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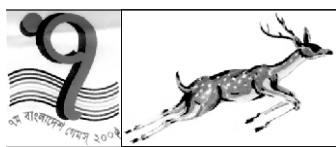
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Chittagong's ace striker Ariful Kabir Farhad (2nd from L) becomes the toast of his teammates after scoring against Bangladesh Army in the 7th Bangladesh Games football final yesterday.

## Dhaka hockey masters

### Chittagong's gold on Farhad's goals



#### SPORTS REPORTER

Dhaka district clinched the gold in the seventh Bangladesh Games hockey competition with a 2-1 win over defending champions Dhaka University in the final at the Maulana Bhasani Stadium yesterday afternoon.

All the goals in the match came in the first half.

In an even encounter, forward Maksudul Alam Habul and defender Shamsuddin Tuhin scored one goal each to help Dhaka avenge their solitary goal defeat against the same opponent in the sixth Bangladesh Games final in 1996.

On the other hand, captain Mirajul Ahsan reduced the margin for Dhaka University.

Habul, the young Dhaka forward, put his side ahead in the seventh minute flicking home a Tutul Kumar Nag hit from the right corner.

But Dhaka University came back strongly and leveled the score when they earned a penalty stroke eight minutes later following a foul on Moududur Rahman Shuvo by Dhaka custodian Bappi.

Mirajul made no mistake by scooping the ball home.

However, Dhaka got their winner in the 24th minute when Tuhin converted a penalty corner.

Earlier, Faridpur beat

Team	G	S	B
Ansar and VDP	61	55	62
BJMC	45	31	20
Army	40	33	33
Navy	23	21	5
BDR	16	13	16
BKSP	9	17	18
Biman	8	6	5
Kurmtila Golf Club	4	3	4
Dhaka Rifle Club	4	1	2
Gulshan SC	4	1	1
Titas Gas	3	3	3
Dhaka University	2	0	7
Dhaka Div	2	0	0
Police	1	7	8
Dhaka Dist.	1	6	6
N'ganj Rifle Club	1	2	2
Jessore	1	1	10
Rajshahi	1	1	9
Gulshan Club	1	1	1
Rangamati	1	1	1
Bhaliary Golf Club	1	1	1
Bogra	1	1	0
ASA	1	0	2
Joypurhat	1	0	1
Notrump	1	0	0
Madaripur	1	0	0
Saikat Gym.	1	0	0

Bangladesh Army 2-0 to win the bronze.

Yousuf Biswas put the winners ahead with a field goal in the 12th minute while defender Isha Mia doubled the margin from a penalty corner in the 52nd.

**FOOTBALL**  
Two goals from substitute striker Ariful Kabir Farhad brought Chittagong the football gold when they came from behind to post a 2-1 win over high flying Bangladesh Army in the final at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium yesterday afternoon.

Trailing by a 34th minute goal by Army's Ripon Biswas, Farhad first leveled the margin with a right footer after being nicely fed by ace striker Alfaz from the right in the 41st minute and then came out with the match winners in the 54th minute from yet another Alfaz pass.

Earlier, Ripon Biswas had given Army a surprise lead when he capitalised on a fumble from Chittagong custodian Bijan Barua and headed the ball home from a goalmouth melee.

In the play-off for bronze, Dhaka Division beat Dhaka University 2-0. Mehdi and Hanif scored for Dhaka in the 19th and 88th minutes.

**SHOOTING**  
Mohammad Ali Chanu of UNB, Dhaka

## Goodricke chess on

### SPORTS REPORTER

International Masters Abdullah Al Rakib and Enamul Hossain Rajib are now in Kolkata to participate in 13th Goodricke International Open Chess Tournament.

The 11-round Swiss League tournament began at the Gorky Sadan in the West Bengal capital on Sunday.

The meet also involves two Grand Masters -- Aleksei Aleksandrov of Belarus and Aleksander Motilev of Russia.

## No night out in Guwahati

### AFP, Guwahati

Indian and Zimbabwean cricketers won't be enjoying nights out alone in India's insurgency-rocked Assam state, where authorities have slapped strict restrictions on the players' movements.

