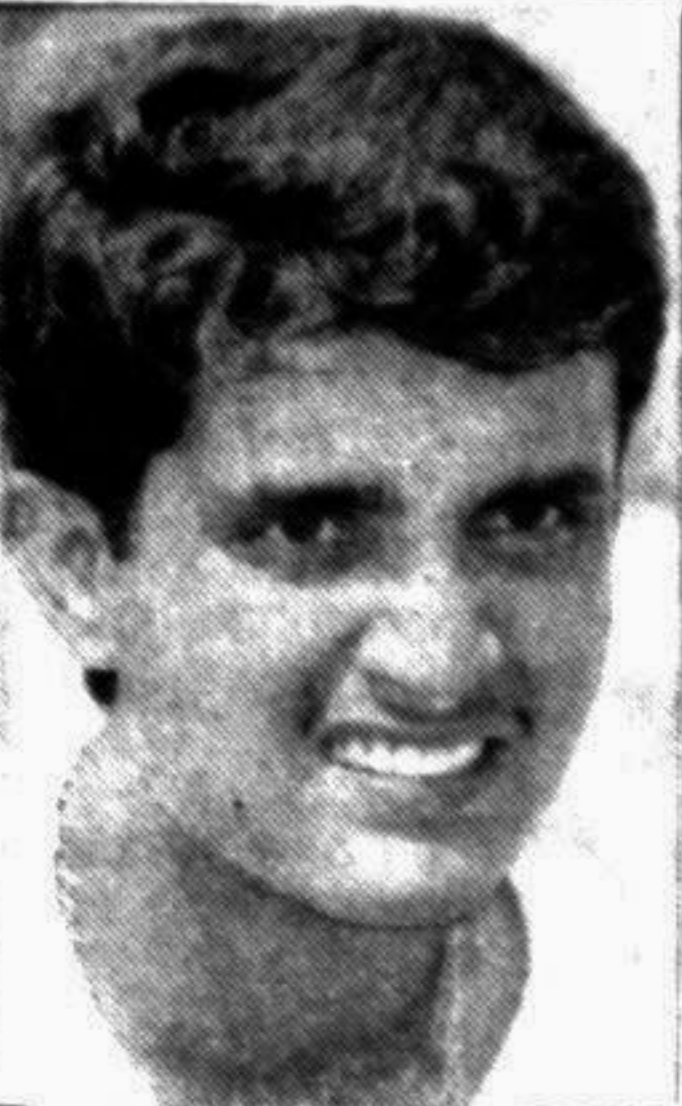


Column One

SPORTS TALK



Saurav Ganguly
(Indian Test cricketer)
"Sachin has been a friend, philosopher and guide to all of us. I feel greatly privileged to play under him. He is always ready to help, whenever you have any problem, on or off the field."

Sports WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Sports WHIZZ KID competition-59

- ✓ Tick the Correct Answers
- Competition closes : 8 pm December 20, 1996**
- Who was the man-of-the-final in the 17th Damal Smriti cricket tournament?
Partho Bulbul Monirul
 - Which country won the 1996 Davis Cup?
Sweden USA France
 - Who hit the first century of the Premier Division cricket league this season?
Sujon Sumon Rupom
 - Which country hosted the 1970 soccer World Cup?
Brazil Spain Mexico
 - Who achieved the distinction of taking 300 Test wickets first?
Trueman Laker Imran

Name: _____
Class: _____ Roll No.: _____
School Address: _____
Phone: (if any) _____

TODAY'S MATCHES

- Danish Premier Division football league:**
(Mirpur Stadium)
Agrani Bank SC vs Farashganj SC (5:30 pm)
Brothers Union vs Arambagh KS (3:30 pm)
- Premier Division cricket league:**
Kalabagan KC vs GMCC (Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, 9 am)
Wari Club vs Lalmatia Club (Dhaka Stadium, 9 am)
- First Division cricket league:**
Ajax SC vs City Club (City Club ground, Mirpur, 9 am)
- Bijoy Dibash hockey tournament:**
Sadharan Bima KS vs Bangladesh SC (Hockey Stadium, 2:45 pm)

