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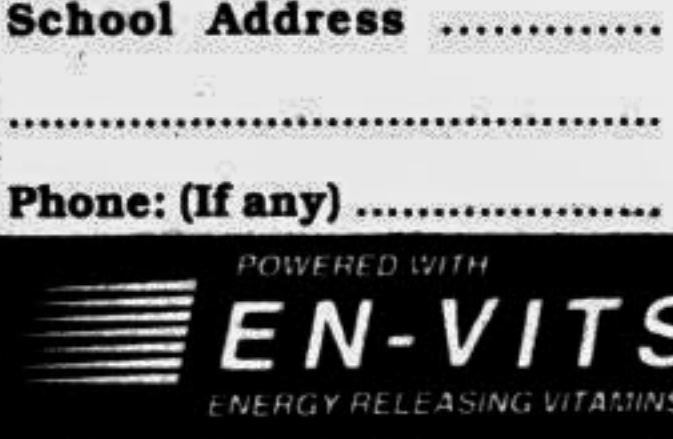
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- 1 National cricket team captain Aminul Islam will play this season for
Biman | Mohammed | Surjo Tarun
- 2 Who won the Premier league cricket title last season?
Mohammed | Kalabagan | Abahani
- 3 How many teams play in the Premier league this season?
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

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Hansie Cronje
(South Africa cricket captain)
"The West Indies never give you easy runs. You have to make things happen."

D N Trade tournament

Motijheel emerge

kho kho champs

Sports Reporter

Motijheel Model High School and College beat Dhaka Zilla Krira Parishad 25-15 in the final on Tuesday to emerge champions in the D N Trade International Victory Day Kho Kho Tournament.

The tournament was inaugurated by Kho Kho Federation president Saifuddin Ahmed Manik. National Sports Council Secretary A S M Ali Kabir distributed prizes among the finalists.

Earlier Dhaka Zilla beat Segun Bagicha High School 14-12 and Motijheel High ousted Notre Dame School by 12-11 points to reach the final.

Pushed referee may launch legal action

LONDON, Dec 22 (Reuters/Internet): The referee pushed to the ground by Sheffield Wednesday's Italian striker Paulo Di Canio may take legal action against the player, according to an English newspaper.

Paul Alcock has been undergoing physiotherapy treatment to combat injuries he sustained in the September incident. He told Tuesday's Daily Mail: "Since the incident I have had continuous pins and needles down my left leg."

"I was unable to sleep without painkillers and it has been hard for me and my family," Alcock said. He bore no grudge against Di Canio who was banned for 11 matches and fined a total of 78,000 pounds (£131,200 dollars) by his club and the Football Association, following the washout of the first Test at Carisbrook.

An experimental International Cricket Council (ICC) law allows the use of lights when available to make up for lost time due to inclement weather or bad light.

But the cricket world remains divided. England and India refused the use of it in the current series against Australia and New Zealand respectively.

Riaz Sheikh makes hay against Bima Aminul third time unlucky Seamers tear apart Wari

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National skipper Aminul Islam missed his first century of the season yesterday but his 94 propelled title aspirants Biman to a fighting total against emerging force Surjo Tarun Club on the first day of the two-day match of the Janakantha Premier Division Cricket League played at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

Away at the Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protisthan (BKSP) ground, holders Abahani set themselves up for an easy win against giant killers Wari Club. After successfully booking Wari for 189 in 65.5 overs, the Dhanmondi outfit were comfortably placed on 41 for no loss in 12 overs.

In the third match of the day played at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, rather a strife between the two babes of the league, Pakistani middle-order Riaz Sheikh hammered the eighth ton of the league to help Orient Sporting reach 261 for seven in the stipulated 80 overs against Sadharan Bima Krira Sangstha.

Aminul, the middle-order batsman, who joined the national airlines this season after giving up his long-time affiliation with popular Mohammedan Sporting, was dropped twice (46 and 90) on his way to 94 as Biman, electing to bat first, managed to score 287 at the end of their allotted 80 overs.

Aminul, who came to bat at number four with Biman shakily placed on 38 for two in 13 overs, shared a 42-run partnership for the third wicket with his 'just engaged' skipper Faruque Ahmed before the latter was caught by Surjo Tarun skipper Minhazul Abedin at the slips off Pakistan leg-spinner Nadim Nazir.

Faruque, who faced 41 balls for his 22, hammered a huge six and a four in his hour-long stay at the crease.

After Faruque's departure, Biman lost another wicket, that of Habibul Bashar, in quick succession before Aminul shared an 84-run partnership with Pakistani leg-spinner Manzoor Akhter, who made a big contribution to the Biman total with a patient 44 off 85 balls, which included three fours.

The partnership was broken on 178 in the 56th over when the right-handed Pakistani edged Nadim Nazir to wicket-keeper Khaled Masood.

Aminul then added another 57 runs for the sixth wicket with lower middle-order Hasanuzzaman before being dismissed six runs short of what could have been a well-deserved hundred.

