Wari promoted

Sports Reporter Wart Club gained promotion

to the Navana Primier Division with a thrilling one wicket win in the third last ball of the match over Bangladesh Ratlway in the super league match of the Milnars First Division cricket league yesterday at the Mirpur Pallabi ground.

Wart now have 16 points from 11 matches with a game—against PWD——in hand. Railway have 12 points from 11 matches while Udity and PWD also have 12 point each from 10 outings.

Railway, batting first, scored 218 for the loss of seven wickets in their allotted 42 overs.

Alam 62, Sumon 38, Sajjad 21. Nafiz 20. Afzal and Nimmu with 18 each were the Railway batsmen to shine with the wil low. Kajal and Rafiq (Jr) captured three wickets each for 40 and 41 runs respectively.

Wari, in reply, scramble through to score 219 runs for the loss of nine wickets with two balls remaining to be bowled, thanks to a brilliant match winning last wicket unbeaten 37 run partnership between Rafiq (Jr) 26 and Kajal 18. Earlier Zia 35, Iftekhar 33, Jangi 23 and Rafiq (Jr) 22 laid the foundation for the Wari vic-

Reds in final

Red-eleven, represented by players from different teams, moved into the final of Bijoy Cup Football tournament beating Blue-eleven, represented by players from Abahani Krira Chakra, 3-0 in the semi-final at the National Stadium last night, reports BSS.

Uttam, Swapan and Moshi Salam scored one goal each for the Reds.

Reds will play the Whites in the final

Pioneer soccer

Sports Reporter

Gandaria Famous and Bashaboo Tarun Sangha recorded identical 2-1 victories over their respective rivals in the round robin matches of the Pioneer football league yesterday at the Outer Sta-

Gandaria beat Lalbagh KC to move into semifinals from Group 'A' with six point from four matches.

Bashaboo Tarun defeated Mirpur XI who also qualifies for the semifinals from Group 'A' but will have to wait as Mirpur XI lodged a protest against them.

Div 1 basketball

Sports Reporter

Dhaka Winners and Eagles Club registered wins in their respective Partex First Division basketball league matches yesterday at the wooden floor

Winners outplayed Hornets 89-52 while Eagles scored on exciting 53-51 victory over Dhaka Wanderers.

Eagles trailed 22-28 at the breather.

Towfig 20, and Imon with 16 were the leading Eagles scorers.

Saidur 20 and old season campaigner Zillur with 10 points were successful Wanderers shooters.

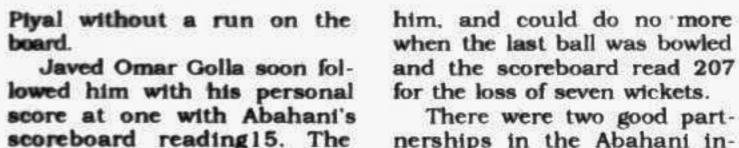
Biman's flight looks safe

Sports Reporter

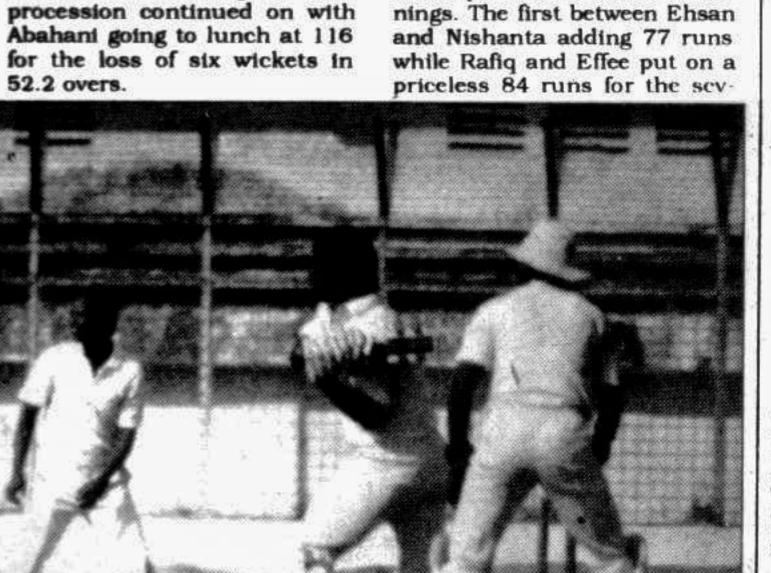
52.2 overs.

aspirants poised for victory on the inau-

gural day of the two-day match of the Navana Premier Division cricket league yesterday at the Dhaka Stadium.



