

Father-son see Victoria through

Sports Reporter

The Hassans — Raqibul, a famously familiar figure of the country's cricket arena and his promising son Sajid — shared an unbeaten first-wicket partnership to steer Victoria Sporting Club to a 10-wicket victory over Sadharan Bima at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

After a five-day recess for inclement weather, the 14th Damal Summer cricket tournament made a wet restart with one of the two matches scheduled for the day between Dhanmondi Club and Surja Tarun at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium falling through.

The match between Victoria and Sadharan Bima had a slightly better luck as it made to the end, though with the overs having to be reduced and the target revised.

Raqibul, the former national skipper and now Victoria's captain, won the toss and sent Bima to bat. His decision to bowl seemed to work perfectly well as Prince, the left-arm Bangladesh pacesman, struck very early in the Bima innings by claiming two scalps with only 11 runs on board.

Prince and Gautam Some, the medium-pace from West Bengal, had the Bima openers at the receiving end from the very first ball of the innings with their naggingly accurate bowling.

Tawab, the Bima skipper, edged a ball to Raja Venkat, Victoria's second Indian recruit, off Prince at 11.

Prince got his second scalp trapping Litu lbw before the Bima one-down batsman could add anything to his tally or that of his team.

With two down at 11, Sadharan Bima, it seemed, was heading for a very cheap total but Kiran teamed with Dear in a defiant 44-run third-wicket partnership to take the total to 55 before Dear lost his wicket to Wahid. He scored 22 valuable runs.

Kiran, who started the day with his skipper, refused to give up, fighting on until Selim Shahed finally sent him to the pavilion with a caught-and-bowled effort. By that time, Bima were somewhat better placed at 87 with Kiran contributing 40. Lito, who shared a 32-run partnership with Kiran for the fourth wicket, was unbat on 13 when rain intervened.

The rest of the first session was not played due to rain. When Bima came off the field they had managed 93 for four off 31 out of their 45 overs.

After almost a three-hour break the match resumed with Victoria's batsmen facing a revised target of 60 in 20 overs.

Raqibul and Sajid, the father and son combination, started cautiously with an easy-to-get target rather discreetly, taking runs as they came and avoiding adventurous shots.

Sajid, with a lot to prove, played sensibly and contributed 27 with one shot across the fence while his dad Raqibul made a 53-ball 22 with one boundary.

Their joint effort saw Victoria home with 13 balls to spare.

In the other match, the Lewis' donation for the miners

LONDON, Oct 20: Lennox Lewis, counting down to his world heavyweight title eliminator against Razor Ruddock on Saturday week, is to give 15,000 pounds worth of flight tickets to the National Union of Mineworkers, reports AFP.

Lewis arrived back in London from his American training camp "disturbed" at the plight of the miners. His donation, which will come out of his own purse, has been accepted by Union president Arthur Scargill.

"I don't believe that sport and politics mix, but in this case I would like to make this gesture to the British miners," said Lewis.

"It's really bad for them, and 30,000 out of work is not good for the country. I've grown up around poverty and I can understand what they are going through."

To date less than 7,000 tickets have been sold and the capacity of the arena is around 18,000.

Lewis has been preparing in the peace and quiet of the Pocono Hills in Pennsylvania where one of his sparring partners was Mike Weaver, the former WBA champion who was beaten by Lewis last year.

Weaver has also lost to Ruddock on points and is picking Lewis to do the job.

"Ruddock got the decision over me and ran a lot. After fighting both men I think Lennox is the better of the two, although he must watch out for Ruddock's powerful left hook and upper-cut," Weaver said.

Ruddock's preparations got off to a bad start when his flight on Concorde from New York was delayed for seven hours and did not arrive in London until 5 am on Monday.



The Hassans — a bondage of two generations — going out to open Victoria Sporting Club against Sadharan Bima at the National Stadium yesterday. Raqibul, the father and the senior campaigner, is on the right with his son Sajid. — Star photo

Dhanmondi skipper followed the same pattern by sending Surjo Tarun in to bat after winning the toss, and his plan seemed to work just as fine when Faruque removed two early order Tarun batsmen with the scoreboard showing only 47.

