

Sport

Column One

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

That the International Cricket Council (ICC) has 22 associate members...

Of course, you know that there are nine full members, the teams which play test matches among themselves...

The full members have two votes, the associates one and the affiliates have none.

The associates participate in the ICC trophy, the top three of which are now basking in glory with the Test playing teams in the World Cup.

France and Nepal have applied for associate membership to be considered in July this year.

The affiliate members have no global competition and include Greece, Vanuatu (where is that?) and Switzerland.

East Africa includes Uganda, Zambia, Malawi and Tanzania. Originally it included Kenya.

West Africa includes Nigeria, Ghana, Sierra Leone and Gambia. Originally it included Liberia who are not in the ICC any more.

Why am I telling you all this? Mainly because I have nothing better to babble about.

SPORTS TALK



Arjuna Ranatunga

(Sri Lankan captain)

"It's not meeting them but beating them. That will be the ideal thing."

On the prospects of facing West Indies or Australia in the knock-out stage of the World Cup...

Both teams angered the Lankans by forfeiting their matches in the island.

WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Sports WHIZZ KID competition-28

Tick the Correct Answer

(Competition closes 8 p.m. Mar 8, 1996)

1. In the World Cup Kenya beat

2. World Cup Holland cricketers wear

3. The official 1996 WC drink is

4. A chintamani is a left-arm

5. You can square-cut a ball in

Name

Class

School Address

Phone: (if any)

Acme Div II cricket scores

Sports Reporter

Orient Sporting Club, Uttara Sporting Club and DOHS Club won their respective Acme Second Division cricket super league matches on Tuesday.

Orient defeated Nabin Sangha by eight wickets at the Dharmadhi Cricket Stadium while Uttara beat Mariner Youngs by six wickets at the Mirpur Outer Stadium.

In the day's other outing at the Dharmadhi Club ground, DOHS outplayed Ganderia Cricketers by 83 runs.

BRIEF SCORES

NABIN SANGHA: 47 in 17.4 overs (Uzzal 3/9, Jewel 2/7, Mahfiz 2/11)

ORIENT SC: 49 for two in 14.3 overs (Pintoo 14, Mahfiz 10 n.o.)

Result: Orient SC won by eight wickets.

MARINER YOUNGS: 165 for nine in 40 overs (Babu 62, Asad 29, Rana 3/22)

UTTARA SC: 169 for four in 32.5 overs (Moin 104 n.o., Tuskar 3/39)

Result: Uttara SC won by six wickets.

DOHS: 299 for nine for 40 overs (Saiful 78, Motiur 52, extras 40)

GANDERIA CRICKETERS: 216 for seven in 40 overs (Mamun 81 n.o., Sumon 30, extras 30)

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National cricketers (from L to R) Akram Khan, Faruque Ahmed, Minhazul Abedin Nannu and Athar Ali Khan with the Editor of The Daily Star Mahfiz Anam (C) during The Daily Star Philips World Cup Cricket Quiz-1 draw at the Press Club auditorium yesterday.

Biman flypast in tie match

Sports Reporter

Rafique, who came at number seven with Biman needing 74 runs from the last ten overs to surpass the Brothers total...

Earlier, sent into bat, Brothers, after a resounding start, capitulated a firm position of 164 for three losing their last seven wickets by adding only 20 runs to the total.

Opener Abid Hanif scored a dazzling 56 off 61 balls embellished with half a dozen fours and two towering sixes while his elder brother Amir Hanif and Halim Shah chipped in with 43 each.

But once the two were dismissed, Brothers suffered a dramatic collapse in the face of some rejuvenated bowling from Biman's pace duo of Anisur Rahman and Pakistani Zafar Iqbal, who evenly shared eight wickets evaporating Brothers' hopes of a commanding total.

With this defeat Brothers hopes of finishing second behind leaders Mohammedan Sporting Club were greatly reduced. They are now sharing a distant second slot along with Biman — both having collected 18 points from 13 matches against Mohammedans' 24.

