

Brothers outplay Bima

Sports Reporter

The reigning Navana Premier Division league champions Brothers Union started the season on a bright note when they coasted to a convincing eight-wicket victory over Sadharan Bima in the thirteenth Damal Summer cricket tournament match yesterday at the Dhaka Stadium.

Sadharan Bima, batting first, crawled to 130 for the loss of eight wickets in their stipulated 45 overs.

In reply, Brothers Union scored 131 for the loss of only two wickets in 34.3 overs.

Sadharan Bima were restricted by some high quality Brothers bowling.

Tawab with a responsible 44 not out off 110 balls and Erfan with 10 runs rescued Bima from an otherwise em-

barrassing position of 66 for seven wickets by putting on a 52-run stand for the eighth wicket.

Earlier in the innings, Naqib, unlike other Sadharan Bima batsmen, scored a quick-fire 34 runs off only 44 balls. His knock included two four and two towering sixes.

Ashfaq was the most successful Brothers Union bowler with three wickets for 18 runs. Nadrir Shah, who joined Brothers this season from Abahani Kira Chakra, captured two wickets with his gentle leg-spin at the cost of 19 runs. Skipper Athar Ali and Brothers, West Bengal recruit Arup Bhattacharya took one wicket each for seven and five runs respectively.

Brothers Union started with Nurul Abedin Nabel, who joined this season from Dhaka Mohammedans, and Shavon

coming out to open the innings. Shavon departed soon for 10 runs with the team's total on 28. Sumon joined Nobel and batted confidently to put on 81 runs for the second wicket.

Nabel was out for a well-compiled 52 runs off 82 balls. His knock included five glorious hits to the fence.

Sumon went on to remain unbeaten on an excellent 57 runs off 74 deliveries. His innings was studded with six well-struck boundaries.

Halim Shah also remained eight not out.

Naqib and Kallol shared the two Brothers scalps.

Brothers will meet Gulshan Youth in tomorrow's Group C final.

Today's match
Abahani KC vs B Bima
(Dhaka Stadium)
(Group D final)

CCFC defeat Indian seniors in exh cricket

CALCUTTA, Nov 18 : It was cricket at its festive best with some to enthral a sizeable holiday crowd at an exhibition cricket match here Sunday, reports PTI.

The 45 overs a side match began on a disappointing note with Sunil Gavaskar being bowled by Madan Lal in the very first over. But later, Farokh Engineer and Sandip Patil delighted the crowd with some lusty hitting.

Madhav Rao Scindia opted to retire after making a polished half century while Gundappa Viswanath, who landed in the city midway through the match, played a brief but crafty knock. Madan Lal displayed some of his old fireworks.

As for the records, the match, organised by the Calcutta Cricket Club to mark the beginning of its bicentennial, saw the Calcutta Cricket and Football Club President Eleven defeating the Indian Seniors Eleven by five wickets.

McDermott makes WICBC list

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, Nov 18 : Australian fast bowler Craig McDermott, who took 24 Test wickets in the West Indies earlier this year, as among five players named by the new West Indies Cricket annual as its cricketers of the year, reports Reuter.

The others — all West Indians — were Trinidad batsman Brian Lara, Desmond Haynes, who led Barbados to victory in the regional Red Stripe competition, Newly appointed Test captain Richie Richardson and fast bowler Patrick Patterson.

Lara and Haynes hit over 600 runs in the Red Stripe tournament, while Antiguan Richardson blasted two Test centuries during his third tour to England this year.

Jamaican fast bowler Patterson captured 18 Test wickets against the Australians and 13 against England.

Transvaal tumble

JOHANNESBURG, Nov 18 : Transvaal, deprived of top players Clive Rice and Jimmy Cook, tumbled to a seven-wicket defeat on Sunday against Northern Transvaal, who won their scheduled four-day Castle Cup cricket match with a day to spare, reports Reuter.

Resuming their second innings at 186 for nine, a lead of 129, Transvaal added just six runs before the final wicket fell.

