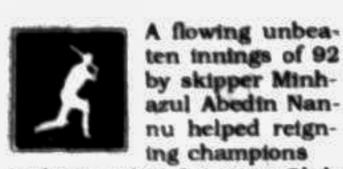
Worthy start for the champs

Sports Reporter



Mohammedan Sporting Club start their campaign for the 1992-93 Navana Premier Division cricket league with a thumping 107-run victory against newcomers Udity Club at the Dhaka Stadium

yesterday. The curtain raiser of the Premier league - the cynosure of local cricket lovers - had more than one cause celebre for the popular club who began this season indifferently with a shock exit from the semifinal of the fourteenth Damal Summer tournament.

Not only skipper Nannu willowed his way to a welcome return to form, Sanjeev Sharma, the former Indian Test cricketer mustered in recently, had a prima facie sort of an affair with the Dhaka Stadtum. Young paceman Zakir apparently regained his fire and significantly the gamble of trying the second wicketkeeper paid off handsomely. If it is a question of the

touch that galvanised Mohammedans it should be attributed to Sharma and regular stumper Ratan's replacement Robi. While the Delhi cricketer scored a breezy 45 and later did a bit of an icing on it with two wickets, Robi had five dismissals behind the stumps on his first appearance for Mohammedans.

For factual fineries, Mohammedans were sent to bat first under slightly overcast conditions, looking gloomier by a static pall of smog and Udity skipper Imran justified his decision in no time.

Shahidul Alam Ratan, promoted to the opener's slot in the absence of Harunur Rashid Liton, did nothing to add to his fading reputation and left for a duck with the score on three, caught by Rokon off the huge

Insiders of the pavilion really took notice of the pitch and the atmosphere when Aminul Islam Bulbul was sent backtracking for another blob with the addition of just one more run to the score.

Fortunately Azhar Hossain Shantoo, the bespectacled opener, succeeded in sparing his bat the dangerous liaison with the ball and veteran Rafiqui Alam made good use of experience the dickey Mohammedan innings.

The tale of woe for the cock-a-hoop Udity bowlers began since then and the arrival of Nannu and Sharma only aggravated things.

After Shantoo and Rafiq had departed for 47 and 31 respectively Nannu stroked all around the wicket in tandem with Sharma. The Indian cricketer scored 45 off 35 balls with the help of four cleanly struck boundaries and a sixer before spooning a catch to Rokon off the gangling

Together with Nannu, Sharma put on 104 runs for the fifth wicket as the skipper remained on an unconquered 92, made off 65 balls with the help of eleven sweetly time boundaries. Despite the two ducks the champions ran up a mammoth total of 237 for five wickets only when the 45-over quota was completed.

Imran bowled well with the new ball but returned with a bit spoiled analysis of two for 40. Muntr. Rahul and Durjoy picked up one wicket each among the other Udity bowlers.

Zakir, the young GMCC paceman who joined Moha-

Wart Club one of

three teams who

were relegated to

the Milnars First

Division cricket

league last season, looked

determined to win back their

position in the Navana Premier

league when they registered a

facile 54-run wiri, their second

in a row, over babes Evergreen

Club in the only match of the

league at the Mirpur Pallabi

day's play was undoubtedly a

six-wicket haul by Evergreen's

Tutan who took six for only 33

given a solid start by their

openers Biddyut and Rupu.

The pair mustered 60 runs for

the first wicket before Rupu

offered a catch to Mithu off

followed his partner's tracks

all the way to the pavilion 37

runs later when he went down

the pitch for an ambitious shot

Biddyut, the other opener,

But the highlight of the

Put into bat. Wari were

ground yesterday.

Tipu for 17.

mmedans only this year, proved his worth with a telling new-ball burst that totally disintegrated Udity for the day. The first three wickets the other Indian cricketer apart from Sanjeev Sharma due to have played for Mohammedans, had not arrived Tuesday. The reasons for



Sanjeev Sharma, the former Indian Test cricketer who played his first match for Mohammedans yesterday, is seen forcing a short pitched delivery off the backfoot to square on the off side against a Udity bowler at the Dhaka Stadium. Mohammedans recorded a huge 107-run victory — Star photo in the league opener.

went to the young paceman with Robi picking up two catches behind the stumps and Bulbul holding the third to make Udity reel at 33 for 3.

Sharma, coming on as the



NANNU ... 92 n.o.

first change bowler, impressed the eager fans with fine control and movement and went on to win two leg before decisions that drove more hails in the Udity coffin.

