

# Nobel, Masum plunder Victoria

Sports Reporter

Brothers Union, aided by an unbeaten knock of 86 by skipper Nurul Abedin Nobel, the highest individual score so far, and the third consecutive half-century by in-form opener Zahid

Selim Shahed and Mukul then added 67 runs for the third wicket with the former hitting a sound 60 off 87 balls. Shahed struck six sweetly-timed boundaries in his innings, terminated by Tamal's sleight of hand behind the stumps of Habibul Bashar

fours, off only 33 balls. However, the remainder of the Victoria batting lost way and the grand total at the end of the 45 overs quota was an inadequate 187 for eight. Arup Bhattacharya, the big left-arm spinner, emerged with the respectable bowling

at gully in the beginning, got his fifty earlier than his partner but swung across the line to be judged leg before for a strokeful 55 seasoned with seven boundaries. By then 120 runs were realised in 27.2 overs. Nobel batted with gay abandon to slam an unbeaten 86 to take Brothers home in 42.2 overs. Nobel played 120 balls and hammered nine fours in his knock, marked with unorthodox pyrotechnics.

Athar was at the kill with 19 following Suman's cheap dismissal, leg before to Golam Nowsher Prince while trying to flick the left-arm paceman across the line.

Rubel, the right-arm victoria off-spinner, returned a respectable analysis of one for 28 while Prince, who bowled so well against Abahani in the last match, found the wicket too unresponsive to finish with a pedestrian analysis of one for 46.

Brothers now play Abahani to decide who play whom in the cross semifinals.

### TODAY'S MATCH

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**Jadeja's double ton**  
SPRINGS, South Africa, Nov 2: Combined Bowl XI were 51 for six wickets in their second innings on the third day of their four-day cricket match against India today, reports Reuter.

Scores: Combined Bowl XI 230 and 51 for six; India 556 for three declared (A Jadeja 254 not out, S Manjrekar 186, S Tendulkar 65).

**Andalib's hat-trick in DU cricket**  
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A brilliant hat-trick by Andalib Islam powered Department of Statistics to a flattering 142-run victory against Department of Arabic in the Dhaka University inter-department cricket tournament at the Jagannath Hall ground yesterday.

Making the first use of the strip Statistics Department made 196 for the loss of six wickets in the stipulated 30 overs with Saiful Islam getting 48 and Mahbubul Latif 33.

Anisur Rahman of Arabic Department took two wickets for 16 runs.

In reply, Arabic Department were bundled out for a paltry 54 in 20.4 overs.

Andalib Islam ripped through the Arabic batting line up by taking seven wickets conceding only eight runs.

# Kiwis 325 for 3 as Latham hits maiden Test ton

BULAWAYO, Zimbabwe, Nov 2. (Agencies): New Zealand were 325 for three in their first innings at close of play here today on a rain-interrupted second day of their cricket Test against Zimbabwe. Opener Rod Latham com-



ROD LATHAM...119  
pleted his maiden Test hundred as New Zealand consolidated their strong position today.

New Zealand had extended their overnight 205 for one to 279 for two at lunch on the second day.

Latham hit 14 fours and one six in an innings that lasted 285 minutes.

Latham and Andrew Jones had put on 127 for the second wicket when the opener was run out after a mix-up in which his partner failed to respond to a call for a run.

Captain Martin Crowe, 17 not out, and vice-captain Jones, unbeaten with 51, added 36 in an unfinished third wicket stand before the interval.

Torrential downpours stopped play twice Monday. Some spectators cheered the rain, the first in months in Bulawayo, which is in danger of running out of water in a few weeks because of drought.

The visiting Kiwis, playing their first Test in Zimbabwe, did not share the local's enthusiasm.

They pushed their first-day total to 225-1 up to 325-3 in the 2 1/2 hours of play that weather permitted.

### SCOREBOARD

Close of play scoreboard Monday, the second day of Zimbabwe's cricket Test against New Zealand:

<b>NEW ZEALAND:</b> First Innings				
Greatbatch c Campbell b				
Shah			87	
Latham run out			119	
Jones not out			67	
Crowe c Jarvis b Traicos			42	
Rutherford not out			7	
Extras (lb 3)			3	
Total (3 wkts, 96.1 overs)			325	
Fall of wickets: 1-116; 2-243; 3-314				
<b>Bowling:</b>	O	M	R	W
Jarvis	26.1	4	87	0
Burmester	14	1	71	0
Shah	14	6	46	1
Traicos	23.1	4	56	1
Crocker	14	1	57	0
Houghton	0.5	0	0	0
G Flower	4	2	5	0

# WI start tour with a win

# Lara flashes at Lilac Hill

PERTH, Nov 2: Dazzling left-hand batsman Brian Lara powered the West Indies to a runaway win on Monday in the opening game of their three-month Australia tour, reports AFP.

