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COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Competition-81

Tick the Correct Answers

Competition closes at 8 pm, Oct 31, '97

- 1 Who holds the women's 10,000m run world record? Wang, Otty, Terrence

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SPORTS TALK



Saqlain Mushtaq (Star Pakistan off-spinner) Wasim Akram, Waqar Younis, Brian Lara, Saeed Anwar...

Again Diego sidelined

BUENOS AIRES, Oct 29: Diego Maradona said on Tuesday he will be out of action for at least 10 days after suffering another injury in Saturday's Buenos Aires Derby between Boca Juniors and River Plate...

Eves' water polo on Olympic schedule

SYDNEY, Oct 29: Women water polo players will compete at an Olympic for the first time in the Sydney 2000 edition, giving females parity in all Olympic team sports...



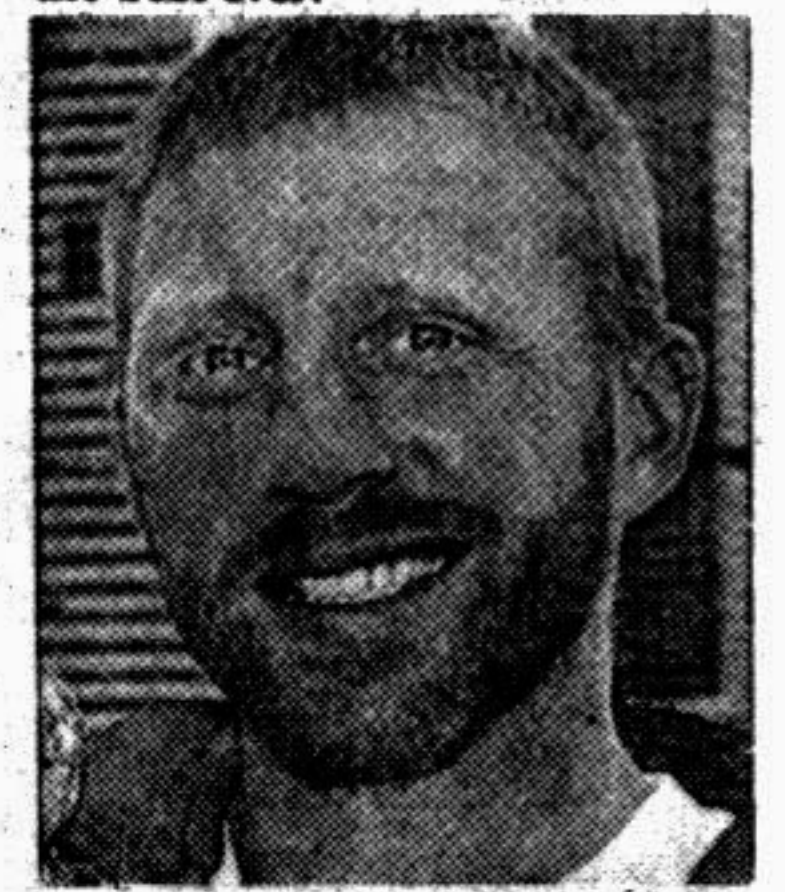
Action from yesterday's Premier Division football league encounter between Muktijoddha Sangsad Krira Chakra and Youngmen's Club Fakirerpool at the Mirpur Stadium. Muktis won the match 2-0. —Star photo

Muktis maintain streak

Intiaz Ahmed Nabik guided Muktijoddha Sangsad Krira Chakra to their fourth straight victory in the Premier Division league after defeating Youngmen's Club Fakirerpool 2-0 at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday. Muktis scored both goals to put his side at the top of the table with maximum 12 points...

Pete stands in Boris' way

PARIS, Oct 29: Three-time winner Boris Becker has dismissed Australian Mark Woodforde in the second round of the Paris indoor event, reports Reuters. The 30-year-old German, currently 35th in the world rankings, took just over an hour to beat Woodforde 6-2, 6-4 and earn his clash with the world number one and top seed...



