

## Sport

## Danish Div I soccer Rahmatganj show no mercy

Sports Reporter

Striker Rustom Ali scored a brilliant hat-trick as title aspirants Rahmatganj Muslim Friends Society outplayed Dhamond Club by five goals to nil in a Danish First Division football league encounter at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday.

In an one-sided affair, Rustom, the young booter from Khulna who appeared in his second match for the old Dhaka outfit yesterday, scored four goals in the 4th, 32nd, 44th and 75th minute while Babu Zaman added the other goal to the winners account.

With the win, Rahmatganj raised their tally to 23 points on completion of 15 matches which keep them second in the ten-team league table with Victoria Sporting Club in the lead having 27 points. On the other hand, Dhamond Club have 18 points from as many matches.

## BADDA MOVE TO THIRD

In the day's other match at the Army Stadium, Badda Jagaran Sangad recorded a solitary goal win over Mirpur Chalanika Sporting Club.

Forward Bashir netted the all-important match-winner in the 60th minute.

With yesterday's win, Badda moved to third position having 21 points from 15 matches while Chalanika have 20 points from as many outings.

## ACME-BBSF snooker

## Boteju keeps going

Susantha Boteju of Sri Lanka kept his winning spree beating U San Myint of Myanmar 4-2 (42-74, 52-13, 17-61, 63-31, 85-2 and 65-27) in the second day's match of the ACME-BBSF President Cup snooker championship at the Gulshan Club Billiards Room yesterday, says a press release.

In the other match of the first session Kwan Poomjan of Thailand had an easy 4-0 (56-38, 69-14, 90-28 and 105-2) against U Aung San Oo of Myanmar with a break of 53 in the second frame.

In the second session, Saleh Mohammad of Pakistan thrashed U Win Myint of Myanmar 4-0 (80-1, 76-28, 54-20 and 78-7) while U Kyi Soe of Myanmar got walkover against Mohammad L Yusuf of Pakistan.

Farhan Mirza of Pakistan and his compatriot Mohammad Shafiq had easy 4-0 win against Adrian Gonsalves and Anwar Hossain both from Bangladesh.

Earlier, in Sunday's last session, Farhan Mirza won comfortably 4-1 (59-66, 84-15, 90-25, 86-18 and 78-39) against U San Myint of Myanmar. Syed M Sajjad of Bangladesh went down fighting to Saleh Mohammad of Pakistan 0-4 (48-90, 25-59, 45-69 and 28-77).

The league matches start from 10 am on Tuesday at Gulshan Club.

