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COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN Competition-88

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Competition closes at 8 pm on Feb 20, 1998

1 How many countries took part in the World Youth Cricket Cup?

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2 What is the position of Korda in ATP rankings at the moment?

1st 2nd 3rd

3 How many Test matches has Dave Richardson played?

42 43 44

4 Who is the current 100m world champion?

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5 Which team finished first in the Premier Division soccer league?

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A portrait of a man.

Naimur, Masud save Abahani

Sports Reporter

A century partnership for the fifth wicket between Naimur Rahman and Khaled Masud gave Abahani Krira Chakra their eighth win in the Janakantha Premier Division



Shafuddin, was the best shot of the day.

Naimur was eventually out in the 40th over, but not before Abahani were comfortably placed at 173 for five. The daps

10 from Iqbal, Abahani reached the summit without further damage.

Earlier, in their innings, Brothers demonstrated a poor batting display despite having a

cricket league yesterday. At the Dhaka Stadium, the title-holders beat Brothers Union by three wickets.

In a spectacular recovery operation Naimur and wicket-keeper Masud produced a match-winning 108 runs after Abahani were reduced to 65 for four in reply to an unimpressive Brothers total of 189.

Coming into bat at number five, Naimur scored a brilliant 58 and Masud fell just three runs short of what would have been a deserving half-century. The two middle-order batsmen got their acts together to steady the rocking boat after their top order caved in while going for some senseless shots.

A fine display of controlled spell by Abahani bowlers, aided by some unimaginative batting of the Gopibagh willow-wielders, enabled the popular Dharmondi outfit to bundle Brothers out for 189 in 47 overs.

Things turned out to be more stimulating for Abahani when they were off to a rollicking start, scoring their 50 in only nine overs. But in the process they lost their opener Azam Iqbal (11) and one-down Al-Shahri.

The complexion of the game however changed sharply when dashing opener Imran Hamid, who scored a typically aggressive 26, and skipper Akram Khan fell in quick succession.

Imran was caught at mid-on off Sanwar while going for a lofted drive. But a chill was sent down the Abahani spine when Akram fell for only nine, miscuing a full length delivery down the leg side from Khaled Mahmud into the safe pair of hands of wicket-keeper Jahangir.

But then came the exciting episode of the day's match when Masud joined forces with Naimur to weather the Brothers threat.

An in-form Naimur, who in an object lesson for his more illustrious predecessors played a very sensible innings, reached his fifty off only 68 balls which included three successive hits across the rope against Khaled Mahmud. But his fourth boundary, an eye-pleasing on-drive off national right-arm seamer

Abahani's middle-order batsman Naimur Rahman flicks the ball for a four during his match-winning knock of 58 against Brothers Union at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. Abahani won the match by three wickets.

— Star photo

per all-rounder was undone by a brilliant piece of fielding from Brothers skipper Halim Shah, who shattered the stump at the striker's end with direct throw from point.

The departure of Naimur inflicted a mini-collapse with Abahani losing their next two wickets for the addition of only seven runs. Khaled Masud, who hammered the lone sixer in the match, a huge hit over long-on off Sanwar, was brilliantly caught by former Indian Test-captain Sanjeev Sharma at mid-wicket and Sheikh Salauddin scored only one before offering a simple return catch to Brothers' left-arm spinner Mustadir Litu. But thanks to an unbeaten

strong line-up which included former Pakistan international Aamir Hanif and Sanjeev Sharma.

Aamir did score a defiant 45 off 72 balls and Sanwar hammered a chancy 48, but there was no one around to play a long innings to vindicate their skipper's decision to bat first. With this win Abahani joined their arch-rivals Mohammedans atop the table. But Mohammedans played one match less than Abahani, who collected 18 points from nine matches.

On the other hand, with this defeat, Brothers' collection remained unchanged: 14 points off nine matches.

Salas proves his worth

LONDON, Feb 12: Marcelo Salas showed just why Lazio have paid 12 million pounds (19.5 million dollars) for his signature with two superbly-taken goals as Chile beat an experimental England team 2-0 in a World Cup warm-up on Wednesday, reports Reuters.

The 23-year-old South American player-of-the-year put his side ahead after 44 minutes with one of the best goals ever scored under Wembley's famous twin towers.

Salas, who flies to Rome to

day to complete his transfer from River Plate, struck with stunning skill and finishing power.

Outpacing defender David Batty on the edge of the penalty area, he controlled a soaring 40-metre pass from Jose Sierra on his left thigh and completing the movement without breaking stride, volleyed the ball wide of diving English goalkeeper Nigel Martyn.

He wrapped up their deserved

success with a perfectly-taken penalty 11 minutes from time when he sent Martyn the wrong way.

Salas himself had bamboozled England defender Sol Campbell into fouling him, and his goals fulfilled a personal dream.

It was Chile's first ever win in live meetings against England dating back to 1950 and wrapped up their sort world tour on a high note after a win over Australia in Melbourne at the weekend.

