Sports Reporter

Mohating Club outplaved Surja Tarun Club by 44 runs at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday to record their

Navana Premier Division cricket league. Sent in to bat by Surja Tarun's Sri Lankan skipper Priyatal Rodrigo. Mohammedans lost their opener Ahmed Didar for eight with

fifth consecutive win in the

the total on 16. Another Sri Lankan, Guruge, who a couple years back had a stint with Wari Club, came at the fall of Didar's

wicket. But the left-handed batsmen apparently recruited to bolster both the morale and the strength of a somewhat brittle Mohammedans batting, left on the same score, being

run out for nought. Rafiq, after a string of useful scores in the earlier matches flopped, scoring only four, bowled by left-arms spinner

With the cream of the batting removed, the onus to make things hum again fell on the all-rounders Aminul Islam Bulbul and Golam Faruq Suru.

Regarded as one of the finest batsmen currently, the epithet of an all-rounder appears wanting in comparing the batsmanship of this genial short-statured batsman and Bulbul, with nimble footwork and judicious strokeplay, lent support to that kind of reflec-

His 69 off 89 balls with the help of three fours and a six lifted the spirits of the Mohammedan supporters which were simultaneously affected by the morning chill and the dismal performance of their side.

Suru of late, has started making it a habit of featuring prominently in his side's victory. After his fine all-round performance against Gulshan Youth, the well-built allrounder turned in another virtuoso performance with the willow.

During a 71-minute tenure

league, forced Bangladesh

Biman to eat a humble pie by

two runs with the help of a

brilliant all round performance

from former Indian Test player

Arun Lal at the Dhanmondi

scoring a sparking 62 off 98

balls, studded with seven fours

knock only two Gulshan bats-

men reached the double fig-

ures apart from the rather

large contribution of 31 from

Mr Sundries in Gulshan's total

Bachchu picked up three

wickets albeit a little dearly.

conceding 26 runs in his five

to capture two for 16 and

Selim Shahed bowled well

Veteran Ahmed Igbal

Arun Lal showed his class in

Save for Arun's stupendous

Cricket ground yesterday.

in a low-scoring match.

of 137 in 40 overs.

Gulshan Youth,

desperate to

stare off relega-

tion in this year's

Navana Premier

Division cricket

at the wicket Suru tone the Tarun attack to shreds, httung three massive sixes and an equal number of crisp, crack-



AMINUL ISLAM BULBUL not out with 54, made off only

Lanky Sri Lankan and the Mohammedan opening bowler Gamagee scored 12 runs off three balls with the help two

Suppi, the left-arm Tarun paceman, bowled with good control but without luck to finish with an impressive analysis of none for 15 from nine overs

llis new-ball partner Khokon also held a tight leash men, taking one for 22.

Rodrigo, Saikat, Babu and Shoeb took one wicket apice

Tito and Hadi batted positively and purposefully for some time but Dulu sent back both of them to put Tarun on the descusive.

Shoeb and skipper Rodrigo was run out for 25 the Tarun

Shoeb hit three fours and Rodrigo who remained not out

in Tarun's ultimate total 152 for nine hit only one four.

Although Mohammedans looked short of the desired penetration Gamagee claimed two wickets for 24 runs and Jahangir Tarukdar Dulu gave one run more to bug another two wickets.

Bulbul, Wahidul Ghani and Rafiq took one wicket apice.

SCOREBOARD MOHAMMEDAN SC Jahangir e Hadi b Rodrigo Didar c Hadi b Khokon Guruge run out Bulbul c Tito b Shocb Rafig b Saikat Suru not out Gamagee e Aruna de Silva b Babu Md Ali not out

Extras Total (for 6 wkts in 42 overs Bowling: Khokon Aruna Rodrigo 41 Saikat

Babu Shocb **SURJA TARUN** Hadi c Ibw Dulu Golla e Guruge b Gamagee Tito Ibw Dulu Aruna st Ratan b Bulbul Shocb run out Rodrigo not out Artf c Bulbul b Rafiq Suppi run out Babu c Rafiq b Wahid

Saikat not out Extras Total (for 9 wkts in 42 Bowling: Gamagee

Khokon b Gamagee

25 Wahid Rulig Umpires: S. Hug and Hallim

TODAY'S MATCHES

Navana Abahani vs GMCC (Dhaka

Milnars

Stadium)

Total (all out in 40 overs)

PWD vs Rupali Bank (DCS). Udity vs Wanderers (Mirpur City Club ground).

