

# Bima outplay Wanderers

Sports Reporter

Sadharan Bima Kirta Sanghtha chalked up a 25 run victory over Dhaka Wanderers Club in yesterday's Milners First Division cricket league at the Dhanmardi Cricket Stadium.

The pattern of less than 200 team total continued when Sadharan Bima batting first knocked out 168 of the loss of eight wickets from stipulated forty five overs.

Bima pacesman Naktib shone with the willow to emerge as the highest scorer of his side with an unbeaten 31, made with the half of two fours.

Ripon followed him next with 29, inclusive of two fours. Skipper Rizvi played 50 balls to collect 27 before being bowled by Imtiaz.

Incidentally the bowler returned the best analysis among the Wanderers bowlers with figures of two for 15 from his quota nine overs.

Zaedul also got two wickets but at a staggering cost of 50 runs.

Wanderers Club got off to

an excellent start with their openers Bablu and Kiron putting on seventy runs for the first wicket.

Bablu scored a fine 32 with three hits to the fence. Kiron sent the ball three times to the ropes before being run out for 26.

Al-Amin and Ismail scoring 13 and 19 respectively continued the chase but once these two batsmen departed the rest of the Wanderers batting simply caved in.

Dear, caught in on nervousness of the Wanderers batsman too pull off a memorable bowling figures of six for 28.

SCORE CARD	
<b>SADHARAN BIMA</b>	
Tawab c Asad b Zaedul	5
Shahcen lbw Zaedul	16
Ripon c Al-Amin b Imtiaz	29
Irfan lbw Al-Amin	15
Rizvi b Imtiaz	27
Dear not out	7
Naktib not out	31
Khokon c Zakaria b Babu	2
Kishore b Chunnur	8
Babu not out	13
Extras	15
Total (for 8 wickets)	168

Bowling	O	M	R	W
Zaedul	9	0	50	1
Chunnur	8	0	30	1
Al-Amin	5	0	20	1
Ismail	5	0	18	0
Imtiaz	9	2	15	2
Halim Babu	9	0	26	1

DHAKA WANDERERS	
Bablu b Ripon	32
Kiron run out	26
Al-Amin c Rizvi b Dear	13
Ismail run out	19
Polu lbw Dear	16
Chunnur c Tawab b Dear	16
Halim Babu not out	11
Asad c Tawab b Dear	1
Zakaria run out	1
Zaedul c Ripon b Dear	1
Imtiaz lbw Dear	0
Extras	22
Total (allout)	143

TODAY'S MATCH	
Bangladesh Railway SC vs	City Club (DCS)



Shaheed Mushtaq XI (top) beat Shaheed Jewel XI (bottom) in the festival cricket match on occasion of Victory Day at the Dhanmardi Cricket Stadium Monday.



# Jewel XI go down fighting

Shaheed Mushtaq Eleven defeated Shaheed Jewel Eleven by 27 runs in the exhibition cricket match played at the Dhanmardi Cricket Stadium on December 16 in celebration of the Victory Day.

Jewel Eleven skipper Minhazul Abedin Nannu, not fully recovered yet put the Mushtaq Eleven into bat after winning the toss.

Although Abu Hamid Pial recorded an early success by dismissing Salim Shaheed for a duck.

Abahani skipper and the vice-captain of the Mushtaq Eleven Farouque Ahmed finally found his lost touch with the bat by hitting a splendid 82 with the help of eight fours and one six.

Together with teammate Zahid Razaq Masum who scored 32, Farouque put 50 runs for the second wicket. Habibul Basher Sumon was the other notable scorer for Mushtaq with a brisk 34 off 42 balls, punctuated with three fours.

Mushtaq Eleven managed 194 in their stipulated 40 overs.

Prince mopped up the tail to finish with fine bowling figures of four for 24.

Azhar Hossain Shantoo bowled well to capture two for 31.

Shantoo and Jhangir Alam put on 36 runs for the first wicket in the Jewel Eleven innings before Sumon bowled the latter for 13.

Nannu after a long lay-off walked in to bat at number three but looked rusty and

convert them.

Victoria will now meet Abahani Kirta Chhakra, the defending champions of the First Division league and also the hot-favourite of the Victory Day tourney, on December 21.

Usha Kirta Chhakra got a walk-over against Cantonian Sporting Club in the other match of the day.

