Sports Reporter

Nepal proved once again a happy hunting ground for Bangladeshi footballers when Rahmatganj Muslim Friends Society clinched the King's Birthday Cup title with a convincing 3-0 victory over local NTR in the final at Kathmandu yesterday.

The Dhaka First Division football league champions, who started the tournament with a massive 11-1 win over an U-19 outfit of the hosts, were in fine fettle, racing to a 2-0 lead at the breather.

Striker Towhid gave the Dhaka old town outfit a first minute lead before Shoatb doubled the margin with a spectacular goal eight minutes

Rahmatgani assault continued in the second half and Ranjan, the fleet-footed national winger with a lethal left foot, sealed the fate of the match with the third in the 23rd minute.

Rahmatganj, who moved into the final with a 3-1 tiebreak win over another local outfit, became the third successful Bangladesh team in Nepal following triumphs by Bangladesh Army and Muktijoddha Sangsad earlier.

Rahmatganj are expected to return home on Tuesday.

Wanderers in wilderness

Sports Reporter

Dhaka Wanderers Club were doomed to relegation from the Green Delta Insurance First Division hockey league when Dhaka Ansars beat the traditional outfit in the domestic sports circuit by a lone goal in the relegation play-off at the Hockey Stadium yesterday.

After a barren first half of a lack-lustre match, Babul Miah announced Wanderers' doom eleven minutes away from the final whistle.

The outcome of yesterday's match prolonged nightmare at the Wanderers tent, vet to get hover the shock following the end of their footballers' tenure in the Senor Division.

Yamaha cricket

Sports Reporter

The Dhaka Wanderers cricketers dispelled, to some extent, the gloom at the club tent following the hockey side's relegation from the senior division when they thrashed Gopibagh Friends Association by 50 runs in the Yamaha First Division cricket league match at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium vesterday.

On the eastern strip, the Wanderers batsmen amassed an imposing 201 in 44.3 overs and then restricted Gopibagh Friends to 151 in 39.2 overs for an emphatic victory In the morning. Wanderers

sent in to bat first, received early jolts. losing two wickets for only 19 but an 89-run third-wicket stand between opener Aniruddha and Tofazzal plus a characteristically aggressive half-century from Pakistani Sageer Abbas set the side on course for a big total.

Sageer, younger brother of legendary Zaheer Abbas, hit eight cracking fours in his 64ball 70. the highest individual score in the Wanderers total.

Aniruddha followed the Pakistani right-hander with a sedate 43 off 69 balls while Tofazzal contributed 32 made 56 deliveries.

In their turn, the Gopibagh outfit never found going easy and four run-outs in the innings only compounded their misery. With only three 20plus knocks. Gopibagh Friends managed 151

Away at the Mirpur Pallabi ground. City Club gave the local fans too good a reason to cheer about when they beat Udity Club by five wickets in the

other match of the day. Udity's Ferdous Alam and Alam notched up the top two scores of the match, collecting 52 and 42 respectively, in their side's total of 153 in 42.4 overs but still ended up losers as City Club posted 156 for five

FUNSA cricket Star Reporter

in 38.1 overs.

West Indian Lucas produced superlative allround performance to guide UNICEF to a resounding ten-wicket victory over WFP in the United Federation of United Nations' Sports Association (FUNSA) cricket tournament at Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Lucas made a superb 83 and put on 150 runs for the unbeaten first wicket with Masud, who scored 46, as UNI-CEF, chasing WFP's 147, posted an impressive win.

Lucas, who was later adjudged the man-of-the-match. took two wickets earlier in the morning to help UNICEF restrict WFP to a manageable to-

Sikander Hayat Khan topscored with 47 followed by Fayeed Malik and Khan who collected 28 and 29 respec-

Kenya come to town today

Sports Reporter

Morris Udumbe. ation for a bout of mumps, has staged a comeback along with whose brilliant paceman Mizanur Rahman. batsmanship was one of the feadropped after the disastrous tures of the ICC Kenyan safari. Trophy in Kenya

last February and considerably

led to a distillustonment of

huge proportions over Bangla-

desh's failure to win a place in

cricket's next World Cup

proper, will lead the Kenyan

national cricket team due to

One of the associate mem-

bers of the ICC. Kenya, who

along with the United Arab

Emirates and Holland, stole a

march on the other non-Test

playing countries' club. will

take on Bangladesh under-19

team tomorrow in the first

match of their 15-day tour

scheduled to conclude on

will play eight matches against

different selections across the

country including a two-day

match against the full

mensely from an exciting 12

run victory over favourites

Bangladesh in the ICC Trophy

on the way to clinching one of

the three berths thrown open

in one-day cricket World

Championship, will not be

ione visitors here as the

Hyderabad Cricket Association

(HCA), a familiar team from

South India, are also expected

shortly to involve the local side

Cricket Control Board has an-

nounced the three selections

for the upcoming spree of

Bangladesh national team

which has undergone a few

changes from the combination

that took part in the recent

Shahed kept out of consider

Stylish right-hander Selim

SAARC cricket tourney.

