

### Wari lose again

**Sports Reporter**  
League leaders Wari Club experienced their second consecutive defeat when they suffered a seven-wicket defeat at the hands of Dhanmondi Club in the only match of the Mirpur Division cricket league at the Mirpur Pallabi ground yesterday.

The result left both teams at par with 16 points from 11 matches each.

Sent into bat Wari Club were hand led out for a paltry 103 in 32.4 overs.

Opener Biddyt topped scored with 40 while Ashin and skipper Didar made 15 and 12 runs respectively.

Veteran Samir Rahman Sami and Sohel with three wickets apiece ripped through the Wari batting while Rafiq and Raj Kumara, Dhanmondi's Sri Lankan recruit, took two and one wicket respectively.

In reply, Dhanmondi made 107 losing three wickets in 29.1 overs with Raj Kumara and Afiar remaining unbeaten on 36 and 28 runs respectively.

Timir and Lalun took one wicket each for Dhanmondi Club.

### Nirman cricket

**Sports Reporter**  
Lalmatia High School beat Graduates High School by six wickets in the only match of the Dhaka Zonal qualifying meet for the eleventh Nirman schools cricket tournament at the Brothers Union Club ground yesterday.

Batting first Graduates School collected 159 runs for the loss of six wickets in the stipulated 35 overs with skipper Tariq topscoring with 88 and Maruf and Jahangir making 14 each.

The Lalmatia School skipper Aziz bagged two wickets for 32 runs while Mont, Jewel, Sohel and Sharif took one wicket apiece.

Lalmatia School cruised past the opponents total making 1621 in only 21 overs with six wickets to spare.

Skipper Aziz topscored with 58 while extras contributed a healthy 38.

Asif took three wickets conceding 15 runs for Graduates Schools.

Dr Mohammad Shahidullah High School clash with Sultan Ideal School in today's match at the same venue.

### DIV II CRICKET

Meanwhile, the scheduled match of the Second Division cricket league between Azad Sporting Club and Rayerbazar Athletic club fell through when the former refused to play in protest of a run-out decision at the Dhanmondi club ground.

Facing Rayerbazar's 192 Azad Sporting were on 43 for the loss of three wickets in 10.2 overs when the Azad Sporting players walked-off protesting Romel's run-out decision.

### TODAY'S MATCH

Orient SC vs Dhanmondi Pragati Sangha(DCC)

### Volleyball results

Power Development Board (PDB) and Water Development Board (WDB) won their respective Metropolitan NBL First Division volleyball league matches yesterday.

PDB beat Wari Club in straight sets 15-8, 15-13, 15-4 while WDB defeated Police AC 15-9, 6-15, 15-10 and 15-12 at the Outer Stadium volleyball court.

Two matches of the day, between Fire Service and Madertek Mitani Sangha, and Sonali Bank and East End Club, were in progress at the time of filing this report.

Meanwhile, the Bangladesh Volleyball Federation (BVF) yesterday scratched Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation (BJMC) for falling to take the field for their two First Division League games on Jan 17 and 19, according to a BVF press release.

Victoria Sporting Club outplayed Srejonji Sangsad 15-3, 17-15 and 15-3 in the Second Division League at the same venue yesterday afternoon.

### BSWA pick 27 for its cricket squad

**Sports Reporter**  
The Bangladesh Sports Writers' Association (BSWA) has picked 27 members to form a cricket squad which will play a number of exhibition matches soon, says a press release.

The selected players are as follows:  
Rogibul Hassan, Ataul Haq Mallick, Shishir, Milki, Babli, Utpal Shuvra, Tito, Arif, Pintu, Mintu, Palash, Md Musa, Dulu Afendi, Shahidul Azam, Lutful Haider Shohag, Kiran, Bachchu, Iqbal, Dipu, Abdus Sayeed, Sarwar, Amir Babu, Saleq Sufi, Shamim, Shaheer, Shaik and Anul Haq.

The selected players have been asked to report to Kazi Alam Babu, a BSWA joint secretary, today at 5 pm at the association office.

# Clubs—BFF talks deadlocked

**Sports Reporter**  
It is now certain that the inter-club players' transfers for the 1993 Premier Division and First Division football leagues, scheduled to start from February 1, will be delayed.

This follows the deadlocked discussions at a meeting between the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) and Dhaka Metropolitan Club Samity (DMCS) — the clubs' association — with the BFF chief Siddiqui Rahman in the chair at the latter's office last evening.

