Poor start by Sohel, Siddikur

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Bangladesh's two golfers Siddikur Rahman and Shakhawat Hossain Sohel got off to poor starts in the 300,000-dollar ICTSI Philippine Open, with both playing two-over-par in Manila yesterday.

Siddikur and Sohel made two-over-par 74 to jointly hold the 46th position along with 23 others after the first round at the Wack Wack Golf and Country Club.

Unheralded Lu Tze-shyan of Chinese Taipei was the unlikeliest of names to join the leaderboard.

31-year-old Lu, who made two cuts in 26 starts on the Asian Tour, battled to a threeunder-par 69 late in the day to make it a six-way tie at the top with Singaporean Mardan Mamat, Japan's Azuma Yano and Americans Matthew Rosenfeld, Ben Fox and Anthony Kang, a former champion here, at the East course of the club.

Faizur, Mahade FROM PAGE 16

scored 261 runs in their first

Faizur claimed four wickets conceding 22 runs while Mahade captured four for 25 runs to tear apart the Barisal first innings. Monjurul Hasan, the num-

ber seven batsman, top-scored with 28 off 127 balls that featured three boundaries. Dhaka Division extended

their lead to 264 runs as they made 110 runs in their second innings without any loss.

Imtiaz Ahmed (39) and Ariful Islam (64) were at the crease before stumps were drawn for the day.

BU survive

FROM PAGE 16 some pride.

Latif scored 89 off 132 balls with five fours and a six while Javed added 62 off 83 balls with the help of five boundaries.

Occasional spinner Tushar Imran was the most successful bowler with three for 48 runs.

SCORES IN BRIEF BROTHERS: 242-6 in 50 overs

(Aftab 84, Chanderpaul 72, Dhiman 27, Sohail 26 not out; Mashrafe 2-42)

BIMAN: 216 all out in 48.2 overs (Junaed 24, Latif 89, Javed 62; Tushar 3-48, Sohail 2-47, Al-Amin 2-18)

Result: Brothers Union won by 26 runs.



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Sheikh Russel winger Zahed Parvez Chowdhury (L) fights for the ball with Rahmatganj MFS defender Shafiqul Islam during their Grameenphone Bangladesh Premier League match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

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Holders Armanitola School blanked Police Line School 8-0 in the Shah Sports Dhaka Metropolis School Hockey Tournament at the Maulana Bhasani National Hockey Stadium yesterday.

Arshad and Sihab struck two goals each while Irfan, Rubel, Jabbar and Sabbir netted one goal each for the winners who led the first half with a comfortable 4-0 margin.

In the day's other match, Fatullah Pilot High School thrashed PM Pilot High School 11-0, thanks to a four-goal haul from Sabuj Hossain. Faruque also scored four goals while Hridoy and Shamin netted two and one goal respectively.

2nd Div Football

Bangladesh Boys Club recorded a 1-0 win over Euro Famous Club in the Destiny Group 2nd Division Football League at the Birshreshtha Shaheed Mostafa Kamal Stadium in Kamalapur yesterday.

Rahman separated both sides in the 57th minute.

The match between Purbachal Parisad and Matuail Udoyan Sangsad ended in a 1-1 draw as Ziaur Rahman put Matuail ahead in the 30th minute while Jewel restored the margin for Purbachal 10 minutes into the second half.

Women's Handball

Mohammedan SC emerged group B champions in the Cute 1st Division Women's Handball League with a 31-11 win over RN Sports Home at the Handball youth generation.

Stadium yesterday.

Despite the defeat, RN Sports also confirmed their second-round berth as group runners-up while Dhaka Mariners Young Club became group A champions and Jatrabari KC finished behind Mariners to qualify for the second round.

Jatrabari defeated Gafur Beluch Smriti Sangsad 15-2 while Flame Girls Club defeated Arambagh KS 9-3 in the day's other two matches.

Referee Course

A six-day referee course on volleyball started yesterday at the Bangladesh Volleyball Federation. A total of 30 participants including seven women are taking part in the course.

