

Mohammedans crush Tarun

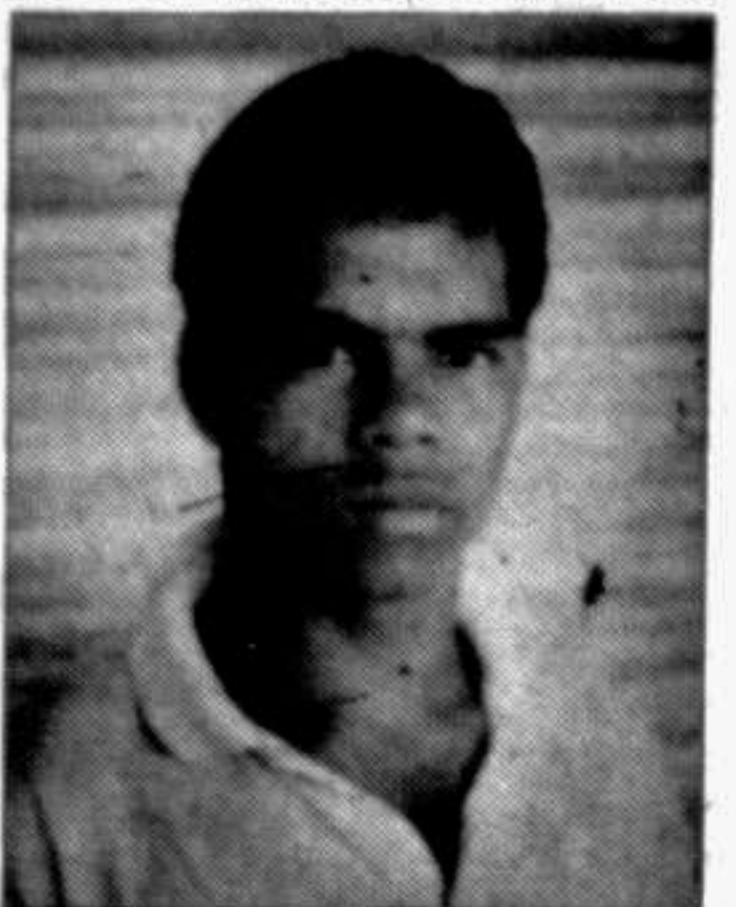
Sports Reporter

Defending champions Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club, who have made every final of the previous twelve Damal Summer finals, yesterday made another emphatic beginning in this year's tournament when they registered a thumping nine wicket win over Surjo Tarun Club at the Dhaka Stadium.

Tarun had reached 27 runs, in the 14th over, they had reached their third wicket, that of their star batsman Javed Omar Belim Golla who had top scored in the curtain raiser against Wari Club on Nov 7 by making 78.

Wickets kept falling at regular intervals and only a typical, fighting knock of 55 from Rodrigo helped Tarun reach a face-saving total.

Rodrigo, the Sri Lankan all-rounder who moved over from Abahani Krira Chakra, batted

