

Column One DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

THAT, like stock cars, some sports cars appear to be streetcars, commonly carrying manufacturer names such as Porsche, Ferrari, and BMW.

By the way, did you know that BMW stands for Bavarian Motor Works?

But, as in stock car racing, the resemblance of sports cars to streetcars ends with the appearance. Sports cars also are extremely sophisticated racing machines built to run at high speeds over a distance. The most prestigious seasonal title is the World Manufacturers' Championship. Other series are run by the two major American sports-car racing sanctioning bodies, the International Motor Sports Association (IMSA), located in Tampa, Florida, and the Sports Car Club of America (SCCA), located in Englewood, Colorado. American sports-car racing is generally a slower and less sophisticated form of racing than European sports-car racing. However, it is also less costly, and the organisers, owners, drivers, and teams are more attuned to the marketing needs of the manufacturers, who are trying to sell street cars, tires, and components through the publicity that comes from being associated with the competitions.

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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?	Biman/Mohammedan/Surjo Tarun
3	How many teams play in the Premier league this year?	10
4	How many overs will be played per side in the Premier league this season?	50
5	How many venues will be used for the Premier league this year?	One

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SPORTS TALK



Glenn McGrath
(Australia fast bowler)
"Last year it was (Shane) Warne against (Daryll) Cullinan, here it's me and (Michael) Atherton."

BDR clinch NBL v'ball title

Bangladesh Rifles won the title of the National Bank Limited Premier League for the third time in a row beating Titas Club by 3-1 sets at the volleyball court on Dec 16, reports APB.

Riflemen, who remained unbeaten, triumphed in the title-deciding hard fought match by 15-9, 15-11, 14-16 and 15-13 points.

Titas Club had to remain satisfied with second position in the league.

Water Development Board and Police will fight for third place today.

Besides on Wednesday, Dilkusha Sporting Club emerged unbeaten champions in the First Division League outplaying East End Club in 3-0 sets with 15-2, 15-9 and 15-1 points.

Brothers Union became runners-up when they defeated Naba Jagorani Sangha 3-2 sets while Fire Service were placed third in the meet.

Biman record 10-wicket win over Ajax

Minhaz's ton lifts Tarun MSC survive on maturity

Sports Reporter

There was no upset on the card in the Janakantha Premier Division cricket league as title-contenders Mohammedan Sporting Club, Bangladesh Biman and Surjo Tarun defeated their respective opponents comfortably at different venues yesterday.

At the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, Surjo Tarun, aided by a brilliant century from Minhazul Abedin, recorded a huge 103-run win over promotees Orient Sporting Club.

Minhaz celebrated the Victory Day on Wednesday with a

their first match against Wari, seemed to have rediscovered his former brilliant self after getting a lucky break as a replacement for young opener Sumon.

The stylish right-hander hammered seven fours in his watchful innings. But it was Steve Tikolo who returned as the unofficial man-of-the-match with a virtuoso all-round performance.

The stockily-built Kenyan scored a fluent 51 off 76 balls, inclusive of six fours and a huge sixer, and then went on to capture three wickets with his mil-

A Islam c Atiar b Ziaur	3
Imran c Hasanuzzaman	1
Saifullah	1
I Haider c Hasanuzzaman	6
b Saifullah	39
Extras (b-2, lb-1, nb-4, w-32)	162
Total: (All out in 62.2 overs)	162
Fall of wkts: 1/52; 2/52;	
3/67; 4/73; 5/113; 6/116; 7/130;	
8/138; 9/154; 10/162.	
Bowler:	O M R W
N Shaukat	12 3 29 0
M Talha	13 5 21 1
Saifullah	13.2 2 25 4
S Iqbal	2 0 16 1
Ziaur	11 0 38 2
Aminul	9 2 21 1



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captain's knock of 117 off 171 balls to help Surjo Tarun pile up an impressive total of 295 all out in 78.5 overs. Minhaz clubbed nine fours in his 226-minute vigil at the crease.

In reply, Orient could muster only 192 before being bundled out in 73.1 overs yesterday.

For Mohammedan, Selim Shahed scored the second ton on the Victory Day, a disciplined 102 off 232 balls, to guide his club to a fighting 250 for nine in 80 overs against Agrani Bank at the Bangabandhu National Stadium. But not without the help of the Kenyan pair, who took six wickets.

Agrani Bank, in their chase yesterday, could manage only 168 before being all out in 66.3 overs.