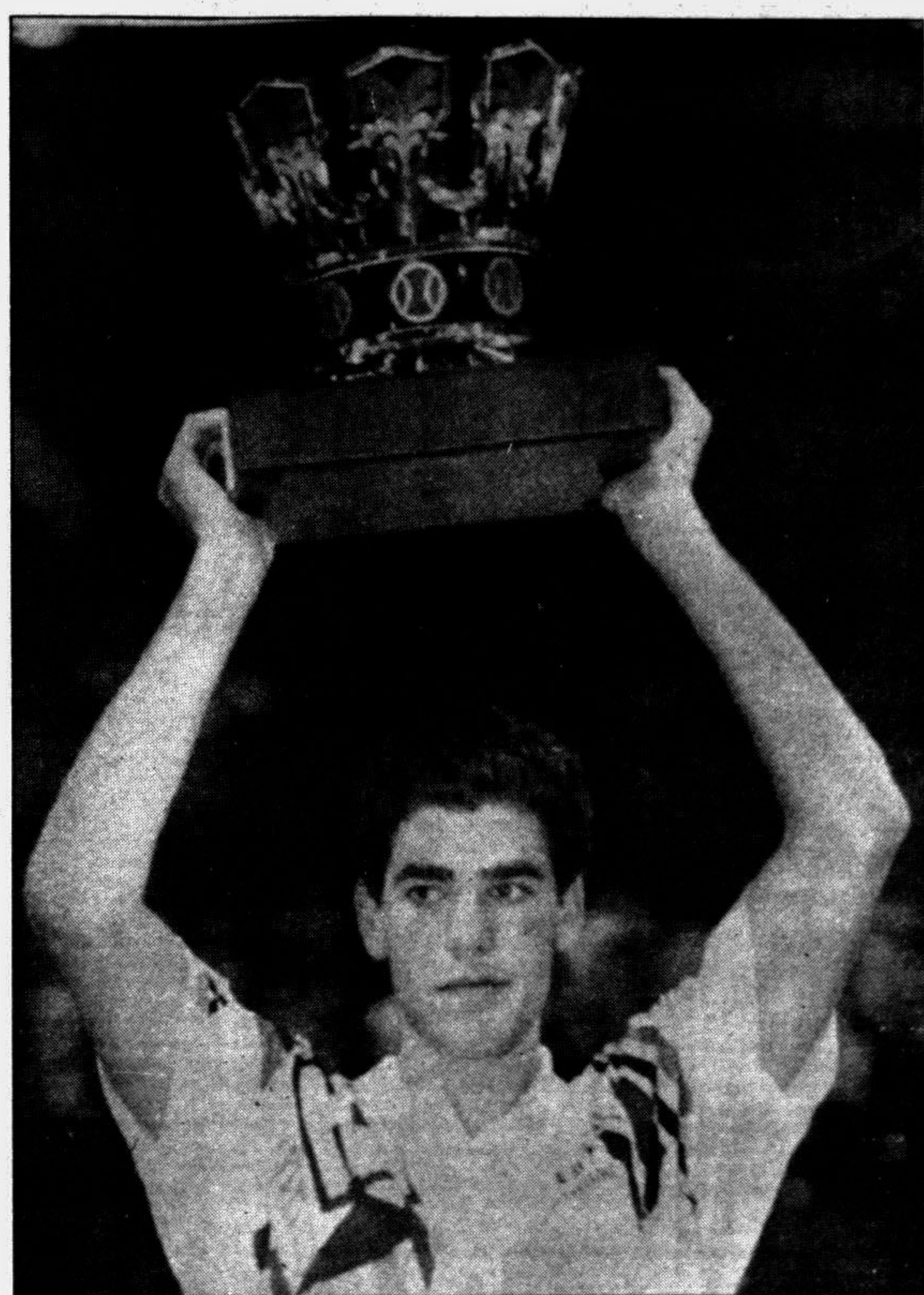
Piet Barnard struck 57 not out to lead Northern Transvaal to 137 for three and their first-ever win at Transvaal's home ground in Johannesburg.

Rice and Cook missed the Castle Cup season opener, returning on Saturday from South Africa's tour of India.

The pace bowling of fellow tourist Allan Donald was hardly missed by Orange Free State, who trounced visitors Border in Bloemfontein by 10 wickets, also with a day to spare.

Despite a fighting 117 not out by opener Andrew Lawson, Border managed only 250 in reply to a formidable first innings of 464 for seven by the home side.

West Indian paceman Franklyn Stephenson captured five Border wickets for 40 runs.



Pete Sampras holds the trophy aloft after beating Jim Courier 3-6, 7-6(7/5), 6-3, 6-4 in the ATP tour tennis championship in Frankfurt on Nov 17.

