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1 Who is the number one women's tennis player?

Hings Davenport Seles

2 Who won the United Insurance IM chess title?

Refaat Zia Aung

3 How many Tests did Walsh need to break Kapil Dev's world record?

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4 Who was adjudged man-of-the-series in the West Indies-Zimbabwe Test?

Rose Walsh Adams

5 Who are the First Division cricket champions?

Dhanmondi Y Cricketers Khelaghar

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SPORTS TALK



Hansie Cronje

(South African cricket captain)

"We should have beaten Pakistan, they were there for the taking but we were not able to capitalise."

Independence Day b'ball

Navy clinch title

Bangladesh Navy clinched the Independence Day basketball title defeating their arch-rivals Bangladesh Army by 94-78 points at the Wooden Floor Gymnasium yesterday, says a press release.

A week-long tournament started with 8-teams divided into 2 groups. BKSP and Shayan BB withdrew their names at the last moment which was later managed by the inclusion of Bangladesh Police and Bangladesh Army (Green). Mizanur Rahman, chief whip, was the chief guest and distributed prizes.

Barisal cricket

From Staff Correspondent
BARISAL, Apr 2: Arunodayo Super Stars defeated Friends Ekadash by 40 runs while Arunodayo Krira Sangha outplayed BCC Club by seven wickets in the First Division Cricket League here at the Abdur Rab Serniabat Stadium today.

Arunodayo Super made 186 losing all the wickets in 32 overs.

In reply, Friends Ekadash collected 146 runs losing all the wickets in 34.3 overs.

In the other match of the day, winning the toss BCC Club batted first and scored 131 losing all the wickets in 27 overs.

In reply, Arunodayo Krira Sangha scored 134 runs losing three wickets in 25.1 overs.

Chess coaching

Sports Reporter

A two-week long chess coaching programme for women players, jointly organised by Bangladesh Chess Federation (BCF) and Bangladesh Mohila Krira Sangha, will be held at the Sultana Kamal Women Complex in Dhanmondi from April 10.

No entry fee will be required.

Interested players from different districts and other affiliated organisations of the BCF have been asked to submit names by April 8 at the National Sports Council.

The BCF will provide food and accommodation to all participants from districts.



Present and former national cricketers joining the rally which kicked off the International Cricket Council's 'Cricket Week' festivities in the city yesterday. —Star photo by Anisur Rahman

Cricket Week kicked off

Hasan Masood

The International Cricket Week 2000, being celebrated by the International Cricket Council (ICC) in co-operation with the United Nations (UN) to popularise the game globally, began in Bangladesh with a grand rally in the capital yesterday.

The rally, which was participated by thousands of school children, cricketers, fans, organisers and UN officials in Bangladesh, started from the National Tennis Complex in Shahbagh at 8am and ended at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

Obaidul Quader, State Minister for Youth and Sports, Bangladesh Cricket Board president (BCB) Saber Hossain Chowdhury, Warner Kiene, the Resident Co-ordinator of UN in Bangladesh, BCB general secretary Syed Ashraf Huq and BCB co-ordinator, Rouf ul Hasan led the colourful rally.

The participants, wearing special T-shirts and headgear emblazoned with the ICC Cricket Week 2000 logo, carried banners and balloons that created lots of curiosity among the morning joggers and passers-by. The banners read "Children's right to play", "A century for children" and "Score 6 to reach ultra-poor".

Government Laboratory School, Rahmatullah Model High School, Loreto, BKSP, BAF Shaheen School, Konabari MA Kuddus High School, Bangladesh Cricket Umpire's Association, Bangladesh Roller Skating Federation, Bangladesh Police, Ansars and VDP, Bangladesh Army and Bangladesh Air Force fielded separate contingents. Besides, members of the past and present national cricket teams and former sportsmen of other disciplines also took part in the parade.

The rally wound up hoisting flags in front of the BCB office.



Obaidul Quader hoisted the national flag while Warner Kiene and Saber Hossain raised the UN and BCB flag respectively. See page 15

Tickets go on sale tomorrow

Sports Reporter

Tickets for the April 8 mega match between Asia Eleven and Rest of the World at the Bangabandhu National Stadium will go on sale from tomorrow at 13 branches of Al-Baraka Bank.

The day-night limited-overs game involving a galaxy of world stars will start at 2:15 pm. Former Pakistan captain Wasim Akram leads the Asians while Australian master batsman Mark Waugh will skipper the World.

The match is being organised by the ICC (International Cricket Council) as part of its global Cricket Week celebration.

Tickets will be available at the following branches: Dikusha, VIP Road, Karwan Bazar, Guishan, Mirpur Road, Principal Office, Imanganj, Islampur, Bangshal, IDB Bhaban, Babu Bazar, Nawabpur Road and Narayanganj.

