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Who are the First Division cricked champions? Dhanmondi | Y Cricketers | Khelaghar

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(Brazilian football super-

"I've blamed no one. I've just cursed my bad luck." On his current state.

Div III

Habib rescues Y Pegasus

Sports Reporter Young Pegasus, aided by an all-round performance from Habib, recorded a hard-fought two-wicket win over CCS Colt in the lone Third Division Cricket League match at the City Club ground yesterday. Habib captured three wickets

as CCS, batting first after winning the toss, could muster 125 for nine in their share of 35 overs. He ripped through the top-order to finish with 3/17 in his seven venomous overs.

After the good work with the new-ball. Habib also scored a match-winning unbeaten 24 after Pegasus were reduced to 85 for seven.

BRIEF SCORES

CCS: 125 for 9 wickets in 35 overs (Anwar 20, Faisal 16; Habib 3/19, Arefin 2/17) YOUNG PEGASUS: 130 for 8 wickets in 34.5 overs (Habib 24

not out, Faiaz 22, Zahid 20: their eighth victory from their Arafat 3/26) 11 first round matches. Result: Young Pegasus won The most refreshing aspect of the big spending team was a 95-run stand for the first wicket between Ashraful and Mo-

Sirajganj

cricket

From Our Correspondent SIRAJC. VJ. Apr 18: Rahmatgani i ing Star Association beat O zatrik Ekadosh by seven wiel .. today at Shahid Shamsude . Stadium.

Ovizati Ekadosh batted first and n de 141 for nine in 35 overs. In reply Rahmatganj reached 142 in 35 overs losing three wickets.

Navy hockey

Khulna Squadron and Patrol Craft Squadron won their matches in Bangladesh Navy Hockey Championship at BNS Issa Khan ground on Monday.

reports UNB. Khulna Squadron beat BNS Shaheed Moazzem team by solitary goal while Patrol Craft in his polished knock much to Squadron beat BNS Haji the delight of his coach Ja-Mohsin 2-1.



Duleep Samaraweera (R) and Nasirul Alam of Mohammedan talk during the lunch break inside the dressing room at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. Samaraweera recorded Mohammedans' maiden century in this year's league while made an enterprising - Star photo

Vintage Mohammedan show

Mohammedan Sporting Club concluded their first round campaign of the Pre-

mier Division cricket league on an enterprising note with a 140-run drubbing of Sadharan Bima Krira Sangstha at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Sri Lankan opener Duleep Samaraweera smashed a dazzling 127 as Mohammedan scored a mammoth 321 for the loss of four wickets in the allotted 50 overs after being put into bat. This was the highest total of this season in the Premier League. The previous highest--301--was scored by Brothers Union while chasing 299 of Agrani Bank at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium in March.

In reply, the insurancemen were shot out for 181 in 40 overs to record their seventh defeat in the first round against four wins. On the other hand, it was the seventh win for the popular Motijheel outfit also in 11 matches.

This was for the first time in the season that Mohammedans layed to their true potential.

On a perfect batting pitch, they were off to a flying start with 45 runs coming in 7.2 overs from the opening pair of Samaraweera and Imran Hamid.

The stand was broken when Imran, the hard hitting left hander, was bowled by off spinner Moinuzzaman for 24(18 balls, five fours).

After losing Imran, Samaraweera shared a magnificent 186-run second wicket partnership with one down Nasirul

Surjo Tarun Club

ended their oth-

erwise disap-

pointing first leg

campaign of the

Janakantha Pre-

mier Division Cricket League

on a winning note when they

handed down a nine-wicket

defeat on babes Gopibagh

Friends Association at the

Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium

total of 173 in the truncated 47-

over-a-side match, Surjo Tarun

raced to 177 in 33.2 overs for

the loss only one wicket to earn

Better known as a team lack-

ing a top order, Surjo Tarun

may have finally unearthed a

dependable opener in young

Ashraful, who scored a matured

44 off 53 balls before becoming

Considered an exciting

prospect Ashraful, the lithe

right-hander, featured in the

club's highest opening stand

with his more illustrious Pak-

istani partner Ramzan. The

previous stand was 67 between

Ramzan and out of sort Parvez

Hard to believe that Tarun's

A member of the Bangladesh

next best first-wicket stand is

worth a mere 18 runs out of the

Youth team in Sri Lanka,

Ashraful hammered six fours

against City Club on April 3.

remaining nine games.

hangir Shah Badsha.

the lone casualty during the

Chasing a modest Gopibagh

vesterday.

hammed Ramzan.

chase.

