Mohammedans in final yet again

Sports Reporter

Defending champions Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club cruised into the final of thirteenth

Summer cricket tournament when they recorded an eight-wicket cakewalk victory against last year's runners-up Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club (GMCC) in the first semifinal match yesterday at the Dhaka

Dhaka Mohammedans have now created a unique distinction of reaching all the thirteen finals. They have won the trophy on seven occasions.

The reigning champions will now face the winners of today's second semifinal between Abahani Krira Chakra and Gulshan Youth Club. scheduled to be held at the Dhaka Stadium.

Batting first, GMCC managed a mediocre total of 178 runs for the loss of six wickets in their stipulated 45 overs.

In reply, Mohammedans coasted to victory scoring 180 runs for the loss of only two wickets in 35.5 overs.

Mohammedans captain Minhajul Abedin Nannu, also skipper of the Bangladesh national team, won the vital toss and invited the rivals to bat. Though Mohammedans did not earn the dividends rightaway, yet they profited quite reasonably when the GMCC batsmen found runs difficult to score the Mohammedan bowlers extracting a fair amount of life from the early. morning moisture in the wicket.

The GMCC openers Liton and Selim put on 31 runs for the first wicket before Liton was out for 20.

BCCP reschedules Lankan tour

ISLAMABAD, Nov 25 Pakistan has cut next month's Sri Lankan cricket tour from four Test matches to three because of concerns about the state of the pitch at one venue, reports Reuter. The secretary of the Board

of Control of Cricket in Pakistan, (BCCP) Shahid Rafi, said the Test scheduled for the Punjab city of Sargodha had been dropped after players expressed reservations about the pitch.

Two extra one-day matches have been added to the original tour schedule of three, one of them at Sargodha. The Sri Lankans are due to arrive in the first week of December.

The decision to play three Tests and five one-day matches has the mutual consent of both the sides," Rafi said.

The final tour schedule has been sent to Colombo for the Sri Lankans to endorse and will be announced in a few

Crowe's return delayed

WELLINGTON, Nov 25 New Zealand cricket captain Martin Crowe said today he was delaying a return to first class cricket until next month because he had not fully recov ered from a knee operation, reports Reuter.

Crowe had hoped to play in a pre-season warm-up on Sunday, but pulled out because his knee still hurt. He underwent the operation after New Zealand's tour of South

Australia in October. Crowe said he now hoped to return for his club side Wellington against Auckland in a Shell Trophy match on December 9, less than a month before the first of three Test matches against England in

New Zealand "I probably did too much work on it. It became at a bit sore on Friday. At the moment I can't jog and that's a bit frustrating. It's going to be a big season so with that in mind I'm trying to keep positive about it," Crowe said.

If he is fit, Crowe will probably be captain for the England tour, as well as heading the New Zealand side in the ericket World Cup, starting in February.

Boxer charged

SYDNEY, Nov 25 : One of the United States' top amateur boxers has been charged with assaulting a woman after an

been released.

Sydney's Telegraph-Mirror newspaper said the woman, from an escort agency, went to a hotel in Sydney's Darling Harbour area where the assault was alleged to have taken place early on Saturday.

Boxing Amateur Championships which finished here on Saturday.

GMCC's new Sri Lankan recruit R D Hameen fell cheaply for only eight runs.

Selim was out for 34 and skipper Gazi Ashraf Lipu for nine with the scoreboard showing 96 runs for four wickets after 27.2 overs.

Sri Lankan all-rounder Duminda Percira and Antsuzzaman Bhuiyan Pika kept their heads down and started to graft for the runs. They put on 65 for the fifth wicket with the in-form Duminda scoring a



JAHANGIR DULU...3 for 32 fine 53 runs off 65 balls. His innings included three hits to the fence and a superb six off Aminul Islam Bulbul over long-

Though Duminda and Pika batted soundly yet they seldom displayed any positive efforts to force the pace in the slog overs. Besides, both of them were very slow running between the wickets.

Pika remained not out with 35 runs.

