

# Star Sport

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## Column One

### SPORTS TALK



#### Wasim Akram

(Pakistani ace all-rounder)  
"I will try my best to take Pakistan back on winning track and although it is tough to raise the morale of a team down with unimpressive recent losses against Australia and Zimbabwe but I will fulfil the confidence reposed in me."

After being renamed as the team captain.

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

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Golfers leave tomorrow

A four-member Bangladesh team will leave for India tomorrow to take part in the SAARC Friendship Golf Cup Championship to be held in the southern city of Bangalore, reports UNB.

The team members are: Manager-cum-captain — Manjoor Ahmed, players — Saber Ahmed, Tarek Taher and Ramzan Rab.

The tournament will be held in the Karnataka Golf Association's Classic Golf Club under the auspices of the Indian Golf Federation.

The golf team made a courtesy call on Bangladesh Olympic Association president and Army Chief Lt Gen Muhammad Mustafizur Rahman at the Army Headquarters yesterday.

#### Sub-jr chess

Five players — Mohammad Javed, Ejaj Hossain, Shahidul Islam, Golam Mostafa and Obaidul Islam — are sharing the lead with three points each in the 19th sub-junior national chess tournament yesterday, reports APB.

Another five players — holder Ruhul Islam Body, Farhadul Islam, Mohammadul Islam, Mohan Nahid Parvez and Rawnak Ehsan — are half-point behind the leaders.

Boby drew with Farhadul Islam, Nadid shared points with Rawnak while Mohan beat Sharif Hossain after dropping half point in the previous round.

#### Div I cricket

Azad Sporting Club recorded their first victory in the First Division League beating Young Cricketers by 22 runs, at the Dhamondi Cricket Stadium yesterday, reports APB.

Azad SC, electing to bat first, piled up 239 for four in allotted 50 overs with opener Sanjay top scoring 97 in 125 balls including 12 boundaries.

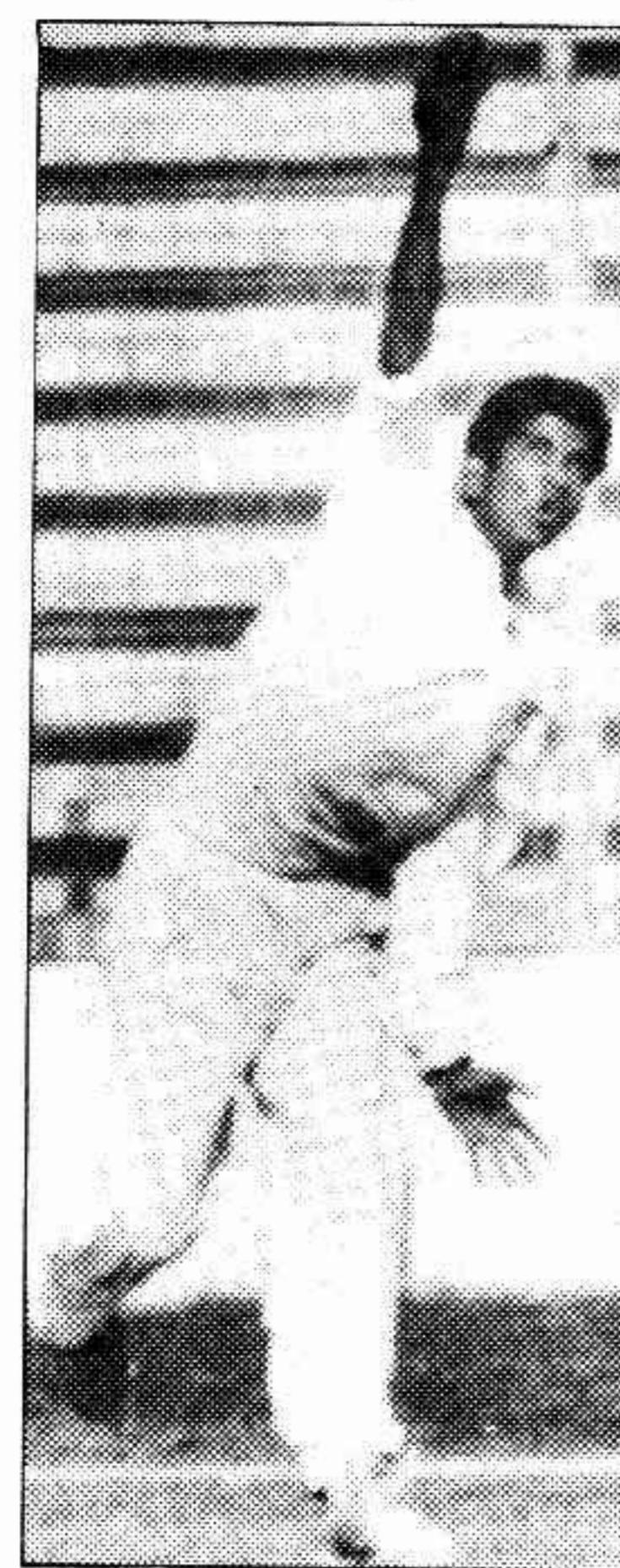
Two down Mahfuz Kabir contributed 81 off 125 balls featuring nine fours while Nasir was the other notable scorer with not out 21 runs.

