

Ajax rock Farashganj

Sports Reporter

Fancied Ajax Sports Club canted past a lowly-rated Farashganj SC while Wari Club earned a hard-fought win over Bangladesh Railway on the second day of the Karnaphuli Garden City Club Cup hockey tournament at the Hockey Stadium yesterday.

In the second match of the day, Ajax, one of the five fore-runners in the domestic hockey, punched in seven goals without any reply from the old-wound outfit on their way to a sound start in the 14-team meet.

Placed in a four-team group Ajax will take on Bangladesh SC in their next league match on March 8. But if everything goes by the script, the Group D winners will be decided on March 14 when they will take on Mariners in a crucial match for a passage into the last four.

Back in the match, Ajax led the first half by four goals to nil with Mahabub, Mawdu, Tito and Prince notching once apiece in a span of only nine minutes. The winners then added three more goals in the second session to complete the Farashganj rout with Prince celebrating third goal in the 64th minute.

Meanwhile, in the first match of the day between the two mediocre outfits, Wari Club defeated Bangladesh Railway 4-2.

Moin, Bulbul and Rupak scored one goal each to enable Wari an unassailable 3-0 lead at the breather.

But undaunted by the setback, Bangladesh Railway showed signs of a remarkable turnaround when Ali Iman and Saheab Ahmed pulled back two goals shortly after the lemon break. But when Kabir made it 4-2 in the 60th minute through a nice field goal it was all over for Railway.

Cricketers leave for KL Mar 24

Bangladesh national cricket team is likely to leave here for Kuala Lumpur on March 14 to participate in the ICC Trophy which will begin in Malaysia on March 24, reports UNB.

In the four group 22-team fray, Bangladesh have been placed in Group B with holders United Arab Emirates (UAE), Denmark, West Africa, Argentina and Malaysia.

Bangladesh will face Argentina on the opening day (Mar 24).

FIXTURES

Mar 25: Against West Africa
Mar 27: Against Denmark
Mar 29: Against UAE
Mar 30: Against Malaysia

Inter-varsity cricket

CU crush BUET

Chittagong University defeated Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) by 93 runs in the inter-university cricket tournament at the Jahangirnagar University ground yesterday, reports BSS.

Chittagong were all out for 199 in 40 overs with Polish 59, Shipon 33.

BUET, in reply, made 106 in 32.2 overs. Tipu, Polish and Sarfaraz got two wickets each.

Polish of Chittagong University was adjudged man-of-the-match.



South African number ten batsman Allan Donald helplessly watches his stumps shattering with a Bevan chinaman during the fifth and final day of the first Test against Australia at the Wanderers yesterday. Bevan moped up the South African tail to steer his team to an innings and 196 runs win.

S Africa shabbily beaten



JOHANNESBURG, Mar 4: Spin duo of Shane Warne and Michael Bevan wreaked havoc as Australia systematically destroyed the South African batting to win the first cricket Test by an innings and 196 runs at the Wanderers on Tuesday, reports AP.

It was all over in the matter of 75 minutes of the fifth and final morning. South Africa, resuming on 99 for four and needing 327 runs to make Australia bat again, was bowled out for 130.

After champion leg-spinner Warne had made further inroad to the South African second innings, accounting for the overnight pair of Jacques Kallis and Jonty Rhodes, wrist-spinner Bevan took just 12 balls to wipe out the tail.

South Africa's meet capitulation even surprised Australian skipper Mark Taylor.

"I thought the game would go longer," Taylor said. But he said South Africa was in the unenviable situation of facing a bowler like Shane Warne and also needed another 230 odd runs to make Australia bat again.

South Africa lost their last six wickets in 45 minutes after Warne removed Rhodes (8), Shipon (4) and Kallis (39) bowled around his legs, as he offered no shot.

It was a sweet revenge by the Australians. Three years ago they were soundly beaten by 197 runs in the corresponding Test. Taylor missed that Test due to illness.

Japs' final match today

Visiting Japanese national kabaddi team will take on Bangladesh national side in their fourth and last exhibition match at the kabaddi court of the Dhaka Outer Stadium at 4 pm today, reports UNB.

"The win is right up there," Taylor said. "Going back to this Test match three years ago, it was a very disappointing match for us."