Sampras clinches ATP title

FRANKFURT, Nov 18 : American Pete Sampras showed courage as well as class to clinch the ATP Tour World Championship with a 3-6, 7-6, 6-3, 6-4 victory over Jim Courier on Sunday, reports Reuter.

In the first All-American final for 12 years, the world number seven recovered from losing the first set to overcome the hard-working French Open champion who ran for every point.

The victory provided a perfect climax to a superb few months during which the 20-year-old Sampras has become one of the hottest properties on the circuit.

Sampras has now added the prestigious, year-ending crown, in what used to be known as the masters, to titles in Los Angeles, Indianapolis and Lyon in the last four months.

Sampras, who became the youngest player to win the US Open last year, deserved his triumph after a week in which he displayed some brilliant serve-and-volley tennis.

The Florida-based man was obviously delighted as he lifted his arms to salute the victory after a hard-fought final which lasted three hours and 10

minutes.

Sunday's victory marked revenge for one of the few blips on Sampras's recent upward curve of form when he was beaten by Courier in straight sets in the quarter-finals of the US-Open.

Courier was expected to struggle on the fast carpeted court which does not suit his strong baseline game. But for a long time in the early stages of the match he frustrated Sampras.

The French Open champion, as usual sporting a baseball cap, showed more accuracy from the back of the court in the first set and he took the initiative by breaking Sampras's serve in the fifth game.

Sampras broke back in the next game but his volleying at the net lacked its usual crispness and Courier broke again in the seventh and ninth game to seal the set 6-3 after 34 minutes.

Sampras, who ousted ex-champion Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia 6-2, 6-3 in Mercedes style in Saturday's semifinals, picked up form in the second set but seemed to lack the killing edge which characterised much of his tennis on the way to the final.

The former US Champion failed to convert five break-

points in the fifth and seventh games of the second set.

Although Sampras broke in the 11th to go 6-5 ahead, Courier refused to let him get away and immediately broke back to force a tie-break.

The match then turned around as Sampras won the tie-break 7-5 and took the third set in 41 minutes. He never looked back after making a key break of serve in the first game of the fourth.

The last time two US players met in the final of the year-ending event was in 1979 when John McEnroe beat Arthur Ashe.

Sampras's victory will boost the US team's confidence ahead of their Davis Cup final against France in Lyon at the end of the month.

Sampras said the victory had boosted his confidence ahead of the Davis Cup final and he felt confident about his chances in the next Grand Slam tournament, the Australian Open, in January.

"January, February and March of this year I wasn't healthy and wasn't playing good tennis," he said. "But I got through that little slump. Hopefully if I keep on winning like this I can win a couple of matches in Lyon."

"I'm certainly capable of winning the Australian Open and confident right now I can

beat anybody in the world."

Courier, who was left out of the Davis Cup team behind Sampras and Andre Agassi, said Sampras was one of the most difficult players to beat on the tour when he was on form.

"He's not only a very good player. He is one of the most talented on the tour," he said.

"He has the ability to hit a lot of shots most of us can't hit. We wouldn't even think about hitting them."

Another setback for Holyfield

ATLANTA, Georgia, Nov 18 : Italian Francisco Damiani has pulled out of next Saturday's fight against undisputed heavyweight champion Evander Holyfield because of a twisted right ankle, promoter Mike Boorman said on Sunday, reports Reuter.

Boorman said Damiani, who injured the ankle in training on Thursday, will be replaced by American heavyweight Bert Cooper.

Cooper, 25, is 26-7 with 23 victories within the distance. Cooper was knocked out in three rounds by former heavyweight champion George Foreman on June 1, 1989 and later tested positive for drugs and was suspended.

Damiani, the former World Boxing Organisation heavyweight champion, had replaced former world champion Mike Tyson who was forced out of his November 8 date with Holyfield because of a rib injury.

Holyfield, 26-0, was to risk his World Boxing Association and International Boxing Federation titles against Damiani.

Holyfield promoter Dan Duva said he was confident the WBA and IBF would continue to sanction the bout despite the change in opponents.

N'ganj soccer

Our Correspondent
NARAYANGANJ, Nov 18 : Shuktara Jubo Shanga de-debated Sonakanda White Club by a solitary goal in the Mukhdasa First Division football league match held at the local Osmani Stadium this afternoon.

Shohag scored the lone goal of the match from an organised attack in the 27th minute of the second half.

Both teams made attacks and counter-attacks in the first half. But Shuktara gradually took control and continued to dominate the second half.

