

# Babes PWD shock Brothers

Sports Reporter

PWD, the babes in the Navana Premier Division cricket league, gave the new season a roaring start by humbling last year's champions Brothers Union by three wickets at the Dhaka Stadium in the inaugural tie yesterday.

Sent in to bat by the PWD skipper Jahangir Shah Badshah, the Brothers openers, specially Nurul Abedin Nobel threatened to take the PWD attack by the scruff of the neck.

But soon enough, with the score on 12, the Brothers had to drop their shutters down when PWD opening bowler Shabbir had Nobel taken behind the stumps by Sri Lankan Romesh Kaluwicathana for eight. Shovon, too, fell at the same score when promising pacesman Joyder trapped him plumb in front of his stumps.

Halim Shah and left-handed Shamsul set about repairing the early damage. The young southpaw was more adventurous of the two and a pushed drive by him past mid-off Joydev was indeed a purist's delight. But Shamsul was in two minds while playing a delivery from leg-spinner Titu and ended up giving a tame catch to cover.

Skipper Athar Ali scored 24 before being bowled neck and crop by the Wari Badshah who moved from Brothers this year.

Arup Bhattacharya, Brothers' West Bengal recruit, scored an unbeaten 34. TL Fernando maintained his reputation as a big hitter by hitting the first six of this year's league. For PWD, of spinner Shaheen was the most successful bowler with two for 39 from nine overs. Badshah, too, bowled a tight line after overcoming a series of wides to finish with one for 26 from

eight overs. Sri Lankan Hamin was thrashed around a bit in the slog overs to end the day with a somewhat depressing analysis of one for 45 from eight overs.

PWD started their reply in a disastrous manner when Badshah fell lbw to Sri Lankan pacesman TL Fernando for six. But one-drop Shaheen, in



TUTUL...a fine 51

tend with opener Rowan-ul-Islam Tutul, resisted the Brothers bowlers from making any further dents in their innings. Tutul completed his first half-century of this year's league before falling to Fernando for 51.

Fernando added another scalp to his tally when he had Shaheen adjudged leg before for 44.

Sri Lankan wicket keeper-batsman Romesh could not dazzle with the bat the way he did in the Damal Summer final for Mohammedans last week. Shabbir, Hamin and Partha chipped in with useful scores

to see their team home and dry with nearly two overs and three wickets to spare.

For Brothers, off-spinner Salahuddin bowled really well to capture three for 24 from eight overs.

Earlier, state minister for Youth and Sports Sadeq Hossain formally inaugurated the twelve team league. He was introduced with players of both sides by senior officials of the BCCB.

**BIMAN BEAT WARI**  
In the other match of the day, at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, Bangladesh Biman beat Wari Club by 73 runs.

Batting first, the airlines team piled up an impressive 225 for seven from the 43 overs the Wari bowlers managed to send down within the stipulated time.

Opener Tariquzzaman Munir hammered a bright 65 with the help of four fours.

Zakaria made a polished 51, followed by all-rounder Enamul Haq Moni who got 25.

Lalu toiled manfully to finish with three for 51 from nine overs.

Wari, in their turn, ran into trouble losing opener Raju for one. Shuman, the other opener, stuck to his guns gallantly making 55. But the rest of the Wari batsmen, including Pakistani Ershad Beg, could not support the opener in his lone battle and Wari surrendered rather tamely, ending their innings at 152 for seven.

Moni with his left-arm spinners ran through the Wari batting with figures of four for 34 from nine overs. Shabbir with two for 15 from eight overs also shone with the leather.

**Today's matches**  
Mohammedan Sporting Club vs Rupali Bank (Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium)  
GMCC vs Kalabagan KC (National Stadium)



State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadeq Hossain Khoka being introduced to the players before the start of the Navana Premier Division cricket league at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

# Twin tasks for Imran's Pakistan



KARACHI, Pakistan, Dec 4: Pakistan captain Imran Khan has a twin objective during the forthcoming home series against Sri Lanka — to iron out flaws and shape his team for next year's World Cup, reports Reuter.

