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Twelfth ODI
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Sport News
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Football Asia
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Sportslive Today
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- Which team clinched the Victory Day hockey title?
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Government's U-turn? Harun could be reinstated today

Football

SPORTS REPORTER

It seems that the government has discovered wisdom finally!

According to reliable sources, the National sports Council (NSC) is all set to reinstate the dissolved committee of Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) today to pave the way for the FIFA ban on the country to be lifted.

Jute Minister Maj (retired) Abdul Hafiz, an ex-national footballer, president of BFF and a former vice-president of the Asian Football Confederation (AFC), has been entrusted with finding a suitable solution and the veteran football personality has reportedly invited Harunur Rashid, the general secretary of the BFF's dissolved elected body, to his residence this after-

noon.

It is believed that Harun will formally receive a government order of his reinstatement during their meeting.

The NSC, headed by State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman, appointed an ad-hoc committee of the BFF in December after dissolving the elected committee.

FIFA, world football's governing body, had banned Bangladesh from international football on January 9 and said it would not lift the suspension unless Harun and his elected committee returned to office.

Surprisingly, the government took almost a month to realise that there were no other options but to invite Harun, an executing member of Asian Football Confederation (AFC) and member of FIFA's media sub-committee, back.

If everything goes as expected, Maj. Hafiz, along with Harun and Anwarul Haq Helal, the general secretary of the hastily made ad-hoc committee, are scheduled to fly off to Malaysia tonight where they are scheduled to meet AFC general secretary Peter Vellappan at his Kuala Lumpur office on Tuesday.

Badal Roy, an assistant general secretary to Harun, said that the three would try to persuade the AFC boss to have the ban lifted as soon as possible.

"We have been invited by Maj. Hafiz at his residence at 3 pm on Monday. Hopefully, we will receive the reinstatement order there," said Badal while talking to the Daily Star.

Meanwhile, Maj Hafiz was learnt to have met the state minister for sports at the Bangladesh Secretariat on Sunday to finalise the draft of the government order.

StanChart cricket



SPORTS REPORTER

Model Academy, Government Laboratory High School, Rahmatullah High School, Hazrat Shah Ali High School and Biddyanikaten won their respective matches in the Dhaka zonal qualifying matches of Standard Chartered 20th National School cricket championship at different city venues yesterday.

Model Academy posted a seven-wicket win over Agradoot High School at the Gulshan Youth Club.

Chasing Agradoot's 137 in 35 overs, the winners reached the target in 25 overs with seven wickets in hand. Sanjil top-scored with 38.

Earlier, sent into bat, Agradoot's paltty 137 was built around Yasir's 37.

Nurul and Shainoor captured three wickets each for Model Academy.

Away at the Uttara Police Lines, a solid fifty from Julian guided Government Laboratory High School to a 95-run win over Motijheel Model School.

Riding on Julian's 64, the Government Laboratory scored 199 for eight in the stipulated 35 overs. Other than Julian, Ferdous was a notable run-maker with 31.

In reply, Motijheel Model were shot out for 104 in 23.3 overs.

Aslam hammered a brilliant 90 to propel Ratmatullah High School to a six-wicket win over Saurav Smriti High School at the Dhanmondi Club ground.

In the day's other two matches, Hazrat Shah Ali High School defeated Motijheel Government High School by 93 runs at the Mirpur Outer Stadium while Biddyaniketan registered a 12-run victory over Shiddheswari Boys High School at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

BRIEF SCORES

Model Academy v Agradoot High School

Agradooth: 137 all out in 30 overs (Yasir 37, Jewel 18, Nurul 3/29, Shakil 3/21)

Model Academy: 138 for 3 in 25 overs (Sanjil 38, Amir 33)

Result: Model Academy won by 7 wickets

Govt. Laboratory v Motijheel Model High School

Govt Laboratory: 199 for 8 in 35 overs (Julian 64, Ferdous 31)

Motijheel Model: 104 all out in 23.3 overs (Anwar 26, Kawсар 24)

Result: Govt Laboratory won by 95 runs

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India



INTERNET, Lincoln

India's bid to retain the trophy they won two years ago came to a sorry end as they were comprehensively outplayed in all departments of the game at the Bert Sutcliffe Oval.

