

# Waheed sends Tarun on a spin

Sports Reporter

Controlled spin bowling, especially by leg spinner Waheedul Ghani who picked up six wickets for 41 runs, gave title contenders Mohammed Sporting their third straight win in the Navana Premier Division cricket league.

On the second day of their two-day match at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday, Mohammed Sporting dismissed Surjo Tarun for 198 in 63.5 overs to win by the comfortable margin of 73 runs.

On Friday Mohammeds had made 271 all out in 72.4 overs.

Tarun, who resumed on 61 for one in 18 overs, needing another 211 runs in the remaining 57 of their stipulated 75 overs, lost an early wicket when Rupam left after adding just one more run to his overnight 25 to make it 65 for two. Then Hadi, who made 39, and Aruna De Silva added 37 for the third wicket before



WAHEEDUL GHANI

Hadi departed. By then the Tarun challenge started to fall behind the clock and the Mohammedan spinners had found their line and length.

Waheedul Ghani got back among the wickets by troubling almost all the Tarun batsmen while skipper Minhajul Abedin Nannoo, who picked up two wickets for 35, and off-spinner Selim Shahed the batting hero in the Mohammedan innings with 108 also did his bit by picking up

one for 15.

The substantive partnership between the two Tarun batsmen needed to pose a credible threat in search of their first victory in three outings. Waheedul Ghani came about with only Shouh and Zakaria offering some resistance by making 44 and 21 respectively. Sri Lankan Aruna De Silva managed only 20 while Arif, Suppi, Saad, and Shafkat all made early exits.

In the Mohammedan innings Friday, besides Selim Shahed's 108, Nannoo and Ratan made 36 each while Shafkat took three wickets for 51. Morshed two for 26 and Saad two for 41.

Yesterday, Mohammeds' Sri Lankan paceman Gamage, who picked up ten wickets in his team's first two games, went wicketless with the spinners holding sway.

Mohammeds are now placed jointly at the top of the eight team league table, along with reigning champions Abahani Krira Chakra and Bangladesh Biman, with six points from three matches.

## Ajax, Victoria win in Div II cricket

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Two matches of the Rank Xerox Second Division cricket league were decided yesterday at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

Ajax Sports Club notched up a big six-wicket win over Three Stars Sporting Club on the eastern strip of the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

On the western strip, Victoria Sporting Club registered a narrow nine-run victory over Friends Union.

Three star, batting first, were restricted to 124 for the loss of seven wickets in their allowed 35 overs.

Alan was the leading Three Stars batsman with an unbeaten 45. Onu with 16 was the only other notable scorer.

Shawkat with three wickets for 16 and Liton with two for 15 runs were the successful Ajax bowlers.

In reply, Ajax S.C. cruised to victory, scoring 126 for the loss of four wickets in only 26.3 overs.

Hip lob (Sr) 39, Rupam 35, Alamgir 24 and Dodul 14 with 13 not out helped Ajax to their four-wicket win.

In the other match, Victoria S.C., electing to bat, were fowed out for 155 runs in 31.3 overs. Noor Mohammad top scored with 48. Liton and Milton claimed three wickets each for Friends Union.

In reply Friends Union managed only 146 for the loss of nine wickets in 35 overs.

## Star youth cricket

CHITTAGONG, Feb 2: Ashkar Dighi Ekadosh beat Bathua Cricket Club by six wickets in the CJKP Star youth cricket tournament at the Outer Stadium here today, reports BSS.

Bathua batted first and were all out for 64 runs in 20.5 overs. Saiful was the only bathua batsman to reach double figures by scoring 17.

Shabbir of Ashkar Dighi captured five wickets for 15 runs, followed by Jewel and Hasina with two wickets each for nine and 13 runs respectively.

In reply, Ashkar Dighi scored 65 for the loss of four wickets in 10.5 overs.

Hero of Ashkar Dighi scored 23. Khaleq of Bathua took three wickets for 32 runs.

## Liverpool look to Speedie

MANCHESTER, Feb 2: Liverpool, who responded to a mini-crisis by spending two million pounds on three players, hope latest capture David Speedie will bring a quick return on their investment at Manchester United on Sunday, reports AFP.

Liverpool manager Kenny Dalglish wants the fiery Scot to inject fresh passion into the champions' bid to retain their title.

They are a point behind Arsenal with a game in hand after winning only one of their last five league games.

"As a professional you always set your sights very high and you can't get higher than Liverpool," said Speedie who cost £75,000 pounds from Coventry.

"I've waited a long time for this and I've got to make the most of it," he added.

