

IR in semifinals

Sports Reporter
Department of International Relations moved into the semifinals of the Dhaka University inter-department cricket tournament beating Department of Soil Science by 29 runs at the Jagannath Hall ground yesterday.

Batting first International Relations made 161 for the loss of six wickets in 28 overs with Enayet Mowla remaining unbeaten on 42 and Atiq and Suman scoring 38 and 31 respectively.

Abu Saleh and Munir bagged two wickets apiece for Soil Science.

Soil Science managed 132 for nine wickets from their quota of 28 overs with Dr Didar topscoring with 41 and Saiful and Nilot getting 25 and 15 respectively.

Mesbahuddin with four wickets for 37 was the pick of International Relations bowlers while Enayet Mowla with two for 12 lent him able support.

Div II handball

Sports Reporter
Nawabpur Sporting Club and Old Ideals were their respective matches of the Sunerest Second Division handball super league at the Outer Stadium handball court yesterday.

Nawabpur Sporting registered a hard-earned 17-14 victory over Arunayatan Cultural and Krira Sangha in the first match of the day.

Nawabpur led 9-8 at half time.

Dhonu netted ten goals for Nawabpur Sporting while Mostafa got eight for Arunayatan Sangha.

Old Ideals defeated Nabin Sangha by 18 goals to 10 in the other match of the day.

Old Ideals led the first session 8-5.

Munrul Huq with seven goals and Suman with six did most of the scoring for Old Ideals while Bulbul and Enam got four and three goals respectively for Nabin Sangha.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Kurmitola Apollo vs Pragati Boys (2:15 pm)
Christian Youth vs Dypali Sangha (3:15 pm)

Hockey transfers resume

Sports Reporter
Defending champions Mohammedan Sporting Club confirmed the services of talented young player Md Sadek for the forthcoming First Division hockey league yesterday when the inter-club players' transfers resumed at the Bangladesh Hockey Federation.

This year's inter-club transfers came to a standstill following the reported misbehaviour of some club officials with the federation executives earlier this month.

Md Sadek played for Ajax Sports Club with distinction last year.

Eleven other players also changed their allegiances yesterday. Md Nasir Ahmed joined Sadharan Bima from Agrani Bank; Mahmud Hossain left Bangladesh Sporting for Sonali Bank; Rabiuddin Ahmed joined Usha Krira Chakra from Mohammedans; Md Shahidullah signed for Dhaka Wanderers Club deserting Sadharan Bima; Mahbulul Haq Mitu and Lubraj Alam Shifmul joined Usha Krira Chakra from Bangladesh Sporting; Abdullah Al-Mamun and Mohammad Al-Imran signed for Wari Club from Ajax and Usha KC respectively.

Wari Club also signed up Md Shahidullah Khokon who had played for Sadharan Bima last year.

Md Hassan and Mithu Rahman were the two other players involved in the transfer proceedings yesterday. Both joined Sonali Bank from Wanderers Club.

Tanima leads

Sports Reporter
Former champion Tanima Parveen, who finished runner-up last year, led the points table of the 14th women's national championship with five points after the completion of the sixth round at the chess room of the National Sports Council (NSC) yesterday.

She beat Zebunnesa Rina, the lucky qualifier who is yet to open her account in this year's nationals.

Reigning champions Rani Hamid raised her tally to three and a half with a win over Zakia Sultana yesterday.

Nira beat Hamida Rahman to top his collection to two and a half.

The other two matches of the day — between Nipa and Masuda; Babli and Selina Banu — were adjourned.

CMP clinch Ctg handball title

CHITTAGONG, Jan 23: Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) won the Metropolitan handball championship beating Customs Excise and VAT Club 29-24 in the final at the Laidigh ground here today, reports BSS.

Shaon is Kalabagan's hero

Sports Reporter
A fine allround performance by Shaon sent fancied Victoria Sporting Club hurtling to their fourth Navana Premier league defeat when Kalabagan Krira Chakra registered a six-wicket victory at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Sent in to bat, Victoria found themselves in a tangle against Shaon's off-spin and only a late resurgence by skipper Roqibul-Hassan took Victoria to 181 for eight wickets at the end of their stipulated quota of 45 overs.

Victoria got off to an indifferent start, losing their first wicket at 21 when Mukul was caught by Shaon off medium-pace Md Ali for nine.