Sri Lanka are due to arrive here today for a 46-day tour comprising three Tests, five one-day internationals and two three-day games.

Imran must deal with Pakistan's shortcomings and restore confidence after being jolted by Richie Richardson's West Indians, who won the recent three-match one-day series by an authoritative 2-0 margin with the other game tied.

"The tour gives us the opportunity to remove the flaws seen during the West Indies tour and raise a good team for the World Cup," Imran said.

Pakistan's captain, who used the home matches against West Indies to experiment with players, said after the series he was not satisfied with his side's bowling nor running between wickets.

Opener Shoaib Mohammad, who did not play in either the Sharjah limited overs tournament won by Pakistan in October nor the matches against West Indies, has been recalled in a squad of 18 probable.

Pakistan have lost only one Test series — in Australia early in 1990 — out of their last 13

and should have little trouble improving that sequence against Sri Lanka.

Arvinde De Silva's touring side may find the strike bowling trio of Waqar Younis, Wasim Akram and Aniq Javed too much of a handful, though the return of the experienced Arjuna Ranatunga has

Miandad, Shoaib Mohammad, Rameez Raja, Zahid Fazal, Salim Malik, Ijaz Ahmed, Inzamamul Haq, Aamir Hanif, Wasim Akram, Moin Khan, Aaqib Javed, Waqar Younis, Salim Jaffer, Mushtaq Ahmed, Akram Raza, Aatur Rehman, Wasim Haider.

## LANKAN SET OFF



IMRAN KHAN



ARAVINDA DE SILVA

strengthened their batting. Former Sri Lanka captain Ranatunga was omitted on disciplinary grounds from the side who toured England last season.

Sri Lanka open their tour with a three-day match starting in Karachi on Saturday. The first Test against Pakistan is at Sialkot beginning on December 12.

**PAKISTAN SQUAD OF 18:** Imran Khan (Captain), Javed

AFP from Colombo adds: The Sri Lankan cricket team leaves for Pakistan today on a three-Test tour and the manager said his players would give the hosts a good run in the series.

Manager Ranjith Fernando said the 16-member squad led by Arvinde De Silva could give Pakistan, a top cricketing nation, "a good run" in the Test series and four one-day internationals during the six-week

# Moody stars in WA's win over Windies



PERTH, Dec 4: All-rounder Tom Moody guided the Western Australian state team to a surprise seven-wicket victory over the West Indies in a limited-overs cricket match played Wednesday night, reports AP.

Moody took three wickets for 23 as the West Indies struggled to 177 all out and then struck an impressive 47 not out as Western Australia reached the victory target with 9.5 overs to spare.

The loss was a setback for the West Indies team, which faces India in the opening match of the World Series Cup at the same WACA Ground on

Friday night. The win was the second in a fortnight for Western Australia, which defeated India by 10 wickets on November 14.

Moody and pace bowler Bruce Reid celebrated their recall to the Australian World Series Cup team with impressive performances.

The lanky Reid took three wickets for 18 from 10 tight overs as the West Indian batsmen struggled to come to terms with the bouncy Perth wicket.

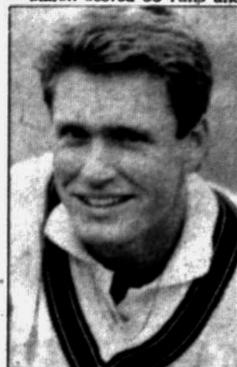
The tourists lost five wickets for 13 midway through their innings and were dismissed with 29 balls still remaining.

Only veteran opener Desmond Haynes, who struck an entertaining 56 runs from 58 balls, saved the West Indies from humiliation.

Hamesh Anthony, who made 38, was the only other player to cope with the Western Australian attack.

Australian vice-captain Geoff Marsh teamed with Mike Veletta in an 88-run opening stand that put the state team on the road to victory.

