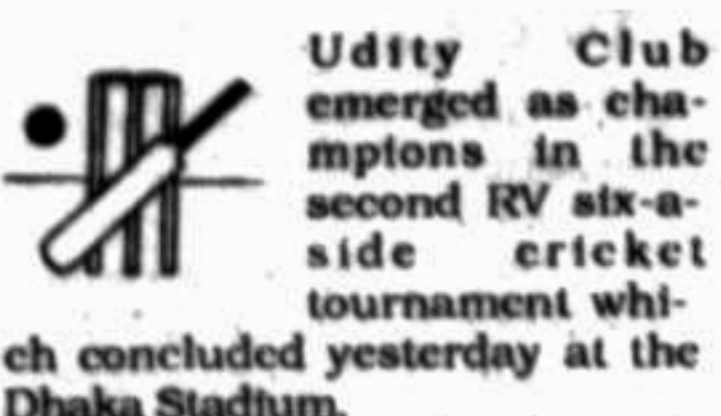


# Udity upstage Mohammedans

Sports Reporter



Udity Club emerged as champions in the second RV six-a-side cricket tournament which concluded yesterday at the Dhaka Stadium.

Coach-cum-skipper and seasoned cricketer Imran led a bunch of enthusiastic, juvenile cricketers to a memorable victory over the more fancied Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club in the final of the Cup event. The youthful Udity cricketers inflicted a stinging seven-run defeat on their awe-inspiring rivals.

It was the second successive defeat for the star-studded Mohammedans. Incidentally, Mohammedans had last to arch rivals Abahani Krira Chakra in the final of the Damal Summer tournament last Friday by a similar margin.

Put in to bat by Mohammedans skipper Golam Faruq Chowdhury Suru, deputising in place of the injured Minhazul Abedin Nannoo, the Udity batsmen knocked the bottom out of the likes of Dulul, Bulbul and Suru himself and piled up a formidable score of 74 in their stipulated five overs.

Durjoy, as if hell-bent to prove the propriety of his name which means 'unbeatable', carried a murderous yet cultured assault on the Mohammedan bowlers to top score with an unbeaten 35, with the help of four fours and a superb six, off Dulul, the most expensive bowler. It was a whipped, warty shot, over square leg which would have done some of his illustrious seniors proud.

Tipu, the other notable scorer with 20, also remained unbeaten.

For Mohammedans veteran Tanveer Haider, now a vice president, was the pick of the bowlers with one wicket for only seven runs.

Young Jahangir Alam gave

Mohammedan a flying start with a delicate late cut for four. But Bulbul and Suru could not maintain the rollicking start and ultimately they had conceded the defeat much to the dismay of their expectant supporters.

The match was held up for fifteen minutes owing to controversy that centred around Mohammedan batsman Jahangir. The player, after scoring thirty, opted for retirement because, according to the rules of the tournament, the dismissal of a batsman with thirty plus score would mean the dismissal of the whole side. Jahangir again walked in to bat after Bulbul's departure, which was contrary to the tournament by-laws. The batsman, according to the rules for their meet, should have gone at the fall of either the fourth or the penultimate wicket. However, the confusion was cleared when Udity skipper Imran allowed Jahangir to get on with the business. Rahul was the lone wicket taker with one for 11.

Durjoy drove a nail in the Mohammedan coffin with the leather as well. Coming on to bowl at a crucial stage, he applied the brakes and gave away only nine runs. Durjoy deservedly went on to win the man-of-the-match award for his all-round performance.

He also bagged the highest six-letters award for his four sixes in the tournament. His 160 runs and two wickets fetched him the best all-rounder's award of the Cup event also. Durjoy's team-mate Rokan picked up the bowler's award for his four wickets. Jahangir Alam, the young Mohammedan batsman, won highest scorer's award for his 163 run in the tournament and that was the only silver lining for his highly fancied side.

Udity had qualified for the final after being declared winners against Brothers Union for having lost fewer wickets

in the semifinal played earlier in the day.

Brothers Union scored 61 for three in their five overs. In reply, Udity reached an identical score but for the loss of only one wicket in their five overs.

Mohammedans reached the final outplaying defending champions Bangladesh Biman on four wickets. Biman scored on impressive 73 for one in five overs with Piyal scoring an unbeaten 30. Mont remained not out on 26.

In reply, Mohammedans hammered a splendid 74 for one in 4.2 overs. Jahangir scored a superb 34 not out.

