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5	How many teams are taking part in the Janakantha Premier cricket league?	10	12	14

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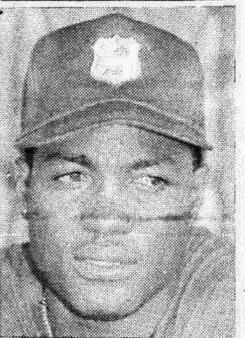
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## SPORTS TALK



**Brian Lara**  
(West Indies captain)  
"We have two great fast bowlers who are performing well, but cricket requires a team effort from all eleven players."  
On why his team is not performing well.

## Valladolid pay the price

MADRID, Jan 13: Valladolid must forfeit the match they played against Real Betis on Sunday because they briefly fielded too many foreign players, the Spanish football federation ruled on Tuesday, reports Reuters.

The federation's competition committee has turned a 2-1 home victory for Valladolid into a 3-0 defeat.

Valladolid swapped Colombian midfielder Harold Lozano for the injured Jose Luis Santamaria in the 18th minute but the substitution meant that Valladolid had five non-European players on the pitch, one more than the maximum permitted.

Valladolid coach Sergio Kresic realised his mistake six minutes later and sent on Spaniard Alberto Lopez in place of Lozano.

Valladolid are expected to appeal, all four similar transgressions since 1991 have not incurred penalties.

The decision means Real Betis move up to 10th in the 20-team First Division while Valladolid drop to 16th.

## Robson to get Ricard aid

MIDDLESBROUGH, England, Jan 13 (Reuters/Internet): Colombian striker Hamilton Ricard faces a hectic three-week schedule in South America, England and the United States after his club Middlesbrough and Colombia reached a compromise.

Ricard, 25, will travel thousands of miles to fulfil club and country commitments.

Ricard will play premier league matches for Middlesbrough against Leicester City and Liverpool as well as helping Colombia prepare for the Copa American.

Ricard will play against Denmark, in Bogota, on January 24, return for premier league games against Leicester City and Liverpool and then fly to Miami to line up against Germany on February 9.

The powerfully-built Ricard proved to be one of the most prolific scorers in the Premier League after struggling to make an impact last season.

## Twin tons tune Tarun's titanic total

# Rahat's dream debut help Mohammedan gulp Bagan

Sports Reporter

Mohammedan Sporting conquered with venom their long-standing nemesis Kalabagan Krira Chakra when the popular Motijheel outfit handed their fancied opponents a huge nine-wicket defeat in a crucial Janakantha Premier League match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. So exacting was Mohammedan's win that they packed up the two-day match on day one, the first such occurrence this season.

Mohammedan, who lost four previous league meetings in the last couple of seasons to Kalabagan, went on to score 138 for one after restricting Kalabagan to 133. The win decreed a sweet revenge for Mohammedan, who conceded defeat by an identical margin at the hand of Kalabagan in their last meeting at the

to confirm their fifth win with Steve Tikolo and Rashedul Haq putting on 126 runs for the undefeated second wicket.



Coming in to bat at number three after opener Selim Shahid departed at the score of only 12 runs, Tikolo hammered a stroke-filled 61 off 73 balls. The Kenyan right-hander clubbed

with the help of five fours and three sixes.

The second day of the Surjo Tarun-Bima match will be played today. Unless Bima has high premium insurance, a win for Tarun is all but a matter of time.

### SCOREBOARDS

Scoreboards of yesterday's two Janakantha Premier Division cricket league matches held at different city venues:

Mohammedan SC v Kalabagan KC  
(Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium)

KALABAGAN KC					
Harun b Ashfaq	3				
Sajjad b Manjural	5				
G Ali c Odumbe b Rafique	38				
Mushfiq c Salahuddin b Manuril	59				
S Saeed c Rafique b Ashfaq	5				
Mahubb c Tikolo b Ashfaq	0				



ASHFAQ ALI 5/44



NAVEED NAWAZ ... 173



MINHAZUL ... 112

very ground last year.

While Mohammedan made a mockery of a match at the Bangabandhu, Surjo Tarun, aided by twin tons from Navid Newaz and skipper Minhazul Abedin, piled up a mammoth 428 for six against babes Sadharan Bima at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

The eventful day, marked by a record 261-run partnership between Minhazul and Navid Newaz for the third wicket, however belonged to an unheralded Ashfaq Ali Khan Rahat.