Half-centuries by Greg Smith, Hasim Amla and David Jacobs, aided by some poor Indian fielding, enabled South Africa to set the holders a demanding target.

The holders were ahead of the required rate at the start of their reply but lost their last seven wickets for just 41 runs as they were bowled out with 12.2 of their overs remaining.

South Africa will now meet Australia or West Indies in next Friday's final.

"This team, which is made up of 60 per cent players from previously disadvantaged communities, is an example of the successes in the development programme and transformation process undertaken by South African cricket," said United Cricket Board chief executive Gerald Majola.

India were punished for dropping three early chances as Smith shared half century stands with Chad Baxter (22) and Riel de Kock (32). Smith was eventually run out for 61, his first fifty of the tournament, but Amla and Jacobs increased the tempo as they added 88 for the fourth wicket.

Amla went for 62 but Jacobs hit an unbeaten 69 off 45 balls to round off the innings in style.

India needed to score at almost five and a half per over and began positively as openers Maninder Bisla and Parthiv Patel went for their shots.

Patel was bowled by Brendon Reddy for 20, and Bisla followed when he was lbw for 37.

They were well-placed, however, at 86 for two after 15 overs, but the innings subsided after Deepak Chougule was out for 29.

No-one else reached 20 as Reddy, Brent Kops and spinner Ian Postman took two wickets each to put South Africa into the U19 final for the first time.

Big wins for biggies

ISPAHANI MIRZAPORE TEA 3rd National Cricket League

SPORTS REPORTER

Runaway leaders Dhaka ambled to their fifth win in the Ispahani National League when they handed hosts Sylhet an innings and 89-run defeat on final day of the four-day match on Sunday.

Rajshahi, gunning for a maiden League title, also kept up their impressive run with a resounding innings and 29-run victory over Khulna at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

Elsewhere, former champions Chittagong shrugged off a disappointing spell with a 197-run triumph over hosts Barisal.

Dhaka now lead the table with 30 points. Rajshahi on the other hand improved their tally to 20 points while Chittagong have 14 points. Of the three teams Rajshahi however have played one match less.

At Sylhet, off-spinner Fahim Muntasir led the way for Dhaka's easy sail with six for 31 in the second innings.

Fahim captured three wickets on the final day as the hosts, resuming on 125 for six, were bowled out for 153 runs. Sylhet needed 117 runs to save the match, but could manage only 27 runs and lasted only 15 odd overs.

The young tweaker, who contributed 60 in Dhaka's first innings total of 394, finished with a match haul of nine for 90.

He was later adjudged man-of-the-match along with teammate and opener Jahangir Alam, who scored a superb 108.

Khulna also failed to survive on the final day at the Bangabandhu National Stadium. Resuming on 146 for four and needing another 151 runs to make Rajshahi bat for a second time, Khulna could add only 122 runs before being dismissed after the lunch break.

Only Razzak made gutsy 51 off 88 balls.

The number eight batsmen added 64 runs for the seventh wicket after his side was reduced to 161 for six. But Khulna lost their last three wickets for 13 runs after Razzak departed at the score of 255.

Mostakim ripped through the lower-order to finish with three for 84.

Rajshahi skipper Khaled Mashud won the man-of-the-match award for his maiden doubled hundred.

Mashud scored 201 not out to help his side post an imposing total of 536 in reply to Khulna's first innings score of 239.

Left-arm spinner Suja Erfan picked up four wickets as Barisal

crashed to 179 all out.

The home team, who started the day on 72 for three, was up against a stiff target of another 302 runs for victory.

