Tick the Correct Answers Post to The Paily Star

Win attractive prizes Compatition closes at 8 pm an 21, '99 and draw

shortly afterwards Who was the man-of-the-series in the Australia-Pakistan Tests?

Langer | Ponting | Inzamam Who was the highest wicket-taker in the Australia-Pakistan Test series?

Fleming | McGrath How many Test hundreds has Mark Waugh scored to date?

4 Who became champions in the Keya Premier soccer? Muktijoddha Mohammedan Arambagh

Who lifted the Expatriates' Openchess title? Tanveer Name

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Phone: (If any)





Mal Speed Australian Cricket Board

chairman) What happened tonight was totally unacceptable.

After the crowd trouble at the MCG during the Australia-India ODI.

Asian Chess

Second win for Zia

Sports Reporter International Master Ziaur Rahman recorded his second victory in second Asian Individual Chess Championship defeating Indian Kidambi on Fri-

The tournament is being held at Udaipur in India. With this win, Zia raised his

earnings to 3 points on completion of 5th round. Another Bangladesh International Master Reefat-Bin-Sattar drew with Indian Grandmaster Dibeyndu Barua. Reefat had managed 2.5 points so far. Third seed Xu Jun of China

is leading the race with 4.5 points.

In the 8th Asian Women Chess Championship Tanima Parveen drew with Indian Tania Sachdev. Tanima collected 2 points at the moment.

Biman golf held

Sports Reporter Sang Won Byun and Shaheen Khan became men's and ladies' champions respectively of the prestigious Biman Bangladesh Airlines tournament on Friday.

The day-long event was teedoff by president of the Kurmitola Golf Club and Chief of Army Staff Lt Gen M Mustafizur Rahman BB.

OTHER RESULTS

Senior winner: Flt Lt Rahmat Ali: Junior winner: Nafiz Farid: Best gross: Sadiq Quddus; Ladies best Gross: Ok Kyung Jang: 2nd best Gross: Shawkat Uz Zaman: Runner-up: Faisal Khan; Ladies runner-up: OS Lee; 2nd runner-up: Maj Gen M Mustafa Kamaluddin; Front nine winner: Gp Capt Ashraful Azhar; Back nine winner: Anuar Kasman; Nearest to pin: Maj Gen (Retd) Muzammel Hossain: Longest drive: Hisam Ahmed.

Morrison sentenced

FAYETTEVILLE. Arkansas. Jan 15: Former boxer Tommy Morrison pleaded guilty to drug and driving charges Friday and was sentenced to 10 years in prison, with eight suspended, reports AP.

Column One Naimur's fitting reply

Sports Reporter

to 41 for one in 25 overs at

A sterling per-

formance from

middle-order Nai-

mur Rahman en-

abled Bangladesh

Cricket Board Pr-

esident's Eleven to take a 23-

run lead over Marylebone

NAIMUR ... 121

Cricket Club at the Rajshahi

On the second day, the versa-

tile all-rounder scored 121 after

the home side, resuming the day

at 23 for two, declared their

first innings at 245 for eight in

In reply, the tourists limped

With only a day

left before the in-

ter-club cricketers

transfer for the

Premier Division

league, no an-

nouncements re

garding the fate of the seven

suspended cricketers, has been

made by either State Minister

for Youth and Sports Obaidul

Quader or the Bangladesh

Cricket Board(BCB). The three-

day long transfers is scheduled

ing between the State Minister

and the Cricketers Welfare As-

sociation of Bangladesh

(CWAB), the ban imposed on the

seven, which barred them from

taking part in the transfers.

was supposed to be withdrawn

sidered its decision of not

playing for any team selected by

the BCB unless the ban was

lifted following an assurance

from Quader on Wednesday

night, was yet to receive any

the Minister. We are expecting a

positive result by tomorrow. He

was the man who persuaded us

play against the MCC in Ra-

ishahi with his assurance. I am

sure he will keep his word," said

CWAB secretary Faruque

Ahmed at the Bangabandhu

"We have full confidence in

But the CWAB, which recon-

by the BCB before Monday.

According to an understand-

to begin from tomorrow.

Stadium yesterday.

Earlier, the hosts got off to a terrible start when opener Azam Iqbal was dismissed for 29 in the 24th over with the score reading 52 for three, and still 121 runs shy of avoiding a follow-on.

