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## Column One

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1 Who won the tri-series down  
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Bombay Test?

49 50 51

3 What is the name of Sir Stanley  
Matthew, father?

Jack Stephen Bill

4 Who is FIFA's world player-of-the-  
year?

Rivaldo Raul Vieira

5 Who is the captain of Biman cricketer  
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Amiul Faruque Athar

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## Match won but not hearts

Sports Reporter

### Premier League

#### Agrani Bank vs MSC

Mohammedan Sporting Club got back to the winning track after their debacle in a high-scoring draw. Kalabagan Kira Chakra when the popular Motilal outfit handed a five-wicket defeat to Agrani Bank in the Janakantha Premier Division Cricket League match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

But that victory had hardly bucked up the spirit of their

suspect action shortly before the World Cup and asked the Sri Lanka Board not to consider him for selection unless he rectified his style. Since then he did not play a single match for his country.

The offie bowled eight overs and conceded 33 runs without any success in yesterday's match. He also had an unimpressive first match against Kalabagan, where he conceded 52 runs in ten overs and got only one wicket. His compatriot, Kalpage however bowled

face-saving total.

Playing his first match for Mohammedan, young right-arm seamer Shamsul Arefin made an instant impact with the new ball when he dismissed both the Agrani openers in successive overs. Sri Lankan all-rounder Ruwan Kalpage and left-arm seamer Monjurul Islam then removed the two Pakistani recruits of Agrani Bank -- Abid Hanif and Haider in quick succession.

But the bankers recovered from a horrible start with Mofizur Islam and Shaheen Malik producing 77 runs for the sixth wicket. Mofizur scored a brilliant 55 off 106 balls with the help of five boundaries while Shaheen chipped in with a 56-ball 35. It was however a big-hitting Mofizur Rahman, who in company with his captain Ziauddin Ahmed, took the Mohammedan bowlers to the sword. Together they plundered 41 runs off only 35 balls for the seventh wicket.

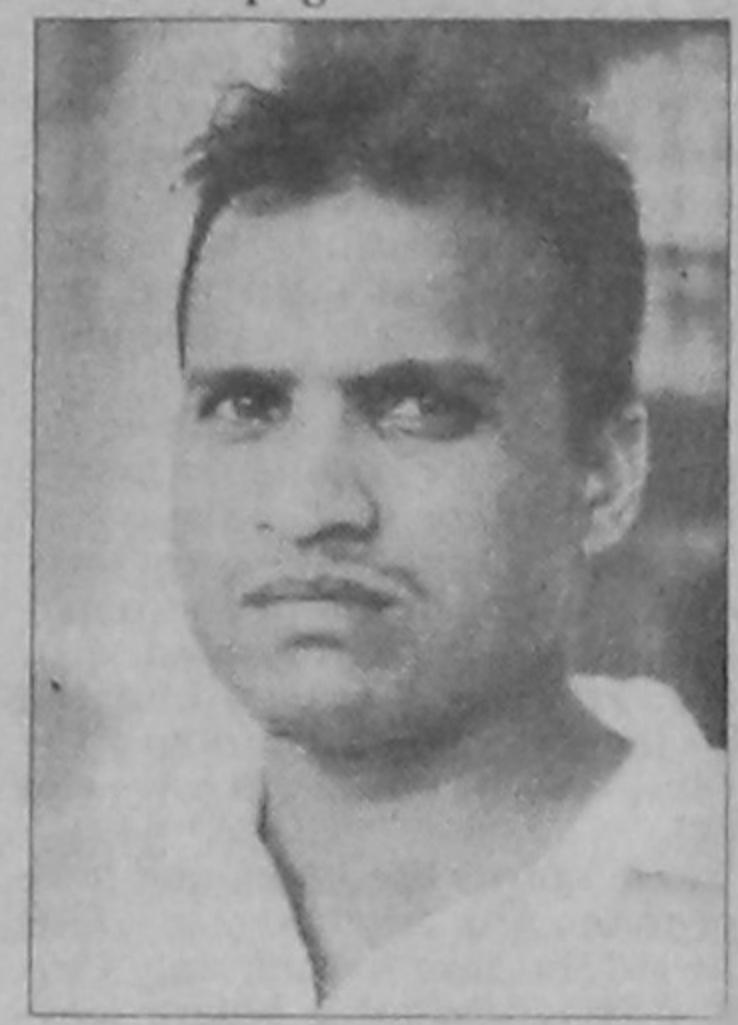
Mofizur blasted a breezy 23-ball 28 that included a couple of sixes against Sri Lankan off-spinner Kumara Dharmasena, formerly a mean customer in the international cricket. The lanky Lanka bowler seemed to have lost his bite with a changed bowling action. The International Cricket Council (ICC) had labelled Dharmasena as a bowler with

KALPAGE ... allround show

loyal supporters as Mohammedan displayed a mediocre performance against the no-hoppers.

Chasing a modest Agrani total of 184 for eight in the reduced 49 overs, Mohammedan reached 188 for five in 44.5 overs for their second win from three games. But the title-aspirants lacked the killer instinct while fielding after winning a good toss in the morning and then came up with a docile batting display, much to the frustration of a few hundred fans at the big bowl.

Although Mohammedan



MOFIZUL ...55

his off-spinners quite effectively and returned most successful with three for 38 in his ten overs.

Mohammedan, in their chase, looked very uncomfortable despite an aggressive 27 from their young opener Rashedul Haq. Captain Athar Ali failed to reach double figure in successive matches. The veteran opener was bowled for only two, two less than what he made against Kalabagan.

One down Nasirul chanced his arm to score a struggling 75-ball 31.

A seasoned Kalpage scored a

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## Wasim wrecks Gopibagh

Sports Reporter

### Premier League

#### Gopibagh FA vs City Club

City Club, aided by a superb show with ball and bat by Pakistani Wasim Nayem, coasted to a comprehensive seven-wicket win over fellow newcomers Gopibagh Friends Association in their Premier Division cricket league match at the BKSP ground in Savar yesterday.

It was the City's second straight success in the league.

Wasim captured four for 25 to restrict Gopibagh to 189 all out in 49.5 overs.

Chasing a modest target the Pakistani scored highest 62 to guide his side to 191 for three in 42.1 overs.

His compatriot Rehan Rafique chipped in with an unbeaten 60 off 65 balls. It contained four sixes and a boundary.

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Farid c Saifullah b Al-Amin 8  
S Shahed v Wasim b Haq 8  
Gurmeet c & b Wasim 75  
Asif st Tuhin b Jewel 2  
Topu c Rehan b Wasim 24  
Shamsul c & b Wasim 7

Bowler O M R W  
Al-Amin 7 0 35 1  
Haq 6 2 7 1  
Rehan 10 2 28 2  
Saifullah 9.5 0 31 2  
Jewel 6 0 31 2  
Masud 4 0 23 0  
Wasim 7 0 25 4

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