

Sport

Mohammedans turn the tables

Sports Reporter

Only few runs were less scored, otherwise yesterday's match between the Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club and the visiting West Bengal cricket team was



West Bengal opener I B Roy lets one from Mohammedan's Shri Lankan paceman Gamagee go during yesterday's match at the Dhaka Stadium. - Star photo by AKM Mohsin

powerfully, while Snchashish Ganguly was sedate, occasionally dancing down the wicket to drive between the arc of point and extra cover and working the ball off his legs for ones or twos. Roy was run out for 35, the

side an ideal start with the former in particular in a belligerent mood. He turned Jayanta Dasidhar, the CAI opening bowler, off his legs for a delightful four but missed the line while assaying a similar stroke the next ball making the scoreboard read 29 for one in the seventh over.

Rafiqul Alam, the in-form batsman, came in and started from where he had left off in the league matches. Mixing heart-warming audacity with copy book defence the batsman gave an indication of a rather premature finish. He was going great guns at 46 scored off 65 balls with four superb boundaries when a delivery from off-spinner Sharadindu Mukherjee found his pads in front of the wicket and the umpire lifted the dreaded finger to asseverate the raucous appeal by the close-in fielders and the bowler.

Anup Das, the CAI left-arm spinner who took some stick in the first exhibition match against Abahani, struck then in the 29th over with the score on 123. The bespectacled bowler tempted and beat Shantoo in the air with a held back delivery and the opening batsman, unable to check the momentum, went through the stroke to give a tame catch back to the bowler for 39. Nannu made the first and the only mistake when he gave the impression of a sculpture as Bulbul, in a comedy of errors, tore along the pitch for the second run and the CAI fielders effected one of the easiest run outs in their experience. But the captain was himself a bit unlucky when he was adjudged leg before for a rapid 34 off 38 balls. A Snchashish delivery hit him rather high as the batsman swivelled to pull the off's shortish ball with the tide for what would have been his third four.

Gulam Faruq Suru, after a few unsure moments against the seasoned Malhotra and Sharadindu, took charge to guide his side home with a robust 36 before thick-edging one to Sharadindu at short square thirdman off paceman Rajiv Seth. His innings contained three hefty blows to the CAI players wanted his ouster following the run out of the injured Guragee, who was running with a runner. Waheedul Ghani was declared man-of-the match for his haul of four for 34 by adjudicator Roqibul Hassan after Mohammedans had sealed their victory, reaching 208 for seven with five balls and three wickets to spare. Gamagee remained unbeaten on 14 and Mohammed Ali on seven at the kill.

Earlier, in the morning, Information Minister Nazmul Huda was introduced to the teams as the chief guest.

GATE RECEIPTS
Only Taka 18 thousand was earned on Monday during the match between Abahani Krira Chakra and the visiting West Bengal side. Tickets worth Taka one lakh twenty thousand were sold in the match between the CAI and the Mohammedans yesterday.

BIMAN'S AWARD
Bangladesh Biman, the national airlines, meanwhile has declared an award for the

man-of-the-series in the matches between the local sides and the visiting Cricket Association of Bengal. Biman's Managing Director, Abdul Mueed Chowdhury, who gave away the man-of-the-match award in yesterday's



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match between Mohammedan and CAB, announced at the stadium that a local cricketer winning the award would receive a Dhaka-Bangkok-Dhaka air ticket while a CAB winner will win a Calcutta-Dhaka-Bangkok-Dhaka-Calcutta air ticket.

The selection of the man-of-the-series award will be made by the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the exhibition match between West Bengal and Mohammedan Sporting Club at the National Stadium Tuesday:

WEST BENGAL
I B Roy run out 35
S Bhattacharya c Waheed b Nannu 23
S Kalyani lbw b Nannu 9
S Ganguly c and b Waheed 44
Malhotra run out 15
Raja Venkat c Bulbul b Waheed 27
Rajiv Seth st. Jahangir b Waheed 10
Mintu Das st. Jahangir b Waheed 22
S Mukherjee not out 9
J Dasidhar not out 1
Extras (b 1 lb 9 w 2) 12
Total (for eight wickets) 207
Fall of wickets: 1-53, 2-64, 3-80, 4-110, 5-150, 6-164, 7-183, 8-203

