

A cakewalk for Brothers

Sports Reporter

A brilliant opening spell by national team and Brothers Union's left-arm opening pace bowler Golam Nawsar Prince sent Gulshan Youth to a humiliating eight-wicket defeat against league leader Brothers Union on the first-day of the two-day 75-over-a-side match yesterday at the Dhaka Stadium.

Gulshan Youth minus their Indian ex-Test players Arun Lal and Malhotra cut a sorry figure yesterday when they were skinned out for a meagre 137 runs in only 47 overs.

Title aspirants Brothers Union completed the formality of posting the winning total of 138 runs for the loss of only two wickets in only 30.4 overs. Brothers Union with this victory have finished their league engagements with eight victories in nine outings. Their



PRINCE... 4 for 35 nearest rival Bangladesh Biman are close at the heel with seven victories from eight encounters and have a match against Kalabagan on March 30th. Biman comes out victorious in that match then Brothers

Union and Biman will meet in a play-off match to decide the championship issue.

Gulshan's skipper Ashfaq after winning the toss decided to bat first and must have immediately repeated his decision when Brothers' Sri Lankan all-rounder T.L. Fernando sent the opener Titu caught behind by wicket keeper Shovon for a duck with six runs on the board. Prince took the trail and in a tremendous burst of speed captured four Gulshan scalps for the cost of 35 runs in a fiery 12-over spell. Saiful, 5, Atique Ali 2, Shabbir, 5, and Rome with 7 were the victims of Prince's havoc.

Gulshan's number six batsman, wicket keeper, Ishfaq stood among the ruins to compile a brave 57 runs off 73 balls and his knock was studied

with nine well-executed boundaries. Tanveer, 11, and Ashfaq 14 were the two tail-enders for Gulshan to reach double figures.

Gopbagh's left-arm spinner Shamsul proved his worth with a haul of three wickets for 13 runs off seven overs. Salauddin and Masooin got their names among the wicket takers with one wicket each.

In reply, Brothers Union got a flying start from their openers Zahed Razaq Masooin and Farouque who posted 114 runs for the first wicket partnership off only 138 deliveries. Masooin scored a cracking 54 off 66 balls and Farouq a splendid 64 runs. Both the openers fall to Tanveer's bowling.

Gulshan Youth with this defeat have ended the season with six points from nine matches.

City dampens Azad's hopes

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City Club ended Azad Boys Club's hopes of promotion to the Milnars First Division cricket league with a flattering 78-run victory in the second phase match of the Rank-Xerox Second Division Cricket League yesterday at the Mohakhali T&T ground.

City Club, electing to bat first, piled up 236 runs for the loss of seven wickets in their stipulated 40 overs.

Tinku led the City's batting onslaught with a superb 79 runs off 107 balls. Moni contributed well with a frezzy 56 runs off 53 deliveries. Gautum, 35, Nahid, 24 and Kamu 13 not out were the other notable scorers. Nanu claimed three wickets for 51 for Azad Boys.

In reply, Azad Boys were restricted to 158 all out in 33.1 overs. Mainu, 38, Hitok 25, Sajjad 21 and Ashraf 17 were the leading Azad batsmen.

Nahid was the wrecker-in-chief with four Azad scalps for 33 runs. Pappa surprised him with two for 31 runs.

Kabaddi meet March 27

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The Independence Day kabaddi tournament under the auspices of the Dhaka Divisional Sports Association begins in the city on March 27.

In the two matches scheduled for the opening day at the Outer Stadium kabaddi ground, Bangladesh Rifles take on Mirpur Jubo Sangha at 3:30 pm while Bangladesh Police face Bangladesh Ansars at 4:30 pm.

Eight teams — Bangladesh Rifles, Mirpur Jubo Sangha, Sonali Bank, Ahmed Bawany Textile Mills Ltd., Bangladesh Fire Service, Village Defence Party, Bangladesh Police and Bangladesh Ansars will be competing in the five-day knockout tournament.

The semifinals are scheduled for March 29 and the final for March 31.

Bangladesh Kabaddi Federation will conduct the tourney.

Jansher in final

COLOGNE, Mar 24: World squash champion Jansher Khan was one match away from his 11th successive Grand Prix tournament victory on Saturday after beating Rodney Martin 16-17, 15-4, 15-4, 15-6 in the semifinals of the German Open, reports Reuter.

