

Zia tastes defeat

CALCUTTA, Dec 10: International master PS Mitrakanth of India defeated IM Ziaur Rahman of Bangladesh to snatch a lead with five points after the sixth round of the Commonwealth Open Chess Championship at the Netaji Indoor Stadium here today, reports PTT.

Zia, who was the sole leader with 4.5 after the fifth round, failed to counter Mitrakanth's attacking game and surrendered in the 44th move on a day which saw most of the Grand Masters winning their matches.

Local favourite and top seed GM Dibyendu Barua, who has already suffered three defeats in the championship so far, got his act together to prevail over compatriot Suvrajit Saha in 42 moves to take his points tally to three.

Asian Cup

UAE in last eight

Hosts United Arab Emirates earned a quarterfinal berth of the 11th Asian Cup soccer tournament after beating Indonesia 2-0 in their last league engagement yesterday.

H Ahmed and Al Talyani scored in the 16th and 47th minutes to give UAE their second win in three matches.

Indira Gandhi Gold Cup hockey from Dec 14
NEW DELHI, Dec 10: Atlanta Olympics gold medalist Australia and runners-up Korea will be the star attractions at the sixth Indira Gandhi international Gold Cup women's hockey tournament to be held from December 14 to 22 at National Stadium here, reports PTT.

Besides host India, China, Russia and Kenya will be the other teams to take part in this prestigious meet, president of Indian Women's Hockey Federation (IWHF), Mrs Vidya Stokes, told newsmen here last night.

Abahani, Biman keep going

Sports Reporter



BRIEF SCORES

ABAHANI KC: 233 for seven in 50 overs (Javed Omar 62, Monirul Huq 41, Akram Khan 33 n.o.; Dipu Roy 3/42)

AGRANI BANK: 136 all out in 43.5 overs (Shuvro 31, Shahid Iqbal 22, Kamrul Huda 26; Dulul 2/19, Javed Omar 2/7)

GMCC: 137 all out in 49.1 overs (Redwan Hassan 24, Md Ali 23, Mohammed Rafique 4/30, Nasir Swakat 2/24, Manna 2/17)

BANGLADESH BIMAN: 140 for two in 34.5 overs (Athar Ali Khan 82 n.o., Nasir Ali Khan 23 n.o.)

venues in the capital yesterday. At the Dhaka Stadium, Abahani, fresh from their double triumph in the Damal Smriti tournament and Reporters' Cup last month, continued their impressive run by inflicting a crushing 97-run defeat on Agrani Bank. This was their third meeting of the season including the Damal Smriti final.

On the other hand, the national airline outfit, equally impressive on the day, posted a thumping eight-wicket win over Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club (GMCC) at the Dhamond Cricket Stadium. The win enabled Biman to crowd the top spot with holders Mohammedans, last year runners-up, Brothers Union and Abahani, all having collected a possible six points from three matches.

For Abahani, half the work for the easy passage against Agrani Bank was done by skipper Akram Khan who, after calling the coin correctly in the morning, decided to bat and contributed an unbeaten 33 to guide his side to a fairly safe total of 233 in their share of 50

overs. After opener Javed Omar Belim Golla with a patient 62 set a rock-hard foundation, the portly Abahani skipper made the most of the last five overs sharing 53 runs off only 34 de-



ATHAR ALI ... 82 n.o.

liveries with Iqbal Hossain before the latter was dismissed by Shahid Iqbal for 15.

Javed, in his characteristic slow but steady 152-ball stay at the crease, clubbed a quartet of fours before being eventually out in the 32nd over, leaving his side comfortably poised on 156/3.

He shared 41 runs for the first wicket with Partho before the dashing left-hander departed for a rapid-fire 29 inclusive of four boundaries and a huge six.

But, the most entertaining partnership in the Abahani innings was a vital 94-run stand for the third wicket between Javed and Pakistani Monirul Huq who scored a polished 41, before both were dismissed by the seemingly ageless Dipu Roy Chowdhury.

