

THE LAST ONE IS ALWAYS THE TOUGH ONE : Rehana Yasmeen of Rajshahi University (L) and Rokeya Begum of Bangladesh Customs crossing the last hurdle of the women's 100m hurdles of the fifth Bangladesh Games at the Army Stadium yesterday. Rehana Yasmeen posted an upset victory over favourite Rokeya to win the gold. - Star photo

Customs in Games soccer semis

Sports Reporter

A spirited resurgence triggered off by Salahuddin powered Bangladesh Customs to the semifinals of the fifth Bangladesh Games soccer when they beat Chittagong Division by two goals to one at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday. Bangladesh Customs will play Khulna Division in the

second semifinal tomorrow. Dhaka Division clash with Bangladesh Ansars in the first semifinal today at 3 pm.

In yesterday's match, Chittagong Division led 1-0 at

the breather. Sankar put Chittagong in the lead in the 12th minute.

minute replacements for in-Customs players kept on jured Woorkeri Raman and inattacking the opponents' disposed Ravi Shastri. citadel and succeeded in drawing level when Salahuddin beaten 84 of only 98 balls, scored in the 53rd minute winning the man-of-the-match (1-1).award for his key role in steer-

Five minutes later. Salahuddin netted the winner from close (2-1). The Chittagong players

worked hard but failed to get the equaliser.

TODAY'S MATCH Dhaka Division vs Ansars (3

Juthi, Elina win doubles crown

Sports Reporter

Nazia Akhter Juthi and Elina Begum of Bangladesh Biman clinched the women's doubles gold medal of the 17th national badminton championships. This year's national championships are being held as part of the fifth Bangladesh Games.

Juthi and Elina, who are to meet each other for this year's women's singles honour, trounced their temmates Sharmin Ahmed Momo and Shamima Sultana Mita 15-0, 15-5 in the final yesterday at the Outer Stadium wooden-floor gymnasium.

Veteran Qamrunnahar Dana and Sharmin Akhter Rupa of Bangladesh Ansars took the bronze easily outplaying Konika Adhikari and Liza 15-3, 15-8 in the third-place deciding

In the mixed doubles semifinals, Juthi and Mahbub of Biman beat Rupa and Suman of Ansars 15-12, 15-10 while Dana and Rana of Ansars beat Elina and Sarwar of Biman 15-12, 15-10.

The mixed doubles final will be held today at 12 noon while the men's doubles semifinals are scheduled for 7:30 in the evening

Ansars dominate body-building

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Ansars and VDP clinched two out of the three golds at stake in the Bangladesh Games bodybuild ing championships at the Muhammad Ali Boxing Stadium yesterday

in the light-heavyweight (under-90kg) Biddyut Kumar Roy of Ansars secured the gold. Biddyut's teammate Md Mushtan Ahmed got the silver and Anisul Islam of Chittagong DSA the bronze.

Abdul Azim of Ansars won the middleweight (under-85 kgl gold. His teammate Abdul Ahad took the silver while Md Zakir Hossain of Dhaka City Corporation finished third.

In the walterweight (under-75kg) event, Abul Kalam of Bangladesh Textile Mills Corporation (BTMC) clinched the gold medal. Aftabul Azim of Chittagong DSA and Ariful Karim of Dhaka Corporation finished as second and third respectively.

Ansars rowers bag two golds

Sports Reporter Bangladesh Ansars and VDP rowers claimed two out of the three gold medals up for grabs in the fifth Bangladesh Games boat-race championships yes-

