

## Tarun trounce Abahani in a practice match

Sports Reporter

### Brief Scores

**Abahani Krira Chakra:** 184 for 9 in 40 overs (Mohammad Hussain 35, Amir Wasim 30, Biplob 30; Anis 2/36, Minlazul 2/28, Suja 2/36, Enamul 2/28) **Surjo Tarun Club:** 190 for 5 in 40 overs (Enamul 43 no., Parvez 37, K Masood 26, Khokon 25) **Result:** Surjo Tarun Club won by 5 wickets.

A magnificent all-round performance by Enamul Hoque guided Surjo Tarun Club to a five-wicket win over Abahani Krira Chakra in a practice match at the Dharmo id Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Chasing a not-so-impressive Abahani total of 184 in 40 overs, Enamul, who took two wickets in the first session, hammered an unbeaten 43 to help his side reach 190.

Enamul apart, opener Parvez chipped in with 37 while Khaled Masood added 26.

Earlier, batting first, Abahani were restricted to 184 for nine, with Pakistani all-rounder Hussain notching highest 35. His compatriot Amir Wasim and Biplob who scored 30 runs each.

Left-arm seamer Anisur Rahman, skipper Minhalzul Abedin and left arm tweaker Enamul Hoque evenly shared six wickets.

## ITF junior tennis

RAJSHAHI, Feb 14: The seven day ITF International Junior (Under-18) Tennis Championship began at the local tennis complex today, reports UNB.

Commissioner of Rajshahi Division Khan Shabuddin inaugurated the junior meet.

Bangladesh's Ashek Mahmud Mirza earned a place in the main draw after winning his qualifying match.

Vivian Chhetri, Pratim Parekh and Nipun Gupta of India, Soren Spanner (Denmark), Myung J Cho (South Korea), Zuny Kim (South Korea) and Lucian Ralau (Romania) also qualified.

In the day's only girl's main draw match, Rosekalin of Latvia beat Rani Chhetri 6-0, 6-4.

A total of 72 boys and girls from 15 countries are taking part in the competition.

### Inter-varsity cricket

## Big wins for RU, DU

From RU Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Feb 14: Rajshahi and Dhaka won their opening matches in the inter-university cricket competition here today.

Hosts Rajshahi University crushed Bangladesh Agricultural University by eight wickets at the University Stadium.

Agricultural University were bundled out for 97 in 38 overs after batting first.

In reply, Rajshahi University easily reached their target for the loss of only two wickets in 23.4 overs.

Masud Rana of Rajshahi was adjudged man-of-the-match for his four-wicket haul.

At the Shaheed Habibur Rahman Hall ground, Dhaka University recorded a thumping 145-run victory over Islamic University.

Opting to bat, Dhaka University made a mammoth 239 for five in the stipulated 40 overs Sajid Rana hit 89.

In reply, IU were dismissed for 94 in 25.4 overs. Bikash Rana was the wrecker-in-chief with five for 11. He was later declared man-of-the-match.

Earlier, Vice Chancellor Prof Sajedur Rahman Khan inaugurated the five day meet of the RU Stadium. RU Pro-VC and convenor of the organising Committee Prof M Wazed Ali was also present.

## Nat'l chess qualifiers

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International Master Abdulrahman Al Rakib of Biman, Abu Sultan Shakil of Ansars and Monir Hossain of Leonine Chess Club were sharing the 26th National Chess Championship qualifying round at the end of eighth round at the NSC chess room yesterday.

In this round Rakib drew with Shakil while Monir beat Taibur Rahman Sumon of BUEI to raise their tally to 6.5 points each.

Seven players-- Syed Mafuzur Rahman Iman, Syed Ruhul Kabir Shibli, Shawki Hossain Pollab, Aminul Islam, Nasir Ahmed, Dewan Shahidul Amin Tipu and Arifuzzaman Shikder, were at the crowded second spot collecting 6 points each.

The qualifying round will experience an unscheduled break for three days because of the hartial.

The 9th round will be held on Friday at 3 p.m.

## Warwickshire in Donald dilemma

LONDON, Feb 14 (Internet report): Warwickshire may yet have to look beyond Alan Donald for their overseas players next season following ports that the South African paceman faces a fresh international call-up.

The 33-year-old announced



LIONS START TO PARTY: As a dejected Nigerian player walks off the pitch the Indomitable Lions' celebrations begin. — Internet photo

## Nations' Cup's cheers and tears



LAGOS, Feb 14 (Reuters/Internet): Cameroon's dramatic win over heavily fancied Nigeria in the African Nations Cup final in Lagos on Sunday characterised a tournament that provided much entertainment and quality football but again raised vexing questions about officiating and organisation.

Sunday's final saw Cameroon return to the winners podium after more than a decade without success in the bi-annual African championship, edging Nigeria 4-3 on penalties after the final ended 2-2 after extra time.

It was a deserved victory for the central African country but remained clouded in controversy after a refereeing error ruled out a vital penalty for Nigeria in the post-match shoot-out.

A kick from Victor Ikpeba, the Nigerian substitute, hit the underside of the crossbar, crossed the goal line and then bounced back out of the goal and was not awarded.

Television replays afterwards clearly showed the penalty should have stood and that both the Tunisian linesman and referee erred badly at a vitally dramatic juncture in the penalty shoot-out.

The error took much of the gloss off the spectacle of the final, where Cameroon took an early 2-0 lead only for Nigeria to claw their way back into contention.

And so it was for much of the

three-week tournament, co-hosted by Ghana and Nigeria in the first experiment of its kind in world football.

