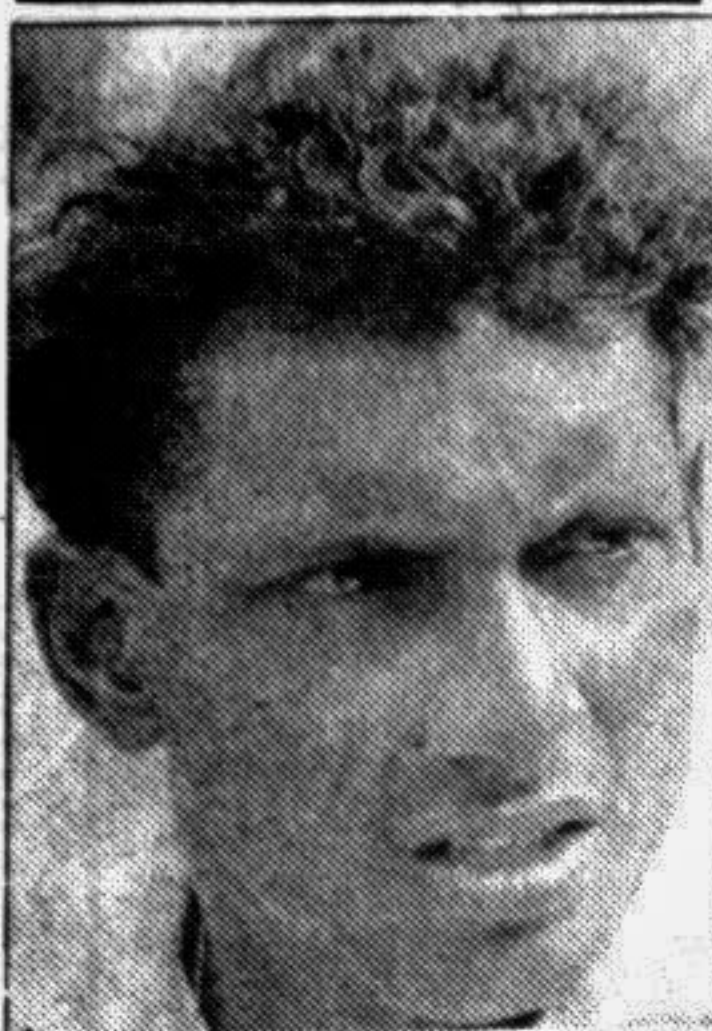


# Column One

## SPORTS TALK



**Aravinda de Silva**

(Sri Lankan cricketer)  
It's just a matter of time. I think I'm hoping the bit ones will come soon. It's a matter of hanging in there; once I get going, I'm sure everything will be fine.

Said in New Zealand about his poor form he is going through.

### Sports

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1	Who lifted the Nirman schools cricket title?	Scholastica	Nganj High	Maple Leaf
2	Who won the 17th national youth cricket championship?	Khulna	Comilla	Rajshahi
3	Who clinched the title of the Club Cup hockey tournament?	Abahani	Mohammedans	Usha
4	Who became champions in the five-nation hockey tournament in Pakistan?	Germany	Holland	Australia
5	Pete Sampras has won all except one Grand Slam singles title. What is that one?	Wimbledon	US Open	French Open

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## WHIZZ KID-66 correct answers

- Who won the third SAARC cricket tournament?  
Ans. Pakistan
- Who clinched the title of the third Grand Masters' chess tournament?  
Ans. Thipsay
- In which group is Bangladesh placed in the ICC Trophy?  
Ans. B
- How many Tests will India play in their ongoing Caribbean tour?  
Ans. 5
- After how many matches has Pete Sampras suffered his first loss this year?  
Ans. 17

# Abahani Club Cup champs

Sports Reporter



Favourites Abahani Kirra Chakra lifted the Karnaphuli Garden City Club Cup title beating arch-rivals Mohammedan Sporting Club by the odd goal in three in the final held at the National Hockey Stadium yesterday.

In a see-saw affair which saw a goalless first half, national forward Alamgir Alam netted both the goals for the winners while Siam-e-Noor pulled one back for Mohammedans.