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer
Perojpur Public Works Division, Perojpur

Tender Notice

No 38/1996-97

- Name of work: Establishment of Civil Defence Station at 32 different important thana sadars/places in Bangladesh, one at Bhandaria of Perojpur district. Sub-head: Digging of pond, year 1996-97.
- Estimated cost: Tk 1,74,257/-
- Earnest money: Tk 3,486/-
- Last date of selling tender: 18-12-96 up to office hours.
- Date of receiving tender & time of opening: 19-12-96 up to 12:00 Noon & will be opened on the same day at 12:15 minutes (in presence of interested tenderers).
- Tender form, schedule etc: Will be available at all the Divisions under Public Works Circle, Barisal & Khulna Public Works Circle-1/2.
- Eligibility of contractor: Special first class & 1st class building contractor, Public Works Directorate 2nd class building contractor, Public Works Directorate, Khulna Zone, Khulna; 3rd class building contractor, Public Works Directorate Circle, Barisal & 4th class building contractor, Public Works Division, Perojpur.

If more than one tender quoting the lowest rate are received, then the lowest tender will be decided through lottery at the office chamber of the undersigned on 1-1-97 at 11:00 hours. (NB: Other information are given in the tender).

Md Lokman Hakim Mullick
Executive Engineer
Public Works Division
Perojpur, Phone: 427

Akram spellbounds Gulshan

Sports Reporter
Skipper Akram Khan did it again with the cherry as title aspirants Abahani Krira Chakra recorded their second consecutive Premier Division cricket league victory handing Gulshan Youth Club a crushing 8-wicket defeat at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

BRIEF SCORES

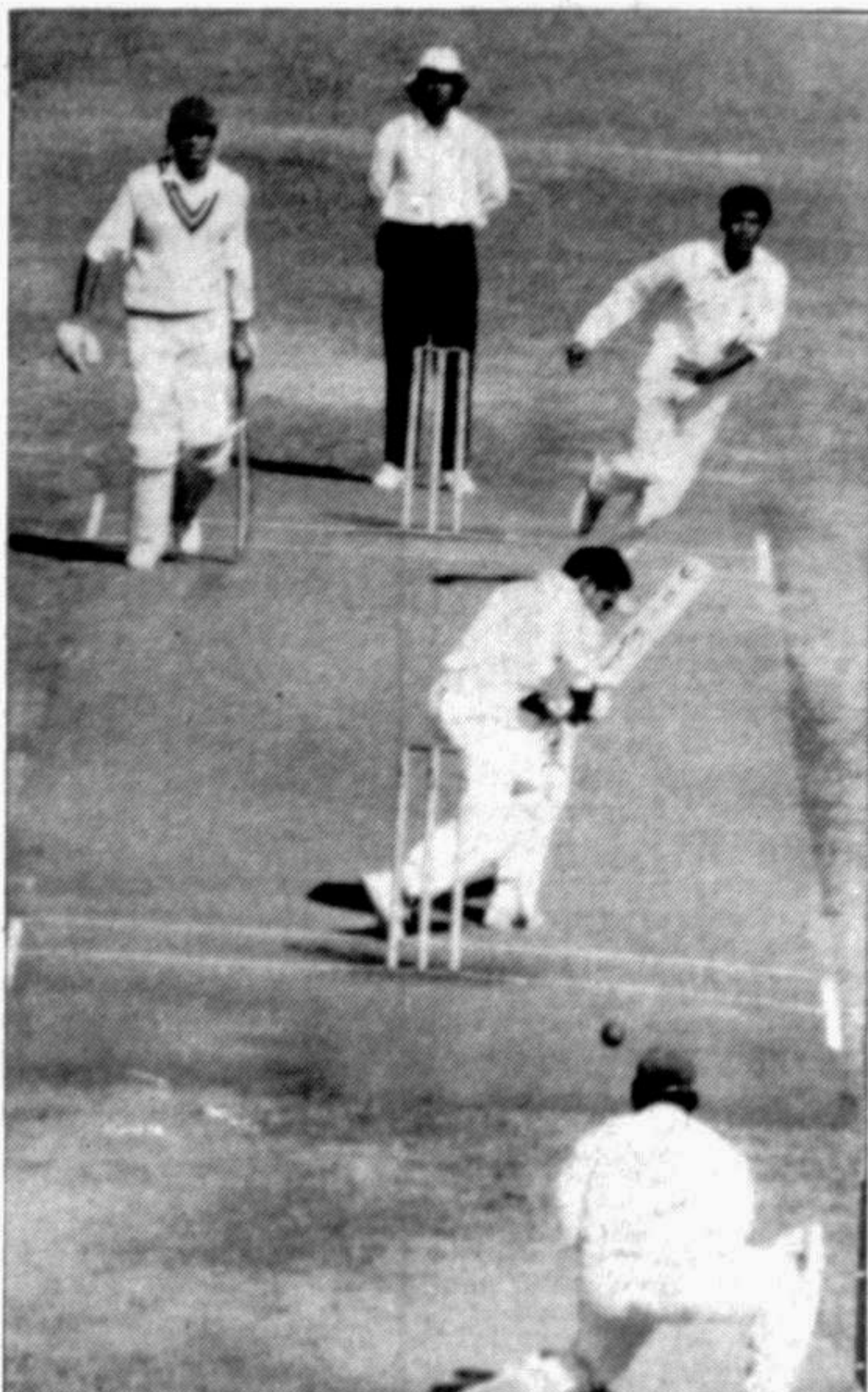
GULSHAN YOUTH CLUB: 83 in 37.3 overs (Sujon 21; Akram Khan 6/8, Zakir 2/19)
ABAHANI: 85 for 2 in 15.5 overs (Rokon 33*, Golla 19*, Durjoy 17, Qamrul 1/22)
Result: Abahani won the match by 8 wickets.

