Biman outclass Udity

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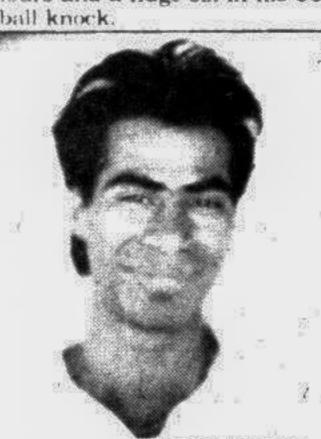
National allrounder and skipper Enamul Huq Moni led Shahid Jewel-Mushtag

memorial cricket champions Bangladesh Biman from the front in their huge 132-run victory over minnows Udity Club in the Navana Premier Division League at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium

vesterday. Moni topscored with 62 in his side's 213 for six wickets in 45 overs and then claimed three wickets for 15 runs with his left-armers to restrict the newcomers to 81.

Having won the toss, the Biman skipper told his opening batsmen to pad up. Ahmed Faiyaz Shaheen and former national opener Ahmed Iqbal Bachchu responded perfectly as they gave the side a solid start. The two put on 84 runs before Bachchu went for a run which was not there after scoring a staid 45 in 64 balls inclusive of four shots across the fence. Shaheen followed his tracks all the way back two runs later after being beguiled by a Durjoy spinner to be stumped for 28.

lived as Shahnawaz Shaheed Shanu joined his captain and the pair began where the openers had left off. They were gathering almost a run a ball until Shanu miscued a Sohail delivery to be caught by Sajal for 34. Shanu cracked four fours and a huge six in his 36-



ENAMUL HUQ MONI

Moni kept up the pace, taking one run per ball before he was run out for 62 with the score on 203. In between the wicket of Selim fell trapped lbw off Imran for 5 on 170.

When time ran out Biman Udity's elation was short- score read 213 for six - Rupoin was the other batsman out. Zakaria remained unbeaten on 19.

Imran, Durjoy and Sohail took one wicket apiece.

Chasing what was virtually an impossible target the Udity batsmen were overwhelmed by Babul's medium-pace bowling and in no time they were six wickets down for 42. Babul took four of them to end with the fine figures of 9-4-10-4.

Moni came to prolong Udity's woe with his left-armers. Anup, who opened the Udity innings, became Moni's first victim. After facing 55 balls for his 17 he gave Shaheen a catch on 46.

Durjoy, who had claimed a wicket earlier in the Biman innings, stayed put for a while. He hit one of the three fours in the innings for 20 before he was the ninth man down on 77. Four runs later the innings folded - 11.1 overs inside their quota of 45 overs.

Selim and Anwarul Amin Azhar took one wicket apiece to have their names in the wicket-takers' list which was topped by Babul and Moni

TODAY'S MATCH Surjo Tarun vs Victoria SC

Milnars super league from today

Sports Reporter Wari Club take on Lalmatia Club in the inaugural match of the 1992-93 Milnars First Division cricket super league at the Mirpur Pallabi ground

Three other teams which have made the super league are Dhanmondi Club, City Club and Agrani Bank with 12, 12 and eight points respectively.

The first match of the newly-introduced position-deciding league comprising the four bottom finishers of the first leg will be held on January 14 with Sadharan Bima taking on Eskaton Sabuj Sangha at the same venue.

The position-deciding league will be conducted along with the super league. Both the leagues are ex-

pected to conclude on February 1.

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Wari Club	8	8	0	16
City Club	8	6	2	12
Dhanmondi Club	8	6	2	12
Agrani Bank	8	5	3	10
Lalmatia Club	8	4	4	8
Sadharan Bima	8	3	5	6
Evergreen Club	8	2	6	4
Bangladesh Railway	8	1	7	2
Eskaton Sabuj Sangha	8	1	7	2

Becker proves Ivanisevic's bane



Third seed Boris Becker of Germany kept his cool to defeat Croatia's second-seeded

Goran Ivanisevic 7-6 (7-4), 4-6, 7-5 in an epic final in the inaugural dlrs 450,000 Qatar Open Tennis Tournament Sunday, reports AP.

