

# Dulu wrecks Gulshan Youth

Sports Reporter

If one Jahangir shone with the bat for Bangladesh Biman on Wednesday by scoring a century, another Jahangir did it with the ball yesterday as the former champions took one more sure step towards this year's Navana Premier Division cricket league title by handing out a 156-run thrashing to Gulshan Youth at the Dhaka Stadium.

A season's best six for 36 by left-arm paceman Jahangir Alam Talukdar — better known by his nickname Dulu — wrecked all ambitions the boys from Gulshan might have harboured of upsetting Biman's appellation, and they surrendered tamely enough by folding their innings at 105 in a mere 40.5 of the stipulated 75 overs.

There wasn't the slightest hint of such a flattering run for Biman being on the card after

## City's thumping victory

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City Club scored a thumping 164-run victory over Lalbagh Anwar S.C. in the second phase match of the Rank-Xerox Second Division cricket league at the Mohakhali T&T ground.

Electing to bat first, City Club posted a massive total of 276 runs for the loss of nine wickets in their allotted 40 overs.

Sipon led the City's onslaught with a sparkling 83 runs off 80 balls. His knock included twelve punishing boundaries.

Zakir followed Sipon with a well made 50 of 71 balls. Gauram, 25, Murshed 20, Pappa, 17 and Murad with 11 runs were the other notable City Club batsmen.

Amir, with three wickets for 55 runs was the most successful Lalbagh bowler.

Lalbagh Anwar, in reply, were skittled out for a paltry 112 runs in 32 overs.

Amir put up an all-round performance following his bowling with 31 runs — the highest — for Lalbagh. Shawpan, 22, and Mamun with 11 were the other Lalbagh batsmen to reach double figures.

Zahir bowled his heart out to return with the figures of five wickets for 33 runs. He was ably assisted by Sipon with three wickets for 11 runs.

## TODAY'S MATCHES

Victoria S.C. vs Dhanmendi (Mirpur)

Azad Boys vs Ajax Club (T&T)

## Ispahani cricket

CHITTAGONG, Mar 21: Agrabad Nowjoan Club beat Rada Cricket Club by 83 runs in the super league match of the Ispahani First Division cricket league at the Chittagong Stadium here today, reports BSS.

Nowjoan batted first and made a massive 245 for seven in 44 overs.

Pallab of Nowjoan scored 73 with eight fours followed by Iftekhar 48, Masum 29, Titu not out 21, Mamun 19 and Shakil 14.

Zia of Rada Club took three wickets for 49 runs while Roni took two wickets also for 49 runs.

In reply, Rada were all out for 162 runs. Joy of Rada top-scored with 48 followed by Roni 27, Dider 22, Kalirje 13. Shakil of Nowjoan captured four wickets for 30 runs while Masum took two for 13 runs.

## Ajay Sharma to play for Ashton

MANCHESTER, Mar 21: Indian Test cricketer Ajay Sharma is to play in England later this year as professional for Ashton, who are members of the Central Lancashire League, reports AFP.

## Anirban prize giving ceremony

Sports Reporter

The prize giving ceremony of the Anirban Independence Day chess competition will be held today at 3.30 pm at the Manikdi, Dhaka Cantonment.

Rezaul Kabir finished as the unbeaten champion in the competition which concluded on Monday, March 18.

Grandmaster Nazimur Rashid will be the chief guest. Mashtur Rahman, Principal of Adamjee Cantonment College, Afzal H. Khan, Sports Editor, Daily Star and sports reporter of Daily Inquilab Rezaul Rahman Sohag will be the special guests at the ceremony.

## Mansoor Sporting in semis

Sports Reporter

Mansoor Sporting Club moved into the semifinal of the first Haque Miah Memorial football tournament beating Inamganj Three Stars Club 2-0 yesterday at the Montipura Baitala ground.

## Robertson gets a scare

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Robertson, promoted to number two in the world rankings earlier this month, came back from two games down to win 15-17, 14-15, 15-6, 15-9, 15-7.

It was a remarkable performance by the 19-year-old Frenchman, ranked 52 in the world, who has been back on the world circuit for only nine months after serving a one-year suspension for failing a drug test.

Bonatet won the opening two points of the third game before winning against increasing pressure from Robertson who is the latest and one of the fittest on the world circuit.

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Opener Saiful made 22, his side's top score, followed by extras which brought in another 20 runs. Arun Lal fell leg

before to Pail for 12 while Malhotra went the same way, but Dulu, for half that score. Ashique made a vain show of resistance by scoring 18 off 34 balls with the help of two boundaries.

Dulu's figures read 15 overs, two maidens, six wickets for 36 runs — a match-winning effort, to say the least.

Pail, Monti, Azhar and Bulbul shared the other four wickets equally.