On a hey day of the pacemen leg-spinner Waheedul Chani did not like it to lag far behind and got into the act by clean bowling Rinku, the second highest scorer of the Udity innings with 29.

Munir top secred with 30 not out as the Udity innings folded at 130 in 36.4 overs. Zakir had the superb analy-

sis of four for 23. Waheedul Ghani bagged three wickets for 36 while Sharma claimed two for 34. Shantoo picked up one for 13.

> NO PILLAY Meanwhile, Bhaskar Pillay,

Tutan fails to halt Wari

Sports Reporter

nings, which at the onset

seemed poised for a big total,

saw its batsmen coming back

to the pavilion at regular inter-

vals. The middle and lower or-

der batsmen, unlike the open-

ers, found it hard to settle at

the crease against some fine

bowling by the Evergreen

bowlers, especially Tutan who

virtually ripped through with

his naggingly accurate bowling.

He sent back six Wari batsmen

conceding only 33 runs from

batsman, and Azeem, the

wicketkeeper who came in at

number six, found runs easy to

get. Ripon, Tutan's first victim,

boundaries and Azeem fought

defiantly for his 33 off 40 balls

before offering Sohel a catch to

When the Wari innings

become Tutan's fourth victim.

folded the scoreboard showed

198 two balls inside the 45

contributed 28 with three

Only Ripon, the one-down

his nine-over spell.

overs quota.

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shots across the fence.

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and S Huq TODAY'S MATCH Abahani vs Victoria (Dhaka

Stadium) Refreshers' course

A two-day refreshers' course for the volleyball referces under the aegis of the Volleyball Referees' Committee will be held at the Bangladesh Volleyball Federation on November 22 and 23, says a press release.

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only 27 runs on the board.

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Tutan, after a patient 18

Mashuk, who came in at no

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the crease after giving Ripon a

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the lower order batsmen only

Mithu with a strokeful 27 off

29 balls which featured a huge

six, had some answers to the

Zia with figures of four for

32 in nine overs, was the most

effective Wari bowler while

Timir, Ripon and Lalu claimed

one wicket each. Two

Evergreen batsmen were run

ended at 144 with as many as

The Evergreen innings

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Wari attack.

He saw his partner Tipu

Zia, Reefat joint champions in Dr Milon chess

Sports Reports

The ninth Q M Hossain IM chess champion Ziaur Rahman and national champion Reefatbin-Sattar finished as unbeaten joint champions in the first Dr Milon memorial active chess tournament which concluded at the National Sports Council chess room yesterday.

Both Reefat and Zia collected six and a half points

Hasibul Hasan Hanif with six points finished third.

IM Zillur Rahman Champak, Satfuddin Lavlu and Abul Kasem, who earned five points each, were placed from fourth to sixth position respectively. Ziaul Kader Tuhin, Syed

Ruhul Kabir Shiplu, Shaikh Anwar Hossain and Ali Amjad Mintu clinched the seventh, eight, ninth and tenth position respectively. Both Reefat and Zia will re-

ceive 1,300 taka each while Hantf will earn 800 taka. The prize-giving ceremony

will be held on November 27, the second death anniversary of Dr Milon. Forty-six players took part in the seven-round Swiss

league tournament jointly organised by the Dr Milon Smriti Sangsad and Dhaka Chess Foundation.

DIV I CHESS

Meanwhile, the 1992 First Division chess league under the auspices of the Bangladesh Chess Federation (BCF) will begin from tomorrow, says a press release.

Sixteen teams will take part in the round robin league.

The number-drawing and inaugural ceremony will be held today at 5:30 pm at the federation room.

Wari Club reunion Sports Reporter

A special get-together of Wari Club was held at the club premises in Motifheel last evening. The reunion was arranged

in preparation for the celebration of the centenary founding anniversary of Wari Club to be held in 1998. Commerce Minister M K

Anwar, who graced the occasion as chief guest, in his speech recalled the glorious contribution of Wari Club in the field of sports. State Minister for Youth and

Sports Sadek Hossain Khoka, former presidents of the club Mohammad Ali, ATM Shamsul Huq, M Mokammel Huq. Abdul Muyeed Chowdhury and Badiur Rahman, life-member Harunur Rashid Khan Monno MP, former general secretary Mahmudur Rahman Momin and the incumbent secretary Shamsul Alam Anu

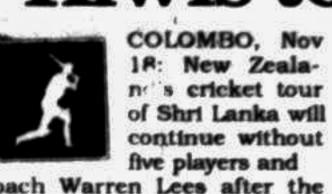
also spoke on the occasion. Commerce Minister, himself a former president of Wari Club, gave away the club crests to Sadek Hossain, the five former club presidents and Harunur Rashid Monno.