In the Plate event, Wari Club won the title outplaying Rupali Bank by four wickets in the final.

Wari Club scored 55 for one in 4.4 overs in reply to Rupali Bank's 54 for two in five overs.

For the bankers skipper Dulul scored 27 and Prince an unbeaten 25. Wari's Dipu hammered an unbeaten 27 while Bhutto chimed in with 22 not out to help his side clinch a facile victory.

Dipu was adjudged the man of the match.

Earlier in the day Wari had beaten Surja Tarun Club by nine runs in the semifinal to enter the final while Rupali Bank defeated Dhaka Wanderers Club by five runs on their way to the final.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadeq Hossain witnessed the final as the chief guest and distributed the prizes.

The three-day, 16-team event was organised by the Dhaka Cricket Players' Association (DCA).

Rahimuddin Varasha, sponsor of the meet, also attended the final.

The 16-teams played a robin league, split into four groups. The top two in each group qualified for the Cup event while the bottom two played in the Plate category.



Udity Club skipper Imran (2nd L) receives the 2nd RV Cup six-a-side trophy from State Minister Sadeq Hossain (2nd R) beating fancied Mohammedan Sporting in yesterday's final at the Dhaka Stadium. — Star photo

# Aussies win without any fuss



BRISBANE, Dec 2: Australia cast off the disappointment of their failure in the West Indies to gain a comprehensive victory over India today in the first match of their five-Test series with a day and a half to spare, reports Reuter.

Such was the poverty of India's play that the Australians rarely needed to be more than competent. But they were that to the end as Mark Taylor (35 not out) and Geoff Marsh (17 not out) patiently took them to a 10-wicket win.

Resuming at 104 for six wickets, just three runs ahead, India managed to take the match, but not their innings, past lunch as they were dismissed for 156 with only the overnight pair, Ravi Shastri (41) and Manoj Prabhakar (39) providing any resistance.

Craig McDermott gained two wickets to take his match tally to nine for 101.

To avoid a fourth Test defeat in four visits to Brisbane, India required a miracle, or at least a couple of innings of epic proportions.

But against this well-drilled Australian team and under an overcast Queensland sky, heroes never seemed likely.

Prabhakar, whose number eight position belies the fact that he has opened both batting and bowling at Test level, again displayed a straighter bat and more concentration than his higher-placed teammates.

Together with Shastri he kept Australia at bay for 12 overs before the latter gave a catch to Ian Healy behind the stumps.

Shastri's departure heralded the loss of three wickets for six runs, with Prabhakar, the third of these, being brilliantly caught by a diving Healy.

Healy went on to collect three of the four wickets, with Mike Whitney taking the last two to wrap up the innings 28 minutes before lunch.

McDermott had stubborn opener Ravi Shastri caught behind by Ian Healy for 41.

Shastri added only four runs in the 45 minutes he was at the crease Monday, and batted for a total of 197 minutes.

His partnership with the more aggressive Manoj Prabhakar added 49 runs, but that was the end of the serious Indian resistance.

Kiran More was lbw to McDermott for one and Prabhakar was caught by the acrobatic Healy off Whitney's bowling for 39. He faced 82 deliveries and struck five fours.

Venkatapathy Raju and Srinath put on 14 for the last wicket before Raju was also caught by Healy off Whitney's bowling for two.

Srinath was unbeaten on 12 after striking two lusty fours.

Australia was set a target of 56 in its second innings and openers Mark Taylor and Geoff Marsh scored 58 for no wickets with a minimum of fuss. Taylor struck a boundary to clinch the win.

Marsh was unbeaten on 17, while Taylor made 35.

Paceman Jawagal Srinath had an lbw appeal turned down when Taylor was on 14, but the Australians were otherwise comfortable throughout.

Taylor and Marsh batted without alarm to reach 144 without loss at the break and, although Taylor got the benefit of a close kg-before decision as he did in his first innings, they were not troubled.

Victory came 75 minutes

into the second session, giving India an extra rest day to try to lift themselves for the challenge of the West Indies, whom they meet in the first one-day World Series match in Perth on Friday.

McDermott was named Man of the Match.

"I've put in the hard work and now I'm starting to get the rewards," he said.

Indian captain Mohammad Azharuddin said his team could not use its unfamiliarity with Australian wickets as an excuse for the defeat.