Shamim and Badal of Sonakanda White Club received the yellow card while Ishaq of the winners also received the caution for rough play.

Shuktara have now obtained three points from their two outings while Sonakanda have only one point from three.

TODAY'S MATCH
Nitalgarij KC vs Eastern Club

A humiliating day for India

PERTH, Nov 18 : Only one Indian batsman reached double figures as a near full-strength side were blasted out for just 64 runs by Western Australia in a one-day cricket match today, reports Reuter.

The Indians suffered a humiliating nine-wicket defeat in their second tour match as their powerful batting line-up floundered against the fast swing bowling of Terry Alderman on a hard Australian wicket.

Test bowler Alderman took three for 11 in his 10 overs in the day-night fixture which ended well before the flood lights had to be switched on at the WACA Ground as India struggled to survive for 136 minutes and just 31.5 of their 50 overs.

Medium-pace Tom Moody supported Alderman by cleaning up the lower order to finish with three for eight from 5.5 overs.

Tail-ender Jagavall Srinath top-scored for India with 11, but was embarrassingly out scored by extras which accounted for 15.

Western Australia took just 13 overs and 51 minutes to secure victory, 12 minutes before the scheduled change of innings.

Geoff Marsh was the only

victim, out for 21 Mike Veletta was 30 not out.

The tourists played their best available combination and the batting list featured all but one of the expected Test side, with injury ruling out captain Mohammad Azharuddin.

adds : The defeat was the second straight for the tourists, who lost by 29 runs to

men with a combination of swinging and lifting deliveries into a breeze.

None of the Indian players appeared comfortable with the bounce generated off the WACA wicket and their penchant for playing on the front foot regularly brought them into danger.

The tourists' demise started in the second over of the day when opener Krish Srikanth (2) edged Alderman's fourth ball of the match to wicket-keeper Tim Zoehrer.

Alderman extended the Indians' misery by removing the experienced Ravi Shastri in the 10th over.

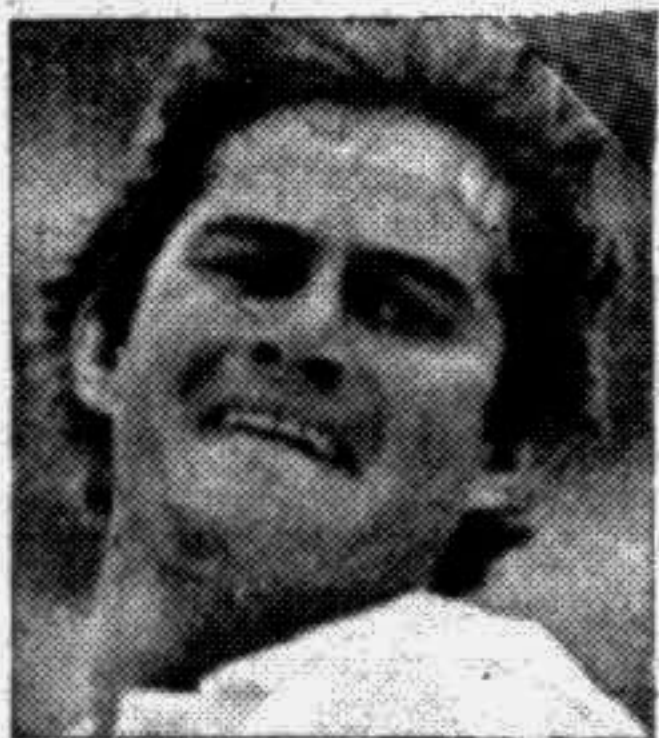
The Western Australian team lost only captain Geoff Marsh (21) with Mike Veletta (30 not out) and Moody (9) reaching the victory target with ease.

A crowd of 3,629 saw the tourists survive for only 31.5 overs after they had been sent in by state skipper Geoff Marsh on a bouncy pitch.

Western Australia rubbed salt into the wounds by rapping to 1-65 in only 13 overs.

India only narrowly avoided the ignominy of registering the lowest-ever one-day total on the ground — the 62 made by Queensland when they were defeated by Western Australia almost 20 years ago.

The amazingly one-sided game was all over in three hours and 18 minutes.



TERRY ALDERMA

an Australian Cricket Board select team in their tour opener at Lilac Hill on Sunday.

Pace bowler Jagavall Srinath, who made 11, led scoring for the Indian team. He was the only member of the tourists, team to make double figures.

