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Competition-128

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Win attractive prizes

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?

Refaat 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 cricket

champions?

Dharmodhi Y Cricketers Khelaghar

Name

Class Roll No.

School Address

Phone: (If any)

POWERED WITH

EN-VITS

ENERGY RELEASING VITAMINS

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 de-

feated Hasnabad High School

by seven wickets in one of the

three Dhaka metropolitan

qualifying matches of the ANZ

National School cricket cham-

ionship at the Uttara Police

Lines ground yesterday.

ANZ 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,

Shahriar 2/11)

KHILGAON HIGH SCH-

OOL: 149 for 3 in 19.1 overs

(Johny 52 n.o., Proddeep 30,

Babu 17 n.o.)

Result: Khilgaon High Sch-

ool won by seven wickets.

HASNABAD KAMUCHAN-

D HIGH SCHOOL: 216 all

out in 35 overs (Robin 79,

Kawsar 57, extras 53; Bashir

5/38, Shahin 2/48)

HAMMADIA HIGH SCH-

OOL: 220 for 3 in 32.2 overs

(Robin 57, Alauddin 49 n.o.,

Shamim 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, Rus-

sell 16, Shahikat 13, Zaman

2/17, Rafique 2/32)

BARNAMALA HIGH SCH-

OOL: 151 for 8 in 22.5 overs

(Robin 38 n.o., Iqbal 18,

Rashid 17 n.o., Sohag 3/43)

Result: Barnamala High

School win by eight wickets.

others, Alauddin scored an un-

beaten 49 while Shamim

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 Dharmodhi Club

ground, Khilgaon High School

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NO CHEERS FOR CHOPPER: The sponsors of the National Football League Nitel-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 arch-rivals 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 Al-faz, 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

a low header off a Rakib corner from the right, but only to be denied by Abahani's Ghanaian defender Charles Ghanasha. The ever-alert tall central defender made a goal-line save.

Abahani also had their share of opportunities. Young Titu struck a blistering right-footer minutes after Ghanasha's spectacular save. But the ball kissed over the metal work much to the horror of his teammates. Abahani could have run away with a late winner had not their Ghanaian forward Kennedy missed the mark from a hand-shaking distance.

The most pitiful aspect of the match was a low turnout of spectators. The declining appetite for football was so evident that even Tanvir, who won the man-of-the-tournament award, was not available to collect a lucrative cash award of Taka 50,000 and a brand new bike.

The Chittagong Abahani midfielder is reported to have left for the port city on Wednesday night after his side's sensational 3-2 win over Mukti-joddha Sangsad Krira Chakra.

"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-joddha.

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

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 Matur Rahman Munna was declared the man-of-the-final.

Mukti-joddha, a disappointment in the meet, received Taka one lakh 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 Nitel Group Motlub Ahmed also attended the concluding ceremony.

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

TEAMS

ABAHANI KC: Aminul, Partho, Kingshuk, Ghanasha, Titu, Iqbal, Zakir, Kanchan, Mintu, Kennedy and Tipu (Sohel).

MOHAMMEDAN SC: Nizam, Faisal, Rezaul, Sayeed (Jahangir), Salim, Anwar (Parvez), Motiur Munna, Rakib, Andre (Mizanur) and Alfaz.

Referee: Maruf Shikder.

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
Cig. Abahani	6	3	1	2	10	7	10
Mukti-joddha Sangsad	6	2	1	3	10	8	7

Wari fly on Lankan wings

Sports Reporter

Premier League

Agrani Bank v Wari Club



Opener Ramanayeke carried his bat through the innings to ensure Wari Club an exciting one-wicket win over Agrani Bank in the lone Janakantha Premier Division Cricket League match played at the Dharmodhi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

The Sri Lankan scored an unbeaten 142 as Wari, chasing a mammoth Bank total of 294 in 50 overs, reached the summit in 48.2 overs with one wicket in hand.

Ramanayeke occupied the crease for almost three and half an hour to hammer five sixes and a dozen of fours in his swashbuckling 127-ball innings. It was the 12th century of the Premier League and also the second best individual innings of the season.

Kalabagan's Pakistani batsman Zahoor Elahi, who is now on a four-match suspension, scored 144 against Mohammedan Sporting Club early last month.

Ramanayeke apart, opener Anup Biswas scored 34 off 29 balls with the help of six boundaries and Sri Lankan Gamagee added 28 off 46 balls that included four fours.

For Agrani Bank, right-arm

medium pacer Mofizur Rahman captured four wickets for 42 runs.

