

## Sport

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**BRIEF SCORES**

**ORIENT SC:** 216 for eight in 50 overs (Amir Ishaque 49, Jewel 32, Masum 31, Tapu 27, Bogu 3/27, Tareque 3/34)

**DHAKA WANDERERS**  
**CLUB:** 195 all out in 49.1 overs (Tapu 60 n.o., Javed 52, Babu 3/29, Dalim 2/37, Jockey 2/39)

**Result:** Orient Sporting Club won by 21 runs.

Title aspirants Orient Sporting Club registered their third successive win in the First Division cricket super league with a 21-victory over Dhaka Wanderers Club at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Sent in to bat Orient scored 216 for eight in the stipulated 50 overs with one-down Pakistani recruit Amir Ishaque hammering highest 49 off 61 balls inclusive of four boundaries. Opener Jewel (32) Masum (31) and Tapu (27) were the other notable run-getters.

Wanderers bowlers Boglu and Tareque evenly shared six wickets among themselves conceding 27 and 34 runs respectively.

In reply, Dhaka Wanderers Club were bundled out for 195 in 49.1 overs.

Babu, Orient's new-ball bowler, ripped through the top orders, finished with 3 for 29. He was equally supported by Dalim and Jockey who captured two wickets each.

Tapu, with 60 off 78 balls, and Javed, with 52 off 85 balls were the leading contributors to the Wanderers total.

**Tasmania in top spot**

**HOBART, Feb 14:** Tasmania went to the top of the Sheffield Shield cricket competition with a comprehensive 10-wicket victory over champions Queensland on the final day here today, reports AFP.

Tasmania, set 202 for victory, cruised to the target with an unbeaten opening partnership of 204 between Dene Hills and Jamie Cox.

Hills was unbeaten on 121 and Cox was 71 not out to guide the island state to victory half an hour after tea.

Tasmania, yet to win the Shield, lead the standings by six points, although second-placed Western Australia can join them at the top with an outright victory over New South Wales in their match which begins in Perth today.

The depleted Queensland attack, which lost spinner Geoff Foley after he was called by the umpires for throwing, was unable to contain Hills and Cox, who made light work of their target.

**Campbell's narrow miss**

**TIMARU, New Zealand, Feb 14:** Zimbabwe's batting crisis eased a little today when captain Alistair Campbell hit a career-best 196 in the tourists' four-day cricket match against Canterbury at Timaru, securing them a 322-run lead by stumps on Day Two, reports Reuters.

Campbell was one of four batsmen in need of an innings of substance before the first Test against New Zealand at Wellington, starting on Thursday.

Only Grant Flower and Murray Goodwin have had runs of late but Campbell joined them with a magnificent knock before being cruelly run out in a mix-up with Heath Streak.

Streak played a ball to backward square and Campbell set off for the single, but Streak wasn't the slightest bit interested and Campbell failed to make his ground at the non-striker's end.

At his dismissal Campbell declared the innings closed at 422 for eight, but was clearly annoyed and stormed off the ground ahead of his teammate despite having bettered his previous best of 135 against a Pakistan Eleven in the 1994-95 season.

Campbell and Paul Strang took the game away from Canterbury with a seventh wicket partnership of 261.

**Bjorkman in semis**

**DUBAI, Feb 14:** Number one seed Jonas Bjorkman defied unusually strong winds to beat Carlos Moya 7-6 (7-3), 6-1 on Friday and reach the semifinals of the one million dollars Dubai Open, reports Reuters.

**TODAY'S MATCHES**

**Davis Cup Asia/Oceania Zone Group IV competition:** (Venue: National Tennis Complex)

Bangladesh vs Bahrain  
 Jordan vs Iraq  
 Oman vs UAE

**Janakantha Premier Cricket League:** Biman vs Brothers Union Club (Dhaka Stadium)

**First Division Cricket Super League:** Sadharan Bima KS vs Gopibagh FA (Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium)

**Premier Division Football Relegation League:** Rahmatganj vs Agrani Bank SC (Mirpur Stadium, 5 pm)

**First Division Football Super League:** Badda Jagarani vs Dhaka Wanderers Club (Mirpur Stadium, 3 pm)



Minhazul Abedin (R), the veteran Mohammedan batsman receives a few words of wisdom from 'captain cool' Arjuna Ranatunga after his epic unbeaten 108 against Surjo Tarun in a Janakantha Premier Division fixture yesterday at the Dhaka Stadium. The Sri Lankan skipper is playing for Mohammedans in the league.

