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5. Which team clinched the Victory Day hockey title?	Bangladesh Army	Abahani	Mohammedan

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Harun still waiting

Football

SPORTS REPORTER

The lifting of the 32-day-old FIFA ban on Bangladesh came as a real surprise for BFF general secretary Harun-ur Rashid on Monday.

"I have not heard anything from FIFA. In fact I'm still waiting for confirmation," said Harun while talking to the Daily Star Sport.

While a confused Harun was eager to know the outcome of AFC's recommendation for lifting the January 9 suspension, his colleagues at the BFF office started distributing sweets after learning from an Associated Press dispatch from Zurich that suspension order had been rescinded.

"We are grateful to the AFC general secretary Peter Velappan for helping to get the ban lifted so

quickly," said BFF assistant general secretary Badal Roy.

Sirajul Islam, another assistant general secretary, said that the action would definitely pave the way for holding the postponed SAFF Championship in Dhaka.

"It is nice to be back in the international football fraternity. Now, I have to hold a meeting so that a fresh date could be announced," said Islam, who is also the SAFF general secretary.

The seven-team SAFF Championship was scheduled to kick off in Dhaka from January 26, but was called off following the FIFA ban.

However, others greeted the news with some degree of apprehension.

"It is a blessing in disguise. Now, we can work towards framing a new constitution that does not violate the statutes of FIFA and AFC," said Anwarul Huq, secretary of the just abolished ad-hoc committee.

Bangladesh football went into limbo after the BNP government decided to remove Harun's elected committee and replaced it with a 31-member ad-hoc committee headed by SA Sultan.

The move brought an immediate response from the AFC, which gave BFF until January 8 to reinstate the former committee or face dire consequences.

The situation went from bad to worse when the headstrong Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman declared: "We can never reinstate the previous committee."

Eventually normalcy was restored when the same minister had to reluctantly reinstate Harun's committee on February 4.



PHOTO: STAR

Goal-mouth action from yesterday's Jamuna Bank Club Cup hockey tournament match between Mohammedan and Railway at the Maulana Bhasani Stadium.

MSC in semis



SPORTS REPORTER

Favourites Mohammedan Sporting Club stormed into the Jamuna Bank Cup Cup semifinals with a 6-1 drubbing of Dhaka Railway in their last Group A match at the Maulana Bhasani Stadium on Monday.

In a one-sided affair, defender Shamsuddin struck twice while Isa Mia, his brother Musa Miah, winger Mouddur Rahman Shuvo and ace striker Rafiqul Islam Kamal scored one apiece for the winners.

Jahid pulled one back for the railwaymen.

With that win, Mohammedan, who demolished Wari Club by 10-0 in their opening match, became the first team to book semifinal berth in the 12-team tournament. They will face the champions of Group D in the first semifinal on February 15.

Isha gave the Premier Division champions a 3rd minute lead from a short corner. Shamsuddin then made it 3-0 with two short corner goals in the 16th and 25th minutes.

After conceding the third goal, Railway regrouped themselves to reduce the margin with Jahid scoring a field goal in the 33rd minute.

Mohammedan came back firing on all cylinders after the lemon break to add three more goals with Shuvo slotting in at the 42nd minute.

Musa made it 5-0 with a field goal in the next minute while Kamal, who scored six goals including a hattrick against Wari Club, drove the final nail in the Railway coffin 16 minutes later.

In the second match of the day, Sonali Bank beat Sadharan Bima by three goals to nil.

Bank's Mamun, Javed and Hasan scored one goal each.

Mariner Youngs Club will take on Bangladesh Sporting Club in today's first match at 1:45 pm while Abahani will meet Ajax Sporting Club in the next match at 3:15 pm.

Mahmud gone mad!

SPORTS REPORTER

Former national vice-captain Khaled Mahmud created a scene after being dismissed during the one-day match of the Ispahani National League between Dhaka and Rajshahi at the Mymensingh Stadium on Monday.

Mahmud, who is also Dhaka captain, for some strange reason lost his composure while returning



KHALED MAHMUD

to the dressing room after making 21.

The dapper all-rounder stunned the hundred or so spectators when he slapped Abdullah al-Mamun in the face while passing his conqueror.

