



Did U Know?

One of the greatest innings ever played in one-day internationals came from the blade of one of the best all-rounders of world cricket. Partnering wicketkeeper Syed Kirmani for the ninth wicket, Kapil Dev of India smashed the memorable knock of an unbeaten 175 (6 sixes and 17 fours) against Zimbabwe at Tunbridge in 1983.



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Alamgir bails out Abahani

SPORTS REPORTER



Young Alamgir Kabir dazzled with both bat and ball as Abahani Krira Chakra returned to winning ways with a 46-run defeat of Kalabagan Krira Chakra in a GrameenPhone Premier League match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Batting at number ten, the promising right-arm seamer hammered a vital 22 off 14 balls to make sure the popular Dhanmondi outfit reached 203 before being all out in 49.5 overs.

Alamgir then captured three wickets for 30 runs to shot Kalabagan out for 157 in 44.4 overs. Pakistani left-arm spinner Mohammad Hossain and Ahsanullah Hasan also took three wickets each on a pitch where some occasional odd deliveries kept very low.

While bowlers presented Abahani their fifth win from seven games, the batters still ominously appeared vulnerable after their three-wicket defeat against Surjo Tarun in the previous match where the last year's runners-up scored 193 runs.

Opener Nafis Iqbal with 38 was the top-scorer for Abahani followed by 29 extras. And had Alamgir and Ali Arman not produced 33 runs for the last wicket, the match could have gone the other way.

Pakistani Ziaur Rahman scored 37 for Kalabagan before being undone by a delivery from compatriot Hossain that never popped up after pitching. While Abahani struggled in their first match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium, Bangladesh Biman kept up their impressive run of form to join Abahani and Victoria in the second position behind holders Mohammedan.

The national airline outfit thumped down a huge 137-run defeat on Dhanmondi Club for their fifth victory from six games.

Aminul Islam returned among the runs with a polished 71 off 81 balls and Hasanuzzaman scored an equally impressive half-century as Biman, sent into bat, piled up 260 for seven in the stipulated 50 overs.

Skipper Faruque Ahmed also kept the good work with the bat hammering 48 off 56 balls that featured seven disdainful hits across the rope.

Aminul, who has been struggling for runs, struck three boundaries in his workmanlike innings while Hasanuzzaman clubbed five fours.

Dhanmondi, in their chase, were bowled out for 123 runs in 37.3 overs. Veteran left-arm pacer Anisur Rahman was the wrecker-in-chief with four for 22 runs.

Anis is certainly enjoying a new lease of life in his inconsistent career. He captured three wickets in the previous match.

Left-arm spinner Abdur Razzak, a new entrant in the Biman line-up, also returned with impressive figures of three for 20 runs from eight overs.

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SCOREBOARDS
Scoreboards of two GrameenPhone Premier Cricket League matches at different venues on Wednesday:
Abahani KC v Kalabagan KC

Mushfiq b Alamgir	17
Dhanmondi	0
Mosaddek c Neeyamur b Hasan	16
Luvlu c b Hossain	14
Imran lbw b Hasan	2
Talha not out	16
Extras: (lb-5, nb-4, w-10)	19
Total: (All out in 44.4 overs)	157



PHOTO: STAR

Abahani's Nafis Iqbal sweeps one during his innings against Kalabagan in a GrameenPhone Premier Division Cricket League match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium. Fall of wickets: 1-18, 2-18, 3-33, 4-80, 5-85, 6-89, 7-118, 8-120, 9-122.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Nafis Iqbal	8	1	28	2
Mushfiq	8.5	1	28	1
Mosaddek	10	0	48	0
Manzarul	7	1	19	1
Ziaur	1	0	5	0
Imran	10	0	40	4
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KALABAGAN KC
Rafiqul c Mukhter b Alamgir 15
Nahidul run out 2
Anisur lbw b Alamgir 0
Ziaur lbw b Hossain 37
Anisur c Mukhter b Hossain 19

ABAHANI KC
Nafis c Manzarul b Imran 28
Hossain c Anisur b Talha 14
Mehrab lbw b Talha 4
Monir c Luvlu b Manzarul 18
Akram st Luvlu b Nahidul 20
Asadullah b Imran 15
Neeyamur c Manzarul b Imran 16
Hasan c Mushfiq b Imran 9
Mukhter run out 8
Alamgir b Mushfiq 22
Arman not out 10
Extras: (b-1, lb-12, nb-1, w-15) 29
Total: (All out in 49.5 overs) 203
Fall of wickets: 1-40, 2-48, 3-79, 4-112, 5-114, 6-139, 7-157, 8-168, 9-170.

