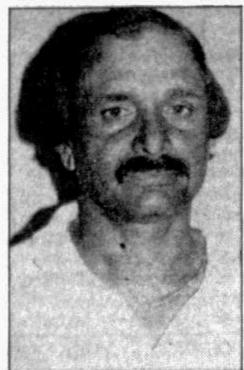


Lipu powers GMCC win

Sports Reporter

The Greater My-mensingh Cricket Club ended their first season in the Navana Premier Division cricket league with a three-wicket win over Kala-bagan Kria Chakra at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

The victory gave GMCC 12 points from their nine league games, the same tally as that of last year's champions Abahani Kria Chakra and their arch-rivals Mohammedan Sporting Club. On the other hand, Kala-bagan still have only two points from their solitary win over Rupali Bank from their eight games so far. Their remaining game is against current joint league leaders Bang-ladesh Biman. Should Kalabagan manage an upset win in that tie it would sound the knell for Biman by leaving Brothers Union the clear champions. Brothers have completed their nine league matches for 16 points, having suffered only one defeat — at the hands of Biman. An upset win would provide Kalabagan with another chance to prolong their survival in the top league by giving them an opportunity to engage Lal-matia Club—who have two wins from their nine games — in a relegation-deciding play-off. But if Biman beats Kalabagan, it would mean they would be joining witless Rupali Bank in the Milnars league next season while Biman face Brothers Union in



RAMCHAND GOALA ... highest wicket-taker

captain, who has hit two centuries this season, came close to getting another yesterday. Batting with characteristic confidence, Lipu made 78 glorious runs off 104 balls with the help of half a dozen boundaries. But despite batting so confidently Lipu failed to add more than 21 runs to his

overnight unbeaten 57, falling 22 runs short of what would have been a unique achievement. Only one batsman — Biman's young opener Jahangir Alam — has hit three centuries this season.

Opener Sanwar, who with Tutul put on 34 for the first wicket, made 45 while Zakir scored an unbeaten 32.

Tamim and James were the bowling successes for Kalabagan bagging two wickets each for 23 and 37 runs respectively.

GMCC's skipper, the ageless left-arm spinner Ramchand Goala, who picked up three wickets from this match, distinguished himself by emerging the top wicket-taker of the league to date with a haul of 24 scalps from his team's nine games.

Earlier, in the Kalabagan innings Wednesday, opener Ishtiaq made a punishing 65 punctuated with eight fours and helped Bablu add 112 runs for their opening stand. Bablu made 26. Rumi with 23, Pappu with 19, Khokon 13 and Masoom and Mamoon with 12 each were the notable Kalabagan scorers.

Sri Lankan Duminda and Ramchand Goala picked up three Kalabagan wickets each for 26 and 39 runs respectively. The Biman-Kalabagan match is scheduled to start tomorrow, Saturday.

Fakirerpool in quarter-finals

Sports Reporter

Fakirerpool Youngmen's Club joined newcomers Eskaton Sabuj Sangha and Bangladesh Army in the quarter-finals of the Independence Day football tournament beating Khulna DSA by a solitary goal at the Mirpur National Stadium yesterday.

Shamsuddin was Fakirerpool's hero on the day after netting the match-winner in the 15th minute of play.

It was a lacklustre affair before a very sparse crowd with neither team being able to produce good footballing skills. Play mostly remained confined to the midfield with innumerable lapses on the part of players on either side. Misspasing and wayward shooting were the norm on the day.

Fakirerpool, who tended to enjoy the better of the exchanges, owed their goal more to the individual feat of Shamsuddin than to any concerted team effort. Winning possession of the ball in the 15th minute, Shamsuddin made a fine solo run, dodging past two Khulna defenders, rounded the goalie and placed his shot into the vacant net.

Fakirerpool will meet defending champions Abahani Kria Chakra in the quarter-finals on April 1. The champions have been given a first-round bye and will make their 1991 debut on that day.

Fourteen teams are taking part in this year's tournament, organised by the Bangladesh Football Federation. The meet got off to a flying start last Tuesday when babes Eskaton Sabuj Sangha pulled an upset over their more fancied rivals Brothers Union, winning 1-0.

