

Champions outclass Victoria

Sports Reporter

Champions Mohammedan Sporting Club gave a terrific display of batting strength to humble Victoria Sporting Club by 159 runs in the Navana Premier Division cricket league at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Samaranch may visit Bangladesh

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President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) Juan Antonio Samaranch may visit Bangladesh during the fifth Bangladesh Games to be held from December 18 to 25 in the city, a highly-placed sports official told The Daily Star yesterday.

President of the Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA) Gias Kamal Chowdhury formally invited the IOC chief during the three-day general assembly of the Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC) held from November 4 to 6 in Acapulco, Mexico. Samaranch reportedly accepted the invitation, said a BOA official who requested anonymity.

The BOA chief led a three member Bangladesh delegation to the ANOC congress.

Bangladesh also applied for two IOC Olympic Solidarity leadership courses for next

The Mohammedan will wielders feasted on the hapless Victoria bowlers, amassing 277 — so far the highest total

and at the end of the 42 overs Mohammedans had rattled up 277 for three wickets.

to take care of the stumps as well as toes. Veteran Roquibul Haasan, well past his prime, did not



Mohammedan Sporting opener Azhar Hossain Shantu, who made 54 attempts, an ungainly stroke against Victoria Sporting's Gautam Some in yesterday's Navana Premier division cricket league match at the Dhaka Stadium. — Star photo

of season — for just three wickets in 42 overs. Three of the five batsmen who went out there in the middle cracked half centuries with Aminul Islam Bulbul hitting a top score of 64.

Skipper Roquibul Haasan had no idea of what he and his men were in for when he put Mohammedans into bat on a bland wicket after having won the toss.

Azhar Hossain Shantu and Harunur Rashid Liton put on 71 runs for the first wicket before Liton was bowled by left-arm spinner Saikat for 32. The hard-hitting opener who missed Mohammedan's first match, struck three fours and a sixer off 46 balls.

Eager to make amends for his duck in the match against Udit — the other promotees, in the Navana league apart from Victoria — Bulbul started wicketfully but soon regained the crowd with lovely batsmanship characterised by nimble footwork and clean hitting. The dark, dapper batsman once charged down the wicket to hoist veteran Jahangir Shah Badshah for a disdainful sixer over the arc between long on and midwicket to improve upon a rather lucky sixer over wide midwicket off Rubel.

Bulbul, who was let off by wicketkeeper Mukul off Badshah, was finally caught by the luckless bowler at short square thirdman off Rubel, the Victoria off spinner, for 64 off 56 balls, studded with four fours and two sixes.

Opener Shantu had earlier gone with the score on 171 after having completed a patchy half century — 54 off 92 balls. The bespectacled batsman who formed a most contrasting sight as far as ease and elegance is concerned, sent the ball across the ropes on four occasions.

The departure of Bulbul and Shantu initiated a run avalanche with skipper Minhajul Abedin Nannu and Indian Test player Sanjeev Sharma literally toying with the Victoria bowling. Nannu started magnificently, sweeping Rubel for a superb sixer over square leg. Now back in form, the skipper of the national team made batting look mere child's play and from the 24 balls he could play collected 39 runs embellished with three fours and a grand sixer.

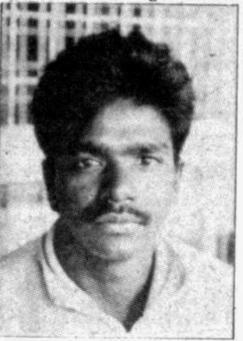
When he trooped back to the pavilion with Sharma, the other unbeaten batsman, the latter had 56 improvised runs to his credit off just 36 balls. Less orthodox but more adventurous, Sharma managed most of his seven boundaries behind the wicket as the Victoria skipper packed the field in front with fielders in a desperate bid to stop the cascade-like flow of runs.

The slow over rate of the Victoria bowlers deprived Mohammedans of a certain score of three hundred plus

Saikat bagged one wicket each with Rubel proving the most expensive giving away 67 runs from eight overs.

Pitted against an unassailable target of 278 for victory in 42 overs Victoria began not too

find it pleasing and his ordeal was over when a Sharma yorker speared at the block-hole of his bat, found his cherished address. However a few balls earlier the Victoria captain delectably drove the same



BULBUL... 64



S SHARMA... 56

badly with the right-left combination of Indian Raja Venkat and Sajid Hossain posting 34 in seven overs when disaster befell them.

It was Nannu of all people, making the new ball wobble around as the first change bowler, who induced Sajid into a fatal drive and Bulbul smartly snapped him up at first slip for four.

Understandably Raja Venkat was doing the scoring and the southpaw from West Bengal somewhat spoiled Nannu's delight at the success in the first over with an effortless, swung sixer over midwicket off a rank full toss.