BIMAN: 224 for 9 in 50 overs (Athar Ali 55, Nasir Khan 24, Shamu 20; Shahed Mahboob 3/27, Suja 2/29)
AGRANI BANK: 161 for 9 in 50 overs (Awar 38*, Shahed Mahboob 24; Rafique 4/34, Manna 2/19)
Result: Biman won by 63 runs.

wickets for five runs against Japan in the ACC Trophy in Malaysia last August, repeated the same magic yesterday morning at his home ground when he took six wickets for only eight runs to force Gulshan Youth to end their innings on 83 in 37.3 overs.

In his ten-over spell, Akram the tall and stocky cricketer who hardly bowls and prefers to savour his cricket with the willow, earned five maidens and gained the wickets of Saqit (6), Moniruzzaman (11), Arif (4), Shihab (0), Shaon (0) and Qamrul (0).

Akram was given adequate support by his two medium pacers Zakir who captured two wickets for 19 runs and new-



An outswinger eludes the bat of Biman's middle-order bat Habibul Bashar Sumon during their Premier Division cricket league clash with Agrani Bank at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

the double figures. At a stage of their innings they were in grave trouble when they lost five of their men in 14 balls with the scoreboard unmoved on 62.

In reply, Abahani suffered an early setback when Zahid Razzak Masum, coming to open the Abahani account in place of injured Partho, was caught behind off a Shihab delivery in the first over without adding anything to the initial zero.

One-down Naimur Rahman Durjoy returned next on 24 in the fourth over after scoring a quick 17 off only nine balls that included two fours and a big six.

The other opener Javed Omar Belim Golla and middle order Al-Shariar Rokon took their side across the winning mark (85) in the next 12.3 overs without any further discom-

mode.

Rokon, the tall right hander, scored an unbeaten 33 off 44 deliveries inclusive of four boundaries while Golla was not out on 19.

