

# Star Sport

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## Column One

### Boost sports WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

#### Competition-122

✓ Tick the Correct Answers  
Post to The Daily Star  
Win attractive prizes

Competition closes at 8 pm  
Nov 12, '99 and draw  
shortly afterwards

1 Which country won the SAF  
football gold?  
Bangladesh | India | Nepal

2 Who is the captain of Brazil?  
Cafu | Rivaldo | Ronaldo

3 How many teams will play in next  
year's Asia Cup cricket?  
4 | 5 | 6

4 Who won the men's 100 m in the  
Summer Athletics?  
Mahbub | Yasin | Ratan

5 Who lifted the Grand Slam Cup  
title?  
Rusdenki | Agassi | Kafelnikov

Name .....

Class ..... Roll No. ....

School Address .....

Phone: (If any) .....

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**EN-VITS**  
ENERGY RELEASING VITAMINS

**NOTICE**  
Due to some unavoidable  
reasons draw of **WHIZZ KID**  
Competition-122 could not be  
held last night. It will now be  
held next week. November 12.  
— Sports Editor

## SPORTS TALK



**Shane Warne**  
(Master Aussie leg-spinner)  
I was up in the television  
commentary box for the Gabba  
Test last year with my shoulder  
injury but I'm hungry again.

Talking before the start of  
the first Test against Pakistan  
in Brisbane.

**Soccer coaches' course begins**  
An AFC Regional B-licence  
coaching programme for foot-  
ball coaches began in the capital  
yesterday, reports UNB.

State Minister for Youth and  
Sports president of National  
Sports Council (NSC) Obaidul  
Quader inaugurated the three-  
week course at the NSC confer-  
ence room.

Some 22 coaches, including  
two from Sri Lanka, are taking  
part in it. Singaporean AFC  
coach V Subramanian is con-  
ducting the programme.

### Ntini back

EAST LONDON, Nov 5: The  
first black member of South  
Africa's cricket squad, Makhaya Ntini, made one run  
and bowled eight overs on  
Thursday, his first day back in  
action after an upper court  
overturned his six-year  
sentence for rape last month, re-  
ports AP.

The judgment left Ntini free  
to continue his national and  
international cricket career, closely  
watched because of allegations  
that the sport has kept  
non-white players out of top  
level.

At 287 for nine wickets for  
the Border B team, Ntini made  
his way to the wicket and had  
time to make one run before  
Border B were all out for 290  
against North West B. He bowled  
eight overs, costing only seven  
runs, and worked up a fair deal  
of pace, the South African Press  
Association reported.

Ntini was kicked off the  
South African national team  
after he was convicted by a  
lower court of raping a 21-year-old  
student in December. He had  
also been suspended from the  
local Border Cricket Union.

Ntini was sentenced on May  
28 to six years in prison. High  
Court Judge Chris Jansen over-  
turned the conviction because  
Ntini's guilt had not been  
proven beyond reasonable  
doubt and the woman's testi-  
mony about the alleged attack  
was "contradictory and incon-  
sistent."

In a country with the world's  
highest rape rate, some women's  
advocacy groups con-  
demned the decision.



Action from yesterday's Premier Division football league match between Abahani and Arambagh at the Mirpur Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium. — Star photo

Keya Premier Division League concludes, finally

## Abahani clinch second spot

Sports Reporter

Abahani Krira Chakra emerged  
runners-up in the Keya Premier  
Division Football League with a 2-0  
win over Arambagh Krira Sangha in the last 'Super-4'  
clash at the floodlit Sher-e-Bangla Stadium in Mirpur  
yesterday.

Forwards Zakir and Mintu  
struck for the winners to end  
their more than five-month  
long premiership campaign on  
a winning note. The win fol-  
lowed their demolishing 0-3  
defeat to their arch rivals  
Mohammedan Sporting in the previous  
match last Sunday.

Abahani, with yesterday's  
win, raised their tally to 37  
points on completion of the 18-  
match league and finished three  
points behind champions  
Mohammedan in the 'Super-4'.

The top four, also including  
Muktijoddha Sangsad and  
Arambagh Krira Sangha, qualified  
for the 'Super-4' after the first  
phase of the ten-team  
Premier league.

Muktijoddha Sangsad, last  
year's champions, finished  
third with 34 points.

Arambagh, the fourth team  
in the fray, began and finished  
the 'Super-4' with 15 points.  
Arambagh did not earn any  
point in the last nine matches.

Each team faced each other  
three times in the 'Super-4'.

Mirpur Chalantika and  
Youngmen's Club Fakirerpoo  
have been demoted to the First  
Division league. They finished  
at the bottom of the six team  
relegation league, also involv-  
ing Farashganj, Badda  
Jagaroni, Brothers Union and  
Rahmatganj Muslim Friends  
Society.

Back to yesterday's match,  
Abahani, who returned from  
Agartala on Thursday night after  
playing an exhibition match  
against East Bengal of Calcutta  
on Wednesday, looked pretty  
tired as they got off to a slow  
start.

With their star Ghanaian  
striker Kennedy missing in the  
first eleven due to a stomach  
ailment, the Dhamondi boys  
also lacked an edge in their at-  
tack.

