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SPORTS TALK



Rivaldo

(Barcelona's Brazilian world-player-of-the-year)

"I am Rivaldo and I took the responsibility for the second penalty. I could not pass it up. I had to redeem myself. I would like to thank the crowd who helped us so much."

After scoring from the second penalty following his miss from the first during the crucial Champions League quarterfinal against Chelsea.



Pakistani Test star Ijaz Ahmed

arrived in Dhaka yesterday to bolster the batting of local giants Mohammedan Sporting Club. The veteran player is scheduled to make his debut in MSC's Premier Division Super League opener against arch-rivals Abahani on April 23. —Star photo

Barisal cricket

From Staff Correspondent
BARISAL, Apr 20: Picnic Point defeated Suva Smriti Sangha by 56 runs while Udyaman Ekadash beat Sher-e-Bangla Sabul Sangha by 70 runs in the First Division Cricket League here at the Abdur Rab Serhatat Stadium today.
Picnic Point collected 190 runs losing 9 wickets in 38 overs.
Tanvir took 3 wickets for 17 runs and was adjudged man-of-the-match.
In reply, Suva Smriti Sangha made 134 runs losing all the wickets in 25.1 overs.
In the second match Udyaman scored 145 runs losing all the wickets in 30.2 overs.
In reply, Sher-e-Bangla collected only 75 runs losing all the wickets in 28.3 overs.
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Abahani captain Akram Khan follows through on a pull-shot during their Premier Division Cricket League match against Bangladesh Biman at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. —Star photo by Anisur Rahman

Abahani cross Biman factor

Sports Reporter

Premier League

Abahani v Biman

Title aspirants Abahani Krira Chakra finished their first round campaign of the Janakantha Premier Division cricket league with an all-win record. They handed holders Bangladesh Biman a facile 46-run defeat in a reduced 33-over-a-side match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

In the day's other fixture, babes City Club recorded an upset 25 runs win over giants Kalabagan Krira Chakra.

The results almost assured Abahani of regaining the coveted title. They took an unattainable six-point lead over second-placed Biman, Kalabagan and Sunjo Tarun having raised their account to 22 points from eleven matches.

The outcome also leaves the championship leaning towards the popular Dhanmondi outfit who need three wins out of their five Super League games to clinch another title. On form at least, that looks a mere formality. The Super League is scheduled to begin on Sunday.

Back to the match, an early morning shower forced the start of play to be delayed by two hours.

Biman skipper Faruque Ahmed's decision to chase in a curtailed match backfired as Abahani, aided by two brilliant knocks from captain Akram Khan and all-rounder Naimur Rahman, smashed 191 in their allotted 33 overs for the loss six wickets.

Akram, the former national captain scored an enterprising 62 off just 48 balls, inclusive of three sixes and a four while his deputy Naimur hit a run-a-ball 58 with one six and four boundaries.

The dynamic duo hammered 97 runs for the fourth wicket in just 13.1 overs.

Abahani's in-form opener scored a comfortable 17-6 goals victory over Bhasantek High in the 11th Bata schools handball tournament at the Outer Stadium from Sunday.



Abahani's Pakistani recruit Mohammad Hossain (R), who claimed five Biman wickets for 34 runs yesterday, celebrates with teammates after yet another strike. —Star photo

POINTS TABLE

Teams	M	W	L	Pts
Abahani KC	11	11	0	22
Biman	11	8	3	16
Kalabagan KC	11	8	3	16
Sunjo Tarun	11	8	3	16
Mohammedan SC	11	7	4	14
Brothers Union	11	7	4	14
Victoria SC	11	5	6	10
Sadhuran Bima	11	4	7	8
City Club	11	4	7	8
Warri Club	11	2	9	4
Gopabagh FA	11	1	10	2
Agrani Bank	11	1	10	2

City ride on Rehan

An unbeaten 90 by Pakistani Rehan Rafique guided City Club to register their fourth win in the Janakantha Premier Division Cricket League against Kalabagan Krira Chakra by 25 runs in the curtailed over match yesterday, reports UNB.

After the day's defeat, third in the league, Kalabagan finished their first round campaign securing 16 points from eleven matches while City Club bagged eight points from same number of outings.