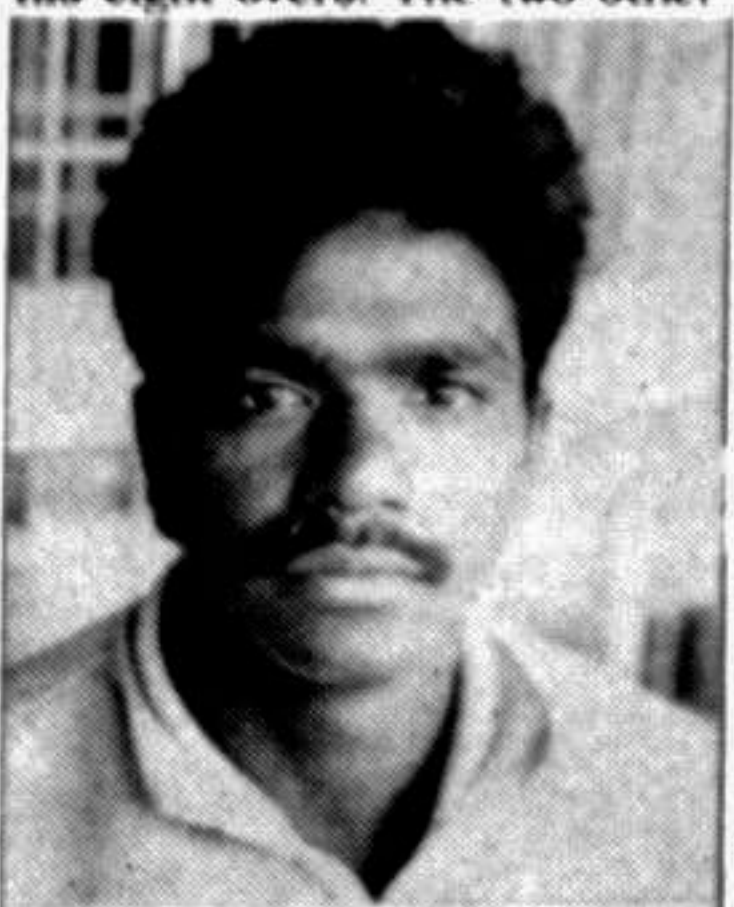


JAHANVIR...59 n.o. resolutely for a 114 balls for his unbeaten half-century which included four hits to the fence.

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beaten ten were the two other Tarun batsmen to reach double digits.

Left-arm pacesman Jahanvir Talukdar Dulu, who joined from Bangladesh Biman this season, and skipper Nannoo with his spin were the pick of the Mohammedan bowlers, taking a couple of wickets each for 11 and 16 runs respectively. Sri Lankan Gamagee, who served his first Dhaka side Wari Club so well for several years, got one for 28 runs off his eight overs. The two other



BULBUL...57 n.o. Tarun wickets fell to run outs.

A disturbing feature for Mohammedans must have been the fact that they gifted away as many as 27 extras to Tarun, 17 of them coming from wides bowled by their bowlers.

Mohammedan started their reply suffering an early setback when Azhar Shantoo, after hanging around for 15 deliveries for his four runs, ran himself out with the bat showing just 11 runs.

