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Playing against Worcestershire during a cricket match in 1955, Robin Marlar bowled three consecutive deliveries in one over with three different balls. The first two had been driven out of the ground and declared 'lost' as a result of big hits by R G Broadbent.



## What to WATCH

- ESPN**
- Cricket Magazine
  - The Cricket Archives 1905-1960
  - 3:00 pm
  - English Premiership
  - 11:00 am
  - UEFA Champions League
  - Weekly Highlights
  - 1:00 pm
  - Serie A
  - Highlights
  - 7:30 pm
  - English Premiership
  - Man City vs Ipswich
  - Live at 1:00 am (Monday)
- Star Sports**
- South Africa vs West Indies
  - Fourth ODI
  - Highlights at 6:30 am
  - Harsha Online
  - Cricket Talk Show
  - 11:00 pm
  - Primera Liga
  - 8:30 am & 8:30 pm



**Pele**  
(Brazilian football legend)  
"Socrates is someone who has always defended democracy and in my opinion is the best suited to the job."

On Socrates' nomination to become Brazilian Football Confederation president.

## Sports WHIZZ KID

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- Who clinched the Monte Carlo Tennis Masters Series title?  
Agassi, Arati, Kuersten
- Who lifted the Ary Gold Cup Sharjah tri-series cricket trophy?  
New Zealand/Pakistan/Sri Lanka
- What was the result of the South Africa and West Indies Test series?  
4-1, 3-2, 2-1
- Who was the man-of-the-match in the Bangladesh and Zimbabwe first test?  
Heath Streak, K Masood, Javed Omar
- How many Test wickets did Courtney Walsh capture when he retired?  
536, 520, 519

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## Sirajganj cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj

Rahmatganj Boys Club defeated Dhagara Boys Club by 20 runs in the Bhasani Smriti cricket tournament at the local stadium yesterday.

Winning the toss, Rahmatganj decided to bat first and scored 170 runs losing all the wickets in the 40 overs.

In reply, Dhagara were all out for 150 in 38.2 overs.



Kenyan master-blaster Steve Tikolo of Mohammedan sweeps during the Premier Division Cricket League match against Abahani at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. He went on the make 150 before being run out.

# MSC win an epic

## Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

In a match befitting of its title as the 'mother of all local battles,' Mohammedan Sporting Club prevailed by the skin of their teeth to see off Abahani by three runs to reclaim the Premier Division Cricket League title after a four-year gap at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Sunday.

In the Super League encounter, which incidentally brought the curtains down on the season, Abahani needed 10 runs from the last eight balls with three wickets remaining to retain the crown. But lanky all-rounder Neeyamur Rashid, who lead his team's fight back from a difficult position with a brave 64, lost his composure and went down the wicket to whack left-arm spinner Mustadir Litu only to be stumped.

Neeyamur's wicket effectively finished off Abahani's bold assault on the imposing Mohammedan score of 270.

Earlier, another Steve Tikolo masterpiece enabled Mohammedan to put up the big total after skipper Minhazul Abedin opted to bat first.

The Kenyan star single-handedly guided his side with a superbly crafted 150--his fourth ton of the season and second versus Abahani--as Mohammedan were all out off the last ball of their allotted 50 overs.

The significance of Tikolo's innings is illustrated by the fact that the next best score of the innings was 27 from compatriot Maurice Oudumbe.

With Sunday's win, Mohammedan, who lost two out of eleven matches in the first round, finished their six-team Super League campaign with an all-win record and the highest 28 points, four in front of Abahani who tasted their fourth defeat in the league and finished runners up.

Mohammedan, last won the league title in 1995-96 season.

Tikolo came in with Mohammedan struggling on 29 for two and for the umpteenth time, rescued his team.

The attacking right-hander kept his cool as wickets tumbled regularly at the other end.

He showed his temperament to make 50 in 66 balls then shifted gear by taking another 40 balls to reach hundred. Tikolo then went on a rampage by racing away to his 150 just 21 balls later. His onslaught included 23 runs from a single over of left arm spinner Ahsanullah Hasan.

