### Moin Khan to lead Pakistan in SAARC cricket

Sports Reporter Moin Khan, the disfavoured



ericket championship.

which has been built around

the nucleus of the last couple

hard-hitting opening batsman

of Brothers Union, has finally

carved a niche there. His

dropping from the team for

the South East Asian (SEA)

cricket tournament in

Singapore had created quite an

uproar as the elder brother of

the Bangladesh captain failed

to impress the selectors de-

spite topping the list of the

run-getters last season. Nobel,

will have Brothers teammate

Zahid Razzaque Masum as his

opening partner. The third

member of the national team

Ali Khan, the all-rounder.

from Brothers Union is Athar

Aminul Islam Bulbul of

Mohammedan Sporting Club

will be the only other repre-

sentative from the league

champions apart from skipper

Krira Chakra will have their

share of representation in the

form two batsmen- Akram

Khan and opening batsman

**JOHANNESBURG** 

Nov 25: South

Africa are bank-

ing on a consis-

tently high-class

performance

from attacking spearhead Allan

Donald in the second Test to

seize their best chance of

beating India in the four

match series, reports Reuter.

Thursday seen as the most

likely to produce a result

South Africa need Donald at

his quickest and incisive best.

better than during the drawn

first Test in Durban when his

class was shown only in one

very quick over that wicket-

keeper Kiran More just sur-

tickets, reduced to 3.50 -18.

India's only innings.

But Donald will have to bowl

With the match starting on

League runners-up Abahani

Effervescent allrounder

Nurul Abedin Nobel, the

of years.

MOIN KHAN

on his second trip to Bangladesh as the skipper of the Pakistan team in the SAARC cricket tournament due to be held in Dhaka from December 3 to 11, said a Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) press release.

Mein Khan, the young wicketkeeper, who toured England with the victorious Pakistan team immediately after the Benson and Hedges World Cup, will lead the 14member Pakistan side contain ing Zahid Fazal, another Test player unable to find a place in the Australia bound Pakistan

The surprising omissions in the announced squad Shoaib Mohammad and ljaz Ahmed, both aired to star in the second string Pakistan squad in the four-nation cricket tournament in Bangladesh.

Paceman Maqsood Rana, son of Pakistani umpire Shakoor Rana, is another player who visited Bangladesh in 1988 as a member of the under-19 Pakistan team in the Beximeo Asian youth cricket championship.

The full Pakistan team is: Moin Khan (Capt), Zahid Fazal (vice capt), Tanveer Mehdi, Aamer Hanif, Basit Ali, Shahid Javed, Aamir Bashir, Saced Azad, Raj Hans Nadeem Khan, Kabir Khan, Maqsood Rana, Mohammad Zahid.

Former Test batsman Shafiq Ahmed will be the coach while Waseem Ahmed Nasir Bhatti and Ishtiaq Hussain Shah will be the manager and assistant managers respectively.

## Ashraful off to Delhi

Sports Reporter

Former secretary of the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) Syed Ashraful Hag left Dhaka for New Delhi yesterday to attend a meeting of the Indo-Pak 1995 World Cup Joint Bid Committee to be held on November 27.

The convener of the committee Jagmohan Dalmiya of India invited Ashraful Hug for the meeting which will be attended by cricket officials of Pakistan, India, Shari Lanka and the cricket playing countries of Africa.

India and Pakistan jointly hosted the fourth World Cup cricket held in 1987. Ashraful Hug, who was a

joint secretary of the ACC, was the secretary of the BCCB international tournament committee in charge of the Wills Asia Cup in Dhaka in November, 1988.

Meanwhile, PTI adds from Calcutta: Cricket representatives from various African countries will assemble in Delhi to deliberate with their counterparts from the subcontinent in a three-day meeting from tomorrow to discuss ways of spreading the game throughout the world.