There were two good partnerships in the Abahani innings. The first between Ehsan



Abahani's skipper Rafiqul Alam pulling off Biman's Bachchu at the Navana Premier league match yesterday. -Photo Kiron

Bangladesh Biman scored 52 for one at draw of stumps in reply to Abahani's total of 207 for the loss of seven wickets in their stipulated 75

Biman are the only unbeaten team with full ten points from five matches while Abahani in the same number of matches have collected eight points and a win in this match would bring Abahani at par with Biman.

Abahani's skipper Rafiq. after winning the toss, decided to bat, which soon turned out to be a bad one as his team were struggling following Tipu's dismissal for duck off

Chess results

Sports Reporter

Rahman and Chalantika's Ali

Amjad Mithu are jointly lead-

ing with five points each after

the completion of the fifth

round in the Cannon Active

chess tournament sponsored

by Universal Traders Ltd yes-

terday at the NSC's chess

Rahman Champak, Jamilur

Rahman, Lablu, Riffat, Shiplu,

Qureshi, Khalique, Hanif and

Kamal were jointly placed in

Bermuda beats US

22: David Burchall scored a

goal in the 89th minute here

Thursday as Bermuda defeated

the United States 1-0 in an in-

ternational friendly football

with many of the players that

took the team to the World Cup

The United States, playing

match, reports AFP.

HAMILTON, (Bermuda), Feb

points each.

Nine players, IM Zillur

Biman's Fide master Ziaur

Sohail, 24, Ehsan 25 and Sri Lankan Nishanta with 28 runs were the main scorers in the early orders for Abahani.

Skipper Rafiqul Alam, sizing

up the situation kept his cool and scored an unbeaten 73 runs off 128 balls Rafiq in his last match against Surja Tarun had ham-

mered 82 runs to stand alone in the ruins for Abahani Effee, with a valuable 27 runs was followed by a healthy contribution of 33 off extras enabling Rafiq to pull Abahani

from shambles and finish their innings at some respectablity. The skipper had done his best, what was required of

enth wicket stand.

Seamer Piyal finished at two wickets for 26 while left-arm spinner Moni returned with figures of two for 44. Dulu, Bachchu and Azhal also claimed a wicket apiece for Biman.

In reply, Biman finished at a comfortable position of 52 runs for the loss of Munir, 11, in 13 overs.

In-form opener Jahangir Alam is batting at 18 while Sumon at the other end is 8 not out.

Biman will resume their inning with another 156 runs needed for victory with nine wickets in hand.

Friends, Victoria,

Sports Reporter

Dhaka Friends Union, Victoria Sporting Club and Ajax SC posted comfortable wins in their respective matches of the Rank-Xerox second Division yesterday at different

mondi Cricket Stadium. second position with four Dhaka Friends, put into bat,

piled up 215 for the loss of seven wickets in their stipulated 35 overs.

Shakil 18 and Milton also with 18 not out were the leading batsmen for Dhaka Friends. Uttam with three for 31 runs was the most successful Three Stars bowler.

In reply. Three Stars finished at 176 for the loss of nine wickets in 35 overs. Sajol 25, Anu 25 and Ratan with 23 runs were the notable Three Stars batsmen.

Tawfiq, Milton and Litu captured two wickets each for 24. 25. and 33 runs respectively.

Victoria defeated Kakrail Boys by 36 runs at the Mohakhali T and T ground. Victoria batting first scored 183 for seven wickets in their allotted 35 overs.

Noor 25, Kala 22, Poplu 19 and Shawkat with 10 were the prominent Victorian batsmen. Saku took two wickets for 25

bowled out for 147 runs in 33 overs. Ripon with a breezy unbeaten 40, Shamim 25, Franco 21 Darrel 14 and Roni with 11 were the successful Kakrail batsmen. Johny with three wickets for 25 and Badal with two for 33 were the successful bowlers for Victoria.

In another match, at Dhanmondi Club ground, United Heroes crashed to another defeat when they were beaten by four wickets by Ajax.

