

## Barisal cricket

From Staff Correspondent  
BARISAL, Apr 23: Four-H Club defeated Arunoday Superstars by 8 wickets while BCC Club beat Iqbal Smriti Cricket Club by 105 runs in the First Division Cricket League here at the Abdur Rab Serniabat Stadium today.

Four-H scored 79 runs losing 2 wickets in 17.1 overs.

In reply, Arunoday collected 76 runs losing all the wickets in 24.1 overs.

Rajib of Four-H was adjudged man-of-the-match.

BCC made 199 runs losing 8 wickets in 34.5 overs.

In reply, Iqbal Smriti managed 94 runs losing all the wickets in 27.3 overs.

## Rajshahi boxing

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Apr 23: The two-day long first club-level boxing tournament organised jointly by Bangladesh Amateur Boxing Federation and Rajshahi Modern Boxing Club concluded here today at Rajshahi District Gymnasium.

Rajshahi Modern Boxing Club emerged champions capturing 13 gold and one silver medals. Alif Lam-Min Sangha stood the runners-up with four silver and eight bronze medals.

The third place was grabbed by Morning Star Club with three silver and three bronze medals.

Among others, Diganta Proshery Sangha took three silver and two bronze medals and Mahubagan Krira Sangha got two silver and two bronze medals. Willow Club had one silver and four bronze medals.

## Akram leads

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Nasir was bowled for 39 by off-spinner Naimur Rahman.

Despite the loss of three wickets with 88 on the board in the 23rd over, Mohammmedan still had a hope when Sri Lankan Hashan Tillekeratne joined Ijaz at the crease.

But when Ijaz, who took 11 balls to get off the mark, was caught by Mehrab Hossain at long-off after a painstaking 27, it signalled the end to the displeasure of the thousands of Mohammmedan supporters present at the big bowl.

Mohammmedan collected 89 runs in the remaining 14 runs before they finished 26 runs short of their target.

Tillekeratne, as usual, fought the last battle with 48 off 50 balls.

## SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Janakantha Premier Division cricket super league match between Abahani Krira Chakra and Mohammmedan Sporting Club at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday:

ABAHANI KC

	O	M	R	W
Azam lbw b Rafique	36			
Mehrab c Ijaz b Kalpage	48			
Naimur lbw b Ijaz	20			
Akram not out	74			
Hussain c Ijaz b Kalpage	2			
Asad lbw b Tillekeratne	0			
Rehman c & b Tillekeratne	2			
Anis c Rafique b Kalpage	20			
Hasibul not out	0			
Extras: (b-1, lb-3, nb-4, w-3)	11			
Total: (For 7 wks in 40 overs)	213			
Did not bat: Iqbal Hossain and Mianur Rahman.				
Fall of wickets: 1/66; 2/98; 3/121; 4/127; 5/128; 6/134; 7/194				
<b>Bowler</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>
Monjurul	7	1	42	0
Shahidul	1	0	10	0
Kalpage	8	1	27	3
Rafique	8	0	38	1
Athar	2	0	16	0
Tillekeratne	8	1	34	2
Ijaz	6	0	42	1

MOHAMMEDAN SC

	O	M	R	W
Athar run out	22			
Imran c Akram b Iqbal	0			
Nasirul b Naimur	39			
Ijaz c Melur b Hussain	27			
Tillekeratne c Akram b Naimur	48			
Neyamur c Anis b Naimur	2			
Rafique run out	2			
Kalpage st Mianur b Rehman	22			
Mortuza b Naimur	1			
Shahidul not out	5			
Monjurul not out	3			
Extras: (b-4, lb-6, nb-1, w-5)	16			
Total: (For 9 wks in 40 overs)	187			
Fall of wickets: 1/5; 2/40; 3/88; 4/98; 5/106; 6/108; 7/174; 8/175; 9/178				
<b>Bowler</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>
Hasibul	8	0	50	0
Iqbal	8	1	20	1
Rehman	8	0	35	1
Hussain	8	0	42	2
Naimur	8	1	30	4

**Result:** Abahani Krira Chakra won by 26 runs.

## WI level

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	O	M	R	W
Akram	10	2	34	3
Waqr	8	1	26	0
Mushtaq	10	0	34	0
Razzaq	10	0	42	2
Arshad	7	0	31	1
Afridi	5	0	35	1

PAKISTAN

	O	M	R	W
Nazir lbw b McLean	22			
Afridi c Jacobs b McLean	21			
Younis lbw b Gayle	31			
Inzaam lbw b King	4			
Youhana lbw b King	0			
Razzaq b Adams	6			
Moin c Hinds b Adams	11			
Akram st Jacobs b Gayle	4			
Waqr run out (Hinds)	23			
Mushtaq b Adams	3			
Arshad not out	5			
Extras: (b-1, lb-3, w-8, nb-6)	18			
Total: (All out in 45 overs)	148			
Fall of wickets: 1-34, 2-72, 3-79, 4-79, 5-98, 6-98, 7-108, 8-124, 9-138.				
<b>Bowler</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>
Ambrose	7	0	23	0
King	6	1	22	2
McLean	6	0	33	2
Rose	6	1	17	3
Adams	10	0	21	3
Gayle	10	0	28	1

**Result:** West Indies beat Pakistan to level best-of-three finals 1-1.

Man-of-the-match: Sherwin Campbell.