Shanu, who scored a sedate 30 off 66 deliveries, was first to go, outfoxed by a slower delivery from Sanwar.

On the other hand, Rafique, who was dropped thrice, celebrated his new lease of life with two towering sixes — on each against seamers Sajal Chowdhury and Pakistani Amir Hanif — and four savage hits across the rope before Sanwar had him caught at mid-

wicket by skipper Shovon. Sanwar had also removed Biman's tenth batsman Tamal in the last ball of the innings to finish with three for 11 in his 2 overs, but that was not enough to avoid a stinging defeat.

A late afternoon pyrotechnics by national left-arm spinner Mohamud Rafique enabled Bangladesh tie-match win over Brothers Union in a premier super league encounter at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

In a gripping finish Biman, who once again relied on a quick-fire knock from Rafique to overhaul a not so impressive Brothers' total of 214 all out, eventually prevailed by the skin of their teeth when the national airlines outfit reached the break-even point for the loss of nine wickets on completion of their share of 50 overs to win the thriller by virtue of conceding less wickets.

In a see-saw encounter

ROQUIBUL ON THE ROCKER

S Africa's happy hunting

International cricket at the end of World Cup, the Caribbean News Agency (CANA) reported, says Reuter.

The news of his decision to quit came in a fax sent by Richardson to the agency from Jaipur in India.

"I had made up my mind at the end of the UK tour last summer that I would retire at the end of the World Cup. I informed the West Indies Cricket Board of Control several days ago," Richardson said.

West Indies have performed poorly recently and suffered a humiliating defeat by Kenya in the World Cup last week.

They made some amends on Monday when they beat the fancied Australians in Jaipur, with Richardson scoring 93 in not out and winning the man-of-the-match award.

The 34-year-old, who took over as West Indies captain in 1991, played his first international in India in 1983.

Richardson announced today he would retire from international cricket at the end of World Cup, the Caribbean News Agency (CANA) reported, says Reuter.

The task was made easier by the South African skipper who did not keep his unorthodox left-arm spinner Paul Adams in the first eleven and instead used his part-time bowlers Cullinan and Kallis. But the Dutch batsmen failed to capitalise and were eventually restricted to 168 for eight.

I want to hint on a point that came in my mind hearing the interview of Dutch captain Lubbers after the match. He said his team will be much more powerful when I will compete in the next ICC Trophy in Malaysia. He said there will four to five changes in the team and a bunch of young cricketers are waiting to earn their berth in the Dutch national team. I will request our local cricket think-tanks to make a note out of it before they select our national team for the same competition.

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Cork gives Illy a headache

KARACHI, Mar 5: Paceman Dominic Cork gave England an injury scare today — just four days before their World Cup quarter-final against Sri Lanka, reports Reuter.

Cork went to a Karachi hospital for a scan on his right knee after leaving fielding practice at the National Stadium in obvious pain.

"There was no doubt Dominic was in pain and we will know more after the scan," said England team manager Ray Illingworth.

"We are hoping he has done nothing more than to stir up the existing problem a little and that he will be alright again after a few days rest."

Cork has been nursing his knee since it began troubling him during England's week of practice in Lahore before the tournament.

"We are hoping the scan is just a precaution and at the moment we think he is not a worry for the quarter-final," said England physiotherapist Wayne Morton.

Cork, England's leading bowler in the recent Test series against South Africa with 19 wickets, has played in all five of their Cup matches so far.

Yamaha Div I cricket Bima win

Sadharan Bima Kriya Sangatha defeated Khelaghar Sarnaj Kalyan Sangatha by four wickets in their Yamaha First Division cricket relegation league encounter at the City Club ground yesterday.

BRIEF SCORES

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Hudson's hasty hundred



RAWALPINDI, Mar 5: Andrew Hudson's World Cup prayers came true here today as he cracked 161 against Holland to complete a clean sweep for South Africa's record breakers, reports AFP.

The Natal player's first major innings in the tournament made a fifth Group B victory in a row a formality for Hansie Cronje's side against a willing Dutch team.