

Div III cricket  
qualifiers

Sports Reporter

Renaissance Cricket Club, DCC Mirpur, Aladin Smriti Sangsad, 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 2/29)

**RENAISSANCE CC:** 145 for seven in 34.3 overs (Rome 40, Extras 30, Gaffar 20, Sumon 20; Arun 3/26)  
**Result:** Renaissance won by 3 wickets at City Club ground.

**LALKUTHI CLUB:** 123 all out in 33.5 overs (Tapash 35, Extras 37, Sajal 18, Fuad 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 DCC ground.

**ALADIN SS:** 93 all out in 30.1 overs (Extras 24, Javed 23, Arshad 21; Iqbal 3/17, Masum 3/24, Johnny 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, Sony 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 Mirpur Outer Stadium.

**DIPAYAN CC:** 180 for eight in 35 overs (Extras 47, Akram 32, Wahid 23 n.o.; Nasim 4/30, Kawsar 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 wicket 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 year, organisers told a press conference yesterday.

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

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

## MSC make it to final

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Mohammedan Sporting Club set up a final clash with their arch-rivals and holders Abahani Krira Chakra defeating star-studded Bangladesh Biman by eight runs in the second semifinal of the 18th Damal Smriti 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 Mofizur 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 Kalabagan 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 fend against the solid Bim line-up, came up with an attacking frame of mind with their skipper Aminul introducing spinner Kalpage with the new ball.

His novelty bore fruits immediately when the Sri Lankan off-spinner made the early inroads by dismissing tall national opener Athar Ali Khan for one and one-down Habibul Bashar Sumon for four in successive overs.

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

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

The departure of Salim Malik changed the whole complexion of the game. Runs dried out as the otherwise toothless Mohammedan attack suddenly got into rhythm against the panicky bowlers, who limped their way to 123 by the end of 37th over with Hasanuzzaman and former Pakistan international Akram Raza featuring in a sedate 90-ball 41-run stand for the sixth wicket.

Hasan scored a defiant 43, but it was Mofizur Rahman Munna who provided the real thrust after Raza was out for a painstaking 41-ball 15. Coming into bat at number eight with Biman stuttering at 123 for six in 35.7 overs, Munna threw a caution to the wind when he stepped up to break the Mohammedan shackles smiting a huge sixer over long-off of Mohammedan captain Aminul.

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 Mehmood and a fine 46 from veteran Minhazul Abedin Nannu. Besides, Dulu, who wielded his willow at anything and everything as did Mehmood 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.