Australians on the rack



GEORGETOWN, Mar 28: West Indies were on the brink of an innings victory after a controversial fourth day of the second cricket Test against Australian on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

Australia, with seven wickets down for 178 in their second innings, still trail West Indies by 43 and will have to bat throughout most of the final day if they are to avoid going 1-0 down in the five-Test series.

But it will be a victory soured by the controversial dismissal of Australia's Dean Jones.

He was given run out when he began walking towards the pavilion after being bowled off a no-ball and had not heard the umpire's call.

As he walked away from the crease, Carl Hooper grabbed the loose ball and pulled out one of the stumps.

The incident is likely to take attention away from an impressive all-round performance by West Indies.

Having bowled well in restricting Australia to 348 in their first innings, then batted superbly to total 569, they bowled excellently as Australia batted again.

Malcolm Marshall, especially, bowled with a devastating mixture of pace and experience, testing every batsman and dismissing David Boon, Allan Border and Greg Matthews for a personal cost of 28 runs.

Curly Ambrose, who took his 100th Test wicket, finished the day with two for 31. Although Border and Geoff Marsh batted bravely, few Australians were able to cope with the West Indian attack.

With the remaining batsman having mustered only five Test half-centuries between them, only rain looks likely to save them.

Australia's day began with Marshall and Patrick Patterson extending West Indies' first innings score from 532 to nine to 569 with Marshall (22 not out) hitting Craig McDermott and Border for 10 in four balls at one point.

The day did not get any better for the visitors. In the 11th over of their second innings Mark Taylor was leg before to Ambrose and immediately after lunch David Boon reached for a Marshall delivery and was caught behind by Jeff Dujon.

Marsh and Border needed to produce their fourth successive century partnership if Australia were to recover but the opener played across the line to Courtney Walsh and left with 22 runs to show for more than two hours occupation of the crease.

That brought in Jones, and he lasted only six balls before his controversial dismissal.

It was a severe blow to Australia's hopes and, although Mark Waugh and Border lasted until tea, neither was able to survive to the close. Border's dismissal — a copy of Boon's — almost certainly sounded the

end of Australian's hopes. When bad light ended play nine overs early Ian Healy was unbeaten on 10 and Craig McDermott had yet to score.

"They bowled better than we thought they could," Australian coach Bobby Simpson said.



MALCOLM MARSHALL "It has been a magnificent bowling performance."

SCOREBOARD Scoreboard on the fourth day of the second cricket Test between West Indies and Australia on Wednesday:

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

West Indies: First Innings (overnight 532 for nine)

Greenidge B McDermott	2
Ilaynec C Waugh B Border	111
Richardson LBW B McDermott	182
Hooper C Waugh B	

Matthews	62
Richards B Matthews	50
Logie C Healy B Border	54
Dujon LBW B Border	29
Marshall not out	22
Ambrose B Border	0
Walsh B Border	1
Patterson LBW B Matthews	15
Extras (B-5 IB-13 NB-23)	41
Total	569

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

BOWLING	O	M	R	W
McDermott	36	3	114	2
Whitney	28	4	103	0
Matthews	37.5	6	155	3
Hughes	20	4	93	0
Waugh	2	0	18	0
Border	30	11	68	5

Australia: Second Innings

Marsh B Walsh	22
Taylor LBW Ambrose	15
Boon c Dujon b Marshall	2
Border c Dujon b Marshall	34
Jones run out	3
M. Waugh c Richards b Ambrose	31
Matthews c Dujon b Marshall	16
Healy not out	10
McDermott not out	0

Extra (B-17 IB-4 NB-23 W-1)

Total (for seven wickets) 178

Fall of wickets: 1-32; 2-43; 3-67; 4-73; 5-130; 6-161; 7-172.

BOWLING	O	M	R	W
Ambrose	17	3	31	2
Patterson	6	2	18	0
Walsh	14	2	41	1
Marshall	13	2	28	3
Hooper	13	4	26	0
Richards	4	2	13	0

Bangladesh in Group C of World TT

Bangladesh has been placed in Group C of the 41st world table tennis championships to be held in Chiba, Japan from April 24 to May 6, according to a message received in Dhaka yesterday, reports BSS.

The other countries of the group will be: Brazil, India, Luxembourg, Sri Lanka, Iran and the United Arab Emirates.

Bangladesh Table Tennis Federation has selected four players for the World Championships. They are: Nasimul Hasan Kochi, Musaddique Huq Rochi, Saidul Huq Siddiqi Happy and Naimul Huq Munna.

