Column One Mohammedans maul Ajax

SPORTS TALK



Jana Novotna

(Czech tennis player) "I have come a long way. there's no question about it. I made it to three Grand Slam flnais and was really close to winning twice. By winning this tournament, I have proved to myself that I am a great cham-

After clinching the Chase Championships title which was her first major triumph.



COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN Competition-85

TICK THE CORRECT ANSWERS Competition closes at 8 pm on Dec 26, 1997

In which group have Brazil been drawn for France '98? How many centuries has Atapattu hit in Test cricket to Who is the national soccer coach of Saudi Arabia? Jacquet 4 Who were Bangladesh' opponents in the World Youth Cup cricket qualifiers' final? How many teams are taking part in the Premier Division cricket league? NAME UT ST. INSTITUTE CLASS ROLL NO. SCHOOL ADDRESS

EN-VITS

PHONE: (IF ANY)

Div I cricket Sports Reporter

Sadharan Bima Krira Sangha posted a 36-run victory over Gopibagh Friends' Association in a First Division cricket league encounter at the City Club ground in Mirpur yester-

Sent into bat in a highscoring affair, Bima piled up a huge 267 for six in the stipulated 45 overs with middle-order Shariful Islam Gary hammering highest 83.

In reply, Gopibagh Friends could muster 231 before being all out in 43.1 overs.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Janakantha Premier Division Cricket League: Surjo Tarun Club vs Lalma-

tia Club (Dhanmondi Cricket Sta-

First Division Cricket

Dhanmondi Club vs Ortent (City Club)

Premier Division-Football Aamir Sohail for 1 with five runs on the board. Muktijoddha Sangsad vs YMC Fakirerpool

Bangladesh Boys Club vs

(Army Stadium, 2:30 pm)

English bowlers struck telling blows after finally get-(Mirpur Stadium, 2 pm) ting rid of Saeed Anwar, 54, and Mohammedan SC va Agrani liaz Ahmed, 41, who shared a Bank SC brisk stand of 97 runs for the (Mirpur Stadium, 4 pm) third wicket. First Division Football

26 runs.

Anwar, who cracked his 14th one-day century to take Pakistan past India in Sunday's crunch match, spanked six fours and a six in his 66-ball

Div I soccer Sports Reporter

A late second half goal by forward Arif guided East End Club to a solitary goal victory over Police Athletics Club in the First Division football league at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday afternoon.

Arif struck the all-important goal in the 81st minute. The win raised East End's tally to 24 points from 13 matches.

On the other hand, Police remained glued to their previous collection of nine points from same number of outings. Meanwhile, Shantinagar Club and Dhaka Wanderers Club shared points with a 2-2

Kamal and Pintu scored one goal each for Shantinagar while Mintu and Echo struck for the Wanderers.

With the draw, Shantinagar raised their tally to 18 points from 12 matches while Wanderers increased their account to 16 points also from 12 encounfive for 13 runs in his nine overs of misery. Minhaz was ably supported by the tweakers duo of Shahed Mehmud and Jamaluddin Babu.

Sports Reporter

Shahed before departing in the

21st over. But not before ham-

mering 13 firmly hits across

the rope and a massive six off

Ajax's new-ball bowler Aminul

runs short of what would have been a well-deserved half-cen-

Selim Shahed fell for three

But skipper Aminul Islam,

who a had a disastrous tour of

New Zealand, hardly showed

any signs of a recovery act when the dapper right-hander made

only a sedate 13 before off-

spinner Shoaib had him caught by Salim.

first league appearance of the

season, his deputy and the most

experienced batsman Minhazul

Abedin lived up to his reputa-

tion with an all-round perfor-

scored a workmanlike 34 off 67

balls. But Minhazul's slow-

medium, which fetched him

five wicket for only 13 runs.

was more devouring then any-

start with 47 for one in only

seven overs before Minhazul

put the brakes on their smooth

sail by dismissing a marauding

opener Rafigul for 28. Once

Rafigul was dismissed, Ajax

lost their way in the face of

some controlled bowling from

Minhazul, who ripped through

the middle-order to finish with

Ajax were off to a rollicking

thing else on the day.

