

Pabna in final round

Sports Reporter

Sylhet DSA, batting first, scored 132 for the loss of eight wickets in 42 overs.

Farooq, 24, Shah Alam, 23, Rizvi, 17, Moni and Ahmed with 16 each were the Sylhet

Nirman cricket

Sports Reporter

Kakoli High School scored a comfortable six-wicket victory over St. Gregory's High School in the Dhaka Zone match of the Nirman schools cricket championship yesterday at the Dhanmordi Club ground.

St. Gregory's High School asked to bat were shot out for a paltry 99 runs in 27.3 overs.

Pankaj, 17, Shabbir, 16, and Mustafiz, 15, were the notable St. Gregory's batsmen.

Rabbi with three wickets for seven runs was the most successful Kakoli School bowler.

In reply, Kakoli High School did not face much problem in knocking off 103 runs for the loss of only four wickets in 19.1 overs.

Rabbi top scored with 21 while Rana, 20 not out, Shahnawaz, 18, Jashim, 14, and Yamin 13, not out were the successful Kakoli school batsmen.

Atiqul and Tahmid took one wicket each for St. Gregory's High School.

batsmen to shine with the willow.

Rais with three wickets for 18 and Shoab with two for 18 were the most successful BUET bowlers.

In reply, BUET cruised to victory scoring 133 for the loss of four wickets in 38.4 overs.

Kaiser 36 not out, Tawrit, and Algi 25 runs each were the principal scorers for BUET.

Madaripur DSA reached Zone 'B' final after recording a narrow 12-run victory over PWD SC at the Faridpur Stadium.

Madaripur scored 126 all out in 33.1 over.

Sohel, 20, Rafiq 18, Titu, 12, and Montu 10 were the notable Madaripur batsmen.

Anwar with four wickets for 28 runs were the main destroyers for PWD.

In reply, PWD were bowled out for 114 runs in 34 overs.

In a Zone C match at Jessore, Mymensingh DSA qualified for the zonal final defeating Meherpur DSA by 7 wickets.

Meherpur DSA: 101 all out in 34.1 overs. Tara 26, Suja 19, Salam 20, Extra 24, Sanwar 4/10, Chandan 2/10 and Prince 2/26.

Mymensingh DSA: 103 for 3 in 25.5 overs. Nripen not out 51, Nur Mohammad 14, Billu 12, Sanwar 12, Milan 2/29 and Pintoo 1/11.

MCC to test two-faced bat

LONDON, Apr 11: The Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC), custodian of the game's rules and traditions, has decided to test a controversial new double-sided bat, reports Reuter.

The bat which has a two-faced blade designed to last twice as long as an ordinary bat, has angered many cricket purists, including the MCC, since its launch last month.

But Lt-Colonel John Stephenson, MCC secretary, has written to the manufacturers to say: "I do appreciate that your double-faced bat complies with the laws of cricket."

"I would appreciate it if you could let the MCC cricket sub-committee have sight of one of your bats simply so that MCC, as custodians of the laws, have a chance to see what is being produced."

Under cricketing rules, bats should be wooden, no longer than 38 inches (97 cms) and no wider than 4-1/2 inches (11 cms).

Topley appointed Zimbabwe coach

LONDON, Apr 11: Essex medium pace bowler Don Topley has been appointed cricket coach to Zimbabwe for the 1992 World Cup in Australia and New Zealand, it was announced on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

Topley spent the 1990-91 season in Zimbabwe playing and coaching with Harare Sports Club and was offered a contract which will run from the end of the forthcoming English season to the conclusion of the World Cup next March.

Topley said: "There is a chance of extending the contract beyond the World Cup but to be honest I don't think I will be interested."

"I think I've still got eight or nine years playing left in me yet and I think after a tournament like that I might need a winter off anyway."

Zimbabwe qualified for the World Cup by winning a tournament for non-Test playing countries.

Black belt ceremony

Sports Reporter

The attestation and prize-distribution ceremony for black belt holders in judo and karate will be held at the National Sports Council's conference room at 3:00 pm on April 14, says a press release of the Bangladesh Judo and Karate Federation.



Action from yesterday's Yuasa national youth hockey match between Dhaka DSA and Jessore DSA at the hockey stadium. DDSA won 4-1. —Star photo.

Aussies face tall order



PORT-OF-SPAIN, Apr 11: West Indies tightened their grip on the series against Australia when the third cricket Test was drawn on Wednesday, leaving Viv Richards' team 1-0 up with two matches to play.

Australia face an immense task in the remaining Tests in Barbados and Antigua, for no team has come from behind to beat West Indies at home before.