Jahangir Talukdar Dulu was the pick of Mohammedan bowlers with three wickets for 32 runs with his left-arm medium-pace. Sri Lankan Gamagee, the

other medium-pacer, skipper Namu and off-spinning allrounder Aminul Islam Bulbul chipped in with a wicked each for 28, 22 and 41 runs respec-

The crowd, keeping in mind GMCC's performance against the fancted Brothers Union in their quarter-final in which they had restricted the reigning Navana league champions to 151 runs, were anticipating a similar effort in the field yesterday. But the Mohammedans batsmen had

different ideas. Openers, Jahangir Alam and Azhar Hossain Shantoo started in a whirlwind fashion. They bashed the GMCC bowlers all around to post 99 runs for the first wicket in a mere 22 overs.

The prolific Jahangir scored a superb 46 runs off 57 balls, studded with eight glittering fours.

Shantoo, soon after completting his first fifty of the season after a poor beginning, was brilliantly caught by Satful off GMCC skipper Lipu on the boundary line. Shantoo's 53 runs needed 93 deliveries and included just one boundary. Aminul Islam Bulbul and

Nannu batted confidently to take their team to the final without any further hitch. Nannu scored a breezy 35 not out of 31 balls with four

boundaries. Bulbul also remained not out on 31 runs and his knock included a hook off Satful for a soaring six over the mid wicket fence. Lipu was the only successful

GMCC bowler bagging both wickets for 36 runs.

SCOREBOARD GMCC Liton c Rafiq b Nannu Selim c Bulbul b Gamagee

Duminda c Bulbul b Dulu G.A.H. Lipu lbw Bulbul Pika not out Satful c & b Dulu Nasu not out Zakir did not bat Rubel did not bat Goala did not bat Extras - (bye 1, 1 bye 4, wide balls 7) 12 Total (six wickets 45 overs) Fall of wickets

R.D. Hameen bowled Dulu

1/31:2/46;3/79;4/96;5/161; 6/163 Bowling Gamagee Dulu Nannu Shantoo Bulbul

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Manila on Nov 24.

Swimmers for

member women's team com-

prises seven swimmers and

team are: Manager - Abdur

Razzak Hawlader: Coaches: Yan

Xiaushi (China) and Golam

Rahman and Bazlur Rahman

(100 and 200-metres breast

stroke), Shamsul Islam (400

and 1500-metres free-style)

Takbir Hossain and Harun-ur

Rashid (50m free-style),

Asaduzzaman (100m free-

style), Elias Hossain (200 m

free-style), Abdul Mannan (100

metre back-stroke), Nazmul

Hossain (200 metres back-

stroke), Salim Mia and Abdus

Salam (100 metres butterfly).

Mahbubur Rahman and Yasin

Alt (200 and 400 metres

compete in the 4x100m free-

style, 4x200m free-style and

4x100m medlay relay races.

participate in 16 events.

Besides, the team will also

The 13 male swimmers will

The women's team is

Manager — Sq Ldr Kamal-

uddin; Coach - Mahbubur

Dalia, Mahfuza Rahman Tania,

Laila Noor Milu (BTMC)

Mahmuda Sharif, Rehana

Zaman, Reshma Perveen and

Bangladesh's female swimmers

SAF weightlifting

team announced

Weightlifting Federation has fi-

nalised a 12-member national

squad for the 5th SAF Games

to be held December 22-31 in

Colombo, the Sri Lankan capi-

lifters and three officials will

participate in eight out of the

Manager: Sq Ldr Mohiuddin

Ahmed; Coaches: Liu Dianwu

(China) and Azad Abul Kalam:

Lifters: Moniruzzaman, Sree

Nizamuddin, L Nk Habibur

Rahman, M Harun-ur-Rashid

Sree Biddyut Kumar Roy, Abu

Sayeed, M Khaliluzzaman and

Dutta, Sheikh

Members of the team are

The team comprising nine

tal, reports UNB.

ten lifting events.

The Bangladesh Amateur

It will be first time that

Sufia Khatoon (Ansars).

will be competing abroad.

Swimmers: Monira Rahman

individual medlay).

