



Action from the inaugural Independence Day football tournament match between Brothers Union and First Division newcomers Eskaton Sabuj Sangha at the Mirpur National Stadium Tuesday. —Star photo

Eskaton's dream debut

Sports Reporter

The babes, Eskaton Sabuj Sangha, made a dream debut when they outsmarted fancied Brothers Union by a solitary goal in the inaugural match of the Independence Day football tournament on Tuesday at the Mirpur Stadium.

State Minister for Youth and Sports, Mirza Abbas formally declared the two-week long tournament open.

Brothers Union, with this upset defeat are out of the tournament while the young heroes marched bravely into quarterfinals. Brothers must be ruefully remembering their debut in the First Division in 1975 when they all shocked Abahani KC 1-0.

Eskaton Sabuj Sangha a bunch of energetic youngsters coached by the British coach Michael Ward, were allowed to play in this tournament as Second Division champions. They fully justified their inclusion with some brilliant and breath-taking runs which left their experienced rival, dazed and left with no alternative but to use physical force to block the energetic lads quite often.

The crowds thoroughly enjoyed Eskaton's performance, and in the end, one can say, that Brothers were lucky not to go down by a bigger margin. Eskaton Sabuj's defence

looked a picture of confidence, link and forward always keeping their rivals at toe.

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Eskaton defence, which was confidently thwarted by the agile Eskaton defenders.

Eskaton Sabuj created a number of scoring chances, but their inexperienced forwards could not deliver the good.

Eskaton will meet, the winners of the BRTC and Chittagong DSA match in the quarter-finals on April 3.

Arman and Daboo of Eskaton SS and Ahmed of Brothers Union were shown yellow cards.

Eskaton Sabuj Sangha: Nizam, Shamol, Ruhul, Daboo, Nannu, Arman (Raftique), Akram, Milan, Sharif, Wakil and Rintu.

Brothers Union: Curzon, Moon, Nira, Iqbal, Dilip (Rouf Babul), Manik, Amer Khan, Shimu, Ahmed (Mamun Babu), Samrat and Badal Das.

Referee—Sheikh Badruddin. ARMY IN QT-FINALS

National champions Bangladesh Army moved into the quarter-finals after beating Agrani Bank by a solitary goal yesterday at the Mirpur Stadium.

Striker Jabbar scored the all-important goal in the 40th minute of the lack-lustre match. Bangladesh Army will now play the winners of PWD and Rajshahi DSA in the quarter-finals on April 2.

Today's match: Fakirerpool YMC vs Khulna DSA (3-15).

National cricket from April 5

Sports Reporter



The National cricket championship, organised by the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board, begins on April 5.

Bangladesh Railway, BUET, PWD, Agricultural University, Rajshahi University and forty District teams will take part in the preliminary round in six zones of the country.

The four semi-finalists of last year's tournament - Dhaka University, Chittagong, Bangladesh Biman and Narayanganj - and six zonal champions will take part in the final round beginning in Dhaka after Ead-Ul Azha.

Eight teams will participate in zones "A" at Pabna. They will be: Faridpur, Comilla, Chandpur, Gazipur, BUET, Norshingdi, Sylhet and Tangail.

In Zone "B" at Faridpur, eight teams will take part.