Deputy Commissioner of Dhaka Abu Solaiman Chowdhury, who is also the president of Wari Club, presided over the function attended by a large number of sports organisers of the coun-

DU football

Department of Political Science edged past Department of Islamic Studies by a solitary goal in the Dhaka University inter-department football tournament at the university playground yesterday.

Kiwis to continue SL tour sans five



coach Warren Lees after the bomb explosion which killed four people outside the team's hotel on Monday, reports Reuter.

The tour management headed by Peter McDermott, chairman of New Zealand Cricket, who flew into Colombo on Tuesday night to try and salvage the series, decided on Wednesday to allow unhappy players to return home on compassionate grounds

Mark Greatbatch, Dipak Patel, Gavin Larson, Rod Latham and Willie Watson along with Lees, were scheduled to depart for New Zealand later on Wednesday. McDermott said Lees would

not be replaced with his duties passing to Crowe, vice-captain Andrew Jones and another team member. Officials were busy contacting four playing replacements to join the tour party as soon as possible.

The bomb, carried by a suicide Tamil rebel motorcycle rider, killed navy commander Clancy Fernando, his driver and two aides on Monday as the New Zealand players were having breakfast.

The killer, who was blown to bits, pulled his bike alongside the car and triggered a three-kg bomb that was resting on his seat.

The bomber, said to be a member of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, has been identified by police, who are now looking for three accomplices.

New Zealand team members, including captain Martin Crowe, were horrified by the blast. 'Hell, it was just like what you would imagine you might see in a war," Crowe

Crowe, although personally prepared to stay, originally said the tour should be halted because some players were worried and would not be able to concentrate.

But McDermott, after lengthy discussions with the players and team manager Lief Dearsley, said the tour could not be cancelled because of financial and political ramifica-

New Zealand Cricket had also adopted the view that the tour should go ahead if at all possible.

McDermott said discussions were on with the Shri Lankan cricket authorities as to when the tour should start. He said they had suggested an amended tour schedule of two Tests and three one day games instead of the original eight-match itinerary.

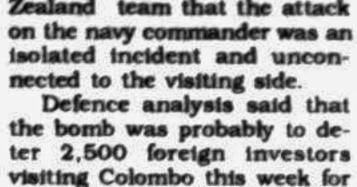
The opening match of the tour, against a Shri Lanka Board XI led by Test batsman Roshan Mahanama in the central region town of Kurunegala starting on Tuesday, was can-

Monday's blast was reminiscent of New Zealand's last tour in April 1987, when a bomb explosion near their hotel killed more than 100 people. The team cut short the tour and went home after just one match.

Shri Lanka is recovering from a five-year absence of Test cricket due to ethnic unrest, and authorities were worried that a possible cancellation of the New Zealand tour would affect tours by other sides, including England in March.

Local official Neil Perera said he had told the New

Zealand team that the attack



which opened on Wednesday A military spokesman said it could also be a rebel way of marking the forthcoming birthday of Tiger leader Velupillai Prabhakaran, who will be 38 on November 26.

the island's biggest trade fair,

Organisers of the Expo'92 trade fair said attendance was unaffected and Wednesday's opening went ahead without a hitch. But security was intensifled at the venue and also at hotels where delegates are

McDermott said the fact that the Expo'92 fair was held on schedule and the presence of many foreign businessmen despite Monday's incident had also influenced the team decision to continue with the tour.

Australia, led by Allan Border, toured the island in September for a three-Test series which the visitors won 1-0. The tour passed off without incident. More than 25,000 people

have died since 1983 in the nine-year-old Tiger campaign for a separate state in the north and east of the country for their minority Tamil community.

An AFP message from Colombo says: Shri Lanka's cricket boss Tyronne Fernando hailed his New Zealand counterpart Wednesday for saving the Kiwis' tour here, but had harsh words for British officials who have expressed doubt over a visit next spring by England.

