

# Star Sport

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## Column One

### SPORTS TALK



**Michael Atherton**  
(Former England cricket captain)

"I don't believe in professional cricket except for the elite. Our system breeds poor human beings and soft cricketers."

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2	Who is the number one player in women's tennis at the moment?	
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3	The final of the 1st Asian Test Championship will be held in	
Dhaka	Calcutta	Colombo
4	The eighth SAF Games will be held in	
India	Sri Lanka	Nepal
5	How many teams are taking part in the Janakantha Premier cricket league?	
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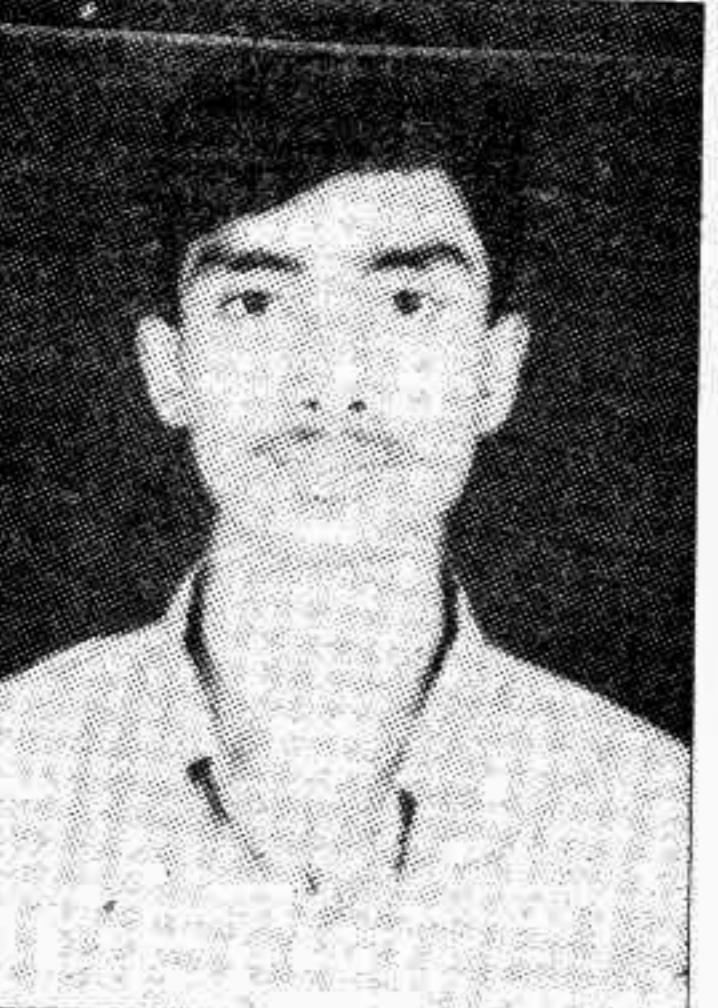
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**Abdul Mamun**

Bengali Medium High School, Mohammadpur, Dhaka.

**ROK soccer chief to visit DPRK**

SEOUL, Jan 8: South Korea's top soccer official will visit North Korea next week to discuss the possibility of holding some of the 2002 World Cup games in the communist nation, reports AP.

Chung Mong-joon, president of South Korea's Football Association, will visit the North "for three or four days" beginning next Tuesday, association officials said.

Chung has privately said that two or three of the 32 World Cup matches assigned to South Korea could be staged in North Korea. South Korea is co-hosting the 2002 games with Japan.

North Korea has not officially responded to the South Korean suggestion. But last month, the North invited Chung to discuss sports exchanges in an indication that it may be willing to consider the matter.

## Ajax taste maiden victory Mahbub shoots Biman down

Sports Reporter

Mahbubur Rahman could not think of a better way to rediscovering his richest vein of talents when he scored a majestic



tic half-century to erase the enviable five-match unbeaten tag of Biman in the Janakantha Premier League yesterday.

The elegant right-hander came up with a timely 63 as Kalabagan, chasing a fighting Biman total of 275 in the stipulated 80 overs, reached the victory 276 for seven with eleven overs to spare.

Mahbub's sizzling knock kept Kalabagan afloat in the title race.

The victory for the new levellers, which left the topsy-turvy league wide open, also brought a smile in everyone's face except for the national airline outfit, who tasted their first defeat after five wins on a trot. Biman are now on equal terms with holders Abahani and runners-up Brothers, all having a defeat against five wins on completion of six league matches.

