

Golla's ton powers Dhaka

Sports Reporter

Javed Omar Belim Golla, the young right-hand batsman who represented the Bangladesh national youth cricket team, scored the third century of this year's Gold Leaf national championship to help Dhaka DSA record a massive 154-run victory over Sirajganj yesterday at Tangail.

Golla hit an unbeaten 113 as Dhaka, deciding to bat first, piled up 271 for five in 41 overs.

Khaled Mahmud Sujau, Mamun and Sohel were the other notable scorers with 46.39 and 33 respectively. Biplab of Tangail claimed two victims for 45 runs.

Serajganj, in their turn, could muster a mere 117 for eight in 41 overs. Atiq showed any degree of vigilance for the vanquished with an unbeaten 36.

The two left arm spinners of Dhaka DSA spun the Tangail boys to their doom. Saikat, the younger one who had bowled consistently well in the recently concluded Navana Premier league, emerged as the best bowler with figures of three for 23. Experienced Atiq took two for 27.

With this win Dhaka moved into the zonal final and play Faridpur today.

Habibul Bashar Suman's leg spin instead of his batting proved to be the bane of the opposition as Dhaka University wriggled out a hard earned six run victory against Bangladesh Biman in a Dhaka Zone final match devoid of any practical interest as both the teams had already qualified for the final round.

Biman, the champions of the Independent Day tournament, were handicapped without their star batsman Selim Shahed whose allegiance to his educational institution prompted him to play for the University.

Biman captain Shah Nawaz Shaheed Shanu won the toss and invited his opponents to bat first on the placid wicket at the Dhaka Stadium.

University, aided by useful knocks from skipper Farouque Ahmed and Rupam, made 225

for six from the 44 overs sent down by the Biman bowlers. Rupam made 49 with the help of two fours before being stumped by Dalim of Moni, the normally economic and destructive Biman left arm

left-hander Rafique for 13 to tilt the balance in favour of the University.

Although Ali Ahsan Babu fought gallantly with an unbeaten 25, Suman's spots had already clipped the Biman

Paridpur. Sanwar's 70, and 45 by Selim helped Mymensingh rattle 232 for nine in their quota of 45 overs. Zia emerged unscathed in the leather hunt to finish with



The Dhaka University cricketers who yesterday emerged Dhaka zonal champions of the 18th national championship. —Star photo

spinner. Moni took a lot of stick from the University batsmen to finish the day with two for 50 from his nine overs.

The change in the type of competition brought some luck for the talented Dhaka University captain who had so far been so inexorably dogged by bad luck during the league. Farouque made a bright 44.

Biman spinner Anwarul Amin Azhar was an epitome of economy with figures of one for 29.

Zakaria revived the Biman hopes after it had been badly smothered by the University opening bowlers who made the scoreboard read a sickening two for 19 in eight overs. The young batsman scored 45 and got fine support from skipper Shanu who made 31 and all rounder Enamul Haq Moni who made a brisk 46.

But Habibul Bashar Suman broke through twice to remove Shanu and Moni and then removed the dangerous looking

wings and the team surrendered at 219 for nine. Suman finished with three for 38 to distinguish himself as the most successful University bowler.

Mymensingh qualified for the zonal final with a 36-run victory over Narayanjan at

fine figures of four for 39. Narayanjan were all out for 196, Niaz topscoring with 38. Pappu destroyed Narayanjan with four for 18.

At Pabna, Rajshahi moved into the zonal final with an eight wicket win against Gombandha.

Bablu's devastating bowling forced the Gombandha innings to be decimated at 158 with Tapash making 52.

Bablu of Rajshahi took five for 21. Mohammad Ali scored a sparkling 84 as Rajshahi made 162 for two.

Barisal marched into the final round with a 47-run win against Kushtia at Jessore.

Iqbal, 36 not out, Faruq, 32, and Amitabh, 31, were the major contributors in the Barisal innings of 176 for eight. Apan took three wickets for 28 runs. Kushtia were all out for 129.

The result of the second semifinal between Khulna and Bagerhat at Barisal was available till the time of filing this report.