The impasse was caused following the DMCS's demand for holding the football leagues at the Dhaka Stadium instead of the Mirpur Stadium.

The DMCS repeated their earlier announcement that they would not involve themselves in any inter-club transfers unless the BFF comes up with a definite declaration regarding holding the leagues at the Dhaka Stadium.

Both the Premier Division — to be introduced this season — and First Division leagues are scheduled to begin from April 1, according to the tentative calendar announced by the BFF late last year.

The DMCS cited last year's example when most of the matches were held at the Mirpur Stadium for which, the participating clubs claimed, they suffered heavy financial losses. It was only with the shifting of venue from Mirpur to the city centre that the clubs managed to offset the losses, they said.

When the BFF president

# Gooch not too relaxed

**Sports Reporter**  
CHANDIGARH, Jan 20: England cricket captain Graham Gooch said Wednesday he is looking ahead for tough competition from India in the second one-day international Thursday, reports AP.

"I am pleased to be one up in the series. But all the rest five games are equally tough ones," Gooch told journalists.

England won the first one-day match at Jaipur by four wickets in a nail-biting end, scoring the winning run in the last ball.

The English cricketers held a gruelling practice session at a local ground on Wednesday. Police kept thousands of people away from the venue.

"I am looking forward towards a victory tomorrow. It's not so easy but my boys are working hard for it," Gooch said.

England are likely to drop spinner John Emburey to pick up Peter Taylor for Thursday as the Chandigarh wicket is good for the off-spinners. The outfield is heavy with grass.

India have not made any change in the team that lost the first match at Jaipur on Monday.

# Samarasekara savages Uduy

**Sports Reporter**  
The day belonged to the batsmen in the Navana Premier Division cricket league yesterday. More precisely it was a Sri Lankan willow-wielder's day.

Athula Samarasekara, the Sri Lankan Test player, set the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium afire with some in a marauding mood lashing at each and every delivery that was hurled to him with savage power. He cut, drove and pulled with contempt to race to the hundred mark in only 68 balls.

At the other end Faruque was playing a more controlled innings compared to Samarasekara's blitzkrieg. But nevertheless he, too, had the Uduy bowlers wondering where to pitch the ball.

The two gathered runs with consummate ease until Sajal finally won the scalp of Faruque when the batsman nicked an Imran delivery moving away from his behind the stumps for 84.

Faruque stayed at the crease for 107 balls and hit eleven fours. Within that space he shared a 221-run second wicket partnership with Samarasekara.

Akram Khan, the burly Abahani batsman, walked out of the pavilion with his side comfortably placed on 229 for two in 33.3 overs. With plenty of overs as well as wickets in hand the right-hander immediately went for his shots. And the Uduy bowlers were in for another spell of merciless beating.

Samarasekara, meanwhile, kept on doing his job and he reached 150 facing only 96 deliveries and another 13 balls and 19 runs later eventually went back with the score on 306 in the 41st over. Samarasekara sent 18 deliveries racing to the boundary and four other shots flew over it during his stay at the wicket.

Akram followed his tracks twelve runs later with the total on 318 to the second ball of the 43rd over — the last in Abahani's quota on the day. Akram's 22-ball 33 featured three fours. The next four balls produced five runs. At the end the Abahani score read 323 for four.

On a day when the bowlers were always at the receiving end Sajal did well picking up two scalps including that of Samarasekara for 55 in his nine overs. Imran, the Uduy skipper, got one.

Uduy Club, with a nothing-to-lose attitude, did good enough at the start. Despite losing the first wicket for nought the second-wicket stand gave Abahani fielders the taste of what they had gone through earlier on the day.

### Boon doubtful for 4th Test

**Sports Reporter**  
ADELAIDE, Jan 20: Australian opener David Boon's injured left hamstring will have to improve substantially if he is to play in the fourth cricket Test against the West Indies, team officials said Wednesday, reports AP.

Boon first damaged his leg during a one-day game at the Melbourne Cricket Ground eight days ago and then aggravated it during the World Series finals won by the West Indies.

Australian coach Bob Simpson said Boon's fitness would be closely examined at training on Thursday at the Adelaide Oval, site of the Test that begins Saturday.

"David is a concern at present," Simpson said Wednesday.

"We'll have a good hard look tomorrow and then reconsider our position then."

The West Indian team arrived in Adelaide on Wednesday and captain Richie Richardson all but confirmed that his side would return to their policy of playing four pace bowlers.