Peter McDermott, chairman of New Zealand Cricket (NZC) succeeded Wednesday in persuading the New Zealand team to reverse a vote Monday when a majority of the 15-member squad had said they wanted to abandon the tour after a bomb exploded near their hotel. "I would like to pay a tribute

to Peter McDermott. He flew here especially to save the tour and he succeeded in doing so. I also want to place on record my appreciation to the New Zealand board for their support," Fernando said. McDermott arrived here

late Tuesday with the full backing of NZC to try to save the tour because a cancellation would have burt both New Zealand and Shri Lanka cricket. BCCSL president Fernando,

who is also Minister for Legal and Prison Reforms, slammed what he called surprising and unfair comments expressed by the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) in London. The state-run daily Newsvere quoted TCCB chief

executive Alan Smith as saying that the sad events in Shri Lanka could have implications for England's planned brief tour of the island in March. "Of course it would not have been very good for us if the

New Zealand tour was cancelled, but I am sorry that some officials of the English board have said that England's tour could be affected because of this incident," he said. "I am surprised to hear this

from people in London who are having bombs explode almost every day. In fact I feel unsafe to travel to London for the ICC (International Cricket Conference) meeting in January," Fernando said. POSSIBLE

REPLACEMENTS Several of the leading players likely to be called in as late replacements for those leaving Shri Lanka were enthusiastic

about going. Spin-bowler Grant Bradburn and middle-order batsman and one-day player Shane Thomson head the list of prospective replacement.

Bradburn and Thomson both have Test experience and are likely to be among those contacted by national selectors in their search for replacements.

Bradburn indicated he would be eager to join the tour. "Yeah sure, I'd be on the first plane," he said.

In addition, several players with international experience are in contention, among them Justin Vaughan and Bryan

Vaughan, a doctor, was also enthusiastic about joining the

"I would love to play for my country. Any opportunity I get, I'll take it," he said.

Young, a top order batsman, would be ideal but was more circumspect, saying he would need to have information from New Zealand cricket before committing himself to the

Selectors were expected to announce the replacements Thursday.

LEES GOING HOME

Meanwhile, Reuter reports from Wellington: New Zealand's cricket coach Warren Lees said on Wednesday: "I am definitely coming home. I don't know what is going to happen to the rest of the team but nothing is going to change the priorities I have in mind." Lees said there was a split

between players but that a majority had voted to return home after the bombing.

Craig Matthews joins SA squad

DURBAN, Nov 18: Fast bowler Craig Matthews has been included in the South



CRAIG MATTHEWS

African squad for the second Test against India, beginning in Johannesburg on 26 November, reports AFP.

The 27-year-old Western Province player toured India in November last year for a series of three one-day internationals, but was omitted for the World Cup in Australian earlier this year. The squad also includes

left-arm pace bowler Brett Schultz, who limped off the field in the first Test, which ended on Tuesday, with a strained hamstring.

South Africa: Kepler Wessels (capt), Andrew Hudson, Jimmy Cook, Peter Kirsten, Jonty Rhodes, Hansie Cronje, Brian McMillan, Dave Richardson (wkt), Meyrick Pringle, Omar Henry, Allan Donald, Brett Scultz, Craig Matthews.

More trouble for Tyson



INDIANAPOLIS. Nov 18: The team-age beauty queen raped by former heavy weight boxing

infected with venereal disease in the attack that has left her physically and emotionally scarred, her attorney, said Tuesday, reports AP. Desiree Washington, 19, of

champion Mike Tyson was

Providence, RI, is undergoing treatment for a sexually transmitted disease she contracted when she was raped by Tyson in July 1991 in Indianapolis, according to her attorney, Deval L Patrick of Boston. He declined to say what disease his client has. Patrick represents Miss

Washington in a civil suit filed in June in US District Court seeking punitive and compensatory damages for assault, battery, false imprisonment and emotional distress. "I can tell you that we will

prove that our client was infected by the rape that Tyson committed, and we will save that proof until trial," Patrick said. "We won't try the case before the trial. Patrick said Miss Was-

hington had not been tested for sexually transmitted disease prior to her trip to Indianapolis for the Miss Black America pageant. It was there that she met the boxer, who invited her to his hotel room late one evening and

- AFP photo

then raped her. Tyson was convicted of

rape last February and was sentenced in March to six years in prison. He could be eligible for release from the Indiana Youth Centre in three years. "If she wasn't tested for

this, then they have no idea

that she didn't have this before," said attorney Alan Dershowitz, who is handling Tyson's appeal. Dershowitz, a law professor

at Harvard University, said he was "required" to investigate Miss Washington's sexual relationships now. Dershowitz said he did not

know whether Tyson has any sexually transmitted disease. Kevin Moore, a prison spokesman, said such information is confidential.

