COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN Competition-127

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Competition closes at 8 pm March 24, 2000 and draw shortly afterwards

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4 Who is FIFA's world player-of-theyear? Who is the captain of Biman cricket

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ENERGY RELEASING VITAMINS



Ali Bacher

(South African cricket chief) "I've been to Bangladesh twice. I've seen the conditions there. They're perfect. You have capacity crowds at games. There is a cricket culture in Bangladesh. There is a passion associated with the game. That's what we need." While supporting

Bangladesh's bid for Test status.

Rajshahi Cricket

Friends trounce Mahua Bagan

From Our Correspondent RAJSHAHI, Mar 10: Friends Sporting Club handed Mahua Bagan a huge 9-wicket defeat in the First Division Cricket League at the Rajshahi College

ground today.

Sent in to bat, Mahua Bagan collected 115 runs before being all out in 29.1 overs. Khokon made an useful 31 while Rana and Robin chipped in with 21

and 10 respectively. Palash was the most effective Friends bowler who captured five wickets for 20. He was aptly supported by Runu who

took three for 11. In their turn, Friends Sporting raced on to reach 117 losing only one wicket in just 15.1 overs. Runu led them from the front with an unbeaten 45.

Pappa made 42. Bakul claimed the only wicket to fall giving away 17 runs.

CITY PRESS CLUB CHESS TOURNEY

Mahfuzur Rahman Imon took a solo lead in the City Press Club chess tournament at the end of the sixth round. He defeated Shaheen Ali in the round at the conference room of the club yesterday. Mahfuz has now collected

5.5 points. Second placed Tuhin and Saju were following him by only half a point. Alam. Jewel and Pervez --

who all have 4.50 points apiece - were in the third spot.

Notice

Due to unavoidable reasons draw of the WHIZZ KID Competition-127 could not be held last night. It will now be held on March 24. - Sports Edito

Mighty Rafique to the rescue

Sports Reporter

Premier League

Mohammad

Rafique conjured

12 runs in three

halls to help Mo-

hammedan Spor-

ting Club pull off

an exciting one-wicket win over

Brothers Union Club in a

crucial Premier Division

cricket league clash at the

Bangabandhu National Sta-

In a high-voltage drama,

Mohammedan needed nine

runs to win from the final over

with their last pair Rafique and

strike, drove off-spinner Ja-

maluddin's first ball over the

long-on boundary for a six. The

left-handed national all-

rounder then took a couple of

runs driving the ball to the mid

off region and then sent the ball

TODAY'S MATCHES

Sadharan Bima KS v

Venue: Bangabandhu Na-

for a four through third man

and the popular Motijheel outfit

Mohammedan reach 231 with

remained unbeaten on a quick-

The hard-hitting southpaw

Chasing a moderate Broth-

ers Union total of 227 in 50

overs. Mohammedan made a

terrible start losing openers

Rashedul Haque and Hannan

captain Athar Ali, who suffered

an ankle injury during the first

session and had to bat with a

runner, steadied the ship

putting on 51 runs for the third

Athar, the former national

opener who was batting at

number four, was stumped for

31 off a Shahed Mehmud deliv-

ery in the 19th over. Athar hit

six boundaries in his 55-ball

The stand was broken when

Nasirul Alam and injured

Wari Club v City Club

Rafique, who was on the

Monjurul at the crease.

dium yesterday.

Gopibagh FA

Venue: BKSP

tional Stadium

three balls to spare.

Sarkar for 14 runs.

wicket.

innings.

fire 25 off just 11 balls.

BU vs MSC

Mohammedan lost three wickets for 51 runs which left them on 116 for 6 in the 32nd over, needing another 112 runs

to win in 18.1 overs. Sri Lankan Hashan Tillekeratne and Neeyamur Rashid See page 15



ALL IN A DAY'S WORK: Mohammedan's big-hitting Mohammad Rafique is embraced by fans as he walks off the field at the Bangabandhu National Stadium after using his mighty bat to obtain the winning runs against -Star photo Brothers Union.

Masood, Minhaz propel Tarun

Sports Reporter

An unbeaten century partnership between Khaled Masood and Minguided Surjo Ta-

run Club to a comfortable seven-wicket win over Agrani Bank in a Premier Division cricket league clash at the BKSP ground in Savar yesterday. The experienced pair added

121 runs for the fourth wicket as Surjo Tarun, chasing a relatively easy Agrani total of 182, got home in 43.1 overs. At the end Masood, the

wicketkeeper batsman. slammed 73 off 97 balls with one six and eight boundaries. His former national skipper was undefeated on a 75-ball 54. It included three fours.

Masood has notched up three fifties so far in five innings remaining unbeaten on three occasions. His total runs in the season stands at 238 with an average of 119.00.

