

**Vita-Rich soccer**

**Sports Reporter**  
Blue team scored a 2-1 victory over Green team in the Vita-Rich Victory Cup football tournament organised by the Football Players Welfare Association yesterday at the Dhaka Stadium.  
The winners led the first half with Alamgir's goal while Gaus doubled the margin in the second half. Hira reduced the margin for Green team.  
The other match between Yellow and Red team was in progress till filing of this report.

**Karate from Mar. 6**

**Sports Reporter**  
The eighth national Karate competition organised by the Bangladesh Judo and Karate Federation will begin from March 6th at the National Coaching Centre.  
All DSA, Services, BDR, Police, Ansars, University and Education Boards have been asked to send their entries by March 2nd at the Federation office.

**Angels crush DWC**

**Sports Reporter**  
Angels Club recorded their twelfth straight win after crushing Dhaka Wanderers 93-50 in the Partex First Division basketball league match yesterday at the wooden floor gymnasium.

In another match, Five Stars beat Dhumketu 62-51 after leading 30-20 at the breaker.

**Pioneer soccer**

**Sports Reporter**  
Mirpur XI registered a 2-0 victory over Banani Naburani in the Group 'B' match of the round robin league of pioneer football yesterday at the Outer Stadium.

**Vital win for Brothers**

**Sports Reporter**  
Brothers Union kept their championship hopes alive with a convincing five-wicket win over their arch-rivals Mohammedans Sporting Club in the Navana Premier Division cricket league match yesterday at the Dhaka Stadium.



Brothers Union's Farooq faces up to Mohammedan Sporting's Gamaggee in the Navana league match at Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Brothers, after this victory, now have eight points from five matches while Mohammedans crashed to their second successive defeat in five matches.  
The match resumed yesterday with brothers' score reading 28 for two wickets, needing another 166 runs for victory in 68 overs. Mohammedans, put into bat, last Wednesday, February 13 managed a modest 193 before being all out in 63.4 overs. Brothers had replied with 28 for two in seven overs when a dispute over an umpiring decision forced on early draw of stumps.  
Then, various controversies arose, starting from one of the

umpires' absence, followed by the Vita Rich soccer match scheduled at the Dhaka Stadium. The mess finally cleared and the match resumed yesterday with brothers chasing a moderate Mohammedan target for victory.  
Masoum, coming out of a lean patch, scored a fine 52, to

boost Brother's morale enabling their batsman to take his queue. National player Farooq also not among the runs, in previous matches, scored a pitiless half century.  
Then an unbroken 49 runs fifth wicket partnership between Akram, 30 not out, and Indian Arup Bhattacharya, 28, also unbeaten ensured earlier.