Fortunes changed when Akram Khan helped Naimur share a magnificent 148-run partnership and more importantly erase the deficit. The partnership was broken

exactly on 200 in the 61st over

when Min Patel got rid of the BCB captain for 57. Akram's half-century came off 125 balls and was studded with a six and five boundaries. Thereafter, four wickets fell in quick succession for 39 runs

before the declaration came. Naimur was the last batsman to go. In his 167-minute vigil, the right-hander hit a six and 14 fours before he was trapped leg before by Patel. The MCC skipper and slow left-armer captured four for 62

SCOREBOARD Scoreboard on the second

Clubs going for secret pact?

CWAB kept waiting

National Stadium yesterday

ter had an hour-long meeting

with the Mahanagari Cricket

Club Samiti (MCCS) officials at

his NSC office on Thursday

night. It was the MCCS, which

represents the ten Premier Di-

vision clubs, who first raised

the demand for banning the

cricketers through the Cricket

Committee of Dhaka

Metropolitan (CCDM). They ac-

cused the seven for making ob-

jectionable remarks against

some top club officials during

their demonstration for an

quested the MCCS officials to

Div II Cricket

and Lalbagh USC won their re-

spective matches in the Acme

Second Division cricket league

ground, Teigaon Cricket Asso-

ciation beat Progati Sheba

dium, Azad Boys outplayed

Anirban Sangha by eight wick-

ground. Lalbagh overcame

Amariyoti Club by two wickets.

At the Mirpur Outer Sta-

At the Dhanmondi Club

yesterday, reports UNB.

Sangha by six wickets.

Tejgaon CA, Azad Boys Club

At the Uttara Police Lines

In the meeting, Quader re-

early transfer in November.

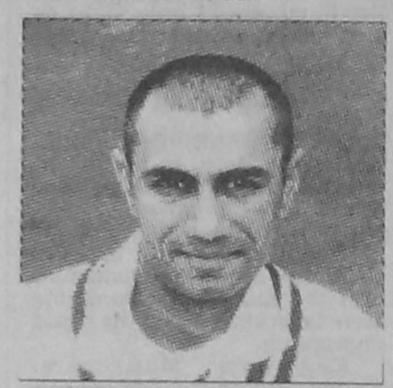
Meanwhile, the State Minis-

to emerge as the most successful

bowler for the tourists.

day of the three-day match between MCC and BCB President's Eleven at the Rajshahi Stadium yesterday.

MCC: First innings 222 for seven in 78 overs declared (A McGrath 119 n.o., T Dodemaide 27; Shaffuddin 4/46l



PATEL ... 4/62 BCB PRESIDENT'S ELEVEN: First innings (Overnight 23 for 2 in 10 overs)

Azam c B Athey b T Dodemaide 29 Sajid b Killeen Al-Shahriar c Hyam b Killeen Naimur Ibw b Fatel Akram e Hyam b Patel See page 14

reconsider their decision of

boycotting the seven cricketers-

-Minhazul Abedin, Aminul Is-

lam, Mohammed Rafique.

Khaled Mahmud, Enamul

Hoque, Faruque Ahmed and

Premier Division Club officials

told Quader that they would give

their final decision after talk-

ing to the BCB president Saber

Hossain who returned home

The MCCS had called a meet-

ing at the Wari Club premises

last night to discuss their future

A source close to the MCCS

But in another development,

According to that pact, the

It was also understood that

said that the clubs might review

their decision in order to hon-

it was learnt that the ten Pre-

mier Division clubs might go

clubs will not sign any of the

seven cricketers even if the ban

the clubs were in unison that

each of them would select three

or four players from the 28-men

choice, the other nine will not

ing taken to minimise the con-

Once a club has made its

This step was supposedly be-

cricketers national pool.

try to sign those players.

tract rates of the players.

our the minister's request.

for a secret agreement.

on them was lifted.

from the USA on Friday.

course of action.

It was learnt that the ten

Mahbubur Rahman

ICC fact finders due Monday Lankan blow for BCB

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Sports Reporter A three-member ICC inspection team, formed to assess Bangladesh's plea for Test status, will arrive tomorrow on a six-day fact-finding mission. They are: former Test players Nasimul Ghani of Pakistan. Graham Dowling of New

Zimbabwe. The team, which is making its second visit to Dhaka. is scheduled to inspect a few potential venues and also witness the Bangladesh-MCC four-day match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on January 18.