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ALAMGIR ... all-round show
Alamgir 10 1 30 3
Arman 10 0 35 0
Hossain 7.4 2 14 3
Hasan 8 0 36 3
Result: Abahani Kc won by 46 runs.

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Premier Div Hockey Shuvo, MSC party

SPORTS REPORTER

A superb hatrick by forward Moududur Rahman Shuvo steered Mohammedan Sporting Club to a 8-0 thrashing over Wari Club in a Metro Premier Division Hockey League match at the Maulana Bhasani Stadium yesterday.

Shuvo, the young Bangladesh international, scored three field goals in the 14th, 32nd and 44th minutes to register the second hatrick of the league. His teammate Ariful Haq Prince had scored the first hatrick on April 2 when the defending champions blanked Dhaka Railway by an identical margin in their league opener.

Shuvo apart, Prince and defender Musa Miah netted twice while Shahidullah Tito added the other.

Mohammedan led the first session 3-0.

Mohammedan now have full six points from two matches. Earlier, Dhaka Wanderes Club recorded a 6-1 win over Police in a First Division encounter at the same venue.

Rashed Hasan blasted highest four goals for Wanderers including a hatrick while Asif and Asad scored one each.

On the other hand, Shiplu pulled one back for the policemen.

Div I cricket S Bima beat Nabin Sangha

UNB, Dhaka

A brilliant century by Ranim went in vain as his team Nabin Sangha conceded a three-wicket defeat to Sadharan Bima KS in the Metropolitan First Division Cricket League match at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Winning the toss, Nabin Sangha decided to bat first and scored a moderate 217 runs for 7 in the stipulated 50 overs with opener Ranim contributing 106 runs in 118 balls featuring 12 fours and two sixes.

In reply, Sadharan Bima made their match-winning 218 runs also for seven wickets in 46.5 overs with Ali Nishan making 70 runs off 84 deliveries, including seven boundaries and two over boundaries, and opener Meherul Islam scoring 66 runs in 67 balls featuring six fours and a six.

Murad of Nabin Sangha was the most successful bowler taking four wickets for 36 runs in 10 overs.

BRIEF SCORES
NABIN SANGHA: 217 for 7 in 50 overs (Ranim 105, Koushik 24, Deep 17, Kamrul 12, Sujon 11, Murad 11, Rana 10, extras 14; Rasheduzzaman 2/30)
SADHARAN BIMA: 218 for 7 in 46.5 overs (Ali Nishan 70, Meherul 66, Rasheduzzaman not out 28, Sajjad Hossain not out 23, extras 18; Murad 4/36, James 2/46).

Live woe for Nitol-Tata NFL

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With the Second Nitol-Tata National Football League only five days away nothing seemed to be going according to the desire of the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF).

The BFF, desperate to lift the dwindling image of the game, were yet to get any confirmation from the Bangladesh Television for live coverage of the final round.

The state-run media has so far committed to provide live coverage of matches at Dhaka and Chittagong.

The eight-team final round will be played at five venues across the country including Rajshahi, Sylhet and Jessore.

Besides, the participants are yet to send the team lists though the last date of filing the rosters ended on April 9.

The championship will commence on April 16 at Chittagong with holders Abahani Krira Chakra taking on Sylhet Chaturanga.

(The Daily Star Sport mistakenly carried a subheading that read "Nitol-Tata 2nd NFL starts today" in its report on the April 10 issue. We regret the inadvertent error.)

--- Sports Editor



PHOTO: STAR

Mohammedan's Prince (R) tries to bypass a Wari defender during their Metro Premier Division Hockey League encounter at the Maulana Bhasani Stadium yesterday.

