four from the final ball Sunday

to lift Australia to a nail-bitting five-wicket victory over Australia A in the first final of the World Series limited-overs cricket tournament, reports Australia A paceman Greg

Rowell sent down the final de-

livery, a full toss which Healy sliced over third man to seal Australia's win. Chasing the second-string Australia A team's total of 209 for eight wickets, the senior Australian team made 213 for

Healy was not out nine and Steve Waugh unbeaten on 21 as Australia took a 1-0 lead in the three-match finals series.

The finish wasn't the only

Referee John Reid of New Zealand summoned them after the match over the incident in the 17th over of the match.

Fast bowler McGrath subtly extended an elbow as Hayden completed the first run as a boundary brought up the A team's 50.

On the way back to the crease Hayden turned and bumped into McGrath, who swore at his South African tour colleague before pushing him At drinks moments later

Hayden joked about the incident with Test opener Michael Slater, while Steve Waugh offered some advice to New South Wales and Test teammate McGrath.

At the end of the night. Australia had to call on all their experience as the secondstringers gave the stars a tough

Healy saw Australia home. The A team's platform was built around Hayden and Michael Bevan during the afternoon. Bevan's 73 from 86 balls, following his scintillating 105 in Thursday's win over England, probably saved his place in the team for the fourth Test against England in

Slater earlier made 92, his

Slater and player-of-the-

series David Boon (36) both

fell at 167 but Waugh and

highest limited-overs score.

Adelaide later this month. Hayden made a welcome return to form with a composed 50 from 92 balls, his seven boundaries punctuating an improved defensive technique.

Test spearhead Craig McDermott was outstanding

for Australia with 4-25, three of his victims clean bowled. The second final will be played in Melbourne on

Tuesday.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in Sunday's first in the best-of-three Series limited-overs crickét final between Australia and Australia A at the Sydney Cricket Ground:

Blewett b McDermott Hayden c Slater b Mark Waugh Martyn e Taylor b Warne Bevan b McDermott Langer b McDermott Ponting b McGrath Emery run out Robertson c Taylor b McDermott Rowell not out McIntyre not out Extras: (6 b. 2 lb. 1 w, 1 nb) Total: (For eight wickets)

McDermott Fleming McGrath 37 Warne 2 Waugh 0 27 0 Law Bating time: 213 minutes.

Australia: Slater b Blewett Taylor b George Mark Waugh c Bevan b Blewett

Extras: (2 b. 2 lb. 5 w. 1 nb) Total: (for five wickets)

Bowling Rowell 52 0 42 1 George 25 2 Blewett 35 0 Robertson 48 2 McIntyre 0 1 0 7 0 Martyn

Overs: 50. Australia won by five wick-

Stemp stems India A run

In the fourth-last over,

Waugh crashed boundaries

from leg-spinner Peter McIn-

tyre's last two deliveries to

leave Australia needing 11

from the final three overs, a

task that proved tougher than

- AFP photo



tense action.

BANGALORE, India, Jan 15: England A batsmen built on a sixwicket haul by feft-arm spinner Richard Stemp to stay at par with India A in the first five-day interna-

Australia A batsman Michael Bevan flicks one to the

square-leg during his sparkling 73 in the World Series Cup

final match against Australia at the Sydney Cricket

Ground yesterday. The senior side went one up in the best-

of three finals with a five-wicket victory.

landed them both in hot water. expected.

thing that provided some

Earlier, during Australia A's

innings. Glenn McGrath and

Matthew Hayden quashed any

fears that the all-Australian fi-

nals would be dull by engaging

in a mid-pitch altercation that

tional here Sunday, reports After bowling out the home team for 300 in their first innings. England A were a commanding 153 for three by close of the second day's play

at the Chinnaswamy Stadium

Opener Nick Knight and Jason Gallian slammed impressive half centuries to keep Indian spinners at bay on a wicket that helped the ball At stumps, skipper Allan

Wells was batting on six while his deputy Mark Ramprakash was on an impressive 30. which included an enviable six over mid-wicket The hero of the day for tourists, however, was

Yorkshire's 27-year-old Stemp. who finished with flying figures of stx for just 83. The spinner, who had two wickets in India A's first day score of 236 for four, picked

up four more on Sunday as the

last six wickets crashed adding

only 64 runs. Stemp, whose career-best figures were six for 37 against Derbyshire last season, cut a swath through the Indian lower half order in a superb bowling display he regards as his most memorable.