Earlier, put into bat, Agrani Bank were restricted to 182 for nine in the stipulated 50 overs with skipper Ziauddin Ahmed scoring highest 31. Lower order Mizanur Rahman scored 27 while Sajjad Kadiq and Pakistani Shahin Malik added 22 runs each.

Surjo Tarun's left-arm

Premier League

hazul Abedin A Bank vs S Tarun

seamer Morshed Ali Khan claimed three for 22 from while Indian off-spinner Rajesh Chauhan captured two wickets for 27 runs from ten overs. It was the fourth win for Surjo Tarun in five matches



K MASOOD 73 n.o.

their fifth defeat on the trot.

SCOREBOARD Scoreboard of the Premier

Division Cricket League match between Surjo Tarun Club and Agrani Bank played at the BKSP ground in Savar yester-

AGRANI BANK

A Hanif b Ramzan Faisal b Morshed Sajjad c Morshed b R Chauhan Haidar c R Chauhan b Morshed Ziauddin run out S Malik c Minhaz b Enamul Mosizur b Z Sarfraz Mridul b R Chauhan Mizan not out Mosaddeq c Minhaz b Morshed Extras: (lb-3, nb-1, w-8)

Did not bat: Russell Khan Fall of wickets: 1/19; 2/19; 3/26; 4/60; 5/106; 6/123; 7/127; 8/153: 9/182 Bowler Morshed 21 Ramzan Suja

Total (For 9 wkts in 50 overs)

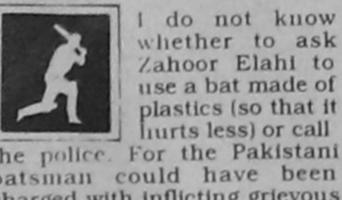
R Chauhan Enamul Z Sarfraz SURJO TARUN Al-Shahriar c Sajjad b Mofizur Ramzan Ibw b Mizan Ashraful c & b S Malik

K Masood not out See page 15

Minhaz not out

by Nizamuddin Ahmed

Bowling with a bat — dangerous



hurts less) or call the police. For the Pakistani batsman could have been charged with inflicting grievous bodily harm had national cricketer Hasibul Hossain lost his kneecap last Thursday (March 9) at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

We may still have to wait for a full medical report on his condition.

And to imagine it all happened in a game that is supposed to involve gentlemen (Hah!) and evoke refined manners (Rubbish!).

Zahoor's conduct was outrageous, to say the least, and going by his temperament I would advise his club to tie him up when he is not batting. Lord alone knows what he is liable to do if Kalabagan delays his payment or, as is not uncommon among clubs in Dhaka, he does not get paid. He should definitely consider using sandpaper to mask the handle of his the head? Fine Zahoor 25,000 bat so that it does not slip from his grip every time he sees the umpire's index finger from the

batting crease.

To my impending fear, I understand that Zahoor is also a bowler. Visualise these sequence of events: Zahoor bowls, appeals for something, umpire does not budge, he picks up the ball and hits someone on the head with it. It is possible.

CCDM should immediately

check back with counterparts in Pakistan whether Zahoor has thrown similar things at opposing players in a match. And what is the statistics of injury or worse? If his outburst at Dhaka Is even remotely a repetition of his threatening behaviour elsewhere, he should be sent- home immediately. Bangladesh cricket, just three months before ICC's June decision on Test status, cannot afford any adverse publicity. As it is. All Bacher is having to make up for the lack of points on our board (not to be confused with 'board' as in BCB).

Zahoor Elahi's excursion to make a missile of his bat should not be taken lightly. What would have happened had the bat hit Hasibul Hossain on Taka instead of the 10,000 that CCDM clamped on him? And, if Hasibul Hossain went into coma? What then? Fine Zahoor

Zahoor's bat did not slip from his grip. He threw it after being out to Hasibul Hossain. There lies the big difference and the CCDM should look into the gravity of the matter by judging the attitude of a player, if you can still call Zahoor that.

Also incomprehensible is a section of the media's suggestion that along with Zahoor. Hasibul Hossain should also have been punished by CCDM. What do you do when you are attacked by a maniac? You pick up anything you can lay your hands on and try to defend yourself. Hasibul Hossain did just that, but with his bare hands. True Zahoor was floored, but you never know that unless you attack in defence. Who knew Zahoor would not come charging with a deadly stump if he was not quickly over-powered?

Hasibul Hossain's reaction in a state of pain was not only natural; it was human. In fact, one should compliment Hasibul Hossain for not hitting back Zahoor with the ball or Zahoor's bat.