"It's going to be a very good chance because obviously we are going to have to bowl Australia out twice to beat them, so it's pretty likely, regardless of the pitch, that we will play four fast bowlers," Richardson said.

"We know here you usually get a very flat wicket but we have beaten teams on very flat wickets before. We believe very strongly we are going to do the same here."

Although Australia leads the series 1-0, Richardson is confident his fast bowlers — led by the in-form Curtly Ambrose — can make inroads into the Australian batting line-up.

"We had a good start to the tour and then had one or two mishaps, but gradually things are getting better and we just hope that now we have won the finals of the World Series we hope we can go from strength to strength."

### TEAM LEAVES

Meanwhile, 23 of the 25-member Bangladesh football team led by Golam Rasul Mollah left the city for Qatar yesterday to play an exhibition match against Al-Raiyyan Club in Doha on January 22.

Two players — Rezaul Karim Rehan and Arif Hossain Moon — included in the squad late Tuesday night in place of Kaiser Hamid and Barun Bikash Dewan, are expected to leave Dhaka today.

Kazi Salahuddin, the famous striker of yore, and Syed Rumman bin-Walid Shabbir are the coach and captain of the Bangladesh team.

### MSC plunder poor PWD

**Sports Reporter**  
delivery at one end at Gurugee at the other, the Mohammedan score board rolled on an at an extremely high speed, the next 83 runs coming in only 58 balls.

Meanwhile, Gurugee reached his maiden league ton in 93 balls with the help of 14 shots across the fence and one over it. The pair plundering pair was severed when Gurugee missed a Towasil delivery to be caught by Azad three runs and three balls later. The score at that point, was 243 for four.

Finding the stage set for blazing strokeplay Sanjeev Sharma, the allrounder from Delhi, went all out from the very first delivery he faced. With these two on a rampage Mohammedan raced to the end of their quota of 41 overs, four short of the scheduled 45 managed by the harassed PWD bowlers in the stipulated time.

Bulbul set the Dhaka Stadium ablaze with his immaculate strokeplay, knocking five fours and five sixes for his 44-ball 80. Sanjeev Sharma at the other end was in equally punishing mood taking two runs per ball in his 16-ball stay at the crease. He hit five boundaries in his came, knock. Intimidated by an enormous total the inadequate batsmen PWD never really gave any thought to chasing the target; instead they opted for seeing the overs through without losing all their wickets. But the Mohammedan bowlers had other thoughts in mind. Instead of toiling the full quota of PWD's 41 overs Nannu wanted his men to finish it off as early as possible.

Zakir and Sumon worked with the new ball according and thanks to them the first three batsmen were back in the dressing room in seven overs and only 23 runs on the board. Imdu and Zakir defied the Mohammedans bowlers for

### Women's chess

**Sports Reporter**  
Former champion Tanima Parveen shared points with Selina Banu Tuhin in her third-round match of the 14th national women's chess championship at the National Sports Council chess room yesterday.

Tanima, the runners-up last year, now has two points while Tuhin has earned one point.

Afroza Khanam Babli, who also has two points against her name, beat Zebunessa Rina in her third-round match yesterday. Lucky qualifier Rina, after playing three matches is yet to open her account.

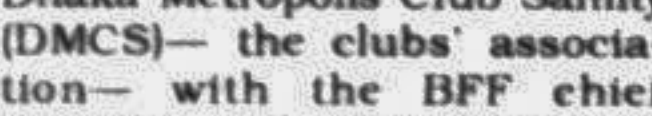
Hamida Rahman beat Masuda Begum in her third-round match to raise her collection to one and a half points. Masuda has one point.

The match between defending champion Rani Hamid and Syeda Afsana Parveen Nira was in progress at the time of filing this report.

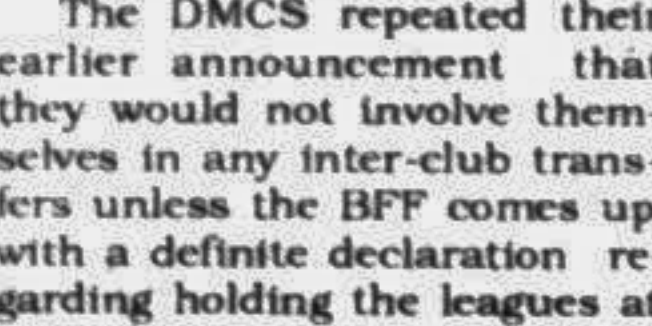
Rani had collected one point and Nira half a point after their second round matches last Monday.