Police have ordered that any of the players here for a one-day international match on Tuesday can leave their hotel only with a security detail.

A top police official said the rules would be enforced this time, as during the last one-day international cricket match here in 1997 Indian and Sri Lankan players ignored similar warnings.

"Some of the players did not listen to us and went on their own in cars with friends and relatives for an outing in the evening despite we clearly asking them not to go out without security escorts," the official said.

Authorities are taking no chances with security, deploying at least 1,000 police and paramilitary soldiers around Nehru Stadium and the players' hotel.

"Troops are on full alert in Guwahati with maximum precaution taken in view of the threat perception to players like Indian captain Alfaz from the right in the 41st minute and then came out with the match winners in the 54th minute from yet another Alfaz pass."

"We are taking no chances whatsoever and hence the tight security," he said.

Indian authorities are battling a number of separatist militant groups in Assam, where more than 10,000 people have lost their lives to insurgency in the past two decades.

## Age-gp cricket

### UNB, Dhaka

Gazi Tank earned a massive 143-run victory over Dhanmondi Progoti Club in the National Age Group Under-17 cricket tournament at different city venues on Sunday.

Dhanmondi Progoti managed 100 runs losing all the wickets in 27.3 overs to chasing Gazi Tank's 243 all out in 43.4 overs.

At the Dhanmondi Club ground, Kathal Bagan defeated CCS Blues by 89 runs.

Kathal Bagan scored 270 runs for six wickets in stipulated 45 overs.

In reply, CCS Blues were all out for 181 runs in 40.5 overs.

East End Club beat CCS by 41 runs at the City Club ground.

The winners made 213 for nine in 45 overs.

In reply, CCS were all out for 172 runs in 38 overs.

At the Mirpur Outer Stadium, Dhaka Mariner earned a two-wicket victory over Mill Barrack.

Mill Barrack scored 113 runs all out in 30 overs.

In reply, Dhaka Mariner reached the target scoring 114 runs losing eight wickets in 24.2 overs.

## England bring in rookie Bell

### REUTERS, London

Warwickshire teenager Ian Bell will fly out to New Zealand on Sunday to increase England's batting options for the second and third Tests, the BBC website reported.

Mark Butcher has been ruled out of the second match with a broken hand, while captain Nasser Hussain suffered a finger injury during the first Test, which the tourists won by 98 runs on Saturday.

The 19-year-old Bell has played only 13 first-class matches but made an impression on the England A tour of West Indies last year and recently enjoyed a successful spell at the Cricket Academy in Adelaide, Australia.

"We're trying to move away from the old statement that you need to play four years of county cricket to qualify for selection," David Graveney, England's chairman of selectors, told BBC Radio Five Live.

Hussain is optimistic he will be fit to lead his team in the second Test, which starts in Wellington Thursday.

## Bashar now truly MSC's

### Cricket

#### SPORTS REPORTER

Habibul Bashar confirmed which was already a done deal by officially joining Mohammedan Sporting Club on the first day of the three-day inter-club players' transfer at the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) office yesterday.

The top batsman of the country relieved an anxious band of

Mohammedan loyalists when he arrived at the BCB office at around 6.30 pm to complete the signing formalities.

This is for the time in his career that the 29-year-old has decided to play for a club that enjoys fanatic following. By joining Mohammedan, Bashar has brought an end to his long-standing association with Bangladesh Biman which began way back in 1994.

While, the amount to be paid to Bashar remained anybody's guess,

the dashing right-hander however denied that the lure of the lucre played a major role to behind his decision to leave Biman.

"I never had a fascination to play for crowd-pulling teams. But this time I opted for a change", said Bashar to a group of pressmen after the signing.

Bashar, who was blessed with a son on Saturday, added that he wanted to make this move and the year a memorable one by presenting Mohammed with the coveted Premier League title.

"This is true that the expectation on me is very high this year. But I'm ready to deliver under pressure", said the soft-spoken Bashar who boasts the highest run aggregate for Bangladesh in Test cricket.

