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Rajshahi h'ball

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Oct 22: Nowab Smriti Sangha moved into the final of the Metropolitan handball league.

The winners defeated Watts Club 39-17 in the second semi-final played today at the Rajshahi Collegiate High School play ground.

Monoj with nine goals was the top scorer for the winners. Among others Robi (1) and Robi (2) followed him with eight goals each. Rajon, Raquib and Hamid made six, five and four goals respectively.

For Watts, Samad scored the highest seven goals. Hasibul and Hannan followed him with five goals each.

Nurun Nabi Chand Smriti Sangha moved in to the final defeating Padma Sporting Club by 41-11 goals in the first semi-final yesterday at the same venue.

The final match will be held tomorrow.

Rangamati soccer

RANGAMATI, Oct 22: Unmad Sangha defeated Brothers Union 3-1 in the inaugural match of the Rangamati Hill District Council Gold Cup soccer tournament at the local stadium today, reports BSS.

Chairman of Rangamati Hill District Council, Ching Kew Roaza formally inaugurated the tournament as the chief guest.

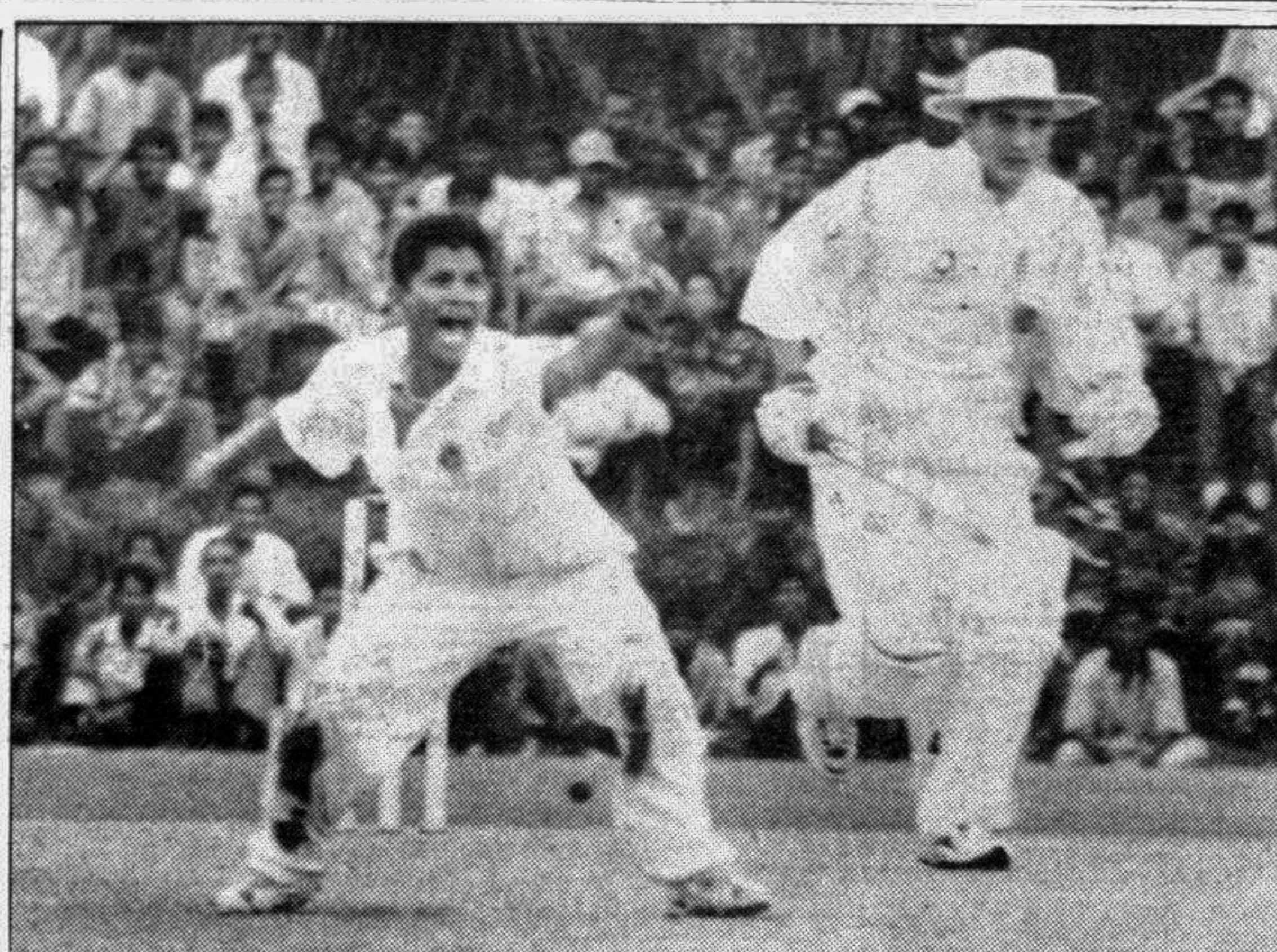
Seven teams are participating in the tournament organised by Rangamati Hill District Council.