Zealand and Andy Pycroft of

The team will submit its report to the game's governing body before June. The document is considered crucial as the ICC will review Bangladesh's case at its next annual meeting in

Dalmiya arrives tomorrow

Sports Reporter

International Cricket Council president Jagmohan Dalmiya will arrive here tomorrow to asses the feasibility of holding an exhibition limited-overs match between an Asian and Rest of the World

Al-Amin from Colombo

Bangladesh's bid to host a tri-nation cricket tournament ahead of the Asia Cup suffered a setback as a top cricket official here ruled out Sri Lanka's chances of participation on Saturday. The Asia Cup starts from May 27.

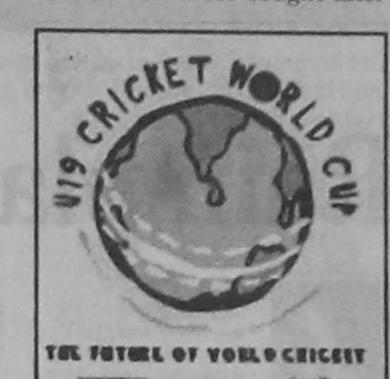
Due to the prevailing rift in the Sri Lankan Cricket Board. none would be able to take such a major decision, predicted Jayananda Warnaweera. He is the secretary of Southern Province Cricket Board and an influential member of the now defunct elected body of the Lankan Board.

Take it from me, there is no such possibilities of an immediate Bangladesh tour by the Sri Lankan national team

"I'm aware of a letter from the Bangladesh Cricket Board. But, I'm afraid the present adhoc committee run by R Vijayatilake has no authority to take such decision.

"The Board is simply in no position to take any decision at the moment. For any development, you will have to wait until the AGM finishes on February 22," said Jayananda, a for-

mer Test cricketer. Thilanga Sumathipala, the ousted Lankan Board president who lost a legal battle immediately after the World Cup in England, is most likely to contest for the most sought-after



job in Sri Lanka. TOP TEAMS ON A ROLL

BRITANNA

III.3

BCCSF

Although rain played foul in Sri Lanka today, most of the top-ranked teams advanced

into the Super Eight without

any trouble. Hosts Sri Lanka and Australia were first to qualify for the next round even before playing each other in their last group league match. West Indies, placed in Group A along with holders England, also booked their berth winning against

America today. At the Police ground, West Indies thrashed America by 142 runs. England meanwhile pulled off a thrilling three-run win over Zimbabwe to join the Caribbeans in the Super Eight from the Group A.

Pakistan and South Africa seem certain to qualify from a group where Kenya and Nepal are the other two teams.

Surprisingly, Nepal, making their maiden appearance in the Youth Championship, yet to taste a defeat, thanks to the rain that washed out their matches against Pakistan and South Africa.

The only group where things look wide open is Group B. All the four teams- India, Bangladesh, New Zealand and Holland, still have a chance to move into the next round.

Akram raring to bowl



MELBOURNE, Jan creived a boost them. ahead of their triseries clash against Australia

here on Sunday when captain Wasini Akram declared himself lit from a groin injury, reports

Akram, who suffered the injury during the closing stages of last week's clash against India. said he was back to peak fit-

"I'm okay now. I'm looking forward to playing," said the left-arm quickie, who needs three wickets to become the first bowler to achieve the 400mark in one-day cricket.

With India down in the

dumps with three successive defeats. Australia and Pakistan are the favourites to qualify for the finals after the 12-match preliminary league. Pakistan made a grand start

by winning their first two games against Australia and India in Brisbane last week. before taking a six-day break. Australia, meanwhile, came

back strongly to defeat India in the next two matches. Akram said the 45-run win

over Australia at Brisbane avenging the embarrassing eight-wicket defeat in the World Cup final in June — had added to his team's confidence.

"We needed that victory to tell ourselves that we can win against them," Akram said as his team sweated at the nets of the Melbourne Cricket Ground. "Now there is a little more

pressure on the Aussies. knowing that Pakistan can beat Pakistan are likely to bring

in reliable opener Wajahatullah Wasti to replace the hardhitting Shahid Afridi, who failed to score against India. Fast blower Shoaib Akhtar.

at the centre of a row over his suspension and subsequent recall by the International Cricket Council, is also raring Shoaib took time off after

the Brisbane games to return to Perth for scientific studies on his controversial bowling action at the West Australian sports institute. "I am taking corrective mea-

sures on the advice of the ICC. although I get more convinced everyday that there is no prob-



WASIM AKRAM

lem with my action." the 24year-old said.

