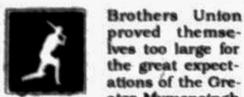


Masum hits brilliant ton as

Brothers Union waltz into final

Sports Reporter



Brothers Union proved themselves too large for the great expectations of the Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club (GMCC) to compass as they brought celebrations for their first-ever Damal title within one match with a huge eight-wicket victory in the second semifinal at the Dhaka Stadium on Saturday.

A brilliant hundred by Zahid Razzak Masum, the second in this year's curtain raising competition, paved the path for Brothers, who lost only two wickets on their way past the GMCC total of 189 all out in 40 overs.

Masum, who had earlier knocked up four half-centuries in a row in the meet, remained unbeaten on an exact 100 as the one-time finalists prepare for a second showdown with reigning champions Abahani Kria Chakra, who entered the final after having worked a historic exit for the 13-time finalists Mohammedan Sporting Club only the previous day in the first semifinal.

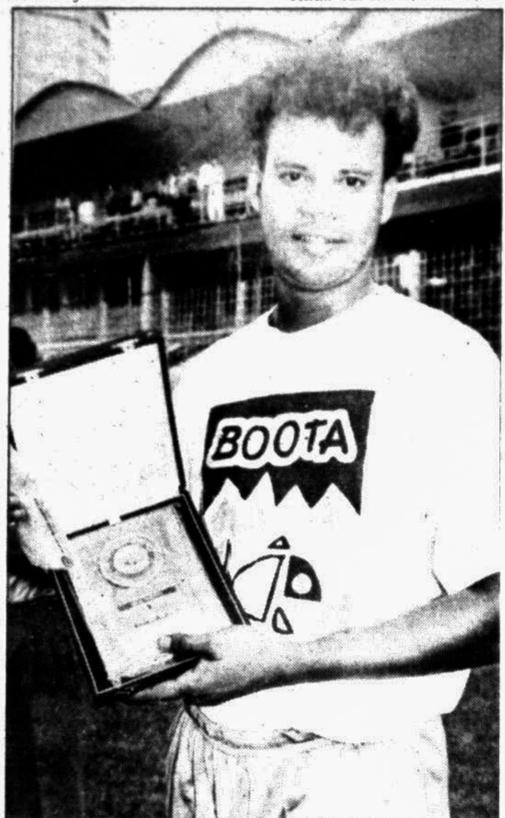
Brothers, who earlier had their reputation soiled by a negative attitude adopted by their officials in the group match they lost to Abahani by 35 runs, gave an awesome display of their strength and resolve against a GMCC, rejuvenated by the inclusion of Indian Test discard Raman Lamba.

Raman Lamba scored 37 before being run out as GMCC, put into bat by Brothers Union skipper Nurul Abedin Nobel, got off to a shaky start, losing Rownakul Islam Tutul for three.

Mohsin was sent back for five by Shri Lankan paceman T L Fernando to make the scoreboard pull a long face at 15 for two. Anisuddin Muiyuan Pika then teamed up with Lamba to raise the score to 75 when Lamba left for 37 in the 25th over.

Pika carried on gamely although another crucial run out brought the downfall of another foreigner in their ranks — Shri Lankan Test discard

Sanjeeva Weerasinghe, a goodish bat in our context — could score only three. Salahuddin gummed up his works with his off-spinners. Athar Ali Khan, who both



Brothers Union's opener Zahid Razzak Masum, who hit a brilliant 100 not out in Saturday's Damal Summer cricket semifinal against GMCC seen with his man-of-the-match trophy.

Pika made 46, the highest score in the GMCC innings, off 74 balls with the help of three fours, before offering a catch to Nobel off left-arm spinner Arup Bhattacharya from Calcutta. Sanwar scored a quickfire 36 off 33 balls inclusive of three fours, to step up the dwindling run rate but Athar returned with the

fairly good analysis of three for 26 despite taking a bit of stick at the fag end. Salahuddin, Arup, Morshed and Fernando claimed one wicket each. This year's Damal Summer has been a revelation for the Brothers opening pair and on Saturday it was no exception as Masum and Nobel began cautiously against the vaunted new-ball attack of GMCC.