Rahman;

Swimmers: Muklesur

The members of men's

two officials.

Sarwar.

Fall of wickets: 1/99; 2/120 50 Zakir 10 Rubel Hameen Goala Duminda Lipu

overs) 180

TODAY'S MATCH Abahani vs Gulshan Youth (Dhaka Stadium).

at the Okaes Oval, a fired-up

Whitney removed left-handed

Sourav Gaghuly in his next over

nally ended when McNamara

dived at mid-wicket to pick up

a low drive off Matthews which

at the score of 147 after only

56.4 overs, leaving New South

Wales victors with more than a

result was disastrous for India.

which faces Australia in the

first Test in Brisbane starting

come to terms with Australian

wickets and only-18-year-old

batsman Sachin Tendulkar

looked comfortable Monday as

New South Wales won with a

ures of two for 37 in support of

Whitney, whose figures were

the best by a New South Wales

bowler against India surpassing

Wayne Holdsworth's four for

practice before the first Test

India now has three days to

Matthews finished with fig-

day and hall remaining.

38 on Saturday.

AP from Lismore adds: The

The tourists still have not

The last three wickets fell

Tendulkar's lucky tenure fi-

through a catch by Emery.

made India 141 for seven.

day to spare.

on Friday.

NSW beat India by an innings

ralia, Nov 25: India suffered a folt before the Test series against Australia, losing to New South Wales by an innings and eight runs here today, reports AFP.

Resuming at Sunday's score of four for loss after being 155 behind on the first innings, the Indians were shot out for 147 before tea on the penultimate day of the four-day match. Mike Whitney celebrated

his recall to the Australian side for the first Test at Brisbane starting Friday by taking six for 37. The 32-year-old left-arm

seamer, a surprise inclusion shead of Terry Alderman and Bruce Reid in the team named this morning, ripped through the listless Indian batting on the slow wicket.

Whitney's fine performance dashed Indian hopes of getting some useful batting practice in their only first class match before the first Test.

Sachin Tendulkar, who top-scored with 82 in India's first innings, once again stole the show with a pleasing, but chancy innings of 59.

The 18-year-old prodigy was missed four times during his eventful 112-minute stay at the wicket which saw masterly drives and pulls for seven fours and an amazing six over third man against Mark Waugh.

The drama unfolded in the day's second over when Krish Srikkanth cut Whitney hard but straight to Brad McNamara at gully. The catch was easily accepted to make India four for one.

In the next over, Sanjay Manjrekar was trapped leg before by Wayne Holsworth for

Veteran Dilip Vengsarkar and Skipper Mohammad Azharuddin then added to India's woes by edging balls they were trying to leave out-

side the off-stump to be taken behind the wicket.

Vengsarkar was caught by Gred Matthews at first slip off Whitney and Azharuddin was taken by wicket-keeper Phil Emery.

Tendulkar and Manoj Prabhakar remained unsepa



MIKE WHITNEY

rated till lunch, taking the score from 53 for four to 105. Prabhakar, however, fell soon after the break for 41 when Matthews grabbed a difficult catch at first slip off

Whitney. Cheered by some 3,000 fans

Angry Baig blasts team

LISMORE, Australia, Nov 25: Indian cricket manager Abbas Ali Baig blasted his team for a shoddy display following a shock innings defeat against New South Wales here today, reports AFP.

"The boys will have to pull up their socks if they are to do well in the Tests," an angry Baig told reporters after the match.

"We batted as if we were playing in a carnival, and that's just not on," he said.

India were bowled out for 147 in their second innings to lose by an innings and eight runs in their only first-class game before the first of five Tests starts at Brisbane on

Aussie selectors reward Reiffel

"We have to think our way through over the next few days to put up a decent show in the Test match," Baig said. "I agree the team has not

had the best of preparations, but I am disappointed at today's show," said the manager, who ordered net practice soon after the match ended.

Baig hinted that India may field four seamers for the Brisbane Test where the wicket is expected to be fast and bouncy.

"We will have a good look at the wicket first before finalising the playing eleven, but the idea of playing four scamers is not ruled out," he said.