He pockets the first prize of dlrs 65,000.

It was Becker's first outdoor tournament title in nearly 15 months. He won the ATP championship indoors in Frankfurt last month. With his brilliant victory in

the Gulf's first-ever IBM ATP tournament, the 25-year-old Becker also moved one notch in the world rankings, from fifth place to fourth, at the expense of lyanisevic.

Ivanisevic, 21, who seemed to buckle under pressure in the crucial third and deciding set, hung his head in agony after the 147-minute final.

Becker later said : "I couldn't have asked for a better start to the new year. We always seem to play great matches against each other

and I'm sure Goran is going to get me next time."

The lanky Croatian had blitzed through the previous rounds, without dropping a set But Becker was a hard nut to crack, despite frenzied vocal support from the packed Center Court crowd.



BORIS BECKER

"Boris was the boss today," said Ivanisevic. "I was the little guy on big points. Hopefully, I'll learn from this and come good again."

seed Stefan Edberg of Sweden in Saturday's semifinal, at

times looked invincible, especially as he returned lyanisevic's powerful serves with ease. Ivanisevic, who served 16 aces in the final, receives dirs

38,000. Both players were cautioned by umpire George Dias during the tense opening set, Becker



GORAN IVANISEVIC

for using obscene language as he reprimanded himself for a foolish shot, and Ivanisevic for racket abuse. Ivanisevic lost his serve in

the fifth game of the opening Becker, who toppled top set, enabling Becker to take a 3-2 lead but recovered to chance to break again but three points were squandered and the match headed into tie break. Becker's serve proved the

break the German in the next

game. Becker then had a

most reliable and he took the tie break at 7-4.

The Croatian was back to his best in the second set, capitalising on a double fault by his opponent to break him in the third game and he stayed ahead to win the set 6-4.

Both players came out storming in the final set with Becker at stage slamming three successive aces to hold his serve. Ivanisevic had to hold serve with the score at 6-5 in Becker's favour and looked set to win the point after going 30-up. But two poor volleys and a double fault gave Becker match point with the German then clinching victory with an inch-perfect pass down the line.

The tournament was sponsored by Cadillac and Mannai Corp. The next Gulf ATP tour nament will be held in Dubai early February.

Sabatini downs Date, Bruguera bows out



SYDNEY, Jan 11: Top-seeded Gabriela Sabatini overcame bouts of inconsistency Monday to beat Ja-

pan's Kaniko Date 7-5, 6-2 in the first round of the New South Wales Open tennis tournament, reports AP.

But Mary Joe Fernandez, the No 3 seed, was forced to withdraw from the singles draw in the warmup for the Australian Open, the two-week Grand Slam event which opens next Monday in Melbourne. Organisers said Fernandez.

ranked sixth in the world, has not recovered from a bout of the flu contracted a week earlier at the Hopman Cup in Perth. She tentatively remains in the doubles draw here, with her first match scheduled later in the week.

Unseeded Alexia Dechaume of France also pulled out with a wrist injury sustained last week at the Women's Hardcourts in Brisbane.

Fernandez's withdrawal still leaves eight of the top 20 players, including American Jennifer Capriati, in the women's draw. Seven of the top 20 men also are entered, headed by No 3 Pete Sampras, the top seed.

Sabatini, the defending champion, cruised almost effortlessly through the first four games against a very tight Date on a sun-drenched Centre Court at the white City complex near downtown Sydney. But the top-ranked Japanese woman fought back from 15-40 in the next game to start a streak that put her ahead 5-4. Sabatini often worked her way into trouble with an erratic backhand and a first serve that regularly found

She then seemed to wake up again to take control,



GABRIELA SABATINI

Sabatini ran off the last three games of the first set and the first four of the second, including a stretch when she took 20 of 22 points.

Date rallied briefly to pull within 4-2, but Sabatini grabbed the ninth break of the match and held serve to finish off the victory in 1 1/2 hours.

