

Column One

SPORTS TALK



Raman Subba Row
(ICC match referee)

"That no-ball I'm afraid was a very sad error of judgement at the time."

On the no-ball called in the final over of the first one-day international between India and South Africa in Cochin.

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Big win for Y Cricketers

Sports Reporter

Young Cricketers trounced Orient Sporting Club by eight wickets in a super league match of the First Division cricket league at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Batting first, Orient Sporting Club were all out for 101 in 32.2 overs.

One down Sumon scored highest 31 followed by Kazi who added 23 runs.

In reply, Young Cricketers reached 105 for two in 17.3 overs with Enamul hammering highest 55.

Rajshahi cricket

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Mar 12: Provati Sangha recorded a 5-wicket victory over Upashar Club in the Rajshahi First Division Premier Cricket League played at local Railway ground today.

Winning the toss, Upashar were bowled out for 105 in 36 overs.

In reply, the winners reached the target losing five wickets in 26 overs.

In other match of the day, Avijatri Club defeated Cricket Clinic Club by 11 runs played at Rajshahi Government College ground today.

Avijatri made 170 for eight in stipulated 40 overs after winning the toss.

In reply, Cricket Clinic restricted 159 for nine wickets.

Injury hinders Akram's aim

KARACHI, Mar 12: Ace pacer Wasim Akram Sunday said his groin injury was a setback to his pursuit for the world record for most wickets in Test cricket but vowed his resolve remains firm, reports AFP.

"It's a setback to what I feel it might have been a wicket taking series for me, but it's part and parcel of the game," said Akram, who was ruled out of the third and final Test against Sri Lanka.

Akram is 17 wickets away from completing 400 Test wickets and 52 shy of beating India's Kapil Dev who has 434 in 131 Tests.

Ijaz power propels Abahani

Sports Reporter



Ijaz Ahmed hammered the seventh ton in the Janakantha Premier Division Cricket League to propel

title contenders Abahani Krira Chakra to a comprehensive five-wicket win over Agrani Bank at the BKSP ground in Savar yesterday.

The tall Pakistani scored an unbeaten 101 as the popular Dhanmondi outfit, chasing a fighting Agrani total of 226, reached 231 for five in 47.4 overs.

Coming in to bat in number five with Abahani limping on 35 for three, the right-hander teamed up with his captain Akram Khan in rebuilding their innings. Together they produced 89 for the fourth wicket before the latter departed for a 56-ball 37 that included five fours.

But Ijaz, one of the three Pakistani recruits of Abahani, had different ideas in his mind. Although Biplob quickly followed Akram in rebuilding their innings, Ijaz found a wily partner in young Anisur Rahman to steer Abahani to the coast without further damage, sharing 90 runs for the undefeated sixth wicket.

Anis, one of the three young local recruits of Abahani this year, scored a fine 42 off 62 balls with the help of five boundaries.

Reached his fifty off 59 balls, Ijaz completed his first century in the League off 110 balls and with the help of ten fours and a couple of huge sixes. The timely ton of Ijaz enabled Abahani to join holders Bangladesh Biman at the top, both having recorded six straight wins.

Hot on the heels of their sensational one-run victory over Kalabagan in the controversial match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Thursday, Abahani badly missed the services of their strike bowler Hashim Hossain as Uzzal and Abid Hanif produced 68 runs for the first wicket for Agrani.

Premier League

AKC vs A Bank



IJAZ ... 101 n.o

Taking the toothless new-ball attack of Zakir, who came in place of an injured Hasibul, to the sword, Agrani's Pakistani opener Abid Hanif scored a superb 73 off 121 balls.

The younger brother of former Pakistan player Amir Hanif hammered half a dozen fours and a sixer in his fluent knock before becoming the seventh batsman out in the 41st over, leaving Agrani Bank at 172.

