

# Nadeem, Nobel flatter MSC



Nadeem Younus scored a brilliant century as title aspirants Mohammedan Sporting Club recorded a thumping 10-wicket win over Brothers Union in the lone Navana Premier Division cricket super league match at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

The Pakistani right-handed batsman shared a record opening partnership with Nurul Abedin Nobel as Mohammedans reached the victory target without any blemish, played a perfect foil by remaining unbeaten on a patient 83-ball 50.

The 26-year-old, well-built Lahore cricketer cracked an unbeaten 108 off only 93 balls for his maiden ton in Bangladesh domestic cricket.

It was the fourth century this year after those of Abahani's Naimur Rahman Durjoy, Indian Test discard Arun Lal of Gulshan Youth and Mahmud Hamid of Pakistan, who played for the Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club (GMCC).

The 165-run partnership for the first wicket was a record stand in this year's Navana cricket, eclipsing the previous mark of 164 set by the Eskaton openers Biplob and Rawnakul Islam Tutul in a first phase match against Surja Tarun.

The soft-spoken Nadeem, who recently attracted the attention of former Pakistan skipper Wasim Akram after his brilliant 84 against Abahani Krira Chakra, who played on the rampage against every Brothers bowler on a placid wicket which has increasingly proved to be a batsmen's haven for the last few days.

Nadeem, who plays for Allied Bank in Pakistan, reached his fifty off 63 balls and then needed only 25 deliveries to reach the three-figure mark. During his 119-minute stay at the crease on a hot early summer afternoon, Nadeem cracked 12 fours and three massive sixes in his chances innings.

Nadeem pulled off-spinner Sohel over mid-wicket for his

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first six and then hit left-arm spinner Saifullah Gem for his second over the bowler's head before completing his century with a crisp drive through mid-wicket.

He also gave a fitting finish to the Mohammedan innings with a massive sixer off Gem over long-on.

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THE VIBRANT DUO: Openers Nadeem Younus (R) and Nurul Abedin Nobel, who put on a record 165 runs for the undefeated first-wicket to guide Mohammedan Sporting Club to a thumping ten-wicket win over Brothers Union during their Navana Premier Division cricket super league match at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Dropped at 27 by Pakistani Abid Hanif, the former Bangladesh opener went on to play a confident innings after long, long time. His innings featured three hits to the fence.

Earlier, sent into bat, Brothers folded their innings at 162 in 42.4 overs in the face of a telling spell from Mohammedan new-ball bowler Hasibul Hossain Shanto.

The tall right arm seamer creamed the top four batsmen to reduce the Gopibagh outfit to only 27 for four in 8.3 overs. Shanto struck in the fifth

over when he clean bowled Pakistani Abid Hanif for five. He then took the wickets of Brothers skipper Al-Shariar Rokon (4), opener Sajid Hasan (11), and Moniruzzaman to finish with four for 33 in his eight overs.

Only Sohel Islam and Shoab Hassan, offered some resistance by scoring 66 and 39 respectively.

Mohammedans' young left-arm spinner Mustadr Litu and Mohammed Rafique, who mopped up the Brothers tail, shared five wickets among

# Azhar at the helm

NEW DELHI, Mar 23: Mohammed Azharuddin will lead India in the four-nation Asia Cup tournament to be held in Sharjah next month, a cricket board official said on Thursday, reports Reuter.

Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Pakistan are the other teams taking part in the tournament from April 5-14.

India pulled out of the cup for three years, accusing the organisers of bias against their team.

Pakistan have yet to name a squad or captain for the tournament which follows bribery allegations against their former captain Salim Malik.

The Board of Control for Cricket in Pakistan dismissed Malik as captain but he is free to play for his country while an inquiry is held.

# Nilphamari in semis

Sports Reporter Nilphamari completed the last four quorum of the Sher-e-Bangla Cup national football championship eliminating Sylhet by 4-3 in the tie-breaker at the Naogaon Stadium yesterday.

The fate of the lack-lustre match: rolled into tie-breaker after both sides failed to break the deadlock during the 90-minute regulation time.

In the penalty shot-out Taju, Santosh, Shahid and Pappu converted for Nilphamari while Raihan, Mammur Rashid and Anwar were successful for the losers.

Nilphamari will now take on Bhola in the second semifinal on Saturday while Dhaka University and Narayanganj will play in the first semifinal today.

# Schools TT on

Sports Reporter On the opening day of the Green Delta national schools table tennis tournament, eight team events were decided at the NSC woodenfloor gymnasium yesterday.

