

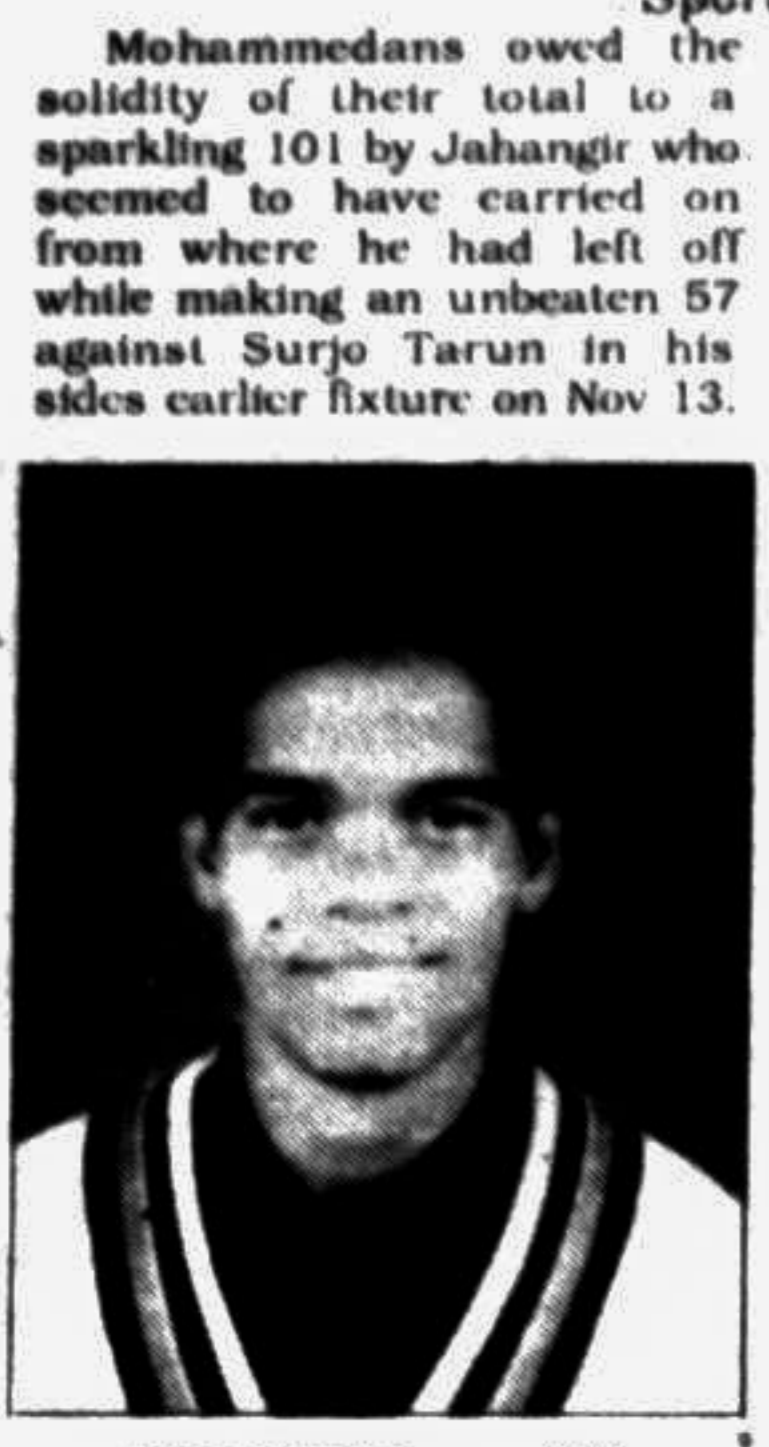
Jahangir's ton guides MSC

Jahangir Alam, the young opener from Narayanganj who scored three centuries last season with Bangladesh Biman, yesterday hit his first ton in the 1991-92 season as his new team Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club registered a convincing 82-run win over Uddity Club at the Dhaka Stadium.

The victory in the Group A final took the defending Damal Summer champions to the quarter-finals of this year's thirteenth championship. Mohammedans also became the first team to reach the quarter-finals and are in line for a hat-trick of titles in the tournament, having reached all previous dozen finals.

