

# Sport

## Youth cricket Rajshahi, BKSP in zonal finals

**Sports Reporter**  
Rajshahi and Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protishtan (BKSP) moved into their respective zonal finals in Gazi Tank 17th national youth cricket championship yesterday.

At the Dinajpur Stadium, Rajshahi handed Kurigram a humiliating ten-wicket defeat in their Zone F encounter. Chasing a paltry Kurigram total of 53 in 45 overs, openers Martuza and Shiplu remained unbeaten on 34 and 17 respectively as Rajshahi took only 3.4 overs to reach home with all the wickets in their hand.

Earlier, electing to bat, Kurigram batting order capitulated in 22.3 overs. Raj, the man behind the destruction of Kurigram, captured five wickets for 19 runs while Eli took three wickets conceding only four runs.

In Tangail, BKSP registered an eight-run victory over Chuadanga in a Zone D affair. Opting to bat, BKSP were all out for 148 in 35 overs with Shanchoy hammering highest 41. Imadul added 37 runs.

Chuadanga's Babu and Arif shared six wickets conceding 18 and 37 runs respectively. In reply, Chuadanga could manage only 140 before they lost their last batsman off the third delivery in the final (45th) overs.

BKSP bowler Mizan and Imadul captured two wickets each. In the day's other match at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, Pabna booked a berth in the Zone C semifinal with a convincing four-wicket victory over Tangail.

Put into bat first, Tangail reached 170 all out in 42.5 overs with Mishu scoring highest 50. Tareq (29) and Tutul (27) were the other notable run getters.

In reply, Pabna got the summit in 38.2 overs with four wickets in hand. Madan top-scored with 37 followed by Morshed, Russel and Babu who added 25, 18 and 15 runs respectively.

## Inter-varsity cricket JU's

**Sports Reporter**  
Hosts Jahangirnagar University (JU) clinched the inter-varsity cricket title defeating Rajshahi University by 59 runs in the final at the JU ground in Savar yesterday. Batting first, the host team piled up a commanding 224 for eight in their share of 40 overs. The total was built around two swashbuckling half-centuries from Shahabir and Baglu who both ended up on 152. Besides, Mukul scored 42.

For Rajshahi, Rashedul and Babu took two wickets apiece. In reply, the visitors could only muster 165 for the loss of seven wickets after exhausting their quota of 40 overs. Babu scored highest 63 while Rana with 26 and Tushar, who hit a defiant 22, were the other notable run-getters.

Tanvir Ahmed Timir, the right-arm seamer, with three for 25 was the pick of the Jahangirnagar bowlers and Mukul was again in the thick of things claiming two wickets at the expense of 32 runs. Mukul was later declared the man-of-the-final while team-mate Mahfus was adjudged man-of-the-series.

Prof M Aminul Islam, the vice-chancellor of Jahangirnagar University, distributed prizes as the chief guest.

## ACME Div II cricket final Mar 17

**Sports Reporter**  
The final match of the ACME Second Division cricket league between Orient Sporting Club and Bangladesh Railway will be held at the Dhaka Stadium on March 17. According to a Cricket Committee of Dhaka Metropolitan (CCDM) press release issued yesterday, both teams who have already earned their berths in the First Division next year, are asked to prepare accordingly.

## Hudson, Rhodes axed

**JOHANNESBURG,** Mar 10: South Africa have dropped experienced opener Andrew Hudson and middle-order batsman Jonty Rhodes for the second Test against Australia starting in Port Elizabeth on Friday, reports Reuter.

The United Cricket Board of South Africa (UCBSA) announced a squad of 13 players today for the match which South Africa must win to square the three-Test series.

Adam Bacher, nephew of UCBSA managing director Ali Bacher, will definitely open the batting. Pollock said, after being used at number three in Test matches against India earlier this summer. Fit-again Western Province all-rounder Brian McMillan is also certain to take Rhodes' place in the side. McMillan, too, enjoyed success after bowling 18 troublesome overs and scoring 63. McMillan missed the first Test because of an injured ankle. Also in the injured are 36-year-old Natal off-spinner Pat Symcox and 22-year-old Western Province batsman Herschelle Gibbs who toured India at the end of 1996 playing in two Tests. Gibbs is likely to be 12th man.

