

Star Sport

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Column One

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

That off-road racing first blossomed in California in the 1960s. As the name implies, in off-road racing there are no formal courses, only rudimentary trails. Spectators gather at a few points to see the cars, but because of the difficulty of charging admission to such events and because of the demands off-road racing makes on drivers and machines, limited commercialisation has taken place in the sport. The financial requirements of providing logistic support for the race car results in well-financed teams dominating main events, such as the Baja 500 and the Mexican 1000, both run on the Baja peninsula in Mexico. While old cars and vehicles cobbled together from automobile and motorcycle components were once used in off-road racing, off-road racers have evolved into carefully designed, extremely expensive racing cars capable of surviving competition in the desert. A recreational sport and industry has grown out of off-road racing, involving dune buggies and off-road vehicles used for recreation.

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Competition-108

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Competition closes at 8 pm
Dec 25 '98, and draw shortly afterwards

1	National cricket team captain Aminul Islam will play this season for		
2	Biman Mohammedan Surjo Tarun		
3	Who won the Premier league cricket title last season?		
4	Mohammedan Kalabagan Abahani		
5	How many teams play in the Premier cricket league?	10	8
6	How many overs will be played per side in the Premier league this season?	50	80
7	How many venues will be used for the Premier league this year?	100	12
8	One	Two	Three
9	Name
10	Class	Roll No.
11	School Address
12	Phone: (If any)

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SPORTS TALK



Shaun Pollock

(South African fast bowler)
"The 100 wickets is something very special because bowling is my main job ... but the runs are a great bonus."

After achieving the coveted double of 1,000 runs and 100 wickets in Test cricket.

Final Test fogged off

ISLAMABAD, Dec 20: Zimbabwe are virtually assured to win their first ever series outside home after dense fog prevented play for the fourth successive day in the third and final cricket Test against Pakistan in Faisalabad on Sunday, reports AP.

Umpires Doug Cowie and Salim Badar called off the day's play in the morning session as there was no chance of improvement in dense fog and fading light.

The fog and poor visibility had so far not allowed a single ball to be bowled at the Iqbal Stadium. It will be third time for Pakistan when their Test will be abandoned without a ball being bowled. Pakistan's 1993-94 Test against Sri Lanka was abandoned because of curfew in Colombo while in 1988-89 a Test against New Zealand at Dunedin was washed out due to rain.

Bagan escapes humility with Mahbub's knock

Nasir does one-third for MSC

Sports Reporter

Nasirul Alam hammered his maiden ton in domestic cricket as Mohammedan Sporting had half the job done in their bid to record three consecutive victories in the Janakantha Premier League when they piled up a huge 330 against Ajax at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Meanwhile Kalabagan, aided by an unbeaten century from Mahabubul Rahman, recovered from a terrible start to a fighting 246 against Agrani Bank at the BKSP in Saver.

Young right-handed batsman Nasir, who scored more than five hundred runs for Agrani Bank last season, put



behind the disappointment of his first two matches for the popular Motijheel outfit when he scored a disciplined 111.

Coming in to bat at number four, Nasir played the sheet anchor role in guiding Mohammedan to the highest innings this season at the big bowl. Nasir clubbed five fours in his 201-ball stay at the wicket.

He put on 84 runs for the third wicket with Steve Tikolo after Mohammedan lost both their openers with only 23 runs on the board.

Tikolo, the master stroke-maker from Kenya, hammered his second consecutive half-century, 51 off only 61 deliveries. The stonkily built right-hander clubbed nine fours in his fluent knock. He was, however, undone by a delivery from spinner Raisul Islam that kept low, only to be adjudged leg before for the third successive occasion.

While Tikolo was among the runs, his compatriot Maurice Odumbe disappointed a handful of Mohammedan supporters as well as his just-arrived fiancee when he offered a bat-and-pad cast to forward short-leg after scoring only 12.

Nasir, who appeared more at ease playing on the on-side, added a vital 120 runs for the fifth wicket with Halim Shah after Odumbe departed, leaving Mohammedan in a precarious position at 148 for four.

Halim, who joined Mohammedan after the transfer date in an understanding with Surjo Tarun, scored a polished 53 off 109 balls embellished with a quartet of fours.

Nasir was eventually out in the 78th over, but not before Mohammedan reached the 300-mark. Captain Mohammed Rafique wielded his willow for a typically aggressive 43 off 36 balls inclusive of four boundaries and a massive sixer over long-on off spinner Raisul Islam.

For Ajax, right-arm seamer Aminul Islam returned with four for 64 in his 16 overs. He was ably supported by tweaker Raisul Islam who took two wickets for 73 runs. Although both proved expensive at the end of the day, Aminul and Raisul were the two quality bowlers in the otherwise toothless Ajax attack.

Aminul gave Mohammedan an early scare by removing both the openers in quick succession. He had Rashedul for 16 before claiming Selim Shahed, who scored a century in the pre-

vious match, cheaply.

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