The representatives of Zimbabwe, a recent full member of International Cricket Council (ICC), Kenya, east and central Africa. Namibia and West Africa, all Associate Members, would be meeting with the representatives of India, Pakistan and Shri Lanka.

The meeting has an extra significance in the wake of the joint bid by India, Pakistan and Shri Lanka to hold the 1995 World Cup ericket, the venue of which will be decided in

January next. Jagmohan Dalmiya, the convener of the Joint Bid Committee, when contacted, however, declined to comment on the impact of such a meeting on the Indo-Pak-Lanka joint bid but said, "there is long way to go, but we are certainly favourites at the moment to host the next World Cup."

### Gymnastics meet Sports Reporter

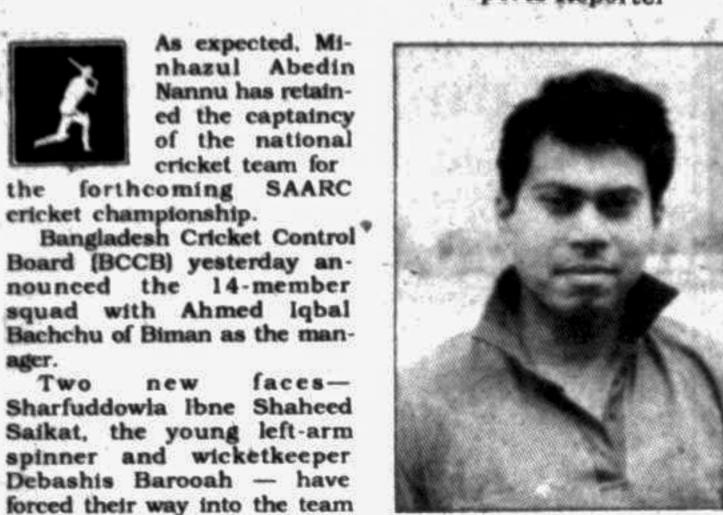
The two-day national invitational gymnastics championships under the aegis of the **National Gymnastics Parishad** will be held on December 4 and 5 at the National Sports Council (NSC) gymnastum, says

a press release. Interested gymnasts have been asked to contact Dewan Md Nazrul Hossain and Iftekhar Nawaz at the NSC gymnasium by November 30.

BCCB announces 14-man side for SAARC meet

# Barooah, Saikat get nat'l call

Sports Reporter



M. A. NANNU

Jahangir Alam. Biman skipper Enamul Huq Moni will be the first choice spinner ahead of Saikat simply because of his explosive batting.

Young right-hand batsman Selim Shahed is one of the two picks from Victoria Sporting Club. Golam Nawsher Prince, the left-arm paceman and kingpin of the Bangladesh at tack, is the other player from this year's Navana League pro-

Prince will be backed by two in-form pacemen, both from the Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club (GMCC) Jahangir Talukdar Dulu and Saiful Islam. Left-arm Jahangir Alam Talukdar is in fine form this year playing the key role in some remarkable GMCC victories this season. The lean, hungry looking Saiful Islam is perhaps the quickest bowler off the pitch now in the coun-

The fancied visitors from the Test playing neighbours my be in for some shock from the pace trio of Prince, Dulu and Satful.

Biman wicketkeeper Debashish Barooah who must be celebrating his first call in the national squad, should entertain a realistic chance of donning the gloves behind the stumps. However, he may end up as a non-playing member of the team if Jahangir Alam, the opening batsman-cum-wicketkeeper, is preferred for the job Nasir Ahmed Nasu, the notable exclusion from the last Bangladesh national team, had been doing for quite a long

The 14 member Bangladesh eam is: Minhazul Abedin Nannu, Zahid Razzaque Masum, Nurul Abedin Nobel, Aminul Islam Bulbul, Akram Khan, Athar Ali Khan, Enamul Hug Moni, Selim Shahed, Golam Nowsher Prince, Jahangir Talukdar Dulu, Saiful Islam, Jahangir Alam, Sharfuddowla Ibne Shaheed Saikat and Debashish Barooah.