Both Ali and his new-ball partner veteran Dipu Roy Chowdhury had the Victoria batsmen guessing as the ball, wobbling around a bit, beat the bat consistently.

One-down Selim Shahed and opener Dalim hung around upto the 20th over before Raful's gentle medium-pace accounted for Dalim with the wicketkeeper-batsman making 26.

With the addition of two runs, Shahed departed, becoming one of Shaon's three victims, for 19, making the total read a sickening three for 66 in the 21st over.

The Indian pair of Raja Venkat and Gautam Some then busied themselves in redden up the disorderly Victoria innings. Their fourth-wicket partnership realised 37 runs.

Just when it seemed the left-handed Raja Venkat and right-handed Gautam Some had things under control Shaon dealt a double blow with his undemanding off-spin. Raja Venkat fell leg before for 22 with the score on 103 and at 129 Gautam followed suit for

Not cricket!

Sports Reporter
The Second Division cricket league tie between Bangladesh Boys and Orient Sporting Club ended in a fiasco as the umpires, threatened by enraged officials of one club, had to flee the Dhanmondi Club Ground midway through the match yesterday.

Batting first, Orient collected 158 for nine wickets from their quota of 35 overs.

Chasing 159 for victory, Bangladesh Boys were favoured placed at 134 for five when an Orient bowler over-reacted after the umpire rejected his appeal and all hell broke loose with Orient Club officials chasing the umpire out of the field.

Sadharan Bima beat Railway

Sports Reporter
With the score precariously placed on 88 for four Rezaul and Biplob teamed up for a valuable fifth-wicket stand, staying together for the next 81 balls before Litu found the gap between Biplob's bat and pad. Biplob made half a run-per-ball 17 in the 47-run stand.

Rezaul stayed put for little longer anchoring yet another partnership with Sumon (Sr) which produced 33 runs in 29 balls. Ismail finally won his wicket when he rattled his stumps for 41. Rezaul played 63 balls and hit three fours.

That was Ismail's first of the three wickets he claimed in the innings. The other two were of Sumon and Ripon whom he sent back with Kiran's help. Sumon made 26 off 27 balls while Ripon weighed in with a run-a-ball 15, including a huge six.

When Ismail's successful over — the 45th which carried two scalps — the Railway score read 193 for eight.

Ismail spent 26 runs for his three wickets in his full quota of nine overs. Liton took two while Litu and Babu claimed one apiece.

Towab lost his partner to the third delivery of the first

Jr athletics

Sports Reporter
The eleventh junior national athletics championships will begin in Dhaka next month.

According to an official of the National Sports Council, the two-day long meet will be held at the Outer Stadium on February 11 and 12.

Juvenile soccer

Sports Reporter
Amligola Kishore Kantha moved into the quarterfinals of the Jadukar Samad memorial juvenile soccer beating Nakhalpara Nabin Boys Club by two goals to one in a play-off match at the Outer Stadium yesterday.

