



SPORTS TALK

Rajshahi dump Dhaka

Draws dominate the rest



Martin Crowe
(Former New Zealand cricket captain)

"I've never had any contact with illegal gambling syndicates. I'm shattered that my name is mentioned when I don't know what it's for."

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

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4. Which club lifted NBL Div 1 soccer title?
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5. Who was declared man-of-the-match in the Bangladesh-India inaugural Test?
Saurav Aminul Joshi

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NBL football

Super Three' starts tomorrow

Sports Reporter

The 'Super Three' phase of the National Bank Premier Division football league begins tomorrow at the Bangabandhu National Stadium with leaders Muktiyoddha Sangsads taking on holders Mohammad Sporting Club in the opening match at 4:30 pm.

Muktiyoddha finished the Super Four with highest 35 points from 15 matches while Mohammad and Abahani qualified with 33 points each from same outings.

The second match of the Super Three' will be between Abahani and Mohammad at 2:45 pm on November 28 while the third match between Abahani and Muktiyoddha Sangsads will be held on November 30 at 2:45 pm.

Pakistan could make changes

FAISALABAD, Nov 24 (Inter- net report): Pakistan are contemplating changes to their team for the second Test against England, which starts next Wednesday in Faisalabad.

Chairman of selectors Wasim Bari has hinted that fast bowler Waqar Younis may be recalled to the side, and there could be a first cap for teenage leg-spinner Danish Kaneria.

They are expected to name a 14-man squad for the game late on Friday.

POSSIBLE SQUAD

Moin Khan (captain), Saeed Anwar, Shahid Afridi, Inzamamul Haq, Younis Youhana, Salim Elahi, Imran Nazir, Wasim Akram, Waqar Younis, Abdur Razzaq, Azhar Mahmood, Saqlain Mushtaq, Mushtaq Ahmed, Danish Kaneria.

Court stays ban on Malik until December 7

LAHORE, Nov 24: A Pakistani court has granted an interim stay to former cricket captain Salim Malik against a life ban for match-fixing, his lawyer said Friday, reports AFP.

Malik filed a suit before civil judge Abdul Qayum last week seeking a permanent injunction against a life ban on playing cricket and a fine of one million rupees (16,700 dollars) imposed in July. Shahid Hamid said.

The court heard the case on Thursday and granted an 'interim stay' until December 7. Hamid, a former governor of the Pakistani province of Punjab, told this news agency.

Hosts Rajshahi pulled off a sensational 212-run win over powerful Dhaka in their Green Delta National League opener at the Rajshahi Stadium yesterday.

In the other matches Biman, Dhaka Metropolitan and Khulna who all drew their fixtures, ran away with four points each by virtue of their first innings lead over defending champions Chattogram, Sylhet and Barisal respectively.

The teams switch to limited-overs games today.

DHAKA-RAJSHAH

On the final day of their three-day match, Dhaka, needing a mammoth 304 in the second innings for victory, were shot out for 92. Rajshahi's Mushtaqur Rahman, Aminul Junior and Imran Parvez evenly shared nine wickets.

Mushtaqur, the national all-rounder who captured three wickets in the first innings for 54 runs, was the wrecker-in-chief as he conceded only 11 runs in his seven-over spell.

Aminul and Imran gave away 23 and 33 runs respectively for their three-wicket hauls.

Dhaka opener Shahriar Hossain top-scored with 20. Harunur Rashid (15), Sajjad Kadir (16) and Biplobi Sarkar (15) were the other batsmen to reach double figures.

Earlier in the morning, Rajshahi, resuming their second innings on 95 for one in 29 overs, added another 186 runs in 31 overs before they declared on 281 for eight at lunch.

Opener Rafiqul Islam com-

Sports Reporter

piled 85 off 177 balls while Mushtaqur added 71 off 135 balls. It followed his superb 67 in the first innings. Nuruzzaman and Anisur Rahman collected 42 and 34 respectively.

BIMAN V CHITTAGONG

At the Bangladesh Krira Shikha Protisthan (BKSP) ground, in Savar, Biman's young right-arm seamer Mohammad Sharif denied the holders a well-deserved first innings lead.

Chittagong, resuming their first innings on 294 for 3 in 75.4 overs and needing another 117 runs to overhaul Biman's massive first innings total of 411, fell 13 runs short being bowled out for 397.

Sharif captured four out of the remaining seven Chittagong wickets to help his side collect four valuable points.

The 17-year-old wicketless on Thursday, however, was in devastating form on Friday. Among his scalps included Chittagong master batsman Minhazul Abedin.

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DHAKA METRO V SYLHET

Dhaka Metropolitan picked

up four first innings points against Sylhet at the Dharmundi Cricket Stadium.

Dhaka Metropolitan, who amassed 302 in the first innings, resumed their second innings on 60 for two and rattled up another 124 runs in 40 overs before they declared on 184 for eight.

Middle-order batsman Halim Shah contributed 71 off 135 balls with six boundaries followed by opener Al-Shahri who added 50 off 86 balls with seven fours.

In reply, Sylhet, who managed 153 in the first innings, were 203 for three in 57 overs when the match was concluded.

Opener Parvez scored highest 91 off 145 balls with a dozen fours. One-down Rajin Saleh was unbeaten on 78 off 154 balls. He also hammered 12 boundaries in his three-hour vigil at the crease.

