

Swimming record

KUOPIO, Finland, Jan 18: Finland's Jani Stevnen set a men's 200 metres individual mid-lay swimming short course world record of one minute 57.19 seconds in the Finnish indoor championships on Friday, the Finnish news agency STT reported, reports Reuter.

Stevnen, 17, beat the previous record of 1:58.18 set by Pablo Morales of the United States in Los Angeles in April, 1987.

Pak-Windies to play triangular in S Africa

JOHANNESBURG, Jan 18: Pakistan and the West Indies will play a three-way cricket series in South Africa in February next year, South African cricket authorities said on Friday, reports Reuter.

Alli Baehar, managing director of the United Cricket Board of South Africa, told reporters the visiting teams would play a series of one-day internationals over three to four weeks.

He said participation by the West Indies had been finalised in talks with Clyde Walcott, president of the West Indies Cricket Board, and his executive secretary Steve Camacho. The West Indians are on a 10-day visit.

Baehar announced on Thursday provisional plans for a South African tour of the West Indies in April.

India will tour South Africa at the end of this year, the first national side to visit since South Africa was readmitted to world cricket last year following 21 years of isolation.

City win big Big win for City

City Club recorded a flattering nine-wicket victory against Eskaton Sabuj Sangha in the Minars First Division cricket league at Mirpur Pallabi yesterday.

Electing to bat, Eskaton made only 83 runs before being all out in 32.2 overs.

Opt top scored with 26 runs with the help of two hits to the fence for Eskaton.

Sohel ran through the Eskaton batting line up claiming five wickets for only nine runs.

Pappa took three wickets for just eight runs.

Chasing a slender target, City Club made 86 for the loss of only one wicket in 25.4 overs.

Extras were the highest scorer for City with 33.

Mont and Zakir remained not out with 27 and 22 respectively while Shipon, the only City batsman to fall, was bowled by Zakir.

TODAY'S MATCH
Ajax Club vs Victoria SC (Mirpur Pallabi).

Cagers feted

The Bangladesh Volleyball Federation yesterday evening accorded a reception to the members of the men's and women's volleyball teams which won bronze medals in the fifth South Asian Federation Games held in Colombo last month.

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman attended the function as chief guest.

Chairman of the National Sports Council Major General Mahbubur Rahman, who is also chief of the Bangladesh Volleyball Federation, the High Commissioner of Sri Lanka Alered David, volleyball players and sports organisers were present.

The Finance Minister gave away medals to the cagers while General Mahbub presented a crest of the federation to the representatives of different sponsors in the country's sporting arena.

For the record, the Bangladesh girls were the assured of their Games bronze even before setting off for Colombo, being only the third team in the meet, along with India and hosts Sri Lanka.

IAAF to defer decision on SA

ROME, Jan 18: International Amateur Athletic Federation president Primo Nebiolo suggested on Friday the IAAF would postpone a decision on South Africa's application for membership, reports Reuter.

The newly formed Athletics South Africa (ASA) unites two of South Africa's politically divided athletics bodies but the IAAF is concerned that an agreement was not reached by all three groups involved.

The ASA filed this week for IAAF membership which would pave the way for South Africans to compete in track and field events at the Barcelona Olympic Games.

The application is due to be considered by an IAAF council meeting in Mexico City next week.

"We may send a delegation to South Africa to discover what the situation there is," he added.



Finland's Jani Stevnen seen setting a new 25-meter swimming world record with a time of 1 min 57.19 secs during the men's 200m medley during the Finnish Championships in Kuopio on Jan 17.

Kalabagan defy the form book

Sports Reporter

Kalabagan Krira Chakra pulled off the biggest upset of this year when they handed strong and fancied PWD a 43-run defeat at the Dhaka Stadium in the Navana Premier Division cricket league match yesterday.

It was a payment back in their own win for newly-promoted PWD who sprang a surprise of similar proportions by beating last year's champions Brothers Union in the curtain raiser match on December 4.

PWD skipper Jahangir Shah Badshah won the toss and sent Kalabagan to bat first.

Seasoned Ishtiaq and Dipu Roy Chowdhury started well, putting on 52 for the first wicket with the former top scoring with 39 off 68 balls with three fours.

Sri Lankan Sujit Pereira joined him with a more useful and quicker 39 off 43 balls with an identical number of boundaries.

Mohammed with 31 and Pappu with 27 were the other notable scorers for Kalabagan, apart from a staggering 32 extras in a total of 198 for nine from the stipulated 45 overs.