Ashfaq celebrated his first break for Mohammedan Sporting with a five-wicket burst as Kalabagan, batting first after winning the toss in the morning, were bundled out for the lowest score in this league. The gangling right-arm seamer, who switched to Mohammedan from Abahani this year, returned with a career-best five for 44 to lay the foundation of a terrific Mohammedan win.

Not considered in the playing eleven for the first six matches, Ashfaq plotted a stunning Kalabagan collapse by claiming three wickets in successive overs after the lunch break. Kalabagan were at one stage strongly placed at 110 for two before Ashfaq started the rot by dismissing Pakistani Shahid Saeed in the second over after lunch, thanks to a brilliant catch by skipper Mohammed Rafique, who backpedalled about fifteen yards to take the skier at long-off.

Kalabagan lost their way in the rough weather when Mushfiqur Rahman quickly followed Saeed after scoring a patient 51 off 112 balls. Mushfiq scored his back-to-back half century with the help of half-a-dozen fours before he was caught by Salahuddin at mid-on off Ashfaq's new-ball partner Monjuril.

Ashfaq then ripped through the lower-order to send Kalabagan packing forty-five minutes before tea. Kalabagan lost their last seven wickets with the addition of only 27 runs to the total.

After some brilliant bowling from unsung Ashfaq, Mohammedan took only 32 overs

11 fours and a huge sixer off Masudur in his enterprising knock. It was the fifth half-century from the Kenyan run-machine this season.

Rashed, who played the perfect foil at the other end, also scored a disciplined 61 off 112 balls. It was his first fifty. The young right-hander, who hammered five fours in his polished knock, fittingly ended the chase with a straight sixer of off-spinner Masudur.

The impressive victory for Mohammedan, a present for their loyal supporters ahead of the Eid vacation, enabled them to join Bima in second position after holders Abahani and Brothers. The leaders have six wins against a defeat.

On the other hand, Kalabagan were virtually out of the title-race, having conceded their third defeat in seven league engagements.

Where Kalabagan faltered, Surjo Tarun, who are on equal terms with their Dhanmondi neighbours, provided belated evidence of their strength against promotees Sadharan Bima at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

The star-studded Surjo Tarun club piled up the highest total in the league when they walloped their way to 428 for six in the stipulated 80 overs.

Minhazul scored his second century in the league when the experienced right-hander hammered a brilliant 112 off 153 balls. The former national captain, who had earlier scored 117 against Orient, clubbed 15 fours in his polished knock.

But it was Tarun's Sri Lankan left-hander Navid Newaz, who set the Dhanmondi ground alight with a blistering 173 off 199 balls. The southpaw hammered 20 disdainful fours and a couple of sixes in his whirlwind innings. Navid's 173 was also the highest individual score, surpassing Mukhter's 129 for Wari against Victoria.

Besides, Al-Shahriar, coming in to bat at number five instead of his usual number three, scored a breezy 76 off 42 balls

A Hossain lbw b Rafique					
Ishfaq c Morzuza b Ashfaq	6				
Masud b Rafique	4				
Fahim c Tikolo b Ashfaq	2				
Shafuddinwa not out	0				
Extras: (lb-7, w-9)	16				
Total: (All out in 48.2 overs)	133				
Fall of wickets: 1/3; 2/15; 3/86; 4/110; 5/114; 6/115; 7/119; 8/125; 9/133.					
Bowler:		O	M	R	W
Manuril	12	5	23	2	2
Ashfaq	15	2	44	5	5
Tikolo	9	1	22	0	0
Salahuddin	3	0	8	0	0
Rafique	9.2	1	29	3	3

MOHAMMEDAN SC					
Rashedul not out	61				
S Shaheed c & b Sharfuddinwa	5				
Tikolo not out	61				
Extras: (nb-1, w-10)	11				
Total: (For 1 wkt in 32 overs)	138				
Did not bat: M Odumbe, M Rafique, Nsirul Alam, Salahuddin, Mortuza, Halim Shah, Manuril and Masud and Ashfaq Ali.					
Fall of wicket: 1/12.					
Bowler:		O	M	R	W
S Saeed	8	0	27	0	0
Sharfuddinwa	11	2	36	1	1
Fahim	5	0	29	0	0
G Ali	3	0	15	0	0
A Hossain	2	0	9	0	0
Masud	3	1	22	0	0