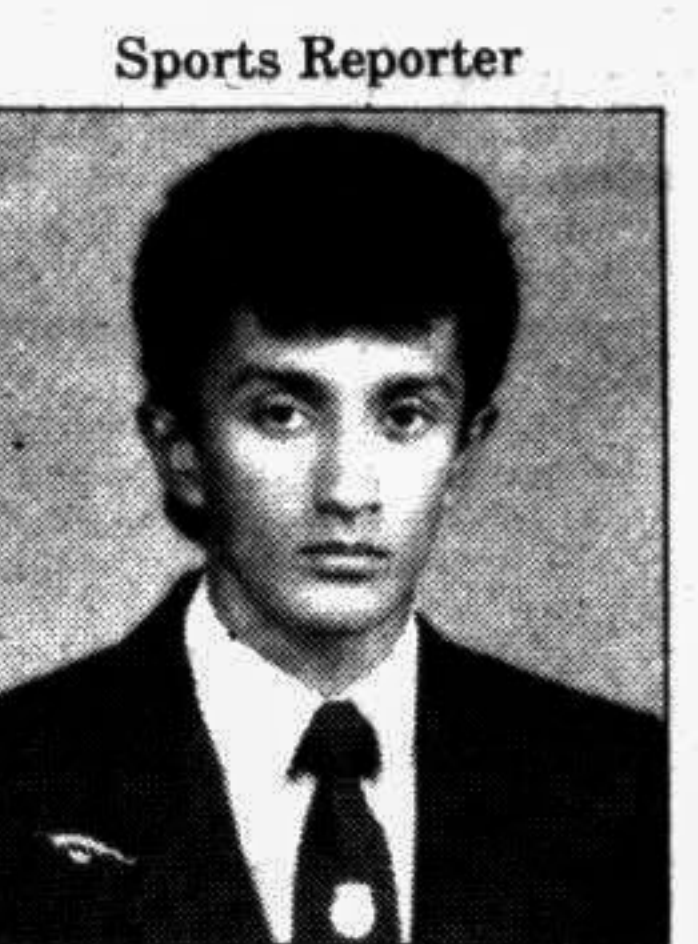
**Waugh twins enable Aussie recovery**

**BASSETTERRE, St. Kitts, Feb 19:** The Waugh twins, Steve and Mark, spearheaded an Australian recovery in their opening tour match against the West Indies Presidents' XI on Monday, reports Reuter.  
An unbeaten 96 by Steve Waugh helped the visitors reach 233 in their first innings from their overnight 173 for six.  
Although this left them trailing 99 runs behind the President's XI first innings 332, brother mark weighed in with two late wickets as the home side collapsed in their second innings.  
At the close of the third day of the four-day match, the Presidents' XI were 120 for six, a lead of 219.  
Steve Waugh was deprived of a richly deserved century when he ran out of partners. His 96 contained 11 fours and spanned more than four hours.  
First innings top scorer Keith Arthurton made a fluent 45 with six fours and a six before going leg before to off-spinner Peter Taylor and Phil Simmons and Carlisle Best were the only other batsmen to reach double figures.  
Mark Waugh, second highest scorer in Australia's innings with 41, dismissed Best for 22 and then Roland Holder for one as the home side slumped just before the close, losing three wickets in the space of five runs.

**Milnars cricket**  
**Sports Reporter**  
Sadharan Btma scored an eighteen-run victory over Dhaka Wanderers in the relegation play off match of the Milnars First Division Cricket league yesterday at the Mirpur Pallabi ground.  
Sadharan Bima batting first scored 163 for six in 38 overs.

**Sanjeeva Lalmatia's hero**

A magnificent 154 runs by Lalmatia's Sri Lankan recruit Sanjeeva put Lalmatia Club in a commanding position against Kalabagan KC on the first day of the two day Navana Premier Division cricket league match yesterday at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.  
In reply to Lalmatia's mammoth 309 runs for the loss of seven wickets in their stipulated 75 overs, Kalabagan were struggling at 64 for the loss of three wickets in 16 overs at draw of stumps.  
Skipper Ashish Malik's decision to bat first at the beginning looked to be a wrong one as Lalmatia lost three quick wickets for only 25 runs on the board. The fourth wicket partnership, however, between Pika and Sanjeeva added 143 runs. Pika scored a valuable 55 when he was caught off Ishtiaque by Sami.



SANJEEVA...fine 154

Sanjeeva took charge and went on plundering the Kalabagan bowlers at his own sweet will.  
He was finally run out for 154 runs off 153 balls. His innings was studded with nine glorious boundaries and six towering sixes. Shaon also

contributed with a breezy 44 runs off 48 balls. Sanjeeva's ton was the seventh century of this year Navana league.  
Earlier Biman's Jahangir scored two centuries, Mohammedan's Selim Shaheed, Kalabagan's Rumi, and GMCC's Lipu and Duminda were the other batsmen to notch-up centuries in their respective matches.  
Pappu was the most successful Kalabagan bowler with two wickets for 24 runs. Ajay Verma, Ishtiaque and Rumi, also took a wicket each.  
Kalabagan, in reply, made a spirited start, putting on 57 runs for the first wicket, partnership between Alam and Pilot. Lalmatia bowlers struck back to claim three wickets by the end of the day's play leaving Kalabagan staggering at 64. They now need 246 runs in 59 overs for the victory.

