PERTH, Dec 7:

India can beat Au-

stralia in Sunday's

World Series li-

mited-overs game

at the WACA Gro-

und here, captain Mohammad

Azharuddin, said today, reports

we can do very well," said

Azharuddin, buoyed by Friday night's remarkable tie with the

West Indies in which each

team made all out totals of

the 12-year history of the

in the world in one-day inter-

confident unit than in the first

buoyant and I believe we can

tribute to his pace quartet -

Kapil Dev. Manoj Prabhakar.

Jawagal Srinath and Subroto

Banerjee - which captured

eight of the nine wickets to fall

to bowlers as the West indies

"We are heartened and

Azharuddin paid glowing

Test in Brisbane a week ago.

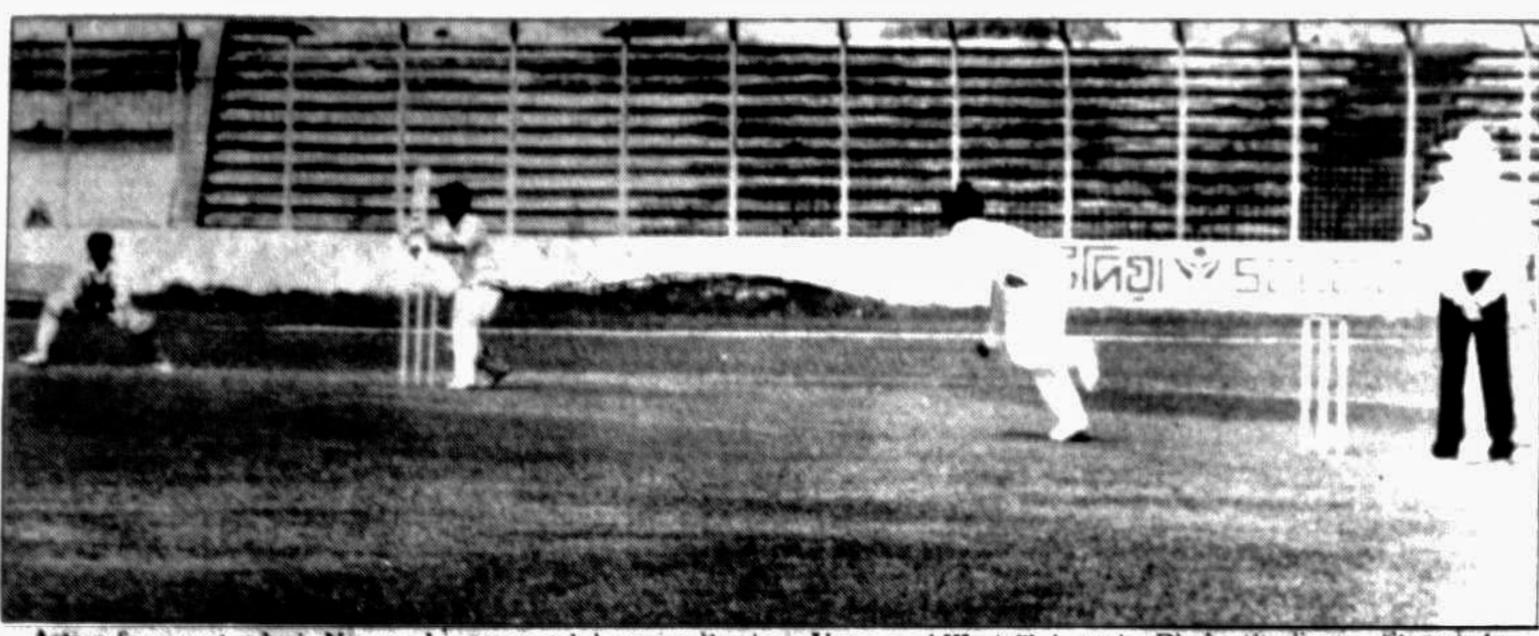
It was only the second tie in

126. .

nationals.

beat Australia."

"If things fall right for US



Action from yesterday's Navana league match between Brothers Union and Wari Club at the Dhaka Stadium.

to spare in only 17.3 overs.