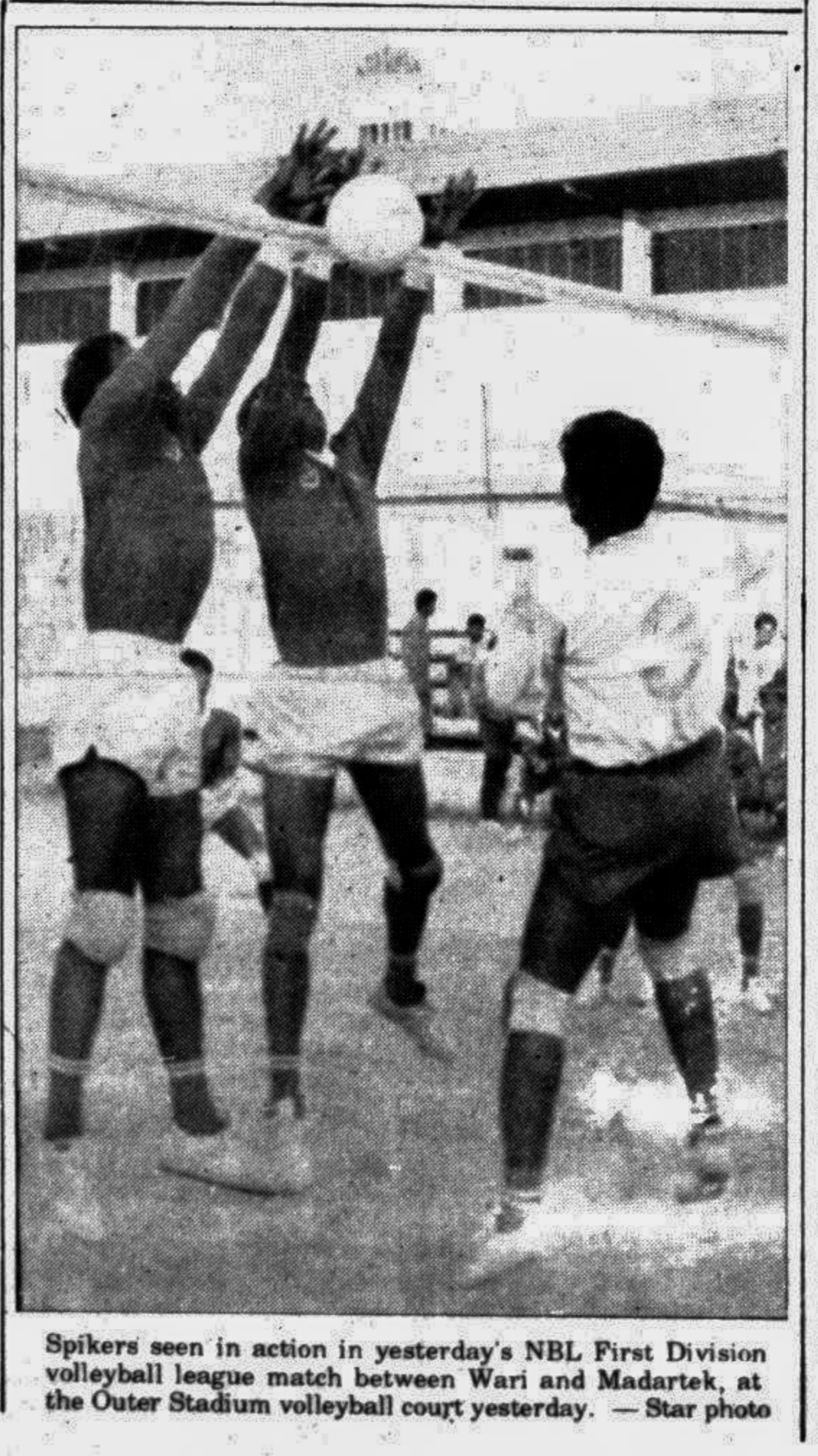
Kamal and Morshed netted one each for Amligola while Minhaz pulled one back for Nakhalpara Boys.

Judo team leaves tomorrow

A three-member Bangladesh judo team will leave for Iran tomorrow (Monday) to attend a seminar and referees' course to be held simultaneously with the FAJR judo tournament January 26-31 in Tehran, reports UNB.

General Secretary of the Bangladesh Judo and Karate Federation Awlad Hossain, federation member Mahbulul Huq and Khorshed Alam Nakib will represent Bangladesh in the seminar and also attend the referees' course.

The three officials will bear their own expenses, federation sources said.



Spikers seen in action in yesterday's NBL First Division volleyball league match between Wari and Madartek at the Outer Stadium volleyball court yesterday. — Star photo

England 321 for 3

CUTTACK, India, Jan 23: England were 321 for three at close on the first day of the three-day cricket match against the India under-25s on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Scores: England 321-3 (G Gooch 102 retired hurt, R Smith 103 not out).

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the first day of the three-day tour match between India under-25s and England on Saturday.

ENGLAND: First innings
G. Gooch retired hurt 102
M. Atherton lbw b Zaidi 0
A. Stewart lbw b Gandhe 39
R. Smith not out 103
M. Gatting c Bahutle b Zaidi 41
G. Hick not out 4
Extras (b-8, lb-10, w-1, nb-4) 23
Total: (for three wickets) 312
Fall of wickets: 1-4; 2-71; 3-307

To bat: C Lewis, I Salisbury, J Taylor, P Tufnell, D Malcolm.

BOWLING: O M R W
Kuruvilla 18 2 52 0
Zaidi 20 4 58 2
(w-1, nb-4)
Gandhe 21 1 94 1
Bahutuk 27 6 58 0
Pandey 4 0 20 0
Jadaja 7 2 12 0

INDIA UNDER-25s: A Jadaja (Captain), S Digne, A Kuruvilla, S Bahutuk, J Paranjpe, R Puri, A Zaidi, G Pandey, A Kuresia, P Gandhi, R Dravid.

