

Easy win for Lalmatia

Lalmatia Club recorded a seven-wicket victory over Eskaton Sabuj Sangha in the Super League of the Metropolitan First Division Cricket at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

Sent in to bat first, Eskaton Sabuj Sangha were all out for 163 in 41.3 overs.

Number eight batsman Khokon scored highest unbeaten 56 with eight fours while last batsman Shafiqul made 26 with two fours.

Sumon and Shaheen claimed three wickets each for 28 and 30 runs respectively.

In reply, Lalmatia made 165 in 36.1 overs losing three wickets.

Bablu and Indian Angkur Kishan helped Lalmatia to reach their target easily contributing 97 runs in the second wicket stand. Bablu made 58 and Kishan 41.

Rafu Parvez was the other notable scorer with 21.

Milon, Sajal and Turki took one wicket each.

In the relegation match, Young Pegasus smashed Jatrabari RC by nine wickets at the City Club ground.

Batting first, Jatrabari scored 90 for all in 34.1 overs with Sabdar making 22 and Sadeq 21.

Kamrul Hasan claimed four wickets for six while Mizanur captured three for 24 runs.

In reply, Young Pegasus reached their target scoring 94 runs in 15.1 overs losing the only wicket of Jamilur who made 33.

Pakistani Sajid Hanif, who remained not out, scored team highest 50.

Jatrabari's Pakistani recruit Rezwana Omar took one wicket for 13 runs.

Newcombe welcomes Rafter's return

MELBOURNE, Mar 6: Australia's Davis Cup captain John Newcombe today welcomed dual US Open champion Pat Rafter's return to tournament singles play ahead of next month's tie against Germany, reports Reuters.

Shoaib

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Waqar Younis did not play Monday because of a stomach problem while Abdur Razzak was plagued by hamstring problem.

Waqar's absence followed similar problems for Pakistan in the first Test when it lost Wasim Akram due to a groin injury in the first Test after bowling just 13 deliveries.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the second day of the second cricket Test between Pakistan and Sri Lanka at Arbab Niaz Stadium here on Monday:

SRI LANKA: First innings

Atapattu b Akhtar	75
Jayasuriya b Akhtar	30
Arnold c Atiq b Razzak	2
De Silva lbw b Sohail	33
Jayawardene c Afridi b Sohail	36
Dilshan b Khan	13
Kalutharane c Atiq b Akhtar	4
Vasas not out	17
Wickremasinghe b Akhtar	0
Pushpakumara c Atiq b Razzak	7
Muralitharan b Akhtar	22
Extras: (b-1, lb-8, nb-20)	29
Total: (All out in 109.3 overs)	268

Fall of wickets: 1-58; 2-67; 3-121; 4-186; 5-207; 6-209; 7-221; 8-223; 9-241; 10-268.

Bowler: O M R W

Waqar	5	0	20	0
Akhtar	24	3	75	5
Arnold	45	18	70	1
Razzak	17	6	39	2
Afridi	7	0	31	0
Sohail	11	1	24	2

PAKISTAN: First innings

Anwar not out	37
Sohail c De Silva b Jayawardene	22
Youhana not out	3
Extras: (nb-4, w-1)	5
Total: (For one wicket in 30 overs)	67

Fall of wicket: 1-54.

Bowler: O M R W

Vasas	7	0	24	0
Pushpakumara	6	0	26	0
Muralitharan	6	9	0	0
Jayawardene	5	3	7	1
Jayasuriya	1	0	1	0

Umpires: John Hampshire (England) and Mohammad Nazir (Pakistan).

TV umpire: Ikram Rabbani

ICC Match Referee: Brian Hastings (New Zealand).

