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Star Sports
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- What was the result of the Bangladesh and Zimbabwe one-day series?
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DAY'S EVENT
Premier Division Cricket Super League
Kalabagan KC v Surjo Tarun
(Bangabandhu National Stadium)
Premier Division Cricket Relegation League
Brothers Union v Victoria SC
(Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium)

Hannan leads Tarun

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Opener Hannan Sarkar smashed an unbeaten century to guide Surjo Tarun Club to an important seven-wicket win over Bangladesh Biman in a Premier Division Super League match at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium on Tuesday.

Hannan, the right hander, scored 102 not out as Surjo Tarun, chasing Biman's 209 in a rain-reduced 46-over-a-side match, reached 210 in 44.1 overs with seven wickets to spare.

Hannan's 139-ball knock included eleven boundaries. Together with Pakistani lqbal Shikib, Hannan put on a decisive 165-run third wicket partnership after Surjo Tarun lost two early wickets for 20.

lqbal, gave Hannan a solid support with a 102-ball 83 that contained eight fours.

Earlier, electing to bat, Biman's total was based on 42 run innings from Khaled Mahmud and Ziaur Rashid.

It was Surjo Tarun's first win in the super league that raised their tally to 14 points from 15 matches and put them in the fifth position of the six-team Super League.

On the other hand, Biman, concluded their campaign (16-match) with their sixth defeat against 10 wins. The national airlines finished third with 20 points.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Premier Division Cricket Super League match between Biman and Surjo Tarun Club at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium on Tuesday:

BIMAN
Athar run out 11
Fayaz st Anwar b Salaudinn 21
Halim Shah c Mazhar b Shamsul 0

SURJO TARUN
Hannan not out 102
Salaudinn lbw b Aminul jr 5
Sajjad lbw b Aminul jr 83
lqbal not out 10
Extras: (b-3, lb-4, nb-1, w-2) 10
Total: (for 3 wks in 44.1 overs) 210
Fall of wickets: 1/20, 2/20, 3/185.

Bowler
Aminul jr 8 1 23 3
Anis 5 1 16 0
K Mahmud 9.1 0 50 0
Manzoor 9 1 41 0
Saifullah 7 0 35 0
Zia 6 0 33 0

Result: Surjo Tarun Club won by seven wickets.



HANNAN ... 102 n.o

Manzoor c Anwar b salaudinn 29
hasan c Anwar b Suja 9
K Mahmud c salaudinn b lqbal 42
Zia lbw b Suja 42
Aminul jr c Anwar b Suja 1
Anis c Rafiqul b Suja 13
Humayun not out 9
Saifullah not out 2
Extras: (lb-6, nb-1, w-20) 27
Total: (For 9 wks in 46 overs) 209
Fall of wickets: 1/14, 2/15, 3/63, 4/86, 5/92, 6/167, 7/172.

Bowler
Debabrata 8 0 35 0
Nayem 10 0 37 1
Faisal 8 2 25 2
Tushar 2 0 11 0
Turjo 10 0 48 1
Imon 2 0 9 0
Tamim 10 0 54 3

Result: Dhanmondi Club won by seven runs.

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SPORTS REPORTER

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Former Board general secretary and a director elect in the new Board of Directors, Syed Ashraf Hui, revealed it Wednesday.

Talking to a group of journalists, Ashraf said that the selection in this pool would be made basing on performance in the Premier Division Cricket League, which ends tomorrow.

"We have 22 cricketers in the national pool. This is going to be a reserve pool from which youngsters would make their way in to the national pool in the process," he said.

He, however, mentioned that unlike the national pool players these boys would not get paid by the Board. The Board would only provide them training facilities.

"At the moment, I can not give you the exact number of players for the reserve pool. Because, it will be decided in the first meeting of our Board," said Ashraf, adding that the previous committee had actually made this proposal that was to be approved by the new board of directors.

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Ashraf said that Board president, Saber Hossain Chowdhury has authorised him to look after day-to-day affairs until the newly appointed General Manager Ali Ahsan joins his office.

