

Players of Mohammedan Sporting Club celebrate after they defeated arch-rivals Abahani yesterday at the Gulshan Youth Club ground to reach the final of Women's Club Cup cricket tournament.

# BSF to hold training for amateurs

MSC overcome Rahmatganj

Mohammedan stepped up

their game and found the

equaliser through Bukola on

the 33rd minute. His galloping

header on a swerving freekick

from Mamunul Islam found

got ahead again, but

Nwacukwu's from inside the

box over an advancing

Mohammedan keeper Aminul

Islam lacked direction. And

when Mohammad Mamun

missed a sitter with a gaping

goal in the eighth minute of

the second half, signs looked

ominous for Rahmatganj.

Mohammedan upped the

Rilee Rossouw then steadied

things, adding another 92 for

the second wicket as Petersen

got into his own, hitting

boundaries at will. After

Rossouw's dismissal for 25 to

Faisal Hossain, who also

removed Stiaan van Zyl in his

next over, it was a good period

for Bangladesh A as Petersen

also fell to the left-arm spin of

Faisal. But Jonathan Vandiar

and Kuhn had other ideas and

soon took control, associating

in a 106-run stand with 19-year-

Twenty20 international for

South Africa, remained not out

on 104 runs off 145 balls that

had ten boundaries. He was at

the crease with captain Thami

Tsolekile, who remained not

out on 59 off 70 balls with six

Pakistan captain Shahid Afridi

and coach Wagar Younus said

they hoped their countrymen

would get behind the World

Twenty20 team which left for

backs us in our campaign,"

said coach Waqar as most of

in England last year, is placed

in Group A of the 12-nation

event which starts on April 30

and finishes on May 16. They

face Bangladesh in the open-

four groups will qualify for the

Intikhab Alam as coach after

team's dismal tour of Australia

in February this year, said all

easy and put best efforts to

"We will not take any match

next stage of the tournament.

Two teams from each of the

Waqar, who replaced

the team left for St Lucia.

ing match on May 1.

matches are tough.

"We hope the whole nation

Pakistan, who won the title

the West Indies on Saturday.

Pakistan off

to Windies

boundaries and a six.

AFP, Lahore

Kuhn, who played a single

oldVandiarnotchingup51.

Visitors thrive

Rahmatganj should have

the back of the net.

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Having gone behind

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inside the box having made

wonderful flip with his left foot

but his last shot turned out to

be neither a shot on goal nor a

cross as it evaded everyone.

Few minutes later he shot an

Emily header way above the

bar from just inside the box.

And Mohammedan paid for

those mistakes as they fell

behind after 27 minutes

through a headed goal from

Mohammad Mamun. It started

with Jakir Hossain's through

ball that was lingered down the

right hand side by Paul

Nwacukwu who provided an

inch-perfect cross for Mamun

Asif along with two other

members won gold in the 10m

air rifle team event with Asif

firing his best of 596, but the

boy from Pabna made 586 and

585 in Commonwealth

Shooting and Indo-

Bangladesh Bangla Games

respectively and subsequently

was axed from the Bangladesh

shooting squad for the

medal in the 2002

Commonwealth Games as well

as the Islamabad 2004 South

Asian Games, Asif has more or

less been going through a bad

patch though he was sent to the

Wesbaden in Germany for

advanced training long before

the 2008 Beijing Olympics. But

he was sent back in the middle

of the training following slow

with a gold medal in the South

Asian Shooting

Championships in Islamabad

in 2007 with a score of 595 and

then again walked back and got

dropped from the squad ahead

of the Asian Air Gun

Championships in October last

comeback bagging gold in SA

Games in January-February

shooting his best-ever scores of

596, but his performance in the

next two international tourna-

ments was very disappointing.

SA Academy

Academy skipper, for 26 off 45

Mahmudul Hasan (31)

remained unbeaten at the end

left-arm spinner Saqlain Sajib

picked up four wickets while

Tanvir Haider picked up three

as the visitors failed to lift the

hosts' second innings target to

Yaseen Vallie struck a quickfire

82 off 91 balls that had 12

Right-handed batsman

a total above 400 runs.