WARI CLUB

b Fernando

Shamsul

Dipu run out

Zia b Shamsul

Lalu not out

Extras

overs

Rafigul b Arup

Ashim run out

Timir run out

Bowling: O

Salauddin 9

Shovon run out

Nobel not out

Sumon not out

17.3 overs

Bowling:

Ashin

Timir

Rafigul

Kamran

RUPALI BANK

Jahangir b Babu

Tipu c Shahed b Babu

Khokan c & b Shabbir

Prince c Moni b Shabbir

Hasnain c Shahed b Moni

NO MATCHES TODAY

scheduled for today and to-

morrow will not be held due to

the country-wide eight hour

hartal, cited as 'unavoidable

circumstances' in a BCCB press

scheduled for today will now

be played on Tuesday. Dec 10.

while the matches due to be

held on December 10 will be

played on 21 of this month.

after the Victory Day cricket

Meanwhile, the Victory Day

Under the changed sched-

cricket tournament fixture has

ulc, the two-day second semi-

final between Abahani K C and

Bangladesh Biman will be held

first, from December 11, and

the other semifinal between

Mohammedan Sporting will be

played on Dec 13 and 14, ac-

cording to reliable sources.

Brothers Union

The matches originally

release last evening.

tournament.

been revised.

The Navana league matches

Dulu Ibw Babu

Belal b Moni

Partha 1bw Moni

Ratan not out

Total (all out)

Selim Shahed

Extras

Bowling

Alok

Babu

Moni

Shabbir

Bachchu

Billu b Alok

Dipu

Total (for 1 wkt in

BROTHERS UNION

28

21

16

37

21

34

19

0 21

Fernando

Athar Ali

Shamsul

Arup

Extras

Total (all out in 45

Sumon c Shovon

Raju Ibw Shamsul

Bhutto c Shovon b

Kamran b Arup

Ershad Beg lbw Athar

SCOREBOARD

Nobel savages Wari attack

Reigning champions Brothers Union returned to winning ways after their shock defeat

hands of newly-promoted PWD in the inaugural match this year's Navana Premier Division league when they crushed Wari Club, another new promotee, by a thumping margin of nine wickets at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. Wart batted first and found

the going tough in the face of some tight, accurate bowling by the Brothers bowlers.

The predicament of the Wari batsmen is borne out by the fact that only four of them reached double figures while Mr Sundries was the highest scorer with 36.

Opener Raju was the top scorer with the willow for Wari with a pain-staking 19.

Kamran Bhutto and Zia with 12, 16 and 10 were the other three batsmen to reach double digits in the grand total of 124 from 45 overs. Brothers skipper Athar Alf's

one for nine from nine overs gives ample proof of the stranglehold of the bowlers on the batsmen.

Shamsul with three for 25 was the Gopibagh Club.

However, left-arm spinner

the most successful bowler for Chasing a scant total

Last year's run-

ners-up Bangla-

desh Biman yes-

terday managed a

21-run victory

over Rupali Bank

at the Dhanmondi Cricket

Stadium in their second

fixture of this year's Navana

Premier Division cricket

captain Shahnawaz Shahid

Shanu decided to bat first in a

match which was reduced to

forty overs a side because of a

have backfired when three of

their in-form batsmen.

Tarequzzaman Munir. Selim

Shahed and Zakaria, were back

in the pavilion within the span

sibilities, batted sensibly to

stem the rot before falling to

the bearded all-rounder Partha

with a patient 46 made with

Haq Moni departed cheaply

but young Piyal, who has been

showing his batting prowess

from the start of this season.

took the burden on his young

shoulders to score a fighting

with 22 before being run out.

on an insecure total of 166 for

hair's-breadth escape last sea-

son from suffering the ignoring

of being relegated to the

Milnar's league, badly needed

to cash in on this rather unex-

pected opportunity. But in the

Shabbir ably supported him

Biman finally belly-landed

Rupali Bank, which had a

National all-rounder Enamu

the help of four boundaries.

Shanu, aware of his respon-

Shanu's decision seemed to

delayed start.

of 25 runs.