Captain Steve Waugh said Australia was likely to retain the same side that defeated India by five wickets in Sydney on Friday. Waugh rated Glenn Mc-

Grath's 4-8 off 10 overs against India as among the best bowling performances he had seen in one-day cricket. He. however, defended his batsman despite Australia

slumping to 59-5 in pursuit of a modest target of 101. "I think Don Bradman would

have struggled on that wicket," Waugh said. Waugh spent time with Melbourne police officers today to

ensure there was no repeat of crowd violence which disrupted last Wednesday's game against India at the MCG. Play was stopped for 17 minutes when sections of the

73,000 strong crowd hurled plastic bottles onto the ground after Indian batsman Sourav Ganguly was adjudged run out. PROBABLE TEAMS (captain), Mark Waugh, Adam

AUSTRALIA: Steve Waugh Gilchrist, Ricky Ponting. Michael Bevan. Damien Martyn. Andrew Symonds, Shane Lee, Brett Lee, Damien Fleming. Glenn McGrath. PAKISTAN: Wasim Akram

(captain). Saeed Anwar, Wajahatullah Wasti, Ijaz Ahmed, Inzamamul Haq, Yousuf Youhana, Abdur Razzaq, Moin Khan, Saqlain Mushtaq, Waqar Younis, Shoaib Akhtar.

Corinthians rule the world



RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan 15: Corinthians of Sao Paulo beat fellow Brazilians Vasco da Gama 4-3 on penalties to win FIFA's inaugural World Club Championship here Friday at the Maracana Stadium, reports Vasco skipper Edmundo

blazed his side's final penalty wide after his team-mate at the Rio side Gilberto and Marcelinho of Corinthians had already failed from the spot. The match itself finished 0-0

after extra-time. It was a hugely disappointing game with Corinthians coach Oswaldo de Oliveira and club captain Freddy Rincon all but admitting they had played for penalties, perhaps in the knowledge that their goalkeeper Dida is widely acknowledged as the best penalty saver in the

De Oliveira said: "We knew we were facing a very strong team up front. Vasco have the luxury of having Romario and Edmundo up front and Viola and Donizete on the bench. We were very worried because we know Vasco's firepower is enormous.

"Vasco were better than Corinthians in the first half basically because we were making marking mistakes that we managed to resolve at the interval. In the second half we played as we were meant to."

Corinthians did occasionally threaten but in general they seemed happy to play for penalties while de Oliveira's Vasco counterpart Antonio Lopes vainly threw on strikers at the end Romario, Edmundo, Viola, Donizete and Alex Oliveira were all on the field.

But the well-marshalled Corinthians defence sat back and easily dealt with that frontline and duly won the shoot-

Within seconds of Edmundo's miss the majority of the stadium - occupied by the Vasco fans emptied - while the 26,000 strong Corinthians contingent went wild.

Edmundo burst into tears after his miss but later managed to say: "My sadness is double: firstly as the player who lost the game for his club and second as a Vasco da Gama fan who wanted his team to be world champions.

He was consoled by his coach Lopes, who said: "When Edmundo missed his penalty I went to him and told him to hold his head up high. Who knows? Maybe Vasco will be in another final like this again.

