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3 Who is the first woman referee to officiate a First Division soccer match?

Danielle Carolina Janet

4 Who won the boys' singles title in the ITF tourney in Rajshahi?

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5 How many players are taking part in the United Insurance GM chess tourney?

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Yevgeny Kafelnikov

(Russian tennis player)

"I felt I had the advantage over him in experience."

After beating Thomas Enqvist in the Australian Open final.

Nat'l schools cricket

Jhalakathi Boys' clinch title

JHALAKATHI, Feb 27: Jhalakathi Government Boys' High School clinched the championship of the district-level National Schools Cricket tournament, reports APB.

In the final match played at the local stadium today, Jhalakathi School side defeated Taruli Junior School by 40 runs.

Sohag hammered a quick 70 runs off 36 balls to help Boys' School pile up 202 for four in the stipulated 30 overs. Zia scored 55 runs.

In reply, Taruli School were bowled out for 162 in 25.2 overs. Ismail made 31.

Sohag was adjudged man-of-the-match.

Police Super Mizanur Rahman Khan handed over the prizes.

JPC badminton

Saiful Alam, Bakhtiar Rana and Luthfur Rahman Binu moved into the singles quarter-finals of the Jatiya Press Club badminton tournament Friday night at the club court, reports BSS.

Saiful Alam defeated M Anwaruddin 15-2, 15-3, Bakhtiar Rana got a walkover against AKM Rouf Hasan and Sukumar Sarkar conceded defeat to Binu.

In the doubles, Shamsuddin Ahmed Charu and Golam Mohiuddin Khan and Quazi Rawnak Hossain and Mahmud Hossain Khan Dulal qualified for the semifinals.

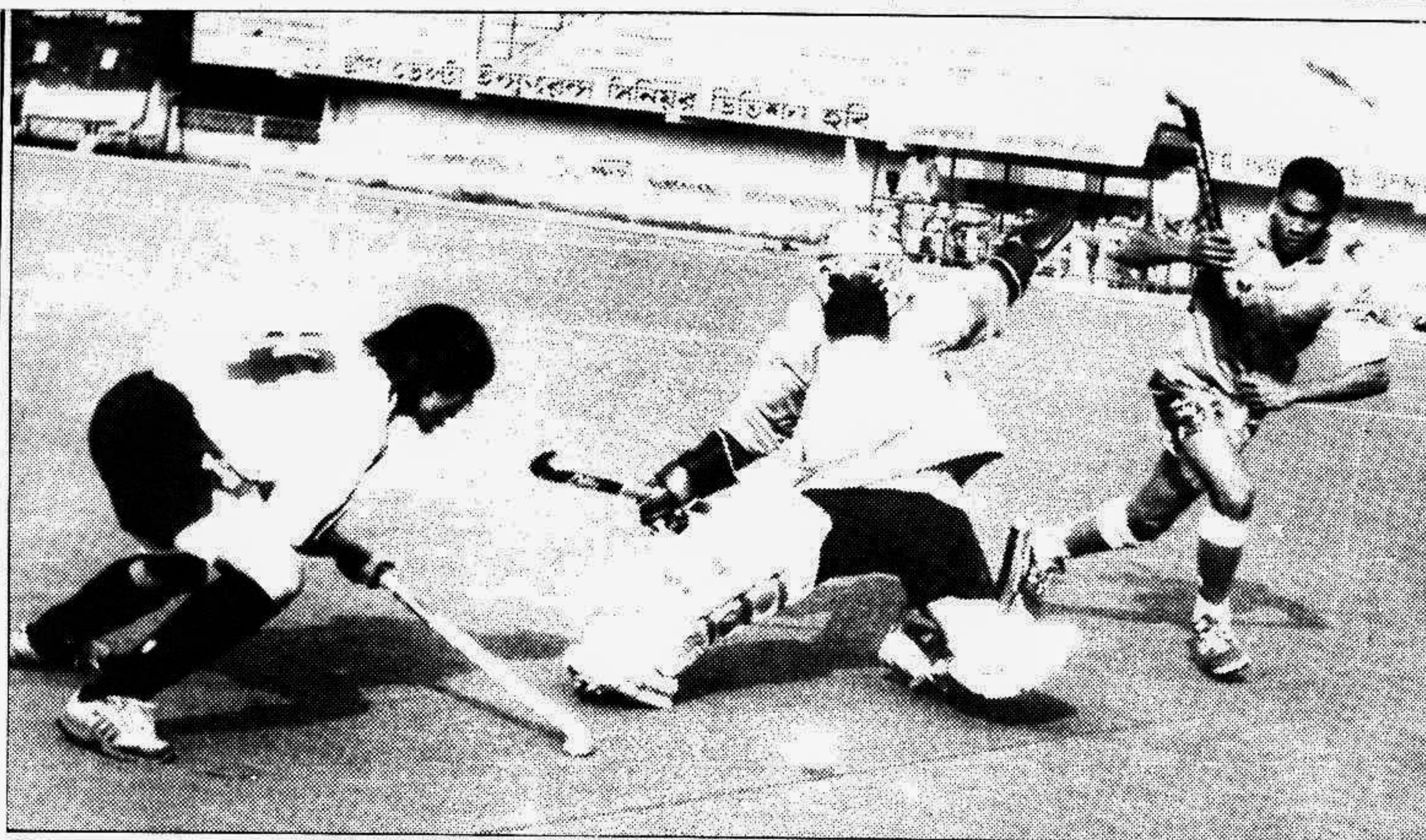
Charu-Mohiuddin pair beat Mozammel Huq and Aminul Islam Shaheen 15-7, 17-15 in the quarterfinals. Earlier, Huq-Shaheen pair got a walkover against Khan Mohammad Salek and Manjurul Islam.

