

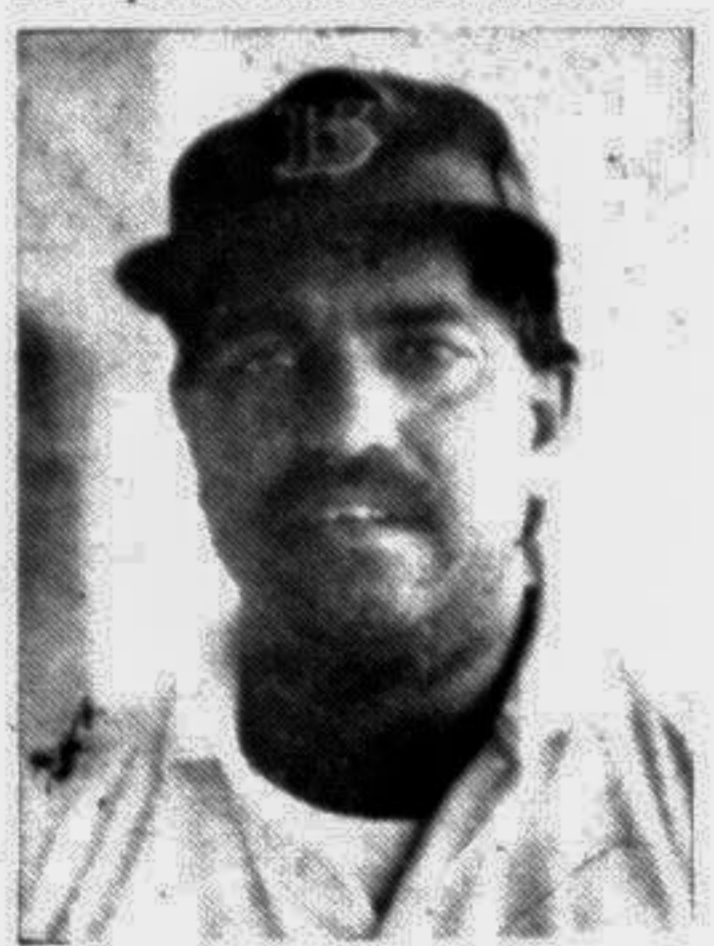
# Gulshan prolong Biman woes

Sports Reporter



Bangladesh Biman suffered second successive defeat in the Navana Premier Division cricket league when Gulshan Youth aided by the sound batting of their Indian duo inflicted a three-wicket defeat on the airlines team at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Biman, who were still smarting under a narrow one-wicket defeat to Victoria Sporting Club in the previous match were sent in to bat first by the Gulshan skipper and could collect only 164 in 41.4 overs.



A MALHOTRA ... 65

Biman skipper Enamul Haq Monty, whose superb allround performance failed to avert Biman's loss to Victoria, promoted himself to number three with little effect as he plodded for his 16 off 52 balls. His laboured stay at the wicket only exerted pressure on the later batsmen.

Shabbir Chowdhury of Gulshan bowled beautifully gumming up the works of the upper order Biman batting with two wickets, the cost him 20 runs off nine overs.

Joydev, who got the wicket of Bachchu, picked up two more wickets in his second spell to finish with an analysis of three for 28.

Leftarm spinner Asif bagged three wickets for 27 as Biman batsmen got themselves entangled in a desperate charge for quick runs.

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Babul took two quick wickets to keep Biman in contention but Indian Test discard Arun Lal and Ashok Malhotra came in the way of the airline team with their experience and skill.

Although both of these batsmen have been playing in Dhaka league for some time, yesterday Ashok proved to be the more elegant willow-wielder of the two. The two naturalised Bengali batsmen virtually won the match for Gulshan with a third wicket partnership of 65 runs off 82 balls.

Ashok top-scored with 65 off 93 balls embellished with eight lovely boundaries before being caught by Shaheem off veteran offie Anwarul Amin Azhar.

Arun was the more sedate of the two Indians, getting 47 with the help of five fours. His 74-ball knock came to an end when wicketkeeper Barua snapped him behind off left-arm spinner Monty.

The two Shabbir's in Gulshan followed the Indians quickly into the tent but the target was too small to cause Gulshan any hiccups and Gulshan were home and dry with eight balls to spare.

Babul, Biman's this year's recruit bowled very well to capture two for 18 off nine overs.

Enamul Haq Monty was again the mainstay of the Biman spin attack with figures of two for 37. Off spinners Azhar and Rupam bagged one wicket each.

Meanwhile, the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board announced complete fixture of the first phase of the Navana Premier Division cricket league. Cricket, after a long break, returns to the Dhaka Stadium with Mohammedan Sporting Club taking on Public Works Department on January 20.