Bashar will be hoping for a successful return to the cricket field after a fractured left thumb prevented him from playing in the second Test against Pakistan early this year.

"I wanted to play a couple of National League matches to get back in the groove. But since my wife was expecting I decided against it", said Bashar.

He also revealed that his wife wasn't particularly approving of his change in allegiance.

"She did not want me to move from Biman. But somehow I managed to convince her," quipped Bashar.

Bashar apart, Mohammedan also roped in young off-spinner Sabbir Khan, who has impressed with his hard-hitting batting in the National League. Wicketkeeper Anwar has also signed for the holders. Besides, Sanwar Hossain and Mohammed Rafique have decided to stay back. Talented opener Ehsanul Haque, who represented Brothers Union last year, was another important Mohammedan signing.

While Mohammedan hogged the spotlight, arch-rivals Abahani remained relatively silent with no significant signings.

Mirpur's City Club sprung a surprise when they confirmed the services of batsman Tushar Imran, paceren Hasibul Hossain, Tariq Aziz and opener Azam Iqbal.

Abahani were reportedly not interested in keeping Hasibul, but the popular Dhanmondi outfit may regret losing Azam.

Victoria Sporting club have brought in veteran right-arm seamer Saiful Islam and off-spinner Mukul. Evergreen left-arm spinner Enamul Hoque, national captain Khaled Mashud and Test opener Al-Shahriar, who were busy with National League commitments yesterday, are expected to bolster the Victoria camp by signing today.



Test star Habibul Bashar is all smiles as he signs for Mohammedan Sporting Club during the cricketers' transfer bourse yesterday.



Three national pool cricketers (L-R) Tushar Imran, Hasibul Hossain and Tareq Aziz Khan stand together after signing for City Club during the cricketers' transfer yesterday.

## One-day glory Sylhet's

### ISPAHANI MIRZAPORE TEA 3rd National Cricket League

#### SPORTS REPORTER

Sylhet lifted the one-day title of the Ispahani Third National Cricket League with a huge 92-run win over Barisal at the Sylhet Stadium on Sunday.

Imtiaz fashioned the victory for the home side with a virtuoso all-round performance. The young opener scored a solid half-century as Sylhet, electing to take the first strike, pile up a huge 252 for five in the stipulated 50 overs.

He then captured four wickets for 32 runs as the visitors were shot out for 160 three balls into the 44th over.

Sylhet have now finished the competition with eight wins against two defeats and the outcome of the game raised their tally to 16 points, two more than Chittagong.

Imtiaz laid the foundation for a big Sylhet total as he shared a 109-run opening stand with captain Syed Parvez.

Parvez also scored a polished 65-ball 69 which was punctuated by a six and four boundaries. Imtiaz faced 62 balls for his 50 that featured three fours and a massive sixer.

Nasirul Alam chipped in with a breezy 42 while paceren Taposh Baishya added some flavour late in the innings, striking an unbeaten 28.

Kamal Ahmed fought a lost battle for Barisal with dogged 55 while Imran (41) was the other notable scorer for the vanquished, who even failed to collect a single point in the first-class competition.

In Comilla, Chittagong handed Khulna a 33-run defeat.

Batting first, Chittagong made 146 in 40.2 overs with star-studded Minhazul Abedin hammering a gritty 62.

In reply, Khulna were bundled out for 113 in 44.5 overs in the face of some controlled bowling from medium-pace Debabrata Paul and off-spinner Sabbir Khan, who evenly shared six wickets between them.

In the other match of the day, Dhaka outplayed Rajshahi by eight wickets at the Cricket Garden in

Rangpur.  
One-down Jahangir Alam scored an unbeaten 55 as Dhaka, chasing 150 runs in 50 overs, reached 151 for the loss of two batsmen with 18.1 overs still to be bowled.

Halim Shah gave Jahangir a good support with an unbeaten 41.

Earlier, electing to bat, Rajshahi were all out for 150 in 38.2 overs.