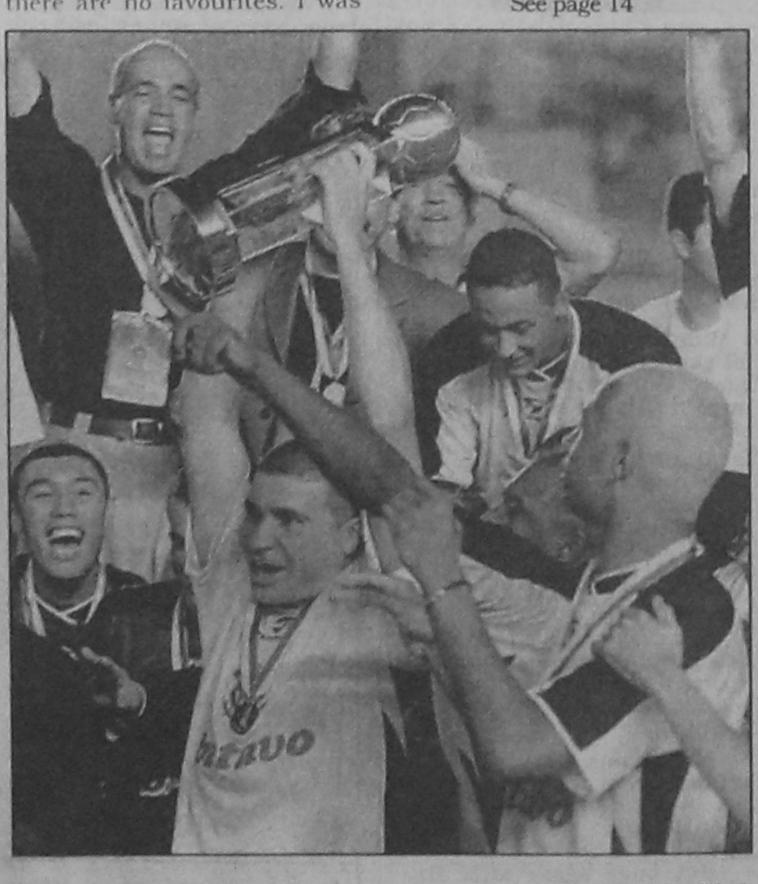
Corinthians skipper Freddy Rincon, a Colombian international and the only non-Brazilian player on the field, said the Sao Paulo outfit's tactics had gone to perfection again more or less admitting penalties figured in the plans: "The match went exactly how we had planned it. I believe in any final there are no favourites. I was

always thinking we would win and we never lost this senti-

ment. Edmundo missed the fifth penalty for his side immediately after Corinthians player Marcelinho had what would have been a winning kick saved by Vasco keeper Helton - Vasco substitute Viola had made a blatant attempt to intimidate Marcelinho before he took that

penalty. Vasco defender Gilberto had earlier had his side's third penalty saved by Brazilian international goalkeeper Dida.

But the upshot of it all is that Corinthians are the first true global club champions taking over the mantle traditionally held by the winners of the Intercontinental Cup - the current holders of that trophy being England's Manchester United. See page 14



Corinthians players celebrate with the World Club Championship trophy at the Maracana Stadium on January -AFP photo

world cricket's ruling body will have a discussion with the government and the Bangladesh Cricket Board officials before giving Dhaka a green signal. During his day-long visit.

Eleven at the Bangabandhu Na-

The Calcutta-based boss of

tional Stadium on April 8.

Dalmiva is expected to call on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader and Board chief Saber Hossain Chowdhury. BCB general secretary Syed

Ashraful Hug, back in business after two and a half months due to a mild heart attack, revealed it vesterday. The ICC is organising the game as part of its "World

Cricket Week 2000" which will

be observed from April 2 to 9.

said Ashraful.

Cullinan for Tests only

CENTURION, South Africa, Jan 15: Darvll Cullinan announced his retirement from international one-day cricket on Friday, reports Reuters. Cullinan, 33, in March, said

matches only. He is currently playing in the fifth and final Test against England. Cullinan said he was stepping aside to allow younger players to stake their claim ahead of the 2003 World Cup and because of family commit-

in future he would be available

for South Africa for Test

ments. He is married with a two-year-old son. "We have a great chance to win the World Cup in 2003 and there are a lot of talented players in South Africa who are hungry to play for their country and do well," Cullinan said

"Now is their chance.

"I also have a young family and I need to find ways to be at



home with them more often." In the next six months South Africa visit India and Sharjah. return home to play Australia and then travel to Singapore, Sri Lanka and Australia, arguably their most gruelling tour schedule since their return to international cricket in 1991. Cullinan played 122 one-day

internationals, scoring 3,628

runs at an average of 34.55 with

three centuries and 23 half centuries. Bagerhat cricket BAGERHAT, Jan 15: Sha heed Prof Moazzem Hossain

Surja Shila Krira Chakra will take on K Ali Jubo Sangha in the opening match.

Smriti cricket tournament be-

gins here tomorrow, reports

Donald plans to rest February 16 and the Tests will CENTURION.



South Africa, Jan 15: South African tast bowler Allan Donald will take a break from international cricket — but wants to

next season, reports AFP. press conference at Centurion Park Saturday that he was not vet ready to retire.

