

Div I soccer BRTC, Bima split points

Sports Reporter
BRTC Sports Club and Sadharan Bima Kirra Sangstha shared points in the Danish First Division football league after their return leg engagement ended in a 1-1 draw at the Army Stadium yesterday.

Striker Sabir put Bima ahead in the 30th minute while Badrul levelled the margin for BRTC in the 85th minute.

With the draw, BRTC raised their tally to 20 points from 15 matches while Bima have 15 points from as many matches.

ANZ Grindlays stun StanChart

ANZ Grindlays began the 1996-97 cricket season with a bang last Friday when they trounced StanChart by 65 runs at the Dhanamdi Cricket Stadium, says a press release.

Brief Score ANZ 205 for 7 (35 overs) and StanChart 135 (33 overs) all out.

ANZ's victory was driven by excellent all-round displays from Towfique Hassan (Cards Division), Sabir Ali Khan (Foreign Trade-Dhaka) and penetrative bowling from the old war-horse QM Hedayetullah (Dhaka Main).

Towfique (better known as Rupu) scored an unbeaten 64 and then confirmed his man-of-the-match performance with three wickets for 13 runs, two run-outs and a catch. Sabir looked certain for a big score but the got run out for a fluent 61. He then kept wickets splendidly and also effected a stumping. Hedayet, coming on as first change, displayed considerable guile in tricking StanChart's three best batsmen with his slow-medium cutters and it was his three-wicket burst that put ANZ right on top.

The match was well attended by staff and family members of both the banks.

DU cricket

International Relations beat Anthropology by 107 runs in the inter-department cricket tournament at the Jagannath Hall ground yesterday, reports UNB.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Biman Reporters' Cup cricket tournament
(Final. Venue: Dhaka Stadium)
Abahani vs Mohammedan SC (9 am)
Danish Premier Division football league:
(Venue: Mirpur Stadium)
Agrani Bank SC vs East End Club (3:30 pm)
Abahani vs Arambagh KS (5:30 pm)
Danish First Division football league:
(Venue: Army Stadium)
Police AC vs PWD SC (3 pm)

Partho's pie big for BU bite

Sports Reporter



Abahani. Krira Chakra, fresh after their triumph in the Damal Smriti cricket tournament, set the stage for a double crown when they stormed into the final of the Biman Reporters' Cup with a four-wicket win over Brothers Union Club at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Opener Imran Hamid Partho, architect of Abahani's victory against Agrani Bank in the Damal Smriti final with a blazing century last Thursday, continued his pyrotechnics with a cracking 78 as Abahani, chasing a paltry Brothers total of 139, rattled up 141 for six with more than 24 to spare. But, not before Brothers Union created a stir by claiming six wickets in five overs for 14 runs.

With this win Abahani set up a clash with their arch-rivals Mohammedan Sporting Club in today's final.

Apart from Partho's blitzkrieg who, opening the innings with Javed Omar Belim, virtually sent the opponents on a leather hunt with a flurry of shots all over the ground, Abahani made heavy weather of a big win once the dashing left-hander left the ground, leaving his side only 30 runs short of the target with nine wickets in hand.

Partho, who came to open the innings with cool customer Javed Omar Belim Golla put up a century partnership in just 14.4 overs scoring most of the runs. Partho left the crease in the 18th over being brilliantly caught by former national all-rounder Enamul Haque Moni at mid-wicket off a Saidul Islam Effe delivery with the score-board on 110.

In his 61-ball innings of 78, the dashing left hander, who scored a magnificent 125 off 85 balls two days earlier, hammered two sweetly timed over boundaries and ten fours. He reached his fifty in the eleventh over facing only 44 balls.

Needing a further 30 runs to win with plenty of overs left, Abahani went jittery losing another five wickets — Golla (16), Durjoy (5), Monirul (1), Shahed Iqbal (2) and Akram Khan (0) — in the next four overs adding only 14 runs.

Golla, after providing creditable support to Partho, lost his concentration to an Effe off spinner in the over of Partho's departure and edging thinly to wicketkeeper Jahangir Monirul, the Pakistani, the most dependable Abahani batsman was clean bowled by Brothers Pakistan right arm pacer Baker Rizvi in the 20th over.

Brothers' national medium fast bowler Sajal Chowdhury put Abahani in thick soup in the next over with two victims. First, he trapped Durjoy leg be-

fore in his first delivery and then he accounted for Pakistani Shahid Iqbal in the last ball having him caught by Baker at mid on.

Skipper Akram Khan traced the footsteps of his teammates



PARTHO... m-o-m

in the next over (22nd) as he lost his off stump to Pakistani Baker Rizvi in the last ball of the over leaving Abahani in some sort of a disarray with the board on 124 for six.