Marsh scored 55 runs and



TOM MOODY

Veletta 51. Marsh and Veletta appeared comfortable against renowned West Indies pace duo of Patrick Patterson and Curtly Ambrose, neither of whom threatened consistently.

**Scores**  
West Indies 177 (Desmond Haynes 56, Bruce Reid 3/18; Moody 3/23). Western Australia 180/3 (Geoff Marsh 55, Mike Veletta 51, Tom Moody 47 not out). Western Australia won by seven wickets.

# Hosts' bank on archery to overhaul Indonesia

MANILA, Dec 4: The Philippines today were pinning their hopes for winning the gold medal tally at the 16th South East Asian Games on local archery queen Joan Chan-Tabanag, as defending champions Indonesia threatened to rob them of the overall title, reports AFP.

With just nine events left before the Games close tomorrow, the Philippines won the men's tennis doubles title to boost their gold haul to 88, raising hopes of winning the overall crown for the first time since joining the biennial sports events in 1977.

But Indonesia with 84 gold after their world class women's badminton team led by 1991 Swedish and all-England champion Susi Susanti won two more, are poised to overtake the Philippines in the overall count.

Indonesia's football team is expected to win the final

against Thailand late Wednesday, a victory which would cancel out an Expected Filipino victory in men's basketball.

The Indonesians are tipped to sweep all four archery golds at stake.

Only Cahn-Tabanag, in distant third going into the last fit around, stands in the way of the Indonesian bowmen, who are led by Seoul Olympics silver medalist Nurfitriyana Saiman.

The Indonesians are also shaping to crowd out Malaysia for the golds in the remaining three badminton events for the day with top-rated Ardi Wiranata, the 1991 all-England Open and Macau World Cup champion, leading their charge.

Malaysia, who failed to duplicate their second overall finish in the 1989 Games and already out of the running for third, are pinning their hopes on increasing their medal haul

on the brothers Razif and Jalani Sidek, the 1990 badminton World Cup doubles champions.

The Malaysians have 35 golds, taking two karate golds for the day.

Thailand are on third with 71 golds, Suwino Duangchan winning the women's singles title in tennis.

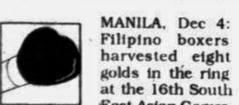
## MEDALS TABLE

Medal standings on the tenth day of the nine-nation South East Asian Games in Manila today.

Tabulate under gold, silver and bronze:

	G	S	B
Indonesia	91	87	68
Philippines	90	59	85
Thailand	72	80	71
Malaysia	36	38	65
Singapore	18	33	44
Burma	12	15	27
Vietnam	7	12	10
Brunei	0	0	8
Laos	0	0	0

# Punchers put hosts ahead



MANILA, Dec 4: Filipino boxers harvested eight golds in the ring at the 16th South East Asian Games here Tuesday to take the hosts to the top of the medals table, above defending champions Indonesian welterweight Ifan Willem Pyoh refused to fight Filipino Victor Viera in sympathy with Thai boxer Arkhom Chenglai, who was disqualified Monday after refusing to submit to a dope test, reports AFP.

Anwar Chowdhury, president of the International Amateur Boxing Association, said the Indonesian, who forfeited the silver and gave the gold to Viera by a walkover, would be summoned to explain his refusal to fight.

Maybe he will be barred for a few years, Chowdhury told AFP.

The interlude failed to dilute the sweetness of the Filipino wins.

Led by Asian Games bantamweight champion Roberto Jalnag and the Chavez brothers, all soldiers, the Filipinos won golds in all but two of the 12 division where they made it to the finals, with indispensable help from 8,000 flag-waving fans at the packed folk arts theater.

We worked hard for this beamed Manila mayor Mel Lopez, president of the country's Amateur boxing Federation.

Jalanag mauled his tough but ineffective Burmese opponent Win for three straight rounds, landed combinations to the Rangoon fighter's head at will.

Hal Win, who took the punches with hardly a blink, desperately searched for a freak knockout opportunity that never came, ending up

with a bloodied nose for his effort.

