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Barisal players and officials are ecstatic after they drew their Green Delta National League match against Dhaka Metropolis to grab the away points at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Barisal bag away points

Barisal survived a late Dhaka Metropolis thunder to earn four crucial away points in their three-day Green Delta National League match at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Set to score an improbable 262 for an outright victory, Dhaka Metropolis, who conceded a first innings lead of 33 runs against the visitors, piled on the runs with exciting strokeplay but eventually ended up managing 212 for eight in 80 overs at close.

In a mad chase for runs, the star-studded Dhaka sent the opponent bowlers on a leather hunt with national middle-order bats Al-Shahriar plundering 74 off only 55 balls that included six fours and a six.

Young opener Ashrafur scored a quickfire 27 off 19 balls and skipper Khaled Mahmud made 23 off 18 deliveries. Although the hosts maintained a staggering 8.7 run-rate, reaching 50 in only five and 100 in 11 overs, they failed to sustain the tempo at the end of the day.

Earlier, Barisal, resuming on 61 for two in 37 overs, worked their way to score 228 in their second innings before being all out in 108.2 overs.

First innings centurion, Hannan Sarkar was again among the runs. The Barisal captain followed up his 100 with a defiant 64. The dapper nightwatcher, who led Bangladesh in the Youth World Cup in Sri Lanka early this year, hammered a quartet of fours during his 208-minute vigil at the crease.

His overnight partner Imran also made a very useful 47 off 100 balls and Ahsanullah, who was responsible for Dhaka Metro collapse in the first innings with a haul of six wickets, scored an unbeaten 37.

Barisal, aided by centuries from Hannan (100) and Kiran (105), scored 277 in the first innings. Dhaka, in reply, collapsed to 244.

The first innings advantage enabled Barisal to raise their tally to nine points. The limited-over match will be held today.

SCOREBOARD

Final scorecard of the three-day Green Delta National Cricket League match between Dhaka Metropolis and Barisal at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

BARISAL: First innings 277 for 6 in 100 overs (Shafayel 105 not out, Hannan 100, Sharfud-dowlah 3/62, Ashrafur 2/72)

DHAKA METROPOLIS: First innings 212 all out in 88.5 overs (Sajjad 58, Mehrob 40, K Mahmud 38, Bipalab 34; Hassan 6/103, Moin 2/61)

BARISAL: Second innings (overnight)

Bowler	O	M	R	W
K Mahmud	18	6	36	2
Morshed	8	3	6	0
Zia	26.2	4	87	5
Ashrafur	29	11	67	2
Bipalab	9	4	8	0
Mehrab	2	1	3	0
Al-Shahriar	3	0	9	0
Sharfud-dowlah	13	8	7	1

DHAKA METROPOLIS: Second innings

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Ashrafur c Shafayel b Al-Anan	27			



Pooja Batra
(Indian actress)

"Whenever Shane Warne comes out to bowl, you know there's bound to be some exciting cricket ahead."

Jamal causes Sylhet havoc

Sports Reporter

GREEN DELTA NAT'L CRICKET LEAGUE

Sylhet v Khulna

Off-spinner Jamaluddin returned yet another four-wicket haul as Khulna thumped 1999 National League runners-up Sylhet by ten wickets at the Shamsul Huda Stadium in Jessore yesterday.

Jamaluddin, who took four wickets in the first innings for only 16 runs to bowl out the visitors for a meagre 115, gave away 32 runs to complete the demolition on the final day to restrict their opponents to 185 in their second innings.

Needing only 65 runs for victory, the home side, who scored 236 in their first innings, reached their target with ease thanks mainly to opener Hassan undefeated on 44. Nashedul Haque was not out on nine.

At the start of play Khulna had merely four points in Group B from their previous two rounds, however now they moved to second spot having raised their tally to ten points.

With their maiden defeat, Sylhet's second round hopes suffered a jolt. Hasibul Hossain's men have earned five points only.

Both teams will be gunning for two valuable points when they meet in a 50-over contest at the same venue today.

SCOREBOARD

Final scorecard of the Green Delta National Cricket League three-day match between Khulna and Sylhet at the Jessore Stadium yesterday.