"There is no excuse for our batting at this level," he said. "The bowlers have done a good job, but we struggled with the bat — the opposite of what we expected."

The second test begins on December 26 at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

## SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the fourth day of the first Test between Australia and India today:

India: First Innings 239 (M. Prabhakar 54 not out, McDermott 5-54)

Australia: First Innings 340 (M Taylor 94, D. Ipson 66)

INDIA: Second Innings (overnight 104 for six)

Shastri c Healy b McDermott 41

Srikkanth c Boon b Hughes 5

McDermott 25 7 47 4 (3 nb)

Hughes 16 4 50 4

Whitney 17 2 3 55 26 (nb)

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| b Hughes   | 0   |
| Manjrekar c Boon b Hughes  | 5   |
| Vengsarkar lbw Hughes  | 0   |
| Azharuddin c Boon b Hughes   | 12  |
| Tendulkar c Healy b McDermott  | 7   |
| Kapil Dev c Waugh b McDermott  | 25  |
| Prabhakar c Healy b Whitney  | 39  |
| More lbw McDermott   | 1   |
| Raju c Healy b Whitney   | 2   |
| Srinath not out  | 12  |
| Extras (lb-4 nb-8)   | 12  |
| Total (all out)  | 156 |
| Fall of wickets: 1-0; 2-14; 3-14; 4-32; 5-47; 6-87; 7-136; 8-140; 9-142. |     |

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| Bowling:  | O  | M | R  | W          |
| McDermott | 25 | 7 | 47 | 4 (3 nb)   |
| Hughes    | 16 | 4 | 50 | 4          |
| Whitney   | 17 | 2 | 3  | 55 26 (nb) |

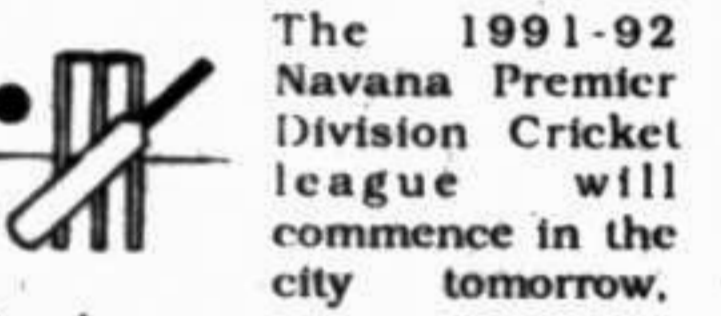
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| Australia: 2nd Innings |    |
| Mark Taylor not out    | 35 |
| Geoff Marsh not out    | 17 |
| Extras (4 lb, 2 nb)    | 6  |
| Total (for no wickets) | 58 |

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|------------------------------|-----|---|----|---|
| Bowling:                     | O   | M | R  | W |
| Kapil Dev                    | 9   | 0 | 23 | 0 |
| Prabhakar                    | 2   | 1 | 3  | 0 |
| Srinath                      | 9   | 5 | 6  | 0 |
| Raju                         | 3   | 1 | 13 | 0 |
| Tendulkar                    | 1   | 0 | 5  | 0 |
| Manjrekar                    | 0.5 | 0 | 4  | 0 |
| Ovrs 24.5.                   |     |   |    |   |
| Australia won by 10 wickets. |     |   |    |   |

# Navana league from tomorrow

Sports Reporter



The 1991-92 Navana Premier Division Cricket League will commence in the city tomorrow, Dec 4.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadeq Hossain Khoka will inaugurate the twelve-team limited overs competition at the Dhaka Stadium at nine in the morning.

Retaining league champions Brothers Union, depleted this year following the exodus of some key players to other title-aspirants like Mohammedan Sporting Club and Abahani Krira Chakra, will take on Bangladesh PWD, the

newly-promoted side which topped last year's Milnars First Division league in the inaugural match at the Dhaka Stadium.

In the other match billed for the opening day, at the Dhannandi Cricket Stadium, last year's runners-up Bangladesh Biman will take on Wari Club.

The participating teams are: Brothers Union, Bangladesh Biman, Abahani Krira Chakra, Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club, Surjo Tarun Club, the Greater Myemensingh Cricket Club (GMCC), Rupali Bank, Lalmania Club, Bangladesh PWD, Kalabagan Krira Chakra, Wari Club and Gulshan Youth Club.

