

BTV to telecast 23 World Cup ties

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Television (BTV) will telecast live 23 of the 39 matches of the forthcoming World Cup cricket championships to be held in Australia and New Zealand Feb 22 till March 25. BTV's rights to the coverage also include the two semifinals and the final.

According to BTV sources last night, a deal costing US \$65,000 dollars was signed yesterday between BTV and Star TV, a Hong Kong-based global subsidiary of the BBC in collaboration with a leading Hong Kong businessman.

Nine countries—one more than the eight which competed in the four previous

quadrennial competitions—will be taking part in this year's version, sponsored by Benson and Hedges, the tobacco giant. That ninth participant is South Africa, who have been readmitted to international cricket after a 21-year isolation only last November. The other participants are defending champions and co-hosts Australia, England who lost the last final held in Calcutta in 1987, two-times winners the West Indies, 1983 champions India, Pakistan, co-hosts New Zealand, Sri Lanka and ICC Associate Member Zimbabwe who qualified yet again by topping the ICC Trophy competition held in the Netherlands in 1990 among the non-Test playing members

of the ICC, including Bangladesh.

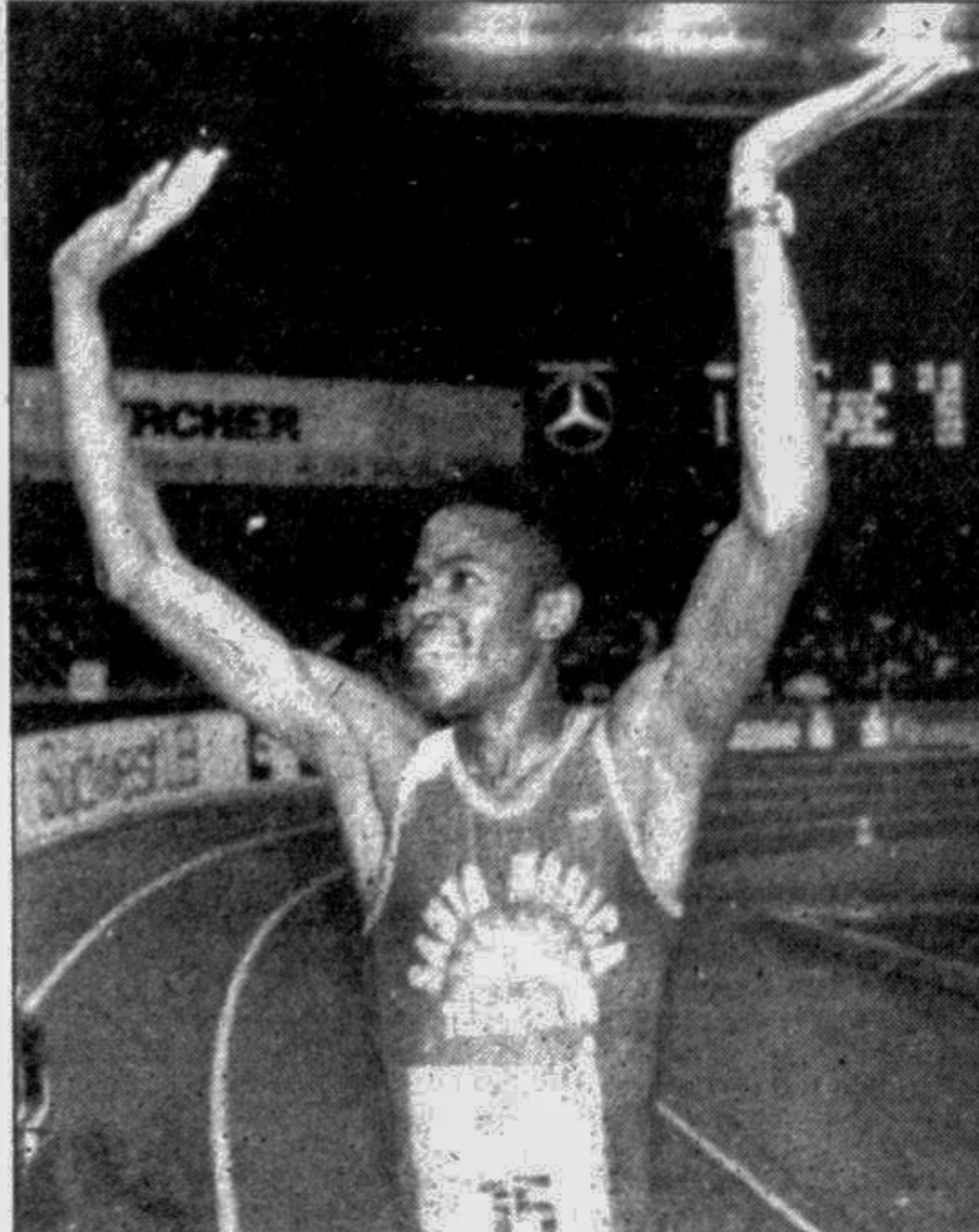
The inaugural competition, held in 1975, was known as the Prudential Trophy. That remained the official name of the cup until 1983. In 1987, when India and Pakistan co-hosted the World Cup, it was known as the Reliance Trophy. This time around, it is being called the Benson and Hedges World Cup after the largest sponsors of the game Down Under.