President of the federation Syed Yousuf Hossain will lead the Bangladesh team.

Independence Day kabaddi

Bangladesh Fire Service and Ahmed Bawany Textile Mills moved into the semifinals of the Independence Day kabaddi championship after winning their quarter-finals matches yesterday at the Outer Stadium kabaddi ground.

Fire Service scored a hard fought 16-14 victory over VDP. Both teams were locked 7-7 at half-time.

Ahmed Bawany scored an easy 33-12 victory over Sonali Bank in the other quarter-final match. The winners led 9-7 at the breather. Ahmed Bawany earned two lonas.

TODAY'S SEMIFINALS

BDR vs Ahmed Bawany 3.30
Fire Service vs B. Anwar 4.30

Seraj cricket results

Sports Reporter

Rajshahi DSA, Pabna DSA, Magura DSA and Chapai Nawabganj moved into the zonal semifinals after registering victories in their respective matches of the Seraj memorial national junior cricket championship yesterday at different zonal venues.

Rajshahi outplayed Maulvibazar by ten wickets in the zone "C" match at My-mensingh.

Maulvibazar, put into bat, were skilful out for a paltry 78 runs in 26 overs.

Morshed 14 and Renu 13, were Maulvibazar's batsmen to reach double figures. Pittu with four wickets for 22 and Bhola with three for six runs were the most effective bowlers for Rajshahi.

In reply, Rajshahi reached to victory scoring 76 without loss in 15.2 overs. Sujoy with 40 and Toure with 10 were the unbeaten batsmen for Rajshahi DSA.

Rajshahi will now play against Tangail in the semifinal match on March 31.

In Zone "B" at Barisal, Magura scored an exciting one cricket with over Faridpur DSA.

Electing to bat first, Faridpur were all out for 148 runs in 34.1 overs.

Mehdi, 26, Sukumar, 25, Munir 23, were the leading scorers for Faridpur.

Biplab two for 38, Khokon two for 10, and Titu two for 24 were the most successful Magura bowlers.

In reply, Magura staggered to victory scoring 150 for nine wickets in 35.5 overs. Mitlu 32, Ujjal 30 and Masood 20, were the main scorers for Magura.

Magura will now play Jhalokhathi in the zonal semifinal match on April 1.

Pabna DSA reached the Zone "E" semifinals beating Gaibandha DSA at Rajshahi.

Pabna, batting first, were bowled out for 140 runs in 35.2 overs.

Balu 29 and Ranu 19, were the main scorers for Pabna.

Bakhtiar with three wickets for 19 and Russel with two wickets for 21 were the most successful Gaibandha bowlers.

In reply, Gaibandha were bundled out for 77 runs in 26.3 overs.

Murad was the one fighter for Gaibandha with an unbeaten 34 runs. Manik with three wickets for 16 and Nipon two for 18 were the main wicket takers for Pabna.

Pabna will now meet Sathkira in the semifinals on March 31st.

Chapai Nawabganj scored a three-wicket win over Meherpur DSA in the Zone "D" match at Pabna.

Meherpur, batting first, scored 96 runs in 24 overs. In reply, Chapai Nawabganj scored 97 for seven wickets in 23.3 overs.

Chapai Nawabganj will face defending champions BKSP in the semifinals on April 1.

In Zone "A" at Sathkira, Barisal got a walkover against Chandpur and reached the semifinals.

Tyson admits paternity

NEW YORK, Mar 28: Former heavyweight champion Mike Tyson on Wednesday acknowledged paternity of a seven-month-old daughter and a lawyer said he had agreed to a financial settlement to support the child, reports Reuter.

We resolved our differences in a civilised fashion," said attorney Raoul Lionel Felder, the lawyer for Kimberly Scarborough, 23, the mother of Tyson's daughter. The daughter is also named Michael Tyson.

During a 15-minute court appearance at Manhattan Family Court, Tyson was asked by hearing officer Francine Seiden if he was the father of the seven-month-old child.

"Yes," replied Tyson, stone-faced.

Speaking to reporters outside the courtroom, Felder said that one of the conditions of the settlement was that he was not to disclose its financial terms.