> the East Zone. Shocb Rahman netted for

> > Arif and Ferdous of Paradgar and Ziaul Karim of Mukti re-

In the lone match of the West Zone Badsha Smrity Sangha won against Swadesh

odd goal in three. Meanwhile, a DMFA press release said that all future engagements of Bangladesh Bank S.C of North Zone and Motifheel Club of Central Zone will remain suspended until

These two teams gave walkovers in their scheduled matches on January 6 and 7 respectively.

Abedi Pele is Africa's best

Pele won the vote organised by the France Football magazine ahead of Monaco's Liberian striker George Weah and Cameroon's Francois Omam-Biyik, who plays for another French club, Cannes.

Pioneer soccer

Sports Reporter

Six teams won in yesterday's engagement of 1991 Janata Bank Pioneer football league. Two other matches of the day ended in goalless

In the lone South Zone match at Mirpur Outer Stadium, Mirpur Sports and Physical Culture Center defeated Rising Star 2-0.

Mostafa Kamal scored the first goal in the sixth minute of the first half while Gholam Kibria doubled the margin in the seventh minute after the short whistle.

The North Zone match at the Banani Chairmanbari ground was won by Eskaton Sabuj Sangha who beat Mirpur Nabarun Sporting Club two nil, Mizanur Rahman Don and and Shafigul Islam Mitu netted for the winners.

Ahsanul Islam of Eskaton and Ahed of Nabarun were shown yellow cards for unseemly behaviour in the field. The central zone tie be-

tween Madartek Chhatra Sangsad and Ekihak Paira ended in a goalless draw at the Basabo ground.

Saiful of Ekjhak Paira received the yellow card for dangerous play.

In the other match of the same zone Matutal Udayan Sangsad defeated Manda Sangsad 3-1 at the same ground

Billal, Monir and Mokhtar were the scorers for the victors while Ziaul pulled back one for the losers.

In the first match of the East Zone at the Dhupkhola Jaganath College ground Kaliganj Palli Unnayan Samity shared points with Eastern Club in a goalless draw.

the yellow cards for rough play. In the other match of the zone Swarup Krira Chakra edged past Railway Blues by a solitary goal in a scrappy match.

Abul Kashem of Eastern got

Mamun Bahadur scored the all- important goal. Mamun Bahadur and Masum

Billah of Swarup and Habibur Rahman Liton and M Shabbir of Blues were contained with vellow cards by the referee for dangerous play. Pardagair Krira Samaj

Kalyan Parishad got the better of Mukti Khelaghar 1-0 at the Dhupkhola Jagannath College ground in the other match of

the winners.

ceived yellow cards.

Samal Kalyan Sangha by the

further notice.

PARIS, Jan 7: Ghana's Abedi Pele has been named African Player-of-the-year two weeks after Olympique Marseille teammate Jean-Pierre Papin was voted European player-ofthe-year, reports AFP.

Pakistan subdue dogged Lankans

FAISALABAD, Jun 7: Pakistan defeated a dogged Sri Lanka by three wickets in their

five-day

match to clinch the three-test series at the lgbal Stadium here today, reports AFP. The first two Tests at Sailkot and Gujranwala had

ended in draws, mainly due to bad weather. In the decider, Srt Lanka

scored 240 and 165 while

Pakistan made 221 and 188 for seven. Pakistan prevailed after facing trouble at least three times in the face of the Sri

Lankan bowlers' superb performance. Kapila Wijegunawardene and Pramodaya Wickremasinghe were the most lethal in the two innings, taking seven and six wickets

respectively When Pakistan came in Monday for their second knock, chasing an overall target of 185, Sri Lanka dismissed four of their front line batsmen for a meagre 60 runs.