Lightweight Ronald Chavez and his older brother, light welterweight Arlo Chavez, both seasoned regional campaigners, scored back to back wins over the Philippines' arch boxing rivals hail and, who on two golds in the heavyweight and flyweight classes.

Indonesia took two golds, dampening the Filipinos jubilation somewhat when mustachioed Mau Ler Albert Paplaya turned Ernesto Coronel's face into a crimson grimace.

It was the Philippines' best showing ever in boxing at the Sea Games.

This is very good, said president Corazon Aquino's chief aid executive secretary Drilon, still limping after hurting a leg while carrying the Sea Games torch before the biennial meet opened on November 24.

# Another medallist fails dope test

MANILA, Dec 4: A medallist in the 16th South East Asian Games in Manila has tested positive for prohibited drugs, organisers announced on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

Games officials refused to identify the medallist, the country the athlete represents or the sports involved, saying it was unfair to disclose any name until after the results of a second test on the athlete were known.

Games Organising Committee chief Peter Garrucho of the Philippines announced the positive results of an initial test taken on one of the medallists as defending champions Indonesia and the host Philippines were locked in a fierce fight for the overall championship in the nine-nation competitions.

In one of the tightest medal races in the Games for nearly two decades, the Philippine

hosts grabbed three gold medals in tennis and karate on Tuesday for a provisional total of 77 golds, one shy of the Indonesians' tally.

Indonesia boosted its pile of gold to 78 by winning two diving events.

A host of other medals was still at stake on Tuesday in boxing, athletics, volleyball and the martial art of taekwondo.

The unidentified medallist who tested positive for drugs was among an initial group of 122 athletes required to undergo tests by submitting urine samples to the Games medical panel, said panel chairman Dr Bee Olok Tan.

Those tested included record breakers and other athletes chosen at random, officials said.

Tan refused to say what kind of banned substance was taken by the athlete.

Officials said the athlete

would be stripped of the medal and face suspension from future competitions if the results of a second round of tests confirmed that drugs were taken.

Tan said five athletes tested positive for prohibited drugs during the 15th South East Asian Games in Kuala Lumpur in 1989 and were stripped of their medals. Tan did not name the athletes.

Last weekend, Games officials disqualified Thai welterweight Arkhom Chenglai from the boxing finals when his coach refused to allow him to take a drugs test after his semi-final victory over an opponent from the Philippines.

Indonesia and Vietnam complained on Tuesday that Games officials favoured some Philippine athletes, enhancing their chances of winning gold medals.

"Incidents like this can kill

a player's fighting spirit and mental toughness (and) worse, destroy the brotherhood among the participating countries and players," Indonesian tennis team assistant manager Yunus Yamanie said in a press statement.

## Indonesians sweep badminton golds

MANILA, Dec 4: Indonesia's world class badminton players crushed Malaysia today for a sweep of the five golds at stake in the sport at the 16th South East Asian Games here, reports AFP.

So comprehensive were the Indonesian finals.

Their feat brought their country to within one gold medal of drawing level with the hosts Philippines for the overall Games title.

Ardy Wiranata, the reigning 21-year-old World Cup champion, stamped his class in the men's singles, winning in straight sets 15-4, 15-9 against countryman Joko Suprianto.

"We are here in Manila to enhance sportsmanship, friendship and understanding between South East Asian Countries, not just (to win) medals," he said.

Yamanie launched the attack after Indonesian Benny Wijaya was beaten by Philippines' Felix Barrientos 6-3, 7-6 (7-2) in the men's singles tennis final on Monday, to take the gold.

Wijaya complained several times during the match against what he thought were unfair calls from the line judges, also from the Philippines.

# 'Born-again' McDermott is now a class act



BRISBANE, Dec 4: Australia's "born-again" fast bowler Craig McDermott is hoping to make the world's best bats-men duck and weave until the year 2000, reports Reuter.

Fresh from his nine-wicket haul in this week's 10-wicket Test win over India, McDermott finally believes he is capable of living up to the star status bestowed on him six years ago.

