

Brothers overcome Gulshan

Sports Reporter

Brothers Union overpowered a rejuvenated and reinforced a Gulshan Youth by four wickets in the Navana Premier Division cricket league at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Gulshan batted first to score 192 for five wickets in 40 overs, with the aid of fine knock, from former Indian Test batsman Ashok Malhotra and local player Rupam.

Known as the 'Vishwanath of the North' for his penchant for strokes square on the side, the Malhotra was let off by Selim when he was on only 11 but remained unbeaten on 96 made of 97 balls with seven sweetly-timed boundaries.

Rupam gave him good support with 62 off 100 balls inclusive of seven fours before being bowled by Brothers skipper Athar Ali.

Selim was the pick of the Brothers bowlers with figures of two for 24. Chasing a challenging target of 193, Brothers Union got off to a rather shaky start with opener Tomal departing for a duck.

Shamin, the successful Gulshan paceman, struck again to send back in-form Sumon. But Nurul Abedin Nobel with 38 and Athar Ali with 20 put Brothers back on the track.

Arup Bhattacharya, the left-handed all-rounder from West Bengal, scored a quick 25 off 23 balls and Sri Lankan TL Fernando after a long lay off played a blazing knock of 46 with the help of two fours and two towering sixes to pave the path for a Brothers victory with two overs to spare.

Halim Shah with a rapid-fire 35 off 31 balls containing five boundaries remained not out at the kill.

Shamin with two for 27 was the Gulshan bowler to shine with the leather.

Rupam and Indian Arun Lal, who failed with the willow, picked up one wicket apiece at the cost of 47 and 48 runs respectively.

Total (for wks in 40 overs)				
Bowling:	O	M	R	W
Fernando	9	-	42	1
Selim	9	1	24	2
Nadir Shah	6	1	33	-
Athar Ali	9	-	44	-
Salahuddin	7	-	44	-
BROTHERS UNION:				
Tomal c Ishlaque b Shamin	0			
Novel c Rupam b Arun Lal	38			
Sumon lbw Shamin	14			
Athar Ali c A Malhotra b Rupam	20			
Arup run out	25			
Fernando run out	46			

Ialim Shah not out				
Shomon not out				
Extras: 17				
Total (for 6 wks in 38 overs)				
Bowling:	O	M	R	W
Shamin	7	1	27	2
Ishul	9	2	30	0
Rupam	9	0	47	1
Mamun	3	0	10	0
Arun	7	0	48	1
Malhotra	3	0	21	0
Umpires:	Shaheen and Mahaboob			
Scorer:	Dilip			

Biman beat Tarun

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Biman seemed to have recuperated well following their shocking defeat to Gulshan Youth in the last match when they outplayed Surja Tarun Club yesterday by four wickets in the other Navana Premier Division cricket league match at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

Opting to bat first after winning the toss Surja Tarun used their quota of 45 overs to score 165 for seven wickets.

Skipper Rodrigo topscored with 56. Arif with an unbeaten 24 and Javed Omar Golla with 17 were the other notable scorers.

Rafiq, the Biman paceman, ran through the top half of Tarun batting with figures of four for 27.

Off-spinner Selim Shahed was a classic study in economy with figures of one for nine from nine overs.

Enamul Haq Moni and Ahmed Iqbal Bachchu were the other bowlers to take one wicket each.

Biman began disastrously, losing both their openers Tariquzzaman Munir and Bachchu for nine and four respectively.

Salim Shahed steadied the rocking Biman boat with 23 and skipper shahnawaz Shanu with a splendid unbeaten 68 off 100 balls with eight hits to the fence piloted Biman to a victory. Moni bore him a hand with 37.

He smote a lovely six in his 40-ball knock. Rodrigo with two for 29 was the most successful Tarun bowler.

Suppi again bowled well to take one for 16 from his nine overs. Khokon and Golla shared a wicket apiece.

SURJA TARUN
Hadi c Azhar b Rafiq 16
Golla b Rafiq 17
Tito c Jahangir b Rafiq 0
Aruna b Selim Shahed 11
Shoeb b Rafiq 1
Rodrigo c shanu b Bachchu 56
Babu c Shanu b Moni 15
Arif not out 24
Suppi not out 20
Extras 25
Total (7 wks in 45 overs) 165

Bowling:				
Rafiq	9	0	27	4
Pial	3	0	21	0
Selim shahed	9	1	*9	1
Moni	9	0	38	1
Azhar	6	1	16	0
Shobhan	6	0	21	0
Bachchu	3	0	27	1

B BIMAN				
Munir c Hadi b Suppi	9			
Bachchu c Aruna b Khokon	4			
Shahed b Rodrigo	23			
Shanu not out	68			
Zakaria b Rodrigo	37			
Moni run out	3			
Shabbir b Golla	0			
Pial not out	2			
Extras	20			
Total (6 wks in 42 over)	166			