United, batting first, were bundled out for a meagre 90 runs in 35 overs. Masood 20. Bennet 13 and Parvez with 12 were the Heroes batsmen to reach double figures. Nipu was the wrecker-in-chief with four wickets for 21 runs. Bobby also took two wickets.

the loss of six wickets in 24.5 overs. Topaz 21, Rajat 20 and Biplob 14 not out were the leading Ajax batsmen. Ruhul claimed three wickets for 24 runs.

Jones' ton lifts Kiwis

Zealand), Feb 22: Zealand workhorse bats-Andrew

Jones again defled Sri Lanka on the first day of the second Test today allowing the Kiwis to reach 217 for four wicketers at the close, reports Reuter.

Jones came in when New Zealand lost their first two wickets for 40 and was there at the close on 105 with Shane Thomson on 32.

He hit 186 in the second innings of the first Test and with captain Martin Crowe

Hughes to quit

JOHANNESBURG, Feb 22: Former Australian Test captain Kim Hughes is to quit first class cricket and will be flying back to his home town of Perth in Australia next week, reports AFP.

The South African Press Association News Agency said the 37-year-old cricketer, who was axed by Natal Province last month after a disastrous slide in his batting form, claimed he had been made to feel like an

"outcast" since being dropped. Slamming Natal for their "lack of professionalism at administration level" Hughes said he had not been given a "fair

"I was not even considered good enough for the 'B' team they just wrote me off." Hughes, who has 26 first

class centuries to his credit, led "rebel" Australian crikeeters on two tours of South Africa in 1985 and 1986. At the end of the tours he

remained behind to play for Natal, assuming the captaincy of the team in 1989.

Americans like

public opinion poll released

taken by the Dallas-based

Sports Marketing Group, found

that professional American

football had surpassed major

league baseball in popularity.

with 39.1 per cent saying they

either loved the sport or called

Baseball, called the Ameri-

can pastime, "was preferred by

only 30.7 per cent, putting

in fifth place behind pro foot-

ball, college football and the

Winter and Summer Olympics.

ing received surprisingly high

marks, with women's figure

skating rating eighth with

Figure skating and ice danc-

it one of their favourites.

The poll of American adults,

here Thursday, reports AFP.

added a world record partnership of 467 runs to allow New Zealand to escape that game with a draw.

At Hamilton a New Test venue and the 64th to be used. Jones and Crowe began the Kiwis' recovery.

Captain Arjuna Ranatunga won the toss and had had no hesitation sending New Zealand in on a green pitch in

humid conditions. Openers John Wright and Trevor Franklin made painfully slow progress. But looked to have survived the morning when in the penultimate over Franklin edged one to second slip Aravinda De Silva off parttimer Asanka Gurusinha to be out for 15.

Three balls later, Wright, with the total still on 40 and his score on 21, slashed the ball to fourth slip off Graeme Labrooy. Labrooy, who like the other

pitch too short on the lively wicket, had earlier unsettled Wright when he hit him on the helmet. Crowe and Jones found scoring easier after lunch.

front-line bowlers tended to

adding 50 in an hour, although Crowe never looked the assured batsman who scored 299 in the second innings of the first Test. He and Jones appeared to

be gaining the ascendancy when Ranatunga put himself on. In his second over he got Crowe with his gentle medium pacers when Crowe fiddled at one outside his off stump. The pair had added 85 in 96 min-

brought on his best bowler. Champaka Ramanayake, in the next over and was rewarded when Ken Rutherford (0) became the fourth batsman

Then Ranatunga astutely



ANDREW JONES

caught in the slips, Hashan Tillekeratne taking his second

Jones found good support from 22-year-old Shane Thomson, playing in his second Test in place of Mark Greatbatch.

Thomson, dropped on 30, grew in confidence as his innings progressed and his driving was particularly impressive.

Jones played with his typical aggression, hitting his first ball for four and hooking at everything offered.

His century came off 177 balls in 234 minutes and included eight fours.

Sri Lanka brought in batsman Sanath Jayasuriya for slow bowler Jayanda Warnaweera

while Chandrika Hathurusinge came in for the injured Roahan Mahanama.

New Zealand replaced off spinner Grant Bradburn with Dipak Patel.

Score: New Zealand 217 for four (A. Jones 105 not out).

Scoreboard

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

T. Franklin c Aravinda De Silva b

New Zealand

Gurusinha W. Right c Hathursusinghe b Labrooy 21 A. Jones not out M. Crowe c Tillekeratne b Ranatunga K. Rutherford c Tillekeratene b Ramanayake S. Thomson not out Extras (lb-5, nb-3) Total for four wickets To bat: 1 Smith, D. Patel, C Prigle, D.