The initial BTV telecast is billed for the inaugural match, a day-night contest pitting England and India at the WACA ground in Perth, on Saturday, Feb 22. The match is scheduled to start at 10:45 am Bangladesh time, i.e., 04:45 GMT.

Other matches to be telecast by BTV are:

Feb 22	England vs Australia	(Perth, Aus)	04:45 GMT
Feb 23	West Indies vs Pakistan	(Melbourne, Aus)	22:30 GMT
Feb 25	N Zealand vs Sri Lanka	(Hamilton, NZ)	21:30 GMT
Feb 26	Australia vs S Africa	(Sydney, Aus)	03:30 GMT
Feb 27	England vs W Indies	(Melbourne, Aus)	03:30 GMT
Mar 1	Australia vs India	(Brisbane, Aus)	00:00 GMT
Mar 2	England vs Pakistan	(Adelaide, Aus)	23:30 GMT
Mar 3	Sri Lanka vs S Africa	(Wellington, NZ)	21:30 GMT
Mar 4	Pakistan vs India	(Sydney, Aus)	03:30 GMT
Mar 5	Australia vs England	(Sydney, Aus)	03:30 GMT
Mar 6	West Indies vs S Africa	(Christchurch, NZ)	21:30 GMT
Mar 7	India vs Zimbabwe	(Hamilton, NZ)	21:30 GMT
Mar 8	Australia vs Sri Lanka	(Adelaide, Aus)	23:30 GMT
Mar 10	West Indies vs S Africa	(Brisbane, Aus)	00:00 GMT
Mar 11	Australia vs India	(Wellington, NZ)	21:30 GMT
Mar 12	Australia vs Pakistan	(Perth, Aus)	05:45 GMT
Mar 13	N Zealand vs India	(Dunedin, NZ)	21:30 GMT
Mar 15	India vs S Africa	(Adelaide, Aus)	23:30 GMT
Mar 16	Australia vs W Indies	(Melbourne, Aus)	04:30 GMT
Mar 18	New Zealand vs Pakistan	(Christchurch, NZ)	22:00 GMT
Mar 21	1st semi-final	(Auckland, NZ)	04:30 GMT
Mar 22	2nd semi-final (day/night)	(Sydney, Aus)	04:30 GMT
Mar 25	Final (day/night)	(Melbourne, Aus)	04:30 GMT

(*Add six hours for Bangladesh time)



American Danny Evert jubilates after setting a new indoor world record of 45.02 secs in 400 metres during the international athletics meeting in Stuttgart, Germany on Feb 2.

Narrow win for PWD

Sports Reporter

Public Works Department (PWD) carved out an exciting six-run victory over Gulshan Youth Club to earn a passage into the super league in the other match of the Navana Premier Division cricket at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Put into bat, PWD made 176 for six wickets from the quota of 45 overs.

Pownakul Islam Tutul, the PWD opener, topscored with 53, that contained three hits to the fence.

Ehsan with an unbeaten 36 and Shaheen with 30 were the other notable scorers.