Shuvogoto Hom (24) and

Earlier on the third day,

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balls.

of the day.

boundaries.

He again staged a superb

He, however, bounced back

Since his glorious gold

Championships.

improvement.

to head it in for a shock lead.

Caution

Games earlier this year.

**FROM PAGE 17** 

The Bangladesh Shooting Federation has decided to run a shooting training centre for amateur shooters as well as foreigners now staying in Bangladesh, within a month at the National Shooting Complex in Gulshan.

The executive committee took the decision on Friday following the constant appeals from the diplomats who work for different embassies, and the amateur shooters who live in the neighbouring areas.

However the federation's decision of running a training centre has been encouraged by two things -- to find out potential shooters from the amateurs throughout the year and to build up a good relation with the diplomats in a bid to collect some scholarships to send the local shooters abroad for training.

"Our shooting will go a step ahead if the amateur shooters who live in the surrounding areas of the federation come forward to practice regularly because we will try to find out potential shooters from them,"

said BSF general secretary ANM Istiaque Ahmed.

Replying to a query, Istiaque said, "I can assure you that the federation will not face any financial loss even if we are not able to make it a profitable centre."

Meanwhile, Bangladesh Shooting Federation imported 120 air guns ahead of the Inter-Club Championship, National Championship and Air Gun Championship to be held in the next three months.

The BSF general secretary said that they would give away two air guns each to 60 clubs so that they could continue training throughout the year as well as launch a talent hunt programme in the respective area.

He also informed that they have plans to revive the rifles club at the hill-tracks area of Chittagong, distributing air guns and the BSF development committee has been working on it.

The BSF EC meeting also fixed the dates of the championships -- Inter Club (May 17), National Championship (June 13-17) and Air Gun Championship (July 15-16).

ante in search for a winner and

they took the lead in the 69th

minute though another

header from Bukola on a Waly

Faisal cross. Mohammedan

controlled the rest of the game

but Bukola spurned two won-

derful opportunities to bag a

hattrick and kill off the game.

However, it was Emily who put

the icing on the cake with a 90-

minute strike. He dived low to

put a deft touch on a square

Mohammad Nehal. The 3-1

much-needed victory and

Apart from Faisal's three

from his 27 overs, it was a

decent day for leggie Noor who

took two wickets but the more

**BANGLADESH A:** First innings

346 all out (Nafees 45, Shamsur

84, Junaed 1, Nazimuddin 48

Faisal 23, Farhad 38, Sahagir 6,

Nur 49, Shahadat 29, Enamul

not out, Tsolekile 59 not out,

Extras 25; Shahadat 0-60,

Enamul 0-94, Noor 2-77,

Shamsur 0-2, Rabiul 0-50,

achieve the target, which is to

successfully defend our title,"

said the former fast bowler.

"We have trained well and are

team in all departments and if

we bat to our plan, bowl

accurately and field well then

there is no reason why we

should not win again, but we

also need prayers from the

The second four-day Test

After the four-day Test

series, a tri-nation one-day

tournament will be held

involving second string sides

of Bangladesh, South Africa

and West Indies, who the

home side also play two four-

dayers against on completion

of the one-day tournament.

Junaed out

will start from April 28.

"We have a very balanced

confident of success.

people."

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Rafiqul Alam.

Farhad 0-35, Faisal 3-109).

other worries.

went wicketless.

73, van Zyl 4-37).

**SCORES IN BRIEF** 

WOMEN'S CRICKET

# Rumana takes MSC to final

SPORTS REPORTER

Rumana Ahmed gave the best all-round performance ever seen in women's cricket in this country in Mohammedan's 34run semifinal victory over archrivals Abahani in the Women's Club Cup cricket tournament at the Gulshan Youth Club ground vesterday.