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first round in the World Cup finals, showed no sign of jet-lag or lethargy after flying halfway round the world for the match.

Instead, with Sierra and Rodri戈o Barrera at the heart of all their moves and dictating the pace of the match in midfield. They looked sharp, incisive and far more cohesive than England, who gave debuts to strikers Dior Dublin and Michael Owen.

Owen, aged just 18 years and 59 days, became England's youngest player this century and had a highly promising debut, twice going close to scoring.

England, who despite the experiments had too many players below their best, welcomed back striker Alan Shearer for his first international after his long injury lay-off, but he did not contribute greatly to their cause.

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TODAY'S MATCHES

Davis Cup Asia/Oceania Zone Group IV Competition:

Venue: National Tennis Complex

Bangladesh vs Brunei

UAE vs Jordan

Oman vs Iraq

Janakantha Premier Cricket League:

Biman vs Kalabagan KC (Dhaka Stadium)

First Division Cricket Super League:

Gopibagh FA vs Dharmondi Club (Dharmondi Cricket Stadium)

West Indies captain Brian Lara practises in the nets on Feb 11 at the Queen's Park Oval prior to the third Test against England, which starts in Trinidad today. The hosts are leading the series 1-0. Star Sports television channel will cover the match live from 9.35 pm BST. —AP/UNB photo

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AKC-BU SCORECARD

Scoreboard of the Janakantha Metropolis Premier Division cricket league match between Abahani Krira Chakra and Brothers Union Club played at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday:

BROTHERS UNION:

Shahriar b Salauddin	21
Sheezan b Salauddin	12
Jahangir c & b Salauddin	10
Sanwar c Saifullah b Durjoy	48
Aamir Hanif c Imran Hamid b Saifullah	45
Halim Shah c K Masud b Saifullah	0
Sanjeev Ibw b Zakir	5
K Mahmood st K Masud b Saifullah	12
Mostadir run out	6
Shahnewaz not out	5
Shafuddin K Masud b Naimur	4
Extras: (b-3, lb-5, nb-2, w-11)	21
Total: (all out in 47 overs)	189
Fall of wickets: 1-28; 2-46; 3-52; 4-132; 5-144; 6-163; 7-175; 8-180; 9-180; 10-189.	

Bowling

Zakir	0	M	R	W
Colonel	5	0	26	0
Salauddin	8	2	23	3
Iqbal	6	0	31	0
Salauddin	10	0	30	3
Naimur	10	0	51	2

ABAHANI KC:

Azam Iqbal st Jahangir b Shezan 11	
Imran Hamid c Shafuddin	
b Sanwar	27
Al-Shahri c Jahangir b Sanwar	9
Akram Khan c Jahangir b	7
K Mahmood	58
Naimur run out	47
K Masud c Sharma b Mustadir	1
Salauddin c & b Mustadir	10
Iqbal Hossain not out	0
Zakir not out	0
Extras (lb-2, nb-6, w-12)	20
Total (for seven wickets in 45.1 overs)	190
Fall of wickets: 1-27; 2-48; 3-61; 4-65; 5-173; 6-179; 7-180.	

Bowling

Shahnewaz	5	0	12	0
Shafuddin	5	0	26	0
Sanwar	8.1	0	43	2
Shezan	5	0	22	1
Shanjeev	3	0	15	0
K Mahmood	4	0	26	1
Mustadir	6	0	24	2
Hami	9	1	20	0

Result:

Abahani won by 3 wickets.

Div I cricket

Sports Reporter

SADHARAN BIMA: 185 all out in 44 overs (Mainuzzaman 70, Rajinder Singh 36, Nakib 21; Jewel 2/24, Pappa 2/31, Ripon 2/32, Tarique 2/41).

DHAKA WANDERERS: 183 for nine in 50 overs (Jasim 53, Badshah 29, Tapu 29; Nakib 3/23).

Result: Sadharan Bima won by two runs

A brilliant all-round performance by Nakib Haider guided Sadharan Bima Krira Sangstha to their second successive win in the First Division cricket super league with a sensational two-run victory over Dhaka Wanderers Club at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

In a low-scoring match, Nakib scored 21 runs to help his side reach a moderate total of 185 and then went on to capture three wickets for 23 runs to restrict their counterparts to 183 for nine in the stipulated 50 overs.

Sent into bat, the insurancemen scored 185 before they were all out in 44 overs with opener Mainuzzaman hammering highest 70 off 89 balls including six fours.

Wanderers' Jewel, Pappa, Ripon and Tarique evenly shared eight wickets among themselves.

In reply, Wanderers could collect only 183 runs in their quota of 50 overs in the face of some inspirational bowling by new ball bowler Nakib. He was supported by Khokon, Mainuzzaman, Rajinder and Ratan who captured one wicket each.

Middle-order Jasim, with a superb 53 off 58 balls, was the lone Wanderers bat who played with some sense while Badshah and Tapu contributed 29 runs apiece to the losers' account.

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