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Column One SPORTS TALK



Nicky Boje

(South African all-rounder)
If a night-watchman could
stay, it eases the pressure of the
main batsmen'.

After his heroics in the
Bangalore Test.

Boost sports WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Competition-127

✓ Tick the correct answers
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Win attractive prizes

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

1	Who won the tri-series down under?
India	Pakistan
2	How many Test matches has Shepherd officiated in till the Bombay Test?
49	50
3	What is the name of Sir Stanley Matthews' father?
Jack	Stephen
4	Who is FIFA's world player-of-the- year?
Rivaldo	Raul
5	Who is the captain of Bangladesh team?
Aminul	Faruque
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Ladies badminton tourney begins today

Sports Reporter

The Bashundhara Open Women's badminton tournament will start at the Sultana Kamal Sports Complex in Dhanmondi today under the auspices of Bangladesh Women's Sports Federation (BWSF).

A total of fifty eve shuttlers from Tangail, Jessor, Joypurhat, Chittagong, Bogra, Pabna, Manikganj, Sirajganj, Chuadanga, Patuakhali, Munsiganj, Meherpur, Rajbari, Gaibandha, Sharikpur, Rangshahi, Khagrachari and Dhaka will take part in the meet which is scheduled to conclude on March 30.

A press conference regarding the competition was held at the National Sports Council auditorium yesterday with tournament committee head Farida Khanum Saki in the chair. Former national champion and secretary of the tournament committee Kamrunnahar Dina, BWSF general secretary Sultana Ferdous Ara Doly and Sadat Sobhan, the vice-chairman of the sponsors Bashundhara Group, were present.

A budget of Tk 1,00,000 (one lakh) have been estimated for the tournament out of which Bashundhara Group will provide Tk 50,000.

Asian Kho Kho

Thai team in city

Sports Reporter

A 14-member Thailand kho kho team arrived in the capital yesterday to take part in the 2nd Asian Kho Kho championship to be held at the Suhrawardi National Indoor Stadium from tomorrow.

The team, which will face hosts Bangladesh in the inaugural match tomorrow, includes 10 players and four officials.

India, Sri Lanka, Japan and Nepal were also scheduled to reach the capital last night.

Pakistan is the other team in the seven-nation meet which will conclude on April 1.

League resumes today

Sports Reporter



The Janakantha Premier Division Cricket League resumes today after a 15-day recess due to the breaks for the Eid-ul-Fitr and the Malaysian tour of Bangladesh A.

The most exciting event of the domestic calendar, which was suspended on March 13, begins with a big match between Mohammadian Sporting Club and Surjo Tarun Club at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

Brothers Union will take on City Club in the other match at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium. Both the matches com-

other Sri Lankan off-spinners who failed to impress the Mohammadian supporters. Dharmasena, who took only two wickets in four matches, did not

Brothers v City Club

Venue: Dhanmondi

arrive with Tillekeratne and Kalpage.

Surjo Tarun on the other hand is likely to live with a fragile top-order as their Pak-

istani batsman Mohammed Ramzan, who scored a century (105) against Victoria, is yet to return to Dhaka. The new levitans was however expecting former Indian Test cap Rajesh Chauhan to join the most balanced local side.

Meanwhile, defending champions Bangladesh Biman and Abahani Krira Chakra, who are leading the table with six straight wins, will enjoy another couple of days rest before resuming their impressive run.

POINTS TABLE

Teams	M	W	L	Pts
Abahani	6	6	0	12
Biman	6	6	0	12
Mohammadian SC	5	4	1	8
Surjo Tarun	5	4	1	8
Kalabagan KC	6	4	2	8
City Club	5	3	2	6
Brothers	5	2	3	4
Victoria	5	1	4	2
Gopibagh FA	5	1	4	2
S Bima	5	1	4	2
Wari Club	5	0	5	0
Agrani Bank	6	0	6	0

FIRST WEEK'S FIXTURE

Date	Match	Venue
MARCH 28:	Mohammadian SC v Surjo Tarun Club	BNS
	Brothers Union v City Club	DCS
	Biman v Agrani Bank	BNS
	Victoria SC v Gopibagh FA	DCS
MARCH 29:	Surjo Tarun Club v Brothers Union	BNS
	Sadharan Bima v Wari Club	DCS
	Abahani KC v Mohammadian SC	BNS
	Kalabagan KC v Gopibagh FA	DCS
MARCH 30:	Victoria SC v Wari Club	BNS
	Sadharan Biman v City Club	DCS
	Biman v Mohammadian SC	BNS
MARCH 31:	Agrani Bank v Gopibagh FA	DCS
	Surjo Tarun Club v City Club	BNS
APRIL 1:	Kalabagan KC v Wari Club	DCS
APRIL 2:		
APRIL 3:		

Eddie disagrees readily



I read with interest the article "Captain -- not in your shoes". I think I am correct in assuming that people believe Mr Roquibul Hasan would be biased and pick his own son Sajid for the Bangladesh side.