Cox's ton sets Tasmania on top

BRISBANE, Jan 23: Jamie Cox hit an unbeaten 137, his second highest Sheffield Shield score, as Tasmania built up a big lead in their match against Queensland on Friday, reports Reuter.

Cox shared a 10th wicket partnership of 63 with last man Peter McPhee as Tasmania ran up a first innings total of 335 and an overall lead of 167 on the second day.

By the close Queensland were 35 without loss in their second innings and had witted the lead back to 132.

Equalling Cox's superb effort was the bowling of 20-year-old Queensland pace man Mike Kasprovic.

Kasprovic boosted his prospects of selection for the Ashes tour of England this year with his best first class figures of six for 59 from 25.3 overs.

BFF XI beat Al-Raiyyan Club

Sports Reporter
The Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) selection won their one-off exhibition match against Al-Raiyyan Club of Qatar by the odd goal in the three in Doha on Friday, according to a faxed message received at the BFF yesterday.

Rumman Bin Wali Shabbir, the skipper of the Bangladesh team scored the first goal in the seventh minute. Rumi Rizvi Karim doubled the margin in the 43rd minute.

The Qatar club pulled one back through a penalty 20 minutes into the second half.

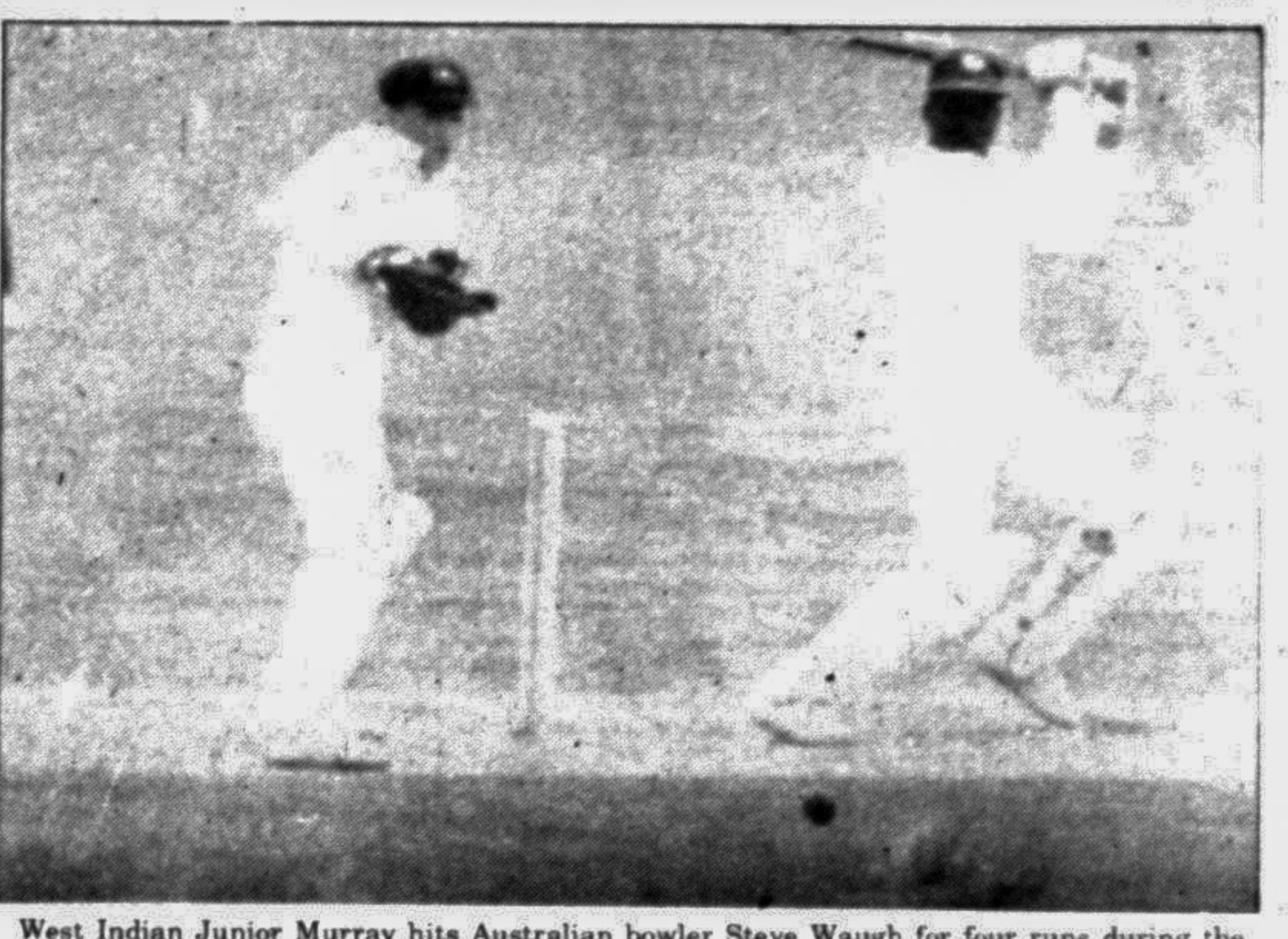
The team is expected to return today.