Bowling:				
Suppi	9	2	16	1
Khokon	9	1	20	1
Aruna	2	0	13	0
Shoeb	2	0	14	0
Salkat	7	1	35	0
Rodrigo	9	0	29	2
Ishul	3	0	27	0
Golla	1	0	4	1

TODAY'S MATCHES				
Navana: GMCC vs PWD (Dhaka Stadium)				
Milnars: Young Pegasus vs Victoria SC (Mirpur Pallabi)				



Akihiro too good for Bush

TOKYO, Jan 10: Japan's Emperor Akihiro defeated visiting US President George Bush in a friendly tennis doubles match at the Palace Court on Wednesday, court officials said, reports Reuter.

Akihiro, paired with elder son Crown Prince Naruhito, won 6-3, 6-3 against the duo of Bush and US Ambassador to Japan Michael Armacost.

"The Japanese team is very strong," Bush was quoted as telling Akihiro after the hour-long match. "But the Crown Prince is younger than half my age. It is very satisfying to enjoy sports during foreign visits."

"We were just lucky," Akihiro told Bush, according to one court official. The match was to last only one set but was extended at the President's request, they said.

The match was the second between the two current heads of state. Akihiro, visiting Washington in 1987 as Crown Prince, defeated then Vice President Bush.

The Emperor, now 58, is a life-long tennis enthusiast who wooed his commoner wife Michiko on the courts.

Boulmerka to stay in Algeria

ALGIERS, Jan 10: Hassiba Boulmerka, the women's world 1,500-meter champion, denied that she is considering leaving her native Algeria to avoid political problems, the official Algerian news agency said Friday, reports AP.

Leaders of the Islamic Salvation Front which is poised to take control of Algeria's Parliament have denounced the athlete for "running with naked legs in front of thousands of men."

Boulmerka said that she intends to stay in her country "no matter who the leaders are."

The Italian daily La Repubblica reported that the 23-year-old runner indicated she wants to live in Siena, Italy, if the Salvation Front completes its victory.

Boulmerka, who won the World Championship in Tokyo last August, has a number of Italian connections. She has trained in Italy and has an Italian agent who also manages a number of African athletes.

India won't go to Sharjah, unless ...

MADRAS, Jan 10: The Indian cricket team will not participate in the Sharjah tournament scheduled for April 1992, reports IPI.

This was decided at a special general body meeting of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) today.

The meeting also decided that as far as future participation was concerned, the organisers of the Sharjah tournament, the CBFS, would have to restore the BCCI's confidence on the management, administration and organisation of the tournament.

Media goes to town

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan 10: With the rape trial of former world heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson less than three weeks away, preparations are underway to accommodate the large number of media and to ensure that the jury remains unaffected by the expected commotion, reports AFP.

Tyson, 25, is accused of raping an 18-year-old beauty pageant contestant here last July and faces up to 63 years in prison if convicted.

Nearly 120 local, national and international media organisations have requested credentials for the trial, which begins here on January 27, but only 25 seats will be available for reporters in the courtroom.

In order to guarantee broad media access, the Indiana Supreme Court decided Thursday to permit the use of closed-circuit television to broadcast the trial to a secondary press room located in the Marion County court house.

"The additional room must be treated in every respect as though it were a courtroom, including adequate security and the presence of a judicial officer to maintain decorum and enforce rules," said Indiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Randall Shepard.

A cakewalk for Pakistan

SARGODHA, Pakistan, Jan 10: Pakistan cruised to an easy win in their first one day international against Sri Lanka here Friday, reports AFP.

Having limited the tourists to 155 in 40 overs, Pakistan coasted to victory with eight wickets remaining and more than three overs to spare.

Rameez Raja led the Pakistan attack with a masterly 74, while the recently out of form Javed Miandad provided the necessary support with an unbeaten 60.

Raja, who replaced Shoab Mohammed as opener, won the man-of-the-match award for his innings at the packed Sargodha Stadium, which was formally opened Friday.

Miandad, who was facing a fitness problem, played his first long innings following successive dismal performances in the three Test series, which Pakistan won 1-0 after the first two rain marred Tests ended in draws.

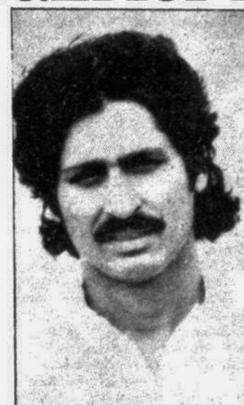
After being put into bat by the home side, Sri Lanka were soon in trouble when openers Roshan Mahanama and Chandika Hathurasinghe were both dismissed without reaching double figures, leaving the tourists struggling on 27 for two.

Waqar Younis trapped Mahanama leg before for five, while Hathurasinghe was caught by keeper Moin Khan off Imran Khan for six.