Faruque

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Salim c & b Manzoor 69

Rajinder c sub b Manzoor 23

K Chopra b Aminul Jr 27

Saiful c Atiq b Jahangir 9

Rizwanul run out 10

Ahsanul run out 5

Shahzad run out 4

Extras: (b-5, lb-5, w-6) 16

Total: (All out in 49.4 overs) 192

Fall of wickets: 1-0; 2-67; 3-129; 4-132; 5-155; 6-173; 7-181; 8-185; 9-191

Bowler: O M R W

Aminul Jr	9.4	0	43	2
Jahangir	10	2	33	1
M Akhtar	10	1	36	3
Faruque Iqbal	10	0	30	0
Shariful Haq	10	1	40	0

BANGLADESH BIMAN

Javed c Salim b Saiful 10

Faruque c Salim b Ahsanul 52

H Bashir c & b Rajinder 22

Aminul c Saiful b Chopra 50

Manzoor not out 34

Hasanuzzaman not out 20

Extras: (b-1, lb-2, nb-4, w-13) 20

Total: (For 4 wickets in 44.4 overs) 196

Fall of wickets: 1-25; 2-71; 3-116; 4-186

Bowler: O M R W

Shahzad	2	0	16	0
Saiful	3	0	22	1
Moin	10	0	28	0
Totam	5	0	23	0
Rajinder	6	0	21	1
Rizwanul	8	0	35	0
Ahsanul	9	0	41	1
Kamrul	10	0	77	1

Result: Bangladesh Biman won by 6 wickets.



Action from yesterday's Shah Sports Office Hockey League encounter between Blue Berry Travels and Tours and Sonali Bank Club at the Maulana Bhashani National Stadium. —Star photo

Pakistan target Rhodes



PESHAWAR, Mar 6 (Reuters/Internet): Pakistan's cricket management wants to appoint South African star Jonty Rhodes as fielding coach, a top cricket board official said on Monday.

"We will approach Rhodes either in Sharjah or Sri Lanka and offer him the job of fielding coach," chairman of the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) Tauqir Zia said.

Pakistan are embarking on four months of non-stop cricket during which the team will face South Africa in two triangular competitions, the first in Sharjah and the second in Sri Lanka.

Rhodes is not with the South African cricket team currently

touring India. But his absence doesn't affect his reputation as one of the finest fielders in the game today.

"We want him to teach our players how to improve fielding. Besides, we would also like him to tell our players the secret to his top-class fitness," Zia said.

Pakistan dropped four catches, including two very crucial ones, in Rawalpindi where they lost the first of a three-test series against Sri Lanka last week.

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Martina, Lindsay have to wait

SCOTTSDALE, Arizona, Mar 6 (AP): Martina Hingis and Lindsay Davenport won seven titles apiece last year. Each has won once this season.

You might say the difference between them is a wash. But no-body counted on a washout.

Hingis, the world's top-ranked player, and the No. 2 Davenport were ready for their latest showdown Sunday until a drought-busting winter storm soaked the Scottsdale Princess courts and forced postponement of their State Farm Women's Tennis Classic final.

It was rescheduled for Monday, along with qualifying matches for a men's tournament that runs through Sunday at the same site. That delay left defending US, French and Australian Open champion Andre Agassi waiting to see who he'll play in the first round.

Hingis, a Swiss shotmaker who has held the top ranking for the last seven months despite losing to Davenport in their last four meetings, went out to hit some balls during an afternoon break in the clouds, but quickly returned to the clubhouse when rain began again.

Not getting to present the final on schedule was a blow to the State Farm, the first world-level women's event in Arizona since 1991. Tournament director Peter Tatum estimated attendance prior to Sunday at about 44,000, and said the 6,200-seat Center Court would nearly have been filled.

"You couldn't have orchestrated a more exciting final — one of the top stories in tennis is the rivalry between Martina Hingis and Lindsay Davenport," Tatum said. "Yes, it's a disappointment for us."

In the event of more bad weather, Tatum said, both would call it quits and head for the Champions Cup in Indian Wells, California, which begins Friday, rather than finish in Scottsdale.

"Now I know I can win on hardcourts and clay and that's very important for me," added the clay-court specialist who took advantage of the courts here playing slow and the balls being heavy.

Koubek, a diminutive southpaw who resembles the style of former Austrian star Thomas Muster, finished the 1999 season as the No. 1 player in his country as Muster started to

fade away.

A player who relies on quickness to scamper around the court, Koubek will move from number 25 in the ATP Champions' Race rankings to approximately number 12 next week.