The other match between Syeda Shabana Parveen Nipa and Zakia Sultana was not held yesterday.

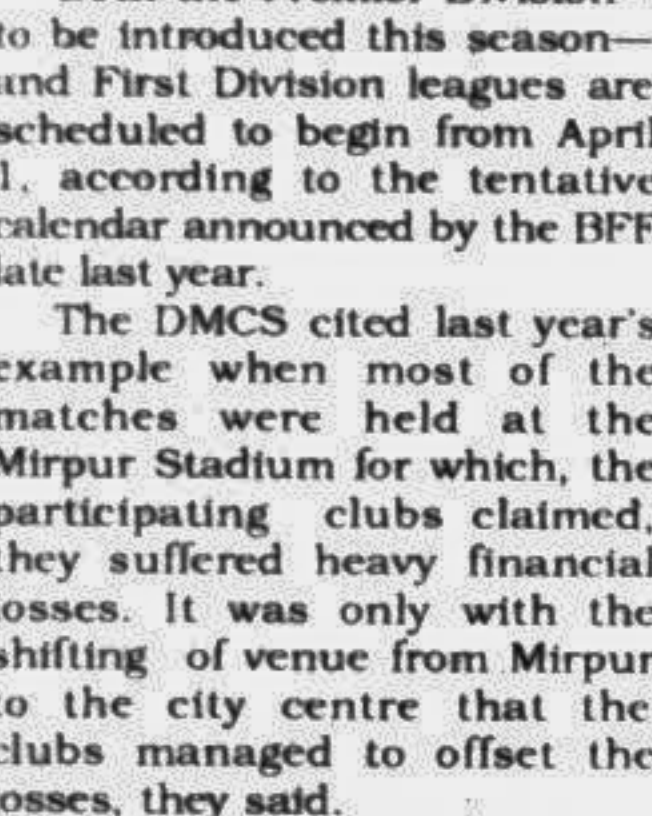
This encounter will be now held tomorrow, the scheduled rest day of the meet.