Hard-hitting Mofizur Rahman then took the mediocre Premier Division outfit past the 200-mark with a breezy 30 off 26 balls. But some excellent ground fielding from a motivated Abahani dashed Agrani's hopes of reaching 250. Being put under pressure, Abahani ef-

fects as many as four run outs that included a menacingly poised Uzzal, who scored a 45-ball 35.

Abahani's Pakistani spin duo of Amir Wasim and Mohammad Hussain shared four wickets among them.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Janakantha Premier Division Cricket League match between Abahani Krira Chakra and Agrani Bank at the BKSP in Savar yesterday:

AGRANI BANK
Uzzal run out 35
A Hanif lbw b M Hussain 73
Mazharul run out 5
Haider c M Hussain b Ijaz 22
S Malik b A Wasim 15
Mofizur b A Wasim 30
Sajjad run out 12
Mizanur run out 2
Masaddek st Mizanur b Naimur 4
Ziauddin not out 5
Rasel c Iqbal b M Hussain 4
Extras: (lb-10, w-13) 23
Total: (All out in 49.3 overs) 226

Fall of wickets: 1/68; 2/79; 3/128; 4/172; 5/172; 6/201; 7/211; 8/214; 9/218

Bowler O M R W
Zakir Hasan 4 1 23 0
Iqbal Hossain 7 2 19 0
Amir Wasim 10 0 48 2
Naimur Rahman 9 0 35 1
Ijaz Ahmed 10 0 46 1
M Hussain 9.3 0 45 2

ABAHANI KC
Azam run out 6
A Wasim lbw b Mizanur 23
Naimur c Sajjad b Mofizur 2
Akram c Sajjad b Rasel 37
Ijaz not out 101
Asadullah c sub b Masaddek 9
Anisur not out 42
Extras: (nb-5, w-6) 11
Total: (For 5 wickets in 47.4 overs) 231

Fall of wickets: 1/18; 2/24; 3/35; 4/124; 5/141

Bowler O M R W
Mizanur Rahman 9 1 29 1
Mofizur Rahman 7 0 38 1
Shahin Malik 8 0 40 0
Rasel Khan 8.4 0 57 1
Masaddek 10 0 47 1
Alay Haider 1 0 5 0
Mazharul Haq 4 0 15 0

Result: Abahani won by 5 wickets.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Mohammedan SC v Surjo Tarun Club
Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium
Brothers Union v City Club
Venue: BKSP

Ganguly galvanizes India



JAMSHEDPUR, India, Mar 12: Skipper Saurav Ganguly cracked an unbeaten century to help India to a six-

wicket win over South Africa in the second of the five-match series here today, reports AFP.

The hosts reached the 200-run target set by the tourists in 47.1 overs, to take a 2-0 lead in the six-match series.

Ganguly hit nine boundaries and four sixes to reach his 12th one-day hundred and posted his second successive win after taking the reins from former captain Sachin Tendulkar this month.

The 27-year-old Ganguly, who was named the man-of-the-match, put up a fighting 88-run third-wicket stand with Rahul Dravid (36) and 73 runs for the fourth wicket with Mohammad Azharuddin (29) to lift the innings from a lowly 33 for two wickets.

Ganguly straight drove a Shaun Pollock delivery down the ground for four and later found the ropes from another ball off spinner Nicky Boje.

He also smashed Derek Crookes for a towering six over long-on and lofted Pieter Strydom for a similar boundary.

Tendulkar (21) was the first man to get out caught by South African skipper Hansie Cronje as Pollock claimed his first victim.

Pinch-hitter Sunil Joshi came at the fall of Tendulkar's wicket and was out for a duck as he was judged leg before to Crookes.

Boje had his first wicket when he had Dravid caught by Herschelle Gibbs and Azharuddin was clean bowled by a slow in-swinging from Hansie Cronje.

Earlier in the day India's bowlers gave them the upper hand when they reduced the tourists to 199 all out in 47.2

overs.

South African skipper Hansie Cronje was the only batsman to build a substantial innings, scoring a sprightly 71 before he was caught by Robin Singh off the bowling of Ajit Agarkar.