Although the odd skidding delivery from lively Saiful caused a problem or two, Masum in particular grew in confidence to play some rousing shots that laid the foundation of a big Brothers victory.

Nobel was not to be left behind playing some crisp shots all around the wicket before lofting Sanwar to Saiful for a well-made 45. He smashed five boundaries in his 66-ball knock that materialised 78 runs for the first wicket off 22.2 overs.

Habibul Bashar Suman, perhaps the most promising batsman of his generation, scored an elegant 34 off just 38 balls with two hits to the fence.

By the time Suman left, run out, Masum had neared his blazing hundred and Athar the number four batsman had just enough time to remain unbeaten on three as the tall opener gave delightful exhibition of his natural talents in an innings of 100 not out off 126 balls.

Making full use of his long reach Masum struck two big sixes and six fours as Brothers waltzed into their second Damal Summer final with eight wickets and five overs to spare.

Sanwar picked up the only wicket that went to bowlers' account at a cost of 33 runs. However, Sanjeeva Weerasinghe, the leggie, had the best figures from the viewpoint of economy giving away 26 runs in his eight overs.

Masum won the man-of-the-match award for his scintillating unbeaten hundred.

Brothers meet Abahani in the final of the 14th Damal Summer final on November 10, Tuesday at the Dhaka Stadium.

Crowe's 94 gives NZ victory

HARARE, Zimbabwe, Nov 8: New Zealand skipper Martin Crowe scored 94 off Zimbabwe Sunday in a one-day international, leading his side to victory with two overs to spare, reports AP.

It was Crowe's 29th half-century in limited overs international.

Crowe notched up 140 on the first day of the second and last test with Zimbabwe, on Saturday, at the same Harare Sports Club grounds.

That match continues on Monday.

Zimbabwe, batting first, reached 271.6 to set a realistic target with the Flower brother (Andy and Grant) putting on 124 for the first wicket and scoring 63 and 54 respectively.

Grant Flower was run out in usual fashion, with Dipak Patel stopping in his bowling stride to whip off the balls at his end. Both brothers had been warned for backing up too far.

Skipper David Houghton weighed in with 50 and Mark Dekker got 65 to add to the 79 he took off New Zealand in the one-day at Bulawayo the previous weekend.

Chasing runs at about five and a half per over, New Zealand exceeded that rate from the start. Rod Latham and Mark Greatbach scored almost at will in their 98 run first wicket partnership.

Latham made a solid 40 while Greatbach might have been unfortunate to give a glove or arm catch behind the wicket off Eddo Brandes for 55.

Crowe and Ken Rutherford went on to keep the Kiwis flying, but when Rutherford fell sudden collapse gave Zimbabwe a thread of hope.

New Zealand slipped from 244-3 to 276-6. But the visitors were too close to the finish line to be seriously worried.

Pak probables for Australia, NZ tour

KARACHI, Nov 8: Pakistan cricket selectors named 23 probables Saturday for the 14-member team to tour Australia and New Zealand, reports AP. Javed Miandad may lead the team while Wasim Akram is expected to be his deputy, cricket officials said.

The final side is expected to be announced November 14 and the squad is scheduled to leave for Australia on November 24 to take part in a triangular series with the West Indies.

The tournament will begin with a day and night match between Pakistan and the West Indies at Perth on December 4.

Pakistan are also scheduled to play one Test and three one day matches against New Zealand from December 26 to January 6.