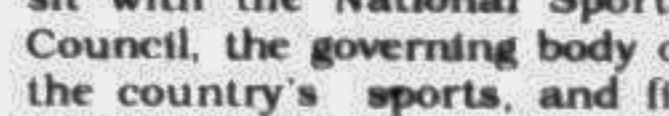
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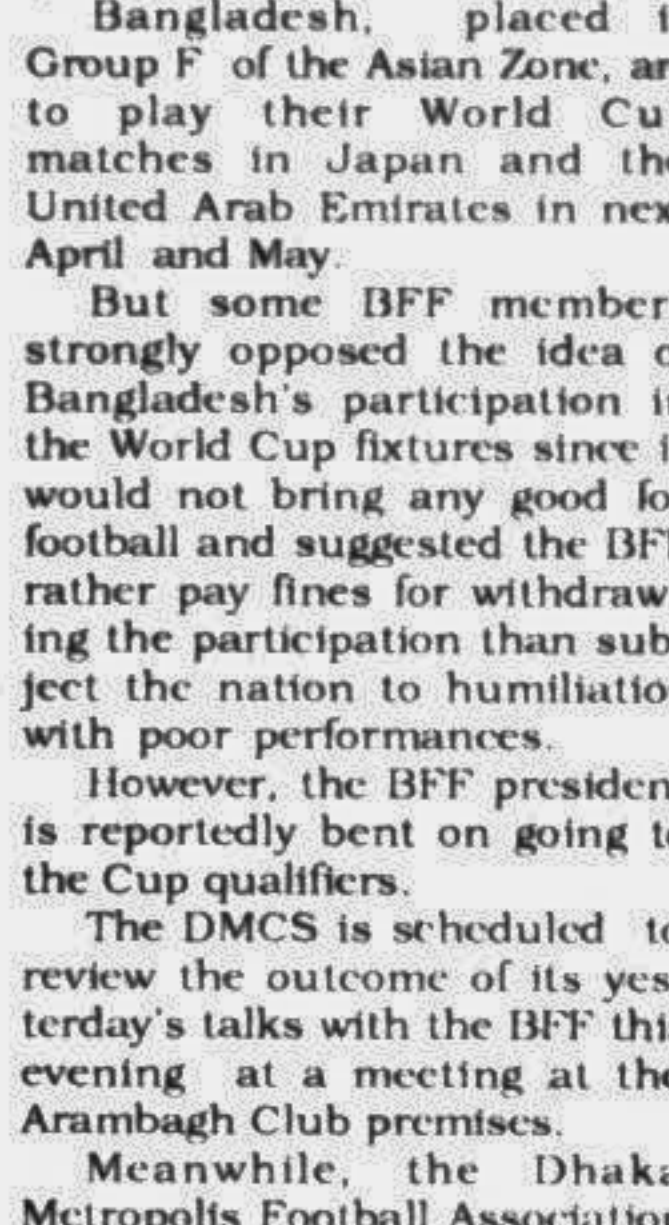
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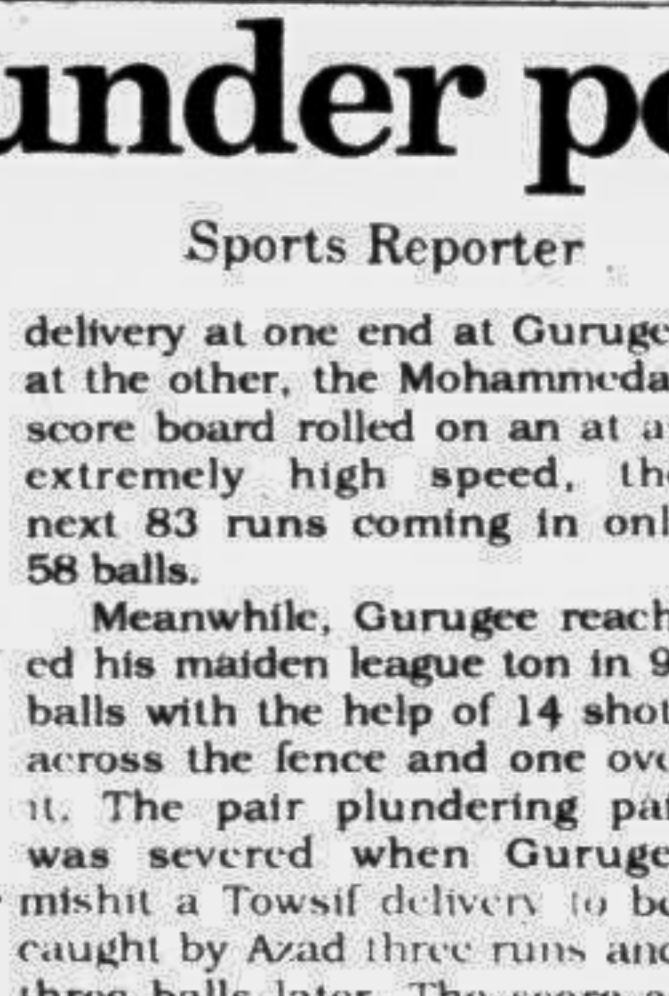
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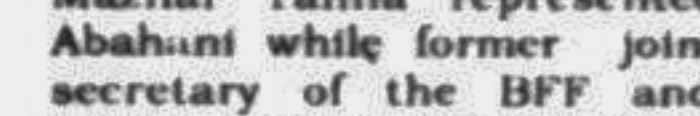
Navana Premier Division matches of the day, a similar act was taking place at the Dhaka Stadium with reigning champions Mohammedan Sporting Club in the aggressors' role against the minnows Public Works Department (PWD).