Raja Venkat, who scored a valiant 54 off 84 balls including five fours and one sixer, walked into Sharma's trap as the bowler, slanting the ball away from the left-hander, caught the edge of his tentative bat and keeper Robi dived full length to his left to come up with a very good catch.

If Venkat tried to even out the struggle for ascendancy between bat and the ball Selim Shahed complicated things by carelessly waving his bat outside the offstump against Shri Lankan Gamagee and Robi took the regulation catch behind the stumps.

Gautam Some, Victoria's other Calcuttan recruit, played the second delivery he faced from Gamagee on to the stumps and from a quiet start of 34 without start Victoria discovered themselves in dire straits with the scoreboard showing three for 42.

With Nannu keeping the batsmen guessing with his tantalising 'drifting deliveries' Sanjeev Sharma took over from Gamagee at the Paltan end to snuff out any theoretical challenge that might have brewed up in the mind of the spectators.

An inswinging bowler, Sharma pegged away at the batsmen with yorker after yorker and the poor batsmen were caught between Seylla and Charybdis

Tarun's terrific start

Sports Reporter

Surja Tarun started their campaign for the 92-93 cricket season with a bang, crushing unfancied Public Works Department (PWD) by 115 runs in one of the two Navana Premier Division cricket league matches played at the Dhanomdi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Shri Lankan Priyala Rodrigo was the man behind Tarun's emphatic victory doing splendid jobs both with the bat and the ball. He scored 28 off 33 balls as Tarun, put into bat, managed 185 for nine wickets in their quota of 45 overs.

However, Javed Omar Belim Golla was the top scorer in the Tarun innings, hitting 41 with the help of five boundaries.

Indian Rajinder Singh scored 35 with four hits to the fence. Lanky PWD offspinner Fazlu bowled fairly well taking three wickets for 34 runs. Opening bowler Zaki bagged two for 33. Kafi and Imdu claimed one apiece.

The Tarun medium-pace trio of Talha, Subrata and Rodrigo pried out six batsmen as PWD, struggling all through the innings, were bowled out for 70 in 29.2 overs.

Azad was the lone ranger for PWD, remaining not out on 26 as none of his teammates could reach the double figures.

Rodrigo was the main destroyer, taking three for 11, while Talha got two for 12 and off-spinner Tito two for just two runs. Subrata and Golla bagged one wicket each.

Majid expects Pak success in Australia

KARACHI, Nov 21: Expectations are high for a Pakistani victory in the forthcoming series in Australia and New Zealand, chairman of the Board of Control of Cricket in Pakistan (BCCP) selection committee Majid Khan, said Friday, reports AFP.

"Expectations are high since we won the World Cup at Melbourne and our boys are determined to clinch the Benson and Hedges Cup in Australia," he said. Pakistan's 15-man squad led by Javed Miandad, are to leave on an eight-week tour of Oceania on November 24.

Majid said the professionalism of the game of cricket had developed so much that one team can hardly be described as inferior to the other.

"Performance of players on a given day would determine the outcome, no matter how strong a side you have on paper," Majid said.

The former Pakistan cricket captain said the team is well balanced with good batting and bowling skills, but with remaining opportunities for all-rounders in the side.

"There was such potential in the candidates for the side that it became difficult to select the team," he said.

Majid, who also heads the sports division of Pakistan Television Corp, said the coming triangular series in Australia may not be televised live due to financial constraints.

He said negotiations were continuing with New Zealand Television to arrange for highlights of the matches to be broadcast from there.

Wari win again

Sports Reporter

Effective bowling by Zia and Arif laid the foundation of a big six-wicket victory for Wari Club against Dhanomdi Club in the Milnars First Division cricket league at the Mirpur Pallabi cricket ground yesterday.

Wari, who won their earlier two matches, yesterday scored 150 for four wickets in 38.5 overs after having chased the Dhanomdi total of 147 to register their third successive victory in style.

Dhanomdi, who were sent in to bat first, crawled to 147 for nine from their full quota of 45 overs with skipper Babar making 30, the highest score of the innings, followed by Dulu, 22, Belal, 20, Shri Lankan Rajkumara, 18, and Mithu an unbeaten 16.

Zia ripped through the Dhanomdi batting line-up with figures of four for 27. He was ably backed by Arif who took three for 31.

Unbeaten knocks of 30 and 22 by Tarek and skipper Didar respectively helped Wari cruise to victory. Biddya and wicketkeeper Raju with 20 each and Ripon with 18 were the other notable scorers for Wari.

Paceman Mithu claimed two Wari wickets for 20 while Dulu and Sohel bagged one each.

Meanwhile, there will be no Milnars league match today. City Club will take Eskaton Sabuj Sangha at the Mirpur Pallabi ground tomorrow, Monday.

