

## Rajshahi cricket

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Dec 22: Sepoy Sporting Club defeated Young Boys Club by nine runs in the Bishreshtha Captain Mohammad Jahangir Smriti cricket tournament played today at local Railway ground.

Winning the toss, Sepoy Para batted first and collected 98 in allotted 22 overs losing all wickets. Sumon was the top scorer (27) for the winners. Rused followed him with 25. Johny and Saiful claimed three wickets each giving away 13 and 16 while Saiful also took two for 23.

In reply, Young Boys managed 89 for all out in 20.4 overs.

Bisomroy Ekadash beat Sadur Mor Friends Club by 18 runs in the other match of the day.

Bisomroy collected 91 for all 20 overs after winning the toss.

Masu was the highest score 27 for the winners.

In reply, Friends Club were out for 73 in 17.2 overs.

## Diego Argentin's player of century

BUENOS AIRES, Dec 22: Former Argentine footballing star Diego Maradona got the vote from the country's sporting journalists Tuesday as Argentina's sportsman-of-the-century, reports AFP.

Rugby star Gonzalo Quesada was voted sports personality for 1999 but there was no question of anyone other than Maradona getting the overall vote, largely for lifting the 1986 World Cup almost single-handed. His slandunk goal against England in the quarter-finals followed by a brilliant second which will live in the memory.

Maradona, who courted controversy throughout a tempestuous career with Boca Juniors, before European stardom with Barcelona and Napoli, was present at a special ceremony on Monday night at Quilmes near Buenos Aires to honour his achievements.

"Long live Argentine sport, which is a healthy sport," said Maradona, who said the award was "the best prize of my life and which makes me feel very proud."

Maradona, who was accompanied to the ceremony by wife Claudia and daughters Dalma and Yania, saw off competition from Formula One driver Juan Manuel Fangio, tennis star Guillermo Vilas, boxer Carlos Monzon and golfer Roberto De Vicenzo.

## FIFA rankings

PARIS, Dec 22 (AFP): Latest FIFA world standings released Wednesday:

Country	Points
1. Brazil	839
2. Czech Rep	774
3. France	765
4. Spain	753
5. Germany	739
6. Argentina	721
7. Norway	718
8. Romania	715
9. Croatia	713
10. Mexico	706
11. Denmark	697
12. England	695
13. Yugoslavia	694
14. Italy	685
15. Portugal	672
16. Sweden	663
17. Paraguay	648
18. Russia	643
19. Netherlands	641
20. Scotland	639

## Miandad advises

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series in Australia. No official action was taken against him.

"Why do such things crop up only in Australia and why does the same umpire Darrell Hair hatch such a controversy? How much cricket has he played?" said Miandad, a former Pakistani captain who had a famous scuffle with Aussie great Dennis Lillee in 1981.

The 43-year-old Miandad blamed Australian officials for the controversy. "They leak such things and pass it on to their aggressive media," he said.

"I have found nothing illegal in his bowling action. The finishing point of his delivery is perfect. If Shoail's action is suspect, then every other bowler chucks it by Courtney Walsh or Shaun Pollock," Miandad said.

"I have seen his action from three or four angles and it is fair," he said.

He suggested the ICC should compare bowling actions of all the contemporary fast bowlers. "In our days people raised suspicions over West Indian pacer Andy Roberts' action just because his bowler was ferocious. A fast bowler puts all his oomph into his bowler or short ball," he said.

Shoail, aged 24 and dubbed the "Rawalpindi Express," hit the limelight during the 1999 World Cup in England.

"He remained under me before we went to Canada last year and India earlier this year and I guided him to control his line and length and run up. It is all rubbish aimed at disturbing a talented player," Miandad said.

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## India turn to hi-tech



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