

## Column One

### SPORTS TALK



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## Acme Div II cricket

Sports Reporter

Gandaria Cricketers, Dhaka Mariner Youngs and Tejaon Cricket Association won their respective Acme Second Division cricket league matches at different city venues yesterday.

At the Mirpur Outer Stadium, Gandaria recorded an easy six-wicket win over Milbarrack.

### BRIEF SCORES:

**Gandaria CC vs Milbarrack CC**  
Milbarrack: 184 all out in 39.5 overs (Jewel 53, Tutul 29; Imran 5/35)  
**Gandaria:** 185 for 4 wickets in 32.2 overs (Asif 96, Uzzal 27 not out; Sumon 2/34)  
**Result:** Gandaria won by 6 wickets.

### Udayachal Club vs Dhaka Mariner Youngs

**Udayachal:** 171 all out in 34.3 overs (Jony 38, Munna 31; Bishwajit 2/20, Lunic 2/26)  
**Dhaka Mariner Youngs:** 173 for 6 wickets in 32.3 overs (Lunic 56, Jahangir 24; Tutul 2/19, Iqbal 2/23)  
**Result:** Dhaka Mariner won by 4 wickets.

### Tejaon CA vs Amorjoti Club

**Tejaon:** 224 all out in 39.2 overs (Haider 22, Jony 35, Hira 35; Milton 3/41)  
**Amorjoti:** 200 all out in 37.5 overs (Abdullah 37, Rajan 34, Tareque 34; Mukta 4/30)  
**Result:** Tejaon won by 24 runs.

The clash of the two old-town outfits turned into a one-sided affair when Gandaria, chasing a modest Milbarrack total of 184 all out in 39.5 overs, reached their target in 32.2 overs for the loss of four wickets with one-down Asif hammering a brilliant 96 off only 83 balls.

Asif clouted five sixes and ten fours in his breezy knock.

At the Uttara Friends Club ground, Dhaka Mariner Youngs prevailed over Udayachal Club by four wickets.

In a low-scoring affair, Mariner, set to score 172 for a win in the stipulated 40 overs, reached 173 for six wickets with more than seven overs to spare.

Sajal scored a fine 56 for the winners.

At the Dhanmondi Club ground, Tejaon, defending an impressive 224, restricted Amorjoti for exactly 200 to post a 26-run victory.

Opener Haider scored a swashbuckling 72 off 66 balls for Tejaon.

## Mehmud magic continues

Sports Reporter



Shahed Mehmud continued his magic run in the National Cricket League as leaders Chittagong got off to a confident start in their seventh round clash against hosts Khulna at the Jessore Stadium yesterday.

On the first day of the three-day match, the Pakistani leg-spinner, who captured the spotlight by snaring 32 wickets in only his three-match appearances, once again returned with a four-wicket haul to shoot Khulna for 159 in 64.2 overs. Earlier, the hosts won the toss and elected to bat.

The Lahore-based leggie of Chittagong conceded 74 runs in 26 overs. Right arm medium pacer Zakir Hossain, who took two wickets for 23 runs, ably helped him to ensure the Khulna collapse.