His 127-ball 150, which ended through an unfortunate run out in the penultimate over, included three towering sixes, two off Hasan, and a dozen boundaries.

For Abahani, '99 World Cupper Neeyamur almost became the hero.

He came to bat at number seven after Abahani had lost their fifth wicket on 134 in the 25th over and gradually took his side tantalizingly close with good support from the late-order before he got himself out.

## SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Premier Division

sion Cricket Super League match between Abahani and Mohammedan Sporting Club at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Sunday:

MOHAMMEDAN SC				
Rashed c Salim b Iqbal	15			
Harun c Salim b Iqbal	9			
Parvez c Salim b Neeyamur	6			
Tikolo run out	150			
Sanwar c sub b Malik	17			
Minhaz st Salim b Hussain	9			
Odumbe run out	27			
Mustadir c b Malik	10			
Mortuza c Hussain b Malik	3			
Ashiq not out	0			
Taposh run out	7			
Extras: (lb-1, nb-1, w-15)	17			
Total: (All out in 50 overs)	270			
Fall of wickets: 1/22, 2/29, 3/41, 4/81, 5/100, 6/171, 7/208, 8/249, 9/263.				

**Bowler**

	O	M	R	W
Iqbal	9	0	55	2
Neeyamur	6	0	32	1
Hussain	10	0	38	1

Malik	10	1	36	3
Arman	8	0	47	0
Hasan	7	0	61	0

**ABAHANI**

Hussain c Taposh b Sanwar	47			
Azam c Tikolo b Ashiq	4			
Nafees c Mortuza b Mustadir	43			
Asad run out	16			
Malik c Sanwar b Mustadir	6			
Anis run out	34			
Neeyamur st Mortuza b Mustadir	64			
Salim run out	3			
Hasan st Mortuza b Sanwar	31			
Iqbal not out	2			
Arman not out	4			
Extras: (lb-2, nb-3, w-8)	13			
Total: (For 9 wks in 50 overs)	267			
Fall of wickets: 1/12, 2/73, 3/111, 4/117, 5/134, 6/174, 7/185, 8/261, 9/261.				

**Bowler**

	O	M	R	W
Ashiq	6	0	38	1
Taposh	8	0	43	0
Odumbe	10	1	45	0

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## ROLL OF HONOUR

Season	Champions	Runners up
1974-75	Abahani	Shantinagar
1975-76	Victoria SC	Abahani
1976-77	Abahani	Victoria SC
1977-78	Mohammedan	Abahani
1978-79	Mohammedan	Abahani
1979-80	Biman	Azad Boys
1980-81	Biman	Mohammedan
1981-82	Mohammedan	Abahani
1982-83	Abahani	Mohammedan
1983-84	Biman	Mohammedan
1984-85	Abahani	Mohammedan
1985-86	Abahani	Mohammedan
1986-87	Abahani	Mohammedan
1987-88	Mohammedan	Abahani
1988-89	Biman	Abahani
1989-90	Abahani	Rupali Bank
1990-91	Brothers Union	Biman
1991-92	Mohammedan	Abahani
1992-93	Abahani	Mohammedan/Biman
1993-94	Biman/Mohammeda (Joint champions)	
1994-95	Abahani/Mohammedan (Joint champions)	
1995-96	Mohammedan	Brothers Union
1996-97	Abahani	Kalabagan KC
1997-98	Abahani	Brothers Union
1998-99	Biman	Abahani
1999-00	Abahani	Kalabagan KC
2000-01	Mohammedan	Abahani