Tomorrow's match: Protasha Sangha vs Muktiyoddha Sangsad.

NSC approves budget

The revised budget for current fiscal and the budget for next financial year of the National Sports Council (NSC) have been approved, reports BSS.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the NSC Thursday approved the revised budget of Taka 16 to crore 82 lakh and 7 thousand for fiscal 1998-99. It also approved a Taka 15 crore 90 lakh budget for the year 1999-2000.



MOMENT TO SAVIOUR: Bangladesh Youth skipper Mushfiqur Rahman appealing successfully for a LBW against England A batsman Paul Franks to complete his hat-trick yesterday.

England warm up well in opener but rain seems to follow them

Hasan Masood

Temperament prevailed over inexperience, as the England A cricketers ambled past Bangladesh Youth team with a comfortable 70-run win in their first four match at the picturesque Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protisthan (BKSP) yesterday.

In a rain-curtained match, reduced to 40 overs-a-side due to an hour-long drizzle midway through the England A innings in the morning, the visitors, inspired by two brilliant half-centuries from middle-order Vikram Solanki and David Sales, piled up a commanding 208 in the allotted 40 overs.

Earlier, skipper Mark Alleyne won the toss and decided to bat on the sporting wicket at the BKSP.

It was the youth captain Mushfiqur Rahman, who stopped the on-song visitors from reaching the 220-region with a hat-trick that came in the last three balls of the innings.

In reply, the home boys, given a revised target of 220 in 40 overs in line with the Duckworth and Lewis method, were restricted to 150 for nine in the face of some fired-up bowling from the England pacers.

The match was stopped for about 80 minutes for rain, two deliveries into the 22nd over of the morning session, with England A on 93 for two. When play resumed, it was reduced to 40 overs-a-side and England A managed another 115 runs in the remaining 17.4 overs at an average of 6.60 per over.

The tourists were off to a poor start losing two wickets in the first 12 overs scoring only 39 runs. Left-arm pacer Bikash Ranjan drew the first blood dismissing both the England A openers. However, Vikram Solanki and David Sales took the responsibility of consolidating the innings with a 98-run third-wicket stand.

The partnership was broken by off spinner Fahim Muntasir in the 31st over when he trapped in-form right-hander Solanki leg before on 73. In his 68-minute and 84-ball stay at

the crease, Solanki, the Worcestershire all-rounder, who reached his fifty off 63 balls, hammered 11 fours and a six.

After Solanki's departure with England on 142, Sales kept the scoreboard ticking with a workmanlike 60 of 68 balls that included two over-boundaries and four that kissed the rope. He added 31 runs with his captain Mark Alleyne (9) in the fourth wicket and 24 runs with wicketkeeper Rob Turner in the fifth before he was caught by Imran Rahim at the long-off boundary when he tried to hit Bikash over the rope. England were on 197 when Sales, who plays county cricket for Northamptonshire, was out in the 39th over.

In the next eight balls England A scored 11 runs before Mushfiqur ran away with the treble with his last three deliveries of the final over.

Mushfiq, who did not have any success in his first spell of seven overs, made a brilliant comeback in the last over of the England A innings toppling the middle stump of keeper Rob Turner (18) in the fourth delivery. He then bowled Chris Schofield (0) in his next ball before trapping number 10 Chris Silverwood (0) leg before in the last ball.

In reply, chasing a mammoth target of 220 with an asking rate of 5.5 runs per over, the top order of the youth team looked pretty nervous against the experienced England A bowlers. They were contained to 150 for nine in the stipulated 40 overs with only three batsmen reaching the double figures.

Middle-order Mazharul Haque entertained the few thousand local crowd with a commendable 46 off 61 balls inclusive of six boundaries. The portly right-hander was deprived of what could have been a deserving half century when he was caught at mid-off by skipper Mark Alleyne when he pulled right-arm seamer Chris Silverwood.