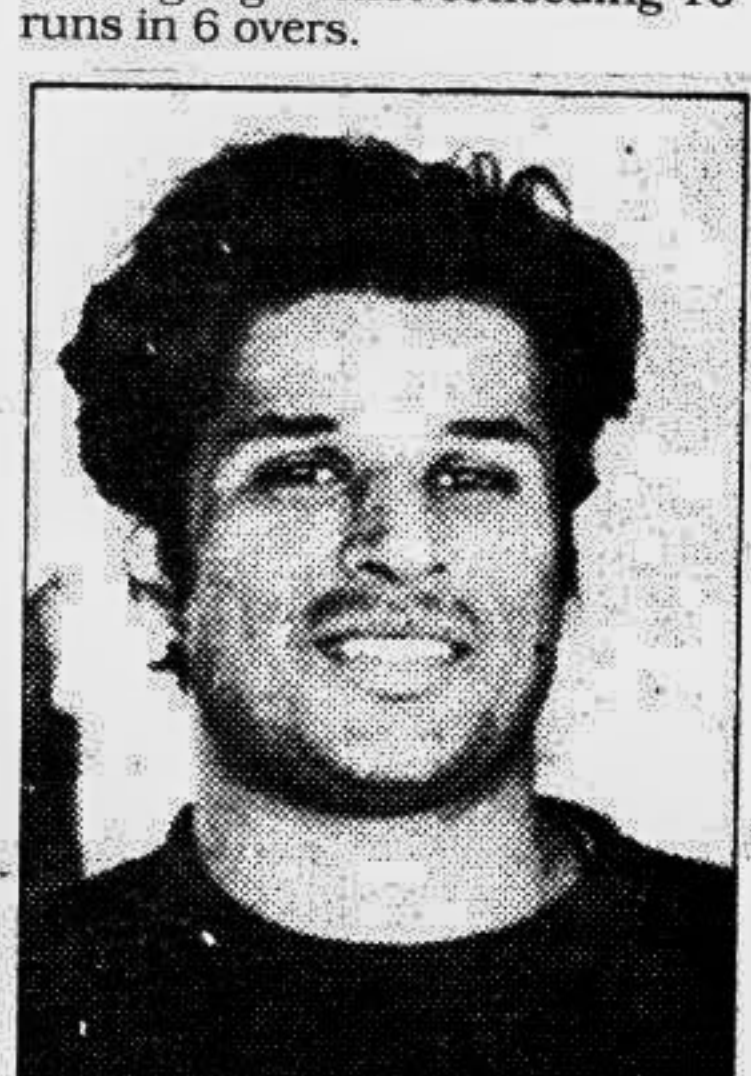
Khulna middle-order batsman Asadullah Khan fought a lone battle against the niggling attack of the visitors. He scored 51 off 88 balls that included a six and three fours.

Apart from Asadullah, none of the home side batsmen could reach twenty.

In reply, the visitors moved on to take the advantage scoring 90 for 1 at close.

One-downer Jahangir Alam was batting on 41 while opener Azam Iqbal was unbeaten on 26.

Khulna's new-ball bowler Khairuzzaman took the lone Chittagong wicket conceding 10 runs in 6 overs.



MEHMUD ... 4/74

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the first day of the three-day National League match between Khulna and Chittagong at the Jessore

Stadium yesterday:

<b>KHULNA:</b> First innings				
M Ali b Zakir	6	0	0	0
Selim c Jahangir b Zakir	10	0	0	0
Sajid b S Mehmud	10	0	0	0
Mofizul c Anis b Ziaur	17	0	0	0
Jamalluddin c & b S Mehmud	15	0	0	0
Asadullah c Ziaur b S Mehmud	8	0	0	0
Masudul run out	11	0	0	0
Ahmed lbw b S Mehmud	5	0	0	0
Khairuzzaman run out	0	0	0	0
Salaudun run out	8	0	0	0
Monirul not out	6	0	0	0
Extras: (b-5, lb-1, nb-11)	17	0	0	0
Total: (All out in 64.2 overs)	159	0	0	0
Fall of wickets: 1/19; 2/24; 3/48; 4/49; 5/78; 6/108; 7/127; 8/137; 9/143.				
<b>Bowler</b>				
Anis	6.2	3	11	2
Zakir	9	1	23	2
S Mehmud	26	0	74	4
Ziaur	6	3	11	1
Enamul	16	5	28	0
Minhazul	1	0	5	0

**CHITTAGONG:** First innings

Azam batting				
Ehsanul lbw b Khairuzzaman	26	0	0	0
Jahangir batting	41	0	0	0
Extras: (b-8, lb-3, nb-6)	17	0	0	0
Total: (For 1 wkt in 28 overs)	90	0	0	0
Fall of wicket: 1/13				
<b>Bowler</b>				
Khairuzzaman	6	2	10	1
Ahmed	3	1	15	0
Monirul	3	0	20	0
Salaudun	3	0	20	0
Jamalluddin	5	0	18	0
Mofizul	2	0	9	0

## Mushfique shines at Barisal

Sports Reporter



A timely half-century from middle-order Mushfique Rahman helped Rajshahi post a moderate first innings total against hosts Barisal in their away encounter of the National Cricket League yesterday.

On the first day of the three-day match at the Abdur Rab Serniabad Stadium, Mushfique scored 59 as the visitors, opting to bat first, reached 202 before they were all out in 84.5 overs.

Coming in to bat at number five with Rajshahi struggling at 90 for 3, the right-hander guided his side to cross the two hundred mark with a sensible batting display.