LEADING PERFORMANCES OF 1991-92 NAVANA PREMIER DIVISION CRICKET LEAGUE

Following are the leading performances in the recently concluded Navana Premier Division cricket league:

BATTING:		Team	Innings	Not Out	Half Century	High	Total	Average
Ruman Lamba	Abahant	16	2	3	5	111	731	52.21
Akram Khan	Abahant	14	5	0	7	85	669	74.33
Nobel	Brothers	16	2	1	5	107	664	47.42
Romeah Kalu	PWD	16	2	0	6	94	595	42.57
Wirthana Suman	Brothers	16	1	0	2	97	447	29.80
Arup Bhatta charya	Brothers	11	4	1	2	105	422	60.28
Sharat	GMCC	16	3	0	2	65	413	29.50
Sharu	Biman	14	3	0	4	73	409	37.16
Sudamban medana	Brothers	8	2	0	4	93	405	67.50
Surujge	Lalmatia	14	1	0	3	76	406	31.15

BOWLING:		Team	Innings	Over	Run	Best	Five Wits	Total	Average
Most	Biman	16	125	534	4/35	0	30	17.80	
Ashoka De	Abahant	16	130	154	6/34	1	29	15.65	
Silva	Abahant	16	122	303	4/23	0	26	19.34	
Suffil	GMCC	15	110	375	4/32	0	25	15.62	
Sanjewa Weerasinghe	Lalmatia	15	106	449	4/20	0	24	18.70	
Budshah	PWD	14	102	469	4/35	0	23	21.39	
Zakir	GMCC	16	122	390	3/23	0	22	17.72	
Ajib	Lalmatia	16	109	422	3/18	0	22	20.54	
Suffil	Surja Tarun	16	118	386	3/16	0	21	18.38	
T. Fernando	Brothers	16	121	474	4/41	0	21	22.57	

Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club became the new champions dethroning 1990-91 champions Brothers Union.

Heroes' welcome for Imran's men

LAHORE, Apr 1: The victorious Pakistani cricket team were accorded a tumultuous welcome when they flew in here late Tuesday, after last week's historic World Cup win in Australia, reports AFP.

Thousands thronged the airport which resounded with the sound of exploding firecrackers as the plane bringing the team from Saudi Arabia touched down.

Skipper Imran Khan and his men had made a brief stopover in Karachi on Sunday on their way to perform a thanksgiving pilgrimage to Mecca. The trip had been arranged by Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif.

Lahore, Imran's hometown, received the players on their formal return to Pakistan.

The festive atmosphere followed the players from the airport to the city, where colourfully dressed folk

dancers performed around the decorated bus carrying the team.

Two hours after their arrival, the team were still moving at a snail's pace through the city streets, negotiating a crowd estimated at more than 50,000.

Young Pakistanis, waving the national flag, removed the silencers from their motorbikes and drove in groups ahead of the vehicle, while others beat drums and played popular folk tunes.

Shouts of "Long Live Pakistan" and "Long Live Imran Khan" reverberated along the victory route, as residents saluted the man who masterminded the 22-run victory over England on March 25 in Melbourne.

Thousands of people continued to gather in various parts of Lahore, as the procession made its way to a Muslim shrine, 13 kilometres from the airport.

Western Australia lift Sheffield Shield

PERTH, Apr 1: An emotional Geoff Lawson broke down during the official post-match ceremony after his New South Wales side crashed to a remarkable 44-run defeat by Western Australia in the Sheffield Shield final here Wednesday, reports AFP.

Lawson, who had just ended a distinguished first-class career of 191 matches in which here presented Australia in 46 Tests taking 180 wickets, was overcome by the occasion and unable to finish his speech.

The 34-year-old veteran had seen his side lose their last eight wickets for 79 runs to be all out for a second innings 281 after appearing set for a thumping victory when they were 202 for two early in the afternoon chasing a target of 326 to clinch the inter-state crown for the 41st time here at the Waca Ground.

"With two for 202 we were looking pretty good, but they got a few nicks — and that changed the game," a dejected Lawson said in the players' rooms after the ceremony.

"You always feel a bit deflated when you have lost, but I would rate this game among the top five in which I have played."

New South Wales had started the final day of an absorbing contest at 71 for one, needing another 255 runs — a tough but achievable assignment. They looked to be well on

the way to glory when Steve Small and Steve Waugh carried them to 157 before the loss of Waugh for 68. Small and Mark Waugh then made it 167 for two at the lunch break.

The trauma for New South Wales came early in the second session when Small was trapped for 98 by fast bowler to Angel.

The breakthrough triggered an amazing collapse in which seven wickets toppled for 42 runs in just over an hour to a revitalised Western Australian

India to tour S Africa

NEW DELHI, Apr 1: The Indian cricket team will tour South Africa at the end of this year and face England at home early next year, reports PTI.

These decisions were taken by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), at its two-day working committee meeting which ended here today.

The team would tour the republic, from October 26, 1992 to January six, 1993, subject to government clearance.

Mr C Nagaraj, the secretary of the BCCI, briefing the press, on the decisions of the meeting, said, the tour will include four Tests matches, seven one-day international, three four-day matches, one three-day

pace attack. Angel also removed Mark Waugh, while veteran Terry Alderman ousted Greg Matthews and Phil Emery with successive deliveries. Test left-arm specialist Bruce Reid accounted for David Freedman and Lawson, and then Michael Bevan was run out.