Meanwhile, the Victory Day hockey tournament got under way at the Dhaka Hockey Stadium on Monday last.

In the opening match Bangladesh Air Force outplayed Bangladesh Sporting Club by two goals to one.

Jewel scored for the losers in the fourth minute of the match. But Mokhles equalised for Bangladesh Air Force in the 21st minute from a penalty corner. Mazif scored a spectacular field goal for the winners just before the final whistle was blown.

Bangladesh Air Force will now take on the winners of the match between Abahani Kirta Chhakra and Victoria Sporting Club on December 23.

Earlier, renowned hockey player of the yester-years, Nurul Islam inaugurated this year's Victory Day competition.

**TODAY'S MATCHES**

Bachelor SC vs Dhaka Wanderers Club (1.45 pm)

Bangladesh Police SC vs. Bangladesh Police SC vs. Bangladesh Army (3.15 pm).

Sumon st. Ratan b. Effie

Lipu run out

Saiful b. Prince

Nashu c. Ratan b. Prince

Rokon b. Prince

Talha not out

Anis b. Rahul

Extras

Total (all out in 38.5 overs)

**BOWLING**

Prince 7 2 24 4

Pial 3 0 17 1

Rahul 3.5 0 25 1

Shantoo 8 1 31 2

Monti 8 0 41 0

Effie 8 0 33 1

Selim 1 0 7 0

**JEWEL XI**

Shantoo c. S. Shaheed

b. Sumon

# Aggravation for Azharuddin

CANBERRA, Dec 17: The touring Indian cricketers were handed an embarrassing 75-run defeat by the Australian Prime Minister's XI here today, reports AFP.

What was expected to be an easy outing in the sun for the visitors turned into a nightmare on a cold, wind-swept day at the Manuka Oval.

The make-shift Prime Minister's side, led by Australian skipper Allan Border and comprising much of Australia's promising young talent, outplayed the Indians in style.

After piling up 244 for seven from 50 overs, they skittled the Indians for 169 in

only 44 overs.

Queensland's 19-year-old fast bowler Gred Rowell picked up six for 27 in 10 overs as India lost their last seven wickets for just 33 runs.

Rowell's superb display of sustained accuracy earned him the man-of-the-match award from Prime Minister Bob Hawke, an interested spectator through the day.

"It was a great feeling picking up all those wickets before the Prime Minister," said Rowell, who made his first-class debut this season.

South Australian opener Greg Blewett top-scored for the home with a polished 65 before he was bowled by left-arm Ravi Shastri in the 31st over.

Blewett and Michael Bevan put the innings on the rails with a 104 run stand for the third wicket after two wickets had fallen for 34.

Left-handed Bevan, the promising batsman from New South Wales who took a century off the Indians last month, made 60 off 64 balls.

Western Australia's Damien Martyn was the other successful batsman reaching 50 with two runs off the final delivery of the innings.

The Indians began on the wrong foot, losing Krish Srikkanth (11) and Sourav Ganguly (8) by the seventh over with the score at 30.

The tourists were rescued by a 66-run fourth wicket stand between Dilip Vengsarkar and Sachin Tendulkar which carried the score to 136 for three in the 34th over.

But a dramatic middle-order slump saw India lose three wickets in successive overs for five runs and hand the initiative back to the home team.

Wickets then fell at regular intervals as Rowell ran through the tail to pull off a big win for his team.

India have four-day game against Queensland, started in Brisbane on Friday, to sort out their batting problems before the second Test begins in Melbourne on boxing day.

India tail 0-1 in the five Test series after losing the

first Test at the GABBA by 10 wickets.

**SCOREBOARD**

Scoreboard in the 50 overs cricket match between India and the Australian Prime Minister's XI today:

**PRIME MINISTER'S XI**

G. Blewett st Pandit by Shastri

M. Hayden c Srikkanth b Srinath

J. Siddons b Prabhakar

M. Bevan c Prabhakar b Ripu

D. Martyn not out

T. Zochrer c Pandit b Shastri

A. Border b Prabhakar

G. Rowell b Srinath

S. Warne not out

Extras (b-1 lb-5 w-3 nb-4)

Total: For seven wickets, 50 overs

Did not bat: D. Gilbert, D. Fleming.