India's fielding performance showed a marked improvement from the first one-day, taking some good close-in catches and working hard to keep the run rate down.

Spinner Sunil Joshi was the pick of the Indian bowlers, grabbing four wickets in his 10



S GANGULY ... m-o-m

overs at a cost of just 38 runs. Agarkar, who caught Steve Elworthy off his own bowling to end the South African innings, finished with figures of three for 34.

Cronje said the loss of his wicket was the turning point in the South African innings.

"We were going very nicely and then I got out. It's the sort of wicket where you lose one wicket and everything goes wrong," Cronje said after the match.

"They (India) played very sensibly... mixed discretion with defence," he said, warning

the tourists would bounce back in the remaining three matches.

Ganguly said the overall performance of the team showed a marked improvement during the last two matches.

"It was a good match. We have got a lot of ability. I told the boys to keep playing positively. We are looking to win in the rest of the matches," Ganguly said.

The next match will be played at northern city of Faridabad on Wednesday.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the second one-day, international between South Africa and India on Sunday:

SOUTH AFRICA
Kirsten b Agarkar 0
Gibbs c Dighe b Joshi 27
Kallis c Dighe b Agarkar 18
Klusecner c Dighe b Tendulkar 19
Cronje c Singh b Joshi 71
Boje c Dighe b Kumaran 28
Pollock b Joshi 14
Boucher not out 7
Crookes c Ganguly b Joshi 10
Strydom lbw b Kumble 1
Elworthy c b Agarkar 3
Extras: (lb-6, w-4, nb-1) 11
Total: (All out in 47.2 overs) 199

Fall of wickets: 1-0; 2-41; 3-59; 4-88; 5-158; 6-178; 7-182; 8-182; 9-184; 10-199

Bowler O M R W
Agarkar 9.2 1 34 3
Kumarar 8 0 37 1
Joshi 10 1 38 4
Kumble 10 0 36 1
Tendulkar 9 0 39 0
Dravid 1 0 9 0

INDIA
Ganguly not out 105
Tendulkar c Cronje b Pollock 21
Joshi lbw Crookes 36
Dravid c Gibbs b Boje 29
Azharuddin b Cronje 2
Jadeja not out 2
Extras: (lb-3, w-5, nb-2) 10
Total: (for four wickets in 47.1 overs) 203

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Nitol-Tata League Khulna AKC owe Jamal one

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Mar 12: Home support failed to inspire Rajshahi Abahani as they went down 0-1 to Khulna Abahani in their Nitol-Tata National Football League first round last leg encounter at the District Stadium today.

Kazi Jamal Hossain scored the all important goal for the team from Khulna in the 40th minute of the entertaining fixture.

Despite vociferous support from the stands, Rajshahi Abahani forwards muffed several clear cut opportunities.

Khulna were always threatening on the break. Their ploy paid off when an unmarked Jamal headed in a Proshanat Kumar Dey cross into the back of the net from close range late into the first half.

Jamal was later adjudged the player-of-the-match.

TEAMS

Khulna Abahani KC: Sheikh Saifuddin Ahmed Himu, Mosabir Morshed Chanchal, Sheikh Nasiruzzaman, Shaiful Bari Barar, Jilur Rahman Lajuk, Masud Rana, Lutfar Rahman Nayan, Pranesh Kumar, Hassan Imam Rikta, Mehedi Hasan Ujjal, Kazi Jamal Hossain Jamal.

Rajshahi Abahani KC: Saidul Islam (captain), Roman Ili, Shamim Kabir, Mustafizur Rahman Polash, Abul Malek Akanda, Jahidul Islam Nayan, Azimuddin, Mamunul Islam Jet, Shanta Kumar Ghosh, Shaiful Islam Tota, Abu Arif Rubel.

Referee: R. Alam.