BORIS BECKER "We've played some matches against each other and this is not the most important one. It is important of course and as long as I play, I will play 100 per cent," he said.

Rally of China from Nov 2

The Rally of China, which begins on November 2 in Xiamen, is a special race in many more ways than on for the UIM Formula One World Powerboat circus, says a press release. First, it comes after a seven-week hiatus from competition, the longest break during the nine-race 1997 campaign. The lengthy break was necessary, however, as all of the teams competing in the previous round at Campione in mid-September had to pack all of their powerboats, engines and other equipment into containers and ship them off to China within days of the Italian Grand Prix...



1997 U.I.M World Formula One Power Boat Championship

Biman U-14 football Hosts, Manikganj reach semis

From Our Correspondent COX'S BAZAR, Oct 29: Cox's Bazar and Manikganj moved into the semifinals of the Biman under-14 national football championship at the local stadium here today. In the day's first match, the hosts beat Shariyatpur by a solitary goal. Forward Shipon truck the winner in the 63rd minute. Manikganj eliminated holders Dhaka by an identical margin. Rakib scored the goal for Manikganj in the 48th minute. In the semis Cox's Bazar will take on Nilphamari while Manikganj will face Joypurhat on Friday.

Damal cricket on Betar

Bangladesh Betar will broadcast the running commentary of the semifinals and final of 18th Damal Smriti cricket tournament from the Dhaka stadium, a press release said yesterday, reports BSS. The semis will take place on November 3 and 4 and the final on November 6.

Div II h'ball

Mansoor Sporting Club recorded a tight 12-11 victory over YDP handball team in yesterday's lone Ashraf Real Estate Second Division handball league match played at the handball court adjacent to Dhaka Stadium. The winners led the first half 6-4.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Azampur SKS vs West Jatrabari KC (2:30 pm) Farashganj SC vs Prottyasha Club (3:30 pm)

AB Bank TT super leagues begin today

The super leagues of the AB Bank table tennis league will begin at the NSC wooden floor gymnasium today. Armanitola Jubo Sangha, Biman, Biman Red, Brothers Union and Inter Sports will participate in the Senior Division super league while Dhaka Marine Youngs Club, Uttara Club, Bangladesh Bank, Young Pegasus, BSA and Moham-madpur Boys Club will be featured in the First Division super league. Besides, the six-team First Division women's league will also begin simultaneously at the same venue. The teams are: Biman, Brothers Union, Biman Red, Swamibagh TTS, Armanitola Samaj Kalyan Sangha and Armanitola Juniors.

Team bridge

Nine-day team bridge championship organised by the Dhaka Metropolitan Bridge Association will start at 3 pm on Friday at the Bangladesh Bank Club premises, states a press release, reports BSS. Sixteen teams are expected to participate in the preliminary rounds of the tournament on Friday and Saturday. Six teams will then play in the round robin league, the press release added.