Bowling
Gamagee 6 1 21 0
JA Dulu 3 0 16 0
Rafiqul Alam 7 2 24 0
MA Nannu 8 0 25 2
A I Bulbul 8 0 34 0
A I Shantoo 10 0 43 0
Waheedul Ghani 6 0 34 4

MOHAMMEDAN SC
Jahangir b Dasidhar 12
A I Shantoo c and b Anup Das 39
Rafiqul Alam lbw b Mukherjee 46
M A Nannu lbw b Ganguly 34
A I Bulbul run out 02
G F Suru c Mukherjee b Seth 36
S S Guragee run out 3
J C Gamagee not out 14
Mohammed Ali not out 7
Extras (b 3 lb 7 w 3 nb 2) 15
Total (for seven wickets) 208
Fall of wickets: 1-29, 2-105, 3-123, 4-125, 5-168, 6-182, 7-188

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Dasidhar 6 0 21 1
Seth 9 0 51 1
Malhotra 9 1 0 34 0
Anup Das 10 0 32 1
S Mukherjee 10 0 39 1
S Ganguly 3 0 21 1

Nannu to lead BCCB sides

The selection committee of the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board met last evening to pick the BCCB squads for the matches against the touring West Bengal Cricket team. Both the local selections will be led by Minhazul Abedin Nannu of Mohammedan Sporting Club.

A fourteen-member BCCB squad has been announced to meet CAB in the two-day starting from tomorrow in which each side will be allowed to play a maximum of eighty overs.

Six players, middle-order batsmen Minhazul Abedin Nannu, Rafiqul Alam, Aminul Islam Bulbul, opener Azhar Hossain Shantoo, leg-spinner Waheedul Ghani and left-arm opening bowler Jahangir Talukdar Dulu have been selected from Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club.

With every one pulling his weight in the side on merit, the selection of Dulu who has had an indifferent season came as a bit of a surprise. However, the back problem of the country's best pacemen Golam Nowsar Prince might have left the selectors with few other options.

The consistent Akram Khan of Abahani and stylish middle-order batsman Mahbubur Rahman Selim, who can open the batting also, have made it to the team. Two players, opener Javed Omar Belim Golla and left-arm spinner Saikat, have also been asked to report.

Right-arm paceman Saiful Islam and wicketkeeper Nasir Ahmed Nasu of the Greater Mymensingh Club are the two cricketers in the side. Nurul Abedin Nobel, the lone representative of Brothers Union, has to keep his fingers crossed to make it to the final eleven. The opener, who is also the elder brother of the skipper, has not been among the runs this season.

The fourteen players have been asked to report to manager Alul Islam at the Dhaka Stadium today at 2.30 pm. The selectors also announced a 14-man squad for the one-day match on February 15.

Hard-hitting opener of GMCC, Harunur Rashid Liton and his teammate pacemen Zakir Hossain, Mohammedan opener and wicket-keeper Jahangir Alam, middle order batsmen Athar Ali Khan and Habibul Hashar Sumas of Brothers Union, Biman's attractive middle-order batsman Shahnawaz Shahid Shanu, Abahani off-spinner Khandakar Saiful Islam Effic and all-rounder Golam Faruq Suru of Mohammedans, and veteran Jahangir Shah Badshah of IWI are the changes in the side from the one that will play the two-day match.

One wonders what could possibly be the wisdom behind the decision to play a poor fielder like Athar Ali in a one-day match. The tall batsman, who is definitely one of the most correct batsman in the country, is going through an unusually lean patch and the selectors could have done well to try him in the longer version of the game where he could have had some time to find his bearings.

Meanwhile, the BCCB has decided to cut down the price of the tickets. The revised rates of the daily tickets for the two matches are - western gallery Taka 20(daily), eastern gallery Taka 10(daily). The poor gates in the two games involving Abahani and Mohammedans have obviously wizened the BCCB officials.

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PM makes SAF gold winners richer

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday distributed cash awards to the country's athletes who had won gold medals in the recently held South Asian Federation (SAF) Games in Colombo, reports BSS.

Those who received the awards are Kazi Shahana Parvin and Atiqur Rahman for winners of free air pistol shooting gold.



Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday gave away cash awards to those who won gold medals for the country at the Fifth SAF Games in Colombo last December. -PID photo

Speaking on the occasion the Prime Minister extended her heartfelt congratulations to the gold medalists for bringing such prestige for the nation. Begum Zia called upon all sportspersons to continue to put in their best efforts for

The function was also addressed by Jute Minister and National Shooting Federation president Hanuman Shah, State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadeque Hossain, Kamrul Islam, MP, and president of the Bangladesh Swimming Federation M Asafudowla and Youth and Sports Secretary Nurul Momen Khan. The athletes and officials who took part in the SAF Games also spoke on the occasion and narrated their experience during the Games.

Deputy Minister for Health and Family Welfare Strajul Haq and Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister Syed Hasan Ahmed were present on the occasion.

England leave out Russell

WELLINGTON, Feb 11: England called up pace bowler Gladstone Small for the World Cup cricket tournament on Monday and dropped wicketkeeper Jack Russell from their final squad of 14, reports Reuter.

Tour manager Bob Bennett said Small's call-up had not been forced by fast bowler David Lawrence breaking his knee-cap on Monday on the final day of the third Test match against New Zealand. He said Small would arrive in New Zealand on Thursday from England and might play in a one-day international in Christchurch on Saturday as warm-up game.

Russell, Lawrence and Mark Ramprakash were all dropped from the 14-man squad which

teams are obliged to announce by Friday. Bennett said opening bats-



JACK RUSSELL man Alec Stewart would keep wicket, although he is not the regular wicketkeeper for his

country. England captain Graham Gooch said: "Jack Russell is very unlucky, he has done everything right over here. Unfortunately we have to pick the side best able to win the World Cup. Jack doesn't come into our best one-day side."

Gooch said he had been considering calling up Small for the past three weeks to add an extra dimension to England's bowling attack and confirmed that Lawrence would not have made the World Cup party. England squad: Graham Gooch (captain), Alec Stewart, Graeme Hick, Robin Smith, Allan Lamb, Ian Botham, Neil Fairbrother, Derek Reeve, Chris Lewis, Dermot Brunt, Phillip DeFreitas, Gladstone Small, Phil Tufnell, Richard Illingworth.

Lawrence hopes to play again

WELLINGTON, Feb 11: England fast bowler David Lawrence underwent surgery on Tuesday on the

kneecap he broke during a Test match against New Zealand and his surgeon said he should be playing cricket again in six months, reports Reuter.

Lawrence, sitting up in bed after the 40-minute operation, told reporters he was determined to be playing again by June, soon after the start of the English season.

"I've got to rest for a few months but I'm determined to be back playing by June", he said. Professor Geoffrey Horge of the Wellington Medical School, who operated on Lawrence to join the fractured kneecap and severed tendon together, seemed to think it would take a while longer for his patient to be bowling again.

"I think that six months is a reasonable goal to aim to be back to cricket and he should be able to start strengthening exercises on the leg and general training in about three months", he said.

Wellington Hospital spokesman Ron Malcolm said Lawrence would be discharged a few days after the operation, which put tension band wiring into the kneecap.

"The first thing that went through my mind was this could be the end of my career," said the 28-year-old Gloucestershire bowler.

TVNZ deputy director of News and Current Affairs, Sean Brown, told the New Zealand Press Association a decision on whether to take the matter further would probably be made later on Tuesday. England's team flew to the southern city of Dunedin for the second of three one-day internationals against New Zealand on Wednesday. England won the first match. The third will be played in Christchurch on Saturday before the England team fly to Australia for their first World Cup game.

Kim Hughes rates SA high

PERTH, Feb 11: Kim Hughes, the former Australian Test captain who led unofficial side to South Africa, probably knows more about the modern game in the republic than anyone else here, reports AFP.

He made two predictions as Kepler Wessels' 14-man South African World Cup squad arrived in Australia last week. The first was that Western Australia, the state which he formerly captained with distinction, would defeat the tourists in their opening game here on Sunday.

The other was that South Africa would be a competitive team which, with reasonable luck, could reach the Cup semifinals.