At the BKSP in Savar, slow left-arm spinner Saifullah Gem returned with his second consecutive four-wicket haul to inspire Bangladesh Biman to a cake-walk ten-wicket win over Ajax Sporting Club.

Saifullah claimed four-wickets for 25 runs in his niggling 13.2 overs to shoot Ajax out for 162 in 62.2 overs on Wednesday. In reply, Biman reached 163 for no loss in 43.1 overs with openers Javed Omar and Ziaur Rashid making 84 and 53 runs respectively. The match finished at the stroke of lunch yesterday.

Minhaz, who had a rather disappointing stint with Mohammedan last year, appeared in fine fettle with the new-look Surjo Tarun when the former national captain added up his match-winning 87 against Ajax in the previous match with a fluent hundred on Wednesday.

Surjo Tarun were off to a terrible start that produced 47 for four. The responsibility of salvaging his side rested on Minhaz. Coming in to bat at number six, he shared 68 runs for the fifth with Al-Shahriar, who fell one short of what would have been a well-deserved half-century.

Minhaz built up another useful partnership in the sixth wicket with Pakistani Arshad, who chipped in with 40, and the pair reaped 89 runs.

The experienced right-hander then put on a quick-fire 65 runs for the seventh wicket with national slow left-arter Enamul Haq.

With this ton Minhaz became the first local player to reach the magical three-figure mark after centuries from two Pakistanis -- Shaukat Ali (114 not out) Tariq Mehmood (105). Shahed, who was not named to start for Mohammedan in



itary medium. Although his compatriot Maurice Odumbe failed with the willow, the former Kenyan captain took three wickets for only 18 runs in his 10.3 overs.

Odumbe, who scored 88 in his Dhaka league debut against Wari, returned for a first-ball duck. He was caught at silly mid-off promising spinner Russel.

SCOREBOARDS

Scoreboards of the three Janakantha Premier Division cricket league matches held at different venues from December 16 to 17:

MOHAMMEDAN SC V AGRANI BANK

(Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium)

MOHAMMEDAN INNINGS	
Imran lbw b S Malik	10
S Shahed st Sajjad b Saleh	102
S Tikolo lbw b Russell	51
Nahid lbw b Russell	15
M Odumbe c R Saleh b Russell	0
H Shah c Chayan b S Erfan	18
Rafique run out	12
Mortuza run out	6
Zakir not out	0
Morshed run out	1
Salahuddin not out	4
Extras: (b-1, lb-6, nb-7, w-17)	31
Total: (For 9 wks in 80 overs)	250
Fall of wkts: 1/47; 2/125;	
3/171; 4/171; 5/203; 6/224;	
7/226; 8/234; 9/240.	
Bowler:	O M R W
Mofizur	9 0 47 0
J Talukder	3 1 13 0
S Malik	16 2 39 1
S Erfan	16 2 43 1
S Azad	16 0 46 0
Russell	15 5 25 3
R Saleh	5 0 30 1
AGRANI BANK INNINGS	
J Talukder c S Shahed b Morshed	15
Obaidullah run out	7
S Kadir c Imran b Tikolo	16
S Azad c Mortuza b Rafique	20
Zakaria lbw b Tikolo	0
S Malik b Odumbe	46
Ziauddin c b Rafique	3
Mofizur c Rafique b Tikolo	19
R Saleh lbw b Odumbe	10
Russell c Tikolo b Odumbe	8
S Erfan not out	0
Extras: (b-2, lb-4, nb-2, w-16)	24
Total: (All out in 66.3 overs)	168
Fall of wkts: 1/23; 2/43;	
3/54; 4/54; 5/96; 6/101; 7/141;	
8/148; 9/165; 10/168.	
Bowler:	O M R W
Zakir	6 2 24 0
Morshed	7 1 19 1
Salahuddin	15 3 30 0
Rafique	14 1 37 2
S Tikolo	14 2 34 3
Odumbe	10.3 3 18 3
Result: Mohammedan Sports Club won by 82 runs.	

