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Argentinean football legend Diego Maradona termed his left hand the 'Hand of God' after he scored his infamous World Cup goal against England.



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Third ODI
7:00 am
Serie A
Atlanta vs AC Milan
4:00 pm
UEFA Champions League
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Sportscentre Hindi
Sport News
Live at 8:30 pm
Cricket Programming
Super Selector
9:00 pm

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Sportsline Today
Sport News
Live at 7:30 am
Trans World Sport
Int'l Sports News
8:30 am
Primera Liga
Malaga vs Celta De Vigo
10:30 am
English Premier Football
Man United vs Blackburn Rovers
1:00 pm
Futbol Mundial
5:00 pm
Cricket Programming
Super Selector
7:30 pm
Sportsline Tonight
Sport News
Live at 8:00 pm
Harsha Online
Cricket Talk Show
11:00 pm



TALK TURKEY



Romario

(Brazilian superstar)
"It is right that Romario should go to the World Cup because right now I am the best. I was before and I am again now."



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1. Who won the U-19 cricket World Cup?

Australia South Africa New Zealand

2. Who became African Nations Cup football champions?

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3. What was the result of the first ever Test series in Sharjah between Pakistan and West Indies?

1-0

4. Who clinched the National junior chess title?

Jamaluddin Sagar

5. Who won the Pan Pacific Open tennis title?

Hingis Selés Kouríkova

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Hasan spoils spirit

ISPAHANI MIRZAPORE TEA 3rd National Cricket League

SPORTS REPORTER

Leaders Dhaka sailed to a ten-wicket victory over Khulna in a crucial match of the Ispahani National League at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium on Sunday.

But the game will be remembered for all the wrong reasons with the Khulna team behaving in the most unsporting and rowdy manner.

Khulna intentionally threw the match away apparently in protest of an umpiring decision when they declared their second innings on 210 for eight, leaving the hosts to score only two runs.

The surprise declaration came following an lbw verdict against Khulna captain Hasanuzzaman.

Hasan was adjudged leg before off the bowling of paceman Neeyamur Rashid by umpire MA Reza when the batsman was on 15. Not happy at being given out, the visibly irate Khulna skipper vented his anger by smashing a couple of chairs inside the dressing room.

Hasan then made the game a total farce by placing nine men in the slip cordon while asking his wicketkeeper Salim to bowl the first over.

Paceman Neeyamur Rashid, who opened the innings with fellow new-ball bowler Bikash, hit the first ball for a six to give Dhaka its seven win from eight matches. Dhaka now need only a win from their remaining two matches to pocket the League title.

Thankfully, the day's unbecoming events were not taken lightly by match referee Rafiqul Alam who suspending Hasan for the one-day match against Dhaka.

The League Committee also came down hard on Khulna and fined the team Taka 10,000 for abusing the spirit of the game and tarnishing cricket's image.

Yesterday's incident was another example of the evil that is slowly but surely gripping our domestic cricket. In this year's League, cricketers have been regularly found showing dissent to umpiring decisions and creating chaos on the field. Worrying still is the attitudes of the captains of different teams.

Last week Dhaka captain Khaled Mahmud allegedly slapped a Rajshahi bowler in response to abusive words. On Saturday, Barisal captain Salim Shahed was suspended for one match for showing his displeasure against a ruling at Rajshahi.

Neutral observes fell that the discontent among the players and frequent use of foul words could have been checked had national Test skipper Khaled Mahmud, who is also the skipper of Rajshahi, was not let off easy by match referee Dipu Rai Chowdhury for committing the same offence in Mymensingh against Dhaka last week.

RAJSHABI-BARISAL

Meanwhile, at Rajshahi the hosts handed an innings and 11-run defeat on Barisal.

Barisal survived only 21.4 overs on the final day and could add 72 runs to their overnight score of 128 before being all out after lunch.

The victory improved Rajshahi's tally to 28 points from seven games. Barisal on the other hand were yet to open their account.

SYLHET-CHITTAGONG

The match between hosts Sylhet and former champions Chittagong ended in a tame draw.