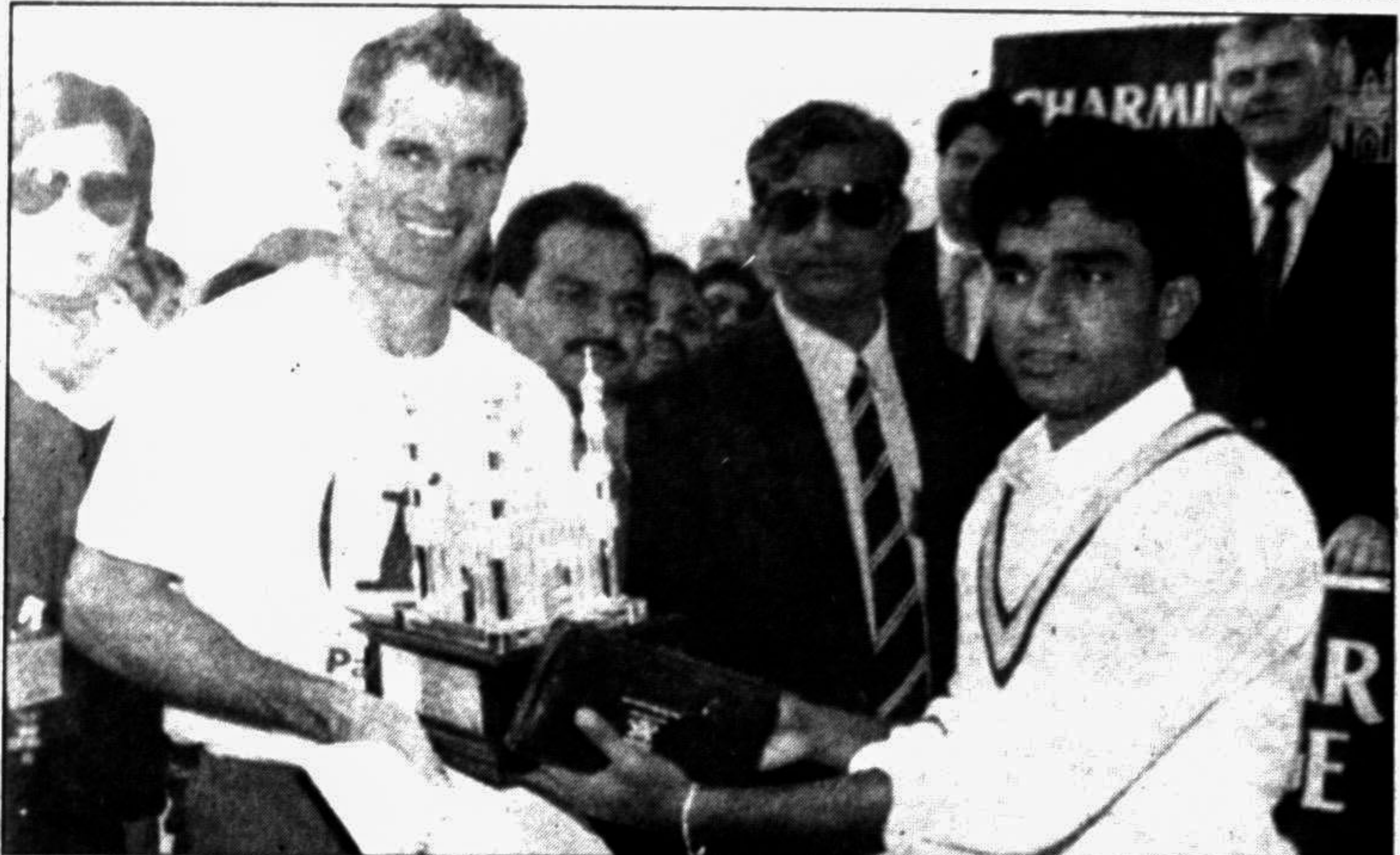
But then Mohammedans' two prize new recruits, Jahanvir Alam and Aminul Islam Bulbul who both deserted Bangladesh Biman, came together in a rollicking partnership for the second wicket which saw them through to victory.

Jahanvir, who had such a prolific season with the airlines team and was the mainstay of their batting hitting two centuries, remained 59 not out, once again getting off to a good personal start in the season's first outing. The young fellow from Narayanganj faced only 71 balls and hit two sixes and five fours.

Aminul Islam Bulbul, who had a fairly successful league cricket season in England earlier in the year, needed only 66 deliveries in reaching his unbeaten 57 with the help of seven boundary hits.

Bulbul needed only 60 balls to reach his season's first fifty while Jahanvir was eight balls slower. The pair posted their unbroken 121-run stand in only 21.5 overs.

TODAY'S MATCH
Udity Club vs Kalabagan KC (Dhaka Stadium)



Men of the match Keppler Wessels of South Africa (L) and Sanjay Manjrekar of India hold the trophy after the one-day cricket match. Wessels top scored with 71 and Manjrekar managed an unbeaten 54. India denied S. Africa the taste of victory by 38 runs after the Republic managed 185 for 8 in Gwalior on Nov 11.

Aussies beat NZ in Olympic soccer

NADI, Fiji, Nov 13: Australia rallied to beat New Zealand 2-1 Wednesday night in the Oceania Zone qualifying tournament for the 1992 Barcelona Olympic soccer tournament, reports AP.

Australia's goals came from a 77th-minute own goal by Julian Fallon and an 89th-minute winner by striker David Seal. Vaughan Coveney had shot New Zealand ahead in the 69th minute.

Australia has won all five of its games to date and cannot be overhauled at the top of the group.

Five matches still have to be played in the group, which also includes Fiji and Papua New Guinea.

The Australians now will play a European team, most likely Sweden, for a place in the Barcelona tournament.

STANDINGS

Australia	5	0	0	20	110
New Zealand	3	1	0	2	54
Fiji	3	1	0	2	112
Papua New Guinea	3	0	0	3	0110

Injury-hit Springboks claim ball was doctored in Calcutta

NEW DELHI, Nov 13: South African top-order batsman Manday Yachad fractured a bone in his

right palm and is out of the last and final one-day international cricket match to be played Thursday, team manager said, reports AP.