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KHULNA V BARISAL

Away at the Jessoro Stadium, the Khulna-Barisal match ended tamely. Khulna, however, earned four valuable points.

On the last day, Barisal posted 179 in the first innings, reached 186 for eight in 97 overs in their second innings at stumps after resuming the day on 11 for no loss.

Khulna made 292 for seven in 100 overs in their first innings.

Khulna opener Asadullah Khan with a brilliant 90 was later adjudged man-of-the-match.

(Scoreboards of these matches are on Page 15)



Grand Master Niaz Murshed (L) makes a move against Shahadat Hossain during their fifth round engagement of the First Division Chess League at the NSC yesterday.

Titas, Biman share lead

Sports Reporter

Titas Club joined holders Biman at the top of the First Division League table after defeating Amulian Daba Krira Chakra 4-0 in the fifth round held at the NSC chess room yesterday.

In the day's matches, Titas' Enamul Hossain Rajib, Khandakar Aminul Islam, Syed Ruhul Kabir Shifli and Rayes Hasan won their respective boards against Amulian's Ahmed Hossain, Amir Hossain, Sohel Chowdhury and Mustafizur Rahman to close their one-point gap with high flying Biman who beat Nakhalpara Juba Sangha 3-1.

Biman's IM Ziaur Rahman, IM Abdullah Al-Rakib and Syed Tahmidur Rahman won their respective boards while Rezaul Haque lost to Moniruzzaman.

Both Biman and Titas now have 17.5 points.

Grand Master-studded Loenine Chess Club are in the third spot with 16.5 points. They registered a 3-1 win over Mahakhalil Prodeep Sangha.

GM Niaz Murshed won his board against Shahadat Hossain. GM Igor Rousis of Lithuania beat Yanur Rahman Royal while Indian IM Sankar Roy earned a walk over against Badaruddin. Taibur Rahman lost the only board for Loenine when he was checkmated by Mahakhalil's Ashrafur Rahman.

The sixth round will start at the same venue at 2.30 pm today.

Brothers post victory

Sports Reporter

Brothers Union Club recorded a 4-3 win over Victoria Sporting Club in a relegation play-off match of the National Bank Premier Division football league at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

The winners led the first half 2-1.

Zahid and Anwar netted two goals each for the Gopibagh boys while Rahel, Sohel and Ripon scored one apiece for the losers.

Victoria have already confirmed their demotion along with Badda Jagarani Club having finished the two-tier league at the bottom of the table.

With yesterday's win, Brothers raised their tally to 23 points from 16 matches while Victoria remained at the bottom with only two points. Badda have 12 points from 15 matches.

Marlon Black's highly impressive entry into Test cricket in Brisbane is timely with Walsh seemingly ready to pass on the torch at the end of the tour of Australia after 16 years of dedicated service.

The search for a paceman with speed, stamina and accuracy has been one of the chief concerns for the West Indies

Assertive Australia

Sports Reporter

Brisbane Nov 24: Brett Lee's free-spirited hitting and demon strike bowler Glenn McGrath Friday left Australia poised to win the first Test against the West Indies inside three days at the Gabba here, reports AFP.

Black, a strapping 25-year-old tyro, removed Michael Slater (54), nightwatchman Andy Bichel (8) and Justin Langer (3) in an inspired opening spell. He later grabbed the wicket of in-form Ricky Ponting for 20 to finish with 4-83 off 28 overs.

Ponting, who was well supported by fellow Trinidadian Mervyn Dillon (3-79), had Australia restricted to 186 for six and a deficit of 104 runs nearing the third hour of play, but their hopes were blown away by pugnacious knocks by Lee and Gilchrist.

Gilchrist, coming in at No. 8, slammed a belligerent 48 off 66 balls while Lee made merry with 165 points. They registered a 3-1 win over Mahakhalil Prodeep Sangha.

It was the 12th time McGrath had captured Lara's top century when he scampered off for a single, dived to make his ground only for Shivnarine Chanderpaul's throw at the stumps to go for four overthrows.

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After Slater, Bichel and Langer went to Black, Mervyn Dillon, who has been mentioned in an Indian cricket corruption report, struggled in his 149-minute stay for 24 before he was caught ankle-high by Dillon.

Black frustrated the tiring West Indians with partnerships of 61 with Gilchrist and 50 with leg-spinner Stuart MacGill (19) before last man in McGrath gave world record-holder Courtney Walsh his first wicket of the innings and 484th in Tests.

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Others such as Pedro Collins, Corey Collymore and Patterson Thompson had only a brief flirtation with the Test squad before injuries and loss of form put them out of contention.

All had potential, but none possessed one of the key ingredients in a fast bowler's armoury - consistency.

Walsh and Curtly Ambrose, who retired at the end of the tour of England earlier this year, wheeled away for over after over, series after series, year after year and such was their ability that batsmen could never afford to let their concentration waver.

Only time will tell whether Black possesses the consistency to build on his early success Down Under.

The 25-year-old took four wickets for Trinidad and Tobago in the final of the 1999-2000 Busta Cup, but it proved an unhappy experience as they lost to Barbados.

He was, however, chosen to play in two representative matches against Zimbabwe in March and proved an excellent player in the President's XI at Pointe-a-Pierre for figures of four for 87.

His tireless effort helped him secure a place in the West Indies A team for the unofficial Tests against South Africa A in September.