Probables: Javed Miandad, Wasim Akram, Shoaib Mohammad, Rameez Raja, Saleem Malik, Aamir Sohail, Inzamam-ul-Haq, Moin Khan, Mushtaq Ahmed, Aaqib Javed, Ejaz Ahmed, Zahid Fazal, Asif Mujtaba, Navid Anjum, Waqar Younis, Ata-ur-Rehman, Rashid Latif, Wasim Haider, Iqbal Sikander, Saeed Anwar, Aamir Bashir, Saeed Azad, Aamir Hanif and Nadeem Khan.

Aussie selectors opt for youth

PERTH, Nov 8: The Australian selectors on Sunday called up uncapped left-arm spinner David Freedman for duty in an Australian XI to meet the West Indies in a four-day clash starting in Hobart, Tasmania, on Saturday, reports AP.

Also chosen was leg-spinner Shane Warne, a 23-year-old Victorian who has played in four Tests for four wickets at an unflattering average of 96.5.

Other significant selections include opening batsman Matthew Hayden,

Windies in driving seat

PERTH, Nov 8: Veteran opener Desmond Haynes and Keith Arthurton both scored half centuries Sunday as the West Indies took control on the third day of their four-day cricket match against the West Australian state team at the WACA Ground, reports AP.

The tourists piled on the pressure after West Australia declared their first innings closed at 239 for seven, 41 runs in arrears.

The West Indies move to 235 for three in their second innings by stumps, a lead of 276 with seven wickets in hand.

Haynes showed he had fully recovered from a nagging back injury by scoring a workmanlike 66 before being caught by Mike Veletta off the bowling of Breton Julian.

Brian Lara made 46, while Arthurton was unbeaten on 50 at the close of play, with Carl Hooper not out on 42.

Arthurton and Hooper had put on 88 for the fourth wicket.

The state team, and Australia, suffered a blow when Test fast bowler Bruce Reid was forced from the attack after injuring his left shoulder midway through the second session.

Reid, who was expected to play in the first Test in Brisbane later this month, left the field 40 minutes before the tea break after bowling just seven overs.

The left-armed said he began to feel some pain in his left shoulder while bowling and could not throw overarm from the outfield.

West Australian coach Keith Wright said Reid's injury was a new one that flared while he was bowling, but that it was hoped he could bowl on Monday, final day of the match.

HOOPER SHINES

An earlier report said: West Indies off-spinner Carl Hooper started for the second time in four days on Saturday as Western Australia struggled on the second day of their four-day match against the tourists.

The 25-year-old captured four wickets for 51 runs in 27 overs, playing the major role in limiting the Australian team to 188 for six at stumps on a day marred by repeated halts for rain and savage westerly breezes.

Western Australia were replacing to the West Indies' first innings total of 280 at the WACA ground.

Hooper's splendid exhibition of flight and variation

came hot on the heels of his 3-25 in a day-night match against the same side here on Wednesday, suggesting he may play a significant role in the five-day match Test series which gets under way at the



HOOPER... 4 for 61

end of the month. Hooper took over after fast bowler Curtly Ambrose had struck an important early blow by ousting state captain Geoff Marsh for seven with only his 13th delivery of the day.

It was a breakthrough of particular significance, because Marsh is making a determined push to regain his Test opening position after being dropped from the Australian line-up after the fourth Test against India in Adelaide early this year.

Marsh had no effective answer to a shortish delivery which seamed in, leaving him with inadequate space to play the cut shot which gave Brian Lara a cosy catch at first slip.

Marsh now has a maximum of three more first-class innings in which to persuade the selectors that he is the player who should face the new ball in partnership with Mark Taylor in the opening Test on November 27.

Hooper, using the breeze cleverly, tied down all batsmen with his skilful deliveries.

His initial success came after second-wicket pair Mike Veletta and Justin Langer had lifted Western Australia to a promising 92 for one.

Langer, a 21-year-old with enormous promise, misjudged a ball in Hooper's 10th over to be bowled for a sound 40, with three boundaries.

Veletta (51) misjudged the flight of a ball to scoop it up to Desmond Haynes at mid-wicket.

