

Column One

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COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN Competition-90

Tick the Correct Answers Competition closes at 8 pm on March 20, 1998

- 1 Who won the fourth United Insurance International Masters chess title? Rajib Nguyen Raktim

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SPORTS TALK



Rashid Latif (Pakistan cricket captain) has to set an example of some time or else he risks cricket is never going to be disciplined force it should be in world cricket.

Khulna cricket KHULNA, Mar 12: Khulna Wanderers Club moved into semifinal of AB Bank Siraj Smriti cricket tournament today defeating Saviour Club by six wickets at the Khulna Stadium, reports BSS.

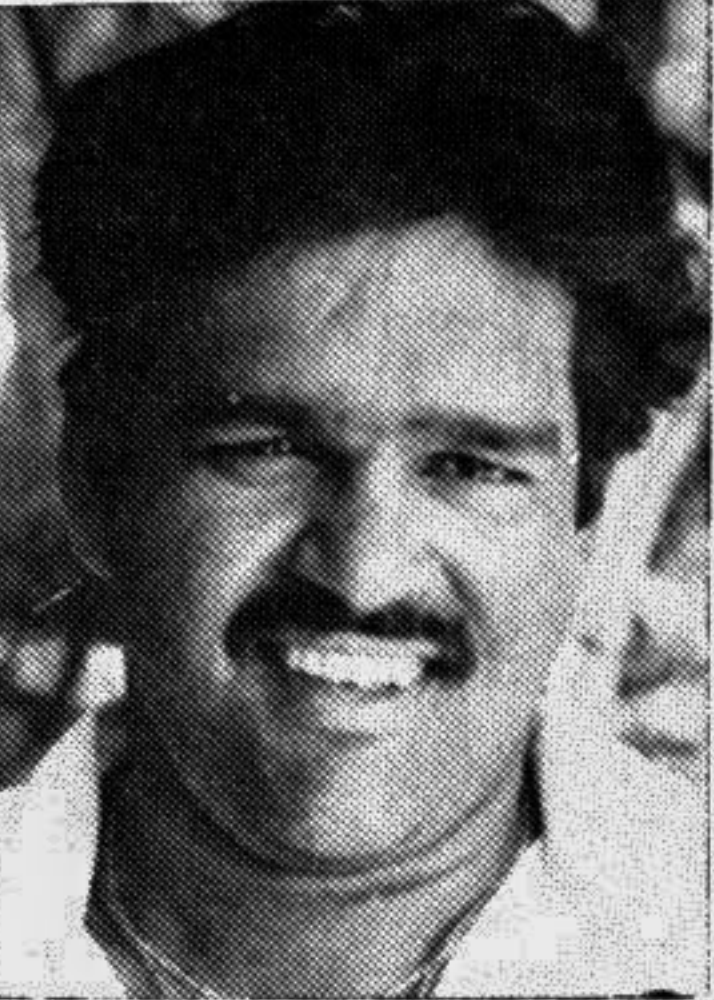
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Lamba s benefit match today MSC set for some solace

With the title has already been retained, Abahani Kirir Chakra will be looking forward to winding up their successful campaign with a win in the last match of the Janakantha Premier Division cricket league at the Dhaka Stadium today.



Announced earlier as the benefit match of former Indian Test player Raman Lamba, the exciting battle of two most crowd-pulling outfits will never cease to offer lots of sparks, albeit the title race was already over.

Abahani kept the coveted title in their possession for the second consecutive year winning their penultimate Super League match against Bangladesh Biman on March 9. On the other hand, Mohammedan,

who are wandering in the wilderness under the unimaginative leadership of Aminul Islam for the last couple of years, can only hope to finish at par with third-placed Kalabagan provided the Motijheel outfit beat their Dhanmondi rivals today.



But as far as records is concerned Abahani enjoy an enviable credential of having won six consecutive victories against Mohammedans in the league. With Akram Khan at the helm and Sri Lankan opener Avishka Gunawardana bolstering the batting line-up, Abahani will left no stone turned to celebrate their 12th league title with a hundred per cent success. Abahani are yet to lose a single match in the six-team Super League.

