

Sport

Selim Shahed's lucky ton rallies Mohammedans

Sports Reporter

Selim Shahed made the most of a charmed life to post the season's fourth century, which put his team Mohammedan Sporting Club in a commanding position against Surja Tarun in the Navana Premier Division cricket league match at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

At draw of stumps on the first day of the two-day game, Surja Tarun had made 61 for the loss of one wicket after 18 overs in reply to Mohammedans imposing 271 all out in 72.4 of the stipulated 75 overs.



SELIM SHAHED ... 108

Surja Tarun must be ruing their atrocious fielding on the day, having let off Selim Shahed on no less than three occasions, and Mohammedans with it after having them on the rack early on.

Selim Shahed, who made 108 with the help of nine boundaries in a knock lasting 189 deliveries, profited first when on 18, Shoaib not

managing to accept a return chance. Murshed dropped him off Shaikat when Shahed had made 39 while the same bowler was denied again when Suppi spilled an easy offering with the batsman having made 53.

Shahed featured in two vital partnerships, first putting on 95 for the fourth wicket with wicketkeeper Ratan, who made the most of his first out-

ing with the bat this season by scoring 36.T hen Shahed and skipper Nannoo added another 75 runs for the fifth wicket with Nannoo also making 36. These two stands rallied Mohammedans around.

Novel, 12, Shahid 11 and Md. Ali, 11, were the only other Mohammedan batsmen to reach double figures.

Shaikat was rewarded with three wickets for 51, Morshed got two for 26, Saad two for 41 and Dipu Roy Chowdhury one for 33.

Hadi, on 21, and Rupom on 25 were at the crease at close of play, with Tarun needing another 211 runs in the remaining 57 overs to post their first win in three outings. Nannoo got the only Tarun wicket to fall, that of Dipu Chowdhury who made five, the wicket falling at 13.

Mohammedans have won both their previous league matches handsomely, beating Gulshan Youth and Rupali Bank, each with a day to spare.

Titans, BDR in volleyball final

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Titans Club and Bangladesh Rifles made it to tomorrow's final of the First Division volleyball league following their semifinal victories yesterday at the volleyball ground.

Titans Club defeated Bangladesh Police Sports Club 15-1, 15-8, 15-7 while Bangladesh Rifles outplayed Power Development Board Sports Club 15-2, 15-3, and 15-6 in the rather unexciting semifinal encounters.

Chairman of the National Sports Council Major General Mahbubur Rahman will do the honours as chief guest at tomorrow's (Sunday) final, which is scheduled to start at 4.00 pm.

Div II volleyball final today

Sports Reporter

Jiban Bima and East End Boys will clash in tomorrow's final of the Second Division volleyball league.

In yesterday's semifinals, Jiban Bima, after being 1-2 sets down, came back strongly to beat Victoria Sporting by 3-2 sets.

In the other semifinal, East End Boys also had to fight hard to defeat Dhaka Wanderers, also by 3-2 sets.

Bangladesh Spt. finish with flying colours

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Sporting finished their super league engagements with an unblemished record when they registered a 3-2 victory over Raktim Sangha in the Delta Life Second Division hockey yesterday at the hockey stadium.

Shimul, Mamoon and Ehtesham scored a goal each for Bangladesh Sporting. While Asgar and Tutu scored one goal apiece for Raktim.

Both Bangladesh Sporting and Raktim Sangha in their seven super league matches earned 14 and six points respectively.

In another match, Barnak Sanaaj thrashed Agrani bank 4-0 to take the third position.

Tejgaon Agragami had earned the runners-up spot earlier after defeating Shishu Kishore 2-0.

Nissan tennis

Sports Reporter

As many as 53 matches were decided on the second day of the fourth Nissan Cup tennis championship at the Gulshan Club courts yesterday.