Apparently the unholy incident took place when the Bangladesh World Cup hero reacted as the bowler was celebrating the fall of an important wicket.

Later match referee Dipu Rai Chowdhury summoned both players to appear before a hearing.

But Dipu, a former national player, did not issue a written statement regarding the punitive measures taken.

According to the tournament by-laws, such an offence carries a two-match ban.

Mahmud's behaviour is very unbecoming because he is supposed to act a role model for young players like Mamun.

This is the latest in a string of incidents.

Earlier Barisal off-spinner Masudur Rahman served a two-match ban for hitting Rajshahi substitute fielder with the bat in a four-day match.

And Halim Shah of Dhaka has to sit out one game for kicking the chairs at the dressing room during his side's game against Chittagong last week.

Lalpur lash Renaissance

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Natore*

Lalpur Upazilla handed Renaissance Sporting Club a massive 140-run defeat in a Natore cricket league match at the local stadium yesterday.

Sent in to bat, Renaissance scored 201 runs before being all out in 39.1 overs.

Zohurul made 72 runs off 74 balls and Khokon extracted 44 runs from 64 balls as Lalpur could put up a fighting total. Renaissance's Rimon, Foisal and Roton shared nine wickets equally.

In reply, Renaissance Sporting Club were shot out for only 61 runs in 23.3 overs.

BRIEF SCORES
LALPUR UPZILLA: 201 runs for all out in 39.1 overs. (Zohurul 72, Khokon 44, Shohag 15, Rimon 14, Zohurul 5/30, Little 2/2, Sumon 2/3)

RENAISSANCE SPORTING CLUB: Mahamudul 15, Rimon 13, Sawan 6, Rimon 3/48, Foisal 3/39, Roton 3/33

Wasim sets WC deadline

AFP, *Karachi*

Pakistan pacer Wasim Akram said Sunday he had enough motivation to carry on until next year's World Cup, denying that his persistent injury problems had demoralised him.

"Absolutely the real motivation is to help Pakistan win the 2003 World Cup. But besides that I want to be a senior partner and inject in junior players the will to win," Akram told this news agency.

"Beating Australia in the home series is another motivation as they are still a team to beat."

Pakistan host Australia in September this year for a three-match Test series ahead of next year's World Cup in South Africa.

After recovering from a hamstring injury, Akram flew to Sharjah in the United Arab Emirates on Monday to join the Pakistani team for a three-match limited-overs series against the West Indies.

"I have been bowling for the last four five days and am feeling well," he said.

"Injuries are part and parcel of

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Rajshahi's one-day streak on

ISPAHANI MIRZAPORE TEA 3rd National Cricket League

SPORTS REPORTER

Rajshahi kept their one-day records in the Ispahani 3rd National Cricket League better than others as they successfully defended yesterday a paltry 197 for nine against Dhaka in one of the three matches played at the country's different venues.

In a low-scoring affair at the Mymensingh Stadium, Rajshahi skittled the hosts out for 179 in 44.1 overs to register 18-run victory.

Electing to bat first, Rajshahi's not-so-impressive total revolved around opener Rafiqul Islam's 43 and Hasanuzzaman's 57-ball knock yielded three fours.

In reply, Dhaka were off to breezy start, extracting 30 runs in 3 overs. But wickets fell at regular interval once their opener Rashedul departed after scoring 26 off only 17 balls that included five fours. Dhaka were at one stage reeling on 5/78 in 13.2 overs.

However, wicketkeeper Sajjad Kadir and former national all-rounder Saiful Islam saved the Dhaka blushes by putting on 73 runs for the ninth wicket.

But once the stand was broken on 179 when Kadir fell for 61, Dhaka lost their last wicket without bothering the scorers.

Kadir laced his 107-ball knock with five sweetly timed hits across the ropes. Saiful was unbeaten on 30 off 59 balls.

New-ball bowlers Faisal Khan and Abdullah Al-Mamun rocked the Dhaka innings sharing seven wickets among them. Faisal took four wickets for 40 runs while Mamun bagged three for 39.

It was Rajshahi's fifth win in six matches that kept them atop the six-

team table along with Chittagong with each having collected ten points. Chittagong, who registered an identical 18-run victory over Sylhet at the Comilla Stadium yesterday, however, played one match more than Rajshahi.