But United manager Alex Ferguson doubts the 30-year-old Scot can make an immediate impact.

"It doesn't matter whether



KENNY DALGLISH

he plays or not," Ferguson said. "Anyone making their debut in a United-Liverpool game would find it hard going and so will he. Considering it will be his first match he'll do well to get through it."

Ferguson is convinced United, 11 points behind

Liverpool, can still mount a surprise challenge.

He is encouraged by just one defeat in 22 games and Mark Hughes' 11 goals in 11 games.

"We've been happy to sit just on the fringe of things but if we win on Sunday people are going to say we have a chance of sneaking up on the leaders, and that would get the whole lot boiling."

"We're all in contention if we keep winning. But no-one's playing better than we are at the moment."

Mike Phelan faces a late test for United after bruising his ribs last weekend in the FA Cup win against Bolton. Lee Martin is on standby while Danny Wallace will be on the substitutes' bench after a 10-game absence.

Liverpool could be set for a major reshuffle. Glenn Hysen is available after suspension and Ray Houghton, who has missed five games with thigh trouble, is back in the squad.

Gary Gillespie, who missed the midweek FA Cup replay win at Brighton, will have a late check on his calf injury.

## Saddam - a gentleman and a fanatic, too

MEXICO CITY, Feb 2: Saddam Hussein is a gentleman with a sense of humour but he is also a "fanatic" who will not accept defeat in the Gulf war, a Brazilian soccer coach who said he knew the Iraqi leader was quoted as saying on Friday, reports Reuters.

"I ate with him or dined with every week, that's why I say I know him well and know his temperament", Roberto Vieira, who helped Iraq's national team qualify for the 1986 World Cup soccer championship in Mexico, told the Mexico City Daily La Jornada.

"He's a fanatic just like millions of other Iraqis and I can assure you that he'll never accept defeat in the Persian Gulf conflict," Vieira told the newspaper in an interview published on Friday.

"When he starts something he doesn't turn back, there can be no turning back", Vieira, who coaches a local team in Puebla, Mexico, was quoted as saying.

"I have a very good memory of him," Vieira added. "He's a good man, a gentleman who is fond of joking."

## Volleyball finals today

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The final matches of the First and Second Division volleyball leagues will be held today at the volleyball stadium.

Bangladesh Rifles and Titus Club will clash in the First Division final, starting at 4 pm. Jiban Bima and East End Club will meet in the Second Division final at 2.30 PM.

NSC chairman Major General Mahbubur Rahman will witness the match as chief guest.

## TT finals today

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Hamlet of Bangladesh Ansars and Aminul of Victoria SC will meet in today's boys' singles final in the fifth Mariners table tennis tournament at the National Coaching Centre.

On the concluding day today the girls' singles final will also be held between Zulkhua and Baechi of Bangladesh Ansars.

In yesterday's boys' singles semifinal, Hamlet beat Tannoy by 3-1 sets, while Aminul defeated Shaon, also by 3-1 sets.

Bacchi won against Shamima by 3-1 sets in one of the girls' singles semifinal while Zulkhua overcame Ritu in straight 3-0 sets in the other semifinal.

The men's single finals are also scheduled for today. National Sports Council Chairman Major General Mahbubur Rahman will give away the prizes among the winners.

## Nissan tennis results

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Twenty-five matches were decided on the third day of the fourth Nissan Cup tennis championships yesterday.

Eight boys' under-12 singles and a similar number of under-16 encounters were played out at the National Tennis Complex, Ramna.

Nine men's doubles first round matches were also decided yesterday at the Gulshan Club.

Zaker and Squib beat Ijaz and Manju 6-1, 6-4, Jalal and partner beat Rabbi and Joy 6-7, 7-5, 6-2 while Dr. Rashid and Mashuq beat Salahuddin and Entemam 6-3, 6-0.

In today's men's singles matches at the Gulshan Club, starting at 2.30 pm, Peter Zan plays Ilyaz Rashid, Chun Lal meets national junior champion Shibulal, Sami Razak plays Najmul, Sandru

Salam faces Abdullah, top seed Shovon Jamaly takes on John Summers, Mehran Islam faces Maroof Rahman, Czechoslovak tennis coach Karen Maley plays national junior number two Dilip while Hira Lal takes on Jubal.

Eighteen of the world's top 20 have entered.

## Exhibition youth soccer Feb 8

A 17-member football team of Shapla Youth Force, a youth organisation of Tower Hamlets, London, arrive in the city today to play an exhibition football match against the Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Pratisthan (BKSP), reports BSS.

