

# Tarun 197 all out

Sports Reporter

Surja Tarun found batting against Kalabagan slightly more difficult than in their previous games, being dismissed for 197 runs in 63 of the stipulated 75 overs in their Navana Premier Division cricket league match

at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. By the close of play Kalabagan had made 66 for the loss of three wickets after batting for 19 overs till draw of stumps.

Kalabagan, with only one victory to their credit to date, chose the defensive play of asking the opposition to bat

after having won the toss and skipper Omar Khaled Rumi's decision doesn't seem to have been a bad one from the way the Tarun innings progressed.

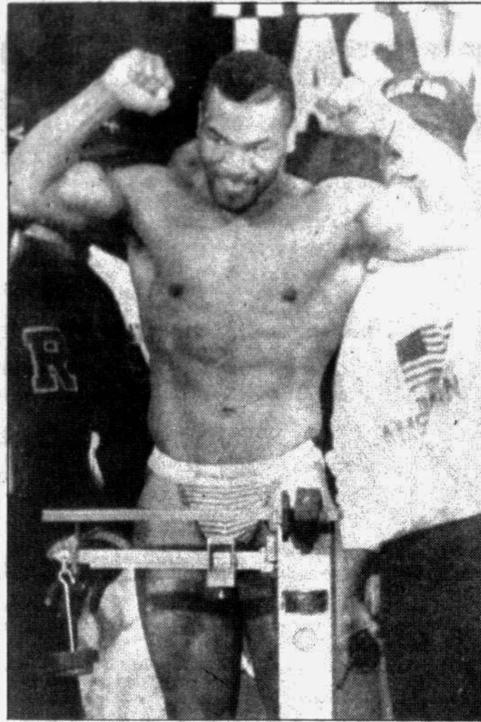
Hadi batted in his usual belligerent manner to topscore for Surja Tarun with 43 runs which included four boundaries and were made off only 46 deliveries. Hadi chanced his arm once too often to be clean bowled by Pappu seven short of a half century.

Other prominent Tarun scorers were Zakaria who made 33, left-arm paceman Suppi who made 27, Shatab 22, Arif 17 and Dipu Roy Chowdhury who made 15.

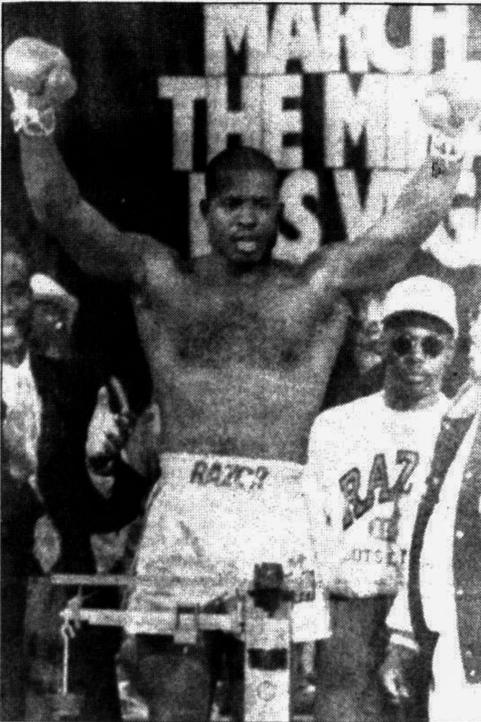
Ajay Verma was the pick of the Kalabagan bowlers claiming three wickets for just 28 runs while Omar Khaled Rumi's three victims cost 51 runs. Pappu took two for 27.

Kalabagan, who need to win if they are to avoid the dangers of a relegation play-off with winless Rupali Bank, had lost three vital wickets, in compiling 66 runs off 19 overs. Left-arm paceman Morshed accounted for two of those and had figures of two for 21. Tanjib Ahsan Saad got the other giving away four runs.

Pranab with 18 and Rumi with nine were the Kalabagan batsmen at the crease. They resume today with their side needing another 132 runs for a victory in the remaining 56 overs.



Mike Tyson raises his arms during his weigh in March 17 at the Mirage Hotel, Las Vegas a day before his fight with Donovan "Razor" Ruddock. Tyson weighed in at 217 pounds (95 kgs) —AFP photo



Jamaican born Canadian Donovan "Razor" Ruddock holds his gloved hand March 18 at the Mirage Hotel, Las Vegas. Ruddock weighed in at 228 pounds (103 kgs) —AFP photo

# Meet on SAF Games preparations

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A preparatory meeting to decide on the Bangladesh contingent to the fifth South Asian Federation (SAF) Games, scheduled to be held in the Sri Lankan capital Colombo December 22-30, was held in Dhaka yesterday with Maj General Mahbubur Rahman, Chairman, National Sports Council in the chair.

