#### Sports Reporter

Agrani Bank car-ved out an exciting two-wicket victory against newly - promoted Ajax Sporting Club in the Milnars First Division cricket league yesterday at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

Batting first Ajax started shakily, losing both the openers for 14.

But Nipu and Azim put their hands down to repair the damage caused by the Agrani Bank opening bowler Pappu.

Nipu top scored with a patient 38 with the help of one four while Azim backed him up with 24 that included one hit to the fence.

Shawkat chipped in with 15 to help his side attain a fighting total of 172 for nine from

Nasim was the pick of the Bank bowlers with three for 24 from eight overs. Pappu with two for 14 and

Harun with two for 33 were

the spoil-sharers. Agrani Bank skipper Towrith led the victory chase of his side with a well-made

31, inclusive of three fours.

Kader with 20 and Intoo with a spanking 36 that included one six and two fours laid the foundation for an easy victory, the possibility of which looked somewhat jeopardised in one session when a few wickets fell in a heap. But Atique with an unbeaten 19 steered his side to victory with nearly two overs to spare. Zia bowled well for Ajax to

capture two wickets for 31 from nine overs. Skipper Dodul supported him well with figures of two for 30.

TODAY'S MATCH Young Pegasus vs Eskaton

#### Sabuj Sangha New rule to stop time wasting

LONDON, Dec 13: English country sides who fail to bowl their overs in the time allocated during one-day matches will face "significantly increased" fines next season, the Test and County Cricket Board said on Thursday, reports Reuter.

At present the penalty is one hundred pounds sterling (180 dollars) per over. The new system is likely to see a sliding scale based on the amount of prize money at stake.

The TCCB agreed at its meeting on Thursday to follow newly- introduced international legislation by restricting the number of bouncers in country cricket next season to one per batsman per over.

In a bid to encourage more spin bowling the TCCB is to allow championship matches to be played on pitches used for limited overs matches the day before.

"If the pitch is drier and more worn at the start we will hopefully see more spinners used," TCCB official Tim Lamb

#### Pioneer league Sports Reporter

A joint meeting of the officials and captains of the 90 Pioneer football league clubs took place at the National Sports Council yesterday.

Elaborate discussions on the inaugural ceremony of the 1991 Dhaka Metropolis Pioneer football league, scheduled to start from tomorrow-December 15, were held.

Meanwhile, a press conference on the inauguration of the Pioneer league will be held today at 6 pm at the conference room of the Bangladesh Football Federation.

The officials of the Dhaka Metropolis football association. the inauguration ceremony committee and the Pioneer league committee will address

## Dockyard retain N'ganj soccer

league title Our Correspondent

NARAYANGANJ, Dec 13 BSEC Dockyard once again an nexed the local First Division football league champtonship beating Shuktara Juba Sangshad by two goals to nil in McEnroe 6-2. 6-4 to reach the I need to do something ever today's final at the Osmani

This was the eighth title triumph for the Dockyard side. Laxmi put the winners ahead in the 19th minute while Swapan, who became the highest goal scorer in this year's 12-team league with seven goals to his credit, doubled the margin in the 32nd

minute of the second session. Shuktara passed up a chance of pulling a goal back when Mosharraf wasted a penalty kick awarded by FIFA referee Abdul Aziz a minute from the final whistle.

The large crowd was treated to a rather one-sided affair with Dockyard dominating the entire proceedings.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadeque Hossain Khoka gave away the trophics after the final.

This year's league, held after a lapse of three years, was sponsored by Muldhara, a Dhaka weekly publication.

# MSC put BU to the sword

Sports Reporter

tournament with delectable improvisation which brought him a rich harvest of nine fours and two sixes in his innings of 119.