The national selector stoked some of his old fire that once upon a time distinguished him as one of the pace aces of Bangladesh to finish with an admirable analysis of 10-2-42-3. He also captured the prized scalp of Abahani's in-form opener Partho.

The good work of Dipu, however, went down the drain when Agrani Bank, in their uphill task of a scoring more than 4.5 runs per over, were at one stage reeling at 53/7 in 17.3 overs.

But, thanks to a doughty eighth-wicket stand of 52 runs between Shuvro and Kamrul,

Agrani Bank were saved from ultimate ignominy.

Apart from that, the only other highlight in the innings of the vanquished was a blazing 22 from Shahid Iqbal. The Pakistani all-rounder who had earlier led his side to a stunning victory against Mohammedan Sporting Club in the Damal Smriti semifinal, clouted three massive sixes in his cameo 14-ball knock before being bowled by left-arm seamer Jahangir Talukder Dulul, who finished with two for 19 in his nine overs.

Meanwhile, in the other match of the day, national opener Athar Ali Khan celebrated his second successive half-century in style but was short by 18 runs of a maiden century this season as he steered Bangladesh Biman to a resounding eight-wicket win over GMCC.

The tall-right hander scored and unbeaten 82 as Biman, chasing a modest GMCC total of 137 in the stipulated 50 overs, rattled up 140/2 with more than 15 overs to spare.

In his 14-ball undefeated stay at the crease Athar hammered 11 sweetly-timed hits across the rope. Biman's Pakistani recruit Nasir Ali Khan, who joined forces with the opener after the fall of skipper Ziaur Rashid Rupom (15) and Habibul Bashar Sumon (12), played the perfect foil at the other end with a patient 23 to chug Biman home without further damage.

Earlier, electing to bat in the morning after winning the toss, GMCC caved in rather meekly in the face of some accurate bowling from national left-arm spinner Mohammed Rafique, who after the initial fireworks of Biman's pace trio of Manna, Pakistani Nasir Shahwat and Babul, ripped through the middle-order to finish with four for 30 in his ten economic overs.

Manna took two for 14, Nasir gave away 24 runs for his two victims while Babul, the most economic bowler among the three, finished with fabulous figures of 10-2-17-1.

Among the GMCC willow-wielders Redwan Hossain with a painstaking 24 off 85 balls and tail-ender Mohammed Ali, who scored 23, were the only notable scores in their paltry total where extras with a lavish 33 stood as the highest contribution.

Bangabandhu Cup gains momentum

Sports Reporter

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AKC grill Police

Sports Reporter

Favourites Abahani began their Bijoy Dibash Cup hockey campaign in style with a record 16-0 thrashing of Police Athletics Club in their opening match at the National Hockey Stadium yesterday.

In an one-sided affair, Abahani led the first half 9-0. Forwards Ramiz Ahmed and Alamgir Alam scored four goals each for the winners, followed by skipper Mamun with three goals and Shamsuzzaman Khan with two goals. Besides, Alam, Lulu and Liton scored one goal each for the winners who will meet Bangladesh Air Force in the quarter-finals tomorrow afternoon at the same venue.

In the days other encounter, Bangladesh Army trounced Bangladesh Railway by seven goals to nil.

Alfaz and Shirazul netted twice each while Humayun, Sanjit and Hasan added one each to the Army account. The winners will take on Usha Krira Chakra next in the quarter-finals also billed for tomorrow afternoon.

Result: Gopibagh FA won by 2 wickets.

BANGLADESH BOYS CLUB: 171 in 33.5 overs (Sumon 41, Rana 32, Nadeem 5/32, Azim 3/29)
GOPIBAGH FA: 173 for 8 in 44.5 overs (Atiq 66, Nehal 33, Rode 3/27)
Result: Gopibagh FA won by 2 wickets.