Morrison W. Watson. Fall of wickets: 1-40, 2-40, 3-125, 4-

Bowling:

	0	M	R	1
tnayake	15	3	47	-
brooy	19	6	33	1
manayake	19	5	39	1
rustnha	14	3	36	1
oka De Silva	14	2	35	-
natunga *	9	0	22	1

Aussies 86 for 2 at close

KINGSTON, Feb 22 Australia were 86 for two in reply to Jamaica's first innings of 158 at the close of the first day of their four-day cricket match on Thursday, reports Reuter.

Santoso shocks second seed

Top seed Wu Wengkai of

their own game KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 22: Two seeded players bowed out DALLAS, Feb 22: American in the third round of the football is the favourite sport women's singles in the Asian among US fans, while cricket Badminton championships and squash are among the least here Thursday, reports AFP. favorites, according to a new Indonesia's up and coming

Yulian Santoso, 19, created the biggest shock, upsetting second seed Wu Wenting of China 12-9, 11-4, while South Korea's Shim Eun-Jung put out Indonesia's Lilik Sudarwati, seeded in the fifth of eighth bracket, 11-8, 11-5.

In the men's singles, all the seeded players qualified for the quarter-finals with only Malaysian Kwan Yoke Meng. seeded in the fifth to eighth category, being taken to three

China scored a 15-8, 15-7 win over Hong Kong's Chan Kin Ngai while second seed Eddy Kurniawan of Indonesia had a 15-7.15-9 win over Indian Rajeev Bagga Wengkai, the reigning World Cup champion and the

1991 Korean Open winner,

will play Indonesia's Heryanto

Arby in the quarter-finals. Joint third seeds, Rashid Sidek and Foo Kok Keong of Malaysia also reached the last eight, securing wins over Korean Kim Chul-Joong and Chinese Yu Lizhi respectively. Both will meet Korean oppo-

Kwan Yoke Meng, who started off nervously, dropped

nents today.

the first set 8-15 against China's Wan Zhengwen before regaining her composure to win the second set 15-9 to force a decider. The Malaysian won the final set 18-15.

Top seed Lee Heung-Soon of South Korea had an east 11-3, 11-7 win over Taiwanese Shyu Yu-Ling and will play China's Liu Yuhong in today's quarterfinals. Both South Korea and China

put three players each into the last eight of the women's singles. The others are Yulian Santoso of Indonesia and Thailand's Pornsawan Plungwech who put out a Chinese and Korean opponent respectively.

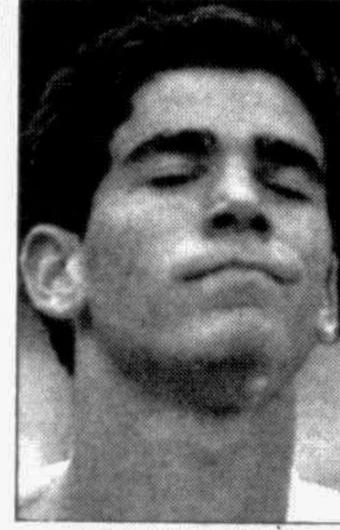
Injury forces Sampras out



ssee), Feb 22: An injury second - seeded Pete Sampras out of the 750,000

forced

dollar Memphis Indoor tennis tournament here Thursday while Michael Chang battled his way into the quarter -finals, reports AFP.



PETE SAMPRAS

Sampras, who got to a slow start this year because of shin splints, pulled a hamstring in his left leg while serving in the first set and retired from the match leading 6-2, 1-1 against

Mark Koevermans of the Netherlands. "It happened when I put

pressure on the leg during the service motion" Sampras said afterward. "I felt pain. It was better to stop." "It could've cost him weeks if he had continued," said ATP trainer Bob Russo. Chang, seeded fifth, squan-

dered a 4-1 lead in the second set but stormed back to beat Canada's Grant Connell 7-6 (7/5), 6-7 (4/7), 6-4 in a match that lasted 2hrs 45min. "This match could have gone either way," Chang admit-

prised by his opponent's aggressive style of play. "I didn't know what to expect, but I didn't expect him to be that good, especially since he's a player known

ted, adding that he was sur-

Chang's next opponent will fellow American Jeff Taango. who upset Australian Wally Masur 7-6 (7/3), 6-4.

more for doubles."

