MSC-AKC SCOREBOARD

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Result: Mohammedan SC

Gunners gunning for Wembley

won by 64 runs.

LONDON, Mar 13: Arsenal threatened to derail England's bid to host the 2006 World Cup on Thursday by launching a bid to buy Wembley Stadium, the most famous soccer ground in the world, reports Reuters.

"The board of Arsenal football club has confirmed that it has made a proposal to Wembley PLC to acquire the stadium," a statement from the Premier League club said.

Adamjee Cant College sports

The annual sports meet of Adamjee Cantonment College was held at the college ground on Thursday afternoon, says a press release.

Abdullah Nur Faruque and Qamrun Nahar emerged champion in the boys' and girls' group respectively.

Maj Gen Abdul Hafiz Mallick, the Engineer-in -Chief of Bangladesh Army was present at the meet as the chief guest while Begum Sultana Razia Mallick distributed prizes as special guest.

Rafi Imam, the principal of the college received the guests and presided over the occasion which generated great enthusiasm among the students of the college and drew applause from the guests.



Chief guest Maj Gen Abdul Hafiz Mallick, psc, Engineerin-Chief of Bangladesh Army, delivering the inaugural speech of the annual sports meet of Adamjee Cantonment College at its ground on Thursday. College principal Rafi Imam, who presided over the occasion, is seen on the right. -Star photo

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার পুলিশ সুপারের কার্যালয়

দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

এতদারা পুলিশ বিভাগের তালিকাভুক্ত ও ইচ্ছুক ঠিকাদারগণ যাহাদের পুলিশ বিভাগের ইমারত প্রকল্প কাজের পূর্ব অভিজ্ঞতা আছে তাহাদের নিকট হইতে লালমোহন থানার সীমানা প্রাচীর নির্মাণ ও তজুমুদ্দিন থানায় ওসি'র বাসভবন মেরামত কাজের নিমিত্তে সীলমোহরযুক্ত খামে প্রতিযোগিতামূলক দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাইতেছে। প্রতিটি দরপত্র পুলিশ সুপার, ভোলার ঠিকানায় আগামী ইং ২৫-৩-৯৮ তারিখ বেলা ১২.০০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর অফিস কক্ষের সমুখে রক্ষিত দরপত্র বাক্সে অবশ্যই ফেলিতে হইবে এবং ঐদিনই বেলা ১২.৩০ ঘটিকার সময় দরপত্রদাতাদের সমুখে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) দরপত্র কমিটির মাধ্যমে যাচাই ও বিবেচনা করা হইবে। দরপত্রের সিডিউল পুলিশ অফিস হইতে যে কোন কার্যদিবসে প্রতিসেট ৪০০/-(চারশত) টাকা মূল্যে (অফেরতযোগ্য) ক্রয় করা যাইবে। দরপত্র দাখিলের শেষ দিন কোন সিডিউল বিক্রয় করা হইবে না। কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ অথবা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা নিম্নসাক্ষরকারী সংরক্ষণ করেন। সিডিউল ব্যতীত বা সিডিউল বহির্ভূত কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণযোগ্য হইবে না।

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মোঃ মোখলেসুর রহমান পুলিশ সুপার, ভোলা

Rafique's all-round exhibition sours Abahani's joy

Mohammedans rise at curtains

Sports Reporter



Mohammedan Sporting Club finally came out of their shell to derive some consolation from their otherwise disappointing Janakantha Premier cricket league campaign with a comprehensive 64-run win over arch rivals Abahani Krira Chakra in the concluding match of the Super league played at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

In a 'battle of prestige' at curtains of the league between the perennial foes, declared a Raman Lamba benefit match, Mohammedans, who were thrown out of the title race losing five of their last six matches, put their act together to avenge their first leg 20-run defeat against the reigning champions. The match was played at the same venue where on February 20 former Indian Test cricketer Raman Lamba sustained a fatal head injury while fielding for Abahani at forward short leg without a helmet. Lamba eventually died three days later at the intensive care unit of the PG hospital.