One-down Hannan Sarkar chipped in with 27 while opener Imran Ahmed was the other notable run-getter with 16.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the limited-overs exhibition match between Bangladesh youth team and England A at BKSP ground on Friday:

ENGLAND: A

Ian Ward c Mortuza b Bikash	13
Marcus Trescothick c Mortuza b Bikash	19
Vikram Solanki lbw b Fahim Muntasir	73
David Sales c Mosaddek b Bikash	60
Mark Alleyne c Imran Rahim b Hannan	9
Rob Turner b Mushfiq	18
Ronnie Irani not out	1
Chris Schofield b Mushfiq	0
Paul Franks lbw b Mushfiq	0
Extras: (b-1, lb-3, wb-10, nb-1)	15
Total: (For 8 wickets in 40 overs)	208
Did not bat: Chris Silverwood, Michael Davis	
Fall of wickets: 1-37; 2-44; 3-142; 4-173; 5-197; 6-208; 7-208; 8-208	

BANGLADESH

Imran Ahmed c D Sales b Irani	16
Sadiq c Alleyne b Franks	4
Hannan Sarkar c D Sales b Franks	27
Rajin Saleh c Turner b Davis	3
Mushfiq c Turner b Irani	0
Mosaddek c Alleyne b Silverwood	46
Fahim Muntasir c Franks b Schofield	4
Golan Mortuza b Davis	5
Mosaddek not out	3
Bikash not out	6
Imran Rahim not out	6
Extras: (lb-7, wb-13, nb-10)	30
Total: (For 9 wickets in 40 overs)	150
Fall of wickets: 1-22; 2-39; 3-56; 4-61; 5-76; 6-107; 7-116; 8-133; 9-139	

Bowler

	O	M	R	W
Bikash	8	0	33	3
Mushfiq	8	1	37	3
Mosaddek	8	1	31	0
Rahim	7	0	53	0
Muntasir	8	0	45	1
Hannan	1	0	5	1

Bowler

	O	M	R	W
Silverwood	8	1	23	1
Franks	6	0	30	2
Alleyne	3	0	16	0
Irani	6	1	20	2
Davis	8	2	13	2
Schofield	8	0	36	1
Solanki	1	0	5	0

Result: England "A" won by 70 runs.

England A face BCB XI today

Sports Reporter

The visiting England A will take on Bangladesh Cricket Board XI in a day-night limited-overs match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium today. The match will start at 2 pm. Bangladesh Television will telecast the match live while Bangladesh Betar will provide ball-by-ball commentary of the match.

Teams:

BCB XI: (from) Harun-ur Rashid, Mehrez Hossain, Habibul Bashar, Sanwar Hossain, Imran Ahmed, Nasirul Alam, Atiar Rahman, Neeayamur Rashid, Sabbir Khan, Mosaddek Hossain, Aminul Islam Jr, Hasibul Hossain and Bikash Ranjan Das.

England A: (from) Ian Ward, Michael Gough, Davis Sales, Ronnie Irani, Mark Alleyne, Aftab Habib, Alamgir Sheryar, Rob Turner, Michael Davis, Paul Franks, Chris Schofield, Chris Silverwood, Vikram Solanki and Marcus Trescothick.

BCB boost for students

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Cricket Board will issue free tickets to school students for the four-day match between Bangladesh and England A to be played on November 1 to 4 at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

Students of those schools which participated in the ANZ-Grindlays Bank National School Cricket Championship last year will get free admission.

According to BCB yesterday, interested students have been asked to apply through their respective schools and collect the free tickets. Students allotted free tickets will have to wear their school uniform while witnessing the match.

Shabbir under ICC scrutiny

KARACHI, Oct 22: Pakistan's latest pace sensation Shabbir Ahmed is under scrutiny of the International Cricket Council (ICC) advisory panel on bowling action, says a report of The News daily.

Shabbir, who was named on Wednesday in the 16-member touring squad for Australia, was put on the panel's watch list after he made his one-day international debut against the West Indies in Toronto last month.

The panel, which regularly study suspect bowling actions and recommend corrective measures, examined Shabbir's action following a note from the match referee in the Toronto series and afterwards the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) were also informed that the bowler was under scrutiny and required to correct his action.

The tall and lanky pacer, whose delivery style resembles to that of former West Indian great Joel Garner, has made an immediate impact in his first three one-day matches surprising some of the best batsmen in the business today.