She first slammed a brilliant 86 as Mohammedan scored 197-5 in 40 overs and later, her fivewicket haul helped Mohammedan to skittle Abahani out for 163 runs in 39.3

Rumana smashed eleven boundaries and a six in her 106ball knock that also aided in a 115-run fourth wicket stand with skipper Salma Khatun, who made 49.

Rumana then picked up the wickets of Yamim Rupa, Jahanara Alam, Sharmin Akhter, Khairun Nahar and Supria Rani, giving away 38 runs from 7.3 overs.

Mohammedan will now face Ansar & VDP at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium on April 28.

## **Ex-BOA** bosses condole Samaranch's death

SPORTS REPORTER

pass from Zahid Hossain to Former Bangladesh Olympic beat the advancing keeper Association (BOA) president Lt Gen (retd) Mahbubur Rahman victory gave Mohammedan a and Golam Ouddus Chowdhury, former secretary their players a respite from general of BOA, expressed deep shock at the demise of Juan Antonio Samaranch, the former president of International Olympic Committee (IOC).

"We express our heartfelt condolence and convey our sympathy and solidarity with you and all member(s) of the Olympic family," read a letter addressed to the IOC chief Jacques Rogge a day after the experienced Enamul Haque Spaniard passed away in Barcelona on April 21.

The statement also praised the tireless effort of Samaranch during his 21-year reign from 1980 to 2001, and fondly remembered his visit to Bangladesh in 1995.

7\*, Rabiul 2, Extras 14; der Wath The letter also appreciated 2-51, Tsotsobe 1-76, Philander how Samaranch 'kept the 1-28, Tshabalala 0-80, Elgar 2flame ablaze and spread the lofty spirit of Olympism to SOUTH AFRICA A: First build a world of peace, harinnings 436-5 in 90 overs (Elgar mony and friendship through 48, Petersen 116, Roussow 25, sports'. van Zyl 8, Vandiar 51, Kuhn 104

# Asian chess

SPORTS REPORTER

GM Ziaur Rahman won his fourth round game in the 9th Asian Continental Individual Chess Championship at Subic Free port city in Philippines yesterday.

Zia beat FM Habla Jony of the host nation to secure two points from four outings.

A total of 90 players including 32 Grandmasters, 20 **International Masters from 15** countries are taking part in the championship and top five players from them will qualify for the next world cup.

## Nat'l women's

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Dilara Jahan Nupur drew against Protiva Talukder. WFM Zakia Sultana and Masuda Begum were playing against Aeon Sarkar and Masuda Begum when this report was filed.

Earlier, Dhaka divisional commissioner Dr Khandokar Sawkat Hossain declared the championship open while Narayanganj DC Md. Shamsur Rahman and Narayanganj DSA president Biswash Afzal Hossain, tournament organizing committee chairman QA Aksir were among others pres-

# I won't quit, let them remove me: Modi

CRICINFO, undated



There is no sign of a compromise between Lalit Modi and the

Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) over the Indian Premier League (IPL) controversy, with Modi sending out a strong message through his Twitter feed that he would not be backing down in what he called a "trial by media" even as board officials spent the day in a series of meetings at their Mumbai headquarters. "People pressurising me to

resign -- I can tell you will not happen. Let them remove me then," Modi tweeted. "Truth will prevail soon. Trial by media and no chance to present the facts is like the wild west. Wait and the facts will be delivered." "Wait for the IPL to finish,"

he said, "I will reveal the men who have tried to bring disrepute to the game and how we stopped them from doing it."

His messages came a day after the IPL's awards ceremony, where the BCCI's top two officials were missing, and a day before the tournament final. On Friday night, his speech at the awards ceremony was interpreted as a sort of farewell speech and the tone continue in Saturday's tweets. "What we have done has been there for all of you to see for the past 4 years.

No one can take that away."