On Friday, Mohammedans elected to bat. The popular Motijheel outfit, whose players wore black badge in Raman Lamba's memory, as did their counterparts, mustered a commanding 261 for eight in the stipulated 50 overs. They then went on to skittle out their Dhanmondi-based opponents for a meagre 197 with four overs to spare, thanks to a brilliant all-round exhibition by national cricketer Mohammad Rafique.

The dark left hander, one of the heroes of Bangladesh's ICC triumph last April, scored an aggressive 45 off 31 balls to give a solid foundation to the MSC innings, and was instrumental in dismissing four Abahani batsmen by claiming three wickets and taking a brilliant diving catch at mid-on. He made the Abahani collapse quite inevitable.

Coming in to open with Parvez Ahmed, Rafique gave Mohammedan a rollicking start putting on 80 runs for the inaugural stand in just 12 overs. The free flow of runs was interrupted when the pinch-hitter was unluckily run out by a direct Azam Iqbal throw from the fine leg while responding to a Parvez call

In his hour-long but hurricane innings, that included six boundaries, Rafique hammered Abahani off spinner Salahuddin twice over the on-side rope

in the 12th over. Capitalising on such a blistering start, Mohammedan then built their innings mainly around two half centuries from Minhazul Abedin (70) and Parvez (58) and a late onslaught from Pakistani leg-spinner Shahed Mehmud who chi pped in with a 17-ball 32. But i ronically, six of their eight batsmen

Former national skipper, veteran Minhazul, who has been included in the Pakistanbound BCB team for his return to form, celebrated his national recall after an eight-month layoff with his third half ceritury of the league.

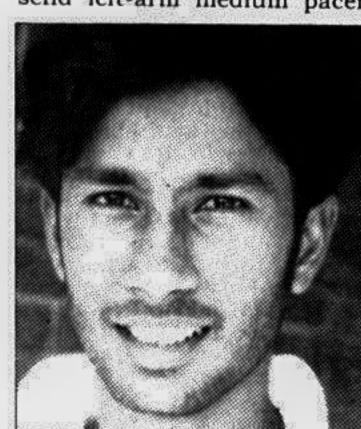
Number three batsman Minhazul entered the arena with Mohammedan firmly placed at 80 for one in 12.1 overs. He added 46 runs with Parvez and took the score to 126 before the latter caught out of his crease after scoring a responsible knock of 58 which came from 82 deliveries inclusive of six fours.

Minhazul had lost three other partners — skipper Aminul (22), Selim Shahed (1) and Mehrab Hossain (11), before returning to the dressing room as another run-out victim in the 47th over, but not before ensuring Mohammedan were comfortably positioned placed

With 70 off 100 balls scored yesterday by the help of a huge six and four fours. Minhazulis tally in the league this season

other opener Azam Iqbal (4) the most consistent Abahani opener this season.

_ Matters turned from worse to catastrophic when makeshift skipper Naimur Rahman (29) was brilliantly caught by Selim Shahed while trying to send left-arm medium pacer



AI-SHAHRIAR... 74 Jahangir Alam Talukdar over

the mid-wicket frontier. As a result. Abahani were reeling at 63 for four the 15th over.

However, two middle-order batsmen, Al-Shahriar (74) and Niamur Rashid (49) saved their team from further embarrassment when they painstakingly put on 93 runs for the fifth



Mohammedans' middle-order batsman Minhazul Abedin, drives Abahani's left-arm spinner Safiullah Khan during yesterday's Janakantha Premier Division Super league clash at the Dhaka Stadium.

-Star photo by Anisur Rahman

reached 528 runs. The proven middle order scored an unbeaten 108 against Surjo Tarun

last month. After Minhazul's departure, it was Pakistani hard-hitting right-hand batsman Shahed Mehmud who tore apart the Abahani bowling with a virile 32 off 17 balls. That late stroke of lightning largely helped Mohammedan reach 2611 in their allotted 50 overs. In his 23minute stay at the crease. Mehmud hit two big sixers and

Responding to the MSC aggregate, Abahani got off to a disastrous start losing their top three batsmen in 8.1 overs with the scoreboard tottering at 27. Noticeably, Abahani were without their skipper Akram Khan who failed to return from Chittagong due to some family commitment.