Tito, who opened with his skipper Nurul Hadi, was lured out of his crease to play a Faruque delivery, only to be stumped by Atiar, the Dhanmondi wicket keeper. The scoreboard then showed 30. Seventeen runs later, Faruque struck again, this time Javed Omar Golla offering a catch to Biplob.

Shoaib joined his skipper and it was a safe ride since then as the pair had the situation under control till the rains took over.

When the players were forced off the field Hadi and Shoaib had already put on 78 runs with an fine effort.

The umpires found the pitch unplayable after a heavy afternoon downpour and called the match off. The revised schedule will be announced later.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Kalabagan KC vs Agrani Bank (Dhaka Stadium)
Udity Club vs Eskaton SS (Dhanmondi Stadium)

Procter quits county job

JOHANNESBURG, Oct 20: South Africa's cricket manager Mike Procter announced Monday he was giving up his post in charge of English county side Northamptonshire to concentrate on the national side, reports AFP.



MIKE PROCTER

He said at Durban that the United Cricket Board of South Africa would be making the national manager's post a full-time appointment during the season which has just got underway here.

"Consequently I would like to devote all my energies to ensure that my application for the new post will be successful," he said.

Procter has been director of cricket at Northants for the past two English seasons.

India crash to 93 for four

HARARE, Oct 20: India crashed to 93 for four wickets in a dismal reply to Zimbabwe's first innings total of 456 on Tuesday, the third day of a five-day cricket Test, reports AP.

The visitors need 164 further runs, with six wickets remaining, on Wednesday to dodge humiliation at the hands of a team playing their first Test since gaining international status this year.

Equally demoralizing for the Indians is that their main batsman, Sanjay Manjrekar, is back in the pavilion.

The Zimbabweans have triumphed even without their main strike bowler, Eddie Brandes, who twisted an ankle after bowling two overs and will almost certainly be out of the rest of the match.

Zimbabwe resumed play Tuesday morning, adding only 50 runs in 115 minutes and giving India just one over before lunch.

David Houghton, Zimbabwe's skipper, stretched his score to 121.

In reply, India comfortably made 29 but then lost Ravi Shastri to a great catch by Andy Pycroft off Mark Burmester for 11.

Manjrekar and opener Woorkeri Raman lifted the

scoreboard to 77. But Zimbabwe broke through with Gary Crocker, the left-handed medium-pace bowler, bowling Raman through his pads for 43. The Indian prodigy Sachin Tendulkar, fresh from Yorkshire, gave John Traicos a return catch without scoring. Traicos had taken two for 26.

An earlier PTI message said: Chasing Zimbabwe's huge total of 456, India replied with 42 for the loss of opener Ravi Shastri's wicket at tea on the third day.

Like Zimbabweans, the Indian batsmen dropped shutters and played cautiously scoring the runs off 31 overs.

Shastri and Raman faced the four-member attack skilfully, if not untroubled, when Shastri threw away his wicket. He played a casual shot and directed a ball from Burmester into slips where Pycroft held a well-judged catch. He made 11 runs from 63 deliveries.

Raman and Manjrekar raised the total to 42 without being separated. Raman curbed his desire for playing his shots and was batting with 24, while Manjrekar was on five.

Zimbabwe had a slice of bad luck when their frontline bowler Eddo Brandes twisted his ankle and was sent for an X-ray examination after he had bowled only two overs.

The other medium-pace bowlers, Malcolm Jarvis and

Gary Crocker did obtain some purchase from the wicket but not sufficient to cause worry to the Indian batsmen.

Experienced off-spinner John Traicos, who had played for South Africa in 1970, secured turn from the pitch in the only over he bowled.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the third day of the Test, between Zimbabwe and India at the Harare Sports Club Tuesday:

ZIMBABWE: First innings
KJ Arnott c Raman b Kumble 40
GW Flower c More b Srinath 82
AD Campbell lbw b Kapil 45
A Pycroft c Azharuddin b Prabhakar 39
M Burmester c Azharuddin b Prabhakar 7

DL Houghton c More b Srinath 121
A Flower b Prabhakar 59
G Crocker not out 23
EA Brandes lbw b Srinath 0
J Traicos b Kumble 5
MP Jarvis c Raman b Kumble 0
Extras (b1, lb19, nb15) 35
Total: (214.2 overs) 456

Fall: 1-100; 2-175; 3-186; 4-199; 5-252; 6-417; 7-445; 8-445; 9-454.