Akram Khan will lead the

Meanwhile the Bangladesh

in a two-way contest.

cricket matches.

Kenya who profited im

Bangladesh national team.

The ICC Trophy runners-up

arrive today

February 5.

Young pace bowler Sajal Chowdhury, who made his debut into the national side along with Naimur Rahman, has been relegated to the youth team. in fact, Naimur Rahman, who was an abject failure in the SAARC tourney, has been chosen the captain of the youth team, one of the three selections to meet Kenya and the Hyderabad Cricket Association

However, the most remarkable selection has been the reinstatement or rehabilitation of former national skipper Farugue Ahmed

Faruque, whose failure as a batsman coupled with Bangladesh's dismal performance in the ICC trophy raged a storm of controversy, has been brought back as the captain of the Bangladesh A team.

LOCAL SELECTIONS

BANGLADESH: Akram Khan, Athar Ali Khan, Jahangir Alam Al-Shahriar, Aminul Islam Minhazul Abedin, Enamul Hug. Debashis Barua. Mohammad

Rafiq, Saiful Islam, Anisur Rahman, Selim Shahed Mizanur Rahman, Javed Omar

Beltm. Former national cricketer Tanveer Haider, who was the manager of the Bangladesh team that did so well to finish runners-up in the SAARC tourney, has been retained for the job.

BANGLADESH A: Farugue Ahmad, Ziaur Rashid, Khaled Masud, Habibul Bashar, Ziauddin Ahmad, Khaled Mahmud Sanwar Hossain, Sharfuddowla Ibne Shaheed, Jewell Hossain, Zakir Hossain, Joydev Basak, Tanveer Ahmad, Igbal Hossain. Mahbubur Rahman.

National coach Syed Altaf Hossain has been assigned as the manager of the side.

BANGLADESH U-19: Naimur Rahman, Sajjad Mansur, Mihrab Hossain, Zakaria Imtiaz, Mustadir, Sohel Islam, Natmur Rashid, Aftabul Islam, Sajal Chowdhury, Hasibul Hossain, Atiar Rahman, Morshed Ali Khan, Shahriar Hossain,

Osman Khan, who was the coach of the youth team on its triumphant tour of Malaysia. has got the managerial job this

THE SCHEDULE

The Bangladesh Cricket Control Board has announced the itinerary of the teams from Kenya. Hong Kong and Hydrabad Cricket Association baginging January 22

Cricket	Association	begins	ning January 23.
Jan 23:	Kenya	V8	Bangladesh Under-19 (Dhaka).
Jan 26:	Kenya	VN	Bangladesh (Dhaka).
Jan 27:	Kerrya	VB	Bangladesh (Dhaka).
Jan 28:	Kenya	1/8	Bangladesh 'A' (Comilla).
Jan 29:	Hong Kong	V8	Bangladesh Under-19 (Sylhet).
Jan 30:	Hydrabad	VS	Bangiadesh 'A' (Khuina).
Jan 30:	Kenya	Vb	Bangladesh Under-19 (Sylhet).
Jan 30:	Hong Kong	V8	Bangladesh (Dhaka).
Jan 31:	Hong Kong	VS	Bangladesh (Dhaka).
Feb 1:	Kenya	VB	Bangladesh 'A' (Mymensingh).
Feb 1:	Hydrabad	VS	Bangladesh Under-19 (Sylhet).
Feb 2:	Hydrabad	VS	BCCB Eleven (Dhaka).
Feb 2:	Hong Kong	V8	Bangladesh Under-19 (BKSP).
Feb 3:	Kenya	VS	Bangladesh (Dhaka)
Feb 4:	Hydrabad	VS	Bangladesh "A" (Mymensingh).
Feb 4:	Hong Kong	VS	Bangladesh Under-19 (Khulna)
Feb 4:	Kenya	VS	Bangladesh (Dhaka).
Feb 5:	Hydrabad	VS	BCCB Eleven (Comilia).



Action from vesterday's Green Delta Insurance First Division league encounter between Dhaka Wanderers Club and Dhaka Ansars at the Hockey Stadium. Ansars won the match by Star photo a solitary goal.