Normally the Premier Division is made up of ten teams. But since the organisers of the league Bangladesh Cricket Control Board couldn't resolve the dispute over non-holding of the relegation play offs at the end of last season among the three candidates — Rupali Bank, Lalmania Club and Kalabagan, with two supposed to go down to the Milnars league — all three fortuitously find themselves in the big league. Yet, the champions and runners-up of last season's Milnars league campaign — Bangladesh PWD and Wari Club — both had to be promoted this time around.

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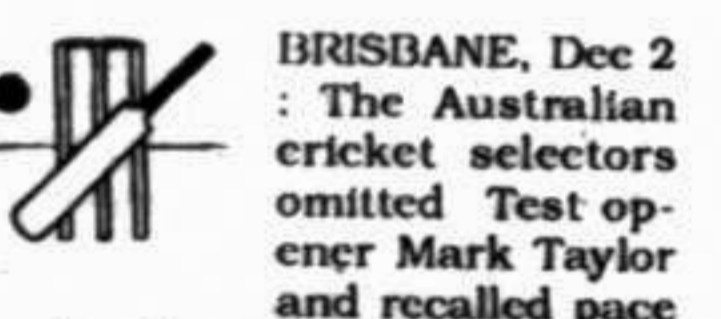
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# Aussies pick Reid, Moody for WSC



BRISBANE, Dec 2: The Australian cricket selectors omitted Test opener Mark Taylor and recalled pace bowler Bruce Reid on Monday, when they named a 12-man squad for the team's opening World Series Cup one-day match against India, reports AP.

The selectors also recalled all-rounder Steve Waugh to replace brother Mark, who strained muscles in his side during Australia's 10-wicket first Test victory over India, which was completed earlier Monday.

Steve, a veteran of 44 Tests who was kept out of the side

by a rib injury.

Fast bowler Merv Hughes has also been left out — giving him a chance to rest a troublesome hamstring injury. His Victorian state team-mate and limited-overs specialist Simon O'Donnell will take his place in the team for Sunday's game in Perth.

Big-hitting batsman Tom Moody gets his chance at the expense of Taylor, who is regarded as too conservative for the more explosive one-day style.

Taylor did not play in the early matches last year or in Australia's successful one-day side in the West Indies.

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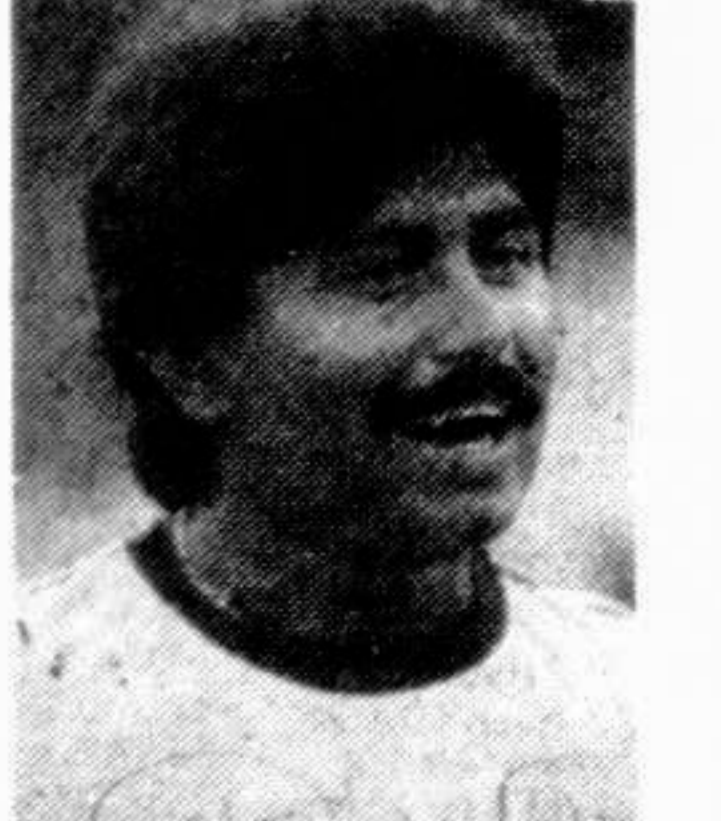
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# Miandad says he's fit



KARACHI, Dec 2: Pakistan's star batsman Javed Miandad has told cricketing authorities here he is fit to play in the coming series against Sri Lanka this month despite recent back problems, reports AFP.