The draw on the fifth and final day here seemed inevitable from the moment rain descended on Queen's Park Oval on the first day.

After two days, only 143 minutes play had been possible and, although impressive pace bowling from Merv Hughes breathed some life into the match on the fourth afternoon, the Test rarely deviated from its expected course.

Allan Border and Desmond Haynes, deputising for Richards on the last day, laid the match to rest as soon as was decently possible with Australia 67 ahead on first innings, declaring at 123 for three.

West Indies, 220 for eight overnight, were dismissed for 27 with paceman Craig McDermott swiftly wrapping

up the innings by taking both wickets.

In a game of few highlights, West Indies wicketkeeper Jeff Dujon deservedly won the man-of-the-match award for producing the only notable innings, at a crucial time for his side.

Coming in on the fourth day when Hughes' spell threatened West Indies' prospects of reaching a follow-on target of just 95, Dujon overcame the crisis with ideal blend of caution and aggression.

He was dismissed on the final morning without adding to his overnight 70 but, by then, West Indies were safe from the danger of any shock defeat.

McDermott, who took his series tally to 13 wickets, trapped Dujon leg before and he also bowled Patterson.

As the start was delayed nearly an hour by rain, Australia were left with a maximum 71 overs batting practice, ironically in blazing heat and under clear skies.

They used 53 overs before Border declared in order to end the match early, some of his players taking more advantage of the opportunity for practice than others.

Jones, who has been notably out of form in Tests, Border and David Boon (29) all made useful runs but Mark Taylor

and Geoff Marsh both perished cheaply.

Richards spent most of the day off the field nursing a bruised right-hand ring finger he damaged fielding earlier in the match.

The injury is not expected to keep him out of the fourth Test starting in Bridgetown on April 19.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the final day of the third cricket Test between West Indies and Australia on Wednesday:

Australia: First innings 294 (M. Waugh 64, M. Taylor 61; P. Patterson four for 50).

West Indies: first innings (overnight 220 for eight) Greenidge c M. Waugh

b Reid 12

Haynes b McDermott 1

Richardson c M. Waugh 1

Taylor b Hughes 30

Hooper lbw b Hughes 12

Logie c M. Waugh b Hughes 1

Richards c S. Waugh b Hughes 2

Dujon lbw b McDermott 70

Marshall c McDermott b Border 12

Ambrose c Border b M. Waugh 53

Walsh not out 12

Patterson b McDermott 0

Extras (b-6 lb-7 nb-9) 22

Total 227

Fall of wickets: 1-16; 2-18; 3-46; 4-52; 5-56; 6-86; 7-110; 8-197; 9-225.

Bowling:

O M R W

McDermott 14.2 2 36 3

Reid 19 5 28 1

Border 19 5 28 1

Hughes 17 5 48 4

S. Waugh 5 0 10 0

M. Waugh 6 2 9 1

Jones 1 0 4 0

Australia: second innings

Taylor b Patterson 2

Marshall lbw b Marshall 12

Border b Walsh 29

Jones not out 39

Border not out 27

S. Waugh (b-1 lb-9 nb-4) 14

Total (three wickets declared) 123

Fall of wickets: 1-2; 2-49; 3-153

Bowling: O M R W

Ambrose 10 4 11 0

Patterson 7 0 27 1

Marshall 10 3 24 1

Walsh 12 6 11 1

Hooper 13 3 38 0

Richardson 1-0-2-0

Man-of-the-match: Jeff Dujon (West Indies)

Result: Match Drawn

First Test: Kingston

Second Test: Georgetown

West Indies won by 10 wickets

Fourth Test: Bridgetown

April 19-25

Fifth Test: St John's, Antigua-April 27-May 2.

Haynes, Gooch win awards

LONDON, Apr 11: West Indies opener Desmond Haynes has received one of cricket's most coveted awards just 12 months after he was at the centre of a Test Controversy in the Caribbean, reports Reuter.



DESMOND HAYNES

Haynes was deputising for injured captain Viv Richards when West Indian delaying tactics denied England victory—and a 2-0 series lead—in the second Test in Port-of-Spain.

But Haynes restored his reputation while playing English country cricket last year and he has been named as one of Wisden's five cricketers of the year in the 1991 issue.

Haynes admitted while still in the Caribbean last April that he feared an unfriendly reception from some England fans when reporting back for duty with Middlesex.

Instead, opener Haynes won fresh acclaim by scoring 2,346 first-class runs. Last season at an average of 69, helping his adopted team to win the country championship.