But a sensational collapse was inflicted on the Rajshahi once Mushfique ran himself out at the score of 202.

Rajshahi lost their last two wickets on the same score, with Moin taking both the scalps.

Mushfique faced 134 balls to score his third half-century in the League.

Mushfique apart, one-down Tomal scored 38. Opener Rafiqul and number four Sanchoy also chipped in with 28 and 27 respectively.

Monju was the most successful bowler of the Barisal lot. He finished with four for 45 while Moin took three wickets for 26 runs.

In reply, the home side was struggling at 20 for 2 in only 8 overs when the stumps were drawn for the day.

Rajshahi's left-arm spinner Saifullah Khan took both the wickets in his brief spell of two overs.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the first day of the three-day National League match between Rajshahi and Barisal at the Abdur Rab Serniabad Stadium, Barisal yesterday:

**RAJSHAHI:** First innings

Renak lbw b Ashfaq	1	0	0	0
Rafiqul c Mridul b Totam	28	0	0	0
Tomal c Mridul b Monju	38	0	0	0
Sanchoy c Mridul b Monju	27	0	0	0
Mushfique run out	59	0	0	0
K Masood b Monju	0	0	0	0
Nayan lbw b Monju	7	0	0	0

Mustadir c Arun b Moin 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Ripon c Mridul b Moin 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Shanewaz not out 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Saifullah c Mridul b Moin 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Extras: (b-4, lb-8, w-4) 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Total: (All out in 84.5 overs) 202 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Fall of wickets: 1/7; 2/43; 3/90; 4/111; 5/111; 6/143; 7/161; 8/202; 9/202

**Bowler**

Ashfaq	10	2	25	1
Rashedul	5	1	16	0
Totam	15	3	20	1
Sohel	24	7	48	0
Moin	10.5	1	26	3
Monju	23	6	45	4

**BARISAL:** First innings

Rashedul batting	11	0	0	0
Surob c Masood b Saifullah	5	0	0	0
Ashfaq b Saifullah	0	0	0	0
Moin batting	0	0	0	0
Extras:	0	0	0	0
Total: (For 2 wickets in 8 overs)	20	0	0	0
Fall of wickets: 1/16; 2/16				
<b>Bowler</b>				
Moin	0	3	10	0
Shanewaz	3	0	10	0
Mushfique	2	0	6	0
Saifullah	2	1	4	2
Nayan	1	1	0	0

## Nayeem hits ton

## Khelaghar taste defeat

Sports Reporter



Nayeem Hafiz hammered the first ton in the First Division cricket league yesterday.

The eventful day also marked the end of Khelaghar's fairy-tale run in one of the two matches held at different city venues.

At Bangabandhu National Stadium, Nayeem scored an unbeaten 109 to fashion a comprehensive six-wicket victory for Ajax Sporting Club over Uttara Totaling Club.

### BRIEF SCORES

**Orient vs Khelaghar**

Venue: Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium

**Orient:** 190 for 7 wickets in 50 overs (Salahuddin 60 not out, Mossaraf 22; Raju 2/32)

**Khelaghar:** 156 all out in 48.2 overs (Bijon 27, Nadim 25; Salahuddin 4/25, Akhtaruddin 2/37, Aslam 2/23)

**Result:** Orient won by 34 runs.

**Uttara vs Ajax**

Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium

**Uttara:** 195 all out in 49.2 overs (Sajal 37, Kabir 34, Rana 31; Uttam 4/41, Hira 2/25, Azim 2/25)

**Ajax:** 199 for 4 wickets in 48 overs (Nayeem 109 not out, Tariq 74; Afr 2/26)

**Result:** Ajax won by 6 wickets.

Coming into bat at number four with Ajax totalling at 12 for three in reply to fighting Uttara total of 195, Nayeem led a spectacular recovery operation in company with Tariq.

Together they put on 181 runs for the fourth-wicket as Ajax recovered from a terrible start to score 199 for four with two overs to spare.

Having reached his 50 off 63 balls, Nayeem needed another 61 deliveries to accomplish the magical three-figure mark with the help of a dozen fours, Tariq, who played the perfect foil, hammered a quartet of fours in his 119-ball 74 before being bowled by Sandip, leaving Ajax only three runs short of victory.