Sports Reporter

Premier League

Mohammedan SC v Sadharan Bima KS



TAREQ ... 85

The former Sri Lankan Test cricketer took 70 deliveries to reach his fifty and then needed just another 36 balls to reach

the magical three figures. Samaraweera's highly entertaining innings came to end when he tried to play an improvised shot off spinner Rezwanul Islam and was caught at deep fine leg by Faruq Kamal.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Brothers Union v Wari Club Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium

Agrani Bank v Victoria SC Venue: Dhanmondi Cricket ner Tillekeratue for 85(85 Stadium

Ijaz likely to join MSC

Sports Reporter

Pakistani Test veteran Ijaz Ahmed is all set to play for Mohammedan Sporting Club in the Janakantha Premier Division Cricket League.

The top-order batsman, dropped from the national team for his poor performance in the tour of Australia early this year, is reported to have agreed to play in the Super League for

the Motijheel giants. Mohammedan, whose championship hopes is all but over even before the start of the six-team Super League, are very keen to ensure the services of Ijaz to entertain their chances of finishing the league campaign in a respectable position. Mohammedan finished fifth last year. Besides, they have already lost four out of their 11 first round games this season. The veteran Pakistani, is expected to fly into the city on

Massive win for BKSP

Sports Reporter

ANZ Grindlays National School Cricket

Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protisthan taught Islami Adarsha High School a good lesson in cricket when they massacred them by 234 runs in one of the three Dhaka Metropolitan Zone qualifying matches of the ANZ Grindlays Bank National Schools Cricket Championship at the Uttara Friends Chil ground vesterday.

Electing to bat first, BKSP piled up a huge 277 for three in the stipulated 35. The highlight of the BKSP innings was an unbeaten 122-run fourth wicket stand between Fariduddin and Mithun.

Farid, who batted at number four, was undefeated on 92 off just 74 balls with four sixes and nine boundaries while Mithun was not out 57 off 35 balls which included two sixes and six boundaries.

Among others, opener Sabbir scored 50 off 59 balls with half a dozen of fours. In reply, Islami Adarsha

were bundled out for 43 in 13.5 BKSP's Nadif and Raqib

evenly shared six wickets. Scholastica handed Baganbari Adarsha High School a 145-run defeat at the Mirpur Outer Stadium.

Batting first after winning the toss, Scholastica amassed 241 for six in 35 overs with middle order Nahiyan hammering highest 56 off 47 balls with two sixes and six boundaries. Middle order Fahim scored an unbeaten 39 off 35 balls while opener Tahzeeb chipped in with 35.

In reply, Baganbari were shot out for 96 in 28.3 overs with Harris scoring highest 26. Scholastica's Azimul re-

turned with four for 16 from his In the other match of the day, Barnamala High School outplayed 1 Naila Memorial High School by ten wickets at

the Dhanmondi Club ground. Chasing Naila Memorial's 132 in 35 overs, the winners reached 134 in 18.4 overs without any loss.

Opener Babu was undefeated on 74 followed by Rafig who was not out on 37. Earlier, put into bat, Naila

Memorial were restricted to 132 for nine in 35 overs. Middle order Russell scored highest 38.

Warne wants fixers banned

LONDON, Apr 18: Australian leg-spinner Shane Warne, fined last year for providing pitch and team details to a bookmaker, said anyone found guilty of match-fixing should be barred from cricket, reports AP.

Warne, who joined the English county side Hampshire on Tuesday, called on South Africa's former captain Hansie Cronje to make a full admission concerning the match-fixing allegations levelled against him

"Hansie needs to come out and tell us exactly what has happened," Warne said in Tuesday's The Times newspaper.

"That would be best for himself, the rest of the players and the sport itself. I am also convinced that anybody found guilty of match-fixing should not be in the game. I don't know anyone else who would dis-

Barisal cricket

From Staff Correspondent BARISAL, Apr 18: Jordan Road Samaj Kallyan Parishad (SKP) defeated Kallol Pathagaro-Club by eight wickets in the First Division Cricket League at the Abdur Rab Serniabat Stadium today.

Put into bat Kallol Pathagar scored 105 all out in 18.3 overs. In reply, Jordon Road reached 106 for two in 15.4

Finals in WI start today

that also involved Zimbabwe.

join Pakistan for the finals.