There was some support over the past day for Modi, who has been the target of what some have called a witchhunt, from two franchise owners. On Saturday, the actress Preity Zinta, a co-owner of the Punjab franchise, said Modi has been unfairly singled out and deserved credit for making the IPL what it is. Her comments



### LALIT MODI

echoed those of Jay Mehta, the co-owner of the Kolkata franchise, on Friday; he said, "To make one person the fall guy for this is unfortunate". Through the day, Modi's

colleagues on the BCCI's working committee were huddled together trying to figure a way out of this controversy. The IPL's governing council will meet formally on Monday

morning to discuss the issue but they would like a plan in place by then.

Speculation has begun on who will replace Modi as IPL chairman, with Shashank Manohar, the BCCI president, a clear front-runner if in an overseeing capacity, and Ravi Shastri, the former India allrounder, the outside bet for an executive role. Those familiar with the situation suggest that Manohar's name will be nominated for the chairman's position as soon as a consensus is taken on Modi.

"Shashank Manohar should be the first choice," one of the IPL governing council mem-bers told Cricinfo. "In whatever capacity he is willing to serve, he is the ideal replacement."

Punters had already tipped Manohar as a favourite for interim chairman of the IPL as Modi's grip over the IPL weakened by the minute in the last week over numerous allegations that have federal agencies like the Income-Tax department and the Enforcement Directorate investigating all aspects of the league's operations.

Unlike the high profile that Modi has maintained. Manohar is low key, almost austere and inscrutable. A lawyer by profession, he mostly operates from his hometown of Nagpur. His biggest strengths are his simplicity and discipline -- and, perhaps, his reluctance to entertain the media.

"He is honest and has no allegiance to anyone else. Also his untainted image is necessary for the board at the moment,' said the source.

But not everyone is entirely sure if Manohar's clean image by itself makes him a suitable choice. "A large part of working in the IPL is you are dealing with team owners who are not used to taking no for an answer," a franchise official said. "You need somebody who is used to dealing with the corporate world. People who works for only the BCCI or for himself like Shashank Manohar, who is a lawyer, is used to diktats and not used to dealing with industry bosses. If you don't understand their problems then there will be

the official, would be Shastri, whose cricketing background coupled with his diversified interests in the corporate field make him a good proposition. Shastri has logged in more than a decade in the corporate industry in diversified areas such as television, and event management. "The IPL sits on a huge bridge between industry and cricket. Being a man who has his own event management company, knows the showbiz, has worked on both sides, Shastri is not a bad choice. That in this case could prove to be a vital difference," the franchise official pointed out.

# World T20 records

AFP, London

World Twenty20 records ahead of the 2010 championship in the Caribbean from April 30-May16: HIGHEST TOTALS (Team, Score, Overs,

Opposition, Ground, Date) Sri Lanka 260-6 20.0 v Kenya Johannesburg 14 Sep 2007

India 218-420.0 v England Durban 19 Sep 2007 South Africa 211-5 20.0 v Scotland The Oval 07

Jun 2009 South Africa 208-2 17.4 v West Indies Johannesburg 11 Sep 2007 West Indies 205-6 20.0 v South Africa

Johannesburg 11 Sep 2007 LOWEST TOTALS (Team, Score, Overs, Opposition, Ground, Date)

Kenya 73 16.5 v New Zealand Durban 12 Sep Scotland 81 15.4 v South Africa The Oval 07 Jun

Bangladesh 83 15.5 v Sri Lanka Johannesburg 18

Kenya 88 19.3 v Sri Lanka Johannesburg 14 Sep Netherlands 93 17.3 v Pakistan Lord's 09 Jun

LARGEST WINS -- BY RUNS (Winner, Margin, Target, Opposition, Ground, Date)

Sri Lanka 172 runs 261 v Kenya Johannesburg 14 Sep 2007 South Africa 130 runs 212 v Scotland The Oval 07 Jun 2009

New Zealand 83 runs 199 v Ireland Nottingham 11 Jun 2009

Pakistan 82 runs 176 v Netherlands Lord's 09 Jun

Sri Lanka 64 runs 148 v Bangladesh

Johannesburg 18 Sep 2007 LARGEST WINS -- BY WICKETS (Winner, Margin, Target, Opposition, Ground, Date)