Shahid Rafi, Secretary of the Board for Control of Cricket in Pakistan (BCCP), said Sunday that Miandad, who has scored more than 8,000 runs in 108 Tests, had told him he would prove his fitness in the tour from December 7.

Miandad was dropped from the last two one-day matches against the West Indies in November and was earlier seen nursing his back with a thermal belt during the first

match against the tourists, who won the series.

Rafi said Miandad would be playing against Sri Lanka. "We cannot question a player of Miandad's stature and will give him a reasonable chance to prove his contention."

"Miandad's fitness problem, which has meant he hasn't given his best in recent matches, has been discussed with captain Imran Khan and we can not lay him off," Rafi said.

"The best opportunity for a player of his quality and stature is to prove it in the game and the coming series will be the best opportunity," Rafi said.

"If he cannot prove his point, well this is a very competitive world and many players are in the queue," he said.

"I am sure Miandad will play for Pakistan for a long time."

After the series against the West Indies, cricket experts had said that if Miandad did not recover in time Pakistan's prospects in the World Cup would be dampened, despite some promising new finds.

Many still maintain that Miandad should not take chances in the coming series against Sri Lanka and instead prepare for the World Cup in Australia.

While Miandad is suffering from a back problem, skipper Khan, now 40, has also not yet returned to his best form.

# Quiet change in Test cricket

BRISBANE, Dec 2: The International Cricket Council's new system of appointing neutral Test match referees got off to a quiet start during the first Test between Australia and India at the Brisbane Cricket Ground, reports AP.

Former England captain Mike Smith was the appointed arbiter for the match, which Australia won by 10 wickets within 3 1/2 days.

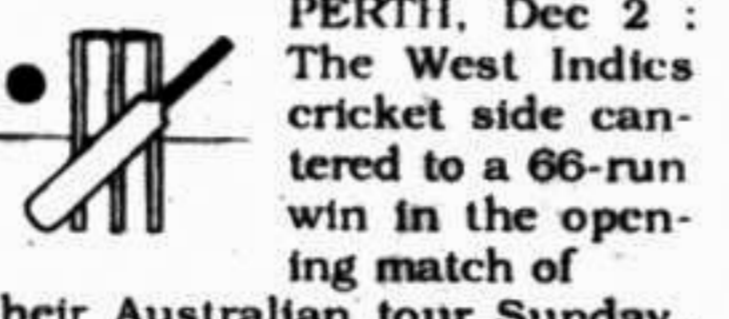
The referee will receive reports from match umpires regarding on-field misbehaviour by players, including the use of offensive language. The referee may impose fines on players whose conduct is deemed offensive.

From the start of the match Friday through its conclusion Monday, there was no dissent, no bad language and no ill-feeling between the players.

Smith sat in a booth with access to television replays of the action — but his intervention was not needed.

The ICC hopes the introduction of referees will act as a deterrent to bad behaviour in the traditionally gentlemanly game.

# It's a canter for West Indies



PERTH, Dec 2: The West Indies cricket side cantered to a 66-run win in the opening match of their Australian tour Sunday, reports AFP.

A Western Australian Invitation XI was no match for the tourists in a limited-overs game in the country town of Northam, 100 kilometres (60 miles) east of here.

Batting first after winning the toss, the West Indies romped to 7-241 in 46 overs. The invitation side never seriously threatened this target, finishing at 4-175.

The West Indies were delighted with the fluent stroke-making of their two left-handed middle-order batsmen, Brian Lara and Keith Arthurton.

Lara, making his first senior visit to Australia, thrilled the carnival-like crowd with a sparkling 54 from 62 balls, including seven fours and a six.

Arthurton hammered an unbeaten 56 from 53 balls, with five fours and a six, to earn himself the man-of-the-

match award.

The side was given a solid 43-run start by Carlisle Best (43) and Philo Wallace (24), both on their first Australian tour.

Skipper Richie Richardson was uncharacteristically circumspect, taking 37 deliveries to make 22.

He lost his wicket to former Test off-spinner Bruce Yardley, who made a special return appearance for the game, when he stepped down the wicket and was stumped by veteran gloveman Terry Waldron.

The invitation XI's opening batsmen, Robert Kelly and Justin Langer, caused the tourists degree of discomfort when they posted 83 runs before being separated in the 25th over.

Neither has yet played in a first-class game, but both look set for the top level before much longer.

Kelly had made 27 from 51 deliveries, in 101 minutes when he was removed by fast bowler Anderson Cummins.