Rawnak-Dulal pair defeated Abu Taher Khokon and M Anwaruddin 15-13, 15-8 in the other quarterfinal.

K'lautern hold Bayern

BERLIN, Feb 27: Kaiserslautern's dress rehearsal for the Champions League quarter-final clash with fellow Bundesliga rivals Bayern Munich ended in a disappointing 1-1 draw at home with Stuttgart on Friday, reports AP.

Egyptian international Hany Ramzy salvaged the draw for the home team, after Fredi Bodic had put Stuttgart ahead five minutes earlier.



Usha custodian Osman (C) denies Mohammedan's Pakistan forward Kamran Ashraf (L) during the second semifinal of the Cotton Group Shaheed Smriti hockey tournament yesterday.

—Star photo

Mohammedan-Abahani final next Tuesday

Tahir sinks Usha hopes

Sports Reporter

A second-half strike from Pakistan centre-half Tahir Zaman propelled title aspirants Mohammedan Sporting into the final of the Cotton Group Shaheed Smriti Hockey tournament yesterday.

Tahir, the Faisalabad-based former Pakistan skipper, blasted the board from a short corner in the 50th minute to set up yet another clash against arch rivals Abahani in the March 2 final. Abahani defeated Mohammedan 2-1 in their first round group match last week.

Although the first session remained goalless, it were the black-and-whites, who dominated the proceedings. Star-studded Usha survived many close calls mainly because of the poor form of another Pakistani.

istani Kamran Ashraf, who failed to score from four chances.

Usha, which also had four Pakistani recruits like their Motijheel-based opponents, lacked team spirit during the whole match. Forward Rafiqul Islam Kamal was a super flop. Sadeq alone played with some sharpness. But he never looked convincing as no one, specially the four Pakistanis, gave him any support.

In the second half, Mohammedan returned with a different frame of mind and kept the old Dhaka outfit almost cornered to their own box with a series of offensives. However, Usha defender Mahfuz Alam Nixon stood like a rock against the organised Mohammedan attack and repulsed them with his timely interceptions.

Mohammedan finally broke the deadlock in the 50th minute when they earned their fifth short corner of the match. Ramiz pushed the ball and Mohammedan captain Mitul

stopped and passed it to Tahir following a nice dummy from defender Shipu. Tahir took a U-turn before pushing the ball, which deflected into the goal from the stick of Usha defender Khurshid.

In the remaining time, Mohammedan got three more short corners as a result of their attacking approach but they failed to convert any because of poor understanding.

The outcome of the match left Dhaka hockey lovers with the prospect of another Abahani-Mohammedan bombshell, the final, scheduled at the same venue coming Tuesday.

TEAMS

Mohammedan SC: Javed, Khokon, Rony, Shipu, Mitul, Tahir Zaman, M Khalid, M Sharafat, Rana Atiq, Kamran Ashraf and Ramiz.

Usha KC: Osman, Rana Mujahid, Nixon, Issa Miah, Tutul Kumar, Khurshid, Musa Miah, Sadeq, Kamal, Asif and Samir.

Umpires: Aslam Omar Belin and Maksudur Rahman.

Chanderpaul out of first Test

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, Feb 27 (Reuters/Inter-net): West Indies have hit more problems with the withdrawal of Shivnarine Chanderpaul from the first Test of the four-match series against Australia starting here next Friday.

Chanderpaul, one of the more dependable players in a brittle West Indian batting order, damaged his right shoulder during the fourth of seven one-day internationals on their recent tour of South Africa.