Fall of wickets: 1-10, 2-34, 3-138, 4-162, 5-191, 6-238, 7-239.

**BOWLING**

Prabhakar 10 3 26 2

Srinath 10 0 50 (2w 4nb)

Ganguly 2 0 15 0 (1w)

Tendulkar 9 0 42 0

Raju 10 0 46 1

Shastri 7 1 44 2

# Queensland holds Victoria to a

BRISBANE, Dec 17: Victoria had to settle for first innings points at the GABBA on Monday as their Sheffield Shield match against Queensland petered out into a time draw, reports Reuter.

Despite centuries from Dirk Wellham and Matthew Hayden, scored mostly against part-time bowlers attempting to offer quick runs, Queensland captain Carl Rackemann decided to bat on until mid-afternoon rather than risk outright defeat.

Wellham, who hit 167, and Hayden, 116, posted a state record second-wicket partnership of 248 as Queensland amassed 324 for four declared.

Victoria, set 324 to win in a session and a half, played out time to be 89 for three at the close.

# V-Day cricket semi

The unfinished semi-final of the Victory Day cricket championship between Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club and Wanderers Union resumes at 9:15 at the Dhaka Stadium.

On December 13, the first day of the second semi-final, Mohammedan bated first to pile up 327 for nine.

In reply, Brothers scored eight without loss when the stumps were drawn.

# Kasparov stays king

MANILA, Dec 17: Garry Kasparov of the Soviet Union remains the highest-rated player in the world in the Chess Federation (FIDE) rankings for January 1, 1992, but Asia is fast catching up, with India's Viswanathan Anand now fifth, reports AFP.

Kasparov, the reigning world champion, will have an elo rating of 2780, while his old rival and former world champion Anatoly Karpov regains second place at 2725, FIDE president Florencio

Polgar is on top with elo 2550, followed by PIA Cramling of Sweden, Judit's sister Susza Polgar and de-throned women's world champion, Maya Chiburdanidze of the Soviet Union.

The new world champion, Xie Jun of China, is now on fifth place.

**RANKINGS**

Men elo rating

1. Garry Kasparov (Soviet Union) 2780

2. Anatoly Karpov (Soviet Union) 2725

3. Vassily Ivanchuk (Soviet Union) 2720

4. Nigel Short (England) 2685

5. Viswanathan Anand (India) 2670

6. Boris Gelfand (Soviet Union) 2665

7. Alexei Shirov (Latvia) 2655

8. Gata Kamsky (United States) 2655

9. Arthur Yusupov (Soviet Union) 2655

10. Valery Salov (Soviet Union) 2655

Women

1. Judit Polgar (Hungary) 2550

2. Pia Cramling (Sweden) 2530

3. Susza Polgar (Hungary) 2530

4. Maya Chiburdanidze (Soviet Union) 2485

5. Xie Jun (China) 2480

6. Nona Gaprindashvili (Soviet Union) 2450

7. Ketevan Arakhamia (Soviet Union) 2445

8. Nana Ioseliani (Soviet Union) 2445

9. Svetlana Matveeva (Soviet Union) 2425

10. Sofia Polgar (Hungary) 2415

Campomans said in a statement released here.

"Karpov lost his place to fellow Soviet Grand Master Vassily Ivanchuk in the July 1, 1991 rankings, but the Ukrainian GM will drop back to third, Nigel Short of England and Anand, a former world junior champion, round up the top five.

In the women's category, Hungarian wonderkid Judit

# Police annex V-Day kabaddi

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Police became the champions of the 1991 Victory Day kabaddi competition when they outplayed Bangladesh Rifles by 20 points to 14 in the final of the tournament held yesterday at the Outer Stadium kabaddi court.

The winners led the first half 6-5.

Organised by the Bangladesh Kabaddi Federation (BKF) four teams took part in the tourney, the other two being Bangladesh Ansars and Bangladesh Fire Service.

M. Azizul Hoque, president of the BKF and Secretary of the Ministry of Post and Telecommunications, witnessed the match and gave away awards among the winners.

# Robertson wins Dutch squash

AMSTERDAM, Dec 17: Surprise package Sami Elopuro of Finland failed at the last hurdle when he was beaten 15-8, 13-15, 15-6, 15-8 by Australian Chris Robertson in the final of the Dutch Open squash tournament on Sunday, reports Reuter.