The former national captain

When Aminul failed in his

Islam Vola.

Favourites Mohammedan

Sporting Club extended their

impressive all-win record to

seven with crushing 125-run de-

feat on promotes Ajax Sports Club in a Janakantha Premier

Division cricket league match at the BKSP ground in Savar

BRIEF SCORES

MOHAMMEDAN SC: 234 for

seven wickets in 50 overs (S

Mehmud 82, Salim Shahed 47,

Minhazul Abedin 34: Shoaib

AJAX SC: 109 all out in 27

overs (Rafiqul 28, Asif 17; Minhazul Abedin 5/13; S

Mehmud 2/20, Jamaluddin

Result: Mohammedan SC won

AGRANI BANK: 175 for six

wickets in 35 overs (Nahid 59

Hannan 48, Mhsfigur

Rahman not out; Tahvii

VICTORIA SC: 125 for eight

wickets in 35 overs (Nasir

Khan 25, Raju 19; Shaheen

Malik 3/22, Suja Erfan 2/23,

Result: Agrani Bank won by 50

Shahed Mehmud scored a

cracking half century as Mo-

hammedans, sent into bat in

the morning, piled up a com-

manding total of 234 for seven

in their share of 50 overs. The

Pakistani leg-spinner, who in

the recent past has developed a

habit of toying with the new

ball while opening the Mo-

hammedan innings, plundered

82 runs off only 67 to set the

stage for a his side's imposing

Mohammedan losing their

young opener Mehrab Hossain

for only 15 runs on the board,

Mehmud shared 104 runs for

the second wicket with Selim

Title chasers Mu-

football league

Ace striker Imtiaz Nakib

Nakib, who was the leading

all-reds ahead in the very first

home from a goalmouth melee.

capitalising on a Hasan-al-

Mamun cross from the right

side. With the goals, Nakib

scored seven in the league so

a place in the final of the four-

nation Champions' Trophy.

modest score of 215, folded up

for 207 in 49 overs although a

fighting 44 by rookie Manzoor

Akhtar and other tailenders

almost pulled off a victory after

the side was reeling at 152 for 6.

ended when he was brilliantly

run out by Nick Knight-Alec

Stewart combination, leaving

Akhtar's 4-wicket haul who

along with Saqlain Mushtaq

helped cripple England from

121 for two to 185 for eight.

Saglain took four wickets for

backs after losing, by the sec-

ond over, big-hitting openers

Shahid Afridi for a duck and

Pakistan suffered early set-

Pakistan at 185 for 8.

Manzoor's 68-ball innings

The defeat laid waste

Pakistan, chasing England's

reports AP.

Farashganj, after conceding

17: England snat-

ched a thrilling

eight-run victory

over Pakistan on

Monday to secure

one back for Farashgani.

After a jumpy start with

yesterday.

by 125 runs.

Ahmed 4/36)

Sumit 2/21)

score.

BANKERS WIN

who evenly shared four wickets.

Meanwhile, in the day's other match at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, Agrani Bank recorded a facile 50-run victory over Victoria Club in a reduced 35-over-a side affair.

The battle of the two mediocre Premier league outfit petered into a anticlimactic finish, when Agrani Bank, defending a fighting total of 175 for six, restricted their opponents for 125 for eight in the stipulated 35 overs.

One-down Nahid scored a dazzling 59 off 80 balls punctu-ated with a quartet of fours and a sixer to celebrated his call in the national youth team and opener Hannan Sarker made a patient 48 off 81 deliveries to set the stage for a defendable Agrani total after Victoria skipper Ekramul decided to field first.

Mushfigur Rahman with an unbeaten 25 was other notable run-getter for the eventual winners. For Victoria young rightarm seamer Tanvir captured four wickets for 37 runs in his quota of seven overs.

In reply, Victoria, needing just over five runs per over. were never up to it in their chase against some controlled attack from the Agrani tweakers trio of Pakistani Shaheen Malik, Sumit and Suja Erfan.

Off-spinner Shaheen Malik with three for 22 was the pick among the Agrani bowlers. While Sumit and Suja evenly shared four wickets among them. For Victoria opener Nasir Khan with 25 was the lone 20plus contributor.