Asian Cup Winners' Cup final today

Ignominious exit for hosts



SHARJAH Jan 21: Ugly scenes after a 90th minute equaliser by host club Al Sha-

ab from Sharjah in the United Arab Emirates married its Asian Cup Winners' Cup semifinal clash with Saudi Arabia's Al Ittihad Friday. reports AFP.

Police had to protect the South Korean referee from furious Saudi officials protesting his handling of the game which ended in a 1-1 draw.

The host club went on to win with a 4-3 penalty shoot

DU drub Agri University Sports Reporter

Tawfique Hassan and Gautam Shaha shared both hit superb tons as Dhaka Univer sity romped home with a massive 199-run win over Agricultural University in the inter-university cricket championship at the BUET ground yesterday.

Electing to bat first. Dhaka University rattled up a mammoth 267 for two in the stipulated 40 overs with Tawfiq and Gawtam sharing 189 runs for an unbeaten third-wicket stand.

Opener Tawfiq clubbed eight fours in his unconquered 110 while the more aggressive Gautam scored a hurricane 112 with the help of nine sparkling boundaries and two huge sixes.

In reply, Agricultural University were bundled out for a paltry 68 in the face of some accurate bowling from the Dhaka University bowlers.

Spinners Abdullah and Shamsul Huda, who had the batsmen all at sea, shared seven wickets between them. Abdullah took four wickets while Huda claimed three each

giving away six runs.

out after extra time failed to produce a result and will play Japan's Yokohama Flugels in the final on Sunday.

Flugels triumphed 4-2 over the Telephone Organisation of Thailand from Bangkok in their semifinal encounter.

Ittihad took the lead in the clash with Al Shaab with a 27th minute header from striker Abdullah Fawai but had left back Ahmed Eesa sent off in 59th minute for his second bookable offence.

With the match seven minutes into injury time. Al Shaab won a corner on the right wing from which Jasim Mohammed Al Doukhi turned in the equaliser.

Ittihad only had time to kick-off before Korean referee Kim Kwang-Taek signalled the end of the 90 minutes - but the start of extra time was delayed for 15 minutes as police and stadium security staff formed a human barricade around Kim and his linesmen.

Furious Saudi players and officials had to be restrained. irate that so much stoppages time had been added. The Saudi Arabian Football Federation may face disciplinary action from the continent's governing body the Asian Football Confederation over the ugly scenes.

The scenes were reminiscent of the recent Asian youth under-16 championship in Doha, Qatar, where Saudi players and coaching staff attacked the referee after a defeat by China. This led to two players being banned for two years. five others and a coach for one year and the Saudi Federation being fined 10,000 US dollars.

When extra time finally got underway, neither side managed to score again resulting in a penalty shootout which Al Shaab won 4-3 for an overall 5-

4 victory. As the home players formed a circle and danced in delight

littihad's Russian coach. Boris ignatev did not hide his feelings in the post-match press conference.

The referee would never work in Europe with a performance like that," he said. "It was a prepared programme against our team aimed at destroying Ittihad, everyone could see that. Our players were psychologically destroyed by the referee.

The second semifinal was quiet by contrast, despite six goals and plenty of fast, flowing football from both teams.

The Thais took the lead with a header from skipper Pongtorn Thiubthong in the 14th minute but the Japanese gained control after the break.

Centre forward Hiroki Hattori scored with neat headers in the 50th and 58th minutes and left-winger Hindeaki Kaetsu made it 3-1 in the 62nd minute.

Although the Telephone Organisation reduced the deficit to 3-2 with a header from Saychon Panfak 10 minutes later. Flugels sealed a 4-2 victory with a late breakaway goal from substitute Yoshiyuki Sakamo-

Stoichkov's plea turned down

MADRID, Jan 21: Barcelona's Bulgarian international Hristo Stoichkov lost his appeal here Friday against a two-match suspension after he was sent off during a league match earlier this month, reports AFP.

The Spanish Football Federation rejected a plea that the ban should be reduced to only one game.

Stoichkov was given his marching orders shortly before half-time after hacking down Real Madrid's Sanchez Flores. Ten-man Barcelona went on to lose the match 5-0.

Biman's smooth flight

Sports Reporter

Pakistani Wasim Haider and Indian Sanjeev Sharma once again played key role as joint holders Bangladesh Biman recorded their third victory in the Navana Premier Division cricket league with a huge 94run win over Surja Tarun Club at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Sent in to bat first, the airlines team rattled 184 for seven in the stipulated 45 overs and then had Surja Tarun restricted to skittled out for 90 in 37.1 overs for a comprehensive win.