SYLHET: First innings 115 all out in 64.4 overs (Alok 23, Rajin 18, Hadi 16, Nasirul 23, Rajin 5/34, Jamaluddin 4/16)

KHULNA: First innings 236 all out in 95.1 overs (Sajjadul 71, Selim 31, Rana 27, Imran 4/51, Taposh 2/28, Rafique 2/50)

SYLHET: Second innings (overnight 85 for 2 in 41 overs)

Parvez b A Kamal	3
Hadi c Rashid b Jamaluddin	6
Nasirul c Jamaluddin b A Kamal	26
Rajin c Selim b A Kamal	36
Alok c Selim b Rana	3
Rafique b A Kamal	2
Im c Rashid b Jamaluddin	3
Hassan c b b Jamaluddin	14
Taposh c Bipalab b Nashedul	7
Iqbal not out	12
Imran b b Jamaluddin	9
Extras (lb-8, lb-4, w-2)	14

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Race reaches final round

Sports Reporter

The title race trend in the First Division Chess League remains unchanged as leaders Biman and challengers Titas Club recorded an identical 2.5-1.5 margin win in the penultimate round yesterday.

In the 14th round at the NSC chess room, Biman defeated Kamalapur Samaj Kalvan Sangstha while Titas Club beat Farashganj Sporting Club.

Biman's two International Masters (IMs) Ziaur Rahman and Rezaul Karim won their respective boards against Syed Ejaz Hussain and Mohammad.

The other IM of the national airlines Abdullah Al-Rakib drew with Melhi Hasan Porag, Kamalapur's Hasan Imam beat FM Syed Tahmidur Rahman.

On the other hand, Fide Master Emanuel Hossain and Syed Ruhul Kabir Shiplu of Titas Club beat Devashish Mukharjee and Kazi Taherul Islam of Farashganj. Mizanur Rahman Labu of Farashganj beat Saifuddin Lavlin of Titas while the other match between Golam Mostafa Bhuiyan and Aminul Islam ended in a draw.

The outcome of the day kept Biman atop the table with 46 points and left Titas Club, trailing the holders with 45.5 points, at their heels. Biman will take on Ansars while Titas Club will face Dhaka University in today's final round.

Meanwhile the star-studded Leonine Chess Club are following them with a collection of 44 points. Leonine beat Nakhla para Juba Kabay Sangha 3-1 in yesterday's round. Leonine's Grand Master Niaz Murshed, IM Sankar Roy and Mahmud Ahmed beat Feroz Ahmed, Shafiq Ahmed and Muniruz-zaman Mont while Nakhla para's Kazi Mahbub Afzal won against Talbur Rahman.

In the day's other matches, Bangladesh Ansars (4-0) against Uttara Central Chess Club, Sonali Bank (4-0) against Rajshahi Daba Kabay Sangha, Anu Memorial Club (4-0) against Uttara Daba Sangha and Mohakhali Prodip Sangha (2.5-1.5) against Dhaka University emerged winners.

The remaining match between Narayanganj District Chess Players Association and Anushulan Daba Kira Chakra ended in draw.

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

Nat'l Youth Cricket from Dec 17

Sports Reporter

The first round of the 20th National Youth (under-19) Cricket Championship begins at nine different zonal venues from December 17.

Fifty-four districts, divided into nine zones, will take part in the week-long preliminary stage that is scheduled to end by December 24.

Top two teams from each group will move into the second round which will be held in two groups at two different venues. It is expected to start after the Eid-ul-Fitr.

The Development Committee of Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB), the organisers of the championship, will later select 60 cricketers to bring under its wing.

Following are the districts according to their first round zones:

Comilla: Chandpur, Brahmanbaria, Comilla, Bandarban and Cox's Bazar.

Noakhali: Khagrachari, Chittagong, Laxmipur and Noakhali.

Rajbari: Faridpur, Shariatpur, Narayanganj, Madaripur, Gopalganj and Rajbari.

Tangail: Mymensingh, Netrakona, Manikganj, Kishoreganj, Dhaka, Narshingdi and Tangail.

Bagerhat: Khulna, Narail, Jessore, Magura and Bagerhat.

Chudanga: Satkhira, Kushtia, Meherpur, Jhenidah and Chudanga.

Kurigram: Gaibandha, Nilphamari, Rangpur, Lalmonirhat, Panchagarh, Thakurgaon, Dinajpur and Kurigram.

Natore: Rajshahi, Naogaon, Nawabganj, Pabna, Sirajganj, Bogra, Joypurhat and Natore.

Pirozpur: Bakerganj, Barisal, Jhalakathi, Patuakhali, Bhola and Pirozpur.