**Windies recall Simmons**

**BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, Feb 19:** Phil Simmons, who underwent a life saving operation during the 1988 England tour, was recalled on Monday by West Indies for the first one-day international against Australia in Jamaica on Sunday.  
But the opening batsman was not included in the 12-man squad for the first Test beginning on March 1 in Kingston for which West Indies have recalled young middle order batsman Brian Lara and fast bowler Patrick Patterson.  
Simmons developed a blood clot on the brain after being struck on the head by a delivery from Gloucestershire pace bowler David Lawrence during

his only first-class innings of the 1988 tour.  
He earned his place in the 12-man squad on the strength of his fine all-round performance for runners-up Trinidad and Tobago in the recent Red Stripe Cup competition. Simmons scored 344 runs and took 12 wickets.  
Lara has been included in the Test squad at the expense of Carlisle Best. He made his Test debut in December during the tour of Pakistan and hammered 627 runs in the Red Stripe tournament, second only to prolific opener Desmond Haynes who completed the season with 654.  
Patterson, the Jamaican fast bowler who has been in and out of the Test side, has been recalled after taking 21 Red Stripe wickets.

Announcing the teams, the West Indies cricket board said paceman Ian Bishop and Ezra Moseley were not considered because of injury.  
Bishop, leading bowler on the Pakistan tour and one of the fastest in the world, has a stress fracture of the spine and has been told to rest for two months.  
Test squad: Viv Richards (captain), Desmond Haynes, Gordon Greenidge, Richie Richardson, Carl Hooper, Gus Logie, Brian Lara, Jeff Dujon, Malcolm Marshall, Curtly Ambrose, Courtney Walsh, Patrick Patterson.  
One-day squad: Richards (captain), Haynes, Greenidge, Phil Simmons, Richardson, Hooper, Logie, Dujon, Marshall, Ambrose, Tony Gray, Walsh.

**Spread Eagles win**

**Sports Reporter**  
Spread Eagles, Nabin Sangha and Dhanmondi Club posted comfortable victories in their respective matches of the Rank-Xerox Second Division cricket league yesterday at the different venues.  
Shakhawat's brilliant all-round performance enabled Spread Eagles outclass Young Pegasus 'B' by five wickets at the Dhanmondi Club ground.  
Young Pegasus 'B', put into bat, were shot out for a paltry 69 runs in 27.3 overs. Ujjal 18, Dalton 15, and Bappi with 11 runs were three Pegasus batsmen to reach double figures.  
Shakhawat with a devastating spell claimed five Pegasus scalps for only 17 runs. Saiful supported him with two wickets for 19 runs.  
In reply, Spread Eagles raced to victory scoring 70 for the loss of five wickets in only nine overs. Sakhawat top-scored with 26 followed by Fahim 13, Straj 12 and Nayan with 10 runs. Rafi and Mahmood claimed a wicket apiece.  
In another match, at Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, Nabin Sangha sailed to an easy five wickets win over Mill Barrack.  
Mill Barrack taking the strike were bowled out for 131 runs in 29 overs. Baechu 31, Javed 19, Azad 17 and Najib with 13 runs were the

successful Mill Barrack batsmen. Masoum and Khokon captured two wickets each for 24 and 11 runs respectively.  
Nabin Sangha, in reply, cruised to 133 for the loss of five wickets in 26 overs. Khokon 33 not out, Shabbir 17, Sajid and Rubel with 13 runs each were the leading Nabin Sangha batsmen. Rubel with three wickets for 14 and Ejaz with two wickets for 29 were the most successful Mill Barrack bowlers.  
Nadeems brilliant 95 helped Dhanmondi Club crush Shantinagar 'A' by 81 runs at the Mohakhali T-and T ground. Dhanmondi scored a massive 246 runs for five wickets in their allotted 35 overs. Nadim scored a cracking 95 runs off only 77 balls. Shipu 48 not out, Moim 36 and Shabbir with 29 were the other notable Dhanmondi scorers. Pop took three wickets for 42 runs.  
Shantinagar 'A' in reply, settled to 167 runs for the loss of seven wickets. Russel 31, Munna 29 and Khokon 23 were the leading scorers. Moyaen, Chaon and Shipu bagged two wickets each.