Earlier, opting to bat first, Agrani Bank's big total was built around a fine 54 from middle-order Mofizur Islam.

Mazhar (45), opener Abid Hanif (37) and lower-order Imran (30) were the other notable run-get-

ters for the Bankers. Wari medium pacer Zakir Hasan finished with three for 48 from nine overs while Montu took two wickets for 46 runs.

It was Wari's second win in nine matches that raised their tally to four points. On the other hand, Agrani Bank suffered their eighth defeat in nine matches and remained content with their previous collection of two points.

Premier League matches will be suspended up to April 9 because of the Bankers' strike.

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On the occasion of Cricket Week a procession was brought out in Barisal on April 2. — Star photo

Cricket clinic at Barisal

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, April 6: A cricket clinic for under-13 players was organised as part of the ICC Cricket Week celebrations at the Bangabandhu Udyan here today.

More than 50 participants were given valuable lessons in the art of batting, bowling, wicketkeeping and fielding during the day-long camp which was directed by Divisional Cricket Development Officer Shaikh Abdul Rahim.

Senior players and other cricketers imparted tips to the youngsters. The boys were also told about the other aspects of the game such as stretching and warm-up.

Earlier, the clinic was formally opened at 9 in the morning. District Sports Association general secretary Rezaul Haque Harun, member secretary of the DSA Nurul Alam Nurul were present on the occasion.

A limited-overs exhibition match was held later in the day. Meanwhile, apart from the Dhaka Division, similar programmes to mark the Cricket Week were held in divisional headquarters today. Such programme for Dhaka was held in Mymensingh.

Papa Ronaldo

MILAN, Apr 6: Inter Milan's Brazilian striker Ronaldo became a father today, the club said, reports Reuters.

His wife Milene gave birth to a boy called Ronald at 12:30 pm (1030 GMT) at La Madonnina hospital in Milan.

Ronald weighed 2.9 kg (6 lbs 4oz).

An Inter spokesman said photographs of baby Ronald would be posted on the club's website at www.inter.it later in the day.

Fans were invited to send their congratulations via e-mail to ronald@inter.it.

Barisal cricket

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Apr 6: Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Students Union beat Sher-e-Bangla Sabuj Sangha by 3 wickets while Young Stars Club defeated New Picnic Point Club by 6 wickets in the First Division Cricket League here at the Abdur Rab Serniabat Stadium today.

Sher-e-Bangla Medical College collected 123 runs losing 7 wickets in 26.5 overs.

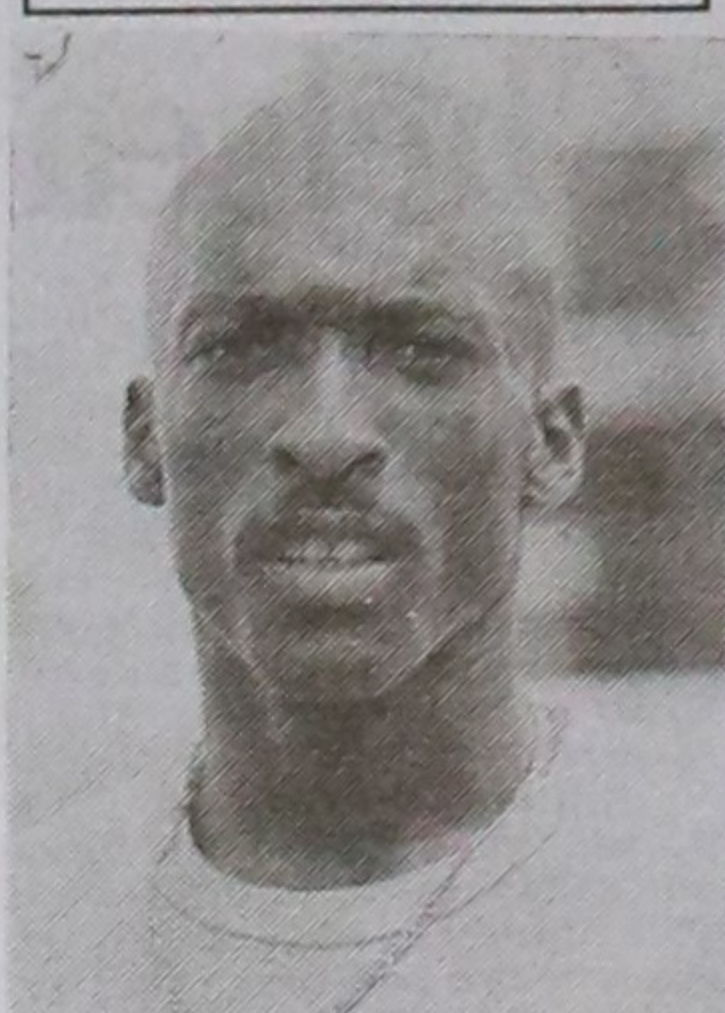
In reply Sher-e-Bangla Sabuj Sangha scored 121 runs losing all wickets in 34.5 overs.