But Zahid Fazal and Wasim Akram staged a grand comeback, hitting a confident 89 runs in their fifth-wicket partnership and bringing Pakistan close to victory.

With Zahid out at 78 to Wickremasinghe, Pakistan were 149, needing only 36 to win. But his departure again revived some hopes in the Sri Lankan camp.

The relebtless tourists got another precious wicket of Wasim Akram after he had comple.ed his fourth 50 in his

Zcaland, Jan 7

broke New Zealand opener

Trevor Franklin's arm on the

first day of a three-day gange

against a New Zealand Minor

Association's team today, re-

Lawrence had the New

Zealand XI reeling at 22 for

three before a gutsy 64 from

Ken Rutherford led the home

team to a respectable total of

245. The Gloucestershire

paccman, 28 later this month,

ended with figures of five for

day at 85 for one after captain

over for the want of an arm

for the Minor Associations XI

against the touring England

side here today, had the radius

bone in his left forearm broken

pitched a short delivery which

caught Franklin on the arm,

and to add insult to injury. He

was also adjudged caught at

short leg where the ball

crack could be heard. New

Zealand Press Association

Krishnamurthi reported. The

sound prompted the umpire

pital and an hour later re-

Franklin was taken to hos-

to give Franklin out.

back from the left.

chances and their neat, confi-

dent passing style was spoiled

only when Tony Naylor and

When the ball struck a

writer Sri

popped out to Alec Stewart.

cricket

A fiery David Lawrence

by the second ball of the day.

The lanky opener, playing

guard, reports AFP.

In reply, England ended the

NAPIER, New

Zealand, Jan 7:

New Zealand Test

opening batsman

Trevor Franklin's

cricket season is

ports Reuter.

52 from 22 overs.

England pace

bowler David

Lawrence took

five wickets and

Test career and soon after sent Wijegunawardene each bowled back the last recognized bats-

man, Shoath Mohammed, for 7. Touring captain Arayinda Do But keeper Moin Khan hit Silva then threw a close net the winning shot, a stinging around the wicket, putting four off Wijegunawardene to



WASIM AKRAM...man-of-the-match

the Pakistani tail the six runs that separated them from their sixth Test victory against Sri

Disparately struggling to save the match, Rumesh

Lawrence wrecks Kiwi side

Graham Gooch smashed 42

runs in just 10 overs before

young Otago bowler Jeff Hayes

trapped him leg before wicket.

dropped catch before he

scored to finish the day 25 not

out. Robin Smith was 14 not

through New Zealand's

provincial teams - they have

won both matches of the tour

so far - appeared guaranteed

at the picturesque McLean

Park ground bordering the

Pacific Ocean when Lawrence

literally broke through in the

opened for New Zealand in

next week's first Test in

sharply rising ball with his

Season is over for NZ opener

turned with his arm in plaster.

in his bag and the lesson to be

learnt from this is that if bats-

men are used to wearing arm

guards then perhaps they

should be wearing them in all

games," convenor of New

"His cricket season is now

Neely said the three selec-

tors along with captain Martin

Crowe and coach Warren Lees

would meet on the weekend

to partner John Wright in the

Test starting next week, but

Neely said the matter was

complicated by there not being

enough experienced openers

together and see what we can

"We'll have to put our heads

Franklin was philosophical

"It was a shortish delivery

They will look for an opener

to assess the situation.

Zealand Selectors Don Neely

Trevor had an arm guard

Christchurch, blocked

Franklin, expected to have

first over.

finished:

about.

do about it."

about the injury.

England's smooth progress

Graeme Hick survived a

Youpis was at one when it was all over. Wasim Akram won the man-

of the match award for hitting a mature knock of 54 and taking five Sri Lankan wickets.

out caught by Alec Stewart.