The day's prominent men's singles winners included national junior champion Shibulul who outplayed Jibanlal 6-2, 6-3, national coach Sandru Salam who trounced T.S. Babu 6-0, 6-1, Byazid Rashid who got the better of Fateh all 6-1, 6-1, Ayad Ali who defeated Mesbahuddin 6-0, 6-3, and Peter Zaman who disposed of Ejaz 6-4, 6-3. John summers was taken to three sets by Kabir Chowdhury before prevailing 6-4, 2-6, 6-2 in one of the more keenly contested encounters.

The qualifying and first rounds of the boys under-12 and under-16 singles competitions also got underway yesterday, at the National Tennis Complex, Ramna.

Today's fare includes the boys' singles second round and men's doubles first round matches.

One hundred and fifty-five participants, including some players from Chittagong, Comilla, Mymensingh and Rajshahi are competing in the four events of the meet, which carries a total prizemoney of Tk.60,000.

Mariners TT

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh ansars, having made both of yesterday's team finals, had to settle for the boys' title on the third day of the fifth Mariners table tennis tournament, now being held at the National Coaching Centre.

In the other, the men from Bangladesh Textile Mills Corporation (BTMC) denied Ansars a double by winning the title with a 3 sets to 2 triumph in a thrilling match later in the evening.

In the boys' team final, Ansars outplayed Azimpur Young Stars by 3-1 sets in the best-of-five match, with Hamlet winning both his matches and Rubel ensuring the trophy by beating Tanmoy in the deciding fourth set. Tanmoy had earlier drawn Azimpur level by taking the second match 21-14, 21-18 against Rubel.

In ties decided on the day, Hamlet and Rubel of Ansars, Kamal and Tareq of Mariners Club, Tanmoy and Shaon of Azimpur Young Star, Aminur of Victoria Sporting and open entrant Benazir all made it to the boys' singles quarter-finals after winning their pre-quarter-finals.

De Silva at his dazzling best



WELLINGTON, Feb 1: A blazing career-best of 203 not out by Aravinda De Silva left Sri Lanka in complete control on the second day of the first cricket Test against New Zealand today, reports Reuter.

De Silva dispatched a mediocre New Zealand bowling attack to all corners of the Basin Reserve Ground in an innings that included an incredible 33 fours.

It was the highest Test score by a Sri Lankan, surpassing 201 not out by Brendon Kuruppu against New Zealand in Colombo in the 1986-87 season.

The short right-hand batsman told reporters afterwards he had a point to prove after disappointing scores in the past week in two one-day matches against New Zealand.

"I felt I had let my fans and my team-mates down in the one dayers and I was determined to get some runs in the Test," he said. "I'm feeling very tired, but I'm quite happy to get some runs."

De Silva, 25, told reporters. "I've got a sister who lives in Auckland and she phones me most days, getting at me to get some runs."

In a match in which De Silva kept statisticians busy, he took his total Test tally beyond 1,000 runs to 1,189.

The quietly spoken batsman said wayward New Zealand bowling made his job easier.

"I thought that the New Zealanders bowled a bit too short and that was one of the reasons why I was able to get a few runs."

De Silva's huge innings took Sri Lanka to 387 for three at

stumps, giving them a healthy seven wickets lead of 185 with first innings in hand. New Zealand were dismissed for a cheap 174 on Thursday.

New Zealand, who have never lost to Sri Lanka, face a tough task to save the test, with three days to play.

De Silva's mammoth scour, delighting a small crowd in fine but windy conditions exceeded his previous highest Test innings of 167 against Australia in Brisbane in the 1989-90 season.

He batted for 352 minutes and faced 280 balls.

De Silva's first 100 runs came from just 124 balls in 171 minutes including 18 fours. The second came in 181 minutes off 156 balls, with 15 fours.

It was a chanceless innings.

