

Samarasekara is Abahani's hero

Sports Reporter

Athula Samarasekara became the first centurion of the 1992-93 Navana Premier Division cricket league as last year's runners-up Abahani Krishna Chakra overcame a reedy Kalabagan Krishna Chakra by 35 runs at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Up against an improbable total of 275 for victory, Ishtiaq and his partner Marwar opted for an attacking approach from the beginning. Needing more than six per over Kalabagan posted 48 in nine overs before

vived the prolonged leather hunt, finishing with the commendable bowling figures of two for 31 in nine overs. Shri Lankan leg-spinner Ashoka de Silva took some stick for his spoiled analysis of one for 50.

ABAHANI KC:

Jahangir ct Joydev b Shaon	58
Samarasekara ct Shaon b Rafiqul	131
Faruque ct sub (Md Ali)	



Abahani's Akram Khan having a go at Kalabagan medium-pace Rafiqul during yesterday's Navana Premier Division cricket league match at the Dhaka Stadium.

The tall Sri Lankan's explosive innings of 131, made off 110 balls, powered Abahani to a mammoth total of 274, three short of this year's ceiling total of 277 for three by Mohammedan Sporting Club against Victoria only a day before.

If there is not any difference between appearance and reality, at least regarding this particular match then Kalabagan were far from being daunted yesterday as the score would suggest and if only Kalabagan skipper Ishtiaq could have shaken his apathy to one of the most exciting batting prospects of the country Pilot, who knows?

Unfortunately for the willophiles wicketkeeper batsman Pilot of Kalabagan did not get the chance to bat yesterday as the losers, spurred by a fine innings of 75 from Calcutta allrounder Joydev Mukherjee, finally gave up a brave chase at 239 with five wickets to spare.

Earlier in the morning stand-in Abahani skipper Faruque won the toss and chose to bat on a bland wicket.

Jahangir Alam and Athula Samarasekara did not do anything to make Faruque repent his decision, putting on 149 runs in 27.3 over before Jahangir fell to Shaon for a well-compiled half century.

Samarasekara's bat, meanwhile, grew broader and broader, making mincemeat of the pedestrian Kalabagan attack. He reached his fifty off 53 balls and then raced to the cherished three-figure mark in another 46 balls. Samarasekara smashed 13 fours and three huge sixes, one of which landed on the second storey of the VIP enclosure. It was perhaps the biggest sixer since that immense hit Pakistani all-rounder Manzoor Elahi heaved during the Wills Asia Cup in 1988 in Dhaka.

Faruque Ahmed, leading Abahani in Lipu's absence, threw his bat around, plundering three boundaries in one over from veteran Dipu Roy Chowdhury. He scored 35 off 30 balls with the help of five fours.

Akram Khan with 19 was the only third batsman to reach the double-figures in Abahani's huge total of 274 for six wickets in the possible 42 overs.

Rafiqul of Kalabagan rushed in on a day the more fancied bowlers of Kalabagan dared not tread the bowling mark. His manful toil was rewarded with figures of four for 40.

Shamin, Abahani's young opening bowler, bowled Marwar for 14.

Always an attacked batsman, Ishtiaq then teamed up with Joydev Mukherjee to carry on the fight gamely but suffered a setback at 69 when the stylish opener was bowled, again by Shamin, for a crisp 35 off 42 deliveries, including five hits to the fence.

Joydev went on to top score with 75 before holding out to Shamin off irregular bowler Akram Khan. The Calcutta player, who had played for Mohammedan Sporting Club a couple of years ago, played 83 balls and reached the fence seven times.

It was not all over for the gritty Kalabagan as yet as the lanky Nadir Shah scored a merry 22 off 32 balls and Chittagong Shahidur Rahman clobbered a timely 49 off 50 balls. The former Abahani batsman struck two fours and a six.

After Shaheed's departure, run out in search of quick runs, Mohammad Ali sustained the tempo with a quick unbeaten innings of 27 off 23 balls but in the end the run-bail equation became impossible, leaving Kalabagan to a not-so-unpleasant lot of defeat by 35 runs to a superior team.

Kalabagan sorely missed the services of former Indian Test player Kirti Azad who had come and signed for the club earlier this season but failed to bolster the batting of the team with his pyrotechnics.

