

Column One 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 finals...'

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COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN Competition-85 TICK THE CORRECT ANSWERS

Competition-85 questions: In which group would Brazil be drawn for France '98? How many centuries has Alopattu hit in Test cricket to date? Who is the national soccer coach of Saudi Arabia? Who were Bangladesh's opponents in the World Youth Cup cricket qualifiers' final? How many teams are taking part in the Premier Division cricket league?

Div I cricket Sports Reporter

Sadharaan Bima Kria Sangha posted a 36-run victory over Gopibagh Friends' Association in a First Division cricket league encounter at the City Club ground in Mirpur yesterday.

BCIC International Re-Tender Notice Khulna Newsprint Mills Ltd., Town Khalishpur, Khulna, invites International Tender No. PD(F)-07A/97 for purchase of 'PEN RECORDER' which will be opened on 14-01-98 at 11:00 AM.

Mohammedans maul Ajax Sports Reporter

Favourites Mohammedan Sporting Club extended their impressive all-win record to seven with crushing 125-run defeat on promotes Ajax Sports Club in a Janakantha Premier Division cricket league match at the BKSP ground in Savar yesterday.

BRIEF SCORES: MOHAMMEDAN SC: 234 for seven wickets in 50 overs (S Mahmud 82, Selim Shahed 47, Minhajul Abedin 34; Shaohab 3/31). AJAX SC: 109 all out in 27 overs (Rafiul 28, Asif 17; Minhajul Abedin 5/13; S Mahmud 2/20, Jamaluddin 2/13). Result: Mohammedan SC won by 125 runs.

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Bankers win: 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.

Mukhtis stay on course: Title chasers Mukhtijodda Sangsad Kria Chakra maintained their lead in the Premier Division football league with a 2-1 victory over Farashganj Sporting Club in one of the two return leg matches played at the Mirpur Stadium on Monday (December 15).

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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 Shilguri yesterday.

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 UNB.

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 Stadium on Tuesday to mark the Victory Day.

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.

Sonali Bank win V-Day kabadi Sports Reporter

Sonali Bank clinched the Bi-Joy Dibash kabadi tournament with a 25-16 victory over Bangladesh Police in the final played at the court near Dhaka Stadium on Tuesday.



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

Windies wallop India

WEST INDIES Scoreboard of the Champions Trophy one-day international between India and the West Indies in Sharjah on Tuesday: WALLACE c Ganguly b Srinath 8 Williams not out 105 Lara c Kumble b Chauhan 23 Hooper c Asharuddin b Ganguly 38 Chandrapaul c Jadeja b Chauhan 16 Simmons b Kumble 16 Rose b Srinath 14 Lewis not out 1 Extras: (lb-5, nb-3) 8 Total: (all out in 42.2 overs) 229

Bevan bedevils Kiwis

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.

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