

Column One

Boost sports WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Competition-87

✓ Tick the Correct Answers

Competition closes at 8 pm

on Jan 30, 1998

1 Which Kiwi batsman scored

the only ODI century

against Pakistan?

Cairns Astle Crowe

2 Which is the highest ODI

individual score?

194 189 198

3 How many ODI centuries

has Azharuddin hit?

3 4 5

4 Who scored the only half-

century for Bangladesh in

the Independence Cup?

Aminul Akram Mahmud

5 Who is leading Bangladesh in

the World Youth Cup cricket

in South Africa?

Sabir Al-Shariq Sajal

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EN-VITS
ENERGY RELEASING VITAMINS

SPORTS TALK



Curtly Ambrose

(West Indies fast bowler)
"I'm not done yet and only
Curtly knows when to call it
quits. I still have something to
offer to West Indies cricket."Denying speculation that he
was preparing for retirement.

FA Cup

Rovers blank
Wednesday

LONDON, Jan 27: Chris Sutton, Tim Sherwood and Damien Duff scored first half goals Monday as Blackburn won at Sheffield Wednesday 3-0 to reach the fifth round of the FA Cup, reports AP.

Blackburn, in second place in the Premier league behind Manchester United, got Sutton's goal in the sixth minute and Sherwood's in the 37th to quiet a small crowd of 15,000. Duff final goal came in the 87th.

The victory means Blackburn will play at West Ham in the fifth round in mid-February. In other fifth-round games it will be: Aston Villa vs Coventry; Leeds vs Birmingham; Stevenage of Newcastle vs Tranmere; Wimborne vs Charlton or Wolverhampton; Manchester United vs Tottenham or Barnsley; Arsenal vs Crystal Palace; Ipswich or Sheffield United vs Cardiff or Reading.

Muller the most
wanted French
coach

PARIS, Jan 27: Metz coach Joel Muller has become the most sought after coach in France following his team's splendid form in recent months, reports Reuters.

The team he began with as a player has improved out of all recognition to stand top of the French First Division, proving that his pragmatic approach has paid off.

Muller's success of story has led to comparisons with Arsenal coach Arsene Wenger, like him an aloof, soft-spoken character who comes from the same region of eastern France.

Muller's contract with Metz runs out at the end of this season and some of the most prestigious teams in the French league are keen to recruit him.

Patrick Proust, president of struggling but wealthy Strasbourg, on Thursday said he was hoping to hire 45-year-old Muller next season.

This week Strasbourg parted company with coach Jacky Dugueperoux after a string of poor results and replaced him with his deputy Rene Girard.

The sports daily L'Equipe on Friday said Paris St Germain had also approached Muller to see whether he might be available to take charge next season.

PSG president Michael Denisot has reportedly said current coach Ricardo would remain if the club won the league title this season.

AKC in Bijoy Dibash final

Sports Reporter



Favourites Abahani Kiran Chakra sailed into the final of the Bijoy Dibash cricket tournament with a 24-run victory over Brothers

Union Club in the second semifinal played at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

In the final which is likely to be held on January 8 at the same venue, Abahani will take on arch-rivals Mohomedan Sporting Club.

In a reduced 46-over-a-side affair the Damal Smriti champions managed to score 219 for eight after being sent into bat.

Openers Azam Iqbal (14) and Imran Hamid Partho (19), gave Abahani a slow but steady start putting on 36 in nine overs before both perished in quick succession to Brothers' new-ball bowler Narayan Shah.

Skipper Akram Khan and wicket-keeper batsman Khaled Masood then consolidated the Abahani innings with a 67-run third wicket stand.

The partnership was broken with the score on 110 in the 31st over when Masood was run out.

Akram added another 24 runs to along with Naimur Rahman before he was out in the 35th over after playing a responsible knock of 53 off 65 balls.

In his 88-minute stay at the crease, Akram, who was later adjudged as the player-of-the-match, hammered five boundaries. Naimur (11) followed his skipper which left Abahani reeling on 138 for five in 36.1 overs.

But allrounders Naimur Rashid Rahal (39) and Iqbal Hossain (25) put on an invaluable 65 runs for the sixth wicket and ensured Abahani cross the 200-run mark.

Rahul, who hit three fours and a huge six, faced only 36 balls to while Iqbal's 19-ball cameo included a six and a four.

Brothers' Union's national pacer Shafuddin Balo captured three wickets for 44 runs from nine overs while his new ball partner Tapu finished with two for 26 from his nine. Brothers in their quest were restricted to 195 for nine.

The Gopibagh boys were off to a nightmare start losing their three top order batsmen within nine overs with just 23 runs on the board.

Opener Shahir Hossain, who scored a century against Surjo Tarun Club in the quar-

terfinal on Sunday, fell to a stunning catch in the covers by Akram off the bowling of

BRIEF SCORES

ABAHANI KC: 219 for 8 in 46 overs (Akram 53, Rahul 39, Masood 30, Iqbal 25; Shafuddin 3/44, Tapu 2/26)

BROTHERS UNION: 195 for 9 in 46 overs (Sanwar 69, Halim Shah 48; Naimur 3/35, Zakir 3/40)

Result: Abahani KC won by 24 runs.
Player-of-the-match: Akram Khan.

Colonel for six while the other century maker in Sunday's game one down Jahangir Alam was bowled by Zakir without opening his account.

Besides, medium-pacer

Colonel and off spinner Sheikh Saladdin took one wicket apiece.

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