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NAT'L CRICKET LEAGUE

Sports Reporter

Defending champions Chittagong had a successful first day against hosts Dhaka in their three-day match of the Green Delta National League at the Mynensingh Stadium yesterday.

The visitors, aided by a superb 96 from discarded national opener Ehsanul Haq and an unbeaten 75 by national slow left-armed Enamul Haque, posted 344 for seven in their first innings quota of 100 overs.

Enamul fell four runs short of what could have been his first hundred in the National League this year. But before that he put on 95 runs for the second wicket with Azam Iqbal. The right-hander hammered half a dozen fours during his 180-minute stay at the wicket.

Azam scored a patient 61 off 136 balls that included five fours. But Chittagong innings picked up the pace with the arrival of Enamul at the crease. The southpaw clubbed 11 fours in his 85-ball knock. His innings also saved Chittagong from a collapse after skipper Minhazul Abedin and Akram Khan, the heart of the port city batting line-up, departed cheaply.

SCOREBOARD

Scorecard on the first day of the three-day third round Green Delta match between Chittagong and Dhaka at the Mynensingh Stadium yesterday.

CHITTAGONG				
Azam c Rashedul b Fahim	61			
Nasir c Fahim b Rashedul	26			
Sezan c sub b Biplob	96			
Minhazul b Biplob	31			
Akram c Harun b Mosaddek	19			
Enamul not out	75			
S Mehruddin b Biplob	2			
Sabbir c sub b Biplob	0			
Martuzza not out	13			
Extras (lb-10, lb-5, nb-2, w-4)	21			
Total (for 7 wks in 100 overs)	344			
Did not bat: Zakir Hossain, Shafiqul Alam				
Fall of wickets: 1-50, 2-145, 3-185, 4-272, 5-286, 6-293, 7-293				
Bowler				
Bikas	9	2	33	0
Saifur	15	6	31	0
Rashedul	15	2	26	1
Mosaddek	21	3	74	1
Fahim	28	3	97	1
Biplob	19	3	69	4
Mazharul	2	0	9	0

Tanvir calls it quits

Sports Reporter

Chief selector of the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) Tanvir Haider has quit. His letter of resignation was accepted during a Board meeting last evening.

Tanvir, also a vice-president of the Board and chairman of the Cricket Committee of Dhaka Metropolitan (CCDM), submitted his resignation on November 15 on health grounds.

He stepped down citing poor health and we regretfully accepted his decision. I felt that Tanvir had done a tremendous job during his one-year tenure," said the Board general secretary Syed Ashraful Haq while confirming that the former national player's involvement in the selection process was over.

It was however not unexpected after the episode over the controversial selection of the historic Bangladesh Test team against India. Tanvir was forced to revise his original list of 14 following an uproar over the surprise omission of Habibul Bashar and Enamul Haque.

Tanvir, who is still recovering from a by-pass surgery this year, will nevertheless retain his position as head of the CCDM.

Although the Board is yet to announce a new selection committee, but Tanvir's self-imposed retirement effectively abolished the present three-member set-up that included former national captain Roquibul Hassan and Tanjeeb Ahsan Saad. "We will form a new selection-panel at our next board meeting," said Ashraful while talking to the media after the meeting.

BARLOW AND PAKISTAN

Ashraful meanwhile revealed the Board was yet to make a decision about the fate of ailing South African Director of Development Eddie Barlow.

"The only thing I can say at this moment is that I have been asked to speak with him in private," said the general secretary.

Barlow suffered a stroke early this year and since then he has been confined to a wheelchair.

Regarding the proposed home and away series against Pakistan, Ashraful said that



TANVIR HAIDER

there was nothing to say as yet. Pakistan were expected to tour Bangladesh in January if the Indian government continues to show reluctance in letting its cricket team visit Pakistan in December.

DEVELOPMENT BUDGET

Besides, the lengthy Board meeting chaired by president Saheb Hossain Chowdhury, also approved handsome 1.36 crore Taka development budget for the year 2000-2001. To embrace cricket throughout the country systematically, the Board has decided to bring 100 coaches on its payroll.

Among them, 12 including the four Sri Lankan coaches will operate centrally. 24 will work at the divisional level and the rest will be spread among

64 districts.

The Board will pay the coaches according to a grade-wise system. Grade A coaches will earn 25-30 thousand taka. Grade B coaches will get 20-25 thousand taka. Grade C coaches can expect 10-15 thousand taka and Grade D coaches' salary will not exceed Taka 5,000.