The match will be held at the Mirpur National Stadium on February 8.

The Bangladesh boys, most of whom have been brought up in the United Kingdom, decided to visit Bangladesh to gain practical experience of the culture of their motherland.

They will also visit remote villages to see the rural life of Bangladesh.

# Lankans pile up mammoth total

WELLINGTON, Feb 2: New Zealand battled towards overhauling a 323-run first innings deficit against Sri Lanka on the third day of the first Test today, reports Reuters.

But despite reaching 91 for no wicket at the close, the New Zealanders face having to bat out the remaining two days to save the match, after a record breaking batting performance by Sri Lanka.

The visitors 497 for nine declared - the highest Test innings by Sri Lanka - was spearheaded by a brilliant 267 by tiny right-handed Aravinda De Silva who dispatched an often inaccurate New Zealand attack to all corners of the Basin Reserve ground.

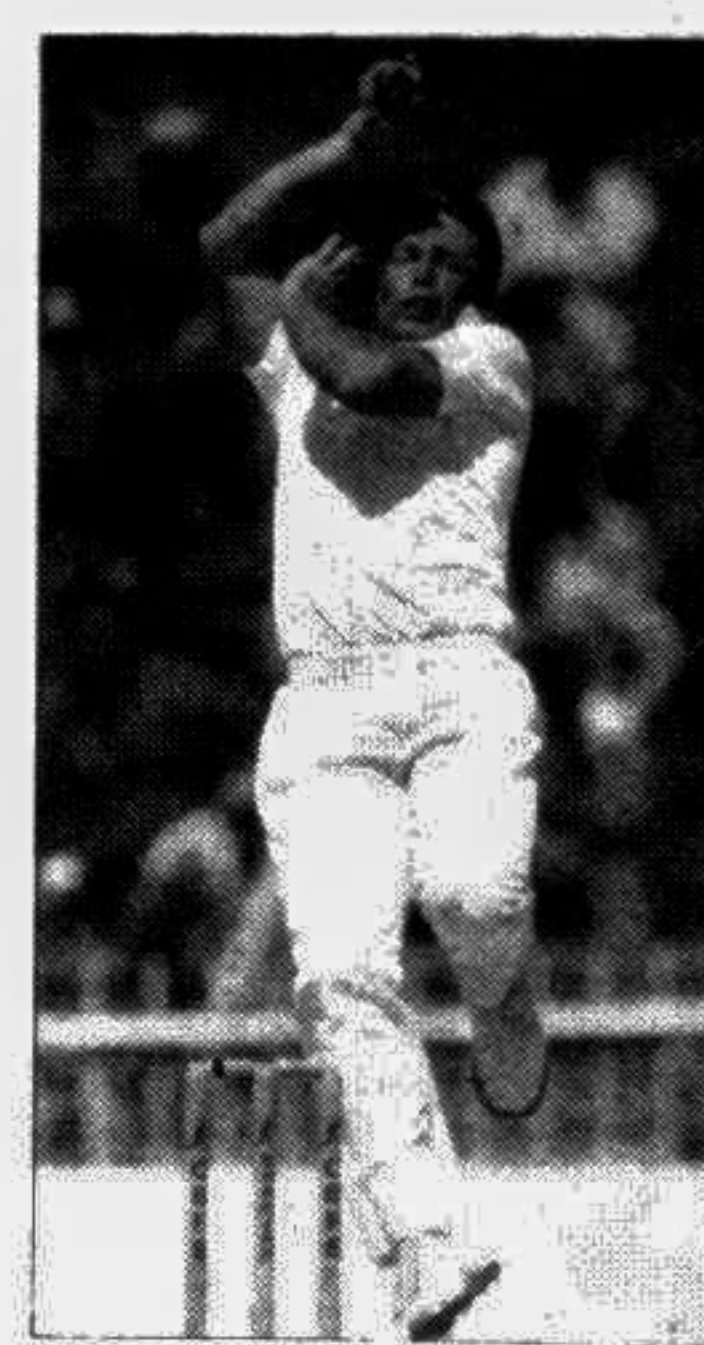
De Silva batted for 509 minutes and faced 380 balls, hitting 40 fours in a world-class innings.

It was the biggest individual Test score by a Sri Lankan, and it allowed Sri Lanka to surpass their previous highest team score in a test of 491 against England at Lords in 1984.

De Silva began the day on 203 and with captain Arjuna Ranatunga on 52 not out, he was aiming to guide Sri Lanka to a total well in excess of 500.

