

## CJKS cricket

CU CORRESPONDENT

Satadal Club recorded a 45-run victory over City Corporation Ekadosh Junior in the CJKS-Ispahani Premier Division Cricket League at the MA Aziz Stadium yesterday.

Put into bat, Satadal scored 233 for four in 48 overs. Shohel M Khan made highest 88 while Surajit Pal also contributed 61. Zia Uddin of City Corporation Ekadosh Junior grabbed two wickets.

In reply, City Corporation found the 118 before being all out in 44.5 overs. Javed Hashmi was the top scorer with 53 while Azim Uddin added 38.

Mahfuz of Satadal Club snatched four wickets for 43 while Tyeb took three wickets giving away 31 runs.

On Wednesday, Rising Star Club recorded a 28-run victory over Shaheed Shahjahan Sangha.

Rising Star batting first and scored 235 before being all out in 49.5 overs.

Shaheed Shahjahan were dismissed for 197 in 47.4 overs.

## FIRST DIVISION

Also on Wednesday, Mohammedan Sporting Club Blues recorded a 113-run victory over Seba Nekaton at Dampara Police Lines ground.

Batting first, Mohammedan Sporting Club Blues scored 198 all out in 46.4 overs.

Seba Nekaton fell apart in their chase making 85 in 30.1 overs.

## B'baria cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Dauria Cricket Club and Mohammedan Sporting Club won their respective matches in Shaheed Freedom Fighter Rango Mia Cup cricket tournament at the Shahjadpur Junior High School playground in Brahmanbaria yesterday.

Dauria Cricket Club defeated Niamatpur Cricket Club by 13 runs.

Winning the toss, Dauria batted first and made 114 for nine in the stipulated 50 overs. Rakesh top-scored with 52.

In reply, Niamatpur were dismissed for 101 in 40.4 overs.

Mohammedan won a low-scoring game against Shapla Cricket Club by 26 runs.

Mohammedan Sporting Club batted first and managed just 86 in 29.1 overs. Shapla responded with 60 in 25.3 overs.

## ZCU soup up selectors



REUTERS/AFP, undated

The Zimbabwe Cricket Union (ZCU) has dropped three selectors and named two new ones in a sign that the impasse with 13 senior players who have threatened to resign may be moving towards resolution.

Mpumelo Mbanga, a former Test medium pace bowler who has since embarked on a career as a television commentator, and Richie Kaschula, an ex-spin bowler who played first-class cricket in the 1970s, have been brought on to the panel.

The new four-man committee will be convened by Steven Mangongo and also includes Max Ebrahim, Mbanga and Kaschula. Ali Shah, Jon Brent and coach Geoff Marsh have lost their places on the panel.

The committee's first duty will be to pick a squad to play Sri Lanka in the opening one-day international in Bulawayo on Tuesday. The squad is due to be named later on Thursday.

The 13 players have threatened to quit over what they describe as an "unprofessional manner of selection" that allows "interference of a non-sporting agenda". They have also alleged "racial and ethnic discrimination in the selection of the

national team".

Heath Streak's tenure as captain ended when he raised similar concerns with the ZCU.

Streak wanted the panel reduced from five to four selectors, for them not to have conflicting interests and to possess at least first-class playing or coaching experience.

Negotiations between the players and the ZCU are continuing and the squad to play Sri Lanka may provide an important indication of how far the parties are from settling their differences.

Meanwhile, Zimbabwe's rebel Test cricketers have decided against making themselves available for the one-day internationals against Sri Lanka next week.

The Zimbabwe selection panel will have to choose an entirely black team of novices, which is to be announced at a news conference later Thursday.

The rebels held a last minute meeting earlier Thursday to consider the ZCU's offer of a new selection panel and a method of dealing with grievances and problems in the future.

The 12 white players have been demanding the ZCU directors reinstate captain Heath Streak who was sacked when he called for two selectors without first-class experience to stand down.

## Nat'l jr chess

SPORTS REPORTER

The 25th national junior chess championships (U-20) got underway at the Bangladesh Chess Federation conference room yesterday.

In all 91 chess players including 13 rated players are participating in the competition. On the opening day, 42 players won their respective matches. Among them were defending champions Ali, Parag, Sagar, Robin and Mostafa.

## Nat'l athletics from today

SPORTS REPORTER

The 29th national athletics championships will begin at the Sher-e-Bangla Mirpur National Stadium today. Dhaka City Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka will declare the two-day meet open at 3pm.

About 450 athletes featuring 45 teams are expected to compete in 36 events including 14 for women.

## Learn for Lara: Atapattu

AFP, Colombo

Sri Lankan captain Marvan Atapattu has told his Zimbabwe-bound batsmen to draw inspiration from world record-smashing West Indian Brian Lara in order to play a long innings.

"When you get runs, get the maximum. Lara's innings is a classic example which can help us improve our game," Atapattu told reporters Thursday before his team's departure for Zimbabwe for five one-dayers and two Test matches.

The first one-dayer begins at Bulawayo on April 20.

## ONE-DAY SQUAD

Marvan Atapattu (captain), Mahela Jayawardene (vice-captain), Sanath Jayasuriya, Kumar Sangakkara, Tillakaratne Dilshan, Russell Arnold, Saman Jayantha, Thilina Kandamby, Chaminda Vaas, Nuwan Zoysa, Dilhar Fernando, Nuwan Kulasekara, Farveez Maharoof, Mutthia Muralitharan, Upul Chandana, Rangana Herath.

## Baishakhi kabadi

SPORTS REPORTER

Haider Ali High School became champions in the Baishakhi Kabadi Mela on Wednesday beating Shaheed Nabi High School 75-67 in the final at outer stadium kabadi court.

In the semifinals, Shaheed Nabi ousted Nawabpur Government High School while Haider Ali eliminated Dolapir High School.

Ten teams took part in the event organised by the Bangladesh Kabadi Federation to mark Bangla New Year.

## It doesn't

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At Rawalpindi, the scenes were more encouraging but the stands on the first two days were, at best, only a third full.

India won the first Test by an innings and 52 runs but Pakistan hit back with an emphatic nine-wicket victory in the second and the attitude on the field, however, has been of "no quarter given and none asked for".

"If I wasn't playing the matches, I wouldn't have missed them for anything in the world," said one Indian player.

"The Tests have been intense, charged and have produced some great cricket. If you don't come to the ground, it's simply your loss."

## Pakistan plan

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each country, and a tour to India by Pakistan in 2005.

PCB chief executive Rameez Raja said the main obstacle to the six-match 'Friendship' series was finding time to fit it into a busy international schedule.

Both sides are due to take part in a triangular tournament, also involving Australia, in Holland in August, which will act as a warm-up for the ICC Champions Trophy.

## Magura cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Moyenuddin Smriti Sangsad defeated Young Eleven Star by 77 runs in the inaugural match of a cricket tournament organised by Magura District Sports Association at the district stadium yesterday.

Moyenuddin Smriti batted first and scored 155-9 in the stipulated 25 overs. Young Eleven were shot out for 78 in 23.3 overs.

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