Discarded national team pacer Shafiuddin Ahmed took six wickets as Chittagong, defending 208 in 50 overs, shot out the Sylhetis for 190 in 47.1 overs.

Shafiuddin gave away 39 runs



SHAFIUDDIN ... 6 for 39

from his 8.1 overs to return with his best one-day bowling figures in the league so far.

Middle-order Rajin Saleh fought the lost Sylhet battle with 42 off 69 balls.

Earlier, put into bat, Chittagong rode on a gutsy fifty from in-form Minhazul Abedin to post a modest total.

The former national captain hit exactly 50 off 67 balls with the help of five boundaries.

Middle-order Enamul Hoque (44) and Sabbir Khan (34) were the other notable run-getters for Chittagong.

Away in Jessore, Barisal crashed to a 123-run defeat against hosts Khulna.

Electing to bat first, Khulna scored 211 for eight in 50 overs with

middle-order Asadullah Khan hammering highest 58.

In reply, Barisal were bundled out for only 88 in 28 overs.

Sajjadul took highest three wickets for Khulna conceding 23 runs. Al-Amin, Masud Ahmed and Razzak took two wickets apiece.

It was Khulna's second win in six matches against Barisal's sixth consecutive defeat.

SCORECARDS
Scoreboards of the three Ispahani National Cricket League one-day matches played at different venues on Monday:

Rajshahi v Dhaka Venue: Mymensingh Stadium.				
RAJSHAH				
Rafiqul run out	43			
Tareq c Kadir b Saiful	16			
Nuruzzaman c Jahangir b K Mahmud	23			
Anis c K Mahmud b Rafique	11			
K Mashud lbw b Rafique	23			
Shamim run out	1			
Hasanuzzaman c Rahel b Saiful	35			
Mahbub lbw b K Mahmud	12			
Tariqul b K Mahmud	6			
Faisal not out	5			
Extras: (lb-10, lb-2, w-10)	22			
Total: (For 9 wkts in 50 overs)	197			
Fall of wickets: 1-37, 2-89, 3-106, 4-107, 5-110, 6-167, 7-173, 8-182, 9-197				
Bowler	O	M	R	W
Bikash	5	0	24	0
Neeyamur	7	1	21	0
Saiful	10	1	32	2
K Mahmud	9	1	46	3
Rafique	10	0	32	2
Fahim	9	1	32	0
DHAKA				
Rashedul c K Mashud b Mamun	26			
Sohel b Faisal	12			
Jahangir b Faisal	8			
Sajjad lbw b Faisal	2			
K Mahmud c K mashud b Mamun	21			
Kadir c Hasanuzzaman b Mahbub	61			
Neeyamur c K Mashud b Mamun	4			
Fahim c Rafiqul b Tariqul	3			

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New Model, T & T High enter final



SPORTS REPORTER

New Model High School and T and T High School moved into the final of Dhaka zonal qualifying round of Standard Chartered 20th National Schools Cricket Championship winning their respective semifinals at different city venues on Monday.

The winners will now face each other in Thursday final at the newly-built Khan Shaheb Osman Ali Stadium in Fatullah in Narayanganj.

In the semifinals, New Model beat Rahmatullah Model High by 51 runs at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

Middle-order Raihan blasted a brilliant 71 off just 49 balls as New Model, put in to bat, scored 218 in the stipulated 40 overs with three wickets to spare.

He hammered three sixes and six boundaries in his quickfire knock. Sakib scored 44 while Akid added 38 for the total.

In reply, Rahmatullah were restricted to 167 for eight in 40 overs

with Habib unbeaten on 47. Sumon was the most successful bowler for New Model taking three for 21.

In the other semifinal at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, T and T High School registered a 13-run win over Barnamala High School in a low-scoring game.

Batting first, T and T High made 171 all out in 40 overs with middle-order Shamsul hitting highest 51.

In reply, Barnamala were dismissed for 158 in 39 overs.

