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 Milnars First 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 band led out for a paltry 103 in 32.4 overs.

Opener Biddyut topscored with 40 while Ashin and skipper Didar made 15 and 12 runs respectively.

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

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

Timir and Lalu 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 less of six wickets in the stipulated 35 overs with skipper Tarique topscoring with 88 and Maruf. and Jahangir making 14 each.

The Lalmatia School skipper Aziz bagged two wickets for 32 runs while Moni, 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-ut de-

TODAY'S MATCH

Orient SC vs Dhanmondi Pragati Sangha(DCG)

Volleyball results

Power Development Board (PDB) and Water Development Board (WDB) won their respective Metropolis 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 Mitali 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 folling 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 Sreejoni 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 Hag 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, Shaheen, Shafiq and Ainul 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



club players transfers for the 1993 Premier Division and First football leagues, start from scheduled to

February 1, will be delayed. This follows the dead locked discussions at a meet ing between the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) and Dhaka Metropolis Club Samity (DMCS)- the clubs' association- with the BFF chief Siddigur 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 Divisionto be introduced this seasonand 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

asked the DMCS members to complete the transfer for malities the latter reportedly informed Siddigur Rahman that procedure could be

completed within six weeks. "But we will do it only if we get a categorical confirmation that the leagues will be held at the Dhaka Stadium and nowhere else," one DMCS member said.

The DMCS asked the BFF to sit with the National Sports Council, the governing body of the country's sports, and finalise the issue soon for 'the greater interest of football' The DMCS also suggested

that the league programmes be deferred until the completion of the national team's partici pation in the World Cup soccer qualifying matches. Bangladesh, placed in

Group F of the Asian Zone, are to play their World Cup matches in Japan and the United Arab Emirates in next April and May.

But some BFF members strongly opposed the idea of Bangladesh's participation in the World Cup fixtures since it would not bring any good for football and suggested the BFF rather pay fines for withdraw ing the participation than subject the nation to humiliation with poor performances.

However, the BFF president is reportedly bent on going to the Cup qualifiers.

The DMCS is scheduled to review the outcome of its yesterday's talks with the BFF this evening at a meeting at the Arambagh Club premises. Meanwhile, the Dhaka

Metropolis Football Association (DMFA), the organisers of the

local football leagues, are supposed to form the committees to conduct the various leagues

on January 24. But following yesterday's fruitless negotiations it is highly unlikely that the league committees would be formed on the scheduled day.

Former secretary of the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board and a director of Abahani Krira Chakra Tanvir Mazhar Tanna represented Abahani while former joint secretary of the BFF and Mohammedan's football secretary Anwarul Hug Helal spoke for Mohammedan Sporting Club in yesterday's meeting with the BFF.

When contacted Helal told The Daily Star that the DMCS wanted a permanent solution of this problem.

"We want both football and cricket be played at the Dhaka Stadium, as in the past years," Helal said.

TEAM LEAVES

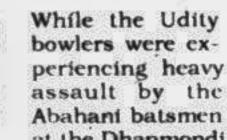
Meanwhile, 23 of the 25 member Bangladesh football team led by Golam Rasul Mollah left the city for Qatar yesterday to play an exhibition match against Al-Ratyyan Club in Doha on January 22.

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

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

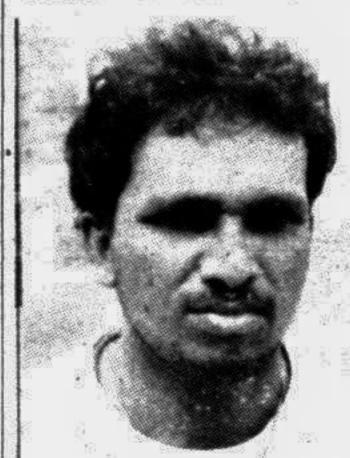
MSC plunder poor PWD

Sports Reporter



Abahani batsmen at the Dhanmondi

Cricket Stadium in one of the



GURUGEE 102

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).

Like the DCs act, this stage was also dominated by a Shri Lankan batsman-Sudarshan Gurugee.

Gurugee, the stylish lefthanded batsman led a huge 221-run Mohammedans victory with a breezy 102, his first ton of the season.

The match started like the Abahani-Udity tie with Mohammedans winning the toss, electing to bat and losing the first wicket very early in

the innings. Azhar Hossain Shantoo, the bespectacled Mohammedan opener, was clean bowled by Zaki, the PWD new ball operator, to the last ball of the very first over for two with the

score reading only five. However, the second wicket put on 114 runs in 117 balls before Liton, the other opening bat, fell after scoring a fluent 63-ball 58, bowled by Kamrul. He cracked six fours

and a six. The next batsman to come in was skipper Nannu himself. Nannu joined Gurugee, who had walked in after the fall of Shantoo, for a brief but speedy stand of 41 off 40 balls. The national skipper went back, caught Dulal bowled Fazlu after scoring 24 inclusive of one

four and a six. Aminul Islam Bulbul, the star batsman, joined Gurugee in a plunderous mood and took on the bowlers instantaneously. With Bulbul slashing at cery

Biman shooting begins in city Sports Reporter

The first Bangladesh Biman inter-club shooting competition began at the national shooting range in Gulshan yesterday.