"My lips are sealed but they resolved it in a decent, fair way. That's all I can tell you, said Felder, who represented actress Robin Givens in her divorce from Tyson in 1989."

Jones incident sours spirit



GEORGETOWN, Mar 28: The controversial dismissal of Australia's Dean Jones is unlikely to have been decisive in the context of the match but will probably be the abiding memory of it, reports Reuter.

The fourth-day incident on Wednesday, roundly condemned by Australian coach Bobby Simpson, has already detracted from an excellent bowling performance by West Indies.

Jones was run out as Australia battled to save the match against heavy odds. His dismissal came when they still needed 148 to make West Indies bat again with seven second innings wickets left and 132 overs to face on a wearing pitch.

Having been bowled by a no-ball from paceman Courtney Walsh he tucked his bat under arm and walked briskly towards the pavilion.

As the fielders became aware of umpire Clyde Duncan's outstretched arm signalling a no-ball, non-striker and captain Allan Border shouted at Jones to get back to his ground. But he was too late as

Carl Hooper rushed in to grab the ball and pull a stump out of the ground.

Square leg umpire Clyde Cumberbatch raised his finger, Jones banged his bat on the ground and Border threw his down in despair.

Simpson, a veteran of more than 100 Tests as player or coach over more than 30 years, said: "I have never seen anything like it. I would think it is a first at Test level."

Simpson went to the umpires at the tea interval and he said they told him. "There is nothing we can do about it." Asked if they had apologised he said: "They did not say anything."

Simpson was not impressed by the fact that the run out attempt was even made and said: "It is a little sad that it should happen, that a fielding team should even do it. I would be disappointed if one of our players did it. There are certain codes of conduct that should be obeyed."

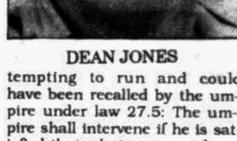
West Indies captain Viv Richards said: "I never saw anything. First I was celebrating, then I was cheesed off at the no-ball. Then I heard the shouts for run out."

"At the time we thought it was a genuine wicket. At tea

someone told us about the law but by the time the guy is back in the dressing room it is too late."

Law 38.2 states: "If a no-ball has been called, the striker shall not be given run out unless he attempts to run."

Jones was clearly not attempting to run and could have been recalled by the umpire under law 27.5: The umpire shall intervene if he is satisfied that a batsman, not having been given out, has left his wicket under a misapprehension that he has been dismissed.



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"The umpires are supposed to know the rules," said Simpson, who was at the practice ground at the time. He said he was aware of law 38.2 and, had he been present, the outcome might have been different.

The decision could have been reversed under law 27.6 which reads: The umpires' decision is final. He may alter his decision provided such alteration is made promptly.

In the first Test against England in 1975 West Indian Alvin Kallicharran left his crease in the belief that he had received the last ball of the day.

It was actually the penultimate delivery and he was run out by Tony Greig. Play thus ended for the day.

But overnight the decision was rescinded when it became clear that Kallicharran thought the ball was dead.

However, Jones's chances of a similar reprieve went when he left the pitch to be replaced by Mark Waugh.

Ironically, Craig McDermott was later bowled off a no-ball and also set off for the pavilion. Non-striker Ian Healy frantically tried to attract his attention and, in the end, the pair ran a bye.

Brazil hold Argentines 3-3

BUENOS AIRES, Mar 28: A 86th minute goal by Palmeira's Careca II lifted Brazil to a 3-3 draw with soccer arch-rivals Argentina in a hard-fought friendly match late on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

Both sides were missing key players such as Argentine idol Diego Maradona and Brazilian striker Careca, who were refused permission by their Italian clubs to play in this first Argentina-Brazil clash since the 1990 World Cup match won by Argentina 1-0.

Brazilian coach Roberto Falcao, however, said he was pleased with his team's performance—coming back in the

closing minutes to level the match played before a roaring crowd of 50,000 at the Veloz Sarasil Stadium.

"Argentina should be happy with the tie. I think we were faster and played better throughout the match. We needed just a little more luck in the second half to win," he told reporters.

Falcao, who had said he was ready for the worst because six players he had counted on were not released by their Italian clubs, has failed to achieve a single victory in eight matches at Brazil's helm.

Brazil opened the score seven minutes into the match when veteran forward Renato shocked the young Argentine defence by putting the ball away easily after receiving a pass through three defenders.

