

Column One SPORTS TALK

Lalmatia win a thriller



Adam Hollioake (England one-day cricket team captain) 'Whatever game I go into is the immediate priority for me.'

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BRIEF SCORES

AZAD SC: 231 all out in 50 overs (Mona 57, Munna 54, Simon 47, Morshed 2/27, Biplob 2/26, Abu Hamid 2/49, Raisul Islam 2/51) LALMATIA CLUB: 231 for 8 wickets in 50 overs (Abid Hanif 77, Chayan 34 not out, Nasim 3/49) Result: Lalmatia won by virtue of conceding less wickets

Lalmatia Club recorded a sensational win over Azad Sporting Club in the Janaktha Premier Division cricket league when they prevailed over the promoters by virtue of conceding less wickets in a tie-match at the BKSP ground in Savar yesterday.

The battle of two also-rans in the elite 12-team echelon reached its climax when Lalmatia, chasing a moderate Azad total of 231 all out in the stipulated 50 overs, lost their seven wickets at 230 in the penultimate delivery of their innings.

In a gripping finish number ten batsman Babu then collected the priceless single in the final delivery to help Lalmatia win the cliff-hanger by the narrow margin.

Rajshahi cricket

From Our Correspondent RAJSHAHI, Dec 21: All Nagar Shapla Sangha defeated Kodalkati Tarun Sangha by 36 runs in the Bangabandhu Smriti cricket tournament at the Mohishbari College playground today.

Ali Nagar, after winning the toss, made 84 all out in the stipulated 25 overs. In reply, Kodalkati were bundled out for 48 in 16 overs.

Meanwhile, Islami Sangha beat Try Your Best by three wickets in the tenth Shaheed Zia Smriti cricket tourney at the Rajshahi Govt College ground.

Batting first, Try Your Best collected 55 runs before being all out in 16.1 overs. In their turn, the winners reached 56 in 22 overs with three wickets in hand.

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scruff of their neck. Although Babu stole the limelight with that nervous single, it was Chayan who played the sheet-anchor role in his side's exciting victory with an unbeaten 34 off 37 balls.

Chayan was a host in himself after Lalmatia lost their Pakistani middle-order bat Abid Hanif for a brilliant 77 off 115 balls. When Abid departed in the first ball of the 44th over Lalmatia left with a daunting proposition of scoring 42 runs from as many deliveries.

But Chayan and Biplob, who wagged a long tail, shared 40 runs for the seventh wicket to guide Lalmatia closer to victory before the latter departed for a 20-ball 18.

Earlier, sent into bat in the morning, the Azad total was revolved around two half-centuries from their openers Mona and Munna and a rapid-fire 47 by Sabbir Khan.

Mona topped with a 75 off 60 deliveries embellished with five fours and a sixer while Munna chipped in with 54.

For Lalmatia Biplob captured two wickets for only 27 runs in his seven overs to return most impressive among the bowlers.

Exhibition one-dayer Gavaskar picks Akram, Aminul

National skipper Akram Khan and his deputy Aminul Islam Bulbul were invited to play in a limited-over match between India Eleven and International XI, scheduled to be held in Bangalore on December 30.

On behalf of the tournament organiser, former Indian captain Sunil Gavaskar sent letter to the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) yesterday. The friendly affair, which the legendary Indian opener claimed to strengthen the unity of the sub-continent through sports, will feature star player of this region.

It was learnt that both Akram and Aminul will play for the International XI, which is likely to be led by Pakistan skipper Wasim Akram.

Czech Rep finish third

Substitute Lasota Edvard scored in the 63rd minute to give Czech Republic a 1-0 victory against Uruguay in the third-place decider of the Confederations' Cup soccer tournament in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia last night.

The final between world champions Brazil and Australia was awaiting kick-off till filing of this report.

Rifles retain V-Day v'ball

Bangladesh Rifles retained the Victory Day top-five volleyball championship defeating Bangladesh Army by 3-1 in a final at the court adjacent to Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

The riflemen won the first two sets by 15-8 and 15-10 before Army offered a fight-back by claiming the third set 15-11.

But the soaring spirit of the Army faded quickly when Bangladesh Rifles won the fourth and deciding set (15-6) to lift the title for the third consecutive time since its introduction in 1995.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader, who was the chief guest on the concluding day of the meet, distributed trophies among the winners. Besides, the president of Bangladesh Volleyball Federation, Maj. Gen. Mohammed Azizur Rahman was also present on the occasion.