Uddity Club won the toss and inserted Mohammedans, a move influenced more by defensive considerations than any hope Uddity skipper Imran might have harboured about reaping any advantage from the early morning moisture in the wicket.

Mohammedans couldn't care less and their batsmen went about scoring almost at will against the limited Uddity attack, finishing on 243 for six wickets in their stipulated 45 overs.



JAHANGIR 101

Jahangir, who put on 48 for the first wicket with Azhar Hossain Shantoo, hit ten fours and six in his 105-ball knock, having taken eighty deliveries for his first fifty. Having reached that milestone, there was no stopping the young right-hander who savaged the tiring Uddity bowling, scoring another 51 runs off just 24 de-

Sports Reporter
 liveries before edging Imran to wicketkeeper Tipu.

The next best Mohammedan effort with the bat came from another of their new recruits from Biman — Aminul Islam Bulbul, who made 35 with the help of three boundaries. Against Surjo Tarun Bulbul had made an unbeaten 59.

Shantoo and Rafique, the Abahani skipper last year, made 15 each, while right-arm medium-pacer Mohammad Ali remained 16 not out and Sri Lankan pacesman Gamaggee 10 not out. Mohammedan's Bangladesh skipper Minhazul Abedin Nannoo once again failed to get going with the bat, managing only 12 runs before being comprehensively bowled by his Uddity counterpart Imran.

Uddity gave away 30 bonus runs by way of extras.

The tall, well-built Imran who these days is a cricket coach with the Bangladesh Krira Shikhya Protisthan (BKSP), bowled exceedingly well despite the Mohammedan run chase to return figures of two wickets for just 21 runs off his nine overs. Rahul bagged one for 30, Rukan took one for 40 and Monir one for 57, were the other successful Uddity bowlers.

When Uddity went to bat, managing 161 for nine when their overs ended, it was Imran once again who stood out among his teammates, making the top score of 27 off 30 balls.

The openers Fahim, 20, and Sajid — son of former Bangladesh captain and opener Roqibul Hassan — with 24 put on an encouraging stand of 35 for the first wicket but the latter batsmen failed to come to grip with the tidy Mohammedan attack.

Rahul made 21, Durjoy 14 and Anup 15 but these were hardly enough to suffice against the formidable Mohammedan total. There were also 23 extras.

Nannoo redeemed his failure with the bat by finishing as the highest wicket-taker for his side with three for just a dozen runs. Leg-spinner Wahidul Gahani also claimed three, but for 34 runs. Bulbul, Mitthu and left-arm pacesman Jahangir Alam Dulu picked up one apiece.

Mohammedans will next face the runners-up of Group D — either Abahani Krira Chakra or Bangladesh Biman — in the quarter-finals on Nov 22.

Uddity, too have reached the quarter-finals as the Group A runners-up and will meet the champions of Group D in their quarter-final on Nov 21.

Indians pledge not to doctor ball

PERTH, Nov 16 : The manager of the Indian cricket team, Abbas Ali, gave a firm commitment here today that his bowlers would not "doctor" balls during the upcoming Australian tour, reports AFP.

The undertaking comes in the wake of unsubstantiated allegations that Indian bowlers had tampered with a ball during last Sunday's history-making limited-overs match with South Africa in Calcutta.

South African players reportedly claimed after the game that Indian bowlers had used bottle tops to lift the seam of the ball and scrape off some of the shine, giving them an unfair advantage.

But the Board of Control for Cricket in India and the United Cricket Board of South Africa formally rejected the allegations.

Baig defended his bowlers after the 16-member Indian team arrived here early today.

"Our bowlers have never indulged in anything unethical, and we never shall," he said. "We are going to make absolutely sure it doesn't ever happen."

"I can say without reservation that nothing of this sort will happen during this tour. I am the person responsible, and I will make sure."

Baig said he believed the controversy had arisen from a very general remark by South African team manager Ali Bacher that was "slightly twisted".

Baig said India expected to give Australia "a bit run for their money," in the five-Test series starting in Brisbane, Queensland, on November 29.

"Our batting is fairly formidable," he said. "If we cannot get the opposition out twice over five days, we should not get out twice ourselves. With a bit of luck we should perform well."