The 21-year-old Pakistani last tasted defeat on the world circuit when Martin won their semifinal in the Australian Open in August and for the first half hour of Saturday's match it looked like the Australian might do it again.

Martin, the world number five, recovered from 14-16 to win the opening game in 26 minutes and led 3-2 in the second.

Independence Day hockey match

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Bangladesh Hockey Federation has arranged an exhibition hockey match at the hockey stadium on March 26 in celebration of Independence Day.

Two selections — the Evergreens and the Ever-Whites — will take part in the match scheduled to start at 4:00 pm tomorrow.

Following are the teams: Evergreens: Mirza Farid (Milu), Sk. Nurul Islam, Shamsul Bari, Mahmudur Rahman Momin, Pratap Shankar Hazra, Bashir Ahmed, Saber Ali, Ibrahim Saber, Mohammad Alam, Abdus Sadeque. A. Razaque, Monwar Hossain, Rama Lussal, Monwar Ali, Shabbir Yusuf, Majed, Tubu, Ehtesham Sultan, Munir and Nazim.

Ever-Whites: Ehsan Nazim, Channa, Jamal, Wasim,

Marsh misses ton as Aussies hit 249 for 6



GEORGETOWN, Guyana, Mar 24: Geoff Marsh maintained his stunning form on Australia's Caribbean tour, hitting his fifth half-century in seven matches on the opening day of the second Test against the West Indies on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Marsh was out just six runs short of his third successive hundred as Australia reached 249 for six by the close.

The touring team lost two early wickets and two more near the end of the final session but the middle of the day belonged to Marsh and captain Allan Border, who made 47.

Coming together at 24 for two, they compiled their third successive century partnership — their efforts justifying Border's decision to bat on a pitch which is likely to taken turn as the match progresses.

Marsh and Mark Taylor had put on 139 for the first wicket in the first Test in Jamaica but hopes of another big opening stand were shattered in the second over when Taylor was adjudged lbw to Patrick Patterson.

Boon survived a couple of close calls and had begun to play with confidence when he was given out caught behind off a Malcolm Marshall delivery.

Boon was clearly unhappy with the verdict, initially given as leg before by the scorers but changed after umpire Clyde Luncheon spoke to them at lunch.

Border joined Marsh and



GEOFF MARSH

the pair hauled the innings around with a stand of exactly 100 before Marshall bowled the Australian captain.

Patterson eventually found some unsuspected bounce and Marsh popped up a catch to the gully.

His innings, spanning 325 minutes and including 12 four, had taken his tour aggregate in seven outings against the West Indies to 522 runs at an average of 87.

Dean Jones (34) and Mark Waugh (30 not out) put on 49 for the fifth wicket before Jones and Greg Matthews fell in successive overs to the second new ball as play went deep into the seventh hour.

Even when the umpires called a halt for bad light after 57 minutes overtime there were seven overs to be bowled.

Marsh, who bowled very well at times, had the best figures, three for 52, and Curtly Ambrose again lived up to his high reputation with 21 tight and testing overs for 41 runs and one wicket.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the first day of the second cricket Test between West Indies and Australia on Saturday:

Australia: first innings			
M. Taylor lbw b Patterson			0
Marsh c Hooper b Patterson			94
Boon c Dujon b Marshall			7
Border b Marshall			47
Jones b Marshall			34
M. Waugh not out			30
Matthews c Dujon b Ambrose			1
Healy not out			3
Extras (b-5 lb-8 w-2 nb-18)			33
Total (for six wickets)			249
Fall of wickets: 1-3; 2-24; 3-124; 4-188; 5-237; 6-238;			
To bat: C. McDermott, M. Whitney, M. Hughes			
Bowling (to date):			
Ambrose 21	6	41	1
Patterson 15	0	46	2
Walsh 19	2	63	0
Marshall 17	3	52	3
Hooper 11	3	34	0

WEST INDIES: D. Haynes, G. Greenidge, R. Richardson, V. Richards, C. Hooper, G. Logie, J. Dujon, C. Ambrose, P. Patterson, C. Walsh, M. Marshall.

Roquibul, Nannoo lead in day-night game tomorrow

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A 45-overs-a-side day-night cricket match will be held tomorrow, March 26 at the Dhaka Stadium on the occasion of Independence Day between two selections, — the Greens and the Reds, made up of current and former national players.

