



A goalmouth action during yesterday's Premier Division encounter between Abahani and Agrani Bank at the Mirpur Stadium. The match ended goalless.

## Sport

### Akram, Suzuki face to face

KARACHI, Oct 23: Pakistan cricket star Wasim Akram is demanding 50 million rupees (1.25 million dollars) from leading car firm Pak-Suzuki, accusing it of illegally using his name in publicity, reports AFP. Akram's lawyer, Kamaluddin Azfar, said the pace bowler had been shocked to see the company promoting its name using pictures of Akram bowl-

ing. Illegal life-size pictures of Akram have been put in show rooms of the car firm.

The 30-year-old cricket star, who had been off for five months due to a shoulder injury, earns a fortune modelling for several companies.

Azfar said if the company did not pay in seven days he would file a suit. The company did not comment.

Incessant rains have marred the first two Tests of the series leaving the result on the Faisalabad Test.

The series opener at Rawalpindi had just two innings completed while the second Test at Sheikhpura lost three and a half days due to heavy rain and the chaos it brought.

## Final Test begins today

Both sides are pinning their hopes on the final Test in this industrial town while clouds hovered around without bringing rain.

"We really look for positive cricket at Faisalabad and hope that there will be a decision in the final Test. Fans have not been able to watch exciting cricket between the two top teams," Pakistan coach Haroon Rasheed said.

South African captain Hansie Cronje and coach Bob Woolmer were confident their team will enter with an edge after scoring 402 runs against Pakistan at Sheikhpura.

Today the two teams practised at the Iqbal Stadium pitch which has some grass. But it remains to be seen if it helps seamers.

Pakistan included local pacer Shahid Nazir in the squad with Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis in the hope the pitch may help the seamers. In that case Pakistan will play with one spinner.

Pakistan also recalled opener Aamir Sohail who will be playing his first Test after remaining out of the team for almost one year.

Faisalabad has a history of tame draws. Former Australian great fast bowler Dennis Lillee in 1979-80 had termed the Faisalabad pitch "a graveyard for fast bowlers."

A total of nine Tests out of 18 played here have remained resultless, with Pakistan winning six and losing three.

**TEAMS**

**Pakistan** (from): Saeed Anam (captain), Aamir Sohail, Ali Naqvi, Ijaz Ahmed, Inzamul Haq, Mohammad Wasim, Moin Khan, Wasim Akram, Azhar Mahmood, Waqar Younis, Saqlain Mushtaq, Mushtaq Ahmed and Shahid Nazir.

**SOUTH AFRICA** (from): Hansie Cronje (captain), Gary Kirsten, Adam Bacher, Darryl Cullinan, Brian McMillan, Jonty Rhodes, Lance Klusener, Shaun Pollock, Dave Richardson, Mark Brouche, Allan Donald, Pat Symcox and Paul Adams.



HANSIE CRONJE

### AB Bank TT

#### Sports Reporter

Favourites Bangladesh Biman maintained their all-win record in the Senior Division of the AB Bank table tennis league defeating Wari Club 3-1 at the NSC wooden floor gymnasium yesterday.

With the win, Biman joined Armanjada Jubo Sangha at the top of the ten-team Senior Division table both having full 14 points from seven matches.

In the day's other matches, Brothers Union posted their sixth win in seven outings thrashing Inter Sports 3-0 while Biman Red beat Wari Club 3-1.

In the First Division, leaders Bangladesh Bank recorded their fourth successive victory taming Jatrabari Krira Chakra 3-0. Besides, Synthia Sporting Club outplayed Mansoor Sporting with the identical margin while Swamibagh Table Tennis Association defeated Purbachal Parisad 3-1.

### Olympic course

#### Sports Reporter

The five-day long Olympic Solidarity course on sports leadership, organised by the Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA), began in the city yesterday.

SM Akram, the president of Bangladesh Rowing Federation, inaugurated the course as chief guest. BOA Secretary General Golam Qudus Chowdhury was also present.

A total of 40 organisers nominated by different national federations, are taking part in the course.

### Div II hockey

Uttara Hockey Club and Barak Samaj split points in the Green Delta Second Division super league when they played to a goalless draw at the Hockey Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

The day's other match between Shantinagar and Cantonian SC was called off due to ID card problem of Shantinagar players.

Tournament committee will hold a meeting Sunday to fix a fresh date for the match.

### TONDAY'S MATCHES

Combined SC vs Uttara Hockey Club (1:45 pm)  
Wanderers Club vs Cantonian SC (3:15)

### New health club

#### Sports Reporter

A modern health club equipped with latest machinery has recently started catering services to the health conscious people of the city.