—Star photo

**Minhazul lords over Tarun**

Sports Reporter

Minhazul Abedin rediscovered his brilliant self with a superb unbeaten century to help Mohammedan Sporting Club register a resounding 43-run win over giant-slayers Surjo Tarun in a Janakantha Premier Division cricket league match at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

The experienced batsman smashed a dazzling 108, his first ton of the season, as Mohammedans, electing to use the wicket first, scored an imposing 205 for eight in the stipulated 50 overs.

Surjo Tarun, in their chase, were off to a rollicking start with their opener Zahid Razzak plundering 54 runs in an absorbing 93-run partnership for the first wicket with Javed Omar.

But once the tall former national opener, who reached his fifty with a massive sixer over long-off against Hasibul Hassan, was undone by a direct hit from mid-off, Surjo Tarun lost their way, losing two more wickets in successive deliveries from Rafique.

Rafique, who ended the wondrous innings of an aggressive Zahid with an accurate throw at the bowlers' end, effectively shattered Surjo Tarun's hopes scalping Pakistani Shahid Saeed (3) and Nurul Abedin (0) in successive deliveries in the 23rd over.

After those quick blows, Surjo Tarun had never recovered despite a valiant effort from their skipper Javed Omar, who scored a sedate 59 off 110 balls embellished with half a dozen fours. The mediocre Premier league outfit eventually

ended up with 207 losing all of their wickets in 48.1 overs.

But the day certainly belonged to Minhazul. Coming into bat at number three, he made the most of two dropped catches earlier in his innings. He reached his hundred with a four down the extra cover followed by a quick single in the penultimate over of the innings from Surjo Tarun's left-arm seamer Anisur Rahman.

The season's middle-order bat, who was dropped from the national team after the Colombo Asia Cup for his poor performance, smote seven



sweetly-timed hits across the rope in his 139-ball rule at the crease.

On reaching the magical three-figure mark, an extremely elated Chittagonian, kissed the ground as if to bid those bad days bye which kept him out of the national team after a decade-long international appearance.

In a timely reminder to the selectors, he shared 101 runs for the second wicket to complete their eleven first round matches with opener Parvez after Mehrab

Hossain fell for a duck in the first over. An in-form Parvez scored a patient 43 off 65 balls before being caught and bowled by Surjo Tarun skipper Javed Omar, who with his occasional leg-break bowling had also claimed two vital wickets on the day.

With the regular bowlers failing to make any impression on Mohammedan batsmen, Javed gave his more illustrious opponents a brief scare by dismissing his counterpart Aminul Islam (14) and star Sri Lankan recruit Arjuna Ranatunga in quick succession.

The Lanka skipper flew in the city on Friday night. But the delight of a strong band of Mohammedan supporters turned into despair as he lasted for only 16 deliveries before offering a tame catch at cover after making 11 runs.

But Minhazul, who was dropped by Zahid Razzak at gully while on 22 and by Biplob at square leg eight runs later, got the much-needed support from Mohammad Rafique after that stunning slide, which left Mohammedans reeling at 170 for five.

Together with Rafique, who smote a huge sixer over square leg in his breezy 29, Minhazul put on 54 runs to ensure Mohammedans cross the 200-mark.

Was Mohammedans' ninth win on a tort to lead the table with 18 points, two points clear of their nearest rivals and holders Abahani Krira Chakra. For Surjo Tarun, it was their fourth defeat to complete their eleven first round matches with 14 points.