BIMAN V AJAX SC

(Venue: BKSP)

AJAX INNINGS	
S Khan lbw b Aminul	15
F Hossain c b Saifullah	14
Nayan c Faruque	17
b Hasanuzzaman	1
N Hafiz c Hasanuzzaman	6
b Saifullah	1
R Islam c Atiar b Talha	20
S Hasan not out	43
H Khan c b Ziaur	3
Sumon lbw b S Iqbal	1
Extras: (b-1, lb-9, nb-1, w-27)	12
Total: (All out in 73.1 overs)	192
Fall of wkts: 1/23; 2/29;	
3/48; 4/100; 5/137; 6/141;	
7/150; 8/159; 9/192; 10/195.	
Bowler:	O M R W
Anis	9 3 38 1
Sajal	10 1 48 1
Athar Ali	9 2 22 1
Arshad	14 5 27 1
Enamul	16 5 29 3
N Nazir	15.1 4 18 3
Result: Surjo Tarun won by 103 runs.	



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BIMAN INNINGS	
J Omar not out	84
Ziaur not out	53
Extras: (b-2, lb-10, w-14)	26
Total: (For no loss in 43.1 overs)	163
Did not bat: Faruque Ahmed, Aminul Islam, Habibul Bashar, Atiar Rahman, S Iqbal, N Shaukat, Hasanuzzaman, Saifullah Khan and M Talha.	
Bowler:	O M R W
Bhola	10 0 43 0
Ripon	7 0 16 0
N Hafiz	5 1 14 0
Nayan	1 0 4 0
S Hasan	4 1 15 0
Sumon	3 0 14 0
R Islam	2 0 8 0
F Hasan	4 0 16 0
I Parvez	4 0 16 0
H Khan	3 0 16 0
Result: Biman won by 10 wickets.	

SURJO TARUN V ORIENT SC

(Venue: Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium)

SURJO TARUN INNINGS	
Athar Ali lbw b Mizanur	4
Parvez lbw b Mizanur	0
Ridwan c Harun b Nazimuddin	11
Al-Shahriar c Riz b Nazimuddin	48
K Masood c Mridul b Nazimuddin	3
M Abedin c b Riz	117
M Arshad run out	0
Enamul run out	40
N Bazar b Nazimuddin	12
Sajal not out	8
Anis b Sohail	1
Extras: (b-5, nb-1, w-20)	26
Total: (All out in 78.5 overs)	295
Fall of wkts: 1/6; 2/12; 3/37;	
4/47; 5/115; 6/204; 7/269;	
8/278; 9/292; 10/295.	
Bowler:	O M R W
Mizanur	14 0 43 2
Nazimuddin	16 3 62 4
N Shaha	11 0 44 0
Riaz	15 3 32 1
Sohail	15.5 0 71 1
Mofizul	3 0 20 0
Mridul	4 0 18 0
ORIENT SC INNINGS	
Mofizul not out	65
Harun c K Masood b Anis	12
N Shaha b Athar Ali	10
Asif b Arshad	23
Rizwan c K Masood b Sajal	12
Riaz lbw b Enamul	28
A Karim b N Nazir	1
Mizanur st K Masood b N Nazir	1
Mridul lbw b Enamul	0
Nazimuddin st K Masood b Enamul	0
Sohail c Enamul b N Nazir	12
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Last-gasp saving grace for Bangladesh

BANGKOK, Dec 17 (BSS/UNB): Bangladesh on Wednesday enrolled their name in the medals table of the 13th Asian Games here when the kabaddi team bagged the bronze medal drawing with Sri Lanka.

Trailing 13-22 at one stage, Bangladesh staged a late rally and held the Lankans 24-24 in the last match of the kabaddi competition.

Bangladesh were 5-8 behind in the first half.

Bangladesh won two matches, drew two and were declared winners against Nepal, who were scratched from the tournament for giving Bangladesh walk-over on Tuesday.

India won the gold winning all their matches while Pakistan got the silver winning three matches, drawing one and losing one.

ALAM, SHAFIQ IN 200M SEMIS

Mahbub Alam and Mohammad Shafiqul Islam qualified for the semifinals of the men's 200m sprint in the athletics competition at Thamasat University Athletic Stadium here today.

Alam and Shafiq took 21.65 seconds and 21.69 seconds respectively in the heats finishing sixth and fifth in their respective heats.

9TH IN HOCKEY

Bangladesh finished ninth in the 10-team Asian Games hockey competition beating hosts Thailand 3-1 in the play-off match on Wednesday at the Queen Sirikit's Stadium.

Bangladesh led the first half 2-1. Ishitgaue, Prince and Issa Miah scored one goal each for Bangladesh in the 10th, 14th and 64th minutes respectively while A Thaweekehur netted the lone goal for Thailand in the 35th minute.