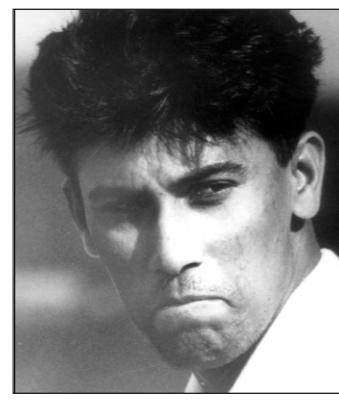
Both teams agreed to call it a day after Sylhet made 31 for two in reply to Chittagong's first innings total of 343.

Sylhet had scored 303 in their first innings.

The highlight of the match was veteran campaigner Minhazul Abedin's 144. Resuming on 128, the former national captain added 16

runs before being bowled by Sylhet skipper Hasibul Hossain. It was the third century for the ever-green middle-order batsman who is now just 77 runs short of completing a record 1000 runs in the League.

SCORECARDS



HASANUZZAMAN

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

Rajshahi v Barisal

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RAJSHABI: First innings 508 for 8 dec. (Nuruzzaman 161, Anisur 119,

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Kiron b Mustadir 43

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Sanwar c sub b Aminul jr. 0

Shaheen b Imran 6

Anis lbw b Imran 8

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Harun c Anisur b Imran 19

Mukul c Anisur b Mustadir 7

Saikat c Rafiqul b Mustadir 30

Ashfaq not out 6

Extras: (b-7, lb-3, nb-2) 12

Total: (All out in 66.4 overs) 190

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Jamuna Cup Hockey Abahani shown the door

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Aspirants Abahani crashed out of the Jamuna Bank Club Cup hockey tournament on Sunday when a spirited Usha Krira Chakra handed them 1-0 defeat in the second semi-final.

In a rather dreary affair where Usha remained defensive throughout the proceedings after taking a first half lead, striker Habul scored the all-important goal 10 minutes into the first half. Habul blasted the board with a reverse hit after being nicely fed by Raju from a goal mouth melee.

The defending champions will now face a high-flying Mohammamed Sporting Club in the Tuesday's final.

Usha, despite being failed to form a strong team this season because of fund crisis, played within their limitations and stuck to an effective plan by not allowing Abahani any room to launch attack.

Two veteran defenders Mamanur Rashid, the former national captain, and Hasan Rony manned the Usha defence in company of two youngsters -- Jununn and Tawfiqul Islam. Three national forwards -- Shamim Reza, Mahabub, Ehsan Rana and Sheikh Ramijuddin -- were made so ineffective that they even failed to initiate an organised attack.

Although the sky-blues got three short corners in the last half, it was poor finishing that denied them an equaliser.

"Things are serious," said Rashid. "But why this job?"

"He says there is no difference between Sports and Finance. Both are in a mess. Falling value of taka and cricket... Share index and football. He wants World Bank to take charge of sports. He has advised all Bank MDs to go to office

to meet him."

"Lebu" is from Sylhet. That place is full of oranges. Kamila lebu, Lebu for short."

"But what is the problem?"

"He wants to be the Sports Minister. He was behind the cancellation of the election," said Rashid.

The two apart, the remaining 21 cricketers will be at the centre of attraction in the inter-club players' transfer.

The three-day bourse, which was earlier scheduled to begin on March 1, will now commence on March 4.

According to the Board's policy, each club is permitted to sing up three cricketers from the national pool.

The Pool Players are: Naimur Rahman, Akram Khan, Aminul Islam, Javed Omar, Habibul Bashar, Enamul Hoque, Mohammad Rafique, Mehrab Hossain, Al-Shahriar, Hasibul Hossain, Mohammed Ashraful, Mohammed Sharif, Bikash Ranjan Das, Fahim Muntasir, Mushfiqur Rahman, Sanwar Hossain, Tushar Imran, Khaled Mahmud, Tariq Aziz Khan, Monjurul Islam and Mashrafee bin Mortaza Kowshik