This was revealed at a press conference at the Bangladesh

Apart from the rally, a special supplement was also published in different leading national dailies by Gramoon Phone, the sponsor of the Cricket Week in Bangladesh.

On the second day of the celebration, a daylong under-10 cricket tournament will be held at the Kalabagan Club ground today.

An inter-school quiz competition involving eight selected schools will be held at the National Sports Council on April 4 while a seminar on 'Cricket, Patriotism and Globalisation' commences at the same venue the next day. On the 6th of April, cricket clinics for under-13 players will be held at six districts. See page 15

April 8 match Conditions of play

The day and night match between the Asian Eleven and Rest of the World will start at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on April 8 at 2-15 pm (BST), reports BSS.

According to the playing condition of the match, if there is delayed start or one or more interruptions in play, the umpires may allow extra time if they consider that the match can be finished on the scheduled day. If the umpires feel that a result cannot be obtained on the scheduled day, the play will be stopped at 11 pm.

If the match cannot be started at all on the scheduled day, the entire match will be played on the reserve day (9 April). If, however, the play on the scheduled day is interrupted, the unfinished match will be played on the reserve day, at least 11 hours after the close of play on the scheduled day. The latest time for the unfinished match to start on the reserve day is 11 am.

If the umpires feel that the match can be completed on the scheduled day, play may continue until one hour of the scheduled cessation time (10 pm). There will be no reduction in the number of overs until time lost in play exceeds one hour in aggregate.

Each team must bat for a minimum of 25 overs in order that it is constituted to be a match. Where it is not possible to complete a match (25 overs each team) by 11 pm, the umpires may extend the scheduled closing time up to a further 15 minutes, if it permits the team batting second to complete its 25 overs.

Asif Iqbal due today

Asif Iqbal, coordinator of the limited-overs match between Asian XI vs Rest of the World arrives today, general secretary of Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) Syed Ashraf Huq said yesterday, reports BSS.

The one-time Pakistan captain, who is also one of the 24 cricket ambassadors of the ICC, is expected to attend programmes of the Week.

Former Indian Test cricketer and now commentator Ravi Shastri will reach Dhaka on April 6.

Some other ambassadors and players are expected here by April 7.

JU cricket

Geography too good for Drama and Dramatics

From JU Correspondent

SAVAR, April 2: Department of Geography handed Department of Drama and Dramatics a seven-wicket defeat in a Jahangirnagar University inter-department cricket championship match at the JU central ground today.

Deciding to bat, Drama and Dramatics scored 149 for nine in the stipulated 35 overs with Tuhin hitting the highest 61. Evon(22) was the other notable run getter.

Antu of Geography starred with the ball by claiming four for 14. Atig gave him good support by capturing two for 27.

In their chase, Geography raced to their target by scoring 153 in 26 overs losing three wickets in the process.

Rana top-scored with 52 while Hasan contributed 48. Rubayat with two for 43, was the only bowling success for Drama and Dramatics.