Dhaka Moham-

medan Spor-ting

Club, aided by a

sparkling century

from national all-

rounder Aminul

Islam Bulbul and a fine half-

century from former national

batsman Rafigul Alam rattled

up a mammoth score of 327

against last year's Navana

league champion Brothers

Union on the first day of the

second semi-final of the

ment at the Dhaka Stadium

Shovon and Tamal had put on

eight runs for Brothers without

for injured skipper Minhazul

Abedin Nannu, took a hold de-

cision to make first use of the

wicket after winning the toss.

and what an excellent decision

that turned out to be at the

Tanjib Ahsan Saad broke the

opening partnership of

Mohammedans that put on 42

runs on the board by clean

mainstay of the Mohammedan

batting, especially in Nannu's

absence, struck four powerful

deaft two quick blows to send

Waheed on restless saunter-

ings with the scoreboard

showing a sickening 72 for

bear a hand to the youthful

Bulbul, out there in the mid-

dle. And the runs began to flow

like cascades from these two

delightful batsmen who an-

nounced their return to form

in their previous Navana league

outing against Kalabagan a few

While Bulbul rode his luck

during his entertaining, albeit

chancy innings of 119. Rafique,

the more experienced of the

two, was pure class, taking

apart the hopeless Brothers at-

tack with sangfroid and preci-

runs in a mere 111 minutes

The pair plundered 136

Bulbul powered his way to

Dangladesh-mark

smen, now un-

dergoing training

at the National

Shooting Range.

are shaping up

the second hundred of the

well for the Calombo SAF

games. Shooting Federation

officials said in Dhaka

ing trained by Chinese expert

Zhu Le Meing and national

coach Qazi Selim, have made

good progress with better

scores at the pre-selection

General secretary of the

competition held last month."

federation Qazi Selim, who will

go to Colombo with the team

as coach, told BSS that 15

shooters including four women

from Bangladesh would com-

pete in six shooting events in

shot prone free rifle, 3x40 free

rifle, air rifles 60 shots, air

pistol; Women's - 3x20 stan-

dard rifle and air rifle 40

The federation general sec-

teens, moved confidently into

the six-million dollars Grand

Slam Cup semifinals with a 7-

6. 6-3 victory over Swiss Jakob

filasek on Thursday, reports

number five rarely looked in

trouble in the 86-minute quar-

ter-final to move towards a

clash with Michael Chang, who

beat fellow American Patrick

The 31-year-old world

MUNICH, Dec 13

looking and

feeling as fit and

fresh in his 30s

as he did in his

Ivan Lendl.

The events are : Men's - 60

"Our shooters, who are be

yesterday, reports BSS.

said the officials.

the 10-day Games.

days ago.

from 166 balls.

In stepped Rafiqul Alam to

Sri Lankan T L Fernando

Jehangir, considered as the

bowling Jehangir Alam.

boundaries in his 29.

Former national paceman

By close of play, openers

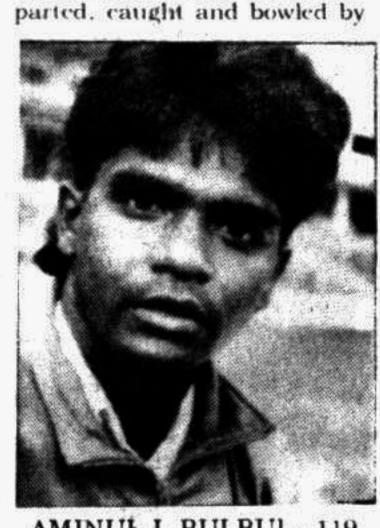
Waheedul Ghani, deputising

Victory Day cricket tourna-

yesterday.

end of the day!

Rafique, who looked poised for a well-deserved ton de-



AMINUL I. BULBUL...119



West Bengal all-rounder Arup Bhattachartya for a stellar 7-6 that was embellished with six fours and a huge six. By the time this moody player came back to the pavilion to a standing oration Mohammedan were in sight of their ultimate unassailable total of 327 for 9.

Fernando emerged with prestige even from this long leather chase with the fine bowling analysis of three wickcts for 49 from his quota of fifteen overs in this 75-overs-aside encounter.

Left-arm spinner Arup Bhattachariya totled hard for his three wickets at the cost of 63 runs.

retary said. Commonwealth

Games gold medal winner

Atcequr Rahman of Chittagong

Metropolitan Shooting Club is

one of the top medal prospects

in the men's air pistol. Atccq

will team up with Haider Ali.

