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SPORTS TALK



Luis Figo
Portugal star footballer
I don't consider myself to be the best of the world. All I know is that this award is a recognition of a job well done over the past years.

After he was named European footballer-of-the-year.
GP U-17 cricket

Sports Reporter
Khulna Tigers, Rajshahi Padma, Khulna Rupsha and Rajshahi Tista won their respective GrameenPhone under-17 cricket tournament opening round matches at different venues yesterday.

Khulna Tigers beat Dhaka Colts by nine wickets at the Jagannath Hall ground of Dhaka University in the Padma opener while Rajshahi Padma defeated Dhaka Metropolis Greens by five wickets at the Dhamondi Cricket Stadium. Khulna Rupsha recorded a 13-run win over Metropolis Blues at the Myemensingh Stadium while Rajshahi Tista handed BKSP an eight-run defeat.

BRIEF SCORES

Khulna Tigers v Dhaka Colts
Dhaka Colts: 68 all out in 35.2 overs (Rajib 16, Hafiz 12, Mortuza 3/7, Murad 2/5).
Khulna Tigers: 69 for one in 13.4 overs (Shafiqul 28, Shahidur 20 n.o.).
Result: Khulna Tigers won by nine wickets.

Metro Greens v Rajshahi Padma

Metro Greens: 200 for 8 in 45 overs (Javed 37, Arafat 24, Riad 26, Sabuj 28 n.o.).
Rajshahi Padma: 203 for 5 in 43.3 overs (Anee 72, Imroz 39).
Result: Rajshahi Padma won by five wickets.

Khulna Rupsha v Metro Blues

Khulna Rupsha: 162 all out in 35.5 overs (Sumon 36).
Metro Blues: 149 all out in 38 overs (Shiper 48, Asif 37, Sumon 4/14, Kowshik 4/15).
Result: Khulna Rupsha won by 13 runs.

Rajshahi Tista v BKSP

Rajshahi Tista: 117 all out in 39.5 overs (Mumtaz 49, Shafiq 4/18).
BKSP: 109 all out in 37.4 overs (Shahid 30).
Result: Rajshahi Tista won by eight runs.

Rajshahi cricket

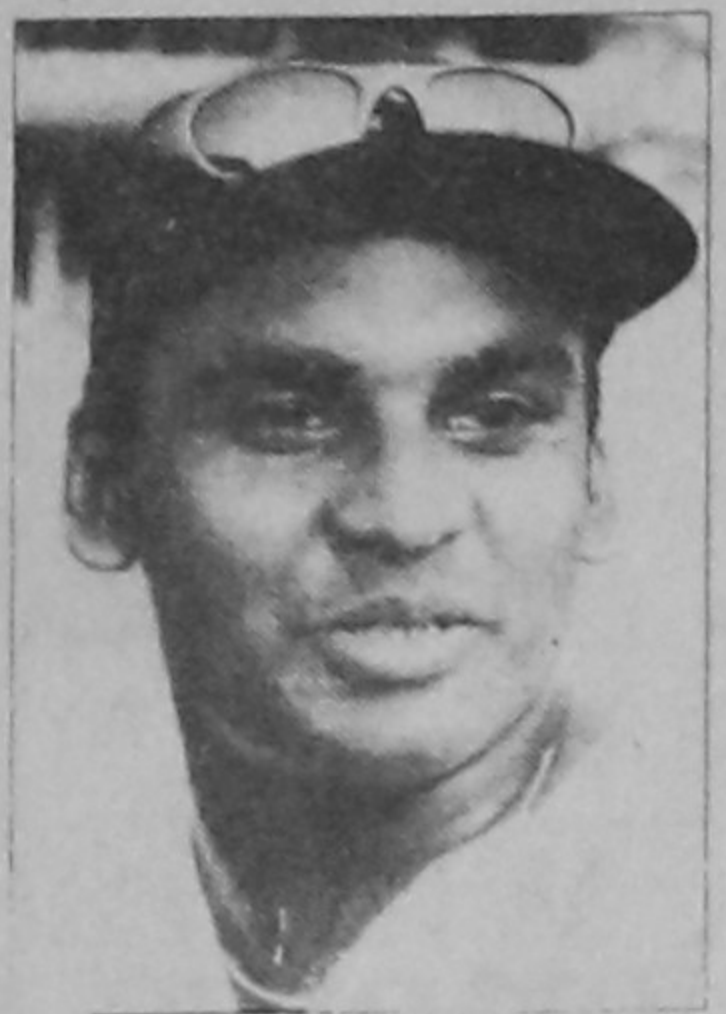
From Our Correspondent
RAJSHAHI, Jan 10: Muktir Sangha beat Digantha Prokhi Sangha by eight wickets in the Premier Division cricket league today at the AHM Gauruzaman Divisional Stadium.