The experienced batsman

returned to the Napter ground

after a visit to hospital to have

his arm bandaged holding x

rays to show umptres the ball

had indeed hit - and broken -

his arm, and had not touched

three-match Test series

against England and New

Zealand selectors now have to

find another opener to partner

advantage of the North Island

sunshine for some batting

practice were temporarily

foiled by a 65-run last wicket

partnership between bowlers

Simon Doull and Roydon

which I didn't pick up that

quickly and it just nipped

back and caught me a week bit

unawares and on the forearm,

noise and it was a bit sore so l

thought a little bit of damage

the umpire had given me out

which did more damage to me

than the pain at the time, so

was fired up and with good

push for a place in the one-day

side. And there was a good

chance for him to show

Graham Gooch that he can

England opens in Christchurch

next week. Franklin was not

named in the team that will

play England in the first one-

day match in Auckland on

The first Test against

bowl at the right place."

Franklin thought Lawrence

"He is obviously trying to

I'm very disappointed."

"It made a little bit of a

"Then I looked up and saw

he said.

reason.

had been done."

England's attempts to take

John Wright in the Tests.

Franklin is ruled out for the

his bat or glove.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the fifth and last day of the third and final ericket Test between Pakistan

and Sri Lanka today. SRI LANKA : First innings 240 (S Jayasuriya 81 not out, R Mahanama 58, Wagar Younis

four for 87) PARISTAN: First innings 221 Rameez Raja 63, P

Wickeremansinghe five for 73) SRI LANKA: Second innings

165 (Waqar Younis five for 65) PAKISTAN: Second innings (overnight 95 for four) Rameez Raja Ibw b Wickremasinghe Zahid Fazal c Anurasiri

b Gurusinha Javed Miandad c Gurusinha b Wijegunawardene Selim Malik e Gurustuha b Wijegunawardene Imran Khan Ibw b Wijegunawardene Wasim Akram c De Silva b Wijegunawardene Shoath Mohammad b Ratnavake Moin Khan not out Waxiar Younis not out Extras (b-2 lb-3 nb-7) total (seven wickets) Fall of wickets: 1-31, 2-52, 3-60, 4-60, 5-149, 6-156, 7-

Wickremasinghe 26 Wijegunawardene Guruetriba Anunustri

Result: Pakistan won by three wickets First Test : Stalkot-match drawn

Second Test : Gujranwalamatch draw.

Lankans call up replacements arm, only to find himself given

FAISALABAD, Jan 7: Injuryhit Sri Lanka are flying two new players to Pakistan to bolster their side for a five-match series of one-day cricket internationals beginning on Friday, reports Reuter.

Batsman Arjuna Ranatunga's shoulder injury was not responding to treatment and he was being sent home, tour manager Ranjith Fernando told reporters before the start of the last day of the third and final Test on Tuesday.

He will be replaced by Ruwan Kaplage, a 21-year-old all-rounder, in time for the first one day game in Sargodha on Friday. Medium-pace bowler Graeme Laborooy will join before the second match in Karachi on January 13.

 Ranatunga was injured trying to take a diving catch in the current Test, and was one of several Srt Lanka players injured in the series.

Captain Aravinda De Silva, who had a fever and stomach problems, got up to take the field last Saturday, and fast bowler Rumesh Ratnayake has been bothered by a pulled muscle in his groin.

Ranatunga, brought back for the series after a one-year suspension for indiscipline, used to be Srt Lanka's leading runmaker but has had a miscrable series in Pakistan. He failed to score until the current Test when he made four.

Parrott in quarter-finals

BOURNEMOUTH, England, Jan 7: World snooker champion John Parrott regained his potting touch in the nick of time to reach the quarter-finals of the 325,000-pound mercantile credit classic here on Sunday night, reports AFP.

Barnes returns with a bang Maradona may not be LONDON, Jan 7:



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Umpires: Hassan Bablu and

England winger John Barnes celebrated his longawaited comeback to football with a hat-trick as Liverpool sent Crewe into the FA Cup buffers

at Gresty Road on Monday, reports AFP. Barnes showed that a 32game absence had done nothing to him his reflexes and he was the chief architect in setting up'

the First Division club's fourth round trip to Bristol Rovers. While he was clearly unwilling to over-extend rusty muscles after Achilles and calf problems, his immediate impact will be good news for both

Liverpool and England. Barnes ensured that the new favourites avoided the Fourth Division nightmare suffered by Arsenal less than 30 miles away on Saturday, and he allowed Graeme Souness' side to partly erase the painful memory of their own stumble at Peterborough a month ago in the Rumbelows Cup.