Playing a weak defensive game, Argentina defended totally on its attack.

Striker Victor Ferreyra equalised at 33 minutes with a beautiful kick off a pass from defender Nestor Cravioetto with his back to Brazil captain Sergio's goal.

In the second half the Brazilians, with strong play from forwards Renato and Careca II, outfoxed the locals with counter-attacks, outrunning their rivals even though Argentine coach Alfio Basile fielded four fresh substitutes.

In one of those plays, with less than four minutes left to the whistle Renato and Careca wove their way into the Argentine goal area and Careca shot the ball into the net past Goycochea for the equaliser.

Argentine referee Juan Bava expelled local forward Claudio Garcia for brawling in the last minute of play.

Since Basile took over from 1986 World Cup winning coach Carlos Bilardo last year, Argentina has beaten Hungary 1-0 and played to a scoreless draw with Mexico.

US coach named

NEW YORK, Mar 28: Veteran international soccer coach Bora Milutinovic has been named head coach of the U.S. national team, the United States Soccer Federation (USSF) announced on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

Milutinovic, a 46-year-old Yugoslav, coached Costa Rica into the second round at the 1990 World Cup in Italy and guided Mexico to the quarter-finals in 1986.

Reuter is Germany's hero

FRANKFURT, Mar 28: A superb piece of opportunism from defender Stefan Reuter helped world champions Germany to a 2-1 victory over a defensive Soviet Union in a soccer friendly on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

The 24-year-old Bayern Munich player hit a magnificent 30-metre shot into the top left-hand corner in the 65th minute as the game seemed to be drifting towards a dull 0-0 draw.

An 81st minute goal by captain Lothar Matthaeus secured a confidence-boosting win for the Germans ahead of forthcoming European championship qualifying games.

Igor Dobrovolsky hit a consolation penalty for the visitors seven minutes before the end.

Berti Vogts's team met

Belgium on May 1 at home before travelling to Cardiff to play Wales on June 5 in Group Five qualifying games.

The United German team, containing nine of the side which triumphed in last July's World Cup final against Argentina, played confident

Fenech signs deal SYDNEY, Mar 28: Three-time world boxing champion Jeff Fenech on Wednesday signed a four-figure deal with American promoter Don King that could be worth 4 million US dollars, Fenech's Australian promoter announced, reports AP.

Bill Mordey said the unbeaten Fenech first would challenge Azumah Nelson of Ghana for the World Boxing Council super-featherweight title in Las Vegas on June 28.

Belgium. Left back Andreas Brehme missed the Soviet game because of injury and central defender Juergen Kohler limped off in the second half with a thigh strain.

Vogts said he was impressed with Wales' 1-1 away draw with Belgium in a Group Five match on Wednesday.

"That is an excellent result for Wales. We must beat Belgium and then we will travel to Wales and see what we can do."

Graf not pleased with performance SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Mar 28: Second seed Steffi Graf was not particularly pleased with her performance on Wednesday, but the former world number one had little trouble advancing to the quarter-finals of the 225,000-dollar US Women's Hardcourt tennis championships, reports Reuter.

Graf turned back Briton Monique Javer 6-3, 6-1 in a lacklustre 62-minute second round match.

Joining the German in the quarter-finals will be third seed Manuela Maleeva-Frangiier of Switzerland.

In Friday's quarter-finals, Maleeva faces sixth-seeded American Lori McNeil, a 6-4, 6-3 winner over compatriot Patty Fendick.

Graf not pleased with performance

Top seed Monica Seles plays her second round match today.

"I really didn't play it over well. I really didn't go for the shots," Graf said of the early going. "I realised I had to be more aggressive."

This is the first tournament in 3 1/2 years in which Graf played and was not the top seed.

Seles said being the top seed doesn't add pressure to her.

Maradona, Zenga suspended

MILAN, Mar 28: Diego Maradona, the Argentine star-forward of Napoli, on Wednesday was suspended for one round by Italy's disciplinary commission for arguing with a referee and will miss Saturday's League game against Internazionale of Milan, reports AP.

Maradona, who also was fined 500 dollars, argued with the referee during last Sunday's 4-1 loss to league-leading Sampdoria.

International goalkeeper Walter Zenga also was suspended for one game, and likewise will miss Sunday's match.