Mohammedan's left-arm seamer Manjurul Islam drew the first blood dismissing opener Imran Hamid (3) and one-down Avishka Gunawardana (7) of Sri Lanka. Inspired by his junior partner, rightarm medium pacer Hasibul Hossain then dismissed the

When the duo was gradually taking control in the middle, it was seasoned Jahangir who broke the partnership sending Niamur back with a direct hit from square-leg, denying what would have been a deserving half-century for the tall righthander. In his 59-ball 49, Niamur smashed two sixers and

three boundaries. After Niamur was out with AKC on 156 in the 35th over, Al-Shariar, who scored highest 74 off 105 balls, fought a lone battle lost without much support from the lower order. And, once he was bowled by Rafique in the 43rd over, it was all over for Abahani who were on 189.

Abahani have already retained the prestigious league title after defeating Biman in their previous match last week. It was their third defeat in 16 matches, finishing at the top of the table ahead of Brothers Union who were runners up with 24 points. On the other hand, the win helped Mohammedan finish at par with Kalabagan in the third spot having raised their tally to 22



Chief of Army Staff Lt Gen Muhammad Mustafizur Rahman completing the ninth hole at the 18-hole Benson and Hedges Classic golf tournament at the Kurmitola Golf Club yesterday. -Star photo

Akram's men go to Pakistan tonight

Sports Reporter

The 16-member Bangladesh Cricket Board selection which will participate in the Wills Cup one-day tournament in Pakistan beginning tomorrow, will leave for Karachi tonight.

The team, led by Akram Khan, will take on Habib Bank in their opening Pool A match at the United Bank Limited Complex on the first day.

A total of 20 teams split into four pools for the first round, are taking part in the most prestigious domestic tournament in Pakistan. Bangladesh apart, Malaysia are the other foreigners pencilled in the meet with 18 local teams.

Another BCB selection will take part in the Wills Trophy in India which will start from March 20.

The members of the Pakistan-bound team are: Akram Khan (captain), Aminul Islam (vice-captain), Minhazul Abedin, Khaled Mahmud, Khaled Masood, Hasibul Hossain, Safiuddin Ahmed, Mohammad Rafique, Naimur Rahman, Al-Shahriar, Javed Omar. Shahriar Hossain, Morshed Ali Khan, Sabbir Khan, Gazi Ashraf Hossain (manager) and Dawlat Zaman (coach).

Lamba's benefit match draws 10,000 dollars

Sports Reporter

A total of ten thousand US dollars was raised from the Raman Lamba benefit match played at the Dhaka Stadium between arch rivals Mohammedan Sporting Club and Abahani Krira Chakra yester-

According to Jalal Younus, general secretary of the Cricket Committee of Dhaka Metropolitan (CCDM), four thousand US dollars came from yesterday's ticket sale while the rest of the amount has been contributed by Bangladesh Cricket Board to the family members of Raman Lamba who died in Dhaka on February 23 after sustaining a fatal head injury.

A brief ceremony was arranged by the CCDM after yesterday's cricket league match. Nazmul Hasan, one of the directors of the sponsors Janakantha group, presented the cheque to the captains of both the teams who in turn handed it over to Jalal Younus.

The money will be sent to Lamba's family in Delhi soon.

BSJA awards distributed

The government is considering to name four national stadiums in Dhaka after the names of four national leaders. State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader said, reports BSS.

He was speaking as the chief guest at the award-giving ceremony of Bangladesh Sports Journalists' Association (BSJA) at the Sheraton Hotel in the city yesterday.

Later the state minister handed over a crest, certificate and a flower bouquet to each of the BSJA award winners for the year 1994, 1995 and 1996.