PWD win big Sports Reporter

M Rahmat Ali.

Title-aspirants PWD SC continued their fine run with an impressive 3-0 victory over Mukta Bihanga in the crucial super league encounter of the Green Delta Second Division hockey league yesterday at the Hockey Stadium.

The winners led 2-0 at the breather. Shoaib opened the account for PWD when he slotted home

in the very second minute of

Ishtiaq doubled the margin for PWD when he smartly flicked the ball past the diving Mukta Bihanga goalkeepers (2-

Nasu sealed the fate of the match four minutes into the second half with a fine goal (3-PWD have now collected

seven points from four

matches while Mukta Bihanga,

having played a similar number of games, now have four points. Barnak Samaj scored a hard-earned 1-0 victory over Young Star in the other encounter of the day at the same

After a barren first half Mokkadas scored the winning goal for Barnak in the 45th minute of the match.

Hosts dominate SEA Games

Philippine torch bearers led by sprinter Lydia de Vega Mercado (C), former basketball star Caloy Loyzaga (L), and junior

golfer Gerard Cantada (R), light the urn during the opening ceremony of the 16th Southeast Asian (SEA) Games in

SAF Games named MANILA, Nov 25 : The The Bangladesh Swimming Philippines pressed the home Federation has finalised its advantage to the hilt, bagging men's and women's teams for three golds to become the the 5th SAF Games, reports carly peacesetters midway on the first day of competitions at The 16-member men's the 16th South East Asian squad consists of 13 swimmers Games here Monday, reports and three officials while the 9-

> The hosts issued a challenge to Indonesia's perennial supremacy of the biennial sports spectacle by snaring cycling's first gold at stake, the 10Q-kilometre team time trial and two of the four golds on offer in shooting.

Thafland won a gold in shooting and in gymnastics. Burma had the other shooting gold, with Indonesia under pressure to score its first gold for the day. Emerito Concepcion, a 29year old power utility technician, was the day's star, winning the 50-metre air rifle event for the second Games running and also leading the Philippines to the team gold.

The Games started on a sour note with Malaysia screaming fraud in the shooting competition, but officials overruled the protest and let the two Philippine golds stand. Thailand, itching to surpass

its third-place finish in the 1989 Kuala Lumpur Games, underlined their shooting prowess by copping the gold in the free pistol men's team event and also won the men's team competition in gymnas-

Army captain Mint Soc, competing for the glory of the military junta now ruling Burma, shot his way to his country's first gold in the men's free pistol individual event, edging out Tran Van Phien of Vietnam.

Brunei, Singapore and Laos make up the nine-nation cast. The hosts lined up two other possible medal finishes in the swimming finals, with Aktko Thompson setting a new Games record, 1: 7:0, in the 100-metre women's back-

stroke heats, eclipsing her

own 1:06:4 sct in Kuala

Lumpur two years ago.

Leo Najera also posted the best time in the heats for the men's 200-metre backstroke.

ROK spikers sustain hopes

OSAKA. Nov 25 : South Korea moved a step closer towards next year's Barcelona Olympics when they struggled for full five sets to beat Germany on the third day of the 12-team World Cup men's volleyball tournament Sunday. reports AFP.

The Koreans, secking to make an Olympic berth here, eliminated the biggest obstacle to their hopes with a 3-2 [15-8, 5-15, 11-15, 15-10, 17-15) victory in the Group B round robin tournament at the Gifu Memorial Hall, west of Tokyo.

The Soviet Union, Cuba, the United States, Algeria, Brazil Japan have already booked places in the Olympics.

while South Korea and Germany had been favoured to win the ticket for the Barcelona Games among the remaining six teams.