Tarango, ranked 13th in the world, replaced Brad Gilbert when the fourth seed

number one Mats Wilander.

withdrew. Seventh-seeded Michael Stich, the defending champion, reached the quarter-finals with a convincing 6-3, 6-3 victory over former world

Rostagno defeated sixthseeded fellow American Jim Courier 6-1, 6-4 and earned a quarter-final match against Italy's Cristiano Caratti, who rallied to beat Tim Mayotte 3-6, 7-6 (7/4) 6-2.

In another upset, Derrick

Top-seeded Ivan Lendl had the day's easiest match, winning 6-2, 6-1 over Paul Haarhis



MICHAEL CHANG

of the Netherlands, earning him a quarter-final match against eighth-seeded Australian Darren Cahill, who defeated Pat McEnroe 6-3, 6-

Novotna crushes Reinach to roll into quarters

OKLAHOMA CITY, Feb 22 Top seed Jana Novotna of Czechoslovakia crushed South African Elna Reinach 6-1, 6-2 on Thursday to roll into the quarter-finals of the 1,50,000dollar Virginia Slims of Oklahoma tennis tournament, reports Reuter.

In the quarters, the eighthranked Novotna will take on Swedish seventh seed Caterina Lindqvist, who rallied to hold off 17-year-old Angelica Savaldon of Mixico 2-6, 7-6, 6-0. Lindqvist, ranked 34th in

the world, took the second set tiebreak 7-3 and never looked back as she sailed through the deciding set. in another second round

match, American Anne Smith outsteadied Catherine Suire of France 6-3, 6-4 to set up to

JANA NOVOTNA

quarter-final against Anne Minter of Australia.

in the other quarter-finals second seed Conchita Martinez of Spain goes against eighth seed Manon Bollegraf of the Netherlands and Lisa Bonder-Kreiss Takes on fellow American Renata Baranski.

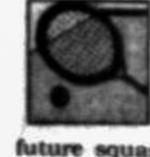
Forget continues winning streak STUTTGART(Germany)

Feb 22: Frenchman Guy Forget, on a high after breaking into tennis's top 10 last week for the first time, overcame Jakob Hlasek of Switzerland 7-6, 7-6 to reach the quarterfinals of the Stuttgart Classic on Thursday, reports Reuter. Forget, the fifth seed who

rose to world number seven last week when he won the Belgian indoor tournament, showed superior concentration and aggression in both tie breaks, winning them 7-4 and The victory earned the 26-

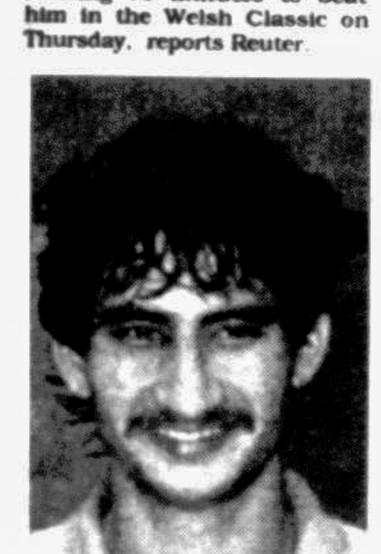
year-old Frenchman, who also won the New South Wales championship in Sydney last month before his Brussels triumph, a quarter-final clash today with Yugoslav number two seed Goran Invanisevic.

Jansher's high praise for Marshall



World number future squash champion after needing 73 minutes to beat

CARDIFE, Feb 22: one Jansher Khan tipped 19-yearold Briton Peter Marshall as a



JANSHER KHAN "Peter is a highly talented player and can become world champion if he continues to work hard," said the Pakistani after beating Marshall 15-13. 15-10, 15-12 to move into the

quarter-finals. 'It was high praise for the British number one from Jansher," who lifted the world crown for the third time in November. He has won his last eight Grand prix tournaments in a row.

Pakistani world number two Jahangir Khan, defending the Welsh title, also won through to the quarter-finals but looked less than impressive when beating Welsh number one Adrian Davies 15-12,

15-10, 15-10. Playing his first tournament after a lay off of nearly five months, Jahangir made a string of unforced errors which should have been more severely punished.