Abahani, who reinforced their offence with the inclusion of the star Indian forward Dhanraj Pillai, enjoyed a partial superiority over their counterparts in the first half despite not playing up to the mark. Although they were successful in using the Indian national forward as a dummy to keep the Mohammedan defence busy, the other Abahani players seemed too slow to cash in on the advantage of being relatively unmarked. Matters were not helped for the sky blues by the unit state of their inspirational midfielder Mahabub Ha-ron.

On the other hand, Mohammedans, who had three of their vital payers missing in the first eleven due to injury, played better than their fancied opponents from Dhanmondi and held their fort by keeping a strong vigil on Pillai, the man behind their 5-2 defeat against Abahani in the International Invitational Hockey tournament last month.

After the goalless first session, Abahani played all out hockey and took the lead in the 45th minute with Alamgir sounding the board capitalising

on a rebounder. Pillai was instrumental for the goal as the dark, speedy Indian penetrated the Mohammedan defence from the left corner and tried to beat the advancing custodian Javed with a power-packed reverse hit. Javed, who was too focused on the Indian, parried the ball back with his left fist only to see Alamgir, who was standing right in front, steer the ball home.

The lead lived for six minutes only as the black and whites drew level in the 51st minute with Siam scoring his eighth goal of the tournament capitalising on a magnificent free hit by veteran midfielder

## Div II soccer

Sports Reporter

A four-goal burst by striker Zakir Ahmed enabled Jurain Janata Club to hand BG Press Sports and Recreation Club a crushing 4-0 defeat in a Second Division football league engagement at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday.

Zakir struck in the 1st, 31st, 55th and 67th minutes. Earlier in the day's first match, title aspirants Shantinagar Club played out a 1-1 draw with Avijatrik Malibagh. Alauddin of Shantinagar and Avijatrik's Pranotosh netted one each for their sides. Despite the result Shantinagar remained atop the 16-team league standings with 19 points from seven matches.

In the another encounter at the Rajuk Ground, Dhaka Wanderers recorded a solitary goal victory over Gandaria Famous Sporting Club.

Forward Alim scored the all important goal in the 77th minute.

Zahid Biswas from the right flank.

After conceding the goal, Abahani staged a late second half rally and contained their opponents with a series of offensives. The hard work eventually paid them in the 67th minute when Alamgir, after receiving a long pass from Ha-ron, raced into the Mohammedan danger area and blasted the board with a power-packed hit.

In the remaining time, Mohammedans tried their best for the equaliser but a blanket defence opted by Abahani kept them at bay.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader witnessed the final and gave away the prizes. The champions received cash award of Taka 20,000 while Mohammedans landed half that amount as the runners up. Besides, national forward Rafiqul Islam Kamal of Usha Kirra Chakra, who scored ten goals in the tournament including two hat-tricks, and Abahani skipper Mamunur Rashid won the Daily Janakantha awards for the highest scorer and best player respectively and were richer for Taka five thousand each.

Yellow cards: Nixon and Sharafat (MSC).

## TEAMS

**ABAHANI:** Shameem, Mamun, Shipu, Azam, Khurshid, Haaron, Tapan, Pillai, Shamsuzzaman, Raju and Alamgir.

**MOHAMMEDAN SC:** Javed, Rony, Nixon, Khokon, Miraj, Mitul, Ashique (Chapal), Siam, Zahid Biswas, Yusuf and Sharafat.

Umpires: Aslam Belim and Maksudur Rahmaan.



Mohammedan custodian Javed tries to stop Abahani forward Shamsuzzaman during yesterday's Karnaphuli Garden City Club Cup final at the Hockey Stadium. Abahani won 2-1. — Star photo

# Europe's point of no return



Cup qualifying reaches the mid-way stages on Saturday, reports AFP.

A win for Denmark against Croatia in Group One would put them in top spot as would an Italian victory over Moldova in Trieste in Group Two.

Scotland, fresh from their 0-0 draw against Estonia in Monaco in a rearranged match last month, renewed hostilities against the Baltic nation, this time at Kilomarnock.

Group Five leaders Russia, ahead of Israel on goal difference, have the chance to in-

crease their lead at Cyprus, though Israel should win in Luxembourg on Sunday to maintain their challenge for top spot outright.

