Sports Reporter

ulshan Youth earnt it the hard-even cruelvesterday when reigning

champions Abahani Krira Chakra beat them by a solitary run in their Navana Premier Division cricket league encounter at the Dhaka Stadium.

Scores: Abahani - 163 all put in 61 overs; Gulshan Youth - 162 for nine (innings closed) in 73 overs.

If for Gulshan Youth it was a day of sad realisation, it looked like divine deliverance for the champs owho, until the fall of the ninth Gulshan wicket, had been staring staight in the eyc. But that's what it's is all about. At of their own

DU cricket

Sports Reporter

Mohammed Ali's devastating bowling helped Mathematics Department register a comfortable six cricket win over Geology Department in the Dhaka University interdepartment cricket tourna ment yesterday at the Jagannath Hall ground.

Geology, batting first, struggled to secore 86 runs for the loss of eight crickets in their allotted 35 overs

Sobhan with 12 runs was the only Geology batsman to reach double figures.

Mohammed Ali returned with a flatteing five crickets for 22 runs. In reply Mahboob's unbeaten 30 helped Maths reach 87 runs for the loss of four crickets.

PWD halt Rly

in their tracks

Sports Reporter

Railway received a severe jolt

when they were inflicted two-

cricket defeat by Bangladeh

PWD in the Milnars First

Divison Cricket league yester-

day at the Mirpur Pallabi

Railway, electing to bat,

Nafis, 54, and Nimmu with

were restricted to 154 for

nine crickets in their allotted

43 overs because of a late start

33 runs pulled Rathways from

the initial trouble when they

were tottering at 18 for the

loss of four crickets. After

their departure skipper Selim

in-chief for PWD with four

crickets for 20 runs. Babul as-

sisted him with three crickets

an reply. PWD, with an all

round team effort crassed,

their target of 155 runs for the

loss of eight crickets in 42.3

21 runs laid the foundation.

Abir 39 and Shamim with

Railways bowlers threat

ened to take the match away

when PWD lost their first six

erickets with 82 runs on the

Anwar, 12, and with the gen-

erous help of 27 extras, kept

two crickets each for 19 and

TODAY'S MATCH

Nat'l athletics

from Feb 10

competition, organised by the

Bangladesh Amateur Athletics

Federation, will be held at the

Army Stadium here from

February 10 to 13, reports

associations have been re-

quested to send their entries

to the federation office

through the divisional sports

Associations by February 7.

for athletes is February 2.

week of March.

intending district sports

The last date of registration

The 10th nationaljunior

athletics competition will be

held in the city in the second

Burrell and Co.

to tour Europe

next month

Burrell, the world's top ranked

sprinter last year, and other

members of his track club will

make a quick trip to Europe

next month for two indoor

meetings, their manager said

Carl Lewis twice in 100-metre

races last year, will run 60 me-

tres : meetings at Stuttgart,

Germany. on February 10, and

Madrid on February 12, bust-

ness manager Joe Douglas said.

Burrell, who beat teammate

on Friday, reports Reuter.

NEW YORK, Jan 26 : Leroy

The 19th national athletics

Wari Club vs Nirman

the PWD boat steady

34 runs respectively.

Schools XI (Mirpur)

Happy. 21 not out. Apu, 13,

Sumon and Ripon bagged

Shamim was the wrecker-

due to overinght dew.

added 21 runs.

for 21

ground.

League leaders Bagladesh

bereavement, the boys from Gulshan learnt once again that no game of cricket is over until the last ball has been bowled

Having restricted Abahani

or the last run scored.

to a modest 163 all out on Friday, and having themselves been poised cozily at 93 for two at one stage after resuming at their 58 for one, Gulshan must have felt a shade overconfident to allow their expensive Indian recruit - former Test player Ashok Malhotra - to wander off to attend to other noncricketing affairs. And that proved tragic. When the ninth wicket fell, with just two runs needed for victory with two of the stipulated 75 overs yet to come, Malhotra was nowhere to be found. Consequently the innings clossed, the scorer left little choice but to enter "absent" against Malhotra's name in the scoresheet. And the Abahani celebration had to be seen to be believed. It was, what they call, a coming

back from the dead. Yet Gulshan can only blame themselves. Their batsmen, barring the top three or four, failed to consolideate on the good work done by their opening bowlers Subrata and Ash faque on Friday in restricting the not-too-solid-looking Abahani line-up.