The club — Famous Gym, Health and Slimming Centre — at New DOHS in the city's Mohakhali area went on operation on October 1.

Famous major areas of expertise and concern include, weight loss and gain, belly and abdomen reduction and waist trimming, hip reduction, slimming and shape up, cut down extra fat and cholesterol, physical fitness, body building, increasing energy and stamina. Besides, it has Sauna and Steam Bath and Yoga facilities.



## Abahani in an abyss

#### Sports Reporter

The Premier Division jinx of the Abahani Krira Chakra continued as the title-aspirants recorded their third successive draw against a lowly Agrani Bank Sports Club.

The popular outfit appeared to have completely lost its way in a hazy maze as its star booters failed to score a single goal against the minnows in one of the two Senior Division matches played at the Mirpur stadium.

Abahani, the Federation Cup champions who were wandering in the wilderness with two draws in two matches against Victoria Sporting Club and Arambagh Krira Sangha, tried in vain to break the deadlock in their third Pioneer Division match.

Although they went all-out right from the word go, neither the lady luck nor their goal-bound forwards did any good to avoid the draw. The result however marked the longest drawn streak of the sky-blues in their 29-year history of football.

Substitute Sourav Raju's volley from a goalmouth melee was rebounded off the cross piece in the 51st minute while in the 73rd minute Tipu's header from a Barun cross rocked the same opponent in vain.

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**AGRANI BANK:** Bijan, Rafique, Bishu, Atique, Raj, Narayan, Mangal (Johny), Alamgir, Kabir (Ekram Rana), Masood Rana and Kanchan. Referee: Nazir Hossain.

### B BOYS BEAT POLICE AC

In the other match of the day, Bangladesh Boys Club registered a solitary goal victory over Police Athletics Club to earn full points in the First Division league.

In a dull affair, Bangladesh Boys Club forward Rana struck the match-winner shooting the ball home from a Tutul pass in the very third minute.

It was the first win for the Gopibagh outfit in three matches which raised their points tally to four points. On the other hand, Police remained glued to their previous collection of two points on completion of their third match.

**TODAY'S MATCHES**

**Premier Division**  
Muktijoddha Sangsad KC vs Farashganj SC (4:30 pm)  
**First Division**  
Badda Jagarani vs Dhanmondi Club (2:30 pm).

## Kalabagan keep cruising

#### Sports Reporter

Title aspirants Kalabagan Krira Chakra recorded their second successive win in the 18th Damal Smriti cricket tournament when they handed a six-wicket defeat to Gulshan Youth Club at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

The last year's semifinalists, chasing a paltry Gulshan total of 101 in the stipulated 50 overs, reached 105 for four in 29.4 overs for their massive 127-run drubbing of Bangladesh Boys in their Group D opener on Saturday.

Gulshan Youth, who won the toss and opted to bat first, only invited a disaster when they were bundled out in 38.2 overs in the face of some fire-draw bowling from Kalabagan new-ball bowler Talha and left-arm spinner Enamul Haq Moni who evenly shared six wickets among them.

Talha, who ripped through the top order, finished with three for only 11 runs in his six overs. While Moni gave away 26 runs for his three scalps. The slow-left armer in his mop-up

operation on the fragile Gulshan lower-order was ably supported by off-spinner Jewel.

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After the good work of the bowlers, Kalabagan were off to a flying start with their openers Sajid Ahmed, Shipon and Harun-ur-Rashid Liton putting on 60 runs in 13.1 overs before the later was run out for 35 off 44 balls.

Shipon scored 24 before being bowled by Jewel, who also captured the wicket of Pakistani Sher Ali (28) to return as the most successful Gulshan bowler with two for 25 runs in 10 overs.

Away at the Mirpur City Club ground, GMCC recorded their first win at the expense of Wari Club.

Sent into bat, GMCC scored 178 before being all out in 46.1 overs and then went on to skittle Wari out for 129 in 38.4 overs to post a 49-run victory.

But it was Mr Sundries, which provided highest contribution to the GMCC total with 33 followed by a captain's knock of 30 from Ripon.

Farzul Rahman of Wari captured four wickets for 25 runs in his 10 allotted overs.

Meanwhile, at the Dhanmondi Club ground, Lalmatia Club defeated Sadharan Bima by a flattering margin of 72 runs.

Put into bat in the morning, Lalmatia piled up huge total of 229 before being all out in 48.2 overs with one-down Ridwan scoring highest 46.