Topwicket taker Alan Donald is suffering from a neck pain, but the team's physiotherapist said the ache may not affect his bowling when South Africa plays the third and final match against the Indian national team.

"It was a bad hit, and an X-ray taken today confirmed a fracture in Manday's second metacarpal," manager Ali Bacher told reporters.

Yachad, who scored 31 in the second of the three-match series against India at Gwalior, was injured while facing Indian

medium-pace bowler Javagal Srinath.

"It pained a lot, but I did not think it was a real fracture," said Yachad, a lawyer from Johannesburg.

The South African team, on its maiden tour to play officially recognized cricket after 21 years' banishment from international competition, arrived in New Delhi early Wednesday. "They leave for South Africa on Friday."

The visitors are 0-2 down in the series.

Team physiotherapist Craig Smith said Donald complained of neck pain.

"This is not serious, but I am just being careful," Smith told Indian photographers who surrounded him while he massaged Donald's neck.

After the controversy over allegations that the Indians doctored the ball in the Calcutta match, practiced Thursday at a cricket field in-

side an air force base on the outskirts of New Delhi.

Bacher said Tuesday his batsmen faced a doctored ball in the Calcutta match.

But Geol Dakin, president of the United Cricket Board of South Africa, disassociated himself from Bacher's allegation, which he called most embarrassing.

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Broken thumb sidelines Sidhu

NEW DELHI, Nov 13: Indian Test opener Navjot Sidhu has broken his right thumb and will remain out of action for at least two weeks, reports PTI.

The cricket manager of the Indian team, Abbas Ali Baig said today Sidhu was hurt in the second one-day international against South Africa at Gwalior yesterday and medical examination later revealed a "fracture in the right thumb".

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Malik, Lee in last eight

RAJSHAHI, Nov 13: Pakistan's number one Rashid Malik beat American Scott Vowels in a gruelling three-set encounter in the pre-quarter-finals singles of the second leg of the ITF Bangladesh-Pakistan satellite tennis circuit at the Rajshahi Tennis Complex here today, reports BSS.

Training 6-7 (6-8) in the first set, Malik took about three hours to beat the American, taking the next two sets 7-6 (8-6), 6-4 in the exciting duel to the cheers from the crowd.

Diplaying some superb groundstrokes and volleys Malik got the better of Vowels who defeated top seed and the winner of the first leg Laurence Tiejeman of Italy in the first round.

The Pakistani Davis Cup player also hopes to win his quarter-final match against Kenneth Lee of the USA tomorrow (Thursday). He said,

he was very happy with today's result.

Kenneth Lee qualified for the quarter-finals beating Pakistan's number three Mushaf Zia 6-3, 7-6 (8-6).

American Bradley Koontz defeated Sylvano Simone of Italy 2-6, 7-4, 6-4. In the quarters, he will play Dutch Joost Wynhood, who scored an easy 6-2, 6-2 win over Indian Mahesh Bhupathi.

Mario Carnevale of Italy reached the quarter-finals defeating Mark Avedikian of the USA 6-7 (5-7), 6-3, 7-6 (7-4).

In the quarter-finals tomorrow, he will face Alessandro Fornaro of Italy, who beat Sacha Wullschlegler of Switzerland 6-2, 2-6, 7-6 (14-12).

Second seed Owen Casey of Ireland moved into the quarter-finals crushing Robert Pellizzi of the USA 6-1, 6-3.

The Irish boy will meet Dutchman Evert-Jan Hulshof in the quarter-finals tomorrow. Hulshof outplayed York Heidenreich of Germany 6-3,

6-0.

DOUBLES UPSET
Four quarter-final matches of the doubles event were also held today.

The winners of the Dhaka leg Mushaf Zia and Mohammad Khalid of Pakistan suffered an upset defeat today when they lost to India's Mahesh Bhupathi and Italy's Mario Carnevale 5-7, 6-8 (6-8). The winners will take on Joost Wynhood of the Netherlands and Irish Owen Casey tomorrow in the semi-finals.

