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## Column One

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| 1         | Which country topped the medals table in the 13th Asian?            |
| China     | India   |
| 2         | How many medals did Bangladesh clinch at the Asian Games?           |
| None      | One   |
| 3         | Who scored the first century in this year's Premier cricket league? |
| Azam      | Shawkat   |
| 4         | Where will the 14th Asian Games be held?                            |
| Paris     | Pusan   |
| 5         | Which team won the AB Bank Senior Div TT title?                     |
| Jatrabari | Aansars   |
|           | Biman   |

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## SPORTS TALK



### Arjuna Ranatunga

Sri Lanka cricket team captain

"Yes they call me 'Aiyya' (elder brother). It has helped us to stay like a family. I am not a 'Sir' man. I don't like being called 'Sir'. I prefer to be an elder brother or a friend. Being called 'Aiyya' is better than 'Sir'."

On his teammates who treat him as their elder brother.

### Alaves rope in Berti



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council is due to meet on Sunday to decide who should lead the team on the India tour starting late January.

"Indian tour has always been different because of the immense pressure on the players but this time it will be less easier due to neutral umpires," Imran said.

He achieved the only series win for Pakistan on Indian soil when he led them to a 1-0 win in 1987. Pakistan has not toured India since then due to political tension between the two countries.

"People in India keenly follow the game and have the knowledge. The atmosphere there is simply exhilarating," he said.

He has also devoted time to looking after his charity cancer hospital in Lahore, but keeps abreast of cricket developments.

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An ad-hoc executive committee of the Bangladesh Olympic Association was formed yesterday with Army Chief Lt General Mustafizur Rahman as president, reports UNB.

The provisional body of BOA has been formed as per provision of the National Sports Council Act Law 1974 (amended till 1991), said an NSC announcement.

Other office bearers of the committee are: Vice-president Mohammad Farooque Khan MP, Brigadier Kazi Mahmood Hasan and Abdul Awal Mintoo, secretary general Zafar Imam, deputy secretary general Mosharrif Hossain Khan, Ashrafuddin Ahmed Chunnun and M Obaidullah Khan and treasurer ASM Ali Kabir.

Under the law, President or Vice-president of respective sports federations or associations will represent them on the BOA executive committee.

"Any member of this committee who wants to participate in election to the executive committee of BOA should resign prior to submission of nomination," the NSC notification.

It said a Vice-president would be nominated to the ad hoc Executive Committee later on.

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### Naimur sparkles at last

## Happy outings for Bagan, Abahani

Sports Reporter

the toss and opted to bat.

Coming to bat at number three with Abahani on nine for one in the third over, Naimur, who had so far struggled in the season, shared a 137-run partnership with inform opener Mehrab Hossain.

The partnership was broken when Mehrab was run out on 71. In his 83-ball stay, Mehrab clubbed ten boundaries.

After Mehrab's departure, Naimur put on 116 with Pakistani recruit Azam Khan before giving a return catch to Naseem. His fine innings came from 160 balls inclusive of four fours and a sixer.

Among others, Azam Khan scored 74 runs while Hasibul Hossain flayed the Ajax bowlers to all parts of the ground in smashing a quickfire 50 off 32 balls which included five boundaries and two sixes.

Besides, skipper Akram Khan contributed with a work-

M Abedin c Ishtiaque b S Saeed 1  
Arshad Khan c & b Fahim 16  
K Masood c S Saeed b M Rahman 48  
Enamul Haque c & b Sharuddowla 9  
Sajal c G Ali b Sharuddowla 5  
Anis b S Saeed 3  
Rafiqul not out 0  
Extras : (b-1, lb-4, nb-6, w-9) 20  
Total : (All out in 71.3 overs) 187

Fall of wickets : 1/36; 2/92; 3/93; 4/96; 5/97; 6/129; 7/151; 8/71; 9/187

**Bowlers** O M R W

Safiful 9 0 33 0  
Mushfiq 6 1 22 0  
S Saeed 15 2 43 5  
Fahim 14 4 28 2  
Sharuddowla 16 2 42 2  
M Rahman 11.3 1 14 0

**KALABAGAN**

Harun c M Abedin b Arshad 18  
Sajjad batting 7  
G Ali batting 4  
Extras : (b-4, nb-2, w-1) 7  
Total : (for 1 wkts in 14 overs) 36

Fall of wickets : 1/30

**Bowlers** O M R W

Anis 2 0 16 0  
Arshad 6 1 8 1  
Enamul 5 2 6 0  
Sajal 1 0 2 0

**Abahani v Ajax SC**

(Venue : Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium)

**ABAHANI**

Hannan c Tamal b A Islam 0  
Mehrab run out 71  
Naimur c&b Naseem 101  
Azam Khan c Naseem b R Islam 74  
Akram Khan run out 48  
Niamur c Sanchoy b Naseem 11  
Hasibul c & b A Islam 50  
Nuruzzaman run out 2  
Kamal not out 2  
Masud not out 0  
Extras : (lb-8, nb-12, w-12) 32

Total : (for 8 wkts in 80 overs) 391

Did not bat : Sajidul Islam.

Fall of wickets : 1/9; 2/139; 3/257; 4/282; 5/307; 6/376; 7/389; 8/389

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A Islam 11.5 0 72 2  
S Mansoor 12 0 72 0  
Azimuddin 11 0 48 0  
R Islam 12 0 51 1  
Naseem 13 1 64 2  
Shoeb 16 0 54 0  
Habib 4.1 0 22 0

### CENTURY-MAKERS SO FAR

| Batsman              | Team      | Against   | Runs | Balls | 4s | 6s |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|------|-------|----|----|
| Tahirkhan Ali (Pak)  | Victoria  | Kalabagan | 104* | 197   | 11 | -  |
| T Mahmood (Pak)      | Wari      | Kalabagan | 105  | 140   | 10 | 2  |
| Minhazul Abedin      | ST        | Orient SC | 117  | 171   | 9  | -  |
| S Shahid             | MSC       | A Bank    | 102  | 232   | 7  | -  |
| Azam Khan (Pak)      | AKC       | Victoria  | 100* | 143   | 7  | 1  |
| Nasirul Islam        | MSC       | Ajax      | 111  | 201   | 11 | -  |
| M Rahim Selim        | Kalabagan | A Bank    | 105* | 190   | 11 | -  |
| Riaz Sheikh (Pak)    | Orient    | S Bima    | 104* | 99    | 13 | -  |
| Shahid Saeed (Pak)   | Kalabagan | Ajax      | 127* | 148   | 7  | 2  |
| Mansoor Akhter (Pak) | Ajai SC   | BU        | 122* | 176   | 7  | 3  |
| T Mahmood (Pak)      | Wari      | MSC       | 124* | 163   | 11 | -  |
| Rajinder Singh (Ind) | S Bima    | S Bima    | 128  | 187   | 19 | 1  |
| Naimur Rahman        | Abahani   | Ajai SC   | 112  | 133   | 10 | -  |
|                      |           |           | 101  | 160   | 5  | 1  |

**On Jan 1: \* indicates not out**

## Akram gets Imran's vote

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give tips to some rising fast bowlers.

He said: "There was obvious lack of team spirit during the recent home series and every player was playing for himself plus the pressure of the inquiry affected players' performances."

Imran said the inquiry should be completed as soon as possible to release that pressure.

"The inquiry should have been held in 1994 and now the delay has been destroying Pakistan cricket," he said.

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