(The columnist is the former Advisory Sports Editor of The Daily Star). - Star Sport

Nitol-Tata Nat'l League

Ctg Abahani astound Dhaka Mohammedan

From Our Correspondent RAJSHAHI, Mar 10: Asif Yusuf scored in the dying minutes as Chittagong Abahani Krira Chakra stunned Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club with a 2-1 win in the inaugural match of the third leg of the first round of Nitol-Tata National Football League played at the Rajshahi District Stadium this afternoon.

Yusuf struck the deciding goal in the 85th minute after the two sides had finished the first half 1-1.

Saifur Rahman Moni headed the port city team with a 17th minute goal. But Raquib Hossain of Mohammedan restored parity when he converted a

penalty in the 34th minute. Earlier, State Minister for Women and Children Affairs Prof. Jinnatunnessa Talukder formally inaugurated the last leg of the round at a brief but colourful ceremony that featured a band show, physical display and tribal dance. General secretary of Bangladesh Football Federation Harunur Rashid, MP, was also present during the function.

Sourav Majumder Raju of Chittagong Abahani was adjudged player-of-the-match. He was given a crest.

UNB adds, after their victory one Chittagong Abahani official Golam Dastagir fell unconsciuos out of joy. He was taken to hospital.

Harunur Rashid handed over the winners' prize to the Chittagong team.

Netrokona Mohammedan Sporting Club will take on Muktijoddha Sangsad of Dhaka tomorrow at the same

venue. TEAMS CHITTAGONG ABAHANI KC: Bijon Barua, Anisur Rahman (captain), Rejaul Karim Biplob, Papel Mahmud, Sourav Majumder Raju, Asif Yusuf, Asadur Rahman, Mijanur Rahman Al-Amin. Tanvir Chowdhury, Jalal Uddin, Saifur Rahman Moni, Anupam Barua, Qazi Kamrul

Islam Pavel, Nurul Islam. DHAKA MOHAMMEDAN SC: Nijam Majumder, Faisal Ahmed, Ruhul Amin, Jahaugir Patwary, Saveed, Shamim. Matiur Rahman Munna. Raquib Hossain. Anwar Hossain. Mijanur Rahman Dawn, Allaj Ahmed (captain), Bidyut, Pervez Babu.

Referee : Elisanul Haque

IM Reefat alone atop

Sports Reporter



International Master Reefat bin-Sattar earned a solo lead in the 5th United Insurance International Masters Chess Tournament at the end of sixth round at the NSC chess room

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vesterday. In the sixth round, Reefat beat fellow International Master Abdullah Al-Rakib. Playing with black pieces against the English opening of Rakib, Reefat won the board after 34

moves. Reefat, with yesterday's win

raised his tally to 5 points from six matches.

On the other hand, the defeat kept Rakib in the second place along with International Master Ziaur Rahman, each having offected 4.5 points. in the sixth round, Zia beat

Sailuddin Lovelu. International Master Vakhidov Tahir of Uzbekistan, Enamul Hossain Rajib and three Indians -- Roktim Bandy-

opadhyay. Dipanjan Das and

bat hit hard at the left-knee of a Ebenezer Joseph--were in the celebrating Hasibul that led to third position with 4 points an on-field scuffle among the players, uproar at the stand and In the 6th round, Tahir beat 90-minute injunction on play. Syed Ruhul Kabir Shiplu, Roka tim beat compatriot Suvrajit dealt a big blow to the title Saha. Joseph beat Sawkat Hoschase of Abahani this season.

sain Pollab while Rajib drew with Dipanjau. The 7th round will start today at the same venue from 2

Kuerten keeps on course

BOGOTA, Mar 10: Top seeded Gustavo Kuerten of Brazil beat Argentina's Sebastian Prieto 6-3. 7-5 Thursday to advance easily to the quarterfinals of the Cerveza Club Colombia tennis tournament, reports AP. The world's sixth-ranked

player, Kuerten served strongly and said he was becoming acclimated to the 8,500-foot altitude of the Andean city. In other matches in the

350,000 dollars ATP Tour event. Mariano Puerta of Argentina defeated David Sanguinetti of Italy 6-4, 6-3, Germany's Markus Hantschk upset seventh-seeded Hernan Gumy of Argentina 6-3, 2-6, 7-6, and Spain's Felix Mantilla beat Argentiira's Juan Ignacio Chela, 6-

Kalabagan challenge CCDM

Sports Reporter

Kalabagan Krira Chakra, who suffered an eventful

Abahani Krira They scored 187 for six in 40 overs but Abahani, who scored emier Division Cricket League on Thursday, demanded yesterday that the match be declared as tie.