Wisden's four other players honoured in the 128th edition of the almanack are Lancashire and England batsman Mike Atherton, Indian captain Mohammad Azharuddin, Essex and Australian batsman Mark Waugh and Glamorgan captain Alan Butcher.

England captain Graham Gooch received an award on Wednesday when he was named as England's player of the year by their Test sponsors, receiving a cheque for 5,000 Pounds sterling (8,800 Dollars).

Gooch totalled 1,058 runs—a record for an English Test season—during six Test matches against New Zealand and India last summer.

NSC reception

The National Sports Council (NSC) yesterday accorded a reception to express gratitude to former Advisor to the President for the Ministry of Youth and Sports Alamgir MA Kabir and welcome the new State Minister Mirza Abbas, reports UNB.

NSC Chairman Major General Mahbubur Rahman, presidents and general secretaries of different national sports federations, officials of the NSC and concerned Ministry and local journalists were present at the reception.

Speaking on the occasion, Mirza Abbas said elections of the national sports federations will be completed soon to bring a congenial atmosphere in the country's sports arena.

He assured that all anomalies persisting in the sports sector will be sorted out.

In his speech, the former Advisor Alamgir MA Kabir expressed his hope that progress could be achieved through continued efforts.

He thanked the NSC and federation officials for their cooperation extended to him during his short tenure of office.

Faridpur, Dhaka clash today

Sports Reporter

Dhaka District Sports Association will meet Faridpur District Sports Association today in a crucial match which will decide the championship in the Yuasa eleventh national hockey championship at the Hockey Stadium at 3-30 PM.

Both teams are equally placed with four points each from two encounters.

But Faridpur DSA enjoys a better goal average and need only a draw to clinch the title.

Faridpur DSA consolidated their goal average when they swamped Dhaka Education Board 8-1 in their round robin league match yesterday.

The result of the match raised many eyebrows terming the match as a fixed one. Both teams were locked in a goal-less draw at half time.

Shariyar Kadar banged three goals for Faridpur by scoring in the 39th, 52nd and 55th minute of play. Musa Miah and Shahidul Islam scored two goals each while Giyasuddin slotted the other one.

Kamran scored the consolation goal for Dhaka Education Board in the 60th minute of play.

Dhaka District Sports Association kept their championship hopes alive when they blanked Faridpur District Sports Association 4-1.

Dhaka DSA led at half time by a Khwaja Dageh goal.

Luboraj Shimul sounded the board twice with goals in the 43rd and 58th minute, while Nazrul also scored for Dhaka DSA in 45th minute of the match.

Bashir Hossain reduced the margin for Jessore DSA.

Waddle inspires Marseille magic



MOSCOW, April 11: French champion Marseille, inspired by the improvisation of English winger Chris Waddle, took a big step towards the European Cup final yesterday with a 3-1 victory over Spartak Moscow, reports Reuter.

Waddle brilliantly set up the first two Marseille goals for Abedi Pele and Jean-Pierre Papin in the space of five minutes midway through the first half as the French side thoroughly dominated the opening period.

Spartak, subdued until then, came back strongly after the break and pulled one back through Igor Shalimov in the 65th minute. But substitute Philippe Verccryse put the match and probably the tie out of Spartak's reach two minutes from time.

The Soviet team, beaten only once at home in 12 matches during the past five seasons of European competi-

tion, travel to Marseille for the second leg of the semifinal in two weeks with scant chance of survival.

Marseille, unimpressed by the vocal 90,000 crowd in the Lenin Stadium started the match as if they were the home side, stifling Spartak in midfield and pushing forward constantly through Waddle, Pele and Papin.

Marseille took the lead in the 27th minute as Waddle, running at the defence, feinted to pass to Papin before stroking the ball through to Pele, overlapping on his left.

The Ghanaian, who had a superb match, thundered on and slipped the ball past Spartak keeper Stanislav Cherchesov with a low, left-foot shot.

Five minutes later Waddle intercepted a Spartak move inside his own half, looked up and delivered a perfect 40-metre pass to Papin who rounded Shalimov and hammered the ball into the net.

Despite the absence of sus-

pending Brazilian sweeper Carlos Mozer, Marseille looked even better organised than during their impressive dismissal of reigning champions AC Milan in the quarter-finals.

Spartak's quick-raiding attackers managed to make little headway, though they came out with more purpose after the interval.

Their goal was beautifully set up by Alexander Mostovoi who broke down the right and crossed perfectly for Shalimov to score with a header just inside the far post.

For a while, Spartak looked as if they could get another but Marseille gradually took control again and Verccryse, who came on as a 75th minute substitute for 36-year-old midfielder Jean Tigana, delivered the coup de grace.