On the other Kalabagan jointly shared the second position with Surjo Tarun and Mohammad, each enjoying four wins and two defeats.

Biman, who did not even concede 200-run against any team in their last five match, had a disappointing first session but wrested the initiative after lunch when they captured three wickets for 12 runs, reducing Kalabagan to 181 for six.

But the face of the game changed when Mahbub led a spectacular recovery operation in company with a wily Abul Hasan.

Together they put on 83 runs for the seventh wicket to decisively knock the wind from out of the Biman sails. It was a treat to watch the way the pair mixed caution with aggression to guide Kalabagan to safety.

While Mahbub was full in cry, Hasan opted to play the perfect foil, rotating the strike with great authority.

A talented player Mahbub clubbed eight fours in his flawless 94-ball knock that included a couple of trademark pull shots off the back-foot. He reached his 50 with a cracking cover drive off seamer Talha. Mahbub was eventually out in the 68th over, leaving Kalabagan 12 runs short of the target. He offered a stunning return catch to Aminul, who grabbed the ball at the second attempt.

Hasan, a mated head on a young shoulder, then sealed the fate of the match in the next over executing two boundaries, including a paddle sweep, against Biman's Pakistan leg-spinner Manzoor Akther. The dapper right-hander remained unbeaten on 22.

Earlier, Mushfiqur Rahman laid the Kalabagan foundation with an enterprising 61 off 91 balls. Promoted up in the batting order, the young right-handed batsman more than justified the elevation, from number seven to three, keeping the rocking boat steady after Kalabagan lost both their openers at 39.

He featured in two vital stands including an absorbing 91 runs for the fourth wicket with Shahid Saeed. Mushfiq hammered eight fours in his fluent knock. While Pakistani Saeed chipped in with 40 off 62 balls, which included half a dozen fours.

Meanwhile, in the other matches of the day, Ajax posted their first win at the expense of

Sadharan Bima while Victoria brought Agrani Bank down to earth after three consecutive



MAHBUB ... 63

victories. At the Dhamondi Cricket Stadium, one-down Rezaul Hasan scored an unbeaten 50 as Victoria, chasing a fighting Agrani Bank total of 221, rattled up the required 222 for the loss of five wickets in 70.4 overs.

Rezaul hammered five fours in his 122-ball vigil at the crease. It was Victoria's second win from six outings.

Away at the BKSP in Savar, relegation-threatened Ajax ended their five-match drought when they defeated promoted Sadharan Bima by five wickets.

Ajax, who had earlier shot Bima out for a paltry 178 on Thursday, went on to score 180 for five in only 48.2 overs with their Pakistan recruit Selim Mughal notching a fine 60 off 83 balls.

### SCOREBOARDS

Scoreboards of the three Janakantha Premier Division cricket league matches concluded at different venues yesterday.

#### Biman v Kalabagan KC

(Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium)  
**BIMAN:** Overnight 275 for 9 in 80 overs (Aminul 62, Javed 35, N Shawkat 29, Shafuddowla 3/52 S Saeed 2/44)

#### KALABAGAN INNINGS

Harun lbw b N Shawkat  
Sajjad c M Akhter b Talha  
G Ali lbw b M Akhter  
Mushfiqur c Javed b Shaifullah  
S Saeed c Talha b Aminul  
Mahbub c & b Aminul  
Ishitaque c Talha b Saifullah  
A Hossain not out  
Fahim not out  
Extras: (b-9, lb-5, nb-7, w-11)  
Total: (For 7 wkts in 69 overs)

Did not bat: Masudul Rahman and Shafuddowla Ibne Shahid. Fall of wkts: 1/15, 2/39, 3/78, 4/169, 5/171, 6/181, 7/264.

**Bowler** O M R  
N Shawkat 14 0 63  
Talha 12 3 37  
Saifullah 14 0 51  
M Akhter 16 3 56  
Ziaur 5 0 23  
Aminul 8 1 32

**Result:** Kalabagan KC won by three wickets.

#### Agrani Bank v Victoria SC

(Venue: Dhamondi Cricket Stadium)  
**AGRANI BANK:** 221 all out in 75.2 overs (S Malik 61, Saleh 53, Zakaria 33, Sabir 3/47)

#### VICTORIA INNINGS:

(Overnight 33 for no loss in 13 overs)  
Imran c S Malik b Russell  
Monir c & b Saja

Reza not out  
Mustadil lbw b Russell  
Shawkat c S Kadir b Russell  
R Hanif c & b Ziauddin  
Sabir not out  
Extras: (b-1, lb-6, nb-3, w-13)

Total: (For 5 wkts in 70.4 overs)

Did not bat: Jewel Hossain, Rakib Hasan, Zakir Hasan and Attaul Islam.