Compared last week to the great Dennis Lillee by ex Test pacesman Jeff Thomson, the

former 19-year-old Queensland prodigy has read such headlines before. These days, however, he feels they may be more accurate.

A tally of 51 wickets in his last eight Tests, a strike rate which compares to any current Test player, suggests he fully deserves Thomson's assessment of him.

"It's quite a comparison. It is nice for him to say that but we'll see what people say when I'm 36," said McDermott, 26, a little marred by 224 wickets behind Lillee's Test wicket aggregate of 355.

"As far as I'm concerned I'm

only in my second season of Test cricket. My early career does not count. It is good to set long goals. I would like to play for another 10 years. If I can see it out to the year 2000 I'll be happy."

It is only a year since McDermott watched frustrated from the sidelines as England collapsed in three days in the first Test against Australia at his home ground in Brisbane.

His chances of breaking back into the Australian team on a regular basis still looked uncertain following the depressing slump he had suffered in the late 1980s.

His early career had been meteoric. A schoolboy and youth star, he became in late 1985 at the age of 19 years 253 days, Australia's youngest Test debutant in 30 years.

He then took 30 wickets in the following Ashes series in England to win selection as one of Wisden's "five cricketers of the year."

It all seemed too easy for the player nicknamed "Billy the Kid" by his team mates, and it was. When things began to go wrong, McDermott, unaccustomed to failure, was unable to cope.

His performances declined and so did his attitude until, as Australia crumbled at home to the West Indies three years ago, he was dropped.

"I needed that break," he admitted. "I didn't work hard enough in the two bad years I had for Australia and the mental side of my game let me down on occasions."

"It really hurt to miss out on the 1989 Ashes series but it has done my cricket the world of good."

McDermott recruited Ironman Trevor Hendy to put him through a gruelling fitness campaign which toughened him physically and mentally.

"If you are tired you can't handle it so well when things go wrong. The physical side of things is important," he said.

Off the field he also found contentment. He has remarried, to Scot Sue Burden, had a baby son Alister, and with his partner developed a building business that is being franchised around Australia and has trading links with Saudi Arabia.

"Stability in my private life has a lot to do with my performance," says McDermott, broad-shouldered, six-foot plus, and rarely without the trademark band of white sun cream across his nose and cheeks when terrorising opposing batsmen. This year everything has

fallen into place. After topping the wicket-taking lists in the domestic Sheffield Shield competition for two seasons, he won back his Test place against England in Adelaide in January, taking 18 wickets in two Tests.

He followed with 24 more at 23.50 runs apiece in the Caribbean, where he was the target of West Indies fast bowlers for a series of physical assaults when batting in a vain attempt to dampen his fire. India are merely the latest side to suffer.

"Craig deserves these performances," said captain Allan Border afterwards. "In the last couple of years he has worked very hard and he has turned into a class act."

"We have come to expect those results from him all the time. He is on a par with any of the blokes around now."

It was a sentiment echoed by opposing captain Mohammad Azharuddin, who said: "He has really improved since we played him in 1986. He was quick then but now he has movement, too."

Thomson, now McDermott's coach at Queensland, said before the Test: "He's bowling like Dennis bowled at his top. He's got that outswinger going, in fact he has all the balls, and he has that knack of constantly taking wickets. He's a great all-round bowler."

That is good news for English county Yorkshire, who threw tradition out of the window by signing McDermott as their first overseas player next season.

Their new man may have to miss the last two months of the season if selected for Australia's tour of Sri Lanka but is still looking forward to the challenge.

"Perhaps the best answer," he said, "is to take enough wickets to make sure we win the championship before I have to leave."

## V-day TT from December 13

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The Victory Day table tennis tournament will be held from December 13 at the National Coaching Centre.

Interested players in the men's and boys' singles events only are requested to register their names by seven pm on December 10 at the latest, said a BTTF press release.



CRAIG McDERMOTT... bowling like Dennis Lillee?