The grassy, slow-paced pitch provided moderate assistance to seam bowlers after heavy overnight rain.

New Zealand who had toiled throughout the second day to claim just one wicket and concede more than 300 runs,



DANNY MORRISON

soon had success on the third day.

Ranatunga was out in the second over of the morning for 55, stepping back on to his off stump while playing a short ball from paceman Dany Morrison.

With De Silva still punishing wayward deliveries, Sri Lanka remained on target for a huge, going to lunch at 437 for four.

But the hour after lunch belonged to New Zealand with Morrison and Willy Watson, bowling much more tightly

than they did on Friday, ripping through the Sri Lankan middle and lower order.

Morrison got the prized wicket of De Silva having him caught in the slips from a ball which moved away off the seam. Apart from a breezy 26 from Ramesh Ratnayake, there was little resistance from the tail.

Morrison, after taking a hammering on Friday, finished with five for 153 his fifth five-wicket bag in a Test innings. Watson, bowling at slower pace, took four for 121.

New Zealand openers John Wright and Trevor Franklin struggled at times against the Sri Lankan pace attack in the three hours before the close.

Wright looked the more comfortable on 55, with his half century coming in 142 minutes off 102 ball. It included eight fours.

## SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the third day of the first Test between New Zealand and Sri Lanka here today:

**New Zealand:** first innings 174 (R. Ratnayake four for 45, G. Labrooy four for 68)

**Sri Lanka first-innings** (overnight 359; for three)

Senanayake c Smith b Watson 0  
Tilakaratne c Gurusinha c Crowe 21  
Aravinda De Silva b Watson 70

c Bradburn b Morrison	267
A. Ranatunga hit wicket b Morrison	55
Asoka De Silva c Smith b Morrison	26
Labrooy c Wright b Morrison	0
Ramanayake b Watson	26
Ramanayake not out	14
J. Warnawera b Watson	3
Extras (nb-8, lb-7)	15
Total for nine declared in 153.1 overs	497
Did not bat: R. Mahanama	
Fall of wickets: 1-8, 2-4, 3-184, 4-362, 5-449, 6-449, 7-454, 8-487	
Bowling: O M R W	
Morrison 44 6 153 5	
Watson 48.1 10 121 4	
Pringle 31 4 116 0	
Bradburn 26 5 83 0	
Rutherford 2 0 11 0	
Jones 2 0 6 0	

**New Zealand:** second innings Franklin not out 24  
Wright not out 55  
Extras: (nb-10, lb-2) 12  
Total: (for no wickets off 41 overs) 91  
To bat: A. Jones, M. Crowe, M. Gurusinha, K. Rutherford, Bradburn 1, Smith, C. Pringle, D. Morrison, W. Watson.

Bowling: O M R W	
Ratnayake 8 1 22 0	
Labrooy 19 1 30 0	
Ramanayake 8 1 22 0	
Ratnayake 5 4 3 0	
Asoka De Silva 6 4 5 0	
Warnawera 4 2 7 0	

# Matthews makes Aussie tail wag

PERTH, Feb 2: Australia's lower order batsmen heaped further frustration on England to compile a useful 63-run first innings lead on the second day of the fifth and final cricket Test on Saturday, reports Reuters.

On a pitch, the lasting qualities of which are unclear, the home side were finally dismissed just before the close for 307, a total that at one stage looked unlikely.

After being 168 for six in response to England's 244 Greg Matthews, Ian Healy and Craig Mc Dermott adopted a more measured approach than was shown by the top order and reaped the rewards.

Matthews, who finished with 60 not out, battled on despite a leg injury, and required a runner after tea.

With Healy, who played with sensible aggression to make 42, Matthews added 62 in 17

overs, and with Mc Dermott contributing 25, a further 51 were added in similar time.

The way these three played suggested that those top order batsmen who played themselves in and that was most of them should have made more of their opportunities.

But one by one, they committed indiscretions against the steady England attack.

Mark Taylor, after making 12, slashed wildly at Devon Malcolm after being dropped earlier.

Dean Jones, on 34, hit across the line at Phil Newport when well set, and Mark Waugh mishooked Malcolm to mid-on for 26.

Even David Boon, top-scorer with 64, which took him past 500 runs for the series, fended at a wide on with lunch beckoning.

Matthews took his aggregate for the series to 3653 at an average of 70, a splendid effort by a number seven bat.

He more than anyone has coaxed runs from the tail at

vital times and held up England when they were looking to wrap up the innings.

England's late-order efforts have been pitiful, a fact acknowledged by England manager Mickey Stewart.