Sabatini attributed her lapse to Date finally playing up her to capabilities.

The Transcom football and cricket teams with the winners' trophies.

"I knew the match would be hard," the third-ranked Sabatini said. "She started to hit the ball better and attack more. It's good to start with a

tough match like that." Sabatini, who has been trying to improve her serve and net play, was willing to accept the mistakes that accompany

adding a little power. "I thought I served very well," she said. "I had a few double faults, but that's OK. I was very aggressive."

Sabatini said she feels comfortable with her play and that her only goals are to win another Grand Slam this year and keep trying to move ahead of No 1 Monica Seles and No 2 Steffi Graf.

"I'm very happy," she said. Mentally I feel very good. I feel I'm playing my best tennis. I think the level is very close

between the top players. Fernandez was hit by the flu during her first-round Hopman Cup match against France's Nathalie Tauziat last Monday

BRUGUERA BEATEN

In the men's draw Michael Tebbutt, an amateur ranked 870th in the world, scored his biggest-ever victory by outlasting sixth-seeded Sergi Bruguera 6-7 (0-7), 7-6 (7-4), 6-4 in

the first round. Tebbutt, a 22-year-old from suburban Sydney who has risen to No 2 on the US college circuit at Northern Arizona University, was forced to qualify for this dlrs 575,000 tour-

But cheered by family and friends, he pounded a strong serve and two-fisted groundstrokes that were too much for Bruguera, Spaniard who also lost in the first round last

week in Adelaide. "I'm on cloud nine," an exhausted Tebbutt said. "I don't think it's hit me yet. I never expected to win, to tell you the truth."

He said he'll carry his "not hing to lose" attitude against his next opponent.

"I'm not sure who I play, but I'm sure he's ranked above me," Tebbutt laughed.

Fourth-seeded Wayne Ferreira of South Africa, trying to regain the confidence that saw him shoot up into the top 10 last year before slumping at the end of the season, played through a lapse to beat Sweden's Jan Apell 6-2, 7-5.

Ferreira lost four straight games and trailed 5-2 in the second set before regaining his composure.

"After the US Open, I had a very bad patch," he said. "I feel good now. I've had a bit of a

Transcom's triumph

Sports Reporter

Transcom Limited thrashed ESKAYEF Limited in a recently held friendly sports competition. The Transcom cricket football and badminton teams recorded resounding victories.

in the cricket match held at the Gulshan ground on January 9, Transcom defeated ESKAYEF by 86 runs. Sent in in a 30-over-a-side match, Transcom rattled up 214 for two wickets with Murtada hitting a solid 79 with the help of seven fours and a six. Arif Iqbal made 65 with the help of eight fours Skipper Riaz Rahman remained not out on 33.

Murtada did one better with the ball claiming four wickets for 25 runs as ESKAYEF were skittled out for 128 in 28.5 overs. Murtada duly won the man- of-the-match award.

The Transcom football team won the football tie 1-0 with Sajjad scoring the match win

Transcom's F G Mahler, a German who used to play in the Bundesliga, won the manof-the-match. The Transcom badminton

team also had a clean sweep against their opponents.

First one-dayer called off because of riots

Azharuddin retains captaincy



reports AP.

NEW DELHI, Jan not be blamed for the team's 11: Hindu-Muslim riots forced officials on Monday to cancel the first of six oneday international matches

The match was supposed to have been played on Saturday in the western city of Ahmedabad, where 60 people have died in six days of riot-

between India and England,

"I was hopeful peace would return to Ahmedabad but it was not to be. I don't want to take chances with the players' lives," said S S Sharma, secretary of Gujarat Cricket Association. Sharma was contacted by

telephone in Ahmedabad, the main city of Gujarat state. Also Monday, national selec-

tors retained Mohammed Azharuddin as captain of the Indian team for the first two one-day internationals and the first Test match, which is scheduled to begin in Calcutta on Jan 29. Azharuddin, like all other

Indian batsmen, showed poor form in the just-concluded tour of South Africa, where his team lost the one-day international series 5-2. India also lost one Test match, while the other three were drawn. Selection Committee chair-

man Gundappa Vishwanath said the captain alone should

performance. But he did not say why Azharuddin was named skipper for part of the series.