For Abahani Shamin sur-

also from nine overs. "Akram Khan bought the top scorer's wicket — that of Joydev — for 18 runs off his two overs.

MILNARS LEAGUE
City Club take on babes Eskaton Sabuj Sangha in the Milnars First Division Cricket

b Rafiqul	35
Ashoka run out	1
Akram not out	19
Sujan st Pilot b Rafiqul	5
Shovan b Rafiqul	0
Babu not out	0
Extras:	25
Total: (for six wickets in 42 overs)	274

Bowling:

O	M	R	W	
Mohammed Ali	7	0	44	0
Dipu Roy	7	1	34	0
Joydev	9	0	38	0
Pappu	3	0	24	0
Rafiqul	6	0	40	4
Shaon	3	0	31	1
Nadir Shah	6	0	48	0

KALABAGAN KC:

Ishtiaq b Shamin	35
Moinwar b Shamin	14
Joydev ct Shamin b Akram	75
Nadir Shah ct and b Ashoka	22
Shaheed run out	49
Mohammad Ali not out	27
Extras:	17
Total: (for five wickets in 42 overs)	239

Bowling:

O	M	R	W	
Mohammed Ali	9	0	31	2
Ibtu	8	0	58	0
Ripon	6	0	27	0
Efice	7	1	34	0
Sujan	1	0	10	0
Ashoka	9	0	50	1
Akram	2	0	18	1

Result: Abahani KC won by 35 runs.

TODAY'S MATCH
Bangladesh Biman vs PWD (DCS)

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard of the Navana Premier Division cricket league match between Abahani Krishna Chakra and Kalabagan KC played at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday:

BTV buys rights to WSC highlights

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Television (BTV) has purchased rights to the recorded highlights of the World Series Cup (WSC) triangular cricket competition involving World Cup champions Pakistan, the West Indies and Australia to be held in Australia between December 4 and January 20, 1993. The Daily Star learnt yesterday.

According to a BTV source preferring anonymity, the state television authorities have paid 7,500 dollars to Channel Nine for edited package feeds of the recorded highlights of the twelve preliminary round limited overs games. The West Indies will take on world champions Pakistan in the first match of the series at Perth on Dec 4 in a day-night game.

It is learnt that BTV will also try to acquire rights for live telecast of the best-of-three final series between the top two teams scheduled for January 16, 18, and 20 in Sydney and Melbourne respectively, depending on the T&T micro-wave satellite facilities.

For sports lovers in Bangladesh, BTV will also try to arrange live coverage of the World Youth Soccer Championship semifinals and the final. That competition is scheduled to be held in Sydney, Australia in March next year. Negotiations are continuing with TNTV, the Australian network holding rights to the meet.

Bangladesh Television has also acquired rights to show live all the matches, barring some, on double-programme days, of the FIFA World Cup football tournament beginning in the United States from June 17 to July 17, 1994.

JU cricket

Biology department defeated Chemistry by seven wickets in the Jahangirnagar University inter-department cricket tournament at the University ground yesterday, reports UNB.

DU lead Div One league

Sports Reporter

Dhaka University led the points table with nine and half points at the end of the third round of the 1992 First Division chess league at the chess room of the National Coaching Centre (NSC) yesterday.

The students' team comprising Hanif, Qudus, Shabbir and Toufique beat Tilak Chess Club 3-1 in the third round. Hanif, Qudus and Shabbir won their respective matches while Toufique lost his match against Sharif of Tilak Club.

Ansars were in second position with eight and half points. They beat Bangladesh Textiles Mills Corporation (BTMC) by three and a half points to half a point. Jamil, Kayes and Arif each earned full points while Niru drew his match with Ruhul Kabir Shiplu.

National youth kabaddi begins today

Our Correspondent

SHERPUR, Nov 22: The fourth national youth kabaddi championship begins tomorrow, Monday, at the local Pourashava Park.

Ten district teams including defending champions Tangail and hosts Sherpur will be taking part in the two-day meet being held under the aegis of the Bangladesh Kabaddi Federation.

Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka Badur Rahman will formally inaugurate the meet. Six matches are scheduled for the first day with the hosts taking on Bogra DSA in the opening fixture.

The participating teams are: Tangail, Dhaka Munshiganj, Bogra, Dinajpur, Narail, Satkhira, Chandpur, Moulvibazar and Sherpur. President of the Bangladesh Kabaddi Federation Azizul Haq will give away the trophies after Tuesday's final.

Kontika Sangskritik Sangha collected eight points at the end of the third round. They drew with Protibha Daba Goshthi two-all. Nahid and Ranaved won against Shawkat and Mujib respectively. Monir and Kashem of Protibha levelled the score with wins against Hafiz and Pratul.

Double-wicket meet now Dec 3

The South Asian double Wicket cricket championship, scheduled to be held in Sri Lanka on November 29, has been deferred due to inclement weather, reports UNB.

The tournament, organised by the Moratuwa Sports Club of Sri Lanka, will now be held on December 3, according to a telex message received by the BCCB yesterday.

Aminul Islam Bulbul of Mohammedan SC and Enamul Hoque Moni of Bangladesh Bitman are to represent Bangladesh in the competition.



Scene from yesterday's First Division chess league matches at the NSC. — Star photo

BFF picks officials for President Cup teams

Sports Reporter

Kaikobad and Gaffar have been picked as the coaches of the Bangladesh Red and Green teams respectively for the forthcoming President Cup football tournament scheduled to be held from January 8 to 20 next year in Dhaka.

The tentative decision was taken in the executive committee meeting of the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) yesterday.

Officials also approved the list of the sixty local players culled for the international club tournament. Golam Rasul Mollah will be the manager of the Red team while the same duty for the Green eleven will be on the shoulders of Shafiguzzaman.

The list of the officials further lengthens with Mohammed Mala getting the job of the assistant coach for the Red team and S. Siddiqi Lablu for the Green outfit.

Zahirul Islam Rumi gets the nod as the assistant manager of the Red team while Babu, another official of the Third Division league committee, will be assistant manager of the Green squad.

Six foreign and two local teams will be taking part in the tournament.

SAARC SOCCER

Meanwhile, the BFF is planning to ask for a clarification from its Pakistani counterpart regarding some confusion over the SAARC football competition.

The tournament is awaiting its inauguration sometime between March and February next year.

It was gathered yesterday that although BFF chief Siddiqur Rahman was claiming credit as the promoter of a South Asian regional soccer tournament the Pakistani national football association has reportedly pre-empted and sent an invitation to the BFF to take part in the meet which they hope to host. BFF sources, requesting anonymity, told The Daily Star last night that the BFF chief had not told any of them about the Pakistani proposal.

Hughes' feat in Sheffield Shield

SYDNEY, Nov 22: Victorian fast bowler Merv Hughes took three Queensland wickets for 14 runs in the 30 minutes of play possible on the second day of the four-day Sheffield Shield cricket match in Melbourne on Saturday, reports Reuter.

When play was finally abandoned after lunch Queensland were 222 for nine after starting the day on 208 for six.

Hughes bowled Australian captain Allan Border, the highest scorer with 71, had Craig McDermott caught at second slip for 26 and finally dismissed Mike Kasprovic who played on.

Rain also washed out the latter half of the second day of the match between South Australia and Tasmania in Adelaide with the home side 368 for seven in their first innings.

The players left the field an hour after lunch and persistent showers prevented their return. All-rounder Joe Scuderi will resume on 100 not out with Tim May on three.