In the other match winning the toss New Picnic Point scored 119 runs losing all wickets in 29.4 overs.

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

Rose in our garden

Hassan Masood



FRANKLYN ROSE

said that he was relishing the prospect of playing here. "I watched Bangladesh matches in the World Cup. I never played against them. It's good to be here. Hope I will come

again and play one-day matches against Bangladesh in future," said Rose who have appeared in 15 Tests and 17 one day internationals for West Indies since his debut against India in the 1996/97 season. Rose has taken 45 wickets in Tests at an average of 27.10 and 15 victims in the instant version.

"I'm looking forward to the match. I would thoroughly enjoy bowling against some of the great players of the world like Sachin Tendulkar and the others," said Rose.

Rose seemed pretty confident when asked about his side's strength.

"We have a strong side. But it would have been better if Courtney Walsh and Brian Lara were here. Unfortunately Courtney is injured at the moment and Brian is taking a break from cricket," Rose said.

About the state of cricket in his native land, Rose disclosed that a lot of youngsters were coming up. "Hopefully we will reach the top again in the future."

Answering to another question, Rose said that he was out of the game for a long time because of injury but now is back to his best.

"I'm in form at the moment. What I need to do now is to maintain that," added Rose.

Rose praised the International Cricket Council's (ICC) idea of organising the Cricket Week 2000.

"It's a good concept. It will help grow more interest in cricket among kids. Bangladesh is also going to gain a lot from this," he opined.

Gateway to Lanka stars

Sports Reporter

Futurekids Gateway, a computer school in the city, has joined the ICC's (International Cricket Council) ongoing celebration of Cricket Week 2000 by organising a meet-the-Sri Lankan-star programme at its Gulshan branch today.

Mercurial batsman Aravinda de Silva and Hasan Tillekeratne will meet the children in between 9:30am-12:30 pm.

De Silva arrived here yesterday to play for the Asia XI against Rest of the World XI, scheduled to be held at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on April 8. Tillekeratne meanwhile is playing for Mohammedan Sporting Club this season.

The children who get registered in the school on this day will have the opportunity to get an autographed cap and pose for photograph with these cricket stars.

Sirajganj cricket

From Our Correspondent

SIRAJGANJ, Apr 6: Shahjadpur Club Ekadosh defeated Masampur Krira Chakra Ekadosh by 8 wickets today at Shahed Shamsuddin Stadium.

Winning the toss Masampur decided to bat first and collected 96 runs losing all the wickets in 31.2 overs.

In-reply Shahjadpur made 97 runs losing 2 wickets in 12.1 over.

Pakistan begin with win



ST. JOHN'S, Antigua, Apr 6: Pakistan got their two-month tour of the Caribbean off to a winning start when they completed a five-wicket triumph over Zimbabwe on Wednesday in the third match of the triangular limited-overs cricket series, reports AFP.

A third-wicket stand of 68 off 87 balls between Shahid Afridi and Inzamam-ul-Haq paved the way for Pakistan's win in their opening match, after Zimbabwe were restricted to 199 for nine in 50 overs.

Choosing to bat under overcast skies on a firm Antigua Recreation Ground pitch, Zimbabwe's batsmen threw their wickets away against Pakistan's tight and varied attack helped by the prevailing conditions.

The mad batting disease seemed like it would spread to Pakistan's batsmen, but they gradually got their side to the magic number of 200 for the loss of five wickets in 47.1 overs to leave Zimbabwe winless in three matches.

Shahid's run-a-ball 69 which included five fours and three sixes gave the innings early momentum, though Pakistan would slip to 41 for two in the seventh over.

Tenaged opening batsman Imran Nazir was caught at slip in the second over off Neil Johnson, and Younis Khan was adjudged lbw to Heath Streak before Shahid and Inzamam repaired the damage over the next 15 overs.

With Shahid and Inzamam in occupation, Pakistan rolled along at better than five 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 Pakistan 136 for four.

When Yousuf 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 Razaq ensured the result in an untroubled, unbroken six-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).