Mohammedan, who have had a futile appeal against the inclusion of Avishka, however, will not mind the presence of the Sri Lankan, the fifth foreign recruit of Abahani who filled the shoes of Raman Lamba, if they win the blood-and-thunder clash. But whatever the outcome may be in today's match, the fate of Aminul Islam as Mohammedan captain is seemed to meet a sad end. The vice-captain of the national team led Mohammedan to three wins against five defeats since

he took over from Minhazul Abedin after seven wins on a trot.



Lamba, the former India opener died at a city hospital three-days after sustaining a severe head-injury while fielding at forward short-leg without a helmet in a first-leg league match against Mohammedans on February 20. Earlier Abahani dedicated their title to Lamba.

POINTS TABLE Table with columns T, M, W, L, P and rows for Abahani, Brothers, Kalabagan, Mohammedan, Biman, S Tarun.

BIMAN-BU SCORE BOARD

BIMAN Table with columns O, M, R, W and rows for Athar Ali, Faruque c Jahangir, Habibul c Sanwar, M Akhter, Hasanuzzaman, Zaur not out, Atiar c Milan, Mofzur not out, Extras, Total, Did not bat, Fall of wickets.

BOWLING Table with columns O, M, R, W and rows for Shahnewaz, Shaifuddin, K Mahmud, Sanwar, Milan, Sohail, Ehsanul.

BROTHERS UNION Table with columns O, M, R, W and rows for Shahriar c Atiar, Ehsanul not out, Jahangir c Atiar, Sanwar b Mofzur, K Mahmud not out, Extras, Total, Did not bat, Fall of wickets.

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Sanwar to play for a Windies selection Sports Reporter Sanwar Hossain has got a rare opportunity to play for a West Indies selection against



the touring England team at Kensington, Oval in Barbados. The lithe national all-rounder, who opted to avail the Caribbean tour instead of playing in the Wills championships in Pakistan and India, will feature in a limited-over match for the University of the West Indies Vice-chancellor's XI on March 27. England are now in West Indies to play six-match Test and five-match one-day series.

PCB in new problem

ISLAMABAD, Mar 12: The crisis plagued Pakistan Cricket Board plunged into further controversy with the parliamentary standing committee of sports seeking an explanation why star batsman Salim Malik has not been considered for the African tour and expressing dissatisfaction over PCB's functioning, reports PTI.

The committee which met under the chairmanship of National Assembly member Nawabzada Salahuddin, has directed PCB to submit complete details within two weeks on why Malik was not chosen.

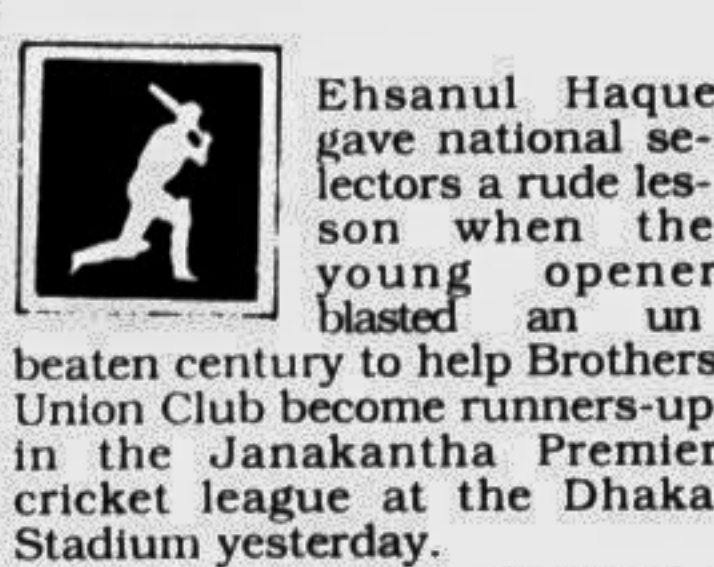
The committee also agreed that PCB should be brought under the control of the federal government.

The panel also discussed the controversy over selection of Wasim Akram and PCB secretary Waqar Ahmed admitted before the committee that Akram was selected by PCB and the concurrence of the chief selector, Salim Altaf, was sought but he refused and resigned instead.

The committee members voiced discontent over the performance of the existing PCB set-up which is their opinion was responsible for the present mess.

A sub-committee has been formed to go into the recent betting and match-fixing allegations and recommend necessary amendments in the PCB constitution, streamline selection, procedure and scrutinise PCB accounts and financial records and submit a report within 30 days to the panel.