**TODAY'S MATCHES**

- East End vs Eastern S.C (D. Club)
- Shantinagar 'B' vs Warl K.C (DCS)
- Rayer Bazar S.C vs DOHS (Mohakhali)

**'Victim of Vendetta' claims Maradona**

**NAPLES, Feb 19:** Diego Maradona, under investigation for alleged involvement with drugs and prostitution, claims he is the victim of a Vendetta.  
The Argentinian super-star claimed: "Someone... may be because of some match that we won which we shouldn't have... has targeted Maradona to try to take attention away other problems of the team."  
Maradona, whose multi-million Dollar contract with the Italian First Division side is scheduled to end in 1993, made it clear he would quit the Club and football at the end of the season.  
"I will never play at a professional level again, he stressed.  
Maradona, who has denied using drugs who has been less category regarding liaisons with call girls, said he had decided to quit to protect his daughter Delma from what he called the false accusations being levelled at him.

**Villa go down**

**HONG KONG, Feb 19:** Two goals in extra time propelled a Hong Kong Invitation team to a 3-1 victory over Aston Villa in the final of the Marlboro Cup Lunar New Year tournament Monday, reports AFP.  
The home side, which includes three expatriate professionals, shocked the English First Division team with a brace goals in the first period of extra time.  
Goals by midfielder Leslie Santos and striker Tim Iredbury in the space of three minutes killed Villa's hopes of winning the 20,000-dollar prize money.  
A defensive effort allowed Hong Kong to draw level in the first half after Aston Villa had gone ahead in the 23rd minute through a header by Republic of Ireland international striker Tony Cascarino.  
Ian Ormondroyd, who had played a part in Villa's goal-back-head a free kick by

skipper Gordon Cowans onto Cascarino - miskicked a clearance, resulting in Hong Kong's unmarked striker Dale Tempest scoring from close range in the 34th minute.  
The second half was a battle of attrition with both teams coming close to scoring on several occasions. But missed chances and good defensive work resulted in the match going into extra-time.  
Earlier, Moscow Dynamo defeated Thailand 2-0 to take third place in the tournament.  
Two second-half goals in the space of four minutes sealed victory for Dynamo who had failed to capitalise on number of scoring chances in the first half.  
A penalty by Alexei Sereda in the 80th minute broke the stalemate.  
Four minutes later a diving header by Sergei Kirjakov beat Thai Goalie Kampan Chaiyong to put the result beyond doubt.

**Becker to take one month lay-off**

**STUTTGART, Feb 19:** Boris Becker will be out of tennis for at least one month, reports AFP.  
The 23-year-old German player, who lost his new world number-one ranking to Swedish rival Stefan Edberg at the weekend when he was forced to retire from the semi-finals of the Brussels ATP tournament after pulling a leg muscle, on Monday scratched from the one million Dollar Stuttgart Classic.  
His Rumanian business manager Ion Tiriac said Becker was unlikely to play any more tournament tennis until Key Biscayne on March 15.  
Tiriac said that the leg injury was not the only reason for the lengthy lay-off.  
"He is completely worn out and needs a complete rest," he said.