BIMAN POST WIN

In the day's other outing at the Dhaka Stadium, opener Athar Ali scored a half century as Bangladesh Biman recorded a convincing 63-run win over Damal Smriti finalists Agrani Bank.

Electing to bat first, Biman scored 224 for nine in their

stipulated 50 overs with opener Athar Ali hammering highest 55 off 99 balls.

Coming to open, the national air-liners' ledger, Athar, the tall right-hand batsman who was dropped on disciplinary grounds from the national team that participated in the ACC trophy, remained at the crease until the 36th over. The lanky cricketer hit four boundaries before he was out on 55 leaving Biman on 137 for 4.

Pakistani middle-order Nasir Khan (25), Shahnewaz Shahid Shamu (20), Sumon (19) and Rupom (18) were the other leading run-getters for Biman.

For Bankers, Pakistani medium-fast bowler Shahed Mahboob was the leading wicket-taker with three for 27 while his compatriot Shahid Iqbal and local Suja Irfan captured two wickets each.

In reply, Agrani Bank who defeated Mohammedan Sporting Club in the Damal Smriti semi-final late last month, were restricted to 161 for nine in their allotted 50 overs with tail-end Anwar Hossain scoring highest 38 followed by Shahed Mahboob with 24.

Biman's left-arm spinner Mohammad Rafique was the most successful bowler taking four wickets for 34 runs while medium pacer Nazimuddin Manna captured two wickets.

Johnson media's man of '96

LONDON, Dec 7: Michael Johnson's unprecedented Olympic double was voted the top international sports story of 1996, narrowly beating Evander Holyfield's upset of Mike Tyson.

The American sprinter became the first man to win the 200 and 400 metres at the same Olympics, smashing the 200-metre world record in the process with an electrifying time of 19.32 seconds.

Johnson's feat was one of six stories from the Atlanta Games that made the top 10 in a worldwide survey of Associated Press subscribers.

News organisations in more than 30 countries — excluding the United States — took part in the poll. Points were awarded on a sliding scale, ranging from 10 points for first place to one point for 10th.

In one of the closest votes in years, the Johnson story finished No 1 with 236 points. That was just eight points ahead of Holyfield's stunning 11th-round victory over Tyson in Las Vegas on Nov 9.

The next four spots went to Olympic-related stories.

Carl Lewis won the Olympic long jump for the fourth consecutive Games, giving him a record-tying ninth gold medal. The story finished third, with 160 points.

The pipe bombing that killed two people in Centennial Olympic Park, the main gathering spot during the Games, was fourth with 138 points.

In fifth place with 136 points was the Atlanta Games as a whole. They were the biggest in history with more than 10,000 athletes from 197 nations, yet were marred by problems with transportation and technology and complaints of over-commercialisation.

There was a tie for sixth

place, with 107 points, between the exploits of Canadian sprinter Donovan Bailey and Chicago Bulls superstar Michael Jordan.

Bailey set a world record of 9.84 second in winning the Olympic 100-metre final, while Jordan led the Bulls to the National Basketball Association title in his first full season back with the team after two years off to play minor league baseball.

Three soccer-related stories rounded out the top 10.

Germany's triumph at the Euro '96 championship in England, and the virtually trouble-free organisation of the event, was eighth with 103 points.

Nigeria's surprising victory in the Olympic soccer tournament — at the expense of the established powers — finished ninth with 88 points.

Tenth place went to the stadium tragedy in Guatemala, where 84 people were killed in a stampede at a World Cup qualifying game.

Other stories which received substantial votes included: Damon Hill winning his first Formula One title; Tiger Woods turning pro and getting off to a sensational start; FIFA awarding the 2002 World Cup to Japan and South Korea; Irish swimmer Michelle Smith winning three Olympic gold medals; and Steffi Graf continuing to dominate women's tennis despite her father's tax troubles.

Michael's third in a row

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec 7: Michael Johnson and Gail Devers crowned gold medal seasons Friday by winning the Jesse Owens awards at USA Track and Field's annual meeting, reports Reuter.