Volleyball results

Sports Reporter
Wari Club and Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB) won their respective matches of the NBL First Division volleyball league at the Outer Stadium volleyball court yesterday.

Wari defeated Madartek Club 15-6, 15-10, 15-2 and BWDB outplayed East End Boys 15-2, 15-1, 15-6.

Meanwhile, Victoria Sporting Club got the better of Nabajatak Majlis 15-7, 15-9, 15-7 and Partners' Club beat Shantibagh Club 15-4, 15-4, 15-10 in the two matches of the Second Division league at the same venue yesterday.

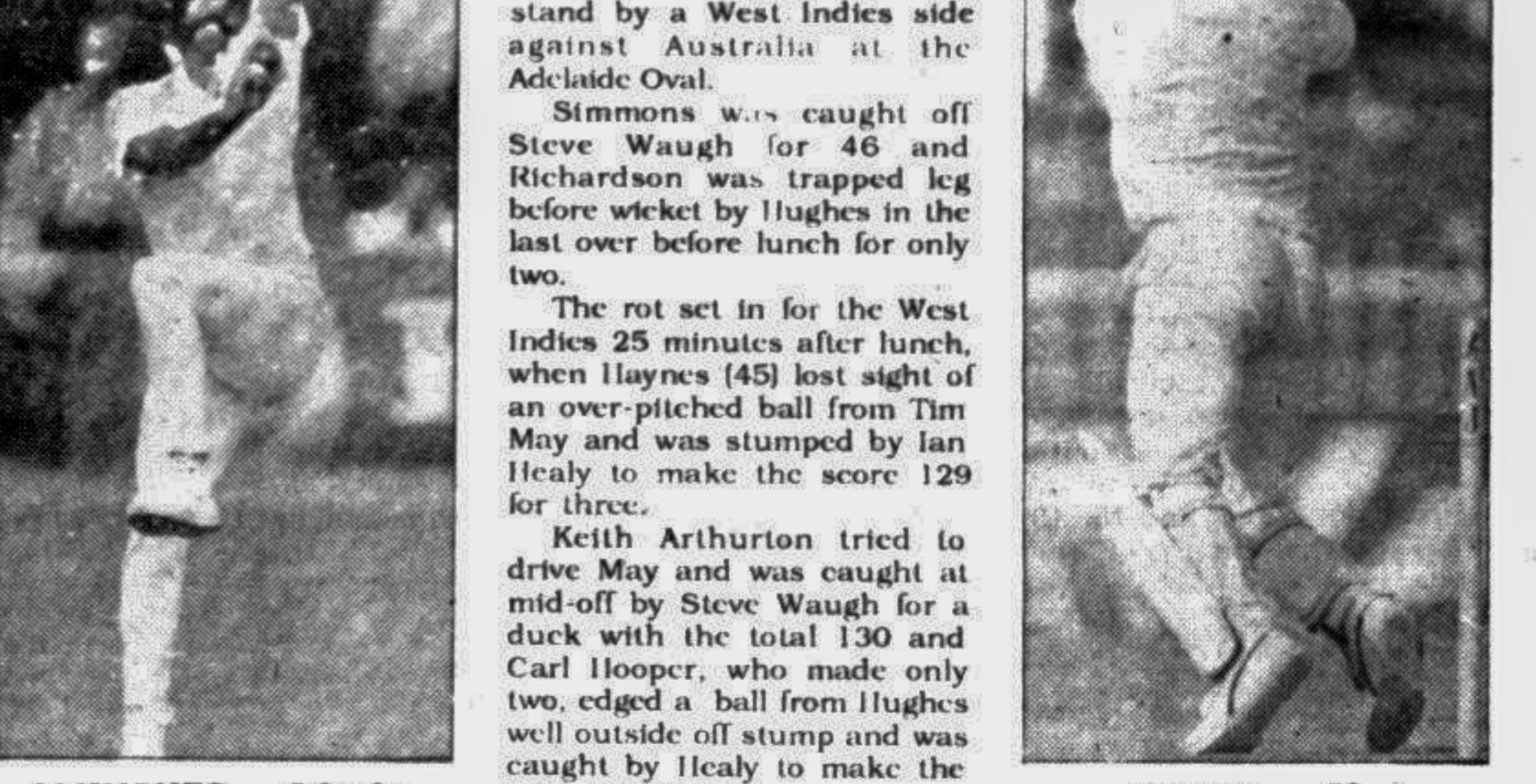


West Indian Junior Murray hits Australian bowler Steve Waugh for four runs during the first day's play of the fourth Test in Adelaide yesterday. Australian wicketkeeper Ian Healy is at left. — AFP photo

Hughes spell halts Windies

ADELAIDE, Jan 23: Australian pace bowler Merv Hughes took five wickets to help skittle out the West Indies for 252 on the first day of the fourth cricket Test on Saturday but the tourists fought back with a pace barrage in the gloom, reports Reuter.

It was the sixth time the burly Hughes had taken five wickets in a Test and the third



M HUGHES... 5 for 64 against the West Indies. At one stage the visitors lost three wickets for five runs.

Australian euphoria was short-lived, however. In the last overs of play the West Indies removed opener Mark Taylor with the total on one.

At the close, which came 40 minutes early due to poor light, Australia were two for one wicket in response to the West Indies 252.

But Hughes was pleased with a Australia's performance. "If you bowled them out on the first day after they have won the toss you have done a good job," he said.

After having Taylor caught by Carl Hooper at second slip, Ian Bishop floored newcomer Justin Langer with a bouncer to the helmet.

Langer, who said he had trouble seeing the ball in the gloom and against a background of trees, took off his cracked helmet, shaking his head, but played on.

A few overs later a doctor examined him on field but Langer resumed against the barrage until play ended.