Third final: Port-of-Spain, April 23.



FC Gueugnon players have a party with the French League Cup trophy after defeating Paris St. Germain in the final on April 22. Gueugnon won 2-0. —AFP photo

## French League Cup

## Gueugnon stun PSG



PARIS, Apr 23: Second Division Gueugnon earned a sensational 2-0 French League Cup final victory over Paris Saint Germain here on Saturday and a place in Europe to boot, reports AFP.

season and we weren't thinking of playing in Europe - we just wanted to perform at this highest stage.

PSG coach Philippe Bergeroo said: "Gueugnon deserved to win and we did not show much aggression. We were late in the tackle and we simply messed up the final."

Trapasso fired home the rebound in the 65th minute after a shot by Nicolas Esceth-N'Zi had hit the post to make for a nerve-jangling final session for the Gueugnon players and fans.

Minutes later, PSG's Laurent Robert twice had point-blank shots sensationally saved by Gueugnon keeper Richard Trivino, and then Laurent Leroy himself had another close shot saved before he fired his parting effort over the bar.

Then Flauto, outpacing the PSG defence, let fly with his left boot from the left-hand edge of the box and it careered just inside the right-hand post in the final minute to spark off celebrations in the Burgundy town, which has less than 10,000 inhabitants.

In the first half, Gueugnon, nicknamed the "Forgerons" or steelworkers because of the town's former major industry, tried a whole host of efforts

from long range.

PSG had more individual efforts, mainly from Ali Benabia, Brazilian Christian et Nigerian Jay-Jay Okocha but time after time they came up against the wall of a Gueugnon defence comprising Yohan Bouzien, Sylvain Distin, Eric Boniface and Xavier Fanez.

Distin was also impressive by his ball-winning during the match.

In goal, keeper Trivino kept cool in the final minutes but Gueugnon striker Stephane Roda was the best player of the first half.

It was Roda who set up teammate Amara Traore when his Senegalese strike partner had a great chance late on in the first period.

Esceth-N'Zi showed great skill and energy with his dribbling which was a constant danger to their Parisian opponents.

The 22-year-old midfielder fired the 30m shot onto the left post of PSG keeper Dominique Casagrande from which Argentina's scored from the rebound.

In the first half, Gueugnon, then sealed the result with a superb piece of skill with his left boot.

Del Piero said afterwards: "We said in July we would win the League Cup and we were considered plain mad. The team has a great deal of heart and also of talent and we wanted to grab the initiative in this big final."

"We were ready mentally tonight and we were able to keep up a good performance right to the end. We were not thinking of playing in the UEFA Cup next

shot and the ball ricocheted off his shin, wrongfooting the Bari keeper.

Compatriot Laurent Blanc added the second 11 minutes later, rising on the edge of the six-metre box to head in a free-kick from Uruguayan Alvaro Recoba.

Roberto Baggio added the third, pouncing on a defensive blunder to rifle home a low 20-metre shot in the 50th minute, securing Inter's first win since the derby on March 5.

Galliani's mini-championship sees Milan ahead of Parma on goal difference with 54 points apiece, trailed by Inter (52) and Roma (51).

Udinese drew 0-0 with Torino, while Bologna eased their fears of relegation by beating Perugia 2-1.

Shevchenko, the league's top scorer, notched the 22nd goal of his debut season after joining from Dynamo Kiev.

Andrea Pirlo, a gifted 20-year-old playmaker, pulled one back for the hosts with a sweetly-struck free-kick in the 25th minute but it finished 2-1.

Juventus coach Carlo Ancelotti admitted: "It wasn't a brilliant Juventus performance.

Veteran defender Ciro Ferrara insisted there would be no easing up in their final matches, highlighting the seven-point lead which Lazio squandered in the closing weeks of 1998-99.

Lazio had to wait until the 59th minute for their first goal on Saturday - mid-field substitute Diego Simeone heading home Sinisa Mihajlovic's corner just two minutes after replacing fellow Argentinian Matias Almeyda.

Another of their Argentinian imports, midfielder Juan Sebastian Veron, cracked in Lazio's second with a booming free-kick placed between the posts and crossbar in the 68th minute.

Four other teams are chasing two places in the Champions League preliminary rounds - and it looks certain to go down to the wire.

Parma drew 0-0 with rivals AS Roma