Brothers emerge runners-up Ehsan makes selectors rue



Ehsanul Haque gave national selectors a rude lesson when the young opener blasted an unbeaten century to help Brothers Union Club become runners-up in the Janakantha Premier cricket league at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Thriving on the entertaining ton, Brothers went on to post a convincing seven-wicket victory over Bangladesh Biman in their last Super League clash.

Not considered in the final fourteen for even an insignificant tour of India, where Bangladesh will play four exhibition matches, Ehsan, a member in the waiting list, scored a

swashbuckling 102 not out only 24 hours after Makhani and Co announced different selections for two limited-over tournaments in Pakistan and India.

With Ehsan turning up heat with the willow, Brothers, chasing a dependable Biman total of 219 in the stipulated 50 overs, raced on to score 222 for the



EHSANUL... 102 N.O.

loss of three wickets and more than two overs to spare. The right-hander, a member of the Plate winning Bangladesh youth team in South Africa, was a host in himself after Brothers Union lost two quick wickets of Shahriar Hossain (10) and Jahangir Alam (4) for 41. After that jumpy start Ehsan found a wily partner in Sanwar Hossain to share a match-winning 126-run stand for the third wicket.

The partnership came to an end in the 40th over and with the Biman scorecard reading at 167 when Sanwar was bowled by Biman's new-ball bowler Mofzur Rahman after scoring a patient 63. In his watchful 107-ball vigil at the crease Sanwar clubbed three fours.

But Ehsan, a matured head on a young shoulder, was not ready to resign without completing his first ton in the league, sharing the required 55 runs with Khaled Mahmud for the undefeated fourth wicket. Ehsan reached the magical three-figure mark playing only 133 balls and with the help of eight sweetly-timed hits across the rope. It was the twelfth cen-

tury in the league and the fifth by a local player. Mahmud scored a quick-fire 33 of 21 balls inclusive of a huge sixer and a quartet of fours.

Earlier, put into bat, the moderate Biman total was built around two half centuries from Pakistani Mansoor Akhter and Hasanuzzaman, who shared 118 runs for the fourth wicket.

Mansoor, when he was on 75, returned to the pavilion after pulling his calf-muscle in the 47th over. The former Pakistan Test cricketer hammered nine boundaries in his 145-ball knock. Hasanuzzaman scored a patient 63 with the help of five fours. Faruque Ahmed with 30 was the other notable run-getter for Biman.

Right-arm seamer Shahnewaz with three for 40 was the pick among the Brothers bowlers. He was ably supported by his new-ball partner Shaifuddin and Khaled Mahmud, who captured one wicket apiece.

With yesterday's win, Brothers finished their campaign with 24 points, two points adrift of reigning champions Abahani, who played one match less. For Biman it was their fourth defeat in the six-team Super league to remain contented with a distant fifth position ahead of a lowly-rated Surjo Tarun.

Schools h'ball

Three teams won their respective matches in the 9th Bata school girls' handball tournament at the Dhanmondi Sultana Kamal Women Sports Complex yesterday, reports UNB.

In the day's first match, Adarsha Girls' High School beat Dhanmondi Tutorial by 14-1 goals. The winners led the first half 9-1. Bina netted 12 goals while Rashida and Mahfuza scored one each. Lutfunnesa scored the only goal for the losers.

Dhanmondi Government Girls' High School beat Green Herald by 22-0 goals in the day's second match. The winning team led the first half by 13-0 goals. Shamima scored 7 goals while Rozina and Emili netted 6 goals each.

In the last match, Rajarbagh Police Lines High School outplayed Preparatory School and College by 5-2 goals.

SL back on song Arnold hits hundred

FOCHVILLE, South Africa, Mar 12: Opener Russel Arnold hit a superb 113 to set up Sri Lanka's 93-run victory over North West in a limited overs game on Wednesday, reports Reuters.

But Arnold and captain Arjuna Ranatunga (80) had to steady Sri Lanka with a fourth-wicket stand of 165 following the loss of the first three wickets for only 35 runs.

The world champions' top order was again exposed as key opener Sanath Jayasuriya (11) and Aravinda de Silva (0) were the early victims of a mediocre North West attack.

But Arnold's performance and De Silva's bowling figures of five for 44, will hearten Ranatunga ahead of the first Test against South Africa in Cape Town on March 19.

North West's big hitter Mark Lavine impressed with 51 out of a total of 202. But it was not enough to overhaul the imposing Lankan total of 298 for 8.

