Nirman cricket

begins in city

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moved into the Group C final of

the Dhaka zonal championship

for the eleventh Nirman scho-

ols cricket tournament which

began yesterday at two

trounced Pallabi Ml High

School by nine wickets at the

Dhanmondi Club ground while

Tejkunipara High School beat

Nawabpur Govt High School by

three wickets at the St

Joseph's School ground in the

two matches of the inaugural

Pallabi MI Model High School

made 160 for the loss of nine

wickets in the allotted 35

a staggering 51 while Sajid,

Bakhtiar and Suman made 34.

Latif took three wickets for

22 and Tanvir bagged two for

29 while Tofazzel, Moazzem

and Reza got one wicket api

Segunbagicha School crui

sed past their opponents' total

making 161 with nine wickets

and Tanvir made 48 while ex-

tras contributed added a

take on the victors of the

match between Saint Joseph's

High School and Tejkunipara

High School scheduled for

January 22 in the Group C final

qualified for the Group C semi-

final by registering a three-

wicket victory over Nawabpur

Tejhunipura High School

to be held on January 24.

healthy 46 to the total.

Tofazzel topscored with 66

Segunbagicha School will

ece for Segunbagicha School.

26 and 15 runs respectively.

Mr Sundries topscored with

At the DCG, sent into bat,

Segunbagicha High School

different city venues.

Segunbagicha High School

Sports Reporter Western Club beat Azad Sporting Club by two wickets in the Second Division cricket league at the Dhanmondi

Cricket Stadium yesterday. Batting first Azad Sporting were all out for 117 in 23.5 overs with Romel topscoring with 38 while Krishna and Reza made 20 and 12 respec-

Rana, Misha, Riyadh and Tasieen evenly shared eight wickets among them, for Western Club.

Western Club made 118 in 30 overs with two wickets to

Rumon topscored with 29 while Barek made 25 for Western Club.

ponents with a one-nil victory against Krylia Sovetov of Russia on Thursday, January 14, in Romel took three wickets for 19 while Sharmin bagged the second semifinal. Earlier two wickets conceding 27 for Polonia Warszawa had reached Azad Sporting Club.

Rayerbazar AC will play Cantonian Sports Club in to day's only match at the Dhanmondi Club ground.

### DUTA beat BSJA

The Dhaka University Teachers' Association (DUTA) beat Bangladesh Sports Journalists' Association (BSJA) by eight wickets in a friendly cricket match at the Jagannath Hall ground yesterday, reports

Batting first, BSJA scored 58 for 6 in 30 overs with Nayan making 28, Kamalur Rahman 24 not but, Partha 22 Dilu 14, Salam 11 and Rumi

in reply, DUTA were 159 for 2 in 28 overs with Chinu scoring a superb unbeaten 95 and Rumi 24.

ict but Rubel

his side's victory in the previ-

ous game with a superb all-

round display, almost did the

redemption act for Biman to

ensure a face-saving tie against

Victoria when he sent back

Prince with the penultimate

delivery of the match but Rubel

kept his cool and cracked a

Volleyball

leagues on

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Metropolis First Division and

Second Division volleyball lea-

gues began simultaneously

yesterday at the Outer Stadium

Division and one match of the

Second Division league were

rtek Club 15-0, 15-3, 15-2

while Bangladesh Rifles de-

feated East End Boys 15-1, 15-

2, 15-1 in the two First

Jiban Bima Krira Sangstha

got the better of Srijoni Sang-

sad 15-0, 15-2, 15-1 in the

only match of the Second

groups are participating in the

Development Board, Wari Club,

Textile Mills Corporation, Fire

Service, Brothers Union, Dilk-

usha Sporting Club, Nabaja-

garani Sangha and Madartek

Club in Group A and Bangla-

desh Rifles, Bangladesh Police,

Water Development Board

East End Club, Sonali Bank,

Jute Mills Corporation, Azad

Sporting Club, Dhaka Greens

group will play in the semifi-

ing in the Second Division

league. They are Jiban Bima

Krira Sangstha, Victoria Spor-

ting Club, Nabajatak Majlis,

Bashabo Tarun Sangha and

Srijoni Sángsad in Group A'and

Dhaka Wanderers Club, San-

tibagh Club, Partners' Club and

Bangladesh Bank Club in Group

either group will play in the

Volleyball Federation (BVF)

Maj Gen Mahbubur Rahman,

psc inaugurate the meets as

**Quddus** Chowdhury was also

The BVF secretary Golam

semifinals.

chief guest.

present.