TODAY'S MATCH

Dhaka Abahani vs Chaturanga Sangha of Sylhet

Reefat stays ahead

Sports Reporter



Reefat Tahir

International Master Reefat-b-Sattar of Biman extended his solo lead in 5th United Insurance International Masters Chess Tournament despite he drew with Uzbekistan's International Master Vahid Tahir in the 8th round at the NSC auditorium yesterday.

Playing with white pieces against Tahir's Patroff defence, Reefat agreed to a draw immediately after five moves.

With the draw, Reefat raised his tally to 6.5 out of maximum 8 points and remained ahead of the race with one point lead over Tahir, International Master Abdullah Al-Rakib and Indian Suvarjit Saha, who are jointly sharing the second spot.

In 8th round, Suvarjit beat International Master Ziaur Rahman while Rakib drew with Roktim Bandyopadhyay of India.

Zia, Htun Lynn Kyaw of Myanmar, Roktim, Dipanjan Das of India and Abu Sufian Sakil are occupying the crowded third spot, having collected 5 points each.

In the other matches of the 8th round, Kyaw beat Joseph, Dipanjan beat Aminul Islam Palash, Sakil beat Sawkat Hossain Pallab, Kazi beat Saifuddin Lovely, Syed Ruhul Kabir Shiplu beat Dewan Shahidul Amin Tipu, Moniruzzaman Khan beat Sohail Chowdhury and Mohammad Javed beat Nazrana Khan Iva. Razib drew with Amin, Taibur Rahman Sumon drew with Ye Win Aung of Myanmar and Abul Kashem Bhuiyan drew with Monir Hossain.

The 9th round will start at the same venue today at 2pm.

MSC keep faith in old guards

Sports Reporter

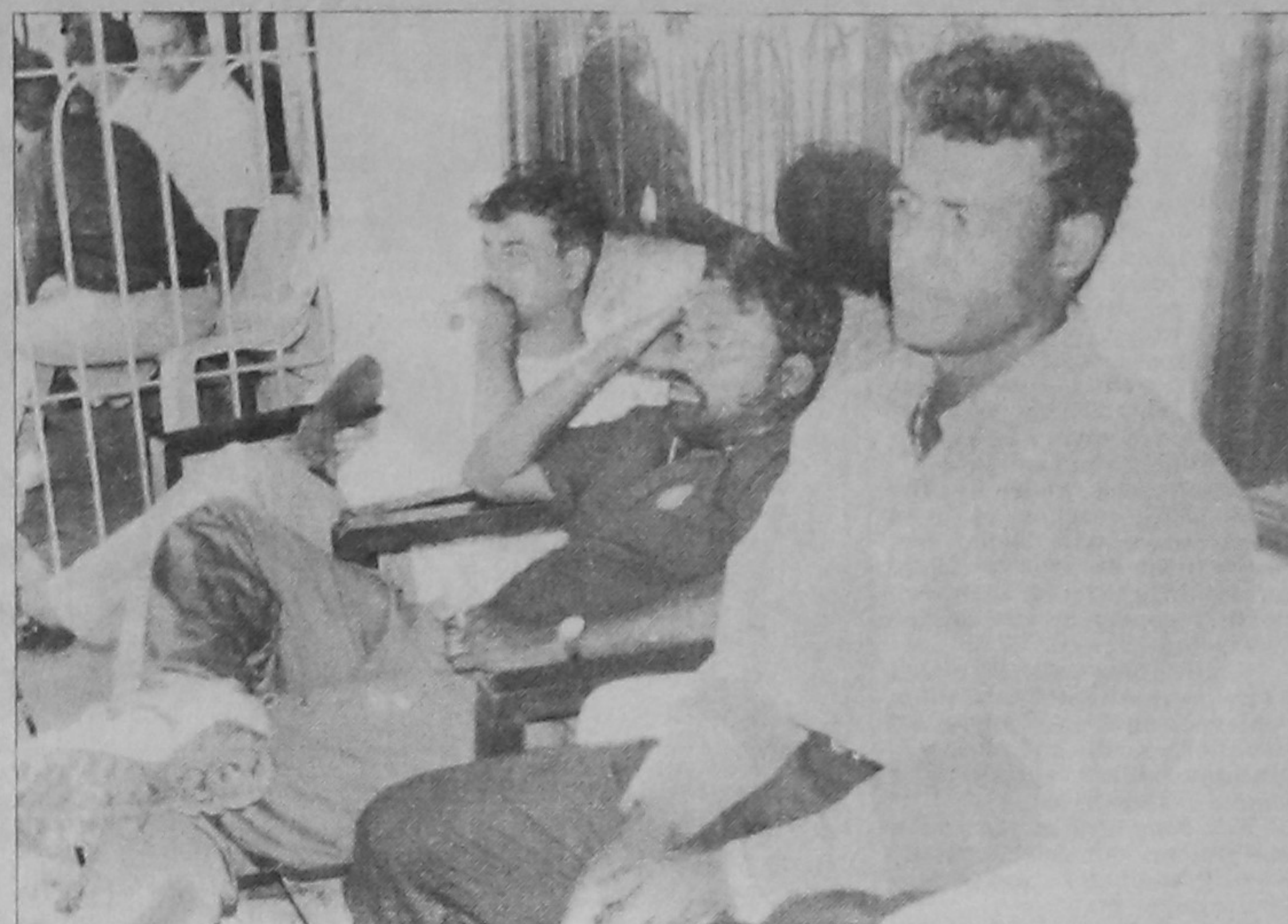
Mohammedan Sporting Club put the speculation for a shake-up in the governing body to rest on Saturday as they retained Masaddek Ali and Lokman Hossain Bhuiyan as president and general secretary respectively.