Liverpool humiliated their opponents 9-2 in the League Cup last scason - and the script was soon being re-read. thanks to Rob Jones, the 600,000 pounds bargain they picked up from Crewe in October.

/ He accelerated on to Ray Houghton's pass down the right in the ninth minute and pulled a low cross into the path of Steve McManaman, who drove a right-foot shot crisply inside the

Ansield reject Craig Hignett Barnes' first goal came nest went wide of the target. - in the 26th minute. Rob

As Crewe faded in the sec-Edwards cleared Mark Wright's ond-haif, the last remaining header from Houghton's corner question was whether Barnes off the line, and when Dean could collect his hat-trick. He Saunders drove the loose ball accelerated on to Molby's 78th back into the middle, Barnes minute pass, but put just a bit flicked it eleverly home. too much weight to his first-Two minutes later Barnes touch lob over Greygoose.

produced a goal straight out of In the last minute, however, the memory bank, steering the Jones broke through, Dave ball over Dean Greygoose when McKearney tripped him and McManaman pulled the ball Barnes stepped up to the spot to drive the ball beyond Creve, a wonderful example Greygoose's dive and complete a of what can be achieved on a fairy-tale return. shoestring, also had their

> Live pool's odds have been cut from 5-1 to 9-2 favourites by bookmakers William Hill.

AC Milan not interested in signing up Papin

MILAN, Italy, Jan 7: Italian trio see out their, contract. league leaders AC Milan say Boban, bought from Dinamo they will not pursue their in-Zagreb, has been loaned to terest in European player-of-Bari while Savicevic stays with the-year Jean-Pierre Papin Red Star Belgrade for the even though their own Dutch remainder of the scason. forward Marco Van Basten has Papin, whose contract with urged the club to sign the Olympique Marseille runs

French star, reports AFP. until 1995, is rated at 60 mil-"We feel we are adequately lion francs (12 million-dollars). covered next season with our "I can see Papin going to two Yugoslav signings," Milan either Juventus or Napoli," general manager Adriano Galliani added. Galliani said Monday. Znementr Boban and Bejan

Napoli, where he would link Savicevic will join Van Basten, up with French teammate Ruud Gullit and Frank Rijkaard Laurent Blance, seems his next season when the Dutch most likely destination.

welcome in US WASHINGTON,



Saturday.

Jan 7: Fal-kn socccr star Diego Maradona may encounter obstacles to any plans

of taking up residence in the United States, a US official said on Monday, reports Reuter. Maradona, who faces cocaine

possession and trafficking charges in Argentina, told the Buenos Aires newspaper La Nacion in an interview pub-



DIEGO MARADONA

lished on Sunday that he was planning to move with his wife Claudia and infant daughters Dalma and Giannina to Florida in about three months.

Duke Austin, spokesman for the US Immigration and Naturalisation Service, suggested Washington would take a dim view of Maradona's plans if criminal charges were pending against him. "You can't just take up resi-

dence in the United States, you have to qualify for residency... Even if he purchased property doesn't mean he can live here,' Austin said. The agency that's going to

determine whether he would be granted a visa would be the State Department."

State Department policy is to deny visas to aliens convicted of drug trafficking. If criminal drug charges are pending, as in Maradona's case, a visa could still be denied if consular officials have reason to believe the candidate was involved in drug trafficking.

The State Department on Monday declined to comment on Maradona's situation.