City Club scored 213 for five in the stipulated 32 overs after sent into bat at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

One down Rehan Rafique hammered 90 off 78 balls with four boundaries and two over boundaries while his compatriot opener Wasim Nayeem contributed another quick fire innings of 62 facing 34 balls with seven fours and three sixes.

Number four batsman Sajid Hasan was the other notable scorer making 25 runs off 45 deliveries.

Pakistani Tareq Mehmood captured two wickets for 38 in 6 overs.

In reply, Kalabagan were bundled out for 188 in 29.3 overs.

Bikash Ranjan Das, who batted at number five, made the highest 41 off 29 balls with one four and two sixes.

Pakistani dashing batsman Zahoor Elahi added 38 runs off 37 balls with three fours and one six and his younger brother Selim Elahi, who made ton in the previous match, scored 37 runs off 27 balls with six

BCB supremo rebuffs Bacher

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) president Saber Hossain Chowdhury rejected the claim of UCB managing director Dr Ali Bacher that the World Cup clash between Bangladesh and Pakistan last summer in England was a fixed match.

In interviews with Australian newspapers on Thursday, the South African cricket supremo alleged that two World Cup matches including the one between Bangladesh and Pakistan were fixed.

But the BCB chief allayed Bacher's fears. "I don't think it's true. Our boys played well in every department in that match. It's an endeavour to downgrade our success," said Saber.

"I don't believe that top Pakistani batsmen threw their wickets because it happened against Scotland also," Saber added.

About the recent betting crisis, Saber said that it was the major problem to hit the sport these days.

"Earlier it was in the air and everybody used to speculate. But the confession of Hansie (Croft) has proved that it existed for a long time," said Saber.

The ICC will sit in an emergency meeting from May 2-3 and I hope we will come out with a solution," he said adding that the matter should be disposed of once and for all.

He also suggest that Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) and Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) should immediately publish the findings of the Qayyum Commission and Chandrachud reports.

Saber also said that apart from cricketers, umpires might also be involved in fixing matches and ICC should investigate the matter thoroughly.

Saber upbeat of SA support

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh is almost assured of a vote from South Africa in their bid to achieve Test status in next June's ICC meeting.

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) president Saber Hossain

"I think South Africa will support us in next June's meeting. The UCB responded positively to our request," said Saber who termed the trip as fruitful as far as Bangladesh cricket was concerned.

Apart from South Africa, Australia on May 12 where I am scheduled to give a presentation on Bangladesh cricket," said Saber who is scheduled to visit New Zealand after the ACB visit.

"These four countries are our weak areas and we need to develop our relations with them," added Saber.

Apart from the vote, Saber revealed that Bangladesh is also keen to get some more support from South Africa and Australia in connection with restructuring the functions of BCB which he said lacks professionalism.

"The United Cricket Board of South Africa and the Australian Cricket Board (ACB) are role models on how a professional cricket board should run.

"I had fruitful discussions with both UCB and ACB officials during my visit to South Africa and both boards have shown keen interest to help us," said Saber adding that BCB would be re-constructed soon under the guidelines of ACB and UCB.

He also thought that BCB ought to form a strategic alliance with UCB and ACB.

"I met with both Dennis Rogers and Malcolm Speed of ACB during the last one-day match between Australia and South Africa at the Wanderers last week. They have also assured me to extend their hands to help BCB in re-organising," he said.

"We have to have separate finance, youth development and marketing sections in our board," he said.

Saber disclosed that he would raise the point of restructuring the BCB at a meeting on April 17.



Bangladesh Cricket Board president Saber Hossain speaking to reporters during a briefing at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. —Star photo

Chowdhury made the bold statement while briefing the local press on his week-long visit of South Africa at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader also accompanied Saber during the visit which ended on Wednesday.

Saber disclosed that Bangladesh would also campaign in Australia, England and New Zealand before the next ICC meeting.

"I will attend an ICC emergency meeting in London on May 2 and 3. Afterwards I will have discussions with the ECB officials on our bid.

"I will then attend an ACB executive committee meeting in

Super League starts Sunday

Sports Reporter

The super league phase of the Janakantha Premier Division cricket league will start at the Bangabandhu National Stadium from Sunday.

This was decided by the Cricket Committee of Dhaka Metropolitan (CCDM) in a meeting held at the Bangladesh Cricket Board office last night.