Germany and Brazil stand

with two wins against a loss each, followed by South Korca and Algeria with a 1-2 win loss record. Defending champions Cuba coasted to a third consecutive win earlier in the day when they whipped Brazil 3-0 (15-3,

Two consecutive time Olympic champions the United States, the winners over pretournament favourites the

Soviet Union Saturday, also remained unbeaten for a third straight win. They downed hosts Japan

3-2 (13-15, 15-6, 17-15, 13-15, 15-12) in the Group A event at the Osaka Castle Hall, leaving the Japanese a 2-1 win-loss record. In the other action,

European champions the Soviet Union whitewashed Mexico 3-0 (15-7, 15-5, 15-11) for 2-1 record, while Tunisia scored its second win beating winless Chile 3-0 (15-11, 15-9, 15-8).

The venues will move to Hiroshima and Matsumoto for the remaining preliminary matches Tuesday and Wednesday.

Biman, BTMC share chess lead

15-7, 15-7), and Algeria out-

classed Iran 3-0 (15-10, 15-9,

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Biman and Bangladesh Textile Mills Corporation (BTMC) were jointly leading the points table after defeating their respective opponents in the sixth round of the First Division chess league yesterday at the National Sports Council chess

Desending champions and favourites Biman obtained full four points against their opponents Tilak Chess Club. Biman's star players and former national champion Zillur Rahman Champak, Ziaur Rahman, and reigning national champion Riffat-bin-Sattar and the experienced Rezaul Haque all won their respective matches yesterday.

BTMC descated Mahakhali Pradip Sangha by 4-0 points in their matches. Dr Akmal Hossain, Shabana Parveen Nipa, Shiplu and Palash won their matches to take BTMC in the joint lead.

Zubero breaks his own record

TUSCALOSA, Alabama, Nov 25 : World champion Martin Lopez-Zubero of Spain was in record-breaking form here this weekend, reports AFP.

He broke his 200m backstroke world record on Saturday when he touched home in 1 min 56.57 sec to better his previous best of 1:57:30 set at Fort Lauderdale in August.

On Friday, he broke the European 100m record with a time of 54.67 sec, improving the 55.10 sec the Soviet Union's Igor Polianski set in 1988 at Moscow.

Swiss soccer manager resigns

BERN, Switzerland, Nov 25: Swiss football team manager Uli Stielike resigned on Thursday, after his team were pipped by Scotland to reach the European Championships from Group 2, reports AFP.

Sticlike said he would take over at Neuchatel Xamax.

Last year's runners-up Bangladesh Ansars defeated

Farashgani Sporting Club by 2.5-1.5 points. Former national champion Younus Hassan and Almasur Rahman won their matches for Ansars while Khandaker Kaves Hasan lost his game to Ruhul Quddus of Farashganj SC. Neyamul Haq Taufiq of Ansars drew with Abdur Rahman of Farashgani in

the other match. Ansars are now close behind the leaders with fifteen and a half points.

Brothers Union defeated Free Birds International by 3-1 points yesterday. Brothers have so far

achieved fourteen points, while Free Birds' tally is twelve. Chalantika Krira Chakra suffered another upset when they

Goshti by 1.5-2.5 points. Chalantika now have fourteen and a half points and Protibha eight and a half points. Genius Chess Club won their match against Konika

went down to Protibha Daba

Sangskritik Sangha by 3-1 points. Genius and Konika have

2000 'flu shots!

LYON, France, Nov 25 Organisers of the 1992 Albertville Winter Olympics threw a party on Sunday for thousands of volunteers who will help run the Games and vaccinated them against flu, reports Reuter.

Some 7,500 of the 8,000 Games volunteers attended the party in a Lyon entertainment hall and doctors said they gave 2,000 tnjections against influenza. A further 1,000 volunteers

had already been vaccinated to lessen the impact of any epidemic during the Games which start on February 8. Chairman of the organising committee and triple Olympic ski champion Kiulmn, in 1968, said the organisers feared mass withdrawals as volunteers faced snow, cold and long working hours during the Games.

earned 6.5 and 7.5 points re-

spectively. Pony Electronics led 2-0 against their opponents Anushilon Krira Chakra, after two of their scheduled four games. Two other games were still undecided till filing of this

TODAY'S FIXTURE

BTMC vs Protibha Chess Pony, Electronics vs Mahakhali Pradip

B Ansars vs Anushilon Daba Free Birds vs Farashganj SC Konika SS vs Brothers

Bangladesh Biman vs Genius Chess Club

Parijat Chess Club vs Tilak Chess Club

Hall clinches Scottish squash

GLASGOW, Nov 25: Darren Hall beat Jens Olsson of Sweden in the Scottish Open final here Sunday to clinch a place in next month's badminton Grand Prix finals, reports AFP.