Mission Hope starts today



AFP, Georgetown

The first Test starting at Bourda here on Thursday will pit the travel-sick Indian tourists against a West Indian team wallowing in an unaccustomed slump in form.

India are formidable at home and fragile abroad, having failed to win a Test series outside the sub-continent since 1986 when they beat England under Kapil Dev's captaincy.



SOURAV GANGULY

The West Indies have also been shedding their prowess of late and are without a win in their past five Tests. They were blanked 3-0 in Sri Lanka and then 2-0 by Pakistan at Sharjah in the United Arab Emirates.

West Indies skipper Carl Hooper said he did not believe India's dismal away record would give his team an advantage.

"We're not at a stage where we can take any series easy. We've also struggled overseas. We can't afford to be complacent playing at home."

"Each match of a Test series is important for us. All we want is that the West Indies does well," said Hooper.

The presence of a batting genius in each side -- Brian Lara for the West Indies and Sachin Tendulkar for India -- has not been enough to improve the teams' away Test records.

The left-handed Lara made 688 in Sri Lanka to become the second-highest scorer in a three-Test series after Englishman Graham Gooch's 752 against India in 1990, but could not prevent his team from losing the series.

He missed his team's next Test series against Pakistan due to an elbow injury, sustained in a one-day fixture.

"The final decision on Harbhajan will be taken after a fitness test before the match," said Indian manager Gautam Dasgupta.

The West Indies are planning to counter the Indian batting with pace, having included four fast bowlers in their team.

But pace, the trump card of West Indian teams in the past, has also lost much of its threat after the retirements of Curtly Ambrose in 2000 and Courtney Walsh last year.

"We've picked four fast bowlers and one spinner, but will assess the conditions before deciding whether to play with four or three pacemen," said Hooper.

TEAMS

WEST INDIES (from): Carl Hooper (captain), Chris Gayle, Stuart Williams, Ramnareh Sarwan, Brian Lara, Shivnarine Chanderpaul, Ryan Hinds, Junior Murray, Mervyn Dillon, Cameron Cuffy, Marlon Black, Adam Sanford, Mahendra Nagamootoo.

INDIA (from): Sourav Ganguly (captain), Shiv Sunder Das, Deep Dasgupta, Rahul Dravid, Sachin Tendulkar, Venkatsai Laxman, Dinesh Mongia, Anil Kumble, Harbhajan Singh, Javagal Srinath, Zaheer Khan, Sanjay Bangar, Ajay Ratna, Tinnu Yohannan, Ashish Nehra, Wasim Jaffer, Sarandeep Singh.

Umpires: Asoka de Silva (Sri Lanka) and Daryl Harper (Australia).