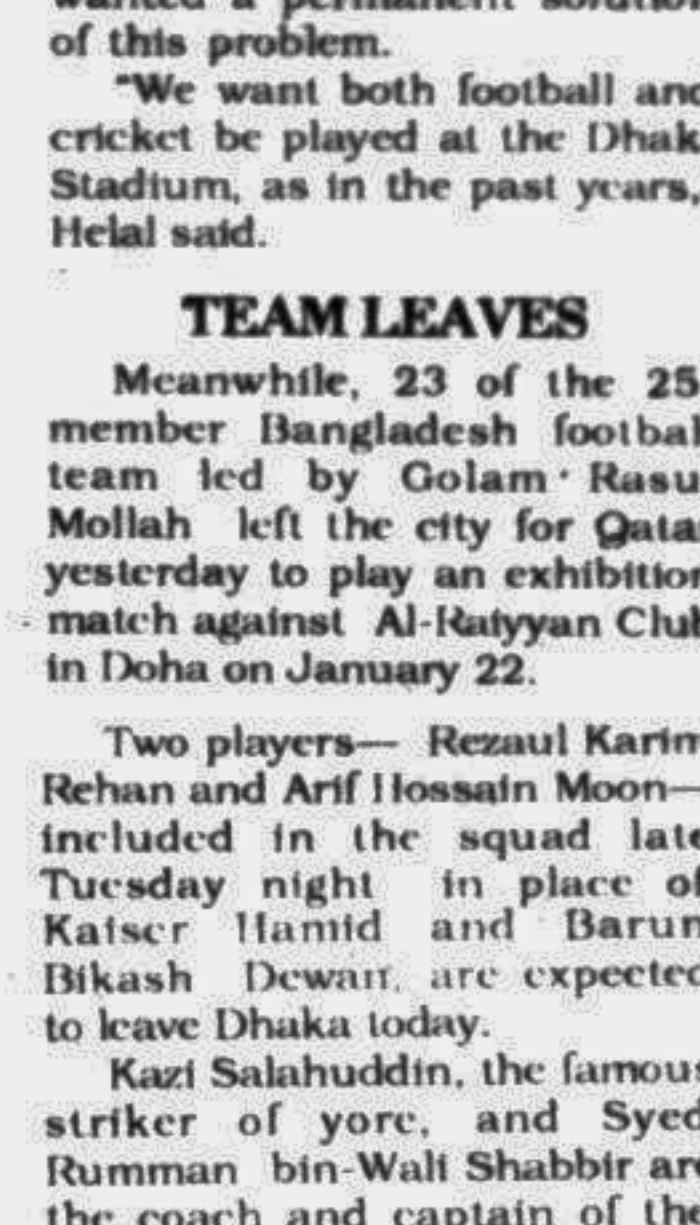
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Northamptonshire — when they toured the West Indies with an England youth squad in the mid-70s.



JANSHER KHAN

# A passage to India for experience

where England were playing a warm-up match.

"That involvement is all part of the continuity," said Coverdale. "Some of our lads trained with the A team (soon to tour Australia) before coming out."

Both sides stayed in the same New Delhi hotel — the juniors having moved out of the sort of accommodation of which Indian touring legends are made.

The trip is financed by sponsorship from a computer company and the players are mostly contracted to countries. One is at university and, so misses most of his second term but feels the sacrifice is worth it.

Indeed, Philip Weston, now at Worcestershire, turned down a place at Oxford University because they would not allow him time off for a recent Young England tour.

Five of the players have experience of first-class cricket and the captain, Matthew Walker, is very highly rated by his country, Kent.

The England Under-18s recently lost heavily to India's Under-19s in a tournament in South Africa and Coverdale expects a tough tour.

At this level, however, results come second to performances, and, like the kaftan-wearing traveller, the experience is all.

### Jansher Khan's unique feat

**Sports Reporter**  
ZURICH, Jan 20: Jansher Khan became the first squash player to earn four major titles when he won the inaugural Super Series final here on Tuesday, reports AFP.

The 23-year-old Pakistani beat the world number two Chris Dittmar 15-10, 10-15, 15-13, 15-8 to follow the World Open and British Open titles and the world number one ranking he gained in 1992.

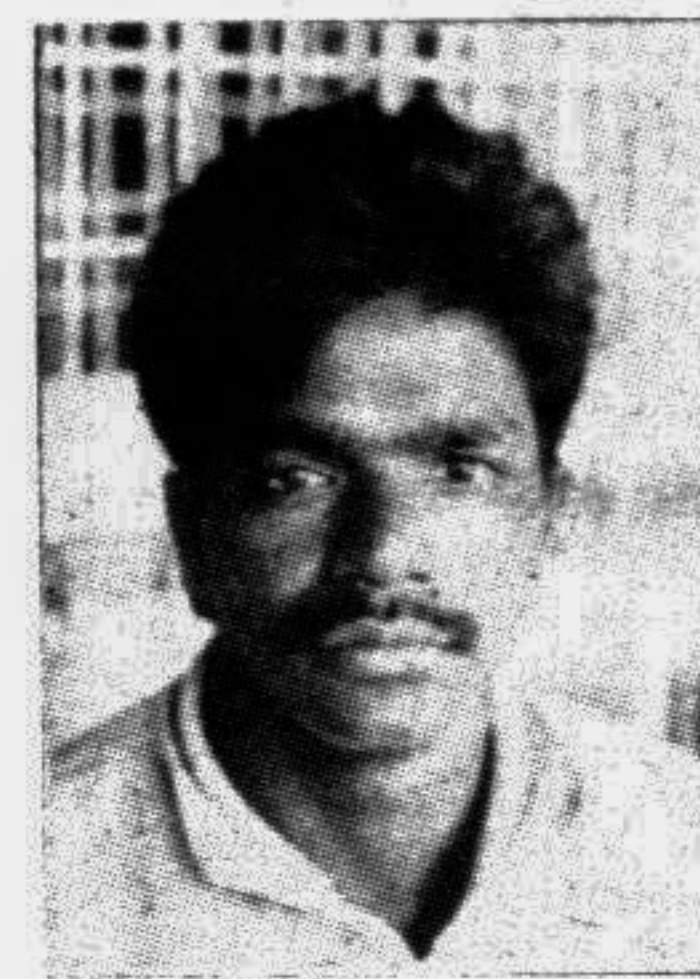
Jansher had one nervous moment after 6-5 in the second game, when he chased a wide forehand, slipped, fell, and did the splits.