Ali, a Bangladesh Biman employee, was appointed GM in June last year and was originally scheduled to join the Board in September, 2000. But till today, he has not taken over his post for some unexplained reasons.

Bhutan blanked

SPORTS REPORTER

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In a one-sided match, Bangladesh, who beat the visitors 3-1 in the first match on Friday, led the first session 6-0.

Striker Moni, Ritu and midfielder Monwar scored two goals each for the winners.

Bhutan, staying in the BKSP, arrived here on April 21 on a three-week conditioning tour for the South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Championship, which will be held in Dhaka in November.

Agrani relegated

SPORTS REPORTER

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In a rain-curtailed 45-over-a-side match, Agrani Bank, put into bat first, scored 160 before being all out in 41.2 overs.

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Later, Bima were declared winners through the ICC norm under which Bima needed only 130 to win in the same number of overs.

It was Agrani Bank's eleventh defeat against five wins which kept them glued to fifth position on completion of their six-team Relegation League campaign. They have secured 10 points.

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Scores in Brief

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CITY CLUB v YOUNG CRICKETERS

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Both teams finished the Relegation league jointly third from the bottom with equal 14 points.

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Young Cricketers: 162 for 9 in 35 overs (Tinku 46, Adil 17, Ujjal 2/12)

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Dhanmondi end with a bang

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Promotees Dhanmondi Club ended their impressive debut in the Premier Division Cricket League with an exciting 7-run win over last year's runners up Kalabagan Kira Chakra in their last Super League match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Tuesday.

Put into bat, Dhanmondi, made a fighting 230 for eight in the stipulated 50 overs.

Imon and Taj who scored 51 runs each, helped Dhanmondi reach a respectable total after they had lost their top three batsman within 19 overs with the board reading 75.

Imon faced 75 balls for his fifty which included seven boundaries while Taj hammered a six and couple of boundaries in his 86-balls innings.

One down Tushar Imran (37) and lower order Tamim (30 not out) were the other notable run getters.

In reply, Kalabagan could muster 223 for eight in 50 overs. Pakistani opener Tareq Mahmud topped with 82 off 105 balls.

With eight eighth win against as many defeats, Dhanmondi finished fourth in the Super League ahead of Surjo Tarun Club and Kalabagan Kira Chakra having earned 16 points. On the other hand, Kalabagan, who will take on Surjo Tarun today, remained at

the bottom of the Super League with 12 points.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Premier Division Cricket Super League match between Kalabagan Kira Chakra and Dhanmondi Club at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Tuesday:

DHANMONDI
Anis c Shahin b Robin 10
Sajjad c Shahin b Talha 6
Tushar lbw b Imran 37
Imon c Mosaddek b Mahmud 51
Taj st Shahin b Manzar 51
Faisal c b Imran 5

Bowler
Robin 10 1 34 1
Talha 5 0 25 1
Mahmud 8 0 40 2
Imran 10 0 36 2
Manzar 10 1 42 1
Mosaddek 7 0 46 1

KALABAGAN
Nahid c Debabrata b Tamim 31
Mehmud run out 82
Rafiqul c Turjo b Nayem 10
Zia st Tuhin b Tamim 6
Kalim c Anis b Tamim 25
Manzar b Turjo 2
Mosaddek c Tuhin b Faisal 26
Shahin not out 23
Robin b Faisal 0
Imran not out 3
Extras: (lb-4, nb-1, w-10) 15
Total: (For 8 wks in 50 overs) 223
Fall of wickets: 1/90, 2/107, 3/114, 4/153, 5/166, 6/178, 7/216, 8/216.

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Cricketers reach Dhaka today

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh cricket team will return home in the morning today after their month long tour of Zimbabwe.

Led by Naimur Rahman, the international newcomers were whitewashed in both series -- 0-2 in Test and 0-3 in one-dayers.

Board officials informed that the cricketers had already reached Dubai yesterday and were scheduled to leave for Dhaka late in the night.

This was Bangladesh's first overseas tour since becoming the tenth Test-playing nation June last year. They also lost their one-off inaugural Test against India at the Bangabandhu National Stadium last November.

