

# Star Sport

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## Column One

### BOOST sports WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

#### Competition-126

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Win attractive prizes  
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February 2000 and draw shortly afterwards

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One	Two
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3	Who won the last ever European Cup Winners' Cup soccer?
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Athens	Seville
Name	Chittagong
Phone: (if any)	Sylhet
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## SPORTS TALK



**Ian Botham**  
(England cricket legend)  
"If he stays fit, he'll be the first guy to get 500 Test wickets, that's what good."

On Shane Warne.

### Square Golf tourney today

Sports Reporter  
The Second Square Golf Tournament begins at the pleasant Kurmitola Golf Club today.

As customary president of the KGC and Chief of Army Staff Lt Gen M. Mustafizur Rahman will tee-off the competitors at 7am.

Nearly 300 golfers including a number of ladies are expected to take part in the day-long amateur invitational event, which will have 17 trophies up for grabs.

A press briefing was arranged at the conference room of the National Sports Council yesterday. Managing director of Square group of companies Anjan Chowdhury Pintu, and Dr A.R.Q. Baksh, deputy managing director of Square Pharmaceuticals Limited spoke to the press. Kurmitola vice-captain Manzur Rahman provided technical expertise.

The organisers had spent 10-lakh taka to stage this year's competition. They hoped to take advantage of the wide coverage provided to other prestigious events such as the SAARC Championship and BAGC in their efforts to promote one of the fastest-growing sports in the region. The main attraction would undoubtedly be once again a Mitsubishi Lancer to anyone who could sink a hole-in-one.

Two other Square Pharmaceutical representatives Anjan Kumar Paul and D.H. Azad were present on the occasion.

### NBL v'ball

Bangladesh Rifles and Titas Club maintained their unbeaten records in the National Bank Metropolis Premier Division Volleyball league, beating their rivals yesterday, reports UNB.

The Rifles beat Sonali Bank Club 25-12, 25-16, 25-18 points, while Titas Club defeated Dilkusha Sporting Club 28-26, 25-16, 25-20 points at the Dhaka Vollyball Stadium.

In the day's other match, Water Development Board outplayed Azad Sporting Club by 25-20, 25-18, 25-13 points at the same venue.

Earlier on Wednesday, Bangladesh Police overcame Azad SC by 25-20, 25-14, 25-18 points.

Bangladesh Police will meet Wari Club while Power Development Board face Bangladesh Bank in the Premier Division while Nabagaror Sangha will play Chand Textiles in the First Division League today.

## Naimur rules the day

Sports Reporter



Naimur Rahman missed out the magical three-figure mark marginally but the dazzle of his all-round brilliance propelled Abahani Krira Chakra to a huge 157-run win over babes Gopibagh Friends in their opening match of the Janakantha

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NAIMUR ... all-round show

Premier Division Cricket League at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Naimur scored a dashing 95 off 105 balls as Abahani, electing to bat after winning a good toss in the morning, amassed 274 for eight in the stipulated 50 overs. After the good work with the willow, the right-arm off-spinner then went on to capture three wickets to shot Gopibagh out for 117 in 44.5 overs.

The virtuous all-round show of Naimur gave the popular Dhanmondi outfit a perfect start to their chase for the coveted League title, which they surrendered to Bangladesh Biman last season. His remarkable performance also established the dominance of local cricketers over unfortunately defined foreign players for the second consecutive day.

Coming in to bat at number three, Naimur put on 146 runs for the fourth wicket with his captain Akram Khan, who scored a fine 61 off 85 balls. After accomplishing his 50 off only 54 balls, Naimur looked well in course to notch the first century of the League but he eventually succumbed to the nervous nineties. The diminu-

### Premier League

#### Abahani V Gopibagh

five right-hander, living on a false impression that he needed only a single to reach the mark, played an attempted drive straight to Asif at cover. Naimur later disclosed that he was not sure about his score since the electronic scoreboard remained inoperative. He hammered eight fours and a sixer in his polished knock.

Akram Khan, who joined Naimur after opener Mehrab Hossain departed for an unimpressive 22, took Abahani to a commanding 222 in 43.4 overs. The burly right-hander hammered half a dozen fours in his well-made knock.