The top two finishers from

President of the Bangladesh

Top two teams from each

Nine teams are participat-

and East End Boys in Group B.

Seventeen teams in two

They are Titas Club, Power

Two matches of the First

Titas Club outplayed Mada-

volleyball court.

decided yesterday.

Division ties.

Division league.

First Division league.

The 1992-93 NBL Dhaka

## President Cup final today

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for attacking and positional FC Ploesti of Rofootball have already estabmania meet Pollished themselves as the most onia Warszawa in serious bidders of all the teams the final of the in this eleven-day meet which seventh Presiends today amid fanfare. dent Gold Cup

However, Polonia Warszawa are certain to give Ploesti a run for their money. Their oysterish attitude in the semifinal which left the spirited South Koreans dazed and broken trreparably showed their deep reserves of strength.

The Poles scored two quick goals in the second half to nullify an interrupted session of Korean dominance in the first

At a press conference called at a local hotel on the eve of the final, managers of both the finalists expressed optimism.

Domitru Condrache, the Romanian manager, alluded to the Poles as a very good team but We will win the trophy asserted the Ploesti manager. More guarded was Slowomir Pawloski, the manager of Polonia Warszawa.

Our players will try to entertain the local football fans. We are a bit handicapped as two of our players are carrying injury. Nevertheless we will square up to the skilled Romanians.s

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, the chief patron of this tournament, is expected to give away the prizes as the chief guest.

Finance Minister Saifur Rahman, chairman of the organising committee will be introduced to the players prior to the final.

Bangladesh Television and Radio Bangladesh will cover

both the matches live. Spectators who cannot or do not rely on the electronic media will be charged Taka 25 each. Tickets will be available at the stadium counters from

11.30 am onwards. Meanwhile, the organisers, Bangladesh Football Federation, faced with the harsh reality of having one of thei efforts summed up as something starting with a bang and ending with a whimper, have arranged an assortment of entertainment outside the bounds of the game. Saijad Hossain Rangan, who came all the way from Narsingdi to display his magnetic skills with the football, will be there to provide some amusement to the spectators before the ball is actually set rolling.

The whole 'tamasha' will be over with fireworks. Quite a way to drown the whimper of failure, ranging from the poor show of the two local teams Bangladesh Reds and Greens to the want of pragmatism on the part of the organisers!

#### Juvenile soccer

Chandpur Bhai Bhai Sporting Club defeated Tejkunipara Nattyamela Krira Chakra by four goals to nil in the only match of the Jadukar Samad memorial juvenile soccer tournament at the Outer Stadium yesterday.

Habu netted twice and Bappi and Suman once each for the winners.

> lligh School at the Saint Joseph's School ground. Batting first Nawabpur School were all out for a paltry 117 in 22.1 overs, 12.5 overs

Bikash topscored with 32 and Anvir made 12 while ex

Monju and Tushar claimed four wickets apiece while Lokman bagged another two

of seven wickets in 24 overs. Once again, sundries top-

Nantu and Tushar made 25, 21 and 10 respectively for the 22 was most successful

Nawabpur School bowler while

ceding 29 runs. Khokon and Apu got one wicket apiece. Forty tour schools in eight groups are participating in the knockout meet with the group champions playing in the final

round of the Dhaka zonal championship. Former president of the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board K Z Islam, who is also the Managing Director of Nirman International Ltd. the

Blossoms International vs

Rahmatullah School (St Jos-

School (Golapbagh Ground). Matthews to play

for Church

Jan 15: Former Australia paceman Chris Matthews has agreed to play league cricket in England later this year for

**ALLAN BORDER** 

to reverse a 14-

needs. "There's always a hell of a lot to play for against them and now we have just that little bit more incentive," he said.

leading 1-0 in 1985/86 and

1988/89, and skipper Allan

Border believes the statistic is

all the motivation his side

"It would be nice to put the Cup on the shelf along with the Test series. Everyone realises one day and Test cricket are poles apart, but every time you get a victory up it helps your confidence in the other form. Australia, 1-0 up in the Test

series with two to play, will SYDNEY, Jan 15: meet a West Indian side on a Australia will have roll after three successive wins and determined not to let

Aussies, Windies won't let up

Reiffel

But the hunt is still on all over Australia for a talented new fast bowler, a breed sud denly in short supply a generation after Lillee and Thomson. So brief is the list that veteran Terry Alderman is being tipped to make yet another Ashes Tour in May.