"We were soundly beaten. Two blokes (Warne and Merv Hughes) were fined. It was a pretty ordinary Test Match, overall."

"Three years later we've played a very good Test match," Taylor said.

Warne, rated by Taylor as an "outstanding leg-spinner", took four for 43 in the second innings, and a match return of 6-111.

Bevan finished with four for 32, his wickets coming in the space of 12 balls and costing him just two runs.

Skipper Hanste Cronje blamed the lack of "cricket discipline" for his side's landslide defeat.

"I was very disappointed with the whole five days. I thought we played well below par in this Test," Cronje said, adding his side will need to lift their game at least by 200 per cent to comeback in the series.

Cronje rated the Australians as a "very organised" side that read the five-day game very well.

"They look like a team that really knows what's going on in the five-day game. I don't think we were on the same ground as them. Definitely, they were streets above us," Cronje said. Cronje refused to blame his side's limited-overs success to its indifferent performance in Test cricket.

"We have done quite well in one-day cricket in the last 2-3 years. There is a lot of inconsis-

teny in everything we've done in five-day cricket," he said.

"I think we have learned a lot of lessons in this Test and will make use of them next time around. It is important for us to come back and be stronger," Cronje said.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the fifth and final day of the first Test between South Africa and Australia at the Wanderers Tuesday.

SOUTH AFRICA: First innings 302 (H Cronje 76, D Richardson 72 not out)

AUSTRALIA: First innings 628-8 declared (G Blewett 214, S Waugh 160, M Elliott 85)

SOUTH AFRICA: Second innings (overnight 99-4):

Hudson run out 31
Kirsten b Warne 8
Kallis b Warne 39
Cullinan c Healy b Warne 0
Cronje c Healy b S Waugh 22
Rhodes lbw Warne 8
Pollock not out 14
Klusener c Hayden b Bevan 0
Richardson c Hayden b Bevan 2
Donald b Bevan 0
Adams b Bevan 0
Extras (b-4, lb-2) 6

Total (all out in 69 overs) 130

Fall of wickets: 1-36; 2-41; 3-46; 4-90; 5-108; 6-127; 7-128; 8-130; 9-130.

Bowling: O M R W
McGrath 10 5 17 0
Gillespie 11 4 24 0
Warne 28 15 43 4
Bevan 15 3 32 4
S Waugh 4 1 4 1
M Waugh 1 0 4 0

Result: Australia won by an innings and 196 runs.

Second Test: Port Elizabeth, March 14-18.

KESC cricketers in town

A 13-member Karachi Electric Supply Corporation (KESC) cricket team which included the world's quickest century maker Pakistani youngster Shahid Khan Afridi, arrived yesterday on a week long trip to Bangladesh, reports UNB.

Another team member Pakistani Test cap Shadab Kabir, however, missed the trip.

During the visit, the KESC team will play three to four exhibition matches. They will meet Bangladesh national team in the inaugural match on Wednesday at the BKSP in Savar.

They will also play two one-day matches against the same opponents at the Dhaka Stadium on Friday and Sunday.

The visitors are likely to play a one-day match in Comilla on Monday against Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) Eleven before their departure on Tuesday.

Rate of daily ticket for one-day matches at the Dhaka Stadium on Friday & Sunday: VIP gate no 1, Tk 100, VIP gate no 2, Tk 60, gallery-Tk 20.

SQUAD

Zafar Ahmed (captain), Shahid Khan Afridi, Mansoor Khan, Arif Mehmood, Jaffer Qureshi, Zafar Nazer, Baqer Rizvi, Abdullah Khan, Zafar Ali, Ejaz Farooqi, Asif Ghouri, Fahim Zaidi and Kamil Khan.

BFF's bizarre landmark!

Sports Reporter

The Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) yesterday announced the long list of the officials for the national team which will participate in the two-leg World Cup qualifiers, scheduled to be held in Malaysia and Saudi Arabia this month.

According to a press release issued yesterday, Bir Bahadur, MP, and Fazlur Rahman Babul will act as team leader and manager respectively for the first-leg in Malaysia while Abdur Rahim and Kazi Mishu will replace them in Bangladesh's next visit to Saudi Arabia. German coach Otto Pfister, his deputy Golam Sarwar Tipu and Physiotherapist Dr Golam Shawkat Hossain will, however, feature in both the tours.

