

National team thrashed

Sports Reporter



New Zealand-born Bangladesh cricketers showed all signs of an inauspicious vulnerability just forty-eight hours prior to their departure when they suffered an eight-wicket defeat at the hands of Bangladesh B in their lone preparatory match at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Al Shahrir Rokon smashed an unbeaten half-century as the Bangladesh B, chasing a not-so-impressive national team total of 153 in the stipulated 50 overs, rattled up 157 for the loss of only two wickets and with more than 15 overs to spare.

The rated young right-hander, coming into bat at number three, walloped his way to a dazzling 66 to make light work of what others thought a daunting task of scoring runs on an underprepared wicket at the big bowl. The tall natural stroke-maker raced to his 50 off only 59 balls and then ended the chase of the shadow national team by pulling rookie national off-spinner Jewel Hossain Mona for a huge six over long-off.

Former national skipper Faruque Ahmed, who led the second-string national side, remained unbeaten at the other end on 13 when Rokon completed the senior-bashing with the willow.

For Aminul Islam Bulbul, the vice-captain of the national team who led a depleted side in the absence of skipper Akram Khan. It was yet another nightmarish experience where his boys were engaged in a shameful display of a senseless

batting and sub-standard fielding. Earlier on Sunday, Aminul-led Mohammedan Sporting Club went down to arch-rivals Abahani Krira Chakra by a huge 73-run.

The dapper right-hander however scored a gritty 23 in the paltry total of a new-look national team. But apart from a typical 39 from a doughty opener Javed Omar Belim Golla and a defiant unbeaten 34 from middle-order bat Hasanuzzaman, none of the national warriors had shown the urge to justify their selection.

Aminul won the toss in the morning, but his intention to throw a challenging total soon backfired when the national team were reduced to 96 for five in 34.5 overs.

Hasanuzzaman and Mofizur Rahman Munna tried to steady the rocking boat by putting on 27 runs for the sixth wicket. But once all-rounder Naimur Rahman, ignored for the New Zealand tour, had Munna caught by Bidyut at long-off for 12, their hope for a face-saving total on the board was petered out.

The Naimur-Bidyut combination then went on to be accounted for the fragile tail of the national team with the off-spinner claiming four wickets for 28 in his eight overs.

Bidyut, who had a happy catching in the deep, also gave Bangladesh B a flying start with a disciplined 37. The young opener, who shared 46 runs with Azam Iqbal (22), featured in an enterprising 74 runs for the second wicket with Rokon before his 85-ball vigil came to an end in the 29th over, but not

before guiding Bangladesh B closer to a resounding victory having put on 120 runs altogether.

SCOREBOARD

NAT'L TEAM

Mehrab c&b Anis	3
J Omar c Sajjad b Sujon	39
Atiar c&b Gen	8
Aminul c Faruque b Plabon	23
Sanwar run out	0
Hasanuzzaman not out	34
Mofizur c Bidyut b Naimur	12
K Masud b Naimur	0
Jewel c Bidyut b Naimur	0
Tanvir c Bidyut b Naimur	0
Extras: (b-2, lb-6, nb-3, w-13)	24
Total (for 9 wkts)	153
Fall of wkts: 1-25; 2-59; 3-80; 4-81; 5-96; 6-123; 7-125; 8-125; 9-153	

Bowling

	O	M	R	W
Anis	6	1	16	1
Shahnewaz	7	0	18	0
Gen	9	1	29	1
Sujon	10	2	27	1
Plabon	10	1	27	1
Naimur	8	1	28	4

BANGLADESH B:

Bidyut c Hasanuzzaman	37
b Aminul	22
Azam lbw b Jewel	66
Rokon not out	13
Faruque not out	19
Extras: (b-1, nb-1, w-17)	
Total: (for 2 wkts in 34.2 overs)	157
Fall of wkts: 1-46; 2-120	