Indians reduce the margin

EAST LONDON. South African innings but once the un there was a dip in the South Africa, Dec 20: India, already middle before Hansie Cronje beaten in the got things going again with a fine knock of 55 off 56 balls series, restored some prestige by with four fours. defeating South Africa by five

wickets with 16 balls to spare

in the seventh and final day

night cricket international on

5-2 and provided the player-

of-the-series in their captain

Kepler Wessels, who was the

only batsman on either side to

players who had most to do

Praveen Amre struck an un-

ing India home at 204 for five

Amre shared successive

half-century partnerships with

Kapil Dev and Vijay Yadav as he

compiled his highest innings

for India in limited-overs

left-arm spinner Venkatapathy

Raju, took three for 37 in his

regulation 10 overs, including

the prize scalps of Wessels and

third half-century in his last

three innings - in South

Africa's total of 203 for eight in

balls and hit seven fours, pro-

vided the foundation of the

Thomas Stuer-Lauridsen to

reach the final of the World

Grand Prix badminton cham-

Sidek is to meet Indonesian

star Allan Budi Kusuma -

promises to be an electrifying

affair as both shuttlers are de-

termined to continue the glo-

rious runs they have enjoyed

Malaysian Open for the third

consecutive time in September

and led Malaysia to its Thomas

Cup win in May, is favoured in

the meeting against Kusuma,

Rashid, who took the

The today final - in which

pionship, reports AFP.

Wessels, who faced 100

supremo Rashid

Sidek on Satur-

day steamrollered

aggressive Dane

Wessels scored 57 - his

The other late replacement,

with this victory were last-

Ironically, the two Indian

South Africa took the series

Saturday, reports Reuter.

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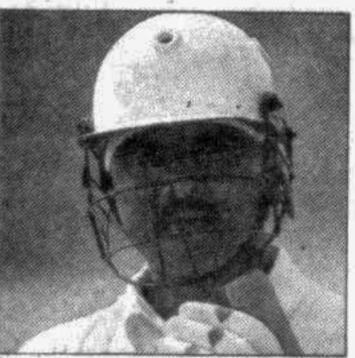
from 47.2 overs.

Peter Kirsten.

50 overs.

In addition to Raju, the other mainstay of the Indian attack was Manoj Prabhakar who also claimed three wick-

Test series between the two countries resumes on December 26 with the third



P AMRE... 84 n.o Test in Port Elizabeth. The first two Tests both ended in draws.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in the seventh and final one-day cricket international between South

Alrica and India on Saturday	/-
SOUTH AFRICA:	
K Wessels c Tendulkar b	
Raju	57
A Hudson lbw b Prabhakar	8
P Kirsten e Banerjee b Raju	30
J Rhodes c Kumble	
b Prabhakar	37
D Calaghan c Yadav b Raju	0

Badminton pundits, how-

ever, expect a close outcome,

with the Indonesian gunning

for his first World Grand Prix

title and Rashid trying to pre-

net play, and cross-court

smashes to bewitch Lauridsen,

regarded as Denmark's best

shuttler since Morten Frost.

inlo a 12-15, 8-15 loss

timetres (six foot four inches)

tall. Lauridsen unleashed a tor-

rent of deadly accurate and

powerful smashes on Rashid

but the Malaysian weathered

the attack and tamed the lanky

Dane who had beaten him in

three out of five meetings

Standing one metre 92 cen-

Rashid displayed dazzling

serve his supremacy at home.

Il Cronje c Manjrekar b

Kapil Dev

Dec 20: Malaysian the Barcelona Olympics in July

Saturday.

Olympic gold winner Indonesian Allan Budi Kusuma tries

to retrieve a Joko Suprianto dropshot during the men's

singles semifinal of the World Grand Prix badminton.

finals in Kuala Lumpur on Saturday. Kusuma brushed

aside his fellow Indonesian 15-6, 15-7 to set a date with

- AFP photo

Malaysian Rashid Sidek in the final

Sidek, Kusuma in World GP final

B McMillan not out

C Matthews run out

7-201; 8-203

Donald

Bowling:

Prabhakar

Kapil Dev

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Kumble

INDIA:

b Matthews

P Amre not out

V Yadav not out

3-43; 4-80; 5-130.

overs)

Bowling:

De Villiers

McMilan

Matthews

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Cronic

wickets.