"We've had dramatic collapses for times in the series, the last one only yesterday, and in stark contrast today 140-odd was put on by the last five wickets for Australia."

Australia hold an unbeatable 2-0 lead on the series and with two innings already completed in this match a result seems a certainty. But Stewart refused to look too far ahead.

"The first target is to clear the arrears without losing a wicket," he said. "We need to bat very solidly, and then go on from there."

With England's present record of batting collapses and a tail that starts with Phillip DeFreitas at number seven, the loss of early wickets could spell another three-day Test.

**Scoreboard**  
Scoreboard of the second day of the fifth cricket Test between Australia and England on Saturday:

**England:** First innings 244 (A. Lamb 91 R. Smith 58, C. Mc Dermott eight for 97)

**Australia:** First innings (overnight 19 for one)

Marsh c Stewart b Small 1  
Taylor c Stewart b Malcolm 12  
Boon c Stewart b Malcolm 64  
Horder lbw b De Freitas 17  
Jones b Newport 34  
J. Waugh c Small b Malcolm 26  
Matthews not out 60  
Healy c Lamb b Small 42  
Mc Dermott b Tufnell 25  
Hughes c Gough b Tufnell 6  
Adkins lbw b De Freitas 7  
Extras (b-2 lb-8 w-1 nb-8) 19  
Total 387

Fall of wickets: 1-1, 2-44; 3-90; 4-113; 5-162; 6-168; 7-230; 8-281; 9-283

Bowling: O M R W Malcolm 30 4-94-3  
Small 23-3-65-2  
De Freitas 16.5-2-57-2  
Newport 14-0-56-1  
Tufnell 7-1-25-2

# Sabatini, Navratilova in final

TOKYO, Feb 2: Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina beat Mary Joe Fernandez of the United States in straight sets to reach the final of the 350,000 dollar Toray Pan Pacific Open here today, reports AFP.

The fifth-seeded Argentine, who edged past world number one Steffi Graf of Germany in the previous round Friday, coasted to a 6-3, 6-4 win to set up her date with Martina Navratilova of the United States on Sunday.

Nine-time Wimbledon champion Navratilova, who was back in action after a three-month break due to arthroscopic knee surgery in mid-November, breezed past seventh-seeded Laura Gildemeister of Peru 6-2, 7-6 (7/5).

Sabatini, who clinched her first-ever Grand Slam title when she beat her archrival Graf in the US Open final in September, got off to a flying 5-0 start and seemed set for an easy win when she led 40-love in the next game.

But the Dominican-born American fought back, saving five break points in the game and rallying to trail 3-5, charging the net to put pressure on Sabatini.

The Argentine, however, served out for the set and went on to score the only break in the fifth game of the second.

Although she squandered two match points as the 19-year-old American rattled with a hard smash and a backhand winner, Sabatini



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completed the match with a service winner.

The 20-year-old Argentine, who has not lost to Fernandez since her defeat in the 1989 French Open, noticed up her head-to-head record to eight wins for five losses in major tournaments.

It was her fifth consecutive win over Fernandez.

## Happy Navratilova

An AP report adds: Armed with a pair of new and improved knees, Martina Navratilova says she will go into Sunday's final a happier tennis player.

Navratilova, playing her first tournament since having surgery on both knees three months ago, takes on fifth-seeded Gabriela Sabatini.

"I'm better than I was before the operation," third seed Navratilova said after defeating Peru's have to worry about my knees and can concentrate on the match."

But the world's former number-one, who has only five wins to go before matching Chris Evert's record 157 career singles titles, has had a bit of a bumpy return so far.

After drawing a bye in the first round, Navratilova needed full sets to defeat England's Jo Durie, rated 60th in the world, and was nearly forced into going the distance again Saturday by Gildemeister, who is seeded seventh. Navratilova won 6-2, 7-6 (7-5).

"I had to play really solid tennis," Navratilova said. "Laura's ranking isn't as good as Mary Joe or Gabriela, but she played very well... she pushed me."

"There is no problem with my knees," she said. "I'm just not used to my renewed ability to move around the court quicker."

Argentina's Sabatini breezed through her first five games against Fernandez but was bogged down by her opponent's consistency later in the match.

"I tried to play aggressively, but she plays very deep and wouldn't let me come to the net," Sabatini said. "She hit some very good serves."

Sabatini said she has the edge against Navratilova going into the final, which will net the winner 70,000 US dollars.

"She hasn't played for two

months, and she's not had a tough opponent," Sabatini said. "But it's Martina. She's going to come to the net and I'm going to have to be aggressive."

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