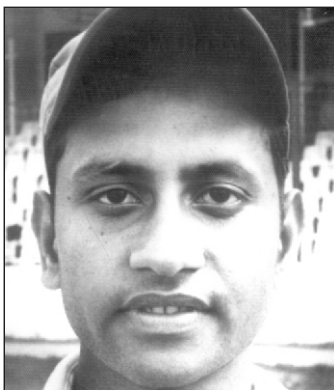
But after overnight batsman opener Imran fell early, the writing was on the wall. Suja spun a web around the Barisal batsmen to finish with four for 35.

Chittagong opener Anisul Hakim was adjudged man-of-the-match for his century in the second innings.

Barisal have yet to open their account in the six-team meet.

SCORECARDS

Final scoreboards of the three National Cricket League matches played at different venues on Sunday:



MUNTASIR ... m-o-m

Chittagong vs Barisal

Venue: Barisal Stadium

CHITTAGONG: First innings 211 (Hakim 52, Azam 43, Minhaz 39, Faisal 39, Saleh 4/54, Ashfaq 3/33)

BARISAL: First innings 137 all out (Sanwar 37, Imran 30; Sabbir 5/43, Safiuddin 3/34)

CHITTAGONG: Second innings 302 for 7 dec. in 89.5 overs (Anis 112, Azam 59; Mukul 4/102)

BARISAL: Second innings (overnight 72 for 3)

Imran b Safiuddin 43
Liton c Mortuza b Safiuddin 4
Kiron c Faisal b Safiuddin 2
Shahed c Rabi b Sabbir 16
Sanwar c Rabbi b Suja 23
Mukul c Rabbi b Debabroto 6
Tinku c Hakim b Suja 19
Shahnewaz c Mortuza b Suja 17
Sohel b Suja 20
Anis c Anisul b Sabbir 13
Ashfaq not out 0
Extras: (b-5, lb-7, nb-4) 16
Total: (All out in 76.4 overs) 179
Fall of wickets: 1-6, 2-17, 3-56, 4-76, 5-85, 6-102, 7-143, 8-152, 9-179

BOWLER O M R W
Debabroto 9 0 24 2
Safiuddin 13 3 40 2
Suja 27 14 35 4
Sabbir 22.4 5 54 2
Minhazul 2 1 6 0
Result: Chittagong won by 197 runs.

Khulna v Rajshahi

Waqar, working up good pace even on the slow wicket, ended the innings when he forced Ridley Jacobs to hook to Kaneria on the fine-leg fence.

Resuming after lunch at 21-0, Pakistan lost three wickets in the afternoon session as they attempted to get quick runs.

Opener Naved Latif was the first to go, caught behind by wicket-keeper Jacobs off Mervyn Dillon for 20 in the sixth over.

Taufiq Umer, the other opener, made 23 when he was run out as Younis Khan failed to respond to his call for a sharp single.

Younis himself fell just before tea, edging Cuffy to Jacobs after making 32.

When Inzamamul Haq fell for 48, Rashid Latif and Abdur Razzak hammered a run-a-minute 68 for the sixth wicket.

Pakistan declared at the fall of Razzak's wicket, caught at point off Pedro Collins after making 29.

Meanwhile, match referee Mike Denness was rushed to hospital for medical checks when he complained of dizziness before the start of the day's play.

Former West Indian captain Clive Lloyd stood in as match referee in the morning session, before Denness resumed his duties in the afternoon.

Pakistan's reserve fast bowler Mohammad Zahid returned home early Sunday following the death of his mother in Lahore. He is unlikely to be back before the second Test which starts on Thursday.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the fourth day of the first cricket Test between Pakistan and the West Indies at the Sharjah cricket stadium on Sunday:

PAKISTAN: 1st innings: 493 (Younis Khan 53, Yousuf Youhana 146, Rashid Latif 150, M. Dillon 3-140, C. Gayle 3-27)

WEST INDIES: 1st innings (overnight 325-5):
Ganga lbw b Saqlain 20
Gayle b Saqlain 68
Campbell lbw b Kaneria 6
Hinds st R. Latif b Kaneria 59

Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium.

