

Div II cricket

Sports Reporter
Western Club beat Asad Sporting Club by two wickets in the Second Division cricket league at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

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 BSS.

President Cup final today

Sports Reporter
FC Ploesti of Romania meet Polonia Warszawa in the final of the seventh President Gold Cup football tournament at four this afternoon at the Dhaka Stadium.

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.

Juvenile soccer

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

Nirman cricket begins in city

Sports Reporter
Segunbagicha High School moved into the Group C final of the Dhaka zonal championship for the eleventh Nirman schools cricket tournament which began yesterday at two different city venues.

Aussies, Windies won't let up

SYDNEY, Jan 15: Australia will have to reverse a 14-year trend on Saturday when they square up against West Indies in the World Series Cup best-of-three games final, reports Reuter.



ALLAN BORDER

leading 1-0 in 1985/86 and 1988/89, and skipper Allan Border believes the statistic is all the motivation his side needs.

series with two to play, will meet a West Indian side on a roll after three successive wins and determined not to let standards slip.

right thumb during his fine innings of 84 against Pakistan in Melbourne on Tuesday, will again bat at number three with a plastic protective shield inserted in his glove.



RICHIE RICHARDSON

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

Moni fails to avert Biman crash

Bangladesh Biman skipper Enamul Haq Moni performed a wonderful all-round act but Rubel stole the show with a last-ball four to steer Victoria Sporting Club to an enthralling one-wicket victory over Shaheed Jewel-Mushtaq memorial champions in the Navana Premier Division league tie at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

four - three runs more than needed. Former national skipper Roquibul Hassan won the toss for Victoria and invited the Biman batsmen to try their luck with the bat.

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



MONI ... 52 & 6 for 53

But Roquibul was not ready to give in. The former national captain held one end up for 27 balls and in the meantime kept up a run-a-ball rate.

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.

Volleyball leagues on

Sports Reporter
The 1992-93 NBL Dhaka Metropolitan First Division and Second Division volleyball leagues began simultaneously yesterday at the Outer Stadium volleyball court.

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Victoria Sporting had a very shaky start in their chase of the Biman score, losing the first wicket for only 27.

Today's Match
Surjo Tarun vs Gulshan Youth (DCS)

Chess results

Sports Reporter
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.

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Today's Matches
Blossoms International vs Rahmatullah School (St Joseph's School)
Post Office School vs Rifles School (Golapbagh Ground)

DU sweep medals

From Our Correspondent
MYMENSINGH, Jan 15: 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.

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Today's Matches
First Div: Police vs Dhaka Greens (3:30 pm)
Wari vs Dilkusha (6:00 pm)
BWDI vs Azad SC (6:00 pm)
Second Div: Nabajatak vs Bashabato TS (5:00 pm)
Partners vs B Bank (5:00 pm)

Hick regains touch in time

NEW DELHI, Jan 15: Middle-order batsman Graeme Hick returned to timely form on Friday, but saw his English teammates struggle for victory in a warm-up one-day match here, reports AFP.

attack for a breezy 50 off 48 balls. Robin Smith, who made 30, was the only other player besides Hick to cross 16 as England caved in to the spin of left-armers Bharati Vij, who finished with two for 47 from 10 overs.

cricket match played between the touring Englishmen and an Invitation XI at the Ferozeshah Kotla Ground here on Friday:



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.

Table with columns: Bowling, O, M, R, W. Lists players like De Freitas, Taylor, Tufnell, etc.

Matthews to play for Church

MANCHESTER, England, Jan 15: Former Australia paceman Chris Matthews has agreed to play league cricket in England later this year for Church, reports AFP.

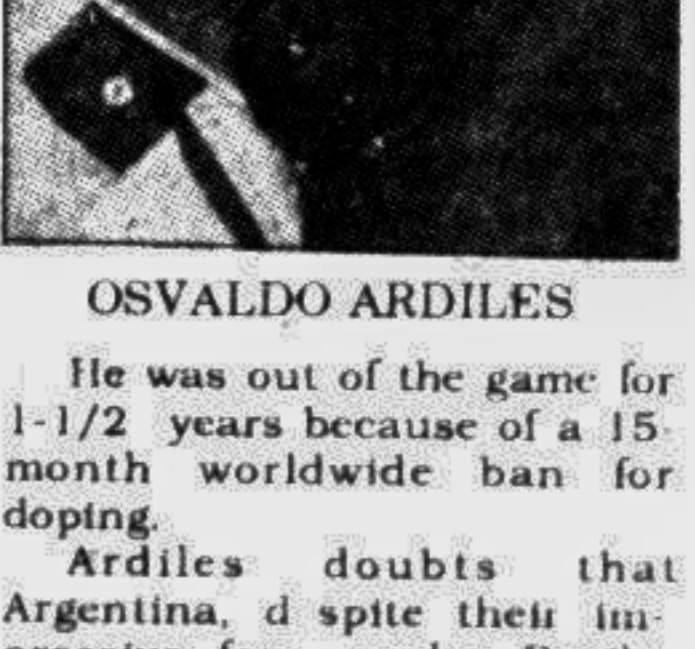
Cowdrey's ordeal

LONDON, Jan 15: Kent batsman Graham Cowdrey has a second eye operation using laser surgery next Wednesday, reports Reuter.

Ardiles' encomium for Maradona

LONDON, Jan 15: Argentina and Diego Maradona need each other to make it back to the top, according to his compatriot Osvaldo Ardiles, reports Reuter.

Maradona, who reached the 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

Argentina, who defend their 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.



Sadequul Haq during his match in the national sub-junior chess championship at the NSC chess room yesterday.