Hockey squad announced

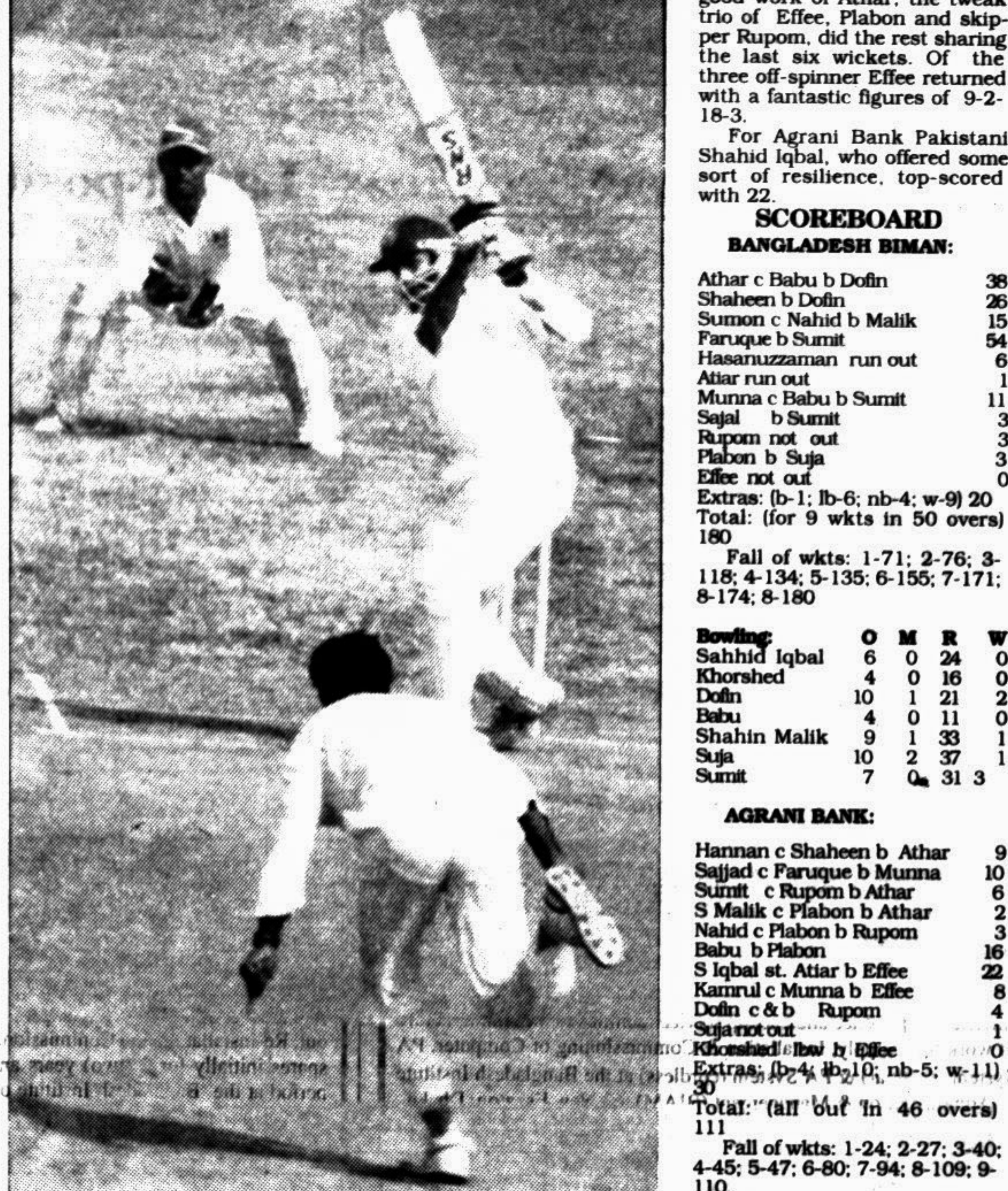
Bangladesh Hockey Federation yesterday announced a 20-member squad for the Surjit Singh memorial and Nehru Cup meets to be held in India, reports UNB. Surjit Singh tournament will be held in Jalandhar of Punjab from November 3 to 15 while Nehru Cup in New Delhi from November 15 to 25. The team comprises four officials and 16 players. Center forward Mohammad Sadek has been named as captain while Khurshid Alam as his deputy. Players: Shamim Ahmed, Javed, Rabiuddin, Mamun-ur Rashid, Issa Mia, Ishfaq Ahmed, Khurshid Alam, Mah-bub Harun, Rafiqunnabi Nakib, Musa Mia, Ashiquezaman, Mahbub Ehsan, Sadek, Rafiqul Islam Kamal, Giasuddin and Ramiz Ahmed. Officials: Monwar Hossain (Chief of the mission), Zahidur Rahman (manager), Ehtesamul Haq (coach) and Fazlul Bari Ahmed Bakh (physician). Headed by: Rashid Khan, Shahidullah Khokon, Tutul Kumar Nag and Shamsuzzaman.