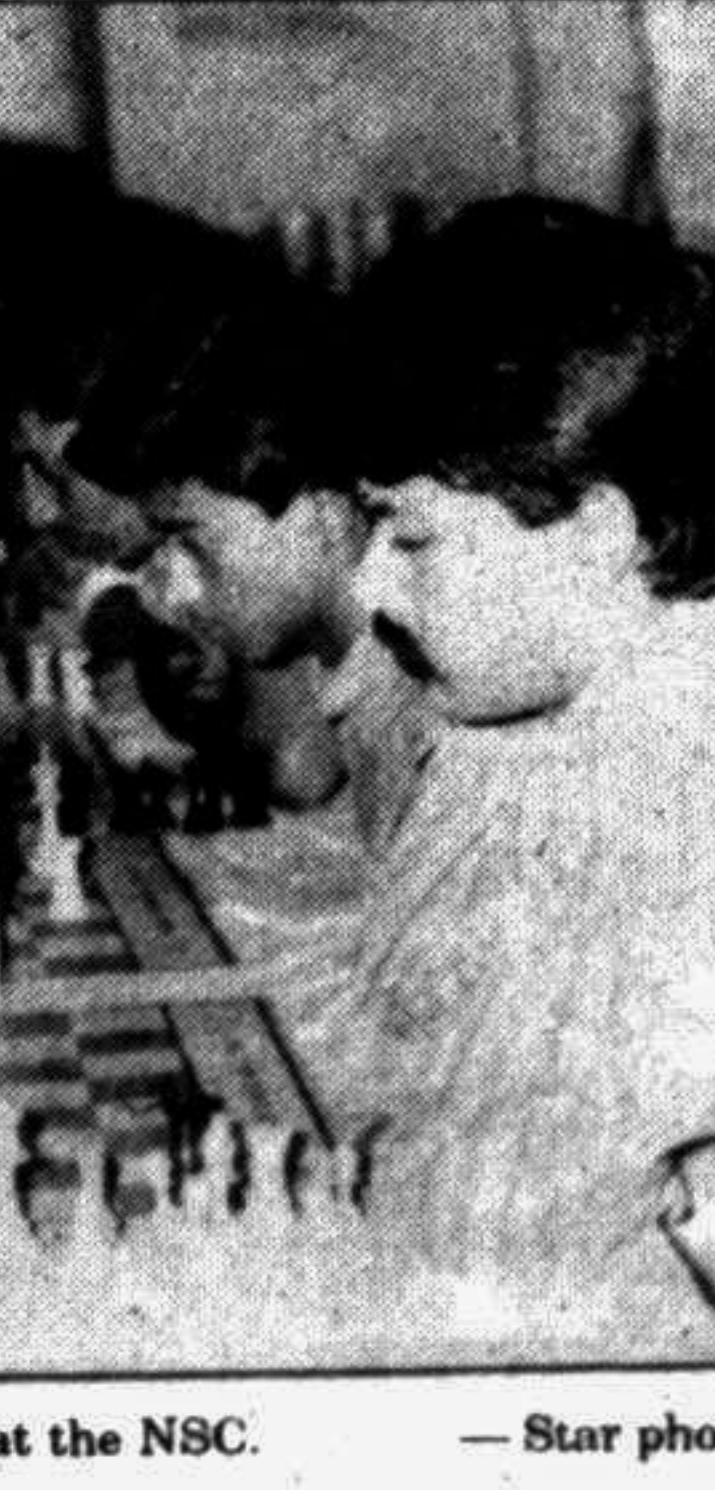
DU cricket

Physics recorded a massive 185-run victory over Islamic History in the Dhaka University inter-department cricket tournament at the Jagannath Hall ground yesterday, reports UNB.

Physics batted first and scored a huge 238 runs for 2 wickets in 30 overs with Sohail making an unbeaten 101 and Shoab not out on 93.

Chasing the intimidating total, Islamic History students were bundled out for 53 runs in 22.5 overs.

Tutul of Physics claimed three wickets for only seven runs.



— Star photo

With his second ton of Aussie tour Simmons saves the day for WI

Sports Reporter

SYDNEY, Nov 22: Opener Phil Simmons, who almost died at the increase in England several years ago,

retrieved what was shaping as a humiliating day for West Indian cricket with his second Australian tour century against New South Wales on the third day here today, reports AFP.

Simmons, who was struck on the head while batting during the Windies' 1988 tour of England, hauled the tourists towards safety with dashing 109 after the West Indies had been forced to bat a second time.

Earlier, the Windies were skittled over for 183, losing their last eight wickets for 128, but Simmons led the side to 225 for three at the close in its second innings, trailing by 65 runs overall.

Carl Hooper, who tried to salvage the tattered Windies. First innings with a belligerent unbeaten knock of 81, was out 21 at the close with Gus Logie seven.