SCOREBOARD				
PWD				
Tutul c Mamun b Rupam	53			
Hamin run out	3			
Shaheen c A Malhotra b Rupam	30			
Romesh c Arunlal b Rupam	9			
Ehsan not out	36			
Shabbir run out	3			
Partha b A Malhotra	13			
Kamrul not out	16			
Extras:	13			
Total: (for 6 wks in 45 overs)	176			
Bowling:				
Shamin	5	0	24	0
Ripon	4	0	18	0
Babul	6	0	20	0
A Malhotra	8	0	32	1
Arun Lal	9	1	22	3
Manju	4	0	16	0

GULSHAN YOUTH				
Arif run out	9			
Mamun c Romesh b Badshah	8			
Arunlal b Hamin	20			
Rupam run out	10			
A Malhotra not out	72			
Ishtiaq Ibul Shaheen	18			
Ashique c Tutul b Shaheen	3			
Manju b Hamin	2			
Babul c Shabbir b Tutul	2			
Shamin Ibul Shaheen	4			
Ripon st Romesh b Shaheen	0			
Extras:	24			
Total: (all out in 44.2 overs)	170			
Bowling:				
Shabbir	5	0	13	0
Joydev	5	0	22	0
Ehsan	5	1	16	0
Badshah	9	1	31	1
Hamin	9	1	24	2
Shaheen	8.2	0	41	4
Tutul	3	0	16	1

Umpires: Asgar and W A Ponir

Gulshan skipper Rupam, who took three for 22, could be culled as the best bowler. Indian Ashok Malhotra's unruffled, composed batsmanship that fetched him 72, unbeaten runs, punctuated by three fours and a six, went in vain as his side undershot the target by six runs.

Arun Lal was the other main contributor with 20 as lanky PWD offspinner Shaheen tweaked his side to victory claiming four for 41.

Sri Lankan Hamin bowled well, too, picking up two for

Brothers blank Dhanmondi 3-0

Sports Reporter

Brothers Union recorded an impressive three-nil victory against Dhanmondi Club in the Star First Division football league at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday.

The Gopibagh boys pitched in early, launching a flurry of forays to side the opposition territory. The first goal came as early as the third minute when midfielder Manik's chip slipped out of Dhanmondi custodian Tayeb's grip and Amin Khan, lurking near, pushed the ball home (1-0).

Utam wasted a fine chance for Brothers when he placed the ball wide with the goalkeeper at his mercy after Manik freed him with a defence-splitting through.

Dhanmondi almost equalised at the far end of the first half when Javed snatched a ball from Rouf Babul but blasted the ball over, much to the dismay of his peers.

The Federation Cup champions, in orange, doubled the margin 13 minutes into the second half with the Dhanmondi custodian again faltering. This time a powerful shot by Amin Khan came out of his grip and Satyajit Das Rupu tapped the loose ball in with a left-footer (2-0).

Three minutes later Khandaker Wasim Iqbal sealed the fate of the match, slotting the ball into the Dhanmondi net by latching on to a Manik through (3-0).

Midway through the second half right full-back Pijush Nandi of Brothers overlapped and sent in a neat center which again caught Tayeb napping; but the goalie made amends for his lapse by foiling a threatening Manik.

Tayeb did well to parry Uttam's shot to safety two minutes later and when Ahmed failed to cash in on an easy chance in the dying minutes of the match the embarrassed custodian heaved a sigh of relief in the anticipation of the end of an ordeal.

BROTHERS UNION: Ponir, Pijush, Rouf Babul, Moon, Atam, Parvez (Zaghu), Uttam, Manik, Amin Khan (Ahmed), Rupu and Wasim (Jilani). DHANMONDI CLUB: Tayeb, Ali (Shaheen), Iqbal, Ata, Saifu, Atique, Aziz Babu, Monayem, Faisal, Javed and Salahuddin (Siddiqui).

BUET cricket

By BUET Correspondent

The inter-faculty cricket tournament of the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) began yesterday at the university playground.

A total of five faculties are taking part. In the inaugural match, Civil Engineering blanked Mechanical Engineering by 7 wickets.

Put into bat, the Mechanical boys scored a meagre 90 for the loss of eight wickets in their stipulated 35 overs with Aman making 26 and Saptal 20.

In reply, Civil reached their target 212 overs for the loss of only three wickets with Nipu scoring a brilliant 35 not out and Kaiser 24.

Mohammedans keep slate clean

Sports Reporter

Skipper Shahna-waz Shanu's valiant but singular effort to create a 'flare path' for Biman went in vain as the airlines team succumbed to title-aspirants Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club by six wickets in the Navana Premier Division cricket league encounter at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

The defeat jeopardised last year's runners-up Bangladesh Biman's chances to qualify for the super league comprising the six top teams of the Navana league.