Tito and former Indian Test opener Arun Lal, who resumed on 22 and 20 respectively, took their second wicket stand to 93 before Arum Lal fell, caught Pappu off Nishanta Ranatunge for 47, the side's highest score. Tito, after batting patiently, fell nine runs later for 29 with the board showing 102 for three. Rome, 13, and Shabbir,

28 run, took the score along to 141, at which. Rome departed. Shabbir left five runs later to make it 146 for five. And that was the turning point for

Abahani. Suddenly, the Abahani players' were transformed, and from 146 for five Gulshan slumped to 156 for eight. Soon it was 162 nine- and all out. Nadir Shah, Effec, skipper Rafiq and Sanjeeva Ranatunge each chipped in with a vitally needed wicket to make victory - an improbable proposition less than fifteen minutes agototally possible.

Spinner Effee returned sterling figures of three wickets for just twelve runs off 15 almost unplayable overs. Legspinner Nadir Shah got two for 20 off his 14 overs whole Nishanta, Sanjeeva, Babu and Rafiq picked up one each.

Earlier, in the Abahani innings, Pappu, coming in at number 9, topscored with 51 and last man Effee contributed 28. The pair added 90 invaluable runs for the last wicket after Abahani had neen recling at 73 for nine.

Ashfaque claimed five wickets for 26 and Subrata four for 57. At the end of it all, while the Gulshan players and fans were left with long faces, the smirk on the Abahani faces ran from cheek to cheek.

One question that everyone was sking was: would Malhotra have ever done a similar thing playing in a Test match or a Ranji tie?

It was Abahani's third win in a row while Gulshan have just one victory from three

Rumi rewarded

Sports Reporter

Omar Khaled Rumi proved that he still has a lot of cricket left in him by capping off a fine all-round performance that gave Kalabagan a 14-run win over Rupali Bank in the Navana Premier Division league match at the Dhanmandi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Rumi, who hit an unbeaten 100 in his side's 250 for eight in 75 overs Friday, claimed four Rupali Bank wickets for49 runs off his 15-over bowling quota to ensure Kalabagan's first win in two outings. Rupali have lost both their matches todate.

Rupali, resuming at their comfortable overnight score of 83 without loss in 21 ovewrs, seemed will set to achieve the remaining 168 runs with little fuss. The way Kader, 62 off 118 balls with eight fours, and Partha, 52 in 93 balls with three boundaries, batted, a Rupali win looked very much on the cards. But thanks to sustained bowling, especially by Kalabagan skipper Rumi and Liton and Gem who picked

up two wickets each, the Rupali

challenge fizzled out quite near to home, 236 all out in 68.4 Rumi, who didn't seem to

mind buying his wickets, was well rewarded as the bankers tended to get carried away and gift away their wickets. The splendid 113-run

opening stand between Kader and Partha was allowed to go to waste as the latter batsmen failed to discipline themselves. From 204 for four Rupali Bank closed their account books114 runs in the red, losing their last six wickets for just 32 runs.

In the Kalabagan innings, beside's Rumi's century - only the second this season - Alam made 55, Munir 24 while extras added another 23.

Babu and Nripen took two wickets each for 39 and 41 runs respectively while Prince got one for 29.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Brohters Union Bangladesh Biman (Dhaka Stadium) Monammedans vs Surja Tarun (DCS).

Kiwis too good for Lankans

Zcaland, Jan 26: New Zealand beat Srt Lanka comfortably with more than seven overs

one day cricket matches today. reports Reuter. Srt Lanka's 177 for eight

to spare in the first of three

was overhauled by New Zealand in the 43rd over, with five wickets in hand

The win was built around a bright 64 by opener John Wright and some tight bowling by all rounder Gavin Larsen.