The newspaper reported that after receiving information from the ICC, the national selection committee was wary of picking Shabbir for the Sharjah tournament. But when they met in Karachi earlier this month captain Wasim Akram insisted on his inclusion in the side pointing out that unless he played nobody would know if his action was illegal or otherwise.

But now the Pakistan selectors are a bit worried that Shabbir might face problems from the ICC and umpires for his bowling action down under. The ICC panel, in recent times, has studied the bowling action of Sri Lankan Muttiah Muralitharan and Indian Harbhajan Singh and asked the Indian board to have the latter's style rectified.

Pakistan 211 for nine

SHARJAH, United Arab Emirates, Oct 22: Pakistan scored 211 for nine off their 50 overs in the Sharjah Cup final against Sri Lanka today, reports Reuters.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Pakistan innings in the final of the Sharjah Cup against Sri Lanka on Friday:

PAKISTAN

Anwar c Kaluwitharana b Chandana	53
Afridi c Jayawardene b Vaas	2
Razaq c Atapattu b Zoysa	6
Inzamam c Zoysa b Jayasuriya	54
Youhana b Chandana	5
Raza st Kaluwitharana b Chandana	8
Akram c Jayasuriya b Zoysa	30
Moin run out	13
Mahmood not out	13
S Malik st Kaluwitharana b Jayasuriya	12
Extras: (b-1, lb-4, w-5, nb-1)	11
Total: (For nine wickets)	211
Fall of wickets: 1-12; 2-25; 3-96; 4-106; 5-145; 6-148; 7-179; 8-194; 9-211	

Did not bat: Mohammed Akram

Bowler

	O	M	R	W
Vaas	8	0	20	1
Zoysa	10	0	34	2
Wickremasinghe	4	0	31	0
Muralitharan	10	0	39	0
Chandana	10	0	40	3
Jayasuriya	8	0	42	2



INSTANT IMPACT: Abahani's star signing, Ghanaian Kennedy Ofosuhenne (C), is the toast of his teammates scoring the opening goal against Muktiyoddha Sangsad at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

Kennedy Ofosuhenne's impressive debut

Abahani cross major hurdle

Sports Reporter

Kennedy Ofosuhenne made his Dhaka football debut with a spectacular goal to guide Abahani

Kira Chakra to a 2-0 win over holders Muktiyoddha Sangsad in a crucial 'Super 4' match of the Keya Premier Division Football League at the flood-lit Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium yesterday.

The 22-year-old Ghanaian scored the first goal in the 38th minute with a scorching right-footer from the right edge of the box, much to the delight of a strong ten thousand sky blue supporters.

His compatriot Opuju added the second three minutes from the final whistle.

With this win, their tenth in the league and fifth in the 'Super 4', Abahani not only heralded the exit of Muktiyoddha from the title race but also set the stage for a virtual championship deciding clash with archrivals Mohammedan on October 25.

Although Kennedy, the most expensive foreign signing in the country's soccer history, was more than impressive in his first appearance, it was an equally expensive victory for Abahani as they will miss the services of their two key players -- Iqbal and Ghansha -- against Mohammedan.

Iqbal got the marching order in the 36th minute for a second bookable offence in the match while Ghansha, the tall Ghanaian, earned his third yellow card in the league for an exchange of heated words with Muktiyoddha's captain Jewel Rana a few minutes after Abahani were reduced to ten men.

Abahani, however, started the match on a positive note with Kennedy operating menacingly deep inside the opponent's citadel.

The stocky Ghanaian, who scored four goals in six matches for French Division I side Toulouse, almost set Opuju up for the first goal with an imaginative cross from the left in the 11th minute. But Opuju, with all the time in the world, headed the ball over the bar, much to the horror of his teammates.

Kennedy amended his com-

patriot's early blunder when, latching on to a long ball from Opuju, he blasted a sublime right-footer, which sailed into the far corner of the net, bemusing the Muktiyoddha and national custodian Biplab, who was stranded.

The goal would have been doubled for Abahani in the first half had not Zakir, who returned to action after a seven-match lay-off due to injury, missed an easy sitter three minutes from the short whistle.

Although Abahani dominated the first half, the post-lemon session belonged entirely to Muktiyoddha, who caught the sky blue defence napping with a series of offensives. But all the good work of the 'all reds' went down the drain in the absence of a quality striker. Still, Muktiyoddha came close to neutralising the score when Liton came up with two beefy attempts in the 53rd minute.

