

Div I hockey

SPORTS REPORTER

Farashganj Sporting Club registered a 5-2 victory over Combined Sporting Club in yesterday's Green Delta First Division Hockey League at the Maulana Bhashani National Stadium. The winners led the first half 3-1.

Faisal scored three goals while Sumon and Rubel added one each for the winners. Ramjan and Mamun reduced the margin for the losers.

In the day's other match, Bachelor Sporting Club blanked Shishu Kishore Sangha 2-0 after leading the first half 1-0.

Magura cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Shaheed Mintu Sangha defeated Huq Sporting Club by 74 runs in the opening match of the Econo First Division Cricket League at the Magura Stadium yesterday.

Winning the toss, Mintu Sangha batted first and scored 219 all out in the stipulated 40 overs.

In reply, Huq Sporting were all out for 145 in 29.1 overs.

SCORES IN BRIEF

SHAHEED MINTU SANGHA: 219 all out in 40 overs (Firoz 41, Chanchal 27, Zico 25; Ekhlas 3/22, Litu 3/41, Masum 1/18).

HUQ SPORTING CLUB: 145 all out in 29.1 overs (Litu 39, Masud 24, Rony 22; Mamun 3/26, Golam Rasul 2/12, Chanchal 1/5).

Result: Mintu Sangha won by 74 runs.

Man-of-the-match: Firoz

Today's match: Dariapur Cricket Club vs Moinuddin Smriti Sangsad.

Pepsi v'ball

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Chittagong and Munshiganj confirmed their semifinal berths in Zone Three of the Pepsi 17th National Men's Handball Championship qualifiers yesterday.

Chittagong handed Chandpur a 25-3 defeat Chandpur after dominating the first half 14-2 while Munshiganj overcame a first-half (10-13) deficit to edge past Kurigram 20-18 in the other match at the Dhaka handball court.

Both semifinals take place this morning while the third-place decider and final will be held later in the afternoon at the same venue.

Gaibandha cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Cricket Coaching Centre defeated GKSP by 42 runs in the First Division Cricket League at the Gaibandha Stadium yesterday.

In reply to Cricket Coaching's 110 all out, GKSP were bundled out for 68 in 22 overs.



Did U Know?

Gymnasiums were introduced in 900BC and Greek athletes practised in the nude to the accompaniment of music. They also performed naked at the Olympic Games.



India seek tax relief for 2011 WC



AFF, New Delhi

India would bid to host cricket's World Cup in 2011 provided the sport's showpiece one-day event was exempt from government tax, a leading official said Friday.

"We are planning to host the World Cup in 2011 but we can go ahead only if we get the nod on tax exemption from the government," said former Indian cricket chief Jagmohan Dalmiya.

The International Cricket Council (ICC) insists on a tax waiver for all

major events and the Indian government's tax-heavy policy has already created a hurdle for the country ahead of hosting next year's Champions Trophy.

Dalmiya was speaking after a meeting in New Delhi with federal sports minister Sunil Dutt and ICC president Ehsan Mani focusing on tax exemption for the Champions Trophy, the mini-World Cup held every two years.

"The minister gave us a patient hearing and has promised to take up the matter with the concerned authorities," said Dalmiya, also a former head of the ICC.

The ICC hopes to get the Indian

government's reply before its executive board meeting in New Delhi on March 17-18.

The ICC's tax waiver policy was not enforced when India co-hosted two World Cups in the past, in 1987 with Pakistan and in 1996 with both Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

The ICC last year warned that India, the world's largest market for cricket, was not the place to hold major tournaments because of the government's high tax rates.

India, with millions of cricket-crazy viewers, has the largest television audience for the sport in the world.

Wayaskarani waltz

FROM PAGE 13 against the hosts. Resuming on 267 Rajshahi were all out for 292 as Ziaur Rahman took two wickets including the scalp of skipper Khaled Mashud (42).

Kulhna's pace duo Zia and Dollar Mahmud both chipped in with three wickets.

Kulhna, the only team to record an outright win in the first round, were 155-4 at stumps with Sazzadul Hassan batting on 62 and Jameluddin Babu on 29.

Rajshahi pacer Alamgir Kabir claimed three early wickets including that of Kulhna captain Habibul Bashar (10) as the hosts were reduced to 37-3.

But Sazzad dug in and saw off 235 balls in a painstaking knock. He added 62 for the fourth wicket with Asadullah Khan and a further 56 for the unbroken sixth wicket with Jamal.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboards of the second round matches of the National Cricket League at the end of third day's play yesterday:

CHITTAGONG-SYLHET

SYLHET: First innings 216

CHITTAGONG: First innings (overnight 334-7)

Tamim lbw b Nayeem 22

Salahuddin c Mabud b Hasibul 0

Nazimuddin c Parvez b Nayeem 204

Ehsanul c Sadikul b Sirajullah 3

Aslam c Hasibul b Nabil 0

Faisal st Mabud b Nabil 58

Rabib c Hirul b Nabil 18

Sunny lbw b Nabil 0

Wayaskarani lbw Nabil 18

Arafat C Tushar b Hasibul 3

Alamgir not out 13

Extras: (b-13, lb-3, nb-10, w-4) 30

Total: (All out in 121.1 overs) 371

Fall of wkt: 1-11, 2-57, 3-91, 4-109, 5-259, 6-328, 7-328, 8-337, 9-342, 10-371.

BOWLERS O M R W

Mahbubul 21 5 46 4

Mahmud 23.3 6 14 0

Ashraful 9 2 22 2

Sunn29 14 57 2

Mehrab Jr 19 9 37 1

Neyemur 4 1 7 0

DHAKA-BARISAL

DHAKA: First innings 355

BARISAL: First innings (overnight 57-1)

Humayun lbw Mahbubul 35

Sabik c sub (Anwar) b Mahmud 1

Hannan c & Mabud 26

Shahin lbw b Arafat 5

Mahbubul c Mehrab Jr b

Nasiruddin st Sajjad b Mehrab Jr 22

Mosharraf lbw b Mahbubul 79

Nafid c Sajjad b Mahmud 26

Sonnet c Mehrab Jr b Arafat 24

Anis not out 6

Tariq b Mahmud 1

Extras: (lb-17, lb-18, nb-1, w-2) 38

Total: (All out in 105.3 overs) 263

Fall of wkt: 1-8, 2-67, 3-76, 4-76, 5-76, 6-169, 7-209, 8-251, 9-253, 10-263.

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Bashar b Alamgir 10

Sazzad batting 62

Asadul b Rezwanul 28

Jamal batting 29

Extras: (b-9, lb-10, nb-1) 20

Total: (For 4 wkt in 77 overs) 155

Fall of wkt: 1-8, 2-30, 3-37, 4-49.

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Forhad 15 1 32 0

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Shuvo 10 5 12 0

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