SURJO TARUN					
Athar Ali c Rajinder b Mintu	22				
Parvez c Mintu b S Islam	4				
N Nawaz b M Ali	173				
M Abedin c Moin b T Islam	112				
Al-Shahriar c Anwar b Tarek	76				
Ridwan run out	5				
Enamul not out	3				
K Masood not out	32				
Extras: (lb-3, nb-1, w-28)	1				
Total: (For 6 wks in 80 overs)	428				
Did not bat: Rafiqul Islam, Anisur Rahman and Nadeem Nazir.					
Fall of wks: 1/17; 2/58; 3/319; 4/391; 5/408; 6/425.					
Bowler:		O	M	R	W
Jaki	16	1	72	1	1
S Islam	7	0	25	1	1
Mintu	14	0	77	1	1
Rajinder	9	1	34	0	0
T Islam	14	1	72	1	1
Moin	12	0	79	0	0
Anwar	7	0	57	0	0
Tarek	1	0	9	1	1



Arjuna Ranatunga, the Sri Lankan captain watches as Australian wicketkeeper Adam Gilchrist scampers for the ball during yesterday's tri-series fixture at Sydney. — AP/UNB photo

## Abahani, Badda vie for West Bengal soccer honours

Sports Reporter

A 24-member Abahani football team left the city yesterday to take part in the Independence Cup, scheduled to start in the West Bengal district of West Dinajpur today.

It was learnt that the popular Dhammond outfit, who carried almost all the national players to feature in such a sub-standard tournament minus the big guns of Calcutta, has received a donation of Taka two lakh from the National Sports Council for the tour.

Abahani apart, another Dhaka-based club, Badda Jagarani Sangsad, are also taking part in the four-team knock-out tournament. The other two teams in the invitational tournament are Aryans Club of Calcutta and a Nepalese side.

Badda Jagarani, promoted to the Premier league last season, will take on the Nepalese side today in the first match while Abahani will face Aryans Club in the second match tomorrow.

The winners of the two matches will feature in Sunday's final.

The Abahani squad: Biplab, Zia, Bijan, Kingshuk, Govinda, Prodeep, Partho, Sohail Al-Masum, Ali Mansoor, Ruhul Amin, Mamun Joarder, Monwar Hossain, Munna, Zakir, Iqbal, Hasan, Arif Khan Joy, Rakib Hasan, Tipu, Alifaz and Maksudul Amin Rama.

Officials: Ashrafuddin Ahmed Chunnun (team leader) Dewan Shaful Arefin Tutul (deputy team leader), Abdul Gaffar (co-ordinator), Monem Munna (manager), Hasanzaman Bablu (coach) and Dr. Jawad Ahmed (physio).

The team leader and deputy team leader will join the team later.

## Richards hopes to aid ailing WI

ST. JOHN'S, Antigua, Jan 13 (Reuters/Internet): Vivian Richards is ready to help the beleaguered West Indies team which is trailing 4-0 in its five-Test series in South Africa.

Richards, who retired from Test cricket in 1991 after never losing a series as captain, said on Tuesday: "If I can help in whatever department, I will be quite willing to do so. Being ready could mean now."

Richards said he would like to work with the present management and coaching team because of his respect for those in charge.

Former West Indies captain Clive Lloyd is manager and former Test fast bowler Malcolm Marshall is coach of the squad in South Africa.

"I've a lot of respect for Clive and I wouldn't want to overstep my bounds in any particular way because there are so many people I have respect for -- people who I think have helped West Indies cricket for a long time and took it to certain heights," Richards said.

"So I will be waiting to see if ever I'm offered whatever role, I will be quite willing to play a part."

When West Indies return from the tour of South Africa, they face a four-Test series against Australia in the Caribbean in March and April.

## Wanderers win

Traditional Dhaka Wanderers Club notched their third consecutive victory in the Metropolitan First Division Cricket League beating GMCC by 47 runs at the Mirpur City Club ground yesterday, reports UNB.

Sent in to bat first in the day's match, Wanderers scored 236 for the loss of nine wickets in 50 overs.

Replying to the moderate score of 236 runs, GMCC (Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club) were all out for 189 in 49.2 overs.

## BRIEFSCORES

**DHAKA WANDERERS CLUB:** 236 for 9 in 50 overs (Aniruddha 68, Tapu 32, Mahfuz 21, Sadrul 20, Niaz 16, extras 48; Mithu 3/30, Joy 1/16, Nazir 1/35, Mehdi 1/37 and Ali 1/43).

