

Asia Cup football

Bangladesh face India today

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh take on India in their last Group 3 match of the 12th Asian Cup football in Abu Dhabi today.

Although the clash of the two sub-continentals holds no importance as far as the title race is concerned, but the two teams will be out to stamp their regional supremacy once again.

Bangladesh defeated the more colourful Indians in their last meeting at Kathmandu SAF Games by a solitary goal.

Bangladesh and India have already made their exit from the championship, both conceding two defeats against a victory.

Bangladesh lost their opening match against Uzbekistan 6-0 before going down to hosts United Arab Emirates (0-3) in their second match.

Never advanced into the final round of the prestigious Asian meet. Bangladesh however registered their first win when they came from behind to beat Sri Lanka (3-1) in their third group league match.

Damal Cricket

Lalmatia, Uttara win leisurely

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Lalmatia Club advanced into the second round of the 19th Damal Smriti Cricket Tournament with a crushing 133-run defeat of Rupali Bank at the Dhamondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Opting to bat first, Lalmatia piled up a huge total of 279 for four in their share of 50 overs.

Opener Shaon hammered a sparkling 81 while Parvez scored a breezy 63.

Brief Scores

Lalmatia v Rupali Bank

(Venue: Dhamondi Cricket Stadium)

Lalmatia: 279 for 4 wickets in 50 overs (Shaon 81, Parvez 63, Sumon 37 not out, Shilum 28 not out; Obaidul 2/75)

Rupali Bank: 146 all out in 50 overs (Faisal 44, Shariful 36; Sumon 2/19)

Result: Lalmatia won by 133 runs.

Uttara SC v Partex

Partex: 205 for 9 wickets in 50 overs (Masud 70, Mahfuz 40; Babu 3/23, Sharif 3/31)

Partex: 68 all out in 31 overs (Munna 20; Masud 3/11, Lenin 2/16, Arif 2/13)

Result: Uttara won by 137 runs.

In their chase, Rupali Bank caved in meekly, making only 146 for nine with Faisal notching highest 44 runs.

With this win, Lalmatia finished top from Group D and joined Young Pegasus, Khelegnara, Dhaka Wanderers and Dhamondi in the final round of the traditional season's curtain raiser.

Meanwhile, in the day's other match played at the Bangabandhu National Stadium, Uttara Club recorded a 137-run win over Partex.

Electing to bat, Uttara scored a commanding 205 for nine wickets in the allotted 50 overs with Masud making a polished 70. Mahfuz, with 40, was the other notable run-getter for the winners.

In reply, a lowly-rated Partex were shot out for a meagre 68 in 31 overs. It was Masud again who snatched the spot-light, capturing three wickets for only 11 runs.

ITF F2 tourney begins today

The ITF men's future tennis F2 tournament, organised by Bangladesh Tennis Federation (BTF), begins at the Ramma National Tennis Complex today, reports UNB.

More than 60 players from 26 countries including Bangladesh will take part in singles and doubles of the tournament on knock-out basis.

The countries are: Australia, Bosnia, Brazil, Canada, Cote D'Ivoire, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Hong Kong, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, Pakistan, Russia, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, the United States, Uzbekistan and hosts Bangladesh.

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