## PREMIER LEAGUE CENTURIANS

Date	Batsman	Score	Team	Against
March 15	Ziaur Rehman	202	Kalabagan	Dhanmondi
March 17	Mofizul Islam	100	S Bima	Biman
March 20	Majed Sayeed	111*	Biman	City Club
March 20	Fahadullah	164	Victoria	Surjo Tarun
March 21	Rashedul Haq	129	MSC	Brothers
March 22	T Mehmod	143	Kalabagan	City Club
March 23	Minhazul Abedin	116*	MSC	Surjo Tarun
March 28	M Masroor	110	Brothers	Surjo Tarun
April 4	Wasim Nayeem	139	City Club	Agrani Bank
April 4	Moniruzzaman	112*	City Club	Agrani Bank
April 4	Steve Tikolo	148	MSC	Abahani
April 4	T Javed	102*	Abahani	MSC
April 7	Tushar Imran	131	Dhanmondi	MSC
April 7	Nuruzzaman	108*	Victoria	S Bima
April 8	Wasim Nayeem	103	City Club	Y Cricketers
April 8	Ziaur Rehman	110*	Kalabagan	Biman
April 12	M Masroor	103	Brothers	Agrani Bank
April 13	Steve Tikolo	184*	MSC	S Bima
April 13	Harunur Rashid	102	MSC	S Bima
April 13	Ziaur Rehman	124	Kalabagan	Y Cricketers
April 16	Iqbal Sheikh	103*	Surjo Tarun	Dhanmondi
April 20	Iftekhar	158	Y Cricketers	Brothers
April 21	R Rafique	124	City Club	Agrani Bank
April 22	Sajid Hasan	108	Y Cricketers	Victoria
April 24	Majed Sayeed	105*	Biman	Dhanmondi
April 26	Majed Sayeed	162*	Biman	Abahani
April 28	Steve Tikolo	185	MSC	Biman
April 28	Rezwana Omar	126	Victoria SC	City Club
April 28	Wasim Nayeem	102	City Club	Victoria SC
April 30	M Hussain	110	Abahani	Dhanmondi
May 1	Hannan Sarkar	102*	Surjo Tarun	Biman
May 6	Steve Tikolo	150	MSC	Abahani

\* denotes not out.

# Veni, vidi, vici

## Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

He came, he saw and he conquered the coveted Premier Division Cricket League championship.

Steve Tikolo unveiled a rich vein of his world class talent to end the title drought of Mohammedan Sporting Club after four seasons.

The star Kenyan, playing in his second season for Mohammedan after 1998-99, was at the peak of his best as he virtually toyed with almost all the bowlers of the other eleven clubs in the League throughout this season. Unfortunately to have been born in a cricket-shy country like Kenya, Tikolo shattered a decade old Dhaka record to single-handedly steer the popular Motijheel outfit to success.

With his yesterday's majestic 150, his fourth century in the league besides seven fifties, he scored a staggering 1222 runs off only 15 innings at an amazing average of 111.09. His 185 against Biman was also the highest individual score at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

On his way to becoming the highest run-getter of the league,

Tikolo also surpassed Gazi Ashraf Hossain Lipu's record of 1017 runs. The former Bangladesh captain's record remained unchallenged for 15 years. Tikolo raised the bar so high for others that many think this time it would require a superhuman effort to break the 1200-barrier.

"He is a genuine match-winner, and it made me feel proud to have a batsman of his class in my team," said Mohammedan

## TIKOLO'S FIFTEEN

First Round	Runs	Against
66*	Victoria SC	
73*	Young Cricketers	
50	Brothers Union	
4	Surjo Tarun Club	
47	Kalabagan KC	
148	Abahani	
28	Dhanmondi Club	
16	Agrani Bank	
184*	Sadharan Bima	
60	City Club	
Super League	Runs	Against
54	Dhanmondi Club	
93	Surjo Tarun Club	
54*	Kalabagan KC	
185	Biman	
150	Abahani	

## AT A GLANCE

15-match, 15-innings, 4-not out, 1222-run, 185-highest, 4-hundred, 7-fifty, 111.09-average

captain Minhazul Abedin of Tikolo after the match on Sunday. "I have no hesitation to say that without him we wouldn't be able to win the championship this time. It was his one-man show that brought glory for us."