**MSC-SURJO TARUN SCOREBOARD**

MOHAMMEDANS SC		O	M	R	W
Parvez c & b Javed	43				
Mehrab c Tuhin b Anis	0				
Minhazul not out	108				
A Ranatunga c Shamsul b Javed	11				
Aminul Islam c Rafiqul b Javed	14				
S Shahed run out	1				
Rafique run out	29				
Jahangir Talukder					
Khairuzzaman	1				
Hasibul Khairuzzaman	4				
Extras (b-4, lb-6, nb-3, w-20)	33				
Total: (for 8 wkt in 50 overs)	250				
Fall of wkt: 1/2; 2/101; 3/124; 4/158; 5/170; 6/224; 7/229; 8/250					
<b>Bowling</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>	
Anisur Rahman 10	0	56	1		
Khairuzzaman 10	1	52	2		
S Saeed	5	24	0		
Rafiqul	6	31	0		
Javed Omar	10	43	3		
Shamsul	9	34	0		
<b>SURJO TARUN</b>					
Zahid Razzak run out	54				
Javed Omar b Anisul	59				
S Saeed b Rafique	3				
Nurul Abedin c Aminul b Rafique	0				
Biplob c Morshed b Minhazul	35				
Rehan c Parvez b Mihazul	7				
Tuhin not out	21				
Anis c Hasibul b Rafique	15				
Shamsul st Nasir b Rahmatunga	1				
Khairuzzaman c & b Rafique	1				
Rafique (not turn up)					
Extras (b-4, nb-6, w-1)	11				
Total: (All out in 48.1 overs)	207				
Fall of wkt: 1/93; 2/97; 3/97; 4/154; 5/162; 6/170; 7/198; 8/206; 9/207					
<b>Bowling</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>	
Jahangir	7	1	29	0	
Morshed	4	0	21	0	
A Ranatunga	6	0	19	1	
Hasibul	8	1	38	0	
Rafique	8.1	0	31	4	
Minhazul	10	1	39	2	
Aminul Islam	5	0	26	1	
<b>Result:</b> Mohammedan SC won by 43 runs.					

**Raqib collects IM norm**

Bangladesh's Abdullah Al Raqib earned a norm for International Master title beating Indian Grand Master Prabean Mohadev Thipsay in the ninth round of the Godricke international chess competition at Calcutta yesterday, according to a message received here, reports BSS.

He has earned five-and-a-half points so far.

International Master Ziaur Rahman of Bangladesh reached the second position with six points at the end of the ninth round. He drew with British Grand Master Nigel Short.

Another Bangladeshi Rifat bin Sattar collected four points from his nine matches.

**Int'l jr tennis at Rajshahi tomorrow**

From Our Correspondent

**RAJSHAHI, Feb 14:** The seven day long Rajshahi International junior tennis championship '98 under 18 will start at Rajshahi Tennis Complex from February 16.

Addressing a news conference at the auditorium of the tennis complex this evening the director of the tournament Mostaque Ahmed said sixty players from eight countries including hosts Bangladesh are expected to participate in the tournament jointly organised by Bangladesh Tennis Federation (BTF) and Rajshahi Tennis Complex. The International Tennis Federation has also given its approval.

All preparations have already been completed for holding the week-long tournament which will be sponsored by the IJTC Bank.

State Minister for Primary and Mass Education Prof. Zinnatunnesa Talukder is likely to be present at the inaugural function as chief guest.

**Barisal cricket**

From Staff Correspondent

**BARISAL, Feb 14:** Shaheed Rintu-Sinti Smriti Sangsad outplayed Nazrul Pathagar by 130 runs in the First Division cricket league at the local stadium today.

Batting first Shaheed Rintu scored 233 runs all out in 39.4 overs.

In reply Nazrul Pathagar scored 103 runs losing all wickets in 24.3 overs.

Jewel of the winning team scored highest 41 while Rafiq of Nazrul Pathagar scored highest 24.

Soham of Shaheed Rintu took 3 wickets for 37.

Arunodai Krira Chakra will tomorrow at the same venue.

**South Africa 296 for eight**

Sports Reporter

A remarkable ninth-wicket partnership between debutant wicketkeeper Mark Boucher and spinner Pat Symcox powered South Africa to 296 for eight at close on the opening day of the first Test against Pakistan at the Wanderers at Johannesburg yesterday.

Interest players who have not yet registered their