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Azlan Shah hockey

Pakistan last team smiling

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 26: Pakistan scored a last-minute goal in extra time for a 1-0 win over South Korea Saturday to win the Sultan Azlan Shah hockey tournament for a second year, reports AFP.

Kamran Ashraf flicked home the ball against the run of play to hand Asia Cup champions South Korea their only defeat of the tournament.

The teams drew 1-1 in their preliminary tie and true to predictions, this was a close-fought final.

The match started at a furious pace with both sides having an equal share of chances.

Play switched from one end to the other as Pakistan created two penalty corners in the first half but missed them. Korea too came close to breaking the deadlock but were denied by goalkeeper Ahmed Alam.

Pakistan could not keep up the pace as the Koreans stepped up the pressure in the second half. The Koreans swarmed all over their opponents' half and were unlucky when skipper Kang Keon-Wook's point-blank shot was saved by Alam.

The Pakistani skipper, voted man-of-the-match, also saved another close-range attempt by Song Seun-Tae two minutes before regulation time.

Then with seconds ticking away, Ashraf followed up on a through pass to ensure his team retained the title.

Pakistan and South Korea are expected to cross swords again when they compete in the Olympic qualifying tournament in Osaka next month.

Meanwhile, India overwhelmed Malaysia 4-1 earlier on the day to take third place.

The Indians displayed flair and imagination to prise open the Malaysian defence twice in each half. Malaysia, seeking to avenge a 2-1 loss to India in the preliminary round, ultimately had little success in mounting counter-attacks against their offensive-minded opponents.

India started off strongly but Malaysia took the lead in the third minute when S. Kuhan's penalty corner attempt was deflected past India's keeper Jude Menezes.

In the fifth place decider, a goal in the 15th minute of extra time earned European champions Germany a 3-2 victory over New Zealand.

He alongwith Youhana put

Jahangir back on song

Sports Reporter

Premier League

Brothers v Bima



Jahangir Alam scored a dazzling half-century and young left-arm spinner Imran Rahim captured three wickets to fashion a 36-run victory for Brothers Union against Sadharan Bima in their Janakantha Premier Division Cricket League opener at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.



JAHANGIR ... 78

Jahangir, a gutsy right-hander, blazed his way to a 89-ball 78 as Brothers, sent in to bat, piled up a commanding 250 for seven in the stipulated 50 overs. In reply, Sadharan Bima could manage 214 for nine before exhausting their share of overs.

Much to the relief of a success-starved Gopibagh outfit, the discarded national opener rediscovered his old form at the start of this season. Coming in to bat at number three after opener Ehsanul Haq departed for 16, the exciting driver of the ball featured in two vital stands including an absorbing 112-run for the third wicket with Sanwar Hossain.

Playing in the shadow of informal national opener Shaharir Hossain, who chipped in with an unimpressive 52-ball 27, Jahangir found a wily partner in Sanwar to take Brothers to 180 in 36.3 overs before the latter departed for a 48-ball 44. Sanwar hammered a quartet of four in his polished knock.

Having completed his fifty off 64 balls, Jahangir was going great guns until he invited his own doom quite unnecessarily. With a century well in the sight, the wicketkeeper-batsman got carried away by the sudden rush of blood and tried to hit Rajin-

always been a Brothers boy in the Dhaka cricket, scored a quick-fire 33. But his compatriot Shahed Mehmud, after his sensational switch from Mohammedan to Brothers this year, failed to make any lasting impression.

Interestingly, local players continued to flourish on the third consecutive day despite the presence of a host of foreign imports, who were expected to be the triumph cards of the organisers this year.

While Mehmud, the experienced leg-spinner from Lahore, struggled to find the right spot, young left-arm spinner Imran Rahim rose to the occasion to finish with three for 40 runs in his 10 overs.

A cool head on a young shoulder, Imran responded gallantly when his captain Khaled Mahmud gave him the new ball to stymie the Sadharan Bima openers, who plundered 40 runs off the first six overs. Imran removed a threatening Ismail Islam, who was caught by Aamir Hanif after making a 24-ball 28.

