

Div III cricket qualifiers

Sports Reporter

Renaissance Cricket Club, DCC Mirpur, Aladin Smriti Sangsads, Dilkusha Sporting Club and Chawkbazar Youngmen's Club won their respective Lotus-Kamal Third Division qualifying round matches played at different city venues yesterday.

BRIEF SCORES

FIGHTER KC: 144 all out in 34.1 overs (Arun 34, Ranju 29, Bablu 23; Nadim 2/19, Mohitosh 2/20, Mintu 2/24, Mehdi 2/25)

RENAISSANCE CC: 145 for seven in 34.3 overs (Rommel 40, Extras 30, Gaffar 20, Sumon 20; Arun 3/26)

Result: Renaissance won by 3 wickets at City Club ground.

LAKUTHI CLUB: 123 all out in 33.5 overs (Tapash 35, Extras 37, Sajal 18, Fudal 12; Tareque 4/17)

DCC MIRPUR: 124 for seven in 31.1 overs (Rumi 38, Extras 31, Bony 18; Tito 4/25, Sajal 2/19)

Result: DCC Mirpur won by 3 wickets at T&T ground.

ALADIN SS: 93 all out in 30.1 overs (Extras 24, Javed 23, Arshad 21; Iqbal 3/17, Masum 3/24, Johny 2/16)

PALLABI CTC: 90 all out in 27.4 overs (Shuvro 18, Prince 17, Extras 17; Javed 5/18, Raju 2/24)

Result: Aladin SS won by 3 runs at Uttara Friends Club ground.

SWASTIKA CRICKETERS: 117 all out in 28.4 overs (Extras 28, Sumon 27, Soni 13; Tony 3/24, Babu 2/24)

DILKUSHA SC: 121 for one in 12.4 overs (Badshah 78 n.o., Rana 19 n.o.)

Result: Dilkusha SC won by 9 wickets at Mohammadpur Eidgah.

DIPAYAN CC: 180 for eight in 35 overs (Extras 47, Akram 32, Wahid 23 n.o.; Nasim 4/30, Kawar 2/43)

CHAWKBAZAR YMC: 181 for seven in 29.3 overs (Apu 74, Extras 37, Sumon 28; Mamun 2/20, Wahid 2/31)

Result: Chawkbazar YMC won by 3 wickets at Mirpur Outer Stadium.

Soccer school soon in city

Pintoo Football Camp, a new training school, will be inaugurated in the capital on February 25, reports UNB.

The private school named after the captain of Swadhin Bangla football team, Zakaria Pintoo, will initially pick 120 youngsters from across the country.

The course aimed at the underprivileged will be held on weekly holidays for one a year, organisers told a press conference yesterday.

German coach Holger Obermann will look after the school's activities and training programme financed Kaya Cosmetics Limited.

National coach Mohammad Sadek has been given the responsibility of choosing the junior players and grooming some local coaches.

The departure of Salim Ma-

MSC make it to final

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Mohammedan Sporting Club set up a final clash with their arch-rivals and holders Alabari Krira

Chakra defeating star-studded Bangladesh Biman by eight runs in the second semifinal of the 18th Damal Smriti cricket tournament at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

In a nail-biting finish, the national airline outfit required 17 runs from the last twelve deliveries to overhaul a commanding Mohammedan total of 204 for eight in the stipulated 50 overs.

But the imminence of a memorable win which was earlier boosted by a whirlwind 28 runs from national all-rounder Mdofizur Rahman Munna was effectively ended in the blues when Ruwan Kalpage gave away only three runs in the penultimate over of the innings, leaving Biman with a tough-yet-possible proposition of scoring 14 runs from the last six deliveries.

And when Hasibul Hossain Shanto, the tall national right-arm seamer who was invited by his skipper Aminul Islam Bulbul to do the most unenviable job of bowling the last over, knocked off Hasanuzzaman's middle-stump with the very first delivery it was all over for Biman, who could manage only five runs before eventually perished out for 196 with two wickets in hand.

The defeat turned out to be a protracted plight for Biman, who had to painfully watch yet another brilliant effort from their star Pakistani batsman Salim Malik went down the drain.