West Indies, as ever, have no such problems and are likely to select four fast bowlers when they finalise their team on the morning of the match. But Steve Waugh, who hit a

run-a-ball 64 against Pakistan on Thursday, is convinced his side will triumph. "The bowling has been tight all summer and I definitely think we've got the side to win it," he said. "Any wicket in Sydney suits

Australia and we don't lose too many games here." Dean Jones, who broke his

right thumb during his line in nings of 84 against Pakistan in Melbourne on Tuesday, will again bat at number three with a plastic protective shield in serted in his glove



RICHIE RICHARDSON

AUSTRALIA: Mark Taylor. David Boon, Dean Jones, Steve Waugh, Mark Waugh, Allan Border (captain), Greg Matthews, lan Healy, Tony Dod emaide, Craig McDermott, Paul

WEST INDIES: Desmond Haynes, Brian Lara, Phil Simmons, Richie Richardson (captain), Keith Arthurton, Carl Hooper, Junior Murray. Curtly Ambrose, lan Bishop, Courtney Walsh, Patrick Pat-

# Moni fails to avert Biman crash

Sports Reporter

four — three runs more than Bangladesh Bimneeded. an skipper Ena-. mul Hug Moni Former national skipper performed a won-

Roquibul Hassan won the toss for Victoria and invited the derful allround Biman batsmen to try their stole the show with a last-ball luck with the bat. Iqbal prophesied Biman's four to steer Victoria Sporting

football tournament at four this

afternoon at the Dhaka

Stadium. Krylia Sovetov of

Russia fight it off with Housing

Bank of South Korea to decide

the third position and a purse

of 5000 dollars in a match

scheduled to start at 1 pm at

with their east European op-

the final with a 2-0 victory

against Housing Bank of Korea

cash awards of 12000 and

8000. US dollars to the cham-

pions and runners-up respec-

tively, has been touted by the

organisers to be a "classic con-

test of tough, scientific foot-

Federation who failed to set

the public imagination aslame

despite vigorous media public-

ity of this over Taka fifteen

million extravaganza intro-

duced prize money for the first

time in the history of this in-

frequently organised meet.

With the champions and the

runners-up destined to eat up 20000 dollars the third posi-

tion holders will be left with a

FC Ploesti with their flair

prize of 5000 dollars.

The Bangladesh Football

The final which promises

FC Ploesti set up a clash

the same venue.

on Wednesday.

doom with the last ball of the Club to an enthralling onefourth over of the game when wicket victory over Shaheed he sent Ahmed Faiyaz Jewel- Mushtag memorial Shaheen, the Biman opener, champions in the Navana Premier Division league tie at back with a caught and bowled the Dhanmondi Cricket effort for two with the score Stadium yesterday. Ahmed Iqbal Bachchu, the Moni, a member of the national squad who engineered

other opener, didn't lose nerve and with his skipper Moni handled the Victoria bowlers well for the next 55 runs until Selim Shahed found the chink in his armour for 23.

Moni, however, had things under control at the other end and he needed a solid support and Shahnawaz Shahid Shanu read his skipper's mind perfectly well. Together they occupied the crease for 18.4 overs that yielded 57 runs before Moni miscued a Shaikat left-armer after 73-ball 52, emblazoned with eight bound-

Zakaria went for one just one run later.

only success for the next 84 runs as Mahbubur Rahman Selim joined Shanu for a 77ball fifth- wicket stand.

nership cracking four fours and four sixes before lqbal claimed his scalp in his second spell for 78. He stayed at the crease for 87 balls and when he left Biman had five balls remaining in their innings. And it didn't promote Biman's cause as on the third ball of the over Jahangir left and the last three balls provided just a single.

At the end the Biman score read 202 for six in 44 overs with lqbal taking three wickcts for 16.

shaky start in their chase of the Biman score, losing the first wicket for only 27. Dalim went caught by Shanu, and Selim Shahed edged a ball be-

under pressure resulting in Biman's frustration for the next 124 balls.

The pair pushed the total to 105 when Moni won Mukul's

### DU sweep

Dhaka University clinched both the men's and women's badminton and table tennis titles in the 1993 inter-university indoor sports at the Agriculture University gymnasium here yesterday.