Gopibagh Friends Association recorded a marginal two-wicket win over neighbours Bangladesh Boys Club in a First Division cricket league engagement at the City Club ground, Mirpur, yesterday.

In a low-scoring 45-over-a-side affair, Gopibagh, cashing on a manageable Bangladesh Boys total 171, reached their winning mark in the penultimate delivery of the 45th over with two wickets in their hand.

Opener Atiquzzaman hammered highest 66 off 87 balls for Gopibagh inclusive of five fours while Nehal added 33 runs to the winners account.

Earlier, put into bat first, Bangladesh Boys were all out for 171 in 43.5 overs with Sumon scoring 41 followed by Rana with 32.

For Gopibagh, Pakistani bowler Nadeem Nazir took five wickets for 32 runs while Azim captured three for 29 runs.

Champions' hockey

India hold Hollanders

MADRAS, India, Dec 10: Hosts India, reduced to 10 men for half the match, held Holland to a 1-1 draw in the Champions' Trophy here today, reports AFP.

Spain scored twice in the last seven minutes to snatch an exciting 2-2 draw against Pakistan, while defending champions Germany beat Australia 3-1 in heavy rain and fading light.

Spanish umpire Santiago Deo sent off Indian midfielder Mohammad Riaz in the first minute of the ill-tempered encounter for hitting Marten Eikel on the face, allowing bringing him back only two minutes after half-time.

As 4,000 irate home fans heckled Deo, the depleted Indians emerged unscathed after a tense first half, with goalkeeper Ashish Ballal saving an 11th minute penalty stroke from Jacques Brinkman.

Riaz was cheered loudly when he returned after the interval, but the smiles vanished when Bram Lomas put the Olympic champions ahead in the 47th minute with a penalty corner.

The Indians pressed hard for the equaliser, and were rewarded just a minute before the close when Gavin Ferreira swooped on a loose ball from a penalty corner and drove home.

Ballal was voted man-of-the-match for his spectacular saves, which allowed the Indians to escape with a draw and take their tally to four points from three games in the round-robin league.

Holland stayed in the lead after three rounds with seven points, one ahead of Germany.



A goalmouth action from yesterday's Bijoy Dibash Cup hockey tournament match between Abahani Krira Chakra and Police Athletics Club at the National Hockey Stadium.

— Star photo

Champions tame Muktis

Sports Reporter

Defending champions, Abahani kept their hopes alive for a rare treble of league championships after registering a 2-1 victory over powerful Muktiyoddha Sangsad Krira Chakra in their penultimate Danish Premier Division football league engagement at the Mirpur Stadium last evening.

In a see-saw affair which saw the first half locked in a goal-less draw, national striker Mijan and Myanmar mid-fielder Than Toe Aung scored in the early second session while mid-fielder Zakir pulled one back for the Muktiyoddhas in the late second half.

It was the thirteenth win for the Dhamond outfit in their 17 outings against four draws which keeps them very much in contention for the coveted crown with 43 points. If their arch rivals Mohammedan Sporting Club win today's match against Bangladesh Boys Club, they will go two points clear of Abahani with 45 points. The league will then be decided when the two giants clash on December 17 in the concluding match. A draw on December 17 will ensure Mohammedans their title while nothing but a victory in that match will bring the sky blues their second hat-trick of championships in the local league since independence.

It was the fifth defeat for the reds in 17 outings against eight wins and two draws which already assured them the third spot in the table with 29 points.

Abahani, the winners of the titles in the previous two seasons, began yesterday's match without the in-form mid-fielder Rumi Rizvi Karim who suffered an injury last week. With Myanmar mid-fielder Aung in charge of the mid-field, they

tried to launch a good number of offensives through both flanks at the initial stage of the game.

But none of their two wingers - Rakib on the left and Mamun Joardar on the right - could help significantly their two strikers - Russian Kazakov and Mijan - to get within a scoring chance.