The general chaos of organisa-

tion in Nigeria, where security at the imposing Surelere stadium was virtually non-existent and rioting by supporters common place after every game, negated almost all the progress shown by African football on the field.

The image of soldiers firing teargas at bands of youths lurking outside the stadium contrasted sadly with the skills of the likes of Patrick Mboma, Austin Okocha and African soccer's exciting new finds Lamine Mbaye of Cameroon and Nigerian teenager Julius Agha-howa.

Nigeria were expected to dominate and provided their fanatical fans in Lagos with memorable wins over other contenders like Morocco, South Africa and Tunisia.

But Cameroon were quick to register their intention by going close to beating Ghana in the tournament's opening game and easily reaching the final.

Defending champions Egypt were the only side to record a 100 percent record in the first round group matches but went out disappointingly in the quarter-finals to Tunisia, undone by spoiling tactics and their own inability to change their approach.

Failure at the finals cost the coaches of Algeria, Morocco and South Africa their jobs while Togo's eccentric German coach Gottlieb Goller walked out on his team, one match into the tournament, after a row with federation officials.

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## Shoaib, Azhar recalled

KARACHI, Feb 14 (Internet report): Pakistan made two changes in their squad for the second and third one-day internationals after Sri Lanka won the opener by 29 runs, says a report of The Dawn.

The second match will be played at Gujranwala on Wednesday while the last match of the series will be contested at Lahore on Saturday.

Pakistan cricket selectors recalled paceman Shoaib Akhtar and Azhar Mahmood in place of all-rounder Yasir Arafat and left-arm pacer Zahid Saeed.

Shoaib missed the opening match after being banned by the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) for breach of code of conduct in Australia. Azhar was nursing a recurring injury.

The dropping of teenager Zahid Saeed looked surprising as he has been left out without getting an opportunity in the first match. The National Bank pacer was adjudged the best bowler of the Youth World Cup in Sri Lanka last month.

### SQUAD

Selected Anwar (captain), Aamir Sohail, Younis Khan, Younus Youhana, Imran Abbas, Faisal Iqbal, Imran Nazir, Moin Khan, Azhar Mahmood, Abdur Razzaq, Wasim Akram, Shahid Nazir, Shoaib Akhtar, Saqlain Mushtaq and Shoaib Malik.

## Ebisawa lifts ANZ Grindlays golf title

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K. Ebisawa won the fifth ANZ Grindlays Bank Cup tournament on Feb 11 (Friday) at the picturesque Bhatiary Golf & Country Club in Chittagong.

Maj Gen Abu Kaisar Fazlul Kabir GOC, 24 Infantry Division and senior vice president of the BGCC teed-off the 77 golfers who took part in the event played on the Stableford format. He later distributed prizes at the club.

The prize-giving ceremony was addressed by Neil Merrick, deputy general manager of ANZ, Mahfuzur Rahman, manager Corporate Finance Services (Chittagong), captain Ahsan Aziz Shelly (retd), captain and chairman tournament committee of BGCC and M.A. Rahim vice-chairman of the tournament committee.

### OTHER RESULTS

**Runner-up:** Maj Gen Abu Kaisar Fazlul Kabir; **Second runner-up:** M. Shimojima; **Senior Winner:** M. R. Chowdhury; **Lady winner:** M. Baba; **Best Front Nine:** M. H. Murad; **Best Back Nine:** K. M. Iqbal; **Longest Drive:** B. D. Lee; **Nearest to the Pin:** K. Ebisawa.

### NBL v'ball

Titas Club blanked Wari Club by 3-0 sets in the National Bank Premier Division volleyball league yesterday, reports UNB.

In the day's another match, Water Development Board defeated Dilkusha Club by 3-1 sets in the first division league.

East End Club earned full points beating Nabajagarani Sangha by 3-1 sets in the first division league.

Lamia Club beat Bawna

venture Kalou (Ivory Coast), Salaheddine Bassi (Morocco), Firdi George, Raphael Chukwu (Nigeria), Papa Sarr, Salif Keita, Abdoulaye Mbaye, Kallou (Burkina Faso), Raymond Kalla (Cameroon), Yasser Radwan, Ahmed Salah, Hosni, Hani Ramzi, Abd'ulrahman Ali (Egypt), Chiva Nizghou, Bruno Mbanangye (Gabon), Otto Addo (Ghana), Tchirresoa Guel, Donald-Olivier Sie, Bonaventure Kalou (Ivory Coast), Salaheddine Bassi (Morocco), Firdi George, Raphael Chukwu (Nigeria), Papa Sarr, Salif Keita, Abdoulaye Mbaye, Kallou (Burkina Faso), Raymond Kalla (Cameroon), Yasser Radwan, Ahmed Salah, Hosni, Hani Ramzi, Abd'ulrahman Ali (Egypt), Chiva Nizghou, Bruno Mbanangye (Gabon), Otto Addo (Ghana), Tchirresoa Guel, Donald-Olivier Sie, Bonaventure Kalou (Ivory Coast), Salaheddine Bassi (Morocco), Firdi George, Raphael Chukwu (Nigeria), Papa Sarr, Salif Keita, Abdoulaye Mbaye, Kallou (Burkina Faso), Raymond Kalla (Cameroon), Yasser Radwan, Ahmed Salah, Hosni, Hani Ramzi, Abd'ulrahman Ali (Egypt), Chiva Nizghou, Bruno Mbanangye (Gabon), Otto Addo (Ghana), Tchirresoa Guel, Donald-Olivier Sie, Bonaventure Kalou (Ivory Coast), Salaheddine Bassi (Morocco), Firdi George, Raphael Chukwu (Nigeria), Papa Sarr, Salif Keita