India have won only one of the 17 Tests that the wristy Hyderabad batsman has captained so far. He has won 20 and lost 25 one-day interna-



In a published interview this week, Azharuddin said, "My enthusiasm for the country would remain the same even if I was in the team as another player." "There are plenty of things

to worry about. (Captaincy) is not one of them," he told the weekly Sunday newsmagazine.

Six players who toured South Africa have been dropped, including vice-captain

In Bombay, C Nagaraj, the secretary of Board of Control for Cricket in India told reporters the six-match international series against England will now begin Jan 18 in Jaipur, where the second match was scheduled.

Another BCCI official said the canceled match will be played at another city since six matches will have to be held to fulfil BCCI's contract with Trans World International television network, which has bought the telecasting rights for the nine-week tour.

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the date and venue of the rescheduled match will be decided at a meeting Tuesday.

Six day of Hindu-Muslim riots have also killed about 160 people in Bombay where the third and last test match is scheduled to begin on Feb 19. The second match begins in Madras on Feb 11.

The riots followed the demolition of a Muslim mosque by Hindu zealots on Dec 6 in the holy town of Ayodhya. More than 1,400 people have been killed in the riots across India

England's last tour of India in 1984 was disrupted by anti Sikh riots in many cities fol lowing the assassination of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi by her Sikh bodyguards.

Dodemaide replaces Whitney



MELBOURNE. Jan 11: The Australian cricket selectors Monday called-up all-rounder Tony Dodemaide to replace injured pace bowler Michael Whitney in the national limited-overs team,

reports AP. Dodemaide was included in

Angel takes WA close to victory

SYDNEY, Jan 11: Big Western Australian fast bowler Jo Angel demolished Victoria with career best figures on the third day of the Sheffield shield match at Perth on Sunday, reports Reuter. Angel, just over two metres

tall, enhanced his chances of

being picked for Australia's

Ashes team to tour England this year with six for 71 in Victoria's first innings. Victoria were forced to follow on 175 runs behind when they were dismissed for 265 in reply to Western Australia's 440. They go into the final day

at 194 for five in their second innings, just 19 runs ahead. Simon O'Donnell, who scored a half century in Victoria's first innings, is unbeaten on 49 and Tony Dodemaide on three.

In Adelaide, Queensland opener Matthew Hayden scor ed a magnificent unbeaten 161 against South Australia. The 21-year-old Hayden

first class century and highest score. Queensland laboured for more than eight hours to overhaul South Australia's first innings total with skipper Dirk Wellham declaring at 335 for

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the squad to face Pakistan in a World Series match at the Melbourne Crieket Ground on Tuesday night. He toured Shri Lanka last

August but has not been considered for any international matches since the team returned to Australia. Whitney will miss the rest of this summer's Test series

against the West Indies, as well

as the upcoming tour of New

Zcaland, after breaking his left foot during Sunday's World Series match against the West Indies in Brishbane. Whitney was struck on the foot by fast bowler Kenneth Benjamin two balls from the

end of Australias seven-run

loss and initially thought he

had broken the toe. X-rays taken Monday revealed the 33-year-old had suffered a broken bone in his foot. He is unlikely to bowl again for up to sight weeks, ruling him out of the six-week tour of New Zealand starting Feb 11.

Australian team physiotherapist Errol Alcott said Whitney would have his foot in plaster for 10 days and it would be at least six weeks before he could start to run again.

"It's a clean break of the bone in the foot leading into the second toe," Alcott said. "It will be up to six weeks before he can start running on

it, depending on the discom-

Whitney said he was desperately disappointed by the DU soccer

Sports Reporter Department of Soil Science beat Department of Micro-Biology by two goals to nil in the Dhaka University inter-department football tournament at the university ground yes-

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"I'm really, really shocked at the extent of the damage and disappointed about how bad the foot is," he said.