Sharma, the former Indian Test cricketer, was the most successful Birnan bowler with three for 15 in 7.1 overs but World Cupper Haider excelled in economical consideration spending only 13 runs in his nine overs for his two scalps.

All the bowlers used in the Tarun innings were among the wickets with Jahangir Talukder, Anwarul Amin, Ziaur Rashid and skipper Enamul Huq picking one apiece.

In the morning, Biman faced early setbacks when they batted, losing the first three wickets for 50 in 20.2 overs but Shahnawaz Shaheed played anchor to two vital stands, first with Sharma and then with Haider, to ensure Biman garnered a fighting total. Shahnawaz top-scored with

a well-made 58-ball 51, inclusive of three fours and a six. followed by Haider, who hit one four and a six in his run-aball 36.

Sharma made 27 off 48 balls with a couple of fours.

TODAY'S MATCH

Mohammedans vs Sadharan Bima (Dhaka Stadium)

Sports Reporter

Acme cricket

Akhter's staid 63 proved inconsequential in the end as Evergreen Sporting Club con ceded an eight-wicket defeat to Azad Boys Club in yester day's lone Acme Second Division cricket league match at the Dhanmondi Club ground.

Sent in to bat first. Ever-

green were undone by a superb spell of new-ball bowler Shiplu. who returned figures of four for 23, and only Akhter's efforts ensured them the reasonable total of 137 in 37.1 Opening batsman Ishtiaq

Hassan hit nine boundaries in an 81-ball 51 as Azad Boys, once a superpower in domestic circuit, raced to 138 for two in 26.5 overs.

Ishtiaque apart. Sohail Rana and Hanifur Rahman, who put on 39 runs for the unbeaten third-wicket, contributed 28 and 20 respectively.

Div II football

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Police Athletic Club maintained their solo lead at the top of the Second Division football league prints table when they edged past Abhijatrick Malibagh by a solitary goal in one of the two matches played at the Mirpur

Mustafa Kamal struck the match-decider for the servicemen, who are now leading the points table with 23 points from ten matches, in the 34th minute.

Stadium yesterday.

in the other match of the day. Adamjee SCC and City Club shared points in a one-all draw.

lqbal gave city a 19th-minute lead before Anisur Rahman restored parity for Adamjee seven minutes later.

Div III football Sports Reporter

Mushtaq notched up the allimportant goal as East End Boys earned a lone goal win over Aminbazar KC in one of the two Pragati Insurance Third Division football league matches played at the Outer Stadium yesterday.

Apart from the goal, the sending off of two players, one from each team for a second bookable offence, highlighted the otherwise drab affair.

Gymkhana by five wickets in the final.

Pakistan batsman Aamir Nazir is clean bowled first ball by South African Fanie de Villiers at the Wanderers in Johannesberg yesterday. Pakistan in dire straits 20.5 overs that yielded 81

> Scoreboard on the third day of the one-off Test between South Africa and Pakistan at

cricket Test against Pakistan. reports AP. Storms in the area caused bad light to halt play early for the second straight day, but South Africa appeared in a commanding position, batting in their second innings with seven wickets in hand and two

JOHANNESBURG

Jan 21: Fanie de

Villiers comple-

ted a remarkable

first innings Sa-

turday by seizing

his sixth wicket and South

Africa surged to a lead of 391

on the third day of the one-off

South Africa, coming off a 2-0 victory over Pakistan in the finals of the Benson and Hedges quadrangular limited overs series, were 161 for 3 in the second innings, led by captain Hansie Cronje's 48 and opener Garry Kirsten's 42.

days of play remaining.

Pakistan scored 230 runs all out in their first innings. leaving the visitors 230 behind South Africa's first innings score of 460. South Africa then chose to but instead of forring Pakistan to earry on, mostly to rest de Villiers and fellow pacemen Allan Donald and Brian McMillan Those three accounted for

all 10 Pakistani wickets, with

Donald ending the only serious

challenge by getting Salim

Malik caught in the gully one

run short of a century. Malik

finished at 99 runs with 16 fours off 154 balls to lead the Pakistani batting. De Villiers then bowled Wasim Akram (41) and Aamir Nazir (0) to end the innings

and finish with six wickets in

runs. He also scored 66 runs off 68 deliveries batting 10th in South Africa's first innings.