BRIEF SCORES
New Model v Rahmatullah Model
Venue: BNS
NEW MODEL: 218 for 7 in 40 overs (Raihan 71, Sakib 4, Akib 38, Motaleb 3/42)
RAHMATULLAH MODEL: 167 for 8 in 40 overs (habib 47 n.o, Nasir 26, Sumon 3/21)
Result: New Model High School won by 51 runs.
T&T High School v Barnamala High School
Venue: DCS
T&T HIGH SCHOOL: 171 all out in 40 overs (Shamsul 51, Gaffar 32, Shahid 25, Zakir 2/19)
BARNAMALA: 158 all out in (Al-Amin 30, Arif 26, Ismail 24, Najmul 2/38)
Result: T&T High School won by 13 runs.

Schools h'ball UNB, Dhaka

Bandura Holycross High, Ansar VDP High, Jatrabari Ideal High and Narinda Govt. High reached the semifinals of the 12th Bata schools boys handball tournament yesterday.

Ansar VDP High take on Jatrabari Ideal High in the first semifinal at 8:30 am and Bandura Holycross meet Narinda in the second semifinal at Sultana Kamal Women's Sports complex today.

The winners of the semifinals will meet in the final at the same venue at 3:00 pm.

In the day's matches, Ansar VDP defeated Narinda 18-7 after leading the first half 9-6 and beat Sunnydale 17-11 after leading the first half 8-3. Bandura beat Rajarbagh 20-14 after leading the first half 9-8.

Narinda later beat Sunnydale 7-5 after leading the first half 2-0 while Jatrabari defeated Rajarbagh 16-10 after locking the first half 5-5.

Magura cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Magura*

Shaheed Mintu Shangkha defeated Sreepur Rising Star Club by 26 runs in the Econo Cricket League at the Magura Stadium yesterday.

Winning the toss, Sahheed, Mintu Shangkha batted first and collected 125 runs all out in 27.4 overs.

In reply, Sreepur were all out for 99 runs in 17.1 overs.

Waqar wants the Aussies

Cricket

AFP, *Sharjah*

Pakistan have set their sights on defeating world champions Australia in September, captain Waqar Younis said on Sunday after a 2-0 rout of the West Indies.

"This was a satisfying series win, but our real test will come when we meet Australia," Waqar said soon after his team won the second Test by a thumping 244-run margin.

Australia, the world champions of Test cricket who brushed aside nearest challengers South Africa 3-0 recently, are due to tour Pakistan in September for a three-match series.

Waqar, who joined the 350-wicket club during his match-winning 4-44 effort on Sunday, said he wanted to go beyond 400.

"It's a big achievement for me, but I am not finished yet," the 78-Test veteran pacesman said. "I look forward to going to 400 and more."

Waqar ended the series with 352 wickets, becoming the third Pakistani after Wasim Akram (414) and Imran Khan (362) to reach the landmark.

"It was a great team effort to win this series, but I am particularly glad

that Shoaib Akhtar and Abdur Razzag bowled so well."

Shoaib, whose bowling action has generated a lot of controversy, led Pakistan to a 170-run win in the first Test with a career-best 5-24 in the second innings.

Razzag, who supported Shoaib



WAQAR YOUNIS

with 4-25 in the first Test, claimed 3-33 on Sunday as a back-up to Waqar.

Pakistani coach Mudassar Nazar emphasised that there was nothing wrong with Shoaib's action.

"He is fine. All the bowlers are under scrutiny and, who knows, it

may be Waqar's turn next to be questioned," Mudassar said.

"If the ball bowlers did well in this series, it is because the ball reverse swings in Sharjah more than any other place in the world except Karachi," he said.

West Indian captain Carl Hooper blamed his team's poor fielding for their 23rd defeat in the last 27 overseas Tests.

"It was a disappointing tour, but we would have done much better if we had fielded well," said Hooper of the four dropped catches on the first day of the second Test.

"We had it in us to draw the match, but poor batting and fielding did us in."

Hooper compared the defeat to the 3-0 rout in Sri Lanka last year.

"We started where we finished in Sri Lanka," he said. "There we had to counter (off-spinner) Muttiah Muralitharan, but here there was no bowler of that quality."

"Without Wasim Akram, this is probably one of the weakest Pakistani sides I have played against, but we just did not seem to learn from our mistakes."

Pakistan and the West Indies begin a series of three one-day internationals from Thursday.