Wynhood and Casey beat Pakistan's Hamidul Huq and Rashid Malik 4-6, 6-2, 6-1.

Italy's Laurence Tiejeman and Sylvano Simone qualified for the semi-finals beating American pair Scott Vowels and Kenneth Lee 6-3, 7-5. In the semis tomorrow, they will play another US pair Mark Avedikian and Robert Pellizzi, who defeated Anando Vandendoren of Belgium and Thomas Pablo of the United States 6-7 (6-8), 6-3, 6-4.

Manila ready for SEA Games

MANILA, Nov 13: The Philippines are scrambling to complete venues for several sports events with the opening of the 16th southeast Asian Games here only two weeks away, reports AFP.

Sources close to the organizers said facilities for the diving competition along with the venues for cycling and archery had yet to be finished.

But organising committee chairman and Trade Secretary Peter Garrucho said: "We are now ready, except for one, while we are laying the finishing touches on the others."

Philippine Sports Commission chief Cecilio Hechanova said on television that the gymnastics equipment, guns and ammunition

for the shooting competition, boats for the sailing events, and electronic timing devices were held up at Customs.

"They are supposed to get out on Tuesday. So almost everything is in order," he added.

A total 3,600 athletes and officials from at least eight countries are set to join the November 24-December 5 Manila Games, with defending champions Indonesia sending the biggest delegation of 750 to the biennial event, Garrucho said.

The Games will have a television audience of 150 million people, Hechanova said.

He added "It won't be bad" if the 700-member Filipino contingent doubled their mea-

sure haul of 26 gold medals in Kuala Lumpur in 1989, when the Philippines ended fifth behind Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia and Singapore.

The other participants are Brunel, Vietnam, and Burma, Cambodia have yet to confirm participation.

Businessman Raul Conoception, a member of the organizing committee, said world perception of the Philippines was "very negative."

Olympic Day Run tomorrow
Sports Reporter

The Olympic Day Run-91 under the auspices of the Bangladesh Olympic Association will be held tomorrow November 15 in the city, a BOA press release said yesterday.

The race will start at 6-30 am from the Army Stadium at Banani and terminate at the Dhaka Stadium.

About 1000 people including 400 athletes, players and organisers of various sports federations will take part in the race.

Jute Minister Brigadier (Retd) A S M Hannan Shah, State Minister for Textiles Major (Retd) M A Mannan and the Minister of State for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain will participate in the Olympic Day Run, the press release said.

Calcutta CC plans bicentennial bash

CALCUTTA, Nov 13: Tiger Patuadi, Bishen Ikedi and Sunil Gavaskar will again be seen in action when they play against a local team on November 17 to mark the beginning of the bicentennial celebrations of the Calcutta Cricket Club, reports PTI.

The Calcutta Cricket Club which had the distinction of organising the first ever cricket match in the country on February 23, 1792, has chalked out a series of programmes spanning over two cricket seasons, according to Mr S R Dutt, the club's vice president and convener of the celebrations committee.

The November-17 match, to be played between an Indian senior eleven under the leadership of Union Minister and BCCI chief, Madhab Rao Scindia, and Calcutta Cricket Club President Eleven, was organised with the help of Mr Scindia and Sunil Gavaskar, life members of the club.

The other members of the Indian seniors eleven include Gundappa Viswanath,

Venkatraghavan, British Patel, Karsan Ghavri, Chetan Chauhan, Farokh Engineer, Sandeep Patil, Bharat Reddy, T A Sekhar.

Captain Mushtaq Ali would act as the adjudicator to decide the man-of-the-match award for the 45-overs a-side match.

There would be another match on November 24 between a Bengal seniors eleven and the Cricket Club members.

Mr. Dutt further said that there would be a Merchants' Cup double-wicket tournament in December, a six-a-side tournament in January and an international amateur club tournament in February, the final of which would be held on February 23, coinciding with the birth of cricket in India.

The Madrid Cricket Club (Spain) and cricket clubs from Hong Kong and Singapore might also participate in the tournament, he said.