Maradona was arrested in April at a Buenos Aires flat where police found cocaine and was released a few hours later after paying 20,000 dollars bail. He told the newspaper that

he had admitted before the judge hearing the case that he had used cocaine but denied the possession and trafficking charges. Before his arrest, the Italian

soccer league had banned Maradona, a Napoli midfielder, from playing for 15 months after his urine sample showed traces of cocaine. The international Football Federation later extended the ban world-

Enamul Hug Moni backed them up with two for 12. Biman got off to a nightmarish start, losing in form Tariquzzaman Munir and Bachchu for zero and one. Selim Shahed with three fours scored 25 to steady the boat but skipper Shahnawaz Shanu's early dismissal was a

never recovered. Dhaka Div top Ansars sports

body blow from which Biman

Dhaka Division became champions in the annual sports and cultural competition of the Bangladesh Ansars and VDP, which concluded yesterday at the Ansars Academy at Shafipur., reports

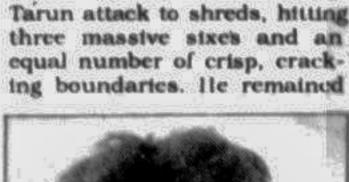
Khulna Division won the runners-up trophy.

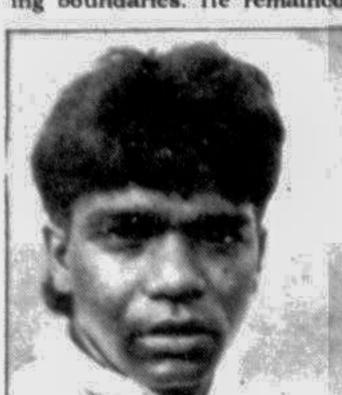
Mohammad Aslam Hossain established a new national record in the marathon clocking two hours 30 minutes five seconds against the previous time of two hours 30 minutes

About 400 selected sportsmen and women and artistes from four divisions took part in the four-day competition. Home Minister Abdul Matin

Chowdhury distributed the prizes among the winners as chief guest on the concluding Speaking on the occasion, the Home Minister lauded the role of Ansars and VDP in the national sports and culture and

preciable performances. He hoped that the members of this organisation would do their best to attain more success in games and sports at the national as well as international levels.





51 balls.

mighty sixes.

over the Mohammedan bats-

for Tarun. Surja Tarun Club began

their reply disastrously with opener Javed Omar Golla guiding a lifter from pacemen Gamagee to the safe hands of his compatriot Guruge at gully in the very first over of their innings.

rallied round with some sensible batting but when Shoch challenge gradually thinned

into nothingness.

Biman crash to Gulshan Sports Reporter Zakaria with a bright 37 inclusive of five fours revived

the Biman hopes and Shabbir

joined in the act with 25, but

both were run out as tension mounted." Arun Lal sent the burning Biman fuselage into air with innocuous off breaks by dismissing Moni, Pial and Ali Ahsan Babu with the three batsmen adding only four to

target by two runs. Shamin, the young Gulshan pacemen, made early inroads in the Biman batting with fig-

ures of two for 20. Arun Lal, however, stole the statistical honours with three for 20.

Arif b Selim Shahed Ashiq Ibw Babu Arun Lal c Babu b Bachchu Rupam run out Rajkumar st Dalim b Shahed Manju lbw Shabbir

Shamin c Shahed b Bachchu 0

Mamun c Bachchu b Moni

Ripon not out

Shahed Shabbir Moni BIMAN Munir Ibw Shamim the total which fell short of the Bachchu c Ishtiag b Shamim 0 Shahed c & b Rupom Shanu !bw Babul Zakaria run out Shabbir run out Moni c Ishtiaq b Arun Lal Pial c&b Arun Lal Babu c (sub) b Arun Lal Dalim not out SCOREBOARD Azhar run out **GULSHAN YOUTH** Extras Total (all out in 44.2 overs) Bowling: Shamim Rajkumar 1.5 Ripon Babul Mamun Ishtiaq c Dalim b Moni Rupam Babul e Mont b Bachchu Arun Lal

Manju

A II Ratan.

Extras

Bowling:

A A Babu

Bachchu



Arefiv and Sergei Zhukov(R), the two Russian footballers who arrived in the city Monday to play for Senior Division champions Abahani KC this season. -Star photo