"In the match against Derbyshire, the wicket was a real turner, but here the turn is slow and I had to rely on flight to get wickets," the visi-Stemp's performance was.

however, deflated a bit by the news that left-arm seamer Mark Hott is to return home this week because of a strained side muscle. The English team management announced here Sunday that it was undecided whether

tionals and three one-dayers on the tour. Starting the day at 236 for four, India A lost three wickets in the space of 13 balls -

to seek a replacement for the

remaining two five day interna-

two of them to Stemp - to slide to 258 for seven within the first hour.

The home team's score was boosted by the last three wickets which added a useful 42 runs. Utpal Chatterjee gave a spirited fight to make a gallant 24. After the Indian innings

folded in the first over after

lunch, England A made a disastrous start when Michael Vaughan was trapped leg before by seamer Paras Mhambrey in the third over. Southpaw Knight and Gallian retrieved the situation

with a 95-run stand for the second wicket that took their score to 97 for one. Gallian, the in-form Lancashire batsman, picked up 58 runs before he miscalculated a rather flighted ball

from leg-spinner Sairaj Bahutule and was snapped up at silly point by Vikram Rathore.



STEMP. ... 6 FOR 83 Knight himself left soon

after completing his half century, caught behind off the naggingly accurate left-arm spinner Chatterjee. Ramprakash and Wells.

however, played out until the close of the day to give the tourists a fighting chance for drawing level with India A on the third day. SCOREBOARD

Second day's scores in the first five-day international be-

tween the touring England A

AUSTRALIA A:

Fall of wickets: 28, 69, 105, 136, 192, 196, **203, 203**,

Bowling

Overs: 50.

Boon e Ponting b McIntyre Steve Waugh not out Law std Emery b McIntyre Healy not out

Fall of wickets: 51, 80, 167. 167, 190

Batting time: 198 minutes.

and India A here Sunday.

INDIA A: 1st innings: (overnight 236 for four) J. Singh c Knight b Stemp V Rathore c and b Salisbury A Mazumdar c Wells b Stemp

P. Amre c Nixon b Chapple R Dravid Ibw b Stemp V Yadav c Knight b Chapple S. Bahutule lbw b Stemp U Chatterjee c Nixon b Cork R Chauhan c Knight b Stemp P Mhambrey not out

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37 1

8 82 2

46.2 16 83 6

A Kuruvilla b Stemp Extras: (b 7, lb 7, nb 1) Fall of wickets: 1-99; 2-101; 3-157; 4-207; 5-252; 6-254; 7-258; 8-270; 9-285. Bowling:

Cork

Chapple

Stemp

Salisbury 42 1 42 0 ENGLAND A: 1st innings MV Knight c Yadav b Chatterjee 50

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Fairbrother joins casualty list

MELBOURNE, Jan 15: England's cricket tour injury problems took another turn for the worst here Saturday with news that Neil Fairbrother had torn a tendon in his right shoulder, reports AFP.

enough to play in the four-day match against Victoria. starting in Bendingo on Friday. Fairbrother was injured during last week's World Series Cup victory over Australia

But England were opti-

mistic that he would be fit

shoulder while making a diving A scan has shown a small

when he fell heavily on his

tear, said England physio Dave Roberts Saturday.

MP Vaughan lbw b Mhambrey GER Gallian c Rathore b Bahutule M Ramprakash not out AP Wells not out Extras: (nb 8) Total: (for three wickets) Fall of wickets: 1-2; 2-97; 3-136. Bowling Mhambrey 2 32 Kuruvilla 18 Chauhan 37 Chatterjee 23 Bahutule 43 6