Pak off to Eng sans Shoaib

Cricket

AGENCIES, Karachi

Fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar will miss Pakistan's opening tour match in England after a stomach upset prevented him flying in with the rest of the team.

The Pakistani cricket team left for England Wednesday.

The director of the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB), Munawwar Rana, told Reuters from Lahore that Akhtar would join the team later.

"He feels dehydrated. He will undergo a series of tests in the next couple of days before his date of departure is confirmed," Rana said on Wednesday.

"Akhtar is physically fit but since his return from Australia he has been having stomach problems, but it's nothing serious," Rana said.

Pakistan face British Universities in a three-day game starting in Nottingham on Friday before meeting England at Lord's from May 17 in the first of two Tests.

Rana was optimistic that Akhtar's illness would not rule him out of the third Test series in a row.

"We are confident that he will come through. The initial reports are that the stomach upset was because of some viral infection," he said.

"We are carrying out tests to be sure that there was nothing serious," Rana said.

Akhtar has not played competitive cricket since limping off with a hamstring injury in the last one-day international against New Zealand at Dunedin on February 28.

He also failed to complete the West Indies tour in April last year. Pakistani captain Waqar Younis said his team was geared up for the demanding tour ahead.

"We are all geared up to play and beat England in their own den," Younis said on the team's departure.

"It is not going to be simple. England have their tails up and I must admit they have played some excellent cricket, a lot better than we have," he said.

"But I am confident that my boys will rise to the occasion."

South African-based Englishman Richard Pybus heads to England as the tourists' new head coach, starting his second stint at the challenging Pakistani helm.

Pybus, who will link up with his squad at Heathrow Airport on Wednesday, is Pakistan's ninth coach in four years. He replaces Javed Miandad who was sacked last month.

"The boys are excited at the prospect of touring England and working under Pybus, they know him and hope to improve under him," Younis said.

"It's tough to play in England and the home team always have the slight advantage," Pybus said.

He however said his team would go into the tour as under-

dogs.

"We'll go into the series as underdogs on the back of the fact that England have won their last four series and have obviously got their game together," Pybus said.

"(England's) coach Duncan Fletcher has clearly had a positive effect on them but with the players we have in the squad and if we can get quickly there's no doubt 'we can be a very competitive side," said Pybus, speaking on his way to the airport in South Africa where he has been based as a coach for the last six years.

England have won their last three Test series — against West Indies, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. Last year's triumph over West Indies was their first against the Caribbean side for 31 years.

In contrast, Pakistan lost two home series in 2000, while winning against Sri Lanka. This year, they were held to a one-all draw in New Zealand.

Pakistan have won the Test series on their three previous tours to England in 1987, 1992 and 1996.

SQUAD

Waqar Younis (captain), Inzamam-ul-Haq (vice-captain), Saeed Anwar, Mohammad Wasim, Faisal Iqbal, Younis Youhana, Younis Khan, Rashid Latif, Wasim Akram, Shoaib Akhtar, Abdur Razzak, Mohammad Sami, Saqlain Mushtaq, Mushtaq Ahmed, Azhar Mahmood, Saleem Lahari, Imran Farhat.

'Abnormal' arm liable

Cricket

REUTERS, Lahore

Pakistan have moved to end the controversy surrounding pace bowler Shoaib Akhtar by publishing a report which says his action has always been legal because he has an "abnormal" arm.

The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) confirmed that Akhtar, who has twice been reported for throwing, had agreed to remodel his action.

But it said the main reason was because he wanted to reduce the risk of injury, not because his action was faulty.

The Pakistan board published a report by a panel of experts at the University of Western Australia on its official website which concluded that Akhtar "does not throw based on the biomechanical assessment of his bowling action."

The report stressed that Akhtar's problems with umpires — he was reported in 1999 and again this year, leading to concerns that he could be banned from the game — were due to a "hypermobile elbow joint."

"Unfortunately, the abnormalities of his bowling limb give the impression of a semi-throwing motion," it said.

"Mr Akhtar is unable to avoid hypermobility of his bowling action...and therefore should NOT be regarded as throwing due to his

abnormal anatomical characteristics."

The experts from the university's Department of Human Movement and Exercise