Group Seven leaders Holland should surely beat San Marino, putting pressure on second-placed Wales who host third-placed Belgium.

And Romania and Portugal, Group Eight and Nine leaders respectively, play Liechtenstein and Northern Ireland in their bid to stretch their advantages.

But on a poor note for Italy, who beat England 1-0 last month thanks to a Gianfranco Zola goal, striker Fabrizio Ravanelli has pulled out of the Moldova match in Trieste.

Doctors confirmed after ultrasound treatment that Ravanelli had a pulled right hamstring.

Scotland will be up against eleven men desperate to impress potential employers when they face Estonia.

A victory would send the Scots four points clear of Austria at the top Group Four, but

Estonia striker Indrek Zelinski has warned that his colleagues are treating the match as the perfect career opportunity.

The Estonians will be fired not just by national pride but by the prospect of a lucrative move to a top English or Scottish club.

Wales boss Bobby Gould will give key striker Mark Hughes until the very last minute to prove his fitness for their decisive Group Seven qualifier against Belgium.

Chelsea star Hughes, who has been carrying a groin strain for several weeks, trained lightly on Thursday, but will train flat-out before discovering whether he is fit enough to play.

Midfielder Richard Witschge has been included in Holland's squad against San Marino — the first time he has been called up by Guus Hiddink since their disappointing Euro '96 campaign.

Ajax's Patrick Kluivert, Arsenal's Dennis Bergkamp and Pierre van Hooijdonk, who recently, transferred from Celtic to Nottingham Forest, are also in Hiddink's plans.

Meanwhile Bryan Hamilton has told his Northern Ireland players to be on their best behaviour ahead of a vital World Cup double header.

No fewer than five of his players will go into Saturday's clash with Group Nine leaders Portugal carrying a booking and knowing that another misdemeanour would bring an automatic one-match ban for next Wednesday's encounter with Ukraine in Kiev.

## Ctg cricket

**CHITTAGONG:** Mar 28: Nasirabad Sporting Club beat Madarbari Club by 75 runs in the opening match of Rahat Mahanagari junior cricket competition at the Dampara Police Lines ground here today, reports BSS.

Nasirabad batted first and scored 197 for nine wickets in the stipulated 40 overs.

In reply, Madarbari were all-out for 122 runs in 31 overs.

**Scores:** Nasirabad: 197/9 (Saidur 43, Dalim 28, Babu 24, Faisal 22, Tanvir 13, Atiq 4/35, Jhony 2/31, Rabi 2/25).

Madarbari: 122 (Delwar 52, Sanjib 30, Jhony 14; Saidur 3/18, Dalim 2/4, Milton 2/26, Minhaj 2/23).

A total of 20 teams are participating in the competition.

## WHIZZ KID-66 winner

Syed Imtiaz Irtiza

Rosie Ann Centre, Banani (Remember to bring your ID card and one passport size photograph while collecting the winner's prize from Sports Desk of The Daily Star at 7:30 pm on April 2).

## REGRETS

Due to space constraint our regular item **CROSSWORD** could not be accommodated. — Sports Editor



Players of Abahani hockey team, which clinched the Karnaphuli Garden City Club Cup title yesterday defeating arch-rivals Mohammedans in the final. — Star photo

## Rani stays on course

Sports Reporter

Defending champion IWM Rani Hamid maintained her winning spree in the 18th national women's chess championship defeating Zakia Sultana in her sixth round engagement at the NSC chess room yesterday.

Playing with white pieces against the France defence of Zakia Rani, who has claimed title a record ten times, overcame her unheralded opponent after a marathon match lasting 72 moves.

Rani raised her tally to five and a half points and remained atop the table with a narrow half a point cushion over Syeda Shabana Parveen Nipa who edged past Afroza Khanum Bably in her sixth round clash.

In the day's other matches, last year's runner up Tanima Parveen tamed Masuda Begum, Rukhsana Gulshan Nikkon beat Farzana Khan Ava while Jahan Ara Haque Runu outwitted Nazana Khan Eva.