# Nirman cricket

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Dhanmondi Govt Boys High School moved in to the Group A final of the Dhaka zonal championship for the eleventh Nirman schools cricket tournament.

Dhanmondi School registered a convincing nine-wicket victory over Bangladesh Rifles High School in the group semifinal at the Golapbagh ground yesterday, thanks to an unbroken second-wicket stand of 112 runs between skipper Chayan and Ruman.

But the high light of the match was a hat-trick by Sujon of Dhanmondi School who took three wickets in a row in his very second over.

Sent into bat, Rifles School were all out for a paltry 111 in 28.1 overs, 6.5 overs short of the stipulated 35.

Tanvir Nazim top-scored with 29 while Tanvir made 28, Ilira 13 and Jamil 10.

Sujon bagged three wickets conceding 26 runs. Chayan claimed three for 33 while Babu took two wickets for 21.

Chasing a modest total, Dhanmondi made 114 losing the wicket of their opener Tanvir in only 15.1 overs.

Skipper Chayan top-scored with 56 off just 31 balls, an innings inclusive of two over boundaries and five boundaries while Ruman made 50 with the help of seven boundaries.

Satter took the only Rifles School wicket to fall giving away 43 runs.

Dhanmondi School will play West Dhanmondi Yusuf High School in the final, the date of which has not been finalised yet.

# Div II cricket

Sports Reporter

Dhaka Wanderers Club and DOHS Club won their respective matches of the Second Division cricket league at two city venues yesterday.

At the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, Wanderers Club registered an easy 40-run victory against Shantinagar B.

Batting first Wanderers Club made 169 for the loss of eight wickets in the allotted 35 overs with opener Shaquic top-scoring with 50 while Rana, Chanchal and Shaheem made 32, 20 and 16 runs respectively.

Bapji claimed three Wanderers wickets conceding 21 runs while Russel took two for 33.

In reply Shantinagar B could manage 129 in the 32nd over.

Sujan top-scored with 36 and Tuhin made 34 while extras added 29 to the total.

Rana took two wickets while Sharif Babli and Liton took a wicket apiece.

At the Dhanmondi Club ground, DOHS club beat Azad Boys Club by 28 runs.

Batting first, DOHS made a massive 244 for the loss of five wickets, thanks to a quickfire unbeaten knock of 98 from Soheli.

Soheli hit half a dozen over boundaries and seven fours in his 63-ball innings.

Pappu made 41 while Jewel and Shohag scored 31 each.

Iqbal Azim, Monu, Pavel and Shakil took one wicket apiece for Azad Boys Club.

Azad Boys were all out for 216 in the 33rd over.

Pavel top-scored with 55 runs while Shuvro, Monu and Iqbal Azim made 35, 29 and 17 respectively.

Ekka bagged two Azad wickets conceding 32 runs while Faisal, Mithu, Jewel and Soheli took one wicket apiece.

# Windies keep the record straight



MELBOURNE, Jan 18: West Indies cemented their perfect record over Australia in the finals of the World Series Cup on Monday, winning a low-scoring match by four wickets to ensure a handsome 2-0 margin, reports Reuter.

Curtly Ambrose and the rest of an accurate Caribbean attack bowled out Australia for 147 in 47.3 overs before Brian Lara and Carl Hooper struck measured half-centuries to steer West Indies home with three overs to spare.

The result extended Australia's jinx against their opponents in the tournament's final stages. This season was the sixth time the two teams have qualified to meet in the World Series finals and West Indies have now won every time.

Australia, who won the toss, did their cause irreparable damage by losing David Boon and the Waugh twins in run-out mix-ups and once again found Ambrose and company an awkward proposition.

Mark Taylor top-scored with 33 but Ambrose, who took five for 32 in Saturday's first final in Sydney, made sure there would be no late-innings revival by collecting three for 26.

The crowd of 72,492 were momentarily jubilant when West Indies lost Desmond Haynes and Phil Simmons for ducks in the second over.

But a fourth-wicket stand of 86 between Lara and Hooper gave the visitors sufficient breathing space, ruining Australian captain Allan Border's record 250th one-day international appearance.

Border offered few excuses. "We didn't score enough runs," he said. "I'm glad we stuck to our guns with such a small total to defend, but we were beaten by the better team on the day."

The gifted Lara's innings was painfully interrupted on 48 when he was struck a thudding blow in the groin by a delivery from Steve Waugh.

The Australian team were unsympathetic, pointedly refusing to offer their condolences even after trainer Dennis Waigh came running on to the ground.

But the left-hander recovered to complete his second fifty of the finals, eventually hitting 60 from 100 deliveries with five fours, three of them all-run.