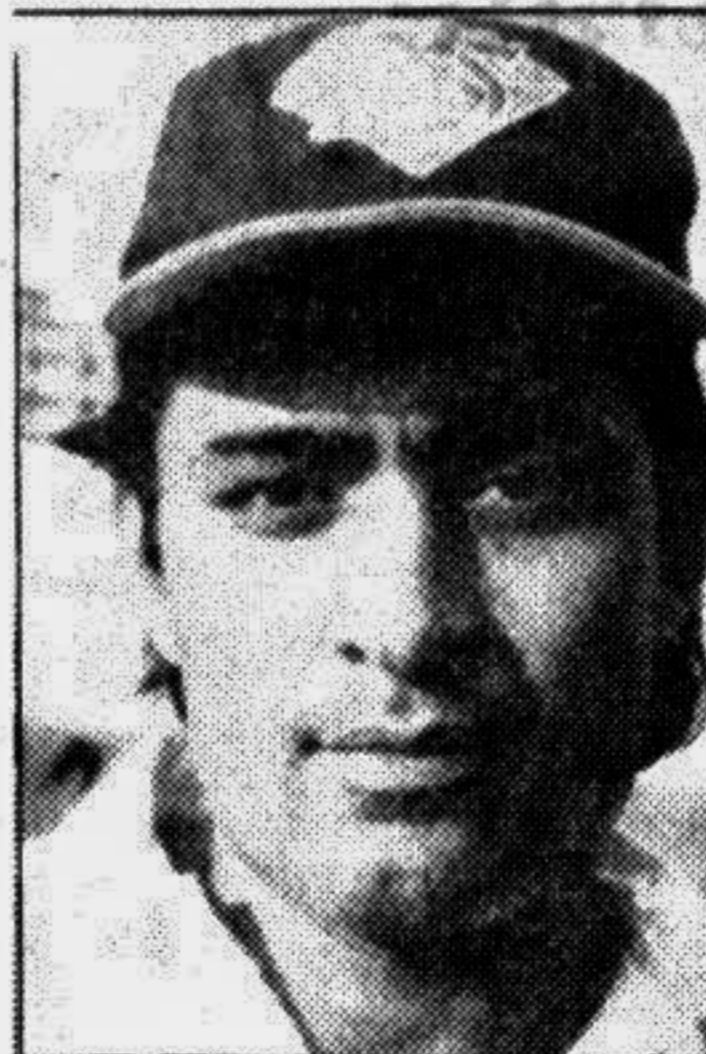
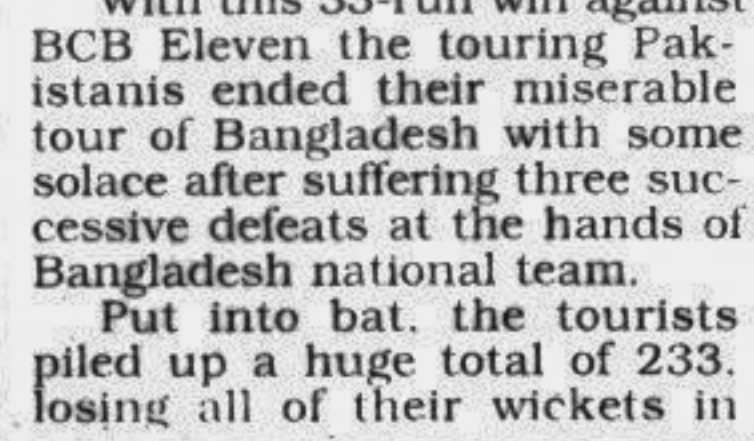
# Visitors' maiden victory

**Sports Reporter**  
Lower middle-order batsman Arif Mehmood overshadowed once again the aggression of his illustrious team-mate Shahid Afridi to help the Karachi Electric Supply Corporation (KESC) post their maiden victory in the tour against Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) Eleven at the Comilla Stadium yesterday.