Removal demanded

Narail Table Tennis Khaloar Samity yesterday formed a human chain in Narail, demanding the removal of recently appointed Bangladesh Table Tennis Federation (BTTF) general secretary Syed Qumrul Huda.

People from all corners joined the human chain to press home the demand of sending Narail table tennis players to the World Table Tennis Championship in Germany.

Meanwhile, the government recently appointed an ad-hoc committee to the BTTF and the general secretary expressed his inability to send a squad to the World Championship due to a lack of funds and emphasized on the development of the

The low-down

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Farhad Hossain but Barisal will definitely bank on dashing West Indies batsman Chris Gayle to draw early blood in the tournament. There are proven performers Yasir

Arafat and Shane Harwood in the pace bowling department while the spin attack sports a local look -- Sohrawardi Shuvo, Sohag Gazi and Nazmul Islam. Barisal have made some smart choices

when it came to picking local players like Mithun, who is in the form of his life in domestic cricket. With a balanced outfit, it is now time to dispel their longstanding reputation as underachievers.

CHITTAGONG KINGS

The big-spending franchise made a smart move when they handed over the team to coach Khaled Mahmud, who is highly respected in the domestic circuit for his cricketing nous.

The former Bangladesh captain has already proved his worth, shaping a team fit to deliver success on Bangladeshi wickets that offer low bounce and limited spin.

The focus will definitely be on dashing icon cricketer Tamim Iqbal who is expected to tear into oppositions with his likely partner Nasir Jamshed while the team will also expect some valuable contribution from Shoaib Malik. They also have in-form batsmen like Jahurul Islam and a solid middle-order with big-hitters

Ziaur Rahman and Shamsur Rahman. And one can't forget the names of Dwayne Bravo and skipper Mahmudullah Riyad, Muttiah Muralidaran, Enamul Haque and Jerome Taylor, who will be the attacking options. It is expected that Arafat Sunny and Sanjamul Haque will be capable of pulling their weights whenever picked.

DHAKA GLADIATORS

There is little to say when a batting lineup boasts players like Kieron Pollard, Imran Nazir, Mohammad Ashraful and Aftab Ahmed and the expected presence of Shahid Afridi in the tournament's latter stages can only increase the heart rates of the opposition bowlers.

justified their talents yet but they are perhaps the cleanest hitters of cricket balls in the country while the lively Nazir can destroy any attack on his day. Pollard and Afridi need no introduction.

If the big stars fail then they have Nazimuddin, Darren Stevens and Alexei Kervezee in their arsenal to bear the responsibilities.

The bowling attack looks like a strong unit with Rana Naved Ul Hasan leading the way while skipper Mashrafe Bin Mortaza has already showed that he is getting back his rhythm gradually to answer his low-price in the auction. The experienced Pakistan all-rounder Azhar Mahmood is also there, adding quality to the line-up.

In the spin department Elias Sunny and Mosharraf Hossain are more than capable of keeping things quiet, while they also have smart choices behind the stumps with Dhiman Ghosh and young Anamul Haque in the wicketkeeping position.

DURONTO RAJSHAHI

They are considered favourites not only because of their achievements on the domestic scene but also because of their strategy to put together the best brains in the team think-tank.

They have a solid batting order on paper as they have their captain and icon player Mushfiqur Rahim and West Indies Marlon Samuels who could be a key player in the tournament. The likes of Junaed Siddiqui, Asif Ahmed and the Canadian Rizwan Cheema will strengthen the line-up while Pakistani Qaiser Abbas is also a dependable lefthander in the middle-order.

The veteran but still energetic Pakistani Abdul Razzaq and Sean Ervine is expected to play a key role while Fawad Alam and Rajshahi's very own Sabbir Rahman could be called into action in critical times. Imran Tahir and Saqlain Sajib will be the lead spinners.

KHULNA ROYAL BENGALS

Cynics say money may talk this time for Shakib Al Hasan. There are whispers that the world's number one all-rounder is Ashraful and Aftab might not have not as serious in domestic cricket as he is

in the international circuit. And if that is the case then Khulna can expect something big in the tournament.