Jahangir Shah Badshah bowled with fire as a mark of vindication of his decision to capture four for 35.

PWD were given a nightmarish start when Kalabagan, left-arm pacesman Gajanan Reddy clean bowled

Abir for a nought.

Zaki sent consistent Rownakul Islam Tutul packing off for six and Reddy hit the timber to see the back of Sri Lankan Hamin to have PWD reeling at three for 22.

The devastating Reddy found the edge of Shaheen's bat with the score on 32 and the writing was on the wall for the connection of Public Works Department.

Romesh Kaluwirathana, the Lankan wicket-keeper, who came at number four went on undaunted as his side crumbled like the walls of Jericho.

He remained there unbeaten on 94 when Reddy, coming for the mopping up operation, shattered the stumps of PWD's last man at 155.

The lone ranger hit seven fours and one superb six in his 105 ball knock.

Reddy ripped through the PWD batting with figures of four for 19.

Zaki, Dipu Chowdhury and Sujit picked up a wicket apiece for the jubilant Kalabagan Boys.

SCOREBOARD
Kalabagan EC
Ishtiaq c & b Hamin 39
Dipu Chowdhury b Badshah 17
Sujit lbw Hamin 39
Mohammad c Shaheen b Badshah 31
Pappu run out 37

Reddy c Badshah b Tutul 4

Tanvir b Badshah 6
Piko lbw Badshah 0
Tamin run out 2
Jan not out 4
Zaki not out 1
Extras 32
Total (for 9 wks) 198

Bowling: O M R W
Joydev 6 2 17 0
Joydev 5 0 16 0
Badshah 8 0 35 4
Shaheen 9 0 48 1
Hamin 9 0 33 2
Ehsan 4 0 18 0
Tutul 4 0 18 0

PWD BC
Abir b Reddy 0
Tutul lbw Zaki 11
Hamin b Reddy 6
Romesh not out 94
Shaheen c Piko b Reddy 1
Shabbir c Reddy b Dipu 19
Ehsan run out 0
Partha c Ishtiaq b Pappu 6
Badshah lbw Sujit 4
Joydev run out 0
Faru b Reddy 0
Extras 14
Total (all out in 35.3 overs) 155

Bowling: O M R W
Reddy 6.3 1 19 4
Zaki 8 0 36 1
Dipu 9 0 27 1
Pappu 6 0 22 1
Jan 3 0 22 0
Tanvir 2 0 17 0
Sujit 1 0 5 1

TODAY'S MATCHES
Lalmatia Club vs Rupali (Dhaka Stadium)
Surja Tarun vs Wari Club (DCS)

Dhanmondi win a thriller

Sports Reporter

Dhanmondi Club outplayed Three-Star Boys Club by only three runs in the exciting match of the Rank-Xerox Second Division cricket league yesterday at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium (West).

Sent into bat, Dhanmondi made 200 runs all out in their stipulated 35 overs.

Ujjal scored 62 runs off only 63 balls, a swashbuckling knock that included nine hits to the fence.

Chayan with 31 was the other notable Dhanmondi scorer.

Roby was the most successful among the Three-Star bowlers claiming three wickets for 42 runs. Akik with two for 29 backed him well.

Undaunted by imposing total, Three-Star fell club cruelly short by only three runs, being all out for 197 in the final over of their 35-over quota.

Roby had a fine all-round match, following up his feats with the ball by making the highest individual score of 37 for Three Star. Alas, his innings, studied with four boundaries, wasn't quite enough for his side.

Johnny and Viv made 35 and 34 runs respectively for Three-Star.

Flo-jo's fancy

MIAMI, Florida, Jan 18: The world's fastest woman sets out Sunday on a trail she hopes will lead to new glory in the marathon but which sceptics have ridiculed as impossible, reports AFP.

Florence Griffith-Joyner, the 100 and 200 metres world record holder, takes part in a five kilometre road race in Miami in the first step on a programme to build up stamina.

At 32 "Flo-jo" is missing the glory days of double Olympic gold at Seoul.

"I miss racing," she says, admitting nonetheless that her sprinting days are over.

New Zealand marathon man Rod Dixon has warned that it is impossible and Britain's mile world record holder Steve Cram has commented: "I thought she had more sense."

But England settled down well and with Stewart in control put together two splendid

England benefited from Crowe's benevolence earlier when the captain sent the tourists into bat on a wicket which played contrary to predictions of pace and movement.

New Zealand grabbed the early break, dismissing England's premier batsman, Graham Gooch, for two with the total six, caught behind by Ian Smith, off a superb Morrison delivery.