Wicketkeeper Khaled Masud Pilot and lower middle order Jahangir Alam Talukdar Dulu, however, took Abahani safely

home in the next four overs without further damage scoring 8 and 7 runs respectively.

Earlier, electing to bat first, the Gopibag boys were bundled out for 139 in 44.4 overs with left hander Enamul Haque Moni hammering highest 35 off 66 balls. Shahid Sayeed (32) and Sajal Chowdhury (29) were the other leading run-getters for Brothers.

For Abahani, Pakistani right arm medium pacer Shahed Iqbal, who played for Agrani Bank in the Damal Smriti cricket tournament, and right arm pacer Zakir Hossain claimed three wickets each while left arm medium pacer Dulu captured two wickets.

For is brilliant 78 off 61 ball, Partho earned a cash award of Taka 5,000 as the undisputed man-of-the-match as adjudicated by former national star and cricket doctor Jahangir Shah Badsah.

Bangladesh Television and Bangladesh Betar will relay today's final live from Dhaka Stadium from 9 am.

The rate of today's tickets are: VIP-Taka 100 and general gallery-Taka 20.

SCOREBOARD

BROTHERS UNION

Bidyut c Pilot b S Iqbal	8				
Jahangir b Dulu	3				
Faruque b S Iqbal	5				
Shahid Sayeed c Zakir b Dulu	3				
Halim Shah lbw b Iqbal	32				
Baker Rizvi c Pilot b Zakir	35				
Moni c Dulu b Salahuddin	26				
Sajal c S Iqbal b Zakir	29				
Prince b Zakir	0				
Effe not out	2				
Jem c Pilot b S Iqbal	6				
Extras: (lb-6, nb-3, w-5)	13				
Total: (all out in 44.4 overs)	139				

Fall of wickets: 1-11; 2-18; 3-19; 4-24; 5-30; 6-80; 7-115; 8-115; 9-133; 10-139.					
Bowling:	O	M	R	W	
Dulu	10	2	12	2	
Shahed Iqbal	7	4	1	3	
Zakir	8	2	10	3	
Iqbal Hossain	9	1	29	1	
Salahuddin	5	0	20	1	
Monirul	5	0	26	0	

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Golla c Jahangir b Effe	16				
Partho c Moni b Effe	78				
Durjoy lbw b Sajal	5				
Monirul b Baker	1				
Pilot not out	8				
Shahed Iqbal c Baker b Sajal	2				
Akram Khan c Moni b Baker	0				
Dulu not out	7				
Extras: (b-3, lb-7, nb-6, w-8)	24				
Total: (all out in 25.3 overs)	141				

Fall of wickets: 1-110; 2-110; 3-120; 4-121; 5-124; 6-124					
Bowling:	O	M	R	W	
Sajal	2	0	15	0	
Baker Rizvi	6	3	26	2	
Saifullah Jem	5	0	15	0	
Effe	5	0	27	2	
Shahid Sayeed	1	0	11	0	

Result: Abahani won by 4 wickets.

Man-of-the-match: Imran Hamid Partho.

Delta Life h'ball

Siddheswari Girls' College, Kuwait-Maitry Hall, Fazlul Haq Women's College and Sham-sunnahar Hall won their respective matches of the Delta Life inter-college hall handball tournament at the Dhanamdi Women's Sports Complex yesterday, reports UNB.

Siddheswari beat Mirpur Ideal Girls' Laboratory Institute 9-2. Yasmin scored highest four goals for the winners.

In the second match, Kuwait-Maitry Hall edged past Sher-e-Bangla Women's College 5-4 after the first half was locked at 3-3.

In the other match, Sham-sunnahar blanked Holy Cross 16-0 after scoring seven goals in the first session. Nasifa netted highest eight goals.

Int'l hockey

Abahani denied victory

Sports Reporter

Umpires and management denied Abahani a deserving victory against a Malaysian club side in an encounter of the international invitational hockey tournament at Bangkok yesterday, according to a press release. Despite taking the lead twice, Abahani's goals were rejected by different umpires and a one-man committee. The match ended in a goal-less draw.

In their third match of the six-nation meet yesterday morning, Abahani, who earlier won their previous two matches against clubs from Sri Lanka and Singapore, dominated the proceeding and were up in the 52nd minute when Kamal scored a field goal. But the Malaysians did not accept the decision of the Sri Lankan referee and refused to continue play.

A one-man committee was formed to investigate the matter. The committee cancelled the goal and asked for the remaining 18 minutes of the match to be played in the afternoon.

Considering the image of the country, Abahani accepted the decision and took part in the match in the afternoon. But, Abahani were denied once again, this time by the umpire from Bangkok, when midfielder Sadeq scored a field goal. The match obviously ended in a goalless draw.