Young leg-spinner Mohammad Ashraf returned with figures of four for 28.

#### SCOREBOARDS

Scoreboards of the three Ispahani

Team	M	W	L	Points
Sylhet	10	8	2	16
Chittagong	10	7	3	14
Rajshahi	10	6	4	12
Dhaka	10	5	5	10
Khulna	10	4	6	8
Barisal	10	-	10	0

National Cricket League one-day matches at different venues on Sunday:

#### Sylhet v Barisal

Venue: Sylhet Stadium.

Team	M	W	L	Points
Sylhet	10	8	2	16
Barisal	10	0	10	0

Parvez c Shuvo b Rajat 69  
Imtiaz c Kamal b Saleh 50  
Nasirul c b Saleh 42  
Hadi st Nayan b Saleh 10  
Rajin run out 9  
Imtiaz not out 25  
Al-Amin 10 1 23 2  
Taposh not out 28  
Extras: (lb-3, w-16) 19  
Total: (For 5 wickets in 50 overs) 252

Fall of wickets: 1-109, 2-157, 3-182, 4-183, 5-211.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Anis	7	0	38	0
Kamal	10	1	55	0
Rajat	10	0	41	1
Liton	2	0	23	0
Saleh	10	0	44	3
Imran	10	1	38	0
Shahin	1	0	10	0

**BARISAL**  
Elyas run out 5  
Reshad c Kapali b Rintu 0  
Nayan c Nayeem b Rintu 7  
Kamal c Imon b Taposh 55  
Imran c Nasirul b Imtiaz 41  
Shahin c Nasirul b Imtiaz 2  
Samuil lbw b Imtiaz 0  
Saleh c Nasirul b Nayeem 22

Team	M	W	L	Points
Rajat lbw b Imtiaz 1				
Liton runout 0				
Anis not out 0				
Extras: (lb-6, w-21) 27				
Total: (All out in 43.3 overs) 160				
Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-19, 3-22, 4-111, 5-113, 6-113, 7-147, 8-153, 9-153.				

#### Result: Sylhet won by 92 runs.

#### Chittagong v Khulna

Venue: Comilla Stadium.

Team	M	W	L	Points
Chittagong	10	7	3	14
Khulna	10	0	10	0

Hakim c Salim b Russell 1  
Sabbir c Salim b Al-Amin 0  
Nafis b Masud 14  
Faisal c Bijan b Russell 23  
Minhazul c Razzak b Al-Amin 62  
Azam c Salim b Masud 15  
Enamul c Bijan b Masud 0  
Mortuza run out 1  
Suja c Raju b Razzak 6  
Debabrata not out 4  
Shafiuddin b Jamaluddin 0  
Extras: (lb-7, w-13) 20  
Total: (All out in 40.2 overs) 146

Fall of wickets: 1-6, 2-9, 3-31, 4-80, 5-114, 6-114, 7-122, 8-140, 9-142.

#### Bowler

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Al-Amin	10	1	23	2
Russell	7	0	30	2
Razzak	7	0	28	1
Masud	10	1	35	3
Jamaluddin	6.2	0	23	1

**KHULNA**  
Monirul c Mortuza b Debabrata 5  
Niaz c Mortuza b Debabrata 11  
Bijan b Debabrata 17  
Hasanuzzaman c Debabrata b Enamul 20  
Jamaluddin c c b Enamul 10  
Ahsanullah c Mortuza b Sabbir 5  
Razzak c Mortuza b Sabbir 17  
Salim lbw b Sabbir 1  
Masud c Mortuza b Shafiuddin 8  
Russell c Minhazul b Shafiuddin 10  
Al-Amin not out 0  
Extras: (b-8, lb-4, nb-1, w-6) 19  
Total: (All out in 44.5 overs) 113

Fall of wickets: 1-11, 2-36, 3-37, 4-56, 5-67, 6-67, 7-76, 8-89, 9-112.

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The jubilant Dhaka district hockey team after winning the 7th Bangladesh Games gold at the Maulana Bhasani Stadium yesterday.