**GMCC:** 189 all out in 49.2 overs (Kaiser 55, Nazir 41, Monirul 31, Muksedul not out 21, Joy 12, extras 10; Ripon 3/13, Tapu 3/28, Aniruddha 2/30, and Ashique 1/38).

Today's match: City Club vs Dhanmondi Club (City Club ground).

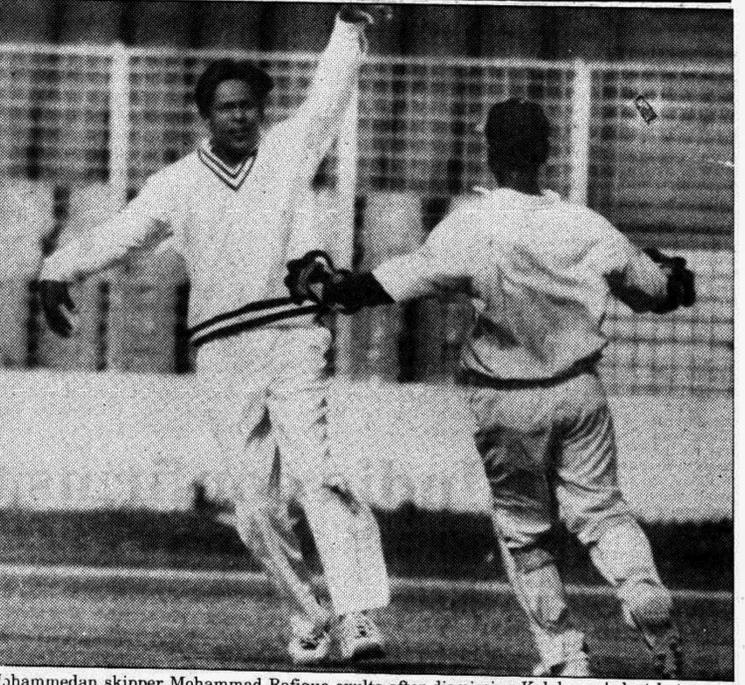
## Nat'l U-19 football to begin from Jan 29

Sixty two, out of 64-districts of the country will take part in the national under-19 football championship in eight zones, a senior official of Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) said yesterday, reports BSS.

The championship will begin on January 29.

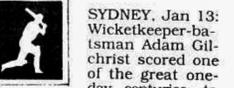
This is for the first time the zonal tournaments and the final round will take place on round robin league basis to accommodate maximum number of matches.

BFF is also planning to introduce office league this year and the proposed league is expected to start either end of February or early March.



Mohammedan skipper Mohammad Rafique exults after dismissing Kalabagan's last batsman Masudur Rahman yesterday. — Star photo by Anisur Rahman.

## SL sizzle in grisly ton



SYDNEY, Jan 13: Wicketkeeper-batsman Adam Gilchrist scored one of the great one-day centuries to propel Australia to a record win over world champions Sri Lanka in their tri-series limited-over cricket international at the Sydney Cricket Ground here today, reports AFP.

Gilchrist upstaged audacious Sri Lankan opener Sanath Jayasuriya in the battle of the big hitters with an astonishing knock of 131 off 118 balls, studded with two sixes and 10 fours, the fourth highest one-day score by an Australian.

Jayasuriya smashed 65 from 62 balls in Sri Lanka's seemingly unbeatable 259 for nine, which required a record SCG chase, but Gilchrist went all the way and clinched his hundred with a sweet six off-spinner Mahela Jayawardene over the square leg fence.

It was his fourth century in a year since being promoted to opener in place of Test captain Mark Taylor and he has more than justified his selection as a batsman.

After two matches England have two wins, Australia one and World Cup champions Sri Lanka none.

## Akram signs for a Birmingham club

LONDON, Jan 13 (Reuters/Internet): Pakistan captain Wasim Akram has signed for Birmingham league club Smeethwick in order to extend his Test career.

Akram, who is one of several players under investigation by a judicial commission over match-fixing and bribery charges, will lead his country against India this month.

The 32-year-old all-rounder was released by his county Lancashire last year after 11 years at Old Trafford.

"I want to play for Pakistan as long as I can and joining Smeethwick means I will not suffer the wear and tear of county cricket," Akram said.

## Klim honoured

SYDNEY, Jan 13: Michael Klim, who won four gold, two silver and a bronze medal at the World Championships last year, was Wednesday named 1998 Australian swimmer-of-the-year for the second year in a row, reports AP.