The Windies' fortunes turned for the better when Simmons shared in a record 168-run stand in better than even time with captain Richie Richardson, who contributed a fine 75.

Simmons followed up the 106 he made in Hobart last week and showed again he possesses the ability to turn a match with 17 boundaries and a six before he was adjudged caught behind off the bowling of Phil Alley when he looked to have missed the ball and

struck the pitch. His fearsome attack on the NSW bowlers went some way towards erasing the embarrassment of the side's capitulation in the first innings.



PHIL SIMMONS...109

NSW grabbed six wickets as the morning session — legspinner Davide Freedman snaring 3-26 — became a possession but West Indian manager Davide Hoford said the side had been heartened by its fightback.

SCOREBOARD
Scorecard after the third day's play in the cricket match between New South Wales and

the West Indies here today:

NSW: 1st innings 473 for five dec. (ME Wugh 200 not out, MA Taylor 101; BP Patterson 2-92);

WEST INDIES: 1st innings:

Lara c Emery b Alley	30
Lara c Emery b Holdsworth	16
Richardson c Emery b Alley	20
Hooper not out	81
Logie b Whitney	5
Adams b Holdsworth	7
Williams c Matthews	
b Freedman	9
Ambrose b Freedman	4
Cummins c Emery	4
b Freedman	5
Walsh b Matthews	0
Paterson b Matthews	0
Extras: (lb4, w2)	6
Total:	183

Fall of wickets 1-26, 2-55, 3-74, 4-80, 5-93, 6-131, 7-139, 8-139, 9-146.

Bowling:

O	M	R	W	
Holdsworth	11	1	53	2
Whitney	14	4	40	1
Alley	10	4	11	2
Matthews	11	2	49	2
Freedman	5	1	26	3
overs: 51.1				

WEST INDIES: 2nd innings

Simmons c Emery b Alley	109
Lara c Emery b Holdsworth	3
Richardson c S Waugh	
b Matthews	75
Hooper not out	21
Logie not out	7
Extras: (lb4, w1, nb1)	10
Total(3 wkts)	225
Fall of wkts: 1-23, 2-191, 3-208	

Bowling:

O	M	R	W	
Holdsworth	7	0	54	1
Whitney	9	2	26	0
Alley	7	0	34	1
Matthews	20	4	55	1
S Waugh	5	2	7	0
Freedman	4	0	41	0
Overs: 52				

Shastri, Jadeja shine with bat

BLOEMFONTEIN, South Africa, Nov 22: India's Ravi Shastri and Ajay Jadeja combined for a 131-run partnership Sunday to lead India to a 257-run lead over a South African invitation team on the third day of their four-day match, reports AP.

Shastri and Jadeja, the openers, did poorly in their last two matches, managing a combined 39 in their best effort and raising concerns about their performance at this week's second Test.

But on Sunday, Shastri scored 63 and Jadeja 68. Overall, the Indians had made 224 for four at the end of play Sunday, giving them a lead of 257 over South Africa's Invitation XI team.

The South Africans were all out for 219 in their first innings.

On Thursday, India and South Africa begin their second Test.

The first Test ended in a draw when rain canceled a day's play.

Earlier a Reuter report said: Mark Rushmore made a strong bid to reclaim his Test place when he scored 75 to rescue a South African Invitation XI against India on Saturday.