Masaddek, a top leader of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), and his deputy Lokman were the unanimous choice at the annual general meeting of the club, which formed a strong 75-member executive committee.

Tanvir Haider, a seasoned cricket organiser, also retained his post as the additional general secretary. Anwarul Haq Helal has been named as treasurer of the committee, which included eleven vice-presidents, six secretaries and 53 members.

The eleven vice-presidents are: Zahed Ali Chowdhury, MAH Salim, Kutubuddin Ahmed, Monir Ahmed, Alamgir Shamsul Alam, KM Alamgir

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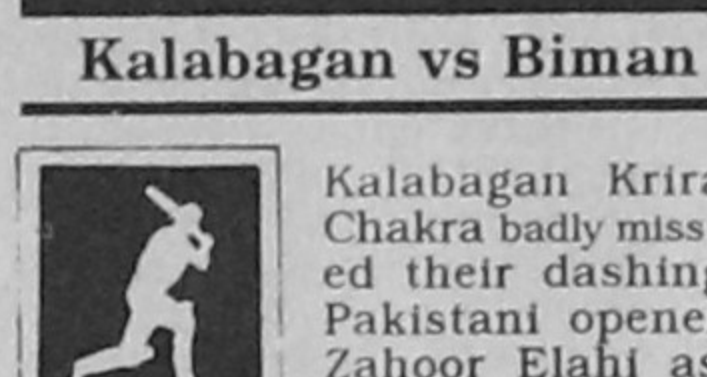
A MERE SPECTATOR FOR A CHANGE: Kalabagan's Pakistani recruit Zahoor Elahi(R) watching his team in action from the players lounge at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. Zahoor is serving a four-match ban imposed on him by the Cricket Committee of Dhaka Metropolitan(CCDM). —Star photo by Anisur Rahman

Blown away by Biman

Sports Reporter

Premier League

Kalabagan vs Biman



FARUQUE ... 73 n.o

Kalabagan Krira Chakra badly missed their dashing Pakistani opener Zahoor Elahi as holders Bangladesh Biman handed them a crushing nine-wicket defeat in a Premier Division cricket league match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Prolific Faruque Ahmed and Javed Omar maintained their impressive form with a century opening stand as the airlines outfit required only 37.1 overs to overhaul a paltry Kalabagan



FARUQUE ... 73 n.o

total of 148.