Dhaka University outplayed Rajshahi University 3-0 in the final of the men's badminton. The Dhaka University girls defeated Rajshahi University, also by three sets to nil, in the

In the men's table tennis final Dhaka University beat Jahangirnagar University 3-0 while in the women's event day. they beat Rajshahi University 3-0 to sweep the medals table.

Vice-Chancellor of the Bangladesh Agriculture University Professor Ashraf Ali Khan distributed the prizes as chief guest.

wicket caught Rupani for 40. Mukul's lucky knock with two dropped catches had a 89 ball span and studded with two

Bengal cricketer, walked in

Gautam Shome, the West



MONI ... 52 & 6 for 53 with a plan to step up the run rate and with Raja Venkat he added 44 runs in 34 balls before the latter offered Anwarul Amin Azhar a catch to become Moni's second victim for 64. He hit four cracking shots across the fence and a huge

The next few moments belonged to Biman as the bowlers reduced Victoria from 149 for four to 160 for six in the space of just eleven balls. Gautam Shome went for 21 off 26 balls and Partha could manage only

### Chess results

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Zakia Sultana, Syeda Afsana Parveen Nira and Selina Banu Tuhin with three points from four matches each were jointly leading the table of the qualifying meet for the 14th national women's chess championship at the National Sports Council chess room yesterday. Hamida Rahman and Halima

Khatun Mala have earned two and a half points each. Selina Banu Tuhin beat

Zebunnesa Rina while Nira drew with Zakia Sultana in their respective fourth round matches yesterday.

The match between Afroza Khanam Babli and Masuda Begum was in progress at the time of filing this report. Babli and Masuda had two

and a half points and two points respectively against their names at the completion of third round last Thursday. Fourteen players are partic-

ipating in the elimination round with the top six finishers qualifying for the final round. Defending champion Rani

Hamid and runner-up Tanima Parveen will play in the final round on direct entries along with Syeda Shabana Parveen Nipa and Roxana Gulshan Nikkon, the two rated women chess players of the country.

### SUB-JUNIORS

Defending champion Shawkat Hossain Pallab with full points led the table of the 13th national sub-junior chess championship at the same venue yesterday. Pallab beat Javed Hossain in

his fourth round match yester-Nazrul Islam and Abdullah

three and a half points each. Those who have collected three points each are Artf, Bobby, Royal, Tipu, Nazmul and

21 1227

to give in. The former national Moni came to bowl the last

With the first ball he sent Roquibul back, clean bowled. Prince took two runs in the next ball and the very next ball he was gone, caught by Rupam. The next ball yielded two runs to put Victoria at par with Biman. Moni struck again with the fifth. When Rubel walked in Victoria needed one run to win and Biman one wicket to snatch a thrilling tic.

the sence and alas, Mont's fantastic figures of six for 53 went

### Surjo Tarun vs Gulshan

TODAY'S MATCH

batsman Graham Cowdrey has a second eye operation using reports Reuter.

Cowdrey, 28, had a similar operation on his left eye last October after the wearing of contact lenses for the past 10 years produced bouts of conjunctivitis which forced him to

Cowdery said on Thursday: "I know from experience that I will face 48 hours of discomfort but I want to be fit to go on Kent's pre-season tour to Zimbabwe in March."

### But Roquibul was not ready short of the stipulated 35

tras amounted to 25.

for Tejkunipara School. In their turn, Tejkunipara School made 122 for the loss

scored with 50 while Suman. Anvir with three wickets for

Sohel took two wickets con-

sponsors, declared the Dhaka zonal championship open as chief guest at the Dhanmondi

### TODAY'S MATCHES

Post Office School vs Rifles

MANCHESTER, England,

from hammering the English Church, reports AFP.

- Star photo

#### NEW DELIII, Jan attack for a breezy 50 off 48 15: Middle-order

batsman Gracme Hick returned to timely form on Friday, but saw

Zimbabwean-born star, whose previous highest score on the current Indian tour was 24, slammed five sixes and four Invitation XI.

for next week's first two oneday internationals against India, made heavy weather of a modest 203-run victory target to scrape through eight down with two balls to spare.

ing win the English management had hoped for following the embarrassing nine-wicket defeat at the hands of the Indian Board President's XI on Wednesday.

the day, including India's star all rounder Kapil Dev, who made 33 in the team's 202 for six in 50 overs but did not appear in England's innings. The match was fixed by

Singh Bedi after the English tourists had a five-day break when Saturday's scheduled international in Ahmedabad was cancelled due to Hindu-Muslim riots.