Donald

Sharma

D Richardson b Prabhakar

Total: (for eight wickets, 50

3-108; 4-108; 5-199; 6-200;

10

S Manjrekar lbw b McMillan 6

S Tendulkar c Richardson

Kapil Dev lbw b Matthews

Banerjee, A Kumble, V Raju

Total: (for five wickets, 47.2

Did not bat: C Sharma, S

Fall of wickets: 1-16; 2-39;

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Result: India won by five

Man-of-the-match: Amre

Man-of-the-series: Wessels

South Africa won the series

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Extras: (lb-4, w-1, nb-1)

M Prabhakar b Donald

M Azharuddin run out

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Fall of wickets: 1-21; 2-86;

Did not bat: F de Villiers, A

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Extras: (lb-9, w-1, nb-2)

KUALA LUMPUR, who bagged a gold medal at since 1991. Kusuma had a relatively cosser time with compatriot Joko Suprianto, whom he

thrushed 15-6, 15-7. The match between the two top Indonesian shuttlers was billed as a sizzler but turned out to be dull with both playing defensively and only attacking when the other made a mis-

The winner of the women's singles crown is also to be decided today, in a final between Indonesians Susi Susanti and Sarwendah Kusumawardhani.

Susanti, defending champion of the women's singles title beat compatriot Yuliani Santoso 11-9, 11-1 Saturday to qualify for the final while Kusumawardhani ousted Chinese Tan Jiu Hong 11-7, 3-11 11-1.

Susanti, who is Kusuma's girlfriend, was women's singles gold medalist at the Barcelona Olympics.

Navy in volleybally semifinals

Sports Reporter

Last Games volleyball runners-up Bangladesh Navy have qualified for the semifinals of the fifth Bangladesh Games volleyball championship.

Navy, who finished runnersup after losing to arch-rivals Bangladesh Army in the national volleyball, yesterday beat Bangladesh Rifles 3-2 in one of the Group B encounters at the Outer Stadium volleyball court. Navy beat Rifles 10-15, 15

3, 13-15, 15-12 and 15-7. In the women's event, Bangladesh Ansars beat Rangpur 15-2, 15-10, 15-5; Khulna beat Rangpur 15-5, 15 10, 15-5 and Bangladesh Jute! Mills Corporation (BJMC) beat Narayanganj 15-3, 15-4, 15-1.

Squash results

Sports Reporter Seven matches of the fifth Bangladesh Games squash championship were held at the

Dhaka Club court yesterday. Mohit Lai eliminated Nazrul islam 9-1, 9-3; Sohel Hamid outplayed Rana 9-2, 9-4; Anisul Huq beat Irshad Hossain 9-1, 9-5; Shahjahan drubbed Hazrat Ali 9-4, 9-2; Badal got the batter of Zaki 9-2, 9-6; Bhola outclassed Asif Anwar 9-5, 9-1 while Ram Jagadish trounced Dtlip 9-4, 9-2.

Bangladesh to play in jr WC cricket next yr

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh will take part in the junior World Cup cricket championship scheduled to be held from July 8 to 18 next year in Malaysia, said a Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) press release yesterday.

Nine Test playing nations will be represented in this tournament by cricketers under 17 year's of age. However, the age stipulation will be relaxed a little for the Associate Members of the ICC. Players under the age of 19

will be allowed to take part for the Associate Members of which seven, apart from Bangladesh, will participate in the ten-day long tournament. Meanwhile, the deadline regarding the entry fees for

cricket championships has been further extended. According to a BCCB press release issued yesterday the last date for submitting fees is now January 10.

the national (senior and youth)

Interested teams have been advised to send in Taka 300 as affiliation fees and another Taka 100 as entry fee.