Asif Hossain and Fariduddin

Ahmed (standby) in the event.

has been under training

throughout the year with fi-

nancial support of the

Ispahani Group could achieve

an individual gold in his

favourite event — the air pistol.

team and joint secretary of the

shooting federation M Azizul

Hug said. "All the shooters are

in peak form. They will vie for

the honours in their respective

resented by Gamini Walgama. A

Liyanage, Gunasekera and

the marksmen could produce

surprises in the men's air pis-

Lendl meets Chang in semis

tol and air rifle 60 shots

richest tournament.

Major K Edema in the event.

Hosts Sri Lanka will be rep-

The federation officials said

The air rifle team was

"For me a holiday means a

mental break and not being

under pressure to play a tour-

nament," he said. "But I can't

sit on my bum for five minutes.

— Star photo

Manager of the shooting

He hoped that Ateeq, who

he added.

Although the Mohammedan fans, who turned in great strength relished a fine day's work by their favourite batsmen, yet they will all have to wait a while before they can really plan a victory celebra-

In a strange turn of events which can perhaps occur only in Bangladesh, the tournament committee of the BCCB, organisers of the meet, announced last evening that the second day's play of this two-day encounter shall have to wait indefinitely - until the Dhaka Stadium ground is again made available for cricket.

According to the press release, the National Sports Council, which owns the ground, has requisitioned it for the children's rally on Dec 16 to be organised by the Dhaka district administration. In the circumstances, the ground will be used today (Saturday) onwards for rehearsals and won't be fit for cricket until

or the or the

4	Dec 17 at the earliest.
	What a shame — for
	cricket lovers and for
200	HCCH!
	SCORE BOARD
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#### Nachappa skips SAF Games

Sports Reporter

Indian sprint queen and glamour girl Ashwini Nachappa has opted out of the Indian contingent for the fifth South Asian Federation (SAF) Games in Colombo

Dec 22-31. According to the Doordarshan (Indian TV) news bulletin monitored in Dhaka last night Nachappa, who has also acted in a film named "Ashwint", has asked the Amateur Athletics Federation of India (AAFI) to be left out of the 230-strong Indian Games squad announced yesterday.

Ashwini's absence will rob the women's athletics competition in the Sri Lankan capital of its star attraction.

### Suhrawardy Cup results

Sports Reporter

Three zonal finals and one semifinal of the eighth Suhrawardy Cup na-tional youth foot-ball championship were held at four different venues of the country.

At Narsingdi, Tangail DSA clinched the zonal championship trophy by beating the hosts Narsingdi 4-3 in the ticbreaker after the match ended goalless in the stipulated time. At Kushtia, Khulna DSA beat the hosts Kushtia 4-3, also in

into the final round of the tournament. The match ended goalless after regulation time. At Gaibandha, Pabna DSA

the tie-breakers and moved

also defeated Gaibandha yet another 4-3 in tie-breaker after the match ended in a 1-1 after normal time. Ayub scored for the hosts

from a penalty in the 35th minute of the first half. Qamrul got the equaliser in the 25th minute of the second

At Netrokona, Kishoreganj moved into the zonal final after outplaying Dhaka DSA by two

goals to one. Liton scored for Kishoreganj in the 35th minute of the first half.

Safiqui Islam scored another in the 12th minute of the second half.

Zahid reduced the margin in the 37th minute of the second session for the losers.

The final of the Kurigram zone between Lalmonirhat DSA and Nilphamari DSA, originally scheduled for yesterday, will now take place this afternoon. Meanwhile, the final round of the eighth Suhrawardy Cup

championship will start from December 25 in Naogaon. The eight zonal champions and the champions and runners-up of the seventh Suhrawardy Cup will compete

### for this year's trophy. Sabera's chehlun

The chehlum of Mrs Sabera Haq, wife of Syed Ashraful Haq. a former secretary of the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board, was held yesterday.

Friends, relatives, admirers and many personalities from the country's cricketing arena attended and prayed for the salvation of the departed soul.