Held at the NSC conference room, the meeting was attended by representatives of the respective federations of the sports that Bangladesh will be taking part in. As in the fourth SAF Games, held in the Pakistani capital Islamabad in 1989, Bangladesh will be competing in all ten disciplines of the fifth Games, namely, soc-

cer, athletics, swimming, boxing, basketball, volleyball, table tennis, shooting, weightlifting and tennis.

The meeting mainly dealt with the plans and programmes regarding preparation and training for the different squads to be sent to the Games.

Incidentally, the National Shooting Federation has already started its training programme while the Bangladesh Amateur Athletics Federation, whose ad hoc executive committee was reconstituted by the National Sports Council a couple of days ago, starts its Games programme from tomorrow, March 20. The other

national federations are expected to follow suit soon.

Bangladesh's performance in the last Games in Islamabad was very poor indeed, our athletes losing their supremacy in the male sprints, our swimmers failing to live up to expectations and our overblown footballers losing the games gold medal to hosts Pakistan. Part of the blame for that poor showing lay squarely on the shoulders of our sporting federations whose officials failed to plan proper training and selection procedures. The first SAF Games were held in 1984 in Kathmandu, Nepal, the second in 1985 in Dhaka, and the third in 1987 in Calcutta.

# Tuhin wrecks Gandaria

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Victoria Sporting Club thanks to superlative bowling spell by Tuhin registered a convincing 114-run win over Gandaria Cricketers in the super league of the Rank-Xerox Second Division cricket league match played yesterday at the Mirpur Pallabi ground.

Winning the toss Victoria made first use of the pitch and piled up 208 runs for the loss of five wickets in their stipulated overs. In reply, Gandaria Cricketers were skittled out for a paltry 94 runs only 25.4 overs.

Anwar led the Victoria batsmen scoring a quickfire unbeaten 53 off 51 deliveries with the help of three boundaries and a six. Rabhu batted

equally effectively to make 38 off 36 balls with four fours while Tuhin's 26 and Halim Babu's 25 came off just 19 and 20 balls respectively. Tuhin hit one six while Halim Babu sent the ball over the fence on two occasions. Extras added another 27 to the Victoria total.

Mofiz of Gandaria picked up three of the five wickets to fall at a personal cost of 24 runs. Nasir made 22, Debu 25, Biplob 17 and extras contributed another 17 runs to the meagre Gandaria total.

Magnificent bowling by Tuhin who picked up seven wickets for just 15 runs did Gandaria in. Polu, Iqbal and Halim Babu shared the other three Gandaria wickets.

# Lara enhances Test claim

POINTE-A-PIERRE, Trinidad, Mar 18: Brian Lara enhanced his claim for a regular place in the West Indies Test team as Australia comfortably beat Trinidad and Tobago in a one-day cricket

match on Sunday, reports Reuter.

While Australia took the honours, achieving a 26 run win in a 50 overs contest which replaced the washed out three-day fixture, Lara took the

individual glory. He scored 91 impressively-crafted runs as Trinidad made 196 for nine in reply to Australia's 222 for eight.

Lara is in the West Indian 12 for the second Test starting in Georgetown on Saturday but his innings here will increase the clamour for his inclusion in the final XI.

Having made an impressive debut in the third Test against Pakistan in Lahore last December, 21-year-old Lara made way for the returning Viv Richards in the first Test in Kingston despite hitting 627 runs in the recent domestic red stripe cup.

Lara seized the opportunity to shine here. Coming in with Trinidad well behind the clock, he hit 10 fours in his 85 ball stay before being bowled by off spinner Greg Matthews.

Left arm paceman Bruce Reid produced his best bowling performance of the tour with three for 22 off 10 overs while Terry Alderman also had another good work out.

# Future Caribbean tours to be shorter

BRIDGETOWN, Mar 18: Future tours of the Caribbean are likely to comprise three Tests rather than five as in the current series against Australia, says West Indies Cricket Board of Control secretary Steve Camacho, reports Reuter.

"The bottom line, unfortunately but realistically, has to be our financial position and we are simply not in a position to sustain five Tests at home any longer," he said in a newspaper interview published here on Sunday.

Camacho anticipated an operating loss of 200,000 dollars for the tour by Australia.

He noted that of all the tours of the Caribbean in the

last 20 years, the three Test series with Pakistan in 1988 was the only one to break even. "For decades, we have had to use the profits we make on our overseas tours to cover our costs on home tours and, even with the sponsorship we now receive from cable and wireless and from television rights, this barely keeps us in the black," he added.