Organised by the Dhaka Cricket Players' Association the match will be held under the general supervision of the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board.

The Green XI, comprising the has-beens, will be led by former Bangladesh skipper Roquibul Haasan and includes Zahed Razaq Masooin, Liton, Gazi Ashraf Lipu, Ahmed Iqbal Bachchu, Rafiqul Alam, Golam

Faruq Chowdhury Suru, Jahangir Shah Badshah, Samiur Rahman, Shaiful Huq Heera, Wahidul Ghani, Tarequzzaman Munir, Selim and Shahawaz Shanu. The Red XI, to be led by Bangladesh captain Minhazul Abedin Nannoo, includes Golam Nawsar Prince, Azhar Hossain Shantoo, Nurul Abedin Novel, Atahar Ali Khan, Farooq, Enamul Haq Moni, Aminul Islam Bulbul, Saiful Islam, Jahangir Alam Talukdar Pulu, Jahangir Alam, Nasir Ahmed Nasu, Akram Khan and Selim Shahed.

While Osman Khan has been appointed manager of the Green eleven Syed Altaf Hossain will manage the Red squad. Both are national coaches.

The match will start at 3 in the afternoon and continue till 6:00 pm, by which time one innings will have to be completed. The next session will start at 6:45 pm and continue till 9:45 pm.

A press release of the Dhaka Cricket Players' Association yesterday invited all cricket

Ispahani cricket

CHITTAGONG, Mar 24: Rafia Cricket Club beat Customs and Excise Club by one wicket in the CJKP Ispahani First Division cricket super league match at the Chittagong Stadium here today, reports BSS.

Customs battled first and scored 188 for nine in the stipulated 45 overs.

Jahangir 38, Faruk 34, Abbas 22 and Khokon 17 not out were the main scorers of Customs.

Sumon of Rafia captured four wickets for 26 runs, Russel took two for 47 runs while Joy, Roni and Saiful took one wicket each for 12, 24 and 34 runs respectively.

In reply, Rafia scored 189 for nine in 44.5 overs. Didar of Rafia top-scored with 54 followed by Shahed 36, Russel 19 and Sumon not out 14.

lovers to come and enjoy the game.

Cricket result

NAIROBI, Mar 24: Gloucestershire began a tour of Kenya by beating a Kenya Cricket Association XI by 112 runs in a one-day match here on Saturday.

Gloucestershire scored 214 for six wickets off 55 overs, then dismissed the Kenya side for 102 runs.

For Gloucestershire, Hancock was 68 not out, while opener Hunt scored 50. Karim was the top Kenya bowler with two wickets for 21 runs.

Iqbal, 18, was Kenya's top scorer.

Bubka soars even higher

GRENOBLE, France, Mar 24: Sergi Bubka of the Soviet Union broke the world indoor pole vault record for the fourth time this year and the third time in nine days when he



SERGEI BUBKA

cleared 6.12 metres at an athletics meeting on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Having failed at his first two attempts, Bubka asked the

Seles beats the heat — and Sabatini

KEY BISCAYNE (Florida), Mar 24: Second seed Monica Seles of Yugoslavia further solidified her world

number one ranking on Saturday when she disposed of third seed Gabriela Sabatini 6-3, 7-5 to win the women's singles final at the International Players' tennis championships, reports Reuter.

Australian Open champion Seles managed to hold off the surging Argentine by taking seven of the final eight games to avoid a third set in the punishing 85 degree Fahrenheit (30 centigrade) heat and high humidity.

"I definitely didn't want to go for a third set because I was very tired," said Seles who ended Steff Graf's record 186-week run as world number one earlier this month.

"It was so hot out there I think the air just stopped," added Seles, who collected 112,500 Dollars for successfully defending her title here.

It was her victory in this tournament last year that began a remarkable string of six consecutive titles that vaulted Seles to prominence in 1990.

But Seles was not about to predict a repeat of last year's heroics.

"To win six tournaments is too much pressure," she said.

"Even now I look back and six tournaments in a row is just... phew."

In the upset-riddled men's draw, 13th seed Jim Courier faces unseeded David Wheaton



MONICA SELES... safe at the top

in today's all-American final.

The 46th-ranked Wheaton single-handedly knocked out both of last year's men's finalists when he upset defending champion Andre Agassi in the fourth round and stunned top seed Stefan Edberg in Friday's semifinals.