Bowling O M R W
Kapil Dev 39 13 71 1
Prabhakar 45 15 66 3
Srinath 39 12 89 3
Raju 39 15 79 0
Kumble 35.2 11 79 3
Shastri 17 3 52 0
(Incomplete)

DU walk into zonal final

Sports Reporter

The 16th national football runners-up Dhaka University have moved into the final of the University zonal of this year's national championship for the Sher-e-Bangla Cup.

Dhaka University received a walk-over against Chittagong University at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday.

Dhaka University will play the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology, who will receive another walk-over today against Rajshahi University, in the final on October 23.

Rajshahi University yesterday informed the Bangladesh Football Federation of their inability to participate in the meet.

At Nilphamari, the hosts got the better of Pancharag DSA by five goals to nil in the Nilphamari zonal opener.

Nilphamari, who enjoyed absolute supremacy over their lowly opponents, led 1-0 at the lemon break.

Mashtul opened the account for Nilphamari in the 38th minute (1-0).

Nilphamari will take on the winners of tomorrow's match between Rangpur and Lalmonirhat on October 24.

President of the Bangladesh Football Federation, Siddiqur Rahman inaugurated the Nilphamari zonal qualifiers as chief guest.

Jhenidah DSA registered a facile 8-0 victory over Meharpur at Jessore, thanks to Sajedur Rahman who slammed a hat-trick.

Jhenidah will take on hosts Jessore in the semifinals tomorrow.

Joypurhat will meet the victors of tomorrow's match between Naogaon and Nawabganj on October 24.

Perojpur DSA recorded an emphatic 5-1 victory over Jhalakathi at Khulna.

Hasanuzzaman opened the flood-gates for Jhenidah in the very eighth minute of play (1-0).

Sajedur Rahman made it 2-0 in the 43rd minute while Abdullah Ali netted the third goal in the 44th minute (1-0).

Sajed got his second and fourth goal for Jhenidah in the 51st minute (4-0).

Ateequllah hit the fifth goal in the 50th minute while Sajed notched up his hat-trick in the 62nd minute by scoring the sixth goal of the one-sided affair (6-0).

Abdullah Asad got the seventh and eighth goals for the winners in the 67th and 68th minutes.

The Jessore zonal final will be held on October 26.

Joypurhat edged past Bogra 3-2 in yesterday's most keenly contested match, the inaugural match of the Joypurhat zonal qualifiers.

Shah Mohammad Mobin netted all the three goals for the hosts.

Perojpur will meet hosts Khulna in the semifinals on October 23.

At Bandarban, Chittagong DSA beat Laxmpur by a solitary goal.

Zafar Iqbal netted the decider three minutes from time. Chittagong will take on Cox's Bazar in the zonal semifinals tomorrow.

At Sunamganj, Chandpur beat Brahmanbaria by two goals to nil.

Jahangir and Shaful Islam

scored one goal each for Chandpur in the 25th and 60th minutes respectively.

Mazhar Ali of Chandpur received the red card for rough play.

At the Banani Naval Complex, Bangladesh Customs got the better of Bangladesh Police 3-1 in a match of the Services zone.

Customs will play the technical finalist Bangladesh Navy in the zonal final tomorrow.

Navy, who had lost to Bangladesh Ansars 1-2 in the semifinals on Monday, were declared winners by the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) since Ansars were found guilty of fielding illegal players in the match, according to sources.

Custodian Zahidul Islam Milon, who is a regular employee of T&T, played for Ansars in that match.

BFF has also suspended Milon for a period of one year, the source said.

In yesterday's match, Tushar Barua opened the account for Customs in the very third minute of play (1-0).

Selim Hossain restored parity for Bangladesh Police in the 13th minute (1-1).

Veteran striker Shaikh Md Aslam of Abahani Krira Chakra put Customs once again in the lead in the 15th minute (2-1).

Afsar confirmed Customs victory by scoring the third goal in the 48th minutes (3-1).