**Krishnan upset**

**MEMPHIS (Tennessee), Feb 19:** Ramesh Krishnan of India was the biggest upset victim of the day in the first round of the 750,000-dollar U.S. Indoor tennis championships on Monday, reports Reuter.  
The tournament's top names, including Ivan Lendl, Pete Sampras, Andres Gomez and Brad Gilbert, all received first round byes and did not play on Monday.  
Krishnan, ranked 85th in the world, had expected to play Milan Srejber of Czechoslovakia, but instead faced Brian Garrow of the United States when Srejber did not turn up.  
Garrow, a solid serve and volley player ranked 106th, defeated Krishnan 7-6, 3-6, 7-6.  
Krishnan, countering Garrow's blistering serve and volley attack with pinpoint passing shots that grazed the sidelines, reached 6-6 and the tiebreak in the first set.  
But one lapse from Krishnan was enough to give Garrow the set 8-6 in the tiebreak when the Indian netted a backhand.  
Both players had chances to break in the second set as Garrow continued to charge the net while Krishnan passed. The Indian used another glorious backhand pass down

the line to break for 4-2, keeping the lead to serve out the set 6-3 when the American let a backhand sail long.  
In the third set, both players held serve until a sloppy game by Krishnan gave Garrow a 5-3 lead. But the American failed to serve out the match, missing two match points on a winner from Krishnan and a forehand error of his own.  
Krishnan then reeled off 10 consecutive points to reach 6-5, but a forehand winner gave Garrow the break back to reach the tiebreak at 6-6.  
There were nine breaks in 11 service points in the tiebreak, but when Krishnan volleyed long to go down 6-5, Garrow served out the victory with a great crosscourt forehand volley off a low Krishnan return.  
"After I lost those two match points and the game it got to me a little bit," Garrow said. "But I'm usually a good fighter so I never thought I was out of the match. I knew I had to get to the net to beat him and I just bore down."  
Kevin Curren of the United States and Marcelo Filippini of Uruguay were the two highest-ranked players on court on Monday but fared differently.  
Curren, ranked 54, easily defeated Veli Paloheimo of Finland 6-4, 6-1. But Filippini, ranked 53, was beaten by Australian left-hander Mark Kratzmann 7-6, 1-6, 6-4.

**Schoolgirl ready for WCup**

**WELLINGTON:** Playing in the inaugural World Cup of women's rugby union doesn't scare New Zealand shoo-nigiri Neroli Knight, reports AP.  
She is used to playing against boys, many of whom are much older and bigger than her.  
Knight, a 16-year-old student at Hutt Valley High School outside Wellington, is the youngest member of the 26-strong New Zealand squad named to compete in the World Cup in Cardiff, Wales, in April.  
But the 62-kilogram (136-pound), 1.7-meter (five-foot-six) Knight already has faced tougher competition than any of her teammates.

She is believed to be the only female in the world to have played in a regular secondary school senior boys' competition.  
She played every match for her school under-19 team last year and established herself as a top winger.  
"It was great. I enjoyed it though it was a lot harder and more physical than anything I had experienced before," Knight said.  
"A lot of people thought I would get it easy because I was the only girl playing but they (boys) came at me hard every time.  
"I think when they realized that I could stand up to them, they came even harder. I had to give it back just as good and then the game would carry on normally."  
Hutt Valley High teacher Alan Sinclair, who managed the school team last year, said Knight more than held her own against the boys in a country where rugby union is the major sport.  
"She certainly didn't stand back and she certainly didn't let the boys down," Sinclair said.  
Knight started playing rugby at the age of seven, alongside her brother Jaden. She once broke a leg during a match, but it didn't dampen her enthusiasm.  
"After her first game she always had the dream of becoming an All Black," said her mother, Neroli Edwards. "I get the flak all the time

because I let her play with the boys but I allow her because I don't see anything wrong with it."  
The All-Blacks are New Zealand's national men's rugby union team and the current World Cup champions.  
Knight also plays softball and competes in middle-distance track and field events, but rugby union is her passion.  
"I just love running with the ball and getting through the defense. Sometimes I get those crunching tackles and that just makes me want to go back harder at them," she said.