While Saturday's women's final did not resemble the five

used her powerful two-fisted groundstrokes to break Sabatini a second time for a 4-2 lead.

The second seed then fought back from 0-40 to hold for 5-2 and served out the set two games later.

In the second set the third-ranked Sabatini remembered the net game that contributed to four consecutive victories over Graf, including a semifinal win here.

Using aggressive tactics she built a 4-0, 40-0 lead and appeared well on her way to forcing a third set when Seles turned up the heat.

Seles won that fifth game and stormed back to 5-4 as Sabatini's fatigue became more apparent.

The Argentine squandered six set points as she paced the baseline in an attempt to regain her bearings, but was unable to produce a winning shot.

Seles levelled the score 5-5 and broke Sabatini for a third time in the set for 6-5.

The final game was a struggle for both players as Seles fought of two break points and was unable to close out the match until her fifth match point.

"I just felt like I couldn't win the big points," said Sabatini, who earned 56,250 Dollars as runner up.

Seles was surprised by her second set comeback.

"I don't know what happened out there," she said. "I was a little lucky, I think."

"I was just gasping for air but at 4-2 I said this is a big chance. Go for it."

Gibbs hits out at Aussies

GEORGETOWN, Mar 24: West Indies manager Lance Gibbs has hit out at Australia's cricketers over an incident during practice on the eve of the second Test starting on Saturday, reports Reuter.

At Friday's practice session — surprisingly conducted on the square using last Wednesday's one-day international pitch — several clear marks around a good length.

"They should know better," stormed Gibbs, once the world's leading Test wicket-taker. "This wouldn't happen at Lord's. We would not be allowed to do this at Melbourne or Sydney. It is not right."

Gibbs demanded of the ground staff: "Are you frightened of them (the Australians) as he attempted to find out how the transgressions were allowed."

West Indies' biggest fear is that they might be bowled out cheaply by spin at the Bourda ground which traditionally helps show bowlers. Damage to the pitch is likely to accelerate the wearing process that helps spin bowlers get turn.

The probability of turn encouraged Australia's selectors to overlook the poor form of off-spinner Greg Matthews and retain the team who drew the first Test in Kingstons.

West Indies, who are also unchanged, have not won at Bourda since 1965 and have won here only three times overall. They have lost three of the five Tests played against Australia here with one draw.

The Pope's message

VATICAN CITY, Mar 24: Pope John Paul II met the players and officials of the mighty Juventus Football Club here on Saturday, and called on them to be role models for the younger generation, reports AFP.

"An athlete mustn't just be a sporting champion, but also a human model," he said, calling on them, "to always behave in a way to encourage good."

Independence Day tournament from tomorrow

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The Independence Day football tournament begins tomorrow, Tuesday, at the Mirpur National Stadium.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Mirza Abbas will inaugurate the meet at 3:30 pm.

Brothers Union will take on Metropolis League newcomers Eskaton Sabuj Sangha in the curtain raiser. Eskaton Sabuj won the Second Division title in the 1989-90 season.

Fourteen teams: Abahani Krira Chakra, Mohammedan Sporting Club, Brothers Union, BRTC, Fakirpool Youngmen's Club, Eskaton Sabuj Sangha Agran Bank, PWD S.C., Mukti-joddha Sangsad, national champions Bangladesh Army and four selected teams from the four divisions namely, Chittagong, Khulna Rajshahi and Dhaka Divisional elevens, will be taking part in the knockout tournament organised by the Bangladesh Football Federation.

While the preliminary matches will be held at the Mirpur Stadium, the semifinals and the final, scheduled for 5-6 April and 8 April, will be held at the Dhaka Stadium.

The ninety-minute matches will extend to a maximum of another 30 minutes of extra time in case the score is

deadlocked. Should the extra period of play also remain inconclusive then the penalty shootout or tie-breakers will be resorted to to decide the issue.

The rates of tickets are as follows:

Preliminary round (Mirpur): Galleries-Taka 5; VIP enclosure Tk 15 (daily).

Semifinals (Dhaka Stadium): Western Gallery Tk 15; Eastern Gallery Tk 10; VIP Gate No.1 Tk 50; Gate 2 30; Gate 3A Tk 20 (daily).