Khulna Zone top BJMC meet

Sports Reporter

Khulna Zone retained the championship trophy of the 15th central sports competition of the Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation (BJMC) which concluded at the Mohammadpur Physical Education College playground in the city yesterday.

Last years champions Khulna Zone dominated the two-day annual athletic and cycling competitors by bagging 229 points.

Adamjee Zone finished a poor second with a total of 82 points. Translated into medals, Khulna Zone secured 29 golds, 21 silvers and 11 bronzes while Adamjee Zone's haul was five golds, 10 silvers and 17 bronzes.

Dhaka Zone managed five golds as many silvers and six bronzes while Chittagong Zone occupied the fourth position in the medals table with a bag of two gold, five silver and seven bronze medals.

Jute Minister ASM Hannan Shah, who attended the two days proceedings as chief guest, gave away the trophies and medals.

Two hundred and fifty athletes, including 66 women representing four zonal teams, took part in the meet.

Olympian Milzar Hussain and Nilufar Yasmeen, both from Khulna Zone, distinguished themselves as the champion individual athlete among the men and women respectively.

Prabhakar picks up 3 for 35



BLOEMFONTEIN, South Africa, Nov 21: India's bowlers kept a South African exhibition side off-balance Saturday to place the visitors in a strong position after the second day of a four-day match, reports AP.

India were 250 all out in their first innings, and they grabbed nine wickets while holding the hosts to 204 before play ended for the day.

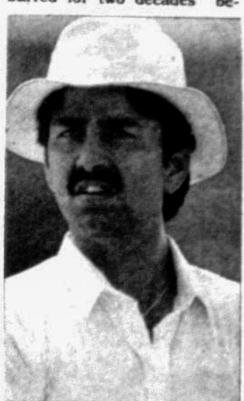
Manoj Prabhakar seized three wickets giving away 35 runs to spearhead the Indian bowling.

Mark Rushmore fought for a stubborn 75 for the South African side which lost its first four wickets for 79 runs and saw the next five fall while the score rose only from 168 to 204.

Pravin Amre hit a century Friday to salvage Indias first innings. It was his second century this week, the first coming in his Test debut in Durban when the two nations played to a rain-shortened draw in their first-ever official Test.

India and South Africa play

their second official Test next week. South Africa were readmitted to international cricket last year after being barred for two decades because of apartheid.



M PRABHAKAR... 3 for 35

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the second

day of the four-day cricket match between a South African Invitation XI and India on Saturday.

INDIA:	
R. Shastri lbw b Snell	2
A. Jadeja c Kuiper b Van Zyl	7
W. Rahman c Badat b Snell	7
S. Manjrekar St Badat b Machelm	53
P. Amre c Badat b Kuiper	101
M. Prabhakar c Matthews b Machelm	0
V. Yadav c Rushmore b Davids	36
C. Sharma not out	14
A. Kumbloc c Badat b Snell	4
V. Raju c Badat b Van Zyl	2
J. Srinath c Badat b Van Zyl	3
Extras: (lb-9, nb-11, w-1)	21
Total:	250
Fall of wickets: 1-4; 2-17; 3-21; 4-134; 5-134; 6-217; 7-223; 8-229; 9-242.	

Bowling:	O	M	R	W
Snell	25	5	57	3
Mathews	17	0	60	0
Van Zyl	18.1	5	32	3
Kuiper	15	3	41	1
Machelm	18	2	46	2
Davids	3	2	5	1

Windies find Waugh tough to beat



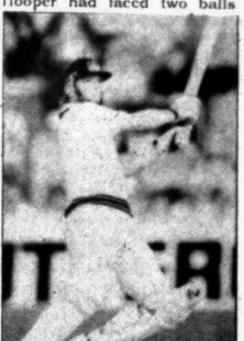
SYDNEY, Nov 21: Mark Waugh enjoyed two "lives" to stake an undeniable claim for inclusion in the Australian team with an unbeaten double century against the West Indies on the second day of their four-day cricket match here Saturday, reports AFP.

Waugh, his place in jeopardy in Monday's announced Test Team after four successive Test ducks in the mid-year series in Sri Lanka, posted the highest score by a New South Welshman in 11 matches against the tourists with his 200.

NSW declared their mammoth first innings at 473 for five, wicketkeeper Phil Emery, also unbeaten on 29, and

claimed two Windies wickets for 55 before bad light prematurely ended the day's play.

Opener Phil Simmons was at the crease on 17 while Carl Hooper had faced two balls



M WAUGH... double ton

Pakistan to hold final if joint bid for WC gets a nod

KARACHI, Nov 21: Pakistan and India have agreed to hold the final of the next World Cup cricket in Pakistan if their joint bid to host it is accepted by the International Cricket Council (ICC), cricket officials said here Friday, reports AFP.