And Shakib picked up some important names for the shortest version of the game when he called the shots in the auction. Among the foreign brigade, the underrated West Indian Andre Russell, England basher Jos Buttler, Irishman Niall O'Brien and Herschelle Gibbs will be crucial. Among the locals, Nasir Hossain, the highest paid local cricketer,

has the ability to justify his price. There has been talk about the inclusion of aged players in the side but the presence of veteran Sanath Jayasuriya and the cool-headed Shivnarine Chanderpaul can give them some added advantage as well as be educational for the younger talent.

Fidel Edwards will lead the bowling attack with Shafiul Islam while the spin attack will be handled by Shakib and Abdur Razzak. And with a good fielding unit Khulna Royal Bengals is one of the teams to watch in the tournament.

SYLHET ROYALS

Although there is a dearth of batsmen of international quality, many still regard them as the most glamorous franchise in the competition.

The batting burden will fall on the shoulders of the in-form Imrul Kayes, Shuvogoto Hom and icon Alok Kapali and they will be desperately looking forward to support from Pakistan discards Kamran Akmal and Faisal Iqbal. Despite Kapali being there, all-rounder Peter Trego has been named captain of the team and the Englishman will need to make contributions with the bat as the Royals have enough bowlers to call upon.

Coach Stuart Law has weapons like Sohail Tanvir in the bowling department as well as Rubel Hossain, Gary Keedy, Brad Hogg the rejuvenated Australian chinaman bowler -- and promising legspinner Noor Hossain Munna in the mix.

The little-known Freddie Klokker and locals Naeem Islam, Faisal Hossain, Nadif Chowdhury and Arafat Salahuddin will lend the team the desired balance with a sound support staff and former selectors in charge.

Russel trip up again SPORTS REPORTER the equaliser. Though the standard of



Sheikh Russel KC again stumbled in the Grameenphone

Bangladesh Premier League when they were held to a 1-1 draw by Rahmatganj MFS in their second match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. Nigerian striker Alamu Bukola

Olaleken converted a spot kick in the 90th minute to cancel Rahmatganj's Nche Francis' 36th-minute strike to earn a valuable point from the Old Dhaka outfit, who came into the game on the back of a 3-0 drubbing at the hands of Abahani in the previous match. And Rahmatganj MFS reasonably

left the field with a draw despite holding the lead till the dying minutes. "We played the match on the basis of counter attack and were successful until

adopted a defensive strategy against

the heavyweights, Sheikh Russel, and

the referee was poor, we are happy to secure a point against Sheikh Russel," said Rahmatganj coach Mahmudur Rahman Lition after the game. Referee Tayeb Hasan awarded

Sheikh Russel a penalty in the dying minute when Rahmatganj defender Michael Dumba handled a goal-bound header off Aminul Islam and Tayeb surprisingly did not give Dumba his marching orders or even cautioned him despite his intentional offence.

After this decision, the game was halted for more than five minutes as the referee seemed to be helpless in the face of agitating Rahmatganj players some of whom even pushed the referee around.

After the match, police escorted the referee and assistant referees to help them leave the field.

"The ball struck both hands of Rahmatganj's goalkeeper (Sujan Chowdhury) and the player number 13

(Dumba). That's why I overlooked to book the player," explained referee Tayeb, who was suspended in the latter part of the last edition of the professional football league due to a revised decision in the game between Sheikh Russel and Sheikh Jamal.

one minute into the four-minute added time although Tayeb said that he completed five-minute added time before blowing the final whistle. Sheikh Russel enjoyed superior ball

The referee also blew the final while

possession through the game but they lacked the cutting edge to penetrate the Rahmatganj backline. "The midfielders were not up to

mark as they could not provide threatening passes to the forwards and we had to wait to level the margin till the last minute," said Sheikh Russel coach Maruful Haque adding that if his charges continued to put up such performance, they would not be able to keep in the race for the title.

Sunny in ICC Zim whitewashed too Hall of Fame

AFP, Sharjah

Former India captain and batting legend Sunil Gavaskar was formally inducted into the International Cricket Council's Hall of Fame, the ICC said Thursday.