Damien Martyn, the 21-year-old new glamour boy of Australian cricket, was beaten in similar fashion, lofting the ball to Kenneth Benjamin at mid-off or nine.

Tom Monday's miserable run continued when he at-

tempted to sweep, missed and was bowled for 15. Ambrose returned to the attack late in the day to have Tim Zoehrer caught down the leg side by wicketkeeper David Williams.

As play continued long past the scheduled close because of time lost earlier in the day, the left-handed Wayne Andrews (32 not out) and Brendon Julian (eight not out) added 29 runs before falling light forced players from the field.

Ambrose was in fine form, leaving no doubts that he will again be a key strike force in the Tests.

Patrick Patterson and Benjamin, although wicketless, also generated good pace in an impressive all-round exhibition by the tourists.

SCOREBOARD

Scorecard at the close of the third day's play in the four-day match between Western Australia and the West Indies at the WACA ground here Sunday.

WEST INDIES: 1st Innings 280 (Lara 55, Haynes 52, Adams 52).

WESTERN AUSTRALIA: 1st Innings Veletta c Haynes b Hooper 51 Marsh c Lara b Ambrose 7 Langer b Hooper 40 Moody b Hooper 15 Martyn c Benjamin b Hooper 9 Andrews c Benjamin b Adams 51 Zoehrer c Williams b Ambrose 9 Julian not out 32 Angel not out 5 Extras (lb 3, nb17) 20 Total (7wks dec) 239

Fall of Wickets: 1-8; 2-92; 3-110; 4-126; 5-146; 6-159; 7-224

Bowling: O M R W Ambrose 25 3 58 2 Patterson 14 2 49 0 Hooper 30 9 61 4 Benjamin 16 3 66 0 Adams 2 1 2 1 Batting Time: 349 mins, over 87

WEST INDIES: 2nd Innings Haynes c Veletta b Julian 66 Simmons b Alderman 19 Lara c Langer b Angel 46 Hooper not out 42 Arthurton not out 50 Extras (lb 4, lb4, nb4) 12 Total (3wks dec) 239

Fall of Wickets: 1-54; 2-124; 3-147

Bowling: O M R W Reid 7 1 27 0 Julian 14 3 42 1 Alderman 12 3 41 1 Angel 13 4 31 1 Zoehrer 16 2 66 0 Andrews 6 0 20 0 Batting time: 269 mins, overs 68

BSJA awards presented

The award-giving ceremony of the Bangladesh Sports Journalists' Association (BSJA) was held at a city hotel Saturday, Nov 7.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadeq Hossain Khoka attended the function as chief guest and distributed BSJA crests and certificates among the award-winners of 1991.

Presided over by BSJA president Masud Ahmed Rumi, the colourful function was attended by veteran sportsmen and national sports award winners Sheikh Shaheeb Ali and Mohammad Chand Khan as special guests. The general secretary of the Association Manzurul Hoque was also present.

Earlier, a minute's silence was observed as a mark of respect to the memories of the mother of Grandmaster Niaz Morshed, who died of a heart attack Saturday, the son of Selina Begum an award-winner, and late footballer and sports organiser M Shahjahan.

BSJA announced awards for 12 sportsmen, two organisers and one coach for their outstanding performances in their respective fields during the year.

The association also announced eight special awards for sportsmen and patron organisations for their roles in the promotion of sports.

The recipients of the BSJA awards are: Football—Rumanbin-Wali Shabbir and Mohammad Monem Munna; Cricket—Jahangir Alam; Hockey—Jamal Parvez Lulu; Chess—Refaat bin-Sattar; Swimming—Mukhlisar Rahman; Athletics—Nafik Golam Ambia; Table tennis—Zobera Rahman Lina and Mosadequul Huq Rochi; Shooting—Ateequr Rahman and Kazi Shahana Parveen; Handball—Akram Hossain; Coach—Mohammad Kalkobad and Organisers—Zafar Imam (Rajshahi) and Rashed Asgar Chowdhury (Chittagong).