Besides, four members of the BFF are also included into the bizarre list; needless to say under the banner of "officials". Of the four, Amalash Sen and Khurshid Alam Babul have been nominated for the Malaysian tour while Golam Rabbani Helal and Abdul Gaffar will vie for Saudi Arabia.

The most interesting episode of the BFF comedy was that the flatterer size of the list "missed the names" of the footballers, indicating to the hectic efforts done by these officials in making an impossible trip possible.

Booters freed from fetter

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Football Federation has decided to relax the restriction on local booters which refrain them from playing more than one league in a season at an executive committee meeting yesterday.

Besides, the meeting also approved Bangladesh's participation in the next Asian under-19 and under-16 football championship.

Steffi may be back in May

FRANKFURT, Mar 4: Steffi Graf, nursing a knee injury, said Monday she probably won't return to tennis before the end of April, meaning she could lose the No 1 ranking to 16-year-old prodigy Martina Hingis, reports AP.

"The injury is worse than I thought. I have to have a break of four to five weeks, then we'll see," Graf said in a television interview.

Hingis has won four tournaments in a row, including the Australian Open, and she could take over as the world's top-ranked tennis player at the end of this month.

Graf was forced to withdraw at the Toray Pan Pacific Open in Tokyo on Feb. 2, where she was to have faced Hingis in the final.

The left-knee tendon infection also prevented Graf from playing in the Fed Cup.

She will also miss tournaments at Indian Wells, California, and Key Biscayne, Florida. Graf said she may return for the April 28-May 4 tournament in Hamburg.

Zia's belated resurrection

Sports Reporter



National champion IM Zaur Rahman got back his winning touch but it was too late to translate his dream into reality!

In the penultimate round of the 13-round Swiss league format, Zia, the local favourite whose aspiration for his first GM norm was shattered on Monday when he lost his eleventh round clash to Indian IM Praveen Thipsay, defeated front-runner GM Jim Plaskett of England at the NSC conference room yesterday.

Playing with black pieces, Zia, who adopted Sicilian defence against his superior counterpart, won the board after 37

Nirman School cricket results

Sports Reporter

St Gregory High School pulled off an exciting one-run win over Bangladesh Rifles School & College in one of the five Dhaka zonal matches of the 15th Nirman School cricket championship, played at different city venues yesterday.

At the Mohakhali T&T ground, St. Gregory won a cliff-hanger when Bangladesh Rifles School, chasing 176 runs for a victory in the stipulated 35 overs, ended up scoring 174 for the loss of nine wickets.

Needing eight runs for victory from the last six deliveries, Rifles School could manage six runs. Gregory's new-ball bowler Bhuyyan, who bowled the last over, did the unenviable job efficiently claiming the wicket of Wahid with his first delivery to run away with three for 25 in his seven overs.

Earlier, sent into bat in the morning, St. Gregory scored a fighting 175 for seven in their share of 35 overs. Saiful top-scored with 39 while Shaqib hammered 37. At the Residential Model School ground, Nilkhet High School recorded an impressive 51-run win over Eton International School in a low-scoring affair.

Sent into bat, Nilkhet scored 165 before being all out in 24.1 overs with Shahadat contributing a rapid-fire 34 off 22 balls. In reply, Eton International School were bundled out for 114 in 31.5 overs in the face of some accurate bowling from Nilkhet bowlers. Sumon took two for 16. Kagal gave only 17 runs for his three scalps while Haradhan and Arshad chipped in with two wickets apiece.

On the eastern strip of the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, BKSP recorded a facile seven-wicket win against Bangladesh Bank School. Batting first, Bangladesh Bank School caved in weekly, garnering 101 in 27.5 overs, losing all of their wickets. Rajib, Zakir and Mizanur evenly shared nine Bangladesh Bank School wickets between them. In reply, BKSP wasted three wickets to reach the summit (105) playing only 13.1 overs with Mahfuz top-scoring 45.

At the Dhanmondi Club ground, Wari High School defeated Mohammadpur High School by 34 runs.

Sent in a high-scoring affair, Wari, defending a huge total of 258 for six wickets, restricted the Mohammadpur boys for 224 for nine in the 35-over-a-side match.

