

Sport

Column One DID U' KNOW? (The Professor does)

THAT, although we often blame clobberists for washing out outdoor sports events, it was this very rain which started off one-day international cricket. In 1971, the traditional New Year fixture between Australia and England in Melbourne had been rained out during the first three days. So it was agreed to stage a 40 eight-ball over knockabout game to compensate the crowd. The unique match attracted 4,600 people and pointed the way to the future with gate receipts of \$ Aus 33,000.

Boost sports WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN Competition-89 Tick the Correct Answers Competition closes at 8 pm on March 6, 1998

- 1 Who clinched the Div I cricket title? Orient SC, S Bina, Victoria
2 Which country became Davis Cup Asia/Oceania Zone Group 4 champions? Bangladesh, UAE, Bahrain
3 What is Pat Symcox's highest score in Test cricket? 108, 109, 110
4 Who won the Paris Open tennis tournament? Novotna, Huber, Pierce
5 Who is the manager of Chelsea FC? Gullit, Vialli, Del Piero

Name: Roll No: School Address: Phone: (If any):

EN-VITS ENERGY RELEASING VITAMINS SPORTS TALK



Bobby Simpson (Former Australian cricketer) Two of the great things I have learnt in cricket are never assume that a player knows everything and that the game is much easier and clearer when viewed from the sidelines.

Khulna cricket KHULNA, Mar 2: Khulna Zila School clinched the title of the sixteenth national school cricket championship of Khulna region defeating Belpullia School by 24 runs in the final today at the Khulna Divisional Stadium, reports BSS.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes a solution key at the bottom.

Surjo Tarun sink deep into a quagmire Aminul turns the MSC tide

Sports Reporter

Mohammedan Sporting Club got their act together on Monday to pull themselves out of the rut to a morale-boosting eight-wicket win over Surjo Tarun Club in a Janakantha Premier Division Super League match at the Dhaka Stadium.

After three consecutive demoralising defeats at the hands of Kalabagan, Abahani and Bangladesh Biman, the much-needed victory was a welcome relief for Mohammedans. The popular Motiheel outfit, chasing a modest Surjo Tarun total of 162 in the stipulated 50 overs, rattled up the winning run for the loss of two wickets.

Thanks to a disciplined 95-run partnership for the undefeated third wicket between skipper Aminul Islam and in-form opener Parvez, Mohammedans reached 164 in 41.4 overs. Aminul scored an unbeaten 56 off 76 balls, embellished with half a dozen fours, while Parvez scored a defiant 55 in his undefeated 112-ball vigil at the crease.

With his job on the line, Aminul rose to the occasion to lead his side from the front for a virtual cake-walk in a low-scoring affair. The dapper all-rounder won a good toss in the morning and his decision to chase a cursory target immediately bore fruit when Surjo Tarun lost half their wickets for only 51 runs on the board.

National right-arm seamer Hasbul made the early inroads for the winners by dismissing Surjo Tarun skipper Javed Omar for two. The diminutive right-hander paid the penalty for playing across the line and was adjudged leg before, leaving his side at 15 for one in 4.4 overs.

Mohammedans early delight turned into prolonged celebration when they were never to recover. Ehsan with a defiant 47 and Tuhin, who chipped in with 26, tried again to mend the damage producing 41 runs for the sixth wicket.

He was ably supported by his captain Aminul and an experienced Minhazul Abedin. Aminul with his off-spin claimed two wickets for 22 in his 9.4 overs, including four remaining deliveries of left-arm seamer Jahangir Talukder, who withdrew from the attack after pulling a calf-muscle.

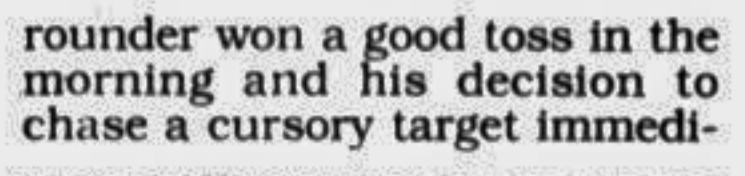
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AMINUL ... allround show

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Premier soccer MSC-AKC crucial tie today

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Reigning champions Mohammedan Sporting Club will take on arch-rivals Abahani Krira Chakra in a crucial Premier Division football super league clash at the Mirpur Stadium today.

The Dhaka derby between the two traditional and popular crowd pullers will kick off at 5 pm. A victory in today's match will not be enough for Mohammedans as they will also have to draw minimum, with title aspirants Muktojodha Sangsad in their last match to retain the league title.

On the other hand, the task is a bit more critical for Abahani as mere two wins from their remaining two matches will not suffice for them to win the league title. They will also have to wait for a draw from the Mohammedan-Muktojodha encounter.

Mohammedans are leading five-team super league table with 47 points from 20 matches while Muktis are trailing the black and whites by one point on completion of 20 matches.

Abahani are in the third place with 43 points from 20 outings.

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First IM norm for Rajib

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National champion Enamul Hossain Rajib earned his first International Master (IM) norm yesterday when he outplayed second seed IM Reefat-bin-Sattar in the ninth round of the fourth United Insurance IM chess tournament.