It was Agrani Bank's second win from seven matches.

account to 11 points while

Rahmatganj's tally to ten

points with both teams com-

pleting their 12th league

aries in a neat 40 off 50 balls.

before being bowled round his

legs by the persistent Manzoor.

the younger brother of former

Pakistan Test Player, Mansoor.

lovely caught and bowled dis-

missals, kept a tight check on

SCOREBOARD

England match at the Champi-

ons' Trophy on Monday:

Hollioake c Afridi b Manzoor

Brown c Moin b Saglain

Ealham c and b Saglain

Fleming c and b Saqlain

Extras: (b-1, lb-4, nb-1, w-7)

Total: (For 9 wkts in 50 overs) 215

3-121; 4-129; 5-168; 6-180; 7-

0

Fall of wickets: 1-71; 2-108;

Croft c Ijaz b Saqlain

185; 8-185; 9-203.

Bowling:

Bowling:

ENGLAND

Stewart b Manzoor

Knight b Manzoor

Hick b Manzoor

Thorpe run out

D Brown not out

Headley not out

Scoreboard of the Pakistan-

Saglain, who pulled off two

matches.

the batsmen.

BCB Eleven lift title in style

Sports Reporter The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) Eleven lifted the All-Bengal sub-junior cricket championship title with a thumping nine-wicket victory over the hosts Agragamee Club in the final at Dadabhai ground in Shiliguri yesterday.

The visiting Bangladesh colts, chasing a modest Agragamee total of 115 for five in the stipulated 20 overs, rattled up the required 116 runs in 14.5 overs to establish their supremacy in the invitational tourney with all-win record.

The BCB XI, who had earlier eliminated Damdam Club of Calcutta by eight-wickets in the quarterfinals on December 15 and Durgapur by six-wickets in the semifinals on the following day, made a mockery of a contest when their opener Shariful and one-down Bishwajit put on 75 runs for the undefeated second wicket for yet another resounding victory.

Bishwajit, who came into bat at number three after Mohiuddin departed for 20, scored an unbeaten 43 while Shariful made 41 not out.

Earlier, sent into bat first the Agragamee boys could muster only 115 for five before being exhausted their quota of 20 overs. Chowdhury scored highest 28 runs for the homeside followed by a defiant 22 from opener Bhattacharjee.

For BCB Eleven, the lone foreign participant in the meet, Bishwajit and Ibrahim Saber evenly shared two wickets among then. Bishwajit, who later did one better with bat, gave away 29 runs while Ibrahim conceded only eight

The victorious Bangladesh colts are like to return home omorrow.

Colts call on PM

Bangladesh youth cricket team, which qualified for next World Youth Cup, called on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her office on Monday, reports

Talking to the members of the team, the Prime Minister expressed her gladness for clinching the victory in the Youth Asia Cup tournament held in Hong Kong.

"It's a very positive sign that we are achieving progress in the arena of sports, particularly in cricket," she said.

State Minister for Sports. Youth and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader, Bangladesh Cricket Board President Saber Hossain Chowdhury, MP, and Sports Secretary S M Shahiahan were also present.

Exhibition cricket **Sports Reporter**

Shaheed Mushtaq Eleven thrashed Shaheed Jewel Eleven by eight wickets in an exhibition match organised by Bangladesh Cricket Board at the Dhanmondi Cricket Sta-

dium on Tuesday to mark the Victory Day. Both teams were made up of players from the under-20s which will participate in the World Youth Cup in South Africa next month.

Opting to bat first, Shaheed Jewel were all out for 126 in 45.1 overs with opener Hannan Sarkar scoring highest 39 off 73 balls inclusive of five boundaries. Besides, middle order bats Sumon and Mushfique

added 19 runs each. In reply, chasing a paltry target, Shaheed Mushtaq reached 127 in 33.5 overs with eight wickets in hand.

UCBL nat'l TT begins today

Sports Reporter

The United Commercial Bank Limited (UCBL) 22nd national table tennis championships. organised by Bangladesh Table Tennis Federation (BTTF), will begin at the NSC wooden floor gymnasium today at 3 pm.

