

Column One

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

THAT there are two kinds of rallying. The first is international professional rally, which is a test of endurance and speed over great distances and in more challenging conditions than those provided by a controlled, closed course. Some argue that the first automobile competitions in the 1890s were rallies rather than races. Professional international rallyists now use what essentially are purpose-built cars, and rallies are held in deserts and other forms of rough terrain in many places, including Africa and Australia. Perhaps the most famous traditional rally is the Monte-Carlo, which began in 1911. Each year it begins in different European cities, with the vehicles converging on Monte-Carlo, Monaco. Though some track racers have also been rallyists, most drivers specialise in this form of racing and are not well known to the public, despite their skills. Rallies? Cars? We always walk in our rallies.

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

Biman | Mohammedan | Surjo Tarun

2 Who won the Premier league cricket title last season?

Mohammedan | Kalabagan | Abahani

3 How many teams play in the Premier league?

10 8 12

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

50 80 100

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

One Two Three

Name

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David Platt

(Former England soccer coach)

"It is a sensation I quite like because it brings the best out of me."

After being named as Sampdoria coach.

NBL volleyball

WDBSC clinch

third spot

Sports Reporter

Water Development Board Sports Club (WDBSC) clinched the third position defeating Bangladesh Police 3-0 in their final of the National Bank Premier Division volleyball league encounter at the court adjacent to the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Friday.

In a lop-sided affair, WDBSC won their first game 15-9. But they faced little resistance from Police in the next two sets (15-4, 15-5). With this win, Water Development Board finished with 23 points on completion of their nine league engagements.

Earlier, Bangladesh Rifles became unbeaten champions while Titas, who lost to Rifles in the league deciding match, finished runners-up.

Army emerge

champions

MUNSHIGANJ, Dec 19:

Bangladesh Army emerged champion in the Bangabandhu Smriti volleyball tournament defeating the Titas club 15-7, 15-5, 15-4 points in the final played today at the district stadium, reports BSS.

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Victoria cave in to Abahani seam

Sharma shrugs off Wari

Holdings Abahani Krira Chakra cruised to their third successive win while runners-up Brothers Union squeezed past Wari Club in the League played at different city venues yesterday.

At the Bangabandhu National Stadium, right-arm seamer Hasibul Hossain returned with his second successive four-wicket haul to guide Abahani to a 39-run win over

Sports Reporter

an easier task against Victoria. Defending a fighting total of 289 in 80 overs, two seamers Hasibul and Niamur Rashid shared seven wickets to shoot out their lowly-rated counterparts for 250 in 76.3 overs.

After Hasibul gave Abahani an early breakthrough, removing opener and captain Mustadr Litu in the fifth over, it was Niamur Rashid, who came out with his explosive seam to take three wickets in the space

Azam Iqbal 5 1 16 0

Result: Abahani won by 39 runs

Brothers Union v Wari Club

Venue: Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium

WARI CLUB INNINGS: 197

all out in 61.2 overs (Anup 25, Sajib 24; A Hanif 4/43, Hasan 3/18)

BROTHERS UNION INNINGS: Overnight 50 for six in 70 overs



Victoria Sporting Club

Away at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, former Indian Test all-rounder Sanjeev Sharma slammed an unbeaten 76 to inspire Brothers Union to a sensational one-wicket victory over giant-slayers Wari Club. The Delhi-based cricketer played the role of a saviour as Brothers Union, resuming the day at 50 for six in 17 overs, reached their victory target in 76.3 overs.

Hot on the heels of their squeaky passage against Victoria, whom the Gopibagh outfit defeated by two runs, Brothers were in deep trouble, needing 148 runs in 63 overs.

Sharma, who came to bat at number nine with Brothers Union struggling to avoid their first league defeat on 78 for eight in only 28 overs, shared a valuable 64-run partnership for the ninth wicket with Shahnewaz Kabir. The pair was broken at 152 in the 56th over when Shahnewaz was out on 26 caught by Pakistani Tareque Mahmood off a Nasim Ahmed delivery.

In his 100-minute vigil at the crease, Shahnewaz faced 83 balls for his patient 26, which included three fours.

After Shahnewaz's departure, Sharma, a regular customer in the Dhaka league, shared another undefeated 48-run partnership in the last wicket stand with Shafuiddin to take the Gopibagh outfit safely home from what could have been a miserable defeat.

Sharma, who stayed at the crease for more than three hours, faced 154 balls, which saw nine sweetly-timed hits across the rope.

His last-wicket partner Shafuiddin Ahmed was not out on 10 when Brothers finally won the match in the 68th over.

For Wari, who defeated Kalabagan Krira Chakra by 58 runs in their previous match, it was a disappointing day after a brilliant start on Friday.

There was more disappointment for Wari's Pakistani left-arm spinner Amir Wasim, who gave his side big hopes of a win by taking four wickets on the first day to restrict Brothers Union to 50 for six in 17 overs. Although he finished with a five-wicket haul, giving away only 29 runs in 16 overs, his efforts came to naught as Wari lost the match in the end.

For Abahani, it was rather

Habib's triple

delight

Sports Reporter

Ahsan Habib clinched triple crown in the Agrani Bank Bijo

Dibash badminton tournament that concluded at the National Sports Council wooden-floor gymnasium yesterday.

Ahsan, who clinched the boys' singles title of under-14 age-group defeating Raisuddin 15-2, 13-15, 15-7 in the final, went on to win the doubles of under-14 and under-16 paring with Mazedul and Mashrafi respectively.

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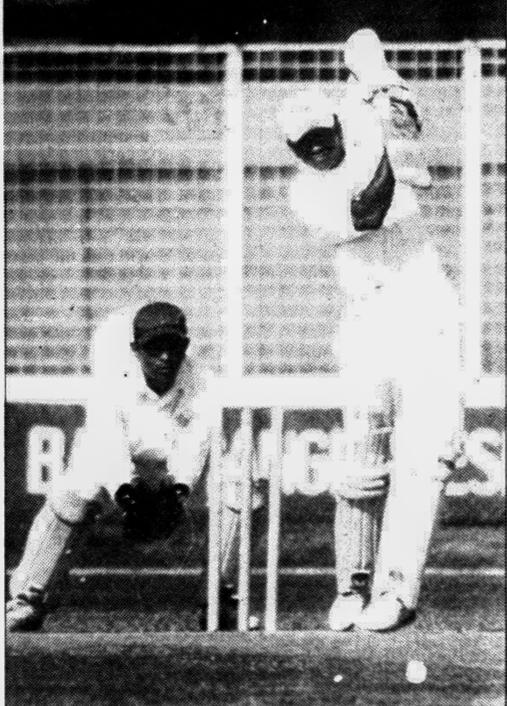
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Victoria middle-order batsman Imran drives Abahani's left-arm spinner Masud in their Janakan