EXPENDITURE MATTERS

The Board also okayed the expenditure of 51,824 USD for the tours to Kenya and South Africa. The meeting also approved the cost amounting to Taka 1.9 crore for the historic Inaugural Test, held on November 10-14. It however did not disclose the profit generated from the event but gave a breakdown of the ticket sale, totaling Taka 27,54665, instead.

SUSPECT ACTION COMMITTEE

In an effort to monitor the 'suspect action' of bowlers in the domestic cricket, the Board took an unprecedented step by forming a three-member scrutiny committee. Former national player Jalal Younus will lead the body. Tanjeeb Ahsan Saad and umpire Akhtaruddin Shaheen were the other members.

NAT'L GRID UMP'S

The Board has also nominated nine umpires to represent Bangladesh in the National Grid of neutral umpires following the recommendations of West Indian Test umpire Steve Bucknor, who conducted a seven-day course just after the November 10 Test match. The umpires are: Saifab Hossain Tutul, Mahabubullah, Akhteruddin Shaheen, Mohamud Asgar, Sawkatul Rahman Chinnu, SB Chowdhury Shishir, Samiur Rahman, Mahubur Rahman and Jahangir Alam.

Biman pile on runs

Sports Reporter

NAT'L CRICKET LEAGUE

Biman v Rajshahi

Title-aspirants Bangladesh Biman recovered from their shock one-day defeat at the hand of Dhaka in the previous game when the national airline outfit piled on the runs against Rajshahi on the first day of the three-day match at the BKSP ground in Savar yesterday.

Irun Farhat, the Pakistani left-handed opener who scored a double century in the opening game, hammered a swash-buckling 97 off 92 balls and a low-profile middle-order bat Hasanuzzaman rediscovered his batting prowess with an unbeaten 92 as Biman amassed 379 for five in 92 overs at close.

Farhat sniped three massive sixes and 13 cracking boundaries in his whirlwind knock. He put on 141 runs for the second wicket with Habibul Bashar, the national top order batsman

who scored a patient 72 off 146 balls. Bashar, hero of Bangladesh's inaugural Test against India, clubbed 11 fours in his 190-minute vigil at the wicket.

Hasanuzzaman, nicknamed Jhara, has not been among runs for quite sometime mainly because of batting lower down. But the young right-hander was quick to seize the opportunity yesterday when he moved within eight runs of what could be a superb hundred.

He hammered 11 fours a sixer in his 183-minute undefeated knock. Hasan will resume the innings with Ziaur Rashid today to complete the remaining eight first innings overs.

SCOREBOARD

Scorecard on the first day of the three-day third round Green Delta match between Biman Bangladesh and Rajshahi Division at the BKSP stadium yesterday.

BIMAN

Javed Omar c Omar b Alamgir	13
I Farhat c Anisur b Mustadr	97

H Bashar b Mustadr	72			
Amnul c Mustadr b Nuruzzaman	28			
Hasanuzzaman not out	92			
Sanwar c Nadin b Nuruzzaman	44			
Ziaur Rashid not out	13			
Extras (lb-1, lb-8, nb-10, w-1)	20			
Total (for 5 wks in 92 overs)	379			
Fall of wickets: 1-114, 2-155, 3-211, 4-224, 5-329				
Bowler				
Amnul Jr	16	2	88	0
Alamgir	8	1	31	1
Irunan	9	0	65	0
Nuruzzaman	34	4	109	2
Mustadr	25	2	77	2

Anand advances

NEW DELHI, Dec 2: India's Viswanathan Anand moved into the third round of the FIDE World Chess Championships on Friday by beating Moldova's Viktor Bologan in an easy game, reports Reuters.

Top seed Anand, with white pieces, defeated Bologan in the second game of the second round in 42 moves to win by a 1.5-0.5 margin. The two had drawn the first game on Thursday.

Badani bails India out

CUTTACK, India, Dec 2

Left-hander Hemang Badani hit an unbeaten 58 as India survived a dramatic collapse to beat Zimbabwe by three wickets in the first one-day international here on Saturday, reports AFP.

The Indians overtook Zimbabwe's 253-7 with 10 balls to spare despite being docked an over by match referee Barry Jarman for slow over-rates.

Badani and Ajit Agarkar kept their cool in a crisis to add 50 for the unbroken eighth wicket that enabled India to take a 1-0 lead in the five-match series.