Mehmud finished with two for 32 runs. But the verdict he got against Bima's Indian recruit Rajinder Singh only satisfied umpire Saibul Hossain.

Although Bima got off to a flying start, they got in to reverse gear once slow bowlers were introduced. Their hopes of pulling off an unlikely upset revolved around their captain Saiful Islam, who put on 71 runs for the sixth wicket with Rezwanul after Bima were reduced to 99/5. But a defeat was a forgone conclusion when Ismail ran himself out after scoring 46.

Rezwan fought for the lost cause with an unbeaten 44.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Janakantha Premier Division Cricket League match between Brothers Union and Sadharan Bima at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday:

BROTHERS UNION	
Shaharir lbw b Rajinder	27
Ehsanul c Gary b Saiful	16
Jahangir c Rezwan b Rajinder	78
Sanwar c & b Tasriqul	44
A Hanif c Rajinder b Ahsanullah	33
K Mahmud run out	9
S Mehmud c Gary b Tasriqul	15
Jamaluddin not out	3
A Kamal not out	0
Extras: (lb-3, lb-5, nb-5, w-12)	25
Total: (For 7 wickets in 50 overs)	250
Fall of wickets: 1/31; 2/68; 3/180; 4/188; 5/205; 6/241;	



IMRAN ... 3/40

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Mahabub Ali	10	2	31	0
Saiful Islam	7	0	35	1
Rajinder Singh	10	0	47	2
Tasriqul Islam	10	1	47	2
Ahsanullah	5	0	34	1
Rezwanul Haq	5	0	27	0
Moniruzzaman	3	0	21	0

SADHARAN BIMA

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Moniruzzaman c Jahangir b Saiful	11	2	28	1
Ismail c A Hanif b Imran	11	2	27	1
K Chopra c A Kamal b Imran	6	1	19	1
Salim b S Mehmud	19	4	27	0
Rajinder lbw b S Mehmud	22	4	27	0
Saiful run out (Jamaluddin)	44	4	27	0
Rezwan not out	4	0	16	0
Gary c Shaharir b Jamaluddin	4	0	16	0
Tasriqul c A Hanif b Imran	6	0	16	0
Ahsanullah c Jahangir b Ehsanul	11	0	16	0
Mahabub not out	11	0	16	0
Extras: (nb-8, w-8)	16	0	16	0
Total: (For 9 wickets in 50 overs)	214	0	16	0
Fall of wickets: 1/40; 2/49; 3/49; 4/83; 5/99; 6/170; 7/174; 8/193; 9/196				

Result: Brothers Union won by 36 runs.

Schools h'ball final today

Vigourunissa Noon and Scholastica reached the final of the 11th Bata schools girls' handball tournament yesterday at the Dhamondri Sultana Kamal Women's Sports Complex, reports UNB.

The final will be held today at 3:30 pm. Health and Family Welfare Minister Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim is expected to witness the final as the chief guest.

Defending champions Vigourunissa Noon School eliminated Agrani Balika Bidyalaya 18-5 after leading the first half of the first semi-final 8-3.

Diana scored six while Smriti and Riya netted four goals each for the winners. Fariya scored three for the losers.

Last year's runners-up Scholastica outplayed Bangladesh Rifles School & College 10-1. They dominated the first session 4-0.

Salina contributed three while Rashna and Sinia scored two each for the winners. Ashma netted the lone goal for the losers.

Friendly soccer

Abahani win over Ctg Mohammedan

CHITTAGONG, Feb 26: Dhaka Abahani Krira Chakra beat Chittagong Mohammedan 5-3 in tie-breaker in the fundraising exhibition football match at the MA Aziz Stadium here this evening, reports BSS.

The games was organised in aid of the ailing former national skipper Mumen Munna.

The scheduled 90 minutes ended in 1-1 draw. Shamim for Chittagong Muhammadans and Gansa for Dhaka Abahani scored the goals.

About 10 thousand spectators enjoyed the contest.

A total of about Taka three lakh fifty thousand is expected to be raised.

Tillekeratne in the town

Sports Reporter

Former Sri Lanka Test player Hasan Tillekeratne arrived in Dhaka yesterday to play for the Mohammedan Sporting Club.

