

**Anand must get Bharat Ratna** 

For his role in promoting chess in the country, Grand Master Viswanathan Anand is the obvious choice for the coveted Bharat Ratna Award, FIDE vicepresident DV Sundar said on Thursday. "Vishy is the role model (for indian chess players) and motivated them to take to the game. In the last five year, AICF (All India Chess Federation) has produced 24 GMs, 74 IMs and 14 woman GMs and 75 per cent of the credit for this growth goes to Vishy," he said while addressing members and newly elected office bearers of AICF.



# Shakib slays DOHS

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Shakib Al Hasan played a major role in Victoria Sporting Club's fightback in their 21-run win over Old DOHS in the Dhaka Premier League at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

In the day's other matches, Cricket Coaching School and Kalabagan picked up important wins over Brothers Union and Bangladesh Biman respectively.

### VICTORIA-OLD DOHS

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Grameenphone

Federation Cup 201

yesterday.

for the money.

Old DOHS made the perfect start to their chase of 135 runs in 23 overs when Nasir Jamshed and big-hitting all-rounder Ziaur Rahman went after the bowlers. Ziaur fell in the sixth over to Shakib after hitting a six and three boundaries but the Pakistani opener went on the rampage.

Nasir hammered 40 off 33 balls with the help of two boundaries and three sixes, before becoming Shakib's second victim in the tenth over, though the caught behind was questionable. The left-arm spinner immediately removed dangerman Faisal Hossain and despite the fracas between Tamim Iqbal and Old DOHS skipper

Mohammad Ashraful after the Faisal dismissal, Victoria prevailed.

Mosharraf Hossain Rubel picked up three wickets while Al-Amin Hossain took one.

## **CCS-BROTHERS**

Having started the day on 126-3 in 18.3 overs, CCS added 37 off the remaining 21 balls to post a challenging target to Brothers' attacking batsmen at BKSP.

They however fell in a heap as paceman Robiul Islam and his namesake took six wickets between them. Only Ageel Arshad struck 39 off 36 balls but the likes of Nazimuddin, Aftab Ahmed, Tushar Imran and Dhiman Ghosh had little impact on the chase.

### KALABAGAN-BIMAN

Kalabagan picked up their second win while Biman suffered their second defeat when the national airliner were crushed by a 36-run margin at Fatullah.

Abid Ali's 87 was the cornerstone of Kalabagan's 199-9 in 44 overs as the rest didn't capitalise on their starts.

Taskin Ahmed picked up five wickets for 21 runs for Biman.

Pakistan batsman Faisal Iqbal's 52 was all they had in their reply as they were bowled out for 163 runs in 42.1 overs. Pacemen Shahadat **SEE PAGE 17 COL 4** 



Old DOHS skipper Mohammad Ashraful (2nd from L) and Victoria Sporting Club's Tamim Iqbal are engaged in an on-field confrontation during their Dhaka Premier Cricket League game at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday. PHOTO: STAR

## KCA crush Partex SPORTS REPORTER Kalabagan Cricket Academy crushed Partex by 173 runs



Action from yesterday's Federation Cup match between Brothers Union and Wari Club at the Bangabandhu National Stadium. PHOTO: STAR

Both Group D fixtures of

the Grameenphone

Federation Cup pro-

duced barren draws as Brothers Union were

held by Wari Club while Old Dhaka neigh-

bours Rahmatganj MFS and Farashganj SC

shared the spoils at two different venues

At the Bangabandhu National Stadium,

Wari Club, a Bangladesh Championship

League side playing without any foreign

players, continued their impressive run

from the qualifying round and gave their

superior opponents Brothers Union a run

Wari, comprised mostly of First Division

League players who came outside Dhaka to

play only one season in Dhaka, were unlucky

the first half. Nevertheless they were happy

to snatch a point from Brothers Union, a

Bangladesh Premier League side who played

At a time of diminishing individual skills,

some of the Wari boys impressed with daz-

zling dodges, well-judged ball distribution

and sense positioning, even if they could not

Union, created the first opportunity of the

match but their Senegalese striker Habib

Diouf failed to beat advancing goalkeeper

Shahen Shah from one-on-one situation on

yielded three scoring opportunities but

fine cross for Shafikul Islam but Brothers

failed to cash in on any of those.

Having survived the first scare, Wari

Raju ran down the left flank to swerve in a

The Gopibagh-based outfit, Brothers

in the semifinals last season.

come out victorious.

the 15th minute.

# All square, all barren

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Shahid Afridi and Abdul Razzak, Twenty20 cricket's mar-League Twenty20 tournament. The Pakistani duo who are currently playing in Australia's

the players' auction when it takes place on January 19 and 20.

Fellow Pakistani Taufeeq Umar and Australian opener Aaron Finch have also put pen to paper.

The BPL governing council has informed that 111 foreign cricketers have so far signed up with the tournament and the figure is set to rise till the auction's date.

The 111 include big names such as Chris Gayle, Kieron Pollard, Dwayne Bravo, Shoaib Malik, Ajantha Mendis, Shaun Tait, Stuart McGill, James Anderson and Paul Collingwood among others. A hundred odd local players will also be up for auction.

# Tamim's ugly act

Banned for one game

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Victoria Sporting Club opener Tamim Iqbal was suspended for one match for indecent behaviour during his side's Premier Division Cricket League match against Old DOHS at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

Batsman Tamim rushed aggressively towards Mohammad Ashraful, the Old DOHS captain, and hurled abusive language at him. As a result, match referee Ziaul Islam Masud called both parties to a hearing after the match and imposed a one-match ban on Tamim and fined him Tk 5,000. The suspension will be applicable immediately as he will miss today's match against Gazi Tank at the same venue.

Masud also suspended Victoria cricket committee chairman Lutfur Rahman Badal for one match for his part in the incident. Tamim escaped with light punish-

ment as it was a Level 2 offense under the ICC code of conduct where the player could be suspended for three matches and fined Tk 20,000. But Masud said that both the Victoria player and official apologised for their wrongdoing.

"Under Level 2 of the ICC code of conduct, it was decided that Tamim would be suspended for one match and fined Tk 5,000 while Badal would be declared "persona non grata" in the dressing room under the players' support personnel code," said Masud.

"It's clearly not going with the spirit of the game and you can say they have showed unsporting behaviour which is really unacceptable. Both however apologised during the hearing and that's why I took a soft stance. I also considered their reputation," he added, saying that he also warned DOHS cricketers Faisal Hossain and Nasir Jamshed.

The incident happened in the tenth SEE PAGE 17 COL 2

# Boom Boom for sale in BPL

Cricket

in the Super League phase of

Dhaka's First Division

Cricket at the City Club

241-6 in 39 overs with

Mosaddek hammering an

unbeaten century off 69 balls.

Partex were bowled out for

just 68 runs in 22.1 overs as

Shahid picked up 4-14 and

At the BKSP-3 ground,

Uttara Sporting Club (115-4 in

19.2 overs) beat Bangladesh

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Zia took three wickets.

Batting first, KCA made

ground yesterday.

quee names, have signed up with Bangladesh Premier

Big Bash League for Melbourne Renegades, will be up for sale in



**England A** players reach their hotel in Chittagong yesterday as part of their tour in which they will play five onedayers and two T20 matches against Bangladesh A.

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