

Column One

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Competition-128

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1 Who is the number one women's tennis player?
Hingis Davenport Seles
2 Who won the United Insurance IM chess title?
Reefat Zia Aug
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 Adam
5 Who are the First Division cricket champions?
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Sir Alex Ferguson
(Manchester United manager)
"We had a lot of great attacking play but you just have to accept it wasn't our night."
After losing to Real Madrid in the Champions' League quarterfinals.

Barisal cricket

From Staff Correspondent
BARISAL, April 21: Shamsul Haq Khan Smriti Ekadash defeated Arunoday 2000 Sabuj Sangha by 150 runs while Barisal Cricket Institute beat KCC Juba Sangha by 43 runs in the First Division Cricket League here at the Abdur Rab Serniabat Stadium today.

In the first match Shamsul Haq Smriti collected 234 runs losing 5 wickets in 35 overs. Subal scored the highest 44.

In reply, Arunoday bundled out for 84 losing all the wickets in 20.4 overs.

Rasel was adjudged man-of-the-match.

In the other match, Barisal Cricket Institute scored 223 losing 8 wickets in the stipulated 40 overs.

In reply, KCC Juba Sangha made 180 losing all the wickets in 36.1 overs.

Korean Cup golf held

The prestigious Korean Cup golf tournament was held at the Kurmitola Golf Club (KGC) yesterday, says a press release.

300 participants took part in the tournament including 26 ladies and 21 juniors.

The tournament was inaugurated and prizes were distributed amongst the winners by the president of KGC Lt Gen Muhammad Mustafizur Rahman.

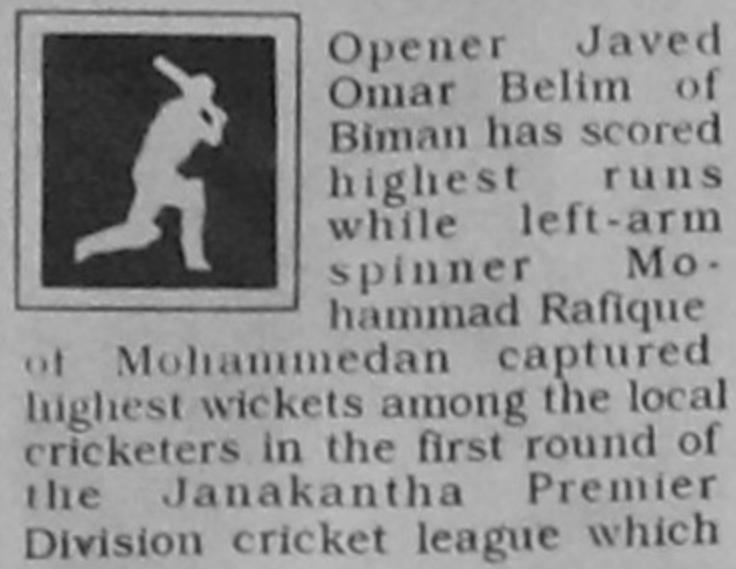
WINNERS' LIST

Men's Winner: Zulfiquar Rahman; Ladies' Winner: Mrs Hiroko Kosaka; Senior Winner: Brig M Masud Ali Khan; Junior Winner: Moin Imran Chowdhury; Best Gross: C R Kim; Men's Runner up: N H Kyung; Ladies' Runner up: Mrs Eun Sook Choi; Front Nine Winner: Fedae Dastagir; Back Nine Winner: Gp Capt Rashidul Haque; Nearest to Pin: ABD Kamaluddin Khan; Longest Drive: J H Yang.

NOTICE
Due to some unavoidable reasons draw of the WHIZZ KID Competition 128 could not be held last night. It will now be held next week. April 28. - Sports Editor

Javed, Rafique top locals

Sports Reporter



concluded on Thursday.

Javed, the right-handed national opener, has scored 489 runs in his eleven innings with two centuries and three fifties at an average of 54.33. Interestingly, Kalabagan's marauding Pakistani opener Zahoor Elahi, with three centuries under his belt, has also totalled 489 runs though in seven innings.

Wari captain Halim Shah follows Javed with 427 runs. Although the middle-order batsman hit five fifties in 11 innings he could not convert them into hundreds.

Mohammedan top-order batsman Nasirul Alam is the only other local batsman to score more than four hundred runs. The Sylheti cricketer collected 411 runs from his 11 innings with only two fifties.

Abahani exciting opener Mehrab Hossain and Brothers Union opener Shahriar Hossain have scored 397 and 391 runs respectively.

Mehrab hammered a century and two fifties in ten innings while Shahriar made four half-centuries.