Bangladesh take on Shri Lanka in the opening tie of the four-nation tournament beginning from December 3 in

have been asked to attend the practice session at the Dhaka Stadium to day at 3 O'clock.

## BU to take part in IFA Shield soccer

Sports Reporter The 1991 Federation Cup champions Brothers Union will take part in the forthcoming IFA Shield football tournament to be held in Calcutta, says a press release.

The players of the club have been asked to report to coach Selim tomorrow, Friday.

encouraging with 30,000 a day

cause among those expected to

take their seats in the new 8

million dollar Unity Stand and

year-old 6 million dollar cen-

tenary Stand are Nelson

Mandela president of the

African National Congress, and

Sir Colin Cowdrey, chairman of

the International Cricket

clude government ministers

and New England cricket

Wanderers, in February 1970,

Australia were beaten by 307

runs. In the 11 Tests played

there since the ground re-

placed the old Wanderers in

1956, South Africa have lost

twice, the last time in 1958 to

well-grassed, though not as

much as in early 1990 when

Mike Gattings' English rebel

team were beaten in three

Johannesburg which affected

the teams. training on Tuesday

However, heavy rain in

The pitch now is hard and

lan Craig's Australians.

manager Keith Fletcher.

Host of lesser lights will in-

In the last Test played at

There is added interest be-

available.

Council.

## Jones has a few scores to settle against Windies

BRISBANE, Nov 25: Australian batsman Dean Jones said Wednesday that he was tired of losing to the West Indies and planned to settle a few scores when the first Test starts Friday at the Gabba. reports AP.

Jones made his Test debut on Australia's 1984 tour of the Caribbean - a series the Aussies lost 3-0.

Australia have subsequently lost three more series against the West Indies. Jones said he had been waiting for the chance to get even since the end of last year's acrimonious tour of the islands.

This is my priority, to beat these guys," Jones said.

"It has been my priority since 1991, and after 1984 when they beat us and 1988. "I've just had a gutful and want to beat them."

Jones also is aware he is under pressure to retain his Test spot with emerging Damien Martyn putting on increased pressure.

The 31-year-old said he was aiming to reproduce his oneday international form during the five-Test series.

"I'm trying to get myself lifted up at the right time for The 14 selected players | the Tests because the Tests are the most important things for me this year and I want to play well for Australia," Jones

> Jones also must improve on his dismal Test record at the Gabba. He has scored just 121 runs at an average of 17.28 in five matches, compared to an excellent one-day record in which he averages almost 60.

> "I've played well here in the one-dayers so it's not a hoodoo ground for me," he said.

"I like to think it's just around the corner because feel I'm hitting them okay in the nets. SA bank on Donald for win at Wanderers

Donald's new-ball partner

Brett Schultz said his ham-

string injury was coming

along" and with Brian

McMillan sure to play, Schultz,

Meyrick Princgle and Craig

Matthews compete for the re-

Wanderers record in his favour

but may have bowled himself

out of contention with a poor

display against Indian in

Lanka in November 1990 rep-

resents the only victory in

their last 18. Tests, also scc

India, whose win over Shri

There is a long break before

"It should be a very good

the next Test on December 26

which, said batsman Sachin

Tendulkar, " makes it espe-

game," he added. "We learned

at Duban that South Africa are

very competitive and we can

not afford to relax against

India choose from a full

squad with the main question

being whether to play leg-

spinner Anil Kumble or

Chetan Sharma as a fourth

Bloemfontein.

the game as vital.

cially important".

Matthews has a good

maining two seamers' spots.

# World champs off to NZ, Australia



champions, reports AFP.

piedging to play like world

squad

Before the 15-member squad left, captain Javed Miandad, 35, said, "My boys are a bunch of all rounders and professionals," determined to maintain their position as world champions.