KHULNA: First innings 239 (Hasanuzzaman 76, Jamaluddin 30, Tamim 29, Razzak 25, Aminul jr 4/50)

RAJSHAHI: First innings 536 for 8 dec. in 138 overs (K Mashud 201 not out, Anisur 107; Rafiqui 87; Jamaluddin 2/109)

KHULNA: Second innings (Overnight 146 for 4 in 45 overs)

Sajjad run out 45
Nahid c & b Mostakim 43
Raji b Ripon 0
Hasan c Bidyut b Sumon 33
Jamal lbw b Ripon 1
Biplob c Rojal b Sumon 28
Salim c K Mashud b Mostakim 24
Razzak b Mostakim 51
Al-Amin lbw b Aminul jr. 16
A Kamal c Mustadir b Sumon 5
Tushar not out 0
Extras: (b-8, lb-4, nb-10) 22
Total: (All out in 78.2 overs) 268
Fall of wickets: 1-88, 2-91, 3-91, 4-96, 5-160, 6-161, 7-225, 8-225, 9-268

BOWLER O M R W
Aminul jr. 13.2 2 39 1
Sumon 10 1 42 3
Mostakim 29 8 84 3
Mustadir 8 0 17 0
Ripon 18 3 74 2
Result: Rajshahi won by an innings and 29 runs.

Man-of-the-match: Khaled Mashud (Rajshahi)

Dhaka v Sylhet

Venue: Sylhet Stadium

SYLHET: First innings 152 (Nasirul 27, tanna 21, Hasibul 21, Rafique 3/33, Fahim 3/59)

DHAKA: First innings 394 all out in 130 overs (Jahangir 108, Sajjad Kadir 72; Fahim 60; Kapali 3/78, Hasibul 2/81, Mistu Das 2/30)

SYLHET: Second innings (Overnight 125 for 6 in 70 overs)

Parvez c Saiful b Rafique 25
Imtiaz lbw b Rafique 5
Nasir c Sajjad b Neeyamur 1
Tushar c Kadir b Fahim 11
Rajin c Kadir b Fahim 49
Kapali c Mahmud b Fahim 17
Neyeeem lbw b Fahim 0
Hasibul c Sajjad b Fahim 11
Taposch c Mahmud b Fahim 5
Emon not out 0
Mistu lbw b Neeyamur 0
Extras: (b-12, lb-8, nb-6, w-3) 29
Total: (All out in 83.5 overs) 153
Fall of wickets: 1-17, 2-18, 3-24, 4-94, 5-103, 6-104, 7-129, 8-142, 9-150

BOWLER O M R W
Rafique 31 15 44 2
Neeyamur 7.5 0 21 2
Fahim 26 13 31 6
K Mahmud 10 6 14 0
Saiful 5 2 7 0
Mehrab 4 1 16 0
Result: Dhaka won by an innings and 89 runs.

Men-of-the-match: Fahim Muntasir and Jahangir Alam (Dhaka)

WI chase stiff target



AFP, Sharjah

The West Indies faced the hazardous task of batting out the final day as Pakistan wriggled into a position of strength in the first cricket Test here on Sunday.

Set a fourth innings target of 342, West Indian openers Daren Ganga and Chris Gayle overcame 10 testing overs under a thick cloud cover to close the fourth day's play on 24-0.

When play resumes on the final day on Monday, Pakist need 10 wickets and the West Indians a further 318 runs on a track that shows no signs of cracking up.

Pakistani captain Waqar Younis pressed off-spinner Saqlain Mushtaq with the new ball in a desperate bid to break through, but Ganga and Gayle played him out confidently.

Ganga was unbeaten on 19, including two boundaries off leg-spinner Danish Kaneria, while Gayle was on five.

On a day dominated by Pakistan, the performances of skipper Waqar and wicketkeeper Rashid Latif stood out.