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Mohammedan misery mounts

Sports Reporter

Premier League

MSC v Biman

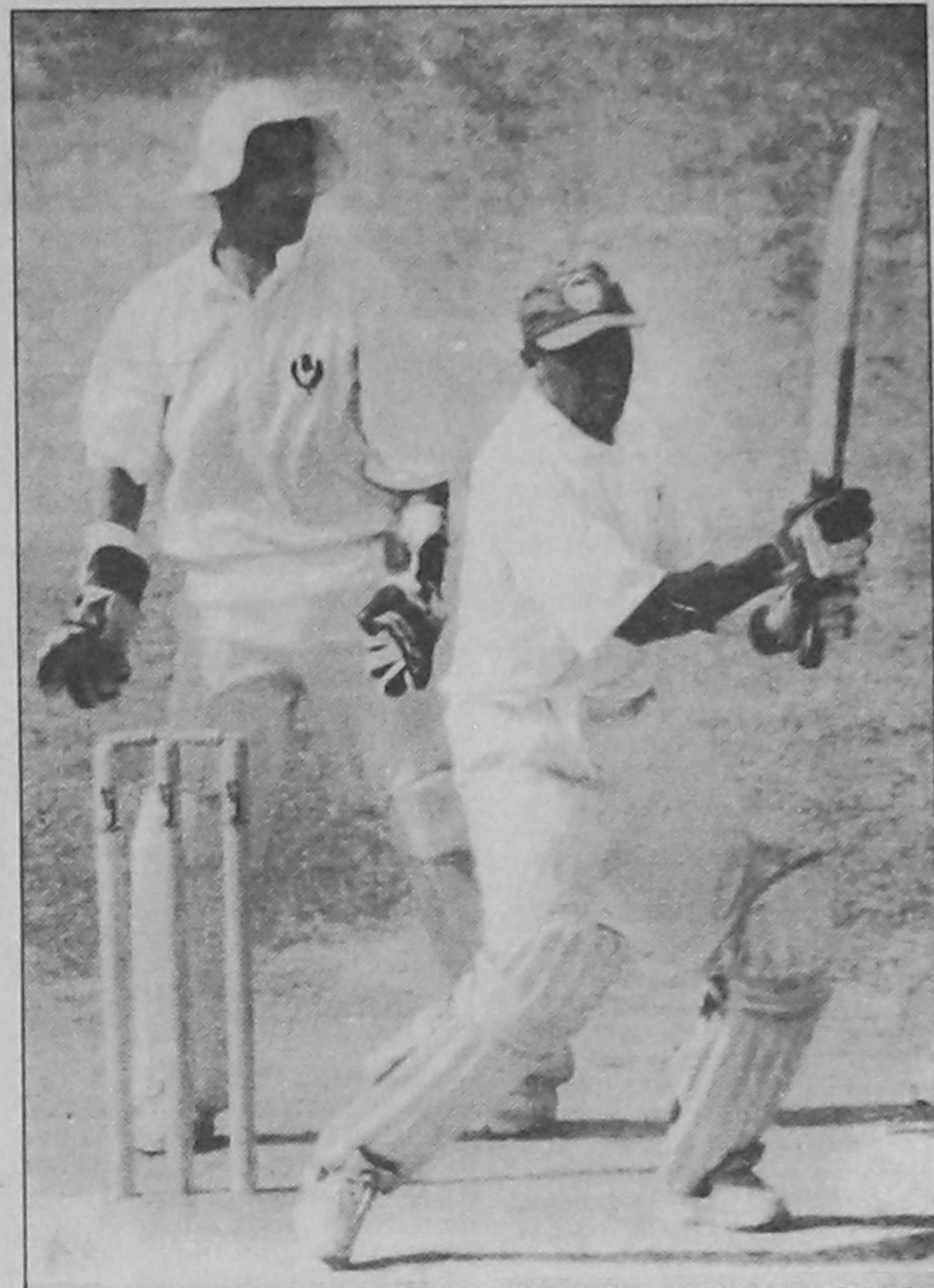


Mohammedan Sporting Club continued their miserable spell in the Janakantha Premier Division Cricket League when they were hauled to their fourth defeat at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

The once prosperous team and now in a limbo came a

cropper again when they conceded a 32-run defeat at the hand of holders Bangladesh Biman.

The national airline outfit



Mohammedan's Sri Lankan batsman Duldeep Samaraweera pulls during his patient 63 against Bangladesh Biman yesterday. —Star photo by Anisur Rahman

ambled to their eight straight wins when, defending a fighting 225, they bundled out Mohammedan for 193 in 47.1 overs.

The defeat not only dashed Mohammedan's title hopes at the early stage of the League but also decimated their chances of even making it to the Super Six. Although many felt that Biman's 225 was not at all an impressive total to defend on a perfect batting strip, an unimaginative Mohammedan batting line-up found it an improbable target as they were bundled out for 193 in 47.1 overs. And that too in the presence of three Sri Lankan's in their ranks.

Mohammedan actually lost the match even before their innings progressed past the 15-over mark. They lost three quick wickets virtually for no good reason.

Skinner Athar faced only one ball before the aging former national all-rounder was run out for a duck thanks to a fine throw from Javed Omar from cover. One-down Nasirul Alam needed 18 balls to get off the mark and then turned a juicy half-volley on his pad into a straight forward catch at deep square leg to Javed.

Sri Lanka Ruwan Kalpage extended his disappointing stint with the bat when he ran himself out for only five and Mohammedan were reduced to 24 for 4 in 10.3 overs.

The veteran left-hander set off for a non-existent single but he couldn't turn back after accurate throw from Javed.

Although Javed, who scored a century in the previous match for Biman, failed with the bat his athleticism in the field played a big part in his side's win.

Promoted up in the order Neeayamur and Sri Lankan opener Dulip Samaraweera tried to mend the early damage putting on 102 runs for the fourth wicket. But both were dismissed in quick succession after completing half centuries.

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Agrani break the jinx

Sports Reporter

Premier League

Agrani Bank v Gopibagh



Agrani Bank needed a record total to post their first win after seven successive defeats in the Janakantha Premier Division Cricket League when they overcame Gopibagh Friends by 42-runs at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

The bankers piled up 301 for four in the stipulated 50 overs, the highest score in an innings so far in the league, to end the jinx after a heartbreaking defeat against Brothers Union last month.

Brothers pulled off a great escape act when they overhauled a massive Agrani Bank total of 293 at the BKS ground in Savar on March 7.

But yesterday Gopibagh, a less colourful next door neighbour of Brothers, could manage only 259 before being all out in 48.2 overs.

The mammoth Agrani total was built around two aggressive half-centuries from their Pakistani duo of Shaheen Malik and Abid Hanif.