New Zealand captain Martin Crowe won the toss and put Srt Lanka in to bat on a wicket that gave moderate help to seam bowlers in the cool. cloudy conditions. Sri Lankan opening bats-

men Hashan Tillekeratne and Charith Senanayake made a cautious start, scoring just 28 runs in the first 10 overs. While they made reasonable

starts, none of the top order Sri kankan batsmen built a large innings. Both Tillekeratne and

Scnanayake made 26, while captain Arjuna Ranatunga

scored 29 and Asanka Gi riisinha htt 28. But wickets fell regularly

between the 25th and 35th overs as the batsmen tried to break up consistent slow medium pace bowling from Larsen, who finished with two for 25 from his to overs.

New Zealand replied with brisk batting from Richard Reid and Wright, who put on 46 runs for the first wicket in overs.

Soon after Reid was caught off Rumesh Ratnayake for 19, Crowe fell for an uncharacter-

istically cheap there, when he was caught behind off Champaka Ramanayake.

Wright and Andrew Jones put the innings back on track with a 63-run third wicket partnership from 95 balls. Wrights 64 included six

fours and came from 114 balls. before he was caught at backward point off the legspin bowling of Asoka De Silva. Big-hitting wicketkeeper

lan Smith was out first ball, but Jones (29) and Mark Greatbatch (29 not out) took New Zealand through to a comfortable win.

The Sri Lankan bowlers delivered 16 wides and three noballs to boost the New Zealand score. Ratnayake, who took two for 27 off 8.3 overs. was the most testing of the Sri Lankans, while De Silva's leg spin also demanded concentration from the batsmen.

Ranatunga said after the match that Sri Lanka's 177 was simply not a big enough score.

"I struggled to get my 29 and the others struggled, so I suppose 170-odd is not too bad when no one got a big total high up in the innings." he told reporters.

Davis & Pate lift men's doubles

MELBOURNE, Jan 26: Third seeds Scott Davis and David Pate won the first all-American men's doubles final in an Australian tennis Open here today, beating Patrick McEnroe of and David Wheaton in four sets, reports APP

The score, after three service breaks in the final set, was 6-7 (4.7), 7-6 (10/8), 6-3,

Sports federation polls postponed

The government has decided to postponed elections to all the national sports federations for the time being due to repeated requests made by sports organisers and fans, and also for the coming general elections of the country, reports BSS.

An official handout of the Sports Ministry said the organisers and sports fans demanded amendment to the constitutions of different federations and resolution of some legal aspects at a time when the authorities concerned had nearly completed all arrangements for holding the elections. The handout stated that it

was impossible on the part of the government to hold elections to the federations after making amendments to any pre-1982 acts in such a short time before the parliamentary elections. The government earlier, is-

sued orders to from new adhoc committees dissolving the existing ad-hoc bodies for holding elections to the federations within two months at the request of all concerned. That decision had been highly appreciated by the sports lovers and organisers.

The present government is an absolutely neutral, interim one and determined to maintain its neutrality, the handout

Justice Wadud to head probe into **NSC** affairs

The government has appointed Justice Abdul Wadud Chowdhury as chairman of the enquiry committee in place of Abdul Muiyeed Chowdhury to probe into complaints against the National Sports Council. reports BSS. According to a government

handout issued yesterday. Abdul Mutyeed Chowdhury, Director General of the Narcotics Control Directorate, earlier resigned from the chairmanship of the committee due to pressure of official work. The other members of the committee will remain unchanged. The committee will submit

its report to the government immediately.

Soccer history!