Board of Control for Cricket in Pakistan (BCCP) secretary Shahid Rafi told reports that both countries have also agreed that the two semi-finals would be played in India if the bid was successful.

The venue would be shared equally between India and Pakistan, Rafi said, adding: "We are the world champions and have the experience in holding the World Cup."

Rafi said that being given the right to host the event would boost spectator numbers and "help in further improving the infrastructure which would be helpful for the game of cricket."

He added the ICC must decide firmly whether it wanted to base its decisions on the highest bid or on the principle of rotating the host venue.

"We are not doing any good to the game of cricket by shifting our stand just to deny others their right," he said.

his first defensive push forward to the erratic Wayne Holsworth found the edge and went to straight to keeper Emery.

Emery also had a hand in the demise of Richardson, accepting an edge provided by left-arm Phil Alley.

SCOREBOARD

Scorecard after the second day of the New South Wales-West Indies cricket match here today:

NSW: 1st innings:	
SM Small c Lara b Patterson	23
MA Taylor run out	101
SR Waugh c Adams b Walsh	22
ME Waugh not out	200
MG Vevan c Richardson b Patterson	40
GR Matthews c Williams b Ambrose	20
PA Emery not out	29
Extras: (lb, lb20, w, nb) 38	38
Total: (5 wkts declared)	473
Did not bat: MR Whitney, WJ Holdsworth, PJ Alley, DA Freedman.	

WEST INDIES: 1st innings:	
PV Simmons not out	17
BC Lara c Emery b Holdsworth	16
Rb Richardson c Emery b Alley	20
CL Hooper not out	0
Extras: (lb, w)	2
Total: (2 wkts)	55

Bowling:	O	M	R	W
Holdsworth	7	1	35	1
Whitney	9	2	19	0
Alley	2.4	2	0	1

Overs: 18.4
Bad light ended play.

Lamb's fine reduced

LONDON, Nov 21: England batsman Allan Lamb was harshly treated over his unauthorised newspaper allegations about Pakistan ball-tampering, an appeal hearing decided at Lord's on Friday, reports Reuter.

An Independent Committee of the Cricket Council — overall governing body for the sport in England — ruled the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) had gone over the top in their punishment.

The TCCB fined Lamb 5,000 pounds sterling (7,550 dollar) with 1,000 pounds (1,510 dollar) costs for speaking out without permission in a national newspaper last August.

The independent committee cut his fine to 4,000 pounds (6,040), suspended half that amount for two years, and also reduced the costs to 500 pounds (755 dollar).

Lamb, who is playing for Western Province in South Africa's 1992-93 season, was not at the hearing.

The five-man panel, chaired by judge Desmond Perrett QC and including Cricketers' Association representative David Graveney of Furham, decided the fine of 5,000 pounds "was not in itself excessive in view of the facts of the case which the committee regarded as grave."

But they maintained the TCCB should have taken more account of Lamb's previously unblemished record and "outstanding service and contribution to English cricket."

No welcome party got Kiwi quartet

COLOMBO, Nov 21: Four New Zealanders who arrived here to prop up their beleaguered side were surprised that nobody from the Sri Lankan Cricket Board were there to receive them at the airport, press reports said today, reports AFP.



Jyotsna Afroze of Chittagong Zone won the women's 100m hurdles gold in the BJMC annual meet which concluded at the Mohammadpur Physical College playground yesterday. — Star photo

BCCB fixes ticket rates for SAARC cricket

Sports Reporter

The Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) reportedly fixed the rates of tickets for the first SAARC cricket tournament to be held from December 3 to 11 at the Dhaka Stadium, a BCCB official told some newsmen yesterday.

Each season ticket for the eastern gallery will cost Taka 120 while that for the western gallery Taka 180.

Daily tickets for eastern and western galleries are priced at Tk 20 and Tk 30 respectively.

Each of the 280 VIP 1 (upstairs) season tickets will cost Taka 2000.

Season ticket for VIP Gate No 3A is Taka 800 and for Gate 3B Taka 600. Daily tickets for these entrances will cost 150 and 100 taka each respectively.

Gate No 2 season ticket will cost 1500 taka while the daily ticket will cost Taka 300.

Club officials and players who will enter the stadium through Gate No 21 will have to pay 150 taka for each season ticket. But general spectators wishing to watch from this reserved enclosure will have to pay 300 taka each for a season ticket while the daily ticket for them will cost 60 taka.

Second-string teams from Pakistan, India and Sri Lanka and the Bangladesh national team will participate in the tourney.

The rate of tickets for the SAARC cricket tournament is as follows:

Gate No	Season	Daily
VIP 1 (up)	2000	X
VIP 2	1500	300
3A	800	150
3B	600	100
Gate 21	150(Players and officials)	300(Public)
Eastern gallery	120	20
Western gallery	180	30