England shock Pakistan

HELSINKI, Nov 13: Pakistan, four times champions in the 1980's, went down to a shock 2-1 defeat to England on the opening day of the world squash championships here on Tuesday, reports AFP.

The shock was not the performances but the controversial Pakistani selections. The second seeds went into battle with the unranked and little-known Ehsanullah Khan and the 39-year-old former world amateur champion Maqsood Ahmed.

Both played with spirit but had little chance against two promising young top 20 players, Chris Walker and Peter Marshall, from whom they gained only eleven points in total.

World number one Jansher

Khan managed a professional 10-9, 3-9, 9-5, 9-3, victory over Del Harris, but without Jahanvir Khan, the British Open champion a record ten times, Pakistan had little chance.

"I rang Jahanvir at his flat in London yesterday (Monday) and left a message on his answerphone," said Pakistani manager Qamar Zaman. "But I got no reply."

What's happened is unfortunate and I am not enjoying it. Our morale is low, especially without Jahanvir — we missed him."

Jahanvir is known to have had an ankle problem, but in the absence of direct evidence, speculation continues that the game's greatest player may be absent partly because of dissatisfaction with Pakistani selection policy.

This caused Mir Zaman Gul,

world number 18, and Zarak Jahan Khan, a top 10 player of the recent past, to be omitted because they declined to attend trials. These took place during last month's United States Open in New York.

"My main aim now is to see that we finish in the top eight," said Zaman. This is crucial if his country is to be in the top groups next time when the world championships are in Pakistan.

There was another surprise when the fourthseeded New Zealanders were beaten 2-1 by Canada, who could now reach the semi-finals for the first time.

The key match saw former world champion Ross Norman, still ranked seven in the world, being beaten 2-9, 9-5, 9-3, 9-5, by the much-improved world number 24 Gary Waite.

Berlin's lobbyist faces investigation

BERLIN, Nov 13: The former manager of Berlin's faltering campaign to host the N'ganj soccer

Our Correspondent NARAYANGANJ, Nov 13: Nitaiganj Krira Chakra and Sher-e-Bangla Club played out a goalless draw in the Muldhara First Division football league match at the local Osmani Stadium today.

Both sides tried hard to score but poor finishing by their forwards let them down.

Meanwhile, the tournament committee of the Narayanganj DSA, organisers of the league, at a special meeting today decided that the abandoned game between Shuktara Club and Godenall Shibir, which could not be completed Tuesday owing mainly to trouble following poor conduct of the match by referee Sekander Ali, will now be re-played on the fourth of December.

The match was abandoned after 31 minutes when the Godenall players refused to play alleging rough play by their opponents and lack of adequate security.

Defending champions Dockyard Club are currently leading the 12-team league, split into two groups, with full points from their two games today.

TODAY'S MATCH
DSS Club vs Sonakanda White Club

Olympic Games in the year 2000 is being investigated for fraud over promotion contracts signed just before he was fired, Justice officials said on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

Berlin Justice Department sources told Reuters that Lutz Gruettke was suspected of having had a financial stake in a Duesseeldorf advertising agency awarded lucrative contracts by Berlin's Olympics campaign company.

Gruettke was sacked in September amid growing criticism over campaign mismanagement and poor promotion, a successor has not been found, further clouding the future of the city's campaign for the 2000 Summer Games.

Mayor Eberhard Diepgen had earlier urged an inquiry into the advertising contracts but emphasised he had no hard evidence of wrongdoing.

Berlin's Olympic bid has won little popular support.

Opponents feel the city should focus on rebuilding its run-down formerly communist East and concentrate on the economic problems of its East German hinterland following unification instead of building costly sports stadiums.

Last week, a Federal government spokesman denied reports that Chancellor Helmut Kohl had suggested the German capital should shelve its candidacy until the 2004 Games.

Berlin's last Olympics, in 1936, was a propaganda circus for Nazi dictator Adolf Hitler.

which cited unnamed sources from Greece and Australia, two of the losing bidders.