Action from yesterday's Victory Day Top Five volleyball tournament final between Bangladesh Rifles and Bangladesh Army at the court near Dhaka Stadium. - Star photo

BU scrape thru'

An early strike from Shamim helped Brothers Union to record a hard-fought lone goal win over promoters Rahmatganj Muslim Friends Society in a Premier Division football league match at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday.

Shamim headed home a 12th minute flag-kick from Mintu as the Gopibagh outfit survived a late onslaught from the old towners for their sixth win in the marathon league.

The so-called traditional third force in the domestic circuit with this win raised their tally to 22 points from 13 matches. But they had to be contented with a distant fourth position with still six points adrift of third-placed Abahani Krira Chakra.

On the other hand it was Bahadur Gani who led the team to a 1-0 victory from 13 outings in the double league, which will be followed by a five-team super phase for the ultimate glory.

The old-town outfit, however, was only to be blamed for the defeat. They came up firing all their four cylinders after the breather, rocking the opponent citadel with a series of offensives. But all their creative mid-field works eventually went down the drain because of their poor marksmanship.

Striker Milon had all the time in the world to beat a hapless Brothers custodian in a one to one situation. But Milon missed the frame with a wild shot. A defeat for Rahmatganj was sealed when their nimble winger muffed up yet another sitter in the last quarter of the match.

Edmundo's weird escape act

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec 21: Vasco da Gama striker Edmundo, rated the top player in Brazil, escaped suspension in controversial style Saturday and will be able to play in the second leg of the national championship final against Palmeiras, reports Reuters.

The ruling by a Brazilian football confederation (BFC) tribunal effectively means that the hugely gifted but volatile striker benefitted from being sent off in last weekend's first game.

Edmundo was booked early in the second half during Sunday's 0-0 draw, meaning he faced automatic suspension from the second leg as it was his third yellow card.

But he was later sent off for kicking an opponent and under Brazilian football legislation, receiving the red card, which does not carry automatic suspension, wiped out the booking leaving him again on two yellow cards.

Saturday, the tribunal judged Edmundo for the red card and decided to fine him 110 dollars and allow him to play in today's second leg.

Vasco, who play at home today were euphoric at being able to field a player who has scored a record-breaking 29 goals in the competition and has been largely responsible for getting them to the final.

The football spectacle will be the winner, said Vasco director Eurico Miranda.

Palmeiras on the other hand were livid especially as Edmundo's ability to avoid receiving a yellow card had been one of the big issues before last week's game and his booking earned the biggest cheer of the day from their fans.

"I knew all the time this would be the ruling," said Palmeiras director Sebastiao Lapola.

Anwar, Inzamam may miss Dhaka meet Shoulder worries Wasim

KARACHI, Dec 21: Pakistan captain Wasim Akram is afflicted by the recurrence of the same shoulder pain which had sidelined him from competitive cricket for nine months.

Akram admitted from his Lahore residence that the pain was there but its intensity was not the same as it was earlier this year. "But I am very uncomfortable with it," Akram said. "I contacted my specialist in England who was of the view that it was not a matter of concern. But frankly, it is easy for him to say this because he is not a professional sportsman like me with a lot of future commitments."

Akram believed that the recurrence may be occurred in the match against India in the Sharjah tournament. He said he tried to bowl very fast which might have affected the shoulder.

Akram said he was not clear if he will be available for the Bangladesh triangular tourney to be played in Dhaka from Jan 10. "I am waiting to see how the shoulder goes on. If there is no more pain, I will go otherwise, I will pull out. I will convey my availability to the cricket board in a week's time."