## First step to a sport!

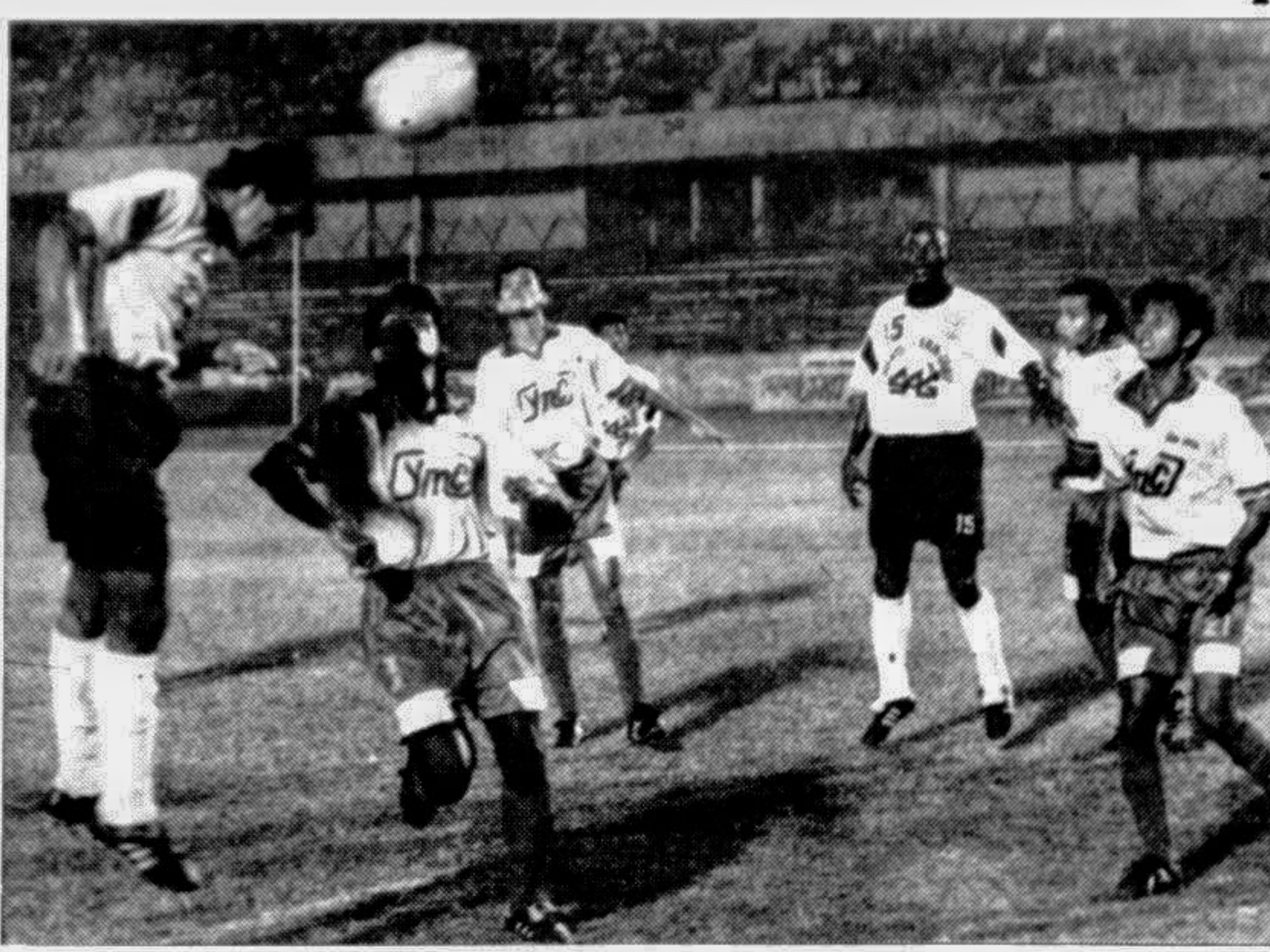
NAIROBI, Dec 2. Somalia, whose players had only one bat to practice with, were kitted out by their Kenyan hosts when they appeared in their first international competition for five years at the African table tennis championships here today, reports AFP.

"Since we don't have a government, our trip was made possible by personal donations from individuals," head of delegation Abdulkadir Gaddaay said.

"But we are very happy to compete internationally although we do not have enough equipment in Mogadishu. If the Kenyan hosts did not provide us with free accommodation and transport, we would be begging," he added.

Training in the Somali capital, Mogadishu, was not easy due to lack of facilities, but the warning factions do not have any quarrel with sports people. "Anybody wearing a track suit is allowed free movement by the soldiers. I hope peace will be resorted in our country soon to enable us and the other eight associations affiliated to the Somali Olympic Committee to take part in active international competitions," Gaddaay added.

Not unexpectedly, Somalia started the tournament, which had attracted 11 countries, by losing to Kenya and Egypt 3-0 respectively.



Mohammedan midfielder Iqbal (L) makes an abortive attempt to score against Young Men's Club during last night's Danish Premier Division football league match at the Mirpur Stadium. —Star photo

## Arman sizzler sogs F'pool

Sports Reporter

A 75th minute strike from Arman Miah helped Mohammedan Sporting Club cross a major hurdle in their chase for regaining the title with a hard-fought lone goal win over Fakirpool Youngmen's Club in a Danish Premier football league match at the flood-lit Mirpur Stadium yesterday.

The mercurial midfielder, a host in himself on many a crucial stage, blasted a guided missile from the edge of the box that crashed into the right-hand upper corner of the net as Mohammedans, hot on the heels of their cheeky passage against Arambagh on Thursday, were once again let off the hook by the skin of their teeth.

The victory, Mohammedans twelfth from 15 outings in the double-leg league, put them in the driving seat with highest 39 points, two points ahead of their arch-rivals and defending champions Abahani Krira Chakra.

Mohammedans, who were held to a one-all draw by the spirited Fakirpool booters in their first-leg engagement, appearing in their return leg, clash, seemingly destined to another draw in the upheaval second match of the day with players of both sides resorting to physical display.