The English top seed came back from losing the first game 15-11 to take the next two 15-9, 15-1.

"I've been ill and have been out of training since the Danish Open three weeks ago, and did not think I would be able to play this week," said the 24-year-old Olympic hopeful. "There was added pressure because I knew I had to win to make sure of my place in the Grand Prix finals

in Kuala Lumpur. In the women's singles, Lim Xiao Qing, who defected to Sweden from China following the Tiananmen massacre two years ago, crushed top seed Christine Magnusson 11-0, 11-3 to win her first Grand Prix

Lim and Magnusson later teamed up to win the women's doubles 15-11, 15-5 against Danish pair Lisbet Stuer-Lauridsen and Marlene Thomsen.

for assault

incident in a Sydney hotel, police said today, reports Reuter. The 20-year-old boxer, a community worker from Ohio, was charged with assault occasioning actual bodily harm on Saturday. His name has not

The boxer had been competition in the sixth World

MELBOURNE. 25

Australian cricket sclectors named today uncapped Victorian pacenan Paul Reiffel in the squad

for the first test against India starting on Friday in Brisbane, reports Reuter. Selectors also recalled veteran paceman Mike Whitney, dropping all -rounder Steve Wough and fast bowler Terry Alderman from the team that defeated the West Indies in

Antigua last May. "There is always a couple of players that may be unlucky omissions, but all out I think it is a pretty good side," captain Allan Border told reporters. "I am happy for Paul Reiffel, he has had a pretty productive

Selectors ignored injuryplagued fast bowler Bruce Reid, who is recovering from a pulled back muscle, in naming the 12-man squad.

couple of seasons."

Reiffel, 25, was rewarded for two seasons of consistent wicket-taking. Reiffel made his first-class debut during the 1987-88 sca-

son and has come to promi-

nence during the past two

years, claiming 80 wickets for Victoria in that time at an average of 27 runs each.

pre-season tour of Zimbabwe Reiffel took 10 wickets. This summer he had already taken 13 wickets in three games for Victoria. "The Zimbabwe tour gave me a big lift because it was

During the Australia A team

nice to know I'd been noticed," Reiffel told reporters. "Last season was a good season for me and they probably went for me because I'm persistent and bowl fairly straight," he said.

Whitney again returns to the side despite numerous attempts to write him off as an international player. The 32-year-old left-armer did not take a wicket during two Tests in the West Indies

but has 21 wickets from four

first-class games this summer. Whitney's latest hauls include nine for 82 in the New South Wales (NSW) match against India which ended today. NSW defeated India by an innings in less than three days. Queenslander Peter Taylor won the spinner's spot ahead

of Greg Matthews, who ap-

ing failures on the three-

pears to be paying for his bowl-

month tour of the Caribbean earlier this year. In five Tests against

England last summer and two in the West Indies, Matthews took just 10 wickets at an average of 69.50 each from marathon 243 overs. In addition, Matthews was

dissent in the first Sheffield Shield game in Perth this sea-Umpires for the first Test are West Australian Peter McConnell and Tasmanian

fined 500 dollars (390 US) for

Steve Randell. "If I'm really in the team, that's a huge shock," Reissel said. "I don't quite know what to say because I hadn't been expecting a game."

Border (captain, Queensland), Geoff Marsh (Vice-Captain, Western Australia), David Boon (Tasmania), lan Healy (Queensland), Merv Hughes (Victoria), Dean Jones (Victoria,) Craig McDermott (Queensland), Paul Reiffel

The Australian 12 are : Allan

(Victoria), Mark Taylor (New venue. South Wales), Peter Taylor (Queensland), Mark Waugh (New South Wales), Mike Whitney (New South Wales.)