Digantha Prokhi won the toss and decided to bat first. They were shot out for 103 in 38.2 overs.
In reply, Mukti Sangha reached the target of 104 runs in 28.3 overs losing only two wickets.

Question over Naimur, Rafique

BCB asked to review bowling action

Sports Reporter



NAIMUR RAHMAN

Two cricketers from Bangladesh and one from Pakistan have been reported by match officials for suspect bowling actions during recent international fixtures, says an ICC press release yesterday.

Both Naimur and Rafique bowled nearly two third of 141.3 overs of first innings, taking nine India wickets together. When contacted, Rafique said to Daily Star Sport, "I have not informed by the Board yet. I have already played a lot of international matches without being reported even once for suspect action. I have no idea about what sort of problem lies in my action."

"Well, I take this news positively. I hope to rectify the problem, if any at all, with the help of experts," he said.

Naimur however could not be reached till the filing of the report.
Meanwhile, Pakistan leg-spinner Shahid Afridi was reported by Barry Jarman during the one-day international against England in October.
Detailed video tapes of the bowlers in question have been forwarded to the ICC, the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) and the BCB. These will be used to analyse and review the bowling action of the three cricketers.

Under new ICC procedures adopted last week, suspect bowlers are to be dealt with by their own boards in the first instance, for a period of six weeks. The advisors will help the bowlers to improve their action and during this six-week review period they will continue to play international cricket. As Bangladesh are not involved in any series at the moment, the review period for the two would start in the first week of April when the Test babes tour Zimbabwe.

If the players are reported again within 12 months of the first report the ICC will appoint one of its own advisors to work directly with the player on his action, with the bowler still allowed to compete.

A third report within 12 months will activate the ICC's bowling review group, which will meet with the bowler and then vote to determine if he has an illegal action.

If a majority said the action is illegal, the bowler will be banned from bowling in international cricket for 12 months from the date of the hearing.
Bangladesh will follow the ICC process and form a three-member panel headed by Jalal Younis to monitor and give a report on the two to the Board. BSS reported quoting Board general secretary Syed Ashraf Haque.

"After that we will invite one or two international bowling experts to assess their action

and certify," he said.
Meanwhile, PCB director operations Brigadier Munawwar Rana told AFP, "We have asked former leg-spinner Abdul Qadir, Fakir Mohsin Kamal and Ejaz Fakhri to deal Afridi's case and the panel will be announced within two days."



MD RAFIQUE

"It's Afridi's faster one that has come under suspicion but he will be under no ban as per the new process and can go to New Zealand if selected," Rana said.

"Australian Brett Lee's action was also questioned but now he has been playing," he said.

Afridi is the third Pakistan bowler to have his action questioned after express pacer Shoaib Akhtar and Shabbir Ahmed.

Afridi said it was not the first time his faster ball action had been questioned.

"My faster one was questioned in Australia during the World Series in 1996-97 but I was cleared and I am confident I will be cleared once again," he told AFP.

"I use my wrist to bowl a faster one and it's a legitimate delivery."

BCBA visit Rajshahi bubbling with excitement

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Jan 10: Organisers here at the northern part of the country are all set to welcome the Commonwealth Bank Cricket Academy (CBCA).
The reputed Adelaide-based academy will play two matches against the Board President's Eleven at the Rajshahi Stadium.

The Rajshahi part of the tour will start with a three-day match, commencing on January 12. The second match, a limited overs contest, will be held on January 15.

The visitors, who opened their three week long tour with a three-day game against BCB Under-21 at the BKSP, are expected to fly in tomorrow.

The President's Eleven, captained by local hero Khaled Masood, will also be arriving here on the same flight. Both teams will stay at the Parjatan Motel.

The local organisers formed a committee headed by Superintendent Police of Rajshahi for the successful holding of the matches. The 16000-capacity district stadium has worn a refreshing look for the games. The rate of tickets for general stand for the three-day match have been fixed at Taka five (per day) while VIP ticket will cost Taka 50.