Meanwhile, off-spinner

Pakistan Cricket Board

Saglain Mushtag has left

Karachi for the West Indies to

(PCB) director Yawar Saeed also

said in Lahore that opener

Saeed Anwar would fly to the

West Indies later this month for

the three-Test series as he has

Today's first final will be on

Star Sports television live

Saglain will join the team

in Barbados on Tuesday while

Saeed Anwar will fly out on

April 25 for the Test series

which starts May 5," Saeed said.

players now in the West Indies

treatment for their injuries.

stomach illness while the other

finals by winning all four of

their preliminary round

had surgery on his right knee.

would return by Friday.

He added that four of the 18

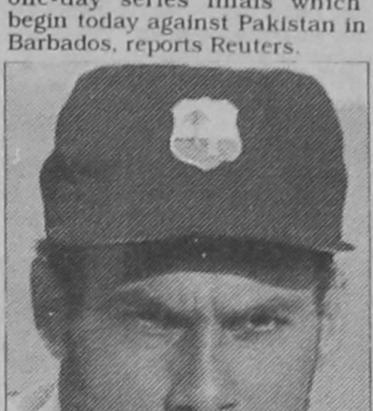
Saglain and Saced returned

starting at 7:30 p.m. BST



UNDATED, Apr 18: West Indies have called up Guyanese legspinnner Mahen-

dra Nagamootoo for the three-match triangular Cable and Wireless 2000 Trophy one-day series finals which begin today against Pakistan in



JIMMY ADAMS

Nagamootoo, 24, who is also a useful left-hand batsman, replaces off-spinner Nehemiah Perry in the 14-man squad for the matches. The other two games will be held in Trinidad on Saturday and Sunday. Fast bowler Curtly Ambrose

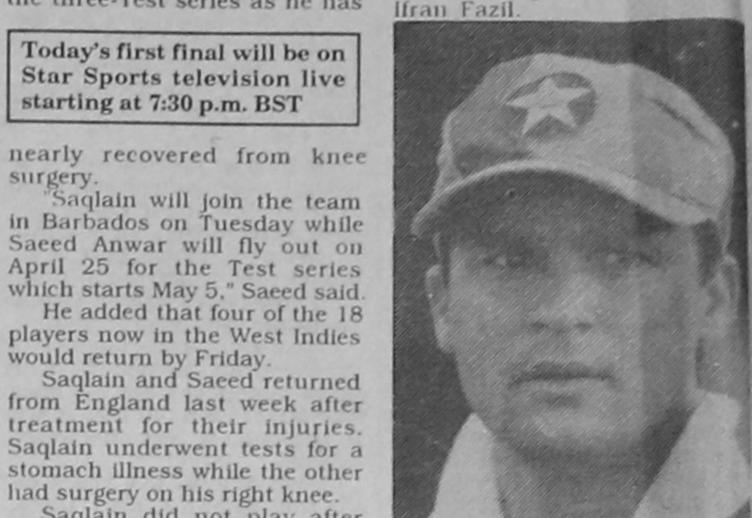
Saglain did not play after the first Test against Sri Lanka five weeks ago while Saeed pulled out of the last and third Test at Karachi. West Indies qualified for the

matches. On the other hand, Pakistan won both of the their games against Zimbabwe but is set to return to the side after a lost to the hosts on both occaone-game break in the series

surgery.

SQUADS

PAKISTAN (from): Moin Khan (captain), Imran Nazir Shahid Afridi, Younis Khan Inzamamul Haq (vice-captain) Yousuf Youhana, Abdur Razzan Wasim Akram, Waqar Younis Arshad Khan, Mushtaq Ahmed Saglain Mushtag, Mohammag Wasim. Wajahatullah Wasti



MOIN KHAN

WEST INDIES (from): Jimmy Adams (captain). Sherwin Campbell, Philo Wallace, Chris Gayle, Wavel Hinds, Ricardo Powell. Ridley Jacobs, Franklyn Rose, Curtly Ambrose, Nixon McLean, Reon King, Mahendra Nagamootoo, Laurie Williams, Sylvester

Dishonesty began in 1996?

been advised to "sleep on it" be-

were unhappy that the match, a

benefit game for former Indian

player Mohinder Amarnath,

international. The match had

demanding tour.

proposal

game because of illness.



JOHANNESBURG, wicketkeeper Dave Richardson which South Af- rejected and that the team had fer. rican players were allegedly offered fore making a decision.