He said the upcoming triangular Benson and Hedges series in Australia and the New Zealand tour would be "very important and tough." "We are not going to take

any fixtures lightly," he said. Miandad said the trip was important because it would help strengthen Pakistan's cricket team for its tours of

South Africa and the West indies early next year.

The Australian tour is likely to attract big crowds because this will be the team's first visit since winning the World



JAVED MIANDAD

Cup at the Melbourne Cricket Ground early this year.

Pakistan is to begin their Australian tour with a December 4-day-and-night match against the West Indies and Perth in the Benson and

Hedges triangular series. Between December 26 and January 6, Pakistan are to play one Test match and three one dayers in New Zealand before continuing their Benson and Hedges fixtures in Australia.

TEAM: Javed Miandad (captain), Ramecz Raja, (vice captain). Aamir Sohail, Inzamamul Haq. Salim Malik, Saced Anwar, Rashid Latif (wicket keeper). Asif Mujtaba, Wagar Younis, Wasim Akram, Aagib Javed, Mustaq Ahmed, Ataur Rehman, Shahid Saced and Naveed Anjum.

Manager: Colonel Mushad Ali, Assistant Manager: Igbal

# Schultz to miss the second test



**JOHANNESBURG** Nov 25: South Africa's left-arm paceman Brett Schultz will miss

tomorrow's second cricket Test against India here after failing to pass a fitness test, reports AFP.

The 23-year-old, who pulled a hamstring muscle during his Test debut in Durban earlier this month, failed to satisfy team coach Mike Procter and chief selector Peter Pollock during a trial here on Wednesday.

"Brett felt stiff while bowling which means he is not 100 percent fit," Pollock said. "We can't take chances in a five-day game." Pollock said Schultz will be

replaced by Western Province right-arm paceman Craig Matthews, who led an Invitation XI against the Indians in Bloemfontein earlier this Attacking strokeplayer

year-old spinner Omar Henry to strengthen the batting on a wicket reputed to be the fastest in South Africa. Pollock said the rest of the team would be the same that

Hansie Cronje comes in for 40-

played at Durban with Henry doing 12th man duties. India named a short-list of 12, adding seamer Subroto

Banerjee to the side that played the first Test.

Both camps agree that the granite-hand wicket will assist both bounce and batsmen willing to play their shots.

"It is an ideal Test match wicket," said Pollock, "There will be interesting cricket provided there is no rain."

It was bright and Sunny on Wednesday but rain, which lashed the city on Tuesday, has also been forecast for the



BRETT SCHULTZ

weekend. There was also a change in the rotation of the three um-

Unlike in Durban where West Indian Steve Bucknor stood for all five days and two

South African umpires took turns with him, the duties of the third-country umpire will

toss on Thursday, but expected Banerjee will continue to be confined to the reserves.

Barry Lambson. Third day: Mitchley and Lambson

Mitchley Fifth day: Bucknor and

for the remaining two Tests. "We are trying to work out

the best option and both teams

agree that the present format was suitable," Lloyd said. Both teams had strenous training sessions at the

weather on Tuesday.

Mathur suffered a cut over his right eye when a ball hit him during practice and had to be attended to by team physiotherapist Ali Irani.

cricket needs to use whatever

technology it can get its hands

on if that's going to produce

the best answers in the long

"I don't think cricket needs

be frightened to experi-

"Let's conduct those exper-

Subba Row met with cap-

The match referee's main

The former Test and County

tains Allan Border and Richte

Richardson Wednesday to set

out his thoughts on standards

role is to support the umpires

and to ensure discipline is

Cricket Board chairman said

he was confident there would

be no repeat of the ill-feeling

that marred the 1991 series

between the two teams in the

support the umpires and to

make sure the game is con-

ducted in the best possible

"We hope there won't be

any of that (ill-feeling) here

and that commonsense will

"At the end of the day, it's

There are times when one

Subba Row will oversee the

Donald Carr will then take

prevail and we'll have some

up to the captains on the field

to exercise as much influence

has to be tough but hopefully

there will be no need for it to

first two Tests and the initial

block of World Series one-day

matches before returning to

over as match referee for the

England on New Year's Eve.

second part of the season.

as possible over the players."

spirit," Subba Row said.