BSF, BTF and BBF officials elected

The executive committees of three national sports federations - swimming, table tennis and boxing - were elected uncontested yesterday.

The returning officer of the elections and National Sports Council secretary ASM Ali Kabir yesterday unofficially announced the committees as there was only one candidate for each of the 71 posts of the three federations.

The elections of these federations were scheduled to be held on March 18 along with two other federations - wrestling and rowing.

The newly elected officials of the three federations are: Bangladesh Swimming Federation: Vice-presidents - Dr KSM Aziz, Shahin Monwar Haque, MP, M Solaiman, Prof AKM Mohsin and Shahabuddin Ahmed; General Secretary - Mosharrar Hossain; Kban: Joint Secretaries - Sqn Ldr M Rafiqul Islam and Nazrul Islam; Treasurer - Shahjahan Mij; Members - Syed Shahed Reza, Arun Kumar Nandi, AM Israfil, Abdul Kader, Nimal Chandra Baral, Rezaul Hossain Badshah, Golam Mustafa, MAH Dhali, Moazzem Hossain, Jahurul Haque, Sohrab Hossain, Abdul Mannan, Abul Kashem, Jatin Das, Sirajul Islam, Mokhesur Rahman, Syed Iqbal Anwar, Nurul Huda and Hasan Mehdi Rizvi.

Bangladesh Table Tennis Federation: Vice-presidents - ATM Shamsul Alam, Kazi Moazzam, Moududur Rahman, AR Chowdhury; General Secretary - Ishiaque Ahmed; Joint-Secretaries - Nurul Alam Chowdhury and Rafiqul Islam; Treasurer - Shahabuddin Ahmed; Members - Abdur Rashid Sarkar, MP, Mahfuzur Rahman Siddique, Abdur Rashid Khan, Omar Faruque, AKM Rafiqul Islam, Kamrul Huda, Samiruddin, Asaduzzaman Kohinor, M Shahjahan, AM Saaduddin Ahmed, K Al Mamun, Abdul Majid, Mohiuddin Chowdhury, Yakub Kabir and Zahidul Islam.

Bangladesh Boxing Federation: Vice-presidents - Brig Shahjahan, PSC, Lt Col (ret'd) MA Latif Khan, Abdur Rouf Khan; General Secretary - Latiur Rahman Khan; Joint-Secretaries - SM Alam and M Abdur Rashid; Treasurer - M Zahir Chowdhury; Members - Yousuf Ali Khan, M Yousuf, AL Asadullah, Sultanuddin Ahmed, Mahfuzur Rahman Siddique, Anisuzzaman, Shaful Alam, MA Aziz, Minhazuddin, Abi Suifan Chishti, Rabul Hossain and Dr Zakir Ahmed.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS 1 Goes off course 5 Whatever quantity 8 Thick slice 12 Play's end, perhaps 14 Base runner's goal 15 Madrid-erian miss 16 Large red apple 17 Zero-star review 18 African beasts 20 Angler's basket 23 Family charge 25 Road crosser 28 "the ramparts" 29 Leg 30 Sundial notation 32 Not damned 34 Inclination 35 Dennis Miller specialty 36 He looked up to his girlfriend 37 Rudimentary stage 40 "Casa bianca" pianist 41 1996 also-ran 42 Working goal 47 No stay-at-home of craziness 48 Pennsylvanian metaphorically 49 Vortex 50 Census beasts 51 Kermel DOWN 1 Under-1 Margaret Solution time: 25 min.

Cryptogram puzzle grid and text: Y K M K E R V X T L R V N F E A N T C K H A X T B - O A A N M H K S L N H K E A Y C N A X O C A N R K B K K T F R S X L N ? Saturday's Cryptogram: I'M PROUD TO SAY I KNEW SIR EDMUND HILLARY WHEN HE WAS STILL AT HIS PEAK. Today's Cryptogram clue: C equals B The Cryptogram is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating words. Solution is by trial and error.

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Egyptians may make history

JOHANNESBURG, Mar 12: Egypt are well positioned to create history by becoming the first country to win the three African club competitions in the same year, reports AFP. Al-Ahly, back after a self-imposed four-year exile, look the team to beat in the Champions' League, Ismailia rank among the Cup Winners' Cup favourites and Zamalek stand out in the CAF Cup field.