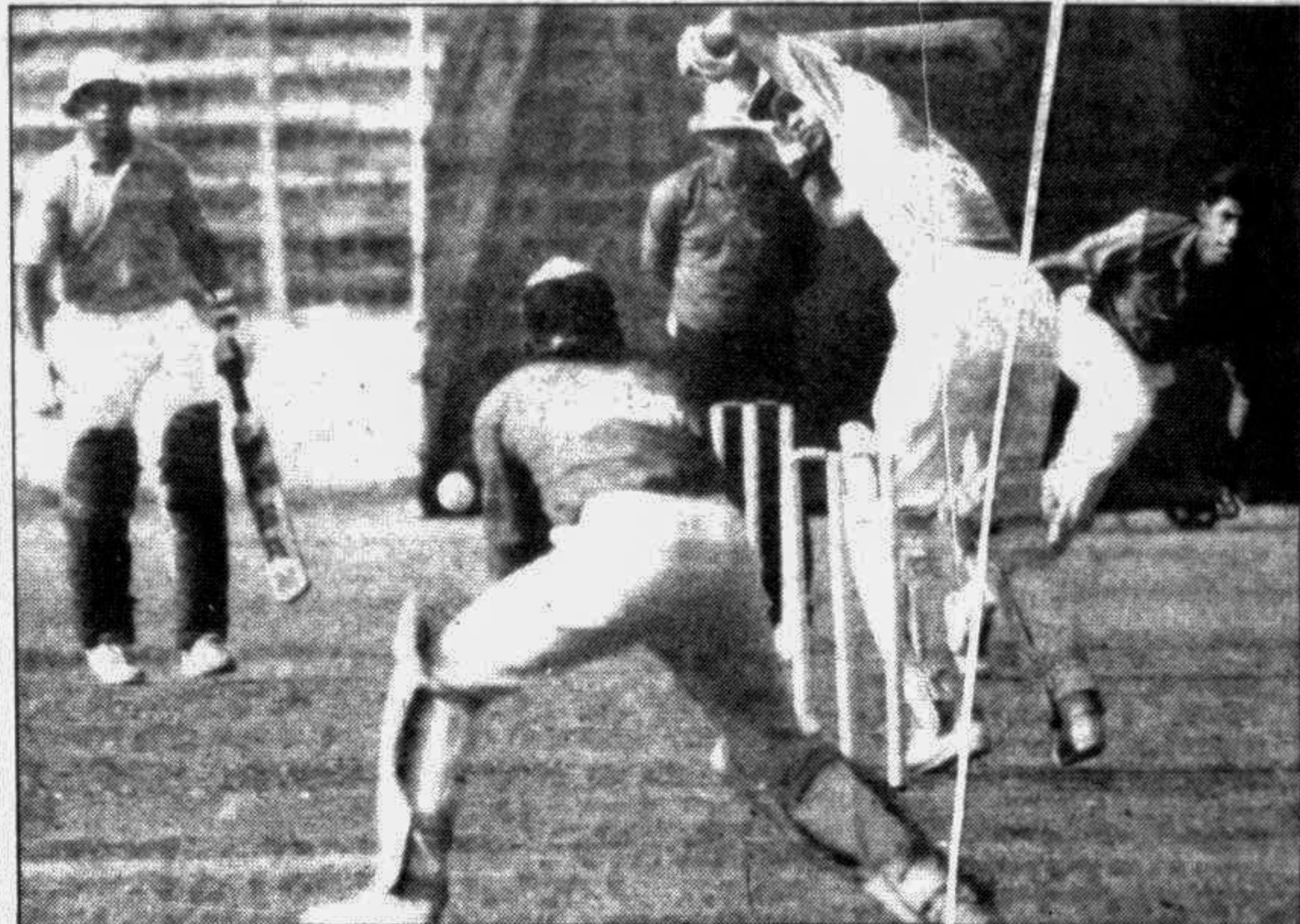
They will be: Jhalakathi, Patuakhali, Brahmanbaria, Madaripur, Noakhali, Sunamganj, Feni and PWD.

Zone "C" at Jessore will comprise of: Mymensingh, Satkhira, Gopalganj, Khulna, Bagerhat, Meherpur, Norail and Serajganj.

Seven teams will play in Zone "D" at Nilphamari. They will be: Rajshahi, Bangladesh Railway, Jessore, Dhaka, Rangpur, Kushtia and Thakurgaon.

Zone "E" at Thakurgaon also comprises of seven teams who will take part. They will be: Pabna, Dinajpur, Nowabganj, Agricultural University, Nilphamari, Panchagarh and Gaibandha.

