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Sports Reporter

Armanitola Jubo Sangha, Brothers Union, Biman and Armanitola Juniors won their respective Senior Division matches of the AB Bank table tennis league held at the NSC wooden floor gymnasium yesterday.

Armanitola Jubo thrashed Inter Sports 3-0 while Brothers handed Wari Juniors an identical defeat. In the day's other two matches, Biman and Armanitola Juniors defeated Ajax Sporting Club and Swamibagh Boys respectively also with the same margin.

In the First Division, Bangladesh Bank Club outplayed Purbachal Parishad by a 3-0 while Uttara Club defeated Bangladesh Sports Journalists Association (BSJA) 3-1.

In the other matches, Young Pegasus and Mohammadpur Boys recorded identical 3-2 wins over Combined Sporting Club and Synthia Sporting Club respectively.

Div II b'ball

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A second half rally enabled Cantonian Sporting Club to come from behind to beat Young Angels 67-57 in yesterday's lone Second Division basketball league match played at the Dhamondhi Gymnasium.

TODAY'S MATCHES
Kurmtila Youngsters vs The Giants (4:30 pm)
Bakshibazar Club vs Cantonian SC (6 pm)

Gaibandha soccer

From Our Correspondent

GAIBANDHA, Oct 18: The Deputy Commissioner Gold Cup football tournament, organised by the District Sports Association, begins at the Gaibandha Stadium here tomorrow.

A total of eight teams will take in the tournament. DC of Gaibandha Sharafuddin Ahmed is expected to inaugurate the meet.

Age-group swimming for women

Sports Reporter

The four-day Green Delta Insurance age-group swimming championship for the women began at the Sultana-Kamal Women Sports Complex pool this morning under the auspices of Bangladesh Women Sports Association.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader will inaugurate the meet at 8 pm.

Bat rules in Shield cricket

Sports Reporter

BRISBANE, Oct 18: Champions Queensland registered their third highest score against New South Wales (NSW), but it was not enough to complete victory in their Sheffield Shield cricket match here today, reports AFP.

The match, which produced 1,305 runs and five individual centuries on a benign batting pitch, fizzled out to a draw when both captains called off play early with no hope of a result. Queensland took first innings points.

Matthew Hayden scored 181, Martin Love 129 and Stuart Law retired hurt 106 for Queensland, while NSW test captain Mark Taylor hit form with 124 and Michael Bevan knocked out 153.

Today's final day, Queensland declared their innings against NSW at 650 for five at lunch in reply to NSW's 464 and at the close, NSW, batting a second time, were 191 for three with Mark Waugh not out 69.

In Adelaide, South Australia (SA) and Tasmania played out a draw with SA taking innings points.

Needing 317 for victory, South Australia were hanging on at 207 for six at the close with Jamie Siddons on 23 and Brad Young on nine.

SA claimed innings points, scoring 381 in reply to Tasmania's 301.

Titans' easy victories



Title contenders Mohammedan Sporting Club and Kalabagan Krira Chakra were off to winning starts in the 18th Dama Smriti cricket tournament with heavy defeats of their respective opponents at different venues in the city yesterday.

But both the giants made heavy weather in their opening matches, where Mohammedans survived an early scare before posting a six-wicket win against Bangladesh Railway while Kalabagan recorded a huge 127-run victory over Bangladesh Boys, thanks to a century partnership for the undefeated sixth wicket between Zakaria Intiaz and Abul Hasan Nahid.

At the tiny City Club ground in Mirpur, an under-strength Mohammedans skittled Bangladesh Railway out for a meagre 83 in 38 overs and then went on to rattle up 86 for four in 17.1 overs to make the mockery of a match, whose fate at one stage looked uncertain following protest by the popular Motiheel outfit.

The match started one hour behind the schedule when stand-in Mohammedan skipper Nasir Ahmed Nasu refused to play terms, the newly-laid law as underprepared. The former national wicketkeeper, captaining in place of regular captain Aminul Islam Bulbul who along with three other Mohammedan key players returned home yesterday after completing a disastrous tour of Nairobi, however, ate his own words as the match finally got underway at 10.10 am.