The BSJA awardees for 1994 are: Monem Munna, Mamunur Rashid, Athar Ali Khan, Boni Amin, Nilufar Yasmin, Shah Alam, Ziaur Rahman, Monira Rahman Dalia, Raisuddin Ahmed, Protap Shankar Hazra, Narayanganj Rifles Club, BTC and Bata.

The 1995 recipients are: Rakib Hossain, Aminul Islam Bulbul, Mahbub Alam, Nilufar Yasmin, Saiful Islam Chowdhury Rinki, Nasiruddin Jony, Rifat-Bin-Sattar, Mosaddekul Haq Rochi, Abul Hossain, Amalesh Sen, Dipu Roy Chowdhury, Saidul Haq Saadi, Abdul Malek Chunnu, Shafiquzzaman Shafiq, Mohammad Mala, Mohammad Yusuf Chowdhury, Square Toiletries Limited and Cute.

The 1996 awardees are: Arman Mian, Saiful Islam Khan, Rafiqul Islam Kamal, Elias Hossain, Rehana Zaman, Atiqur Rahman, Mahbub Alam, Rahima Khanam Jothi, Ziaur Rahman, Harun-ur-Rashid MP Syed Ashraful Haq. Tanveer Haider, Sheikh Dowlat Zaman, Shafiqul Haq Hira, BTC and Karnaphuli Limited.

Azem lifts B&H Classic golf title

Sports Reporter

Syed Iqbal Azem and Bong Chen Lee became champion and runner-up respectively of the Benson and Hedges Classic held at the Kurmitola Golf Club yesterday, says a press release. Azem carded a 74 after 18 holes to capture the title.

The event drew 250 amateurs including a good number ladies and was sponsored for the eighth successive year by Bangladesh Tobacco Company Limited.

Chief of Army Staff and president of Kurmitola Club Lt Gen Muhammad Mustafizur Rahman teed-off in the morning. In the evening Masud Ali Khan, chairman of the tournament committee gave away prizes.

Ladies winner Hae Sook Han **OK Kyung Jung** Ladies runner-Up Best gross Second best gross Maj Gen M Kamaluddin Best gross (Ladies) Best Nett (Front 9) Best Nett (Back 9) Nearest to pin Longest drive Second best gross Boy's winner Boy's runner-Up

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Captains of Abahani and Mohammedan Naimur Rahman (L) and Aminul Islam (2nd from R) receive the cheque of ten thousand dollars from Nazmul Hasan (C), a director of Janakantha, after yesterday's 'Raman Lamba' benefit match. The cheque will be sent to the family of Lamba. -Star photo

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ROLL OF HONOUR

Following is the roll of honour of the Dhaka

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Mohammedan SC and Abahani (Joint) 1995-96 Mohammedan SC 1996-97 Abahani KC 1997-98 Abahani KC

twin tons Sports Reporter Runners-up Shantinagar Abahani KC England's Graham Thorpe joined Mark Ramprakash in Victoria SC scoring a well-deserved century Abahani KC Abahani KC after lunch on Day 2 of the fifth Test against West Indies at the Azad Boys Club Mohammedan SC Kensington Oval in Barbados Abahani KC yesterday. Mohammedan SC

The Surrey southpaw took a single off Carl Hooper to reach the magical three-figure mark and the tourists well past 300. However, the 200-plus part-

England strike

nership for the fifth wicket came to an end with the score on 336 when Thorpe was dismissed for 103. Ramprakash was 129 at that time.

Ramprakash completed his maiden Test hundred when the Middlesex right-hander, overnight on 80, drove Nixon McLean through the covers just before the players went to lunch.

Baggio Bologna's business?