Hathurusinghe called up

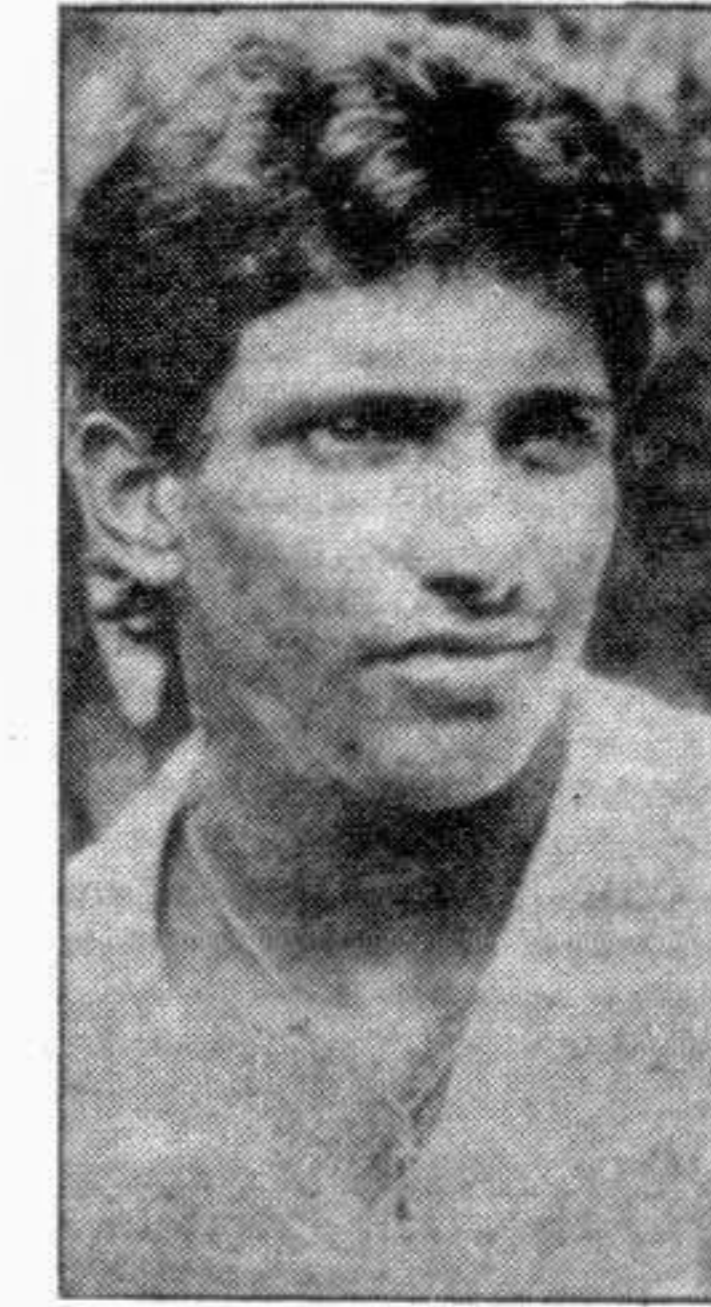
COLOMBO, Feb 1: Sri Lanka have sent for opening batsman Chandika Hathurusinghe as a replacement for the injured Dhammika Ranatunga on their tour of New Zealand, reports Reuter.

Hathurusinghe, who has yet to make his full international debut, was one of the successes of last year's tour of England by a Sri Lankan A side and was considered unlucky to have missed out on a place in the original squad for New Zealand.

He is expected to join the team on Monday.

Ranatunga, elder brother of captain Arjuna, suffered a hair-line fracture on his right hand in the opening three-day match of the tour and is expected to return home shortly.

apart from a straight forwards catch clipped to Mark Greatbatch at square leg when he was on 96.



ARAVINDA DE SILVA

Sri Lanka began the day at 41 for two wickets. By the day's end, De Silva's outstanding batting and solid support from Asanka Gurusinha (70) and captain Arjuna Ranatunga (52 not out) swung the match overwhelmingly in Sri Lanka's favour.

Ranatunga told reporters he would aim to post a score in excess of 500 runs on Saturday, but that his team would take the game session by session.