The southpaw will combine with his compatriot Ruwan Kalpage to lead the Mohammedan charge when the popular Motijheel outfit takes on Victoria Sporting Club in



their Premier Division Cricket League opener at the Bangabandhu National Stadium today.

This is Tillekeratne's second trip to Dhaka cricket since his first appearance for Brothers Union way back in 1989.

Div II cricket

Azad Boys Club beat Udit Club by four wickets in the Second Division Cricket League yesterday, reports BSS.

Udit batted first and were all out for 197 in 32.2 overs. Imdadur made a fine 81 and Nasiruddin Faruq 27.

Salahuddin and Monir took three wickets each.

Azad Boys scored 199 for six in 17.2 overs with Shahadat hitting 49, Khan Abdur Razzak 29 and Nasiruddin 26.

SA straighten Indian spin



BOMBAY, Feb 26: South Africa bearded India's spin tigers in their own den to win the first cricket Test by four wickets with two days to spare here on Saturday, reports AFP.

The tourists, chasing 163 for victory on a dusty wicket, survived anxious moments after tea when they slipped to 128 for six before winning with seven overs to spare on the third day.

on against Kumble. Kumble, the scourge of visiting batsmen on turning tracks, finished with four for 56 from 28 overs. But he received little support at the other end.

India missed a third spinner as debutant left-arm Murali Kartik disappointed with 1-50 and captain Sachin Tendulkar himself bowled just one over despite a career-best three wickets in the first innings.

"Our total of 113 in the second innings cost us the game,"

pressure to get them. "As I said earlier, this team is better prepared and stronger than the one which lost 2-1 here in 1996. We are very determined to win the series at Bangalore," Cronje said.

Earlier, India were shot out for 113 in their second innings 45 minutes before lunch.

Shaun Pollock finished with 4-24 and Cronje bagged 3-23 as the Indians lost their last five wickets for 38 runs after resuming the day at 75 for five.

Cronje struck the first two blows by having Kumble and Ajit Agarkar caught behind by wicketkeeper Boucher to reduce the hosts to 92-7.

Two more wickets fell at the same score as Pollock uprooted Rahul Dravid's middle stump and Jagavallu Srinath was run out without scoring.

Dravid, who batted for more than three hours to make 37, attempted to pull a short ball which kept low and was bowled. Mongia, who bruised his left hand at morning practice and was rushed to hospital for X-rays, came in at number 11 to strike three fours and a six in 19 not out.

SCOREBOARD

Final scoreboard on the third day of the first cricket Test between India and South Africa at the Wankhede Stadium on Saturday:

INDIA: First innings 225 (S Tendulkar 97, A Agarkar 41 n.o.; J Kallis 3-30, A Donald 2-23, H Cronje 2-26)

SOUTH AFRICA: First innings 176 (G Kirsten 50, H Gibbs 47; S Tendulkar 3-10, J Srinath 3-45)

INDIA: Second innings (overnight 75-5)

Jaffer c Klusener b Pollock 6
Laxman c Boucher b Donald 0
Dravid b Pollock 37
Tendulkar lbw b Cronje 8
Ganguly c Klusener b Pollock 31
Jadeja c Boucher b Donald 1
Kumble c Boucher b Cronje 4
Agarkar c Boucher b Cronje 3
Kartik c Boucher b Pollock 2
Srinath not out 0
Mongia not out 19
Extras: (lb-1, nb-1) 2
Total: (All out in 50.2 overs) 113

Fall of wickets: 1-5; 2-13; 3-24; 4-73; 5-75; 6-80; 7-92; 8-92; 9-92

Bowler: O M R W
Donald 14 6 23 2
Pollock 12.2 6 24 4
Kallis 5 1 21 0
Cronje 12 5 23 3
Srinath 7 3 21 0

SOUTH AFRICA: Second innings

Kirsten c Mongia b Kumble 20
Gibbs c Dravid b Kumble 46
Kallis not out 36
Cronje run out 13
Strydom c Ganguly b Kartik 3
Kluserner c Srinath b Kumble 1
Pollock lbw b Kumble 5
Boucher not out 27
Extras: (lb-4, nb-9) 13
Total: (For six wickets in 63 overs) 164