Acme youth hockey BKSP move into final

BKSP romped into the final of the 17th Acme national youth hockey championship, outplaying Dhaka Education Board by 5-0 goals in the first semifinal at the Maulana Bhashani Stadium yesterday, reports APB.

Jamil found the net twice while Maksud, Qutub and Sarwar scored one goal each for the Bangladesh Kirraha Sikhya Protisthan (BKSP).

BKSP dominated the first half by 4-0 in the one-sided affair.

Faridpur DSA will take on Dhaka DSA in the second semifinal today.

Foggy day in Faisalabad

FAISALABAD, Pakistan, Dec 17: Thick fog wiped out any prospect of the first day's play in the third and final Test between Pakistan and Zimbabwe on Thursday, reports Reuters.

Umpires Doug Cowie of New Zealand and Salim Bader ruled out any play after the ground was blanketed by autumnal fog, which has hit the Punjab province for three days.

Similar weather at Lahore resulted in the second Test being abandoned as draw, leaving Zimbabwe 1-0 up in the three-match series by virtue of their victory in the first Test at Peshawar.

Mashuq & Rashid win doubles title

Sports Reporter

Mashuq and Dr Rashiduddin of Dhaka Club won the doubles title in the senior group of the Nasruddin Memorial Tennis tournament held at the Officers' Club Tuesday.

In a hard-fought three-setter Mashuq and Rashid won the first set in style but came up against tough competition in the second but finally overcame Fateh Ali and partner of the Engineers' Club. The final scores were 6-0, 4-6, 6-2.

In the singles Niaz of Dhaka Club defeated Nasir of Officers' Club in straight sets 6-1, 6-1 to clinch the title.

TODAY'S MATCHES

- Janakantha Premier Division Cricket League:** Abahani v Victoria SC (Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium)
- Brothers Union v Wari Club** (Venue: Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium)
- First Division Chess League:** (Venue: NSC Chess Room) Brothers Union v Mahkhal PS
- Sonali Bank v Leonine CC** Kamalapur SKKS v Nakhla para JKS
- Narayanganj DKS v Titas Club**
- Biman v Anushilon DKC**
- Dhaka University v W Jabbari KC**
- Ansars v Farashganj SC**
- National Bank Premier Volleyball League:** (Venue: Volleyball Stadium) WDB v Police (4:30 pm)
- National Bank First Division Volleyball League:** Fire Service v East & Boys Club (3 pm)
- J Bima v Shantibagh WAB** (3 pm)



(L-R) Chinese Taipei's Li Yulian (bronze medal), Natalya Torshina (gold) of Kazakhstan and China's Hsu Pei-Chin (silver) on the victory podium after the completion of the Asiad 400 metres hurdles finals yesterday. — AFP photo

India face a test of pace



DUNEDIN, New Zealand, Dec 17 (Reuters/Internet): New Zealand and will look to exploit India's

vulnerability to pace, swing and seam in the first of three Tests starting at Carisbrook on Friday.

When the two countries last met in India three years ago, the only match of the series that rain did not disrupt decided the rubber. India won a low-scoring match at Bangalore by eight wickets.

While six of that victorious Indian side are certain to line up at Carisbrook, New Zealand, will have only three veterans of that campaign on parade, captain Stephen Fleming, all-rounder Chris Cairns and pace bowler Dion Nash.

But the rivals are familiar with their respective strengths and weaknesses.

India's coach, Anshuman Gaekwad said: "We may not have played Test matches against New Zealand for a bit, but we have seen most of their players and they, ours, in one-day competitions. There are so

many of them nowadays."

A new face for the Indians will be New Zealand opening batsman Matthew Bell, the only debutant on either side. Bell, 21, who plays for Wellington, will be making his first appearance in the city of his birth.

New Zealand have tried five different pairs of opening batsmen in their last 10 Tests and their selectors have hinted that Bell will be played throughout the series to give him scope to establish himself.

Bell's opening partner will be Matt Horne, who has two Test 100s to his name. The squad of 12 contains two spinners in left-arter Daniel Vettori and off-break bowler Paul Wiseman although the latter is likely to carry the drinks.

The surprise selection in New Zealand's squad is Geoff Allot, who injured his back last season and returned to the game after a long absence with a remodelled action.

Allot, 26, whose 11 Test wickets have cost 60.6 runs apiece, owes his call up to the brother of another pace bowler of his type, left-arter David Blake, who hardly troubled the

Ind