According to the magazine, the Atlanta group gave lavish gifts to members of the IOC including 120,000 dollars in cash, gold credit cards, college scholarships for children of IOC members and even surgery at a Houston hospital.

ACOG members immediately denied the allegations on Monday the organisation's president, Billy Payne, said he had sent a letter to the magazine demanding a retraction and stating that ACOG is considering legal action against Der Spiegel.

There was no immediate word on when or if any legal action would be taken.

"They're not all Sheikhs and princes, but they are all very distinguished people, outstanding business people, distinguished sportsmen," Charlie

these people," he said.

"They're not really susceptible to bribes," said Battle, Atlanta's chief lobbyist with IOC members during Atlanta's two-year effort to get the Games.

Battle, who flatly denied the claims in Der Spiegel, admitted that ACOG had given gifts to the IOC members but said all of the gifts were within IOC rules which ban gifts over 200 dollars. But he said the rules are vague about whether the 200-dollar limit applies to each gift or the total which may be given any member by any bidding city.

"There are some excesses, and the IOC has tried to deal with it," Battle said.

"We gave them things like slippers and towels in their hotel rooms," Battle said. "I think useful things like that are more appreciated than extravagant gifts, anyway."

'Princes & princesses can't be bribed!'

ATLANTA, Nov 13: Members of the International Olympic Committee are "princes and princesses" and therefore beyond bribery, Andrew Young, co-chairman of the Atlanta Olympic Committee, said on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

Young, a former Mayor of Atlanta, made the remark as part of the continued denial of claims that the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games (ACOG) had bribed IOC members to award the 1996 Olympic Games to Atlanta.

"There're 100 princes and princesses," Young said in an interview with Cable News Network. "Everywhere they go they're given red carpet treatment — in season and out of season. You can't buy votes like that."

The allegations of bribery were printed last week in the German magazine Der Spiegel



IOC boss SAMARANTH
Battle, ACOG's executive vice president, told Reuters on Tuesday.

Aside from what that allegation says about Atlanta, it's an insult to the integrity of

Legal actions against Der Spiegel likely

ATLANTA, Nov 13: The president of the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games demanded on Monday that a German news magazine retract charges that the city got the 1996 Games through bribery, reports AP.

In a letter dated Nov. 11, ACOG president Billy Payne told the publisher of Der Spiegel that the magazine's Nov. 4 article was libelous. He demanded the magazine print a correction, and threatened legal action.

"Your reckless publication has the potential to harm both Atlanta and the International Olympic movement," Payne wrote to Der Spiegel publisher Rudolf Augstein.

The article called Atlanta Olympic officials offered members of the International Olympic Committee gold credit card, free heart surgery, scholarships to American universities for their children and cash bribes of up to dlrs 120,000.

The IOC voted in September 1990 to make Atlanta host of the 1996 Summer Games, bypassing Melbourne, Australia, and sentimental favorite Athens, Greece.

Der Spiegel said the allegations of bribery were made by disgruntled Australian and Greek Olympic officials. The article said the officials had a list of 18 IOC members who allegedly took bribes, and 26 officials who accepted numerous gifts.

Greek Olympic officials have denied any knowledge of bribery.

"There is no such list in Greece, and anyone with any such evidence should come forward and say so," said IOC president Lambis Nicolau.

Der Spiegel also claimed Australian IOC members threatened to expose evidence of bribery unless the IOC chooses Sydney to stage the Games in 2000.

Keven Gosper, one of the two Australian members for the IOC, vigorously denied the charges.

"I have no knowledge of any inducements or bribes either offered or given to or received by IOC members, Gosper said "I regret we are a target for this sort of allegation."

Ctg soccer

CHITTAGONG, Nov 13: Shatadal Club blanked Hafiz Jute Mills by 5-0 goals in Chittagong Elite League First Division Football League held at the local stadium today, reports UNB.

The winners dominated the first half 2-0.

Azad put the winners ahead in the 2nd minute while Mang Manna doubled the margin in the 15th minute. Iqbal scored the third goal in the 49th minute, Alam netted the 4th in the 55th minute from a penalty kick and Partosh completed the tally in the 74th minute.