Makeshift forward Zakir

**Hattricks:** Zakir (Abahani) against Rahmatganj, Mizan  
(Brothers Union) against Youngmen's Club Fakirerpoo, Reaz  
(Brothers Union) against Youngmen's Club Fakirerpoo, Nakib  
(Muktijoddha Sangsad) against Arambagh KS, Jalal Sr  
(Youngmen's Club Fakirerpoo) against Mirpur Chalantika and  
Bakhtiar (Muktijoddha Sangsad) against Arambagh KS.

**Leading goalscorers:** 12 goals — Nakib (Muktijoddha Sangsad),

10 goals — Alfa (Mohammedan SC), Khokon (Badda Jagaroni) and

Mizan (Brothers Union), 8 goals — Sabir Pasha (Abahani), 7 goals

— Effian (Muktijoddha Sangsad) and Ritu (Arambagh KS), 6 goals

— Milan (Rahmatganj) and Zakir (Abahani), 5 goals — Asif

(Arambagh) and Sohag (Youngmen's Club Fakirerpoo).

## 'SUPER FOUR' TABLE

Team	M	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Mohammedan SC	18	12	4	2	29	11	40
Abahani	18	11	4	3	27	12	37
Muktijoddha Sangsad	18	10	4	4	36	17	34
Arambagh KS	17	4	3	11	17	37	15

**ROLL OF HONOUR**

Year	Champions	Runners-up
1973	BIDC	Mohammedan, Abahani & Wanderers (jointly)
1974	Abahani	Dilkusha BJC
1975	Mohammedan	Abahani Rahmatganj
1976	Abahani	Brothers Union
1977	Mohammedan	Abahani BJC
1978	Abahani	(Not decided)
1979	Mohammedan	Abahani
1980	Abahani	Mohammedan
1981	Abahani	Mohammedan
1982	Mohammedan	Abahani
1983	Abahani	Mohammedan
1984	Abahani	Brothers Union
1985	Abahani	Abahani
1986	Mohammedan	Abahani
1987	Mohammedan	Abahani
1988-89	Mohammedan	Abahani
1989-90	Abahani	Mohammedan
1990-91	Not held	Abahani
1991-92	Abahani	Mohammedan
1993	Mohammedan	Abahani
1994	Abahani	Muktijoddha Sangsad
1995	Abahani	Mohammedan
1996	Mohammedan	Abahani
1997-98	Muktijoddha	Mohammedan
	Mohammedan	Abahani

**'SUPER FOUR' TABLE**

**STATISTICAL RECORD**

Tests (career)	M	I	No	Runs	HS	Ave	100	50	Q	St
Batting	81	107	11	1810	92	18.85	—	10	25	
Bowling	0	M	R	W	Ave	Best	5	10	SR	Econ

2930.4 613 7876 376 20.94 7-22 22 4 46.7 2.68

**ONE DAY INTERNATIONALS (career)**

Batting	M	I	No	Runs	HS	Ave	SR	100	50	Q	St
Batting	136	83	19	955	66	14.92	—	2	15		
Bowling	0	M	R	W	Ave	Best	4w	5w	SR	Econ	

1195.5 122 4233 157 26.96 4-18 6 45.7 3.53

## National cricket league stumbles before start

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Cricket Board  
yesterday deferred the inaugu-  
ral national league for four  
days due to the lack in prepara-  
tion of pitches at different divi-  
sional venues.

The league involving six divi-  
sions — Dhaka, Barisal, Khulna, Sylhet, Rajshahi and Chittagong — was originally  
scheduled for a November 12 start but, following last night's meeting, where some divisions  
pleaded for more time to ready the pitches, the tournament committee decided to start the national league from November 16.

The league will be of three-  
day matches with each division  
facing the other twice on home  
and away basis.

The meeting also decided to  
start the league initially at  
three venues. The venues are  
Dhaka, Rajshahi and Chittagong.

## Cricketers unite to deliver salvo

Sports Reporter

Crickeeter's Welfare Association  
of Bangladesh named a 15-member executive committee  
yesterday in a press release with former national captains  
Minhazul Abedin and Faruque  
Ahmed as its President and General Secretary.

The association, through the  
same press release, demanded that  
the inter-club cricketers' transfer  
be held immediately, saying that the cricketers would  
not take part in any domestic cricket activities unless the  
transfer was held.

Their demand appeared to be  
a veiled threat to the national  
league beginning November 16.

The following are the office  
bearers of the association:

President — Minhazul  
Abedin, Vice-presidents —  
Athar Ali Khan, Akrum Khan,  
Aminul Islam, Saidul Islam  
Esfie and Ahmed Faizur  
Rahman, General Secretary —  
Faruque Ahmed, Joint-secretaries —  
Khaled Mahmud and  
Mahbubur Rahman, Treasurer  
— Enamul Hoque, Organising  
Secretary — Naimur Rahman,  
Assistant Organising  
Secretary — Khaled Masood,  
Asif Iqbal, Jewel and Harunur  
Rashid.

## Aptech Cup cricket

Sports Reporter

Notre Dame College de-  
feated Notre Dame College  
Green by four wickets in the  
Aptech Cup friendly cricket  
match played at the college  
ground yesterday.

The match was organised in  
connection with the Golden  
Jubilee celebrations of Notre  
Dame College