Waqar claimed four wickets in 28 balls as the West Indies slumped from 352-5 to 366 all out in their first innings 35 minutes before lunch.

Latif then followed his 150 on Friday with a brisk unbeaten 47 off 41 balls as Pakistan knocked up 214-6 from 57.4 overs in their second knock before declaring shortly before close.

Waqar, who went wicketless for 20 overs in the first innings, struck with a vengeance in the morning session to grab four at the cost of just eight runs.

The overnight pair of Shvinarine Chanderpaul and Ryan Hinds took the score from 325-5 to 352 when Waqar broke through by yorking Chanderpaul for 66.

Hinds, who made 62 in a sixth-wicket stand of 121 with Chanderpaul, followed in Waqar's next over, top-edging a pull for Rashid Latif to hold the skier.

Mervyn Dillon ran himself out attempting a risky single, before Waqar clean bowled new man Cameron Cuffy to make the West Indies 363-9.

Hooper lbw b Razzak 56
Chanderpaul b Waqar 66
Hinds c R. Latif b Waqar 62
Jacobs c Kaneria b Waqar 6

Dillon run out 5
Cuffy b Waqar 0
Collins not out 1
Extras: (b-1, lb-3, nb-12, w-1) 17
Total: (All out in 125.3 overs) 366
Fall of wickets: 1-88, 2-96, 3-126, 4-180, 5-231, 6-352, 7-353, 8-362, 9-363

Bowling O M R W
Waqar 25.3 4 93 4
Shoaib 18 4 68 0
Razzak 18 2 49 1
Kaneria 26 5 75 2
Saqlain 36 12 71 2
Taufiq 2 0 6 0

PAKISTAN: Second innings

Taufiq Umer run out 23
Naved Latif c Jacobs b Dillon 20
Younis Khan c Jacobs b Cuffy 32
Inzamam-ul Haq c Hooper b Dillon 48
Yousuf Youhana c Dillon b Cuffy 12
Abdur Razzak c Ganga b Collins 29
Rashid Latif not out 47
Extras: (nb-3) 3
Total for six wickets decd in 57.4 overs) 214
Fall of wickets: 1-35, 2-54, 3-101, 4-134, 5-146, 6-214

Bowling O M R W
Dillon 17 3 46 2
Cuffy 19 3 78 2
Collins 14.4 1 56 1
Hooper 5 0 23 0
Hinds 2 0 11 0
WEST INDIES: Second innings

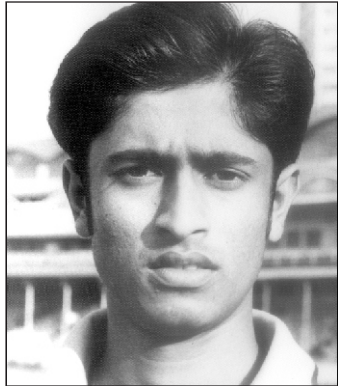
Ganga not out 19
Gayle not out 5
Extras: 0
Total (for no loss in 10 overs) 24

Bowling O M R W
Waqar 4 1 11 0
Saqlain 5 3 5 0
Kaneria 1 0 8 0

West Indies need 318 runs to win with 10 wickets in hand

Umpires: George Sharp (Eng) and Mohammad Riazuddin (Pak)

Match referee: Mike Denness (Eng)



MOSADDEK ... 5 for 46

Naimur took two wickets and Mossadek the other to end the innings on the stroke of the interval.

After an early tea was taken, Bangladesh "A" openers, Hannan Sarkar and Ehsanul set about knocking off the arrears while putting on 52 for the first wicket. It was a mix-up between two that caused they separation as the Leewards attack looked incapable of making the breakthrough.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the second day of the four-day Busta Cup cricket match between Leeward islands and Bangladesh A at the Airport Cricket Field on Saturday :

BANGLADESH "A": First innings
Hannan c Adams b Christopher 6
Ehsanul c Dave Joseph b Jeremy 20
Mazharul c