"I feel sorry that he was born in Kenya. Had he been born in any Test playing country, he would have taken the world cricket by storm," Minhaz remarked.

When his captain was singing Tikolo songs at the crowded dressing room, the terrific Kenyan was sitting at a distance and getting his bags packed. The mild-mannered master-blaster flies back home in the morning today.

"I consider the 150 as my best knock of this season. I was under a lot of pressure. But I kept a cool head and eventually succeeded in scoring what my team needed," said Tikolo, who however still rates his 96 against Sri Lanka in the 1996 World Cup as his best knock of his career.

"Today, I was extra cautious as we lost so many early wickets. I knew the whole crowd was looking to me for a good score. I'm happy that they were not disappointed," he said. "I love playing here in Dhaka. It's almost like my second home after Nairobi, and I would love to return here again."



WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS: Players and officials of Mohammedan Sporting Club pose after beating arch-foes Abahani yesterday.

# Kallis power

## Cricket

AFP, St Georges

Jacques Kallis hit his seventh one-day international century as South Africa hammered the West Indies by 132 runs in the third one-day international at Queens Park Saturday.

South Africa made a flying start, with Herschelle Gibbs following up his century in the second match in St Johns, Antigua, Wednesday with a cavalier 46 off 48 balls, which included drives for six off both Cuffy and Dillon.

Gibbs and Gary Kirsten, who returned to form with an innings of 50, put on 88 for the first wicket before Gibbs went for one big hit too many and was caught off left-arm spinner Neil McGarrell in the 15th over.

Kallis played a measured innings, placing the ball skillfully and hitting only four fours before he had a lucky escape when he was on 86. Kallis thrashed off-spinner Chris Gayle to midwicket.

Both Cuffy and Dillon went for the ball before Cuffy pulled away. Dillon held it but stepped on the boundary before tossing it infield to Cuffy. The decision was referred to television umpire Evelyn Jones who ruled it was six to Kallis.

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The West Indies sent in big-hitting Ricardo Powell to open their innings but his partner Chris Gayle chipped a catch to mid-on off Pollocks fourth ball of the innings.

Powell slammed a six over midwicket off Pollock but in trying to repeat the shot in the same over top-edged a catch to Makhaya Ntini.

Shivnarine Chanderpaul was caught at deep fine leg and the West Indies last real hopes went when Brian Lara had his leg stump knocked out of the ground by Ntini.

## SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the third one-day international between West Indies and South Africa on Saturday:

**SOUTH AFRICA**

Kirsten run out	50
Gibbs c Powell b McGarrell	46
Kallis c b Gayle	107
Rhodes b Hooper	47
Klusener not out	25
Pollock not out	1
Extras: (lb-5, w-4, nb-2)	11
Total: (For four wickets in 50 overs)	287
Fall of wickets: 1-88; 2-129; 3-219; 4-286	

Did not bat: B Dippenaar, M Boucher, J Ontong, A Donald, M Ntini

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Dillon	6	0	43	0
Cuffy	10	0	54	0
McGarrell	10	0	60	1
Hooper	10	1	32	1

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contest will be at the same venue Sunday.

West Indies gambled by strengthening their batting at the expense of their pace bowling, with Cameron Cuffy and Mervyn Dillon the only fast men in their line-up.

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## Pybus pays tribute

AFP, Nottingham

Mushtaq Ahmed bowled himself right into the Test match reckoning with a match-clinching haul of 10 for 51 against British Universities here at Trent Bridge Saturday in Pakistan's opening tour fixture.

It was an eye-catching start for the former Somerset leg-spinner, who took eight for 49 in the students second innings.

Pakistan coach Richard Pybus reflecting on an innings-and-87-run victory inside two days acknowledged Mushtaq had done his prospects of playing in the first Test starting at Lord's on May 17, no harm.

He thanked England captain Nasser Hussain for his support. "Hussain is a nice guy and his comments really soothed me. But on the field he can't hope for a similar gesture," he said.

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