At 244 for nine, New South Wales, still 82 runs short of their target, looked a shattered team. But last-wicket pair Wayne

Holdworth and Mike Whitney gave the home side a big scare with a defiant stand of 37 in 52 minutes.

The end came when big Test medium-pace Tom Moody trapped Whitney, caught behind by Mike Valetta. Valetta was deputising for regular govtman Tim Zochrer, who had been called on to bowl his leg spinners.

The Western Australian win was a big prize for captain Geoff Marsh after a disappointing international season in which he was dropped from the Australian Test and one-day side.

"I must admit I was getting a little bit panicky towards the end, especially after Wayne Andrews had dropped Holdsworth with New South Wales on nine for 249," he said.

"Andrews didn't say anything, but I could see his head getting lower and lower as the runs came."

Western Australia, who have now won the Shield 13 times, collected prize money of 30,000 Australian Dollars (22,000 US).

Lawson bows out of the first-class scene with a total of 666 wickets at an average of 24.87.

His Shield tally of 367 scalps leaves him in second place in the all-time Shield list, behind the legendary Clarrif Grimmer, who captured 513.

McMillan opts out of SA squad

JOHANNESBURG, Apr 1: Brian McMillan, the South African all-rounder, has pulled out of the squad for the historic tour of the West Indies due to an Achilles tendon injury, reports AFP.

His place in the party which leaves on Friday will be taken by Orange Free State all-rounder Corrie Van Zyl, national selection panel convenor Peter Van Der Merwe announced here.

McMillan emerged as a world class all-rounder during the World Cup, when he scored 125 runs in nine matches and took 11 wickets at an average of 27.82 runs.

The West Indies tour, which comprises three one-day internationals and a five-day Test, will be Van Zyl's first taste of international competition.

Revised squad: Kepler Wessels, Peter Kirsten, Allan Donald, Tertius Bosch, Meyrick Pringle, Richard Snell, Omar Henry, Adrian Kulper, Hanse Cronje, Mark Rustmere, Andrew Hudson, Jonty Rhodes, Dave Richardson, Corrie Van Zyl.

Windies pick James Adams

BRIDGETOWN, Apr 1: West Indies on Tuesday included Jamaican middle-order batsman James Adams in a 13-strong squad to face South Africa in a three-match one-day cricket series next month, reports Reuter.

The 12 other players were all in the West Indies squad at the recent World Cup in Australia and New Zealand.

South Africa, who reached the semifinals of the World Cup, take on West Indies in the one-day series in Kingston, Jamaica, on April 7, and Port of Spain, Trinidad, on April 11 and 12.

A five-day Test beginning on April 18 concludes the tour. It will be South Africa's first official Test since the republic was isolated because of its apartheid policies.

West Indies one-day series squad: Richie Richardson (captain), Desmond Haynes, Brian Lara, Keith Arthurton, Carl Hooper, Phillip Simmons, James Adams, David Williams, Curtly Ambrose, Anderson Cummins, Patrick Patterson, Winston Benjamin, Roger Harper.

England A draw with Windies A

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, Apr 1: West Indies A drew with England A on Tuesday, missing a series sweep in the third and final day of a four-day unofficial cricket Test, reports AP.

The home team's fast bowlers reduced England's overnight 47 without loss to 99 for five in the morning session.

But Nasser Hussain of Essex hit a fighting 27, benefiting from three chances and with the lower order save the visitors to more secure waters. Six catches were foorred as the West Indian fielding was in general scrappy.

Captain Hugh Morris set West Indies the challenge of scoring 207 off 39 overs when he declared at 171 for eight, but it was never taken up.

West Indies ended on 97 for two when it was called off early with nine overs remaining. Morris was England's top scorer. He moved his overnight 28 to 47 before fast bowler Courtney Walsh knocked out his off stump with a ball that kept low.

Walsh, the West Indies captain, had earlier started the English decline with the wickets of Darren Bicknell and Mark Ramprakash, for a first ball duck.

Kenneth Benjamin kept up the pressure with the wickets of Paul Johnson, leg before wicket, and John Stephenson, caught at cover.

After lunch, Hussain and Steven Rhodes took their sixth wicket.

Beckenbauer to help US booters for '94 Cup

MUNICH, Apr 1: German World Cup hero Franz Beckenbauer will help the United States to prepare for the 1994 World Cup, a German magazine said on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

Beckenbauer, 46, who led former West Germany to one World Cup triumph as captain and another as team manager, told Bunte: "I'm going over there and I'll help them before the World Cup. But only for a few weeks in the years."

Beckenbauer, who stepped down as national coach after winning the World Cup in 1990, speaks good English and played in the now-defunct North American Soccer League.