With this 33-run win against BCB Eleven, the touring Pakistanis ended their miserable tour of Bangladesh with some solace after suffering three successive defeats at the hands of Bangladesh national team. Put into bat, the tourists piled up a huge total of 233, losing all of their wickets in

equal number of fours. Taking off-spinner Sheikh Salahuddin with extreme savagery, he smashed four huge sixers in the penultimate over of the innings, leaving the Bangladesh tweaker in disbelief; on one occasion he sent the ball outside of the stadium. Shahid Afridi, the one-day record holder for the fastest century, lived to his reputation, hammering a breezy 40 off 32 balls which was laced with three fours and equal number of sixes.

Besides, skipper Zafar Ahmed and Zafar Ali contributed 34 and 32 runs respectively to the visitors' account. For the BCB selection which recently toured Pakistan, left-arm medium pacer Morshed Ali



ARIF MEHMOOD... m-o-m bat Hamid Shah hammering highest 50 off 91 balls. Lower middle-order Mozfar Rahman Munna (28) and opener Shahriar Hossain Bidyut (16) were the other notable run-getters for the home side. For the visitors, medium pacers Zafar Qureshi and Asif Gaouri and leg-spinner Shahid Khan Afridi captured two wickets apiece.

## SCOREBOARD

<b>KARACHI ESC</b>				
Mansoor c Altar b Zakir	0			
S Afridi b Morshed	40			
Z Jamal c Jewel b Zakir	1			
Z Ali c Sumon b Munna	32			
Z Qureshi lbw b Morshed	4			
Z Ahmed c Sumon b Morshed	34			
A Mehmood lbw b Sumon	70			
R Rizvi c Salahuddin b Munna	3			
A Gaouri b Sumon	14			
F Jayedi not out	1			
Z Nazeer run out	1			
Extras: (lb-7, w-26)	33			
Total: (All out in 45 overs)	233			
Fall of wickets: 1-1; 2-3; 3-51; 4-58; 5-111; 6-170; 7-186; 8-231; 9-232; 10-233.				
<b>Bowling:</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>
Zakir	9	0	37	2
Morshed Ali	9	0	38	3
Munna	9	1	34	2
Saifullah Gem	9	0	30	0
Salahuddin	6	0	56	0
Sumon	3	0	31	2
<b>BCB XI</b>				
S Hossain b Qureshi	16			
Atiar b Qureshi	1			
Liton b Gaouri	8			
Sumon c & b Gaouri	0			
Hamid Shah st Nazeer b A Mehmood	50			
Farveez st Nazeer b Jayedi	24			
Munna run out	28			
Zakir b Afridi	5			
Morshed not out	15			
Saifullah c Z Ahmed b Afridi	3			
Salahuddin not out	8			
Extras: (b-6; lb-10; nb-6; w-20)	42			
Total: (for nine wickets in 45 overs)	200			
Fall of wickets: 1-9; 2-26; 3-37; 4-41; 5-87; 6-155; 7-162; 8-167; 9-172.				
<b>Bowling:</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>
Baker Rizvi	2	0	11	0
Z Qureshi	9	0	22	2
A Gaouri	6	0	29	1
F Jayedi	8	0	29	1
S Afridi	9	0	39	2
A Mehmood	7	0	34	1
Mansoor Khan	3	1	5	0
Z Ali	1	0	15	0
<b>Result: Kamahi Electric Supply Corporation won by 33 runs.</b>				
<b>Man-of-the-match: Arif Mehmood.</b>				

Skipper of the visiting Karachi Electric Supply Corporation, Shahid Afridi, hoists BCB Eleven medium-pacer Morshed Ali Khan Sumon out of the ground during yesterday's exhibition match in Comilla. — Star photo

their share of 45 overs with Arif Mehmood once again at his brutal best. The middle-order bat, who on Sunday scored scintillating 63-ball 95 against Bangladesh, faced only 58 balls to score 70 runs which contained five sixes

