

Sports WHIZZ KID

Competition 139

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Competition closes at 8 pm
 Dec 1 2000 and draw
 shortly afterwards

1. Who clinched the world chess
 crown?
 Kasparov | Karpov | Kramnik

2. Who lifted the Purabi Div I
 basketball title?
 Dhankutu | Josephites | Titas

3. Who became Leipzig tennis
 champ?
 Hingis | Davenport | Clijsters

4. Which club lifted NBL Div I
 soccer title?
 Fakirpool | Agric Bank | Wari

5. Who was declared man-of-the-
 match in the Bangladesh-
 India inaugural Test?
 Sourav | Aman | Josu

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SPORTS TALK



Abahani players stretching during a practice session at their Dhanmondi ground yesterday. They take on Muktijoddha in the virtual final of the Premier Division Football League today. —Star photo

BNS set to take the heat

Muktis, Abahani lock horns today

Sports Reporter

flouted both Mohammedan and Muktijoddha to bounce back in the title race from a position where many had written them off.

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The muscular marksman has already scored highest 17 goals for his side including a couple in the last match against Mohammedan. Arman is also set to unfold his creative midfield play and dependable captain Iqbal is ready to deliver his best both in defence and offence. An ever-reliable Nazrul will once again man the sky-blue fort.

Although Mohammedan's title hopes have already been put to rest and Muktijoddha's celebration looks the most likely possibility, it is Abahani who appear to be the most combative side of late to end their success-lorn three seasons.

The popular Dhanmondi outfit has demonstrated a remarkable turnaround since the League resumed after a month's lay-off. Resuming the Super Four phase with six points behind the leaders, Abahani

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Toast of teammates

FAISALABAD
 Nov 29: Pakistan's cricket team surprised its famous paceman, Wasim Akram.

Wednesday by presenting him with a golden plaque to mark his 100th Test match, reports AFP.

I am honoured and elated that my teammates honoured me by this moment, it shows that how much they respect and love me. They have surprised me, "Akram said.

I am delighted, honoured and flattered. I am feeling younger and very much motivated by the occasion and the gesture shown to me by the members of the team.

I shall remember this for the rest of my life. I wish Pakistan does well here against England to make it even more memorable for me and Pakistan," he said.

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second Test in Faisalabad against England.

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