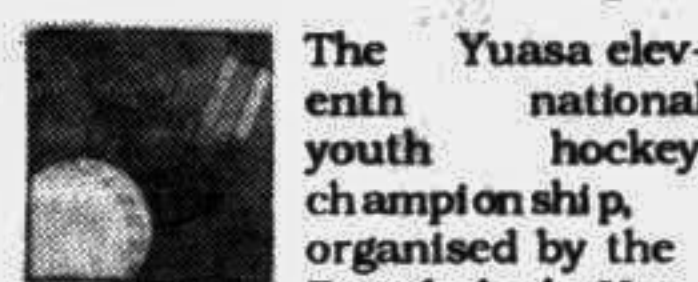
The remaining seven teams will play in zone "F" at Joypurhat. They will be: Kishoreganj, Rajshahi University, Barisal, Manikganj, Sherpur, Kurigram and Jhenaidah.



Scene from the exhibition day-night match between present and former national players arranged by the Dhaka Cricket Players' Association to mark Independence Day Tuesday. —Star photo

Yuasa youth hockey starts April 4

Sports Reporter



The Yuasa eleventh national youth hockey championship, organised by the Bangladesh Hockey Federation and sponsored by Yuasa batteries, will commence from April 4 at the Dhaka Hockey Stadium.

This was disclosed by President of the Hockey Federation, Alamgir Mohammed Adel at a press conference yesterday at the hockey federation office. Mr. Adel informed that 16 teams, including defending champions Bangladesh Krira Sikkha Protishtan (BKSP) will

also take part in the meet divided into four groups.

Narayanganj will face Rangpur DSA in the inaugural match at 3.30 pm on April 4.

THE TEAMS

GROUP "A" BKSP, Narshingdi, Chittagong and Jessore. GROUP "B" Dhaka, Narayanganj, Rangpur and Sylhet.

GROUP "C" Mymensingh, Patuakhali, Munshiganj and Dhaka Board.

GROUP "D" Faridpur, Rajshahi, Rajshahi Board and Pirojpur.

Independence Day sports

Sports Reporter

Red XI, represented by the national players, defeated Green XI, represented by the former national players, by three wickets in an exhibition match at the national stadium Tuesday night.

Batting first, Green XI made 174 for eight in 42 overs. Lipu and Raquibul scored 38 each while Bachechoo added 22.

Shantoo took three wickets for 38 while Saiful and Nannu claimed two wickets each for 31 and 29 runs respectively for Red XI.

In reply, Red XI scored 176 for seven in 39 overs. Farooque top scored with 35 followed by Selim Shahed with 23 and Shantoo 17.

Badshah captured three wickets for 31.

Shantoo was adjudged the Man of the Match.

Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) organised the day and night match in observance of the Independence Day, Tuesday.

BCCB President Qazi Bahauddin Ahmed witnessed the match as the chief guest and

gave away the prizes among the winners.

DUCSU soccer

An exhibition football match organised by Dhaka University Central Students' Union (DUCSU) was held at the University ground, Tuesday, to observe the Independence and National Day.

The match was held between the footballers who played for the University in the past and those representing the varsity now.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Mirza Abbas formally inaugurated the match.

The Present Eleven won the match 3-2.

EXHIBITION HOCKEY

An exhibition hockey match was held at the Hockey Stadium between Ever Green and Ever White in observance of the Independence Day, Tuesday.

Ever Greens beat Ever Whites 2-1.

Bashir Ahmed and Abdur Razaque scored for the Ever Greens while Ayesh reduced the margin for Ever Whites.

Spahani cricket

CHITTAGONG, Mar 27: Nowjoan Club beat Customs and Excise Club by 72 runs in the CJKP Spahani super league match at the Chittagong Stadium here today, reports BSS.

Nowjoan batted first and scored 198 for eight in 36 overs. In reply, Customs were all out for 126 in 35.3 overs.