Australia 10 wickets 102 v Sri Lanka Cape Town 20 Sep 2007 New Zealand 9 wickets 74 v Kenya Durban 12

Sep 2007 Australia 9 wickets 124 v Bangladesh Cape Town 16Sep 2007

South Africa 8 wickets 206 v West Indies

Johannesburg 11 Sep 2007 Australia 8 wickets 136 v England Cape Town 14 Sep 2007

SMALLESTWINS -- BY RUNS (Winner, Margin, Target, Opposition, Ground, Date)

South Africa 1 run 129 v New Zealand Lord's 09 Jun 2009 England 3 runs 154 v India Lord's 14 Jun 2009

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

India 5 runs 158 v Pakistan Johannesburg 24 Sep Pakistan 7 runs 150 v South Africa Nottingham

New Zealand 5 runs 165 v England Durban 18

18 Jun 2009 SMALLEST WINS -- BY WICKETS (Winner,

Margin, Target, Opposition, Ground, Date) Pakistan 4 wickets 141 v Bangladesh Cape Town 20 Sep 2007

Netherlands 4 wickets 163 v England Lord's 05 Jun 2009 Zimbabwe 5 wickets 139 v Australia Cape Town

West Indies 5 wickets 80 v England The Oval 15 Jun 2009

Bangladesh 6 wickets 165 v West Indies Johannesburg 13 Sep 2007

MOST RUNS (Player, Mat, Inns, NO, Runs, HS, Ave. 100, 50, 4s, 6s)

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C Gayle (WIS) 117 57 7 10 v South Africa Johannesburg 11 Sep 2007

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Johannesburg 11 Sep 2007 J Kemp (RSA) 89no 5666 v New Zealand Durban 19 Sep 2007

S Jayasuriya (SRI) 88 44 11 4 v Kenya Johannesburg 14 Sep 2007 MOST WICKETS (Player, Mat, Overs, Mdns,

Runs, Wkts, BBI, Ave, 4, 5) Umar Gul (PAK) 1452.10313265-612.0311 Shahid Afridi (PAK) 1456.01337234-1114.6520

LMalinga (SRI) 1239.20281 193-17 14.7800 DVettori (NZL) 832.00180154-2012.0010 R Singh (IND) 929.00186144-1313.2810 BEST BOWLING BY INNINGS (Player, Overs, Mdns, Runs, Wkts, Opposition, Ground, Date)

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Shahid Afridi (PAK) 4.0 0 11 4 v Netherlands Lord's 09 Jun 2009

R Singh (IND) 4.0 0 13 4 v South Africa Durban 20 Sep 2007 W Parnell (RSA) 4.0 0 13 4 v West Indies The

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# ASIAN GAMES Painting

held

spirit of the upcoming Asian Games in China, Bangladesh Olympic Association held a painting competition for school students yesterday.

groups, took part in the competition. The subjects of the competition were 'My Asian Games my dream, play with Le Yangyang -- the official mascot of the Games and Asia in my heart, Guangzhou in my heart.'

judges.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

the Sylhet Mayor Cup Football tournament as they defeated Ward 24 3-2 in tie-breaker in the first semifinal at the Sylhet Stadium yesterday. The regulation time had ended goalless.

Ward 8 moved to the final of

Ward 9 would face Ward 20 tomorrow in the second semifnal. The final match is scheduled for April 28.

After being suspended for

five months, the first Sylhet Mayor Cup Football tournament resumed on April 20 at the Sylhet Stadium.

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CRYPTOQUIP

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: AT THE HOGS' TAVERN, I ASSUMED THE ONE SERVING THE BEVERAGES

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: L equals V

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huge differences." A better choice, according to

competition

SPORTS REPORTER

In quest of spreading the

Students from different city schools, split into two

Professor Matlub Ali and assistant professor Mohammad Nazib of Fine Arts Institute of Dhaka University were present as

Mayor Cup