

## Column One

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1 National cricket team captain Aminul Islam will play this season for

2 Who won the Premier league cricket title last season?

3 How many teams play in the Premier league this year?

4 How many overs will be played per side in the Premier league this season?

5 How many venues will be used for the Premier league this year?

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SPORTS TALK

Salim Malik

(Pakistan Test cricketer)

"I am innocent and they are the liars."

After the admissions of Mark Waugh and Shane Warne that they had accepted money from an Indian bookmaker in 1994.

Of drink & drugs

LONDON, Dec 12: Cricketers have taken over from rugby players as the sporting figures most likely to be found popping up the bar, a British survey showed today, reports Reuters.

The Independent newspaper questioned 300 top participants in nine sports, including women on their drink and drug intake and was unable to find a single teetotal cricketer.

Seventeen per cent of cricketers said they drank more than 28 units of alcohol a week, the maximum recommended by government health experts and another 16 per cent said they drank between 21 and 28 units.

The newspaper said rugby players, traditionally known as sports heavy drinkers, had lost their top rating because of a shift to strict fitness regimes and controlled diets.

The survey found eight per cent of rugby union players were teetotal but no rugby league players said they had tried cannabis and 10 per cent of weightlifters said they had tried cocaine.

Almost no survey participants confessed to using drugs regularly.

Rifles reach Europa Cup b'ball final

Bangladesh Rifles reached final of the Europa Cup 21st National basketball Championship defeating Khulna DSA 75-67 at the Dhamondy yesterday, reports UNB.

The winners led the first half by 38-36 points in the first semifinal match.

Kamran of Rifles caged highest 21 and Ayub 20 points while Rahim of Khulna netted highest 29 points.



Agrani Bank skipper Ziauddin sweeps during the Janakantha Premier Division cricket league encounter against Biman yesterday. —Star photo

Agrani Bank score 79 from extras

## Biman lazy in closing Bank Tarun's diligent hatchery

Sports Reporter

Title contenders Biman appeared well on course for a smooth take-off while a new-look Surjo Tarun posted a fighting total after the first day's play of their opening Janakantha Premier Division cricket league matches at different venues yesterday.

At the Bangabandhu National Stadium, Biman shot Agrani Bank out for 174 in 53.5 overs and then went on to score 45 for no loss in 25 overs when stumps were drawn.

The national airlines outfit will require another 130 runs from the remaining 55 overs when they resumes their chase today. An easy proposition though, but Biman might find it a rather difficult task as long as their two no-purpose openers -- Javed Omar and Ziaur Rashid -- are around. It was an spectators' nightmare the way the two batted throughout the final session. Be it a half-volley or a ranked long hop -- both are always ready to come up with a copybook defence.

At the BKSP ground in Savar, star-studded Surjo Tarun scored 285 for nine in the their share of 80 overs against Ajax Sporting Club. Thanks to a defiant 87 from former national skipper Minhazul Abedin and a quick-fire 46 by national all-rounder Enamul Haq.

Experienced opener Athar Ali with a patient 45 was the other notable run-getter for Tarun.

Although Biman looked the better campaigners of the two heavyweights featuring on the day, they had their own share of problems with their Pakistani recruit Shahid Iqbal, who went into the record books by giving away a staggering 48 extra runs in his four prodigal overs.

Coming in to bowl in the second over, the tall right-arm seamer hurled 13 wide deliveries in a marathon over, which yielded 29 runs. Surprisingly though, only one run came off the bat. He was immediately removed from the firing-line. The only solace for Shahid in anguish was a good inswinger, which fetched him the wicket of Jamaluddin, clean bowled for a duck.

An erratic Shahid, who played for Agrani Bank last season, was invited by his captain Faruque to bowl his second over before lunch. But he was as undisciplined as ever, hurling another 10 wide balls in his second over that produced 17 runs.

A visibly dejected Shahid did extra work during the lunch break to find his rhythm, but there was little respite for him

when he conceded another 16 extra runs in the two overs after lunch.

Apart from Shahid, the other Biman bowlers bowled a tight line and length. Left-arm spinner Saifulah Gem, who joined Biman this season from Abahani, ripped through the Bank top-order to finish with fantastic figures of four for 22 runs in his 13 overs.

Medium-pace Talha took two wickets for 32 runs while Nasir Shahwat, the other Pakistani in the Biman line-up, mopped up the Bank tail to finish with two for 28 runs in his 11.5 overs.