The qualifying matches at the remaining two of the ten venues across the country — Madaripur and Netrokona under Dhaka Division — will begin today.

At Madaripur, the hosts will play Rajbari while at Netrokona, Manikganj will also play the hosts.

Stewart in a mess

LONDON, Oct 20: Surrey's blunt warning on ball-doctoring casts a shadow over Alec Stewart's prospects of succeeding Graham Gooch as England skipper, reports AFP.

The county have made it clear that Stewart will be held responsible if Surrey are ever again found guilty of cheating while he is captain.

Stewart is seen as Gooch's likeliest successor and is due to captain his country in a Test for the first time this winter — taking charge against Sri Lanka when Gooch flies home after the Test leg.

The Test and County Cricket Board have stressed that the 1,000 pound suspended fine imposed against Surrey for three instances of ball-tampering between 1990 and 1992 will not affect Stewart's winter position as vice-captain.

But any further offences could ruin his chances of leading out his country.

Muktijoddha in Sikkim final

Muktijoddha Sangsad, a Dhaka First Division side, moved into the final of the Governors Cup football tournament defeating Kerala Police 2-1 in Gangtok, Sikkim, yesterday, reports UNB.

According to a message received in Dhaka, Mushtaque and Zahid scored one goal each for Muktijoddha to pave the way to the final.

In the final, Muktijoddha will meet the winners of the Mohun Bagan versus Sikkim Police match.

DU soccer Sports Reporter

Department of Applied Physics and Electronics, registered a 2-0 win over Department of Mathematics to move into the next round of the inter-department football championship yesterday at the Dhaka University central playground.

Mahbub and Muhtul netted one goal each for the victors.

Sports Forum launching today

In order to help develop the standard of the country's sports, a new organisation — Bangladesh Sports Forum — will be formally launched today at the National Press Club, says a press release.

Guests and all sections concerned with the country's sports have been requested to attend the open discussion session at four this afternoon.

Ian Chappell blames Bradman 'for players' poor plight

MELBOURNE, Oct 20: Former Australian Test captain Ian Chappell has accused the great Sir Donald Bradman of contributing to the player dissatisfaction that sparked their defection to World Series Cricket (WSC) in 1977, reports AFP.



SIR DON BRADMAN

WSC was the creation of media magnate Kerry Packer which bitterly divided the cricket world for two years until it was settled with Packer grabbing the lion's share of cricket for his television network here.

In his new book "Chappell: The Cutting Edge," Chappell describes how Bradman contributed to the revolt by most of the Australian Test team.

Sir Donald's attitude to holding Test player payments at a minimum level had upset Australian team members from as early as the 1969-70 tour of India and South Africa.

Chappell, who never lost a

Test series as Australian captain, had initially retired after the 1975-76 series against the West Indies, but came back as one of the first to sign for WSC.

He had been appointed captain for the last Test of the 1970-71 series against England and started agitating for better rewards for his players.

Three years later, his request received short shrift from Sir Donald and the rest of the ACB in a meeting before the third Test against New Zealand in Adelaide in January 1974.

"When I came to the two matters on finance Sir Donald sat forward listening intently," Chappell writes.

"After I finished each point he explained in his distinctive tone, and in no uncertain terms, that the board couldn't entertain such ideas."

"ACB secretary, Allan Barnes, like many others on the board, was a Bradman disciple and I'm sure the Don's

attitude to players' pay was well-served."

"I think the policy of keeping match payments at a minimum contributed to the success World Series Cricket officials had when a couple of years later they approached Australian players with a contract."

The fight for better pay



IAN CHAPPELL

continues and current captain Allan Border is preparing a submission to the ACB on better payment for contracted players.

Chappell covers a wide range of issues, including the future of Test cricket and recent allegations by former West Indies captain Viv Richards of racism among the Australians which Chappell vigorously refutes.

"Viv Richards said of the 1975-76 series in his book Hitting Across The Line that 'Without doubt it was to be the hardest, meanest cricket tour that I have ever been involved in,'" Chappell writes.

Gias Kamal to attend ANOC meet

Sports Reporter

President of the Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA) Gias Kamal Chowdhury will attend the eighth congress of the Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC) to be held from November 4 to 6 in Acapulco, Mexico.