Standings (after sixth round): 5.5 points — Rani, 5 points — Nipa, 4 points — Tanima, Bably and Nikkon, 2.5 points — Zakia, 2 points — Runu and Masuda, 1.5 points — Ava and Eva.

**Today's matches:** Zakia vs Runu, Rani vs Bably, Nikkon vs Nipa, Tanima vs Eva and Masuda vs Ava.

## Annual sports for the deaf

Sports Reporter

Dhaka Badhir Sangha and Dhaka Badhir High Court emerged champions and runners up respectively in the sixth annual sports competition for the deaf held at the Dhaka University central sports ground yesterday.

Professor Aminul Islam, the Vice-Chancellor of National University, witnessed the competition and distributed prizes. Rotarian M Ali Hasan, was also present on the occasion.

## Fredericks' feat

**PIETERSEBURG:** South Africa, Mar 28: Namibian 200 metres outdoor world champion Frankie Fredericks broke the 10-second barrier in the 100m sprint in the invitational athletics meeting here on Thursday — running 9.99 seconds, reports AFP.

And even though the time was wind-assisted, Fredericks was more than pleased with his time.

"This is my first race of the season," said double sprint silver medalist at the Atlanta Olympics. "But I'm not really surprised by the time."

In the woman's sprints, Cathy Freeman, Australia's 400-metre silver medalist at Atlanta, easily beat the top South African Adri de Jongh in the 200-metres, recording a wind-assisted 22.56 seconds.

## Howe's comeback delayed

**SYRACUSE, New York, Mar 28:** The comeback attempt of hockey icon Gordie Howe at the age of 69 was put on hold on Thursday, the American hockey league Syracuse Crunch said, reports Reuters.

Howe, who turns 69 on Monday, had hoped to play for the Crunch on Tuesday against the Carolina Monarchs — an outing that would have made the man they call Mr Hockey the only professional ice hockey player to play in six consecutive decades.

# Dutch first in last eight

**KUALA LUMPUR, Mar 28:** Holland booked their berth in the last eight with an easy six wicket win over Fiji at the ICC Trophy here today, reports AFP.

The Dutch, who were one of the three associate member nations to play at the last World Cup on the sub-continent, are well on their way to qualify again for the 1999 World Cup to be held in England.

Dutch bowlers Roland Lefevre and Peter Cantrell helped the favourites in Group C ease into the quarterfinal round, taking four wickets apiece as they combined to bowl Fiji out for 96 in the 42nd over.

Skipper Tim de Leede then completed the rout scoring 48 in as many balls, as Holland sped to 100 for four in 20.5 overs.

Holland now top the preliminary round Group C having gained a maximum six points from three wins. They have also

beaten East and Central Africa by eight wickets and Namibia by ten wickets.

However, their biggest test await them on Sunday when they come up against Canada, the other fancied side in his group. Canada too are set to progress into the next round and the match between these two teams will be mainly to decide which side goes into an easier group for the next round.

The quarterfinals will also be held on a round robin basis with the eight best teams from the 22-team preliminary

spectively. Bermuda defeated PNG by 121 runs while Hong Kong thrashed newcomers to the ICC Trophy, Italy by 145 runs. Bermuda, Hong Kong and Group D leaders Scotland are in the running for the two berths in the quarterfinals.

Meanwhile Singapore and Malaysia both won today on a technical rule with their matches against Gibraltar and West Africa respectively washed out due to rain.

The Asian neighbours were declared winners on a comparative scoring system, being used for the first time, for matches abandoned due to rain.

## STANDINGS

Standings in the preliminary round of the ICC Trophy, here today.

Group A	P	W	L	D	Pts
Ireland	3	3	0	0	6
Kenya	3	3	0	0	6
USA	3	2	1	0	4
Singapore	4	2	2	0	4
Israel	3	0	3	0	0
Gibraltar	4	0	4	0	0

Group B	P	W	L	D	Pts
Bangladesh	3	3	0	0	6
Denmark	3	2	1	0	4
UAE	3	2	1	0	4
Malaysia	4	2	2	0	4
West Africa	1	3	0	2	6
Argentina	3	0	3	0	0

Group C	P	W	L	D	Pts
Holland	3	3	0	0	6
Canada	2	2	0	0	4
Fiji	3	1	2	0	2
Namibia	3	1	2	0	2
E&C Africa	3	0	3	0	0

Group D	P	W	L	D	Pts
Scotland	2	2	0	0	4
Hong Kong	2	2	0	0	4
Bermuda	3	0	2	1	0
PNG	3	1	2	0	2
Italy	3	0	3	0	0



rounds placed into two pools of four.