**Nelson, Fenech bout postponed**

**SYDNEY:** Azumah Nelson's defense of his World Boxing Council super-featherweight title against Jeff Fenech has been postponed until May, promoter Bill Mordey said Tuesday, reports AP.  
Nelson was scheduled to defend the title against unbeaten Fenech at the National Tennis Center in Melbourne on April 6.  
Mordey said negotiations regarding cable television coverage of the fight in the United States were still underway.  
"I'm hoping to come to terms within the next week and the fight will definitely go ahead sometime in May," Mordey said.  
Hunter is 15-2-2, while De Leon is 42-6-1.



Poet Shamsur Rahman, advisor of weekly Muldhara, sponsors of the Rajshahi cricket league, handing over the Muldhara Trophy to Zafar Imam, General Secretary of Rajshahi DSA in Dhaka yesterday.



Bata Shoe Company presented polo-necked T-shirts to Zakaria Pintu, skipper of the Swadhin Bangla football team which is to complete a Meherpur to Dhaka torch relay scheduled to reach Dhaka Feb 22.

**NFL star dies in poverty**

**GREENBAY, (Wisconsin):** Travis Williams made an impact on the National Football League in a short career as a kick returner for the Green Bay Packers and Los Angeles Rams, reports AP.  
But once injuries forced him out of the game after only five years, he faced even bigger opponents than would-be tacklers—homelessness, poverty and alcohol.  
Williams, who still holds the single-season NFL record with four kickoff returns for touchdowns in 1967 as a Packers rookie, died Sunday in Martinez, California. He was 45.  
Williams, born in Richmond, California, died of heart failure after suffering from liver and kidney problems, said his daughter Marla Williams.  
Two of Williams' kickoff returns in 1967 came in the same game against the Cleveland Browns. His dashes with kickoffs in the open field led to his nickname "Roadrunner."  
"For a brief flash, he was one of the best," said former Packers center Ken Bowman, who was Williams' roommate.  
"He was without peer during that time with his speed and size. It's kind of surprising what happened to him. He was a fun-loving guy."  
Williams, who averaged 41 yards per kickoff return in

1967, played four seasons with the Packers. He played on the packers' 1968 Super Bowl championship team. His best year as a running back was 1969 when he rushed for 536 yards with four touchdowns.  
Injuries limited Williams to seven games in 1970 and the next season he was traded to the Los Angeles Rams. In 1971, he returned a kickoff 105 yards for a touchdown.  
But a knee injury prevented Williams from playing in 1972 and ended his career. Success did not follow.  
Williams held a series of jobs—collecting junk, driving trucks, working as bouncer and as a security guard.  
"I never hit rock bottom," Williams said in an interview with the Milwaukee Journal in 1988. "I kept drinking, but I still shaved and washed my face."  
Maria Williams said her father became increasingly depressed in recent years especially after the deaths in 1985 of his wife, mother and sister. Soon after, Williams joined the ranks of street people, sometimes sleeping in his car.  
In October 1988, Williams was one of four people arrested in Washington, D.C. during a sit-in demonstration at the office of Senator Alan Cranston of California. Williams, who became an advocate for the homeless after wandering the streets himself, was protesting cuts in federal housing programmes for the

poor.  
Williams told the Milwaukee Journal after his arrest that his problems began in 1977 when he lost his house in Richmond because he couldn't afford to make payments.  
"We were down to our last three bucks. That kind of took a lot out of me. I could have paid for the house but I thought I'd play football forever, so I put only a down payment on it," Williams said.  
He said the most money he made in one season was 35,000 dollars.  
Williams' wife Arie preceded him in death six years ago. He is survived by eight children.  
**Platini to play Cantona**  
**PARIS, Feb 19:** French team boss Michel Platini indicated on Monday he would play Eric Cantona in Wednesday's European Championship qualifier with Spain even though the striker has played just 47 minutes of soccer in three months, reports Reuter.  
Cantona, the enfant terrible of French soccer, has only just recovered from a knee injury sustained in late October and his Marseille club have sent him on only briefly as substitute in two recent league matches.  
But Platini is clearly anxious to play the gifted forward in Paris alongside his club mate Jean-Pierre Papin.