Nasu won the toss and quite predictably invited his opponents in a bid to make the first use of the dicey wicket. Although, the ball kept a little bit low early in the morning, the fragile batting line-up of Railway was only to be blamed for a paltry total.

Only Opeher Harun-ur Rashid, who scored a defiant 24, batted with a purpose while others perished quickly, nibbling at deliveries better to be left alone. Harun's 20-plus knock was the only double-digit contribution apart from 23 extras.

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BRIEF SCORES

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MOHAMMEDAN SC: 86 for four in 17.1 overs (Hathurasinghe 23, Parvez 21, Sajid 14 n.o.; Titu 2/26)
Result: Mohammedans won by six wickets.

KALABAGAN KC: 216 for five in 50 overs (Zakaria 59 n.o., Nahid 55 n.o., Sher Ali 27, Shipon 21; Sumon 3/20, Labbu 1/12)
BANGLADESH BOYS: 89 all out in 39.3 overs (Mridul 24, Extras 20; Mona 4/19, Saikat 3/15, Zakir 2/20)
Result: Kalabagan won by 127 runs.

season with Abahani, joined Mohammedans this year. Marshad Ali Khan Sumon, another left-arm in the Mohammedan line-up, captured two wickets in his seven overs. But it would have been a more resounding day for the young medium pacer had not the better-fingered Mohammedan fielders dropped as many as four catches.

Unfortunately though, Hathurasinghe, the Sri Lankan recruit of Mohammedans, was also among the culprits. He dropped a straight forward catch at long off Sumon in the 37th over.

Although the Sri Lanka Test discard scored highest 23 runs in Mohammedans' innings, it was by any standard a rusty debut for the right-hander. The bald Sri Lankan, opening the Mohammedan innings with Parvez, did play some authoritative shots in his chancy 21-ball knock which included a quartet of fours, but he got himself out while going for a rash shot off the bowling of slow medium pacer Faisal.

Young opener Parvez, who was out to prove that there was

no evil on the wicket, drove his way to a breezy 21 studded with four hits across the rope. Together with Hathurasinghe, the right-hander put on 48 runs in only 8.4 overs.

But once the Railway skipper introduced his spinners after the two new-ball bowlers failed to do any good, Mohammedans batsmen went through a brief spell of sheer panic, losing four of their wickets for the addition of only 17 runs.

Both Parvez and Hathurasinghe departed in successive balls. Parvez was caught behind the wicket in last ball of off-spinner Titu before Faisal disturbed the furniture of Hathurasinghe with the very first ball of the 10th over.

One-down Selim Shahed returned for a duck, offering a straight-forward catch at mid-off Titu, reducing Mohammedans to 53 for three in 10.1 overs. Tension mounted at the Mohammedan tent when Mehrab Hossain Opee was caught at silly point off Faisal after scoring 11 runs.

But thanks to a plucky unbeaten 14 from Sajid Hasan and a captain's knock of 11 not out from Nasu, Mohammedans reached home and dry.

Meanwhile, in the other match of the day on the eastern strip at the Dhamondhi Cricket Stadium, Zakaria Intiaz and Nahid shared 126 runs for the undefeated sixth wicket to help Kalabagan pile up a huge total of 216 in their quota of 50 overs.

In reply, Bangladesh Boys were shot out for a meagre 89 in 39.3 overs as the wrecker-in-chief off-spinner Jewel Hossain Mona finished with fantastic figures of 9-2-19-4.

Mona was ably supported by left-arm spinner Sharfud-dowla Ibne Shahed Saikat, who took three wickets for only 15 runs in his seven overs.

Earlier, batting first after winning the toss, Kalabagan slumped to 90 for five before Nahid joined forces with a portly Zakaria to feature in a spectacular rescue operation.

Zakaria scored an unbeaten 59 in his workmanlike 85-ball knock which yielded only two fours while Nahid, the young right-arm seamer and more aggressive off the two, clubbed seven fours for his dazzling 55.

