

**1st DIV HOCKEY**

**3rd successive victory for Abahani**

Abahani Limited piled up their third successive victory in the Metropolis Green Delta First Division Hockey League defeating Bangladesh Sporting Club by a convincing 5-0 goals at the National Hockey Stadium Thursday, reports UNB.

The Dhanmondi outfit Abahani, which earned a 6-0 goals victory over Dhaka Ansars and a 4-0 win over Victoria SC in their previous two matches Thursday dominated the first half by 3-0 goals.

Raju of Abahani scored three consecutive field goals in the 15th, 24th and 29th minutes to make the league's fifth hat-trick. Liton and Lulu netted the rest two goals in the 3rd and 47th minutes for the winners.

In the day's other match, Sadharan Bima KS registered the second victory in their third encounter beating Farashganj SC by a solitary goal at the same venue on Thursday afternoon.

Nazmul Islam netted the all important goal for the insurgents in the 15th minute from a penalty corner.

Earlier, Sadharan Bima KS beat Bangladesh Railway by 2-0 goals and lost 1-2 to Azad SC.

**Reza, Sumon leading in National Chess**

Rezaul Haq of Bangladesh Biman and Talubur Rahman Sumon of Khulna University are jointly leading in the 23rd National Chess Championship with two points after the second round matches at the NSC chess room Thursday, reports UNB.

In the day's second round, FIDE master Reza beat Saidul Islam Masum of Borguna in the 58th move while Sumon defeated Arifuzzaman Sikder of Bangladesh Ansar in the 39th move.

Khandakar Kayes Hassan, also from Bangladesh Biman and Ali Amjad Mintu of Bangladesh Ansars followed the leaders jointly collecting one and half points each at the end of the day's second round.

Mintu outplayed Shawkat Hossain Pallab of BTMC in the 39th move while Kayes drew with Syed Ruhul Kabir Shiplu of BTMC in the 54th move.

In the day's other matches,

**Ctg in National Cricket final**

Holdes Chittagong DSA moved to the final of the 23rd National Cricket Championship beating Dhaka University by 119 runs at Dhaka Stadium Thursday, reports UNB.

They will meet other finalists Bangladesh Biman in the four-day final beginning on Saturday at the same venue.

Resuming at overnight 182 for 7 wickets, star strudded Chittagong DSA who earned a 63-run lead in the first innings, wrapped up their second innings for 205 runs.

Khaled Masud Pilot, who was batting on 75 runs, stranded on 95 with 116 runs. He missed a deserving century as the lower batsmen of Chittagong failed to help.

Medium paceman Rahul Naimu Rashid, who captured five wickets to bundle out Chittagong at 106 in the first innings, ended with a six-wicket haul giving away 68 runs.

Chasing the victory target of 268 runs, motiveless Dhaka University folded their innings at 149 runs for 9 wickets in 69 overs.

DU forced to close their innings at 149 for 9 as the last batsman Talha did not turn up. Opener Sajjad Ahmed

Shipon made the highest 6 runs in 131 balls with two hit to the fence for DU before edging a catch to wicket keeper Pilo off Enamul Hoq Moni.

National left arm spinner Moni grabbed five wickets for 47 runs to rip through the DU batting line up. Fazole Bar bagged three wickets for 57 runs while Zakir grabbed the other.

Rahul with 22 runs, opener Javed Omar 14, Nahid 12 and Mustadir Litu 11 were the other double digit scorers for DU.

**BFUJ's reception for cricket team on May 23**

Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) will accord a reception to the ICC Trophy Champions Bangladesh national cricket squad on May 23, reports UNB.

The reception will be held at the Jatiya Press Club at 4.30 Pm BFUJ took the decision at a meeting on Tuesday.

**2-member swimmer team off to Seoul**

Reputed swimmer Mohammad Mosharraf Hossain Khan and Prof AKM Moshin left Dhaka for Seoul Thursday to attend the 2nd South-East Asian Games beginning in the South Korean city of Pusan from May 10, reports UNB.

The delegation, nominated by Bangladesh Swimming Federation, will act as technical officials for swimming and diving in the games, said a press release.

Ten South Asian countries will take part in Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Boxing, Gymnastics, Judo, Soft Tennis, Swimming, Taekwondo, Weight Lifting, Wrestling, Wishu and Rowing.

The countries are China, Guam, Hong Kong, Japan, Kazakhstan, Korea, Macarody, Monzelia, DPR Korea and Chinese Tai-peh.

**Base Zahurul win BAF football title**

Amir Hossain in the 42nd move.

Standing: 2 points-Rezaul and Sumon, 1.5-Kayes and Mintu, 1-Rajib, Lablu, Rakib, Nasir, Pallab, Shiplu, Masum, Javed and Shakil.

Today's (Friday's) matches: Reza vs Lablu, Javed vs Masum, Shakil vs Rakib, Sumon vs Rajib, Nasir vs Arif, Shiplu vs Amir, Pallab vs Kayes and Swapan vs Mintoo.

**Johnson still favoured in 150 m race**

TORONTO, May 8: Michael Johnson was quick out of the blocks but Donovan Bailey is gaining on him. That's the opinion of bettors in Las Vegas, reports AP.

Sports books in that gambling mecca listed Johnson as the early favorite in their 150