Left-arm paceman Bruce Reid previously had been ruled out of the New Zealand tour, leaving Australia's stocks of fast bowlers desperately thin.

Australia, meanwhile, is already certain of a place in the world series final against the West Indies, while Pakistan is eliminated. That leaves the two Australia-Pakistan matches this week as purely academic ex-

Faruk ton powers Public Ad

Sports Reporter

A fine 110 by Faruk Ahmed powered Department of Public Administration to a 75-run victory against Department of Bio-Chemistry in the Dhaka University inter-department cricket tournament at the Jagannath Hall ground yester-

Batting first Public Administration made 210 for the loss of three wickets in the stipulated 30 overs. Opener Faruk, who plays for

Abahani Krira Chakra, went great guns with the willow making 110 while Ateequr Rahman remained unbeaten on

Mirza Manzoor took two

wickets conceding 46 runs for Bio-Chemistry. Bio-Chemistry, in their turn, were restricted to 135 in 30 overs with four wickets to

Shabbir and Manzoor scored 22 and 21 respectively for Bio-Chemistry.

Abdullah Faruk bagged two wickets for nine runs.

Rana carves a Wanderers win Sports Reporter

A five-wicket haul by Rana helped Dhaka Wanderers Club to record an emphatic eightwicket victory over Young Pegasus B in the Second Division league on the western portion of the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

Gandaria Cricketers beat Lalbag Anwar Sporting Club by 17 runs in the day's other match at the Dhanmondi Club ground.

B skipper Masud won the tess and decided to make the first use of the pitch. The Pegasus B batsmen

At the DCS, Young Pegasus

were never in control and were eventually all out for 102 in 33.4 overs. Wicketkeeper Paltu top-

scored with 28 off 68 balls and Jubair made 23 from 52 deliveries while extras contributed a healthy 23. Rana, brought into attack at

number six, ripped through the Pegasus batting taking five wickets conceding only 20 runs while Chanchal and Liton took one wicket apiece. Chasing a modest total Wanderers made 105 losing

partnership between Shafique and skipper Jahangir. Jahangir scored 36 with the help of five boundaries while Shafique made 32 hitting four

two wickets in 23.5 overs,

thanks to the 74-run opening

Babli and Shaheen remained unbeaten on 14 and six respectively. Jubair claimed the two Wanderers wickets to fall for

18 from his full quota of seven At the DCG, Gandaria Cricketers beat Lalbag Anwar Sporting Club by 17 runs.

Batting first Gandaria

Cricketers were all out for 171 in 34.3 overs. Bulbul topscored with 43, a knock embellished with one six and four fours while

opener Mukul and wicket-

keeper Monti scored 34 and 32 respectively. The second wicket stand between Mukul and Monti put on 65 runs in 13 overs.

Shaheen with four wickets

the Lalbag bowlers while Babul bagged two and Mehdi, Hasan, Swapan and Zafar took one wicket each. In reply, Lalbag Anwar

for 24 was most successful of

Sporting were shot out for 154 in 33.4 overs. Sundries topscored with 44 while Swapan remained

Milon scored 35. Rafique claimed four wickets conceding 28 runs while Nasir took two for 21 for

unbeaten on 41 and opener

Gandaría cricketers. No match is scheduled for today. Two matches of the Second Division will be held

tomorrow Juvenile soccer Sports Reporter

Diamond Sporting Club and Cholomi Khelaghar Ashar registered massive victories in the two matches of the Jadukar Samad memorial juvenile soccer tournament at the Outer Stadium yesterday.

by eight goals to nil in the day's first match with Nantu scoring five goals. Diamond Sporting swept

nced Nattyamela Krira Chakra

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aside Durnibar Club by 11 goals to one in the other match of the day.

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SAGG, "KIUUIXW RV!" Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SAID ABLE ORNITHOLO-GIST OF HIS ISLAND-HOPPING TRIP TO HAWAII: "IT

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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 locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

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