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In a misunderstanding with Taylor, easily run out by a direct hit from Anderson Cummins. Mark Waugh, run out four times in his last five one-day matches as well as in the recent Test, has reached the stage where any other



CURTLY AMBROSE... man-of-the-finals-series

brought the huge ground to life, and Richardson's dismissal in the fifth over, caught hooking at long leg, stocked the fires.

There were a few jitters towards the end but Hooper, taking 120 balls to reach 50, supervised the job right to the end.

# SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in the second World Series Cup day/night final

Modest contributions from Ian Healy and Greg Matthews were unable to drag the Australian score past 150.

Matthews' direct hit from 25 metres to remove Desmond Haynes and Phil Simmons first-ball prod to second slip

nal between Australia and West Indies at the Melbourne Cricket Ground today:

# AUSTRALIA:

M. Taylor c Ambrose b Bishop	33
D. Boon run out	19
D. Jones c Murray b Bishop	5
S. Waugh run out	25
M. Waugh run out	8
A. Border c and b Hooper	8
I. Healy c and b Ambrose	16
G. Matthews c Logie	15
b Ambrose	1
T. Dodemaide c Murray	7
b Ambrose	1
P. Reffel not out	7
C. McDermott b Hooper	0
Extras: (lb3, nb7)	10
Total: (All out, 47.3 overs)	147
Fall of wickets: 1-54; 2-63; 3-65; 4-74; 5-94; 6-113; 7-133; 8-137; 9-146.	

Bowling	O	M	R	W
Bishop	9	2	33	2
McJannin	10	0	33	0
Ambrose	10	0	26	3
Cummins	10	1	24	0
Hooper	8.3	1	28	2

# WEST INDIES:

D. Haynes run out	0
B. Lara c M. Waugh b McDermott	60
P. Simmons c M. Waugh b Dodemaide	0
R. Richardson c Reffel b McDermott	5
C. Hooper not out	59
G. Logie c Healy b Reffel	7
J. Murray c Healy b Dodemaide	1
I. Bishop not out	4
Extras: (lb-7, w-2, nb-3)	12
Total: (six wickets, 47 overs)	148
Fall of wickets: 1-7; 2-8; 3-23; 4-109; 5-125; 6-126.	
Did not bat: K. Benjamin, C. Ambrose, A. Cummins.	

Bowling	O	M	R	W
McDermott	10	0	35	2
Dodemaide	10	4	19	2
Reffel	10	1	21	1
S. Waugh	10	1	30	0
M. Waugh	4	0	17	0
Matthews	3	0	19	0

Result: West Indies won by four wickets. West Indies won best-of-three final 2-0.

# National women's chess on

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Title aspirant Tanima Parveen made a good start by winning her first match in the 14th national women's chess championship which began at the National Sports Council chess room yesterday.

Ten women are taking part in this year's national championship to be played on a robin-league basis. They are defending champion and International Women Master Rani Hamid, Tanima Parveen, Syeda Shabana Parveen Nipa, Zakia Sultana, Selina Banu Tuhin, Hamida Rahman, Masuda Begum, Jebunnessa Rina, Afroza Khanam Babli and Syeda Afsana Parveen Nira.

However, the crucial match of the inaugural day between reigning champion Rani Hamid and fancied Nipa was in progress at the time of filing this report.

Nipa, who secured the fourth position in number-drawing held last Sunday, was playing with white pieces. Rani finished seventh in the draw.

The second round matches will start today at 3 pm at the same venue.

# Sub-Junior Meet

Defending champion Shawkat Hossain Pallab takes on Javed Hossain in a play-off match this afternoon to decide the 13th national sub-junior chess championship.

Both Pallab and Javed earned six points from seven matches of the competition which concluded at the National Sports Council chess room yesterday.

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Responding to the same question Timman, 41, declared: "I have no further comment."

Chess fans have speculated about a "dream match" between the legendary Fischer, 49, and Kasparov, 30 ever since the eccentric American's bizarre sanction-busting comeback contest against former Soviet world champion Boris Spassky in Yugoslavia last year.

Judit Polgar, 16, the youngest chess Grandmaster, scored the best result by a woman and one of the most impressive performances by a youngster when she won the traditional super-Grandmaster invitation tournament in Hastings, England, earlier this month.

Pressed further on their prospects against, both players declined to be drawn.

"I'm not thinking about Kasparov right now," said Short. "Whoever Kasparov faces in the final, I don't think he'll find it as easy as he imagines."

Timman felt speculation about World Championship final was premature given the uncertainty over sponsorship.

"Better to see if there are any offers for this match at all," the Dutch champion said.