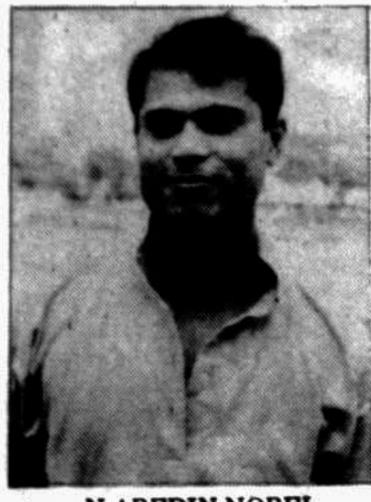
Winning the toss Biman

Sports Reporter

Brothers suffered an early ca-· sualty when wicket keeperopener Shovon was run out for

But Bangladesh opener Nurul Abedin Nobel was not to be bogged down by this set-

Batting in a manner as if his side was chasing a 200 plus target, Nobel thrashed the in-



N.ABEDIN NOBEL

experienced Wari bowiers all over the ground in his unorthodox, bludgeoning way. His pyrotechnics fetched him 86 runs with the help of eleven fours and two sixes.

Sumon kept the other end up with 22 not out to see their side through with nine wickets

Sports Reporter

end, the failure of their offi-

cials to rope in experienced

players took its toll as the side

crashed to a second successive

defeat in as many outings to

his usual aplomb and tried to

keep the chance of an upset

Rupali victory alive.

Seasoned Belal batted with

The burly veteran scored a

swash buckling 80 with the

help of six fours and four huge

sixes before being bowled by

again appeared in the role of

Biman's saviour with three for

the other prominent sharer of

SCOREBOARD

the spoils for Biman.

Munir c Ratan b Hasnain

Selim Shahed c Jahangir

Zakaria c Dulu b Prince

Shanu c Nipu b Partha

Babu st Jahangir b Billu

Total (for 9 wickets

Moni c &b Dulu

Shabbir run out

Bachchu runout

Dalim not out

Alok not out

Extras 25

40 overs)

Bowling

Khokon

Partha

Ratan

Pial b Ratan

B. BIMAN

b Hasnain

Left-arm spinner Moni once

Babu with three for 16 was

BSWA awards today

The prize-giving ceremony of the Bangladesh Sports Writers Association (BSWA) will be held at the Engineers'

Institute from this afternoon. President Abdur Rahman Biswas will be the chief guest at the function while State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain will attend as a special guest.

The BSWA has requested all concerned, specially the BSWA awardees of 1989 and 1990, to attend function in time.

IOC extends Barcelona deadline

LAUSANNE, Switzerland. Dec 7: The International Olympic Committee (IOC) said on Wednesday five nations had yet to reply to their invitations to next year's Barcelona summer Games, reports Reuter.

The IOC last week extended its original November 25 deadline to the end of the year, saying 14 of the 170 Olympic nations had yet to reply because of "postal difficul-

By Wednesday, there were still five left - Afghanistan, Brunei, Haiti, Panama and Somalia

Inter-services athletics on

Three inter-service records were improved on the opening day of the annual inter-services athletics competition which got underway at the Bangladesh Army Stadium at the Dhaka Cantonment yesterday afternoon, says an ISPR press release.

Lnk Moklesur Rahman of the Army set a new inter-services record in the 800m run clocking 1 m 55.19 seconds. The previous record was 1 m

Hav Jahangir Alam, also of the Army, set another interservices record in the pole vault. He cleared 3.90 metres. The previous record was 3.65

The Bangladesh Army team set another new meet record in the 4X100m relay taking 41.85 seconds against the previous record of 42.0 seconds.

Bangladesh Army also got another gold medal through Lnk Md Zakir Hossain in the 5000 m race to raise their tally to four gold, two silver and two bronze medals.

Earlier, A R Naim, leading musician of the Bangladesh Navy, clinched the first gold of the meet in the 400 m hurdles. Bangladesh Navy also bagged two silvers and a bronze.

Bangladesh Air Force earned a silver and two bronzes on the opening day.

Chief of Naval Staff Rear Admiral Mohammad Mohaiminul Islam declared the three-day meet open by releasing balloons. He took salute at the impressive march past by the participating athletes and lit the torch. He also gave away prizes among the winners of the day.