De Silva and Gurusinha took Sri Lanka past New Zealand's first innings score about 15 minutes after lunch. Their 143-run partnership off 236 balls ended when Gurusinha

lofted a short delivery from Willy Watson to New Zealand skipper Martin Crowat mid-wicket.

New Zealand pacemen Watson, Danny Morrison and Chris Pringle struggled on the green wicket, which did not offer the same assistance as that enjoyed by Sri Lanka on Thursday.

They too often bowled short and wide of the stumps and were severely punished by De Silva who scored heavily through boundaries square of the wicket. He cut and pulled with superb timing, picking out the poor deliveries and defending when required.

New Zealand had nothing to cheer about in the field, with loose bowling matched by generally unenthusiastic fielding.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the second day of the first cricket Test between New Zealand and Sri Lanka here today at the Basin Reserve:

New Zealand: 1st Innings 174 (M. Crowat 30, I. Smith 28, R. Ratnayake 4-45)

Sri Lanka: 1st Innings

Senanayake c Smith	0
b Watson	0
Tillakaratne c Greathbatch	21
b Morrison	21
Gurusinha c Crowe	70
b Watson	70
Aravinda De Silva not out	203
Ranatunga not out	52
Extras (6nb, 7lb)	13
Total (3 wkts)	359

Fall: 1-8, 2-41, 3-184

Bowling:	O	M	R	W
D. Morrison	29	1	107	1
W. Watson	34	9	78	2
C. Pringle	22	3	94	0
G. Brandbura	16	2	56	0
K. Rutherford	2	0	11	0
A. Jones	2	0	6	0

BSWA win Bazlu cricket trophy

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Sports Writers' Association (BSWA) won the Bazlu Rashid memorial friendly cricket match beating Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) Teacher's Club by seven wickets at the BUET ground yesterday.

Batting first, the BUET teachers scored 145 for the loss of four wickets in the stipulated 30 overs to which BSWA replied with 146 for three in 27.3 overs.

Towrid, who plays in the Milnars First Division league for Agrani Bank, top scored with an unbeaten 38 for the teachers, followed by Dr. Siddiq with 31, Shafer Gafur with an unbeaten 25 and Dr. Shamim with 22. Babec claimed two wickets for 18, Dulu one for 27 and Mamoon one for 29.

Mahmud Babec followed up his good work with the ball by hitting 52 runs for BSWA, a performance that easily won him the man-of-the-match award from Bazlu Rashid's widow who attended as a special guest. Dulu, a Navana Premier Division player with Rupali Bank, remained unbeaten on 35 while Bachchu made 21, Partha 19 and Shishir 10.

Towrid claimed all three BSWA wickets conceding 19 runs.

Dr. Mosharrat Hossain Khan, Vice Chancellor, BUET gave away the running trophy to the winners.

The match, annual event between the two sides, is held in memory of late Bazlu Rashid, a distinguished cricket player and international umpire who was also a member of the BSWA.

Kings Cup

BANGKOK, Feb 1: China overpowered the Soviet Union 3-1 to win the 22nd Kings Cup football championships here Thursday, reports AFP.

ABC, Orient win

Sports Reporter

Title-aspirants Azad Boys Club and Orient Sporting Club won their respective matches in the Rank Xerox Second Division cricket league match yesterday at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

Azad Boys Club once a force to be reckoned with in the Dhaka cricket league, now playing in the Second Division beat Defence Officers Housing Society (DOHS) by 62 runs at the western strip of the Dhanmondi Stadium.

Azad Boys put into bat scored 176 for the loss of nine wickets in their stipulated 35 overs.

Iqbal Azim topscored for Azad with a cracking 62 runs of 45 balls. His knock was studded with nine well timed boundaries and a towering six. Khokon 35 and Ilrook with 20 runs were the other two notable Azad batsmen.

Moinir with four wickets for 28 and Faisal with three wickets for 28 runs kept Azad Boys batsmen at a restraint.

In the other match at the

eastern strip Orient S.C. overcame the fighting Eaglets S.C. side by 14 runs.