Seamer Paul Taylor and

Robin Smith, who made 30,

was the only other player besides llick to cross 16 as England caved in to the spin of left armer Bharati Vij, who finished with two for 47 from IO overs.



GRAEME HICK ... 93 The tourists now travel Saturday to Jaipur, where they will play the first of six one-day internationals on Monday. The second match will be in Chandigarh on Wednesday.

SCOREBOARD Scoreboard of the one-day

Invitation XI at the Ferozeshah Kotla Ground here on Friday: INVITATION XI:

### Ajay Jadeja e Blakey b Taylor O

Ajay Mehra e Hick b Defreitas Gautam Gadhera st Blakey b Tufnell Gursharan Singh b Salisbury 26 Kapil Dev b Salisbury Sapan Chopra not out Abhay Sharma b Taylor Rajesh Puri not out Extras: [b 3; fb14; w14; nb7]38

Total: (for six wickets, 50 Fall of wickets: 1-2; 2-5; 3-23; 4.74; 5.91; 6-183;

) O	M	R	
10	1	46	
10	3	40	
10	3	30	
10	0	38	揺
10	1	31	
	10 10 10 10	10 1 10 3 10 3 10 0	10 1 46 10 3 40 10 3 30 10 0 38

ENGLAND: Smith c and b Vij Stewart lbw b Kamal Hick e Negi b Wassan Gatting lbw b Vij Fairbrother run out Reeve c and b Mchra Blakey lbw b Maninder DeFreitas not out Salisbury run out Taylor not out

Total: (for eight wickets, 49.4 Fall of wickets: 1-47; 2-59; 3-65; 4-128; 5-146; 6-183; 7-

Extras: (lb 6; b1; w1; nb 3) 11

100, 6-197.				
Bowling:	0	M	R	
Wassan	7	1	16	
Sondhi	6	4	9	
Kamal	6	1	23	
Arvind	1	0	16	
Vij	10	0	47	
Maninder	10	2	26	

9.4 0 59 Mehra

#### Ardiles' encomium for Maradona Maradona, who reached the LONDON, Jan 15:

Diego Maradona need each other to make it back to the top, according to his compatriot Osvaldo Ardiles, reports Reuter. This is a crunch year for

Argentina and

World Cup qualifying rounds in August and September. Basile is giving Maradona his first international match for 2-1/2 years in the prestige friendly against Brazil in

both with national coach Alfio

Basile preparing a side for the

Buenos Aires next month. "Sevilla is not a sufficiently big club for Maradona to be able to become the world number one again with them," said Ardiles, who won the World Cup with Argentina in

"But it is possible with the national team. I think that's Diego's thinking.

"I don't think anyone has been away from football as long as Diego," said Ardiles, who played with Maradona when Argentina defended their first World title in the 1982 World Cup in Spain. "It's going to be very hard.

him, including his age." "But he has this enormous talent, I've seen him do ineredible things when less than half fit."

He has a lot of things against

And with football a team game, Maradona has the advantage of support from a national side unbeaten in 23 matches since the 1990 World Cup final, his last match for his country when he won a national record 79th cap.

summit when he led Argentina to World Cup triumph in Mexico in 1986, has struggled at Spanish First Division Sevilla since he joined them from Italy's Napoli in late September a month before his 32nd birthday.



OSVALDO ARDILES

He was out of the game for 1-1/2 years because of a 15 month worldwide ban for doping.

Ardiles doubts that Argentina, d spite their impressive forn under Basile, could win the World Cup in the United States next year without Maradona. "I don't think they are

strong enough (for that) but they could do it with Maradona," said Ardiles, who watched Basile's side come from two goals down to snatch a draw against England at Wembley in May 1991.