The same bowler trapped the left-handed Langer (41 off 84 balls), bowling him as he

tried to force the pace of the invitation XI's innings along.

But it was not all joy for Cummins. He sent down three wickets in his first over on Australian soil, and another three in his fourth.

Once he had steadied, he was a formidable customer, finishing with 2-35 from his nine-over stint.

The annual athletic championships of the Bangladesh Army concluded with the improvement of one national record and five Army records at the Bangladesh Army Stadium yesterday, an ISPR press release said.

The Chittagong Area team retained the title of the three-day meet with nine gold, seven silver and six bronze medals while the Savar Area team got the second position with four gold, four silver and four bronze medals.

Md. Gholam Ambia of the Chittagong Area was adjudged the best athlete of the meet. He became the fastest man equalling the previous national mark of 10.4 seconds in the 100m sprint. He also set a new Army record in the 200m and bagged another gold in the 4 x 100m relay.

The new national record was set by Md. Mostafa Talukder of the Chittagong Area in the hammer throw Sunday.

Hav. Md. Rezaul Haq of the hosts Dhaka Infantry team improved an Army record in the discus throw and Hav. Md. Afzal Hossain of the anti-aircraft Artillery team bettered

the Army record in the triple jump yesterday, raising the overnight number of new Army records to five.

Others who clinched gold medals on the concluding day were: Ilav Jahangir Alam (Chittagong Area) in the pole vault, Lnk Md. Solaiman Mozumder (Rangpur Area) 400m hurdles (Savar Area), 800m, Lnk Md. Mojibur Rahman (Rangpur Area) in the

# Biman fly on smoothly

Defending champions Bangladesh Biman continued to lead the points table after the thirteenth round of the First Division chess league at the chess room of the National Sports Council yesterday evening.

Biman were clear at the top with thirty-nine and a half points despite their drawn 2-2 result against unheralded

Chalantika Krira Chakra. Chalantika held the league leaders when all the four matches of the team event ended in draws.

Former national champions Zillur Rahman Champak, Ziaur Rahman, Syed Tahmid Rahman and reigning national champion Riffat-bin-Sattar were held by Chalantika's Amir, Prince, Mintu and Randev in their respective

# Under-16 soccer results

Dhaka Division reached the Group A semi-final of the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) talent hunt football tournament defeating Chittagong Division by a massive 5-0 at the Mirpur National Stadium yesterday morning, reports UNB.

Aloke netted three goals and Bipu scored twice for the winners.

In the other Group A match, Khulna Division tasted their first victory easily beating Rajshahi Division by 6-1 goals at the same venue, also in the morning.

Sultan scored three goals while Iqbal, Quasem and Ramzan netted one goal each for Khulna Division. Alauddin netted the consolation goal for Rajshahi Division.

In a Group B match, Dhaka Mahanagar defeated National Sport Council (NSC) eleven by 2-0 goals in the afternoon.

Zahid and Mahboob scored for the winners.

The other Group B match of the afternoon, between BKSP and the BFF Coaching Eleven ended in a goalless draw.

The group matches conclude today.

# Hockey results

Sports Reporter

Barnak Samaj registered their second win in the super league of the Second Division Green Delta Hockey league when they beat Farashganj Sporting Club by two goals to nil at the Hockey Stadium yesterday afternoon.

The winners led the first half through Jahangir's 22nd minute penalty conversion.

Nripen doubled Barnak's lead in the 44th minute.

The win Barnak Samaj's points tally to seven from six games while Farashganj are stuck with two points from six outings.

In the other match of the day, Mukta Bihanga and Udity Club played out a barren goalless draw.

Mukta Bihanga now have seven points to Udity's three.

# New Hockey Players' body

A 19-member committee of the Bangladesh Hockey Players' Samity was formed unanimously in a meeting of the Metropolis hockey players recently, reports UNB.

Khawaja Rahmatullah was made the President and Barkatullah Chapal General Secretary of the committee.

Other members of the committee are: Vice Presidents — Abdul Malek Chunnun and Salahuddin Tisa; Joint Secretaries — Kamrul Islam Kismat and Arshadul Haque Munna; Treasurer — Shahidullah Dolan; Asst Treasurer — Syed Mansoorul Hoque.