Rangpur Sathiyasena School beat Scholastica, Lalmonirhat DSA defeated Patuakhali DSA, Dinajpur DSA outplayed Dhaka Fariduddin School, Dhagpondi Tutorial beat Udayan School, Rangpur DSA defeated Bagerhat DSA, Narail DSA edged past Rangpur High School and Khulna DSA beat St Gregory School, all by 3-0 sets.

St Josephs registered a 3-1 victory over Sirajganj DSA in the day's other fixture.

A good number of boys and girls are representing different schools and district teams during the five-day event organised by the Bangladesh Table Tennis Federation.

Earlier, Nasir A Chowdhury, managing director of the sponsors inaugurated the tournament as the chief guest.

# Ma's admission of guilt

SHANGHAI, Mar 23: Chinese coach Ma Junren, trying to restore his image in a concentrated media campaign, has admitted he sometimes beat members of his elite running squad, reports Reuter.

The squad fell apart last year when world 10,000 metres champion and record holder Wang Junxia led a walkout after allegations that Ma had stolen team winnings and abused his athletes in brutal training sessions.

In an interview with the Shanghai Liberation Daily Ma said he had scolded and beaten his athletes.

I must admit my management style was too simple sometimes.

I would scold them or beat them when they were lazy or disobedient. But I only did it for their own good, Ma was quoted as saying.

# Velappan for jt Korea-Japan WC bid

SEOUL, Mar 23: Asian football chief Peter Velappan has again urged South Korean and Japan to set aside their bitter rivalry and co-host the 2002 World Cup finals. The Yonhap news agency said here today, reports AFP.

Velappan, general secretary of the Asian Football Confederation (AFC), made the appeal at a meeting here Wednesday of the heads of soccer organisations in northeast Asia, Yonhap said.

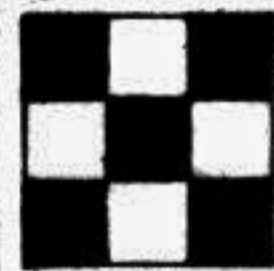
Velappan said that if the two countries agreed to the idea, the AFC would ask the executive board of the International Football Federation (FIFA) to amend its rules to allow for co-hosting of the event by two countries.

South Korea is resisting the idea, offering instead to allow North Korea to co-host the World Cup, saying that the prospect of such cooperation in itself could hasten reunification of the football-mad peninsula.



Manchester United's Lee Sharpe (R) evades a tackle by Arsenal's Tony Adams during their FA Cup sixth round replay at Old Trafford on Mar 22. United won 3-0. — AFP/UNB photo

# Anand meets Kasparov in Sept



LAS PALMAS, Canary Islands, Mar 23: Viswanathan Anand of India defeated American Gata Kamsky.

Wednesday in the 11th game of the Professional Chess Association candidates final series, giving the Indian the match victory and the right to play Garri Kasparov for the world title, reports AP.

The 25-year-old Anand, playing white in the 11th game, defeated Kamsky when the American resigned on the 50th move. The victory gave Anand the 6.5 points needed to win the series, which was set for a maximum of 12 games.

The 20-year-old Kamsky, who was born in Russia, finished with 4.5 points.

Players received one point for a victory and one half for a draw.

"I hit him (Kamsky) hard with white, he had trouble with every black," Anand said. Asked about playing Kasparov, Anand replied, "I haven't even thought about it."

The match, which opened March 9, was even until Anand won Sunday's ninth game. The two played a draw in Tuesday's 10th match, setting up Anand's match victory in the 11th.

Anand will be a decided underdog when he faces Kasparov in September in Cologne, Germany, for the PCA title.

In five previous games in the match, Kamsky had chosen to defend with Ruy Lopez or



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the Spanish opening, Wednesday, he opted for the unbalancing Sicilian Defence with 1...c5. The Najdorf Variation with 5...a6, a favourite of Bobby Fishers, is one of the

most complex lines in chess opening theory. Anand said he had "expected something sharp from Kamsky."

"In fact, the Najdorf is not such a risky opening if you know what you're doing but he (Kamsky) played it abysmally," Anand said.

The players castled on opposite wings. This usually leads to sharp attacking positions as both players can advance their pawns toward the enemy king without denuding their own king of its pawn protection.

But Kamsky's 11...Qa5 allowed Anand to force an exchange of queens, which deprived black of any attacking possibilities and left him with a passive position. Anand said afterward that he had to pinch himself because his position was so good he "kept thinking it was a dream."

Grandmasters observing the game said that Anand let slip much of his advantage between moves 18-20 and that Kamsky's 21...Nf6 (instead of trading rooks first) was a blunder which lost material.