Khan Sumon captured three wickets for 38 runs while Zakir Hasan, Habibul Bashar Sumon and Mozfar Rahman Munna took two wickets each. In reply, the BCB Eleven were restricted to 200 for nine in 45 overs with middle-order

# Bacher calls for change

CAPE TOWN, Mar 10: Ali Bacher, one of the world's senior cricket administrators, said on Sunday he was backing calls for the World Cup to be changed from a four-yearly tournament to a biennial event, reports Reuter.

World Cup every two years," Bacher told Reuters. Bacher also wants to see the number of teams competing in the World Cup increased from the current 12 to 16 for the

"When we talk about countries where cricket is a high profile sport it is actually a very small number," explained Bacher. "We need to come up with a strategy to get the cricket message into new markets and increase the numbers of cricketers in existing markets where the game has a low profile. The World Cup is the way to do that. I know from speaking to government ministers in Kenya that cricket's profile was raised substantially by their country's participation in the 1996 World Cup and their historic win over the West Indies.



The extra revenue would be redirected back into development," he said. The ICC development committee — which includes West Indies vice-president Julian Hunte, MCC secretary Roger Knight and Pakistan's chief executive Majid Khan — has discussed the interim report which has now been submitted to all member countries for consideration. It will be discussed when they meet at the ICC Trophy in Malaysia on March 18 before a final report goes to the ICC annual conference in London in June.

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Players and officials of the Jahangirnagar University team, who clinched the inter-varsity cricket title yesterday. They beat Rajshahi University in the final. — Star photo

# Booters off to Malaysia

**Sports Reporter**  
A 27-member Bangladesh football team left for the Malaysian capital of Kuala Lumpur yesterday to take part in the World Cup qualifying round.

Bangladesh, pencilled in Group One out of the ten Asian zones, will begin their first-leg campaign against hosts Malaysia tomorrow. The match will kick off at 7.45 pm (BST). Bangladesh will play their second match against Chinese Taipei on March 18 before facing Saudi Arabia in their last group league on March 20.

The second leg will begin in Saudi Arabia from March 27. The group champions will qualify for the final round from where the top-down three will earn the elusive tickets for the 1998 World Cup, to be held in France.

# Biman foils BCB's plan

**Sports Reporter**  
Bangladesh is likely to miss one of their four warm-up matches in Malaysia as there are possibilities for not making their departure in time. The national cricket team, which was earlier scheduled to leave for Kuala Lumpur on March 14 to take part in the ICC Trophy — a qualifying tournament among the associate members for the next World Cup — might have to delay their date of departure for one more day due to the non-availability of the Bangladesh Biman.

It was learnt that the national flag-carrier, who had earlier confirmed about the fixture on March 14, surprisingly cancelled the scheduled flight, leaving the fate of Bangladesh's first warm-up match against hosts Malaysia on March 15, in uncertainty. "If we fail to turn up there (Malaysia) in time, we will not only miss the match against the hosts, but also we will have to pay the penalty in cash," said Ashraf Haq, a vice-president of the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) last night. But Ashraf, who is also an influential member of the ICC, did not disclose the exact amount of the penalty.

# Club Cup hockey Usha

**Sports Reporter**  
National forward Rafiqul Islam Kamal scored his second successive hattrick as title aspirants Usha Krira Chakra stormed into semifinals of the Kamaphuli Garden City Club Cup hockey tournament with a cakewalk 6-0 victory over Sonali Bank in their last first round Group C engagement at the National Hockey Stadium yesterday. In the one-sided affair, Kamal, who earlier on Wednesday scored his first hattrick against Police AC in their first group match, continued his superb form and scored four against the mediocre Bank side. Kamal, who put his side ahead in the 21st minute with brilliant field goal, scored another three more in the 39th, 54th and 60th minutes to complete his superb treble. With those four goals, Kamal the stocky centre forward, raised his individual scoring tally to eight in two matches. He also scored four against Police. Kamal apart, skipper Sadeq added the other two in the 37th and 69th minutes. The winners will take on Mohammedan Sporting Club in the first semi billed for March 15 at the same venue. Earlier, in the day's first engagement, Bangladesh Sporting Club defeated Farashganj Sporting Club by two goals to nil. Forward Iqbal netted both the goals, one in each half, to enable his side win their second match in the four-team group D.