## Freedom-fighters meet concludes

The prize-distribution ceremony of the annual sports competition for the families of the Liberation War martyrs and wounded freedom fighters was held yesterday under the auspices of the Bangladesh Muktijoddha Kalyan Trust at the ground adjacent to the Jatiya Sangsad. The nearly month-long af-

fair featuring thirty-eight events began on November 16. The curtain fell over the

occasion, which drew family members of freedom fighters across the country, yesterday with the Minister for Labour and Manpower Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan distributing prizes among the winners.

Lt Col (Retd) Zainul Abedin PSC. Managing Director of the Trust was also present on the occasion, says a Trust press

#### Pakistan off to a brisk start went to lunch at 252 for eight, SIALKOT, Pakis-

tan. Dec 13 : Pakistan were 72 for no wicket in reply to Sri Lanka's 270 all out at

the close of play on the second day of the first Test match today, reports Reuter. Pakistan openers Rameez Raja and Shoaib Mohammad

managed a run-rate of three per over for the first time in the match during an unbroken first wicket stand of 72 before poor light intervened 30 minutes before the scheduled Mist had also delayed the start by 25 minutes but, in the

151 runs were scored on an increasingly benign pitch. Pace bowler Wagar finished with figures of five for 84, the sixth time he has taken five wickets in an innings in a career spanning just 12 Tests. after Sri Lanka's first innings

had dragged on into the sec-

remaining time available, only

ond afternoon. They were finally dismissed 35 minutes after lunch having added 79 to their overnight score.

Sanath Jayasuriya, overnight 60, went on to score 77 and together with Hashan Tillekeratne took the sixth wicket partnership to 101.

The stand was broken by off-spinner Raza who bowled Jayasuriya round his legs after the left-hander had topped his earlier best score of 66 made against England at Lord's this year. He struck 10 fours, mainly in front of the wicket, in 141 balls.

His dismissal at 229 was followed quickly by that of Rumesh Ratnayake. After hitting three fours in his 13, he was bowled by Waqar at 244. Then Champaka Rama-

nayake was bowled by Raza who picked up his second wicket and emerged with two for 37 from 24 overs. Tillekeratne continued to

resist Pakistan as Sri Lanka

but he fell shortly after the interval when Raza held a fine catch at second slip.

His dour 49 included only three fours and he batted for

195 deliveries. When Pakistan batted Ramez, in particular, encoun-



WAQAR YOUNIS...5 for 84

unbeaten on 43 at the close. Sanath Jayasuriya made a dour 77 as Srt Lanka frustrated the Pakistan pace attack today with more defiant batting on the second day of the first Test.

By lunch Sri Lanka had reached 252 for eight, having added 61 runs in a morning session cut short by 25 minutes because of early mist.

Pakistan bowlers looking for an early breakthrough were foiled by both the determination of overnight pair Jayasuriya and Hashan Tilleker-

atne and an easy pitch.

The Sri Lankan Duo added 101 for the sixth wicket before off-spinner Akram Raza bowled Jayasuriya as he tried to sweep. The left-hander's score was a test-best performance.

Once the partnership was broken, Pakistan snapped up two quick wickets. Rumesh Ratnayake was bowled by paceman Waqar Younis for 13 and Champaka Ramanayake fell to Akram.

At lunch Tillekeratne was still unbeaten on 37, having batted for over three and a half

#### SCORE BOARD

Scoreboard on the second day of the first cricket Test between Pakistan and Sli Lanka on Friday:

#### SRI LANKA First Innings (overnight 191 for five) A. Samarasekera c Moin Khan b Younis C. Hathurusinghe c Akram Raza b Javed A. Gurusinha b Javed 33 A. De Silva b Younis A. Ranatunga lbw b Javed S. Jayasuriya b Akram Raza H. Tillekeratne c Akram Raza b Younis

R. Ratnayake b Younis C. Ramanayake b Akram Raza 0 D. Anurasiri not out P. Wickremasinghe b Younts 0 Extras (b-5 1b-12) Total: (1-18.5 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-21, 2-70, 3-89, 4-89, 5-128, 6-229, 7-244, 8-249, 9-269 BOWLING: OM Wasim Akram 32 7

Wagar Younis 30.5 5 84 Akram Raza 24 10 37 Aagtb Javed 23 4 70 Imran Khan PAKISTAN First Innings:

Rameez Raja not out Shoaib Mohammad not out Extras (nb-10) Total To bat: Zahid Fazal, Salim Malik, Javed Miandad, Imran

Khan, Wasim Akram, Moin Khan, Akram Raza, Wagar Younis, Aaqib Javed. BOWLING: R. Ratnayake 5 1 15 0 (inb) C. Ramanayake 9 2 200

P. Wickremasinghe 7 0 300 C. Hathurusinghe 1 0 D. Anurasiri

# Richardson calls for better play

ADELAIDE. Dec 13: West Indies cricket captain Richie Richarcalled dson Friday for his team's batsmen to apply

themselves more in their upcoming match against India. reports AP. The West Indies suffered a

nine-run World Series Cup loss to Australia on Thursday night. but hope to bounce back when they face India Adelaide Oval on Saturday.

The two teams played to a rare tie when they met last week in Perth.

The West Indies struggling when set 174 runs to win against Australia, losing three wickets because of poor run-

"We're bowling and fielding very well, it's just that we're not batting as well as we should," Richardson said.

"I think we've got to really apply ourselves a bit more and go about our batting a different

"Last night, all we had to do was bat as if we were batting in a test match. But for some reason we just lost our way and kept losing wickets and think that is the main reason why we're not winning at the moment."

Australia leads the triangular series with four points from three matches, India has three points from three and the West Indies one point from two matches. Richardson said the pitches

for early matches in the tour-

nament had not suited high scoring. "The games are more exciting when the scores are about 250 or 260 and you can really

play your shots," he said. Every time I've played here in Adelaide it's been a good wicket and it's nice to know you have some flat pitches for one-day matches."

Indian team cricket manager Abbas Ali Baig said his team was likely to include legspinner Narendra Hirwani. Medium fast bowler Subroto Banerice is expected to be omited because of a bruised

litrwant had figures of 16 for 136 in his test debut against the West Indies on a dustbowl wicket at Madras three years ago.

Baig also said there was some concern over allrounder Kapil Dev. who is suffering from a minor neck injury.

"We've got a few niggling things to worry about, but otherwise things are going well and we're looking forward to playing the West Indies

#### EXPECTED TEAMS WEST INDIES : Richie

Richardson (captain). Desmond Haynes, Curtly Ambrose, Keith Arthurton. Carlisle Best, Anderson Cummins. Carl Hooper. Brian Lara, Malcolm Marshall, Patrick Patterson. David Williams, Hamesh Anthony.

INDIA : Ravi Shastri, Kris Srikkanth, Sanjay Manjrekar, Sachin Tendulkar, Mohammad Azharuddin (captain), Kapil Dev. Pravin Amre. Manoj Kiran More, Prabhakar. Jawagal Srinath, Narendra Hirwani.

### Olympic flame begins journey to Albertville

ANCIENT OLYMPIA, Greecc. Dec 13: The Olympic flame began its Journey to France for the Albertville winter games Friday, after being lit in this ancient town where the Olympics were born, reports AP.

Greek ski champion Thanassis Tsabiris, 26, held the Olympic torch in one hand and an olive branch in another as he jogged the first hundred meters (yards) of an Olympic journey that will include two airplane flights and a countrywide relay in France.

# India likely to change line up

again," Baig said.

ADELAIDE, Dec 13 : India face a slight fitness problem to one successful middleorder batsman as they prepare to

take on West Indies tomorrow and Australia day after at Adelaide Oval in the World Series Cup Matches, reports

of their

Praveen Amre, who has failed in only one of his three innings so far, remain a doubtful starter, and if he is forced to drop out, his place will be taken by the left-handed Sauray Ganguly.

Most likely there would be another change in the Indian team. Leg-spinner Narendra litrwant is expected to replace seamer Subroto Bannerjee who injured his foot while batting in India's last match against Australia at Hobart earlier this

Though both the matches will be played on perhaps the best batting pitch in Australia. bespectacled Hirwani is expected to cause headaches to the batsmen, especially the new faces in the West Indies

Apart from the possibility of filling a vacancy created by injury. Hirwani comes into the reckoning on the grounds that West Indian batsman, in recent times, have been vulnerable against leg spin.