Klim beat fellow world champion Susie O'Neill, Ian Thorpe and Grant Hackett for the honour in what was described by the judges as the toughest choice in the decade-long history of the award.

Klim followed up his Perth World Championship performance with two world 100-metre butterfly records at the World Cup shortcourse meet in Sydney just days after the world titles ended.

He performed below par at the Kuala Lumpur Commonwealth Games, but still won four golds, three of them in relays.

Sri Lanka were playing at the SCG for the first time since the acrimonious 1995-96 one-day finals but the only hostilities today were directed at the white ball.

Having collapsed in Brisbane last Sunday chasing 4.25 runs per over for 36 overs, the Australians decided to beat the Sri Lankans at their own slugging game.

Mark Waugh hit a measured 63 from 76 balls as Gilchrist dominated their opening stand of 151 off 156 balls.

Gilchrist's first 50 came off just 37 balls, including a sixer against off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan which landed on the top deck of one of the SCG grandstands.

Gilchrist threw his head into the air in disappointment when he skied Chaminda Vaas to Kaluwitharana, who made 32 off 38 balls without seeing much of the strike.

Accurate bowling from captain Shane Warne, who took 2-44 from his 10 overs, slowed the run-rate until a surge in the last five overs as Hashan Tillekeratne hit out for 73.

Tillekeratne had a life on night when umpire Terry Prue gave him the benefit on a faint edge off Warne, on 14 Warne warned him for backing up too far at the bowler's end and on 24 Damien Martyn dropped a low return chance.

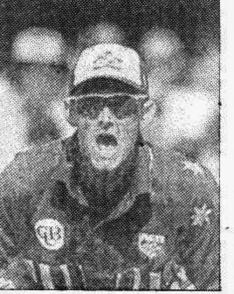
Australian spinner Brad Young was taken off the field in the 14th over with a suspected fractured left ankle after badly injuring himself when he crashed into the boundary hoardings.

Australia have a return match with England in Melbourne on Friday.

## SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in the one-day cricket international between Australia and Sri Lanka at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Wednesday:

**SRI LANKA**  
Jayasuriya c Gilchrist 65  
Kaluwitharana b Warne 32  
Atapattu c Waugh b Warne 18  
Tillekeratne run out 73  
Ranatunga run out 26  
Jayawardene c Gilchrist b Julian 11  
Chandana b Fleming 2  
Mahanama c Gilchrist b McGrath 5  
Vass not out 13  
Muralitharan run out 0  
Extras: (b-2, lb-2, nb-5, w-5) 14  
Total: (for 9 wks in 50 overs) 259  
Fall of wks: 1-95; 2-106; 3-130; 4-183; 5-214; 6-217; 7-228; 8-258; 9-259.



GILCHRIST .. m-o-m

long-on where he was caught by Marvan Atapattu.

Muralitharan's first over was predictably greeted with "no-ball" calls from large sections of the 35,134 strong crowd echoing the unfriendly receptions in Brisbane, Melbourne and Adelaide.

His first two overs went for 16 and he later picked up Waugh at long-on but was unable to stem the tide.

The out-of-form Ricky Ponting remained not out on 43 after helping add 74 for the second wicket.

Such an emphatic batting display more than made up for a substandard performance in the field as Sri Lanka pocketed a bonus 30 runs from mistakes.

Catches went down, Gilchrist missed a stumping, a overthrow was conceded and some balls went through players' hands for four in a reverse from Sunday's bubbly display against England.

Jayasuriya reached his 50 off as many balls in putting on 95 in 15th over with Romesh

**AUSTRALIA**  
Gilchrist c Atapattu b Vaas 131  
M Waugh c (sub) Perera b Muralitharan 63  
Ponting not out 43  
Martyn not out 16  
Extras: (lb-3, w-4) 7  
Total: (for 2 wks in 46.1 overs) 260  
Fall of wks: 1-151; 2-225

**Bowler** O M R W  
Vaas 6 1 43 1  
Wickramasinghe 7 1 36 0  
Muralitharan 10 0 49 1  
Jayawardene 7 0 40 0  
Chandana 9 0 61 0  
Jayasuriya 7.1 0 28 0  
**Result: Australia won by 8 wickets.**  
**Man-of-the-match: A Gilchrist.**

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— Sports Editor