The match wore a moribund look when a section of black and white supporters at the VIP stand pelted down whatever they gathered protesting a decision of referee Golam Mostafa.

The gem of a goal from Arman, however, effectively

quell the strong band of Mohammedan supporters.

Apart from the all-important goal, Mohammedans had every reason to win by a flattering margin against Fakirpool, who brought in new dimension by forming team with the bunch of youngsters rather than chasing big names.

But as their myopic forwards spoiled at least three sitters, the last years runners-up had to end the first 45 minutes without scoring.

In the 14th minute midfielder, Manik, deprived Mohammedans of a possible lead shooting the ball miles over the cross-bar from deep inside the box while, six minutes later, Jide's right-footer was staved off by a diving Fakirpool custodian Kawsar for corner.

Frustration mounted in the Mohammedan tent when, just few minutes from the short whistle, Jide, one of the two Nigerian recruits for the black and whites, drove the ball wide off the mark with a helpless Kawsar at his mercy.

On the other hand, Fakirpool, buoyed by their star midfielder Maksudul Amin Rana, came close to scoring in the 27th minute when Moni executed a low drive from the edge of the box which Mohammedan custodian Ponir brilliantly fisted away for a corner.

After the breather Fakirpool returned to the match strongly with Rana playing like a spring chicken. The nimble forward, whose silky sway has already earned him a star status at the tender age, made the Mohammedan defence scary in the 54th minute with a dream run down the right flank before releasing a neat minus

deep inside the opponent box. But striker Asif, left with an easy task of tabbing the ball home from about seven yards, failed to negotiate it much to the horror of his teammates.

The kingpin of every Fakirpool attack and a nightmare of rival defence then created another opening in the 67th minute when he won a ball following a faulty clearance from Manik. But thanks to a timely intervention from an advancing Ponir, who in a judicious move came out of his fort to clear the ball before Rana could reach.

After surviving those close calls Mohammedans, who in a desperate move made some changes in the second half to bolster their attack, finally had the last laugh when a workmanlike Iqbal earned a free-kick in the left-hand corner of the opponents box. Shabbir rolled the ball a few yards for Arman, who completed the set piece with great aplomb.

It was Fakirpool's fourth defeat in the league to remain glued to their previous collection of 19 points from 15 matches.

**Yellow cards:** Parvez, Manik and Arman of Mohammedans, Kawsar and Apu of Fakirpool.

**TEAMS**  
**MOHAMMEDAN SC:** Ponir, Monsur, Parvez, Jewel, Munna, Iqbal, Manik (Kaiser Hamid), Arman (Rajani), Shabbir, Jide and Alif.

**FAKIRPOOL YMC:** Kawsar, Reza, Ibrahim, Masum, Apu, Monwar (Jalal), Sharif, Askar Babu, Moni, Asif and Rana.

Referee: Golam Mostafa.

## Friends Society Navana v'ball champs

Friends Society Club of Rangpur clinched the inaugural trophy of the Navana national volleyball league beating Kalpataru KS of Jessore 15-8, 15-4, 15-10 in the final at the Dhaka Volleyball Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

The champions received Tk 10,000 as prize money, introduced for the first time in the league, while runners-up got Tk 7,000. Friends Sangha of Gazipur, who finished third, received Tk 5,000.

Imdadul Haq of Pagla Kanai Sangha (Jhenidah) and Mustafizur Rahman of Friends Society Club (Rangpur) were also awarded for their good smash during the league.

State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader witnessed the day's final as chief guest and later distributed prizes.

Chairman of league sponsors Navana Limited Shafiqul Islam Kamal, Bangladesh Volleyball Federation president Major General Mohammad Azizur Rahman and general secretary Golam Quddus Chowdhury Babu were present on the occasion.

## TEAMS

Friends Society Club (Rangpur): Raja, Babu Kamal, Arif, Ziaul Hossain, Wajed, Mustakim Hossain, Rafique, Mahboob, Ramjan and Sharif. Kalpataru KS (Jessore): Shantoo, Rezaul, Shaheen, Habloob, Bazloob, Saadi, Tito, Saiful, Shahid, Kamrul, Kabir and Netal.

Referee: Abul Kalam and Abdul Awal Majnu.