Score: Nowjoan 198/8 (Pallab 43, Chapal 36, Mamun 33, Abid 15, Shakil 11, Shahed 2/25, Labloo 1/31, Nasir 1/10, Subashish 1/18, Shanu 1/43).

Customs: 126 (Jahangir 38, Tapan 26, Labloo 12, Imdu 3/24, Mithu 1/20, Masum 1/10, Shakil 1/14).

Seles, Graf race through

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Mar 27: Top seed Monica Seles of Yugoslavia and second-seeded German

Steffi Graf raced into the second round of the 225,000-dollar US Women's Hardcourt Tennis Championships with lopsided victories on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

Seles, competing in only her second tournament as number one player in the world, showed no mercy for Florencia Labat and dispensed the Argentine 6-0, 6-1 in just 50 minutes.

UEFA ban AC Milan

ZURICH, Mar 27: The European Football Union (UEFA) on Wednesday banned Italy's AC Milan from

European Cup competitions for one year following an incident in their quarter-final tie with Marseille last week, reports Reuter.

UEFA also fined French champions Marseille 25,000 Swiss francs (17,000 dollars) for inadequate organisation during the match at their Stade Velodrome.

Milan, European Cup champions for the last two seasons, walked off the pitch when the floodlights failed and refused to return when the referee tried to restart the second leg tie.

UEFA's control and discipline committee said Milan delegate Adriano Galliani would be suspended from all official duties in connection with UEFA until July 31, 1993, and the match would be awarded to Marseille by forfeit, 3-0.

Galliani had said last Thursday that the club would protest formally to UEFA and demand a reply after the tie ended in scenes of chaos, but later dropped the protest plan.

He had cited the floodlight failure, lack of security and encroachment on the pitch by scores of photographers before the final whistle.

When Milan left the field, Marseille were 1-0 up thanks to a 75th-minute goal by England international Chris Waddle, giving them a 2-1 aggregate in the two-leg tie.

UEFA said the clubs have until March 31 to appeal.

Graf, playing her first tournament as a second seed in more than three years, took out American Audra Keller 6-2, 6-1, needing just 10 minutes more than Seles to advance.

Third seed Manuela Maleeva-Fragniere of Switzerland also cruised into the second round with a 6-1, 6-2 victory over American qualifier Alyssa May.

But fourth seed Raffaella Reggi of Italy was not able to follow the pattern set by the top three as she fell to former top-10 player Pam Shriver 6-3, 6-3.

Shriver, now ranked 84th after missing most of the 1990 season, kept Reggi off balance with a strong serve throughout.

Defending champion Seles, who won the prestigious International Players Championships title on Saturday, dropped only six points in the 15-minute first set and was challenged more by strong winds than by her opponent.

Graf, who accepted a late wild card entry into the tournament, was down 2-1 to Keller early in the first set.

The former number one

then got down to business and ran off nine successive games to take the first set and a 4-0 lead in the second.

Graf, who won here in 1988 and 1989, allowed Keller to hold serve one last time for 4-1 and then closed out the match.

"I decided on Friday to play the hardcourts," said Graf, who did not face a single break point in the second set. "It was an extra incentive that Monica was playing the tournament."

Tyson-Ruddock rematch in June

NEW YORK, Mar 27: A rematch of last week's controversial Mike Tyson-Donovan "Rozor" Ruddock heavyweight fight has been set for June 28 in Las Vegas, promoters said on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

The fight will be held at the Mirage Hotel, spokesmen for promoter Don King said.

Tyson, the former undisputed world heavyweight champion, won his bout with Ruddock on March 18 in Las Vegas when referee Richard Steele stopped it in the seventh round.

Koreans to form joint team for Barcelona

TOKYO, Mar 27: A North Korean sports official, in Japan with the first joint sports team to be

formed with rival South Korea, said on Tuesday he believed the two Koreas would form a unified squad for next year's Barcelona Olympics, reports Reuter.

Kim Hyong-Jin, vice chairman of the North Korean Olympic Committee, came to Japan on Monday as leader of the joint Korean team for next month's World Table Tennis Championships in Chiba, near Tokyo.