For Agrani Bank, skipper Ziauddin Ahmed Shovon scored a gritty 23, the second highest score behind a mind-boggling 79 extras. The Bank captain put on 35 runs for the sixth wicket with Mofizur Rahman. But the bankers hopes of scoring even a modest total evaporated when they lost their last five wickets with the addition of only 16 runs.

Today is the second and final day of both the matches.

SCOREBOARDS

Scoreboards of the first day of two Janakantha Premier Division cricket league matches played at different venues yesterday:

Biman v Agrani Bank (Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium)

AGRANI BANK INNINGS

Obaidullah c Atiar b Saifulah 18

Jamal b S Iqbal 0

S Kadir lbw b Saifulah 13

S Azad c Atiar b Talha 17

Ziauddin c N Shawkat b Saifulah 23

S Malik c Faruque b Talha 1

Mofizur c H Bashir b Aminul 9

R Saleh lbw b Saifulah 0

R Khan c Atiar b N Shawkat 12

S Erfan c Atiar b N Shawkat 0

Extras: (b-4, lb-4, nb-7, w-64) 79

Total: (all out in 53.5 overs) 174

Fall of wickets: 1-14; 2-88; 3-89; 4-120; 5-123; 6-158; 7-158; 8-158; 9-170; 10-174.

Bowler O M R W

N Shawkat 11.5 2 28 2

S Iqbal 4 0 58 1

M Talha 11 2 32 2

Saifulah 13 4 22 4

## Division I Chess League

### Leonine extend gap with Biman

Sports Reporter

Leaders Leonine Chess Club registered their fifth win in the First Division chess league when they defeated Anushlon Daba Krira Chakra by 3.5-.5 points in the sixth round held yesterday at the NSC Chess Room.

Leonine's Latvian GM Igors Raussis won the first board against Anushlon's Sharfuddin while Belarus GM Yuri Suleman defeated Amir Hossein in the second board. Shakil won the other match for Leonine defeating Dipu. The other board between Khandker Kayes Hasan and Sheikh Anwar ended in a draw.

With yesterday's win, Leonine, the defending champions, raised their tally to 21.5 points out of a possible 24 and remained atop the 14-team league table with a two-point lead over last year's runners-up Biman, who beat Brothers Union 3-1 yesterday.

Biman's three International Masters Ziaur Rahman, Rezaul Karim and Abdullah Al-Rakib won their respective boards against Tipu Sultan, Firoz Ahmed and Nazmul Haque, while International Woman Master Rani Hamid lost to Khalilur Rahman.

Titas Club remained third with 17.5 points. They posted a 3-1 win over Nakhapara Jubo Kalyan Sangha in the sixth round.

In the other matches of the day, Ansars beat Kamalapur Samaj Kalyan O Krira Sangha, Mahakhal Prodeep Sangha beat West Jatrabari Krira Chakra. Sonali Bank beat Farashganj Sporting Club while Dhaka University beat Narayanganj Daba Khowlar Samity, all by the margin of 2.5-1.5.

No matches will be played today.

Sheetol Women's Handball

## Ansars and BJMC barred from league

Sports Reporter

The Sheetol First Division Women's Handball League will begin at the Sultana Kamal Women's Complex from tomorrow.

Ten teams, split into two groups, will take part in the league. The first phase will be played in round robin format, from where two top teams of each group will play in the cross-cross semifinals.

Both the semifinals and the final will be held on December 18.

In a surprise move, Bangladesh Ansars, the undisputed monarchs, and their perennial bridesmaid, BJMC, have been barred from taking part in the league. In a press briefing it was disclosed that the two teams faced the axe following demands from the other participating teams.

"We did not include the two teams because the others expressed their reluctance to play if they were included in the league," said Mousum Ali, a joint-secretary of the Bangladesh Handball Federation.

This is, however, not for the first time that federations have turned cold shoulders on services teams, only to make bleak the prospects of our sport.

The ten participating teams are:

Group A: Arambagh KS, Azad Sporting Club, Rangamati Mukul FCB, Narayanganj District Women's Sports Association and Lalmita Women's College.

Group B: Jatrabari KS, Viqarunnisa Noon School and College, Jessore Rainbow KS, Rokeya Hall of Dhaka University and YDP Handball Club.