Here comes Hair

Sports Reporter

Darrel Hair, the experienced Australian umpire, will be arriving in Dhaka soon to assess the performance of the local umpires.



DARREL HAIR

His visit is a follow-up to that of West Indian umpire Steve Bucknor, who chose ten local umpires for possible inclusion in the International Cricket Council's National Grid. Hair will make the final recommendation to the ICC.

He is also likely to conduct a couple of on-going Green Delta National League matches during his stay in Bangladesh.

Indo-Pak clash at U-17 level

KARACHI, Jan 10: Arch-rivals Pakistan and India will meet each other at Under-17 level in Dhaka next month, officials said Wednesday, reports AFP.

"India has confirmed participation in the ICC-ACC (International Cricket Council-Asian Cricket Council) Under-17 Tournament in Dhaka, Bangladesh, next month," tournament director Aneel Kalwar told reporters.

Kalwar, Secretary of the Singapore Cricket Association, is currently in Pakistan to finalise the programme of the event with ACC secretary Zakir Hussain Syed and ICC development manager for the Asian region Nasimul Ghani.

India withdrew from the five-match Toronto series in September last year, protesting at Islamabad's alleged support to insurgents in the Indian part of the divided Himalayan state of Kashmir.

It also cancelled a scheduled tour of Pakistan by its team in December.

A year before, the organisers of the Toronto series had to arrange two different series after India refused to play Pakistan because of bilateral political tensions.

"India has confirmed its participation and is placed in group A along with Sri Lanka, Malaysia, UAE and Oman," Kalwar said.

The tournament will be played at Dhaka between February 15-25.

The first ICC-ACC Under-17 event was held in Pakistan last year but India did not send a team.

India also turned down an invitation to play a tri-nation series with Pakistan in Malaysia earlier this month.

"It will be in the best interest of the game in Asia if Pakistan and India play each other because their ties can motivate other Asian countries," Kalwar said.

Pakistan played three Tests and a triangular series in India in 1999 despite threats from Hindu fundamentalists and the digging up of a pith in New Delhi.

Bangladesh leave for Zim April 1

Sports Reporter



The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) yesterday announced the details of national team's tour to Zimbabwe in April this year.

This will be Bangladesh's first Test series and overseas Test tour since getting the Test status in June 2000.

The Bangladesh team will leave here on April 1.

Bangladesh will play two Tests and three one-day internationals during their month-long trip.

The first Test will be played at Bulawayo from April 19. The second Test, beginning on April 26, will be held at Harare.

The first two of the three-match one-day series will be held in Harare on April 7 and April 8 while the other one on April 11 will be played in Bulawayo.

TOUR ITENERARY

Date	Match	Opponent	Venue
April 4	warm up	CFX Academy	Harare
April 7	1st ODI	Zimbabwe	Harare Sports Club
April 8	2nd ODI	Zimbabwe	Harare Sports Club
April 11	3rd ODI	Zimbabwe	Queens, Bulawayo
April 13-15	3-day	Zimbabwe A	BAC, Bulawayo
April 19-23	1st Test	Zimbabwe	Queens, Bulawayo
April 26-30	2nd Test	Zimbabwe	Harare Sports Club



Players of Dhaka Rangers and Khulna Rupsha pose for photographs after their Milo Under-13 cricket tournament match at the Kalabagan Cricket Club ground yesterday.

Pony propels Padma

Sports Reporter

MILO U-13 CRICKET

A brilliant century from Pony propelled Rajshahi Padma to a convincing 103-run win over Dhaka Metropolis Greens in one of the four first round matches of the Milo Under-13 cricket tournament at the Nasirabad School ground in Chittagong yesterday.

Pony hammered 104 as Rajshahi Padma, batting first in their Group A opener, piled up a mammoth 267 for eight in the allotted 45 overs. Rony (88) and Jabbi (33) were the other notable run-getters for them.

In reply, Metropolis Greens were bundled out for 164 in 41.2 overs with Shovon notching highest 36.

In the other group match at the Abdul Aziz Stadium, Dhaka Colts defeated Khulna Tigers by six wickets.

Chasing Khulna's 171 in 45 overs, Russell scored an unbeaten 99 as Dhaka Colts reached 173 in 29.2 overs with six wickets to spare.