On the other hand, after sustaining the initial pressure, Muktis made a late first-half rally with Gaus, Zakir and Rupu dominating the mid-field. But, due to a determined Abahani custodian Biplob who made several good saves, Muktis could not dent the Abahani sheen.

After the breather, Abahani took the lead within 40 seconds as Mijan, after receiving an accurate through from Aung at the top of the Muktiyoddha box, made a quick move towards the left and fooled the advancing goalie Arun with a brilliant angular shot that reached the far post. (1-0).

Mijan could have easily doubled the margin six minutes later when he got the ball inside the danger area from the right. But the tall forward took too much time to take position for a shot allowing Shafiqul to clear the ball.

However, Myanmar mid-fielder Aung did the needful in the 54th minute when he got a long pass from his skipper Munna through the mid-field

and rushed towards the right side goal line from where he defeated Arun with a magnificent rainbow volley from almost zero degree (2-0).

After conceding two goals in ten minutes, Muktis returned to the match with a positive approach.

But, referee Ramkrishna denied them a clean penalty in the 60th minute when forward Reaz got the ball inside the small box but was pulled down by Abahani defender Soheli.

However their hard work finally paid off in the 82nd minute when Gaus passed the ball from the right to Zakir who sent the ball home with a powerful grounder past Biplob before he could react. (1-2).

In the remaining time Muktis tried their best for an equaliser but Abahani, having a 2-1 lead, guarded their fort well allowing the opponents no room till the referee blew the final whistle.

Yellow card: Aslam (Abahani).

Teams

ABAHANI: BIPLAB, Hasan Al Mamun, Mijan, Soheli, Partho, Rakib, Kazakov, Aung, Mamun Joardar, Liton, Mijan, Aslam and Kazakov.

MUKTIYODDHA SANGSAD: Arun, Paritosh, Moon (Chandan), Shafiqul, Masood Rana, Zakir, Rupu, Gaus, Nakib and Reaz.

Referee: Ramkrishna Ghosh.

Sher-e-Bangla Cup

Gopalganj in zonal final

Hosts Gopalganj DSA reached the zonal final of the 20th Sher-e-Bangla Cup national football championship eliminating Madaripur DSA by 2-0 goals in the tie-breaker at Gopalganj yesterday, reports UNB.

Zaglu Rahman and Shafiqul Alam Litu scored for the winners.

Gopalganj will play the zonal final on Friday against the winners of Shariatpur and Rajbari DSAs who meet today in the zonal semis.

Ten teams - Chittagong, Joypurhat, Jessore, Jhalakati, Kishoreganj, Laxmipur, Thakurgaon, Meulibazar, Pabna, Narsinghdi DSAs - moved into the zonal semifinals beating their respective rivals at different venues yesterday.

All the 10 teams will play the zonal semifinals on Thursday.

At Rangamati, Chittagong DSA earned a face-saving 1-0 goal victory over Bandarban DSA to meet host Rangamati DSA.

Farhad Khan Rubel netted the match-winner for Chittagong in the 7th minute.

At Nacogoni, Joypurhat DSA beat Nawabganj DSA by 2-1 goals to meet Rajshahi DSA.

At Sakthira, Jessore DSA defeated Meherpur by 2-0 goals to meet hosts Sakthira.

Tipu netted both goals for Jessore in the 72nd and 82nd minutes.

At Barisal, Jhalakati overcame Barguna by 3-2 goals to play hosts Barisal.

Mamun, Quamruzzaman

and Bachchu scored for the winners while Sagor and Moinuddin for the losers.

At Tangail, Kishoreganj DSA registered a low goal victory over Sherpur DSA to play zonal semis against hosts Tangail.

Iqbal scored the all important goal for Kishoreganj in the 23rd minute.

At Comilla, Laxmipur DSA beat Noakhali DSA by 1-0 goal to play against host Comilla.

Nazimuddin Apu scored the match-winner.

At Rangpur, Thakurgaon DSA beat Panchagar DSA by 5-2 goals to play against Nilphamari.