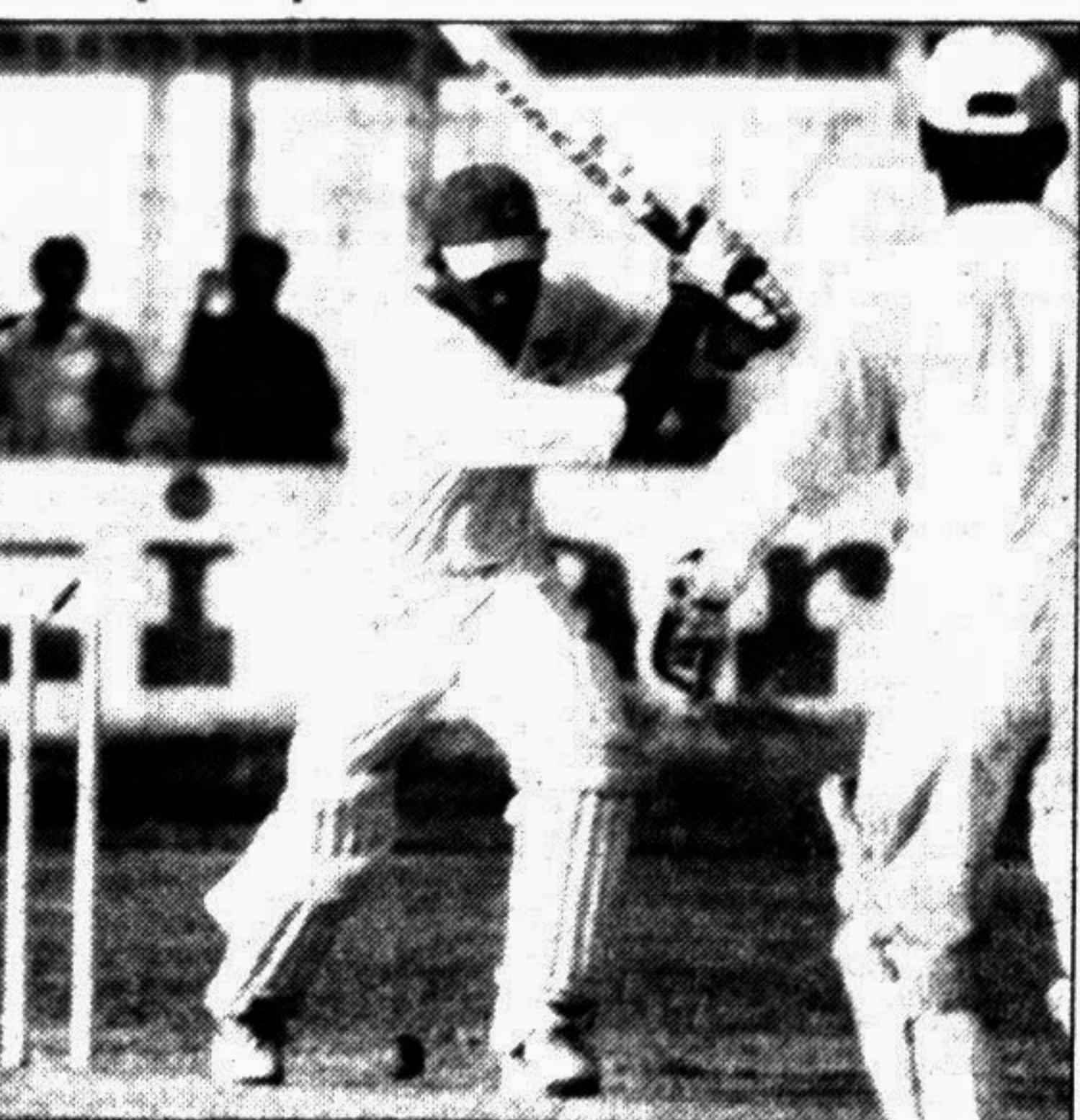
The elegant Pakistani stroke-maker, who came into bat at number four with Biman reeling at 11 for two, scored a dazzling 33 before being undone by a slower delivery from Shanto. Unlike his previous match against Kalbagan where he fought a lone battle with a magnificent unbeaten 92, Malik made the daunting chase easier for Biman albeit he occupied the crease briefly.

Mohammedans, who knew that their total was not safe enough to defend against the solid Biman line-up, came up with a attacking frame of mind with their skipper Aminul introducing spinner Kalpage with the new ball.

Aminul paid the penalty while going for a back-foot drive and was clean bowled. Kalpage, bowling with a silly and a backward point, then had Sumon caught brilliantly by Kalpage in the first slip.

After the two quick blows Biman, however, recovered from a disappointing start when Salim Malik joined opener Atiar to put on an enterprising 55 runs for the third wicket. The veteran Pakistani middle-order batsman was cruising along before his little cameo innings ended in the 15th over when he was caught at mid-wicket by Dulu with miscuing an intended pull over in field circle.

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Bangladesh Biman's Mdofizur Rahman Munna is clean bowled by Jahangir Alam Dulu (not in the picture) of Mohammedan SC during the second semifinal of the 18th Damal Smriti tournament at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

— Star photo

Kalpage returned in the penultimate over. The Sri Lankan, who was pick among the Mohammedan bowlers with 3/37 in his 10 overs, later adjudged man-of-the-match for playing the vital role in his side's sensational triumph.