Jahangir needs to progress

further in this tournament

than Chris Robertson in order to prevent the Australian taking over his number two position in the world rankings. Robertson signatled his keenness to do just that when he was on court for only 19

minutes while beating South

African-born Scotsman Stuart Hatistone 15-3, 15-13, 15-3. In contrast Chris Dittmar. the world number four from Australia, needed 75 minutes to register a 17-15, 15-13, 12-15, 13-15, 15-8 victory over compatriot Rodney Eyles. There was a major surprise in the women's event when world number two Robyn Lambourne was beaten 11-15, 15-8, 15-6,

Sarah Fitzgerald. There was nearly a bigger sensation when world champion Susan Devoy of New Zealand came close to her second defeat in a week before railying to beat England's Sue Wright 16-17, 15-3, 13-15, 15-13, 15-10.

15-7 by Australian compatriot

Tewksbury keeps on shining

CALGARY(Alberta), Feb 22 :

Mark Tewksbury solidified his standing as a rising swimming star on Thursday by twice breaking his own world best time in the 100-metre backstroke in a short course pool at the Canadian winter national swimming championships, reports Reuter.

Ajax win in Div II

Dhaka Friends beat Three Stars by 39 runs at the Dhan-

Javed 46, Litu 35, Hanif 34,

Kakrail Boys, in reply, were

In reply, Ajax scored 91 for

21.6 per cent. Predictably, non-American sports like soccer and cricket were among the least favorites. Soccer, at the World Cup level, placed 75th, while cricket was next to last in 113th place.

Professional wrestling, considered by many Americans to be a staged show, topped the list of most unpopular sports. edging out professional golf and boxing. Excercise at home is en-

joyed by 20.5 per cent of the Americans polled, followed by swimming, camping and beach activities. Hang gliding and cricket were at the bottom of the list of participatory sports.

Adding salt to England's wound

PERTH, Feb 22: The England cricketers suffered pain in the pocket, as well as a 3-0 drubbing on the field, in the recently completed Ashes series, the Australian Cricket Board revealed Thursday, reports AFP.

The board's General Manager, Graham Halbish, said the touring said had been penalised 16,200 Australian dollars (12.749 US dollars) for slow bowling in the five-Test

England had fallen 27 overs

short of the required rate, he

The fine was deducted from the tourists' prize money of 17,000 Australian dollars (13,379 US dollars), leaving them with a meagre 800 Ctg cricket

beating Shaheed Shahjahan Sangha juntor by four wickets at the Outer Stadium here today, reports BSS. Shahjahan Sangha won the toss and batted first. They were all out for 142 runs in

In reply. Annesha scored

146 for six in 36.3 overs.

Mithu 28, Minto 19, Jahed 17,

Dtku 17, Rtad 16 and Rashed

not out 15 were the main

scorers for Annesha.

35.3 overs.

CHITTAGONG, Feb 22: An-

nesha Club moved into the fi-

nal of CJKP star youth cricket



GRAHAM GOOCH

Australian dollars (629 US dollars) for 22 days' endcavour with one Test ending two days carlier and another one day short. England were fined for slow

bowling in the Test in

Brisbane, Melbourne, Adelaide

and Perth, and bowled at the required rate only in Sydney. Australia, on the other hand, transgressed only oncein the final Test in Perth, which cost the home country 7,200 Australian dollars (5,666

US dollars).

This reduced Australian's Test payout to a still healthy 111.800 Australian dollars (87.986 US dollars). England fared better in the World Series one-day competi-

tion with Australia and New

Zealand, collecting 16,000 Australian dollars (12,592 US dollars) And to make the disappointing four month tour a lit-

tle more palatable, they also

picked up 83,333 Australian dollars (65.583 US dollars) from the British insurance company, Eagle Star. The money came in the shape of awards to the England player of the series, the side's most successful batsman, the

and the most successful bowler Devon Malcolm. All prize money is in addition to contractual payments to

player with the most catches.

all by captain Graham Gooch,

Ispahani Cricket CHITTAGONG, Feb 22: Mohammedan Sporting Club registered their third successive

victory in the CJKP Ispahani First Division cricket league defeating Chittagong Port Sports Association by seven wickets at the Chittagong Stadium here today, reports BSS. Port batted first and were allout for 88 runs in 36.2

National star Minhazul

Abedin Nannu captured six

wickets giving 18 runs for Mo-

hammedan. In reply, Mohammedan scored 89 for loss of three wickets in 18.5 overs.