

Column One

DID U' KNOW?
(The Professor does)

Title-aspirants
Kalabagan Krira
Chakra made the
most of a single
rash shot from
Pakistani Shahid
Mehboob to kick off their
Premier cricket league campaign
with a 24-run win over
Agrani Bank at the Dhaka
Stadium yesterday.

Mehboob, the kingpin of
Agrani Bank's astounding se-

moment when the middle-aged
experienced Pakistani should
have been concentrating on
singles rather than taking am-

bitious strokes.

But a complacent Pakistani

import, apparently oblivious of
the money that Agrani Bank
had paid the professional
cricketer, went for a big hit off
off-spinner Jewel Hossain

Mona, instead of being focused for
a longer innings, and even-
tually ended up offering a high
catch at mid-wicket.

This single crucial dismissal

KALABAGAN KC : 230 in 50 overs (Imran Nazir 55, Liton 41, Zakaria 24, extras 37, Shahid Iqbal 3/37, Suja 2/34)

AGRANI BANK : 206 all out in 45.5 overs (Mukul 52, Shahid Iqbal 30, Shahid Iqbal 23, Anis 4/27)

final victory over hot favorites
Mohammed Sporting Club in the recently-concluded
Damal Smriti tournament, was
once again in the thick of things
when the bankers, in
their chase for a commanding
Kalabagan total of 230, were
cruising comfortably at
120/4 in 31.4 overs.

After skipper Mukul with a
gritty 52 set the stage for a fas-
inating duel, Mehboob, un-
beaten on a run-a-ball 30 and was
playing confidently, sud-
denly got carried away with the
sudden rush of adrenaline at a

Div I cricket
Wanderers
take on Uttara
today

Sports Reporter

The First Division cricket
league will begin in the capital
with Dhaka Wanderers Club
taking on Uttara Sporting Club
in the opening match at the

City Club ground at Mirpur.

Total ten teams will partici-
pate in the league with all the
matches scheduled at the same
venue.

The teams are: Dhaka Wan-
derers, Eskaton Sabuj Sangha,
Ajax Sporting Club, Dhan-
mondi Club, Gopibagh Friends
Society, Bangladesh Boys Club,
Sadharan Biman KS, City Club,
Azad Sporting Club and Uttara
Sporting Club.



IMRAN NAZIR ... 55

effectively dashed Agrani
Bank's hopes for a win, and the
Damal Summer runners-up
were then skittled out for 206 in
48.5 overs.

Compatriot Shahid Iqbal, fresh
after his heroics in both
the Damal Smriti tourney and
Reporter's Cup, where the Paki-
stani all-rounder played for
Abahani, however, raised a
glimmer of hopes putting on 41
runs for the sixth wicket. But
once he was dismissed by a
brilliant away-swing off national
left-arm seamer Anisur
Rahman after scoring 23, the
banker's were tatters.

Anis, returning to his second
spell, bowled with venom to
mop up the Agrani Bank tail,
claiming four wickets for 37 in
his 9.5 overs.

Earlier, electing to bat first
after winning the toss, Kalabagan
mustered fairly a fighting
total on a slow wicket with Im-
ran Nazir hammering a swash-
buckling half century.

Mashonoland
outplay England

HARARE, Dec 5: Mashonoland
beat England by seven
wickets on the third day of their
four-day match today, reports
Reuters.

Scores: England 197 and
180, Mashonoland 280 and 98-
3.

Name

Class Roll No.

School Address

Phone: (If any)

SPORTS TALK



KARACHI, Dec 5: A Pakistani jour-
nalist, who is writing a book on Eng-
land's cricket captain Mike Ather-
ton, said today his life had been
ruined by Atherton's remarks,
referring to him as "a buffoon" during
the World Cup earlier this year, reports AFP.

"My personal life has been
ruined. My fiancee has broken off
our engagement. My friends and even
family members taunt me. Asghar Ali told the news
agency over telephone.

"I want to let everybody
know that it was not me but
Atherton who is to blame," he
added.

At a press conference during
the sixth cricket World Cup, after
England's defeat to South Africa on Feb 25, Atherton be-

Nirman cricket
from Jan 20

Sports Reporter

The preliminary round of
Dhaka Zonal 15th Nirman
schools cricket championship
will begin from January 20.

Interested schools are re-
quested to submit their entries to
the Bangladesh Cricket Con-
trol Board office by January 7.

Alland Donald
(South Africa fast bowler)
"A bowler's job is to get the
batsman out."

TODAY'S MATCHES

Premier Division cricket
league:

Mohammedan SC vs Surjo-
Taran Club

(Dhaka Stadium, 9 am)

Brothers Union vs Victoria
(Dhanmondi Cricket Sta-
dium, 9 am)

Danish Premier Division
football league:

Abahani vs YMC Fakir-
epool

(Mirpur Stadium, 5.30 pm)

Danish First Division foot-
ball league:

Rahmatganj MFS vs Victo-
ria SC

(Mirpur Stadium, 3.30 pm)

PWD SC vs Badia Jagaran
(Army Stadium, 2.45 pm)

West Indies management
have already apologised for

came annoyed by Ali's ques-
tions, asking: "Can somebody
get this buffoon out of here?"

The incident was followed by
protests from the Pakistan Fed-
eral Union of Journalists
(PFUJ). England's team man-

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works for a local news agency,
said the new book is to be pub-
lished in February or March
next year.

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terial on Atherton. I spoke to
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sulted me," Ali said, all of
which will be used in his book.

Ali said he had not received
any apology from Atherton or
the Test and County Cricket
Board (TCCB), the apex cricket
body in England.

Ali said he was consulting
lawyers to initiate legal pro-
ceeding against Atherton in a
British court and in Pakistan.

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MIKE ATHERTON

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