"Essentially my role is to

required for the Test series.

iments and see if they're

term," Subba Row said.

worthwhile or not."

maintained.

Caribbean.

good cricket.

happen.

# Subba Row supports TV replays



that umpires should have the benefit of television replays when making close decisions,

reports AP. Subba Row, who will be the ICC's official representative for the upcoming Test series between Australia and the West Indies, said he felt cricket

Television replays were used for the first time during the recent first Test between South Africa and India, and the



### BRISBANE, Nov technology could assist enor-25: International mously with run out and Cricket Council stumping decisions. "I think personally that



match referee Raman Subba Row said Wednesday

should be prepared to experiment with technology.

RAMAN SUBBA ROW

# "steady" which does not sound 'Fire with fire': Cricket Down Under

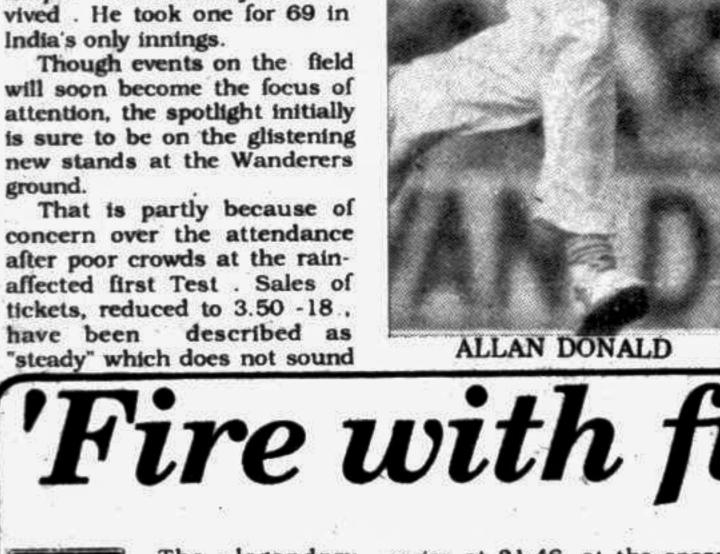
ground.

Australian fast bowler Dennis Lillee's call on the Australians "fight fire with fi-

re" in the current series

out prospects of a very tough and tense cricket in which waist-high fast bowling pitched slightly short of length on the fast bouncy Australian wickets is going to test the agility and ability of the batsmen on both Australian fears of the West pay the visitors back in their for opposing batsmen. The current series is expected to

be no exception.



could alter the character of the

By A M Chowdhury Richardson and the veteran opening batsman Desmond Haynes are going to be their mainstays. Haynes, who has

6725 Test runs to his credit in 103 matches, ended the 1988-89 series with a record collection of 537 runs at an average of 59.66, and he was closely followed by Richie Richardson with 528 at an average of 58.66. Both will be recollecting their pleasant memories. Phil Simmons, apparently in good form in the initial matches on the current tour, will possibly be Haynes' opening partner. Brian Lara, the dazzling performer in the World Cup matches, will possibly come in one down, to be

followed by his skipper

Richardson, Keith Arthurton

and Carl Hooper, whose usefulness as the only spinner cannot possibly be spared. Gus Logie, the useful little man, may find it difficult to

first Test marks the re-entry of Steve Waugh, who fought his way back into the Test arena. David Boon (4538 Test runs at 44.05) shall reappear in the opener's role and partner Mark Taylor, whose Test average of 51.80 definitely speaks of his dependability. The middle-order will be formed by