Bipul Liton, Monir and Helal bagged one wicket apiece.

Surjo Tarun need 267 to stun number two

## Khaled Mahmud, Amir Hanif hold Brothers together

Sports Reporter



A century partnership between skipper Khaled Mahmud and Pakistan middle-order Amir Hanif helped runners-up Brothers Union reach a fighting total against new powerhouse Surjo Tarun in a crucial Janakantha Premier Cricket League clash began at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

The duo put on exactly 100 runs for the fourth wicket to see the Gopibagh outfit, who won the important toss and elected to bat, recovering well from an early collapse to score 266 before being all out in the 76th over.

Brothers were virtually put on the back foot in the first session when Ehsanul, Shahriar and Jahangir were out and middle-order Sanwar returned hurt on zero with a twisted left ankle. It was Amir Hanif and Mahmud who then put their gritty act together, and took only 20 overs to add the hundred runs; thereby doing good groundwork for their innings.

Surjo Tarun off-spinner Rafiqul, who returned with his career-best five for 45, gave his side the early breakthrough in the ninth over by removing young opener Ehsanul on 16. Left-arm pacer Anisur then dismissed the other opener Shahriar Hossain.

Ehsanul was brilliantly taken by Athar at the square leg region when he pulled Rafiqul while Shahriar was beaten by a brilliant outswinger from Anis which kissed the edge of the bat before going to the safe hands of wicketkeeper Khaled Masood.

Things turned worse for Brothers Union when Sanwar retired hurt in the next over. The discarded national right-hand batsman later made a brilliant comeback with a runner and scored 22 off 29 balls, which included four sweetly timed hits across the rope.

One down Jahangir Alam, who scored 24 off 53 balls with two fours, threw his wicket in the 27th over when he tried to take a risky third run. Although he was prompt, his non-striking partner Amir Hanif did not leave the crease, leaving both batsman at the same end, allowing Sri Lankan Naseer Newaz to throw the ball from point to wicketkeeper Khaled Masood who did the rest.

Surjo Tarun's dream to restrict Brothers below the 200-mark came to an end at that point when Khaled Mahmud joined Amir Hanif at the crease for the century partnership. The stand was broken in the 50th over when Amir Hanif was caught by Minhazul Abedin at cover off a Rafiqul delivery. The in-form right-hander tried a

fence. Rafiqul was on a hat-trick after the next ball when former Indian Test cricketer Sanjeev Sharma gave him a return catch on a duck. But the tall off-spinner failed to create any panic in lower-order Shahnewaz Kabir.

After Brothers Union lost two quick wickets, Mahmud added an invaluable 43 runs for the sixth wicket with Shahnewaz and took the scoreboard to 224 before being stumped by Khaled Masood on 75. Mahmud faced 114 balls and hit seven fours. The national vice-captain went down to drive left-arm spinner Enamul Haque in the 63rd over but missed the ball, which pitched outside the leg stump and took a sharp turn towards the wicketkeeper.

Brothers added another 42 runs to their total before being



RAFIQUL ... 5 for 45

drive but failed to middle properly, which resulted into a simple catch. In his more than two-hour long stay at the crease, Hanif, who scored an unbeaten 95 against Ajax Sporting in their previous match, scored 67 off 103 balls, which included six boundaries and a huge six off Athar over the wide long-off.

Surjo Tarun will be looking forward to score 267 in 80 overs when they begin their innings this morning.

### SCOREBOARD

First day's scoreboard of the Janakantha Premier Division cricket league match between Brothers Union and Surjo Tarun Club played at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

#### BROTHERS UNION

Shahriar c K Masood b Anis	15
Ehsanul c Athar b Rafiqul	16
Athar run out	24
Sanwar lbw b Enamul	22
A Hanif c M Abedin b Rafiqul	67
K Mahmud st K Masood b Enamul	75
S Sharmin c & b Rafiqul	0
Shahnewaz c Rafiqul b N Nazar	19
Shafuddin c Enamul b Rafiqul	5
Reaz c Ali-Shahriar b Rafiqul	6
Imran not out	0
Extras: (lb-3, nb-2, w-12)	17
Total: (All out in 75.2 overs)	266
Fall of wkt: 1-35; 2-41; 3-81; 4-81; 5-181; 6-224; 7-240; 8-257; 9-264; 10-266.	

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Anis	12	2	47	1
Athar	12	2	41	0
Rafiqul	15.2	1	45	5
Enamul	15	5	34	2
N Nazar	15	2	64	1
N Newaz	2	0	15	0
M Abedin	4	0	17	0

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