BERNE, Jan 26: Italy's Stefania Antonini made history today by becoming the first woman soccer player to be banned by UEFA, reports Reuter. UEFA said Antonini was

banned one match for foul play in a European Championship match against Sweden in December. The disciplinary commi-

ttee also fined the German Federation 10,000 Swiss francs (8,000 dollars) for their fans' conduct at a European Championship qualifier in Luxembourg in October. Spain were ordered to

palu their next under-21 qualifier against France in October 150 kms from Huelva. UEFA said the local fans

caused disturbances and threw missiles on the pitch when the team met Albania in the southern Spanish city for a European under 21 tie on December 18. Spain were also fined

10,000 francs (8.000

Seles makes history again



MELBOURNE, Jan 26: Monica Seles beat Czechoslova kia's Jana Novot na 5-7, 6-3, 6-1 today to become

the youngest winner of the Australian Open womens' sin gles title, reports Reuter. Outmanoeuvred by Novotna

in the first set, the Yugoslav second seed hit back to impose her will on her opponent whose deft touch finally descrted her, and win her sec ond Grand Slam tennis crown. Seles, who became the youngest French Open cham-

pion at 16 years six months last year, entered the record books again by winning the Australian crown at 17 years and 55 days, some four months younger than the previous record holder. Australian Margaret Smith who won in Tenth seed Novotna, who

ended the three -year reign of world number one German Steffi Graf in the quarter finals. started her first Grand Slam final well, volleying in superb But the tenacious Seles.

who saved a match-point in her semifinal against American third seed Mary Joe Fernandez showed the resilience to wrest control from the Czecholovak who ended the one hour 56. minute match in tears. Novotna had an ideal start

with a service break in the opening game and put the pressure on Seles whenever she approached the net. The Czechoslovak's athletic

reflex volleying power forced Selfs into errors as the Yugoslav hit wide and out trying to put the ball beyond her



Monica Seles of Yugoslavia displays her Australian Open women's singles trophy after beating Jana Novotna of Czechoslovakia in yesterday's final in Melbourne. -AFP photo

Seles broke back in the

sixth game as Novotna's back-

hands became erratte but the

blonde Czechoslovak accelerated away again, gaining the important break in the 11th game and claiming the set with a great backhand volley.

The Florida-based Yugoslav varied her game, mixing lobs with her heavy two fisted ground strokes and moved into a 3-0 lead in the second set.

But she squandered a break point in the next game and Novotna clawed back the deficit at 3-3, which appeared to give her the initiative again.

Seles, however, had other ideas and conceded only one more game in the 10 she needed to seal the title.

Novotna, whose singles game has improved dramatically under the guidance of exchampion Hana Mandlikova could not cope with the on-She dropped service in the

eighth game and hit a backhand into the net in the next to yield the second set to Novotna, winner of the New

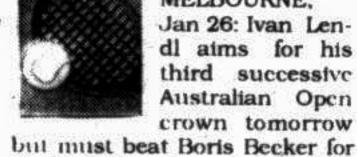
South Wales Open on the eve of this tournament, took the first game of the deciding set on her service but that was to be her last. Seles, all grunting effort,

dictated the rest of the final. finding all the angles for the winners which had eluded her at the start.

Novotna showed increasing desperation in impulsive forays to the net as Seles passed her with thudding drives.

Novotna let a 40-0 lead slip away in the seventh game. committed her fourth double fault of the encounter to give Seles match point and then hit her last shot too long to give the Yugoslav the title.

The stakes are high for both Becker and Lendl



MELBOURNE. Jan 26: Ivan Lendl aims for his third successive Australian Open crown tomorrow

the first time in a Grand Slam tournament to complete the rare treble, reports Reuter. Second seed Becker, who will become world number one if he wins the final, has beaten

his Czechoslovak rival in all their four previous Grand Slam encounters. Both feel Grand Slams are the tournaments which really matter, and Lend went so far as to describe the rest as exhi-

here at Flinders Park. "I am always hungry for a Grand Slam title. It comes from enjoying it so much", he said this week.

bitions as he rolled onwards

Becker, who had never progressed beyond the Australian Open quarter-finals before this year, said tennis for him was about Grand Slams and the Davis Cup.

"It's very tough, first of all, to win seven matches to go all the way. You play the best of the best. Over two weeks many things can happen," the German said after his four-set semifinal win over unseeded American Patrick McEnroe.

"For me, to be a great champion really means how many Grand Slam titles you have won."

far three Wimbledon wins, the first at only 17 years of age. and one U.S. Open crown. Lendl, who is contesting his 19th Grand Slam final, has col-

lected eight -three French.