Bold beginning for SA

Sports Reporter

SHEIKHUPURA, Pakistan, Oct 18: South Africa were 154-2 at close after winning the toss and electing to bat on the second day of the second cricket Test against Pakistan here today, reports AFP.

About 170 minutes of play was lost due to wet outfield and pitch after the first day's play on Friday was completely lost. Opeher Adnan led the way with a flowing 78 not out and with him at the crease was Daryll Cullinan (1) when bad light stopped play 10 overs short.

South Africa were given a fluent and confident start of 135 runs by Gary Kirsten and Bacher.

Kirsten adopted a careful approach but Bacher was on the offensive, reaching 50 off just 77 balls with eight boundaries.

Pakistan captain Saad Anwar, relying on his spinners, introduced Mushtaq Ahmed in the 13th over but both South African openers negotiated the spin well, hitting and driving at will.

Saqain Mushtaq and Ali Hussain Rizvi were introduced before tea but the Pakistani spinners bowled a little short. They did beat the bat but without luck.

"The pitch has slowed down after rain and we will have to restrict them to below 300," Pakistan coach Haroon

Rasheed said.

Pakistan gave Test cap to 23-year-old leg-spinner Rizvi, one of three spinners in Pakistan side.

Wasim Akram staged a comeback after five months.

At tea the Africans were 89 without loss. Bacher was left off by Akram in the slips off Rizvi when he was 64. Kirsten compiled his 50 off 142 balls with six fours. After adding six more, Kirsten edged one off Akram on to his stumps giving the bowler his 312th wicket.

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SCOREBOARD

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Fall of wickets: 1-135; 2-152. To bat: Hansie Cronje, Jonty Rhodes, Lance Klusener, Shaun Pollock, Mark Boucher, Pat Symcox and Paul Adams.

Bowling (to date): O M R W Akram 11 3 21 1, Mahmood 7 22 0, Mushtaq 13 6 36 1, Saqain 13 2 40 0, Rizvi 9 1 28 0

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played all 38 Tests since South Africa's re-entry in 1991 failed to recover from a hamstring problem.

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Biman U-14 soccer

Final round begins Oct 27

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Manikganj will take on Rangamati in the inaugural match as the final round of the Biman under-14 national football championship begins in Cox's Bazar from October 27. In the other match billed for the opening day, Sherpur will meet Shariyapur.

A total of ten teams including eight qualifiers—Manikganj, Rangamati, Barisal, Joypurhat, Sherpur, Shariyapur, Jessore and Nilphamari, will be featured in the final round which will be played on knockout basis. Defending champions Dhaka and Cox's Bazar automatically qualified.

Nat'l boat race held

The John Player Gold Leaf 22nd national boat race, organised by Bangladesh Rowing Federation, was held on the Buriganga near Bangladesh-China friendship bridge yesterday, reports BSS.

Bangladesh Ansar, led by Maleka, got the first position in the women's seven pedaller while Narayanganj Rowing Club and Kulsom Akhtar's team from Munshiganj earned the second and third positions respectively.

In the seven pedaller (men), Sicily Rowing Club of the capital grabbed the first position while Babul Mian's team and Abdul Khaled's team, both from Kaliganj got the second and third positions respectively.

Saifa of Keraniganj got the first position, Faisal Ali's team (Siraiganj) the second and Karanul Express (Srinagar, Munshiganj) the third positions in the 25 rowers' kosha.

In all, 22 teams and clubs took part in six events sponsored by Bangladesh Tobacco Company (BTC) Limited.

President of Bangladesh Olympic Association and Chief of Army Staff Lt General Mohammad Mahbubur Rahman witnessed the meet as the chief guest and distributed prizes.

Managing director of BTC Hugh E Tweed, attended as a special guest.

Brunei to host '99 SEA Games

JAKARTA, Oct 18: After years of swelling ever bigger, the Southeast Asia Games are likely to be scaled back considerably when tiny Brunei plays host in 1999, reports AP.

Brunei sports official Adina Othman said the next SEA Games are likely to have between 16 and 20 sports, compared with the 34-sport extravaganza put on this year by Indonesia.