Deciding to bat first Orient S.C. were bowled out for 160 runs in 34.4 overs.

Masood 41, Tuhin 24, Selim 19 and Tutul with 18 runs were the leading Orient batsmen.

Parvez was the most successful Eaglets bowler with four wickets for 25 runs.

In reply, Eaglets despite showing early promise fizzled out in the end scoring 148 for six wickets in 35 overs.

Maksud 41 and Alam 40 scored 81 runs for the first wicket partnership in 15.5 overs. But once they were dismissed, only Sobel with 30 runs could show any domination over the Orient bowlers.

Shahin and Mamoon bagged two wickets each for 18 and 27 runs respectively.

Today's matches

Ajax Club vs Three Stars (West)

Victoria S.C. vs Dhaka Friends (East)

It's just not cricket

NEW DELHI, Feb 1: Indian cricket authorities expressed outrage on Thursday at a brawl which erupted between internationals Rashid Patel and Raman Lamba in the final of the domestic Duleep Trophy tournament, reports Reuter.

Patel attacked Lamba with a stump in the game between West Zone and North Zone on Tuesday, sparking a riot among spectators who tried to set parts of the stadium on fire, and stoned the players.

The spectators were finally dispersed by police using wooden batons.

Board of Control for Cricket in India chief Madhav Rao Scindia said a committee would meet on Monday to investigate the incident.

The version of the incident which I have read makes the

incident outrageous, shameful and shocking," Scindia said.

"Such reprehensible actions by some cricketers smear the fair name of the game. Nobody is above the game and those who violate cricket's spirit have no right to be part of this sport."

Former Indian captains Mansur Ali Khan Pataudi and Bishen Bedi called for harsh penalties.

The disgraceful incident has brought the game into disrepute, Pataudi said. The principal actors should be banned from playing cricket for some period and the state associations to which they belong should be fined heavily.

Bedi blamed the incident on indiscipline among senior cricketers who he said had set a bad example.

Johnson, Lewis may face off in Malmo



BEN JOHNSON and CARL LEWIS

MALMO, Sweden, Feb 1: Ben Johnson and Carl Lewis will race each other in an international athletics meeting here on August 5, organisers said on Thursday, reports Reuter.

It could be the first clash between the two since the 1988 Seoul Olympics, when Johnson beat Lewis in the 100 metres final but was disqualified for doping.

Negotiations for an earlier meeting in Seville, Spain on May 30 are still underway.

Malmo Track Club said it had signed up Johnson, a Canadian, and Lewis, an American, for its "Kings of Sprint" 100 metres race.

American Leroy Burrell, last year's fastest man over 100 metres, will also take part.

Johnson tested positive for a steroid after winning the Seoul final, was stripped of his gold medal and banned for two years.

He returned to the track this month for a series of indoor meetings.

Earlier on Thursday, Swiss promoter Red Bruegger said he planned to invite Johnson and Lewis to the Zurich Grand Prix athletics meeting on August 7.

Kent Anderson, a member of the Malmo organising committee, said it was possible that Johnson and Lewis would

race against each other before August 5.

"But as things stand, Malmo is the only meeting so far to have contracts with all three sprinters," Anderson said.

Burrell clocked last year's world fastest time of 9.96 seconds for the 100 metres, compared with Lewis's current world record of 9.92.

Johnson recorded 9.79 seconds in Seoul but was never given the record. He was also stripped of his previous mark of 9.83 seconds.

Krabbe to run in Bordeaux

BONN, Feb 1: Germany's triple European sprint champion Katrin Krabbe will begin her indoor season at a meeting next month in Bordeaux, her Dutch manager Jos Hermens said on Thursday, reports Reuter.

Krabbe, who returns on Monday from a three week training camp in the Bahamas, will run over 60 metres in the French city on February 9.

Krabbe, who underwent a random drugs test organised by the German Athletics Federation during her Bahamas training stint, is expected to be joined at the French meeting by Germany's European long jump champion Heike Drechsler.

