

Column One

SPORTS TALK



Andre Agassi

(World No 1 tennis star)
"You can learn from a champion and she is a champion. I definitely do my best to learn from her."

On how inspirational his girlfriend Steffi Graf is.

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Competition-126

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Competition closes at 8 pm

Feb 12, 2000 and draw shortly afterwards

1 How many centuries did Tendulkar score in the Tests series against Australia recently?

One Two Three

2 Who won the last ever European Cup Winners' Cup soccer?

Lazio Barcelona Man United

3 Who was named player of the cricket World Cup?

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4 Where did Maurice Greene break the 100m world record?

Athens Seville Tokyo

5 Who lifted the National Cricket League title?

Chittagong Sylhet Khulna

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NOTICE

We, Star Sport, have moved to new premises at 19, Karwan Bazar on February 5 and are yet to get everything in order and that's why we could not hold the draw of the Competition-126 last night. Therefore, WHIZZ KIDS have patience and wait until February 18. —Sport Editor

Div I cricket

Comfortable win for Jatrabari

An all-round performance by Pakistani Rezwan Omar steered Jatrabari KC to a comfortable five wicket victory over Orient SC in the Metropolis First Division Cricket League yesterday, reports UNB.

Rezwan hit an unbeaten 84 off 107 balls that featured six boundaries and claimed two wickets conceding 42 runs in 10 overs.

Orient Sporting made 194 for nine wickets in stipulated 50 overs after deciding to bat first at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

Pakistani Aslam Raza was the top scorer making 53 off 88 balls that included one boundary.

Raza contributed 80 in the third wicket stand with Zahidin Kajol, who added 47 runs off 84 deliveries with two fours.

Opener MH Rubel was another notable scorer making 30 runs off 63 balls featuring four hits across the rope.

Bipul picked up three wickets for 35 runs.

In reply, a brilliant 81-run fifth wicket partnership between Rezwan and Mushtaq Ahmed guided Jatrabari to reach the target of 195 runs losing five wickets, 462 overs.

Mushtaq, the number six batsman, made 32 off 54 balls.

Lucky Aslam Raza, Ujjal and Kamaluddin took one wicket each.

BRIEFScores

ORIENT SC: 194/9 in 50 overs (Rubel 30, Kajol 47, Raza 53, Ehsan 10 no., extras 27; Ashraf 1/25, Sardar Ali 1/21, Rezwan 2/42, Bipul 3/35).

JATRABARI KC: 195/5 in 46.2 overs (Jewel 29, Liton 26, Rezwan 84 no., Mushtaq 32, Bipul 12 no., extras 7, Lucky 1/33, Raza 1/38, Ujjal 1/26, Kamal 1/38).

Chittagong win war of AKCs

From Hasan Masood

CHITTAGONG, Feb 11: Chittagong Abahani Kria Chakra got off to a resounding start in the Nitol-Tata National Football League with a comfortable 3-0 victory over Rajshahi Abahani KC in their Group One opener at the M A Aziz Stadium here tonight.

Striker Ariful Kabir Farhad struck twice while his attacking partner Saifur Rahman Moni scored the other goal for the home side.

In a one-sided affair, the locals were cautious in the beginning but gradually took control of the proceedings.

The hosts were ahead in the 16th minute when an overlapping right-back Papel crossed into the Khulna D and Farhad sent a first time shot into the back of the net to the delight of the 15-thousand partisan fans. Moni doubled the margin after three minutes with a power packed right foot volley.

Chittagong relaxed after the breather and let the tourists

take full advantage with a series of offensives early on. Custodian Bijan had to come up with some timely interception to thwart the Khulna moves.

But Farhad, pH issues beyond doubt in the 79 minute. Capitalising on a mistake by Khulna custodian Anwarul, mis-directed a goal.

Davis Cup

Bangladesh beat Pacific Oceania

Bangladesh beat Pacific Oceania 2-1 on Thursday in their Davis Cup Asia-Oceania Group-3 encounter in Sri Lanka, reports UNB.

Nadim Kamran defeated Lensi Tenai 6-4, 4-6, 6-3 while Dilip Pashia won 7-6, 3-6, 6-1 against Zergomy Raio.