When Jansher picked himself up, his left thigh seemed injured and he also seemed increasingly preoccupied by the state of the floor. Several times he asked for it to be wiped.

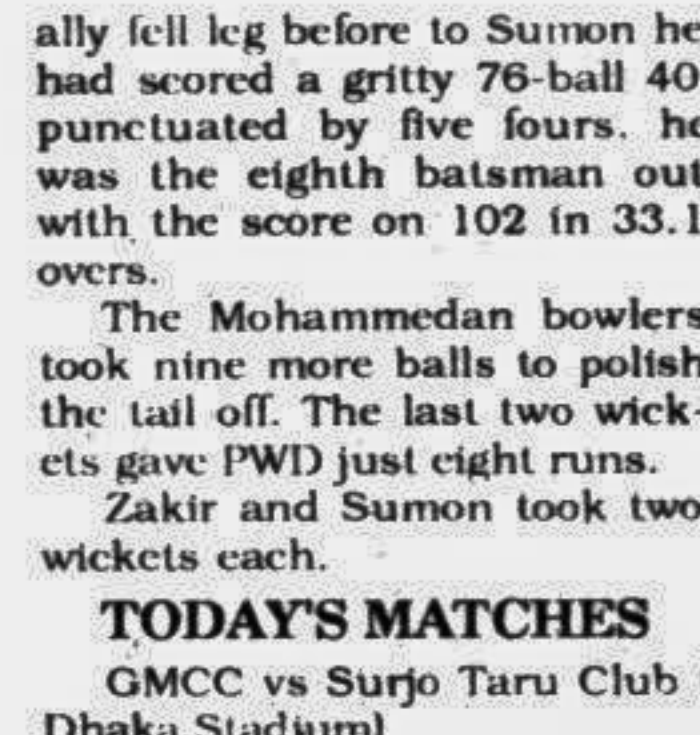
He lost the patient rhythm and excellent length that had characterised the first game, and in the third Dittmar was moving him around well.

But at 11-11 the Australian left-hander served out of court, and Jansher bounced back.