A display of unarmed combat by a group of trainee sol diers of the Army School of Physical Training and Sports (ASPTS) was an added attrac tion of the day.

yesterday.

competition and the fourth tie The result was as good as a win for our spirits, and now Australia will face a much more

M. AZHARUDDIN

crumpled in spectacular style.

and used a moist wicket won-

derfully," he said. "It was the

best I have ever seen Banerjee

bowl."

They were very positive

"Srinath is also improving

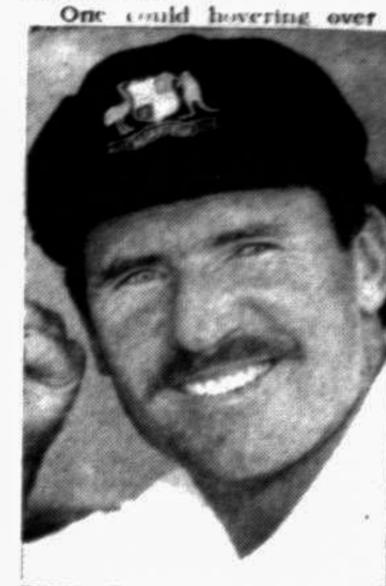
and seems to get better with every game." Banerjee captured a won-

derful 3-30 in his first senior

Aussies can be beaten: Azhar

Srinath took 2-27 in his sev-"I rate the match as one of the most exciting in which I

have ever played," said Azharuddin.



ALLAN BORDER

India's preparations is an ankle injury to middle-order batsman Praveen Amre, who tore tendons when he slipped

A decision will be made early Sunday about his fitness

The Indian team will not be finalised until just before the

game, but few changes are expected. Meanwhile, Australian captain Allan Border has made it clear his side will not be tak-

ing India lightly, even though it beat the tourists by 10 wickets in the first Test. The side has been together long enough and played enough cricket to know that the nature of the game is that it can dump you on your back-

quietly confident without being We think we will win, but we know we will have to work hard. We know we are a good team, so there is no need not to go out there with a lot of

side very quickly, so we are

confidence."
Australia will also wait until Sunday before finalising its 12man squad, but the expectation is that left-arm fast bowler Mike Whitney will carry the drinks. Enabling off-spinning all-rounder Peter Taylor to provide the only specialist

want to stop any further dam-

age being caused by what is

They said it was unlikely

slow bowling.

essentially a side issue.

Dakin, Bacher to mend fences

JOHANNESBURG Dec 7 : South African cricket bosses who fell out during last

month's landmark tour of India in a controversy over ball- scuffing seek to patch up their relations at a meeting this weekend, reports Reuter.

The United Cricket Board of South Africa (UCBSA) meeting on Sunday should have been an unremarkable affair to discuss domestic issues and plot further foreign campaigns now that South Africa is back in world cricket.

But an acrimonious row during the Indian tour, South African cricket's first official international foray since being given a post-apartheid clean bill of health, is likely to dominate the agenda at the UCBSA meeting.

The two men at the centre of the dispute are UCBSA president Geoff Dakin and his managing director, former Springbok captain Ali Bacher.

In a crusading bid to clean up the practice of roughing up one side of the ball to aid the swing of peace bowlers, Bacher agreed with Indian officials halfway through the three-match tour that neither side should adopt the practice.

But Dakin saw the wellmeaning intervention as an insult to their hosts and publicly

cast Bacher out in the cold, disassociating the UCBSA from his managing director's com-

"I only did what I thought was best for World cricket." Bacher said at the time.

Sunday's meeting will be the first UCBSA session since

Africa lost by two matches to The tour was considered an

the Indian series, which South

overwhelming diplomatic and sporting success except for the ball-scuffing incident and officials said privately they now

that either Bacher or Dakin would have to step down. At a time when South African cricket is coming out of the cold, a split would send the wrong message to the world, they said. Bacher refuses to comment further on the wrangle, and

said he hoped Sunday's talks would once again show the new-found spirit of unity and co-operation among officials. "I hope Sunday will result in a totally united local cricket

scene ready to face the exciting challenges of international competition," Bacher said. The issue of foreign tours

may also provide a further rift betweet the two best-known faces of South African cricket. Dakin wants to host

Pakistan for a pre-World Cup tour of South Africa, while Bacher wants to keep a promise to the Indians that they would be the first to tour the republic, probably at the end of the year. Officials say Bacher is likely

to win that argument, to show a gesture of appreciation to India for helping South Africa in it s successful bid to be readmitted this year to the International Cricket Council

(ICC), the sport's world ruling body.