Biman's troubles began early in the morning when Mohammedan skipper Minhazul Abedin Nannu won the toss and chose to field first. The Biman openers, particularly Tariquzzaman Muntir, found it extremely tough to score off the accurate new ball attack of Mohammedan pacemen Dulu and Sri Lankan Gamagee.

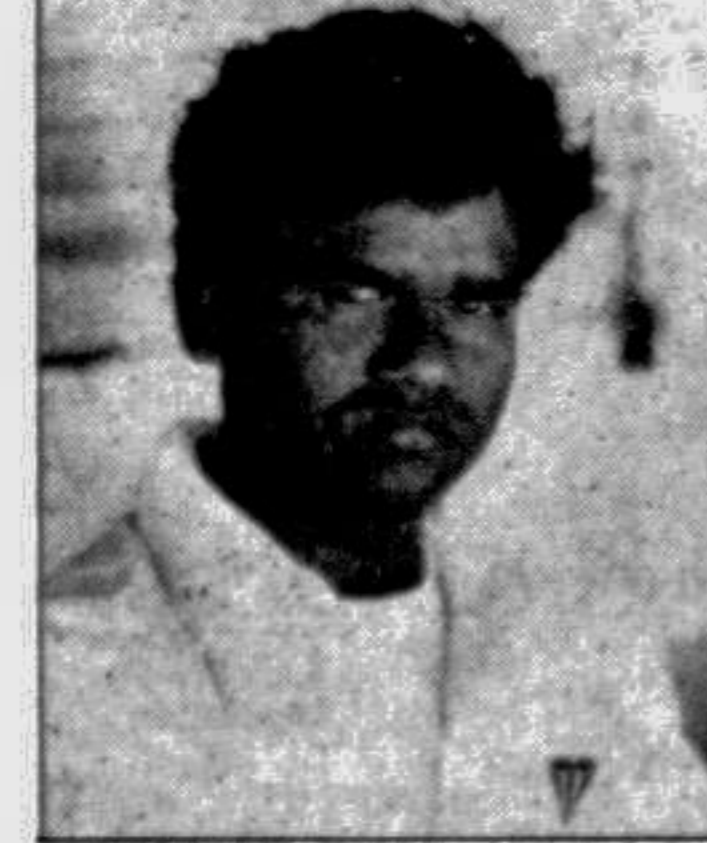
The breakthrough, however, came by skipper Nannu's hand when Abu Hamid Pirai, promoted to open the innings, charged down to make amends for the paucity of runs during the Dulu-Gamagee reign and Jahangir behind the stumps whipped the balls off.

Muntir was painfully slow, annoying spectators as well as ruining his side's cause to collect 15 runs of 77 balls.

His dismissal was a blessing in disguise as Shanu teamed up with Zakaria to save the match from fizzling into ludicrousness. The latter prodded and plodded to score 27 off 60 balls but Shanu was superb, playing every ball on its merit and never hesitating to cut loose when the bowlers dithered in length or wavered in direction.

Shanu remained there unscathed on 73 made off only

65 balls with four fours and two sixes; the second one standing out for the sweet sound of the clash of the cherry and the willow off one



SHANU... 73 not out

delivery from Nannu that sent the ball sailing over the long on fence.

Meanwhile, people came and left; Zakaria falling to Waheed, Mont sending one to the waiting hands of Ali off the leggie and Rafiq, another left-hander, beaten, bowled by Gamagee's pace.

Veteran Ahmed Iqbal Bacchu and Shabbir's dismissal made one doubt their respect for the cardinal principles of the game; the former spooning a dolly behind the stumps trying to play against the spin and the latter first survived a chance and then ran himself out like a zombie.

Biman managed 157 off their stipulated 45 overs for the loss of six wickets and a Mohammedan victory was deemed as the only possibility of the afternoon.

Jahangir left early, edging one behind from Rafiq. But Shantoo, together with one-drop Gurugee, the Sri Lankan left-hander, squashed the possibility of any further Biman success till Azhar found the edge of Gurugee's bat and Shabbir snapped him up gleefully for 18.

In walked Nannu, spruced up with the contrast of the blue county and the milk white flannels looking determined to play a long overdue big innings, something which has been eluding him for a variety of reasons.