The nimble forward drove a powerful right-footer, which was partially blocked by the Abahani defence. But his shot from the rebound, though evading the wall, surprisingly ricocheted off the crosspiece to the relief of a huffing and puffing Abahani.

After surviving the close call Abahani sealed the fate of the match when Opuju scored the second goal from a rare counter-attack. Biplab was partially responsible for the goal as he let loose the scorching right-footer from the Ghanaian from an acute angle.

With this defeat Muktiyoddha remained glued to their previous collection of 30 points.

Red card: Iqbal (Abahani)

Yellow cards: Bakhtiar, Liton, Jewel (Muktiyoddha), Zakir, Arman, Opuju and Ghansha (Abahani).

Teams

Abahani: Pannu, Dulal, Kingshuk, Ghansha, Partho, Sentu, Iqbal, Mintu, Zakir (Arman), Kennedy (Ali Monsur) and Opuju.

Muktiyoddha:

Biplab, Monsur (Mamun Joarder), Jewel Rana, Rajani, Masud Rana, Bakhtiar (Roxxy), Titu, Tushar, Joy, Liton and Nakib.

Referee: Eaggachai (Thailand).

Referee: R Alam.

BIG WIN FOR MSC

Mohammedan made a predictably sound start in their chase for regaining the league title when they thrashed no-hoper Arambagh 5-1 in the first match of the day.

In a top-sided affair, Mohammedan confirmed an easy victory over their Motijheel neighbours when they took an unassailable 4-0 lead at the breather.

Interestingly, Hari Khadka, the Nepalese striker, who made his Dhaka football debut along with compatriot Naresh Joshi yesterday, opened the flood-gate in the very fourth minute with a neat placing shot after being fed by Motiur deep inside the Arambagh box.

One minute later Motiur struck it 2-0 when the hard-working national midfielder headed home an Alfaz floater from the right.

Mohammedan needed another eight minutes to score the third goal against a slack Arambagh, who reportedly closed their football camp, with Alfaz nodding the ball home for his seventh goal in the league.

The misery of Arambagh compounded when Motiur struck his second goal seven minutes from the short whistle.

Nares also put his name among the goals when the nimble forward found the net with a left-foot grounder to make it 5-0 in the 77th minute.

Arambagh pulled off a late consolation goal four minutes from the final whistle with Asif firing home from close. But that hardly helped their cause as they conceded their seventh successive defeat in the 'Super 4'.

The impressive victory enabled Mohammedan to maintain their solo lead with 36 points; two points clear from Abahani, who are breathing down their neck.

Teams

Mohammedan SC: Ponir (Nizam), Faisal (Ruhul Amin), Jahangir, Monwar Munna, Selim, Anwar, Rakib, Naresh Joshi, Hari Khadka, Motiur Munna and Alfaz Ahmed.

Arambagh KS:

Tony (Lovel), Sohail, Choton, Mizan, Mitru, Saiduzzaman, Asif, Prodip, Masud, Ritu and Obaidur (Johnny).

Referee: R Alam.

Pak selectors come under fire

'Fix' report in army custody

KARACHI, Oct 22 (AFP): The fate of a report by the judicial commission on cricket match fixing and army ruler General Pervez Musharraf establishes an interim government, official sources said Friday.

The 175-page report of the commission was being held by the Ministry of Sports, they said.

A senior sports ministry official said the report would be submitted to the sports minister, once appointed, before on-passing it to president Muhammad Rafiq Tarar, who is the patron of the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB).

The process might take three to four weeks or less, the official said, adding: "We do not want to rattle our team currently playing abroad."

The Pakistani team led by Wasim Akram, now in Sharjah, is scheduled to leave there on Saturday for Australia to play three Tests and a one-day series. The judicial commission had been set up by ousted premier Nawaz Sharif's government in September 1998. It submitted its report last week,

which saw the military taking over control of the country.

We have been advised to send a summary to the Chief Executive, since it was the former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif who had ordered the judicial inquiry into the allegations in the first place," said the source.

Former cricket star-turned politician Imran Khan on Wednesday demanded the report be made public to clear confusion after press reports that six players, including Akram, had been found guilty of wrongdoing by the commission.

An ad-hoc committee appointed in July to manage cricket affairs has been left without a head after its chairman Mujeeb Rehman reportedly slipped out of the country following the military coup.

Rehman is brother of Saifur Rehman, who was head of an Accountability Bureau in the ousted government and has been detained by the military authorities for unspecified reasons.

A new chairman is expected to be named next week. Javed Burki, a former Pakistan captain, is being tipped for the job.