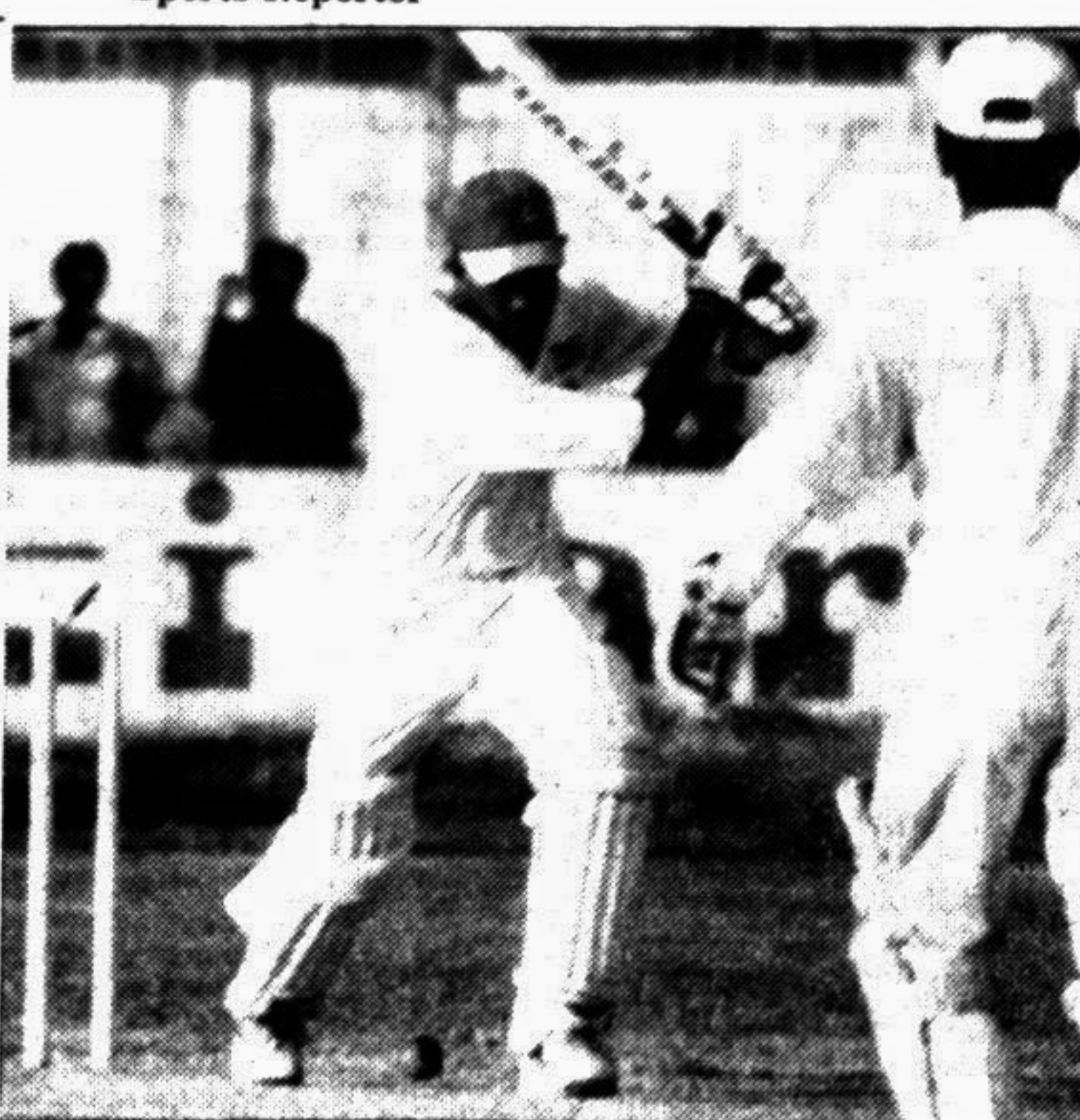
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**SCOREBOARD**  
**MOHAMMEDAN SC**  
Mehrab c Athar b Munna 2  
S Mahmud b A Raza 47  
Shaped run out 12  
Minhazul b Rupon 12  
Minhazul b Rupon 46  
Kalpage c Munna b A Raza 13  
Rafique lbw b Plabon 10  
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Sajid c Faruque b Plabon 1  
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Extras: (b-4, lb-10, nb-1, w-17) 32  
Total: (for 8 wks in 50 overs) 204  
Fall of wickets: 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  
Athar Ali 6 1 20 0  
Akram Raza 10 0 27 2  
Salim Malik 9 0 36 1  
Plabon 9 0 43 2  
Rupon 3 0 14 1

**BIMAN**  
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Sumon c Aminul b Kalpage 4  
S Malik c Dulu b Hasibul 33  
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**President's Cup snooker from today**

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**Muster fails, Rafter sails**

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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 Mamun scored two field goals in the 7th and 9th minutes.

Earlier in the day's other match, Barnak Samaj came from behind to outplay Shantinagar by 4-1 goals.

Mahfuzur Rahman of Barnak Samaj made a hat-trick scoring in the 28th, 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.

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

## TODAY'S MATCH

Farashganj SC vs Azampur SKS Sangha.

## BOA meeting

Sports Reporter

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.

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## Holders in fine fettle

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Holders Mohammedan Sporting Club registered their fifth win in the Premier Division football league with a comfortable 3-1 victory over bottom side Youngmen's Club Fakirpool in one of the two Senior Division matches played at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday. The winners led the first half 1-0.