In Dhaka, Metropolis Blues beat Rajshahi Gold by 96 runs while Dhaka Rangers defeated

Khulna Rupsha by seven wickets in their Group B opener.

At the Dhamondi Club ground, Metropolis Blues piled up a huge 221 for eight in 45 overs with Ashrafuddin scoring highest 42. Among others, Chayan and Sirajul added 29 and 28 respectively.

In reply, Rajshahi Gold managed only 125 before being all out in 26.2 overs.

At the nearby Kalabagan Kriya Chakra ground, Shakhawat scored an unbeaten 80 as Dhaka Rangers, chasing a big Khulna Rupsha total of 228 in 45 overs, reached 232 in 33.4 overs with six wickets in hand.

Shakhawat was given a good support by Abter, who was not out on 67.

Earlier, batting first, Khulna Rupsha were all out for 228 in 41 overs with Rezwanaul and Najmul scoring 61 and 54.

BRIEF SCORES

Metro Greens v Rajshahi Padma
Rajshahi Padma: 267 for 8 in 45 overs (Pony 104, Rony 38, Jabbi 33, Mohsin 4/46).
Metro Greens: 164 all out in 41.2 overs (Shovon 36, Akeed

33).
Result: Rajshahi Padma won by 103 runs.

Khulna Tigers v Dhaka Colts

Khulna Tigers: 171 all out in 39.1 overs (Altif 82, Sarifaz 23, Deep 24, Shakhawat 4/24).
Dhaka Colts: 173 for 4 in 29.2 overs (Russell 99 n.o., Gulam Ali 32, Tushar 3/36).
Result: Dhaka Colts won by six wickets.

Khulna Rupsha v Dhaka Rangers

Khulna Rupsha: 228 all out in 41 overs (Rezwanaul 61, Najmul 54, Zaman 4/45).
Dhaka Rangers: 232 for 3 in 33.4 overs (Shakhawat 80 n.o., Abter 67 n.o., Zaman 34).
Result: Dhaka Rangers won by seven wickets.

Rajshahi Gold v Metro Blues

Metro Blues: 221 for 8 in 45 overs (Ashrafuddin 42, Chayan 39, Sirajul 28).
Rajshahi Gold: 125 all out in 26.2 overs (Mukhter 28, Marshall 2/21, Chayan 2/22, Itekhbar 2/22).
Result: Metro Blues won by 96 runs.

Carlton series from today

Waugh anticipating a better WI



MELBOURNE, Jan 10: Steve Waugh has challenged his top-order batsmen to mend their ways on the eve of the triangular Carlton one-day series with the West Indies and Zimbabwe, saying they were to blame for the team's recent poor limited-overs record, reports AFP.

While Australia have won a record 15 successive Tests, they have been victorious in just two of their past eight one-day internationals.

"It's a record skipper Waugh wants to correct starting with Thursday's opening game against the West Indies at the Melbourne Cricket Ground."

"We had a talk amongst the batsmen this morning," Waugh said Wednesday.

"ESP will show the match live from 9:30am (BST)."

"It wasn't about going on a witch-hunt or analysing every ball, it was about our attitude."

Waugh, who will be playing his 300th one-day international, said the "responsibility fell on all the batsmen" for the team's run of outs.

"We weren't playing as well as we have been playing, our shot selection was poor and our running between the wickets wasn't good," he said.

the game."
But while Waugh identified Australia's batting as their recent one-day weakness, it is the attack that looks threatening this time.

For the first time this summer both Brett Lee and Jason Gillespie will be unavailable through injury while Damien Fleming and Michael Kasparov are still on the comeback trail.

"It certainly is a game that even us the skill level," Waugh said. "There is more scope for surprises in one day cricket."

"There is no guarantee we are going to win every game but if we play to our ability the other sides are going to find it hard to beat us."

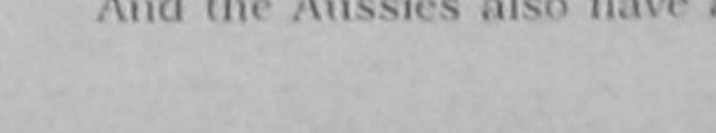
Waugh said the West Indies' form in the last three Test matches showed they were improving while he said Zimbabwe would be more than a hindrance.