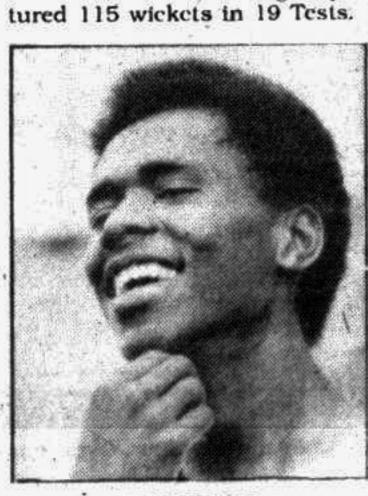
Dean Jones, Mark Waugh, Allan Border and Steve Waugh, to be followed by Greg Matthews, Ian Healy, Merv Hughes and Graig Mcdermott. There is a definite depth in the line-up. Greg Matthews proved very successful with the bat in the three Tests in Shri Lanka where he compiled 389 runs at an average of 64.83 and his inclusion, though mainly as an off-spinner, should add to the batting strength. Talented youngster Damien Martyn shall have to wait his turn. It will be interesting to see how does this long line-up face up to the West Indian attack, which will, of course, be handicapped by the new rule limiting the use of bouncers, a very legitimate weapon in the armoury of fast bowlers.

The current series will be of special interest to Allan Border, whose total collection of Test runs stands at 9775. He will be looking forward to getting the coveted 348 runs in the series and earn the distinction of surpassing Sunil Gavaskar's record of 10122 Test runs before a home crowd. The big question of the scries will be: Can he do it? My hunch is Border shall have to wait for that milestone until the Ashes series next summer in England. With the advancement of age his reflexes are a lot slower now and against a genuine all-pace attack it is likely that he may just fall short of the target of 348 in

While Border will be striving with the willow to achieve a world record, in another part of the cricketing world at the same time Kapil Dev will be striving with the leather to surpass Sir Richard Hadlee's world record and he would

like to do it "While Sunny is still number one". Let us wait and see if his desire is fulfilled.

The Australian attack will be spearheaded by 'the bornagain' Craig Mcdermott, who shattered the Indian hopes last season by taking 31 wickets. Against the West Indians in 1988-89 he accounted for only 7 dismissals; but since his recall in January, 1991 he is a different bowler having cap-



IAN BISHOP

In the Caribbean Islands in

highest by any mortal.

Australian batting appears more solid than the West Indian line-up. But if Brian Lara finds his own self, he has the ability to tear apart any bowling; Des Haynes and Richie Richardson may pose threats to any attack. But the Caribbeans shall have to curtail their natural aggressive instincts, which can only be let loose when one has settled down to the pace and bounce of the wicket. The Australian bowling, though less menacing than the West Indian, should not really be underestimated. The Australian batting, going deep down the line, will find the ficry West Indian attack

the ball and the bat, the series holds out promise of a fight of the highest order. What could be more exciting?

The Aussie-Caribbean series, with battery of fast

be confined to four days. Cricket manager Ajit Wadekar said the playing eleven would be finalised before the

The format is: First day: Bucknor and Cyril

Mitchley. Second day: Bucknor and

Fourth day: Bucknor and

Match referee Clive Lloyd, who returned from England on Tuesday after attending his sister's funeral, said the format could undergo further revision

Wanderers nets after being denied outdoor practice by bad

Indian manager Amrit

# former England batsman said

against the West Indians sums up very appropriately the tone of the encounters, the first of which begins at the Wolloongabba, Brisbane, to-The five-match series holds

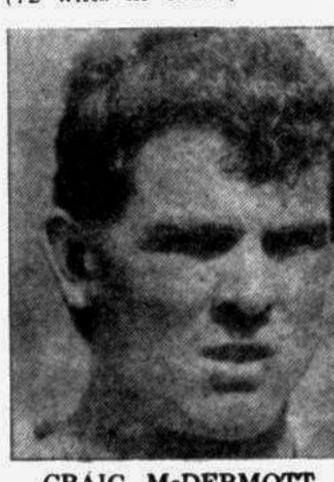
sides. Dennis Lillee's call is a clear manifestation of Indian fast bowling battery and hence Lillee has urged upon the Australian fast bowlers to own coin. For quite some time Test matches against the Caribbeans have been a firy test