Lara's commanding 106 from just 132 deliveries propelled the tourists to a seven-wicket victory, with 34 balls to spare, over an Australian Cricket Board Chairman's XI in a limited-overs clash at the picturesque Lilac Hill Park ground in the grape-growing Swan Valley, near here.

The 23-year-old's man-of-the-match exhibition was laden with 14 superbly timed boundaries.

The tourists revelled in the sunny, cloudless conditions to reach 210 for three from 44.2 overs after the Chairman's side had been restricted to 209 for nine in their 50 overs.

Only six days after arriving in Australia, the West Indies impressed with their all-round professionalism, which included marvelously sharp fielding.

The Chairman's XI started their innings well after winning the toss and opting to bat first.

At one stage on 144 for two,

they looked to be in a position to reach a big total, but the next seven wickets toppled for only 65 runs.

Skipper Geoff Marsh, seeking a return to the Australian side from which he was dumped last season, boosted



BRIAN LARA...106  
his cause with a solid 72 from 122 balls, including nine boundaries, before becoming the first of three members of his side to be brilliantly run out.

Off spinner Carl Hooper took the bowling honours for the West Indies, with a com-

mendable 3-42 from 10 overs. There was an early hiccup for the tourists when opening batsman Phil Simmons became the first of two victims of former Test fast bowling legend Dennis Lillee, who defied his 43 years in a special comeback for the festival match.

Displaying remarkable aggression for a paceman of his vintage, Lillee grabbed 2-18 from 10 overs, with two maidens.

But he could not stop Lara and skipper Richie Richardson from wrapping up the match with a second wicket stand of 141.

It was not such a happy day for another former champion, off spinner Bruce Yardley, whose 8.2 overs cost 56 runs.

The West Indies next play the West Australian state team in a one-day match in Perth on Wednesday.

The first of five tests against Australia will begin on Nov 27 in Brisbane.

Scores: ACB Chairman's XI 209-9 (Geoff Marsh 72, Damien Martyn 32, Tom Moody 31; Carl Hooper 3-42). West Indies 210-3 (Brian Lara 106, Richie Richardson 53; Dennis Lillee 2-18).

West Indies won by seven wickets.

# Richardson defends his 'sledgers'

CANBERRA, Nov 2: West Indies skipper Richie Richardson on Monday dismissed allegations by Australian fast bowler Craig McDermott that he runs a side of "sledgers", reports Reuter.

McDermott, in a book released as the West Indies begin their tour of Australia, said he was the target of abuse by some West Indian cricketers

not understand the timing of the release of the book, "Strike Bowler", but would ensure that his men maintained good behaviour.

"I don't like confrontations. I don't like to see people getting at one another, picking at one another, sledging one another," Richardson told reporters.

"I would be the first person to tell my players to get on with the game because when you don't do that, you are only upsetting your rhythm."

"You can sometimes lose concentration and lose focus. It's best with anything like that to dismiss it and get on with

the game," said Richardson, whose team was playing its opening tour match on Monday in Perth against an Australian Cricket Board Eleven.

Star bowler McDermott, who as a lower order batsman was a prime target in a "bumper" war between the two sides in 1991, said he had gone public with his allegations after reading Richardson's autobiography, "Hitting Across the Line."

SA to play one-day tournament in India

JOHANNESBURG, Nov 2: South Africa have accepted an invitation to join with the other Test-playing countries in a limited overs tournament in India next year, reports Reuter.

United Cricket Board of South Africa managing director Ali Bacher said on Sunday the tournament would be a part of the Bengal Cricket Association's diamond jubilee celebrations in November 1993.

"We will be looking at five or six limited overs matches in about 10 days. And a squad of about 15 players," said Bacher.

He said provisional indications were that India, Pakistan, South Africa, England, West Indies and either Zimbabwe or Sri Lanka would play in the tournament.

Richardson said he could

Caribbean tour.

He singled out bowler Curtly Ambrose and Viv Richards, the West Indies skipper at the time, for "sledging", cricketers' parlance for verbal abuse from the opposition during a game.

New skipper Richardson said he had heard of McDermott's allegations but repeated his desire that the series, unlike the previous clash between the two teams, be played in good spirit.

Richardson said he could

prize money at this week's Paris Open, the ATP tour's richest tennis tournament, reports Reuter.