Venkata's refutal

VIJAYAWADA, Oct 29: Vice president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) N Venkata Rao yesterday said people with vested interests were making baseless allegations against International Cricket Council president Jagmohan Dalmiya, reports PTI. He was reacting to allegations made by the sports secretary of Delhi and Districts Cricket Association (DDCA) Sunil Dev involving Dalmiya that the telecasting rights for the Independence Cup were awarded to US-based firm WorldTel even before the bids had been proceeded. Rao, who is also honorary secretary of Andhra Cricket Association, in a statement said it was strange to note that Dev chose to make allegations after more than a year.

Agrani stoop to Athar

A scintillating all-round performance by Athar Ali Khan inspired title-chasers Bangladesh Biman to a 69-run win over last year's runners-up Agrani Bank in their second round group league opener of the 18th Damal Smriti cricket tournament at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. The tall right-hander, opening the innings with Ahmed Fayaz Shaheen, laid the foundation of a fighting Biman total of 180 with a flawless 38 and then went on to capture three wickets for only three runs in his miserly eight overs, to help the national airmen's knocking Agrani Bank out for a meagre 111 in 46 overs. Athar, who played some brilliant shots in his 70-ball knock, gave Biman a solid start putting on 71 runs in 22 overs before being caught at square



Biman opener Athar Ali Khan drives Kalabagan's Shahid Iqbal of Pakistan during their 18th Damal Smriti cricket tournament clash at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. —Star photo

leg off a wicked Dofin delivery which popped up from a good length to earn a nick from the national opener. Dofin, the first change Agrani Bank bowler, struck again in the 26th over when he dismissed Shaheen for 26 with a gem of an in-swing. After the dismissal of both for 31 in his seven overs. In reply, Agrani Bank, aided by some indiscipline bowling from Biman's new-ball duo of Sajal Chowdhury and Mofizur Rahman Munna, were off to an inspiring start with their openers Hannan Sharkey and Sajjad Kadir sharing 24 runs in 22 balls.

Ranatunga being hopeful

COLOMBO, Oct 29: Sri Lankan captain Arjuna Ranatunga said that his side was keen to do well during the forthcoming tour of India. In an interview to PTI before the Test series beginning next month, Ranatunga noted that his side has not done well in India for 15 years but said, "This is the first time we will be going (there) on a longer tour after we won the World Cup. About the Indian team he said, "The batting is very strong though bowling is slightly weaker. But I think it's not a side you can underestimate anyway. They have brilliant players like Sachin and Azhar to start with, backed up by Ganguly, Rahul Dravid, Kambl and Jadeja. So it's a fairly decent side." The Sri Lankan skipper, however, felt that it was not wise of India to open with Sachin in one-dayers. "He is too good a player to sacrifice early. It's like Sri Lanka opening with Aravinda de Silva." The Sri Lankan skipper is also of the view that Sachin took over as captain too early, but now that he has been given the job everyone should encourage him. Attributing physical fitness as the key to the radical transformation of Sri Lanka, that is from everybody's whipping boys to world beaters, Ranatunga said it was the appointment of Alex Canturi as the physical instructor that

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer. ACROSS 1 Colonists of a sort 5 Minor worker 8 'Dante's Peak' outflow 12 Reindeer herder, probably 13 '2001' computer 14 Algerian seaport 15 On the briny 16 'All the Things You...' leader 17 Watch over 18 They're good for a laugh 20 Nora's pooch 22 Inexperienced ones 26 Dover's cliff material 29 Born 30 Car work-ers' union: abbr. 31 Not pre-recorded 32 Put together 33 Taj Mahal locale 34 Praiseful piece 35 Back 36 In shadow 37 Inexpensive, encased one 40 Star 41 Fish bunch 45 H.S. sch. 46 Pouch 49 Gumbo 50 Hole in the head? 51 La-leader 52 BBO order 53 More, to 55 van craft 56 Letter opener? 57 Mtg. DOWN 1 Medicoe 2 Hardy 3 Challenging 3 Duet tool 4 Sequin 5 Action film 6 Highlight 6 Crew need 7 Gathered gradually 8 Gambling 9 Parlor game 9 Parlor game 9 Parlor game 10 IT get you moving 11 Moreover 12 Clumsy 13 Women of the night 14 Thelston trophy 15 Tom Joed, e.g. 16 Balls 17 Gish-wagion girl 18 Army rank: abbr. 19 Prop for Marham's man 20 Jackie's second mate 21 Haggar novel 22 - the line 23 Drug dealer's apprehender 24 Convince 25 Coagulate 26 Gish 27 1960s TV crime-fighting duo 28 Checks 29 Twain, Crane, Cain, and Costain 30 Shiver's chapeau 31 Dopey 32 Women of the night 33 Thelston trophy 34 Tom Joed, e.g. 35 Balls 36 Gish-wagion girl 37 Army rank: abbr. 38 Prop for Marham's man 39 Jackie's second mate