Hughes' initial forecast was borne out when Western Australian scraped home by three wickets with five balls to spare.

His second tip may well prove to be near the mark over the next six weeks. Against a powerful team with a marvellous one-day

cameramen was jostled and pushed by England team manager Micky Stewart and wicketkeeper Jack Russell and threatened by all rounder Ian Botham.

Stewart pushed cameraman Vaughan Scott out of the way and tried to grab his camera as he tried to film Lawrence being carried off on a stretcher after his injury. Lawrence accused the media of acting insensitively by pushing cameras into his face.

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Allan Donald, Meyrick Pringle, Brian McMillan and Richard Snell loom as one of the more menacing speed quartets in the contest. Donald already has a reputation in England as the world's fastest white bowler. The other three do not match his speed, but are nippy and accurate. The fielding in their opening game was of a high standard, with 22-year-old Jonty

Rhodes revealing remarkable speed and agility. He could be the fielder of the series. Perhaps too much significance should not be attached to South Africa's patchy batting in the opening game, after all, the ball was swinging and scaming far more than will happen in most games.

The 34-year-old Wessels, who played in 24 Tests for Australia before returning to his homeland, can probably be relied upon to give the side good starts.

Peter Kirsten, 36, is still a player of outstanding class who should weigh in heavily. But it is vital for the team that players such as opener Mark Roshmerc, 29, Ianis Cronj, 22, Adrian Kutper, 32, Andrew Hudson, 25, and Rhodes quickly come to terms with Australian conditions and quality attacks. It is a big challenge to take on the world's best after more than two decades of isolation, but a first glimpse of the tourists suggests they have the weaponry to topple a few strongly fancied sides along the World Cup path.

Nationals begin today

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The 20th national athletics championships under the aegis of the Bangladesh Amateur Athletics Federation begin today at the Barani Army Stadium.

President Abdur Rahman Bismas will declare the three-

Jabbar tennis

The boys' under-14 and women's singles finals of the MA Jabbar memorial tennis tournament will be held this afternoon at the Engineers' Club courts, say a press release.

Tafazzal will meet Johnny in the boys' under-14 final starting at 3:00 pm while Rina will face Saathi in the women's final.

Rina beat Champa in the semifinals Monday while Saathi upset top-seeded Shima in the other semifinal. Meanwhile, Asif and Fayyaz have reached the final in the boys' under-18 group after winning their respective semifinal clashes yesterday. Asif beat top-seeded Ronny 6-0, 6-3 while Fayyaz beat Arjun 6-1, 6-4 in the semifinals held yesterday at the Engineers' club tennis courts. In the semifinals of the men's forty-five-years and above doubles Dr Rashiduddin and Dr Zahir of Dhaka Club beat Maruf and Akmal of Officers' Club 6-4, 7-6, 7-5 while Mashuk and Habib of Dhaka Club outplayed Major Riaz and Nurul Islam of Officer's Club 6-1, 6-2.

Pak match washed out

DEVONPORT, Tasmania, Feb 11: Heavy overnight rain washed out the last day of Pakistan's three-day World Cup warm-up against the state of Tasmania side here on Tuesday, reports AFP.

Umpire Steve Randall and Milnars cricket

Sports Reporter City Club registered their sixth victory to stay behind Uddy Club and Victoria Sporting Club in the ten-team first meet of the Milnars First Division cricket league when they beat Agrani Bank by eight wickets at the Dhanmndi Cricket Stadium (East) yesterday.

Sent into bat, Agrani Bank scored a poor 85-run all out in 41.4 overs with Tawrit making 20 and Kader and Sohel 10 runs each.

Sohel of City Club ran through the bankers' batting claiming five wickets for only eight runs.

City Club sailed safely home for the loss of two wickets in 31 overs with Shipon making 46 and Ujjal 32 not out. In the other match of the day, Ajax Sporting Club recorded an impressive 37-run victory over Young Pegasus Club at the Mirpur Pallabi ground. Batting first, Ajax scored 150 all out in 44.1 overs with skipper Doul getting 39 not out and Babu 31. Mahmud of Pegasus wrought havoc with the leather bagging six wickets for 20. In their turn, Pegasus were booked for 113 runs in 40.1 overs.

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