In fact, it was against West Indies that Hirwani made his Test debut in Madras, taking eight wickets in each innings. That, of course, was a freak performance, aided by a poor pitch at Chepauk.



disabled freedom fighters, organised by the Bangladesh Muktijoddha Kallyan Trust, which concluded in the city yesterday.

Only a year later. Hirwani had a disastrous series in West Indies, getting only five wickets in three Test matches at a very high cost.

But the West Indies batting

line-up has undergone a dramatie transformation with Gordon Greenidge. Viv Richards and Jeff Dujon retiring and Gus Logic absent due to injury. And, the newcomers could find Hirwani a problem. With Havi Shastri having re-

captured his bowling form. India's attack looks stronger and better balanced than when they started their campaign in Perth a week ago lead the table.

having forged ahead of India by a point with an exciting nineruns win over Australia at Melbourne Yesterday. West Indies have just one pointfrom the lie against India.

## Anirban cricket

Sports Reporter The Anirban Victory Day Cricket tournament, organised

by the Anirban Krira-0-Sangskrittic Sangha, began at the Manikdi playground, Dhaka Cantonment yesterday with Anirban Sangha beating Khilgaon Jack Club by 56 runs in the 35-overs-a-side match. Anirban winning the toss.

made 158 before being all out. In reply, Khilgaon Jack Club were dismissed for 106 runs with Sumon claiming four wickets, including a hattrick, for the winners. He was the automatic choice for the man-ofthe-match award.

Maj. (Retd) Qamrul Islam. MP, inaugurated the meet in the morning as chief guest.

The captain of the BSEC Dockyard team receiving the Narayanganj First Division football league championship

trophy from State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadeque

Hossain Khoka after beating Shuktara Juba Sangha 2-0 in

yesterday's final at the Osmani Stadium.

While many of the younger Lendl said the last time he had spent more than three players have complained of days without exercise apart tiredness at the end of a tough from illness was when he was a year, Lendl, a self-confessed youngster living at home with fitness fanatic who rarely spends a day without exercise. his parents.

is raring to go at the game's His fresh approach contrasted with the 27-year-old "I feel pretty fresh. I feel Hlasek, who strongly advocated the need for a five to six good because I have been week break at the end of the training all the year round," he season to help his body re-

cover.

instead of resting, however the most successful players at the four Grand Slams during the year have the attraction of competing for the two-million dollars winner's prize in Munich.

V Day Kabaddi Sports Reporter

The Victory Day kabaddi tournament, under the aegis of the Bangladesh Kabaddi Federation got underway at the Outer Stadium kabaddi court yesterday with two matches being decided on the opening

draw, that enthralled the sizeable crowd. The other match of the day between Bangladesh Police and Bangladesh Ansars also ended in a stalemate, both sides scoring 12 points each.

Bangladesh Rifles and

Bangladesh Fire Service fea-

tured in a thrilling 12-12

These four teams are taking part in the tournament. Today. Fire Service taken on Police while BDR clash with Ansars.

The federation officials

SV Paul. Gl. Ranjith and Daya Rajasinghe (Standby). GM Haider along with Shafiquzzaman and Nastruddin will also compete in the free rifle 3x40 while Emran Chowdhury. Nasiruddin and Qamrul Islam will contest the 60 shot prone free rifle.

formed with GM Haider, Saiful

Alam Rinki and Fazle Rabbi

Elahi to face the sharp shoot-

ers of India, Sri Lanka and

Pakistan. The Lankan shooters

in this event are : Zal Chitty,

hoped the women's quartet -Khalcda Mansoor (mother of Elahi and sister-in law of Farid). Qazi Shahana Parveen Ferdousi Parveen (Shahana's sister), and Sabera Khatun (wife of Farid) - would be do-

ing better than previous occa-The 196-member Bangia desh contingent to the Games led by chef-de-mission Qamrul Islam. MP. will leave here on

December 20 for Colombo. Bangladesh will take part in at the ten disciplines of the 10 day SAF Games beginning in Colombo on December 22.