250,000 dollars to lose a game against India will be investigated by the United Cricket Board of South Africa (UCBSA), its chief said Tuesday, reports

Several players who were on been scheduled at the end of a the 1996-97 tour of India have confirmed an offer was conveyed to the team by the captain, Hansie Cronje, who was sacked last week after admitting that he took money from an Indian businessman before South Africa's recent tour of In-

"I will be asking each and ev- who has subsequently retired. ery one of our contracted play- voiced strong opposition to the ers who were on the 1996-97 tour to tell me exactly what happened," said UCBSA manag-

ing director Ali Bacher. Six of the players who have signed new two-year contracts with South Africa were on the tour -- Gary Kirsten, Nicky Boje, Daryll Cullinan, Herschelle Gibbs, Lance Klusener and Jonty Rhodes.

Cronje revealed the offer in a newspaper interview in 1998. He claimed he had not taken the offer seriously but had raised it at a team meeting.

team "basically laughed it off"

and resolved they would never be party to match-fixing. Players who were at the meeting have contradicted

Cronje's version, led by former

According to Cronje, the

team meeting. offer was passed on to the team.

seems to be correct."

that Hudson said: "We were each

offered 20,000 dollars -- so the

amount of 250,000 dollars

That's when we were told how much was on offer."

them it was not the right thing

you think. This could open a Apr 18: A 1996 who said it took three team whole can of worms. We can't team meeting at meetings before the offer was have anything to do with the of-However, the players were

> interested in it at the time be-Richardson said the players cause "everyone was inquisitive about what was going on." He added: "Ideally it should have been thrown out at the first inhad been upgraded to an official stance." Former Test cricketer Brian McMillan confirmed the inci-

> dent but said the idea was thrown out within 10 minutes No-one really wanted to Cronje made no attempts to mplay," said Richardson, who fluence the team's decision, he himself withdrew from the

> Former South African off-Richardson said the team fispinner Pat Symcox agreed that nally rejected the offer to fix the the players were curious to game when Andrew Hudson, know what was going on. "It was our first Test tour of India and we were breaking new ground We had heard about match-fix-The Star, a Johannesburg ing and bookmakers but it was newspaper, reported Tuesday the first time it involved us.

> "I can only remember two meetings. When Hansie raised the issue it was a pretty infor-Cronje, according to Hudson, mal meeting and we laughed broached the subject during a about it but Hansie did say we should think about it. The next "He (Cronje) wanted everyone time we got together Andrew to know what was going on. The said he wanted no part of it and that was the end of it."

> Bob Woolmer, then the South African coach, said: "I'd Hudson confirmed that there thought that the offer was diswere three meetings. After the missed after one meeting. My first, the players were asked to stance was that anyone even "sleep on it," then a second and thinking about taking the a third, after which Hudson told money should be thrown out."

> India won the match by 83 to do. Hudson confirmed that he runs against a team weakened had advised: "It's bigger than by injury and illness.

Delhi seeks BCCI's help



came under moland over details related to match-fixing al-

legations against the South African team as police widened their probe, reports AFP. A police source said Delhi

detectives have sought the names and other details of people who accompanied the South Africans during their tour of India from members of the Board of Cricket Control for India (BCCI).

BCCI who accompanied them, the name of locations and places of their stay," one source Africa-India one-day series.

Police here are widening

in the wake of sensational allegations of match rigging against top South African play-

On April 7. Delhi police dropped bombshell allegations that South African captain Hansie Cronje was part of a match-fixing racket along with three of his team-mates. Herschelle Gibbs, Nicky Boje and Pieter Strydom.

The police furnished transcripts of alleged telephone conversations between Cronje "We want to know from the and London-based businessman Sanjay Chawla before the last of the five matches in the South The Indian government on

Tuesday ordered the BCCI to

NEW DELHI, Apr their investigations into a sus- publish an independent probe 18: India's cricket pected flourishing illegal net- report compiled by retired Inboard on Tuesday work of powerful bookmakers dian chief justice Y.B. Chandrachud into similar allegations against local cricketers.

