

SPORTS TALK



Ajay Jadeja

(Indian Test cricketer)

"Whatever I've come to know 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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- Which club lifted NBL Div I soccer title?
Fakirpool Agrani Bank Wari
- Who was declared man-of-the-match in the Bangladesh-India inaugural Test?
Saurav Annuul Joshi

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Brothers out of danger

Sports Reporter

A hat-trick 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.

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 Jagranil (12 points) will finish as the last two teams irrespective of the play-off results.

Arambagh Krira Sangha and Dhanmoudi Club finished the relegation league with highest 23 points each followed by Farshang 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 Arul, 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 Titus Club and Narayanganj Daba Kheloyar Kalyan Samity.

Titus Club beat Nakhla Para Jubo Kalyan Sangha 3-1 while Narayanganj recorded an identical win over Mahakkhal Pro-deep Sangha.

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

Imran clubs Chittagong

Biman batsmen rule

Sports Reporter

NAT'L 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 airlines reached 355 in 92 overs for the loss of only two wickets. Biman skipper Annuul Islam was the other not out batsman on 55.

The brilliant show by the batsmen has prompted Annuul 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.

Electing to bat, Biman lost their first wicket on 69 when national opener Javed Omar

was trapped leg before by left-arm spinner Enamul Hoque on 26.

One down Habibul Bashar then joined Imran and shared a superb 167-run second wicket partnership. The stand was broken just before tea when Habibul was also trapped leg before by right arm paceman Shafuiddin Ahmed on 51.

In his more than three-hour stay at the crease, Habibul faced 108 balls and smote six boundaries.

After Habibul's departure with the score on 236, Imran and Annuul put on 119 runs.

Imran reached his hundred off 163 balls in 210 minutes with 17 fours.

Annuul faced 103 balls for his fifty which included six boundaries.

For Chittagong, who played with only one seamer, Shafuiddin Ahmed and veteran left arm spinner Enamul Hoque shared the day's two wickets.

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
Javed Omar lbw b Enamul 26
Imran Farhat batting 195
Habibul lbw b Shafuiddin 51
Annuul batting 55
Extras: (b-3, lb-10, w-2, nb-13) 28
Total: (For 2 wickets in 92 overs) 355
Fall of wickets: 1/69; 2/236

To bat: Hasanuzzaman, Sanwar Hossain, Atiar Rahman, Jahangir Talukdar, Shariful Haque, Shafuiddin and Saifullah Khan.

Bowler: O M R W
Shafuiddin 18 2 68 1
Minhazul 8 3 18 0
Sabbir 23 3 75 0
S Mehmud 20 0 99 0
Enamul 23 4 81 1

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



Nasir Ahmed Chowdhury, managing director of sponsors Green Delta Insurance, addressing a press conference in connection with the National Cricket League at the Bangladesh Cricket Board office yesterday. Dewan Shafuul Arefin (2nd from L), secretary tournament committee, and Khalid Reza (L), business operations manager of Coca-Cola, were also present on the occasion. — Star photo

READERS' ZONE

Growing up of golf

Do you have any observation regarding sports and its management in Bangladesh? Do you feel certain issues need to be addressed before time runs out? Then, hurry up and send us your burning questions, critical views and thoughtful suggestions not in excess of 400 words. You may be the next contributor of our READERS' ZONE.

— Sports Editor

The Kurmitola Golf Club has half a century old interesting history. Back in 1950, the club was known as Dhaka Golf Course and it was not located at Kurmitola.

Today's Suhrawardy Uddyan (the Race Course of that time) was the place where the Dhaka Golf Course had begun its activities.

In the mid-fifties, more interest was taken in golf as a recreational sport and an outlet for excess energy. With the rising interest among its members, the need was felt for a more challenging turf than was available at the Dhaka Golf Course. As a result, it was eventually shifted to Kurmitola's then abandoned airfield area in 1960.

In the mid-sixties, the area where the golf course was laid out had been selected for the Zia International Airport. A committee was appointed to reconnoitre the neighbouring available areas and recommend a site for the new golf course. It finally selected an area where golfers eventually found a permanent home under the banner of Kurmitola Golf Club, Pennik.

A British architect, was engaged to draw up a master plan for the club and course, spreading over the 126.20-acre area.

In the recent years, many changes had been taken place in the golf course. Some of the ponds were filled up while others got enlarged. Many trees had been cut down and many more were planted to give even a better look to the lush greenery of the course. A massive plantation programme for both fruit and timber trees has been completed recently. Plantation of rare varieties of trees is still continuing. Some fairways have been improved by earth-filling to help golfers play even during the rainy season. Development of drainage system would also ensure their smooth golfing.

A swimming pool, health complex, air-conditioned billiards room, prayer and locker room with shower and change room facilities are the recent introductions of the club. Recently, a road was built at the south-east side for the easy access of players living in Gulshan, Banani and Baridhara.

Though golf is played

throughout the year at the KGC, the tournaments start from mid-October and continue till the end of April. The Bangladesh Amateur Golf Championship (BAGC), sponsored by the Partex Group, is the premier tournament of the club.