The top two teams from this quarterfinal round will advance into the semifinals.

The struggle for supremacy in Group D, heated up with Bermuda and Hong Kong both scoring runaway wins over Papua New Guinea and Italy re-

## Today's ICC TIES

Bangladesh vs UAE  
Hong Kong vs PNG  
Kenya vs Ireland  
Namibia vs Fiji  
Scotland vs Italy  
Denmark vs Argentina  
USA vs Israel  
Canada vs East and Central Africa

## Middlesex sign Kallis

**CAPE TOWN, Mar 28:** South African all-rounder Jacques Kallis, 21, has agreed a one-year contract with English county side Middlesex, the United Cricket Board (UCB) of South Africa confirmed on Thursday, reports Reuters.

"We have given our approval after Middlesex were happy to agree to a couple of conditions," UCB managing director Ali Bacher said.

"Firstly, because of the back injury he suffered nine months ago we have asked that Jacques only bowl in one-day competitions."

"Secondly, that if Middlesex are out of the country championship race towards the end of the season then he come back to South Africa on September 1 to rest in time for our tour of Pakistan which begins later that month."

## Simpson's latest setback

**SANTA MONICA, California, Mar 28:** A California judge Thursday ordered former American football star O J Simpson to hand over most of his personal belongings to police, including his Heisman Trophy, reports AFP.

The judge, Hiroshi Fujisaki, presided over the recent civil trial of O J Simpson when he was found liable for the double murder of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend Ron Goldman. Simpson had been found innocent of the deaths in a criminal trial.

The judge said Simpson, 49, had seven days to fulfil the order from the time it is delivered to him.

Judge Fujisaki issued the order at the request of Fred Goldman, the father of Ronald Goldman, whose body was found beside that of Nicole Brown Simpson in June 1994.

In October 1995 a criminal court jury acquitted Simpson of the double murder, but in February this year at a civil trial in Santa Monica, California, the jury found Simpson liable for the deaths of his ex-wife and her friend.



Farzana Khan Ava (L) pondering over her next move against Rukhsana Gulshan Nikkon during yesterday's 18th national women's chess championship clash at the NSC chess room. — Star photo

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## Cabinet Division, Privatization Board

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No. CD/PB/D-(Jute)/189/95/714 Dated: 15/3/97

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Sealed tenders in the prescribed forms are hereby invited from local/foreign buyers (individuals, partnerships, corporate entities of any form, cooperatives, workers'/employees' association and/or any combination of the above) for the sale of the following Jute Mill owned by the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh on "as is where is" basis. Interested buyers will have to submit tender in the prescribed form duly filled in together with other required papers and documents to the undersigned or drop the same personally into the tender box installed for the purpose in the Privatization Board, Jiban Bima Tower (14th floor), 10, Dilkusha Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000 the latest before 11-00 AM on May 4, 1997.

Name of the Jute Mill to be Sold:

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- Set of prescribed tender forms, tender conditions and other related papers can be procured from the undersigned on all working days from March 22, 1997 to May 3, 1997 between 9-00 AM and 2-30 PM on cash payment of Tk. 5,000/- (Taka five thousand only) or US\$ 125 (US Dollar one hundred twenty five only) which is non-refundable. No tender form will be sold after 2-30 PM on May 3, 1997.
- Interested Bangladesh citizens living abroad, foreign buyers willing to procure the tender forms may contact Bangladesh High Commissions/Embassies in London, Washington, Brussels, Riyadh, Abu Dhabi, Islamabad, New Delhi, Tokyo, Kuala Lumpur and Singapore during March 22, 1997 to May 3, 1997. They should, however, ensure submission of their tenders along with necessary papers to the address mentioned above by 11-00 AM on May 4, 1997 by their own arrangement. Tender received after the said date and time will not be entertained.
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- Privatization Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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