The openers put on 113 runs in 28 overs to set up their sixth successive win. The partnership was broken off the first ball of the 29th over when Javed who scored an unbeaten 102 against Victoria Sporting, was trapped leg before for 55 by right-arm medium-pace Mushfiqur Rahman. His 86-ball knock contained seven boundaries.

It was the right-handed batsman's third fifty. He has amassed 324 runs in six innings so far.

Habibul Bashar joined his skipper and they duly collected the 36 runs needed for a four-match ban, imposed on 74 off 115 balls while Habibul was not out on 9.

In his 158-minute stay at the crease, the former national captain hit off-spinner Fahim Mintasir for a towering six over mid-wicket as well as eleven boundaries. It was Faruque's fourth fifty in six innings which raised his tally to 300.

Earlier Kalabagan, without three-time century-maker Zahoor, who has been served a four-match ban, were asked to bat and they could only muster 148 all out in 46.2 overs.

Opener Harunur Rashid top scored with 26 off 67 balls followed by Pakistani Tareq Mehmed and Mushfiqur Rahman with 21 and 20 respectively.

Biman off-spinner Shariful Haque was the most successful bowler taking three wickets for 26 runs. Shariful also showed agility in the field taking three smart catches—two at square leg and one at long-off.

Medium-pace Aminul Islam Junior captured two for 25.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Premier Division Cricket League match between Biman and Kalabagan Krira Chakra played at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

KALABAGAN KC
Harun b Shariful 26
Rafiqul c Shariful b Aminul Jr 0
Rauf c Shariful b Aminul Jr 7
Rajin lbw b Shariful 8
Mushfiq run out 20
Tareq c Faruque b Shariful 21
Mustadir c Aminul sr b Iqbal 14
Fahim run out 2
Ishiaq not out 17
Bikash c Shariful 16
Ashraf run out 2
Extras: (lb-4, nb-1, w-10) 15
Total: (All out in 46.2 overs) 148

Fall of wickets: 1-5; 2-20; 3-46; 4-56; 5-82; 6-103; 7-109; 8-109; 9-136

Bowler O M R W
Aminul Jr 7 2 25 2

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CCDM served notice

Sports Reporter



Zahoor Elahi

The ongoing tie-controversy took a new turn as Kalabagan Krira served a show cause notice on the Cricket Committee of Dhaka Metropolitan (CCDM) yesterday.

The organisers have been asked to explain within 48 hours as to why Kalabagan cannot take the help of ICC law to determine the result of their curtailed match against Abahani Krira Chakra on March 9 at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

Interestingly though, the CCDM by-laws do not even permit any club to seek legal action of any kind against the organisers.

Earlier Kalabagan lodged a formal complaint to the organisers, claiming that the very match was tied and they won it by virtue of losing fewer wickets.

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 (chasing a revised target of 188 in 40 overs), but Abahani, who scored 207 all out in 50 overs, were declared winners by one run.

Since then, Kalabagan are demanding that the fate of the match be decided applying the ICC Code of Conduct, Standard Playing Conditions and Other Regulations-1999. While the CCDM is saying that the Playing Conditions of Janakantha

Premier Division Cricket League 1999-2000 will only be applicable in this regard.

The CCDM formulated the bye-laws following the rules and regulations of the 1998 Code of Conduct of ICC and the BCB-introduced playing condition for one-dayers. When the ICC manual clearly states Duckworth-Lewis method for curtailed matches while the CCDM bye-laws offer ambiguity. The CCDM manual is plain and simple—there is no provision for a tie match.

Meanwhile, CCDM secretary Mahmud Ul Haq Manu turned down Kalabagan appeal yesterday saying that the 1999 ICC Code cannot come into play as the target was not set on the basis of Duckworth-Lewis method.

"The target was given basing on the playing condition of ours. In our bye-laws, there is no such provision. Thus the second team chasing a revised target cannot clinch a tie," Manu argued.

To the contrary, 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 target. If they fall short of their required target by exactly one run, the result is tie."