Jute Minister A S M Hannan' Shah, who is also president of National Shooting Federation, inaugurated the three-day meet as chief guest.

Shooters from 48 rifle and shooting clubs of the country are taking part in the competition, organised by the federation.

some time, taking the total to delivery at one end at Gurugee at the other, the Mohammedan 50 before Zakir was bowled by score board rolled on an at an Sharma for 14. extremely high speed, the next 83 runs coming in only

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 mishit a Towsif delivery to be caught by Azad three runs and three balls later. The score at

58 balls.

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

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

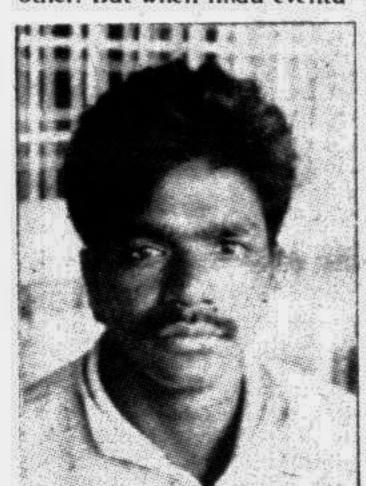
Hamida Rahman beat Masuda Begum in her thirdround match to raise her collection to one and a half points. Masuda has one point.

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.

While Imdu stubbornly held his ground at one end wickets were falling regularly at the other. But when Imdu eventu-



BULBUL ... 80 n.o.

ally fell leg before to Sumon he had scored a gritty 76-ball 40 punctuated by five fours. he was the eighth batsman out with the score on 102 in 33.1

The Mohammedan bowlers took nine more balls to polish the tail off. The last two wickets gave PWD just eight runs. Zakir and Sumon took two

wickets each.

TODAY'S MATCHES GMCC vs Surjo Taru Club (Dhaka Stadium)

Gooch not too relaxed

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 oneday match at Jaipur by lour wickets in a nail-biting end scoring the winning run in the The English cricketers held

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

a gruelling practice session at

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.

Boon doubtful for 4th Test

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 Scries finals won by the West

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 Wednes-

"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

are going to have to bow 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

chance because obviously we

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 con fident his fast bowlers - led by the in-form Curtly Ambrose can made 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."



National women's champion and International Woman Master Rani Hamid during her third round match of the moving him around well. 14th national chess championship against Syeda Afsana Parveen Nira at the NSC chess room yesterday.

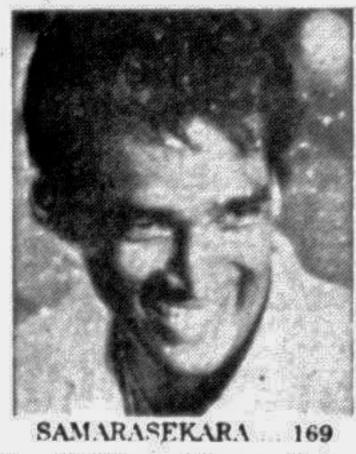
Star photo

Samarasekara savages Udity

Sports Reporter

in a marauding mood lashing at The day belonged to the batsmen in Navana the Premier Division cricket league yesterday. More precisely it was a Shri Lankan 68 balls. willow-weilders' day,

Athula Samarasekara, the Shri Lankan Test player, sct the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium aftre with some



breathtaking willow work to give Abahani Krira Chakra a facile 66-run win over new comers Udity Club at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

While Samarasekara nonchalantly hammered his way through to his second Navana Premier league century, just a fcw miles away his compatriot Sudarshan Gurugee was celebrating cricket's return to the Dhaka Stadium after a long break with a sizzling ton to do the brickwork for an enormous 221-run Mohammedan Sporting victory over hapless Public Works Department.

Gazi Ashraf Hossain Lipu, former national skipper, gave early forecast of what was about to happen when he won the toss for Abahani and told his opening batsmen to pad up. llowever, things didn't

quite start as Lipu would have desired as Jahangir Alam, who opened the innings with Samarasekara, edged a Sajal delivery behind the stymps to Nittu after playing the first eleven balls for four.

But what seemed to be an

Udity dream soon turned into

nightmare when Faruque Ahmed walked in to join Samarasckara. For the next 32.4 overs Samarasekara and Farugue mercilessly slaughtered the

Udity bowlers. The tall well-

built Shri Lankan batsman was

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 At the other end Faruque

was playing a more controlled innings compared Samarasekara's blitzkrieg. But nevertheless he, too, had the Udity 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

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

Akram Khan, the burly Abahant 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 Udity 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 Abahant score read 323 for On a day when the bowlers

were always at the receiving end Sajal did well picking up two scalps including that of Samarasckara for 55 in his nine overs. Imran, the Udity skipper, got one. Udity Club, with a nothingto-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.

total to 90 in only 11.5 overs. The two were especially cruel towards medium-pacers Anis and Babu. Babu, who got the wicket of Anup with the second ball of his first over, was taken off the attack after conceding 14 runs in two overs. At the other end left-armer Artis gave away 35 runs in four

Shipon and Rukon wok the



But the scenario changed when Lipu introduced Shri Lankan right-arm leggie Ashoka de Silva into the attack Ashoka not only kept the batsmen under control but also took four wickets to take the steam off the Udity chase. First he gave his captain the breakthrough he was looking for by rattling Shippon's wicket for 47. The young Udity batsman took only 33 balls for his knock which was studded with five fours.

