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Muktijoddha striker Walid (C) thumps home the winner past Rahmatganj goalkeeper Ali during their B. League tie at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Ali College lift Souhardo Cup

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

The Government Maulana Mohammad Ali College of Kagrani won the Souhardo Cup football tournament after a 1-0 win over Tangail Municipality 1-0 in the final at the local stadium here yesterday.

Masud scored the all-important goal in the fourth minute of the game.

Delwar of the winning side was adjudged the best player-of-the-final while Awval of Tangail Zila Krira Sangstha was given the award for the player-of-the-tournament after scoring seven goals.

On November 5, Ali College reached the final after defeating Government Saadat College of Karatia in a tiebreaker after the regulation time ended 1-1 in the first semifinal while Tangail Municipality beat Tangail Zila Krira Sangstha, also in tiebreaker after the match remained goalless in the stipulated time in the second semifinal the next day.

After the final, Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) president Kazi Mohammad Salahuddin distributed prizes among the winners.

Howarth no more

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Hedley Howarth, who was New Zealand's leading slow bowler during the early 1970s and a key man in their first Test win on the subcontinent, has died at the age of 64.

Howarth, the elder brother of the former New Zealand captain Geoff Howarth, collected 86 wickets at 36.95 in his 10 Test appearances.

A left-arm orthodox bowler, Howarth occupies a significant place in New Zealand's history as the man who bowled them to victory against India in Nagpur in



HEDLEY HOWARTH

1969-70. India were chasing 277 in the fourth innings but Howarth's 5 for 34, including a wonderful catch off his own bowling, ensured the hosts never got close.

New Zealand's 167-run win was their first Test success on the subcontinent. It was also in that part of the world that Howarth collected his only other five-wicket haul in a Test, when he picked up 5 for 80 against Pakistan in Karachi.

Howarth's control and flight made him a useful prospect at international level and he was often used in long spells to dry up the scoring. A dangerous bowler on the first-class scene, Howarth picked up 541 wickets at 25.27 in an Auckland career that lasted nearly two decades.



Did U Know?

The University of Chicago played its first college basketball game in 1894. In the very first game, they defeated the Chicago YMCA Training School nineteen to eleven.

LOCAL SNIPPETS

SPORTS REPORTER

The 29th National Cricket Championship will begin across the country from November 10.

The first round matches will be held till November 17 at eight venues with teams expected from every district.

The Dhaka Division matches will be held in Tangail and Faridpur while the matches of the Chittagong Division will be held in Noakhali, Dinajpur and Rajshahi. Host matches of the northern division while Khulna Division matches will be held in Jessor. Pirojpur will host Barisal Division games while Sylhet's matches will be held in the northeastern town.

Dhaka are the reigning champions of the competition.

DIVII FOOTBALL

Ismail struck a hat-trick to power East End Club to a 6-0 win over Prantik Krira Chakra in the Metropolis Second Division Football League at the Bishreshtha Shaheed Sepoy Mohammad Mostafa Stadium at Kamalapur yesterday.

The striker struck all three goals in the second half - 47th, 61st and 79th minutes.

In the first-half, Gafur, Shaheen and Biplob scored in the 4th, 20th and 38th minutes.

In the day's other match, Motijheel T&T Club came from a goal down to beat Dhanmondi Club 2-1 at the same venue in the afternoon.

Riaz put Dhanmondi ahead in the 4th minute before Jewel restored parity for the Motijheel side in the 23rd minute.

Later, Jalil scored the match-winning goal in the 67th minute.

In today's matches, Police AC take on Bangladesh Boys and Basabo Tarun Sangha face Little Friends Club.

DIVI HOCKEY

Police Athletics Club notched up a 2-0 victory over Mukta Bihanga Tarun Sangha in the Green Delta First Division Hockey League at the Maulana Bhasani National Hockey Stadium yesterday.

Khairul and Rana scored two swift field goals in the 10th and 13th minutes for the winners.

In another match, Farashgan Sporting Club played out a goalless draw with Uttara Hockey Club at the same venue in the afternoon.

SENIOR FENCING

The Best Western La Vinci Hotel 1st Senior Fencing Championship began at the National Sports Council (NSC) gymnasium yesterday.

A total of 48 fencers including 20 women, are taking part in the two-day competition.

The events are men's epee individual, women's epee individual, men's sabre individual, women's sabre individual, men's foil individual and women's foil individual.

Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA) secretary general Kutubuddin Ahmed inaugurated the first-ever tournament as the chief guest. BOA director and CEO Col (retd) M Wali Ullah, BFA vice-president Lt Col (retd) Harun Rashid Chowdhury and general secretary Maj (retd) Qamrul Islam were also present at the function.

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Apart from Altaf and Lorgat, N Srinivasan, BCCI secretary, Nizamuddin Chowdhury, Bangladesh chief executive, and Duleep Mendis, Sri Lanka Cricket's chief executive, Campbell Jamieon, ICC's general manager-commercial, and IS Bindra, principal advisor to Lorgat, attended the meeting.

WC cricket preparations behind schedule

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The International Cricket Council (ICC) has asked the 2011 World Cup organising committee to begin preparations for the tournament for which they are already ten months behind schedule.

India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka will be jointly hosting the World Cup expected to be held in February-March 2011.

Sealeem Altaf, the Pakistan Cricket Board's (PCB) director general, said normally the committee started the work three years before the tournament. "The ICC reminded us that we are behind schedule on the organisation of the World Cup," Altaf said after attending a two-day meeting of the World Cup organising committee held under the chairmanship of ICC chief executive Haroon Lorgat earlier this week.

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