Todate, the two sides have faced each other in 72 Tests; Australia have won 29 against 24 by the West Indies while 19 were drawn, including the famous 1960 Brisbane tie. But the recent record is in favour of the visitors, who last lost a series (1-5) to the Australians in 1975-76, and since then have registered 17 wins against 5 defeats in 31 Tests.

trip in 1988-89, they won the first three Tests at a canter, lost the fourth on the Sydney turner and the equitable pitch in Adelaide provided an honourable draw for the home team. With Curtly Ambrose, who took 26 wickets in the

On their last Down Under

series at 21.46, at the spearhead the West Indian battery of fast bowlers was able to extract prodigious bounce on the quick and occasionally quixotic surfaces and ripped through the Australian line-up. Keeping company with Ambrose the other wreckers were Malcolm Marshall (17 wkts at 28.70), Courtney Walsh (17 wkts at 29.41) and Patrick Patterson (12 wkts at 33.75). On this



CRAIG McDERMOTT

tour the West Indians will be missing Marshall, but his loss could very well be compensated by lan Bishop, one of the fastest in the business. Kenneth Benjamin and Anderson Cummins complete the formidable firing line under Richie Richardson's command, which would allow very little respite to the Australian batsmen. The West Indian team is on

the verge of rediscovering

their might. The loss of Viv

Richards and Gordon

Greenidge has apparently

made their batting lack solid-

ity. But the present team has a

number of very talented young-

sters. Skipper Richie

find a place for himself in the first cleven. For Richardson it is going to be a different job to choose two from among the three: Lara, Arthurton and Logie. Jimmy Adams, another very promising player, may find himself sidelined, barring of course injury to the other batsmen. One of the two 'keepers, Junior Murray or David Williams, will be at No 7 followed by four fast bowlers, and this may look like a rather long tail, yet a tail not incapable of warging on occasions. The Australian team for the

the possible 10 outings.

1990-91 he was the leading Australian bowler with 24 wickets at 23.92 apiece. Bruce Reid, the laft-arm fast bowler, is expected to be a good com patriot at the other end. Merv Hughes, who fought his way back into the team, took 14 West Indian wickets in 1988-89 and in the 1990-91 tour to West Indies he was the second best Australian bowler with 19 vietims. Australian bowlers are fortunate to have the backing of an excellent fielding side and the leadership of the most experienced campaigner, Allan Border, who has to his credit 133 Test appearances, the

On comparison, the highly testing.

If cricket is a fight between

bowlers operating on both sides, is also expected to be marked by slothful over-rates an avalanche of no-balls and excessive short-pitched bowling. The West Indians are already scared of keeping the 90 overs a day limit. An unenviable statistics emerged from the 1988-89 series - 367 no balls were bowled; 262 by the West Indians. To crown it all will be expressions of dissent towards umpiring decisions. There is no doubt that a keenly contested series will produce all the above characteristics. But if each of the above blemishes is kept to a minimum, the sole gainer will be the game of crieket and the purpose of West Indian effort to regain their supremacy in world cricket will be best served.

## Sports Reporter The 1992 Victory Day

cricket championship will begin from December 12, just after the completion of the first SAARC cricket tournament which concludes on December The semifinalists of the recently concluded 14th Damal

Summer tournament - cham-

pions Abahani Krira Chakra,

runners-up Brothers Union, Mohammedan Sporting Club and Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club - will take part in the 75-over-a-side meet. Meanwhile, an invitational cricket tournament in memo-

rium of Shaheed Mushtaq and Shaheed Jewel, martyrs of the liberation war in 1971, will begin on December 16 - the Victory Day.