Nigerian midfielder Bode Baba and strikers Don and Alfaz struck one goal apiece for the black and whites while substitute Jalaluddin junior pulled one back for Fakirpool which was the first goal conceded by the Mohammedans so far in the league.

Mohammedans went all-out against their neighbours but failed to break the deadlock until the 41st minute because of an organised defence of their counterparts.

It was rather the lady luck which finally gave the popular outfit the opportunity to dominate the proceedings when Youngmen's custodian Lahul failed to grip a right side cross that slipped through his hands and fell in front of Bode who wasted no time to shoot the ball into the far corner of the net.

Don doubled the margin heading home a right side cross off Nazrul 19 minutes after the interval.

After conceding the second goal, however, Youngmen's staged a fightback and reduced the margin just after four minutes through an well organised attack. Jalal senior shot the ball from a distance of 10 yards which was brilliantly fisted by Mohammedan custodian Ponir. But the rebounder fell in front of the younger Jalal who then made it 2-1 with a neat placing shot.

But the enthusiasm of the Fakirpool booters came to a premature end when Alfaz sealed their fate with a power-packed grounder from the top of the box after being magnificently fed by Bode from the left flank.

With yesterday's goals, Alfaz and Don joined Muktiuddha and Brothers Union forwards Nakib and Bakhtiar respectively at the top of the scorers' list having scored four goals each.

Mohammedans raised their tally to 16 points from six matches and earned a temporary one-point lead over title aspirants Muktiuddha Sangsad Krira Chakra who have 15 points from five outings.

On the other hand, it was the fifth defeat for Youngmen's in their six matches so far which kept them at the bottom of the 10-team Premier league table with one point.

Yellow cards: Arman, Bode Baba (Mohammedan SC) and Manik (Fakirpool).

## TEAMS

**MOHAMMEDAN SC:** Ponir, Faisal, Nazrul, Munna Senior, Manik (Mansoor), Arman (Askar Babu), Munna Junior, Ladi Baba, Bode Baba, Don and Alfaz.

**YMC FAKIRPOOL:** Lahul (Kawsar), Rezaul, Mintu, Babu, Anupam, Shariful (Jalal Junior), Apu, Moni, Monwar, Manik and Jalal Senior.

Referee: Ramkishna Ghosh.

## BRTC BEAT

## EAST END

Earlier in the day's other match, Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation (BRTC) Sports Club recorded their fourth victory in the First Division defeating East End Club by 2-1.

Hemayet put BRTC ahead in the 40th minute converting a spot-kick while Badrul Amin Munna scored the second in the 80th minute.

On the other hand, Monir Hossain reduced the margin for East End Club in the 76th minute.

With yesterday's win, BRTC moved to the top of the First Division table having raised their tally to 14 points from six matches, two points ahead of Shantinagar Club who have played five games.

## TODAY'S MATCHES

Premier Division: Abahani KC vs Farashganj SC (4:30 pm)

First Division: Bangladesh Boys' Club vs Mirpur Chalanika (2:30 pm)

## SA's brawny rehearsal

LAHORE, Nov 6: South Africa road world champions Sri Lanka, who played without their star batsman Sanath Jayasuriya, by 66 runs in the last league match here today, reports AFP.

Lance Klusener scored a breezy 54 and claimed six wickets to steer South Africa to victory in the match which was of academic interest as both had already qualified to meet in the final on Saturday.

But the win did give South African a psychological edge before the final clash, the islanders apparently rested Jayasuriya, strike bowler Chaminda Vaas and left-arm spinner Muttiah Muralitharan for the crucial match.