For Wari, middle-order bat Saimoon hammered a blazing 87 off 59 balls while one-down Aftab scored 59. Among the Mohammadpur bowlers, Abdullah captured three wickets for 53 runs in his quota of seven overs.

Meanwhile, in the other match of the day, away at the Mirpur Outer Stadium, Doleswar School earned a convincing six-wicket win over Hanif Model Academy.

ATP's top 20 money makers

MONACO, Mar 4 (Reuters): Leading prize money winners issued by the ATP Tour on Monday.

Players	dollars
1. Pete Sampras (US)	619,178
2. Goran Ivanisevic (Croatia)	396,145
3. Thomas Muster (Austria)	273,254
4. Carlos Moya (Spain)	263,969
5. Todd Woodbridge (Australia)	245,668
6. Michael Chang (US)	242,899
7. Tim Henman (Britain)	232,212
8. Marc Rosset (Switzerland)	210,773
9. Jim Courier (US)	180,760
10. Thomas Enqvist (Sweden)	153,760
11. Serg Bruguera (Spain)	151,825
12. Mark Woodford (Australia)	143,488
13. Joans Bjorkman (Sweden)	137,551
14. Marcelo Rios (Chile)	123,513
15. Javier Sanchez (Spain)	111,885
16. Allan Orsten (US)	110,540
17. Petr Korda (Czech Republic)	107,637
18. Paul Haarhuis (Netherlands)	103,229
19. Sandon Stolle (Australia)	100,682
20. Patric Rafter (Australia)	98,996

Orient SC in final

Sports Reporter



A brilliant all-round performance by Mahmood Faisal propelled Orient SC to the final of the Acme

Second Division cricket league and a promotion to the First Division next year with a convincing six-wicket win over Indira KC in the first semifinal at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

BRIEF SCORES

INDIRA KC: 171 all out in 41 overs (Zaman 82, Shipu 19, Rowmen Kumar 19; Faisal 4/31, Uzzal 4/31)

ORIENT SC: 174 for four wickets in 42.5 overs (Tariq Hossain 55 not out, Faisal 42, Masum 25; Shakhb 3/19)

Faisal claimed four wickets giving away only 31 runs in his eight economic overs as Indira KC, electing to bat after winning the toss in the morning, were all out for 171 in 41 overs.

The Orient new-ball bowler, who ripped through the opponents' top order, at one stage sent Indira reeling at 77 for five before Zaman with a valiant 82 steered his side to some re-

spectability.

The Indira middle-order bat, who clubbed half a dozen fours and three huge sixes in his 94 vigil at the crease, fell for 18 runs short of what would have been a dazzling century against a never-ending procession at the other end. Zaman was bowled by Uzzal, who inspired by the success of grabbing the most sought-after wicket went on to mop up the tail to finish with four for 31 in his seven overs.

In reply, Orient SC, in their chase for 172 in the stipulated 45 overs for an outright win, were off to a jumpy start losing both their openers for 64 runs in 18.3 overs. But Faisal who came in to bat at number three, settled his side into a groove with a breezy 42 off 56 balls inclusive of five hits across the rope.

After the departure of Faisal, Tariq and Masum guided Orient close to victory putting on an invaluable 78 runs for the fourth wicket before the latter fell for a defiant 25 off 47 balls. Tariq, who remained unbeaten on 55 at the kill, then ensured the victory with more than two overs to spare sharing the required 20 odd runs with skipper Shipu. In his 69-ball innings, Tariq hammered four fours, Shakhb with three for 19 in his nine nippy overs was the most successful among the Indira bowlers.

Orient will meet the winners of today's second semifinal between Bangladesh Railway and Spread Eagles in the final.

IIT athletics meet Friday

The annual athletics meet of the Islamic Institute of Technology (IIT), a subsidiary organ of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC), will be held on Friday, reports UNB.

IIT director general Prof Dr AM Patwary will inaugurate the competition at 9 am at the playground of the institute at Board Bazar, Gazipur.

Annual sports

BARISAL, Mar 4: The annual sports competition of Government Women's College of Barisal was held yesterday at the college playground, reports BSS.

School sports

The annual athletics competition of the University Laboratory School was held at the Dhaka University central playground yesterday, reports UNB.

Pro-VC of the Dhaka University Prof Shahid Uddin Ahmed opened the meet as the chief guest.



