

## Div III cricket qualifiers

Sports Reporter

Young Friends, Tongi Club and Banani SS won their respective Lotus-Kamal Third Division qualifying cricket matches at different city venues yesterday.

At the Mohakhali T & T ground, Young Friends recorded a huge 80-run victory over Pacific Sports.

In a low-scoring affair, Young Friends, defending a modest total of 132 all out in 32.4 overs, went on to shoot Pacific boys out for a meagre 52 in 24 overs. Saiful with four for only 16 runs was the wicket-keeper-in-chief among the Young Friends bowlers. He was ably supported by Mishu and Laxmi. Mishu finished with three for 16 while Laxmi took two wickets giving away only 8 runs in his five overs.

At the remote Uttara Friends Club ground, Tongi Club handed a 63-run defeat to Mohakhali CC.

Batting first the Tongi cricketers piled up a commanding 225 before being all out in the second last ball of their share of 35 overs. Opener Rubel scored 52 followed by a quick-fire unbeaten 43 off 25 balls from Kamal.

In reply, Mohakhali were bundled out for 162 in 32.2 overs. Liton, who had earlier captured three wickets for 32 runs, was the top scorer for Mohakhali with a rapid-fire 35 off 31 balls. All remained unbeaten on 26.

For Tongi, Kamal took two wickets for 32 runs to complete a resounding day with both the bat and ball.

At the Mirpur Outer Stadium, Banani SS prevailed over Dhaka Cricket Club by 19 runs.

Banani scored 181 for eight wickets in their share of 35 overs with opener Jakir notching highest 41 off 56 ball.

Dhaka Club, in their chase, ended up with 162 for seven wickets.

### BRIEF SCORES

**Banani SS:** 181 for 8 in 35 overs (Jakir 41, Sohel 34, Rajib 23 not out; Hossain 3/31, Shamim 2/26)

**Dhaka Cricket Club:** 162 for 7 in 35 overs (Manik 30, Honey 27 not out; Tarek 2/18, Saiful 2/44)

**Result:** Banani SS won by 19 runs.

**Tongi Club:** 225 all out in 34.4 overs (Rubel 53, Kamal 43 not out; Liton 3/36, Redwan 2/40, Ali 2/26)

**Mohakhali CC:** 162 all out in 32.2 overs (Khaled 30, Liton 35, Ali 26 not out; Evan 2/20, Kamal 2/32)

**Result:** Tongi Club won by 63 runs.

**Young Friends:** 132 all out in 32.4 overs (Rasel 36, Fazle 23; Rajesh 2/11, Shahid 2/23)

**Pacific Sports:** 52 all out in 24 overs (Hira 11, Uzzal 10; Saiful 4/16, Mishu 3/16, Laxman 2/8)

**Result:** Young Friends won by 80 runs.

## Manchester wants its money back

MANCHESTER, Jan 24 (AFP) - Manchester, which lost two bids for the Olympic Games, has begun a five-million-pound (eight-million-dollar) compensation claim against the Games' organisers, it was reported today.



Chiharu Igaya, president of the IOC evaluation commission, holds up a report on the 2006 IOC at a press conference at the Olympic Museum. — AFP photo

## IOC gets down to business



LAUSANNE, Switzerland, Jan 24: The International Olympic Committee's Chateau de Vidy headquarters was turned into a fortress here on Saturday as the inquiry into the worst scandal in the movement's history got underway, reports AFP.

Tight security was in place around the building on the banks of Lake Geneva to keep away outsiders as IOC members began arriving to defend themselves against corruption charges before a six-man investigative commission.

The suspected guilty members swept up in limousines with tinted glass and were driven straight into the Chateau's garage, where they were able to get out without being photographed.

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who failed to land the 1992 Games-losing to Barcelona.

The president of the Australian Olympic Committee (AOC), John Coates, has admitted offering two African IOC members big cash inducements on the eve of the 1993 vote to keep Sydney win the 2000

Olympic Committee (NOC) and allows NOCs to leverage that support for their vote," said Coates.

"We knew that and went ready to accommodate that. I wasn't going to die wondering why we didn't win. What we did is within the guidelines."

A senior Nagano official admitted earlier this week that he had burned files relating to the Japanese city's bid after being asked by IOC members to keep the details secret.

Amsterdam officials have confirmed spending seven million dollars to woo IOC members — offering them diamonds and trips to the city's most exclusive brothels.

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