Becker has notched four so

three U.S. and two Australian. But he has yet to administer a Grand Slam defeat on Becker, his conqueror in the 1986 Wimbledon final, the Wimbledon semifinals of 1988

and 1989 and the 1989

U.S.Open final. Third sdeeed Lendl received a big confidence boost in Friday's semifinals when he survived two match-points to beat top seed Stefan Edberg of

But that is not enough for the 30-year-old Czechoslovak. "The job is not done yet. didn't come here to beat Ste-

Bulgarian coach banned

ZURICH, Jan 26: Bulgarian national coach Ivan Vutsov has been banned for three years from any European competition for spitting at a referee, reports AFP.

The European Football Union (UEFA) suspended Vutsov for spitting at the Austrian official in charge of Bulgarias' European championship qualifier with Scotland in Sofia last November which

here to win the tournament," he said. Lendl and Becker enter

fan and be in the finals. I came

their 19th head-to-head clash with nine wins apiece behind them. Honours were even in 1990 with two wins for each. Both had major scars in Delta hockey

Sorting continued their domination when they thrashed Agrani Bank 3-0 in the super league match of the Delta Life Second Division hockey yesterday at the hockey stadium.

Sports Reporter

Litle aspisants Bangladesh

All the Bangladesh Sporting goals came in the first period Selim opened the account

in the 17th minute, his goal being followied by two brilliant ones by Shimul in the 23rd and 27th minutes. In the other match of the day, Combined Sporting and

SUPER LEAGUE TABLE

Shishu Kishore fought to a goa-

less draw.

MWDLP Bangladesh Sporting 4 4 Raktim Sangha Barnak Samaj 3 2 1 0 5 2 1 1 0 3 Tejgaon Agragami Shishu Kishore Combined Sporting 4 0 2 Farashganj Sptg 2 1 1 0

Emerson, who won five times between 1963 and 1967. Becker battled over five hours -the longest match in Australian Open history -in overcoming unseeded Italian Omar Camporese in the third

their passage to the final in

which Lendl aims to become

the first man to win three Aus-

tralian singles titles in succes-

sion since Australia's Roy

Becker, pleased with the way he is serving, reckons it will be an even fight. "The last couple of matches it was very

close between us," he said. "We know it is going to be close. That's all I know. I hope I can keep my mind that's going to be importnat. I have to serve well. I have to stay

The German lost his temper when things were going wrong in his semifinal against McEnroe but he will not want. to run off the rails again in the final, with his big ambition of toppling Edberg as world number one in the balance.

Volleyball results

Sports Reporter Three matches were de-

eided in the First Division Vollebyball league yesterday at the volleyball stadium. Bangladesh Textile Mills Corporation (BTMC) outplayed

15-5 and 15-5 in the first match of the ofternoon. Water Development Board crushed Nabajagaroni Sangha,

Azad SC in straight sets 15-7.

also in straight 3-0 sets, 15-2, 15-4 and 15-9. In the last match of the day, Wari Club defeated Fire Service

15-13; 15-10 and 15-7.

TODAY'S MATCHES PDB vs Dilkusha S.C-(5:30

Sonali Bank vs East End (5:30 pm)

Handball result Sports Reporter

Kurmitola Apono Club and Arunayaton Club scored exciting victories in their respective matches of the Second Devision handball league yesterday at the Outer Stadium hadball court.

Apollo overcame Nicecop 23-19 after leading 10-9 in the frst half.