Alderman, who will form part of the Australian line-up for the first Test starting in Brisbane on Nov 29, continually deceived the Indian bats-

Favourites march on

HONG KONG, Nov 18 : Brazil, the United States, Italy and Denmark all notched up points in their opening matches in the inaugural FIFA Women's World Cup in southern China Sunday, reports AFP.

In the two Group B matches, Brazil edged out Japan with a 1-0 win in third

minutes from Marisa Nogueira, while the United States fought a close 3-2 match against Sweden, the Xinhua news agency said in a report monitored here.

The Americans led at half-time with a goal from Carin Jennings in the 34th minute and improved their lead in the second-half when April Henrichs slotted the ball in.

Sweden fought back scoring in the 64th minute from Lena Videkull, but Mia Hamm put the game out of reach with the U 5 team's third in only four minutes later.

Ingrid Johansson scored a consolation goal in the 72nd minute.

In Group C Denmark overpowered New Zealand 3-0 after leading 2-0 at half-time with two goals from Helle Kristine Jensenlund in the 14th and 40th minutes and a

third from Susan Jepsen Mackensie in the 42nd.

In the other Group C match, Italy routed Chinese Taipei 5-0 with goals from Feiwei Ferraguzzi (15th), Adele Marsilotti (29th) and a hat-trick from Carolina Morace (21st, 46th, 66th).

Germany also got off to a good start in Group C trouncing the smaller Nigerians 4-0.

The Germans opened the scoring in the 16th minute through captain Silvia Neid off a freekick.

Heidi Mohr got the first of two goals in the 32nd minute off the head and followed it up two minutes later when she nipped in a pass from Gudrun Gotschlich.

In the second half Germany dominated and wrapped up the game in the 57th minute when Gotschlich stole the ball in a goalmouth melee.

Ctg soccer

CHITTAGONG, Nov 18 : Chittagong Mohammedan Sporting Club lost one valuable point to Shatadal in a goalless draw encounter in the CJKP Elite First Division football league at the Chittagong Stadium this afternoon, reports BSS.

Bakolia and Chittagong City Corporation shared points in the other match of the day in a one all drawn match.

Title aspirant Mohammedan Sporting were totally a disorganised lot today without the services of their four regular players — Munna, Panir, Parvez and Krishna.

On the other hand, Shatadal boys played a better brand of football. In the first minute of the second half Shatadal was deprived of a sure goal when Mang Bhatui's shot returned to play hitting the cross-piece. In the 56th minute Mohammedan's substitute Kibrya's header was saved by Shatadal's defender Ruhul for a corner.

Mohammedans have collected 20 points from eleven matches while Shatadal bagged 11 points from twelve matches.

In the other match, Bakolia took the lead in the 62nd minute through Babu who netted the ball off a pass from Shahaneewaj (1-0). Two minutes later, City Corporation made the equaliser when Notan's header entered the net giving goalie no chance (1-1).

Bakolia have collected 13 points from eleven encounters and city corporation got eight points from the same number of matches.

The West Indian cricket team is in Pakistan for a brief stop over on their way to Australia to take part in the Benson and Hedges World Series Triangular. In Pakistan they are going to play three one-day matches at Karachi, Lahore and Faisalabad on the 20th, 22nd, and 24th November respectively.

After Sharjah, the West Indian selectors have brought about quite a few changes in the team : in came Desmond Haynes, Malcolm Marshall, Phil Wallace, David Williams, Hamish Anthony and Robert Haynes and out went Simmons, Walsh, Dujon, Lambert and Benjamin. It is unfortunate that Gus Logic, named the vice-captain, could not make the trip due to injury incurred in a road accident. He has been replaced by Carlisle best and Desmond Haynes is going to act as the deputy to skipper Richie Richardson.

The reorganised team, after the Sharjah experiment, appears to be fairly balanced; the mixture of experienced campaigners with talented youngsters involves some calculated risk, which the selectors must have deliberately taken in order to find out the best possible combination for the World Cup.

In the present squad there are two specialised opening batsmen : Haynes and Wallace,

The Caribbeans in Pakistan : Exciting prospects

— A. M. Chowdhury

a combination of experience and youth. Richie Richardson, the captain, leads the top order batting with Hooper, Best, Lara, and Arthurton to follow. Best could as well fill in the opening slot, if the need arises. David Williams gets the chance to prove his worth, since he has been preferred to the veteran Jaff Dujon, whose

reflexes appeared a little sluggish in recent matches.