# Nat'l junior tennis on

**Sports Reporter**  
The first phase of the further Elite Paint national junior tennis championships got underway at the Rajshahi Tennis Complex yesterday. Twenty-two matches were decided on the inaugural day of the age-group meet. In the U-14 age group, eight matches of the boys singles were played. Babu Lal of Dhaka earned a 6-0, 6-0 cakewalk over Faisal at Rajshahi; Russel defeated Imrul Kayes 6-2, 6-1; Rana outclassed Sajib 6-0, 6-4; Kabir posted a hard-fought 6-4, 7-5 victory against Rubayet; Hamidul surged past Soroy 6-1, 6-2; Alamgir recorded a 6-3, 6-1 win over Komol; Sohail beat Minhaj 6-4, 6-1 and Asmatullah won the grueling three-setter against Sajal by 6-4, 7-5, 6-3.

Meanwhile, in the boys U-14 age group singles, Salahuddin defeated Papul 6-2, 6-1 and MA Hud recorded a hard fought 2-6, 7-5, 7-6 win over Nakul Babu. Earlier, Rezwan-ul-Haq, the commissioner of Rajshahi Division, inaugurated the four-day meet in the morning.

# BAF v'ball

**CHITTAGONG,** Mar 10: Two matches of the Bangladesh Air Force volleyball championship were held here at the BAF Base Zahurul Hoque today, reports BSS. BAF Base Bashar and Air Headquarters Unit won their respective matches in straight sets defeating BAF Base Pahar Kanchanpur and the host base.



Members of the Bangladesh national football team that left yesterday for Malaysia to participate in the Asian qualifying round of matches for the 1998 World Cup finals in France. — Star photo

# Kalu fights a lone battle Fleming's flying start

**DUNEDIN,** New Zealand, Mar 10: A blazing run-a-ball century from wicketkeeper Romesh Kaluwithararana failed to save Sri Lanka from an innings defeat in the first Test in New Zealand on Monday, reports agencies. New Zealand, back to winning ways after a 2-0 home series loss to England, take an

unbeatable 1-0 lead in the two-match series into the next Test starting in Hamilton on Friday. Sri Lanka started the day in the hopeless position of 37 without loss after being forced to follow on 364 behind. But the tourists showed defiance, first through a well-completed 50 by Sanath Jayasuriya and later in a fighting century stand between Kaluwithararana and Chaminda Vaas. They finally surrendered with the total on 328, shortly before the scheduled close of play on the fourth day. Kaluwithararana came to the crease with Sri Lanka at 115 for five and proceeded to smash the Kiwi attack to all corners in reaching 103.

His scintillating 137-run partnership with Vaas ended when he offered a low, hard return catch to teenage left-arm spinner Daniel Vettori. The century included 13 fours and two sixes and was his second in Tests. For New Zealand the Test was a welcome reversal of form. The team went into the match in some disarray, having lost to a mediocre England side and failed to win a Test at home in three years. Lee-German was dumped as skipper last week in favour of 23-year-old Stephen Fleming, the youngest captain in the country's history.

New Zealand were further hit by the late withdrawal of fast bowler Geoff Allott just before the Test began, but proceeded to dominate every session of the Test. Victory was built around a superb unbeaten 267 by man-of-the-match Bryan Young. It was the second highest Test innings by a New Zealander after Martin Crowe's 299, also against Sri Lanka six years ago.