He is a vice-President of Bayern Munich, brought in last year to try and reverse the club's declining fortunes — so far without success.

BDR's seventh in a row

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Bangladesh Rifles annexed the Cute First Division handball league title for the seventh time in a row when they crushed last year's runners-up Brothers

runners-up slot, scored with a vengeance against Pashchim Jatrabari Krra Chakra to emerge as ultimate runners up. They led the first half 47-3 in a one-sided match in which they swamped their opponents 69-7 goals.

Kamal of Surjodoy was the highest scorer with 20 goals. Babu with eleven and Palash and Salahuddin with eight each were the other notable scorers. Rafiqul and Monir scored three and two goals for the vanquished.



Cute First Division handball league champions Bangladesh Rifles players and officials pose for the Daily Star after winning their seventh consecutive championship yesterday.

Union in the last match of 1992 league yesterday at the Outer Stadium.

The winners led 12-3 in the first half.

Shah Alam scored seven goals as BDR added another 14 goals in the second half to make the final score 26 as opposed to the seven scored by the vanquished Brothers.

Jahangir and Maung Shur of BDR scored four goals each while Rashedul and Helal scored three each for Brothers. Rifles won eight of their nine matches to emerge as the champions with 24 points. BDR lost their only game 16-21 against Bangladesh Ansars.

Surjodoy Boys Club, locked in a set-to with Ansars for the

POINTS TABLE					
	M	W	D	L	Pts
Rifles	9	8	0	1	24
Surjodoy Boys	9	7	1	1	22
Ansars	9	7	1	1	22
Police	9	6	2	1	20
B Union	9	5	0	4	15
Wanderers	9	4	0	5	12
W Jatrabari	9	3	0	6	9
S Malshandi	9	2	0	7	6
Tarun Sangsad	9	1	0	8	3
Victoria	9	0	0	9	0
Martner Youngs (scratched)					
Baniyanagar SC (scratched)					

ROLL-OF-HONOUR		
Year	Champions	Runners-up
1984	Rifles	Brothers
1985	Rifles	Wanderers
1986	Rifles	Ansars
1987-88	Rifles	Ansars
1988-89	Rifles	Air Force
1989-90	Rifles	Brothers
1991-92	Rifles	Surjodoy Boys

Cantona despairs France

PARIS, Apr 1: France's wayward soccer international Eric Cantona, currently playing for English League leaders Leeds, says he hates his native country and does not plan returning, reports Reuter.

The 25-year-old striker said in an interview in a French soccer magazine that he enjoyed life in England.

He added that politicians and people like his former boss, Marseille president Bernard Tapie, made him despair for France.

"I don't vote. These sort of people make me hate a country which deserves to be adored. It's also why I left."

In England "everything is beautiful", he told Onze Mondial.

The stadiums are beautiful, the atmosphere is great—cops on horseback for the crowds, the respect and communion between the players and fans, the absence of jealousy.

"The game is spectacular, too. There is no malice, it's honest."

Cantona, who has scored 12 goals in 22 games for France, said he would "not live to be

old."

"I want to live a short, intense life."

Cantona, a moody, brooding character who finds solace in painting woodland scenes, had frequent brushes with authority in France.

He was once banned from

members of a disciplinary hearing "idiots".

He said his sight were still set on the 1994 World Cup in the United States.

"But I won't play after that," he said. "The blue jersey (of France) and all the rest included. It's the World Cup and afterwards, that's enough."

Asked where he would be if he had not moved to England, Cantona replied: "Perhaps I would be dead. I don't know. What would I do? I would be a vagabond."

LONDON, Apr 1: Maurice Roworth has quit after nine years as chairman of English League Cup finalists Nottingham Forest after being arrested for fraud, reports AFP.

The 63-year-old accountant, who was released on bail following allegations of irregularities into a financial investment company, will stay on the board, however.

He is to be replaced as chairman by Fred Reacher, who has been a director for 18 years.

Ince's double takes United to top

LONDON, Apr 1: Paul Ince, without a goal in six months, blasted Manchester United back to the head of the English League on Tuesday night with a spectacular double in their 3-1 victory at Norwich, reports AFP.

The 1.5 million pound midfielder rammed home a crisp 20-yarder five minutes before the break and a 25-yard piledriver in the 59th minute as United moved a point clear of Leeds with a game in hand.

Lee power pulled a goal back two minutes later, but Brian McClair restored United's two-goal cushion with a 66th minute volley to answer the critics who suggested United might fade from the title race after only one goal in their previous five league matches.

Victory was achieved at a cost, however, skipper Bryan Robson limping off after 50 minutes.

Norwich, already without striker Robert Fleck, suffered two further injury blows when midfielder Ian Crook and defender David Phillips left the field