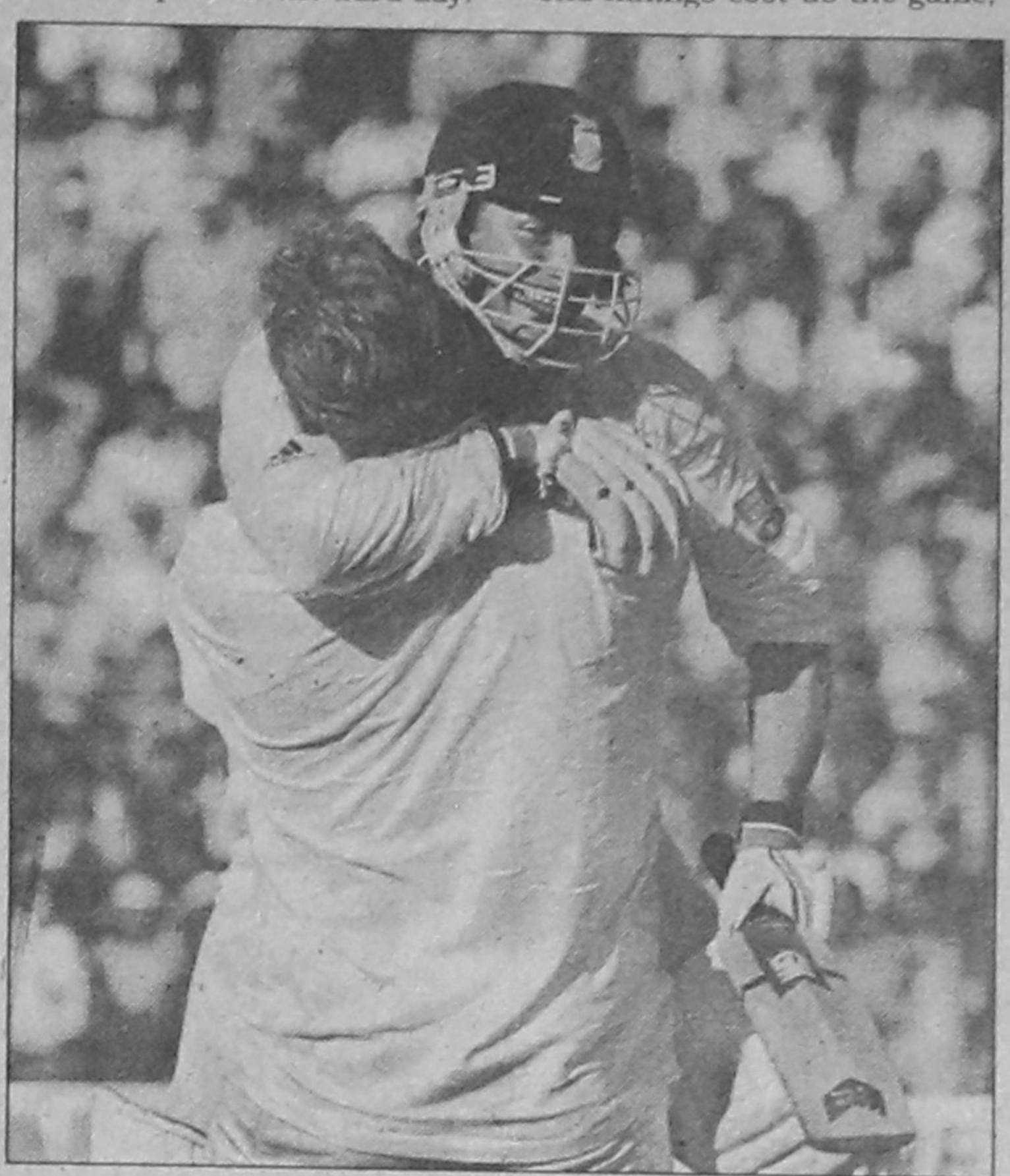
Fall of wickets: 1-51; 2-76; 3-107; 4-110; 5-115; 6-128

Bowler: O M R W
Srinath 11 3 26 0
Agarkar 4 1 15 0
Kumble 28 12 56 4
Kartik 19 5 50 1
Tendulkar 1 0 4 0

Result: South Africa won by four wickets.