Kim, who is also chief northern delegate to inter-Korean sports talks, told reporters in Nagano the agenda for the next meeting was expected to include formation of single Korean teams North Korea and other international sports events.

"We are convinced that South and North Korea can take part in the Barcelona Olympics and the Asian Winter Games with unified teams in April 24.

line with a basic accord reached between North and South Korean sports ministers last autumn, he said.

Kim did not say when the bilateral talks would resume. Since the two sides reached agreement on the squad for Chiba, dialogue was suspended in a dispute over the current US-South Korean joint military exercise on the peninsula.

Korea has been divided into communist north and capitalist south since the end of World War two. Four decades after the 1950-53 Korean War, the two countries remain in state of armed confrontation.

The February decision to form an unprecedented joint table tennis squad was a landmark in inter-Korean relations.

Kim said his country hoped to form unified teams for all sports events in the future on the same basis as that agreed for the table tennis world championships.

A total of 22 North and South Korean players began joint training in Nagano on Tuesday for the Chiba Championships starting on April 24.



Eskaton Sabuj Sangha snapped before making their historic debut in the soccer big league at Mirpur on Tuesday. —Star photo

GMCC poised for victory

Sports Reporter

Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club were well poised for victory against lowly placed Kalabagan Krira Chaganj on the opening day of the two-day 75-over-a-side match of the Navana Premier Division cricket league match yesterday at the Dhaka Stadium.

Kalabagan, batting first, were all out for a moderate total of 217 runs in 61.5 overs.

In reply, GMCC batsmen were well at target scoring 151 for four wickets in 30.5 overs when the stumps were drawn for the day.

Kalabagan, desperately looking for a win in this match in order to avoid relegation, now seem to be destined to join Rupali Bank back down in the Milnars First Division cricket league, while GMCC after a disastrous start of the season with

three defeats in a row in the first three matches, recovered well now to be heading for their sixth win in a row.

Kalabagan KC batting first started the proceedings in a brilliant fashion. Their openers Ishtiaq and Bablu started confidently posting 112 for the first wicket stand in only 25.5 overs. Istiaq was particularly in a great form, hammering a vintage 65 runs which included eight glorious hits to the fence while his partner Bablu in a much subdued mood scored 26 runs. After their departure, wickets fell regularly.

Rumi, 23, Pappu, 19, Masmoom, 12, Khokan 13, and Mamoon 12, were the other notable Kalabagan batsmen.

GMCC spinning duo, Sri Lankan Duminda and skipper Ram Chand Goala returned with three wickets each at the cost of 26 and 39 runs respec-

tively. Sanwar and Selim chipped in with one wicket each.

In reply, Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club started positively with their openers Tutul and Sanwar putting on 34 for the first wicket.

Sanwar and Gazi Ashraf Lipu added 69 runs for the second wicket stand. Sanwar fell for 45 runs off 65 balls. Selim, 15 and Duminda 10 were the other GMCC batsmen to be dismissed before the close of play. Lipu who has already scored two centuries this season resumes batting today on 57 runs.

GMCC, will resume their innings today, needing another 67 runs in 44.1 overs with six wickets in hand.

Tamin, Rumi and Khokan with one wicket each were the successful Kalabagan bowlers.

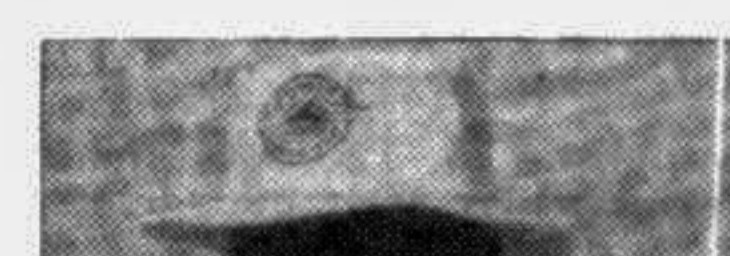
Windies amass 532

GEORGETOWN, Mar 27: Richie Richardson was at the forefront of West Indies second Test run

feast against Australia as they built their highest total for seven years on Monday, reports Reuter.