It was an unprecedented third successive Owens award for Johnson, who became the first athlete in the 15-year history of the award to turn a hat-trick.

Devers, who also won the award in 1993, tied Jackie Joyner-Kersey for most Owens honours by a woman.

Devers claimed the sole American women's individual gold in Atlanta, dashing to the 100 metres title.

MICHAEL JOHNSON

Bangabandhu Cup soccer from Dec 30

Sports Reporter
Twelve teams, including three local giants, are likely to take part in the Bangabandhu Cup-Silver Jubilee of Independence football tournament beginning in the capital from December 30. Bangladesh Football Federation is organising the 11-day international football festival as part of the celebrations of our independence in 1971.

Besides Mohammedan Sporting Club, Dhaka, Abahani Krira Chakra and Muktijoddha Krira Chakra, eight teams from abroad have confirmed their participation.

India will be well represented by the three Calcutta giants, Mohunbagan, East Bengal and Mohammedan Sporting Club. The Bargh Club, the champions team of Shiraj City, will stand for the Iranians. Besides, teams from Malaysia, Thailand, Russia and China have also accepted the BFF invitation. A club team from Indonesia, yet to give the green signal, may also be seen in action.

BFF will announce a high-powered Tournament Committee within the next few hours in connection with the meet which has already kindled an air of festivity in Dhaka's soccer circle.

Azad stun Eskaton

Sports Reporter
BRIEF SCORES
AZAD SC: 212 for 9 in 45 overs (Adil 61, Rana 48, Biplob 29; Murad 4/34, Babu 2/21)
ESKATON: 68 in 39 overs (39* Masuk 22, Aminul 4/35, Sujon 2/13)
Result: Azad SC won by 72 runs

Azad Sporting Club were off to a flying start in the First Division cricket league with a 72-run win over Eskaton Sabuj Saugha in their opening match at the City Club ground, Mirpur yesterday.

Electing to bat first, Azad Sporting Club scored a huge 212 for nine in the stipulated 45 overs with middle-order bat Adil hammering highest 61 off 100 balls. Among others, Rana and Biplob added 48 and 29 runs respectively.

In reply, Eskaton managed a paltry 68 and were deprived of the last 11 overs mainly due to some fine bowling from Aminul and Sujon.

Wari, BRTC split points

Sports Reporter
Wari Club and BRTC Sports Club shared points in the Danish First Division football league with a 1-1 draw at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday.

After a barren first half, Tipu put Wari ahead in the 80th minute while Sumon leveled the margin for BRTC after two minutes.

It was the 17th league engagement for both teams which raised BRTC's tally to 22 points while Wari's account to 20 points.

Notification for cricketers

The initially picked-up 44 cricketers to form national team for the forthcoming ICC Trophy to be held in Malaysia in March-April next, have been asked to present at the Bangladesh Cricket Board office at 5 pm today, reports UNB.

National coach former West Indian Test opener Gordon Greenidge will discuss with the selected cricketers about the net practice expected to begin soon.

ACME-BBSF snooker Mahittih-Shafiq final today

Kwan Poomjan of Thailand, the favourite for the title, lost to compatriot Athasit Mahittih 5-6 though he made the tournament's highest break of 122 breaking Saleh's record of 89 in the first semifinal of the ACME-BBSF President Cup snooker championship at the Gulshan Club on Saturday, says a press release.

Poomjan started the match in style taking the first and second frames with a break of 79 in the first frame. But, Mahittih fought back immediately taking the next two frames leveling the score 2-2. Poomjan played confidently and took the 5th, 6th and 7th frames with a break of 54 in the 7th frame. Mahittih changed the strategy with an attacking game to take the next four frames and the match 6-5 (14-109, 37-64, 78-18, 75-17, 32-74 (54), 8-122 (122), 37-74, 70-0, 66-29, 91-31, 68-51).