Among the local bowlers, Rafique proved his worth taking 18 wickets in eleven matches. However the Mohammedan all-rounder was nine wickets behind Abahani's

Following are the top ten local batsmen and bowlers in the first round of Premier Division cricket league.

TOP TEN LOCAL PLAYERS

Batsmen	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	50s	100s	Avg
Javed Omar (Biman)	11	11	2	489	102*	3	2	54.33
Halim Shah (Wari)	11	11	0	427	79	5	0	38.81
Nasirul Islam (MSC)	11	11	1	411	90	2	0	41.10
Mehrab Hossain (AKC)	10	10	0	397	123	2	1	39.70
Shahriar Hossain (BU)	10	10	1	391	89	4	0	43.44
Ehsanul Haque (BU)	10	10	1	369	98	4	0	41.00
Naimur Rahman (AKC)	11	10	1	365	95	4	0	40.55
Habibul Bashar (Biman)	11	11	2	359	74	3	0	39.88
Minhazul Abedin (ST)	11	11	3	349	65	2	0	43.62
Mohammad Selim (S Bima)	11	11	0	349	69	3	0	31.72

— (Compiled by Hasan Masood)

Ijaz doesn't agree

Hasan Masood

Pakistan Test cricketer Ijaz Ahmed has denied the claims of South African cricket chief Ali Bacher that the 1999 World Cup clash between Bangladesh and Pakistan was a fixed affair.

The veteran Pakistan top order batsman, who arrived on Thursday to play for Mohammedan Sporting Club in the super league stage of the Premier Division league starting tomorrow, was talking to the reporters after spending an hour in the nets at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

"I don't believe this. Bangladesh played well on that given day and won the match," said the 32-year-old batsman adding that the ball was seamng all around and it was difficult to bat.

"We all struggled while batting and the target was more than two hundred. I can tell you from my cricketing knowledge that chasing such totals in England is not so easy," he said.

The Lahore-based cricketer who was dropped from the national team after the Australia tour early this year, said that that match was fixed than why

"The PCB should however release the Gayoom Commission report and only then will it prove whether I was involved in any unfair means or not," Ijaz said.

Asked to comment on the Hansie Cronje affair, the Pakistani player said he felt sorry for the former South African captain. But he also explained that it was not for the first time someone accepted money for supplying information.

Mark Waugh and Shane Warne have also done that but they were exempted from any action other than being fined," said Ijaz who thinks ICC should issue a code of conduct on what a cricketer should and shouldn't do.

Finally he gave his impression on playing in Dhaka.

"They are in a hole as far as title race is concerned. My mission is to play as best as possible to lift them," Ijaz wished.

"I know there is lot of pressure in Dhaka cricket. Wasim Akram told me about his experience."

"You see, I am already under pressure not being in the team. Hopefully I will perform well here and draw the attention of the Pakistan selectors," Ijaz concluded.

Ijaz Ahmed

didn't Bacher raise his finger over Kenya's victories against West Indies in the 1996 World Cup and then India a couple of years back.

The out of favour Pakistani also denied his involvement in any sort of match-fixing and said that he has been cleared by several investigations in Pakistan.

After shifting twice, the pioneer club of the city has got its permanent venue at Motijheel clubpura.

AGE NO BAR! Senior members of Wari Club are bubbling in enthusiasm as they parades through the city streets to mark the inauguration of the club's five-day centenary celebrations yesterday.

—Star photo by Anisur Rahman

Maldives tourney

BFF names squad

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) yesterday named a 20-man Bangladesh squad for the four-nation football tournament in Maldives starting on May 1.

Apart from Bangladesh and hosts Maldives, India and Sri Lanka will be the other two nations featured in the meet.

The BFF has called 30 booters for the primary camp which began under the supervision of newly-appointed British coach Mark Harrison from April 16.

Defender Masood Rana and midfielder Bakhtiar who announced their retirement from competitive football, are not in the camp.

Bangladesh: Nizam Majumder, Aminul Haque, Biplob Bhattacharya, Pavel Mahmud, Rajani Kanta Barman, Faisal Ahmed, Kazi Nazrul Islam, Sourav Majumder, Firoz Mahmud Tito, Iqbal Hossain, Monwar Hossain, Matiur Rahman Munna, Asadur Rahman Tanvir Chowdhury, Rokonuzzaman Khan, Alfaaz Ahmed, Sadiur Rahman Moni, Zulfiqar Mahmud Mintu and Mizanur Rahman Dawn.

The team will leave for Male on April 29.