According to informed



WASIM AKRAM

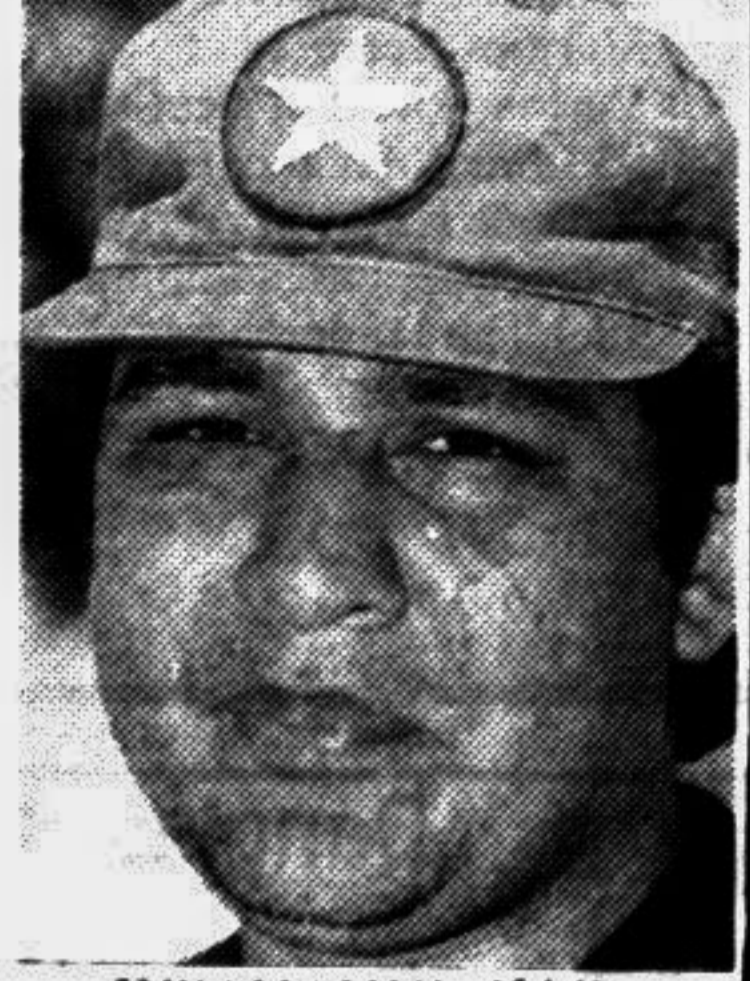


SAEED ANWAR

sources, Inzamamul Haq and Saeed Anwar are also doubtful starters for the forthcoming tournament also involving India and Bangladesh.

Inzamam is suffering from a rib-cage injury while Anwar wants some rest to prepare for an 18-month non-stop cricket starting with the tour of Africa in February and ending with the 1999 World Cup in July in England. Anwar, between April and September, will also play for Derbyshire in the English county season.

Source: The Dawn newspaper of Pakistan



INZAMAMUL HAQ

South Africa take command

BRISBANE, Dec 21: South Africa's bowlers ripped through Australia's A's lower order today to provide their side with a timely confidence boost ahead of this week's first Test against the senior Australian team, reports Reuters.

Pacemen Lance Klusener and Shaun Pollock combined to capture the last five Australia A wickets for just 17 runs to dismiss the host country's second-string side for 330.

Klusener captured five for 84 to become the first South African to take five wickets in an innings on their current tour while Pollock finished with four for 68.

"They came at us extremely hard yesterday which was not a bad thing," Klusener said. "We had a long chat about how we bowled yesterday and then today we just concentrated on the right line and tightening it up which worked."

Australia's A's collapse left South Africa with a first innings lead of 128 following their own effort of 458 for nine declared.

They pushed their advantage to 242 by the close on the third day by scoring 114 for three in their second innings.

The downside to the impressive performance by the bowlers, which did not include Allan Donald who was rested for this match, was the continued failure of the Proteas' top-order.

Both South African openers failed, with Adam Bacher making 49 and Gary Kirsten 11. Jacques Kallis also went just before the close when he was trapped leg before by part-time spinner Justin Langer.

However, an unbeaten 50 by Daryll Cullinan pushed the visitors into a commanding position with a day to play.

The first of three Tests between Australia and South Africa played at the Gabba on Sunday.

SOUTH AFRICA: First innings 458 for 9 declared.