Rain plays foul at Harare

HARARE, Nov 30: Rain, which blighted the England cricket team's tour of South Africa a year ago, forced the abandonment of the opening match of their first trip to Zimbabwe on Saturday, reports Reuters.

A spectacular thunderstorm forced the players off towards the end of the Zimbabwe Districts XI's innings. Some 65mm of rain fell in an hour, flooding the outfield.

The local side, containing six Test players, had made 198 for nine from 45.3 of their 50 overs when play was abandoned.

"I was glad we fielded and at least had a run around in this heat and altitude," said England coach David Lloyd. "It gave everyone a decent workout at least."

The pick of the English bowlers was Robert Croft with figures of one for 34 from 10 overs. Alan Mullally and Ronnie Irani took three apiece thanks to some good catching.

Debutant Chris Silverwood betrayed nerves on his first appearance for England. The 21-year-old Yorkshire seamer bowled nine wides in a wayward spell.

Farashganj hold Brothers

Muktis baffle Boys

Sports Reporter

Muktijoddha-2, B Boys-0
Brother-3, F'gang-3

Although the double strikes consolidate Muktijoddha's customary third place behind league leaders Mohammedans and defending champions Abahani Krira Chakra, it would have been a more resounding victory had opportunistic national striker Nakib availed those chances came by his way in the match.

Nakib, the leading scorer with nine goals, missed a sitter in the 17th minute shooting the ball wide off the mark from about seven yards.

An air-borne Nakib then helplessly watched his 83rd minute header slightly missed the far post, ending the day sans scoring.

Meanwhile, in the first match of the day, midfielder Joy and striker Jamal gave Brothers a fresh 2-0 lead at the breather with strikes in the 17th and 38th minute respectively.

Farashganj restored parity with two quick blows shortly after the breather through Alamgir and Towhid.

In a lop-sided affair, striker Riaz celebrated his fifth goal in the league to enable Muktijoddha take the reins in the 32nd minute.

Substitute Ripon then sealed the fate of an otherwise one-way traffic with a spectacular side volley off a Rupu floater from the left 18 minutes from the final whistle.

With his win Muktijoddha raised their tally to 29 points on completion of the 15 league engagements.

Cairns curtails Pak realm



RAWALPINDI, Nov 30: New Zealand trailed 112 runs behind Pakistan after a confident start to their second knock on the third day of the second and final Test here Saturday, reports AFP.

At the close of play New Zealand were 69 without loss after Pakistan secured a 181-run lead on the first innings scoring 430 in reply to the tourists' 249.

Bryan Young with 38 and Justin Vaughan with 26 to his credit, put up a resolute fight denying Pakistani spin and pace attack a breakthrough.

Despite their confident start the Kiwis face an uphill task to save the match in which Pakistan are well-placed to win and level the series after losing the first Test by 44 runs at Lahore last week.

Pakistani captain Saeed Anwar and Jaz Ahmed notched up superb centuries with Salim Malik contributing 78 to make amends for their batting failures in the first Test.

Anwar scored 149 in his usual flamboyant style before doling out a catch near the boundary to Simon Doull off pacer Chris Cairns.

Jaz, the other century-maker, made 125 on Friday before falling lbw to Cairns, a decision he visibly challenged by waving his bat toward the home umpire Javed Akhtar to suggest that the ball hit his bat first.

The ICC match referee, Cammie Smith, fined Jaz to lose half of his match fee, saying in a statement that Jaz Ahmed was found guilty under Code Three of ICC code of conduct.

Pakistan resumed their first innings this morning at overnight 269-2 and lost Saeed Anwar after addition of only 21.

Inzamamul Haq, another frontline batsman, lasted just

three deliveries and offered a bat and pad early to Justin Vaughan at silly mid-off on a ball from spinner Chris Harris. He made only one run.

Salim Malik and leg-spinner Mushtaq Ahmed, who was sent in on Friday as night-watchman, produced a 84-run



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partnership. They were separated when Mushtaq Ahmed was out lbw to Chris Cairns at his individual 42.

Cairns, who may well be fined after showing his dissent with umpire Javed Akhtar, claimed five wickets for 137 runs.

Cairns showed his first to Akhtar after his lbw appeal of Salim Malik was turned down at the total of 349 for four with Malik batting on 27.

Meanwhile, Stephen Fleming and Dipak Patel did not play Saturday because of upset stomachs. Instead Craig Spearman and Matthew Hart fielded.

New Zealand's pacer, Simon Doull, who wicketed Pakistan batting in the first Test at Lahore, captured the wicket of Mohammad Wasim who made five and was caught by Chris Cairns.

Doull also trapped Moir Khan lbw after he had scored only two runs.

Cairns brilliantly caught off his own bowling Shahid Nazir who scored 10 runs.