Man-of-the-match: Sachin Tendulkar.

Second Test: Bangalore from March 2-6.



OVER THE MOON: South Africa's Allan Donald (in the foreground) greets Mark Boucher after winning the first Test against India at Bombay yesterday. — AFP photo

It was India's second successive defeat in under three days, having lost the Sydney Test in Australia in January in as much time.

Hansie Cronje's South Africa begin the second and final Test in Bangalore on March 2 determined to end India's 13-year unbeaten series record on home soil.

Fired by a 51-run opening stand between Gary Kirsten (20) and Herschelle Gibbs (46), the South Africans were comfortably placed at 107 for two when the last session began.

The Indians, backed by 30,000 boisterous home fans at the Wankhede Stadium and spin spearhead Anil Kumble in full flow, grabbed four wickets for 27 runs after tea to open up the low-scoring match.

The seventh-wicket pair of Jacques Kallis and Mark Boucher, however, kept their cool amidst growing tension to score the remaining 35 runs for victory.

Kallis, who came in at number three, held his end up for three hours to remain unbeaten on 36.

Boucher, who took five catches behind the stumps in India's second innings score of 113, made 27 not out, including the winning boundary to mid-

said Tendulkar, who was named man-of-the match for his 97 in the first innings, the highest score in the match.

"Another 50 runs and we could have won," he said. "Kumble and Kartik bowled well, but they were not backed by enough runs."

Cronje described the win as one of the finest by his team. "This is a big one for us," he said. "It's not easy to win in Indian conditions, but the bowlers did their job well and the batsmen did not allow the



TENDULKAR ... m-o-m

Eskaton sneak into Super Six

Sports Reporter



Eskaton Sabuj Sangha advanced into the Super Six of the First Division Cricket League on better run-rate when they defeat Bangladesh Boys by 13 runs in a high-scoring affair at the Dhamondri Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Appearing in the last match of the 12-team first phase, Eskaton needed a victory to pip Dhaka Wanderers at the post on road to Super six. They responded to the task of the day with their captain Tota leading the side from the front.

He hammered a captain's knock of 49 as Eskaton, bating first after winning the toss, piled up a huge 254 for nine in the stipulated 50 overs.

With the ball, Tota then went on to remove the last three batsmen of Bangladesh Boys, who could manage 241 before being all out with four balls to spare. A determined Nadem al-most upset Eskaton before falling short of only two runs from what could be a brilliant hundred.

With this win, their sixth from eleven matches, Eskaton

BRIEF SCORES

Eskaton Sabuj Sangha v Bangladesh Boys
Venue: Dhamondri Cricket Stadium
Eskaton SS: 254 for 9 in 50 overs (Tota 49, Sajid 32; Majid 4/33)
Bangladesh Boys: 241 all out in 49.2 overs (Nadem 98, Majid 31; Tota 3/17)
Result: Eskaton won by 13 runs.

Young Pegasus v Young Cricketers
Venue: BKSP
Young Pegasus: 206 for 9 in 50 overs (Saad 71, Mostakim 35; Enamul 3/35)
Young Cricketers: 197 all out in 49.1 overs (Rejaul 48; Mostakim 2/30)
Result: Young Pegasus won by 9 runs.

joined Dhamondri, Khelaghar, Lalmitia, Young Cricketers and Orient SC in the next round.

Meanwhile, in the other match of the day at the BKSP in Savar, Young Pegasus defeated Young Cricketers by nine runs.

In a see-saw affair, Pegasus, defending 206 for nine in the al-

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STANDINGS

First Division Cricket League standings on completion of the first phase:

Club	M	W	L	Pts.	Run rate
Dhanmondi	11	8	3	16	0.82
Khelaghar SKS	11	8	3	16	0.33
Lalmatia	11	7	4	14	0.49