In the other semifinal, Mohammad Shafiq of Pakistan played his career-best to beat Roslan Yurnalis of Malaysia 5-3 (61-38, 67-42, 9-67, 79-59, 71-46, 58-48, 63-33, 70-11). After losing the first two frames, Roslan put some resistance taking the 3rd and 6th but Shafiq was in superb form to win the match.

Athasit Mahittih will face Mohammad Shafiq in the best of 13 frames final at 11 AM today at the Gulshan Club Billiards Room.

Obaidul Quader, State Minister for Youth and Sports will be the chief guest of the prize giving ceremony to be held in the evening at the Gulshan Club. An Asghar Valika, president of the Asian Billiards & Snooker Federation will also attend the ceremony as special guest.

MSC stick the course

Sports Reporter
The flood-lit Mirpur Stadium yesterday.

The winners led the first half by a lone goal.

Nurul Huq Manik lynchpin of Mohammedans 13th victory in the double-leg league, set the stage for both the goals for striker Alfaz and captain Jewel Rana as Muktijoddha, still smarting from their 0-2 first-

win, leap-frogged their arch-rivals and defending champions Abahani Krira Chakra to saddle the horse with highest 42 points from 16 matches. They will meet a relegation-bound Bangladesh Boys on December 11 before their final showdown against Abahani to decide the fate of the championship.

And, if everything goes by the script Mohammedans, who are leading the table by two points, will be looking for at least a draw when the two perennial foes clash in the last league match on December 17.

In the days' match, Mohammedans, who enjoyed a better territorial dominance over Muktijoddha, specially in the second half, could have run away by a better margin had not their goal-keeping forwards missed the sitters that came their way. Besides, Muktijoddha custodian Arun also denied Mohammedans with some spectacular saves in both the halves.

On the other hand Muktijoddha also had their share of misfortunes in the match. It could have been a different story had their captain Musud Rana availed of an easy chance in the 26th minute. But much to the horror of his teammates the flamboyant midfielder, who had Mohammedans goal-tender Ponir floored in the middle, shot the ball wide off the mark from about seven yards.

Striker Riaz, however, got another chance in the 87th minute. But his scorching right-footer from the edge of the box ricocheted off the cross-piece.

The defeat left Muktijoddha glued to their former collection of 29 points from 16 outings.



Muktijoddha defender Moon clears the ball with a header during their yesterday's Danish Premier Division football league match against Mohammedan Sporting Club at the Mirpur Stadium.

Meanwhile, Iqbal, the hard-working Mohammedan midfielder, gleefully accepted his third yellow card apparently in a bid to preserve his energy for Mohammedans crucial league tie against Abahani, who are on a hot trail for a treble of titles this season. Iqbal, who conceded the yellow card for time-wasting, will miss Mohammedans next match against Bangladesh Boys.

Yellow cards: Monwar Munnar and Iqbal (Mohammedan SC)

TEAMS

Mohammedan SC: Ponir, Mansoor, Ruhul Amin, Jewel Rana, Monwar Munnar, Iqbal, Manik, Arman, Jide, Alfaz (Rajan) and Ranjan (Makino).

Muktijoddha Sangsai: Arun, Paritosh, Moon, Kingshuk, Masud Rana, Shafiqul, Zakir, Ripu, Ghaus, Nakib (Chandan) and Riaz.

Referee: Ehsanul Haq.

Sher-e-Bangla Cup nat'l soccer begins Dec 9

The 20th Sher-e-Bangla Cup national football championship begins across the country on December 9, reports BSS.

Speaking at a news conference yesterday, chairman of the tournament organising committee Abdul Mueyed Chowdhury said 71 teams including the defending champions Bhola and reigning Bangladesh Games champions Bangladesh Ansars would take part in the 14-zones tournament.

Bhola and Bangladesh Ansars will participate in the final round, scheduled for December 19 to 24.

The zone-wise participating teams are:

Zone 1 (Narayanganj) — Gazipur, Manikganj, Narayanganj, Munshiganj, Narasingdi and Dhaka.