Office Secretary — Tariqazzaman Nannu; Asst Office Secretary — Hassanuddin Ahmed; Shimol; Publicity Secretary — Hassan Uddin Khan Rana; Asst. Publicity Secretary — Zahurul Islam Mitul; Sports and Cultural Secretary — Jamil Parvez Lulu; Asst Sports and Cultural Secretary — Gazi Abu Zafar Tapan.

Members — Jamal Haider, Juman Lusal, Olulul Islam Nasim, Rahmat Ali Asir and Mahbul Hoque Mitu.

# JU cricket

Sports Reporter

Geography Department defeated Chemistry Department by 64 runs in the inter-department cricket competition of the Jahangirnagar University held at the Mir Mosharraf Hossain Hall Ground yesterday.

# Army meet ends with nat'l record

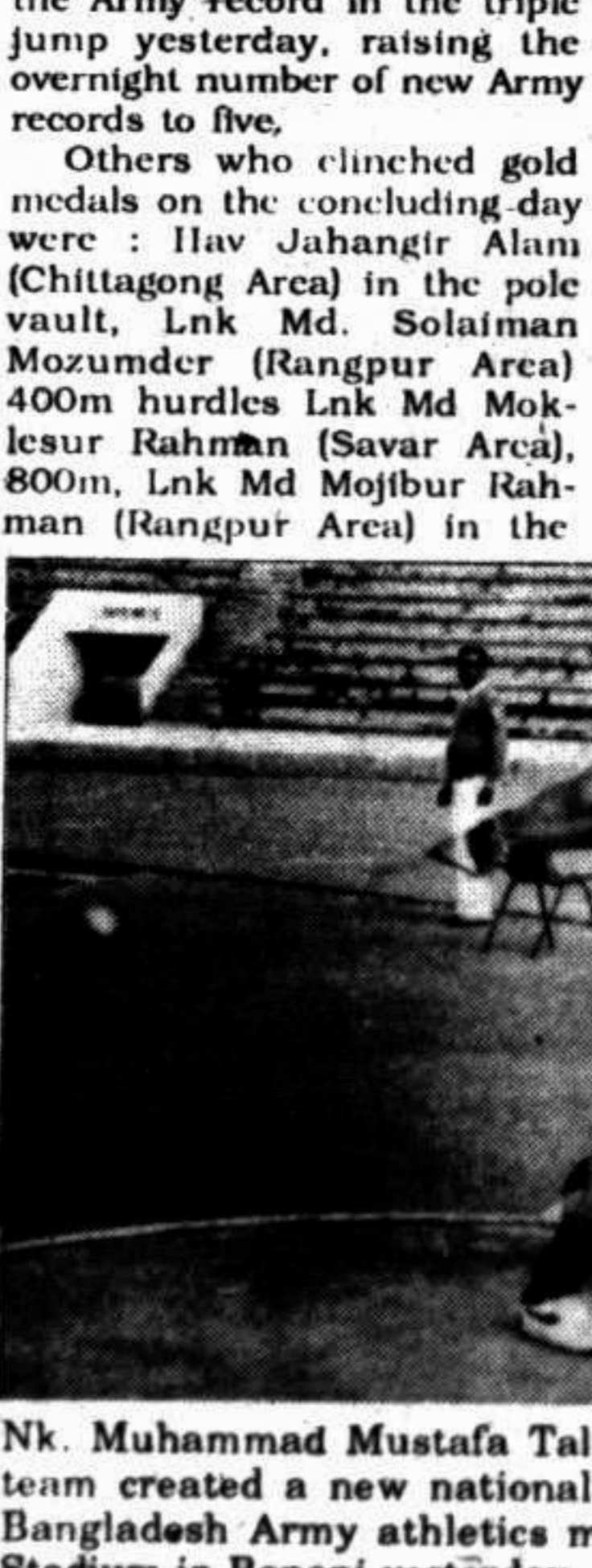
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3000m steeple-chase U/Lnk Md Zakir Hossain (Dhaka Engineers) in the 5000m, the Chittagong Area team in the 4 x 100m relay, Savar Area in the 4 x 400m relay and Ilav. Md Shahabuddin (Chittagong Area) in the marathon.

Engineer-in-Chief of the Bangladesh Army Major General Mohammad Abdul Ilalim was the chief guest on the concluding day and gave away the prizes.

Nk. Muhammad Mustafa Talukder of the Chittagong Area team created a new national hammer throw record in the Bangladesh Army athletics meet which concluded at Army Stadium in Banani yesterday.

— ISPR photo