Other tournaments of the KGC are -- Captain Cup, Lady Captain Cup, Fu-Wang Cup, American Cup, Aga Khan Gold Cup, Transcom Cup, Victory Day, Korean Cup, Square Cup, ASEAN Cup, Lancer Cup, Summit Cup, Emirates Cup, KLM Challenge, Independence Day Cup, Japan Cup, Toyota Cup and President Cup. The Kurmitola Golf Club also has had the privilege of organising the 2nd SAARC Golf Championship in January 2000 in which players of all the SAARC countries participated.

Currently, preparation is going on for the Aga Khan Gold Cup Tournament, the second most prestigious golf tournament in Bangladesh. It is also the oldest and the only gold cup golf tournament in Bangladesh. — S Muntasir, Dhanmoudi



Scene from the third round matches of the First Division Chess League at the NSC. — Star photo

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

NAT'L 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 Saiful's wrath as right arm seamer finished with remarkable figures of 20.3-7-31-5.

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 Mushfiqur Rahman scored highest 67 followed by young wicketkeeper Mohammad Kalim who added 38 runs.

In his 162-minute vigil, Mushfiq 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
Rahimul c Sumon b Saiful 12
Farid c Sajjad b Bikash 1
Nuruzzaman c Sajjad b Saiful 1
Anwar b Bikash 19
K Masood c Harun b Fahim 19
Mushfiq run out (Sajjad) 67
Kalim c sub b Fahim 38
Dola c Harun b Saiful 0
Mustafiz c Mazhar b Saiful 18
Imran c Mazhar b Saiful 18
Annuul Jr not out 11
Extras: (lb-2, nb-2, 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 12.1 418 2
Saiful Islam 20.3 731 5
Fahim Muntasir 29 378 2
Biplab Sarker 12 243 0
Abu Taher 6 218 0

DHAKA: First Innings
Shahriar batting 7
Harun batting 1
Extras: 0
Total: (For no loss in 4 overs) 8

Bowler: O M R W
Annuul Islam Jr 2 0 2 0
Mushfiqur Rahman 2 1 6 0

Extras: (lb-2, nb-2, w-1) 3
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Neyamur 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 Dhanmoudi Cricket Stadium yesterday. Neyamur scored a magnificent 66. — Star photo by Anisur Rahman

Discards dazzle at Dhanmoudi

Sports Reporter

NAT'L CRICKET LEAGUE

Sylhet v Dhaka Metropolitan

Dhaka Metropolitan 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 Dhanmoudi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Dhaka Metropolitan, one of the two new entrants in the second edition of the first-class event, rode on two timely half-centuries from skipper Khaled Mahmud and discarded national all-rounder Neyamur Rashid to score 275 for nine at stumps.

Having lost two star bats-

men -- national opener Mehrib Hossain and middle-order Al-Shahriar -- with only seven runs on the board, Dhaka bounced back in the match with Mahmud hammering a captain's knock of 55 off 97 balls that included eight savage hits across the rope.

The former national vice-captain led the spectacular recovery operation in company with Neyamur after young opener Ashraf departed for a typically aggressive 41.

Together they produced 65 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.

Neyamur 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 Aloke 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 undeleated last wicket, will resume their innings today to collect as many runs as possible in the remaining four overs.

For Sylhet, tall national right-arm seamer Hasibul Hossain dominated the first hour of the play. He struck in his second over with Mehrib slashing an outgoing delivery straight to gully. Hasibul also bowled Al-Shahriar for a duck in the same over. He also trapped Sajjad Ahmed leg-before to complete a fantastic first spell.

Khulna in command

Sports Reporter

NAT'L CRICKET LEAGUE

Khulna v Barisal

National left-arm seamer Monjurul Islam led Khulna from the front to shot Barisal out for a modest 179 on the first day of their three-day match at Jessore Stadium yesterday.

Monjurul, the lone star player of Khulna, took two vital wickets as Barisal could survive 83.2 overs after being put into bat. The southpaw had opener Hannan clean bowled for 19 and Tasriqui caught behind for nought to finish with two for 41 in 16 overs.

A little off-spinner from BKSP, Sohail Islam, then ripped through the middle-order to finish with three for 27 in 19 overs.

For Barisal, opener Imran scored highest 28. Mr. Sundries with 32 was the other notable contributor for the only star-studded division in the eight-team meet.

In reply, Khulna were 19 for no loss in 11 overs at close. Left-handed opener Shaon and wicketkeeper Salim were bat-

SCOREBOARD

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

BARISAL: First Innings
Imran c Shaon b A Kamal 28
Hannan b Monjurul 19
Mizanur c J Babu b Sohail 12
Safait lbw b Rana 1
Tasriqui c Salim b Monjurul 0
Narayan b J Babu 17
Moin c sub b Sohail 16
Ahsanullah c Setu b Sohail 16
Al-Amin run out 17
Ashfaq not out 3
Extras: (lb-19, lb-7, nb-6) 32
Total: (All out in 83.2 overs) 179

Fall of wickets: 1/53, 2/64, 3/66, 4/66, 5/101, 6/104, 7/131, 8/137, 9/167.

Bowler: O M R W
Monjurul 16 3 41 2
MI Rana 24.2 9 35 2
J Babu 3 2 27 1
Ahmed Kamal 11 6 17 1
Sohail Islam 19 10 27 3

Khulna: First Innings
Shaon batting 7
Selim batting 9
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