The women's title went to Susan Devoy, the world champion from New Zealand, playing her first tournament since a miscarriage in August. Devoy beat England's Sue Wright 15-17, 17-15, 15-9, 15-10.

# Victorious Victoria

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Victoria Sporting Club edged past Wari Club 1-0 on the second day of the 1991 Victory Day Shah Sports hockey Cup match held yesterday at the Dhaka Hockey Stadium.

Shahid scored the match-decider in the 25th minute of play.

Victoria earned three penalty corners while Wari despite forcing seven failed to

# IAAF extends time

LONDON, Dec 17: The International Amateur Athletics Federation have extended the qualifying period for the men's marathon at next year's Olympics by 12 months, reports AFP.

Times of 2hr 14min or less set between January 1, 1990 - instead of January 1, 1991 - and July 10, 1992, will now guarantee a run in Barcelona.

# Yuh and Ioka weigh-in

OSAKA, Japan, Dec 17: Champion Yuh Myung-woo of South Korea and Japanese challenger Hiroki Ioka weighed in Tuesday for their World Boxing Association junior flyweight title match, reports AP.

# Leconte replaces Forget

PERTH, Dec 17: Henri Leconte was named Tuesday to replace Davis Cup teammate Guy Forget on the French team competing in the Hopman Cup tennis tournament, which begins Dec. 27, reports AP.

Leconte and Forget both were members of the French team that scored an upset victory over the United States in the Davis Cup final in Lyon earlier this month.

Leconte will partner Julie Halard on the French team in the 12-nation exhibition event, which features men's and women's singles and mixed doubles contests.

Forget told organizers he had to withdraw because of tendinitis in his right knee. The injury is not expected to prevent him from playing in next month's Australian Open in Melbourne.

France is to play the British team of Jeremy Bates and Sarah Loosmore in the first round of the Hopman Cup.

Germany, which will be represented by Boris Becker and Steffi Graf, is the top seed for the Hopman Cup.

Other top pairings include the brother-and-sister Spanish pair of Emilio and Arantxa Sanchez and the American combination of Grand Slam Cup winner David Wheaton and Mary Joe Fernandez.

The tournament will be played at the Perth Superdrome from Dec. 27 to Jan. 3.

# Wooden spoon for MSC

Sports Reporter

Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club returned home yesterday with the wooden-spoon after taking part in the final round of the eleventh Asian Club Cup championship in Doha, Qatar.

Mohammedans' cup of woe was full when they suffered a 3-1 defeat to Al-Riyani Club of Qatar in the last group match on December 16.

Mohammedans went down fighting 1-2 against Al-Sabah Club of the UAE in their opening robin league match on December 12.

The Dhaka league giants put up an inspired show against the Port Authority of Thailand to concede a shock 1-4 defeat on December 14 in their second outing.

Mohammedans had an easy passage to the final round of the eleventh Asian Club championship with facile victories against Pakistan WAPDA and New Radiant Club of the Maldives.

Mohammedans' poor show put an ironic conclusion to their turbulent preparation for this tournament:

# Italy, Denmark may play in '92 Euro finals

GENEVA, Dec 17: Italy and Denmark are likely to play in next year's finals of the European soccer championships if the Soviet political turmoil sweeping those nations, reports AP.

The governing body of European soccer, UEFA, said Tuesday that senior officials discussed the issue Monday and would submit a formal proposal to the full European Championship Committee when it meets on Jan 16. That is the eve of the draw to decide the groups for next June's eight-nation finals in Sweden.

A statement said if the Soviet Union were unable to compete in the finals, Italy could qualify in its place. The Soviet squad heads Group-3 of the qualifying groups.

# Zahura wins karate bronze for Bangladesh

Bangladesh karate girl Zahura Begum Barna won a bronze medal in the below-53kg event in the sixth Asia Shitoryu Shikar karate championships held in the Nepalese capital Kathmandu from December 12 to 14, according to a message received in Dhaka yesterday, reports BSS.

Strong contenders from Japan, Hong Kong, Macao, Pakistan and Bhutan, however, failed to fetch any medals, the message added.

The three-day meet was inaugurated by the Nepalese Minister for Education and Culture and National Sports Council chairman, Ram Hari Joshi.

# MEDAL STANDINGS