The catch gave Smith the New Zealand first-class record for the most number of dismissals, passing the 422 mark set by Ken James.

But England settled down well and with Stewart in control put together two splendid

England benefited from Crowe's benevolence earlier when the captain sent the tourists into bat on a wicket which played contrary to predictions of pace and movement.

New Zealand grabbed the early break, dismissing England's premier batsman, Graham Gooch, for two with the total six, caught behind by Ian Smith, off a superb Morrison delivery.

The catch gave Smith the New Zealand first-class record for the most number of dismissals, passing the 422 mark set by Ken James.

But England settled down well and with Stewart in control put together two splendid

England benefited from Crowe's benevolence earlier when the captain sent the tourists into bat on a wicket which played contrary to predictions of pace and movement.

New Zealand grabbed the early break, dismissing England's premier batsman, Graham Gooch, for two with the total six, caught behind by Ian Smith, off a superb Morrison delivery.

The catch gave Smith the New Zealand first-class record for the most number of dismissals, passing the 422 mark set by Ken James.

But England settled down well and with Stewart in control put together two splendid

England benefited from Crowe's benevolence earlier when the captain sent the tourists into bat on a wicket which played contrary to predictions of pace and movement.

New Zealand grabbed the early break, dismissing England's premier batsman, Graham Gooch, for two with the total six, caught behind by Ian Smith, off a superb Morrison delivery.

Boon helps Australia go one up on India

MELBOURNE, Jan 18: Australia played like the world champions they are Saturday to rout listless India by 88 runs in the first game of the cricket World Series finals, reports AFP.

After scoring 233 for five in their 50 overs, the powerful home side bowled India out for 145 in 42 overs in a one-sided night match at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

Cheered by 48,010 fans the Australians bowled and fielded superbly to send India's last six batsmen packing for only 31 runs.

India, who had ousted the West Indies on Thursday to book their place in the final, played into Australia's hands with a timid display which saw three batsmen being run out and five failing to reach double figures.

The second final will be played in Sydney on Monday.

Australia's score revolved around two attractive half centuries from David Boon and Dean Jones who added 88 for the second wicket.

Boon, nominated the player of the preliminary stage of the triangular competition for the highest aggregate of runs cracked 78 with nine bound-aries.

The pugnacious 31-year-old Tasmanian now has a tally of 412 runs from nine matches.

Victorian Jones, who was dropped for Australia's last league match due to poor form, delighted his home fans with a fine 73.

Boon and Jones carried Australia to 142 for one in the 36th over, but India hit back to

take three wickets for 34 runs and stop the run flow.

Left-arm spinner Ravi Shastri removed Tom Moody and Mark Waugh in identical fashion—caught on the long-off fence by the agile Praveen Amre—to end with two for 38 in 10 steady overs.

Jones and skipper Allan Border, who made 28 not out, put on 40 off 37 balls for the fifth wicket to carry Australia's

Srikkanth made a breezy 41 off 49 balls with four boundaries when Peter Taylor sent him back with an amazing catch.

Srikkanth lofted Steve Waugh to mid-off where Taylor jumped up to pluck the ball overhead with his outstretched left hand.

From 72 for one in 19 overs, India lost three quick wickets to slump to 48 for four in the 23rd over.

Sachin Tendulkar, India's man in form, attempted to loft Tom Moody and was taken at mid-off by Mike Whitney for four.

Sanjay Manjrekar, who made 18, became Steve Waugh's second victim when he flicked a leg side catch to wicket-keeper Ian Healy.

Skipper Mohammad Azharuddin and Praveen Amre carried the score to 114 for four when the Healy-Moody combination uted the off-form Azharuddin (13) in the 32nd over.

Amre himself left three overs later for 20, driving off, spinner Peter Taylor to Border at mid-wicket, to reduce India to 130 for six.

Five runs later, Manoj Prabhakar ran himself out for zero when he charged down the wicket from the non-striker's end for a single that wasn't there.

New batsman Chandrakant Pandit went in the same over without scoring, top-edging Taylor to Steve Waugh at square leg.

Javagal Srinath was the third Indian batsman to be run out and last man Narendra Hirwani offered little resistance, leaving Kapil Dev unbeaten on 20.

He added 89 with Graham Hick (35), then 179 with Robin Smith (96).

Hick struggled for his runs before he was out leg before wicket to a rising ball from Chris Cairns, with the total 95. Smith was dropped by Crowe on 44 and flourished

England was in command at 310 for four wickets after makeshift opening batsman Alec Stewart crafted a 148, his second Test hundred.