The Special award-winners are: Enayetur Rahman Khan (Football), Nelly Jesmine (Athletics), Jyotsna Akhtar (Athletics), Mohammad Faruq (Wrestling), Athar Ali (Cricket), Selina Begum (Cycling), Navana Limited (Sponsor) and Bangladesh Tobacco Company (Sponsor).

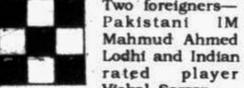
Army athletics begin today

The annual athletic championship of Bangladesh Army will begin at the army Stadium in Dhaka today, reports BSS.

About four hundred fifty athletes from different formations will take part in track and field events, a press release said.

Lodhi pockets winner's purse

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M.A. LODHI... champion

Two foreigners—Pakistani IM Mahmud Ahmed and Indian rated player Vishal Sareen—stole the show in the second Prantik International Masters chess tournament that ended at the chess room of the National Sports Council on Saturday.

While Lodhi picked up a purse of Taka 25,000 as the champion of the eleven-round Swiss league tournament held under the auspices of Dhaka Chess Foundation, Vishal Sareen collected his first International Masters (IM) norm beating compatriot rated player Atanu Lahiri.

Champion Todhi, who finished third in the QM Hussain IM tournament preceding this tournament sponsored by the Prantik Group, collected nine points to finish ahead of runner-up Hamed Mansour Qadhi, the IM from Yemen.

Qadhi beat three other contenders for the runner-up slot, managing 75 in the Buscholtz tie-break scoring system, as four players scored eight points each to stake claim for the runner-up position.

Sareen, who reaped rich from the tournament, came third, bagging 62 points in the median Buscholtz score bearded compatriot, IM Neeraj Mishra scored 60 to finish fourth. Both Sareen and Mishra

scored 74.5 in the tie-break while Niamul Huq Niru of Bangladesh captured the fifth slot with a score of 69.

In the last round Sareen beat Atanu, Hamed got past Ruhul Kabir Shipu of Bangladesh, Niru outwitted compatriot Nahid Miyazid, Hanif outvied Swapan Kumar

Refaat bin-Sattar, who finished sixth with seven and half points after Niru who slipped to the fifth position despite finishing at par with Qadhi, Sareen and Mishra, got Taka 5,000.

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Forty four players including contestants from India, Pakistan and Yemen took part in this fortnight long competition.

Finance Secretary Nasimuddin Ahmed, who is also the president of the Bangladesh Chess Federation, gave away the prizes as the chief guest.

DC golf

Iqbal Mahmud became the champion and KU Chowdhury finished runner-up in the Dhaka Club Golf tournament '92 in the city yesterday, reports UNB.

Bangladeshi IM Zillur Rahman Champak also drew with Simanul Islam also from Bangladesh. The match between Bangladesh—Labu and Reza—also ended in a draw.

Lodhi won a cash award of Taka 25,000 followed by Qadhi, Sareen, Mishra and Niru who all received Taka 8750 each.

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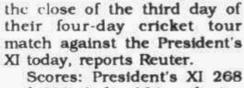
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J. SRINATH... 4 for 49

VERWOERDBURG, South Africa, Nov 8: India, needing 305 to win, were nine for no wicket at the close of the third day of their four-day cricket tour match against the President's XI today, reports Reuter.

Scores: President's XI 268 and 200; India 164 and nine for no wicket.

An earlier report said: India's leisurely, run-soaked romp around the Transvaal came to an abrupt end on Saturday when they failed to cope with the first genuine pace attack they have faced on tour.

They were bowled out for 164 in little more than four traumatic hours which underlined both India's vulnerability to quick bowling and South Africa's depth in that area.

Leading the assault was left-armed Brett Schultz, who bowled himself into contention for next week's First test with five for 35 from 17 hostile overs.