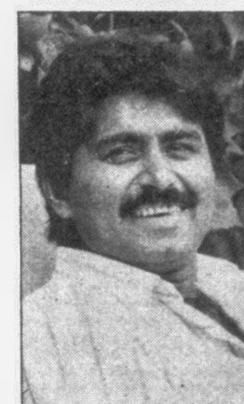
Asanka Gurusinha led a Sri Lankan recovery, scoring a brisk 37 before being caught by Imran Khan off the bowling of Akram Raza.

At the end of their allotted 40 overs, Sri Lanka had made 155 for the loss of six wickets, with Hashan Tillekeratne not out on 37.

Younis got two wickets for



RAJA...man-of-the-match



MIANDAD...scores again

Pakistan while Aaqib, Imran Khan and Raza shared one each. Sanath Jayasuriya, considered Sri Lanka's most dependable batsman, was unlucky to be run out while on 26.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the one-day international between Sri Lanka and Pakistan here Friday:
SRI LANKA
Roshan Mahanama lbw b Younis 5
Chandika Hathurasinghe c Moni b Imran 6
Asanka Gurusinha c Imran b Raza 37
Aravinda De Silva c Akram b Younis 19
Sanath Jayasuriya run out 26
Hashan Tillekeratne not out 37
Marvan Atapattu b Aaqib Javed 4
Duan Kalpage not out 5
Extras (b1, lb5, w7, nb3) 16
Total (6 wks in 40 overs) 155
Did not bat: Kapila Wijegunawardene, Pramodaya Wickremasinghe, Champaka Ramanayake.

Fall: 1-11; 2-27; 3-69; 4-79; 5-118; 6-138.
Bowling: O M R W
Akram 8 0 33 0
Younis 8 2 13 2
Aaqib 8 1 26 1
Imran 8 0 35 1
Raza 8 0 42 1

PAKISTAN
Rameez Raja c Mahanama b Wijegunawardene 74
Zahid Fazal b Ramanayake 9
Javed Miandad not out 60
Salim Malik not out 9
Extras: (lb1, w2 nb2) 5
Total: (2 wks in 36.5 overs) 157
Did not bat: Imran Khan, Inzhamul Haq, Moin Khan, Wasim Akram, Waqar Younis, Akram Raza and Aaqib Javed.
Fall: 1-19, 2-131.

Bowling: O M R W
Ramanayake 6 1 19 1
Wijegunawardene 8 0 41 1
Wickremasinghe 5 0 14 0
Gurusinha 4 0 21 0
Kalpage 7 1 32 0
Jayasuriya 6.5 0 29 0
Pakistan won by eight wickets.

England start as firm favourites

AUCKLAND, Jan 10: With batsmen out of form and bowlers far from consistent, New Zealand looks well placed to lose the first one-day international against England at Eden Park here Saturday, reports AFP.

England captain Graham Gooch said when the tourists arrived that he was "hell-bent on winning" and he seems to mean it. His batsmen have piled up runs in two three-day games and his bowlers are performing with pace and guile.

This England team is very different to the one which arrived here last season, tired and demoralised after a thrashing in Australia. They gave the distinct impression that they would rather go home than play cricket, and the Kiwis beat them 2-1 in a one-day series.

Now they are fresh, keen and sharp. In the three matches played so far — the first was a one-day game against Auckland — Gooch has scored a century and Graeme Hick has twice passed the 100 mark. Alan Lamb, aggressive and dependable, has twice been over 50. Robin Smith is on form and experienced.

Phil DeFreitas and Dermot Reeve are fast and accurate with Chris Lewis a solid all-rounder. Phil Tufnell has been an outstanding spinner on this tour, and New Zealand's batsmen will have to work him out to keep their wickets.

David Lawrence was not considered because of injury but Gooch still has plenty to pick from in his bowling department.

New Zealand rate Hick and Tufnell as serious threats. Hick had a disappointing entry to international cricket during the English summer and is out to prove himself.

And he is no stranger to New Zealand conditions because he has played provincial cricket here during English winters.

Compared with the English talent and form, New Zealand are a sorry sight. Captain Martin Crowe and top order batsman Mark Greatbatch have not gone into double figures in their last three innings and opener John Wright has had a patchy season.

Crowe and Greatbatch, playing in provincial one-day matches on Wednesday, were both caught behind off rising balls outside the off stump.

However, number four Andrew Jones has been in the runs and maintains an excel-

lent one-day average while opener Rod Latham has been reliable in provincial games.

The New Zealand selectors have stacked their side with allrounders — three of them in line and length this season. He is all fire and aggression, but he will probably have to shoulder more than his share of responsibility.

The other opening bowler, which will almost certainly be Chris Cairns, has been erratic in recent matches with a persistent tendency to drop the ball short.