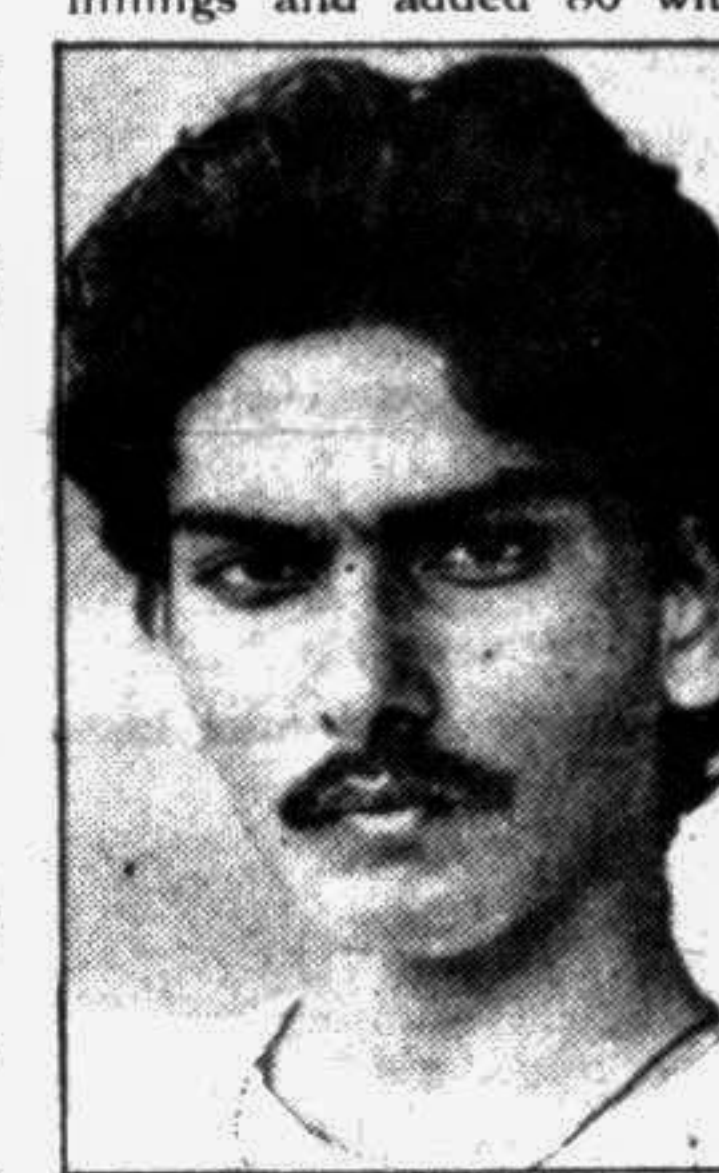
Rushmore, dropped after making three in each innings in South Africa's First Test against West Indies, top-scored for his side.

The Invitation XI, replying to India's first innings 250 all out, made 204 for nine, with only Faiek Davids (38) giving Rushmore any support.

Rushmore, who came in with the Invitation XI struggling at 30 for two after Manoj Prabhakar found the edge of both openers, bats, was

dropped twice. Prabhakar, who eventually picked up Rushmore's wicket caught behind by Vijay Yadav, had a chance to dismiss him before scoring but Ajay Jadeja dropped the chance at second slip.

Rushmore, who hit 12 fours in his three-and-a-half hour innings and added 80 with



RAVI SHASTRI

Davids, was also dropped by Praveen Anir off Anil Kumble at 42.

Rushmore's dismissal triggered a collapse, with four wickets falling for nine runs. Craig Matthews and Mehmod Badat held up the Indians, adding 27 for the ninth wicket before Badat was dismissed in the final over.

Adrian Kuiper, like Rushmore dropped for the first Test against India in Durban, failed to impress with six in 41 minutes.

India lost their last two wickets in the morning for the addition of just eight runs—

Swaroop Kishan dead

NEW DELHI, Nov 22: Swaroop Kishan, the jolly, no-nonsense Indian cricket umpire famed as much for his girth as his fairness of his officiating, has died at age 62, reports AFP.

Kishan, known by visiting teams as "The Big Fella" who loved chewing tobacco, died Saturday of cancer and was cremated here late in the day. He is survived by his wife and three sons.

A colourful personality, Kishan was the only umpire to have been honoured with the Padmashri, one of India's highest civilian awards.

He officiated in 17 Tests, an Indian record, after making his debut in 1978-79, against the West Indies, and was universally respected by players who knew how tough he could be and how impartial.

When Pakistani cricketer great Imran Khan tried once to hustle him into giving a favourable decision, he told him: "Mind your business Khan Sahib, and I will mind mine."