Left-hander Chanderpaul continued to play but aggravated the problem and has now been advised to rest for at least two weeks. The best he can hope for is to play in the second Test starting in Kingston, Jamaica, on March 13.

The loss of Chanderpaul further weakens a batting line-up, which is also likely to be without vice-captain Carl Hooper, who has failed to return to the Caribbean after the South African tour.

The enigmatic Hooper was given a deadline of this Friday but remains in Adelaide with his wife and three-week old child, who is ill.

"We have not heard from him and if we do not hear anything by Saturday he is out of the side," West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) chief executive Steve Camacho said.

Wasim cheers Waqar up

KARACHI, Feb 27: Pakistan cricket captain Wasim Akram today insisted Waqar Younis' international career was not over after the pace bowler was dropped from a 20-strong training squad ahead of next week's Asian Test Championship match against Sri Lanka, reports AFP.

The camp for the match, which starts in Lahore from March 4, will commence on Sunday.

"We still need his experience but selectors wanted to test a few youngsters in the Test against Sri Lanka. Waqar is surely in our scheme of things for the future," Wasim told AFP.

Waqar, 27, was dropped from the Pakistan team for the first Asian Test against India in Calcutta earlier in the month. Pakistan beat India by 46 runs.

Pacer Shoaib Akhtar, who replaced Waqar in Calcutta, took eight wickets in the match and is likely to retain his place in the Lahore Test.

Leg-spinner Mustaq Ahmed was also left out due to injury. Waqar refused to talk on the matter.

Waqar has been struggling with his deadly rhythm that earned him 277 Test wickets. He could take only two wickets in the first two Tests in India. Waqar was also hampered by injury and lack of form in the 1998 English season for Glamorgan and the county did not renew his contract for 1999.

"We will play with the same combination, just Inzamamul Haq will come back in the side," Pakistan captain said.

Pakistan coach Javed Miandad, however, showed his disappointment over announcement of the probabilities by the selectors without consulting him.

"I was not consulted and they seem to have created a sort of confusion. A player who doesn't come in 20-25 players is bound to get disappointed," Miandad said.

Pakistan coach was also critical of the delay in announcing the 30 probabilities for the forthcoming World Cup.

"We should plan things as early as possible. The delay could be harmful," he said.

CHANDERPAUL

The West Indies' selectors wanted Hooper to play for a Board President's XI in a four-day match against the Australians beginning on Saturday in San Fernando, Trinidad, to assess his form and fitness.

There are concerns that Hooper may not only miss the four Tests against Australia but that he may turn his back on West Indian cricket completely following a disastrous and divisive tour of South Africa.

Immediately following that tour, Hooper flew to Australia to join his wife, Constance

Div I cricket

Jatrabari KC and Bangladesh Boys Club won their respective matches in the Metropolitan First Division Cricket League at different city venues yesterday, reports UNB.

At the Mirpur City Club ground, Jatrabari KC recorded their sixth win in the league outplaying GMCC by five wickets.

Sent into bat, GMCC were all out for 161 in 41.4 overs.

Akbar made 49 off 80 balls with three fours and two sixes while Mohammed Ali added 27 runs off 37 balls.

Babu picked up three wickets for seven runs while Mukul Khan and Shahin took two for 33 runs.

In reply, Jatrabari KC reached the target losing five wickets in 43.1 overs.

Sajal hit an unbeaten 46 off 100 balls with four boundaries while Amzad added 28 and Himel 27 runs. Sujon took two for 30.

At the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, Bangladesh Boys Club registered their third win beating Young Cricketers Club by two wickets.

Put into bat, Young Cricketers scored 165 all out in 49.3 overs.

Adil Ahmed made the 52 off 79 balls that included four boundaries while Tinku added 24 off 45 balls with three fours.

Shaon picked up three wickets for 36 runs.

In reply, Bangladesh Boys reached the target with one over to spare.

Sumon made 30 off 63 balls that included three fours and Mazed added 27 runs off 32 deliveries with four hits across the rope.

Rigan and Liton claimed two wickets each for 16 and 20 runs respectively.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Uttara SC vs Eskaton SS (CCG), Lalimaita Club vs City Club (DCS).

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But with only a day left, anything other than a draw was highly unlikely.

Leg-spinner Anil Kumble took four wickets for five runs in a spell of 19 balls as Sri Lanka were dismissed for 485 in their first innings shortly after tea.

Resuming at their overnight total of 293 for four, Sri Lanka were 448 for six for tea, but after the break they lost their last four wickets for 19 runs and ended 33 short of seven declared.

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The 21-year-old Sri Lankan right-hander showed patience and application to become the sixth Sri Lankan batsman to score a double-century in only his seventh Test match.