Sabatini in semis at Graf's cost



TOKYO, Feb 1: Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina survived the final set tie-break to beat her archrival Steffi Graf of Germany in the quarter-finals of the 350,000 dollar Today Pan Pacific Open women's tennis tournament here Friday, reports AFP.

The fifth-seeded Argentine, who also defeated the current world champion in the U.S. Open final to win her first-ever Grand Slam title in September, rallied from one set and 0-2 down to score a 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (8/6) victory.

Martina Navratilova of the United States, who was back in action after a three-month break due to arthroscopic knee surgery in mid-November, also advanced to the semifinals, overpowering her compatriot Robin White 6-2, 6-3.

In the semi-finals Saturday, Sabatini, the winner here in 1987, will take on Mary Joe Fernandez of the United States.

The fourth-seeded American trounced unseeded Nana Miyagi of Japan 6-2, 6-0 earlier in the day.

After breaking the opening game to take the first set, Graf, the defending champion, again jumped in front at 2-0 in the second and repeatedly threatened the South American, gaining several break opportunities in the third game.

But the 20-year-old Argentine managed to escape the crisis and broke back in the fourth and tenth games to tie the match at one set all.

Neither could break the other in the decider, although the German held six break chances while the Argentine had only one before going into the tie-break, and the two women fought point for point before Sabatini took a commanding 6-5 lead showing aggressive return-and-volley tactics.

Graf managed to save the first match point against her when she forced the Argentine to misfire a backhand volley, but Sabatini finished off the two-hour, 26-minute battle with a backhand passing shot for a clean winner down the line.

"It was a very good match, because I played very good tennis and she had to play very well," said the U.S. Open champion, for whom it was a second consecutive win over Graf, following her triumph in the year-ending Virginia Slims championships semi-finals in November.

"I kept up the pressure on her and I just kept playing aggressive, even if when I was down. Every time I go to play against her, I have the mentality that I can beat her if I play well," she added.

"I played badly in the first round," said Sabatini, who struggled to beat Australia's Rachel McQuillan in three sets Tuesday.

"Probably it was the key to win today, I worried about that match, I concentrated more than before to ... try to play at a better level," she added.



GABRIELA SABATINI

court gave her more confidence. "For sure, it's one of my goals to win Wimbledon," she added.

"Sabatini stretched her head-to-head record to six wins and 20 losses against the top-seeded German in major tournaments.

For Graf, it was first time since 1985 that she failed to move into the final for three tournaments in a row.

The 21-year-old world champion, who lost to Sabatini in the semi-finals of the Virginia Slims championships, also crashed out of the Australian Open last week when she bowed to Jana Novotna of Czechoslovakia in the quarter-finals.

The Shell sponsored world No.1 who has been struggling hard to make up for her recent disappointing performances, refused a joint post-match interview and tearfully returned to her hotel.

The action cost her a fine of 250 U.S.dollars, organizers said.

Later in the day, seventh-seeded Laura Gildemeister of Peru came from behind to beat Kathy Rinaldi of the United States 5-7, 6-4, 6-3 and secured a berth in the semi-finals.

She will play third-seeded Navratilova Saturday in the lower half of the draw, from which Monica Seles of Yugoslavia withdrew with an injury to her shoulder Thursday.

The Czech-born American, who needed only 55 minutes to beat White, was never in danger in her match.

"It could have been closer, but I wasn't down one break point (against her) in the whole match. So that's a good indicator that I played just a good, solid performance all around," said the 34-year-old former world No.1.

Singles quarter-finals (x denotes seeds):

Gabriela Sabatini (Argentina x-5) bt Steffi Graf (Germany x-1) 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (8/6)

Mary Joe Fernandez (USA x-4) bt Nana Miyagi (Japan) 6-2, 6-0

Martina Navratilova (USA x-3) bt Robin White (USA) 6-2, 6-3

Laura Gildemeister (Peru x-7) bt Kathy Rinaldi (USA) 5-7, 6-4, 6-3