## Farzana's 6 in S'nahar's feast

Sports Reporter

Viguarunnissa Noon College, Narayanang Government Girls' College, and Shamsunahar Hall of Dhaka University won their respective Delta Life inter-college eves handball tournament matches at the Dhamonndi Women's Sports Complex ground yesterday.

Viguarunnissa outplayed Rokeya Hall of Dhaka University 12-1. The winners led the first half 6-1.

Sharmeen and Sagina were the leading scorers for the winners with five and three goals respectively while Ayesha scored the lone goal for Rokeya Hall.

In the next encounter, Narayanang Girls' College trounced Central Women's College by six goals to nil.

Shamima scored five goals while Sabira added three to the winners account.

In another match, Shamsunahar Hall outgunned Mirpur Ideal Girls' College 11-1. The winners led the first session 10-0.

Farzana slotted six goals and Nafis netted four for the winners.

The day's other match, between Holy Cross College and Siddheswari Girls' College ended in a 3-3 draw.

## Engineers Club lift Taher tennis title

Sports Reporter

Engineers Club lifted the Taher inter club tennis title defeating American Club 2-0 in the final at the Gulshan Club Tennis Complex yesterday.

Sina and Engenders won the singles against American Club's Siddique 6-1, 6-2 while partnering Sabir, Suja won the doubles against Siddique and Handzel 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.

A Rahim Chowdhury, president of Gulshan Club distributed prizes among the winners while engineer M A Taher, the sponsor of the tournament, was also present on the occasion.

## Purabi b'ball

The Greys and Angels Club won their respective matches in the Purabi Insurance First Division basketball league at the Dhamond wooden floor gymnasium yesterday, reports UNB.

In the first match, Angels defeated Eagles Club 91-58 after dominating the first session 47-26.

Shahed Ali caged 29, Lincon 25 and Apu 18 for the winners while Shahid scored 20, Mishu 10 and Azad 10 for the losers.

In the day's other match, The Greys earned a 86-64 points victory over the Gregorians after leading the first session 39-27.

Fazle contributed 30, Rinku 19 and Anup 12 for the Greys while Dominique made 21, Kabir 9 and Shiplu 6 for the Gregorians.

## Nigerians stay in contention

JOHANNESBURG, Dec 2. The prayers of Nigerians were partly answered when Shooting Stars defeated Zamalek 2-1 this weekend in the first leg of the African Champions Cup final.

Thousands of Muslims, Christians, Hindus and Buddhists converged on the south-western city of Ibadan before the showpiece of Continental Club Cup football to pray for the local team.

Patrick Pascal gave Stars a first-half lead and when defensive kingpin Ajibade Babalade added a second goal after 63 minutes, it seemed the gods were smiling on the Nigerians.

But Mustapha Tarek reduced arrears for the Egyptians two minutes from time and a 1-0 win in the return match on December 13 would enable Zamalek to lift the Cup a record fourth time.

## Pakistanis crowd the teams

Sports Reporter

Defending champions Mohammedan Sporting Club will take on promotes Lalmatia Club in the opening match at the Dhaka Stadium as the Premier Division Cricket League, the most prestigious local cricket competition involving twelve elite clubs, begins at two different venues in the capital this morning.

The other match of the day will be played between last year's runners-up Brothers Union Club and the other promotes Surjo Tarun Club at the Dhamond Cricket Stadium.

The league will be held in two phases in the 50-overs-a-side format. After the first phase, top six teams will vie for the championship in the super league while the remaining six will confront each other in the relegation league to determine the two teams to be demoted to the First Division next year.

A good number of foreigners mostly from Pakistan will feature in the league this season for almost all the clubs except Abahani who have only Syed Monirul Haque, the Pakistani middle order, in their squad.

Although, the middle-aged Pakistanis, who scored two brilliant centuries in the Damal Smriti tournament last month, left the capital for home yesterday to spend a few days on leave, he is expected to return soon to bolster the Dhamond outfit. He has helped his team already to win winners of two big both the tournaments so far in this season, the Damal Smriti and the Reporters' Cup.

The other foreigner Abahani signed this season was English Test discard Philip DeFreitas who has already quit after playing a single match for Abahani.