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Mohammad Rafique (L), Enamul Haque (C) and Hasibul Hossain enjoying the proceedings of the Abahani-Biman game at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. —Star photo

Pakistan peak at right time

BRIDGETOWN, Apr 20: Showing their penchant for defending modest totals, Pakistan kept their cool and completed a

17-run triumph over West Indies at Kensington Oval in the first of three finals in the Cable and Wireless 2000 Trophy limited-overs series on Wednesday, reports AFP.

Pakistan's total of 197 for eight off 50 overs looked modest for a West Indies outfit that has played with passion, purpose and perseverance over the last month.

Containing opening spells from new-ball bowlers Wasim Akram, later named Man-of-the-Match, and Waqar Younis set West Indies back early in their innings, a position from which they could not wriggle free and were dismissed for 180 in 49.3 overs.

It was Pakistan's first win in three matches against West Indies on their fifth tour of the Caribbean and gives them a 1-0 lead in the finals which conclude in Port-of-Spain on Saturday and Sunday. After opening batsman Sherwin Campbell was caught behind off Waqar in the eighth over, there was a stand of 86 between Philo Wallace and Wavel Hinds that carried the total to 13 for one.

The timing of the two batsmen however, was badly askeved and the pressure mounted on West Indies to score heavily in the second half of the innings which they were unable to accomplish because they kept losing wickets.

Wallace, whose 47 off 91 balls was the top score, struggled through the first half of his innings. A dashing batsman, he must be given credit for not throwing his hand away during that period when he totally bamboozled by leg-spin bowler Mushtaq Ahmed.

Hinds kept things ticking over at the other end until Wal-

lace found his range and exploded with three of his seven fours to the square leg boundary off Arshad Khan in the 27th over and ten of 11 of Waqar in the 29th over.

Mushtaq however, claimed his wicket with the final ball of his ten overs after being struck for a six over square leg in his seventh over, when the Barbadian swung a delivery down the throat of deep square leg fielder Yousuf Youhana in the 32nd over.

His dismissal saw the West Indies innings go into sharp decline with wickets tumbling at regular intervals to hurt them every time it looked like they were trying to fight their way out of the mud. Earlier, West Indies had given themselves a chance with mean, purposeful by restricting Pakistan the lowest total for a side batting first in a limited-overs international.

Inzamamul Haq led the way with 66 off 86 balls and former captain Wasim Akram hit 42 off 36 balls in the dying overs to give Pakistan a lift after they chose to bat on a hard, true pitch under sunny skies.

In another disciplined bowling performance from West Indies, they tied down Pakistan's batsmen in the mid-section of the innings and forced them into playing some reckless strokes that brought the decline.

Once more, Pakistan suffered from a bad start losing opening batsmen Shahid Afridi, caught behind off Curly Ambrose for 17, and Imran Nazir, caught at mid-off off Reon King for 12, inside the first ten over to be 32 for two.

A stand of 49 between Inzamam, who reached 7,000 runs in limited-overs internationals with his third run, and Younis Khan helped Pakistan recover from the early setbacks, but the batsmen grew restless and West Indies broke through in the 28th over.

Younis was run out by Jimmy Adams' throw from cover to wicketkeeper Ridley Jacobs for 23 off 60 balls and it precipitated a period during which five wickets tumbled for 53 in 12.3 overs.

Wasim and Mushtaq batted out the last 7.5 overs to add a valuable 53 runs and boost Pakistan's total which was lower than India's 199 batting first against West Indies three years ago.