Qadir, Mehmud suspended

Sports Reporter

Dhaka wicketkeeper Sajjad Qadir and Chittagong leg-spinner Shahed Mehmud have been slapped with one-match suspensions for showing dissent during their Green Delta National Cricket League three-day match on Sunday.

It was reported to match referee Aliul Islam that they argued with the umpires after failing to get decisions in their favour on the second day of the match at the Mymensingh Stadium.

Both Sajjad and Mehmud, the Pakistani leg-spinner who took ten wickets in the match to help his side register an innings and 61-run victory over Dhaka, won't play in the limited-overs match at the same venue today.

CBI holding 'camera card'

MUMBAI, Dec 4 (Internet report): Indian cricket official Kamal Morarka, who has likened the CBI's match-fixing report to the jottings in a prostitute's diary, may find he has to eat his words as new evidence comes to light.

A report in The Free Press Journal says that Ajay Jadhav, Mohammad Azharuddin and Manoj Prabhakar all broke down while being interrogated, and asked for the lights trained on them to be switched off.

While all of these players have queried the validity of the report, there is a trump card up the sleeve of the CBI to counter the accusations that their report lacks credibility.

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Rajshahi cricket

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAH: Dec 4: Bizov Ekadosh and Jagrata Sangha won their respective matches in the Sixth Bishreshtha Captain Mohiuddin Jahangir Smriti Gold Cup Cricket Tournament today.

Bizov Ekadosh defeated Saptorsv Sporting Club by 48 runs. Bizov scored 130 for four in their allotted 25 overs after winning the toss.

In reply, Saptorsv were bundled out for 82 in 23 overs.

In the other match of the day, Jagrata Sangha beat Friends Circle by seven wickets.

Friends Circle batted first and made 108 for eight in 25 overs.

Jagrata reached the target for the loss of three wickets in 16.5 overs.

Ctg soccer

From Our Correspondent

CHITTAGONG: Dec 4: Mohammedan Sporting lost 1-0 to Agrabad Nowjwan Club in their Elite Paint Senior Division Football League match at the MA Aziz Stadium today.

Tapu netted the winner in the 66th minute.

Mohammedan, who have a number of national players in their ranks, failed to create any pressure on their lesser opponents throughout the match.

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Rafiqul Rajshahi's hero

Sports Reporter

GREEN DELTA NAT'L CRICKET LEAGUE
Rajshahi v Biman

Bangladesh Biman consolidated their Group A lead when the national airmen earned four points from their drawn three-day match of the Green Delta National Cricket League against Rajshahi at the BKSP ground in Savar yesterday.

But it was Rajshahi opener Rafiqul Islam who returned a hero on the final day with a superb hundred.

Rafiqul, who had earlier saved his side from follow-on with 67 in the first innings, hammered a dazzling 124 off 135 balls in the second innings.

His scintillating knock enabled the visitors to score 236 for eight in reply to Biman's second innings total of 185 for four declared. He clubbed nine fours and an over boundary during his 104-minute vigil at the wicket.

Biman, who scored a huge 422 in the first innings, took their chances for an outright victory when captain Aminul Islam declared their innings after 42 overs and with an overall lead of 319 runs.

But Rafiqul's century followed by a run-a-ball 60 from Anisur Rahman effectively dashed Biman hopes of a win.

Biman, who shot Rajshahi out for 288 on the second day to ensure four points by virtue of their first innings advantage, started the final day with a positive frame of mind with Aminul notching a captain's knock of 84-ball 74. The debut Test centurion and former national captain hammered a dozen fours.

Aminul apart, opener Javed Omar scored a characteristic 59 off 98 balls with the help of nine boundaries.

Biman now lead the Group A with 16 points, two points clear of defending champions Chittagong.

Rajshahi on the other hand have been left with their previous collection of six points.

Biman and Rajshahi will now fight for two points in their regulation one-day match at the same venue today.

SCOREBOARD

Final scorecard of the three-day Green Delta National Cricket League match between Biman and Rajshahi at the BKSP yesterday:

BIMAN: First innings 422 all out in 99.4 overs (Farhat 97, Habibul 72, Hasanuzzaman 104, Nuruzzaman 6/135)

RAJSHAH: First innings 288 all out in 76.2 overs (Anisur 70, Rafiqul 67, Sharif 42, Rafiqul 4/111, Farhat 3/59)

BIMAN: Second innings

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Sharif	5	0	24	0
Hasanuzzaman	4	0	24	0
Ziaur	4	0	23	1
Rafiqul	7	0	40	2
Aminul	11	0	59	1
Saifullah	16	0	59	1
Farhat	2	0	6	0

Result: Match drawn.