Mostly caressing the ball to untenanted areas of the field, he scored a soothing unbeaten 67 to guide his side to victory. He deservingly hit the winning

stroke, a disdainful swing off Piyal who almost made a believe about seeing Aquib Javed with his bowling action.

Nannu's delightful batting was somewhat sheared by the sad dismissal of Bulbul who slipped while trying to regain the ground after being called by his skipper and then sent back. The young in-form batsman could put his bat to just one ball when tragedy befell.

Rafiq got another chance of polishing his average remaining at the kill with an unbeaten 20.

With this, Mohammedans have finished their first league campaign with full 22 points by winning all their eleven matches.

Biman's collection remains at ten from nine matches and now they have to win their remaining two matches to qualify for the super league.

SCOREBOARD				
BANGLADESH BIMAN				
Muntir run out	15			
Pial st Jahangir b Nannu	20			
Zakaria c Shantoo b Wahid	27			
Shanu not out	73			
Mont c Md Ali b Wahid	7			
Rafiq b Gamagee	3			
Bacchu c Jahangir b Wahid	0			
Shabbir run out	0			
Jahangir not out	3			
Extras:	8			
Total:	157			
Bowling:				
Gamagee	9	2	20	1
Dulu	9	2	16	0
Nannu	8	0	28	1
Shantoo	5	1	25	0
Bulbul	3	0	16	0
Wahid	9	0	33	3
Md Ali	2	0	15	0

MOHAMMEDAN SC				
Jahangir c Jahangir b Rafiq	6			
Shantoo c Mont b Shabbir	30			
Gurugee c Shabbir b Azhar	18			
Nannu not out	67			
Bulbul run out	0			
Rafiq not out	20			
Extras:	20			
Total:	161			
Bowling:				
Alok	5	0	13	0
Rafiq	9	2	40	1
Azhar	3	1	9	1
Bacchu	6	0	24	0
Mont	5	0	29	0
Shanu	2	0	6	0
Shabbir	6	0	21	1
Pial	1.1	0	6	0

Umpires: SA Ahad and Manzur Milky

TODAY'S MATCH Surja Tarun Club vs Lalmeta Club (Dhaka Stadium)

Victoria Sporting win a cliff-hanger

Sports Reporter

Victoria Sporting Club, bidding for this year's Millers First Division Cricket league title under the experienced battle-scarred Roqibul Hassan, won their encounter against new comers Eskaton Sabuj Sangha by the skin of their teeth at the Pallabi Cricket ground yesterday.

They returned from the throes of defeat in a nerve-racking cliff-hanger by one run in a low scoring match. Eskaton's last pair of Cornel and Aminul put on 36 runs for the tenth wicket as their side inched towards what would have been a very creditable victory with bated breath.

But the pressure was too much for the tailenders of the side chasing a target of 125 and when Aminul, the last

Eskaton batsman was run out in a frantic attempt to steal a single, Cornel was left high and dry on a heroic, unbeaten 24.

Earlier, put into bat, Victoria were rather surprisingly booked for a paltry 124 in the face of some deadly bowling by Shaheen.

Mukul was the highest scorer for Victoria with a patient 35 with the help of three boundaries. Opener Didar scored a splendid 25 with four hits to the fence. Skipper Roqibul and Iqbal were the other notable scorers with 18 and 14 respectively.

Shaheen ripped through the Victoria batting with magnificent figures of four for only ten runs.

Eskaton began disastrously but recovered through useful knocks by skipper Babul, wicketkeeper Sohel and

bowler Cornel. Babul, batting with the responsibility befitting a skipper, made 25 before being caught and bowled by Talha.

Sohel scored 18 with the help of fours and Cornel, who had earlier got a wicket, took the match to nail-biting finish with that eulogised, undefeated 24.

Victoria opening bowler Talha was the pick of the lot bagging three for 13. Mainu with two for 20 and Jewel with two for 25 were the other successes with the leather.

With yesterday's win, Victoria have now collected 14 points winning all their seven matches while Eskaton's tally remains at six from same number of outings.

TODAY'S MATCH Young Pegasus vs City Club (DCS)

World scholars, athletes to compete in new Games

WASHINGTON, Feb 3: A new kind of competition has been launched to test the athletic prowess and intellectual abilities of 2,000 students from some 125 countries who will gather in Newport, Rhode Island, in the summer of 1993, says a USIS release.