There have been many instances in World cricket where a father has been a selector and the son a player. Mickey Stewart, the England coach and selector and his son Alec. More notable was Peter Pollock, Convenor of South African Selectors and his son Shaun. Shaun Pollock even became Vice-Captain. Neither of these circumstances created even a murmur of criticism as a time-honoured procedure is followed in Selection Committee meetings. If and when the name of a son or close relative of a selector comes up, the Selector excuses himself. That means he leaves the room and does not participate in the discussions or hear his other selectors' criticisms or otherwise. That was asked of Roquibul and he comported equally honourably.

I would like to add that

Roquibul Hasan has arguably the most astute cricket brain in Bangladesh and is highly respected by those who played with and against him. Mr Ahmed's deep respect is evident in his article.

Roquibul Hasan's value to

Bangladesh cricket in these

times as we seek Test status, far

outweighs any suggestion of

bias. As for Sajid, he will or

will not play for Bangladesh

depending entirely on whether he performs or not. He would want it no other way. Now would the National Selectors which would include Roquibul Hasan. There is too much at stake.

Eddie Barlow

(Eddie Barlow)

Eddie Barlow, the Director of Development of the Bangladesh Cricket Board, promptly disagrees with the observation of Nizamuddin Ahmed (published in his column 'Partisan View' on March 25, 2000). Like our other columnists, Nizamuddin Ahmed has the privilege of expressing his very own views. We also welcome the former South African Test player on the liberal pitch of Star Sport to have his views exchanged.

—Sports Editor

India on the way out

SHARJAH, United Arab Emirates, Mar 27: India were facing elimination from the three-nation Sharjah Coca-Cola Cup after being shot out for 164 by South Africa here on Monday, reports AFP.

The Indians, who need a win to keep afloat in the tournament, struggled for runs after electing to bat in overcast conditions.

Brilliant South African fielding, which ran out two

schele Gibbs hit the stumps from close range.

The dismissal of the two batsmen saw India slump from 80-1 to 124-5 in the 39th over as tight South African bowling checked the flow of runs.

Fast bowler Mornantau Hayward, generating hot pace even with four for 31, Lance Klusener claimed two wickets and Makhaya Ntini and Steve Elworthy one each.

A win for South Africa will ensure their place in next Friday's final even before their last league match against Pakistan on Tuesday.

Both Pakistan and India are currently on two points, but Pakistan enjoy a superior run-rate which could decide the second finalist.

Rajon took the only wicket of Shetu giving away 37 runs in 10 overs.

Before a packed, noisy Sabina Park, Adams, unbeaten on 87, and Rose, not out on a Test career best of 53, thrilled their compatriots with some lively cricket.

For nearly 3 1/2 hours, Adams and Rose thrilled their compatriots with some lively cricket which equalled the West Indies eighth-wicket stand of 124 between Sir Vivian Richards and the late Keith Boyce against India in the 1974-75 series.

Rose brought his usual provocative approach to the wicket and it seemed to influence his captain, who had batted doggedly through from the final hour the previous evening.

Dropped when 35 by Neil Johnson at second slip off Bryan Strang, Adams began to bat a little more attractively and with Rose's brand of "calypso cricket", things began to happen for West Indies.

Adams, eyeing his sixth Test century and first since his unbroken 208 not out against New Zealand in St. John's, Antigua, four years ago, has batted just over seven hours and faced 263 balls to strike five fours.

All but 17 of Rose's highest

first to help Adams loosen up in his strokeplay when he brought a fresh approach with him to the wicket.

Jacobs' first scoring stroke

was a searing straight drive off

Murphy for four and he hit two

other fours in his 27 off 59 balls

which ended after West Indies were 161 for five at lunch.

The Zimbabweans were a

little unfortunate though, not

to have had Jacobs' wicket with the first ball he faced.

Playing forward to a delivery from Murphy, television re-

plays showed the ball ricochet

ed from pad to glove and into the hands of Johnson at silly-point, but Pakistani umpire Athar Zaidi ruled him not out.

Later, Jacobs was to add in-

jury to insult when he smashed a short-ball from Murphy into the nape of short square-leg Murray Goodwin's neck.

The fielder was carried away on a

stretcher, was taken to hospital

for observation and took no

further part in proceedings.

It was the second injury

worry for Zimbabwe. Their

bowling was sharply weakened

by the ailing Heath Streak, who

spent the day resting a strained

back at the team's hotel.

Zimbabwe finally had Ja-

cobs when he misued a hook at

Johnson and gave a leg-side catch to wicket-

keeper Andy Flower, the first

ball after lunch.

Curtly Ambrose hung

around just over half-hour with

his captain before he steered a

short-of-a-length ball from