Ehsanul Haq and Strajul Haq each struck twice and So-laiman netted the other goal for the winners while Tuku and Rafiqul scored one each for the losers.

At Sylhet, Moulvibazar DSA eliminated Habiganj DSA by 4-3 goals in the tie-breaker to meet host Sylhet.

Bakul, Mishuk, Mahmood and Moni of Moulvibazar DSA and Zakaria, Zakir Hossain and Quddus of Habiganj DSA converted the spot kicks.

At Magura, Pabna DSA beat Natore DSA by 5-4 goals in the tie-breaker to play with Bogra.

Bhutto, Shamim, Biplob, Bipul and Mahbubul scored for the winners while Shanta, Pinu, Kajal and Maruf netted for the losers.

At Narayanganj, Narsinghdi DSA beat Munshiganj DSA by 2-1 goals to face Dhaka DSA.

Bashir and Shipon scored for the winners while Rabi netted the lone goal for the losers.

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Office of the Executive Engineer, (RHD)

Rangamati Road Division

Notice of RHD Inviting Tenders

1. Tender Notice No : 60/EE/RDD of 1996-97
2. Name of work : Repairing (by carpeting method) and seal coat work at 2nd, 5th, 19th and 22nd KM of Rangamati Manikchhari-Mohalchhari-Khagrachhari Road under Rangamati Road Division during 1996-97 in 3 (three) Groups.
3. Estimated Cost : Gr No I Tk 373235 (At 2nd KM of the road) Gr No II Tk 373235 (At 5th KM of the road) Gr No III Tk 384634 (At 19th & 22nd KM of the road).
4. Earnest Money : Gr No. I Tk 7465/- Gr No. II Tk 7465/- Gr No. III Tk 7693/-
5. Time allowed : 45 (Forty five) days for each Group
6. Eligibility of Contractor : A to E general category enlisted contractors of RHD.
7. Name of office of availability of tender documents : RHD, Road Division, Rangamati/Khagrachhari-I/II (P&D) Division, Sarak Bhaban, Agrabad, Ctg & Road Sub-Division, I/II/Chandraghona/1st Line Mechl. Sub-Division, Rangamati under this Division up to 21-12-96.
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10. Date & time of opening bids : At 12-05 PM on 26-12-96 by the undersigned or his authorised representative in his office chamber in presence of the intending tenderers if they like to remain present.

Sealed tenders in BD Form No 2911 are hereby invited from the enlisted contractors of RHD under general category for the above mentioned works. The lottery shall be conducted on 28-12-96 if the necessity so demands.

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Wednesday 11th December

(All programmes are in local time. There may be changes in the programmes)

BTV

3:00 Opening Announcement
4:00 Quaran Programme Summary
3:10 News in Bangla 3:15
Patriotic songs in 3:20 Recitation from the Geeta 3:25
Rebroadcast of selected programme on Freedom Fighting 4:15 Top Cat
4:45 Tagore Songs 5:00 News in Bangla 5:25
Mener Katha 6:00pm Lok-Lokalya 6:50 Open University 7:00
News 7:25 Documentary on Freedom Fighting's Silver Jubilee 8:00
News in Bangla 8:25 Silver Jubilee of Freedom Fighting - Bangladesh in the eyes of foreign journalists 9:00
Package Drama 10:00 News in English 10:25
Thursdays programme 11:40 Close down

BBC

6:00am BBC World News 6:10

CHANNEL V

6:30am Frame by Frame 7:00

Newsnight 7:00 BBC World

Newsnight 7:00 BBC World News
Report Asia Today 24 Hours
10:00 BBC World Headlines 10:05
World Focus: Bell On Bosnia
11:00 BBC Newsday 2:00 BBC
World Headlines 2:05 World
Focus: Horizon 3:00 BBC World
News 3:30 Time Out: Film '96
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BBC World News 6:15 World
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Focus: Bell On Bosnia 10:00
BBC World News 10:30 Time
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