He was enthusiastic about young batsman Sanjay Manjrekar, 26, and Sachin Tendulkar, 18.

"Manjrekar is a fabulous player and Tendulkar has come along famously, but gets a little carried away," Baig said. "He has come to be known as a tremendously explosive batsman. He has to adjust a little to the Test match situation."

Baig said the tour, lasting more than four months and embracing a World Series one-day competition involving Australia and the West Indies as well as the one-day World Cup in February and March, would be difficult.

"We will have to ensure that the strike bowlers are properly

nursed and that there are as few injuries as possible and that the motivation is kept up," the manager said.

Baig said India had plenty of respect for Australia.

"They have a tremendous mix of youth and experience and have developed into

Indian captain Mohammad Azharuddin said the team would aim to play very positively.

Asked about his impressions of the South African side in the historic three one-day games in India, Azharuddin predicted good things for the team.

"They are going to be a very good side for the World Cup, because they still have enough time to sharpen their game," Azharuddin said.

"In their first two matches in India, they were a bit negative, but in the last game they played really well."

"I was very impressed with fast bowler Allan Donald, a brilliant player. He is as quick as anybody."

"They have some other experienced players as well, but they need to have some young players coming up," Baig added.

Baig described South Africa as "a good bunch of kids hungry for success" who will develop into a very good side.

But they may have an uphill task reaching the World Cup semi-finals, he added.

"I think they are still a little rusty and I am not sure if there is time for them to sharpen up their techniques sufficiently to get that far," said Baig. "But they will certainly surprise a few teams."



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something quite formidable," he said.

Baig noted that while the Indians' attack was not as strong as their batting, the team had managed to bowl out Pakistan and the West Indies in the recent one-day series in Sharjah.

Bima register thrilling win

Sports Reporter
 A fine all-round performance by Irfan enabled Sadharan Bima to beat Rupali Bank in a mathematical finish, by virtue of having lost a lesser number of wickets after the scores were tied in the nail-biting match of the thirteenth Damal Summer tournament yesterday at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

Rupali Bank, batting first, were shot out for 156 runs in 44.5.

In reply, Sadharan Bima also managed exactly 156 runs, but for the loss of nine wickets, in their stipulated 45 overs.

Sadharan Bima were later declared the winners for losing a wicket less than their opponents.

Bima's skipper Rizvi, after winning the toss, invited Rupali Bank to take first strike, helped by a fine knock of 48 by Dulu and 22 by wicketkeeper-cum-opening batsman Jahangir, Rupali Bank appeared to be cruising at 94 for the loss of only three wickets in the 31st over. But at this stage Irfan was introduced into the attack by Bima skipper Rizvi as the fifth bowler. And the bankers were soon found struggling at 117 for six wickets. Irfan claimed three wickets for 25 runs in his allotted nine overs.

Rupali Bank kept on struggling to finished on 156 all out in 44.5 overs.

Hasnatin, 14 not out, Belal, 13, and Prince with 11 were

the other Rupali batsmen to reach double figures.

Ripon with two wickets for 29 runs, Babu one for 19, Dear one for 24 and David one for 25 runs were the other successful Bima bowlers.

Sadharan Bima, in reply, also were looking well placed at 113 for four wickets in 33 overs.

Just then Irfan, who was batting confidently on 37 runs, got himself unnecessarily run out at that score. When Jewel, who was also playing well with his 17 runs, was caught by Rupali's captain Khokon off Tanveer Navid Partho, the Bima batsmen started to panic and Dear and Nakib, in a fit of nerves, got themselves run out for 12 and 7 runs respectively.

Babu became the ninth man to be out, falling lbw to Ratan for no score with the board reading 154 for nine wickets in 43.3 overs.

Shadharan Bima's last pair Obaid and David needed to score three runs for victory off nine balls. Obaid and David managed to hang on grimly till the end of the allotted 45 overs, scoring two more runs with the scoreboard showing both teams tied at 156 runs. Bima, according to the tournament rules, were deemed the winners for losing one wicket less.