BOLOGNA, Italy, Mar 13: One of the reasons Serie A side Bologna bought Roberto Baggio last summer was to boost their profile ahead of a planned stock market flotation, according to club

president Giuseppe Gazzoni, reports Reuters. mous gentleman, whose fame remain with us for longer bereaches beyond his footballing

capacities," Gazzoni said. "He is one of the very few players in the world who have been able to build himself into a

brand — the Baggio brand. "Baggio, commercially, has been a good investment. He's upgraded the club immensely, Bologna's intangible assets with him are worth far more than they were without him." Gazzoni, speaking after Bologna's four shareholders approved plans to float on the Milan bourse at the end of this

season, said he wanted the for-

mer Italy captain and 1994

World Cup hero to stay at the

club as it remodelled itself for the 21st century. "Baggio has a two-year con-"Roberto Baggio is a very fa- tract with us but we hope he'll cause we have plans for him," he told the news agency in an

> interview. Gazzoni said Bologna would

consider opening a Roberto Baggio soccer school after flotation to train young players.

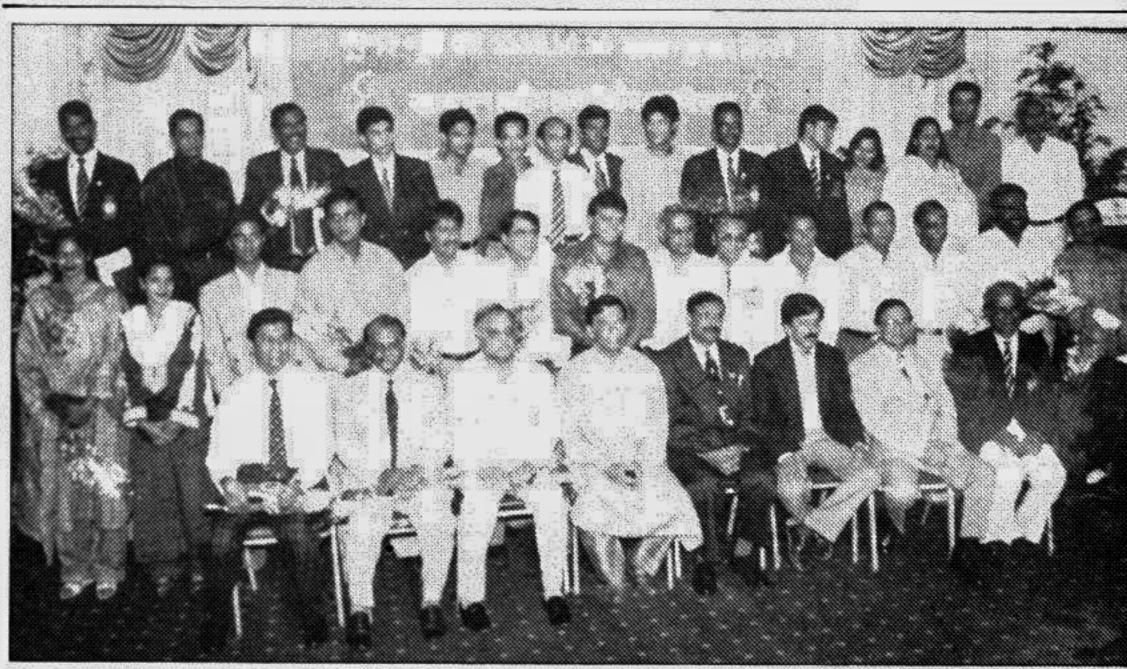
"These days, it's more Baggio than Bologna," he said. "Before our match at Napoli recently I opened the paper and it wasn't

Bologna in Naples, it was 'Baggio in Naples'. But I don't mind

Baggio joined Bologna from AC Milan in the close season for 3.0 million dollars. He was frustrated last season at the San Siro Stadium where he spent much of his time on the substitutes' bench.

Before Milan he was at Vicenza, Fiorentina and Juventus, establishing himself as arguably the most gifted Italian players of his generation.

With his famous pony-tail, his conversion to Buddhism, his ritual pre-match prayers and his nimble-footed, often unpredictable soccerskills, Baggio became and remains something of a cult figure for thousands of Italians.



Recipients of the BSJA awards.

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JTO TAAR. Yesterday's Cryptoquip: DO YOU THINK THE SULLEN BOWLING-ALLEY WORKER WOULD BE LI-ABLE TO GO ON STRIKE?

Today's Cryptoquip clue: W equals F The Cryptoquip 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 vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