A total of 198 players including 34 women from 25 districts and two organisations are taking part in the tourney which is scheduled to end on December The BTTF has estimated a

budget of Tk two lakh for the meet of which sponsors UCBL will provide one lakh taka.

Sonali Bank win V-Day kabadi Sports Reporter

Sonali Bank clinched the Bijoy Dibash kabadi tournament with a 25-16 victory over Bangladesh Police in the final played at the court near Dhaka Stadium on Tuesday. Habibur Rahman Mollah,

MP, the president of Bangladesh Kabadi Federation, witnessed the final and distributed prizes.

Inter-school chess

Sports Reporter Shojib Shah, Abdul

Khaleque and Ezaz were leading the inter-school chess tournament table with three points at the end of the fourth round held at the Dhanmondi Tutorial compound yesterday. Ratul, Rashed, Nafis Ahmed

Ayon, Tanveer Ahmed and Ashique were combined second with two points to their credit. The fifth round will begin



Players and officials of the Bangladesh youth cricket team which called on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her office on Monday. - PID photo

Windies wallop India



SHARJAH, United Arab Emirates, Dec 17: West Indies qualified for the Champions' Trophy final against England

with a 41-run victory over India in the last league match here on Tuesday, reports AFP.

The Indians, who needed to cross the West Indian score of 229 in 45 overs to move ahead on superior run-rate, caved in for 188 after losing their last nine wickets for 62 runs. Spinners Carl Hooper (4 for

37) and Shivnarine Chanderpaul (3 for 18) grabbed seven of the eight wickets to fall to the bowlers, while two batsmen were run out.

England, who won all their three league matches, and the West Indies, who won two out of three, will clash in Friday's final worth 40,000 dollars to the winners. India, who were jeered by

Sharjah Cricket Stadium after the defeat, go home losing all their three matches, Pakistan finished third with one win. The Indians appeared to have begun well when they restricted the West Indies to 229

some 15,000 supporters at the

for six after electing to field in the crunch encounter. Indian openers Saurav Ganguly (70) and Navjot Sidhu (25) gave their team the perfect start, hammering 87 for the

first wicket by the 20th over. India were sailing comfortably at 126 for one when Ganguly's dismissal in the 29th over triggered a dramatic collapse as four wickets fell in the space of

a 14 runs. Ganguly, under instructions to hit out, charged down to offspinner Carl Hooper and was easily stumped by wicketkeeper David Williams.

One run later, skipper Sachin Tendulkar was run out by a superb throw from Raul Lewis on the square leg, who fired in the ball to Williams before the batsman could complete a second run. Mohammad Azharuddin also ran himself out after Rahul Dravid refused his call for a sharp single.

Dravid, playing his first match in the tournament, made 31 off 45 balls when he was bowled by Hooper to make India 140 for five in the 31st over.

Ajay Jadeja was bowled by Hooper for eight and wicketkeeper Saba Karim, who hit two sixes in 26, fell the same way to part-timer Shivnarine Chan-The rest of the batsmen

failed to provide any resistance, leaving the West Indies comfortable winners. Earlier, opener Stuart

Williams played a long hand for the West Indies, carrying his bat through the innings with a chancelless unbeaten 105, his first hundred. But the next highest score

was Carl Hooper's 38 as five batsmen failed to cross 20. Javagal Srinath struck the first blow in the seventh over when he had Philo Wallace Sturay Canguly for eight.

Brian Lara smacked a quickfire 23 when off-spinner Rajesh Chauhan deceived him in the air to give a simple catch to Anil Kumble at mid-wicket. From 63 for two, the West

over when part-time bowler Ganguly removed the dangerous Carl Hooper for 38. Hooper timed a good-length ball sweetly to long-on, but

Indies moved to 134 by the 31st

straight into the waiting hands of Mohammad Azharuddin. Chauhan secured his second wicket soon after as Shivnarine

Chanderpaul cut one to Ajay Jadeja at point to make the West Indies 164 for four by the 38th over.