Pakistani Test debutant Mohammad Zahid was trapped lbw by Nathan Astle without making any run.

Salim Malik was bowled by Cairns when he tried a mighty swing, windingup the Pakistan first innings.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the third day of the second Test between Pakistan and New Zealand on Saturday:

NEW ZEALAND: First innings 249 (S Fleming 67, L Gernon 55; Mushtaq Ahmed 6-87; Mohammad Zahid 4-64)

PAKISTAN: First innings

Anwar c Doull b Cairns	149
Elahi c Fleming b Cairns	2
Ijaz lbw b Cairns	125
Mushtaq lbw b Harris	42
Inzamam c Vaughan b Harris	1
Malik b Cairns	78
M Wasim c Cairns b Doull	5
Moin lbw b Doull	2
M Akram not out	0
Nazir c b Cairns	10
M Zahid lbw b Astle	0
Extras: (lb-14, nb-2)	16
Total:	430

Fall of wickets: 1-6; 2-268; 3-290; 4-291; 5-376; 6-394; 7-398; 8-419; 9-420.

Bowling

	O	M	R	W
Doull	31	7	86	2
Cairns	30	4	137	5
Vaughan	17	1	72	0
Astle	9	1	31	1
Patel	15	4	33	0
Harris	24	7	57	2

NEW ZEALAND: Second innings

Young not out: 38

Vaughan not out: 26

Extras: (lb-5)

Total: (for no wkt in 23 overs)

Bowling

	O	M	R	W
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M Zahid 7 1 25 0

M Akram 7 2 11 0

Mushtaq 5 0 14 0

Nazir 2 1 1 0

Malik 2 0 13 0

SA stage sizzling show



CALCUTTA, Nov 30: South African bowlers made up for the absence of pace spearhead Allan Donald by dealing four quick

blows to leave India on the brink of defeat in the second Test here on Saturday, reports AFP.

Debutant Lance Klusener picked up three wickets and off-spinner Pat Symcox removed danger man Sachin Tendulkar with his third ball after India were given eight hours to save the match.

Set an improbable victory target of 467, the Indians collapsed to 28 for four before Mohammad Azharuddin and Rahul Dravid took them to 59 without further loss by close of the fourth day's play.

The South Africans have the entire final day's play on Sunday to take the remaining six wickets and draw level in the three-match series after losing the first Test by 64 runs last week.

India's slim hopes of saving the game rest on the two batsmen at the crease — Azharuddin, the first innings centurion who is unbeaten on a run-a-ball 25, and Dravid (18 not out).

Gary Kirsten scored a century in each innings and Daryll Cullinan hit up 153 not out as South Africa posted a mammoth 367 for three in their second knock before declaring shortly before tea. Left-hander Kirsten, who made 102 in the first innings, scored 133 with the help of 18 boundaries before he was run out 15 minutes before lunch.

Cullinan, who reached his second Test century on the stroke of lunch after spending an hour in the nervous nineties, hit 15 boundaries and a six during his six-hour vigil.

The bowlers took up from there to compensate for the absence of Donald, who did not take the field because of a bruised toe.

Klusener, who went for 75 runs from 14 overs in the first innings, bowled a better line the second time around, conceding just four runs in his first spell of five overs.

The 22-year-old struck in the second over of his next spell by removing Nayan Mongia and Saurav Ganguly in the space of five deliveries.

Mongia was picked up low at first slip by Cullinan for eight and left-hander Ganguly disappeared as he was caught behind for no score.

Klusener also bowled Laxman after Symcox dealt the vital blow by having Tendulkar caught at forward short leg by Kirsten for two.

Earlier, Kirsten and Cullinan added 212 for the second wicket after coming in at the fall of Herschelle Gibbs' wicket in the post-lunch session of the third day.

Kirsten became the first South African in 50 years to score a century in each innings of a Test.

Alan Melville and Bruce Mitchell achieved the feat in England during the 1947 series. Melville making 189 and 104 not out at Trentbridge and Mitchell 120 and 189 not out at the Oval.

The South Africans added 55 runs in the first hour but managed only 42 in the second as Cullinan plodded towards the three-figure mark against the

steady Indian bowling.

Resuming after lunch at 257 for two, Cullinan and Cronje added a quickfire 49 in 35 minutes in a bid to step up the run-rate before the declaration.

Cronje slammed 34 off 37 balls before giving a simple return catch to leg-spinner Anil Kumble, who earned the wrath of match referee John Reid of New Zealand for negative bowling.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the fourth day of the second cricket Test between India and South Africa at the Eden Gardens here on Saturday:

SOUTH AFRICA: First innings 428 (A. Hudson 146; G Kirsten 102; V. Prasad 6-104)

INDIA: First