

SPORTS TALK



Ajay Jadeja

(Indian Test cricketer)
 "Whichever I come to know is from the media only. I am innocent. If any charge is proved against me, I will respect the law as I am a law-abiding citizen."

After he was named in CBI report on match-fixing.

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Competition 139

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1. Who clinched the world chess crown?	Kasparov	Karpov	Kramnik
2. Who lifted the Purabi Div I basketball title?	Dhukmetu	Josephites	Titas
3. Who became Leipzig tennis champ?	Hingis	Davenport	Clijsters
4. Which club lifted NBL Div I soccer title?	Fakirpool	Agram Bank	Wari
5. Who was declared man-of-the-match in the Bangladesh-India inaugural Test?	Saurav	Aminul	Joshi

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**Brothers out
 of danger**

Sports Reporter

A hattrick by striker Echo guided Brothers Union Club to a 4-2 win over Victoria Sporting Club in a relegation league match of the National Bank Premier Division football at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

After a barren first half, Echo scored three goals in the 65th, 71st and 85th minutes to chalk up the ninth hattrick of the Premier League. Parvez scored the other goal for the Gopibagh outfit.

Sohel and Rahel scored one apiece for the losers.

Brothers Union, with yesterday's win raised their tally to 20 points from 14 matches. Although they will have to play the relegation play-off now, still they have ensured that they will not be relegated as Victoria Sporting Club (2 points) and Badda Jagarani (12 points) will finish as the last two teams irrespective of the play-off results.

Arambagh Krira Sangha and Dhanmondi Club finished the relegation league with highest 23 points each followed by Farashganj Sporting Club on 21.

**Biman top
 the board**

Sports Reporter

Holders Biman earned a solo lead in the First Division chess league with a 4-0 win over Sonali Bank in the third round held at the NSC chess room yesterday.

On the third day of the 16-team league, Biman's three international Masters (IM) Ziaur Rahman, Reefat-bin-Sattar and Abdullah Al-Rakib won their respective boards against Sonali Bank's Mari Arit, Kambar Ali and Zamilur Rahman. Rezaul Haque won the other match against Bank's Ravi Chandra.

With yesterday's win, Biman raised their tally to 11 points, half a point more than Titas Club and Narayanganj Daba Kalyan Samity.

Titas Club beat Nakhalpara Jabo Kalyan Sangha 3-1 while Narayanganj recorded an identical win over Mahakhal Prodeep Sangha.

The fourth round will start at the same venue today at 2:30 pm.

Imran clubs Chittagong

Biman batsmen rule

Sports Reporter

NATL CRICKET LEAGUE
 Chittagong v Biman

A swashbuckling hundred by opener Imran Farhat helped new comers Bangladesh Biman pile up an imposing total against defending champions Chittagong at close of play on Day One in their Green Delta National Cricket League opener at the Bangladesh Krira Shikha Protishthan yesterday.

Imran, the 18-year-old Pakistani left-hander, was batting on 195 as the national airliners reached 355 in 92 overs for the loss of only two wickets. Biman skipper Aminul Islam was the other not out batsman on 55.

The brilliant show by the batsmen has prompted Aminul to forecast another 60-odd runs in the remaining eight of the stipulated first innings overs. "We are looking at 400 which will put us in a dictating position," said the first Test centurion for Bangladesh.

It was a disappointing day for Chittagong's Pakistani leg spinner Shahed Mehmud who had taken a staggering 55

wickets in the inaugural National League last season. Mehmud was clobbered for 99 in his 20 overs.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the first day of the three-day Green Delta National Cricket League match between Chittagong and Biman at the BKSP ground on Wednesday.

BIMAN: First innings

	O	M	R	W
Javed Omar lbw b Enamul	26			
Imran Farhat batting	195			
Habibul b/w b Salluddin	51			
Aminul batting	55			
Extras: (b-3, lb-10, w-2, nb-13)	28			
Total: (For 2 wkt in 92 overs)	355			

Fall of wickets: 1/69; 2/236

To bat: Hasanuzzaman,

Sanwar Hossain, Atiar Rahman,

Jahangir Talukdar, Shariful Haque, Sharifuddowla and Saifullah Khan.

Bowler: O M R W

Shafuddin	18	2	68	1
Minhazul	8	3	18	0
Sabbir	23	3	75	0
S Mehmud	20	0	99	0
Aminul	23	4	81	1

Toss: Biman
 Umpires: S B Chowdhury and M Akhteruddin.