Jansher right on target

ALEXANDRIA, Egypt, Oct 18: Jansher Khan's plan to win all the major professional squash events around next month's World Open Championship got off to a flying start on Friday when he won the Egyptian Open, reports Reuters.

Top seed Khan, who will not defend his title in Malaysia for personal reasons, defeated Canadian Jonathon Power 15-5, 15-11, 15-7 but the manner of the triumph was negative.

By winning the major events around the championships, he wants to show that he is still the best player in the game whatever the result in Malaysia.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Premier Division football league: Muktiyoddha KC vs Agrani Bank SC (4:30 pm)

First Division football league: Badra Jagarani Sangsad vs Police AC (2:30 pm)

18th Dama Smriti cricket tournament: Victoria SC vs City Club (DCS)

Dhaka Wanderers vs Lalma-tia Club (CCG)

Zimbabwe beat Kenya

Sports Reporter

NAIROBI, Oct 18: Zimbabwe beat Kenya by 83 runs in the first final of the President's Cup at Nairobi's Gymkhana Club ground today after play had to be abandoned because of rain, reports AFP.

At that stage, the home team had made 172 for seven in 40 overs in reply to Zimbabwe's 281 for eight in 50 overs.

Under the tournament rules, Kenya needed to have scored 255 runs — 90.7 per cent of Zimbabwe's runs.

Kenya got off on the wrong foot when prolific opener Deepak Chudasama was bowled for two by Bryan Strang in the third over.

An effort by Maurice Odumbe (67) to swing the game in Kenya's favour failed when his partnership with Steve Tikolo (28) was broken.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the first match of the best-of-three finals of President's Cup tri-national cricket tournament between Kenya and Zimbabwe in Nairobi Saturday:

ZIMBABWE: G Flower b Tikolo 69, A Flower st Otieno b Sheikh 79, G Rennie c Vader b Tikolo 13, G Whittall c M Suji b Tikolo 17, Campbell c T Suji b Odumbe 51

Wishart c M Suji b Odumbe 18

Evans b Oduyo 9

P Strang not out 10

B Strang b Oduyo 3

A Whittall not out 2

Extras: (lb-4, nb-3, w-3) 10

Total (for 8 wickets) 281

Did not bat: M Mbangwa

Fall of wickets: 1-154; 2-154;

3-179; 4-193; 5-246; 6-262; 7-

268; 8-279.

Bowling: O M R W

M Suji 8 0 36 0

Odumbe 6 0 48 2

T Suji 7 0 32 0

Kadim 7 0 22 0

Odumbe 6 0 44 2

Tikolo 10 0 41 3

Sheikh 10 0 54 1

KENYA:

Chudasama b B Strang 34

Otieno b G Whittall 28

Tikolo not out 28

Odumbe c A Whittall b G Flower 67

Vander b P Strang 5

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Odumbe c A Flower b G Flower 13

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Extras: (lb-1, lb-3, nb-3, w-2) 172

Total: (for seven in 40 overs) 281

Fall of wickets: 1-03; 2-57; 3-

83; 4-104; 5-127; 6-162; 7-172.

Bowling: O M R W

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P Strang 7 0 29 1

G Whittall 8 0 40 2

A Huckle 5 1 18 0

C Evans 2 0 18 0

G Flower 2 0 6 2



Abahani's Uzbek striker Anatoly in the air, makes a disparate attempt to score during their Premier Division league match at the flood-lit Mirpur Stadium yesterday. Anatoly had helplessly watched three of his attempts being denied by the woodwork which eventually cost Abahani dearly. — Star photo

Abahani falter again

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After a brilliant run through the centre the tall blond forward pushed the ball to an onrushing Masum at the left flank. Masum then sent a neat cross to Rana at the middle of the small box whose placing was going apparently towards the opposition custodian Tony before Zakir came in and pushed the ball home.

Although Abahani earned the lead it was Arambagh who had two distant chances in the early stage of the match. But Abahani custodian Biplab came to his side's rescue on both occasions with his acrobatic skills.

After the breather Abahani could have gone 4-0 up had the posts not denied Anatoly thrice.

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