



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

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.

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."

MSC overcome Rahmatganj

FROM PAGE 17 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.

Having gone behind 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 the back of the net.

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 wonderful opportunities to bag a hat-trick and kill off the game.

Caution

FROM PAGE 17 Games earlier this year. 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 Championships.

Visitors thrive

FROM PAGE 17 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-old Vandiar notching up 51.

Apart from Faisal's three from his 27 overs, it was a decent day for leggie Noor who took two wickets but the more experienced Enamul Haque went wicketless.

Pakistan off to Windies

AFP, Lahore He, however, bounced back 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 year.

Pakistan captain Shahid Afridi and coach Waqar Younus said they hoped their countrymen would get behind the World Twenty20 team which left for the West Indies on Saturday.

achieve the target, which is to successfully defend our title," said the former fast bowler. "We have trained well and are confident of success."

SA Academy

FROM PAGE 17 Academy skipper, for 26 off 45 balls. Shuvogoto Hom (24) and Mahmudul Hasan (31) remained unbeaten at the end of the day.

Junaed out

FROM PAGE 17 Rafiqul Alam. The second four-day Test will start from April 28. 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-days against on completion of the one-day tournament.

Asian chess

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

WOMEN'S CRICKET Rumana takes MSC to final

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

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

Ex-BOA bosses condole Samaranch's death

Former Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA) president Lt Gen (retd) Mahbubur Rahman and G. M. Quddus Chowdhury, former secretary general of BOA, expressed deep shock at the demise of Juan Antonio Samaranch, the former president of International Olympic Committee (IOC).

Asian chess

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

Not'l women's

FROM PAGE 17 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.

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.

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 Ravishastri, the former India all-rounder, 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 members told Cricinfo. "In whatever capacity he is willing to serve, he is the ideal replacement."

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 dealing in the IPL is you are working 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 dictats and not used to dealing with industry bosses. If you don't understand their problems then there will be huge differences."

A better choice, according to 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-May 16: HIGHEST TOTALS (Team, Score, Overs, Opposition, Ground, Date) Sri Lanka 260-6 20.0 v Kenya Johannesburg 14 Sep 2007 India 218-4 20.0 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 2007 Scotland 81 15.4 v South Africa The Oval 07 Jun 2009 Bangladesh 83 15.5 v Sri Lanka Johannesburg 18 Sep 2007 Kenya 88 19.3 v Sri Lanka Johannesburg 14 Sep 2007 Netherlands 93 17.3 v Pakistan Mohali 09 Jun 2009 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 2009 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 16 Sep 2007 South Africa 8 wickets 206 v West Indies Johannesburg 11 Sep 2007 Australia 8 wickets 136 v England Cape Town 14 Sep 2007 SMALLEST WINS -- 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

New Zealand 5 runs 165 v England Durban 18 Sep 2007 India 5 runs 158 v Pakistan Johannesburg 24 Sep 2007 Pakistan 7 runs 150 v South Africa Nottingham 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 12 Sep 2007 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) T Dilshan (SRI) 12 11 2 382 96no 42.44 03 487 G Gambhir (IND) 12 11 0 375 75 34.09 0 4 43 6 Shoaib Malik (PAK) 14 14 4 339 57 33.90 0 2 27 5 K Pietersen (ENG) 9 9 0 332 79 36.88 0 2 36 10 S Jayasuriya (SRI) 12 12 0 331 88 27.58 0 3 39 12 HIGHEST SCORES (Player, Runs, Balls, 4s, 6s, Opposition, Ground, Date) C Gayle (WIS) 117 57 7 10 v South Africa Johannesburg 11 Sep 2007 T Dilshan (SRI) 96no 57 12 2 v West Indies The Oval 19 Jun 2009 H Gibbs (RSA) 90no 55 14 2 v West Indies Johannesburg 11 Sep 2007 J Kemp (RSA) 89no 56 6 6 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) 14 52 1 0 313 265-612.03 11 1 Shahid Afridi (PAK) 14 56 0 1 337 234-11 14.65 20 L Malinga (SRI) 12 39 0 2 281 193-17 14.78 0 0 D Vettori (NZL) 8 32 0 0 180 154-20 12.00 10 R Singh (IND) 9 29 0 0 186 144-13 13.28 10 BEST BOWLING BY INNINGS (Player, Overs, Mdns, Runs, Wkts, Opposition, Ground, Date) Umar Gul (PAK) 3.0 0 6 5 v New Zealand The Oval 13 Jun 2009 M Gillespie (NZL) 2.5 0 7 4 v Kenya Durban 12 Sep 2007 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 Oval 13 Jun 2009