CRYPTOQUIP H'CQ RQEI MRJM MRQ PGOHP'W NJCGEHMQ NGGI T'JW PEQJO GN T'HM Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IT STILL SEEMS THAT THE CRITICAL MASON OFTEN CASTS THE FIRST STONE. Today's Cryptoquip clue: O equals M The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

National pace prospect Mofizur Rahman Munna laid his future on the line when he hurtled down five wickets and three no-balls in his first over while his partner Sajal struggled to maintain both line and length. But once the flustered Biman skipper Ziaur Rashid Rupom removed them from the firing line and brought an experienced Athar Ali in the eighth over, the complexion of the game changed rapidly. Athar, who made the most of the turning wicket, struck with the very first ball when he had opener Hannan Sharkey caught at gully for nine. The slow-medium pacer then went on to dismiss one-down Sumit (6) and Pakistani Shaheen Malik (2) to swing the match in Biman's way. And Agrani Bank, who were at one stage cruising with 24 for no loss, lost half of their wickets for only 47 runs. After the good work of Athar, the tweak trio of Efee, Plabon and skipper Rupom, did the rest sharing the last six wickets. Of the three off-spinner Efee returned with a fantastic figures of 9-2-18-3. For Agrani Bank Pakistani Shahid Iqbal, who offered some sort of resilience, top-scored with 22.

SCOREBOARD BANGLADESH BIMAN: Athar c Babu b Dofin 36, Shaheen b Dofin 26, Sumon c Nahid b Malik 15, Faruque b Sumit 54, Hasanuzzaman run out 6, Atiar run out 1, Munna c Babu b Sumit 11, Sajal b Sumit 3, Rupom not out 3, Plabon b Suja 3, Efee not out 0. Extras: (b-1; lb-6; nb-4; w-9) 20. Total: (for 9 wkts in 50 overs) 180. Fall of wkts: 1-71; 2-76; 3-118; 4-134; 5-135; 6-155; 7-171; 8-174; 8-180. Bowling: O M R W, Sahhid Iqbal 6 0 24 0, Khorshed 4 0 16 0, Dofin 10 1 21 2, Babu 4 0 11 0, Shahin Malik 9 1 33 1, Suja 10 2 37 1, Sumit 7 0 31 3. AGRANI BANK: Hannan c Shaheen b Athar 9, Sajjad c Faruque b Munna 10, Sumit c Rupom b Athar 6, S Malik c Plabon b Athar 2, Nahid c Plabon b Rupom 3, Babu b Plabon 16, S Iqbal st. Atiar b Efee 22, Kamrul c Munna b Efee 8, Dofin c b Rupom 4, Suja not out 1, Khorshed b b Efee 0. Extras: (b-4; lb-10; nb-5; w-11) 30. Total: (fall out in 46 overs) 111. Fall of wkts: 1-24; 2-27; 3-40; 4-45; 5-47; 6-80; 7-94; 8-109; 9-110. Bowling: O M R W, Sajal 4 0 14 0, Munna 7 1 24 1, Athar 8 5 3 3, Rupom 8 2 14 2. Plabon 10 2 18 1, Efee 9 2 18 3. Result: Bangladesh Biman won by 69 runs. Man-of-the-match: Athar Ali (Biman). TODAY'S MATCH Mohammedan SC vs Brothers Union