**Dec 3:** Mohammedan SC vs Lalmatia Club (NS)  
**Dec 4:** Abahani vs Surjo Tarun Club (DCS)  
**Dec 5:** Bimanys Gulshan Youth Club (DCS)  
**Dec 6:** Mohammedan SC vs Surjo Tarun Club (NS)  
**Dec 7:** Biman vs Agran Bank (NS)  
**Dec 8:** Abahani vs Gulshan Youth Club (DCS)  
**Dec 9:** Mohammedan SC vs Victoria SC (NS)  
**Dec 10:** Abahani vs Agran Bank (NS)  
**Dec 11:** Surjo Tarun Club vs Lalmatia Club (NS)  
**Dec 12:** Biman vs GMCC (DCS)  
**Note:** NS - National Stadium, Dhaka. DCS - Dhamond Cricket Stadium.

## Preparation for ICC

## Better late than never

Sports Reporter

The Bangladesh Cricket Control Board has last night named 46 cricketers primarily for the Bangladesh national team which will participate in the 6th ICC Trophy in Malaysia early next year.

Former national left-arm medium pacer Jahangir Alam Talukdar Dulu of Abahani and Biman's right-arm medium-pacer Mianur Rahman Babul, the leading wicket-taker in the Premier league last season, are the two veterans who earned a deserving recall for the primary camp which will begin under the supervision of West Indian coach Gordon Greenidge at BKSP from next week.

Dulu and babul apart, four senior cricketers — Minhazul Abedin Nannu, Enamul Haque Moni (BU), Faruque Ahmed (BU), Saiful Islam Khan (Kalabagan), Mohammad Rafique (Biman), Shahriar Hossain Bidyut (BU), Javed Omar Belim Golla (Abahani), Sanwar Hossain (MSC), Imran Hamid Partho (Abahani), Habibul Bashar Sumon (Biman), Hasibul Hasan Shanto (MSC), Azam Iqbal (Agran Bank), Sheikh Salahuddin (Abahani), Parvez Ahmed (MSC), Zubayer Mahmood (Shahid), Masudur Rahman Mukul (Agran Bank), Moniruzzaman Moni (Kalabagan), Ahmed Kamal Cornel (Ajax), Mokhtar Siddique (Azad), Naimur Rahman Durjoy (Abahani), Ziaur Rashid Rupom (Biman), Moshad Ali Khan Sumon (MSC), Sharfuddin Iqbal (Abahani), Masud Pilot (Abahani), Anisur Rahman (Kalabagan), Al-Shahriar Rokom (Abahani), Selim Shahed (Kalabagan), Sajal Chowdhury (BU), Zakir Hossain (Kalabagan), Zakir Hossain (Abahani), Mustadur Litu (MSC), Khaled Mahmood Sujan (MSC), Jahangir Alam (BU), Nazmul Manna (Biman), Shahnewaz Kabir Shuvo (Agran Bank), Harun-ur-Rashid Lito (Kalabagan), Halim Shah (BU), Hasanuzzaman Khan (Biman), Zakaria Intiaz (Kalabagan), Jahangir Alam Dulu (Abahani) and Mianur Rahman Babul (Biman).

## DU cricket

Department of Bio-Chemistry outplayed Department of Statistics with a nine-wicket thrashing in a Dhaka University inter-college cricket competition at the Jagannath Hall ground yesterday.

Batting first, Statistics Department were skittled out for a paltry 113 in 29.3 overs with Raju scoring highest 26.

In reply, Bio-Chemistry Department raced to the winning target in only 17.3 overs, losing only one wicket. Opener Tutul remained unbeaten on 66.

## Biman inter-club shooting begins today

The 4th Biman inter-club shooting competition '96 begins at Jamalpur today, reports UNB.

National Shooting Federation, Bangladesh organised the four-day competition under the management of Jamalpur Rifles Club.

The team will be reduced to 25 members later this month to send a preliminary entry to the prestigious ICC associate members' trophy before December 30.

## Tall order for Windies

SYDNEY, Dec 2. Australia set the West Indies 340 runs to win from a minimum of 102 overs in the second cricket Test at the Sydney Cricket Ground, reports AP.

The West Indies were 27 without loss in their second innings at stumps on Monday after Australia had declared their second innings on 312 for four following a solid-middle order contribution.

The West Indies require another 313 runs from 90 overs on the last day of the match on Tuesday. Openers Sherwin Campbell (13) and Robert Samuels (12) were unbeaten at the close.

Although a run-rate of 3.33 looks a possibility, Australian captain Mark Taylor showed faith in his pace-spin attack.