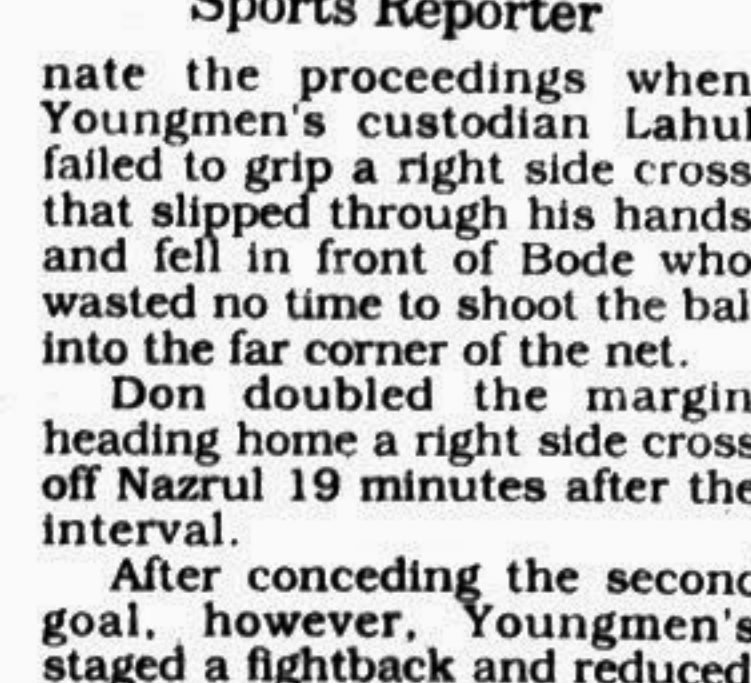
The quadrangular tournament, which is being held to celebrate Pakistan's 50 years of independence, carries a first prize of 15,000 dollars and a glittering trophy.

The 26-year old Natal all-rounder Klusener finished with his best one-day figures of 6-49 to restrict Sri Lanka to 245-9. South Africa made a record 311-9 in 50 overs, their highest against the Lankans.

Besides Klusener's fine batting Gary Kirsten and skipper Hansie Cronje scored 50 each. Klusener became the only second South African to score fifty and take four or more wickets in a one-day match.

Kumara Dharmasena hit a fighting 69 not out and Lanka de Silva 57 — both recording their highest scores. Dharmasena also bagged three wickets.

Pakistan, with one win in three matches, and West Indies



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

with three defeats in as many matches crashed out of the race.

**SCOREBOARD**  
Scoreboard of the final league match between South Africa and Sri Lanka in the Pakistan golden jubilee quadrangular tournament in Lahore Thursday:

**SOUTH AFRICA**  
Hudson c Lanka b Liyanage 10  
Kirsten c Arnold b Aravinda 50  
Klusener c Atapattu b Dharmasena 54

**SRI LANKA**  
Atapattu c Pollock b Klusener 25  
Arnold c Richardson b Pollock 11  
Mahanama lbw b Klusener 9  
Anilcandra c Symcox b Klusener 6  
Tillekeratne run out 9  
Ranasingha lbw b Klusener 0  
Lanka b de Villiers 57  
Dharmasena not out 68  
Chandana c Rhodes b Klusener 2  
Lanka c b Klusener 22  
Sajeewa not out 30  
Extras: (lb-9, nb-4, w-17) 30  
Total: (for nine wickets in 50 overs) 245

Fall of wickets: 1-35; 2-46; 3-55; 4-61; 5-62; 6-72; 7-165; 8-172; 9-227

**Bowling:** O M R W  
Liyanage 9 0 57 1  
Sanjeewa 9 1 51 2  
Dharmasena 10 0 46 3  
Chandana 10 0 65 1  
Aravinda 8 0 61 2  
Arnold 4 0 24 0

**Result:** South Africa won by 66 runs.

**CLUSENER ... all-round show**

Cullinan c Liyanage b Chandana 36  
Cronje c Chandana b Aravinda 50  
Rhodes c and b Dharmasena 24  
Pollock c Arnold b Dharmasena 37  
Richardson c Ranatunga b Sanjeewa 5  
Symcox not out 22  
De Villiers b Sanjeewa 6  
Adams not out 6  
Extras: (b-5, lb-2, w-7, nb-3) 17  
Total: (for 9 wks) 311  
Fall of wickets: 1-12; 2-90; 3-

**Ctg football**  
Sports Reporter

Defending champions Blue Star Club will take on Mahanagar football final at the Dampara Police Lines ground in Chittagong on Sunday.

**TNT Cartoon Network**

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