The hosts looked to be galloping towards victory when captain Sourav Ganguly and Sachin Tendulkar put on 102 for the first wicket.

But Zimbabwe silenced a sell-out crowd of 35,000 at the Barabati Stadium by grabbing five wickets for 42 runs to reduce India to 144-5.

Vijay Dalviya helped Badani add 60 for the sixth wicket before the wicketkeeper was dismissed by Brian Murphy with 50 still needed at a run-a-ball.

Agarkar remained unbeaten on 19 as Badani, in his first international season, steered India home and win for himself the man-of-the-match award.

Greenidge and Desmond Haynes.

The duo made 44 apiece before falling to rash strokes in successive overs from left-arm spinner Dirk Viljoen.

Left-hander Yuvraj Singh was declared leg-before to Murphy for 11, while Rahul Dravid and Reetinder Sodhi were run out through poor calling from Badani.

Zimbabwe's total revolved around an unbeaten 91 from Stuart Carlisle and his second-wicket stand of 115 with Alastair Campbell, who made 68.

Zimbabwe were 168-2 at one stage before losing their way towards the end as five wickets tumbled for 85 runs in the last 15 overs.

Recalled seamer Venkatesh Prasad was the pick of the Indian bowlers with 2-29 from 10 overs after conceding just 12 runs in his first spell of six overs.

Fellow medium-pace Agarkar was hit for 74 runs in his 10 overs, while Sodhi finished with 0-31 from eight on his international debut.

The Indians bounced back after removing the in-form Flower brothers in quick succession to make it 206-4 in the 44th.

Andy Flower, who smashed 540 runs in the two Test matches, made 11 when he was beaten in flight outside the off-stump by Tendulkar and stumped by Dalviya.

Grant Flower (251 fell to a brilliant catch by Yuvraj, who ran back from cover and dived to pick up the ball with outstretched hands.

Yuvraj's catch was the only bright spot in an otherwise butter-fingered display by the Indians, who spilled five chances during the innings.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the first one-day international between India and Zimbabwe at the Barabati Stadium on Saturday:

ZIMBABWE

Campbell c Badani b Agarkar	68
Martiller c Tendulkar b Zaheer	8

Khulna in command

Sports Reporter

NAT'L CRICKET LEAGUE

Sylhet v Khulna

Runners-up of the first edition Sylhet continued their disappointing run in the Green Delta National League when they succumbed to hosts Khulna on the opening day of their three-day match at Jessore yesterday.

The visitors were bundled out for 115 in 64.4 overs after being caught in the spinning web of young left-arm spinner Monjurul Islam Rana, who took five for 34 runs in 25 overs.

Khulna, in reply, raced to 113 for two in just 34 overs at stumps. Opener Setu scored a dazzling 71 off 94 balls before becoming the lone victim of national right-arm seamer and Sylhet captain Hasibul Hossain.

The attacking right-handed opener, who dominated a 92-run first-wicket stand with Shaon, hammered 12 fours.

With still 64 overs remaining and eight wickets in hand, Khulna are not only relishing the prospect of gaining an impressive first innings lead, but have also set about building the platform of an outright victory.

SCOREBOARD

Scorecard on the first day of the three-day third round Green Delta match between Sylhet and Khulna at the Jessore Stadium yesterday:

SYLHET

Parvez c Salim b M Rana	13			
Hadi c Salim b M Rana	16			
Nasirul b M Rana	16			
Rajin c Tushar b Jamal	18			
Alok b M Rana	23			
Hasibul c Jamal b M Rana	0			
Joy Roy lbw b Jamal	0			
Rafique c Sajjadul b Jamal	11			
Taposh not out	9			
Iqbal st Salim b Monjurul	1			
Irunan Rahim b Jamal	4			
Extras (lb-1, lb-5, w-1)	7			
Total (all out in 64.4 overs)	115			
Fall of wickets: 1-30, 2-34, 3-52, 4-80, 5-80, 6-81, 7-100, 8-101, 9-104				
Bowler				
Monjurul	15	9	27	1
A Kaimal	9	4	15	0
M Rana	25	12	34	5
Sohel	8	3	17	0
Jamal	7.4	1	16	4

KHULNA

Shaon c Nahid b Rafique	13			
Sajjadul b Hasibul	71			
Sohel not out	6			
Salim not out	3			
Extras (lb-7, lb-1, nb-7, w-5)	20			
Total (for 2 wks in 34 overs)	113			
Bowler				
Hasibul	12	1	47	1
Rafique	7	11	15	1
Taposh	5	0	22	0
Irunan	6	2	13	0
Alok	4	2	9	0

Ctg soccer

From Our Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Dec 2: Quality Club recorded a 1-0 victory over Customs Club as the Chittagong First Division Football League resumed at the MA Aziz Stadium here today after a nine-day recess.