Zone 2 (Tangail) — Jamalpur, Netrokona, Mymensingh, Kishoreganj, Sherpur and Tangail.

Zone 3 (Gopalganj) — Faridpur, Shariatpur, Rajbari, Gopalganj and Madaripur.

Zone 4 (Rangamati) — Chittagong, Bandarban, Rangamati, Cox's Bazar and Khagrachari.

Zone 5 (Comilla) — Noakhali, Lakshmipur, Chandpur, Feni and Comilla.

Zone 6 (Naogaon) — Nawabganj, Joypurhat, Rajshahi, Gaibandha, Lalmonirhat and Naogaon.

Zone 7 (Rangpur) — Dinajpur, Kurigram, Panchagar, Thakurgaon, Nilphamari and Rangpur.

Zone 8 (Narail) — Chuadanga, Khulna, Jhenaidah and Narail.

Zone 9 (Sathkira) — Jessore, Meherpur, Kushtia, Bagerhat and Sathkira.

Zone 10 (Magura) — Pabna, Natore, Bogra, Sirajganj and Magura.

Zone 11 (Sylhet) — Moulvi Bazar, Hobiganj, Sunamganj, Brahmanbaria and Sylhet.

Zone 12 (Barisal) — Jhalakathi, Barguna, Pirojpur, Patuakhali and Barisal.

Zone 13 (Navy Ground) — Bangladesh Navy, Bangladesh Air Force and Bangladesh Army.

Zone 14 (Navy Ground) — Bangladesh Railway, Bangladesh Police and Dhaka University.

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Asian Development Bank Loan No. 1293-BAN(SF) : Third Natural Gas Development Project, Part-A

Corrigendum Dated 04.12.96

INTERNATIONAL INVITATION OF BIDS FOR PROCUREMENT OF 1) ENGINEERING SERVICES : TENDER NO. BGFC/L/TNG (SV)025 & BGFC/L/TNG (SV)027-028 AND 2) WIRELINE UNIT AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES : TENDER NO BGFC/L/TNG (MAT)029

The bids as above will be received on 17.12.96 upto 1100 hrs. BST instead of 15.12.96 and will be opened on the same day at 1130 hrs. BST.

All other terms & conditions specified in the tender notices and tender documents will remain unchanged.

PRS-9/C-042-043(TNG)/96 D-1370

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Solution time: 26 min.

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- 23 Rhoda's room
- 24 Spanish dance
- 26 Competent
- 31 Candle count
- 32 Censor
- 34 Itinerary link
- 35 Remove prefix
- 37 1984 Olympics site
- 39 Work unit
- 41 Caffeine
- 42 Matched
- 45 Coasts
- 49 Where briefly
- 51 Chic beach resort
- 52 Furniture wood
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- 54 Uniform
- 55 Misfortune
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- 3 Where composer once
- 4 One with a private office?
- 5 Casino errors
- 6 Literary collection
- 7 Apparel
- 8 Spanish inn
- 9 Just so cute
- 10 Memorandum
- 11 Alumnus
- 17 "The Greatest"
- 19 "Dragner" star
- 22 Futurist
- 24 Despondent
- 25 Gettysburg Address word
- 26 Act of suggesting a specialist
- 27 Belittle
- 28 Penta-teuch bk.
- 30 Freudian concept
- 33 Cover of gloom
- 36 Monstrous
- 38 Turnkey
- 40 Comprehend
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- 43 Highlander
- 44 Toy-store purchase
- 46 Prima donna
- 47 Paradise
- 48 Portion of the score
- 50 "Golly"

CRYPTOQUIP
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CAYY OPACVTCYQYYAM
POCYT JAY ZJACKJQ
C P C Y E Y Z J Q H
Saturday's Cryptoquip: ONCE UPON A TIME, DOWN SOUTH, A FEMALE FLOWER CHILD WAS TITLED MRS. HIPPIE.
Today's Cryptoquip clue 2 equals P.
The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think the X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.