Rajshahi cricket

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Apr 21: Dargahpara Jubo Cricket School-A and Al-Rashid Cricket Club became joint champions in the fourth Hasan Imam Ali Imam Pintu Smriti Cricket tournament.

As it began to rain with gusty wind just a few minutes after the start of the final this morning at the Rajshahi District Stadium the match was postponed.

The tournament committee, with the consent from both the sides, then declared the two teams joint champions.

Schools h'ball

Rajbari Police Lines High, Motijheel Model High and Bhasantek High earned comfortable wins in the 11th Bata Schools handball tournament at the Outer Stadium handball ground yesterday, reports UNB.

Rajbari Police Lines outplayed Graduate High by 16-4 goals after dominating the first half 12-3.

Hanif and Sohel netted six goals each for the winners while Kabit Hasan scored all the four goals for the losers.

In the day's first match, Motijheel Model High defeated Saint Judds International by 10-2 goals after leading the first half 7-0.

Tamim and Sadiq scored three goals each for the winners while Sadiq netted two goals for the losers.

Bhasantek High trounced West End High by 9-0 goals after dominating the first half 7-0. Shakil netted four and Shahid three for the winners.

The day's another match between BAF Shaheen School and Narinda Government High ended in an 11-11 draw. BAF Shaheen led the first half 8-6.

Wari's centenary celebrations begin

A colourful rally was brought out yesterday to mark the inauguration of the Wari Club's centenary celebrations, reports RSS.

Minister for Home, Post and Telecommunications Mohammad Nasim, who is chairman of the club's centenary celebrations organising committee, led the rally from the club tent at Motijheel to the Jatiya Press Club.

Dhaka City Mayor Mohammad Hanif, co-chairman of the organising committee and Awami League central leader Motazzafer Hossain Palu joined the rally.

Former secretaries to the government Manzurul Karim and Mofazzel Karim, national sports award recipients — Bashir Ahmed, Manzur Hasan Minto, Abdul Hamid and Arun Nandi — general secretary of Calcutta Wari Club Nani Gopal Chanda, veterans sportsmen, organisers, players of the club took part in the rally.

The inaugurations started with the recitation of a self-composed poem by Manzurul Karim.

Inaugurating the club's five-day programmes Nasim said, "It's our pride that we are associated with a club that is celebrating its centenary."

The name of Wari Club will be written in the annals of the sports history of the country for its significant role in the last 100 years," the minister said.

Wari Club was founded by Roy Bahadur Surendra Nath Roy at his house in the city's oldest Wari area in 1898 renaming the Wellington Club, which was formed in 1883.

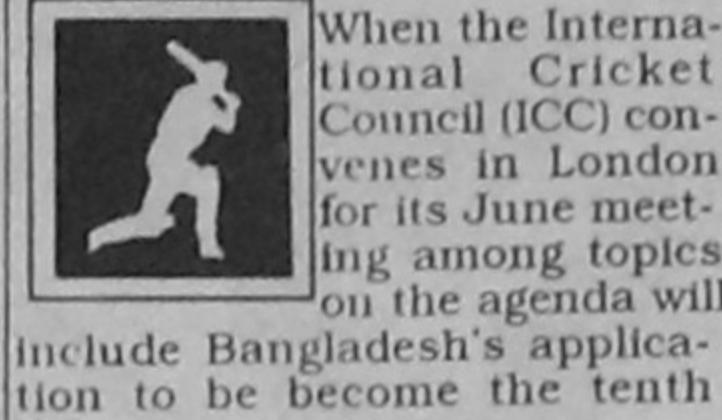
After shifting twice, the pioneer club of the city has got its permanent venue at Motijheel clubpura.

A table tennis tournament from today and one invitation mini volleyball tournament from April 23 will be held.

A cultural programme will take place at the club on April 24.

Reaching for the sky

Lenin Gani



So when you ask the question: Is the country ready for Test status? I don't think an Associate Member is ever ready in that sense of the term. One has to be ready play on a regular basis.

What we have to see more closely is whether the infrastructure, potential, crowd and media support is there to make the game commercially viable. And I believe we meet all these requirements.

So that is why we put in this application three years back. And as president of the Bangladesh Cricket Board I think Test status is long overdue.

COST OF FAILURE

I think it would be a major setback if we did not get Test status. Because momentum is not like a tap of water which you can turn on and off. I think we have been building up support. Since winning the ICC Trophy the expectations were high. Then we had a splendid and memorable World Cup which added to the momentum. And now everybody is looking forward to the day we get the status.

POTENTIAL

Eddie Barlow (director of coaching): I think the strength of Bangladesh cricket is far stronger than what people realise.