The paper said Camacho hinted the board would be looking to stage more matches in the windward islands where the currency was stronger than that of many of the other territories, and the populations were larger than in the leeward islands.

# Johnson finishes second

THE HAGUE, Mar 18: Sprinter Ben Johnson managed only second place in the 50 metres at the Hague Indoor gala athletics meeting on Sunday, reports Reuter.

After a humiliating defeat at the World Indoor championships in Seville last week, a tired Johnson produced a time of 5.85 seconds here, well behind Soviet winner Vitaly Savin.

The Canadian, coming back after a two-year ban for doping, got off to a weak start although he picked up pace towards the finish.

But despite his lackluster performance, Johnson remained confident, declaring that he was still on course for the 100 metres title at the Tokyo World championships in August and the Olympics in Barcelona next year.

"I was trying to run as many races as possible indoor just to get my racing shape back," he said. "I've had some pretty good times, I'm very pleased with it."

"All I need is to train harder and get more explosive. I think I'm going to be right there with the rest of the good guys."

Johnson, who was banned for two years for his positive

dope test at the Seoul Olympics in 1988, was asked if he thought he would ever repeat the 9.79-second 100 metres he achieved there.

"I don't know. On a good

# E German coaches still unpaid

BONN, Mar 18: More than 20 former East German swimming coaches have not been paid for nearly three months by their new employers, the United German Swimming Federation (DSV), reports Reuter.

"It is slowly turning into a scandal," former East German team manager Uwe Neumann said at a World Cup meeting here on Sunday. "I am living off my wife at the moment."

The coaches, who helped to build the former communist state into a world swimming power, are still waiting for their contracts and first pay cheques.

They have been working for the Munich-based DSV since the start of the year after their contracts with the state backed former East German Federation ran out.

Last October's unification of East and West Germany has brought big problems to many German competitors, coaches and officials.

East German athletes, deprived of the state funding they enjoyed under the sports loving communists, are struggling to adapt to a sports world largely ruled by commercial factors.

The East is battling with high unemployment and poor telephone connections have made life difficult for officials to coordinate matters in East and West.

DSV manager Hans Hartogh said he believed the money for the coaches' salaries had already been supplied to the federation by the German interior ministry which is responsible for sport.

Hartogh said the whole matter was an embarrassment. "A coach came up to me on Friday and said: 'hey, Hans, can you lend us 50 marks (31 dollars)? We haven't been paid yet.'"

day when I'm in good shape I could probably run 9.90," he replied.

Johnson said he was now heading home to rest before starting serious training for the outdoor season.

# A pocket in one

NEW DELHI, Mar 18: A Pakistani golfer hit a tee shot straight into the pocket of an Indian player who was standing in a sand trap in tournament play, the times of India reported on Monday, reports Reuter.

Faisal Qureshi drove off on the 10th hole of the army golf course in the north Indian town of Meerut into the pocket of Maqbool Singh, who was trying to blast his way out of a bunker on the fourth hole.

Officials at the Modi All India Open golf tournament played on Sunday ruled that Qureshi had to drop the ball where Singh was standing — in the sand.

# Tewksbury's double

BONN, Mar 18: Canada's Mark Tewksbury, who broke his own 100 metres backstroke short course world record on Saturday, won the 50 metres on Sunday to complete a backstroke double at the second World Cup swimming meeting of the season, reports Reuter.

Tewksbury, whose time of 52.71 seconds in the 100 shaved 0.18 seconds from the mark he set in Calgary last month, clocked 25.25 seconds in the two lap race to finish ahead of Germany's Frank Hoffmeister on the final day of the Bonn meeting.

Former East German Hoffmeister Profiter from the fast pack to clock 5:43 and clip four hundredths of a second from the European record he set in the same pool four years ago.

But the Frankenbad Gala

witnessed a disappointing performance from American Matt Bjondi, winner of five gold medals at Seoul Olympics.

Bjondi, who complained of jet lag when he failed to qualify in the 100 metres freestyle and 50 butterfly heats on Saturday, finished a disappointing last in the 50 freestyle.

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# TT trials today

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The selection trials for the Bangladesh contingent to take part in the 41st world table tennis championships, scheduled to be held in China, Japan April 24-May 6, start at eleven this morning at the National Coaching Centre.

Thirteen male players — Musaddequl Haq, Rochi (Biman), Nasimul Haq, Kuchi (Biman), Saiful Haq, Saadi (Biman), Saaduddin Ahmed (Kisno), Gaus Atiq Anki (BTMC), Akhlaque Rahman (BTMC), Happy (Ansars) Munna (Ansars), Jinu (BTMC), Sohel (Wari Club), Mustafa (Wari), Badal (Ansars) and Rashid (Ansars)