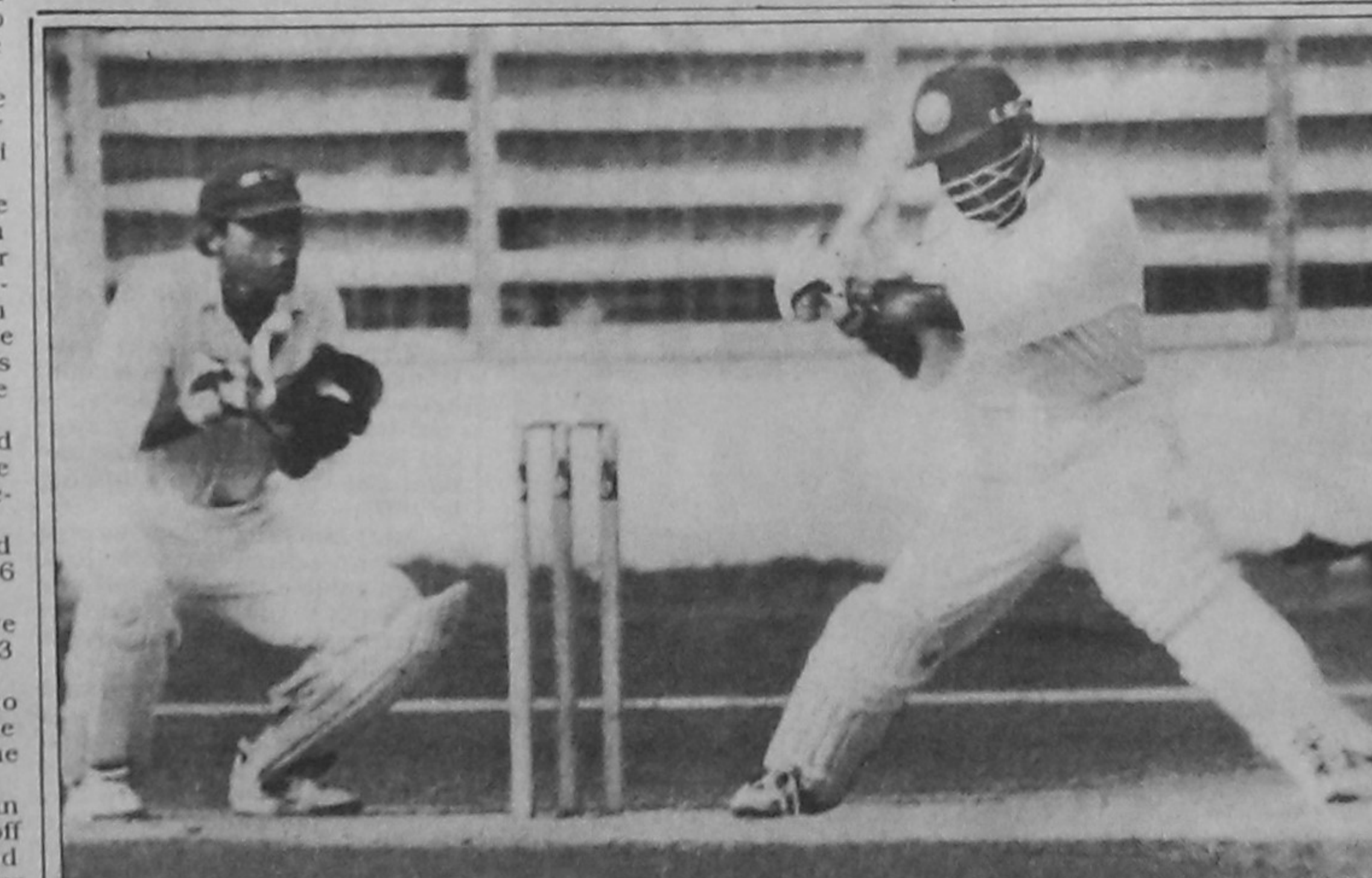
SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the first final in the tri-nation Cable and Wireless 2000 Trophy limited-overs series between Pakistan and the West Indies at Kensington Oval on Wednesday:

PAKISTAN		
Nazir c Wallace b King	12	
Afridi c Jacobs b Ambrose	17	
Younis run out (Adams)	23	
Inzamam c and b McLean	66	
Youhana lbw b King	0	
Moin b Adams	0	
Razaq run out (Hinds)	7	
Akram not out	42	
Waqar c Jacobs b Gayle	0	
Mushtaq not out	11	
Extras (lb-2, w-6, nb-3)	11	
Total (For 8 wks in 50 overs)	197	
Did not bat: Arshad Khan.		
Fall of wickets: 1-24, 2-32, 3-81, 4-100, 5-101, 6-137, 7-140.		



AKRAM ... m-o-m



Bangladesh Biman's Javed Omar is about to execute a square-cut during yesterday's game against Abahani. —Star photo