TODAY'S MATCHES
 GMCC vs Victoria (Dhaka Stadium)
 Railway vs Gulshan Youth (N S)

Grand reception for Rice's men

JOHANNESBURG, Nov 16: Excited fans mobbed South African cricketers in their arrival at Jan Smuts Airport here from India Saturday, despite having lost this week's three-match limited-overs series against India 1-2, reports AFP.

Impatient after a three-hour arrival delay, hundreds of supporters — mainly whites — burst into wild cheering when team captain Clive Rice, manager Ali Bacher and star players Kepler Wessies and Allan Donald finally led the team into the airport concourse.

All players were garlanded by fans, who held posters reading: "Well done, We're proud of you", Wessies for state president and "World Cup here we come".

Bacher later attributed the tumultuous welcome to the fact that the tour had been the first by a South African side since 1965 and to the fact that the South Africans salvaged some pride by winning the final international in New Delhi on Thursday by eight wickets.

"There is no question that the decision to return to international cricket in Calcutta was the right one, Bacher told a news conference.

Rice, 42, concurred: "This is the first time in 26 years we had been on tour, and had the opportunity of finding out the good points and the bad points, what we've got to improve on... with the World Cup coming up."

The fact that the South Africans beat the Indians in the final match showed that we are now on the map for the World Cup, he added.

"I think we have to perform better in all the departments. What we found was that the ball swinging at the end of an innings made it quite difficult for the batsmen to score runs. We've got to find those skills, where we can swing the

quit themselves well in the World Cup.

Both Bacher and United Cricket Board of South Africa (UCBSA) vice-president Krish Mackerduh defended the board's decision not to use the traditional Springbok logo or colours during the tour — despite criticism by President Frederik De Klerk.

The Springbok emblem is a sensitive issue. It is seen by many black South Africans as a reflection of an era in which if you were black you could not represent your country in international sport," Bacher said.

Mackerduh added that the whole question of logos, emblems and anthems would have to be decided at the negotiating table when a new constitution is thrashed out by the white minority government and its black opponents.

But for many of the fans who turned up to welcome the South Africans, the team remained the Boks.

"Welcome Springboks" read many of the posters, while draped over the stairway railings were four sides of South Africa's famous Bushveld antelope.



CLIVE RICE

ball more at the end of an innings."

He admitted that there was room for much all-round improvement but was confident the South Africans would ac-

IOC won't test for AIDS at Barcelona

MONTE CARLO, Nov 16 : Competitors in next year's Olympic Games will not have to undergo test for AIDS, the International Olympic Committee's (IOC's) medical chief said on Friday, reports Reuter.

"As things stand, AIDS tests are completely out of the question," Prince Alexandre de Merode, president of the IOC medical commission told Reuters. "There is no reason for it."

The case of the American basketball star Earvin 'Magic' Johnson would not change the commission's position, the prince said.

Johnson revealed in a much-publicised news conference earlier this month that he was pulling out of his team, the Los Angeles Lakers, because he had the AIDS virus.

He said later he still hoped to compete in next year's Barcelona Summer Games.

"It's a problem which concerns his country and the International Basketball Federation," the prince said.

Questioned about the risk of contamination through wounds during competition, the prince said the question of AIDS had

already been raised at an IOC meeting in Barcelona last month.

"Experts say people won't catch AIDS through a simple scratch," he said.

"For the moment, we see no reason to be alarmed about the participation of people who might be sero-positive or have AIDS."

On sports such as boxing which could provoke heavy bleeding, the prince said: "It's up to the different sports federations to take up the problem and to decide on appropriate measures."

"I can state categorically that the IOC medical commission will not object to the participation of a sero-positive competitor. There is no reason to go back on our decision because of the Johnson case."

"Of course, we will continue to follow the situation closely," he said.

VOLUNTARY TESTING
 Meanwhile, an AP report from New York said: "The NBA said Friday it has sent a letter to its clubs offering players the opportunity to be tested voluntarily for the AIDS virus."

A league spokesman said, however, that "we have not put into place any further testing plans at this time."

Charles Grantham, executive director of the players' union, said in Washington on Thursday that the union has been discussing an AIDS testing and counseling programme.

Grantham told the Washington Post that the NBA Players Association has contacted hospitals, including Johns Hopkins in Baltimore to help outline a program to educate players about the disease and provide information on testing and treatment.