Olsen sacked

AMSTERDAM, Dec 12 (Reuters/Internet): Ajax Amsterdam sacked coach Morten Olsen on Saturday and named Jan Wouters to take over.

Wouters, a former player at the club and an ex-Dutch international, has signed a contract for 2-1/2 years. He currently coaches the Ajax second team.

Olsen's position had come under pressure following the club's dismal exit from the European Champions' League on Wednesday. Ajax lost 3-0 to Portugal's FC Porto and finished bottom of Group A.

Rennes stay third

PARIS, Dec 12: Rennes cemented third place in the French league when they tamed 10-men Montpellier 3-2 in a French league match on Friday, reports Reuters.

The Brittany side clinched the three points thanks to a winner from striker Nicolas Gousse one minute from time.

Montpellier played most of the second half with 10 men after striker Xavier Gravelaine was sent off following an argument with the referee.

Rennes' Cedric Bardon missed a penalty in the 74th minute but equalised eight minutes from time. Gousse's goal left Rennes seven points behind leaders Bordeaux.

Acme youth hockey

Narayanganj DSA defeated Barishal DSA 3-0 in the Acme 17th national youth championship at the Maulana Bhasani National Hockey Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

After the barren first half, Imtiaz led his side in the 47th minute by a field goal while Rubel doubled the margin in the 53rd minute also by a field goal.

Imtiaz scored another field goal in the 53rd minute.

In the day's other match, Munshiganj DSA beat Myensing DSA 1-0 goal at the same venue.

Mahabul netted the match-winning goal in the 29th minute by a penalty stroke.

## SA wreck Windies



PORT ELIZABETH, South Africa, Dec 12 (Reuters/Internet): South Africa beat the West Indies by 178 runs in the second Test on Saturday to take a 2-0 lead in the five-match series.

West Indies, set 320 to win, were dismissed for 141.

Fast bowler Allan Donald led the assault with five for 49.

West Indies captain Brian Lara had the best score of 39 off 49 balls, including six fours and a six.

At tea the tourists were 87 for seven in pursuit of a target of 320 to win the match and prevent South Africa from taking a 2-0 lead in the five-match series.

Brian Lara, batting at number five, was six not out with Curtly Ambrose on four then.

The West Indies resumed after lunch on four for one and were 40 for two in the 14 over when unlikely number three Ridley Jacobs was trapped in front for 22 in Jacques Kallis' first over by a delivery which cut back at the left-hander.

Seven overs later Carl Hooper was irresponsibly run out for eight when his batting partner, Shivnarine Chanderpaul, failed to respond to the call for a second run.

Chanderpaul departed two overs later for 16 when Kallis held a fine low catch at second slip off the bowling of Shaun Pollock.

Four overs passed without incident before Floyd Reifer and Nixon McLean were dismissed for nine and eight respectively in the 27th. Reifer was caught at first slip by Daryll Cullinan off Allan Donald, while McLean was run out first ball by Hansie Cronje's throw from mid-wicket.

Stuart Williams was then out leg before to Donald for eight in the 29 over.

The South African second innings ended 25 minutes before lunch when they were dismissed for 195.

Not for the first time veteran paceman Curtly Ambrose was the West Indies' star performer, taking four for 28 on the day

South Africa resumed on 143 for five with Jonty Rhodes and Pollock stretching their sixth-wicket stand to 92 before Pollock was caught at mid-on by Mervyn Dillon for 42.

Rhodes was eighth out, bowled by Ambrose for 64. He was at the crease for 88 minutes, faced 71 balls and hit eight fours and a six in scoring the only half-century of the match.

Ambrose and Courtney Walsh, who took three for 58, were the only bowlers used by the West Indies in the morning session.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the third day of the second Test between South Africa and West Indies at St George's Park on Saturday:

SOUTH AFRICA: First innings 245 (C. Walsh 4-87)

WEST INDIES: First innings 121 (S. Pollock 5-43)

South Africa: Second innings (143-5 overnight)