Malik hammered a strokeful 81 off 56 balls that included 16 boundaries. While Abid hammered five fours in his 97-ball 62.

One-down Sajjad Kadir also chipped in with a vital 46 and Mofizur Rahman, a naturally aggressive batsman, plundered 32 runs off only 17 balls.

Gopibagh, one of the two

Abid c Shaheed b Zafar 62
Sajjad run out 46
S Malik not out 81
Imran c Gurmeet b Samsul 36
Mofizur not out 32
Extras: (lb-2, nb-1, w-13) 16
Total: (for 4 wickets in 50 overs) 301
Fall of wickets: 1/45; 2/120; 3/171; 4/232

Bowler: O M R W
Sajjad 6 0 53 0
Gurmeet 10 3 25 0
Ripon 10 10 67 1
Samsul 5 0 35 1
Sohel Jr 5 0 31 0
Zafar Ali 7 0 52 1
S Shaheed 7 0 36 0

GOPIBAGH FRIENDS
Farid c S Malik b Imran 15
Kiron c Mazharul b Mizanur 18
Topu c Sajjad b Russel 25
S Shaheed b Mofizur 80
Russel c Mofizur b Russel 46
Zafar c Mofizur b S Malik 11
Sohel c b Mofizur 18
Sajal c Abid b S Malik 4
Samsul c Mazharul b S Malik 6
Sohel Jr not out 9
Ripon c b Russel 4
Extras: (lb-1, nb-3, w-9) 13
Total: (All out in 48.2 overs) 259
Fall of wickets: 1/31; 2/44; 3/114; 4/194; 5/214; 6/216; 7/230; 8/239; 9/247

AGRANI BANK
Faisal c Gurmeet b Ripon 28

TODAY'S MATCHES
Surjo Tarun Club v City Club
Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium
Kalabagan KC v Wari Club
Venue: Dhanmondi cricket stadium

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard of the Janakantha Premier Division Cricket League match between Agrani Bank and Gopibagh Friends Association at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday:

AGRANI BANK
Faisal c Gurmeet b Ripon 28

Bowler: O M R W
Imran 6 0 33 1
Mizanur 7 0 38 1
Mofizur 4 0 31 0
Mosaddek 7 0 34 0
Russel Khan 9.2 0 41 3
S Malik 10 0 50 3
Mofizur 5 0 31 2

Result: Agrani Bank won by 42 runs.

Sherwin propels Windies



KINGSTON, Jamaica, Apr 2 (Reuters/AFP): Sherwin Campbell hit his first one-day international century and led West Indies to an 87-run victory over Zimbabwe in the opening match of a triangular tournament on Saturday.

Opener Campbell made 103 as West Indies compiled 237 for nine in their 50 overs and then dismissed Zimbabwe for 150 in 41.4 overs at Sabina Park. Pakistan are the third team in the tournament.

Campbell was named man-of-the-match for his flawless 132-ball innings and shared a third-wicket partnership of 141 with captain Jimmy Adams who hit 60 in 90 balls.

West Indies, 41 for two in the 11th over when Campbell was joined by Adams, lost their last seven wickets for 55 runs, including four run outs.

Zimbabwe lost openers Grant Flower and Neil Johnson cheaply but Murray Goodwin and Stuart Carlisle steadied the innings with a third-wicket stand of 86.

However, when that part-

nership was broken the innings folded and the last seven wickets tumbled for 34 runs, Adams taking three for 19 in seven overs and off-spinner Ricardo Powell wrapping up the tail with two for five in 1.4 overs.

Only Goodwin, with a 55-ball 52, Carlisle (37) and Craig Wishart (15) achieved double figures for Zimbabwe.

Zimbabwe won the toss and put West Indies in to bat but began erratically. Pace bowler

Heath Streak, returning after a back injury which kept him out of the second test, bowled two wides and a no ball in his first over.

Campbell, driving and cutting fluently, brought up his 50 off 55 balls. The West Indies total reached 100 in 23.5 overs and Campbell and Adams took their partnership to 100 in the 32nd.

Adams reached 50 off 75 balls in the 36th over with a flick to leg off Henry Olonga but was run out five overs later on a direct hit from short extra cover by Wishart.

Campbell completed his 100 two balls later, lofting Muleki Nkala over extra cover off 126 balls with eight fours. But in the next over he was run out.

Zimbabwe, docked two overs because of a slow over rate, started their innings shakily and were 30 for two by the eighth over.

Goodwin and Carlisle, running well and dispatching loose balls, restored Zimbabwe's hopes with their partnership of 86.

Carlisle brought up the Zimbabwe's 50 off 30. See page 15



Muktijodha Sangsad's Brazilian recruit Bereto(L) trying to take control of the ball during a Nitol-Tata National Football League fixture at Mirpur yesterday. —Star photo