Richardson hit 182 to help his side to 532 for nine at the close of the third day — a first innings lead of 184.

Today is a rest day. Richardson was aided and abetted by Desmond Haynes, who made 111, Carl Hooper (62), Viv Richards (50) and



Desmond Haynes (54).

Richardson and Haynes, who completed his 16th Test century, took their overnight partnership to 297, a second wicket record for West Indies against Australia.

Australia's bowlers took a merciless battering, but their skipper Allan Border ended the day on a high note taking four wickets for no runs in his final six-over spell of left arm spinners.

He finished with five for 51 from 25 overs as West Indies slumped from 529 for five to 532 for nine.

The partnership between Richardson and Haynes was a second wicket record for West Indies against Australia and the 10th highest for the second wicket in Test history.

It was also the second best for that wicket by West Indies against anyone.

The best, set at Kingston in the 1957-58 series against Pakistan, was the occasion of Sir Garfield Sobers' unbeaten 365, the highest score in Test history, when he put on 446 with Conrad Hunte.

But the pair were still one short of the second-wicket record for Test between West Indies and Australia, set by Ian Chappell and Bill Lawry, when Haynes was caught at silly point off Allan Border.

His 16th Test century lasted 278 minutes and 183 balls and included 15 fours.

Richardson finally fell third ball after lunch, leg before to Craig McDermott after a 242-ball innings with 26 fours and

two sixes.

But Hooper and Richards then added 90 in 23 overs with the captain hitting Greg Matthews for three huge sixes in five balls, two of which cleared the ground to land in the canal on the far side of the road outside.

Matthews had gone 100 overs, four Tests and 360 runs since his last Test wicket when Hopper was judged caught bat-pad by Mark Waugh for 62.

Richards followed, for 50, but there was no let up with Gus Logie making 54.

Australia could have been facing a huge total but for Border's late breakthrough.

But West Indies 226 for one overnight, still reached their highest total since they compiled 606 against England at Edgbaston in 1984. Then they won by an innings and 180 runs.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the third day of the second cricket Test between West Indies and Australia on Monday:

Australia first innings 348 (G. Marsh 94, M. Waugh 71, I. Healy 53, P. Patterson four for 80).

West Indies first innings (overnight 226 for one)

Greenidge b McDermott 2
Haynes c M. Waugh b Border 111

Richardson lbw b McDermott 182
Hooper c M. Waugh b Matthews 62
Richards b Matthews 50
Logie c Healy b Border 54
Dujon lbw b Border 29
Marshall not out 0
Ambrose b Border 0
Walsh b Border 1
Patterson not out 0
Extras (b-5 lb-12 nb-23) 40
Total (for nine wickets) 532

Fall of wickets: 1-10, 2-307, 3-353, 4-443, 5-444, 6-529, 7-530, 8-530, 9-532.

Bowling (to date):

	O	M	R	W
McDermott	31	2	100	2
Whitney	28	4	103	0
Matthews	37	6	150	2
Hughes	20	4	93	0
M Waugh	2	0	18	0
Border	25	11	51	5

Nancarrow penalised

GLASGOW, Mar 27: World number seven Tristan Nancarrow was given two warnings of conduct during

on his way to a shock defeat on the opening day of the Scottish Open squash championship on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

The Australian, who has been fined and banned for on-court tantrums in the past, was warned about his conduct and penalised a point for slinging

his racket across the court when trailing 8-13 in the fourth game against Canadian Gary Waite.

Nancarrow immediately repeated the racket abuse before storming off court, forfeiting another point and the game to Waite.

Worse was to follow for the Australian Waite, ranked 58th in the world, went on to complete an 8-15, 13-15, 15-14, 15-8, 15-11 victory after one hour 33 minutes.