Patrick said Miss Washington has not been able to return to a normal lifestyle, despite Tyson's conviction. "It's impossible for this

woman to regain a normal existence, and it has a lot to do with the brutality of the crime and something to do with the celebrity of the perpetrator," he said.

Ghosh honoured CALCUTTA, Nov 18: Shyam

Sunder Ghosh of "The Statesman" has been awarded this year's best journalist award by the Asian Sports Press Union (ASPU), reports PTI.

"At the moment everyone is uncertain about their future and it's not a very happy situa-

tion within the team," he said. "A lot of the married guys in the team made phone calls vesterday and there were a lot of tears shed during those phone calls."

Lees disagreed with McDermott's view that replacements could be brought in for any players who wanted to return home.

"I don't think the players could concentrate fully on international cricket at the mo-

Lees said if his decision to come home cost him his job

"then so be it."

"I don't know how long cricket lasts. But it certainly doesn't last as long as the care I have for my family," he

Bowe now has both money and the belts

LAS VEGAS. Nov 18: Riddick Bowe now has the money to go with his newly won heavywight championship belts, reports AP.

Fight promoter Dan Duva said Tuesday he cut Bowe's promoter another dirs 2.9 militon check after the Nevada State Athletic Commission held up the first one because of a dispute over payment of sanctioning fees to the three world boxing organizations.

Sandy Johnson, secretary to the commission, said she was told to return the original check to Duva by Bowe's attor-

Duva said Bowe's lawyer sent the commission a check advising them he was going to be paid by Spencer Promotions headed by the brother of Bowe's manager, Rock Newman. "It was really a mixup from

the beginning because under our contract Spencer was to pay Bowe," Duva said. Johnson said she did not

know whether the World

Boxing Council or World Boxing Association had been paid their sanctioning fees, but said she understood the International Boxing Federation got its dirs 60,000 fee. Johnson said the fees are normally deducted from a booxer's purse prior to the

fights and the fighter is given

his purse in the dressing room

following a bout. Newman said Saturday he was not worried about paying the sanctioning fees, especially to WBC president Jose Sulaiman, who has threatened to strip Bowe of the newly won title if he doesn't defend it

first against Lennox Lewis. The dirs 2.9 million was the basic purse paid Bowe, who was expected to earn up to dlrs 8 billion once his share of the pay-per-view receipts were tallied.

Johnson said Holyfield got a check for dlrs 4.8 million, after deducting dlrs 130,000 for a WBC sanction fee and similar amounts for the other sanctioning organisations.

Under Bowe's contract with fight promoter Main Events, he was to pay dlrs 90,000 to both the WBC and WBA and dlrs 60,000 to the IBF for his portion of the sanctioning fees. Bowe offered \$ 12m

to defend title against Lewis LONDON, Nov 18: World

heavyweight champion Riddick Bowe has been offered dirs 12 million to defend his title against Britain's Lennox Lewis in England next April. reports AP. Frank Maloney, Lewis' man-

ager, said he sent the offer by fax Tuesday to Bowe's manager, Rock Newman. "If he is a world champion

than he should be prepared to defend against the No. 1 contender," Maloney said. "We feel we must keep up the pressure on Bowe. Maloney said the fight could

be held at one of two soccer stadiums —Highbury in London or Old Trafford in Manchester. He predicted the bout would draw 40,000 fans and gate receipts of dirs 6 million, plus millions more in television

if Bowe refuses to fight Lewis in his first defence, he could be stripped of the WBC version of the title.

BJMC athletics

Sports Reporter The two-day 15th central

athletic meet of the Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation (BJMC) will begin tomorrow at the Mohammadpur Physical Education College ground in the city, says a press release. About 250 competitors in-

cluding 66 female athletes of 38 projects under BJMC are expected to participate in 43 events. Jute Secretary M Akhter Alt will inaugurate the meet.

Jute Minister Brig (retd) A

S M Hannan Shah will distribute the prizes as chief guest on November 21 at 3 BJMC secured the second

position in the 20th national athletic competition held in

Evergreen Club, when their off a Nafiz delivery only to miss 38 extras, in the 39th over. turn came, never seemed to be South Africa's cricket captain Kepler Wessels scored 32 the line completely to give the Evergreen 'keeper enough in the race against the tight runs before being dismissed in the second innings on the TODAY'S MATCH time to whip the bails off. Wari attack. last day of the first Test which ended in a draw in Durban Eskaton SS vs Railway Tutan, who had a wonderful Biddyut faced 72 balls for his on Tuesday. (Mirpur Pallabi) time with the ball, did not 37 runs which featured three