Bowling

	O	M	R	W
Monzurul	6	0	29	0
Tanvir	4	0	13	0
Mofizur	3	0	15	0
Sanwar	4	0	16	0
Jewel	7.2	1	36	1
Aminul	8	0	32	1
J Omar	2	0	15	0

Result: Bangladesh B won by 8 wickets



Action from yesterday's Premier Division football league encounter between Abahani Krira Chakra and Fakirerpool at the Mirpur Stadium. Abahani won 2-1. — Star photo

Police pelt pressmen

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It happened when a few hundred Abahani supporters started throwing objects in protest of a ruling from the man in uniform.

Observing the situation for a few minutes, the law-enforcing agency personnel suddenly started picking up those shells and finding nobody at the stands, they vented their anger on the newsmen in the press box where about 30 reporters were on duty. Few reporters were hit by the stones while others had to lie down on the floor to avoid any injury.

A group of reporters rushed towards the Bangladesh Football Federation general secretary Harun-ur-Rashid MP immediately after the incident and demanded an explanation.

Meanwhile, the angry supporters, who were driven away by the Police from the gallery, continued with their unholy acts outside the stadium. Police had to hurl a few tear-gas shells to bring the situation under control.

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Abahani earn full points

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Goals in each half guided title aspirants Abahani Krira Chakra to a 2-1 victory over Youngmen's Club Fakirerpool in the two Premier Division matches played at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday.

Forwards Tipu and Amin Rana struck one apiece for the winners while Rezaul pulled one back for the Fakirerpool through a penalty.

The victory raised Abahani's tally to nine points from five matches and moved them into third place in the ten-team league table with a two-point lead over Brothers Union Club. Holders Mohammedans Sporting Club are at the top with 16 followed by Muktijoddha Sangsad who have 15.

Abahani, buoyed by their 2-0 victory over Farashganj which ended three successive draws, made a positive start against the lowly rated side with a revamped midfield that included Kenyan John Odhumbho for the first time in the line up.

The short midfielder figured in every Abahani move with his one-touch game.

Striker Tipu, who scored the golden goal against Arambagh in the Federation Cup final two months ago, put the Dhanmondi outfit ahead with a brilliant header from a Sentu pass in the 22nd minute.

In the 24th minute Rumi shot the ball over the post from an Odhumbho pass while Tipu's placing from a Sentu pass hit the cross piece after four minutes.

After the breather, Abahani kept Youngmen's contained in their own half and after three abortive attempts they double the margin through a combined attack with Rana placing home a Tipu cross from the right side in the 77th minute.

Youngmen's Club pulled one back immediately in the next minute through a penalty when defender Monem Munna brought down substitute Jalal Junior inside the box a prompting referee Subhash Roy to signal the spot.

Defender Rezaul converted the 12-yarder with a power-packed grounder that went into the left side corner of the net.

The referee's decision prompted the Abahani fans to become agitated which resulted in a fans-police encounter even after the match.

Yellow cards: Anupam, Moni and Manik (YMC Fakirerpool).

TEAMS
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Referee: Subhash Roy.

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SPORTS TALK



Patrick Rafter
(Australian tennis player)
"I'll still be the same sack of crap I am."
After his success at the US Open.

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Competition-82

✓ Tick the Correct Answers
Competition closes at 8 pm, Nov 14, '97

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Indonesia Thailand Vietnam
- Who was the man-of-the-match in the Faisalabad Test?
Mushtaq Symcox Kirsten
- How many Tests will West Indies play in Pakistan during the ongoing tour?
One Two Three
- Who lifted the Eurocard Open tennis title?
Sampras Korda Krajcek
- Who captured top spot at the women's age-group swimming?
N'ganj Kushita M'ganj