But in the doubles, Walullah Jhilana and Dilip Pashia lost to Bret Bawdinat and Sairil Jacobo.

Earlier on Wednesday, Bangladesh were outplayed 3-0 by Kuwait in their opening tie.

YELLOW CARDS: Al-Amin, Farhad (Chittagong Abahani) and Malek (Rajshahi Abahani).

TEAMS

CHITTAGONG ABAHANI KC: Bijan Papel, Aminur, Biplab, Sourav Raju, Tajir (Pavel), Asif (Nurul Islam), Tanvir (Kawsar), Moni and Farhad.

RAJSHAHI ABAHANI KC: Anwarul, Shamim, Palash, Eti, Malek, Mamun, Nayan, Shanto (Total), Azim, Eko and Royal (Rubel).

Man-of-the-match: Saifur Rahman Moni (Chittagong Abahani KC).

Referee: Ibrahim Nesar.



MEN AT WORK: The exclusive Khan Sahib Osman Ali Cricket Stadium at Fatullah, Narayanganj, taking shape, although at snail's pace. The one lakh-capacity arena is due for completion in two months time.

—Star photo by Anisur Rahman

Netrokona MSC face Dhaka Abahani's might

From Sports Reporter

CHITTAGONG, Feb 11: Abahani of Dhaka will be overwhelming favourites when they take on Mohammmedan Sporting Club of Netrokona in their Nitol-Tata National Football League Group Two opener at the M A Aziz Stadium here tomorrow.

Abahani, the popular Dhamondi outfit failed to win the Dhaka Premier League last season but coach Amalesh Sen and captain Partho Protin Kundu believes winning the National League will restore their image.

Each year we build teams good enough to win titles and that aim is unchanged in the National League also," said Partho. "We have a very strong side with three foreigners. Ghansha and Kennedy have already proved their worth while Fattal is also a very good defender. Besides, custodian Amul is also back in action."

Partho added

"We are looking for a winning start as that will hold us in good stead in future matches. Netrokona Mohammmedan are a strong side as they have footballers who play in the Dhaka Premier League. But still I think we have a very good chance of winning", said a confident Partho after his team had a practice session at the Dampara Police Lines ground in the afternoon.

Coach Amalesh Sen revealed that his team would adopt 4-3-3 formation against the team from Netrokona.

According to the former national midfielder, Ghansha, Kingshuk, Partho and a guest player Tito from Arambagh will guard the defence while Iqbal, Zakir and Arman would man the midfield. Kennedy and two on-loan marksmen, Rahmatgani's Shahazuddin Tipu and Kanchan from Farashganj will make up the forward line.

Netrokona skipper Masud Khan Johny also looked in good spirit while predicting an upset

against Abahani.

"We are going to prove our strength in the field without much talking," said Johny.

Johny also disclosed that his team would follow the 5-3-2 formation.

The match will start at 5 pm. Bangladesh Television will telecast the match live while Bangladesh Betar will provide running commentary of the match.

This will be the last match of the league's Chittagong leg. The next four matches of the first round will be held in Khulna. Bangladesh Football Federation is yet to announce the dates for those matches.

TEAMS

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NETROKONA MSC (From): Dulal Hossain Dhanu, Govinda, Chottom, Din Mohammad, Kamal, Litu, Monir, Jalal, Noman, Rinku and Johny.

Referee: Zafarul Islam.



Some of the participants in the American Millennium Cup golf tournament pose guests and officials at the Kurmitola Golf Club after the tee-off yesterday.

Lankans ready for Pakistan

KARACHI, Feb 11: Sri Lankan captain Sanath Jayasuriya Friday said his boys are ready to face Pakistan in the upcoming cricket series and hope to maintain their recent good form in the one-day series.

The two teams meet in the first of three limited-over games on February 13 at the National Stadium in Karachi.

"It's all a matter of how you apply yourselves and the best performers in that particular match carry the day," he said after his team's practice session.

"We have been doing well in the one-dayers recently and can keep the tempo intact," the Sri Lankan captain said.

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