"The government has writ-

ten to the BCCI president to make the report public, failing which, the government shall do the same," federal Sports Minister S.S. Dhindsa said. Chandrachud was asked to conduct the independent probe after Indian all-rounder Manoi

colleagues but did not name The retired judge completed his probe in 1997 and handed it over to the BCCI but the report was kept under wraps. Chan-

Prabhakar levelled match-fix-

ing charges against some of his

drachud has said the report See page 15



cricket board president, during a meeting in Calcutta yesterday. The meeting was held to discuss the recent match-fixing scandal involving Hansie Cronje. - AFP photo

International Cricket Council president Jagmohan Dalmiya (L) and A.C. Muthiah, Indian

See page 15 Tarun openers click for a change

Sports Reporter

Premier League

Surjo Tarun Club v

Gopibagh FA Ramzan with a century under his belt scored an unbeaten 79. The discarded Pakistan opener clubbed nine fours and a sixer in his 104-ball vigil at the crease. He added 82 runs for the second wicket with Al-Shahriar, who hammered a breezy 37 with the help of a

quartet of fours. Earlier, Gopibagh ushered the prospect of a big score when opener Narayan and skipper Salim Shahed shared 90 runs for the second wicket. Narayan scored exactly 50 off 112 balls embellished with three fours and Shahed made 44 off 73

balls.

But the promotees lost their way in a bid to accelerate the runs, losing their last eight wickets with the addition of only 44 runs to the total. National slow left-armer Enamul Hoque bowled a tight line and length to finish with

two for 37 in his ten overs

Medium-pacer Khairuzzaman

Babu also captured two wickets giving away 31 runs in seven Although Suja Erfan returned wicketless, the tweaker conceded only 27 runs in his 10 tidy overs. Indian off-spinner Rajesh Chauhan also returned with impressive figures of 9-2-

It was Gopibagh's tenth defeat from 11 games. They will now play in the six-team Relegation League along with Sadharan Biman, City Club, Wari Club, Victoria Sporting Club and Agrani Bank.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Janakantha Premier Division Cricket Lengue match between Surjo Tarun and Gopibagh Friends Association at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yes-

GOPIBAGH FRIENDS:

Samsul run out Tanvir run out

7/148: 8/165: 9/169. Bowler: Morshed Ali Khairuzzaman Suja Erfan Rajesh Chauhan 9 2 21 Enamul Hoque 10 0 37 Ashraful A Sarfaraz 3 0 19 SURJO TARUN

Extras: (b-2, lb-6, nb-1, w-8) Total: (For 1 wicket in 33.2 overs) 177 Fall of wicket: 1/95 Bowler: OMR 5 1 Gurmeet Singh Samsul Huda 6 0 36 Ripon Sarker 10 0 25 Tanvir Khan

Al-Shahriar not out

Result: Surjo Tarun won by 9

In his run-a-ball innings.

Nasirul, who gave admirable

Samaraweera finished clubbed

support to Samaraweera, was

out shortly after with Mo-

245 for three in 44 overs.

second fifty in the league.

hammedan firmly placed on

Nasirul scored 74(115 balls)

hammedan collected a stagger

ing 76 runs in the last six overs

with aggressive cameos from

Rafique returned with an un-

beaten 27 off only 11 balls

which included three huge

sixes(two off the last two deliv-

eries of the innings), and a

Lankan Test veteran Hashan

Tillekeratne plundered 41 runs

in the last two overs. Tilleker-

atne was not out on 25(16 balls).

Besides, Neeyamur Rashid

chipped in with 23 off 17 balls

scoring 322 runs in 50 overs to

win, Bima made a shattering

start losing two wickets for

only four runs within the first

eight deliveries. Indian recruits

Taregur Rahman and Rajinder

Singh gave some stability to the

The partnership was broken

Tareq then shared 79-runs

Bima innings with a 69-run

when Rajinder(33) was stumped

off Ruwan Kalpage in the 14th

with Mohammad Selim before

he was bowled by left arm spin-

Facing a daunting task of

with a six and a four.

third wickets stand.

Rafique along with Sri

boundary.

three middle order batsmen.

with four boundaries. It was his

After Nasirul's return, Mo-

Left-hander Mohammad

In his patient innings,

14 fours and a six...

Farid b Chauhan Narayan run out S Shahed c Khairuzzaman b Enamul Gurmeet b Enamul

Sajal st Masood b Khairuzzaman 1

Kiron Ibw b Khairuzzaman

Asif run out

Ripon b A Sarfaraz Extras: (lb-3, nb-4, w-8) Total: (All out in 47 overs). 173 Fall of wickets: 1/39; 2/129; 3/129; 4/135; 5/140; 6/148;

Ashraful c&b Ripon Ramzan not out

4.2 0 31 Salim Shahed 3 0 32