Chauhan and Srinath fin-Williams ished with two wickets each. while Kumble was the most expensive bowler conceding 52

runs in his 10 overs for a single wicket.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Champions Trophy one-day international between India and the West Indies in Sharjah on

WEST INDIES Wallace c Ganguly b Srinath Williams not out Lara c Kumble b Chauhan Hooper c Azharuddin b Ganguly Chanderpaul c Jadeja b Chauhan 16 Simmons b Kumble

Rose b Srinath Lewis not out Extras: (lb-5, nb-3) Total: (for six wkts) Fall of wkts: 1-26; 2-63; 3-134: 4-164: 5-202: 6-227 Bowling Srinath Prasad Kumble Chauhan Ganguly

Tendulkar INDIA Ganguly st Williams b Hooper Sidhu c Wallace b Lewis Dravid b Hooper Tendulkar run out Azharuddin run out Jadeja b Hooper Karim b Chanderpaul Kumble c and b Chanderpaul Srinath b Chanderpaul Chauhan not out Prasad b Hooper Extras: (b-1, lb-5, w-4, nb-2)

Total: (all out in 42.2 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-87; 2-126; 3-127; 4-136; 5-140; 6-162; 7-177; 8-187; 9-187 Bowling Walsh Rose 35 Dillon

Chanderpaul 5 Result: West Indies won by 41 Man-of-the-match: Stuart

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Friday's final: England v

Hooper

Bevan bedevils Kiwis

games in this series, when he

edged the second ball he faced

from Cairns to wicketkeeper

duck in similar fashion against

South Africa here last Tuesday.

while he made four last Sunday

Waugh has made just eight

Cairns momentarily made

runs in the international series

his side's 141 runs look a oner-

ous target when he picked up

The failure followed his

Adam Parore.

against Australia A.

from four innings.



MELBOURNE, Dec 17: Michael Bevan and Ricky Ponting combined to steer Australia to a crushing six wicket victory over

New Zealand in their tri-series one-day international here today with 67 balls to spare, reports AFP. Bevan was acclaimed as

man-of-the-match with his match double of 2 for 26 and 42 as Australia overtook the Kiwis' 141 in the 39th over at 142 for

Ponting was unbeaten on 60 scored off 92 balls to steer the Aussies home and into second place on the standings behind leaders South Africa heading

into the Christmas recess. Ponting and Bevan put on a match-winning 95-run part-

nership for the fourth wicket. When Bevan was out to become Chris Cairns' fourth wicket, Australia were 117 for

four and 25 runs from victory with the luxury of 18 overs left. Yet again Australia's oneday captain Steve Waugh had a sorry match, out for a secondball duck to continue his run of

Mark Taylor, who remains as Test skipper. Waugh was out for a duck for the second time in as many

1 Lorne

for short

21 Excalibur

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25 Cookie

26 West's

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28 Petrarch's

outs after taking over from

three wickets in 10 deliveries. including the Waugh twins, Steve and Mark, in three balls. But Ponting and Bevan steadied the innings and put

> series. SCOREBOARD Scoreboard of the tri-series

Australia on course for their

second win in four games in the

one-day international between Australia and New Zealand played at the Melbourne Cricket

Ground on Wednesday:

NEW ZEALAND

12 Drenches

Horne c Gilchrist b Dale Astle c Gilchrist b Dale Cairns b Wilson Fleming c Bevan b Wilson McMillan c Harvey b Warne Twose run out Parore c Gilchrist b Wilson Harris not out

Vettori c Warne b Bevan Larsen c S Waugh b Bevan O'Connor run out Extras: (lb-4, nb-5, w-5) Total: (all out in 49.3 overs) 141 Fall of wkts: 1-5; 2-9; 3-19; 4-

45; 5-45; 6-45; 7-75; 8-108; 9-

Wilson Dale 22 Warne Bevan Bichel Harvey **AUSTRALIA**

Di Venuto c Astle b Cairns M Waugh c Parore b Cairns Ponting not out S Waugh c Parore b Cairns Bevan c Astle b Cairns Gilchrist not out Extras: (lb-4, nb-1, w-8)

Total (for four wkts in 38.5 overs) Fall of wkts: 1-17; 2-22; 3-22; Bowling O'Connor

Cairns Vettori 9.5 Harris Result: Australia won by six wickets. Man-of-the-match: Michael Bevan.