Rajshahi kabadi

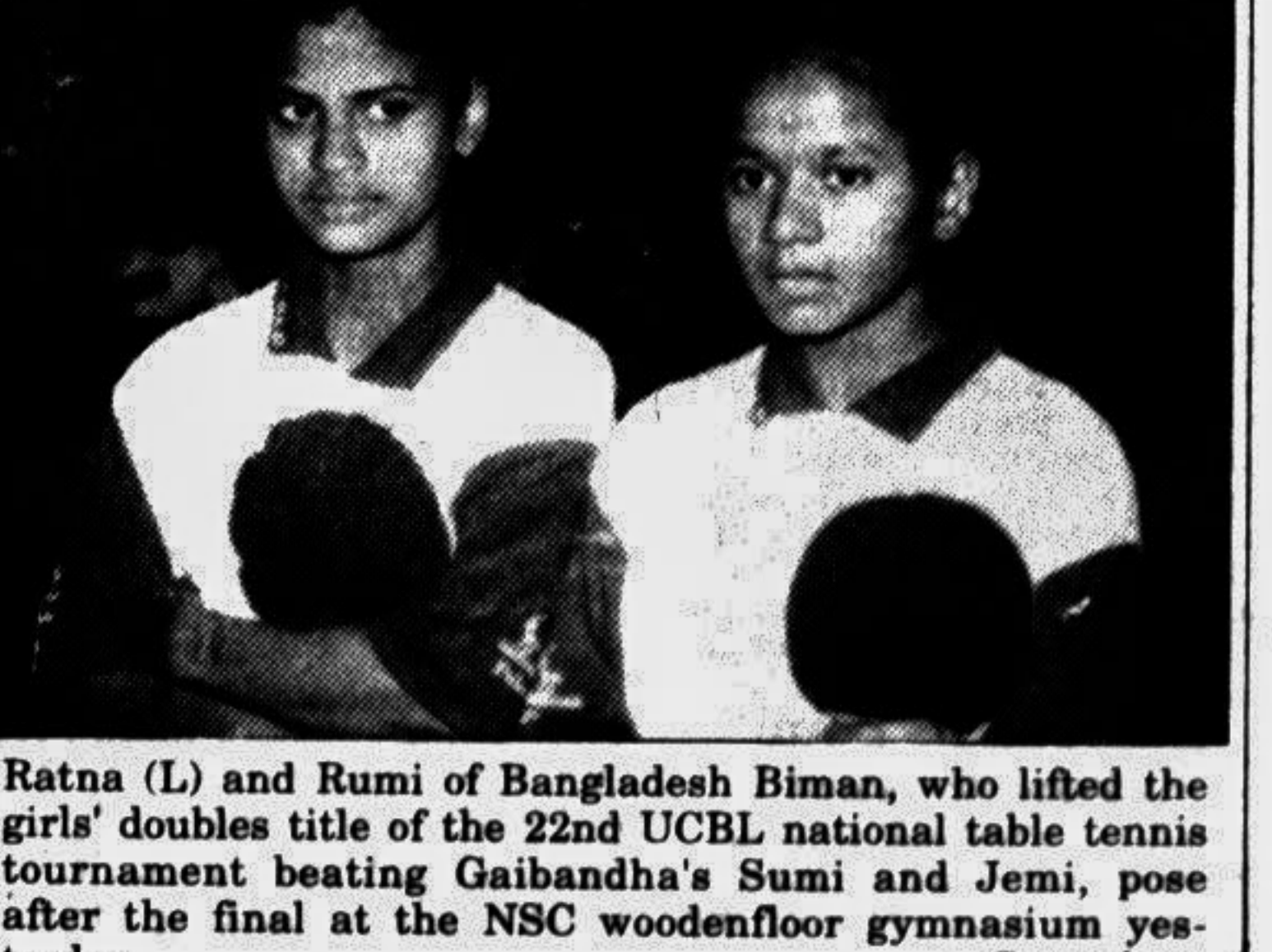
From Our Correspondent RAJSHAHI, Dec 21: The Rajshahi divisional kabadi competition will begin at the local stadium here tomorrow.

Table with cricket statistics for Australia and South Africa, including names like Klusener, McMillan, Symcox, Kallis, Cronje, etc.

R&H, Tender Invitation Notice

Tender Notice No 147/EE WD, Dhaka/1997-98. Details of tender for ferry maintenance.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer and CRYPTOQUIP. Includes crossword clues and a grid.



Ratna (L) and Rumi of Bangladesh Biman, who lifted the girls' doubles title of the 22nd UCBL national table tennis tournament beating Gaibandha's Sumi and Jemi, pose after the final at the NSC woodenfloor gymnasium yesterday. - Star photo