Robin topscored for Apollo club with eight goals while Apu, with nine goals kept up the challenge for Nicecop. Arunayaton scored a nail-

biting 15-14 win over Christian Youth Club after leading 7-6 at the breather. Akul was the leading scorer for Arunayaton with 11 goals

while Safil and Manjoo netted

five goals each for Christian

Youth. TODAY'S MATCHES Jagaron vs Farashgani-

(2.30 PM) W. Jatrabari vs Christian Youth -(3.30 PM)

finished 1-1. Agrant Bank McDermott returns with vengeance



ADELAIDE, Jan 26: Craig McDermott made a potent return to the

international arena on the second day of the fourth Test today. reports Reuter. The man once seen as Aus-

tralia's great fast-bowling hope before being east into the wilderness for more than two years, celebrated his comeback at the expense of both England's batsmen and bowlers. He hit a Test-best 42 not out to lift his team, two-up in

the five-Test series, to 386 all out and then dismissed Michael Atherton and Allan Lamb in less time than it had taken to remove his pads. Both fell for nought as England slumped to 11 for two and it was left to captain Gra-

fourth successive Test halfcentury in another England rescue operation. Gooch was unbeaten on 50 and Robin Smith 36 not out his best score of the series in a

ham Gooch to compile his

close total of 95 for two. Mark Waugh will not be bragging about the details of his innings but only through natural modesty. The most impressive Ashes debut by an Australian since

Kepler Wessels in 1982-83

ended less than an hour into

the day when he hit a Devon Malcolm delivery into his Waugh was out for 138, hav-

ing added just 22 to his overnight score, but he still departed to a deserved standing ovation. His innings lasted 237 minutes, taking 188 balls with 18 fours. His 171-run partnership

with Greg Matthews, made in 198 minutes, was an Australian sixth-wicket record for Ade-But the record books will not need much alteration because the previous holders were Matthews and Steve

years ago. it took England another 170 minutes to finish the innings. They were frustrated by Matthews, who scored four runs in the first hour, and Mc-Dermott, who curbed his attacking instincts to the extent

Waugh, who put on 146 in the

Test here against England four

he failed to hit a boundary. Gooch finally ended Matthews' five-hour-plus sojourn for 65 while De Freitas dismissed Bruch Reid to end with four for 56.

That further justified his

selection as England's fifth bowler. Even before play began it looked a wise one as both Philip Tufnell and Angus Fraser were incapacitated. Left-arm spinner Tufnell was back at the hotel in bed

with a viral throat problem and

a temperature of 103.

Fraser was unable to take the new ball after suffering a reaction to his hip injury. When he did bowl he turned

his ankle and although he carried on, he left the field shortly before lunch for treatment and did not reappear. The total was less than Australia would have liked

Friday, but more than they could have expected when 124 for five. It soon looked even bigger as England's top order slipped back into collapse mode.

Atherton, scorer of two centuries in the last three weeks, collected his fourth duck of the tour when he shouldered arms to a McDermott delivery that came back Although the decision looked contentious Atherton did not help himself when he decided to offer no stroke.

Lamb emerged in the unfamiliar number three position and five balls later departed with an equally unfamiliar nought at the other end of his scoresheet entry after he edged to Healy. At that point it looked like

in line with the Australia day celebrations but Gooch and Smith made sure the party would have to wait. SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the second

day of the fourth cricket Test

between England and Australia

the match was being scripted

today. Australia: First innings Marsh c Gooch b Small Taylor run out

Border b DeFreitas Jones Ibw DeFreitas M.Waugh b Malcolm Matthews c Stewart b Gooch when they won the toss on Healy c Stewart b DeFreitas McDermott not out Hughes Ibw Small Reid e Lamb b DeFreitas. Extras (b-2 lb-23 w-2 nb-4) 31 Total Fall of wickets: 1-11; 2-62:

Boon c Fraser b Malcolm

3-104: 4-104: 5-124: 6-295 7-298; 8-358; 9-373; Bowling: 0 M 104 2 38 Malcolm Fraser 34 10 Defreitas 26.2 6

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38 0

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(lw lnb) England: First innings Gooch not out Atherton lbw McDermott Lamb c Healy b McDermott Smith not out Extras (lb-1 nb-8) Total (for two wickets)

Gooch

Fall of wickets: 1-10; 2-11 To bat- D.Gower, A.Stewart. P.DeFreitas, G.Small, A.Fraser, D.Malcolm, P.Tufnell Bowling: O M 11 3 21

(Inb) McDermott 12 (4nb) 16 0 (2nb)