South Africa's star fast bowler, who is not playing in the fifth and final Test against England because of gout in his big right toe, is 10 wickets short of becoming the 14th player in history to take 300 Test wickets.

He still wants to reach the

target - but is undecided yet

whether he will try to do it on South Africa's two-Test tour of India next month. Donald said he wanted to take a complete break from international cricket after the forthcoming triangular oneday series with England and Zimbabwe in South Africa. In-

stead, he will accept a one-year

county Warwickshire. That would mean missing the tour of India. a home-andaway one-day showdown with World Cup champions Australia in April and August, and a tour of Sri Lanka in July and August.

director of the United Cricket Board of South Africa, still wants Donald to be part of South African team which he believes has a chance to "make history "Very few teams have been able to beat India in their own country but I believe the current

side has that opportunity, espe-

cially if a committed Allan

But Ali Bacher, managing

Donald is part of the team." Bacher said. South Africa will play Tests in Bombay and Bangalore. Both venues, according to Bacher, have a reputation for providing good Test pitches with fair

bounce for fast bowlers. Donald said he had agreed to delay making a final decision and will inform the selectors whether he will be available before the side is picked in about two weeks. The team departs on

be played between February 24 and March 6.

Bacher said the UCB was prepared to try to accommodate Donald because of the exceptional service he had given to play for South Africa again the South African team.

"He is nearing the end of a Donald. 33. told a packed distinguished career and we are prepared to be flexible. We wouldn't make these concessions if he was 26.

Donald will forfeit his South African contract fee during the time he is not available. He said he hoped to come

back strongly next season when South Africa have three home Tests each again : New Zealand



ALLAN, DONALD

have to take his chances on being selected when he returns. The fast bowler agreed. "I will have to make my way back into the national side like any

no guarantee Donald would be

so it is very important for me to

perform for them this year." He said playing county cricket would enable him to spend quality time with his family. "Although I will be playing

regularly, mentally it will take away the pressure of playing international cricket." he said. Donald said at the start of the season he aimed to take 35 wickets in seven Tests to reach the target of 300. He only took

fifth Test. He has taken 290 wickets in 60 Tests at an average of 21.66.

ITINERARY

Board President's XI. Bombay

24-28: First Test, Bombay

2-6 Second Test, Bangalore

19-21: Three day match v

February

March

tional, Cochin

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Tests against England before



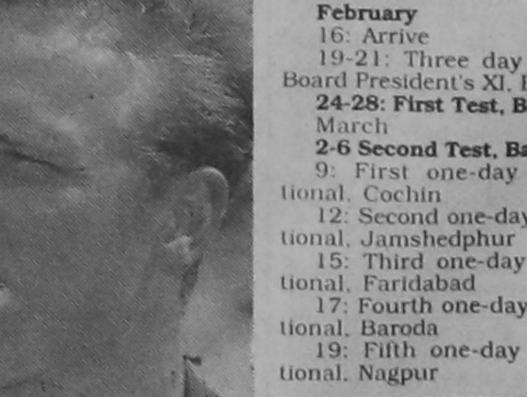
and Sri Lanka. But he said he had not thought ahead to a five-Test tour of the West Indies in April 2001.

Bacher also said there was picked for the one-day series which will be staged between

January 21 and February 12. Donald said he hoped to play a full part in all Warwickshire's competitive matches during the 2000 English season. He failed to take a wicket last season because of injury. "I had such a disappointing season last year

three in two matches against Zimbabwe but took 22 in four

having to withdraw from the SA'S INDIA



Bacher said Donald would

other player," he said.

From Our Correspondent RAJSHAHI, Jan 15: Shaheed Babor Ali Mondol Smriti Club defeated Royal Sporting Club by

Zia Smriti cricket

25 runs in the Shaheed Zia Smriti tournament at Rajshahi Government College ground today. Babor Ali batted first and made 122 for nine in stipulated 23 overs, after winning the bass. Russel (44) was the top-

scorer for the winners. In reply, Royal Sporting bundled out for 97 in 20.2 overs. Mamun (21) was the highest scorer while Raju (14), Rajon (12). Panna (11) were the other scorers.

Dishari Sangha will take on Bijoy Ekadosh Jubo Sangha and Malopara Cricket Club will face Morhum Raisuddin Smriti Cricket Club tomorrow.

9: First one-day interna-12: Second one-day interna-15: Third one-day interna-17: Fourth one-day interna-19: Fifth one-day interna-