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Jansher pulls out of European Open

KIEL, Germany, Nov 2: World and British Open champion Jansher Khan has pulled out of the European Open because of a chest infection, reports AFP.

"Although he had finished a course of antibiotics he felt too weak to play here," organisers said.

The 23-year-old, who has flown back to Pakistan from London, kept quiet about the fact that he was suffering from a virus whilst winning the Dutch Open in Amsterdam last week.



Nurul Abedin Nobel, the Brothers captain, in full flow against Victoria Sporting Club in yesterday's Damal Summer cricket match at the Dhaka Stadium. The hard-hitting opener paved the way for a facile eight wicket victory for his side with an unbeaten knock of 86.

Razzak Masum in this year's Damal Summer Cricket tournament, outplayed Victoria Sporting Club by eight wickets to confirm a place in the semifinals.

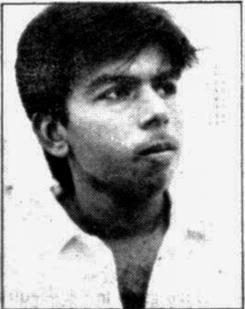
Even if Brothers lose their last group X match to Abahani Krira Chakra, the reigning Damal champions, their place in the semifinals is as assured as that of the Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club (GMCC), the Group Y champions, and Abahani themselves following Victoria's second successive defeat at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Nobel won the toss in the morning and asked his counterpart to bat first on a bland wicket. T L Fernando, Brothers Union's Sri Lankan opening bowler, dealt the first blow by trapping Ronny leg before for seven.

Sajid, who opened without his father Victoria skipper Roqibul for the first time in the tournament, left for 14, caught and bowled by Masum, with the score on 54.

Suman's spin. Mukul made 25 before Tamal snapped him up off Calcuttan Arup Bhattacharya, leaving the onus of advancing the Victoria innings on the shoulders of Gautam Some, the other Calcuttan on show yesterday.

Gautam tore apart the



SELIM SHAHED...60  
Brothers attack to score a most-timely 41 embellished with two mighty sixes and four

figures of two for 27 off nine overs.

Athar Ali, the tall, right-arm medium-pace bowler, took two for 37 while Fernando also bagged two wickets but at a lesser cost, 28 runs. Spinners Suman and Masum claimed one each.

Nobel and Masum gave an absolutely rip-roaring start to the Brothers innings and at one stage looked like winning the match in 20 overs with Gautam Some being plundered for 15 runs in one over. Nobel launched into a thunderous drive through the covers; Masum followed it up with a straighter but more powerful drive and then rounded off the show with a deflection past the fine-leg boundary.

Although the introduction of spinners slowed down the run rate, with Saikat bowling with his usual nagging accuracy, the damage was already done and the sloppy Victoria fielding removed the last vestige of contest from the match. Masum, who was dropped

# Ivanisevic fires 30 aces to win Stockholm Open

## Is tennis becoming a server's game?

STOCKHOLM, Nov 2: Is tennis' power problem ruining the game? After Goran Ivanisevic fired

30 aces past Guy Forget on a medium-fast surface to capture the Stockholm Open, someone suggested that tennis should change its rules and allow just one serve, reports AP.

"That's ridiculous!" said Ivanisevic, a 6-foot, 4-inch Croat, who leads the ATP Tour with 877 aces this year.

"They always complain. I hit 30 aces and then they say we

have to change something. If there's one serve I think nobody's going to like it."

"Then the small guys who play from the back will have a big advantage. I think one serve is going to be bad for tennis."

The Stockholm Open organisers installed a new, medium-fast surface called Green Set this year hoping that it would produce longer rallies and more excitement than in the past, when the serve-and-volley experts dominated the tournament on the faster Supreme Court surface.

But the new surface didn't help.

It proved to be a server's court if the statistics are any evidence. The outcome of most matches depended upon quality of serve, particularly first serve.

All four semifinalists—the two others were US open finalists Stefan Edberg and Pete Sampras—were at the top of the leaderboard in percentage of first serves won. They consistently topped the boards in aces, and percentage of service games won.

Ivanisevic, who outlasted Forget 7-6 (7-2), 4-6, 7-6 (7-5), 6-2 in Sunday's final, had a total of 80 aces. That's an average of 16 in five matches.

At Wimbledon this year, Ivanisevic served 34 aces during a match against Aussie Todd Woodbridge—the second

### DU basketball

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Department of Geology trounced Institute of Statistical Research and Training (ISRT) by five goals to nil in the Dhaka University inter-department football tournament at the University playground yesterday.