Sri Lanka's hopes of saving the game with a big second innings were dealt a series of blows in the morning session when they lost openers Roshan Mahanama for 21, Jayasuriya for 50, dangerman Aravinda de Silva for nought and Marvin Atapattu for 22. Arjuna Ranatunga went to a stupendous catch by Matt Home at mid-wicket on 13. The Sri Lankan captain tried to hit left-arm spinner Daniel Vettori over Horne but the fielder showed great athleticism to leap high and snare the ball in his right hand. Hasari Tillekeratne was out 18 runs later as Sri Lanka slumped to 133 for six when he was run out to a brilliant piece of fielding by 12th man Chris Harris. All the bowlers contributed equally but most penetrating was Simon Doull, who added to his live wicket first innings bag with three for 82. "I think you can forget about Sri Lanka and see how well we played," Fleming said after the match. "For a long time we've looked at the opposition and judged ourselves on their performance. Our performance here put Sri Lanka away. We did not give them a chance to get into the game. Perhaps it looked as if Sri Lanka weren't up to it but they are a good side. We didn't let them play."

There was a lack of concentration and a lack of desire," Yardley said. "We found ways of getting out that were quite silly. Two of our batsmen got inside edges when they couldn't get their bats out of the way of the ball." **Result:** New Zealand win by an innings and 36 runs (New Zealand lead the two-match series 1-0). **Man-of-the-match:** Bryan Young

## SCOREBOARD

**NEW ZEALAND:** First innings 556 for seven dec (BA Young 267 no, Cairns 70; Vaas 4-14).

<b>SRI LANKA:</b> First innings	222 (Tillekeratne 55, S Doull 5-53; Davis 3-34)
<b>SRI LANKA: second innings</b>	
Jayasuriya c Parore b Doull	50
Mahanama b Doull	21
Atapattu b Patel	22
De Silva lbw b Astle	0
Ranatunga c Horne b Vettori	13
Tillekeratne run out	8
Kaluwithararana c and b Vettori	103
Vaas c and b Davis	57
Wickremasinghe c Doull b Astle	0
Zoysa not out	16
Muralitharan c and b Doull	26
Extras (lb-9, nb-3)	12
Total: (all out in 83.3 overs)	328
Fall of wickets: 1-49; 2-82; 3-85; 4-99; 5-115; 6-133; 7-270; 8-	



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# BCIC International Tender Notice

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The Managing Director, Zia Fertiliser Company Limited, Ashuganj, Brahmanbaria-3403, Bangladesh invites sealed quotation against Tender Enquiry No. (1) ZFCL/OS-1907 Recorder Chart Paper, Ink Capsule & Recorder Pen etc. (2) ZFCL/OS-1913 Refractory Materials (3) ZFCL/OS-1882 for 438.00 kg Foam Control Agent (Polyalkylene Glycol) on C&F (C) Chittagong basis under any suitable source of finance. Cost of tender documents Tk. 400.00 per set (non-refundable) available from the office of (1) The Controller of Accounts, BCIC, 30-31, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka (2) Senior General Manager, BCIC Branch Office, 6, Agrad C/A, Chittagong and (3) General Manager (A&F), ZFCL, Ashuganj, Brahmanbaria-3403, Bangladesh. Tender will be received with 1% Earnest Money of the total quoted value by the General Manager (Commercial), Zia Fertilizer Company Ltd., Ashuganj, Brahmanbaria-3403, Bangladesh up to 2.30 pm on 21.4.97 and will be opened immediately thereafter. No tender document will be sold on the opening date. ZFCL reserves the right to accept any tender or reject any one or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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- Tender Notice No. : 16/1996-97.
- Description of work : Interconnection of pipe lines with new PTWs-3, 4 and 5 at Netrokona under 18-DTP.
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3) Sub-Divisional Engineer, PHE, 18-DTP, Netrokona Sub-Division, Netrokona.
- Receiving office of the tender : 1) Executive Engineer, PHE, 18-DTP, Manikgonj Division, Manikgonj.  
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- Last date of selling tender : 19-3-97 up to office hours.
- Last date and time of receiving tender : 20-3-97 at 12.00 Noon.
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