ASIAN GAMES Painting competition held

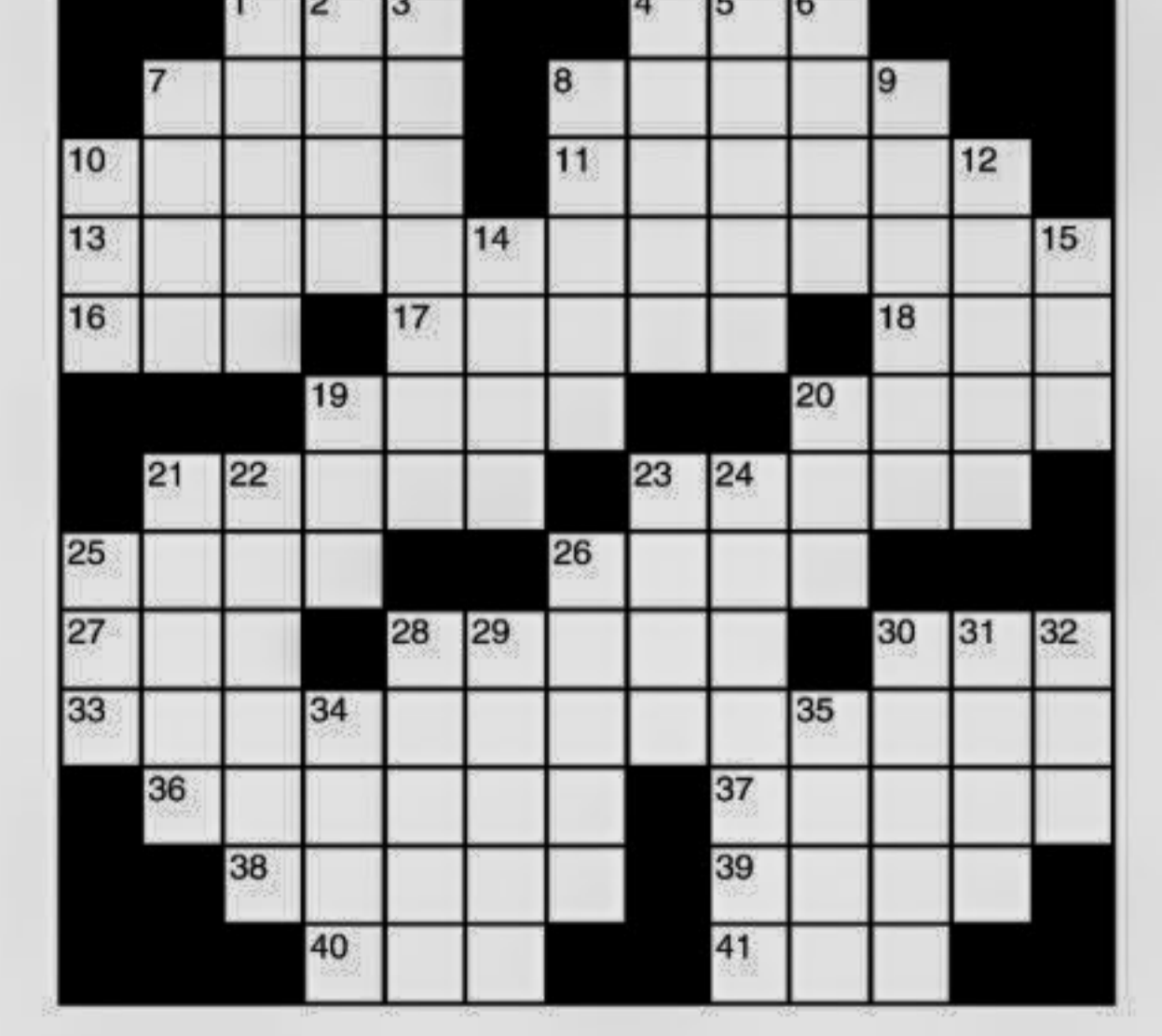
SPORTS REPORTER In quest of spreading the spirit of the upcoming Asian Games in China, Bangladesh Olympic Association held a painting competition for school students yesterday. Students from different city schools, split into two groups, took part in the competition. The subjects of the competition were 'My Asian Games my dream, play with Le Yangyang -- the official mascot of the Games and Asia in my heart, Guangzhou in my heart'.

Mayor Cup

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet Ward 8 moved to the final of 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 9 would face Ward 2 tomorrow in the second semifinal. 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.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS 1 Dog's ID 4 Atlas component 7 Tooth-paste container 8 Young hooter 11 Pre-ambles, briefly 13 Family member 16 "CSI" find 17 Cardiff's country 18 Writer Levin 19 Senior employee 20 Retain 21 Strong wagons 23 Dens 25 Night light? 26 Bankruptcy cause 27 Lennon's lady 28 Alpha's opposite 30 Eggs 33 Couch potato's handful 36 Night-club 37 Club-erner's speech trait 38 "In Memoriam," e.g. 39 On the — (at variance) 40 Raw rock 41 Born DOWN 1 Okla-homa city 2 Help in wrong-doing 3 Flea in 4 Chop finely 5 Some choristers' land 7 Doppel-ganger 8 Champi-on 9 More optimistic 10 Peculiar 12 Begets 14 Run-down horses 15 Siesta 19 Zero-star review Solution time: 21 mins.



CRYPTOQUIP Z I R V R G I R R V R - Z W O O R T O W Z J Z W R V I J L R V Z J U Z R T S W D B S V W E U . A J X Y R Z I R X ' L R Y R G W A R U W Z Z R B J E S U J Z D B . Yesterday's Cryptoquip: AT THE HOGS' TAVERN, I ASSUMED THE ONE SERVING THE BEVERAGES MUST HAVE BEEN THE BOARTENDER. Today's Cryptoquip Clue: L equals V