Stewart battled for all but five minutes of the day before he was the last man out, caught at first slip by New Zealand captain Martin Crowe to give Danny Morrison a second wicket.

England benefited from Crowe's benevolence earlier when the captain sent the tourists into bat on a wicket which played contrary to predictions of pace and movement.

New Zealand grabbed the early break, dismissing England's premier batsman, Graham Gooch, for two with the total six, caught behind by Ian Smith, off a superb Morrison delivery.

The catch gave Smith the New Zealand first-class record for the most number of dismissals, passing the 422 mark set by Ken James.

But England settled down well and with Stewart in control put together two splendid

England benefited from Crowe's benevolence earlier when the captain sent the tourists into bat on a wicket which played contrary to predictions of pace and movement.

New Zealand grabbed the early break, dismissing England's premier batsman, Graham Gooch, for two with the total six, caught behind by Ian Smith, off a superb Morrison delivery.

The catch gave Smith the New Zealand first-class record for the most number of dismissals, passing the 422 mark set by Ken James.

But England settled down well and with Stewart in control put together two splendid

England benefited from Crowe's benevolence earlier when the captain sent the tourists into bat on a wicket which played contrary to predictions of pace and movement.

New Zealand grabbed the early break, dismissing England's premier batsman, Graham Gooch, for two with the total six, caught behind by Ian Smith, off a superb Morrison delivery.

The catch gave Smith the New Zealand first-class record for the most number of dismissals, passing the 422 mark set by Ken James.

But England settled down well and with Stewart in control put together two splendid

England benefited from Crowe's benevolence earlier when the captain sent the tourists into bat on a wicket which played contrary to predictions of pace and movement.

New Zealand grabbed the early break, dismissing England's premier batsman, Graham Gooch, for two with the total six, caught behind by Ian Smith, off a superb Morrison delivery.

The catch gave Smith the New Zealand first-class record for the most number of dismissals, passing the 422 mark set by Ken James.

But England settled down well and with Stewart in control put together two splendid

England benefited from Crowe's benevolence earlier when the captain sent the tourists into bat on a wicket which played contrary to predictions of pace and movement.

New Zealand grabbed the early break, dismissing England's premier batsman, Graham Gooch, for two with the total six, caught behind by Ian Smith, off a superb Morrison delivery.

The catch gave Smith the New Zealand first-class record for the most number of dismissals, passing the 422 mark set by Ken James.

But England settled down well and with Stewart in control put together two splendid

England benefited from Crowe's benevolence earlier when the captain sent the tourists into bat on a wicket which played contrary to predictions of pace and movement.

New Zealand grabbed the early break, dismissing England's premier batsman, Graham Gooch, for two with the total six, caught behind by Ian Smith, off a superb Morrison delivery.

Stewart puts the lie to Crowe decision

CHRISTCHURCH, Jan 18: England's top order mauled an inexperienced and wayward New Zealand bowling attack on the first day of their first cricket Test at Lancaster Park on Saturday, reports AP.

At stumps, England was in command at 310 for four wickets after makeshift opening batsman Alec Stewart crafted a 148, his second Test hundred.

Stewart battled for all but five minutes of the day before he was the last man out, caught at first slip by New Zealand captain Martin Crowe to give Danny Morrison a second wicket.

England benefited from Crowe's benevolence earlier when the captain sent the tourists into bat on a wicket which played contrary to predictions of pace and movement.

New Zealand grabbed the early break, dismissing England's premier batsman, Graham Gooch, for two with the total six, caught behind by Ian Smith, off a superb Morrison delivery.

The catch gave Smith the New Zealand first-class record for the most number of dismissals, passing the 422 mark set by Ken James.

But England settled down well and with Stewart in control put together two splendid

England benefited from Crowe's benevolence earlier when the captain sent the tourists into bat on a wicket which played contrary to predictions of pace and movement.

New Zealand grabbed the early break, dismissing England's premier batsman, Graham Gooch, for two with the total six, caught behind by Ian Smith, off a superb Morrison delivery.

The catch gave Smith the New Zealand first-class record for the most number of dismissals, passing the 422 mark set by Ken James.

But England settled down well and with Stewart in control put together two splendid

England benefited from Crowe's benevolence earlier when the captain sent the tourists into bat on a wicket which played contrary to predictions of pace and movement.

New Zealand grabbed the early break, dismissing England's premier batsman, Graham Gooch, for two with the total six, caught behind by Ian Smith, off a superb Morrison delivery.

