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Column One

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Competition-128

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Competition closes at 8 pm
April 14, 2000 and draw
shortly afterwards

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

Hings Davenport Seles

2 Who won the United Insurance IM
chess title?

Reefat Zia Aung

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

114 115 116

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

Rose Walsh Adams

5 Who are the First Division cricketers?

Dharmodi Y Cricketers Khelgahar

Name _____

Class Roll No.

School Address

Phone: (If any)

POWERED WITH
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SPORTS TALK



Courtney Walsh

(West Indian fast bowler)
"It has been a life I would not
trade because the people have
made me feel it was worth it."

Big wins mark the day

Sports Reporter

Hammadia High School defeated Hasnabad High School by seven wickets in one of the three Dhaka metropolitan qualifying matches of the ANZ National School cricket championship at the Uttara Police Lines ground yesterday.

ANE Grindlays National School Cricket

Chasing a commanding Hasnabad total of 216 in 35 overs, the winners reached 220 in 32.2 overs with opener Robin hammering highest 57. Among

BRIEF SCORES

AK HIGH SCHOOL: 147 all out in 33.4 overs (Roni 47, Topu 15, Tuhin 13, extras 52; Milon 3/30, Akhter 2/23, Shahar 2/11)

KHILGAON HIGH SCHOOL: 149 for 3 in 19.1 overs (Johny 52 n.o., Prodree 30, Babu 17 n.o.)

Result: Khilgaon High School won by seven wickets.

HASNABAD KAMUCHAND HIGH SCHOOL: 216 all out in 35 overs (Robin 79, Kawsar 57, extras 53; Bashir 5/38, Shahin 2/48).

HAMMADIA HIGH SCHOOL: 220 for 3 in 32.2 overs (Robin 57, Alaudin 49 n.o., Shamsin 47, extras 49).

Result: Hammadia High School won by seven wickets.

RASHID ADARSHA HIGH SCHOOL: 149 for 7 in 23.4 overs (Dil 26, Hasan 18, Russell 16, Shakwat 13, Zaman 2/17, Rafique 2/32).

BARNAMALA HIGH SCHOOL: 151 for 8 in 22.5 overs (Robin 38 n.o., Iqbal 18, Rashid 17 n.o., Sohag 3/43).

Result: Barnamala High School won by eight wickets.

Others, Alaudin scored an unbeaten 49 while Shamsin added 47.

Earlier, batting first, Hasnabad High School amassed 216 before being all out in 35 overs.

Robin top-scored with a run-a-ball 79 which included two sixes and eleven fours followed by Kawsar who weighed in with 57 off 70 balls.

At the Dhanmondi Club ground, Khilgaon High School

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NO CHEERS FOR CHOPPER: The sponsors of the National Football League Nitol-Tata arranged a stunning event by bringing in the champions' trophy in a chopper. However there were less than a handful present at the stadium to appreciate this 'first of its kind' innovation.

— Star photo by Anisur Rahman

Abahani annex NFL title

Sports Reporter

Abahani Krira Chakra lifted the first ever National Football League title when they held archrivals Mohammedan Sporting Club to a goalless draw in last match of the eight-team competition at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

Mohammedan went into the blood and thunder clash with an improbable task of defeating Abahani by a margin of three goals, but they failed to break the evening's duck and to be satisfied with the runners-up spot.

The draw left Abahani with highest 14 points in the two-tier meet. The only unbeaten side in the fray won four games and drew their other two matches in the competition, where eight teams took part in the first phase and four advanced into the super four.

Although the Dhaka derby attracted more than five thousand spectators, it failed to live up to pre-match hype as the players never put their heart into the 90 minutes. The only real star of the show, however, was a private chopper that carried the glittering trophy, during the break and watching it whisk after a few minutes later.

The first 45 minutes was absolutely tedious for all and sundry. Both teams were keen to exhibit their physical strength rather than creating a single positive attack. The only chance Mohammedan got midway through the first session was wasted by their captain Alfaaz who shot the ball miles over the bar with Abahani custodian Aminul at his mercy.

The tempo however picked up pace after the lemon break with forays and counter forays.

Mohammedan got their second real scoring opportunity fourteen minutes into the second session when substitute Mizanur Rahman came up with

Football Federation (BFF) have offered up a lot of prize money among the winners.

Champions Abahani won a lucrative cash award of Taka 500,000 apart from the glittering trophy while Mohammedan became richer by Taka 300,000.

Chittagong Abahani got a cash award of Taka 200,000. Besides the spirited boys of Abu Yousuf also won the Fair Play Award.

Mohammedan and national midfielder Matiur Rahman Munna was declared the man-of-the-final.

Mukti Jodda, a disappointment in the meet, received Taka 100k for making it into the last four. The all reds lost three of their final round matches.

State Minister for Information Prof. Abu Sayeed distributed prizes as the chief guest. The general secretary of BFF Harun-ur Rashid, MP and chairman of the sponsors Nitol Group Motlib Ahmed also attended the concluding ceremony.

Four teams — Sylhet Chatu-ranga, Netrokona Mohammedan, Rajshahi Abahani and Khulna Abahani were earlier eliminated from the first round.

It is a tragedy of football when a player remains absent on such an auspicious occasion," said Abu Yousuf who successfully coached Chittagong Abahani to capture a creditable third position ahead of Mukti Jodda.

The former national player was also adjudged the best coach of the competition and won a cash award of Taka 12,000.

The organisers Bangladesh

FINAL STANDINGS

Team	M	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts.
Abahani KC	6	4	2	0	10	2	14
Mohammedan SC	6	3	2	1	8	4	11
Ctg. Abahani	6	3	1	2	10	7	10
Mukti Jodda Sangsad	6	2	1	3	10	8	7

Sports Reporter

Premier League

Agrani Bank v Wari Club

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Wari fly on Lankan wings

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In reply Sher-e-Bangla Sabuj Sangha scored 121 runs when they completed a five-wicket triumph over Zimbabwe on Wednesday in the third match of the triangular limited-overs cricket series, reports AFP.

In reply, Young Stars collected 123 runs losing only 3 wickets in 16 overs.

When Younus Youhana

With Shahid and Inzamam

in occupation, Pakistan rolled

along at better than 5 runs an

over. The introduction of Dirk

Viljoen after 18 overs brought

their wickets for Zimbabwe.

Both Shahid and Inzamam

were caught at long-off playing

identical lofted straight hits

against the left-arm spin bowler

in the 21st and 31st

overs respectively to leave Pak-

istan 136 for four.

When Younus Youhana

slowly responded to captain

Moin Khan's call for a single off

left-arm spin bowler Grant

Flower and was run out by

Johnson's throw from point to

the bowler. Pakistan needed 48

in 14 overs with five wickets

standing.

Moin and all-rounder Abdur

Razzag ensured the result in an

untroubled, unbroken sixth-

wicket stand of 47 off 67 balls to

virtually kill any hopes of

Zimbabwe reaching the three-

match finals in Bridgetown

(April 19) and Port-of-Spain

(April 22 and 23).

Zimbabwe, desperate for a

win to enhance their chances of

a place in the finals, were given

a reasonable foundation by

Johnson and Grant Flower.

The opening batsmen shared

59 off 14.3 overs, but they

started the mad batting disease

which afflicted the African side

throughout.

For the second straight

match, Flower was deceived by

a slower ball, this time it was

Razzag's in the 15th over, and

gave a gentle catch to mid-