They will take part in the first annual World Scholar-Athlete Games designed to allow the best of the world's students to compete both on the playing field and in a broad range of cultural pursuits.

At a press conference January 30, Senator Bill Bradley said that the summer 1993 Games will be a "truly wonderful opportunity to do some of the things that the Olympics haven't done." The new event, he said, will cele-

brate "the mind and the body in a context that focuses attention on such things as world peace and the environment."

Participants, ages 16-19, will be selected by their schools worldwide to attend the scholar-athlete Games which will include basketball, tennis, soccer and volleyball matches as well as programmes in art, music, poetry and other forms writing.

The main difference in format from the Olympics—outside of the more limited sports venue and the focus on cultural activities—will be the absence of national teams. Once in Rhode Island, students from all countries will be selected at random to compete on appropriate men's and women's teams—thus allowing

students from diverse nations and cultures to meet one another, perhaps for the first time, and work together as a single team.

Don Doyle, executive director of the Institute for International Sport, the sponsoring organization, says he will soon contact thousands of schools around the world to invite them to nominate students, who must be top scholars and athletes. Doyle says that his committee will then make the final selections.

Among American contestants, only "honour roll" students—the top scholastic group—will be invited, and standards will be the same for international students. In addition, those invited to attend will represent an equal number of both male and female

students. Doyle notes that events will be held on the campus of the University of Rhode Island as well as in other parts of the state.

Final selection of participants is expected to be made by December 1992, Doyle says, and those selected will be required to "acquire a working knowledge of English" before the beginning of the Games, which will be funded by a grant from the state of Rhode Island, along with corporate and private foundation support.

Student writers, Doyle says, will be invited to produce works on topics such as the environment, and student artists to create works of art depicting sports. He said Rotary International will establish a travel fund for students

who need financial assistance to enable them to attend the game. Lodging and meals during the event will cost \$385 per student; round-trip air travel to and from the United States is an additional expense.

Also addressing the press conference, Rhode Island Senator John Chaffee expressed the hope that the students' involvement in the competition will foster "friendships and relationships that will endure way on to the future."

Anders Lundin, counsellor for sports at the Swedish Embassy, noted that the concept is "unique, timely, forward-looking and visionary" in a world where national rivalries could become subordinate to international concerns.

The Games will take place June 20-July 1, 1993, and the deadline for all applications is October 1, 1992. The telephone number for the Institute for International Sport is 401-792-2375; the mailing address is World Scholar-Athlete Games, 23 America's Cup Avenue, Newport RI 02840, USA.

Current programmes at the Institute for International Sport include "Sports Corps," which organizes sports activities for handicapped and underprivileged youth outside the United States; "Belfast United," created to bring together Catholic and Protestant Youth in Northern Ireland; and "Project Burundi," designed to develop athletic programmes in that nation.

Prosecution reconstructs chain of events

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb 3: Prosecutors building a rape case against boxer Mike Tyson reconstructed, in damning detail the chain of events from his night out with a teen-age beauty queen to her emergency room examination afterward, reports AP.

The former heavyweight champion's rape trial entered its second week Monday, and his lawyer implied Tyson may testify when the defense puts on its case.

Prosecutor Jeffrey Modisetti said the state's last witness would be the stand by Tuesday.

In six hours of testimony last week, an 18-year-old college student and Miss Black America contestant said Tyson pinned her on a bed July 19, stripped her, raped her and laughed while she cried in pain and begged him to stop.

The woman testified she was in bed about 1:30 am when

easy chances. AGRANI BANK: Curzon, Kala, Bishu, Peter, Baehchu, Pappu, Mongal, Jahangir, Jamal, Bakhtiar and Gias.

VICTORIA SC: Aslam, Mongchilla, Sagar, Farhad, Anwar, Mesbah, Towfik, Sujit, Sankar, Mamun Babu (Zakir) and Mamunul Karim.

Referee: Mozaffar Hossain.

TODAY'S MATCHES Muktyjodda Sangsad vs Rahmatganj MFS (3pm) PWD SC vs Adamjee SC (5 pm).

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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17 Parks or Bonheur	48 Fissure	7 Squashes underfoot	32 Prop for Sherlock
18 Gray-flecked	49 Satan's specialty	8 Shrewish sort	34 Bloke
21 Storm center	50 Lip	9 On	35 Rec-room wall-covering
22 Firmament	51 ABA member	10 Misplace	36 Peppermint candy
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