Anand disputed that any of his advantage had been lost and said that exchanging rooks would also be bad for Kamsky. In any case, the result in the game was ending where Anand had the decisive advantage of a rook for a bishop.

# Zagalo drops Romario

RIO DE JANEIRO, Mar 23: Romario was omitted on Wednesday from Brazil's squad for next week's friendly against Honduras with manager Mario Zagalo once again questioning the striker's commitment to the national side, reports Reuter.

"You know he was picked for the squad (for a recent friendly against Slovakia) and he did not want to play," Zagalo said. "He was the one who said it, not me."

World Cup hero Romario was booted out of the squad for the Slovakia game after he told reporters he did not want to play for the national team until next year.

Zagalo chose a young and entirely Brazil-based squad for the game against Honduras next Wednesday in Serra Dourada, Goiania State. Of five uncapped players, three — Jefferson, Beto and Sergio Manoel — are from in-form Botafogo who have won their last seven games in a row under manager Jair Pereira.

Also in the line-up is Tulio, the leading goal-scorer in Rio with 17 goals in this year's state championship, six ahead of Romario, who plays for Flamengo.

# Italy to miss Baggio, Vialli

ROME, Mar 23: Italy will be deprived of the attacking talents of Juventus pair Roberto Baggio and Gianluca Vialli as they try to get their European Championship campaign back on track with a convincing win over Estonia on Saturday, reports Reuter.

The World Cup runners-up, who have just four points from three games in Group Four, will be looking for a lot of goals against the humble Estonians in Salerno to lift morale before a tricky match against Ukraine in Kiev next Wednesday.

Former European footballer-of-the-year Baggio said last week he was unavailable for the two matches, deciding that he was still short of peak fitness after his recent return following three months out with a knee injury.

The exclusion of Vialli, who has not played for Italy since December 1992, was far more controversial. Coach Arrigo Sacchi ignored the media clamour to recall the shaven-headed veteran.

# Graf, Agassi in Lipton semis

KEY BISCAYNE, Florida, Mar 23: Steffi Graf, who has yet to lose a set this year, barely kept her streak intact against Natasha Zvereva in the quarterfinals at the Lipton Championships, reports AP.

Graf advanced 6-4, 7-6 (7-5) on Wednesday and will play Jana Novotna in the semifinals on Thursday.

Also advancing were No. 5 seed Gabriela Sabatini and No. 7 Kimiko Date, who will meet in Thursday's other semifinal.

Andre Agassi will meet Magnus Larsson in one men's semifinal Friday. Agassi, seeded second, beat No. 8 Wayne Ferreira 6-2, 6-4. Larsson, one of three Swedes still in the men's draw, swept Jaime Yzaga 6-0, 6-3.

Date won 6-1, 7-5 against unseeded Californian Marianne Werdel Witmeyer, who eliminated top-ranked Arantxa Sanchez Vicario on Monday.

Novotna, the No. 3 seeded Anke Huber 7-6 (7-4), 6-4. Sabatini was a 6-1, 6-3 winner against Australian Rachel McQuillan, the lowest-ranked player remaining at No. 88.

Graf's match took 94 minutes, more than twice as long as her previous victory. She made 34 unforced errors, many on shots she normally hits for a winner.

# Tyson a free man tomorrow



INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana, Mar 23: Mike Tyson's 1,095-day prison stay ends here Saturday with the former World heavyweight boxing champion more fit in mind and body than when his three-year sentence began, reports AFP.

"You're going to find a much more mature Mike Tyson," said promoter Butch Lewis among Tyson's most frequent visitors. He was still a kid when all these millions were thrust upon him and people were kissing his butt from one end of the planet to the other.

The multi-million-dollar offers are still there for Tyson, who turns 29 on June 30, even though his imprisonment for the 1991 rape of a beauty pageant contestant has kept him out of the ring since beating Razor Rudduck in a 12-round decision on June 28, 1991.

I'm more at ease with myself, more aware of myself as an individual. I was a young guy with so much thrust upon me before," Tyson said five months ago in his most recent public comments.

Tyson maintains he was not guilty of rape, but has some regrets about the wild rich days of his boxing zenith.

"At that stage of my life, I did a lot of immature things," he said. "I'm more mature now. I'm trying to start my life back."

Tyson is expected to be met Saturday at the Indiana Youth Centre minimum security prison by his co-managers John Horne and Rory Holloway. He will be taken by private plane to his mansion estate near Cleveland, located near promoter Don King's home. Horne and Holloway, childhood friends of Tyson, also work with King.

Should King guide Tyson, the ex-champion's first tune-up bout could be this summer against an unheralded King fighter, Peter McNeely of Boston. But Tyson, who has a 41-1 record with 36 knock-outs plans to rely less on any promoter.