Jewel-Mushtaq cricket final tomorrow

Sports Reporter

Incisive bowling by opening bowler Iqbal gave Victoria an casy passage to the final of the first ever Shaheed Jewel-Mushtag cricket tournament at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday. A modest total of 175 for five wickets from 40 overs after skipper Rogibul Hassan had decided to bat first proved more than enough for Kalabagan Krira Chakra, plagued by a telling

for 109 in 36 overs. Raja Venkat was the mainstay of Victoria batting with an useful knock of 73. The lefthander from Calcutta played 87 balls and struck six fours and one sixer.

spell from lqbal, were shot out

His city-mate Gautam Some was the only other notable scorer with 37 off 64 balls, inclustve of a four and a sixer. Kalabagan were torpedoed

by lqbal's opening burst and lost half of the side in 8.5 overs with only 14 runs on the

Mohammad All with pointlessly entertaining 29 off 23 balls emerged as the top scorer among the Kalabagan batsmen. Mamun with 20 was the other principal run getter.

On a day in which nothing could go wrong there were quite a few exponents with the leather. Igbal outshone them all of course with figures of four for 12 from seven overs. Gautam and Saikat bowled cconomically taking one wicket apiece.

Victoria play Biman in the two day long final of the tournament that starts tomorrow, December 22 at the same

PSV march on AMSTERDAM, Dec 20: PSV

Eindhoven stretched their lead in the Dutch soccer league to six points on Saturday with a 1-0 home victory over Vitesse Arnhem, reports Reuter.

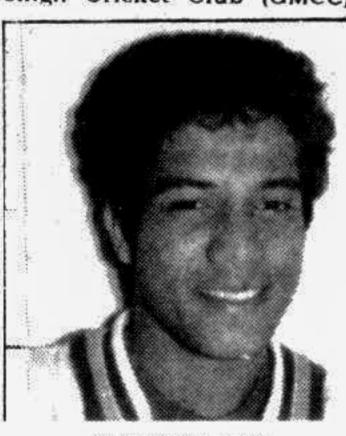
Shovon, Akram tons put Abahani in driving seat

Sports Reporter

Twin tons - 128 by Ziauddin Ahmed Shovon and the second wicket. an unbeaten 107 by pursy Akram Khan — esconced

reigning champions Abahani Krira Chakra in an unassailable position at the end of the first day of the opening two-day encounter of the Victory Day catch, runs kept on coming off cricket tournament. the reel.

Abahani Krira Chakra amassed a huge 395 for five wickets from their alloted quota of 75 overs after being asked to bat first on a benign wicket by the Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club (GMCC)



SHOVON...128 skipper Tariquzzaman Munir.

GMCC's cuphoria at getting the wicket of prolific run-getter Shri Lankan Test cricketer Athula Samarasekara at the very outset with left-arm paceman Jahangir Talukdar Dulu clean bowling the tall right-hander with the first ball of his first over with the total on five, turned into unredeemable frustration as opener Jahangir Alam and the diminutive Shovon dug themselves in for a partnership of 65 for

With Saiful, the kingpin of the GMCC attack unable to deliver the goods in the straightforward manner, that is, by rattling the stumps since the GMCC fielders appeared to have vowed not to take any

Shovon made the most of the butter-finger syndrome of the GMCC fielders, being dropped many times before notching the fourth hundred of this season. His fortuitous 128 off 196 balls with seven hits to the fence eventually came to an end when former Abahani wicketkeeper Pappu stumped him off left-arm spinner Billu. Having proceeded till the

50th over sensibly with the scoreboard showing a healthy 181 for three, Abahani led by Akram Khan braced themselves for the job at hand scoring hell for leather. Akram's 87-ball blitzkrieg spiced with nine fours and a sixer helped Abahani add 214 runs from the last 25 overs. With Jahangir, Faruque and

Shri Lankan all-rounder Ashoka de Silva chipping in with useful scores of 41, 44 and 36 in between, Abahani's grand total of 395 did not look all that myrific in origin.

All the GMCC bowlers took their turn of stick, yet left-arm spinner Billu had some satisfaction in finishing his quota of 15 overs with an analysis of two for 88.

Dulu and Shri Lankan legbreak bowler Sanjeeva Weerasinghe got one wicket apiece with the latter being rewarded

for his no-nonsense stuff with an analysis of one for 39 from 13 overs.