SCOREBOARD

MSC-Muktijoddha crucial tie today

Sports Reporter

Holders Mohammedan Sporting Club will take on Muktijoddha Sangsad in a crucial Super Four match of the National Bank Premier Division football league at the Bangabandhu National Stadium at 5 pm today.

In the day's other match, title aspirants Abahani will meet Rahmatganj Muslim Friends Society at 3 pm.

Ekushey Television will telecast both the matches live while Bangladesh Betar will provide the running commentary of the Muktijoddha-Mohammedan encounter.

Mohammedan are leading the Super Four table with 33 points from 14 matches while the all-reds are following them with 32 points from 14 matches.

Abahani are in the third spot with 30 points. Rahmatganj are bottom with 15 points.

Saiful wrecks Rajshahi

From Our Correspondent

NATL CRICKET LEAGUE

Rajshahi v Dhaka DSA

RAJSHAHI: Nov 22: Dhaka, inspired by a five-wicket burst from former national paceman Saiful Islam bundled out Rajshahi for 190 in their Green Delta National Cricket League opener at the local stadium here today.

On the first day of the three-day match, Rajshahi, electing to bat first, faced Rajshahi's wrath as right arm seamer finished with remarkable figures of 20-3-7-15.

Dhaka were eight without loss in four overs at close of play.

Apart from Saiful, his new ball partner and left-arm seamer Bikash Ranjan Das and off-spinner Fahim Muntasir evenly shared four wickets.

For the home side, national all-rounder Mushtiqur Rahman scored highest 67 followed by young wicketkeeper Mohammad Kalim who added 38 runs.

In his 162-minute vigil, Mushtiq faced 157 balls which included a six and five boundaries.

Among others, captain Khaled Masood scored 19.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the first day of the three-day Green Delta National Cricket League match between Rajshahi and Dhaka at the Rajshahi Stadium yesterday.

RAJSHAHI: First innings

Rajiqui c Sumon b Saiful	12
Farid c Sajjad b Bikash	1
Nuruzzaman c Sajjad b Saiful	1
Anisur b Bikash	0
K Masood c Harun b Fahim	19
Mushtiq run out (Sajjad)	67
Kalmi c sub b Fahim	38
Dola c Harun b Saiful	0
Mustadri c Mazhar b Saiful	18
Imran c Mazhar b Saiful	18
Aminul jr not out	11
Extras: (lb-2, nb-1, w-1)	5
Total: (All out in 79.4 overs)	190

Fall of wickets: 1/9, 2/11, 3/12, 4/17, 5/47, 6/136, 7/140, 8/142, 9/173.

Bowler: O M R W

Bikash Ranjan	12.1	4	18	2
Saiful Islam	20.3	7	31	5
Fahim Muntasir	29	3	78	2
Biplob Sarker	12	2	43	0
Abu Taher	6	2	18	0

DHAKA: First innings

Shafriar batting	7
Harun batting	1
Extras:	0
Total: (For no loss in 4 overs)	8

Bowler: O M R W

Aminul Islam jr	2	0	2	0
Mushtiqur Rahman	2	1	6	0



Neeyamur Rashid of Dhaka Metropolitan follows through on a pull-shot on the opening day of their Green Delta National Cricket League fixture against Sylhet at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday. Neeyamur scored a magnificent 66.

— Star photo by Anisur Rahman

Discards dazzle at Dhanmondi

Sports Reporter

NATL CRICKET LEAGUE

Sylhet v Dhaka Metropolis

Dhaka Metropolis recovered from a disappointing start to post a fairly decent total against runners-up Sylhet on the opening day of their three-day Green Delta National Cricket League match at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

The former national vice-captain led the spectacular recovery operation in company with Neeyamur after young opener Alok Kapali off-spinner straight to the throat of Iqbal at deep mid-on.

Young wicketkeeper Anwar and left-arm seamer Morshed Ali Khan, who put on 15 runs for the fifth wicket after Dhaka were reduced to 73 for four, Mahmud was playing confidently before being deceived by national left-arm spinner Rafique, who had the Dhaka captain caught in the

slip by Nafid.

Neeyamur scored a solid 66 off 131 balls to take Dhaka past the 200-mark. The tall right-hander clubbed eight fours and a sweetly-timed six against Rafique during his nearly three-hour vigil at the crease. He was eventually out in the 86th over, mistiming an Alok Kapali off-spinner straight to the throat of Iqbal at deep mid-on.

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