In an exciting match at the NSC chess room, 16-year-old Rajib playing with white pieces against the Sicilian defence of Reefat, checkmated his fancied counterpart after 44 moves to secure his 'Nine-round' norm.

If Rajib, who will face Sheikh Nasir Ahmed today in the penultimate round, can manage one and a half points from the remaining two matches in the 11-round Swiss league, his norm will be termed as an 'Eleven-round' norm.

With yesterday's victory, Rajib moved to second position having raised his tally to seven points, half a point adrift of joint leaders IM Nguyen Anh Dung of Vietnam and IM RB Ramesh of India.

Ramesh, the second seed who was leading the table for last couple of days, his surrendered position at the top slot losing his ninth round match to favourite Nguyen. Playing with white pieces, Nguyen made an English opening against his Indian counterpart and snatched the victory after only 18 moves. Both Nguyen and Ramesh have seven and a half points.

National junior champion Abdullah-Al-Rakib and Raktim Banarjee of India were in third place at the end of Monday's round.

In the ninth round, Rakib tamed Tyebrun Rahman Sumon while Raktim edged past compatriot PDS Girinath to raise their tally to 6.5 points each.

In the day's other matches, Sheikh Nasir Ahmed defeated Arifuzzaman Siddiq. All Amjad Mintu beat Amir Hossain, Saifuddin Lovlu tamed Afroza Khanum Bably, Monir Hossain outplayed Aminul Islam, Ruhul Kabir Shiplu outmastered Anisuzzaman while Moniruzzaman won his board against national women's champion Shabana Parveen Nipa.

The penultimate round will begin at the same venue today at 2:30 pm.

Leading players: 7.5 points — IM Nguyen and IM Ramesh, 7 points — Rajib, 6.5 points — Rakib and Raktim, 6 points — Pallab, Nasir and Girinath.

It's all happening in Guyana

GEORGETOWN, Guyana, Mar 2: Mark Ramprakash, who inspired England by fending off the follow-on with a stubborn unbeaten innings of 64, also took a wicket as the West Indies dramatically collapsed to 127 for nine in their second innings by the close of the third day's play in the fourth Test here on Sunday, reports AFP.

Police sent to Div II soccer

Sports Reporter

Police Athletic Club were relegated to the Second Division after going down 2-1 against Bangladesh Boys Club in their last relegation league match of the Metropolitan First Division football at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

Mamun and Rana scored for Boys while Joyntal netted the lone goal for the Police.

Police finished bottom of the five-team relegation league with 22 points on completion of 22 matches.

Bangladesh Boys, also in danger of demotion with 23 points from 21 matches, will meet Dhanmondi Club (24 points) on Thursday in their last and fate-deciding match.

In the Premier Division relegation league, Rahmatgani Muslim Friends Society and Youngmen's Club Fakirpool shared points in a goalless draw.

Rahmatgani have so far earned 22 points from 21 matches while Youngmen's Club bagged 19 points, also playing 21 ties.

Charlim memorial cricket from March 15 Sports Reporter

The Charlim Memorial Gold Cup cricket tournament, an annual event of Charlim Memorial Club, will begin at the Faridpur Stadium from March 15.

A total of 24 teams from six district will take part in the tournament arranged to honour the late Abdul Haque Charlim, a promising local cricketer who died on January 14, 1995.

A press conference in this regard was arranged by the organisers at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Khairuzzaman and Mak-sudur Rahman, the president and general secretary of Charlim Memorial Club, briefed the press about the various aspects of the tournament. Club's chief patron Wajidul Haque, the elder brother of late Charlim, was also present on the occasion.

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Appointment Notice

Applications from competent intending individuals are invited for processing appointment of some officers to the undermentioned posts at an oil, gas & mineral resources organisation in Bangladesh:

Table with 5 columns: S No, Name of post, Age, Pay scale, Educational qualification & experience. Lists 6 positions including Assistant Manager (Geology/Geo-physics), Assistant Manager (Accounts/Finance/Audit), etc.

Application should be made stating name of applicant, father's/husband's name, permanent & present address, date of birth/age, educational qualification (including name of educational institution, year of passing & Division/Class), attested certificate of experience, if any, nationality with recent passport size 2 two) copies attested photographs & Postal Order for Tk 100/- (one hundred) only (non-refundable) in favour of the Advertiser.

Candidates in service of any Govt/Semi-Govt/Autonomous organisation must apply through proper channel. The name of post prayed for should be distinctly superscribed on the envelope containing application. Application with incomplete information will not be considered. Quota, age limit and other terms & conditions as per Govt rules will be followed in matters of appointment. After scrutiny of the applications received, written test/visa voce will be arranged for the candidates under consideration and the date & centre of examination will be informed by post to the candidates concerned. In case of educational qualification, no third Division/Class in any examination will be considered. In selection of candidates, higher degree holders viz, Doctorate/PhD, MS, MPhil, MBA, ICMA, CA will be given preference.

Last date of submitting application is 22.3.1998. Address of submitting application is: 'Advertiser', GPO Box No 649, Dhaka-1000. DFP-3986-22/2 G-362

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