Ashoka struck again on 132 This time he had Rukon caught by Effec for 50. Rukon hit four fours and a

six in his 60-ball knock Rahul, who came in after the fall of Shipon, had his citadel well guarded at the other end. But unfortunately he found no support from his fellow batsmen. Ruhul was the seventh man out for a fine 71 to the penultimate ball of 40th over. He stayed at the crease for 81 balls and hit five fours when Ashoka beat him with Udity on 233, Imran, who shared a 49-run stand with Rahul, played a captain's knock of 45 before Effec won his

35 balls. In the end Udity made 257 for nine.

wicket. Imran hit six fours in

Ashoka de Silva returned fantastic figures of four for 32 in nine overs.

A passage to India for experience where England were playing a'



NEW DELIII, Jan 20: Most teenaged English visi tors to India arrive with a backpack, a bud get travellers guidebook and a

desire to find themselves before going to university", reports Reuter. Now, an altogether different group have turned up with

cricket bat in hand and a determination to test themselves in a foreign environment. They are the England Under-19 team, most of whom were barely out of nappies when Graham Gooch, currently

captaining the senior England

side in India, made his Test debut in 1975. It is the first time England have toured India at Under-19 level but, such are the opportunities for young players today, most are as experienced as the seniors in conditions on the sub-continent.

an idea what it is about," said manager Steve Coverdale. "That's close to the number of the senior team that have been over here.

"Five of our players were in

Pakistan last year, so they have

three one-day internationals." "We expect four or five of these players to come through

to the senior side and, hope-

M WALKER P WESTON

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."

warm-up match.

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

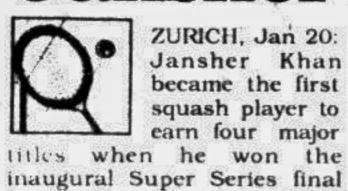
and the captain, Matthew

Walker, is very highly rated by

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, re-

his country, Kent.

wearing traveller, the experi-



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

Jansher had one nervous

moment after 6-5 in the sec-

ond 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

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

fully, some will be in the team when England next come here. It is a very different experience touring India and coming here now should be a great

help if they return. Certainly it has been noticeable that of the current senior team, the experienced tourists like Gooch and Mike Gatting have settled much more

quickly on and off the pitch. Galling was a team mate of Coverdale — now chief executive of English country

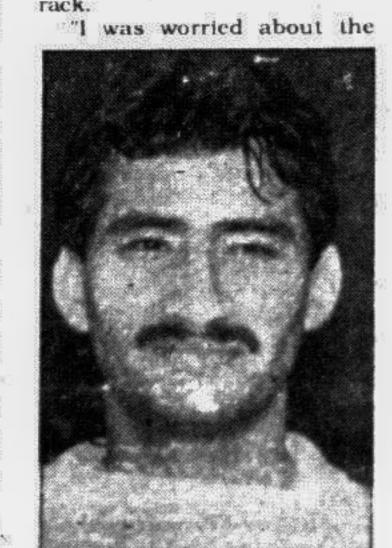


they toured the West Indies with an England youth squad in the mid-70s. Vice Marks, Chris Tavare, Paul Parker and Chris Cowdrey

Northamptonshire - when

After the favourite had The surprise third prize

escaped with the third game, the pattern of the match winner was Australian Brett



JANSHER KHAN

start this year . . I finished the

Tristan Nancarrow, the socalled "bad boy of squash," will again be reported to the players' governing body after controversial incidents in the fifth-place match which he lost to England's Peter Marshall on The Professional Squash

Martin, who won 15-12, 13-

15, 15-9, 15-12 against

younger brother Rodney

Martin, the 1991 world cham-

English referee Bruce Kettle how the Australian got a code of conduct warning after barging into his opponent. Last month, Nancarrow was reported to the PSA for misbehaviour while playing Germany's Hansi Wiens in the

Association will hear from

hands and walked off halfway through the third game. Nancarrow, banned for six months in 1992 for aggravated

l'akistan Open. He shook

behaviour during his match against compatriot Anthony Hill at the World Open in Adelaide

slippery court," said Jansher. "And after I fell it did hurt. But it wore off. I am pleased to

were also in the team and all went on to play Test cricket, "We are playing 26 days of as did Jeff Dujon and Wayne Daniel among their opponents. cricket in 7-1/2 weeks. We Gooch and England manhave three four-day "Tests" and ager Keith Fletcher looked in sults come second to perforon the youngsters on Friday mances, and, like the kaftanwhile they had net practice at the Feroze Shah Kotla ground Jansher Khan's unique feat

changed dramatically and from

then on Dittmar was on the