The veteran campaigner, who constructed the Biman innings, tried to drive left-arm spinner Enamul Haque over the extra-cover region but was taken by Athar Ali.

In his 200-minute vigil at the crease, Aminul, who completed his fifty by flicking Athar through the square leg boundary, faced 161 balls, which included ten sweetly timed hits across the rope.

After Aminul's poignant return with Biman on 235 in the 71st over, Hasanuzzaman and Pakistani all-rounder Nasir Shakwat took Biman to a respectable total with a quick-fire 47-run seventh-wicket partnership that came from 49 balls.

Hasan, who faced 71 balls, scored 44 with the help of three fours and a huge six off Pakistani off-spinner Arshad Khan over long-on.

On the other hand, Nasir scored a run-a-ball 30 with two boundaries and also a six off Arshad Khan.

For Surjo Tarun, two spinners Enamul Haque and Nadim Nazir evenly shared four wickets.

While the tweekers ruled at the Bangabandhu, it were the seamers who sent Wari Club packing at the BKSP. Opting to bat first after winning the toss, Wari, who defeated giants Kalabagan Krira Chakra last week, were bundled out for 189 in the face of some positive bowling from the two right-arm medium

pacers, Iqbal Hossain and Niamur Rashid, who shared seven wickets.

Iqbal took four wickets for 23 runs in his 9.5 overs while Niamur returned with his second consecutive three-wicket haul giving away 54 runs in his 16 overs.

They were ably supported by Pakistani recruit Mohammad

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Abahani vs Wari
(Venue: BKSP)

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Scene from the second round of the Prime Bank International Masters' chess tournament held at the NSC chess room yesterday.

Prime Bank chess Sixteen take joint lead

Sixteen players took joint lead after second round matches in the First Prime Bank International Masters' chess tournament at the NSC Chess Room yesterday, reports APB.

Local IMs Ziaur Rahman beat Ashiquzzaman Fahim while Reefat Bin Sattar won his board against Syeda Shabana Parveen and Abdullah Al-Rakib managed a draw Mandip Dhar of India.

In the other significant engagements, GM Igor Raussis of Latvia, Monir Hossain, Enamul Hossain Rajib, Lavlu, Tayebur Rahman, Tanima Parveen, Syed Ruhul Kabir, Ali Amjad Mintu, Hasibul, Emon, Moniruzzaman Khan, Anisuzzaman Mallik, Sheikh Nasir won against their respective rivals.

The tourists were 172 runs ahead at tea.

The home side were dismissed for 293 in their first innings, 82 runs in arrears, 45 minutes after lunch. At tea, the West Indies were 90-3.

Paul Adams, who scored 27, and Charl Willoughby, who was seven not out, extended their last-wicket stand to 33 runs before Adams skied a ball from Franklin Rose to mid-off.

Nixon McLean was the pick of the bowlers, dismissing Shafiq Abrahams, for one, and Makhaya Ntini, for a duck, in a single over in finishing with 3-49.

The West Indies used most of the morning session to give their spin bowlers a solid workout ahead of the third Test, which starts at Kingsmead in Durban on Saturday.

Martin van Jaarsveld, 33 not out overnight, was dismissed for 11.

Mohammedans are now on the top of the points table jointly with Abahani taking 13 points from six super league matches.

Defending champions Regency Sports Club are in the second position with 12 points from five matches.

The first half of the match ended goalless.

Nakib scored the all-important goal in the 60th minute through a splendid header off a Alfaz lob (1-0).

TEAMS

MOHAMMEDAN SC: Panir, Nazrul Babu, Pradip, Nazrul (Apul), Lazuk, Asif, Babu Khan, Joy, Zakir, Bakib (Ripon), Alfaz.

ABAHANI: Bijon, Rajani, Ibrahim, Gobinda, Amin, Baqir, Iqbal, Mintu, Nurul Islam, Farhad, Amin Rana (Masum).

Mark's season opening ton

SYDNEY, Dec 22 (Reuters/Internet): Mark Waugh hit his first century of the season on Tuesday to help New South Wales hold out for a draw in their Sheffield Shield cricket match against Victoria.

Waugh, whose image has been dented by his admission that he accepted money from an Indian bookmaker, shrugged off the distraction to hit 126 at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

Australian test opener Michael Slater also blasted 113 as NSW cruised to 362 for four in their second innings to ensure the match faded to a draw.

"It is nice to get runs and get your confidence going, it's been a pretty tough week or two," Waugh said.

"It'd be much worse if I wasn't making any runs, so it's good that I'm making runs and feeling good within myself."

Western Australia also held out for a draw in their match against South Australia, although the finish was far more dramatic.

Set 359 from just 58 overs to win the match, Western Australia were in deep trouble in their second innings when they collapsed to 153 for seven after just 46 overs.

They lost another wicket in the penultimate over but hung on to escape with a draw.

A premature ending

PETERMAR-ITZBURG, South Africa, Dec 22 (Reuters/Internet): The four-day tour match between West Indies and South Africa A was abandoned after tea on the final day on Tuesday.

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