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3 Who was named player of the cricket World Cup?

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

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5 Who lifted the National Cricket League title?

Chittagong Sylhet Khulna

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SPORTS TALK



Harsha Bhogle

(Cricket commentator)
Give one hundred per cent and accept the verdict. But for heaven's sake, give one hundred per cent.

His plea to Indian cricket team.

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In the second match held at Rajshahi Govt College playground, Alide Club defeated Bandhan Krira Chakra by seven wickets.

Biman take off smoothly

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Bangladesh Biman got off to a smooth sail in defence of their title when they recorded an impressive 62-run victory over promotes City Club in the Janakantha Premier Division Cricket League at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Javed shrugged off his uncanny reputation of being a slow starter as he reached his 50 off 80 balls. He clubbed nine fours in his polished 105-ball knock.

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The leg-spinner mesmerised the City Club batters to finish with four for 35 in his 10 overs. As he did not get any vicious turn from the wicket, Manzoor concentrated more on his googly and leg-break. Almost all the City Club batsmen invariably failed to read him correctly.

Manzoor started the City rot by dismissing opener Sohail Islam, who looked ominously dangerous as the match progressed. Sohail's 32 off 59 balls included a sweetly timed sixer against off-spinner Ziaur Rashid over long off.

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TODAY'S MATCH
Abahani v Gopibagh Friends (Bangabandhu National Stadium)

In a heartening change to the ominous course of events where foreign cricketers are considered as kingpins by club organisers, the opening match of the most attractive domestic event experienced some fantastic performances of our local players yesterday.

Much to the delight of a beaver of own gems, skipper Faruque Ahmed and a nimble Javed Omar produced 132 runs for the opening stand to put Biman in a strong position.

Promoted up in the batting order, Faruque responded gallantly with an aggressive 80 off 92 balls. A doughty Javed scored an equally impressive 74 as Biman, electing to bat after winning the toss on a slow and turning wicket, piled up a huge 254 for five.

City Club, in their chase, could manage 192 for six before exhausting their share of 50 overs.

Faruque's promising return to his old self since his retirement from international cricket after the World Cup also comforted the Biman officials, who were not quite convinced with the recent form of their captain. In his chanceless innings, the experienced right-hander hammered ten savage hits across the rope and smote a

Result: Bangladesh Biman won by 62 runs.

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NBL v'ball

Wari Club beat Bangladesh Bank Club by 20-25, 25-23, 25-22, 16-25, 16-14 points in a crucial match of the National Bank Metropolis Premier Division League at the Dhaka Volleyball Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

In the First Division League, East End Club defeated East End Boys by 25-9, 25-5, 25-19 points while Fire Service beat Nabaganj Sangha by 24-26, 25-21, 25-16, 25-20 points at the same venue.

Earlier on Tuesday, Titas Club beat Power Development Board by 26-24, 25-10, 25-15 points. Water Development Board defeated Police AC by 25-19, 25-19, 25-26 points and Dilkusha SC beat Sonali Bank Club by 25-11, 25-20, 25-9 points in the Premier Division League matches.

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South African Coetze Karin in action against Thai Ratankrong during their fixture in the 14th Bangladesh International Junior Tennis Championships at Ramna yesterday.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Janakantha Premier Division Cricket League match between Bangladesh Biman and City Club at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

BANGLADESH BIMAN

Javed run out 74
Faruque lbw b Saifullah 80
H Bashar c Tuhin b Saifullah 47
Rezaul lbw b M Rana 2
Manzoor c Sajid b Saifullah 15

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JAVED OMAR ... 74

Iqbal not out 12
Hasanuzzaman not out 7
Extras (b-2, lb-4, w-11) 17
Total: (For 5 wickets in 50 overs) 254

Fall of wickets: 1/132; 2/174; 3/186; 4/228; 5/231

CITY CLUB

Sajid b Manzoor 12
Sohail b Manzoor 32
Rawnok run out 10
Saifullah b Manzoor 0
Wahidul b Manzoor 63
Tofazzel not out 44
Tuhin lbw b Aminul Jr. 14
Jewel not out 1
Extras (b-4, lb-7, w-5) 16
Total: (For 6 wickets in 50 overs) 192

Fall of wickets: 1/42; 2/54; 3/63; 4/163; 5/163

Bowler: O M R W

Al-Amin 10 1 53 0
Rezaul Haq 10 1 42 0
Masud Rana 10 0 55 1
Jewel Hossain 10 0 55 0
Saifullah Magis 10 0 43 3

Scoreboard not so electric

Sports Reporter

Dislodged Pakistan Test player Ijaz Ahmed (Jr) arrived for Abahani Krira Chakra in the Janakantha Premier League.

This is the second successive season the right-hander will be playing for the popular Dhamondi outfit. With the inclusion of Ijaz, Abahani have completed their quota of foreign players for a match ahead of their opening match against Gopibagh Friends at the Bangabandhu National Stadium today.

Mohammed Hussain, a former Pakistani left-arm spinner, and Aamir Wasim are the other two imports for Abahani.

Meanwhile, Surjo Tarun Club flew in Pakistan international Akther Sharafraz to bolster their batting line-up against giant-slayers Wari Club. Finished second behind holders Biman, the new levellers have earlier signed Ramzan, a Pakistan Test cap.

Surjo Tarun, who also have a balanced combination in their local resource, looked very focused ahead of their meeting with Wari tomorrow. Wari created a sensation by signing former Pakistan fast bowler Aftab Rahman and promising all-rounder Hasnain this year.

Div I cricket

Easy win for

Young

Cricketers

Young Cricketers earned a comfortable 5-wicket victory over Bangladesh Boys Club in the Metropolis First Division league at the Dhamondi Cricket Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

Bangladesh Boys were all out for 165 in 49.5 overs after they were put to bat first.

Number four bat Tito was the top scorer for Boys making 47 off 82 balls with one boundary while opener Jony scored 30.

Ripon and Pakistani Enamul Haq claimed three wickets each conceding 21 and 34 runs respectively while Lablu and Rajan took two wickets each for 23 and 43 runs.

In reply, Young Cricketers reached the target making 170 for five in 44.3 overs with skipper Tinku scoring highest 47 off 62 balls that included six fours.

Adil contributed 34.

Jony picked up three wickets conceding 33 runs while Pakistant Majid took one.

BRIEF SCORES

BANGLADESH BOYS: 165/10 in 49.5 overs (Jony 30, Tito 47, Apollo 16, Sayeed 11, extras 34; Ripon 3/21, Lablu 2/23, Enamul 3/34, Rajan 2/43).

YOUTH CRICKETERS: 170/5 in 44.3 overs (Tinku 47, Enamul 19, Rezaul 28, Adil 34, Azimul 13, Paltu 12 n.o., extras 16, Ma

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