# Gymnastics camp begins tomorrow

A three-week national gymnastics coaching camp will begin here at the National Sports Coaching Centre on Saturday, reports UNB.

He intends to have more control over his professional life," Lewis said. "He wants to prepare for life after boxing. He wants to control his destiny more. He wants to be accepted. He wants to be loved."

Williams as a great friend." Tyson became prisoner number 922335 at 275 pounds, but training and proper diet has dropped him to 216 pounds. Money Tyson earned at prison jobs went to buying healthier food at the commissary so he could reject more typical prison cuisine.

He's probably in his best physical shape ever because there has been no night life, no alcohol," Lewis said. Tyson has adopted the Islamic faith, said Prison tutor Muhammad Siddeeq, also a Muslim. He said Tyson's education has increased to near high school graduate level.

Tyson has read more than 300 books in prison. Tattoos of his favorite authors Arthur Ashe and Mao Tse-Tung, now adorn his bicep muscles.

Tyson received more than 164,000 letters an average of 150 a day, and has been visited by such celebrities as Spike Lee, James Brown, Jesse Jackson, singers Hammer and Whitney Houston, the parents of Michael Jackson and US basketball heroes Shaquille O'Neal, Hakeem Olajuwon and Charles Barkley.

There is a new woman in Tyson's life. Among his regular visitors is Monica Turner, a 28-year-old Georgetown University medical student who is described by Tyson, companion rev. Charles

# Cantona jailed for 2 weeks



LONDON, Mar 23: Manchester United star Eric Cantona was jailed for two weeks here Thursday for his kung-fu attack on a football spectator two months ago, reports AFP.

In announcing the verdict the magistrate at East Croydon said: "You are a high-profile public figure with undoubted gifts and as such you are looked up to by many young people."

"For this reason the only sentence that is appropriate for this offence is two weeks imprisonment forthwith."

There were gasps from the crowded courtroom as the sentence was announced. Cantona, who had the sentence translated by an interpreter, was visibly shocked.

Cantona was accompanied to the court by three lawyers, two British and one French.

His lawyers promptly demanded bail for the Frenchman while an appeal against the jailing was prepared but it was refused by the East Croydon Magistrates.

Chairwoman of the magistrates bench Jean Pearch said: "We feel it is inappropriate for this court to grant bail."

It is understood Cantona's lawyer David Poole is to file application for bail later in the day at Croydon Crown Court, next to the Magistrates' Court.

If the second application fails, Cantona will serve his sentence in High Down, a modern prison in south London.

The charge followed events on January 25 at Crystal Palace where Cantona launched a

"kung-fu" style kick at an allegedly abusive fan.

The incident leading to the charge had occurred during United's league match at Selhurst Park after Cantona had been sent off for lashing out at a Crystal Palace defender.

Cantona responded to the alleged provocations of Matthew Simmons by jumping over the advertising boards with a two-footed kick that appeared to land on the fan's chest.

Cantona was suspended by his club until the end of the

season and fined 20,000 pounds for his part in the incident.

Later the Football Association extended his ban until September 30 and fined him a further 10,000 pounds.

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McCann said one Manchester United supporter reported hearing another fan say to Cantona as he walked down the touch-line: "You are a fucking animal Cantona. You are a fucking French bastard. Fxxx off back to France. You don't deserve to be on a football pitch. You are a fucking animal."

In a statement read out to the court from Simmons, the fan insisted that he had chanted the words: "off off off. Go on Cantona have an early shower."

In a statement which was given to police and read to the court, Cantona said he was hurt and insulted and reacted in a way he now regretted.

Poole, said the French striker "was bitterly disappointed, not with anyone else but with himself and such emotions as he felt were directed at himself and not at anybody else."

Poole claimed Simmons saw his opportunity after Cantona had been sent off as a wonderful opportunity for making trouble.

He said the taunt had hurt Cantona in respect of his race or nationality, his own sexual integrity and the sexual integrity of his mother, "his closest relative."

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Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 are hereby invited from DPHE enlisted bonafide 1st Class "C" category contractors having experience in the installation of 350 x 150mm dia gravel shrouded/non-shrouded production wells successfully for the work mentioned below in Hajiganj pourashava under 23 towns water supply project of DPHE. Contractors intending to participate in the tender shall have to produce valid licence for 1994-95 along with experience certificate from not below the rank of Executive Engineer of DPHE at the time of purchasing tender documents.

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Tender documents with detailed specifications, terms and conditions will be available on all working days from 9.00 AM to 12.30 PM on payment of the prescribed price in cash from the office of:

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