He headed home a Papin cross from close range, making Marseille the first team to score three and win by two goals against Spartak in Moscow in 24 years of competition.

United on road to glory



WARSAW, Apr 11: Second half goals from Mark Hughes and Steve Bruce set England's Manchester United on course for their first European soccer final for 23 years yesterday, reports Reuter.

United, who fell behind in the first half, bounced back to beat Polish army side Legia Warsaw 3-1 in their European Cup Winners Cup semifinal

first leg match.

Legia's Jacek Cyxio had scored against the run of play in the 37th minute but Scottish international Brian McClair replied for the visitors within a minute.

The Poles were reduced to 10 men two minutes before the interval when Marek Jozwiak was sent off for a professional foul on Lec Sharpe and the match was United's from then on.

After 54 minutes United

substitute Mal Donaghy robbed Leszek Piaz outside the Legia penalty area and passed to Welsh international Hughes who turned across goal and struck a low right-footed drive that bounced in off the left upright.

Fourteen minutes later Steve Bruce, playing as captain in the absence of the suspended Bryan Robson, sealed the victory by scoring from close range after a goalmouth miscue.



Winners of the Biman indoor games '90 seen with the State Minister for Civil Aviation Abdul Mannan and other guests and officials at the prize-giving ceremony held recently.

Diego still a favourite

BUENOS AIRES, Apr 11: Diego Maradona has received thousands of cards of support since the Italian League suspended him 15 months for testing positive for cocaine after a game last month, his manager said Wednesday, reports AP.

Since Saturday's announcement of the suspension, which will be recognized by FIFA and enforced worldwide, the messages have flooded in, Marcos Franchi said.

"The support for Diego is incredible," he said.

"About 500 came by FAX from Naples, the home city of Maradona's club team Napoli."

"To the champion of champions, the generous Mr. Diego Maradona, the men of oil refinery Q8 are with you," stated one.

His goal put Marseille well on course to become only the third French club to reach the European Cup final.

Spurs lose despite Gazza

LONDON, Apr 11: England World Cup soccer star Paul Gascoigne returned to action after a 30-day injury layoff Wednesday but failed to inspire his team, Tottenham, which fell 2-1 at Norwich, reports AP.

The subject of a world record transfer bid by Italy's Lazio, the 23-year-old midfielder returned after an operation to cure a stomach muscle injury. But Lee Power and former Tottenham midfielder Ian Crook fired goals for Norwich while John Hendry replied.

In other Division One games played Wednesday, fourth-place Leeds tumbled 2-1 at home to Manchester City and Wimbledon won by the same scoreline at Everton.

Bruno undergoes surgery

LONDON, Apr 11: Frank Bruno is to undergo surgery for a torn retina in his right eye sustained in a world heavyweight title fight he lost against Mike Tyson two years ago, according to a news report Thursday, reports AP.

Maradona's appeal delayed



ROME, Apr 11: The Italian Soccer Federation said Thursday that Diego Maradona has not filed the proper documents with the Appeals Commission, delaying by at least a week a final decision on his 15-month suspension for testing positive for cocaine, reports AP.

A federation spokesman said Maradona, suspended Saturday for testing positive after a March 17 Italian league game between Bari and Maradona's team Napoli, did not file the necessary papers in time for Saturday's scheduled meeting of the appeals panel, known as the CAF.

"The discussion about Maradona's appeal is postponed by one week at least," said the spokesman.

A league disciplinary panel

imposed the suspension, but the CAF has the final decision in the case. The suspension is for the remainder of this season and all of next season, which ends in June 1992, and will be recognized by FIFA and enforced worldwide -- virtually prohibiting the 30-year-old striker from playing anywhere in the world.

Maradona's lawyer Enzo Maria Siniscalchi said Thursday that the documentary evidence for the appeal will be made available to the federation by this weekend.

Siniscalchi added that the appeal, which will ask for an annulment or reduction of the suspension, will show that Maradona did not take any drug intended to enhance performance.

The lawyer said the defence is based on the report of doctors, who tested Maradona's

urine samples and concluded the 1986 world Cup most valuable player ingested the cocaine 30-48 hours before.

Maradona returned to his native Argentina last week, before the penalty was announced, and his manager and friends said it is very unlikely he would return to Italy.

Maradona's personal trainer, Fernando Signorini, said this week that he was packing Maradona's belongings for shipment to Argentina.

The suspension has been the latest in a series of problems for Maradona this season. He has been threatened with suspension by his club for being absent from games and practices, sued by Napoli over his behavior, questioned by Italian authorities in connection with a drug and prostitution ring, and been named in a paternity suit.

Graf forehand aims high



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