India paid bitterly for dropping Jayawardena at 25, 63, 97, 133 and again at 198 when Venkatesh Prasad, running around from long leg, spilled a simple catch to allow the double century.

Sri Lanka began the day without captain Arjuna Ranatunga who did not resume his innings of 66 after sustaining a hamstring injury on Friday.

Left-hander Hashan Tillekeratne replaced him and with Jayawardena took Sri Lanka to 354, extending the fifth wicket partnership to 176 of which 115 was scored between Jayawardena and Ranatunga.

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SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the fourth day of the five-day Asian Test Championship match between Sri Lanka and India on Saturday:

INDIA: First innings 518-7 declared (overnight 293 for 4)

SRI LANKA: First innings (overnight 293 for 4)

Atapattu lbw b Nehra 6

Arnold run out 34

Jayawardena c and b Kumble 242

Hathurusinghe lbw b Prasad 14

De Silva b Harbhajan 23

Ranatunga c sub (Kanitkar) 66

b Kumble 14

Tillekeratne st Mongia b Harbhajan 14

Kaluwitharana b Harbhajan 23

Vaas c Laxman b Kumble 23

Upushantha lbw b Kumble 6

Perera not out 1

Extras: (b-1, lb-1, w-4, nb-9) 33

Total: (All out) 485

Fall of wickets: 1-18; 2-93; 3-129; 4-178; 5-354; 6-380; 7-466;

—AFP photo

Nat'l cricket tourney starts today

Cricket fever grips the nation next month as the first Asian Test Championship and the tri-nation one-day tournament, the national, national youth and national schools cricket tournaments will be held at different venues of the country, reports BSS.

Dhaka will remain busy in organising the final of the first Asian Test Championship from March 12 to 16 and the tri-nation tournament involving Kenya, Zimbabwe and Bangladesh from March 19 to 27.

Speaking at a news conference here yesterday, chairman of the tournament committee Azmal Ahmed Tapan said the championship starts today at ten venues.

Tournament committee secretary Dewan Shariful Arefin Tutul also spoke on the occasion.

They said, in all 58 teams including 53 districts and five services teams will take part in the preliminary round. 13 teams — consisting of two teams from four old divisions, one each from two new divisions, champions and runners-up of the services zone and last year's champions Narayanganj will play in the final round in four groups.

The preliminary round venues are: Sathira, Kushtia, Rangpur, Dinajpur, Mymensingh, Faridpur, Comilla, Sylhet, Barisal and the services at Dhaka.

They said all the matches except the final of the preliminary round would be 50-over-a-side while the final will be of a three-day affair.

All the final round matches will be three-day affairs while the final will be a four-day match. The venue for the final round will be decided later on, they said, adding that the dates for the final round would be coincided with tour of the ICC development committee officials.

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) will start the final round of the National Schools Championships from March 1.

The preliminary round in 39 districts will be held with the participation of a record number of 523 schools.

Besides, the National Youth tournament begins on March 12 with 57 districts taking part. Fifteen teams are each from Dhaka and Rajshahi, 10 from Khulna, eight from Chittagong, five from Barisal and four from Sylhet, the officials said.

Arif Hossain player-of-the-meet

BKSP down Jessore to lift honours

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protisthan (BKSP) lifted the Keya Cosmetics 9th National Under-19 Football Championship with a comprehensive 4-1 win over Jessore in the final held at the Rangpur Stadium yesterday.

The match ended 1-1 in the first half.

BKSP went ahead with a suicidal goal headed in by an unidentified Jessore defender in the third minute while trying to foil an attack.

However, parity was restored by Jessore midfielder Monir in the 15th minute through a spot kick.

Hasnat shot BKSP ahead again in the 59th minute while David put the match beyond doubt with two goals in the 87th and 89th minute.

Jewel of BKSP was adjudged the best player of the final while Arif Hossain of Sirajganj was named as the player of the meet. Host Rangpur earned the 'fair play' trophy.

State Minister for Youth and Sports, Obaidul Quader, witnessed the final and distributed prizes among the winners.

Bangladesh Football Federation General Secretary Harunur Rashid MP, Deputy Commissioner of Rangpur Moazzam Hossain and Tournament secretary Fazlur Rahman Babul were also present on the occasion among others.

ROLL OF HONOUR

Year Winners Runners up

1974 Comilla Mymensingh

1976 Dhaka Chittagong

1977 Chittagong Rajshahi

1982 Chittagong & Dhaka (joint champions)

1983 final was abandoned

1987 Feni Rajshahi

1991-92 Tangail Pabna

1999 BKSP Jessore

Mahela's marathon 242

No-win situation on cards

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