Final (Dhaka Stadium): Western Gallery Tk 20; Eastern Gallery Tk 15; VIP Gate No.1 Tk 100; VIP Gate 2 Tk 50; Gate 3A- Tk 30 (daily).

Pre-Olympic trials

Meanwhile, the BFF has called up sixty footballers to attend the preliminary selection trials for the Bangladesh national under-23 team which will participate in the pre-Olympic football tournament to be held in Seoul, South Korea next month. The first phase starts in the Korean capital from May 18 until 26 and the second phase will be held in the Malaysian capital Kuala Lumpur beginning June 1.

The players called up have been advised to report to Abdul Hakim by 11:00 am on March 29.

The selected players are:

Romania turns to youth

BUCHAREST, Mar 24: Romania turned to youth on Saturday in an attempt to revive their faltering hopes of reaching the 1992 European Soccer Championship finals in Sweden, reports Reuter.

Team manager Mircea Radulescu has called nine young Romanian-based players into the national squad alongside an equal number of top Romanian

footballers who are playing abroad.

"These young players stand a good chance to show their skills in the field. They make up the new wave of Romanian soccer, which is trying to recover from last year's exodus of star players who signed to western clubs," said Radulescu.

Among the best new player, Radulescu singled out Sebastian Moga, 21, an impetuous midfielder, forward Ion Timofte, A 23-year-old with a

sharp eye for goal, and Emil Sandoi, also 23, a level-headed, clever defender.

The changes are part of preparations for Romania's next qualifying games away against San Marino, on March 27, and Switzerland, on April 3.

Romania's chances of qualifying from European Championship Group Two were not helped by a 2-1 defeat against Scotland in Glasgow, and a 3-0 loss at home to Bulgaria.

DUCSU exhibition soccer

Sports Reporter

An exhibition football match between the past and present footballers of Dhaka University will be held tomorrow at the university's central playground on the occasion of Independence Day.

A press release signed by the DUCSU Sports Secretary Syed Hassan Kanan yesterday said State Minister for Youth and Sports Mirza Abbas will attend the match as chief guest.

Following are the teams: The Past Eleven: Zakaria Pintu, Golam Sarwar Tipu, Pratap Shankar Hazra, Badal Ray, Ashraful Huq Channu, Khurshid Babul, Enayet, Ghafar, Pintu, Helal, Motaleb, Ilyas Hossain, Sheikh Aslam, Musabbir, Salam Morshed, Tutul, Nurul Huq, Manik, Swapan Kumar Das, and Saif.

The Present Eleven: Kanan, Kaiser Hamid, Iqbal, Jewel, Johnny, Shamim, Rupu, Nurul Islam, Shabbir, Masum Babu, Tito, Nakib, Tutul, Sujit and Peter.

The match, organised by DUCSU, will be sponsored by Daily Inquilab. All students and alumni have been invited to watch the game.

Hoffmeister improves his Euro mark

ROSTOCK(Germany), Mar 24: Frank Hoffmeister of Germany improved on his European short course 50 metres backstroke record for the second time in a week at a World Cup swimming meeting on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Hoffmeister, who defected from East Germany in 1984, returned to the former communist part of the country to set a new mark of 25.24 seconds in the 25 metre pool.

He had clocked 25.43 the previous Sunday in Bonn, which shaved 0.04 of a second from the European record he originally established there in 1987.

Hoffmeister, beaten by Canadian Commonwealth champion Mark Tewksbury in Friday's 100 backstroke, won on Saturday from Dirk Richter, a fellow former East German.

German swimmers dominated the two-day meeting in the absence of competition from major powers such as the

United States and Australia, winning 23 of the 38 events.

French, Italian and Hungarian swimmers also stayed away from the Rostock meeting, which was almost cancelled because of local sponsoring problems in economically depressed Eastern Germany.

The United German squads' most substantial challengers were the Soviet Union, who won seven events.

On Friday, the German quartet of Dagmar Hase, Peggy Hartung, Christiane Sievert and Simone Osygus set a world short-course best of one minute 53.79 seconds in the rarely swum 4x50 metres medley relay.

Nils Rudolph, competing in his native Rostock, won Saturday's 50 freestyle in 22.27, well outside his world short-course mark of 21.76 but consolation for a narrow defeat by Vladimir Predkin of the Soviet Union in Friday's 100 freestyle.

China's Qian Hong, who won the women's