The 13-member Karachi Electricity cricket team on their arrival at the Zia International Airport yesterday.

moves. With the victory, Zia moved to the third spot in the 14-man table collecting seven and a half points to his name. On the other hand, despite the defeat, Plaskett remained atop the table jointly with Thipsay having managed eight and a half points each. The latter was also beaten in the 12th round by IM Nguyen Anh Dung of Vietnam.

Playing with black pieces and following a Caro-Can defensive technique, Dung outplayed the seven times former Indian champion after 34 moves.

Besides, top seed GM Sergei Tiviakov of Russia, Lithuanian GM Malisauskas, GM Saidali of Uzbekistan and his compatriot Dmitry Kaumov also won their respective 12th round matches.

Tiviakov, the highest rated (2600) player in the tournament, recorded a comfortable victory over local IM Refaat-bin-Sattar. Playing with white pieces against the Sicilian defence of Refaat, Tiviakov checkmated Refaat after 23 moves. The win raised Tiviakov's tally to eight points.

Malisauskas handed GM Niaz Mursheed his third defeat in the tournament. Playing also

with whites, Malisauskas over ran the Sicilian defence of Niaz after 23 moves.

On the other hand, Saidali, who was awarded Grand Master while participating in the meet, and Kaumov won the board against Kayes Hasan and Saifuddin Lovlu respectively.

The day's other match between GM Peter Szekely of Hungary and IM Devaki Prasad of India ended in a draw.

The final round will start today at 8:30 am at the same venue which will be followed by the prize-giving ceremony scheduled at the Hotel Purbani at 4 pm David C Walker, the British High Commissioner to Bangladesh will attend the ceremony as chief guest.

STANDINGS

(After 12th round): 8.5 points — Plaskett, Thipsay, 8 points — Tiviakov, 7.5 points — Zia, 7 points — Malisauskas, Dung, Prasad, 6.5 points — Szekely, 6 points — Refaat, 5.5 points — Niaz, Saidali and 3.5 points — Kayes.

Today's matches: Refaat vs Saidali, Lovlu vs Tiviakov, Prasad vs Kaumov, Zia vs Szekely, Dung vs Plaskett, Niaz vs Thipsay and Kayes vs Malisauskas.



The members of the victorious Armed Police Battalion team receive the champions trophy of the Bangladesh Police Football '96 from chief guest Azizul Haq Proddan, IG (Police), at the Rajarbagh Police Lines ground yesterday. Armed Battalion won the final against DMP by a lone goal with Abdul Qader, who was later declared player-of-the-championship, scoring the match-winner.

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer Road Division, Moulvibazar

It is hereby notified for general information & information of all concerned that in view of reconstructing the Barak Bridge on British Government finance (included in ODA Project) BI MP-2 Package 'G' No. 42/1 near Sarkar Bazar at 42nd kilometre of Moulvibazar-Sherpur port of Dhaka-Sylhet Road under Moulvibazar Road Division, plying of all kinds of transports will remain closed from 12-01 in the night of 12-3-97 to 6-00 in the morning of 12-3-97 for fixing baily bridge over the existing old bridge. The Roads & Highways Directorate expresses its sincere regret for keeping the bridge temporarily closed in the interest of Govt. work.

Ali Ahmed Chowdhury
Executive Engineer (R&H)
Road Division, Moulvibazar

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R&H, Notice Inviting Tender

- Tender Notice No : 195/EE/1996-97.
- Name of work : Supply of spare parts/materials for repair of China Tyre Dagher No. 20-0054 of (R&H) Equipment Control Sub-Division, Dhaka under R&H, Workshop Division, Dhaka.
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Memo No: WWD/26/3280 Dated: 17-2-97/5-11-1403BS

- Tender Invitation Notice No: 106/1996-97.
- Tenders on item rate basis through Bangladesh Form No-2908 under sealed cover are hereby invited from Public Works Directorate's licence holder 1st, 2nd class E/M contractors/bonafide supplier firms having registration certificate from Value Added Tax Department for the undermentioned work. Tenders will be received in the tender box kept at the office of the Public Works E/M Division-1/2/3/4/5/6/7/8/E/M Workshop Division and Eden Building Division, Dhaka as well as the office of the