SQUADS

AUSTRALIA: Steve Waugh (captain), Adam Gilchrist, Mark Waugh, Ricky Ponting, Michael Bevan, Damien Martyn, Darren Lehmann, Andrew Symonds, Ian Harvey, Shane Warne, Nathan Bracken, Glenn McGrath (12th man to be named).

WEST INDIES: Shervin Campbell, Wavell Hinds, Brian Lara (captain), Ricardo Powell, Ridley Jacobs, Laurie Williams, Maheendra Nagamootoo, Neville McLean, Cameron Cuffy, Alexander Joseph (12th man).

ZIMBABWE: Nathan Bracken as the only specialist pace bowlers in the 12-man squad and Bracken will be under pressure to maintain his place after Fleming took 3-18 for Australia A against the West Indies on Tuesday.



JIMMY ADAMS

Brawny win for BKSP

Sports Reporter

MILO U-15 CRICKET

Bangladesh Krira Shiksha Protisthan (BKSP), Dhaka Metropolis Blues, Khulna Tigers and Dhaka Metropolis Greens got off to winning start as the first round of the Milo Under-15 cricket tournament got underway at different places in the country yesterday.

An unbeaten half century from opener Alam guided BKSP to a comprehensive nine-wicket victory over hosts Rajshahi Padma in one of the two Group B matches at the Rajshahi College ground.

Chasing a paltry Padma total of 84 in 45 overs, the visitors were shot out in 31.5 overs after electing to bat. Shoaib scored highest 22.

At the Railway ground, also in Rajshahi, Dhaka Metropolis Blues handed Khulna Rupsha a 41-run defeat.

Batting first, Metropolis Blues made 176 before being all out in 42.2 overs with Faisal

Azim scoring highest 68. Sved Stoaib chipped in with 38.

In reply, the boys from Khulna could manage 135 in 36.5 overs in the face of some fired up bowling by Rakib who finished with five wickets for 37. He was ably helped by Ahmed taking two wickets for nine.

Sanjidal fought the lost battle for Rupsha with 32.

Away in Saktiura, Dhaka Metropolis Greens registered a seven-wicket win over Rajshahi Tista while Khulna Tigers posted an exciting four-run victory over Dhaka Colts.

Chasing a modest Tista total of 165 in 45 overs, Dhaka Greens spent only 28.2 overs to reach 167 with seven wickets still in hand.

In the other match, Khulna Tigers scored 190 for nine in the stipulated 45 overs with Ritu topscoring 60.

In reply, Dhaka Colts were all out for 186 in 44.1 overs.

BRIEF SCORES

BKSP v Rajshahi Padma
Rajshahi Padma: 84 all out in 31.5 overs (Shoib 22, extras

32; Rubaiyat 3/18).
BKSP: 90 for 1 in 19 overs (Alam 55 n.o., Tanveer 15 n.o.).
Result: BKSP won by nine wickets.

Khulna Rupsha v Metro Blues

Metro Blues: 176 all out in 42.2 overs (Faisal 68, Shoib 38; Rizwan 2/45).
Khulna Rupsha: 135 all out in 36.5 overs (Sanjidal 32, S Duta 29; Rakib 5/37).
Result: Metro Blues won by 41 runs.

Metro Greens v Rajshahi Tista

Rajshahi Tista: 165 all out (Mustafizur 46, S Sarkar 38; Sunny 5/23).
Metro Greens: 167 for 3 in 28.2 overs (Jubayer 49, Fayaz 25, Kamal 2/9).
Result: Metro Greens won by seven wickets.

Khulna Tigers v Dhaka Colts

Khulna Tigers: 190 for 9 in 45 overs (Ritu 60, Raju 21; Tanji 4/21).
Dhaka Colts: 186 all out in 44.1 overs (Shafiqul 40, Tarique 20, Raju 4/51, Subrata 3/18).
Result: Khulna Tigers won by 4 runs.



LIVING LEGEND: Team-mates carry Hossain Hassan, the veteran Egyptian, before the start of Egypt's friendly international against Zambia in Cairo on January 9. 34-year-old Hassan became the world's most capped footballer after appearing in the game, which was his 151. The previous record (150) belonged to German idol Lothar Matthaeus. Egypt won the match 3-1. Hassan however couldn't add to his impressive tally of 76 goals.

-- AFP photo