Although Abahani's local icons lived up to their reputation, their two Pakistani recruits - Aamir Wasim and Mohammad Hussain - were ill at ease. Hussain returned for a first-ball duck and Aamir Wasim made only nine. The Pakistan duo however did well

**TODAY'S MATCH**  
Surj Tarun vs Wari Club  
(Bangabandhu National Stadium)

AKRAM ... captain's knock  
versus

9	1	274
2/222	4/222	5/223
7/253	8/255	

Bowler: O M R W  
Sajal 9 0 51 1  
Ashiq 4 0 24 0  
Narayan 2 0 12 0  
Gurmeet 8 0 49 3  
Shamsul 10 1 46 3  
Shahid 5 0 29 0  
Tanvir 4 0 21 3  
Sohel 8 0 33 0

### GOPIBAGH FRIENDS

Kiron st Mizanur b Naimur

Farid c Hasibul b A Wasim

S Shahid run out

Gurmeet c Hossain b Naimur

N Chandra Hbw b Naimur

Sohel c Naimur b M Hussain

Asif lbow b Hasibul

Sajal st. Mizanur b Hussain

Samsul c sub b Hussain

Ashiq b Hasibul

Tanvir not out

Extras: (b-2; lb-2; nb-1; w-15) 20

Total: (All out in 44.3 overs) 117

Fall of wickets: 1/54; 2/76;

3/222, 4/222; 5/223; 6/231;

7/253; 8/255

Bowler: O M R W

Hasibul 9.3 2 18 2

Zakir 4 0 20 0

Iqbal 3 0 19 0

Wasim 10 3 16 1

Naimur 10 1 24 3

M Hussain 8 2 16 3

Result: Abahani won by 157 runs.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Janakantha Premier Division Cricket League match between Abahani Krira Chakra and Gopibagh Friends at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday:

#### ABAHANI KC

Mehrab b Samsul

### K'ghar finish atop

Sports Reporter

An all-round performance by Raju propelled Damal Smriti holders Khelaghar Samaj Kalyan Sangha to an exciting two-wicket win over Dhaka Wanderers Club in their first round match of the First Division cricket league at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Raju captured three wickets in the morning session as Wanderers were dismissed for 224 with two of their 50 overs remaining.

Raju's teammates Alamgir and Rana took two wickets each.

One down Hossain was the notable run-getter for Wanderers with a 98-ball 67 which included 12 boundaries.

Raju later starred with the bat hitting a run-a-ball 33 as the Damal Smriti holders scrapped home off the last ball.

Alam top-scored with 44 off 51 balls while opener Bijan added 32.

Khelaghar, with their eighth win in 11 matches, finished the first phase at the top of the table with 16 points. Defeat kept Wanderers glued to their previous collection of 12 points from as many games.

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### BRIEF SCORES

DHAKA WANDERERS: 224 all out in 49.4 overs (Hossain 67, Boglu 27; Raju 3/35, Rana 2/37)

KHELAGHAR SKS: 228 for 8 in 50 overs (Alam 44, Raju 33, Bijan 32, Paris 27, Sumon 27 n.o.; Hossain 4/43)

Result: Khelaghar SKS won by two wickets.

AJAX SC: 146 for 9 in 50 overs (Alam 37 n.o., Sumon 23, Hira 20; Aslam 3/20, Kamal 2/22, Rubel 2/26)

ORIENT SC: 149 for 4 in 27.5 overs (Jewel 54, Rubel 52; Babu 2/18)

Result: Orient SC won by 6 wickets.

shared a magnificent 112-run partnership as Orient, chasing a paltry Ajax total of 146 in 50 overs, took only 27.5 overs to reach their target.

Jewel top scored with 54 off 70 balls with two sixes and four fours while Rubel slammed 52 off 78 balls with only two boundaries.

Earlier, batting first, Ajax were sent packing after a three-wicket burst by Pakistani medium pacer Aslam. The wicket-in-chief returned with three for 20. He was backed by Kamal and Rubel who shared four wickets.

Away at the BKSF ground in Savar, Orient Sporting Club recorded a six-wicket win over Ajax Sporting Club.

It was Orient's sixth win which enabled them to finish the first round with 12 points.

### Int'l Jr tennis

Sports Reporter

Stephen Timu of Canada and Shiva Mishra of India moved into the boys' singles final of the 14th Bangladesh International Junior Tennis Championships at the National Tennis Complex in Ramma yesterday.

Tumi eliminated Japan's Taichi Wada 6-4, 6-3 in the first semifinal while Mishra booked his place in today's final with a 7-5, 6-4 win over Dane Res-nus Norby.

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Timu also got an opportunity to complete a double as American Chris Kwon also reached the boys' doubles final.

They eliminated the Japanese pair of Taichi Wada and Soeda Go 6-3, 6-4.

In today's final, the winners will meet Danes Norby and Spanners who beat Ahmed Wahid of Pakistan and Sunil Kumar of India in their semi-final 6-1, 6-2.

In the girls' singles, South African Chani Scheepers moved into the final with a 6-4, 6-0 win over compatriot Karin Coetzee.

In today's final, Scheepers will take on Chinese Taipei's Su-Wei who beat Kumiko Iijima of Japan 6-2, 4-6, 6-4 in the last four.