When Nayeem was turning up the heat at the Bangabandhu National Stadium, Salahuddin plotted Khelaghar's downfall with a virtuoso all-round performance at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

Salahuddin hammered an unbeaten 60 off 76 balls as Orient overcame a shaky beginning to score a fighting 190 for seven in their share of 50 overs. And if that was not enough, he then captured four wickets to terminate the newly-crowned Damal Smriti champions for 156 in 48.2 overs.

It was Khelaghar's first defeat of the season. The new boys of the First Division began their season with a bang becoming unbeaten winners of the traditional curtain-raiser.

## Sylhet in Dhaka soup

Sports Reporter

Dhaka Division tightened grip on Sylhet in their home match of the National Cricket League at the Faridpur Stadium yesterday.

On the first day of the three-day match, the tourists soon plunged into deep trouble after being sent into bat on a slow and turning wicket.

Star-studded Dhaka, who began the League on a disappointing note, demolished the visitors for a meagre 121 despite a patient half-century from Parvez. Buoyed by their first win in the League against Barisal in their last match, the home side went on to score 131 for 2 at close.

And by surpassing the Sylhet total Dhaka at least have ensured two batting points on first innings lead provided that the match ends in a draw. For an outright victory Dhaka, currently occupying the third place with six points, could get four points.

However, Parvez, the tall right-handed opener was the last man to be out in the Sylhet innings. With wickets falling at regular interval, the in-form batsman tried to steady the rocking boat, scoring 58 off 133 balls.

Lower-order batsmen Mohammad Rafique (19) and skipper Nasirul Alam (10) were the other two Sylhetis who could reach the double-figure mark.

Parvez shared the biggest partnership of 23 with one-down Nasirul.

Dhaka's right-arm medium pacer Khaled Mahmud was the wrecker-in-chief with four for 45 from 20 overs. His new-ball partner Morshed Ali Khan however was at his miserly best taking two wickets for only 8 runs in his 11 economic overs.

In reply, Dhaka were comfortably placed at 131 for 2 with opener Javed Omar Belim hitting a fine unbeaten half-century. He played only 99 balls to score 69. One-down Sanwar, who added 61 runs for the second wicket along with Javed, chipped in with 31 off 50 balls.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the first day of the three-day National League match between Dhaka and Sylhet at the Faridpur Stadium yesterday:

**SYLHET:** First innings

Parvez c Saiful b Al-Shahrir	58	0	0	0
Alok c Saiful b Morshed	0	0	0	0
Nasirul c Atiar b Saiful	10	0	0	0
Saifullah c Atiar b Morshed	1	0	0	0
Tushar c Sanwar b K Mahmud	5	0	0	0
Neyamur c Sanwar b K Mahmud	4	0	0	0
Rafique b Naimur	19	0	0	0
Iqbal b K Mahmud	3	0	0	0
Mortuza c Atiar b K Mahmud	0	0	0	0
Hasibul c Atiar b Masudul	9	0	0	0
Extras: (b-4, lb-3, nb-4)	11	0	0	0
Total: (All out in 57.4 overs)	121	0	0	0
Fall of wickets: 1-11; 2-34; 3-35; 4-41; 5-61; 6-76; 7-79; 8-95; 9-102.				
<b>Bowler</b>				
Morshed	11	8	8	2
K Mahmud	20	8	45	4
Saiful	10	3	21	1
Naimur	11	2	26	1
Masudul	5	1	12	1
Al-Shahrir	0.4	0	2	1

**DHAKA:** First innings

Javed Omar batting 69 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Harn c Saifullah b Iqbal 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Sanwar c Mortuza b Rafique 31 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Al-Shahrir batting 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Extras: (b-1, lb-5, nb-9, w-1) 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Total: (For 1 wkt in 32 overs) 131 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Fall of wickets: 1-48; 2-109.

**Bowler:**

Hasibul	0	1	47	0
Iqbal	6	2	16	1
Neyamur	6	2	24	0
Rafique	10	2	26	1
Mistu Das	3	0	12	0

## Nat'l sub-jr chess starts today

The 20th national sub-junior chess championship begins today at the NSC chessroom, reports UNB.

The nine-round Swiss League competition is open to the competitors who were born after January 1985.

Interested players have been asked to send their entry by 9.30 am today at the tournament venue.

No entry fee will be required.