Biman now have 14 points from their eight games, the same as Brothers Union. Both have a game in hand, Biman playing Kalabagan K.C. on March 30-31 and Brothers facing Gulshan Youth on March 24-25.

Should both Biman and Brothers win their remaining games, the two title contenders would have to meet in a championship deciding play-off.

Gulshan Youth have six points from three wins.

# MSC end with a win

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Mohammedan Sporting Club completed their 1990-91 Navana Premier division cricket league programme on a winning note when they beat Lalmatia Club by six wickets at the Dhanmendi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Resuming at 83 for two after 26 overs in reply to Lalmatia's 197 all out in 69.5 overs, Mohammedans rattled up the remaining 115 runs, needed for victory in another 33 overs, thanks mainly to a rolling 102-run third-wicket partnership between Nurul Abedin Nobel and Selim Shahed. The pair got those runs off 168 balls to clinch the

match. Nobel, who hasn't been in the thick of runs lately, remained unconquered on 80, made with the help of four fours and a couple of sixes off 177 balls. Selim Shahed, who has a century to his credit this season, once again got out after getting past a well-made fifty. Selim's 58 included five

boundaries and took 83 deliveries. Halim Shah remained three not out and there were 19 extras. Nannoo went for a

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# Seles stops Capriati

KEY BISCAYNE, Florida, Mar 21: Teen sensations Monica Seles and Jennifer Capriati battled tightly for

three sets, but age won out as Seles took the quarter-final match 2-6, 6-1, 6-4 of the 2.55 million-dollar International Players Championships on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

The 17-year-old Seles and crowd favourite Capriati, 14, kept fans on their feet with brilliant backcourt rallies which exhausted both players by the end of the match.

Capriati, who lost to Seles in their only other encounter, raced to a first set lead leaving the Yugoslavian slightly bewildered. But world number one Seles stormed quickly back in the second 6-1.

Seles gained an advantage in the third after Capriati knocked a loose forehand crosscourt out giving Seles the sixth game and the lead at 4-2.

"In the third set at 4-2, I was tired physically and mentally," said Seles. "I just couldn't understand why I couldn't close out the match. I was gasping for air."

Capriati broke back to level the score at 4-4, but Seles held serve and then broke Capriati at love, ending the match after one hour and 51 minutes.

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But Capriati lost her aggressiveness in the second set and began to spray her groundstrokes. Seles stuck close to the baseline and was often content to keep the ball in play.

"It wasn't my day," she said. "I couldn't hit too many winners, and my first serve wasn't going in. I said, 'Just hang to there.'"

In one year as a professional, Capriati has climbed to No. 11 in the rankings. But she's 0-10 against the four highest-ranked players — Seles, Graf, Sabatini and Martina Navratilova.

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"This year my goal is to beat some of these top players, and to forget about coming close."

"It was definitely one of the top ten matches I've played," said Seles. "I think we were both equality tired."

In later matches, Derrick Rostagno of the US faded in his fourth-round match with Jim Courier, who was just named US Davis Cup Player. Courier, the 13th seed, despatched the 22nd-seeded Rostagno 6-0, 6-3 in just 52 minutes.

Mary Joe Fernandez gave up even fewer games in her quarter-final with fellow American, Ginger Helgeson, an unseeded wild card. Fernandez downed Helgeson 6-1, 6-0 to advance to a semifinal meeting with Seles.

Steffi Graf of Germany and Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina will meet in the other semifinal and did not play on Wednesday.

Andre Agassi of the U.S. seeded third, turned in a lacklustre performance to fall to unseeded American, David Wheaton, 6-0, 7-5. Wheaton will face Italy's Cristiano Caratti in the quarter-finals.

In a night match, American Richey Reneberg, seeded 24th, needed three sets to upset Marc Rosset of Switzerland, seeded 17, 7-6, 3-6, 6-3.

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# Marsh leads Aussies to victory



GEORGETOWN, Mar 21: Geoff Marsh carried his bat for a second successive one-day century and led Australia to a fourth victory over West Indies in the fifth and final one-day international on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

Marsh who scored 113 in Bridgetown last Wednesday, hit an unbeaten 106 as Australia won by six wickets with nine balls to spare for a crushing 4-1 series triumph.