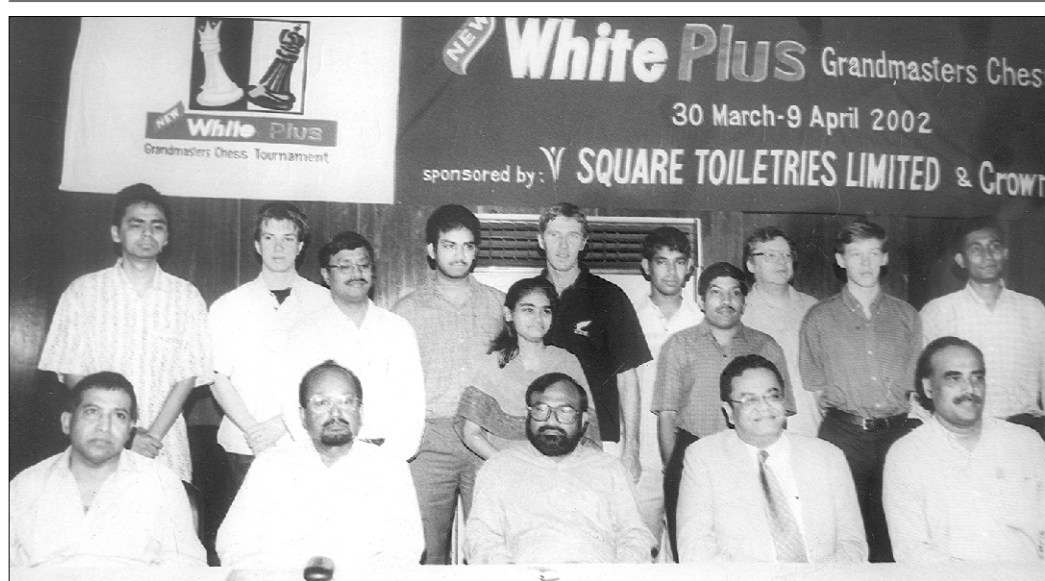


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The participants of the New White Plus Grand Masters Chess Tournament pose with the guests during the prize giving ceremony at the National Sports Council (NSC) chess room yesterday. GM Drazen Sermek (standing at the centre wearing black polo-shirt) of Slovenia, the champion of the meet which concluded on Tuesday, received a cash prize of 1,800 US dollars while GM Dibyendu Barua of India, Bangladeshi IM Reefat Bin Sattar and IM Leif Erlund Johannessen of Norway, who finished 2nd to 4th, earned 635 dollars each. Fisheries and Livestock Minister Sadek Hossain (sitting C) distributed the prizes.

Waughs will be missed



AFP, Sydney

The real impact of Steve and Mark Waugh's sacking from Australia's one-day cricket won't be felt for another year as the new-look team moves towards their World Cup defence, team coach John Buchanan said Wednesday.

Buchanan said Australia's 5-1 thrashing of South Africa in the limited-over series which ended in Cape Town Tuesday, was not an immediate justification of the dumping of the Waughs.

"Time will be the test of that. At the moment we've had a snapshot and it

Fraser quits

AFP, London

Former England seamer Angus Fraser announced his retirement from first-class cricket here Wednesday.

Middlesex captain Fraser, 36, is to leave the Lord's-based county in May to become cricket correspondent of Britain's Independent newspaper after a playing career of over 18 years.

"Although the emotional wrench of leaving Middlesex will be huge I'm certain I'm making the right decision. All I have had from the county is 100 per cent support," Fraser told the Independent.

"When you've been a player for as long as I have you do wonder whether you'll enjoy anything quite as much as playing, but I've spent a lot of this winter writing and commenting and enjoyed it hugely."

"I always wanted to stay in the game, which meant a career in the

all looks progressively quite good," Buchanan said in Cape Town Wednesday.

"The real test of all that will become clear at the end of the World Cup (next March)."

"Even though we've had a very good result here I'm sure there is still a lot of experience we're lacking on the field."

"Certainly the players are dealing with that very well but at the time there were a couple of decisions which the selectors felt they had to make."

New captain Ricky Ponting can still call on one of the most experienced teams in one-day cricket with Shane Warne, Glenn McGrath, Michael Bevan and vice-captain Adam Gilchrist.

Ponting was not satisfied with his bowlers as they struggled through



STEVE WAUGH

the last matches on tour in unhelpful conditions and Buchanan wanted more help for frontline quicks McGrath and Gillespie.

"McGrath and Gillespie bowled well 70-80 per cent of the time through the series but our back-up with Brett Lee, Ian Harvey, Andy Bichel and Shane Watson hasn't

given us the follow-up that we're looking for in those post-15 overs through to 35," Buchanan said.

"And we haven't finished off well either. We have to stack up for 50 overs, game after game if we're going to find our way into a reasonable position in the (World Cup) Super Six and hopefully go beyond that."

Buchanan and Ponting have formed an effective partnership in their first series in a fluent transition from the Waugh era.

"(I was) talking to Steve Waugh some time ago, he always felt if he had to make a choice between the contenders, Ricky is the person he would have plumped for, for a range of reasons," Buchanan said.

Some of those reasons are he reads the game very well, he's good with the players around him, he is a



MARK WAUGH

person who can lead from the front with the bat or in the field and he has a great deal of passion for representing his country, he said.

"Beyond that he has a great maturity about the game and his game."

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