Soviet sports relieved of Big Brother'

unexpected. Government sub-

sidies had all but dried up in

recent years due to the coun-

try's economic crisis, forcing

Gossport to rely solely on a na-

tional sports lottery to meet

criticized Gossport for exert-

ing undue control over their

lives. But they admit that gov-

ernment officials no longer

pressure them to win just to

prove Communism's superior-

ished first or second in the

gold medal count at both the

Winter and Summer Olympics

since 1956, except for the

1984 Summer Games in Los

Angeles, when it boycotted the

will happen," Drachevsky said,

speaking by telephone from

Gossport's drab, four-storey

headquarters next to Mocsow's

Lenin Stadium. This is simply

republics agreed last month to

The remaining 12 Soviet

"I can't even imagine what

The Soviet Union has fin-

Athletes and coaches also

rising costs.

Geoff Dakin (L) and Ali Bacher in happier times.

MOSCOW, Dec 7: The Soviet Union's sports system was stunned Friday by the abolition of Gossport, the government agency that funded, controlled and pumped Communist ideology into generations of champion athletes, reports AP.

The agency ceased operating by order of the State Council, the interim body that has been ruling the country since the failed August coup. as part of efforts to shrink the

bloated Soviet bureaucracy "Without Gossport, Soviet sports will simply disintegrate," said Leonid Drachevsky. the agency's first deputy chairman and the man ordered

to supervise its liquidation. The demise of Gossport, which funded and coordinated the training of national teams, cast doubt on the Soviet Union's chances at next year's

Olympic Games. The order cut off funding to Olympic training camps and sports contests and eliminated salaries for 25,000 athletes and 1,200 coaches. The move was not entirely

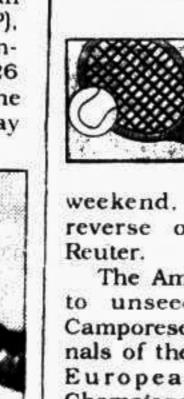
Sri Lankans 222

-ISPR photo

KARACHI. Dec 7: The President's XI of the Pakistan Cricket Control Board (BCCP) replying to Sri Lanka's first innings total of 222, were 26 without loss at the close of the first day of their three-day cricket match today.

Navy chief Rear Admiral Muhaiminul Islam inaugurat-

ing the inter-services athletics meet at the Army Stadium



Belgium, Dec 7: Pete Sampras. whose defeat by handed the Davis Cup to France last

reverse on Friday, reports The American lost 6-3, 6-4

to unseeded Italian Omar Camporese in the quarter-finals of the 1.1 million dollars European Community Championship.

and went down in just 52 minutes, to whistles from the dis-Camporese now meets another American, Aaron Krickstein, who beat eight-

seeded Swede Magnus Gustafsson 6-1, 6-4 in other quarter-final action. The other semifinal is between the big two, Ivan Lendl and Boris Becker. Lendl beat

an injured Forget 6-4. 6-4 while the German disposed of Czechoslovak Petr Korea 7-6. 6-2.

The 20-year-old Sampras.

field a single Soviet team at the 1992 games. The Baltic states of Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia, which became independent in September, will field individual teams. Drachevsky said the order

to close Gossport was announced Friday but took effect Dec 1. The decision came after the State Council decided last month to eliminate about 80 Soviet ministries in a move prompted by Russian Federation President Boris Yeltsin.

The State Council did not arrange for Gossport's functions to be transferred to other agencies. Drachevsky said the decision to let Gossport die was backed by Russian Economics Minister Yegor Gaidar.

Given a few years, said Drachevsky, the newly-independent Soviet federations for each sport can take over many of Gossport's functions, including salaries of athletes and coaches.

"But the federations are not

ready to organize the Olympic teams." Drachevsky said. Gossport traditionally has handled visas, transport, medical assistance and coordination with other nations.

Drachevsky said the Soviet Olympic Committee, a private organization similar to Olympic bodies in other nations, is barred by International Olympic Committee rules from taking over Gossport's func-

Leaders of each sport federation appealed unsuccessfully to the State Council asking that Gossport be preserved until after the 1992 Olympics.