The 62-year-old former opener was presented the Hall of Fame cap by former Indian captain Kapil Dev in the presence of Haroon Lorgat, the ICC chief executive at a function held on Wednesday night, ICC said. Sunil Gavaskar was the first

batsman in Test cricket to get 10,000 runs and 30 centuries, finishing with 10,122 and 34 hundreds during an illustrious career which spanned from 1971-87. "It is a huge honour

because it is the peers in the game who decide who is going to be inducted into the ICC Cricket Hall of Fame. It has taken some time to coordinate the presentation but finally it is there and I am delighted that I have been inducted," said Gavaskar. "This [award] means that

you are in select company and, therefore, it becomes all the more special. To be an original inductee is an even bigger honour."

Gavaskar is one of the initial 55 inductees in the ICC Cricket Hall of Fame which was launched in January 2009 in association with the Federation of International Cricketers' Associations (FICA) as part of the ICC's Centenary Year.

Hot & cold

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Bollywood sensations Bipasha Basu and Malaika Arora Khan. To close the show and cap off the night was another display of fireworks.

Even with a strong last hour it has to be said that the show dragged on at times and felt unorganised for the most, especially judging from the turnout -- where a packed house was generally expected.

Cricket

AFP, Napier New Zealand crushed Zimbabwe by 202 runs in the final

Napier on Thursday to complete a 3-0 series whitewash over the out-classed tourists. Zimbabwe again failed to fire as New Zealand, inspired by a man-of-the-match century from skipper Brendon McCullum, plundered 373-8

in their 50 overs and then

routed the Africans for 171

one-day international in

with six overs to spare. Captain Brendan Taylor, whose brisk 65 off 62 balls was the high point of the Zimbabwe innings, was left looking for positives from a series in which the gulf between the teams progressively widened.

"We've got to just keep trying to climb that ladder and become better players," he said.

"We've got a lot to learn and we'll be better for it after this tour." Returning to the ground

where they suffered a humiliating defeat by an innings and 301 runs in a one-off Test last month, Zimbabwe let themselves down with loose bowling and shoddy fielding on a flat wicket.

New Zealand capitalised after winning the toss and electing to bat, with a 153-run opening partnership from Martin Guptill (85) and Rob Nicol (61) laying the foundation for their side's thirdhighest one-day international total. McCullum piled on the

agony with a swashbuckling 119 from 88 balls, including five sixes, as Zimbabwe's Brian Vitori suffered the indignity of becoming only the fifth player to concede more than 100 runs in an ODI. Vitori haemorrhaged 105

runs in nine overs for just one wicket, at one point conceding three sixes in three balls to Nathan McCullum, the New Zealand

Twenty20 matches remaining on the tour, the first in

skipper's brother, in a horror

Zimbabwe have two

over that yielded 26 runs.

Auckland on Saturday, in which to salvage some pride. The home side rode their luck at times but always looked comfortable against a

Zimbabwe attack that has failed to adapt to New Zealand conditions.

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Did not bat: Nethula, Bates Fall of wickets: 1-153, 2-154, 3-192, 4-276, 5-320, 6-344, 7-364, 8-373

ZIMBABWE

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Chakabva c sub (Southee) b N McCullum 24

Chigumbura Ibw Nethula Utseya c Williamson b Nethula Price c Bates b Williamson Vitori c B McCullum b N McCullum Jarvis not out

Extras: (w-3) Total: (All out in 44 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-14, 2-14, 3-81, 4-101, 5-115,6-137,7-147,8-168,9-171

Bowler Bracewell Bates Ellis N McCullum

Williamson Result: New Zealand won by 202 runs and clinched the three-match series 3-0. Man-of-the-match: Brendon McCullum.

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Indian cricket legend Sunil Gavaskar (R) is presented

with his ICC Hall of Fame cap by former India captain

Kapil Dev (L) as ICC chief executive Haroon Lorgat

looks on during a ceremony in Dubai on Wednesday.

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