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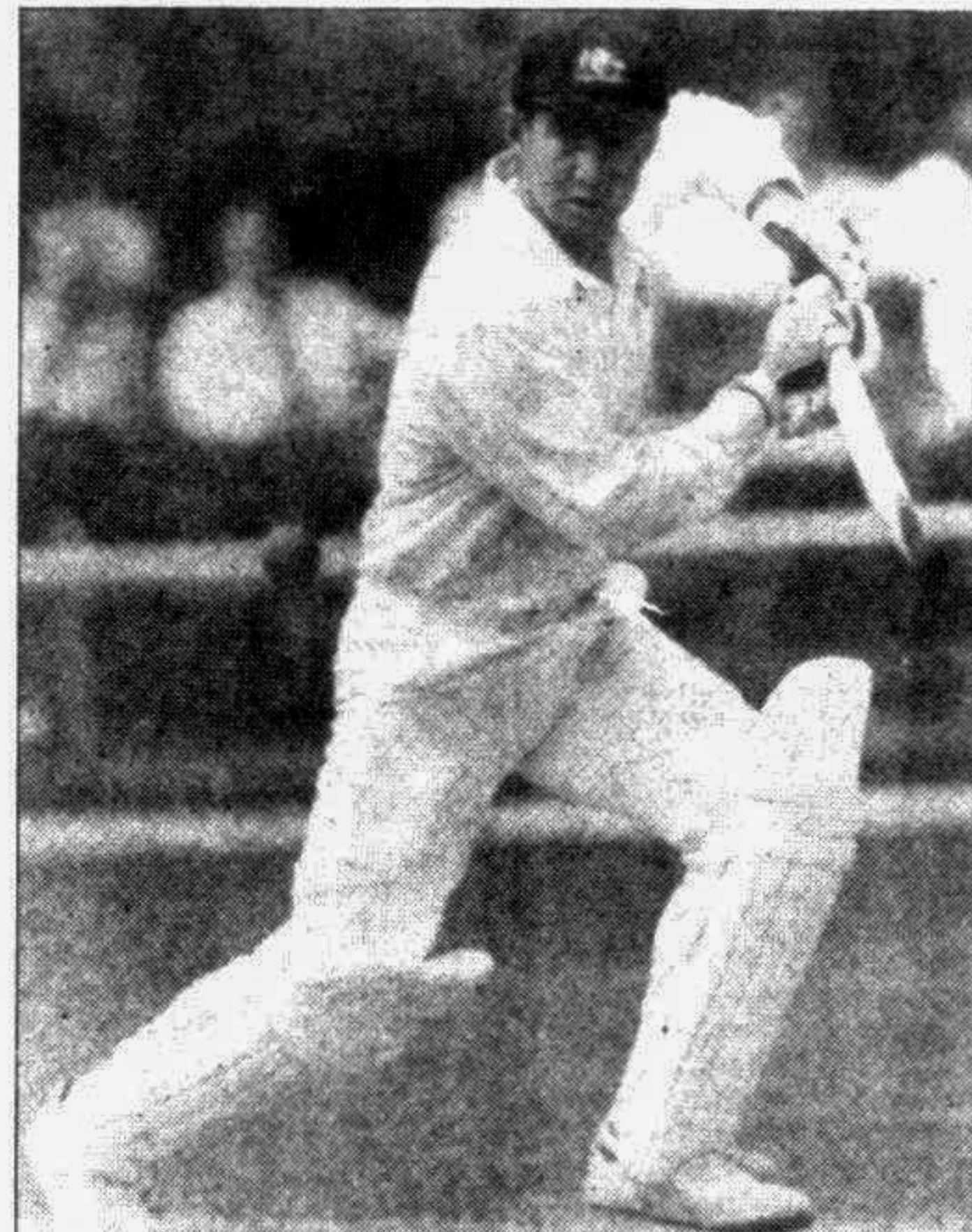
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GEOFF MARSH... man-of-the-match

During Australia's innings Walsh was hit by an object thrown from the crowd and needed treatment for a cut wrist.

## SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in the fifth and final one-day (50 overs) cricket international between West Indies and Australia on

## Richards' last Test series

GEORGETOWN, Guyana, Mar 21: West Indies cricket captain Viv Richards was quoted on Wednesday as saying the current Test series with Australia would be his last in the Caribbean, reports Reuter.

"I would not pinpoint a particular date to retire but at this moment this looks like my last series in the Caribbean," he told the Guyana Chronicle.

Richards, 39 earlier this month, made his Test debut in 1974 against India in Bangalore but first established himself among the ranks of great batsmen in 1976 when he hit two double centuries against England.

The second of those, 291 at the Oval, remains his highest Test score.

The Second Test against Australia which starts on Saturday in Georgetown will be his 113 th. In the Kingston Test earlier this month he passed Sir Gary Sobers West Indian Test run record and has now scored 8,053.

But the last of his 24 centuries was in April 1989 and he had surgery on a long-standing medical problem in October which prevented him touring Pakistan. Since then there has been increasing speculation in the Caribbean over his retirement.

West Indies tour England later this year and visit Australia and New Zealand for the World Cup in 11 months.

But I can confirm today that to Marselle are a very good team."

Marselle coach Raymond Goethals returned the compliment saying: "We were in more serious trouble than in Milan. The Milanese put us under constant pressure."

As the 40