STANDINGS

W L Pts Team South Africa 3 1 6 2

2 4 Australia New Zealand

Dhanmondi Club

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The pair departed within two balls of each other. Anwar was bowled by spinner Robert Croft. Two balls later, Ijaz was caught by Croft off Mark Ealham, a dismissal that plunged Pak-

Muktijoddha defender Pori-

tosh and midfielder Iqbal were

cautioned with yellow card by

England end Pak hopes

innings while Ijaz had three

fours and two huge sixes in an-

referee Subhash Roy.

other 66-ball innings.

istan to 99 for four in the 23rd Despite late heroics from man-of-the-match Manzoor, England kept their composure, claiming run outs at crucial

times with wicketkeeper Stewart excelling. Stewart also top scored with 47 from 66 balls, striking two sixes and three boundaries to give England a solid 71-run start along with Alistair

Manzoor struck in his second over, first getting rid of Stewart and then dismissed Knight, Graham Thorpe and Adam Hollioake. Brown made his 41 runs

boundaries and a six before becoming the first of Saqlain's victims. Hick, the most experienced player in the Youthful side. again failed to build on his

from 47 balls laced with three

sound start, hitting two bound-

draw at the Army Stadium on Monday.

Akram Azhar 31 Saglain 26 Mushtag 0 43 Manzoor Afridi **PAKISTAN** Sohail b Headley Afridi b D Brown Anwar b Croft Ejaz c Croft b Ealham

Sarfaraz b Croft Manzoor run out Moin c Knight b Fleming Akram c D Brown b Hollioake Azhar c Stewart b Hollioake Saglain run out Mushtaq not out Extras: (lb-5, nb-2, w-5) Total: (all out in 49 overs) Fall of wkts: 1-1; 2-5; 3-99; 4-99; 5-134; 6-152; 7-177; 8-185; 9-207; 10-207.

Brown Headley Ealham Croft Hollioake Fleming Result: England won by eight

Man-of-the-match: Manzoor Akhtar. Toss: Won by England. Umpires: Steve Bucknor (West Indies) and KT. Francis (Sri Lanka)

Match referee: Peter Burge

(South Africa).

TV umpire: Cyril Mitchley

today at 3 pm.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer ACROSS 10 Simile

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Monday's answer

to the

CRYPTOQUIP CBCAGINGM

DGGA KC LUC AGN Yesterday's Cryptoquip: MAYBE GOOD BOWLERS SIMPLY DO HAVE TO GO SLOWLY; THEY'VE GOT TIME TO SPARE.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: A equals I' 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.

THYGTE KJJHBVNKVN TUDGM KMMGE

Muktis stay on course Sports Reporter two goals, staged a late first half In the other match on Monktijoddha Sanday, Brothers Union Club regisrally and pulled one back when tered their fifth win with a soligsad Krira Chakra forward Babu Das pushed the ball home one minute before maintained their tary goal victory over Youngmen's Club Fakirerpool. lead in the the short whistle. Forward Bakhtiar scored the Premier Division Inspired by the goal, Farashlone goal nine minutes into the ganj intensified their pressure with a 2-1 victory over in the second session and con-Farashgani Sporting Club in Brothers raised their tally to tained Muktis in their own half one of the two return leg 19 points from 12 matches with a series of offensives. matches played at the Mirpur while Youngmen's Club re-But the goal-blind Farashmained stuck to their previous Stadium on Monday (December ganj forwards failed to cash in collection of 11 points on comon the attacks and finally left pletion of their 12th engagethe ground swallowing their struck both the goals for the ment. sixth defeat of the league. Meanwhile, Victoria Sportwinners while Babu Das pulled It was the ninth win for the ing Club and Rahmatganj Mus-Muktis in 12 matches which lim Friends' Society shared scorer last year with 13, put the kept them on the top of the tenpoints with a 1-1 draw yesterteam table with 29 points, two minute placing a rebounder ahead of defending champions Sumon put Victoria ahead in Mohammedans who have 27 the seventh minute while Mu-The tall forward then headed points from 12 matches. rad levelled the margin for in the second goal after 16 minutes On the other hand, Farashthe 78th minute. ganj remained glued to their The draw raised Victoria's previous collection of 12 points.