It is obvious the selectors have placed their confidence in the young talents to form the middle order in support to Richardson and Hooper. Lara and Arthurton do possess the capability and what they need most is more international exposure in order to attain maturity. One they cross the 'old-timer' stage, and the sooner the better, they are going to serve their country for long.

The return of Marshall, a genuine allrounder, is definitely going to augment their strength in both the departments. Their attack, as is the practice with the Caribbeans, would mainly rest on the fast quartet to be formed from among Ambrose, Bishop, Patterson, Marshall and Anthony. There is one specialised spinner in Robert Haynes, whose leg-spin may come handy on the Pakistani wickets. If he is put in the first eleven, that will be at the cost of one of the quickies. On occasions Hooper may prove to be useful with his off-spin.

There is hardly any doubt that the West Indian attack is one of the best in the game today. The recall of Desmond Haynes, the highest run-getter (6780 runs at an average of 42.91) in one-day cricket, has definitely improved the batting strength. Their batting appeared a little susceptible at Sharjah. Only Richardson was in peak form: he scored 272 in four innings (once being not out) and averaged 90.6. He's been amongst the runs for quite some time. He has been the most prolific run-getter for the Caribbeans in the '90-91; home series against the Aussies and in the '91 summer series against England. Hooper and Marshall carry a lot of ex-

perience on their shoulders and if some of the youngsters live up to their reputations, and rise up to the challenge, the Caribbean batting could indeed be expected to attain solidity.

At Sharjah the youngsters wavered against the Pakistani attack, which could be considered equal, if not slightly superior, to their own. Waqar Younus, Wasil, Akram, Aaqub Javed could match, in speed and incisive power, any bowling combination in present day cricket. Imran Khan, though slightly down the hill in respect of age, can hardly be ignored yet. So it can be said without any hesitation that the West Indian batting line-up shall come under the firing line of the Pakistani gunnery and in order to come out to apply themselves with utmost concentration and courage. But at the same time, they shall have to forget their gay-cavalier nature and cut out their for too many Caribbean Calypso shots.

The Pakistani batting, on home grounds, is likely to flourish. The experienced campaigners like Miandad (5764 runs at an average of 42.07 in one-day matches), Salim Malik, Rameez Raja and Imran Khan provide the backbone and the newcomers, Zahid Fazal and Aamer Sohail, did very well at Sharjah. Ijaz Ahmed has the capability of

getting back his rhythm. In Moin Khan Pakistan seem to have found a very good keeper, whose batting potentiality is by no means meagre.

It is interesting to note that on both sides there are players who are capable of determining the result of a limited over match single-handed. For the West Indians, Richardson and

fairly strong; and honestly speaking the scale seems to tilt a little in favour of Pakistan. But statistical data are in favour of the West Indians. Today, they have played 214 matches, won 145, lost 65 and no-result /draw in four whereas out of 208 matches Pakistan have won 104, lost 98 and no-result/draw in six. But in cricket statistics give the picture after the game and in no way can be used in making predictions.

There is no doubt that the quality of cricket in the three matches would largely depend on the behaviour of the wickets. If the wickets prove to be true and the ball comes up to the bat at a fair pace the crowd at the three venues may have the privilege of watching some glorious cricket.

Both the teams are likely to take the matches seriously, since their ultimate goal is the World Cup, in which both are among the top contenders. The Windies are in the process of rebuilding their team, while Pakistan shall obviously utilise the home matches for trying out new talents and affording them a chance of a 'fery baptism' against one of the best bowling attacks of the current time. Considering all these, one may unhesitatingly predict that the three matches offer the prospect of enthralling cricket. The hazards of forecasting a result could hardly be more pertinent than in this series.



R RICHARDSON

Haynes in batting and Ambrose Marshall and Bishop in bowling; for Pakistan Javed Miandad and Salim Malik (why not Imran Khan?) in batting and Aaqub Javed and Waqar Younus (and possibly Wasim Akram) in bowling.

The two teams, on current reckoning, can be said to be

Banach killed in car accident

REMSCHIED, Germany, Nov 18 : Cologne's star midfielder, Maurice Banach, was killed in a car crash near here on Sunday morning, reports AFP.

Police said Banach lost control of his Opel car, which ploughed into a motorway bridge support and burst into flames.