Geology Department led 3-0 at the breather.

Meanwhile, Department of Public Administration outplayed Department of Botany by 53 to 18 points in the DU inter-department basketball tournament at the University gymnasium yesterday.

Julian scored 26 points for Public Administration Department and Mahub got 10 points for Botany Department.

highest total ever in the world's most famous tennis tournament.

But you don't necessarily win the big titles with a big serve.

"At Wimbledon I hit 206



GORAN IVANISEVIC  
aces, but I didn't win," said Ivanisevic, who lost the final to Andre Agassi.

Although tennis has always had its big servers since Big Bill Tilden's heydays, some experts would like to see a radical change.

Swedish tennis writer Bjorn Helberg, who has written 26 books about tennis and covered more than 500 tournaments, including 26 straight Wimbledon, is one of them.

"I'd be in favour of one serve only," said Helberg, a noted tennis conservative. "But the idea is nothing new. Already 100 years ago it was suggested to have one serve only in tennis."

Edberg, a serve-and volley specialist who suffered his fourth straight loss to Ivanisevic this year in the semis here, agrees that something needs to be done.

"Maybe they should do something with the balls, if it's possible," Edberg said. "Or maybe they should try to make the surfaces slower."

Space-age rackets, including the so-called widebodies made of graphite-fiber composite with a big, thick head, have helped shorten the rallies and robbed the men's tennis of some of its drama.

The International Tennis Federation has discussed ways to slow down the game: make the service box smaller, eliminate the second serve, deaden the ball, perhaps even ban cer-

tain advanced material from rackets.

The Association of Tennis Professionals, which run the men's tour, discussed a rule change concerning the serve a year ago. But the conservative forces, saying that the tiebreak rule "is enough," prevailed.

The tiebreak, invented by the late Jimmy van Alen of the US in the late 1960s, was introduced for the first time at the 1970 US Open.

Ivanisevic, the first Croat to win the Stockholm Open since Niki Pilić in 1969, moved past Michael Chang and Petr Korda to a career-high fourth in the ATP rankings behind Jim Courier, Sampras and Edberg with his victory here, the sixth of his career.

"I can't complain. Now I'm No. 4 and it gives me something extra. If I play well in Paris this week and Frankfurt (the ATP Tour World Championship) I can go even higher."

Ivanisevic, 21, earned dls 1,70,000 for the triumph. Forget, who remains at No. 12 in the world, picked up dls 91,500.

### UK, Holland accept Pak invitation

ISLAMABAD, Nov 2: Britain and Holland have accepted an invitation to play in a hockey championship to be hosted by Pakistan in February, the secretary of the Pakistan Hockey Federation (PHF) said Sunday, reports AFP.

Australia has turned down the invitation, saying their home season clashed with the championship that is scheduled for February 8-11 in Lahore, Brigadier Hamid said in a statement, adding France had shown interest in taking part.

The PHF official said India and Malaysia had not yet responded to invitations extended for the planned six-nation event.

He also said a series of privately sponsored matches scheduled to be played in December in Abu Dhabi between the Indian and Pakistani hockey teams had been put off.

The postponement came after India set out certain conditions, he said, but did not specify what these were.

# Top trio to fight for No 1 at Paris

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Australian Open winner, had taken a break since reaching the semifinals of the US open last month. But his comeback in Stockholm last week was far from convincing, losing in the round of 16 to Sweden's Henrik Holm.

"However, difficult it is to come back, you need a break from time to time. What matters is your career in the long term," he said.

With only the ATP tour final remaining, the Paris Open takes on a vital importance. Courier is best placed as he was beaten in the quarter-finals last year and would discard the least ranking points of the three from the 12-month counting system.

Sampras, more eager than ever to reach the world's number one spot, faces a more anxious time.

Although trailing Courier by only a handful of points in the standings, the former US Open champion, who won the Lyon tournament last month before losing to Frenchman Guy Forget in the semifinals in Stockholm, is not over-confident.

"It'll be difficult because I have too many points to lose in the coming weeks. Last year I was a finalist in Paris and I won the Masters. I must do just as well to keep my ranking," he said.

"The best placed to be number one at the end of the season remains Jim Courier," he said.

Sampras would have risen to the top had he beaten Edberg in the US Open final. Since that victory the Swede has dropped from number one to three.

### Jahangir now a wild carder

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The six times world champion has entered tournaments in Pakistan, Hong Kong and Qatar in December.

Jahangir, who was never out of the top two from 1980 to 1991, announced before the World Open in September that he planned to retire at the end of the season. Further back trouble forced him to pull out of his second round match in

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