Earlier, the Mohammedan total was revolved around an agricultural 47 from their make-shift Pakistani opener Shahed Mahmood and a fine 46 from veteran Minhalzul Abedin Nannu. Besides, Dulu, who wielded his willow at anything and everything as did Mahmood in the earlier part of the innings, made a very useful contribution of an unbeaten 20 embellished with a cracking reverse sweep through extra-cover in the last over of the innings.

The grand final between the two popular outfits will be held on Saturday. But Mohammedans are certain to miss the service of Kalpage, who was scheduled to leave the capital last night to comply with a more demanding job for his country. Mohammedans are reportedly trying to rope in Mohammad Hussain, the Pakistani left-arm spinner and a huge sixer over long-off of Mohammedan captain Aminul.



KALPAGE ... in-charge

Taking the bowlers to the sword, the young right-arm seamer, gave the Mohammedans a real scare when he clobbered 12 runs in that prodigal 43rd over. But his valiant effort came to a sad end when left-arm seamer Jahangir Talukder Dulu bowled the right-hander with a virtual shooter.

Skipper Ziaur Rashid Rupom hit 12 runs from Dulu's next over that included a sweetly-timed four followed by a massive six over long-off to raise a ray of hopes for Biman. But it was not to be happen as

the void of Kalpage.

SCOREBOARD

MOHAMMEDAN SC

	O	M	R	W
Mehrab c Atiar b Munna	2			
S.Mahmud b A Raza	47			
S.Shahid run out	12			
Aminul c A Raza b Malik	12			
Minhalzul b Rupom	46			
Kalpage c Munna b A Raza	13			
Rafique lbw b Plabon	10			
Dulu not out	20			
Sajid c Faruque b Plabon	1			
Nasir not out	9			
Extras (b-4, lb-10, nb-1, w-17)	32			
Total (for 8 wkt in 50 overs)	204			
Fall of wkt's : 1-7; 2-53; 3-85; 4-111; 5-154; 6-169; 7-171; 8-174				

Bowling: O M R W

Munna 4 0 20 1

Babul 9 1 30 0

Atiar 6 1 20 0

Akram Raza 10 0 27 2

Salim Malik 9 0 36 1

Plabon 9 0 43 2

Rupom 3 0 14 1

BIMAN:

Atiar b Kalpage

Atiar c Minhalzul b S Mahmud

Sumon c Aminul b Kalpage

S. Malik c Dulu b Hasibul

Faruque b Rafique

Hasanuzzaman b Hasibul

A Raza c Aminul b Kalpage

Munna b Dulu

Rupom not out

Babul not out

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Extras (lb-9, nb-2, w-10)

21

Total (for 8 wkt in 50 overs)

196

Fall of wkt's : 1-11; 2-11; 3-66; 4-79; 5-82; 6-123; 7-170; 8-191

Bowling: O M R W

Dulu 5 0 31 1

Kalpage 10 1 37 3

Hasibul 8 0 32 2

S Mahmud 10 1 29 1

Rafique 10 0 24 1

Aminul 7 0 33 0

Result: Mohammedan SC won by eight runs

Man-of-the-match: Ruwan Kalpage (Mohammedan SC)

Cantonian, Combined on top

Combined Sporting Club beat Dhaka Wanderers 2-0 to take a joint lead in the Green Delta Second Division League at the National Hockey Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

Combined have secured highest 16 points from seven outings along with Cantonians but the latter have a match in hand against Shantinagar Club.

Swapan and Mamur scored two goal in the 7th and 9th minutes.

Earlier in the day's other match, Barnabas Samaj came from behind to outplay Shantinagar Club.

Mahfuzur Rahman of Barnabas Samaj made a hattrick in the 26th, 43rd and 45th minutes. Javed Parves netted the remaining goal in the 66th minute.

Shahabuddin scored the lone goal for Shantinagar Club in the very second minute.

Div II h'ball

Bangladesh Boys Club defeated Farashganj Sporting by 19-15 goals in the Ashraf Real Estate Second Division league at the handball ground near Dhaka Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

The first half score was 7-6 in favour of the winners.

Mofizur contributed seven, Nahid five and Apu three for the Boys while Jashim netted six, Khoka five and Kajal three for the losers.

TODAY'S MATCH

Farashganj SC vs Azampur SKS Sangha.

BOA meeting

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Bangladesh Olympic Association has selected five disciplines for participation at the 16th Commonwealth Games to be held in Kuala Lumpur next September. It was decided at a BOA executive committee meeting yesterday.

According to a press release, the disciplines are : cricket, hockey, swimming, athletics and shooting.

However, the final decision will be made after consulting with respective federations and based on the preparations and performances of the athletes.

Action from the Premier Division league encounter between Mohammedans and Fakirerpool at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday.

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Holders in fine fettle

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Holders Mohamedan Sporting Club registered their fifth win in the Premier Division football league yesterday, reports UNB.

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