Under the current collective bargaining agreement between the NBA and the players, tests can only be administered if a player consents.

In the week since Magic Johnson retired from the Los Angeles Lakers after testing positive for the HIV virus, which causes AIDS, support has grown for a stronger programme.

The NBA sent a memo to general managers this week providing a 24-hour confidential hot-line, and some of the memos were distributed to players.

"We wanted the players to know they had some place they could call," said Grantham, who concurred with the memo. "Whatever we're doing, we're doing with (the NBA's) blessing. We're in this together and we'll meet with them" when a programme is developed.

The NBA said it had not yet been included in the union's latest effort.

Jones dazzles with 188

SYDNEY, Nov 16: Australian Test batsman Dean Jones continued his remarkable start to the season by plundering an unbeaten 188 against South Australia on Friday, reports Reuter.

Jones took his tally of runs to 643 from four innings on the opening day of Victoria's Sheffield Shield match in Melbourne.

"If I had a dream as to how to start a season, it would be nowhere near like this," Jones said.

Jones and Wayne Phillips, who made 121, put on 302 for the second wicket to leave South Australia captain Jamie Siddons red-faced after he had invited Victoria to bat first.

Jones hammered 17 fours, and one six as Victoria romped to 355 for three. Just before the close he reached 10,000 first-class runs.

In contrast, the Queensland-New South Wales match in Brisbane was dominated by bowlers.

Test pacemen Craig McDermott, who took five for 54, and Carl Rackemann, four for 35, bundled out new South Wales for only 119.

Opener Matthew Hayden, who made a century on his debut in the previous match against South Australia, guided Queensland to a first innings lead with 64 out of 196 for five.

Cuban punchers to the fore

SYDNEY, Nov 16 : Cuba made an immediate impact on the World Amateur Boxing Championships with a clean sheet on the opening night of the titles here Friday, reports AFP.

World silver medalist Rogelio Marcelon fought off a spirited challenge from Italian Luigi Catiglione to win his opening light flyweight bout on points.

Later in the night, featherweight Arnoldo Mesa, a bronze medalist at the last Moscow championships two years ago, scored a decisive points win over Soviet Andre Chebotarev and then spent the following bout searching for his misplaced mouthguard.

The first Cuban-Soviet meeting at these championships was largely a stand-off affair, with Mesa landing his punches more frequently than Chebotarev.

Officials had to resort to their computer judging system couldn't split featherweight rivals, Spain's Oskar Cariva and Finland's Reigo Vuorinen.

In what is considered a first in a World Championships, the computerised judging system couldn't separate the two protagonists, 33-33. It then reverted to a count back through the computer which again could not find a winner, 74-74.

Officials then resorted to a head count among the five ring-side judges, who gave the fight to Vuorinen 3-2. It was not surprising when Cariva

Hockey super league from tomorrow

Sports Reporter
 Two super league matches will be held on the inaugural day of the Green Delta Second Division hockey league which begins tomorrow at the Hockey Stadium.

Dhaka Young Stars will meet Uddity Club in the opening encounter at 2 pm while PWD will take on Farashganj SC in the second match of the day. Eight teams qualified from the 19-team robin league.

Earlier, American Ivan Robinson was an impressive winner over outclassed Portuguese Jose Fernandez, forcing the referee to stop the featherweight contest midway in the first round amid a flurry of punches.

His featherweight teammate, Andreas Twes, had a battle to scrap past Mongolia's Cecec Vitumen, before winning on points.

Pakistan avoid relegation

HELSINKI, Nov 16: Pakistan kept their place in the Top Division of the World Team Squash Championship by winning a crucial playoff against Scotland on Friday, reports Reuter.

Traditionally-dominant Pakistan avoided the indignity of relegation by beating previously undefeated Second Division side Scotland 2-1 for their first win in four outings.

The outcome of the match hinged principally on the opening tie between third strings Ahsan Ullah Khan and Alan Thomson, a hard-fought 70-minute duel with phases of high excitement.

The first point of tension came at 1-1 with Thomson serving for the third game at 8-6.

However, Thomson's error on an attempted winning shot, a backhand drive which finished up on the tin, proved the turning point. Ahsan Ullah raised his performance and took the four points needed to win the game off the reel.