one-run defeat to

Kalabagan, who scored 187 chasing a reduced target of 188 in 40 overs, have lodged a formal complaint to the organisers CCDM (Cricket Committee of Dhaka Metropolitan), claiming that the match was tied and they won it by virtue of losing

less number of wickets. In a letter to CCDM last night, Kalabagan claimed the Clause Six of Appendix Two of the International Cricket Council (ICC) Standing Playing Conditions and Other Regulations 1999-2001 suggested that the match ended in a tie and they won the affair as they had

Office Hockey

Sports Reporter Bangladesh Army clinched the Office hockey league title when they came from behind to beat Blue Berry Tours and Travels 2-1 in the final at the Moulana Bhasani Stadium the 1996 norm, there is no pro-

In a seesaw encounter, Mahbub Harun put Blue Berry ahead in the 14th minute while Siraj of Army scored two goals in the 25th and 30th minutes.

four wickets in hand. Kalabagan were given a revised target following the loss of a 90-minute playtime due to players' scuffle on the pitch.

207 all out in 50 overs, were declared winners by one run. The Clause Six of the Appendix Two of the ICC manual says, "If team two achieve their required target they win by number of wickets they have in hand when they reach the score. If they fall short of their re-

quired target by exactly one run, the result is tie. "For example, team two are set a required of 186. But they succeeded in making 180 in the allocation of overs. They thus fall 5 runs short of the 185 runs needed to tie the match and team one are declared winners by 5 runs."

A CCDM official last night on the other hand ruled out Kalabagan's claim saying that the ICC clause was applicable for a match where revised target was set on the basis of Duckworth and Lewis method.

"We did not set the target on the basis of Duckworth and Lewis method. We follow the 1996 norm of ICC in case of our domestic cricket. According to vision of a tie in a match where revised target is given to the team batting second," said the CCDM official, opting not to be named. "The participating teams are aware of it."

He however failed to give any final decision on this now-controversial issue saying that CCDM has called an emergency meeting on Monday to discuss

Masud lifts Japan Cup golf title

Sports Reporter

Masud Ahmed won the Japan Cup Golf Tournament played at the Kurmitola Club course yesterday. About 238 players including 19 ladies and 18 juniors took part in the day -

President of the KGC Lt Gen M Mustafizur Rahman teed-off as usual. He also gave away prizes in the evening at the club

Other Results

Ladies' winner: Young Hee Yi: Senior winner: Col ATMN Chowdhury: Junior winner: Adnan Mustafa: Best gross: Shawkat uz Zaman: Ladies' best gross: Ok Kyung Jang: Men's runner-up: Eiji Yamamoto; Ladies' runner-up: Eun Suk Choi: Front Nine winner: Arshi Haider: Back Nine winner: M Saber Afzal: Nearest to Pin: Hyun Sook Lee; Longest Drive: Alok Azeem.



Scene from the sixth round engagement between Dewan Shahidul Amin of Bangladesh and Myanmar's Htun Lynn Kyann in the United Insurance International Masters chess tournament yesterday.

Zahoor says sorry

sore. I'm not being able to move

without the help of crutches."

Hasibul, the strike bowler of the

Abahani Krira Chakra said to

The Daily Star Sport last night.

when a furious Zahoor Elahi of

Kalabagan Krira Chakra threw

his bat at his conqueror during

an ill-fated Premier Division

League match on Thursday. The

This revelation however

Hasibul's absence is going to de-

plete the bowling attack of the

popular Dhanmondi consider-

Hasibul got badly injured

Hasibul out for five weeks

Sports Reporter



HASIBUL HOSSAIN "Doctors will have a check on the knee after a week. Then I can know for sure what lies ahead of me," the tall national

tinged with frustration. A worried national team

Saber Hossain Chowdhury, the president of the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB), also went down to his place and inquired about his condition yesterday. Meanwhile, Zahoor, the man behind the sad incident, formally apologised yesterday for his atrocious behaviour on the field. "The accidental incident that occurred was not intentional and was just an instant reaction of disappointment. I solemnly apologise to Hasibul Hossain and to the crowd for this incident. In my life this was the first incident of this type that I got involved. Hope, everybody will forgive (me) and forget (it)." said Zahoor in a press release. Hasibul however had little to

say to the Pakistani, who was suspended for four-match and fined Tk 10.000 by the league organisers. CCDM (Cricket Committee of Dhaka Metropolitan).

"I have nothing to say about it anymore. What good can I do all-rounder said in a voice for me now by saying something? I worked very hard to remain in good shape so that I physio, Gavin Benzafield twice can give better performance for visited Hasibul at his home yes- my team and for the country terday. "He asked me not to this year. That incident simply strain the knee and continue shattered my dream," said the the ice-bag therapy." Hasibul frustrated frontline national



The players and officials of Bangladesh Army who became Office League champions -Star photo yesterday.