The two-day long seventyfive overs a side match ends today with GMCC batting to get to their target of 396 for a

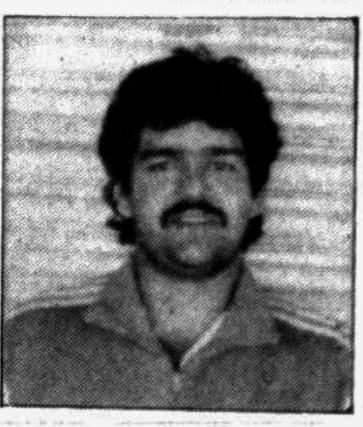
victory. Earlier in the morning the tournament was inaugurated by

State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain. A short but colourful stint of fanfare led to the start of the

TICKET RATES

match.

Meanwhile, the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board an-



AKRAM...107 n.o

nounced the rates of tickets for this tournament being played rightaway from the semifinal stage with four top teams of the Navana Premier Division Cricket league - Mohammedans, Abahani, Brothers and GMCC taking part.

VIP Gate No 1 - tickets will cost Taka 50, Gate No 3A -Taka 20, Gate 3B - Tk. 10 and the galleries -Taka 5.

Pak batsmen set Gabba ablaze



BRISBANE, Dec 20: Pakistan's batsmen hit their way out of a re-

cent slump with a blazing performance against Queensland at the Gabba ground in Brisbane today, reports agencies.

Brushing aside Test paceman Craig McDermott and spinners Allan Border and Steve Storey, Pakistan powered their way to 342 for four at stumps in reply to Queensland's first innings total

inzamamul Haq treated McDermott's bowling with disdain in his innings of 83, which included eleven fours and a huge six off Border before he was caught at the long-on fence by McDermott off the bowling of left-arm spinner Storey.

After resuming at 37 for no wicket, Pakistan's openers pushed the score to 145 for one at lunch with Aamir Sohail run out for 65, the victim of a sharp return from Peter Goggin.

At the other end . Shahid Saced cruised to 83 before part-time medium pacer Stuart Law trapped him leg before wicket.

Inzamam gave his partner Asif Mujtaba a 26-run start when he came to the crease but reached his half-century just one ball behind his part-

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date and at stumps was 84 not out with nine fours. The diminutive left-hander

stood firm against Queensland's three-pronged pace attack of McDermott, Greg Rowell and Mike Kasprowicz and pushed his claims for selection in Pakistan's one-off

INZAMAM... 83 Test match against New Zealand, starting in Hamilton on Jan 2.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at the close of play on the second day of the crieket match between Queensland and the touring Pakistan team at the Gabba Ground in Brisbane today: QUEENSLAND: First

innings PAKISTAN: First innings McDermott b Storey Saeed Anwar c Border b McDermott Rashid Latif not out Extras: (2 lb, 1 nb) Total: (for four wickets)

Aamir Sohail run out

Asif Mujtaba not out

Inzamamul Haq c

A Border

Shahid Saeed lbw Law

Fall of wickets: 1-116; 2-176; 3-305; 4-325 Bowling: 83 McDermott 63 G Rowell M Kasprowicz 1 105 S Storey 4 12 SLaw

It's rain again

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BENDIGO, Australia, Dec 20: The West Indies, frustrated by a second straight day of washed out play against Victoria here today, headed to an indoor cricket centre to stay in practice with the second Test against Australia just six days away, reports AFP.

Persistent rain again prevented a ball being bowled as the umpires abandoned play just after lunch on the second of a scheduled four-day match.

The pitch surrounds were saturated by a pre-dawn thunderstorm, but the umpires are still optimistic of some play being possible Monday in this old gold-mining town northwest of Melbourne, venue for the second Test.

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DGBU ZGUVK ZAADUADQF? Yesterday's Cryptoquip: MY DEAR DENTIST WANTS METO PUT MY MONEY WHERE MY MOUTH IS.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: Z equals F

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one locating yowels. Solution is by trial and error.

letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to

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