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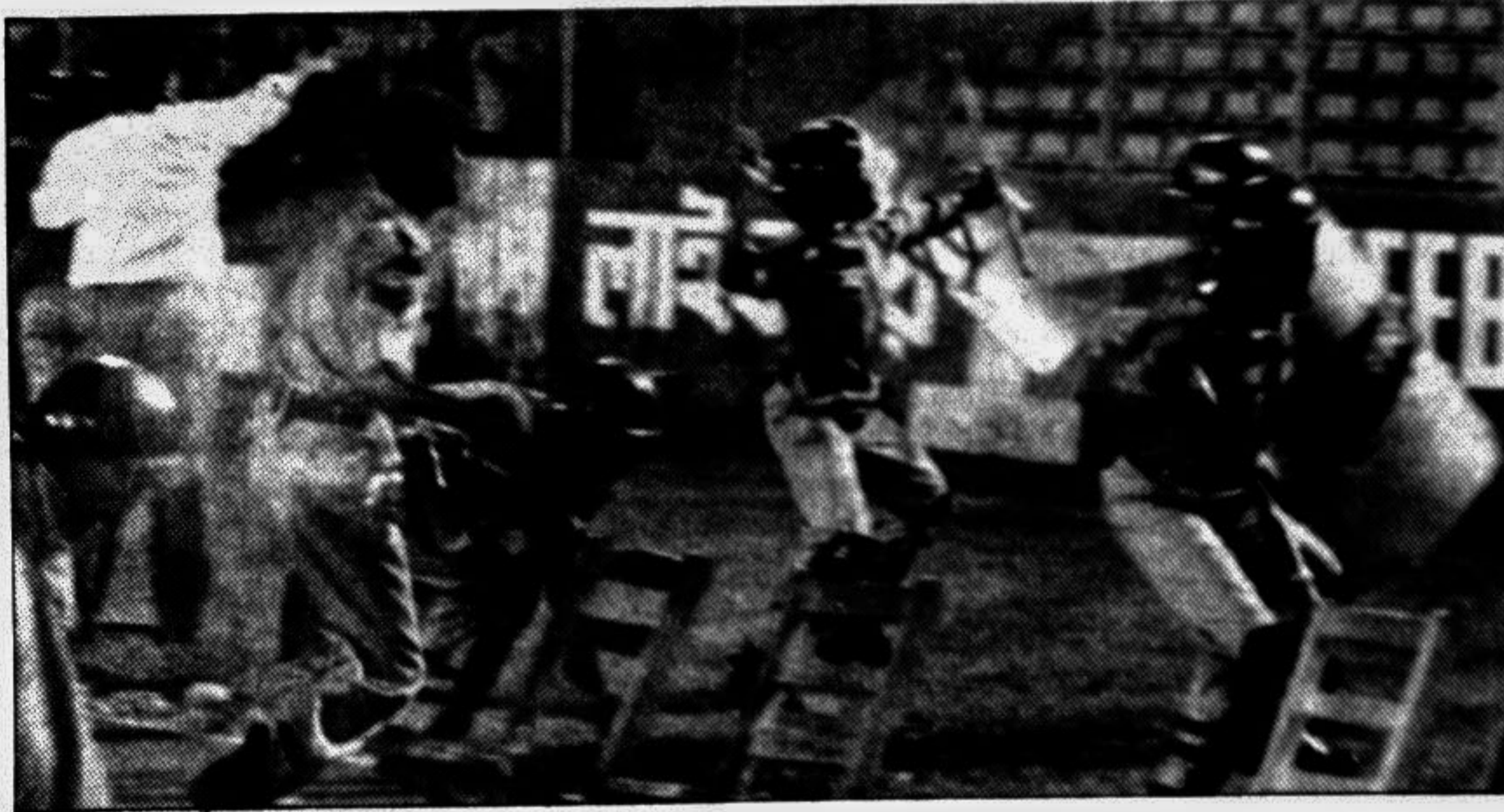
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Police are in action at the Mirpur Stadium last night. — Star photo

Title stays in Sweden

STOCKHOLM, Nov 10: Jonas Bjorkman confirmed his status as one of the year's most improved players by beating Dutchman Jan Siemerink 3-6, 7-6, 6-2, 6-4 to win the Stockholm Open on Sunday, reports Reuters.