Ahsan Ullah's recovery stretched to his taking a seemingly unassailable 8-0 lead in the fourth game. But Thomson fought back and saved no fewer than seven match points before he went down. The Scotsman drew as close as 5-8 before he put a backhand volley drop into the tin.

Pakistan's win was clinched with world number one Jansher Khan claiming his inevitable success over the Scottish number one, Mark Maclean.

In another playoff, the Netherlands produced one of the biggest surprises of the competition by beating Canada 2-1. On the opening day Canada had shown themselves to be likely semifinalists by beating New Zealand.

But that remained their only win in the group and the upset against the Dutch meant a drop to the Second Division.

The Mayor of Dhaka City Corporation Mirza Abbas yesterday said the contributions of the deaf in our society could not be ignored, reports BSS.

Speaking as chief guest at the prize distribution ceremony of the third deaf chess competition-91, Mirza Abbas said the country's deaf population was taking their place in the society alongside the healthy people by ignoring the quirks and vagaries of life and nature.

The Mayor held out an assurance that the deaf would be provided with a playground at a convenient time. He also announced a donation of taka five thousand for the Jatiya Deaf Sangstha at the function which was also addressed by the sangstha office-bearers.

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Magic Johnson to take up Bush's offer

WASHINGTON, Nov 16: Earvin 'Magic' Johnson is to take up President George Bush's offer to join the Federal Commission on AIDS, reports AFP.

Johnson, who revealed last week that he has caught the AIDS virus, has written to the President explaining that he hopes that the US public will take more notice of AIDS if he adds his high profile presence to the commission.

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said on Tuesday that Johnson was "such a role model, he would be an excellent member of this commission."

Johnson would replace Belinda Mason, who died of AIDS in September on the 15-member federal body which is charged with making recommendations on ways to combat the disease.

Windies reach Pakistan

KARACHI, Nov 16: The West Indies cricket team led by Richie Richardson arrived here Saturday to play three one-day matches against Pakistan, reports AFP.

The first match is to be played here on Wednesday, the second at Lahore on Friday and the last at Faisalabad on Sunday.

Narayanganj soccer begins

Our Correspondent
 NARAYANGANJ, Nov 16 : Defending champion BSEC (Dockyard) defeated local stronghold Godenail Shibir 3-2 in the Muldhara First Division football league held at the local Osmani Stadium yesterday.

BSEC (dockyard) led the first half with a 2-0 score. Swapan scored both the goals for the winners.

Rahim and Babul of Godenail Shibir then equalised the score to get back into the competition.

In the final stage, the Dockyard team condensed pressure on the Godenail side and at last Lalkhi scored the winning goal.

The Dockyard team now has full six points from three matches.

In the yesterday's match, Suktara Junior Club defeated Eastern Club 2-1. Anwar and Mosharraf netted the goal for Suktara. The third goal came from Suktara's players suicidal attempt.

TODAY'S MATCH
 Mohsin Club vs Sher-e-Bangla Club

SAF training begins

The residential camp of the national football team for the 5th South Asian Federation (SAF) Games began yesterday at the Bangladesh Krira Shikhya Protisthan (BKSP) at Savar, reports UNB.

Nineteen footballers out of the 30 selected for the camp reported for the inaugural session of coaching this afternoon.

Nine national booters of Dhaka Mohammedan SC, now in the Maldives for their 11th Asian Club Championship second round return leg match will join the camp on November 22.

Monem Munna and Masud Rana of Abahani, who reported earlier at the BFF office last Thursday, did not attend yesterday's coaching due to some personal problems.

However, they will join the camp soon, team officials said.

Manager of the team Nabi Chowdhury, coach Sayeeduddin Ahmed Selim, assistant coach Abdul Gaffar and secretary of the coaching committee Zakaria Pintoo were present on the occasion.

Deaf Chess

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Alan Donald and Sachin Tendulkar, watched by state Chief Minister Jyoti Basu (L) and Cricket Assoc of B executive president Jagmohan Dalmiya, lift the "Men of the match" trophy after the first India-South Africa cricket one-day international at Calcutta's Eden Gardens on Nov 10.