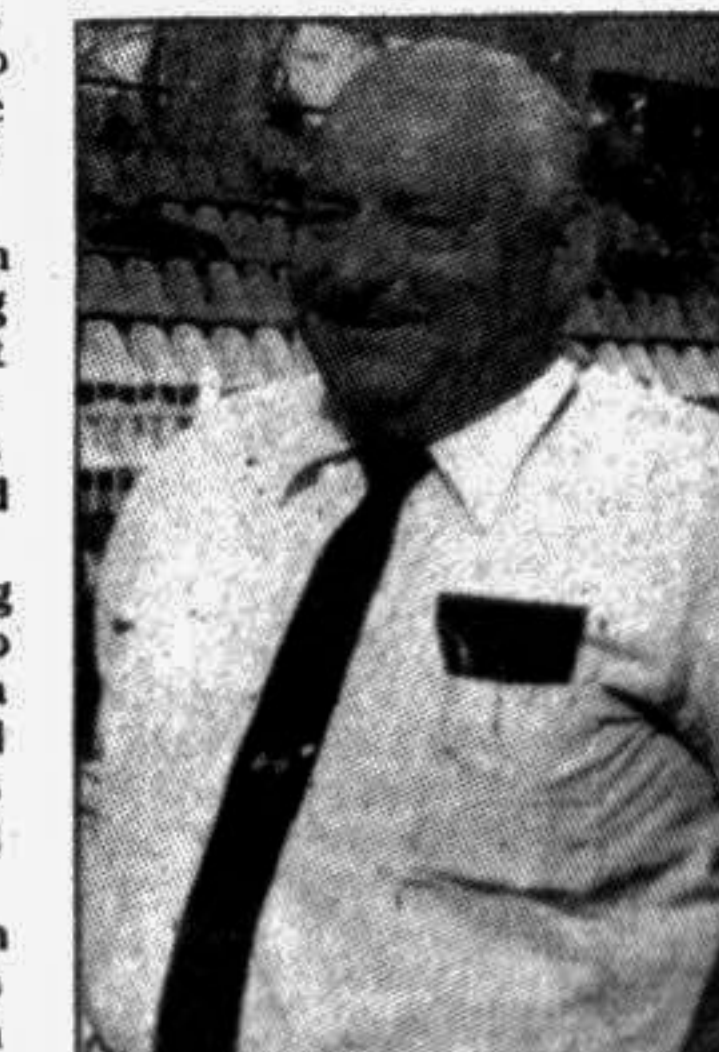
He once threatened a team engaging in delaying tactics when Sunil Gavaskar was on verge of his 29th Test century to tie with the record or Australian legend Don Bradman that they would make history by conceding the game.

Off the field, the income tax officer was always relaxed and generously shared his pouch of

tobacco and an inexhaustible supply of cricketing anecdotes with players. He was never a funny sight, and his weight was once thought to be a deterrent to a successful career.

Kishan himself thought his extra kilos, which did not prevent him from cycling to the cricket ground, was an advantage. He thought it gave him a personality that commanded respect.

"When I first mooted his name for the Test umpires' panel, there was laughter,"



SWAROOP KISHAN

said K K Mehra, president of the Delhi District Cricket Association. "He was fat but agile. Indian Cricket is poorer in his death."

Lamb delighted over fine reduction

CAPE TOWN, Nov 22: England batsman Allan Lamb said on Saturday he was "very happy" that a Cricket Council appeal had reduced his fine for making unauthorised newspaper allegations about Pakistan ball-tampering, reports Reuter.

Lamb, whose fine was cut from 5,000 pounds sterling (7,550 US dollars) to 4,000 pounds (6,040 US dollars), half of which is suspended for two years, said, "Justice has been done. I'm very happy with the verdict. I was guilty of breaking a contract."

Lamb, who is playing for South Africa's Western Province, alleged that Pakistan players doctored the ball with their thumbnails, an accusation denied by the Pakistanis.

An independent committee of the Cricket Council — overall governing body for the sport in England — ruled on Friday the Test and County Cricket Board (CCB) had gone over the top in their punishment.

BDR basketball

SYLHET, Nov 22: The inter-sector basketball competition of Bangladesh Rifles (BDR), organised by Sylhet Sector, began today at the Sylhet sector ground, a BDR press release said, reports BSS.

LT Col Md Bazul Karim, Sector Commander of Sylhet inaugurated the competition as the chief guest.

Twelve BDR sector teams are taking part in the seven day meet.

Besides a large number of spectators, BDR officers and other ranks of BDR personnel were present on the occasion.