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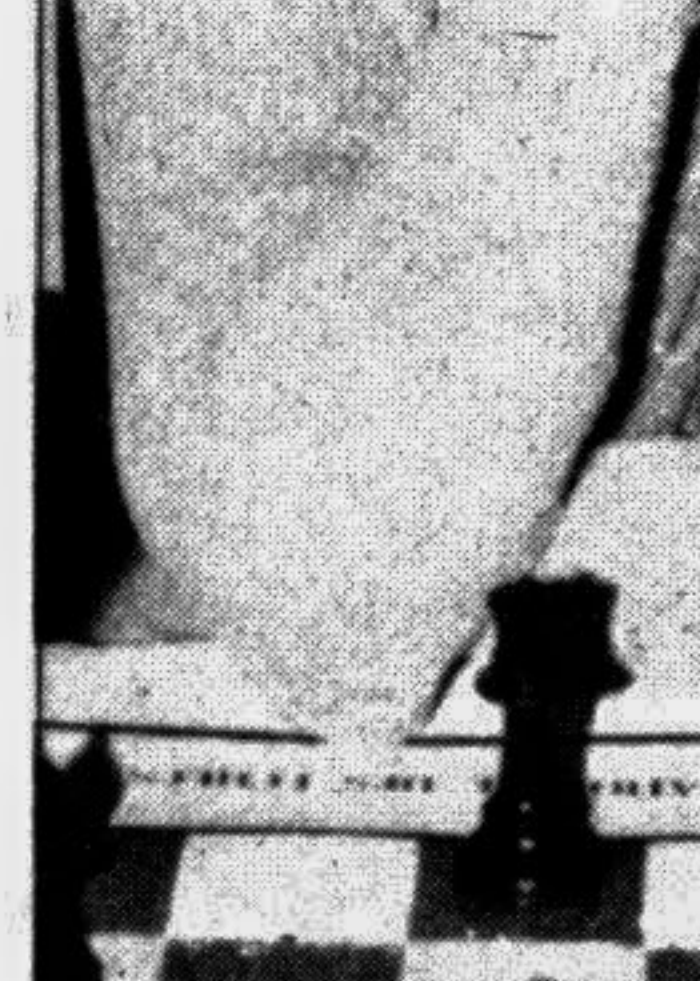
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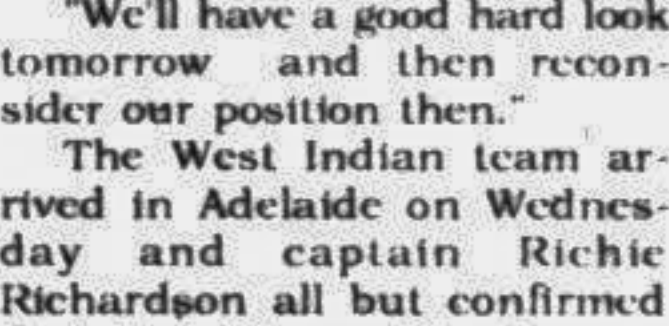
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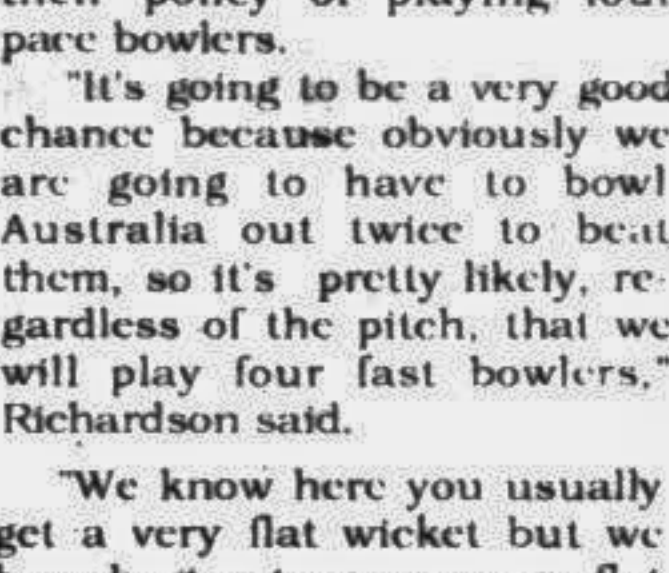
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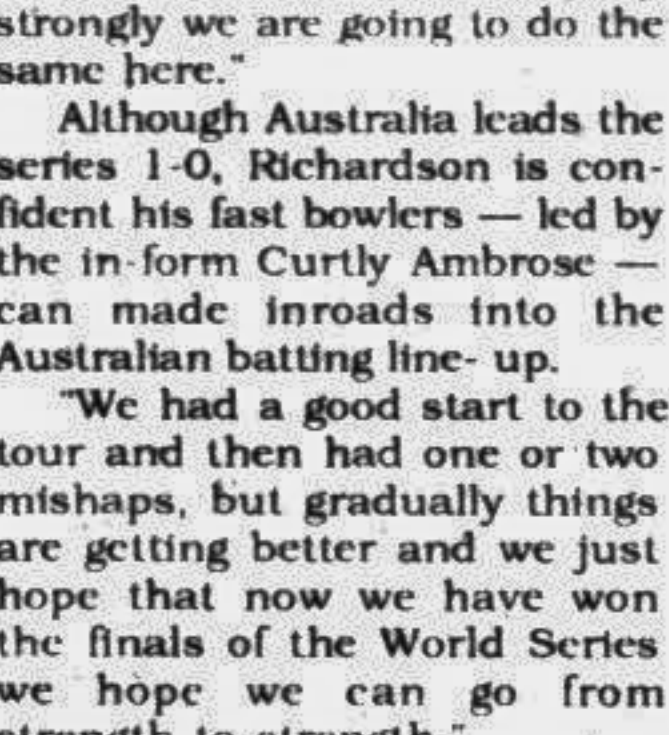
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