The victory, worth 112,000 dollars was the Swede's third career title, all won during his rapid climb this year from 69th to fourth in the world rankings.

"I can't get much better than winning at home," said Bjorkman, whose victory gave Sweden a hat-trick of Stockholm titles, with Thomas Enqvist winning the previous two years.

The victory was also Bjorkman's 67th match win, the most by an player on the ATP Tour this year.

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Swede Jonas Bjorkman poses with the trophy after defeating Dutchman Jan Siemerink in the final of the Stockholm Open on Nov 8. — AP/UNB photo

Nat'l sports award '96 ceremony Nov 20

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The award distribution ceremony of National Sports Award '96 will be held at the Osmani Memorial auditorium on November 20.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will grace the occasion as the chief guest and distribute laurels among thirteen sports personalities in recognition of the contributions to different fields of sports.

The awardees are: Abul Hashem (organiser-posthumously), Harun-ur Rashid, MP (organiser), Amir Jung Gaznabi (football-posthumously), Kazi Nasima Hamid (organiser), Zafar Imam (organiser), Ashrafuddin Chowdhury (organiser), Ashrafuddin Chowdhury (football), Abdus Sadeq (hockey), Arun Kumar Nandi (swimming), Shaful Hossain (hockey), Saiful Alam Chowdhury (hockey), Rani Hamid (chess) and Sulfa Khatun (athletics).

Spaniard stymies Marcelo

SANTIAGO, Nov 10: Spain's Julian Alonso on Sunday trounced top seeded Marcelo Rios of Chile 6-2, 6-1 in an upset victory in the final of the Santiago Open men's tennis tournament, reports Reuters.

Alonso, ranked 45th in the world and seeded fourth in the 328,000 dollars championship, denied Rios both a victory at home and a chance to qualify for next weeks, Masters tournament in Hanover.

Ameritech Cup Davenport's

CHICAGO, Nov 10: Third seed Lindsay Davenport claimed her sixth singles title of the year Sunday with a straight sets victory over Nathalie Tauziat of France in the final of the Ameritech Cup tennis tournament, reports Reuters.

Davenport, who will move up to a career high ranking of third in the world this week, smoked Tauziat in the first set en route to a 63-minute 6-0, 7-5 victory.

Graf delays comeback

FRANKFURT, Nov 10: Steffi Graf has withdrawn from next month's inaugural Masters of Champions tournament in Frankfurt, delaying her comeback and angering organisers, reports AP.

Graf, 28, had several times confirmed her intention of playing in the Dec 3-7 exhibition event.

But tournament organisers received a statement from the former No. 1 in the world last Sunday notifying them of her withdrawal.

Root shackles Freeman



SYDNEY, Nov 10: Australia's most famous and successful female athlete is under pressure to boycott the Sydney Olympics because of her indigenous roots, reports Reuters.

Cathy Freeman, the reigning world champion over 400 metres, has been asked by a Perth-based aboriginal group to boycott the 2000 Games in protest at the government's stance on indigenous land rights.

"Cathy Freeman, we ask you to not to run," the Nyungah Circle of Elders said in a statement at the weekend. "Stand and mourn with us."

Freeman, who also won a silver medal at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics, has not responded to the demands, but her manager,

Olympic course

A two-week long Olympic solidarity basketball coaches' clinic began at the conference room of the National Sports Council yesterday.

Tom McCarthy, a representative of the International Olympic Council (IOC) solidarity coaches panel, will conduct the short course, where 30 coaches from the Bangladesh Basketball Federation (BBF) and different District Sports Associations are taking part.

Whip of the Jatya Sangsad SM Mustafa Rashidi inaugurated the clinic as the chief guest.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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