Langer, a last-minute inclusion in the side after Damien

Ridwan's ton shapes Scholastica win

Sports Reporter
got one each for Scholastica.

Scholastica will take on Lalmatia School in the Group D final at the Brothers Union ground tomorrow.

AHMED SCHOOL WIN
Ali Ahmed High School also moved into their group final by beating Gulshan Model High School by seven wickets at the Saint Joseph's High School ground.

Batting first, Gulshan Model School amassed a massive 235 in 28.1 overs with Morshed topscoring with 75 off only 42 balls inclusive of as many as half dozen sixes and eight fours.

Ripon, Shah Alam and Alauddin scored 48, 22 and 19 respectively for Gulshan School.

Sujon with four wickets for 50 was the pick of Ali Ahmed School bowlers while skipper Tipu took three wickets for 47.

Ali Ahmed School cruised past the opponents' target with an unbelievable speed and ease making 238 for the loss of three wickets in only 19.4

made 178 losing six wickets in 28.2 overs.

Ali topscored with 52 while Mithu remaining unbeaten on 25.

Khaled and Farid bagged two wickets each for Ahmed Bawany Academy.

ARMANITOLA WIN
Armanitola Govt High School recorded an emphatic 65-run victory over Muradpur Adarsha High School at the Golapghar ground in the other match of the day.

Batting first Armanitola School made 187 runs in 35 overs with Iqbal topscoring with 90.

Mamun took three wickets for 21.

In reply, Muradpur School were bundled out for 122 in 30.7 overs with Zia making 54.

Zahir with four wickets for 25 was the most successful of Armanitola School bowlers.

TODAY'S MATCHES
Gandaria School vs Islamia School (BUG)
Saint Joseph's School vs Segunbagicha School (DCS)

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SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the first day of the fourth cricket Test between Australia and the West Indies today:

WEST INDIES: First innings
P Simmons c Hughes b S Waugh 46
D Hynes at Healy b May 45
R Richardson lbw b Hughes 2
B Lara c Healy b McDermott 52

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