New Zealand coach Warren Lees picks England as the favourites.

"They are obviously running into good form and seem much more motivated than when they were here last time," he said Thursday.

"They must start as favourites. Nobody expects New Zealand to win."

Lees conceded his players were showing "mixed form" but said he hoped they would come right on the big day.

"I see England's major strength at the top of their batting. Their top four or five are world class. If three of those top five get away from us there are going to be an awful lot of runs scored."

Despite all these apparent problems, Crowe at least is optimistic.

"Relax — there's no need to fret over my form," he assured readers of Wellington's Evening Post newspaper today.

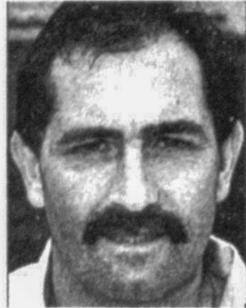
"It would be nice to go into the series opener which a good be there in terms of batting."

Crowe noted that England have had easy games to tune up for the series.

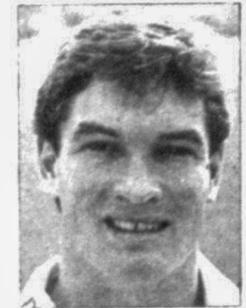
The English haven't been under any pressure at all on the tour. The presence of a side like ours in the field could tell."

"We saw that last year when beating them 2-1."

But this isn't last year, and Crowe is going to find little re-



GOOCH...confident captain



HICK...a point to prove

semblance between the team he beat then and the one he plays Saturday.

TEAMS
NEW ZEALAND (from) — Martin Crowe (Capt), John Wright, Andrew Jones, Rod Latham, Mark Greatbatch, Chris Harris, Ian Smith, Gavin Larsen, Justin Vaughan, Chris Cairns, Chris Pringle, Danny Morrison.

ENGLAND: Graham Gooch (capt), Graeme Hick, Robin Smith, Neil Fairbrother, Allan Lamb, Alec Stewart, Dermot Reeve, Chris Lewis, Derek Pringle, Philip DeFreitas, Philip Tufnell, Mark Ramprakash (12th man).

Captain Graham Gooch said he had picked Hick to open the innings with him to ensure that his best batsman got to the crease early in the match.

Swedish men suffer setbacks

BIRMINGHAM, England, Jan 10: Sweden, who lost the World Team Cup to China in Barcelona two months ago, suffered two more surprising table tennis setbacks at the English Open here on Thursday, reports AFP.

Former world champion Jan-Ove Waldner, the second seed, and the reigning European champion Mikael Appelgren decided third, went out in the second round of a dramatic first day.

Waldner, beaten by French number five Nicolas Chatelain in the last English Open, appeared to have made a fine recovery when he went from 14-19 to 19-19 in the fourth game against the improving German Peter Franz. But he could not sustain it and lost

three points of defeat to Ireland's Colum Slevin. And he then had to save three match points against Chatelain.

The ninth-seeded player may have been jaded after playing a major role in China's 6-1 victory over England on a long tour and was soon two games down against Slevin.

Xie managed to win the third game for the loss of a mere five points with some stunning smashing and counter-hitting, but at 19-18 in the fourth he returned serve a little too high and was lucky to see the Irishman loop the ball off.

After winning that match 21-14 in the final game Xie was then 17-20 down in the final game against Chatelain, but saved the match points with two good serves and an audacious smash from the Frenchman's counter-hit.

Leeds can afford no mistakes

LONDON, Jan 10: Sheffield Wednesday, the surprise package of the English First Division, welcome top club Leeds United on Sunday with no intention of blemishing their spotless home record, reports Reuter.

Wednesday, promoted this season, lie third in the table with only Manchester United and nine points between them and the leaders.

Although beaten 3-1 by Manchester United in the League Cup on Wednesday, Leeds have gone 13 games without defeat in the league.

And with United only a point behind playing on Saturday they cannot afford any mistakes.

But at least two top players will be missing from the Yorkshire Derby.

Midfielder David Batty stays banned from the Leeds team, while Wednesday striker David Hirst is still in the early stages of recovery from a knee injury. The Sheffield side could also be without former Oldham defender Paul Warhurst, who is struggling to shake off a virus.

United take on Everton at Old Trafford but manager Alex Ferguson knows that Everton will not easily allow United

Leeds can afford no mistakes

the victory that would take them back to the top with a point and a game in hand.

Only brilliant goalkeeping by Peter Schmetchel and some desperate defending restricted Everton to a goalless draw at Goodison Park when they met last August.

United are riding high after their League Cup victory at Eland Road, where teenager Ryan Giggs produced a match winning performance, creating one goal and scoring another.

Liverpool, fifth in the table, will fancy their chances of ending Luton Town's recent league revival at Anfield to move closer to the leaders.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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