Drachevsky said only an inter-republican sports committee can coordinate the Soviet teams at the Winter Games in Albertville, France, and the Summer Games in Barcelona, Spain.

The Russian government can not take over the planning "because the other republics would refuse to compete as a unified team and say it was dominated by Russia." he said.

Becker faces Lendl in semis tle inflammation," said Forget. the Davis Cup, disappeared



the end."

official said. the 23-year-old Camporese. "It Forget

weekend, suffered another

Sluggish Sampras repeatedly squandered easy chances

appointed crowed.

who said earlier he was to blame for the Americans' unexpected defeat by France in

after the match, a tournament "He played so badly," said

was not a nice match. Second-seed Becker clinched his semifinal slot

with some superior serving which gave him the first-set tiebreak 7-3. Then he overcame Korda's

final resistance with a service break in the sixth game of the



second set, passing the Czechoslovak with a scoring cross-court shot.

Korda, who lost his only previous match with Becker, said: "I didn't serve well, I

didn't play well. I didn't have a good feeling for the ball today." Davis Cup hero Forget was hampered by a sore knee in his defeat by Lendl. "(The knee) didn't hurt a lot but I

still feel it. I still have that lit-

"I feel like I cannot run 100 per cent on some shots."

The Frenchman decided only on Wednesday to take part in Antwerp after being told four other leading players, including top seed Stefan Edberg, had already pulled out.

LENDL ON COURSE

If he wins the title, Lendl can take home for the second time a diamond-encrusted golden winner's trophy. shaped like a tennis racket and worth one million dollars.

The first player to win the exhibition even three times in a five-year span gets to keep the ostentatious trophy. Lendl already did no in the first fiveyear span. In all, the veteran has won half of the 10 tournaments.

Sunday's winner earns dirs **2**50,000.

The loss was no tragedy for Forget. He immediately rushed off to Paris to join his victorious Davis Cup teammates for a reception with French President Francois Mitterrand. Forget never played like

something big was at stake el-

Lewis wins Owens award Dec 7 : Double world record holder Carl Lewis won the Jesse Owens Award on Friday as the nation's top athlete in track and field, edging Mike Powell, who beat Lewis to set the world mark in the long jump, reports AP. The award was presented at

nine wickets.

a banquet of The Athletics Congress, governing body for track and field in the United At the World Championship meet in August in Tokyo, Lewis won the 100-metre dash in 9.89 seconds and anchored

the 400-metre relay team to a clocking of 37.50. Both are world records. "I thought I would have retired a long time ago." Lewis told the 1,000 people assembled for the awards banquet Friday night. "Who would have thought I would be standing

here tonight like this?" But Lewis also said he's a long way from finished.

World Championships), the of the award. he said. "We're going to hold a clinic for all the sprinters of the world this August in Barcelona. In the long jump. Powell

"As we said in Tokyo (at the clinic starts again in August.

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soared 29 feet, 4 1/2 inches (8.95 metres). breaking the 23-year-old record set by Bob Beamon and ending Lewis' 10year, 65-meet string of victories. Lewis also beat Beamon's mark with a wind-aided 29-2 3/4 (8.91 metres) on his third

In voting for the Jesse Owens Award, Lewis got points to Powell's 2,343, the closest margin of

victory in the 11-year history Lewis also won the Jesse

Owens Award in 1982. TAC officials, athletes and members of the media voted in the selection process. Decathlete Dan O'Brien finished third in the Owens bal-

loting with 1,803 points.

Sprinter Michael Johnson had

1,635 points, cross country runner Lynn Jennings 828. and heptathlete-long jumper Jackie Joyner-Kersee 791. Four were accepted into the National Track and Field Hall of Fame in ceremonies

Friday.

Journalist Bert Nelson, founder of Track and Field News, led all candidates in balloting for the hall. Joining him is the late Ellery Clark. double gold medallist on the inaugural US 1896 Olympic team; Bob Schuil, 5,000-metre gold medallist in the 1964 Olympics, and Roxanne Andersen, pioneer in women's track and age-group events in the United States.

Rupali run Biman close Nripen c Jahangir b Bachchu 3 55.70 seconds.