Short leads the series against Timman by two wins to one with two draws.

The victor of the 200,000 US dollar clash will challenge Kasparov later in the year and also join a small elite of chess millionaires.

Despite being "highly motivated" in the match, Short said he and Timman were on friendly terms.

"I don't go along with the Soviet mentality of all-out war on and off the board. I don't believe it's necessary to hate your opponent. I prefer just to play good moves," Short said.

Both players praised Kasparov's chess but declined to laud his human qualities.

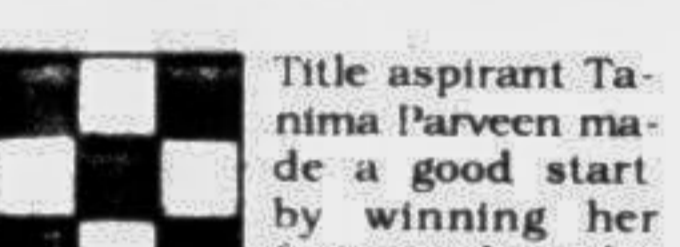
# Teams leave

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Foreign teams that assembled in Dhaka in connection with the seventh President Gold Cup football tournament departed yesterday. The four teams, which left Dhaka for their respective countries, were champions F. C. Ploesti of Romania, Krylia Sovetov of Russia, Housing Bank of South Korea and Polonia Warszawa of Poland.

F. C. Ploesti annexed the trophy in the eleven-day long meet beating Polonia Warszawa on December 16 at the Dhaka Stadium. Krylia Sovetov finished third while the Korean team had to settle for the fourth position. Champions won a cash prize of \$ 12,000 while the runners-up pocketed \$8,000. Sovietov, who finished third ahead of the Koreans, were richer for \$5,000.

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Rani Hamid, Tanima and Nipa are playing in the final round of the championship on direct entries while the remaining seven made the final round berths by securing the first seven places of the 14-woman qualifying meet which concluded last Saturday.

Yesterday, Tanima beat Hamida Rahman in her opening encounter. Playing with black pieces Tanima forced Hamida to resign on the 44th move.

Mushuda Begum, playing with white, defeated Rina after 35 moves.

Zakia Sultana outplayed Tuhin and Babli beat Nira in their respective first-round matches yesterday.

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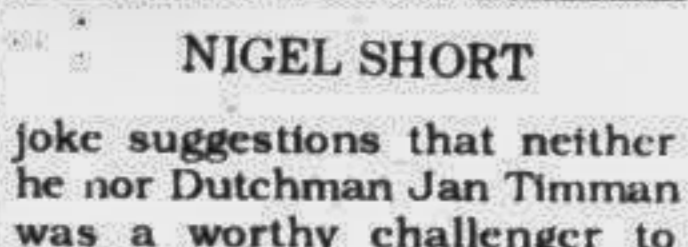
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joke suggestions that neither he nor Dutchman Jan Timman was a worthy challenger to world champion Garri Kasparov, reports Reuter.

Timman and Short are fighting a 14-game eliminator match for the right to play Kasparov.

Short, 27, was asked at a mid-match news conference whether he would consider giving up his place in the final to a more fancied contender such as undefeated former world champion Bobby Fischer or Hungarian prodigy Judit Polgar.

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# Familiar foes meet again

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ZURICH, Jan 18: Jansher Khan and Chris Dittmar, the world's top two players, will renew their fierce rivalry in Tuesday's final of the 100,000 dollars Super Series squash.

The Australian team were unsympathetic, pointedly refusing to offer their condolences even after trainer Dennis Waigh came running on to the ground.

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# World champion, went down

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Jansher and Dittmar clashes in five finals last year and the Pakistani world number one won them all, including the World Open in Johannesburg.

But the last time they met in the Qatar International in December, the Australian came within a handful of points of turning the tables before going down in five games.

Dittmar was in superb form on Sunday. From 5-1 down in the first game he won nine successive points.

He repeated the feat in the second game when he came back from 5-9 to 14-9, and he did it again in the third after losing the opening point.

Martin earned a standing ovation as he threw caution into the winds and clawed his way back with some brilliant and inventive play. But his opponent's advantage was too great and Dittmar kept his head to ensure his place in the final.

Jansher recovered from a shaky start when he trailed 7-5 against Brett Martin.

# But he took 14 of the next

15 points and then totally dominated the match against a tiring Brett, who had played a long five-set quarter-final.

"People think I worry about playing Jansher but that is far from the truth," Dittmar said.

"If I didn't think I could win I wouldn't go on the court. I've beaten him before and he can be vulnerable. And it wouldn't be a bad way to start 1993, would it?"