HOLDERS humble Dhaka

Sports Reporter

GREEN DELTA NAT'L CRICKET LEAGUE
Chittagong v Dhaka

As expected holders, Chittagong, who beat Rajshahi by nine wickets in Rangpur last week, raised their tally to 14 points.

On the other hand the home side - qualification for the next stage is now doubtful as they have only collected four points so far in the competition.

SCOREBOARD

Final scorecard of the Green Delta National Cricket League match between Dhaka and Chittagong at the Mymensingh Stadium yesterday:

CHITTAGONG: First innings 344 for 7 in 100 overs (Elisamil 96, Enamul 75, Azam 61, Mun-hazul 31, Bipalab 4/69)

DHAKA: First innings 132 all out in 46.4 overs (Rashedul 27, Bipalab 21, Saiful 20, S Mehmud 5/37, Sabir 3/36)

DHAKA: Second innings (overnight 127-7 in 46 overs)

Rashedul c Akram b S Mehmud	38
Harun c S Mehmud b Sabir	1
Sajjad b Enamul	45
Mahbub c Mortuza b S Mehmud	7
Fahim c Azam b S Mehmud	5
Mazharul not out	37
Saiful c Enamul b S Mehmud	0
Bipalab c Sabir b S Mehmud	9
Bikash b Sabir	1
Mosaddiq c Elifamil b Sabir	1
Shahidul retired hurt	0
Extras (lb-2, lb-2)	4

Total: For 4 wickets in 53.4 overs 151

Fall of wickets: 1/13, 2/61, 3/85, 4/97, 5/97, 6/109, 7/127, 8/147

Bowler

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Sabir	8.4	2	18	3
Shafuddin	3	1	21	0
S Mehmud	22	6	68	5
Enamul	20	8	40	1

Result: Chittagong won by an innings and 61 runs.

Close shave inspires India

AHMEDABAD, Dec 4 (Internet report): Saurav Ganguly and his boys are all confident after their win in the first one-dayer and start as favourites in the second match against touring Zimbabwe at the Motera Stadium Tuesday.

Ganguly was delighted that his boys pulled off a win after they were in dire straits and at one stage the match was going the Zimbabwean way. "Badani played very well and showed lot of maturity. The best part of his innings was that he realised

team was a shade mediocre. "When you have a foreign coach, physical trainer and some players who have played more than 100 ODIs, how can you drop as many as seven catches in 50 overs only?"

Zimbabwe, who are always a dangerous side in one-day cricket, hope to reverse the verdict in the second match.

And the good news for them is that both Henry Olonga and Travis Friend are totally fit. "It was bit of inexperience that cost us the match at Cuttack. We bowled well, but failed to get a wicket at a crucial time. I do understand it is difficult for our bowlers to get adjusted to Indian pitches and bowl well. But, our batting has been coming good and I'll opt to bat first in case I win the toss again," skipper Heath Streak said.

Streak also felt that it would be easier to win a match by batting first rather than chasing a score.

But, to achieve that he also suggested that the side batting first must have at least 275 to 280 runs on the board. The Ahmedabad wicket looks full of toss and the side winning the toss is likely to make first use of the wicket.

BOA election in January

Sports Reporter

The Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA) will hold its first ever election next month. A formal declaration will be made tomorrow, at a meeting that will also nominate an election commissioner.

Talking to The Daily Star Sport, BOA secretary general Zafar Imam said yesterday that the International Olympic Council (IOC), which last month gave its approval to BOA's constitution, said it was satisfied with election arrangements.

The BOA secretary general said that the election schedule might be revealed during the meeting.

Cricket camp

Sports Reporter

A ten-day cricket camp for the schoolgoers of the capital begins at the Bangabandhu National Stadium from December 10 under the auspices of Bangladesh Cricket Board.

Students belonging to the under 13, 15 and 17 age groups are eligible.

They have been asked to report at the venue with their gear at 9 am. Three Sri Lankan coaches will supervise the camp.

Rating Chess from Dec 7

Sports Reporter

The Prime Bank third International Rating Chess Tournament will begin at the NSC chess room from December 7, says a press release.

All the rated players of the country are eligible to take part in the nine-round Swiss League competition, being hosted by Leonine Chess Club.



Feroz Ahmed of Nakhla para (L) ponders his next move against Grand Master Niaz Murshed of Leonine Chess Club during their 13th round engagement of the First Division League at the NSC yesterday.