The catch gave Smith the New Zealand first-class record for the most number of dismissals, passing the 422 mark set by Ken James.

But England settled down well and with Stewart in control put together two splendid

England benefited from Crowe's benevolence earlier when the captain sent the tourists into bat on a wicket which played contrary to predictions of pace and movement.

New Zealand grabbed the early break, dismissing England's premier batsman, Graham Gooch, for two with the total six, caught behind by Ian Smith, off a superb Morrison delivery.

The catch gave Smith the New Zealand first-class record for the most number of dismissals, passing the 422 mark set by Ken James.

But England settled down well and with Stewart in control put together two splendid

England benefited from Crowe's benevolence earlier when the captain sent the tourists into bat on a wicket which played contrary to predictions of pace and movement.

New Zealand grabbed the early break, dismissing England's premier batsman, Graham Gooch, for two with the total six, caught behind by Ian Smith, off a superb Morrison delivery.

The catch gave Smith the New Zealand first-class record for the most number of dismissals, passing the 422 mark set by Ken James.

But England settled down well and with Stewart in control put together two splendid

England benefited from Crowe's benevolence earlier when the captain sent the tourists into bat on a wicket which played contrary to predictions of pace and movement.

New Zealand grabbed the early break, dismissing England's premier batsman, Graham Gooch, for two with the total six, caught behind by Ian Smith, off a superb Morrison delivery.

The catch gave Smith the New Zealand first-class record for the most number of dismissals, passing the 422 mark set by Ken James.

But England settled down well and with Stewart in control put together two splendid

England benefited from Crowe's benevolence earlier when the captain sent the tourists into bat on a wicket which played contrary to predictions of pace and movement.

New Zealand grabbed the early break, dismissing England's premier batsman, Graham Gooch, for two with the total six, caught behind by Ian Smith, off a superb Morrison delivery.

The catch gave Smith the New Zealand first-class record for the most number of dismissals, passing the 422 mark set by Ken James.

But England settled down well and with Stewart in control put together two splendid

England benefited from Crowe's benevolence earlier when the captain sent the tourists into bat on a wicket which played contrary to predictions of pace and movement.

New Zealand grabbed the early break, dismissing England's premier batsman, Graham Gooch, for two with the total six, caught behind by Ian Smith, off a superb Morrison delivery.

The catch gave Smith the New Zealand first-class record for the most number of dismissals, passing the 422 mark set by Ken James.

But England settled down well and with Stewart in control put together two splendid

England benefited from Crowe's benevolence earlier when the captain sent the tourists into bat on a wicket which played contrary to predictions of pace and movement.

New Zealand grabbed the early break, dismissing England's premier batsman, Graham Gooch, for two with the total six, caught behind by Ian Smith, off a superb Morrison delivery.

The catch gave Smith the New Zealand first-class record for the most number of dismissals, passing the 422 mark set by Ken James.

But England settled down well and with Stewart in control put together two splendid

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of Australia's innings in the first World Series cricket final against India here today:

Australia:
Boon c Pandit b Prabhakar 78
Marsh c Azharuddin b Tendulkar 21
Jones c sub (Sidhu) b Kapil 73
Moody c Amre b Shastri 13
M Waugh c Amre b Shastri 3
Border not out 28
S Waugh not out 5
Extras (lb7, w4, nb1) 12
Total: (for five wickets in 50 overs) 233

Fall: 1-54, 2-142, 3-169, 4-176, 5-216.

Bowling: Kapil 10 0 40 1
Prabhakar 10 2 53 1
Srinath 9 2 32 0
Tendulkar 6 0 29 1
Hirwani 5 0 34 0
Shastri 10 0 38 2

India:
Shastri run out 17
Srikkanth c Taylor b S. Waugh 41
Manjrekar c Healy b S. Waugh 18
Tendulkar c Whitney b Moody 4
Azharuddin c Healy b Moody 13
Amre c Border b Taylor 20
K Dev not out 20
Prabhakar run out 0
Pandit c S. Waugh b Taylor 0
Srinath run out 0
Hirwani c Marsh b Mc Dermott 4
Extras (lb6, w1, nb1) 8
Total: (all out in 42 overs) 145

Fall of wickets: 1-37, 2-72, 3-79, 4-84, 5-114, 6-130, 7-135, 8-136, 9-136

Bowling: O M R W
McDermott 8 0 27 1
Whitney 8 2 19 0
S. Waugh 7 0 32 2
Moody 10 0 34 2
Taylor 9 0 27