Kirsten c Jacobs b Walsh 2

Gibbs c Lambert b Ambrose 4

Kallis c Jacobs b Ambrose 3

Cullinan c Lambert b Walsh 10

Cronje run out 24

Rhodes b Ambrose 64

Pollock c Dillon b Ambrose 42

Boucher c Hooper b Ambrose 1

Symcox c Lambert b Ambrose 16

Donald b Walsh 11

Terbrugge not out 3

Extras: (b-1, lb-5, nb-9) 15

Total: 195

Fall of wickets: 1-6; 2-9; 3-11; 4-47; 5-53; 6-145; 7-151; 8-173; 9-183

Bowler O M R W

Ambrose 19 4 51 6

Walsh 23.5 5 58 3

Dillon 9 2 26 0

Hooper 7 0 35 0

McLean 5 0 19 0

WEST INDIES: Second innings

Lambert c Boucher b Donald 2

Chanderpaul c Kallis b Pollock 16

Jacobs lbw b Kallis 22

Hooper run out 8

Lara c Kirsten b Donald 39

Reifer c Cullinan b Donald 9

McLean run out 1

Williams lbw b Donald 16

Ambrose c Pollock b Donald 8

Dillon b Pollock 9

Walsh not out 0

Extras: (lb-2, nb-9) 11

Total: 141

Fall of wickets: 1-3; 2-40; 3-54; 4-57; 5-68; 6-69; 7-77; 8-132; 9-141

Bowler O M R W

Donald 14.2 4 49 5

Pollock 13 1 46 2

Kallis 6 2 17 1

Terbrugge 5 1 27 0

Result: South Africa won by 178 runs to take a 2-0 lead in the five-match series.

Man-of-the-match: Shaun Pollock.

First Test (Johannesburg): South Africa won by four wickets.

Third Test: Durban, Dec 26-30.

Fourth Test: Cape Town, Jan 2-6.

Final Test: Centurion Park, Jan 15-19.



Biman's International Women's Master Rani Hamid (C) watches yesterday's sixth round game between her teammate IM Abdullah Al-Rakib (R) and Brothers Union's Nazmul Haque. —Star photo

## Warne axed from The Age

MELBOURNE, Dec 12 (Reuters/Internet): Disgraced Australian cricketer, Shane Warne was sacked on Saturday as a columnist for the respected Australian broadsheet, The Age, the newspaper's editor said.

This came a day after Britain's mass circulation Mirror newspaper terminated his contract as a columnist.

Warne, a national hero in his native Australia, had been contracted to write columns for The Age and The Sunday Age for the past three years. The newspaper's editor, Michael Gawenda, said the decision to sack him had not been taken lightly.

"If this had been one of our staff who had had secret contact giving information to a person involved in an illegal act, that staff member would have been dismissed," Gawenda wrote on Saturday.

"I believe that Shane in this case is like any journalist working for The Age. I believe Shane's actions have breached The Age Code of Conduct."

Warne has been widely slammed from the prime minister down after he and Mark

Waugh admitted on Wednesday they had been paid thousands of dollars by an Indian bookmaker to provide "mundane" information on pitch and weather conditions during matches on a 1994 tour of the Indian subcontinent.

The revelations sparked international outrage, particularly from Pakistan where an inquiry is examining claims from Waugh and former Australia player Tim May that ex-Pakistan captain Salim Malik had offered them bribes on the same 1994 tour.

The Australian Cricket Board (ACB) has also been condemned after admitting it fined the pair a total of 18,000 Australian dollars (\$11,200) in early 1995 but kept the case a secret until journalists broke the story this week.

With femininity at heart

BANGKOK, Dec 12: The Chinese women footballers will show up with more feminine attires by throwing away their current loose uniforms from the beginning of 1999, said a Chinese soccer official today, reports Xinhua.

The new uniforms of the Chinese footballers will be of style, freshness and attraction," said Zhang Jilong, vice-chairman of both the Chinese Football Association and the Asian Football Confederation, who also serves as a supervisor for the soccer competitions at the current 13th Asian Games.

The new attires for the Chinese women footballers will still be designed by Adidas with red and white as the dominating colours, but the sleeves and shorts will have to be shortened and the uniforms to be more tight against their bodies," Zhang said.

The current uniform is more like for the men, with over-elbow sleeves, over-knee shorts and loose to the waist, without any aesthetical taste of the beauty of the women body," said the Chinese official.

SHANE WARNE

Under pressure, the ACB announced on Friday that it would launch an independent inquiry into whether Australia's 25 contracted players have been involved with bookmakers or cricket betting.

But the ACB said the inquiry would not include the payments to Waugh and Warne.



Biman's Rumi plays a forehand shot against Inter Sports' Lita in yesterday's First Division table tennis league match. —Star photo