Fall of wkts: 1/67, 2/84, 3/120, 4/123, 5/175.

**Bowlers** O M R  
Mofizur 2 0 13  
S Arefin 9 3 24  
Mosaddek 11 2 36  
Russell 14 4 33  
S Malik 14.4 2 37  
Suja 13 3 46  
Ziauddin 6 0 28

**Result:** Victoria SC won by five wickets.

#### S Bima v Ajax SC

(Venue: BKSP)  
**S BIMA:** 178 all out in 58.2 overs (K Chopra 86, Rajinder 27, A Islam 3/26, Shoeib 2/10)

**AJAX SC INNINGS:** (Overnight 88 for 1 in 21 overs)

S Khan c T Mahmood b Rajinder  
Shanchoy b Hadi

Selim not out  
Nayan c Rajinder b K Chopra  
R Islam lbw b K Chopra  
Shoeib not out  
Extras: (b 1, nb-4, w-8)

Total: (For 5 wkts in 48.2 overs)

Did not bat: and I Haider.

Fall of wkts: 1/50, 2/133, 3/150, 4/164, 5/175.

**Bowlers** O M R  
Nakib 4 0 26  
Saiful 1 0 19  
K Chopra 6.2 3 19  
T Islam 9 1 34  
Rajinder 6 0 20  
Hadi 12 1 40  
Islam 2 0 5  
Moin 8 0 29

**Result:** Ajax SC won by five wickets.

### TODAY'S MATCHES

Janakantha Premier Division Cricket League:

Abahani v Surjo Tarun

(Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium)

Wari Club v Orient SC

(Venue: Dhamondi Cricket Stadium)



Biman players appeal for a caught behind decision against Kalabagan's Mushfiqur Rahman on the second day of their Janakantha Premier cricket league match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

—Star photo

### Sub-jr chess

#### Ejaj alone

#### on top

Sayed Ejaj Hossain maintained his solo lead in the 19th national sub-junior chess tournament when he shared points with current champion Ruhul Islam Bobji in the sixth round encounter at the NSC chess room yesterday, reports APB.

With the draw, Ejaj raised his points tally to 5.5 points.

Bobji, Nayem Arefin Ratul, Obaidul Islam and Maksudul Monir are sharing the second position with 5 points each. Nayeem beat Tanvir, Obaidul won over Mohan while Monir defeated Javed.

Four players — Mehdi Hasan Parag, Farhadul Islam, Golam Mostafa and Mohammad Rashed — are in the third position with 4.5 points.

Meanwhile, a two-day long Shishu-Kishore chess tournament, organised by Khelaghara Asar began at the chess federation. A total of 42 players, divided into four age groups, are taking part in the meet.

In the 15-16 years age group, Yannur Rahman, Ashraful Islam and Jaiyal Abedin are in the joint lead with full 3 points.

Nayeem Arefin took a solo lead in the 13-14 years age group with two points while Mithazuddin and Nazid Arefin shared the lead in the 10-12 years age group having 3 points each.

In less than 10 years age group, Saima Almas is in the top with 2 points.

The inquiry, running in Pakistan for several months, convened here following revelations the pair had been fined by the Australian Cricket Board after admitting they had accepted money from the bookmaker during the 1994 Singer Cup series in Sri Lanka.

The fines were hushed up until last month.

The inquiry, headed by Lahore High Court registrar Abdus Salam Khawar, was adjourned after three hours to hear evidence Saturday from former Australian Cricket Board chief Alan Crompton and former Australian Test spinner Tim May.

Waugh said he had been approached by Malik during a function in Pakistan and offered the money if he could get four or five Australians to play badly and lose a

An Arsenal spokesman said: "Jermaine has signed academy forms with the club and will sign scholarship forms next season. He is likely to play at the weekend for our Under-17 team."

Pennant first came to prominence when he starred for England Schoolboys in a live televised match against Scotland last season.

Former Arsenal skipper Liam Brady, who is now head of the club's youth development said: "Jermaine is a very talented youngster with the potential to do well. County have done a fantastic job with him and we are anxious to further the development."

Warne said Malik