Quality's Nepalese recruit Basanta Kumar Thapa scored the all-important goal in the 36th minute.

In tomorrow's match, defending champions Abahani Krira Chakra will take on Bakolia Club. Dhaka league stars Iqbal and Pavel Mahmood are to appear for Abahani while Ghanaian Kennedy and Ghanasia will play for Bakolia.

Waugh uncertain for Adelaide Test

PERTH, Dec 2: Australian captain Steve Waugh is in doubt for the third Test against the West Indies in Adelaide on December 15 after being injured in the second Test here today, reports AFP.

Team physiotherapist Errol Alcott said Saturday night Waugh, 35, had a torn muscle in his left buttock, received while fielding in the current second Test at the WACA Ground in Perth Friday.

"The condition usually takes two to four weeks to right itself, so it could be tough and go for him for the next Test," Alcott said.

Waugh was restricted in his movements while batting Saturday, and was also limited when he led the start of the West Indies' second innings late in the day.

"We'll try to get him through tomorrow (Sunday) and then reassess the situation," Alcott said.

Waugh would not want to sideline himself during the remainder of the present game, in which Australia stands on the threshold of completing a world record 12 Test wins in succession.

"Rest, followed by intensive therapy, is the usual treatment," Alcott said. "Time is the crucial thing, but how much time is purely guesswork at the moment."

If Waugh is unable to line up in Adelaide, the side would probably be led by new vice-captain Adam Gilchrist.

Twin tons propel Barisal

Sports Reporter

NAT'L CRICKET LEAGUE

Dhaka Metropolis v Barisal

Barisal thrived on twin tons from captain Hannan Sarker and Kiron to score a fighting first innings total against hosts Dhaka Metropolis on the opening day of their three-day match at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Hannan scored exactly 100 and Kiron hammered an unbeaten 105 as the visitors electing to bat after winning the toss, amassed 277 for six in their share of 100 overs.

Hannan, who captained the Bangladesh team in World Youth Championship in Sri Lanka earlier this year, clubbed 11 fours in his 224-minute vigil at the crease. The dapper right-hander shared 119 runs for the fourth wicket with an unheralded Kiron after the visitors were reduced to 64 for three.

Coming into bat at number five, Kiron showed himself to have a mature head on a young shoulder in remaining unconquered till the final ball of the day. He hammered half a dozen fours in his 184-ball innings.

It was however a very tiresome day for Dhaka bowlers under the sun. Left-arm spinner Salkat worked his way to claim three wickets for 62 runs on a docile pitch while young leg-spinner Ashraful took two

for 72 in his 25 overs.

The hosts, who had earlier earned 12 points from previous two games at this ground, are likely to face an uphill task to take the advantage when they begin their chase today.

Dhaka were 46 for one in 20 overs at stumps.

SCOREBOARD

Scorecard on the first day of the three-day third round Green Delta match between Barisal Division and Dhaka Metropolis at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday:

BARISAL

Narayan c Anwar b Ashraful	11
Hannan lbw b Ashraful	100
Siddique c Biplob b Salkat	6
Irunan c Al-Shahriar b Biplob	15

Total (for 5 wks in 100 overs)

Did not bat: Shymol, Al-Amin, Ashfaq Ali

Fall of wickets: 1-12, 2-34, 3-64, 4-183, 5-245, 6-257

Bowler

O	M	R	W	
K Mahmud	7	0	27	0
Morshed Ali	3	1	2	0
Ashraful	25	3	72	2
Zia	18	4	63	0
Salkat	31	7	62	3
Biplob	15	1	45	1
Al-Shahriar	1	0	1	0

DHAKA METROPOLIS

Ashraful st Mizanur b Hasan	21			
Mehrab not out	21			
Sajjad not out	1			
Extras (lb-1, lb-2)	3			
Total (for 1 wkt in 20 overs)	46			
Fall of wicket: 1-45				
Bowler				
Al-Amin	6	3	14	0
Ashfaq	4	1	10	0
Hasan	5	2	17	1
Moin	4	3	1	0
Irunan	1	0	1	0

Leaders taste defeat