The ANOC will bear all the expenses of the BOA president.

Chang delights his fans

HONG KONG, Oct 20: American Michael Chang, Hong Kong's favourite sportsman, got off to a resounding start in the 640,000 US dollar Marlboro Championships here Tuesday, reports AFP.

The popular Chang wowed his legions of fans as he began his eighth attempt at winning a title in Hong Kong by defeating Magnus Larsson of Sweden 6-4, 6-3 in his opening preliminary group match.

Czech-born American Ivan Lendl was also in commanding form as he breezed to a 6-1, 6-2 victory over Australian Todd Woodbridge.

Even before Chang had

struck a ball, he had already endeared himself in the hearts of his numerous Hong Kong

servers in the game, caused a few problems for Chang, but the favourite recovered from a shaky start to post a comfortable win.

His next opponent in his group is China's number one player Xia Jiaping. The Chinese Davis Cup player was easily beaten by Spain's Emilio Sanchez 6-1, 6-0, earlier.

Lendl continued his recent winning streak with another clinical performance which left Woodbridge without a semblance of a hope.

The 32-year-old Lendl, winner of last week's Japan Open, broke Woodbridge's serve twice in each set to easily win his first group match.

"I think I'm on a roll, but I still feel I can play better," said the world No. 8.

Australian Mark Woodforde, a late replacement for Andre Agassi, was beaten 6-4, 6-4 by Croatian Goran Prpic.

Agassi also failed to make his other Asian date — missing out on the Japan Open last week — as he is suffering from bronchial infection.

The 16-man draw has been split into four groups. After a preliminary round robin format, the winners of each group will move into the semi-finals.

Group 1: Michael Chang (USA), Emilio Sanchez (Spain), Magnus Larsson (Sweden), Xia Jiaping (China).

Group 2: Ivan Lendl (USA), Michael Stich (Germany), Todd Woodbridge (Australia), Martin Damm (Czechoslovakia).

Group 3: Richard Krajicek (Netherlands), Alexander Volkov (Russia), Javier Sanchez (Spain), Jeremy Bates (Britain).

Group 4: Wayne Ferreira (South Africa), Mark Woodforde (Australia), Goran Prpic (Croatia), Leander Paes (India).
Larsson, one of the bigger

Graf does it in 58 minutes

BRIGHTON, England, Oct 20: Top-seed Steffi Graf needed only 58 minutes Tuesday to win her opening round match at the Brighton women's indoor tournament — her 26th victory in a row at the dlr 350,000 event, reports AP.

Titlist for the past four years, the German swept past Larisa Savchenko-Neiland of Latvia 6-2, 6-3 to advance to the second round.

Another German, fourth seed Anke Huber downed Dutch player Brenda Schultz 6-1, 3-6, 6-4 and was joined in the second round by Nathalie Tauziat of France and American Lori McNeil.

But sixth seed Katerina Maleeva of Bulgaria was upset 3-6, 6-4, 6-1 by Pascale Paradis Mangon of France.

Despite winning the first five games of the first set and controlling the match with her

powerful groundstrokes Graf felt unhappy when she walked off court to rousing applause.

"She's not the sort of player you can get into a rhythm against. I wish I could have had some longer rallies," Graf lamented.

"Instead we both just went for our shots and because of that it was hard to get a feeling for the court."

Twenty-four hours earlier Graf had returned to a court she holds even closer to her heart, the Centre Court at Wimbledon.

Her un-announced, impromptu appearance startled security men at the All England Club, home of Wimbledon, some sixty miles (96.5 kilometres) from Brighton.

"I ran past the gate and into the grounds before they could even do anything," said Graf, who won the Wimbledon title for the fourth time in July.

"But when they realised it was me it was OK."

Graf chose a good moment to turn up. The Wimbledon trophies were in an office ready to be sent to a museum exhibition.

"They asked me if I wanted to hold it (the trophy). I said: 'for sure,' the world No. 2 said.

Maleeva, world ranked No. 12, fought back from losing the first set to level the match against 48th ranked Paradis-Mangon. But after holding her serve at the start of the final set, Maleeva won only ten more points.

DU basketball