SCOREBOARD



SOUTH AFRICA: First innings 460 (B McMillan 113, F de Villiers 66 not out. G Kirsten 62) PARISTAN: First innings

(overnight 177-6) Aamir Sohail e Richardson b De Villiers Saeed Anwar e Cullinan b De Villiers Asif Muttaba e Richardson b De Villiers Saltm Malik e Eksteen d Dopald 99 itaz Ahmed b De Villiers nzamum ul Haq b McMillan Motn Khan e De Villiers b McMillan Wasim Akram b De Villiers Kabtr Khan e Richardson b Donald Aagib Javed not out Aamir Nazir b De Villiers Extras : (nb-9, lb-5)

Fall of wickets: 1-20; 2-20; 3-44: 4-106: 5-134: 6-158; 7-193; 8-207; 9-230. A Donald F de Villiers 20. B McMillan C Eksteen

H Cronje SOUTH AFRICA: Second in-G Kirsten b Wasim Akram R Stevn c Moin Khan **b** Aamtr Nazir H Crențe ε Aamir Sohail b Aagib Javed D Cullinan not out J Rhodes not out

Total: (for 3 wickets) Fall of wickets: 1-69; 2-96; Wasim Akran Aagib Javed Aamir Nazir

Kabir Khan

Extras : (b-5, lb-4, w-15, nb-5)

England ride well on Hick



tralia. Jan 21: Gareme Hick, given a first-ball let-off. plundered a century to guide England to a first innings lead against Victoria today, reports

fore he scored and missed again on 13, made the home side pay for their generosity as

he scored 143. It was the Worcestershire batsman's third first-class century of the tour and the 80th of his career, and it helped England reach 288 for five by the close of play on the second day of the four-day match + good for a lead of 42 over

Victoria's 246. Hick hit 17 fours and three sixes in an increasingly confident display, but luck was on his side at the start of his innings.

Arriving at the crease after captain Michael Atherton had fallen to the fourth ball he faced, caught low down at first slip by his opposite number Dean Jones without scoring, Hick edged his first delivery from seamer Paul Reiffel into the gully. Rohan Larkin spilled the chance.

Seven overs later. Hick sparred at pace bowler Simon Cook, but a diving Dave Emerson at gully could not cling onto the catch. Hick celebrated his good

C M Koyes Sami, a senior vice-president of the sponsors, Arab Bangladesh Bank Limited,

handing over the Siraj memorial cricket trophy to the manager of the Sylhet Mohammedan

team at the Sylhet Stadium on January 19. Mohammedans won the title defeating Sylhet

ures in 143 balls with 13 fours and a six, and shared in useful stands with Graham Thorpe and John Crawley.

He added 57 for the third wicket with Thorpe (22), and then 111 with Crawley (32).

Hick's form was good news Hick dropped at gully be- ' for England with the fourth Test against Australia in Adelaide just five days away.



G HICK ... 143

Also encouraging for the tourists was a lengthy stay at the crease for vice-captain Alec Stewart, back in action after a three-week break with a broken finger.

Stewart, like Hick, profited from an early escape when he was dropped at mid-on before he had scored. Although struggling for form, he still remaining unbeaten on 24.

But the day was not a complete triumph for England. Veteran opener Graham Gooch made only 28 before he was cattght behind by wicketkeeper Dareen Berry off left-armer Troy Corbett. That meant Gooch has scored only 151 runs

in his last 10 innings. Victoria had earlier added 24 to their overnight score as they were bowled out for 246 after resuming at 222 for eight. Berry finished unbeaten on 47, while spinner Phillip Tufnell and pace bowler Devon Malcolm finished with three wickets each.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps Sa-

turday, second day of the four-

day cricket match between

England and the Victoria state team at Queen Elizabeth Oval: M Elliott st Rhodes b Tufnell

VICTORIA: First innings R Larkin c Benjamin b Malcolm 49 D Jones Ibw DeFrettas B Hodge c Atherton b Malcolm G Gardiner c Hick b Tufnell I Harvey c and b Hick D Emerson b Tufnell P Reiffel Ibw Gooch D Berry not out S Cook c Stewart b Benjamin T Corbett b Malcolm

Fall of wickets: 1-43; 2-52; 3-72: 4-87: 5-96: 6-106: 7-165; 8-210; 9-246; 10-246.

21 Phil DeFreitas Graeme Hick Graham Thorpe Batting time: 412 minutes.

Graham Gooch Overs: 98.4.

ENGLAND: First innings Gooch c Berry b Corbett Atherton c Jones b Reiffel Hick Ibw Reiffel Thorpe b Emerson Crawley c Corbett b Cook Stewart not out Rhodes not out Extras Total: For five wickets Fall of wickets: 1-2; 2-48; 3-105: 4-216; 5-243

Bowling Simon Cook Paul Reiffel **Troy Corbett** Ian Harvey

Batting time: 311 minutes.

David Emerson - Star photo | Overs: 77