It was nonetheless surprising when Taylor threw the new ball to Mark Waugh to trundle in his off-spin in tandem with medium pacer Glenn McGrath after the skipper had declared leaving enough time to bowl 12 overs before stumps.

Australia will be without injured opener Matthew Elliott for the rest of the match.

Elliott suffered extensively torn cartilage in his right knee during the morning session and

the injury will require surgery on Wednesday, Australian team physiotherapist Elliot Alcott said.

Alcott said Elliott might recover in time to play in the third Test, which starts in Melbourne on Dec 26.

Elliott retired hurt for 78 after a heavy mid pitch collision with Waugh just before lunch.

The two overnight batsmen, who had carried Australia's hopes of setting a daunting target for the visitors, clashed bizarrely on a second run.

"I can't believe it happened again," Elliott said. A few weeks ago he collided with his teammate Warren Ayres in a Shield match for Victoria against New South Wales and was run out.

"I felt pain only when I landed, not during impact. I wasn't looking at the ball at any stage of the two runs."

After I touched down for the single I saw Mark running on the same side as me so I moved over to the other side.

"I didn't look at him again and didn't realise he had changed sides until we hit."

Lack of self-discipline and a heartless pitch for their pace-man compounded the West Indies' problem on a day their fielding also was poor.

## Barry calls it a day

BRISBANE, Dec 2. Former South African batting star Barry Richards announced Monday that he has resigned from his position as chief executive of Queensland Cricket, reports AP.

Richards said he will remain in Queensland until the end of the current Sheffield Shield season before moving to Perth, where his wife's father is suffering a serious illness.

Richards, 51, said he was no job to go in Perth.

He played most of his career with English County Championship team Hampshire while South Africa was barred from international cricket during the apartheid era.

He had a career average of 54.74 but played in only four Tests, all against Australia in 1970 and all of which South Africa won. He scored two Test centuries.

Richards spent seven years as the head of Queensland cricket, transforming the organisation from a semi-professional outfit to one of the most successful state organizations in Australia.

Three dropped catches took their series tally to seven in four completed innings.

Waugh was dropped twice on his way to 67 as he shared two separate stands for the third wicket — 76 runs with Elliott (78) and 66 with Michael Bevan, who ground out a fighting 52 in 166 minutes.

The left-handed Elliott scored his maiden Test half-century after making 0 and 21 on debut in Brisbane. He batted for four minutes over four hours and struck nine fours off 162 balls.

First innings batting hero Greg Blewett was dropped on two by Carl Hooper off his own bowling and then made the visitors pay for it.

Blewett followed up his first innings 69 with an unbeaten 47 and put on 65 for the fourth wicket with Bevan and an undefeated 38 for the fifth with Ian Healy (22 not out).

## SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the fourth day of the second Test between Australia and West Indies at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Monday:

**AUSTRALIA:** First innings 331  
**WEST INDIES:** First innings 304  
**AUSTRALIA:** Second innings (overnight 77 for two)  
Taylor c Lara b Bishop 16  
Elliott retired hurt 78  
Ponting c Browne b Bishop 4  
M Waugh c Browne b Ambrose 67  
Bevan c Browne b Benjamin 52  
Blewett not out 47  
Healy not out 22  
Extras (nb-9, b-4, lb-10, w-3) 26  
Total (for four declared in 106 overs) 312  
Fall of wickets: 1-51; 2-67; 3-209; 4-274.

Did not bat: S. Warne, M. Kasprowicz, J. Gillespie, G. McGrath.

**Bowling**  
O M R W  
Ambrose 20 2 66 1  
Waugh 19 6 36 0  
Bishop 20 5 54 2  
Benjamin 16 4 46 1  
Adams 4 0 21 0  
Hooper 27 7 75 0

**WEST INDIES:** Second innings  
Campbell not out 13  
Samuels not out 12  
Extras (lb-1, nb-1) 2  
Total (for no wicket, 12 overs) 27  
To bat: B. Lara, C. Hooper, S. Chanderpaul, J. Adams, C. Browne, J. Bishop, C. Ambrose, K. Benjamin, C. Walsh.

**Bowling**  
O M R W  
McGrath 4 1 7 0  
Waugh 4 0 15 0  
Gillespie 2 0 3 0  
Warne 2 1 1 0

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