South America title in the Copa America in Ecuador in mid-year, must get through tough World Cup qualifying matches against Colombia, Peru and Paraguay.

matches (away) are real battles," said Ardiles, who was never involved in World Cup qualifying ties. Ardiles, who won the World crown with Argentina when they were hosts in 1978 and went to the 1982 tournament

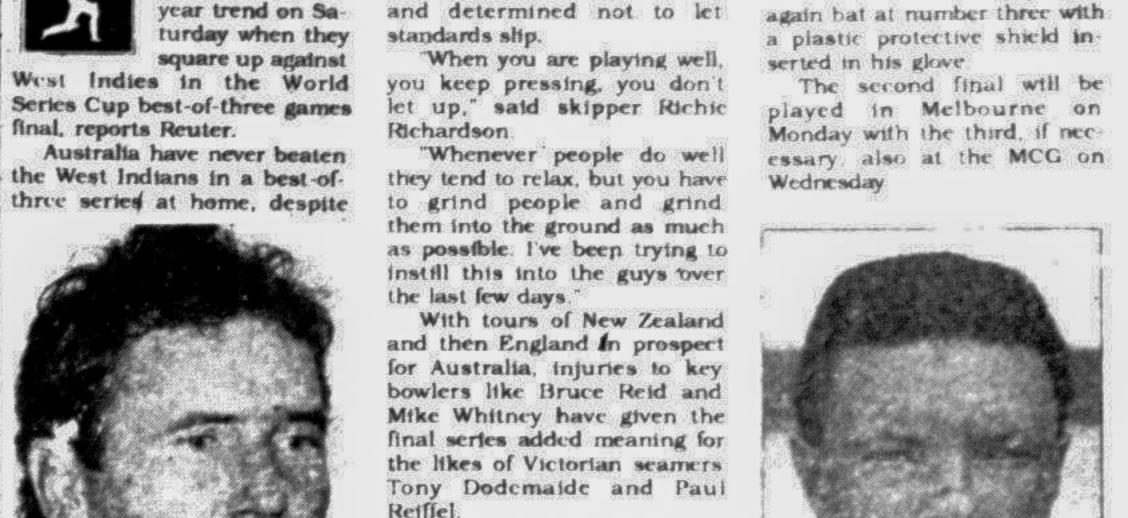
in Spain without them having to qualify because they were holders, added: "I hope they do it, but it doesn't look casy. only scraped into the 1986 finals. They needed at least a draw at home against Peru in their final qualifier and were

field to lay on an equaliser. "If they get there they will

The 40-year-old Ardiles said he only realised the importance of managers, in particular, Cesar Menotti for the Argentina side of 1978, when

ers," said Ardiles who went into management at Second Division Swindon in 1989 after ending an illustrious playing He added, however, that

"training the national team of your country and winning the World Cup is the ultimate.



#### PROBABLE TEAMS

### Hick regains touch in time cricket match played between the touring Englishmen and an

his English teammates struggle for victory in a warmup one-day match here, reports AFP. 26-year-old The

boundaries in a quickfire 93 against a hastily assembled But the tourists, preparing

It was not the morale-boost-

The home team fielded 15 Delhi-based players through

former Indian captain Bishan

newly-drafted leg-spinner lan Salisbury claimed two wickets each, but failed to stop Ranji Trophy player Sapan Chopra

Argentina, who defend their

"Qualifying is going to be very hard. Some of those

> He recalled that Argentina 2 I down until the last 10 minutes when former captain Daniel Passarella surged up-

be among the favourites, Ardiles said

he became one himself Menotti won the 1978 World Cup more than the play-

career in England.

## Partners vs B Bank (5:00

TODAY'S MATCHES First Div: Police vs Dhaka Greens (3:30 pm) Wart vs Dilkusha (6:00 pm) BWDB vs Azad SC (6:00 pm) Second Div: Nabajatak vs Bashabo TS (5:00 pm)

That was to be Victoria's

Shanu dominated the part-

Victoria Sporting had a very

hind the stumps. In both cases Ali Ahsan Babu was the bowler. But Mukul, the other opener, and Indian Raja Venkat refused to buckle down

From Our Correspondent MYMENSINGH, Jan 15:

women's final.

Al-Rakib are behind Pallab with

captain held one end up for 27 balls and in the meantime kept up a run-a-ball rate. Thanks to the veteran cricketer. Victoria needed only four runs from the last over and with the skipper around the task seemed a piece of cake. Yet, what followed was a true, nail-biting

Rubel swung the last ball to

Youth (DCS)

laser surgery next Wednesday,

Cowdrey's ordeal LONDON, Jan 15: Kent

miss matches last season.

Club ground in the morning. eph's School)

Sadequi Huq during his match in the national sub-junior

chess championship at the NSC chess room yesterday.