The President's XI, having taken a 104-run first innings lead, extended it to 181 by the close of the second day of the four-day match for the loss of Roudolf Steyn—who bagged a pair—and Louis Koen. Ravi Shastri and Wookeri Raman, both in need of a big innings, one to prepare for the Test and the other to earn a place in it, gently played themselves in for 52 minutes.

Then, with 39 runs on the board, Schultz, having swapped ends, began the demolition. He induced a thin edge from Shastri, then surprised Raman with a short one the left-hander mis-hooked to square leg.

Tertius Bosch, battling to save his Test place after an ordinary debut in the West Indies, had Manoj Prabhakar well held at second slip and then Mohammad Azharuddin caught at slip off a brute of a delivery.

In between, Sachin Tendulkar edged the other member of the Presidential pace triumvirate, Rowan Lyle, and India were 74 for five at lunch.

Praveen Amre and Kiran More rebuilt the innings but after Amre was harshly judged lbw at 115 India crumbled again, to 117 for eight, with Schultz taking three wickets in 12 balls.

Prabhakar 41 K Mauwua c Prabhakar b Raju 29 D Rundle b Shastri 12 T Bosch st More b Raju 4 R Lyle c More b Srinath 22 B Schultz not out 4 Extras (b-7, lb-5, nb-6) 18 Total 268

Fall of wickets: 1-3; 2-41; 3-87; 4-89; 5-182; 6-194; 7-218; 8-228; 9-254.

Bowling: O M R W Prabhakar 17 5 38 3(nb-1) Banerjee 13 3 26 1 Raju 18.5 5 57 2 Sharma 12 1 53 0 Srinath 14 3 58 2(nb-5) Shastri 14 7 24 2

INDIA: First Innings Shastri c Stewart b Schultz 10 Raman c Rindel b Schultz 20 Prabhakar c Koen b Bosch 9 Tendulkar c Stewart b Lyle 11 Azharuddin c Koen b Bosch 2 Amre lbw b Schultz 23 More c Rindel b Lyle 20 Raju b Schultz 0 Banerjee c Bosch b Schultz 0 Sharma not out 25 Srinath c Lazard b Lyle 8 Extras (b-4, lb2, w-1, nb-29) 36 Total 164

Fall of wickets: 1-39; 2-42; 3-68; 4-71; 5-74; 6-115; 7-115; 8-117; 9-138.

Bowling: O M R W Bosch 12 0 65 2(w-1, nb-20) Schultz 17 7 35 5(nb-2) Lyle 15.4 5 36 3(nb-7) Rundle 10 2 22 0

PRESIDENT'S XI: Second Innings (overnight 77 for two) Steyn c and b Prabhakar 0 Lazard lbw b Prabhakar 52 Koen b Srinath 4 Cronje c sub (Jadeja) b Srinath 53 Rindel c More b Srinath 22 Stewart c Raju b Shastri 17 Mahuva c and b Shastri 32 Rundle lbw b Srinath 1 Lyle lbw b Shastri 0 Bosch c sub (Jadeja) b Raju 2 Schultz not out 0 Extras (LB-13, NB-4) 17 Total 200

Fall of wickets: 1-0; 2-31; 3-88; 4-136; 5-145; 6-189; 7-194; 8-195; 9-200.

Bowling: O M R W Prabhakar 16 3 42 2 Srinath 18 2 49 4 Sharma 12 0 45 0 Banerjee 4 0 12 0 Raju 13.3 3 32 1 Shastri 6 1 7 3

INDIA: Second Innings Shastri not out 5 Raman not out 2 Extras (W-2) 2 Total (no loss) 9

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Recipients of the Bangladesh Sports Journalists' Association (BSJA) awards of 1991 seen with officials and guests, including State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadeq Hossain Khoka, at Saturday's presentation ceremony at Hotel Sonargaon.