

## Column One

### Boost sports WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN  
Competition-127

✓ Tick the Correct Answers  
Post to The Daily Star  
Win attractive prizes

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

- Who won the tri-series down under?  
India Pakistan Australia
- How many Test matches has Shepherd officiated in till the Bombay Test?  
49 50 51
- What is the name of Sir Stanley Matthews' father?  
Jack Stephen Bill
- Who is FIFA's world player-of-the-year?  
Ronaldo Raul Vieri
- Who is the captain of Bangladesh cricket team?  
Aminal Faruque Athar

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## SPORTS TALK



**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 a 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 Pervaz -- 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 Editor

## Mighty Rafique to the rescue



Mohammad Rafique conjured 12 runs in three balls to help Mohammedan Sporting Club pull off an exciting one-wicket win over Brothers Union Club in a crucial Premier Division cricket league clash at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

In a high-voltage drama, Mohammedan needed nine runs to win from the final over with their last pair Rafique and Monjurul at the crease.

Rafique, who was on the strike, drove off-spinner Jamaluddin'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

for a four through third man and the popular Motiheel outfit Mohammedan reach 231 with three balls to spare.

The hard-hitting southpaw remained unbeaten on a quick-fire 25 off just 11 balls.

Chasing a moderate Brothers Union total of 227 in 50 overs, Mohammedan made a terrible start losing openers Rashedul Haque and Hannan Sarkar for 14 runs.

Nasrul Alam and injured 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 wicket.

The stand was broken when Athar, the former national opener who was batting at number four, was stumped for 31 off a Shahed Mahmud delivery in the 19th over. Athar hit six boundaries in his 55-ball innings.

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 Brothers Union.

—Star photo

## Masood, Minhaz propel Tarun



An unbeaten century partnership between Khaled Masood and Minhazul Abedin guided Surjo Tarun Club to a comfortable seven-wicket win over Agran 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 Agran 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, Agran 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

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## Partisan Viewpoint

(Depending on which side you are on) by Nizamuddin Ahmed

### Bowling with a bat — dangerous



I do not know whether to ask Zahoore Elahi to use a bat made of plastics (so that it 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!).

Zahoore'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 bat so that it does not slip from his grip every time he sees the umpire's index finger from the batting crease.

### Premier League

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### Nitol-Tata Nat'l League

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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.

Safur 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 unconscious 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 Muktiyoddha Sangsad of Dhaka tomorrow at the same venue.

### TEAMS

CHITTAGONG ABABANI  
K.C. Bijon Barua, Anisur Rahman (captain), Rezaul Karim Biplob, Papul Mahmud, Sourav Majumder Raju, Asif Yusuf, Asadur Rahman, Mijanur Rahman Al-Amin, Tanvir Chowdhury, Jalal Uddin, Safur Rahman Moni, Anupam Barua, Qazi Kamrul Islam Pavel, Nurul Islam.

DHAKA MOHAMMEDAN  
S.C. Nijam Majumder, Faisal Ahmed, Ruhul Amin, Jahangir Patwary, Sayeed, Shammy, Matinur Rahman, Menna, Raquib Hossain, Anwar Hossain, Mijanur Rahman Dawn, Alim Ahmed (captain), Bidyut, Pervaz Babu.

Referee: Ehsanul 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 yesterday.

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 collected 4.5 points.

In the sixth round, Zia beat Saifuddin Lovell.

International Master Vakhidov Tahir of Uzbekistan, Enamul Hossain Rajib, Raktim Bandyopadhyay, Dipanjan Das and Ebenezer Joseph were in the third position with 4 points each.

In the 6th round, Tahir beat Syed Ruhul Kabir Shipu. Raktim beat compatriot Sujrajit Saha, Joseph beat Sawkat Hossain Pollab while Rajib drew with Dipanjan.

The 7th round will start today at the same venue from 2 pm.

### 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 Hantsch upset seventh-seeded Hernan Guniy of Argentina 6-3, 2-6, 7-6, and Spain's Felix Mantilla beat Argentina's Juan Ignacio Chela, 6-4, 7-5.

## Kalabagan challenge CCDM



Kalabagan Krira Chakra, who suffered an eventful one-run defeat to Abahani Krira Chakra in the Premier Division Cricket League on Thursday, demanded yesterday that the match be declared a tie.

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

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. They scored 187 for six in 40 overs but Abahani, who scored 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 required 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 the 1996 norm, there is no provision 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."

### Office Hockey

Sports Reporter

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